"HELLOS" ON STRIKE

Telephone Operators Object to Service Manager.

UNION IS FORMED SECRETLY

Trouble Is Temporarily Adjusted, and Girls Return to Work After Two, Who Had Been Dismissed, Were Reinstated.

Did you "Hello" yesterday afternoon for about twenty minutes and get no response to your "hello," not even an echo? Well, the reason was that the whole day force of the Pacific States Telephone Company—that is, all the girls, went on strike. They walked out and for a short time the entire service on this side of the river was paralyzed and the company's officials were, with but scant notice, "thrown in the air." While the strike was on subscribers howled their heads off in vain endeavor to get their "parties." Men swore and women said sarcastic things to the mute receiver. Not even the time-worn "they're busy" was piped back from the main office.

It was shortly after 1 o'clock P. M. that the girls went on strike. It took Manager J. H. Thatcher and other officials of the company about an hour to get the service running again, but this was not accomplished until the officials had reached an agreement to let matters rest until 10 o'clock last evening. At this hour the big pow-wow was held. All of the day and night shift met in the dining room. All talked at once, some giggled, smirked and smiled and some laughed—most of them chewed gum.

In the morning they struck because Miss Mary Cooper, service manager, "Mother Cooper," the girls call her, had dismissed two of the operators because they would not peach on the girls who had organized a union. A union was formed, or a semblance of one, and, so the story goes, the company officials wanted to get the names of the organizers. This was the cause of the walkout, but this was not all. It was like the last straw that was added to the camel's back. When the news flew from switchboard to switchboard that the two girls had been dismissed the operators gathered about Miss Cooper and demanded their reinstatement. Miss Cooper refused and they walked out. Mr. Thatcher met the situation by placing the supervisors and other available help that was not connected with the strike at work. They handled the calls as best they could until Manager Thatcher finally got the striking girls to return to work pending the evening meeting.

Promptly at 10 o'clock about sixty girls assembled in the dining room. Mr. Thatcher was present and Miss Cooper was also present. Mr. Thatcher got a hearing. What he did, so it is said, was to have all the girls raise their right hands and swear that they would remain at work for two days. This most of the girls did and they were assured, it is said, by Mr. Thatcher that none of the girls would be dismissed during the two days and that the two young women who had been dismissed by Miss Cooper had been reinstated. This was cheering news to the operators. Again there was an attempt upon the part of the officials to get the names of the ringleaders in the revolt. Some names were given, and it's likely that the whole story would have been out, but one of the girls spied Miss Cooper taking the names down as they were given and a storm of protest rose. The meeting lasted twenty minutes, but according to a number of the girls it was twenty minutes well spent, for they not only forced the company to put the two discharged operators to work, but they also got promises to other demands made.

While the big meeting was going on upstairs, there was a motley gathering of beardless youths on the street below. They were waiting for their "girls," and they all hoped they would win the strike. On every corner for two blocks in all directions from the telephone offices waited men, some old, some middle-aged, but mostly youths. When the operators poured out of the rear door of the office each youth singled out the girl he was in waiting for and they rushed off for the cars, discussing the outcome of the strike.

Only a few understood what they had been striking for, but they all seemed to have a grievance against Miss Cooper. They say that it is her fault that an operator can no longer get a raise in salary, that before she came from Spokane things at the main office went along "nice and lovely" and that she is horrid. All these charges and others are laid at Miss Cooper's door, and many of the girls declare that before they will surrender Miss Cooper will have to go.

Mr. Thatcher indignantly denied that Miss Cooper was the cause of the trouble, and he had words of praise for the woman who was the storm-center of yesterday's trouble. Mr. Thatcher does not believe much in a telephone operators' union and believes that the whole matter will be adjusted without further trouble.

The striking operators have not brought their case before the Federated Trades Council, but through its statistical secretary, R. A. Harris, and O. R. Baker, its secretary, the girls will receive the moral support of the council. Both Mr. Baker and Mr. Harris stated yesterday afternoon that the telephone employes had acted without the knowledge of the council, but that they would look into the matter, and if the girls were in the right and if they asked aid in the matter, it would be given.

