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Northwestern Long-Distance Foreclosure Case Alleged Scheme of Bell Firm.

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Charles E. Sumner, of Los Angeles, Will File Affidavit Today Alleging Acquisition Would Give Pacific Company Monopoly.

The foreclosure suit instituted by the Title Insurance & Trust Company against the Northwestern Long Distunce Telephone Company, pending in the State Circuit Court, is alleged by Charles E. Sumner, of Los Angeles, in an affidavit he will file today, to be a step toward the eventual acquisition by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company of the Pertland Home Tele-phone Company

Company of the Pertland Home Perchand Phone Company.

The further charge is made by Mr. Sumner in his affidavit that the consummation of such a deal would give to the Bell company virtually a monopoly of the telephone business in the Pacific Northwest.

Responsibility for the apparent emharrassment of the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone Company is charged by Mr. Sumner to William H. Allen, William Mead and Charles C. Porter, of Los Angeles, and P. L. Willis, of this city.

Manipulation is Charged.

It is alleged these men so manipulated the affairs of the long distance company and auxiliary companies, in which they held controlling interests, by diverting the earnings of the former, that it was unable to meet its interest payments, with the result that it violated a condition of the trust deed held by the Title Insurance & Trust Company, and the foreclosure suit followed.

lowed. The defendant company, the North-western Long Distance Telephone Company, owns the only long-distance line connecting a Home telephone system between Corvallie, Or., and Bellingham, Wash, including Salem, Portland, Tacoma and Seattle. It is churged by Mr. Sumner in his affidavit that Allen and his associates are forcing the fore-cleavers proceeding at this time in the and his associates are forcing the fore-closure proceeding at this time in the hope that the Pacific Telephone & Tel-egraph Company will buy the Portland Home Telephone system, which, with the acquisition by the Bell people of the long-distance plant of the Home company, would be forced to operate purely as a local plant, without the ad-vantage of long-distance connections.

Business Alleged to Pay.

Mr. Sumner charges that the Bell company is willing and ready to consummate such a deal. It is maintained by Mr. Sumner that the Home company is doing a profitable business, which is constantly growing, and that the Bell people have unsuccessfully endeavored to buy the Parliand plant. He contends that if the long-distance company falls into the hands of the Bell company it wilf so cripple the business of the Portland concern that its property will be depreciated and it sooner or later would be compelled to sell out to the opposition. Business Alleged to Pay.

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The purpose of Mr. Summer's affida-vit is to secure permission from the court to appear in the case and supply a defense in the fore-losure suit, which

a defense in the foreclosure suit, which by reason of the alleged conspiracy of Mead and his associates has thus far gene by default.

Mr. Summer sets up in his affidavit that he is the owner of \$50 shares of the par value of \$50,000 of the capital stock of the defendant long-distance company, as well as \$500 of its stock and in addition helds an unsatisfied hidgment against the company for \$5000.

Funds Juggled, Is Charge.

In his affidavit, Mr. Sumner alleges that the finances of the defendant tele-chance company have been juggled in such a manner as to make a large profit to the officers of the Title Inprofit to the officers of the Title In-profit to the officers of the Title In-surance & Trust Company, and of an-other auxiliary company owned by the aums interests and known as the Na-tional Securities Company. The affidavit covers the financial history of the long-distance telephone interest for about five years. It

The affidavit covers the financial history of the long-distance telephone company for about five years. It makes the alteration that for three years the National Securities Company has been indebted to the telephone company in the amount of \$85,598.74, and that the National Securities Company has not paid this mency because the officers of the telephone company, who, it is alleged, are either the same persons who are officers of the National Securities Company and the This Insurance & Trust Company of are controlled by them, would not see the National Securities Company for money. According to the Summer affidavit, the Home Telephone Company, of Portland, in 1816 had a claim against the Northwestern Long-Distance & Telephone Company amounting to \$56.631.25 and commenced suit at Tacoma in the United States Court against the long-distance company to recover this amount. In this case, W. D. Tyler was appointed receiver and he in turn brought suit against the National Securities Company to collect the \$38.000 due from it to the long-distance company.

Directors Limble is Charge.

and is making more than money enough to pay all of its fixed charges and interest. He then charges that for the purpose of freezing out the small stockholders and bondholders, and also for the purpose of preventing the telephone company from collecting the telephone company from collecting the money due it from the National Securities Company and of making large profits for himself and his associates. Mead, as the representative of the dominant interests, took practically all of the money from the freasury of the long-distance company and had it sent to California, where he paid himself and associates full face value for the claims they had bought at a heavy discount.

