

RADIO TROUBLE TRACED TO CITY TROLLEY LINES

Much Interference Found
Due to Street Cars by
Times Survey.

Several serious cases of radio interference have been checked to city street cars by The Times radio interference man in his survey of the last four days.

Conditions are growing worse, making trouble for an increasing number of listeners. Nearly all the radio owners complaining use AC line current, and this line runs along car tracks or crosses them at different points. Most sets are using 180 volts on the last power stage and that steps up all interference twice as loud as it was when ninety was being used on the last stage of audio.

Getting in Worse Shape

Now, according to the survey, the car lines are getting in worse shape, with trolleys flat-sided, and rails with gaps, making bad grounds. All this makes a broadcast even louder than the local stations.

The interference man found Monday night, with his set at Twentieth and College, that the cars cut out WFBM and WKBF early. And just wait till the ice gets on the wires and rails, he warns, when the car line broadcasting will extend for six blocks in every direction.

The results of some of the surveys will be given in detail in tomorrow's story.

Here is an appeal for help from Curtis C. Springer, 1224 Olney St., amateur GEMR, and others, that will be given prompt and thorough attention:

"Radio Editor Times: I have read of the work your department has been doing lately in clearing up cases of radio interference. This is a noble undertaking, and no doubt you will gain more friends and supporters wherever a radio owner is benefited through the activity of your interference committee.

"Since Friday night, Sept. 21, the radio receivers within a radius of at least three blocks of Twentieth and Olney Sts. have been practically useless, due to a steady 60-cycle buzz, which blankets reception on all wave lengths between 17 and 550 meters, with no noticeable peaks.

"It is usually very steady, but occasionally becomes intermittent, cutting out at irregular intervals for a few seconds. Early Thursday morning, Sept. 27, it had stopped completely, but started again some time during the day. It continued until Saturday, Sept. 29, when it stopped until Sunday morning, but has started again.

"If your interference committee can rectify this situation, radio owners in at least fifty homes will greatly appreciate your cooperation."

Others Ask Aid

Enclosed with Springer's letter was a plea from a number of radio owners, as follows:

"We, the undersigned radio owners, have been having considerable interference for more than a week, so we implore the assistance of your radio department to locate the source of this trouble, for which we sincerely thank you."

It was signed by Paul E. Fischer, 1219 N. Olney St.; Fred C. Koelling, 1337 N. Olney; R. E. Lindamood, 1230 N. Olney; Curtis C. Springer, 1224 N. Olney; Charles B. Ilett, 1304 N. Tuxedo; Charles Gronauer, 1310 N. Tuxedo; Dr. J. E. Holman, 1220 N. Tuxedo; Ralph Brooks, 1129 N. Tuxedo; Walter E. Paul, 1341 N. Olney; Mrs. R. Fortney, 1337 N. Gale; E. A. Quinn, 1234 Everett; Mrs. Earl Gordon, 1206 Keokuk; Mrs. Arthur Anderson, 1321 Ewing; William Unn, 1302 Ewing; R. R. Wickes, 1222 Gale; F. H. Moore, 1310 N. Gale; C. E. Anderson, 1228 N. Gale, and V. S. Campbell, 1311 N. Gale.

BOY, 12, ROBS GIRL, 5

Youthful Highwayman Escapes On Bicycle With Ring.

A 12-year-old "bandit" is being sought by police.

The boy highwayman Monday held up and robbed Mary Comerford, 5, of 636 Virginia Ave., of a chipped diamond ring valued at \$10. The holdup was staged in the front yard of Mrs. Margaret Brady, Mary's grandmother, at the Virginia Ave. address. The boy escaped on a bicycle.

CUBA DEATH RATE LOW

First Among All Nations of World in Last Fiscal Year.

HAVANA, Cuba, Oct. 2.—Cuba, in its fiscal year 1927-28, occupied first place as regards low death rate among all the nations of the world, supplanting Australia, which held first place for the preceding year. The figures for Cuba show a death rate of 12.03 per thousand for the year, as against the Australian rate of 12.23.

Other vital statistics for the past year show 17,469 marriages, 58,387 births and 41,751 deaths.

ADDRESS IS CANCELLED

By Times Special

NEWCASTLE, Ind., Oct. 2.—Theodore Roosevelt's scheduled address here tonight in behalf of Herbert Hoover, Republican presidential nominee, was cancelled when it was learned the meeting could not be held in time for Roosevelt to make train connections for Tennessee where he speaks Wednesday.