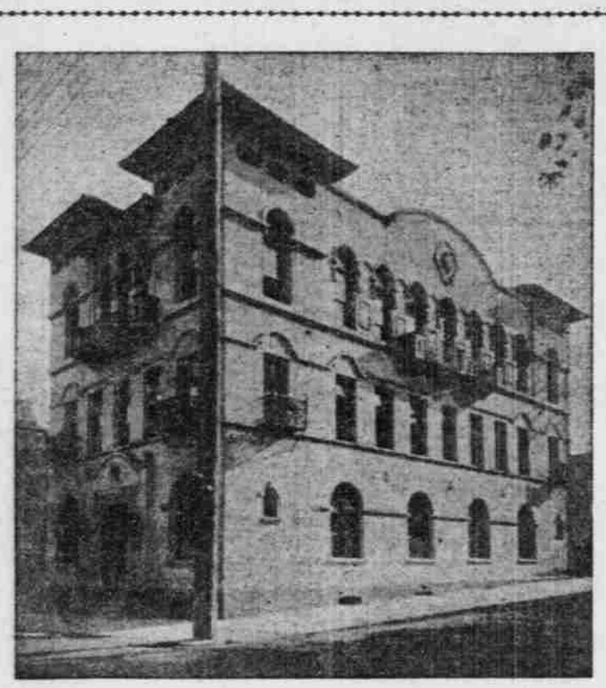
Union Broken Up in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—The telephone strike of last Winter was mainly because of severe rules enforced by Miss Cooper, who came here some time before the strike. In addition to regulations in connection with operator of the wires and the treatment of the telephone patrons, it was charged by some of the girls that Miss Cooper attempted to regulate the manner of their wearing apparel in the 'phone exchange.

One rule that raised a storm, according to the statement of one of the strikers, was that the "peek-a-boo" shirtwaist must be more modest, that high collars must be worn with it, and that any low-neck effects in the office or the exchange room proper would be considered infractions of the rules and would be punished accordingly.

The girls complained that Miss Cooper was unnecessarily dictatorial and the agitators among the girls, aided by male agitators among the trades-unions here, formed a union and struck, demanding the removal of Miss Cooper. The telephone company at first made little attempt to straighten out matters and the girls' union began to adopt the methods of their brothers. Under the management of Thomas Heskett, an agitator, they picketed the corners around the telephone building and interfered considerably with the business of the company.

It was not long, however, before the company secured new girls, and in a few weeks most of the strikers returned to work. There is no union now.



HOME OF THE PACIFIC STATES TELEPHONE COMPANY IN PORTLAND.

PERSONAL MENTION.

The Pendleton bar was well represented in Portland yesterday. J. H. Raley, Judge James A. Fee and Walter M. Pierce were among the well-known Eastern Oregon lawyers who registered at the Imperial.

It is announced that Charles W. York, who has been acting as treasurer of the Columbia Theater, will join the stock company to appear in small parts, and that he will be succeeded as treasurer by Milton W. Seaman. Mr. York will make his first appearance as an actor next week in "Sowing the Wind."

John F. Cordray will go to Salem today on important theatrical business, and will complete arrangements for the appearance of "San Toy" at his theater in that city. Salem is assuming metropolitan proportions from the theatrical standpoint, and now gets most of the high-priced attractions which appear in this city.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Selleck left for Salem last evening, where the former goes to become pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church for the coming year. Mr. Selleck had been pastor of the Sunnyside M. E. Church for two years, and he and his wife were given a farewell reception. Rev. T. B. Ford, assigned to Sunnyside church, is expected to arrive today.

Among the many old-time residents of Portland who have after long absences returned here to remain permanently is Colonel R. A. Miller, who when he was studying law here 20 years ago was familiarly known as "Bob" Miller. He is a native of Jacksonville, Or., and since leaving Portland has been practicing law in Oregon City and elsewhere, but still looks about as young as he did when plain "Bob" though somewhat heavier. He has been traveling for several weeks, but has now returned here to remain permanently.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—Israel Zangwill, the critic and author, sailed today from Liverpool for New York on board the White Star liner Teutonic. It is his purpose to seek to enlist the sympathy of wealthy New York Jews in establishing a Jewish colony in West Africa.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Portland—T. B. Gifford at the Holland; N. W. Tibbet and wife at the Normandie; Mrs. C. W. King at the Albert.