A section of the California statute is incorporated into the affidavit for the purpose of showing that Alien and his associates were personally liable for these debts, which they purchased at a discount, and then paid themseives in full from the money of the long-distance company.

Officials Are Blamed.

It is also alleged in the affidavit that but for the diversion of the funds of the long-distance company to pay these claims, the defendant company could easily have paid its interest coupons and would not have made default; that this default caused by the action of Alleh and the other directors diverting the telephone company's money is made the basis of the foreclosure suit brought by the Title Insurance & Trust Company, of which Allen is president.

Summer makes the further charge that Allen and his company own a large per cent of the stock in the National Securities Company; that Allen is a director of that company; that he is personally liable for his pro rata share of the debts of that company, and that officials Are Blamed.

sonally liable for his pro rata share of the debts of that company, and that if the National Securities Company would pay the money it owes the long-distance company, that amount alone would pay all interest now due from the long-distance company, as well as all interest that would accrue against that company in the next 18 months.

SAN FRANCISCO PREFERS CITY OWNERSHIP LATER.

Farmers Would Grant No Favors to Bell Concern Until Universal Connections Are Given.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15,-(Special.)-The permit to allow a merger of the Home and Pacific States Tele-phone companies ran on the shoal of municipal ownership today, when the public utilities and telephone rates committee of the Board of Supervisors met jointly to consider a recommenda-

tion of the combination.

Three supervisors baid they were against recommending a permit and each declared that he was in favor of the acquisition of the Home Telephone Company by the city as a public utility at its physical valuation. Four other supervisors refused to commit themselves.

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Several citizens appeared before the
committee, urging that the merger be
allowed, on the ground that the two
systems are a financial burden and inconvenience. Among these were prominent men who pointed out the difficulties attendant upon the dual system.

The San Francisco labor council was
represented by a committee. The
speakers pointed out that, if the Pacific were to acquire the Home franchise it would be tantamount to an
extension of the Pacific company's
franchise for 15 years and insisted that
the present board was committed to the
acquisition of all public utilities. They
argued in favor of a competitive
system.

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Representatives of several independent farmers' systems also appeared before the board asking that no favors be granted the big Bell system until that company consented to give long distance connections to all independent companies in the state.

The subject was then inid on the table indefinitely.

Cadet Hazers Befriended.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A joint resolution to authorize the President to reappoint to the West Point Military Academy William T. Russell, Jr., Harry Academy William T. Russell, Jr., Harry Albart. G. Weaver, John H. Booker, Jr., Albert E. Crane, Richard W. Hooker, Jr., Jacob S. Fortner, Gordon Lefevre, Chauncey C. DeVore and Earl W. Dunmore, who were dismissed for hazing, was introduced in the House of Produced in troduced in the House of Representa-tives today by Representative Davis, of West Virginia.

Brilliant Reception.

PROGRAMME IS ENJOYED

Newspaper Men's Handsome Room in Elks' Building Thronged With Visitors, Who Are Charmed by Entertainment.

Rooms Are Decognied.

Rooms Are Decorated.

Everywhere hospitality, evidently the watchword of the club, loomed large. Decorations of out flowers and paims were used lavishly in the lounging-room, the library and the "links" room. Punch was served in the links room. The tables were made particularly attractive by an embankment of flowers and a marvelous ice bank, wherein were frozen fruits and flowers.

As visitors entered the clubrooms they were received by President Vincent and a score of the wives of officers and members and were made to feel at home at once. The guests strolled through the rooms at will, but most of them gathered in the lounge, until the programme in the "links" room began.

The color scheme in the lounging-room was particularly effective. The shades were drawn and soft, yellow flowers gave a rich mellow tone to the scene. An orchestra, behind a bank of paims and flowers, discoursed soft music until Eresident Vincent invited the guests to the "links" room.

The programme there was in the nature of a salon. The spacious room was crowded and many persons were seated in the library, adjoining, as Vilmos Westony, the Wagnerian planist at the Empress, played his first number. Mr. Westony's playing aroused his hearers to such a pitch of enthusiasm that he was obliged to respond to several encores.

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Every number of the afternoon was
enthusiastically greeted. Miss Ray
Samuels, singer at the Orpheum, and
Dave Nowlin, monologist at Pantages
were warmly welcomed. These artists
appeared at the Press Ciub's annual
frolic last Menday and in slight recognition of their kindness, President Vincent. In few and appropriate words,

nition of their kindness, President Vincent, in few and appropriate words, presented them with handsome gold-mounted umbrellas with the compliments of the club.