Clinton Man Kills Self

By United Press
CLINTON, Ind., Oct. 2.—Charles Boyles, 42, committed suicide here late Monday afternoon. He shot himself in the forehead with a revolver, dying almost instantly. Relatives could give no reason for his action.

Fishing The Air

All references are Central Standard Time.

DON BESTOR and his Victor recording orchestra, playing at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, have arranged a series of programs which will be broadcast directly from the hotel through Station KDKA. These programs will include the very latest popular selections and show hits played in the style that has made Bestor and his musicians popular wherever they have appeared.

The schedule for Bestor and his orchestra is as follows:
Sundays—1:30-2:00. Thursdays—6:30-7:00, 10:30-11:00.
Mondays—6:30-7:00, 10:30, 11:00. Fridays—6:30-7:00, as soon as available, 11:00-11:30.
Tuesdays—6:30-7:00, 10:30-11:00. Saturdays—6:30-7:00, 10:00-10:30.
Wednesdays—6:30-7:00, 11:00.

The overture to Handel's oratorio "The Messiah" will be played as the opening number of the hour of Slumber music to be broadcast through the NBC system tonight at 10 o'clock.

Another program of compositions by early musical writers will make the Long, Long Ago concert to be broadcast by twenty associated stations of the Columbia Broadcasting System at 9:30 tonight of especial interest to lovers of the best in music.

The bard William Shakespeare, in whose works children of many nationalities find a common ground in American schools, will be described to Chicago Daily News fans Tuesday night over WMAQ. "In the Arms of Shakespeare" will be the subject of the biographies in bronze program from 7:20 to 8 o'clock.

HIGH SPOTS OF TONIGHT'S OFFERINGS
7:00—WEAF Network, Eveready Hour, Edwin Arlington Robinson's "Tristram."
8:00—WJZ Network, music of great composers.
8:00—WABC Network, Hank Simon's show boat.
6:00—FOR Newark (422), Main St. sketches.
6:00—WEAF Network, National Radio Institute.

At 6:45 tonight Dr. Klein's weekly business letter, a service broadcast over WFBM under auspices of the United States department of agriculture, will be presented. This talk heretofore has been broadcast on Saturday, but in the future will be a regular Tuesday WFBM feature.

A jolly crowd of dusky funmakers, under the heading of the Dutch Masters Minstrel, will entertain listeners with a lively old-time minstrel show during the program to be broadcast through the NBC system, tonight at 8:30.

Six well-known concert and radio artists are to be heard in the music room to be broadcast by twenty associated stations of the Columbia Broadcasting system at 8 o'clock tonight. The soloists are Charles Hart, tenor; Walter Edelstein, violinist; Helen Oelheim, contralto; Mitja Stillman, viola player; Adele Vasa, soprano, and Guy d'Isere, clarinetist. In addition to these, soloists will be heard the music room quartet, a string ensemble.

A feature of interest on tonight's WFBM program will be a direct broadcast of Indiana theater features. This technically is known as a "stage pickup" and will come to the radio audience straight from the stage of the theater.

At 10:45, WFBM's audience will have a real treat in listening to the dance orchestra known as the "Southerners," whose toe-ticking harmonies will be broadcast direct from the Indiana ballroom. The Southerners are Victor recording artists, and are being featured in the reopening of the ballroom.

Features to be broadcast through the NBC System tonight are: Waldorf-Astoria dinner music at 5 o'clock; United Press baseball scores at 5:55; Seiberling Singers at 7:30; Eveready hour at 8 o'clock; Howard correct time at 9:30; Palais d'Or Orchestra at 9:30; and Yeong's Orchestra at 10:30 o'clock.

All phases of radio broadcasting, together with some inkling of what the future holds for television, are to be discussed in a new series of radio programs which will be broadcast Tuesday nights from 8 to 8:30 o'clock over the National Broadcasting Company system, beginning tonight.

S. L. Rothafel, "Roxy," director of the world's largest theater and famous radio entertainer, has been selected as speaker, on the first program, his theme being "The Future of Broadcasting." Speechmaking, however, will be only a portion of the program. Twenty minutes of the half hour each week to be devoted to music. A fifteen-piece orchestra, directed by Samuel Korman, and Westell Gordon, baritone of the Capitol Theater in New York City, will be heard on each program.