From Spokane—F. V. Fisher at the Spelding.

From Seattle—C. E. Oliver at the Vendome.

YOUR CREDIT IS FINE.

The old-established and reliable merchant tailor house—the J. M. Acheson Company—has added to their already mammoth tailoring business an easy or installment payment system. When a firm with a reputation for good work establishes such a system it means much. It means that whatever may be your income you can have the advantage of having high-grade, made-to-order clothing, and you will never know you spent the money. It means that you don't have to put up with cheap "hand me down" goods, cotton clothing, etc. Installment payments of $1 per week or terms to suit you; that is the chance. No dickering of prices is allowed, as all woolens are marked in plain figures. You can read the price as well as any one. We carry by all odds the largest stock of woolens shown in this city. You can find what you want. The J. M. Acheson Co., Merchant Tailors, Fifth and Alder streets.

Finances of Western Union.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The annual report of the Western Union Telegraph Company, issued today, gives total revenues of $29,249,290, an increase of $81,708; total expenses, $21,861,915, an increase of $406,708; net revenue, $7,387,475, a decrease of $326,997. During the year 66,193 miles of wire have been added, making the total wire mileage of the company 1,155,405.

Pacific Coast Company Election.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—The stockholders of the Pacific Coast Company held their annual meeting in Jersey City today, and re-elected the three retiring directors.

Sole Portland Agents for "Peninsular" Stoves and Steel Ranges—Best Made in America—Basement

The Meier & Frank Store

ESTABLISHED 1857. Portland's Largest and Best Store ESTABLISHED 1857.

Custom Shade and Drapery Work Our Specialty—Best Materials and Workmanship; Very Lowest Prices

Sole Portland Agents for "La Grecque" Corsets and Tailored Undermuslins—2d Floor "Willamette" Sewing Machines on the Easy Payment Plan, $5 Down, $1 Weekly Largest Trunk and Bag Store on the Pacific Coast—Trunks, Bags, Telescopes, Etc.

Umbrellas 99c Ea.
Worth Up to $2

We sold Umbrellas like fury yesterday even if "Old Sol" did see fit to "smile" all day—Few women will let an opportunity like this slip by without anticipating her needs—Twilled Gloria Umbrellas with handles usually found on two and three-dollar values — Natural wood, Dresden, pearl, horn, gun metal and novelties, your choice, ea. **99c**

Boys' Clothing
The Satisfactory Kind

"Buster Brown" Suits for little boys, 2½ to 6 years; royal blue and fancy mixtures; best values **$5.00**

Little Boys' Overcoats, all the newest and best styles in grays and navy; ages 2½ to 8 years; $3.50 up to, each **$7.50**

Boys' Overcoats, Oxfords and gray mixtures, ages 6 to 15 years; the best values in town.. **$5.00**

Boys' All-Wool Suits in mixed Cheviots and Cassimeres, 8 to 16 years; special **$3.85**

Boys' Rubber Coats and Capes, **$1.75** to **$2.50** each.

Boys' and Young Men's "Cravenettes," 6 to 20 years, **$8.50** to **$12.50.**

Footballs, watches, rifle, etc., given free with purchase of Suit or Overcoat.

1000 Prs. Women's Shoes
On Sale Today Only at $1.48 Pr

A marvelous Thursday sale of women's footwear, the greatest bargain of the year, all desirable styles, shoes most stores ask $3 a pair for—Vici kid, heavy or light soles, kid or patent tip, button style only, all sizes and widths, just the shoe you want for wet weather wear—Shoe value never before equaled for the money—Today only remember, at this low price, per pair **$1.48**

All 10c Shoe Polish and Paste on sale today at the low price of 5c each

The Meier & Frank Store's 780th Friday Surprise Sale

2500 Yds. New Wool Waistings 37c

Tomorrow's great Surprise Sale offering is of interest to every woman in need of new Winter Waists—2500 yards of handsome wool waistings—Granite cloth with satin stripes, embroidered figures, and Persian stripes, all the very best colors and designs—A great special purchase from a well-known Jamestown, N. Y., mill known everywhere for weaving the prettiest waist materials of any manufacturer in the land—Immense variety to select from

50c, 60c 75c Values at 37c a Yard

Butterick Patterns for November

Butterick Patterns for November now ready. November Fashion Sheets are being distributed free. Get one.

