

GOVERNMENT MAY INTERFERE IN THE 'PHONE SITUATION

Claimed That Uncle Sam May Prevent Carrying Out of Working Agreement Adopted in Richmond.

LINDEMUTH HAS RESIGNED FROM THE PRESIDENCY.

Chicago Report States That Becoming Angry at the Action of Local Independents, He Quits.

It is reported from Chicago that the United States government may interfere to prevent the Home Telephone company and the Bell Telephone company of this city in carrying out the working agreement both companies recently entered into. It is also reported that A. C. Lindemuth, president of the Home Telephone company of this city, has resigned his position as president of the International Independent Telephone Association because of the action of the local independent company. The dispatch states that Mr. Lindemuth was not consulted in regard to the consolidation with the local Bell interests and that he was so displeased when he heard of the action of the Home company that he at once tendered his resignation to the board of directors of the International Independent Telephone Association. His resignation was accepted.

L. E. Browne, secretary of the Home Telephone company, stated today that he knew nothing of Mr. Lindemuth's reported resignation. When asked if Mr. Lindemuth had been consulted in regard to the Home company entering into a working agreement with the local Bell company, he said that as far as he knew, Mr. Lindemuth had not been consulted. Mr. Browne read the Chicago dispatch, but said that he had no comment to offer on it. The dispatch reads as follows:

A conference which may result in government intervention in the struggle between the Bell Telephone Company and the International Independent Telephone Association was held here. It was precipitated by the recent conclusion of a working agreement between the Central Union Telephone Company, which is alleged to be a Bell concern, and the Richmond Home Telephone Company of Richmond, Ind. The head of the latter company was A. C. Lindemuth, who also was president of the independent organization. He told the other officers of the organization and the members of the executive committee who attended the conference that the action was taken without his knowledge or consent, and then resigned as president of the international association. This resignation was accepted and the conference decided to raise a fund for the presentation of the alleged misconduct of the Bell company to the federal courts under the Sherman antitrust act.

The independent interests claim that such arrangements as the Bell Company is concluding with various independent exchanges is contrary to public policy.

It is contended that telephone companies are public carriers, especially in the case of companies which operate exchanges in towns bordering upon state boundary lines, such companies, it is claimed, conducting interstate business and coming within the jurisdiction of the federal courts. Combinations between such companies are alleged to be in restraint of trade. A considerable fund for the enforcement of these claims was pledged at the meeting, \$40,000 being made immediately available and the campaign placed in charge of a subcommittee with power to act.

The members of the executive committee who were present today were A. C. Lindemuth, Richmond, Ind.; J. R. Ware, Grand Rapids, Mich.; James S. Bratley, Toledo, O.; A. C. Davis, Parkersburg, W. Va.; F. L. Woods, Lincoln, Neb.; H. D. Critchfield, Milwaukee, Wis., and F. D. Houck, Harrisburg, Pa. In addition representatives were present from the independent telephone companies of Indianapolis, Minneapolis, St. Paul, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Kansas City, Detroit, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and other cities.

BUSY DAY PROMISED.

Several Cases in the City Court To-morrow.

Tomorrow promises to be a busy day in the city court. The cases of the State vs. the three Renk brothers and Charles Welsbros, members of the Richmond city band, charged with rioting, will be heard. The case of the state vs. David Hayes, charged with assault and battery upon his wife is set for trial, also.

WANT BIDDERS.

Sugar Grove Bridge Will Be Built as Soon as Possible.

The county commissioners are wanting bidders on the Sugar Grove bridge in Clay township. Plans and specifications have been drawn, the money appropriated and the letting of contracts was advertised for but no bidders came forward. The present structure is in very bad condition, and the commissioners are anxious to have repairs made as soon as possible.

MORE GIRLS THAN BOYS IN SCHOOL

Report for the Year Just Closed Is One of the Best Yet Made.

PARENTS TOOK GREATER INTEREST IN THE SCHOOLS AND AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE WAS LARGE.