City Stations

TUESDAY
WFBM (273.1) INDIANAPOLIS (Indianapolis Power and Light Co.)
Noon—Correct time, courtesy Julius C. Walk & Son; Lester Huff on studio organ.
P. M.
12:30—Livestock market, Indianapolis and Kansas City.
12:35—Weather report; farm flashes, U. S. Department of Agriculture.
2:30—Junior world series, Indians vs. Rochester Red Wings.
4:00—Mrs. J. R. Barrell's home concert.
4:30—Aunt Sammy's housekeepers' chat and radio recipes; U. S. Department of Agriculture.
4:45—Items of interest from the Indianapolis Times Want Ads.
5:00—Correct time, Julius C. Walk & Son.
5:15—"What's Happening," Indianapolis Times.
5:30—A chapter a day from the New Testament.
6:00—Correct time; Columbia Club orchestra, directed by Hokey Carver.
6:45—Dr. Klein's weekly business letter; U. S. Department of Commerce.
6:55—Newscasting, world news from Times.
7:05—WFBM Sinfonietta.
8:00—Indianapolis Theater features.
8:30—Majestic Merry-makers.
9:00—American Legion boxing bouts, courtesy Gus Hahbich Company.
9:30—"The Columbian."
10:30—"The Southerners" from Indiana Ballroom.
WKBF (252) INDIANAPOLIS (Hoosier Athletic Club)
TUESDAY
A. M.
10:00—Recipe exchange.
10:15—Studio program.
10:25—Interesting bits of history, courtesy Indianapolis Library.
10:30—Livestock and grain market; weather and shipping forecast.
10:40—WBFB shipping service.
P. M.
Late news bulletins and sports.
6:00—Dinner concert.
6:30—Ball's Uplown Theater.
7:30—Studio hour.
7:30—Indianapolis Conservatory of Music.
8:00—Rebekah program.

Night Features

TUESDAY
—WGHP, Detroit—
6:30—Michigan night.
—Columbia Network—
7:30—Republican National committee.
8:00—The music room.
8:30—Sumner's Show Boat.
—NBC System (WEAF)—
7:30—Seiberling Singers.
8:00—Eveready hour.
9:00—Cliffquot Eskimos.
—NBC System (WJZ)—
8:30—Dutch Masters.

Local Chiropractor Speaks

By Times Special
GARY, Ind., Oct. 2.—J. N. Frith, Indianapolis, was a speaker today before the eighteenth annual convention of the Indiana Chiropractors' Association. The convention opened Sunday and closed today. A trip through Gary's steel mill's was the last number on today's program.

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OPPOSE CITY SMOKE

Women Appeal to Mayor for Abatement Campaign.

Indianapolis Council of Women leaders asked an intensive smoke abatement campaign in a conference with Mayor L. Ert Slack Monday.

The delegation pointed out the need for a smoke abatement program and offered cooperation of the organization in an educational way.

Slack advised the delegation that the 1929 budget provides for a "competent combustion engineer." The mayor said the department will be under way after Jan. 1. The position will be filled by competitive examination.

MURDER DEFENSE LOSES IN INDICTMENT ATTACK

George Terrell Must Face Trial at Newport Monday.

By Times Special
NEWPORT, Ind., Oct. 2.—Council for George Terrell has lost a fight to prevent his trial in Vermillion Circuit Court here on a first degree murder in the death of Hoke Spurgeon, stabbed with a butcher knife.

An attack was made on indictment on Terrell on the ground that the grand jury which returned the true bill acted in the presence of Bert Conley, assistant prosecutor, employed by Spurgeon's family to aid in efforts to convict Terrell. Judge W. C. Wait overruled a defense plea in abatement and set the trial for Monday.

Terrell admits stabbing Spurgeon, but says he acted in defense of Mrs. Terrell. Both lived at Centenary.

CHURCH TIME IS CUT

Milwaukee Pastor Inaugurates 45-Minute Service.

By United Press
MILWAUKEE, Oct. 2.—The forty-five-minute church service has arrived in Milwaukee. It has been inaugurated by the Rev. Richard Evans, who says the shorter service is proving satisfactory for himself and his parishioners alike. Rev. Mr. Evans allowed himself but twenty minutes for his weekly sermon, the other twenty-five minutes being given over to music.