November Metropolitan Catalogues, 10c a copy.

November Delineator, 200 pages of fashions and literature, special good number, 15c a copy. $1.00 per annum. Subscriptions taken.

The largest and most complete stock of Butterick Patterns in the city. Mail orders promptly filled.

Bedspreads

Full size crochet Bedspreads, Marseilles patterns, regular $1.65 values—for this sale $1.25

Full size crochet Spreads, fringed all around—the best patterns—regular $2.00 values $1.50

Beds and Bedding

Full size white Wool Blankets, colored borders, best $5.50 values, this sale, pair $4.15

Mixed Feather Pillows, pretty ticking covering, full size and weight, $1.25 value, for this sale each 98c

White Enameled Iron Beds, brass trimmed, straight rail, lattice work, all sizes regular $5.00 values, for this sale $4.37

Silkoline Covered Comforters, in the best patterns and colors, filled with white, laminated cotton, great value at $1.12

Imperial Felt Mattresses, as good a felt mattress as ever offered for this money; great bargain for this sale at these prices:
Full size, $13.50 value, each $12.15
¾ size, $12.50 value, each $11.40

Sale Extraordinary of

Silverware, Cut Glass, Bronze, Art Novelties

For three days, today, tomorrow and Saturday, we offer bargains in high-grade Tableware that cannot fail to attract scores of eager buyers—Useful and ornamental articles of every description—Articles suitable for Holiday gifts—Things that every housekeeper wants are marked down to economy point—Take advantage—Mail orders will be promptly filled

Rogers "1847" Sugar Shells, all patterns, each **39c**
Rogers "1847" Butter-Knives, all patterns, each **39c**
Cream Ladles with gold bowl, fancy patterns **79c**
Dessert Spoons, set of six **$1.68**
Rogers "1847" Meat Forks, regular size **68c**
Rogers "1847" Coffee Spoons, set of six and Sugar Tongs, in box, $2.50 value.. **$1.98**
Berry Spoons, gold bowl, regular $1.60 value, for **$1.33**
Table Spoons, set of six **$1.98**

Cut Glass Special

10-inch "Meriden" cut glass Bowl—palm pattern—$16.00 values for $12.78
Ice Cream Dish—a beautiful fancy cut—regular $15.75 value for $12.49
8-in. "Meriden" cut glass Nappy—different patterns—handsome cut—$16.00 value $12.38
Beautiful cut glass Rose Bowls—two styles—$12.00 values $9.68—$9.00 values $7.14
Mirrors for the table—cutting around the edge—nickel finish—$3.00 value for $2.38—$2.75 value ... $2.24
Candle Shades—red, green and pink, in paper carnation design, each 19c
4-pc. silver-plated Tea Set—tea pot, sugar bowl, cream pitcher and spoon holder, satin engraved, three patterns — best $5.00 value for $3.89
Tobacco Jars, glass with silver-plated and bronze cover—very neat design 39c
Nut Bowls—glass with silver stand—small size — great value at 37c
Fern Dishes—different sizes—French gray finish — $3.75 value for $3.18
Metal Easels with bronze trimmings in red, green, shaded—all new shapes—$2.75 value $2.19
Silver Plated Nut Bowl—French Gray finish—grape design — regular $4.00 value $3.18
Cracker Jars, colored opal glass—Fancy design and shape with silver cover—regular $2.50 value $1.98
Pickle Castors, medium size with silver stand, colored glass—different designs—$1.50 values $1.23
Candle Sticks in bronze and oxidized finish, 6 inches high, $1.00 values 83c
Fancy Twisted Candles, all colors, for, each 3c

Basement

John S. Brown & Sons' Table Linens

John S. Brown & Sons' "Shamrock" brand of Table Linens, the best the world produces, is to be found in Portland at this store only—The new Thanksgiving stock is now ready for your choosing—Beautiful designs, superior quality, the most satisfactory Table Linens; that's why the best housekeepers, hotels, dining-car service of the leading transcontinental lines and steamships insist upon John S. Brown & Sons' when buying Table Linens—These special values may interest you

