

UNNECESSARY TALK BURDENS TELEPHONE SERVICE OF COUNTRY

When Richmond people are pleasant or irritable, leisurely or in haste, or excited or calm, it is reflected in the local mirror of human feeling.—The Richmond Home Telephone company—according to William M. Bailey, general manager.

Another thing that has been noticed by phone officials is that the people of 1920 are much more hasty, high-strung and impatient than was the case several years ago. Without giving the party they wish to talk to, sufficient time in which to answer, they hurriedly put in a call at the trouble desk, and add another unnecessary burden on the shoulders of the operator that continually works to relieve the trouble.

When there is a fire who knows it without hearing the alarm? The telephone girl. The noise made by the machines recording the numbers dialed at once becomes louder. Accustomed to the sound when normal, the employee knows that something unusual is taking place and that the inquiring citizen is making use of his telephone.

Phone Service Grows.
Mr. Bailey in commenting upon the causes of trouble which come to his attention, and in which the company is not at fault, said: "It has been estimated that one million phones are busy at the same time during the day in this country, representing about two million miles of wire."

"I believe that nearly 50 per cent of this is unnecessary talk carried on by people who have difficulty in finding enough to say to keep the lines busy for a half to an hour at a time. When we are requested to cut off the long-winded discourse we cannot comply because we do not know but what business is being discussed."

Recently a test was made to find the number of calls made locally on an average day. It was found that over 80,000 passed over the lines. This does not include the long-distance calls, which have been staying very close to 700 a day.

Equipment Purchased.

Equipment has been purchased and will soon be completely installed whereby the Richmondite can give the number of the person he wishes to talk to in another city, and receive almost an immediate reply from his party. This is made possible by direct connection between the Richmond office and other city lines without using the service of the toll girls in the other city.

After telling of the improvements and rapid strides made in telephone service Mr. Bailey produced a paragraph written in a letter dated 1826 and signed by the school board of Lancaster, Ohio, in which the use of the school was denied to persons wishing to meet to discuss the question as to whether railroads were practical or not. The excerpt read:

"You are welcome to use the school house to debate all proper questions in, but such things as railroads and telephones are impossibilities and rank infidelity. There is nothing in the word of God about them. If God designed that his intelligent creatures should travel at the frightful speed of 15 miles per hour by steam, he would have clearly foretold through his holy prophets. It is a device to lead immortal souls down to hell."

RAILROAD AND UNION HEADS SUBPOENAED

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Ill., July 23.—Subpoenas for 60 railroad officials and union leaders to appear before the federal grand jury next Wednesday were issued today at the behest of District Attorney Charles F. Cline.

The witnesses are to testify in the investigation of the activities of John Grunau, president of the Chicago yardmen's association, and 27 other leaders in the unauthorized railroad strike last April.

Grunau and his associates have been out on ball following their arrest on charges of violating the Lever law by holding up movement of food and fuel.

Major E. Leroy Hume, special assistant attorney-general, arrived here from Washington several days ago and questioned heads of the 16 recognized railroad unions about the strike.

Austria's Treaty With Soviet Displeases Allies

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, July 23.—The allies consider Austria's agreement with the Bolsheviks for the exchange of prisoners, stipulating that Austria is to maintain strict neutrality in wars against the Soviet, even to the extent of a prohibition upon the transport of troops and material through Austrian territory, to be contrary to the provisions of the treaty of St. Germain.

The Associated Press was informed in official circles today that the Vienna government would be told that unless it carried out the treaty, credits and provisions would be withheld.

A Vienna dispatch dated July 17, said that foreign diplomatic experts there commented on the Russo-Austrian agreement as a possible means of making Vienna the headquarters of the Soviet propaganda in central and eastern Europe, paving the way to closer relations.

The dispatch said the Austrian government explained that it was considered necessary to accept the agreement so that the exchange of Austrian prisoners held in Russia for six years might be obtained.

FIRE DESTROYS SALT PLANT.