POLITICS LIGHT ON AIR TONIGHT

Allen on Democrat List, Women for G. O. P.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—Contrasting with last night, when addresses of Governor Smith, Senator Borah and Governor Ritchie were broadcast over large networks, tonight presents only minor programs to the politically inclined radio listener.

An address by Maj. Gen. Henry T. Allen, arranged by the Democrats, and talks by two Republican workers provide the only political speaking to be tuned in over a wide territory.

Allen's talk was arranged within the last twenty-four hours and the radio network has not been completely lined up. It is known, however, that WJZ, New York, and other National Broadcasting Company stations, including WHAM, Rochester, will broadcast the talk, beginning at 7 p. m., eastern time.

The Republican talks, by Mrs. Alvin C. Herr, and Mrs. Silas Strawn, will be broadcast over the regular Columbia network in the East and Middle West from 8:30 to 9 p. m., eastern time.

WABC, New York, will be the key station and the talk will come from Washington.

HEADS FUND BOARD

T. C. Howe President of Church Pension Trustees.

Thomas C. Howe, ex-president of Butler University, was named president of the board of trustees of the pension fund organized to take over the work of the Disciples of Christ Church during a meeting at the office of Dr. F. E. Smith, executive secretary, Monday.

The new program calls for a pension fund to enable paid church workers to receive half of their average salaries after retirement.

An original fund of \$8,000,000 will be raised to care for those who now are receiving benefits from the old fund and for those whose advanced age would prevent sufficient payments to make the fund self-supporting. More than 4,000 workers of the church will be eligible.

DELAY CLEARING AWAY CHURCHES FOR PLAZA

Expect No Action Until November at Memorial Site.

With no moves made by the present board of county commissioners to acquire the properties of the First Baptist Church, Meridian and Vermont Sts., and the Second Presbyterian Church, Pennsylvania and Vermont Sts., in order to remove them from the War Memorial site, it is expected action will be deferred until after the November election.

The churches, under a statute passed by the 1925 Legislature may stay in the location twenty-five years unless commissioners buy the church sites.

However, church officials have held up building programs, asserting that they will move the churches in order not to impair the beauty of the plaza.

ENGLISH LABOR URGED TO PUSH DISARMAMENT

Ramsay MacDonald Seeks Quash of Anglo-French Naval Pact.

By United Press
BIRMINGHAM, England, Oct. 2.—Ramsay MacDonald, former prime minister of England, in a long resolution today urged the Labor party to take an active stand for disarmament.

The resolution demanded the government sign a general act for disarmament, abandon the Anglo-French naval accord, and unconditionally demand withdrawal of all foreign troops from the Rhine valley.

MacDonald also announced that when Commons convenes in November the Labor party will ask the government to publish in white paper the Anglo-French naval agreement together with all the notes exchanged thereon by the foreign ministers of the two nations.

Messenger Boy Killed

By Times Special
MUNCIE, Ind., Oct. 2.—Virgil Smart, 16, a telegraph messenger boy, was killed instantly when struck by a cut of cars at a Nickel Plate Railroad crossing, while on his way home from work.

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LYDELL AGAIN UP TO FUNNY OLD TRICKS

Here Is a Wise Comedian Who Keeps Before Public the Character Which Has Made Him Famous for Years.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN
LYDELL, character comedian with the team of Lydell and Higgins, is a wise comedian as well as a good showman. Years ago, Lydell was associated with a man by the name of Mason. Their act you will recall was a verbal duel between an old soldier and a sailor. It was a classic of its kind.

Now, Lydell is associated with another man by the name of Higgins, who is a small town beau grand. But Lydell has been wise in keeping his own character that of the old man who must be cautious to be "reliable" when thinking of the girls.

Some of the material not in the hands of an artist like Lydell would be just plain hokum dirt, but he keeps in character and you expect such remarks and actions from the old fellow.

I think that Lydell has a find in Higgins, if that is the name of the other male partner. There is a woman in the act who acts as a foil to the eccentric comedy work of the two men. Right now, I think this act is a comedy classic. It is individual and splendidly done. There is no doubt that this act is the hit of the show on an otherwise only a half fair bill.