72-inch Damasks, very best patterns, regular $1.75 grade, on sale at the low price of, per yd $1.32
All our $5.00 dozen Dinner Napkins for, per doz $3.95
Satin Damask Lunch Cloths, $3.50 values, each $2.35

$7.00 Waists for Women

We are showing a superb variety of Silk and Flannel Waists at $7 each, styles and values, the equal of which are quickly marked $10 at other stores—Crepe de chines and taffetas, French botany flannels, albatross, alpaca, waists made of "Viyella" nonshrinkable flannels, velvet Waists — Fancy waists for dress and evening wear, tailored waists, embroidered tucks, with yoke or blouse effects — Display includes fancy stripes, checks and plain colors in white, champagne, blue, pink, browns, tans and black

See Window Display

Special Values in Muslin Underwear
Flannel Gowns, Knitted Shawls, Etc.

Second-Floor departments offer some exceptional values in women's apparel for today and tomorrow

Women's fine Corset Covers, blouse fronts trimmed in fine laces and embroideries, tucks and insertions, regular $2.50 and $2.75 values, for this sale at **$1.89**

Women's Cambric Drawers with wide ruffles, trimmed in hemstitched tucks, value extraordinary, pr.. **25c**

Women's Outing Flannel Night Robes, made of striped outing flannel with tucked yoke of plain color, turn-back cuffs and collar of plain color; lace trimmed, best $1 values, ea.. **73c**

Children's Outing Flannel Gowns, fancy stripes, braid trimmed, all sizes, at, each **63c**

Women's Knitted Wool Shawls, made in several patterns, square only, white and black—each.... **83c**

New Games

Our Third Floor Game Department has on sale all the new exciting Games that are finding favor throughout the country. Fun for old folks—fun for young people.

The Great Card Game

SHERLOCK HOLMES

"Sherlock Holmes" ..... **50¢**
"Panic" ..... **35¢**
"Pit" ..... **40¢**
"Flinch" ..... **40¢**
"Bulls and Bears" ..... **50¢**

Demonstrator to show you how to play. Third floor.

CRAVENETTES AND TOURISTS' COATS

Cravenettes and Tourist Coats—It's easy to find out who is showing the largest and best assortments in Cravenettes and three-quarter Tourist Coats. Few of our customers have gone out to look around before buying; they come back and usually tell the story about what they saw. We wish every woman who buys here would go around looking first—best advertisement we could ask for—you are convinced stronger than ever that this is Portland's leading cloak and suit store. New arrivals by express coming every day.

SWEATER SALE

Men's all wool knit Sweaters, in navy, blue, royal blue and maroon; the best $2.00 values in town for $1.67
Men's heavy worsted Sweaters, in navy and maroon; the best $2.50 values on sale at $2.10
Boys' all-wool Sweaters, in gray, Oxford, navy and maroon; regular $1.00 values for 78c
Boys' 50c Sweaters, navy and maroon 39c
Sweaters for hunters and football players.
Sweaters for men who do outside work.

LACE CURTAIN SALE

Beautiful Duchesse and Irish Point Lace Curtains, 4 to 25 pairs of a pattern—Every design new this year, plain and detached figure centers with small Renaissance effect insertings and edges—All full size and width—See window display.

$5.50, $6.00 values, pair $3.35
$6.50, $7.00 values, pair $4.35
$7.50, $8.00 values, pair $4.95
$8.50, $9.50 values, pair $5.85

Third Floor.