The report of the Richmond public schools for the past school year has just been completed by Miss Ella Winchester, clerk to Superintendent Mott. This report shows that the general enrollment was 1,640 boys and 1,704 girls, a total of 3,348. The average daily attendance was 2,530.

The report shows that there were fifty-one bad boys whose behavior was positively so scandalous that their teachers were obliged to apply the "rod unspared." Four lads were suspended, one because he was absent so much and the other three because they were naughty little boys.

Parents of the children evidently took a keen interest in school affairs as there were 933 visitors at the various schools. There were 7,355.5 days lost by children because of illness. This was due to a great extent by various contagions, including smallpox the past winter. There were seventy cases of truancy, most of them occurring about the time the "old swimmin' hole" called seductively to the lads. A total of 15,842 minutes were lost by tardiness.

WHO WILL WIN?

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	42	.609
Pittsburg	44	.603
New York	42	.583
Cincinnati	38	.551
Philadelphia	29	.453
Boston	32	.444
St. Louis	28	.394
Brooklyn	26	.382

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Won	Lost	Pct.
St. Louis	42	.583
Detroit	42	.583
Cleveland	39	.549
Chicago	40	.548
Philadelphia	36	.522
Boston	33	.458
Washington	27	.438
New York	27	.375

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Won	Lost	Pct.
Indianapolis	51	.622
Louisville	49	.605
Toledo	46	.568
Columbus	43	.518
Minneapolis	38	.500
Milwaukee	36	.463
Kansas City	34	.415
St. Paul	26	.329

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Won	Lost	Pct.
Dayton	41	.586
Evansville	42	.568
Grand Rapids	38	.528
South Bend	37	.521
Ft. Wayne	36	.514
Terre Haute	36	.514
Zanesville	32	.471
Wheeling	21	.296

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

National League.

Cincinnati, 8; New York, 3. Chicago, 6; Brooklyn, 3. St. Louis, 7; Boston, 2. Philadelphia, 4; Pittsburgh, 1 (First game.)

Philadelphia, 8; Pittsburgh, 5. (Second game.)

American League.

Boston, 2; Cleveland, 4. Philadelphia, 2; St. Louis, 0. Detroit, 6; New York, 3.

Washington, 7; Chicago, 1.

American Association.

Milwaukee, 4; Minneapolis, 2. Louisville, 6; Toledo, 3. Columbus, 4; Indianapolis, 3. Eleven Innings.

Kansas City, 8; St. Paul, 5. (First game.)

St. Paul, 10; Kansas City, 0. (Second game.)

Central League.

Evansville, 2; Ft. Wayne, 1. Zanesville, 7; South Bend, 0. Dayton, 5; Terre Haute, 4.

Grand Rapids, 4; Wheeling, 1. (First game.)

Wheeling, 2; Grand Rapids, 1. (Second game.)

GAMES TODAY.

National League.

New York at Cincinnati. Philadelphia at Pittsburgh. Brooklyn at Chicago. Boston at St. Louis.

American League.

St. Louis at Philadelphia. Detroit at New York. Cleveland at Boston. Chicago at Washington.

American Association.

Indianapolis at Columbus.

Toledo at Louisville.

Kansas City at Minneapolis.

Central League.

Ft. Wayne at Terre Haute.

Grand Rapids at Zanesville.

Dayton at Evansville.

South Bend at Wheeling.

In Buenos Aires the police alone have the right of whistling on the streets. Any other person whistling is at once arrested.

LEAGUE STARTS IN GOOD FASHION

Fifty Charter Members for Riverdale Organization Enrolled.

MANY NOTABLE FEATURES. COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

PARENTS TOOK GREATER INTEREST IN THE SCHOOLS AND AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE WAS LARGE.

WILL LOOK AFTER THE MANY IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN PLANNED—PROMINENT MEN TO ACT AS ADVISORS.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Riverdale Civic league last evening fifty charter members were enrolled and considerable business was transacted. From this time on the league will hold its weekly meetings every Wednesday evening at the Whitewater school building. Residents of the Riverdale district and people who own property in that neighborhood are eligible for membership. The dues are 25 cents each quarter.