Mr. Newlin and Miss Samuels, in their respective numbers, were at their best, Mr. Nowlin sang inimitably several songs. Miss Samuels gave the choicest popular ditties in her characteristic repertoire. She remarked when she received the umbrella, "I can't make a speech; I sing songs," and she certainly can sing them.

Vecal Numbers, Please.

Vocal Numbers Please.

R. O. Dieterich, who was at the Orpheum recently with the Courtiers, sang twa splendid soles, well adapted to his rich, mellow voice. Both numbers evoked applause.

Assating members of the Press Club in receiving their guests were: Mrs. S. B. Vincent, Mrs. C. S. Jackson, Mrs. B. Piper, Mrs. D. F. Morrison, Mrs. E. A. Beals, Mrs. John L. Travis, Mrs. O. C. Merrick, Mrs. John W. Kelly, Mrs. Lute Pease, Mrs. Charles N. Ryan, Mrs. D. O. Lively, Mrs. Paul R. Kelty, Mrs. Carl S. Kelty, Mrs. W. F. Strandborg, Mrs. Frank J. McGettigsn, Mrs. John T. Dougali, Mrs. George K. McCord, Miss. Avis Lobdell, Miss Leone Cass Bang. Miss Lucia B. Harriman, Miss Eleanor, Cannon, Miss Marion Jackson and Mrs. James McCool.

Man Slugged and Robbed. Knocked unconscious and robbed of a

## BLUE STREAK ACTRESS BUNDLE OF OPTIMISM

Ray Samuels Just as Charming Off Stage as On, Says Interviewer-Musical Comedy Stardom Is Hope.

BY LEONE CASS BAER. HAT blue streak of ragtime is the sobriquet some admirer gave the ought-to-be-headliner at the Orpheum this week. Ray Samuels-Ray aftort for Rachel, if you please.

Off stage she's a blue streak still, not

atill in the sense of being quiet, for she's never that, but still a blue streak of chatter thrugs, waving of hands and elbaws. Yes, even Ray's elbaws talk, pubctuating her sentences or see-saw-ing the air when she's terribly in

ing the air washes samest.

Why she should be called "bine" streak, though, I can't figure out—and the longer one knows her the more difficult it is to hitch the work and all the charts.



\$75 gold watch in the railroad yards at the foot of Thurman street last night. Walter J. O'Conneil, of 28 Nineteenth street North, was found by the switch crew in the yards late in the evening. He could give little description of his

Three Hundred Guests Attend WOMEN CAUSE TROUBLE Police Say They Follow Strikebreak-

ers From Work.

Women assistants to strikers, who are persecuting strikebreakers in the Albina shope of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, appeared last night and special reports of police officers were made to the cap-tains on reliefs, asking what should be

tains on reliefs, asking what should be done to the women, who have become more difficult for the police to handle than the striking machinists.

Accompanied by their children, a dozen or more women each night gather at the change of shifts at the Albina shops and follow men employed, becoming as abusive as the men and threatening the strikebreakers, say the reports.

Four women and a half dozen children proved a serious hindrance to

Three hundred guests enloyed the hospitality of the Portland Press Club yesterday afternoon at an informal reception given in the club rooms in the Elks' building.

Interest was beightened by the fact that this was the first big social affair in the club's quarters to which ladies were bidden hence the event afforded opportunity for the wives, sisters, mothers and feminine friends of the club members to inspect the attractive quarters. The rooms presented a brilliant scens. From 2 until 3 o'clock the rooms were open and filled with a throng of beautifully-gowned women and that masculine excorts.

Rooms are Decorated.

Convention Is Main Topic-Vaudeville Performers Entertain.

At the first "stag" of the season last night in the Elks' auditorium the necessity for starting a campaign of publicity for the grand lodge meeting next June was dwelt upon in a series of short addresses by past exalted rulers short addresses by past exalted rulers of the Portland lodge. The occasion was primarily for the purpose of getting as many members together as possible to bring the requirements of next year's meeting before them. The honor conferred upon the Portland branch in acting as host for the Elks throughout the country was emphasized.

sized.