MANISTEE, Mich., July 23.—Fire destroyed the lumber and salt plant of the Buckley & Douglas Lumber company here, causing a loss estimated at \$1,000,000. The plant was said to have been the largest of its kind in the world, operating a new quadruple evaporating system. A number of residences also were destroyed.

Police Arrest Chile I. W. W.

(By Associated Press)

VALPARAISO, Chile, July 23.—A raid by the police on what is said to have been I. W. W. headquarters was made today. Twenty-seven persons were arrested, and anarchistic literature and a large quantity of arms and explosives were seized.

POLISH WOMEN SHOULDER RIFLES TO STEM THE RED RUSSIAN TIDE



To help stem the onrushing Bolshevik tide thousands of Polish women have taken up arms and are fighting side by side with their men. Members of the women's Polish battalion at Vilna are shown above. All are equipped with American boots. They have demonstrated their own in fighting, even in trench warfare.

EASTHAVEN'S COAL SUPPLY SUFFICIENT FOR ONLY 2 WEEKS

Indiana Hospital for the In- sane faces a serious coal situation with a two weeks supply on hand, Dr. S. E. Smith, superintendent of the institution, said Friday.

Dr. Smith expressed keen disappointment over the legislature's action on the proposal providing for the purchase of coal mines by the state for the purpose of supplying state institutions with fuel. Dr. Smith entertained little hope that favorable action would be taken. Such action, he said, would avoid the serious dilemma in which the Easthaven institution finds itself.

Must Buy on Market.
The hospital has no contracts and must take its chances to secure coal by buying on the open market. The last coal purchased was bought at \$6.25 per ton at the mine.

Appropriation of \$50,000 made by the Indiana general assembly at its special session at the state capitol lacks \$5,000 of being sufficient for the needs of the Central Indiana Hospital for the Insane, the superintendent said.

Dr. Smith asked the legislature for an appropriation of \$55,000 but the solons chopped the sum down to \$50,000.

Construction of a large bungalow was begun at the farm colony this week. Plans for two other bungalows have been prepared but delays in shipments of building materials have made the date of construction indefinite.

Short News of City

Visits Cousin Here—Wayne Purdy, formerly of Hagerstown, spent Thursday with his cousin, Mrs. C. S. Heet of North Twenty-second street. He has been in the navy for 17 years, and is on the transport, Henderson. Mr. Purdy said he would re-enlist for three years, after which he could retire on a pension for 20 years service.

St. Paul's Lutheran Picnic—Several hundred members of St. Paul's Lutheran church held a picnic Thursday afternoon and evening in Glen Miller park. Not least among the joy makers were the little orphans from the Oesterlin Orphans' Home at Springfield, Ohio. The pie eating contest, three legged races, and other games caused them to forget that they belonged to an orphan institution. A picnic supper was served at 6 o'clock.

Barber Loses Fiver.—Paul Cooper, Eaton barber, parked his fiver on the streets in Richmond, and attended a performance at a theater. When he sought his fiver, it was gone, and no trace of it has been found.

Organized Class—Miss Laura Gaston, piano instructor, formerly head of the piano department of Earlham College, will organize a class of students and continue her work at her home on South Seventh street. She recently resigned her position at Earlham College, and will concentrate all her work on pupils in the city.

Shelley Goes Home.—William Shelley, injured in an auto wreck last week, left Reid Hospital, Thursday, for his home in Newcastle. He was not injured very badly, however. Kenneth Shelley, injured in the same wreck, will be confined to the hospital for several weeks.

Realtors to Attend.—Charles D. Shideler and Jesse Bailey, local real estate dealers, will attend a special meeting of the board of government of the Indiana Real Estate Association in the Chamber of Commerce at Indianapolis, Wednesday.

Scott May Recruit.—Supply Sergeant Harry F. Scott, of Lynn, is home on a furlough with authority to recruit men for the service, according to a letter received by local army recruiter, Sergeant Thompson. For each recruit Scott secures while on furlough, he will be granted five additional days leave.