Last evening the league elected the following advisory committee: John F. McCarthy, Dr. T. Henry Davis, Justice L. C. Abbott, R. B. Jones, O. A. Leftwick, George A. Ballinger, Sharon E. Jones, Prof. D. D. Ramsey, L. J. Woodward, B. B. Johnson and Thomas Porter.

The league also appointed other committees to serve the ensuing year. These committees are as follows:

Public Improvements—James Porter, E. N. Turman, William Schneider, George Carter, Irvin J. Brown.

Shade Trees—J. E. Fuson, Oscar Green, Harmon Jahnke.

Public Parks—A. C. Ogborn, Irvin Stegall, Tom Poster.

weed Cutting—W. W. Williams.

Vacant Lots—A. C. Underhill, Carl Bage, William E. Burns.

The "clean up" committee consists of every member of the league. The chairman of the committee for that section east of North Twelfth street are Preston Carr and Harry Hayes.

The chairman of the committee for that section west of North Twelfth street are Harvey C. Petry and John E. Williams.

The following committee was ap-

pointed for the purpose of interviewing the members of the school board in regard to changing the name of the Whitewater school to "Riverdale" school: A. C. Ogborn, Prof. D. D. Ramsey and James Porter.

The matter of securing a sub-postal station for Riverdale was referred to the committee on public improvements. The matter of purchasing three lots to enlarge the public school play ground in that section of the city was also referred to the committee on public improvements.

There was some discussion to appoint a street railway committee which would endeavor to have a street car line located in Riverdale but action on this matter was postponed until the next meeting.

RURAL SERVICE IS APPRECIATED

Farmers Fully Realize Benefit Derived, Says the Local Postmaster.

COMPLETES COUNTY TOUR.

SPEKENHIER FINDS THAT ROADS NEED BUT LITTLE REPAIRING AND CAN BE MADE BEST IN THE COUNTRY.

Postmaster A. J. Spekenhier has just completed a tour of the Wayne county rural routes leading out of this city, traveling over two hundred miles in the wagons used by the rural mail carriers. Mr. Spekenhier states that as a whole the roads used by the carriers are in fair condition, only being bad in places. He says that if the road officials of the county will make the necessary repairs, and there are not very many to make, the roads in this county will be about the best in the state.

The rural mail service in Wayne county, he states, is accomplishing excellent results. Country people are well pleased with the service rendered them and lend intelligent co-operation. He states that the farmers are willing to do everything in their power to improve the condition of the roads.

On August 8 Maurice O. Eldridge, chief of records of the office of public roads, Agricultural department, Washington, D. C., will speak in this city at the court house. All the road officials in Wayne county and Preble county, Ohio are asked to attend this meeting. The public is also invited to hear Mr. Eldridge. Mr. Eldridge will explain how good roads can be made at less expense than the roads in this part of the country are made, and he will also tell how to keep roads in proper repair. The post office department expects the roads in this county to be placed in such a condition that the rural carriers can make their routes in four or five hours instead of six or seven hours.

Wood cannot be used as material for building houses in Brazil because of the destructive ravages of white ants and other insects.

WILLIAMS MAKES DASH FOR FREEDOM

Trusty at County Jail Escaped From Sheriff Meredith Today.

WORKED A CLEVER RUSE.

ON PRETEXT OF WANTING TO HEAR HIS WIFE'S DIVORCE CASE HE GOT LEAVE OF SHERIFF AND THEN RAN AWAY.

Curtis Williams, formerly of Cambridge City, and more recently a prisoner at the county jail, ran away this morning and trace of him was lost soon afterward. Williams has been a trusty. He was taken to the court house lawn to work this morning by Sheriff Meredith. He told the sheriff he wanted the divorce suit brought by his wife to be heard in circuit court and requested permission to attend court. The sheriff escorted him to the front door and gave his permission. The sheriff returned to Nathan Freeman and William Taylor, other trustees, who were in the yard. Williams had been told to proceed to the sheriff's office and remain with Oscar Mashmeyer, deputy sheriff until court convened. He expressed his willingness.