Freceding the meeting a number of "stunts" by this week's performers in the Portland vaudeville houses were given. A quartet composed of Fred Bauer, Gene Wilson, Cy Confer and Frank D. Hennessy, asisted by Harry Thorne, gave several songs. D'Urbano's Royal Italian Band and Riddel's orchestra also contributed musical numbers. Judge Morrow presided. The grand lodge campaign was presented by Gus V. Moser, Halph E. Moody, K. K. Kubil and Dr. Harry F. Mackay.

## ECKERT WILL SUSTAINED

Son of Millionaire Is Left \$50,000 and Will Get No More.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 .- The will of the late General Thomas T. Eckert, former president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, which was con-tested by his son, James Clendening gate Cohslan. The bulk of the estate, which was valued at \$3,000,000, was left to another son, Thomas T. Bekert,

James C., who was left only \$50,000, contested on the ground that his brother unduly influenced his father, who, he asserted, was of unsound mind by reason of age and physical disabil-

The claim of Marie L. Davis, or Dare, who went to the trial mear its close and announced that she was the widow of the General, was set aside on the ground that her suit arose solely from the hallucinations of a disordered mind.

The decision will be appealed by the The decision will be appealed by the contestant, it was announced,

BABE IS MAN'S ADVOCATE Judge Paroles Prisoner When He

on Futher of Girl.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 15 .- (Special.) The birth of a girl at the Commercial Hotel, in this city, played an important part in a judicial determination in the Circuit Court here today. Mrs. W. E. Batts, wife of a prisoner, gave birth to a child yesterday, and Batts today pleaded guilty to larceny, and threw

pleaded guilty to larceny, and threw himself on the mercy of the court. The Judge sentenced him to from one to 10 years and then paroled him upon condition of reporting to the Sheriff monthly for a year.

Eatts formerly lived in the Cedar Mill section, where he raised garden truck and operated a dairy. He banked for a man and wife by the name of Calkins. Last Fall he started East, after selling out and took the Calkins funds from the bank. He was apprehended at Huntington and brought back for trial. Batts settled with the Calkins before pleading guilty.

## CHINESE WOMAN ARRESTED

Sale of Opium Charged to Mrs. Kow Gimm by Officer.

A woman owner of an oplum den, Mrs. Kow Gimm, a small and pretty Chinese, was arrested last night at

Chinese, was arrested last night at 120 Pine street by Sergeant Roberts and Patrolman Burri and was charged with conducting the den. She was released on \$190 ball, which was taken to the station by Chinese five minutes after she was arrested.

Escorted by a crowd of almost 200 Celestials, Patrolman Burri and Sergeant Roberts took the woman and Ah Ring and Ah Foo, Chinese caught in the place, to the police station. The Chinese surrounded the station until the woman was given ball said allowed. e woman was given ball and allowed leave and then escorted her back the Chinese block where she was

When taken to the station she con-ferred to being the owner of the place,

DOBIE, LOST, NOW FOUND University of Washington Football Team Banquet Delayed by Coach.

SEATTLE, Wash, Dec is.—(Special)—While anglous students, managers and football men were worrying about his prolonged absence, Lawyer-Coach Gilmour Doble was hunting big name in the mountains near Spokane and enjoying atreauously his mid-Winter vacation, all the while holding up the plans of the entire university for a football banquet.

Declaring that a football feed would not be real without a coach, Zednick

not be real without a coach, Zednick kept telegraph and telephone wires humming until he located the eccentric tutor in a rural district near Spokane. The lost coach recovered, the banquet will be held next week.

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Lords Pass Bill Compelling Workers' Protection.

13 MILLIONS ARE AFFECTED

Deductions Made Weekly From Wages Will Create Fund to Provide Relief Against Illness and Idleness.

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- The House Lords passed the insurance bill, proriding for compulsory against sickness and unemployment of the working classes, through its third and final reading today. now virtually completed, requiring only to pass through the formality of receiv-

ing the King's assent. The bill was presented to Parliament for action by David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer. It is an adjunct to the already existing law

providing old-age pensions. providing old-age pensions.

Through the operation of this enactment it is calculated about \$,200,000 men and \$,900,000 women will be compelled to insure. Small deductions will be made weekly from their wages and their employers will be compelled to contribute a similar amount, to which the state adds a further contribute these three items forming the which the state adds a further contri-bution, these three items forming the premium. The reductions from wages and the employers' contributions will be graduated according to the insured person's earnings.

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## scheme will be medical relief and a sum for maintenance during illness, a ment, except when the idleness is the life pension if permanently infirm and result of a strike. Ugh, Ugh, Big Indian Chief

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