Overdear Visits Here.—The Rev. H. L. Overdear, formerly pastor of the Grace M. E. church, was present at the Thursday evening church service held in the church last night. He is now pastor of the Methodist church of Auburn.

Shelman to Speak.—A. J. Eshelman of Brooklyn, will speak at 3 p. m., Sunday, July 25, at the high school auditorium, under auspices of the International Bible Society. This lecture is said to explain some misunderstood texts of Scripture and also to vindicate the character and plan of God. This lecture will be free to the public.

Cement Sidewalk.—Workmen began laying a cement sidewalk on the south

WOMAN'S BODY FOUND JAMMED IN A TRUNK; POLICE ARE BAFFLED

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, July 23.—The body of a nude woman jammed in a trunk was found today by employees of the American Railway Express company among the unclaimed baggage. The trunk had been received here from Detroit, June 17. The trunk was shipped to this city by a man giving the name of A. A. Tietrum, of 105 Harper street, Detroit, according to the records accompanying the baggage, the police say. It was addressed to James Douglas, New York City, they declare.

Express company officials said that they had held the trunk for several days but when it was unclaimed they sent it to the store room. The body appeared to be that of a woman of about 25 to 30 and fairly good looking.

DETROIT, Mich., July 23.—Police here declared they were without a clew as to the identity of a body of a woman found in a trunk in an express warehouse in New York today. Neither could they throw any light upon the identity of the person who shipped the trunk from here on June 17. There is no such number on Harper street as 105, or no name A. A. Tietrum in the city directory.

Only two women, the police stated today, had been reported missing since June 1. Both of these had been accounted for. This led the police to believe that the trunk may have been brought here from some other city for shipment to New York.

At an apartment house at 105 Harbor avenue the name Tietrum was not known, it was said. Effort to locate such a number on Harbor street were also fruitless. Receiving clerks of the American Railway Express could give no description of the shipper of the trunk. Records of the shipment, however, agreed with news dispatches from New York.

Hold Banquet.—A banquet preceded the regular meeting of the Eastern Indiana Transfer Men's Association in the I. O. O. F. hall Thursday night. Several transfer men not members of the organization were guests of honor.

Leave For Lake.—Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Farmer and family, 100 North Sixteenth street, will leave Saturday for James Lake for a two weeks' outing. Mrs. Anna Williams will accompany the family.

Leave for Visit.—Miss Edith Helmich and Miss Effie Kramer left Friday for a two weeks' trip to Cleveland, Detroit, and Toledo.

Hold Several Meetings.—Walter Fullum, a Main street business man, stated Friday that several meetings had been held by interested business men for the purpose of discussing plans for the organization of a Richmond chamber of commerce to take the place of the defunct Commercial club.

PLATOON FIRE SYSTEM BILL PASSES HOUSE

Wisdom of the action taken by the Richmond board of works in establishing a two-platoon system for the fire department to become effective Aug. 1 was borne out today by the passage of a senate bill in the house by which all organized fire departments in the state will be required to institute the two-platoon system by a vote of 74 to 1. The bill was sent to the governor.

Firemen in many cities and towns are now compelled to be on duty 24 hours each day, speakers said in behalf of the bill.

Circuit Court

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

W. G. Personett, and Sadie Shafer, of Hagerstown; Forest J. Travis, of Indianapolis, and Lola Ridener, of Dublin; Joseph John Eberle, of Dayton, and Mary Frieda Houk, of Rich-

Seize \$267,000 of Whiskey

(By Associated Press)

TOLEDO, O., July 23.—Federal agents last night made the biggest whiskey seizure in the history of this section of the state when they confiscated liquor valued at \$267,560 on a railroad siding at Lang, O.

FACULTY ADDITIONS.