Phone Private Exchange 4

Buy Your Groceries During the Great October Sale

Phone Private Exchange 4

Russian Caviar, 20c and 45c
Smoked Sardines, 2 cans 25c
French Oil Sardines, can 10c
Vienna Sausage, can 10c
French Tongue, per can, 20c and.. 35c
Minced Clams, 2 for 25c
3-lb. pkgs. Soda Crackers 20c
Press Matches, 6 pkrs. 25c
¼-gal. Log Cabin Maple Syrup 65c
10-lb. sack of Farina for 35c
10-lb. sack Cream Rolled Oats for.. 40c
10-lb. sack Steel-Cut Oatmeal 45c
10-lb. sack Pastry Flour for 30c
Union Meat Co.'s "Shield" Hams.. 16c
10,000 lbs. Meier & Frank's Famous Mocha and Java Coffee, equal to best 40c grade 24c
Snider's Catsup, 2 for 35c
Snider's Oyster Cocktail Sauce.... 25c
1-lb. cake Baker's Chocolate 23c
1 lb. Baker's Cocoa 45c
¼-lb. Ghirardelli's Cocoa 22c
½-lb. Lowney's Cocoa 25c
1 lb. Baker's Unsweet'n'd Chocolate. 35c
Royal Salad Dressing, 25c and 45c
My Wife's Salad Dressing 30c
Blue Label Catsup, bottle 20c
Durkee's Salad Dressing, 10c, 25c.. 45c
1904 Milchner Herring, keg $1.10
1 gal. Log Cabin Maple Syrup $1.20
1 pint Log Cabin Maple Syrup 35c
Lobsters, per can 30c
Shrimps, per can, 10c and 20c
Hickmott's R. H. Asparagus, can.. 30c
Nonesuch Mincemeat, 3 pkgs 25c
Marachino Cherries, quart 65c
C. & B. Orange Marmalade 25c
Van Camp's Soups, 3 cans for 25c
Van Camp's Pork and Beans, 3 c'ns. 25c
Heinz' Pork and Beans, 2 cans ... 25c
12 cakes Standard Savon Soap..... 25c
3 cans Standard Tomatoes for 25c
Eagle Milk for, can 15c
Primrose, Pioneer or Oregon Grape Cream, 3 cans for 25c
2 3-lb. cans solid pack Tomatoes ... 25c
Walnuts, 2 lbs. for 25c
5-lb. pkg. Domino Sugar for 55c
New Cal. Layer Figs, 3 pkgs. for .. 25c
Comb Honey, 3 for 50c
Maple Sugar, lb. 20c
1 gal. Puritan Maple Syrup for ... 90c
½-gal. Puritan Maple Syrup for ... 50c
Old Style Molasses, can 10c
1 gal. Fancy Iowa Sorghum for 75c
10-lb. sack Graham Flour for 25c
10-lb. sack Whole Wheat Flour .. 30c
Swift's Premium Ham's, lb. 17c
Sinclair's Fidelity Hams, lb. 17c
C. & B. Olive Oil, per quart 65c
Best Breakfast Bacon 20c
10 lbs. Shield Brand Lard $1.30
10 lbs. Standard Brand Lard $1.20
Lea & Perrins' Sauce, 25c and 45c
Heinz' Sweet Pickles 25c
C. & B. Chow Chow, 25c and..... 45c
1 lb. Baker's Ground Chocolate 35c
1 lb. Lowney's Ground Chocolate ... 30c
Cream of Wheat, 2 pkgs. for 35c
Saypo Washing Powder, pkg. 20c
The Saltiest Salt, 3 pkgs. for 25c
18 lbs. Western Dry Granulated Sugar, full weight $1.00
Postum Cereal, pkg. 15c
Figprune Cereal, pkg 18c
Malted Cereal, 2 pkgs. for 25c
1 lb. Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate. 30c
1 lb. Ghirardelli's Sweet Chocolate. 25c
25 oz. K. C. Baking Powder 30c
Knox Gelatine, 2 for 25c
Bromangeline, 2 for 25c
Jell-O, 3 pkgs. for 25c
Minute Tapioca, pkg. 10c
Brierwood Home-Made Jellies 15c
Hires Root Beer, bottle 15c
McLaren's Imperial Cheese, 2 for.. 25c
McLaren's Roquefort Cheese 30c
10-lb. sack Cracked Wheat 30c
5000 cakes Red M Soap, cake 2c
7 bars Santa Claus Soap 25c
7 bars Golden Star Soap 25c
5 bars Babbit's Soap for 25c
5 cakes small Ivory Soap for 25c
3 cakes large Ivory Soap for 25c
2 pkgs. Saratoga Chips for 25c
Select Queen Olives, bottle 25c
Baby Pim-olas, bottle 10c
Pint bottle of Bluing for 5c
Malta Vita, 2 pkgs. for 25c
Force, 2 pkgs. for 25c
2-lb. cans Sliced Pineapples 15c
2-lb. cans Cuba Pineapples, 2 for... 50c
C. & B. Kippered Herring 25c