The only exception is Eddie Selwyn, who works out imitations of Al Jolson. Eddie Cantor and Eddie Leonard. He does this by bringing the characters into his music shop.

Selwyn catches the main voice of Jolson, the handkerchief nervousness of Cantor and the sympathetic spirit of Leonard.

Eddie Klein is present with his Sax Hounds, a saxophone organization. Midnight Steppers, composed of three colored boys are good dancers, but they must study showmanship. They need it. Mighty tame comedy ruins the efforts of Francis and Day. Nick Basil and company have worked out the movie studio idea along conventional lines. Fairly interesting. McCall and Keller, well this act is another exception to the fair rule of the bill. They have clever material and the girl especially puts her "souse" stuff over well. The team closes with a parody which is a hit.

Now at the Lyric.

GOOD SHOW AT THE MUTUAL

If you take a burlesque show full of pretty girls, warm dances and appealing costumes and try to put over a lone man singing a ballad you have one of the hardest jobs ever. But George Graff, in "French Models" at the Mutual does this thing. Graff not only sings as we like to hear songs given, he makes the audience want more and with the competition around him this is a real feat. "French Models" is a burlesque show that really is a credit to the burlesque business. Scenes, music

Daylight Hits

Central Standard Time

TUESDAY
A. M. . . —WLW, Cincinnati—
8:30—Women's hour.
—NBC System (WJZ)—
9:00—Dr. Copeland hour.
—WMAQ, Chicago—
10:00—Overture hour.
—NBC System (WEAF)—
10:15—Household institute.
P. M. . . —WSB, Atlanta—
1:00—University of Georgia program.
—WLS, Chicago—
2:30—Homemakers' hour.
—WBAL, Baltimore—
3:00—Salon music.
—NBC System—
3:00—U. S. Navy band to WJZ, WHO, WBZ.

WEDNESDAY

A. M. . . —WLW, Cincinnati—
8:30—Women's hour.
—NBC System (WJZ)—
9:00—Dr. Copeland hour.
10:30—Democratic campaign speech.
—NBC System (WEAF)—
10:15—Household institute.
—NBC System—
11:00—Republican campaign speech.
P. M. . . —WSB, Atlanta—
1:00—University of Georgia program.
—WMAQ, Chicago—
1:45—Musical Potpourri.

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Poor Director



When there was a vacancy on the board of directors of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company in New York, officials chose Patrick J. Connolly, a motorman on an elevated line, and president of the Employees' Union. But there is no extra pay for these extra duties. Connolly gets the same old 86 cents an hour for driving his train.

Reformed Church Session

By Times Special
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 2.—The eighth annual meeting of the Synod of the Mid-West, Reformed Church in the United States, opened here today to continue until Saturday. More than 200 are expected to attend.

Verdict of the Stage

LYRIC—Lydell and Higgins are the outstanding hits on a fair bill. MUTUAL—"French Models" is as good as the publicity says, who could want more?

LEVIATHAN TO GO ON BLOCK

Powerful Shipping Firm Plans to Bid.

By Times Special
WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—The International Mercantile Marine Company will try to purchase the Leviathan and other vessels of the United States lines when the shipping board puts them on sale here next month, according to present indications.

For several days members of the auditing staff of the I. M. M. have been working on the books of the United States lines. This is thought to indicate that they are preparing to submit a bid for the vessels.

Once before the I. M. M. attempted to purchase the United States lines and an injunction prevented it, on the ground that the sale would put the ships in control of foreign interests.

According to latest information, a majority of I. M. M. stockholders now are American citizens. The company, however, owns ships that are of American and British registry and is agent for ships of British registry.

It operates the Majestic and Olympic, among the largest and fastest of the trans-Atlantic vessels, and needs the fast Leviathan to round out its service. The law provides, however, that the Leviathan, when sold, be sold to American registry.

The shipping board first intended to receive bids for the United States lines in the early fall. The date has, however, been postponed to Nov. 15.

Berne Plans New Lighting

By United Press
BERNE, Ind., Oct. 2.—A new ornamental lighting system, to be installed and in operation before winter, is provided for in a resolution adopted by the Berne town council.



Byrd Expedition Takes Brookfield Butter!

Commander Richard E. Byrd knows the value of good food as a builder of strength and morale. His staunch steamships, the City of New York and the Chelsea, bound for the South Pole are carrying many products of Swift & Company.

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