MARIETTA, Ohio, July 23.—Five additions have been made to the Marietta faculty for the coming year. Dr. E. E. Parsons, president, announces they are: J. S. Kellison, athletic director and assistant to Coach "Greasy" Neale; G. M. Howe, T. D. Phillips, F. L. Haushalter and Miss Mabel Hamilton.

BOY SERIOUSLY BURNED.

GREENSBURG, Ind., July 23.—Max Marsh, 13 years old, of this city, suffered serious burns while endeavoring to rescue his kitten that had fallen into the sewer, dropped a lighted match into a manhole in order to see. Collected sewer gas exploded and the flames terribly burned his arms and face.

WILL SELL SUBMARINE

SEATTLE, Wash., July 22.—The submarine Antofagasta and Iquique, constructed by a Seattle construction company for the Chilean government and purchased by Canada on the eve of Britain's declaration of war against Germany, will shortly be sold at Halifax to the highest bidder, according to advices received here.

A Regular Morning Dish of Grape-Nuts

with cream or good milk makes a fine start for any day's work. Grape-Nuts Needs No Sugar

Bandits Hold Up Auto In Park Says Report

Chief of Police Wenger had no information Friday in regard to a report that a party of automobile bandits had been held up and robbed in Glen Miller park Thursday evening by two masked highwaymen.

"No report of the robbery has been made to police headquarters," Chief Wenger said.

It is stated that Daniel G. Reed, 17 South Twelfth street, his wife and three other women, while driving along the lake roadway about 9 o'clock last night, were stopped by two men who carried revolvers and wore handkerchiefs over their faces.

The holdup took place at the northwest turn of the road, the men stepping out of the underbrush. The robbers commanded the occupants of the car to hold up their hands, it is said. Mr. Reed was relieved of a little over \$4.00. No effort was made to rob the other occupants of the car, although one woman had about \$60 with her. Mrs. Reed had some diamonds which she placed in her mouth.

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12 Telephone Company Employees Attend Picnic

Twelve employees of the Richmond Home Telephone company attended a picnic meeting of the Eastern Indiana Telephone association, held in a park, near Pendleton, Tuesday. The next meeting will be held on October 13, in Newcastle. William M. Bailey, manager of the local company, said that the purpose of the meetings was to get the toll operators of the cities in the surrounding territory well acquainted with one another, and to exchange business ideas. The association meets every three months.

Two Other Companies.—There are two other ice delivery companies in Richmond in addition to the Crystal company, which is supplied by the Wayne company, but these two companies carry only small reserve supplies.

Ice manufactured daily in Richmond totals less than 75 tons, it is stated, while the city's consumption at this time of the year is approximately 100 tons per day. As a result of the almost complete exhaustion of the reserve supply of the Wayne company it is expected there will be a serious ice shortage in Richmond by Aug. 15.

BRASS BAND PROVIDED FOR PAUPER'S FUNERAL

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 23.—Poland has asked the state department formally to announce to the world the "moral support of the United States to Poland in its battle against Russian Bolsheviks."

The suggestion also was made that a similar expression from President Wilson would be welcomed and would do much to stiffen the morale of the Polish people.

Funeral Arrangements

Beard.—Funeral services for Mrs. Susan Beard, 63 years old, who died Wednesday at the home of her grandson, Glen Heard, 329 South Fifteenth street, were held Friday, at 2:30 p. m., from the Union church of Sippio, Ind. Burial was in Sippio cemetery.

Himes Dairymen Take Measure of Railroaders.—Himes Dairymen won from the Penny railroaders at exhibition park 12 to 6 Thursday afternoon. The Railroaders assumed an early lead but the Dairymen hammered Pettibone's offerings all over the lot in the last three innings. The Y. M. C. A. and Home Telephone teams are booked for Friday at the Playgrounds.

STEALS \$10,000 IN SILKS.—(By Associated Press)

CLEVELAND, O., July 23.—Silks and clothing valued at \$10,000 were stolen from the store of Louis Shore early this morning. The robbers carried the goods away in an automobile.

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