

TELEPHONE HEARING CONTINUES TODAY

Efforts of Company's Attorney to Call Halt Fail.

FURTHER INQUIRY NEEDED

Possibility of Interchange of Two Systems for Benefit of Subscribers is Discussed.

James T. Shaw, attorney for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, who came from San Francisco to present testimony in support of the application for increased rates, doesn't approve of the hearing as being conducted by Assistant Attorney-General Bailey before the Oregon Public Service Commission.

Mr. Shaw acquiesced after Mr. Bailey said that it would be necessary to continue the cross-examination in an attempt to have the proposed rates justified. It is expected the present session of the hearing will be concluded today.

Yesterday W. D. Moore, division superintendent of plant; Engineer Pleager, of the maintenance division, and E. J. Fisher, assistant rate engineer, were principal witnesses.

Attorney Tomlinson asked Mr. Moore whether, in case the Pacific company should take over the plant of the Home company, the use of both the manual and automatic instruments would be continued, to which the witness replied:

"It would be my preference that one plant be closed and the business all merged into the other. But, of course, it is realized that some people still wish to retain the automatic instruments. For that reason it would probably be necessary to continue both for a time."

Interchange of Systems Possible.

"Isn't it entirely practicable to use both and to connect calls over one system with the instruments of the other?" "That would necessitate an inter-trunking arrangement."

"Did you not have some hotels that interchanged systems from one exchange to the other?" "The Oregon id" and the witness added: "Perhaps some of the other people did who have both switchboards side by side, but not with our permission."

The witness admitted that the automatic system has some advantages, but declared it had never been tested out by carrying the entire volume of business of a large city. In Los Angeles, he said, there are approximately 35,000 automatic telephones in use, and there are 80,000 manual instruments used there. He was under the impression that there is no limit to the number of automatic telephones that may be connected through one exchange.

Free Toll Service Decried.

Rate Engineer Fisher denied that there is to be abolition of free toll line service that has been heretofore enjoyed by patrons on certain farmers' lines, under the proposed schedule. It was then brought out in cross-examination that such had been set forth in the rates filed November 8, but had been withdrawn in the corrected rates made later and filed as an exhibit by Mr. Fisher at the beginning of his testimony.

NINE INJURED IN COLLISION

Passenger Train Hits Switch Engine in Heavy Fog at Ellensburg.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Dec. 16.—Three passengers were injured, perhaps seriously, and several trainmen were slightly injured when Northern Pacific passenger train No. 3, westbound, collided in a heavy fog with a switch engine and a caboose in the railroad yards here today.

Georgianna Lukley, aged 8, Seattle, sustained internal injuries; Adelbert Langtry, aged 12, Seattle, was cut about the head, and Nels Krogen, aged 76, Everett, sustained cuts about the head. T. R. Larnue, conductor; R. C. Eutrell, brakeman; and E. L. Guppill, mail clerk, all of Spokane, and all of No. 2, and A. J. Metzler, fireman, of Pasco; Pats Fosley, conductor of the caboose, and a brakeman named Fields, of Ellensburg, were injured. The conductor and crew of the dining car on No. 3, all of St. Paul, also were slightly injured.

Hawaiian Sugar to Be Shipped.

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The last of the 25,000 tons of Hawaiian sugar, ordered by the Federal food administration through the Shipping Board to be sent to Vancouver, will leave here this week on the ship Manada and Astoria, each taking 3,000 tons. The steamer Tancard made three voyages, taking 6,000 tons to the British Columbia refineries on each occasion.

Two Held in Liquor Case

G. E. FIFER SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED IMPORTATION PLOT.

R. H. Warfield Gets Preliminary Hearing and Is Released on Bail of \$2000.

Three persons were involved yesterday in the case against R. H. Warfield, manager of the contracts and collection department of the Home Telephone Company, who has been charged with conspiracy to violate the Reed amendment prohibiting the importation of liquor into dry territory.

Inasmuch as only two, Mr. Warfield and G. E. Fifer, have been named by the authorities' speculation concerning the identity of the third person was rife in Federal Court circles. It is said that Mr. Fifer, in an alleged confession which started the investigation, admitted that Mr. Warfield and another well-known local business man had proposed to import liquor into Oregon.

Mr. Warfield was taken from the City Jail yesterday, after being held in custody for 26 hours, and will have a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Drake. His bail was fixed at \$2000, and he will be taken back for a further examination on December 20.

The specific charge filed against Mr. Warfield and Mr. Fifer is that they and one other person conspired to import liquor into Oregon, and that on December 12 they shipped 160 gallons of liquor from San Francisco to Portland as a result of this conspiracy. The complaint cites that the beverage was shipped in cartons labeled "acid," and billed to the Telephone Fire Alarm Company. Officials declined to say whether this shipment had been seized.

Mr. Fifer is locked in the County Jail. Mr. Warfield was arrested Sunday morning, partly, it is said, as a result of Mr. Fifer's confession.

Mr. Fifer had been arrested in the Union Station Saturday with nine bottles of liquor in his possession. He made an attempt to release himself from the liquor, and admitted freely that it was his own and that Mr. Warfield had no interest in it. He was nearly ill with a sore throat, and had

FOUR ARRESTED EXTORTION CHARGE

Harry Ferrera, Son of Portland Attorney, in Jail.

Two Make Confession White Slave Charge May Be Proffered Against the Three Men Involved.

One of the boldest schemes for extorting money from unsuspecting victims, by Harry Ferrera, son of Albert Ferrera, a Portland attorney, Lillian Beers, a woman, and Fred Sydney Frye, was disclosed yesterday by a confession to the inspectors' division by Patrolmen Sullivan and Forsythe who made the arrest.

Ferrera, Lillian Beers, Schultz and Frye were locked up in the City Jail and it is probable, the police say, that a white slave charge will be filed against the three men.

Dora Condon, sister of Lillian Beers, was taken into custody last night by Patrolmen Sullivan and Forsythe. "I am only here to help Lillian, and am not mixed up in the case," she remarked the girl. She is a striking brunette and it was proposed by Frye, Schultz and Ferrera to use her and her sister, Lillian, as go-betweens in an effort to rob a wealthy business man from Seattle, who was registered at a local hotel for \$400 in travelers' checks, according to the evidence found by the police.

The prospective victim was met on the tile couch in the hotel lobby, on their way to Portland from Seattle, a short time ago. According to the officers, the Beers woman secured a room for the night at the hotel, and the man with the \$4000 registered.

Larson Gives Information. It was arranged that Frye or Schultz was to be in the room with their victim and Lillian Beers, when Ferrera would appear on the scene. According to George Larson who has supplied the police with considerable information, Ferrera had planned to hold up their victim as well as his accomplices, to make the deal ring true, or the victim was to be drugged and put out of commission, so that they could secure the money checks. A disturbance in the lobby made by Dora Condon when she was apprised of the details of the frameup attracted the attention of the police and she and all were put out, Larson says.

It has also been reported to the police that two women at another hotel were held in the same manner by Ferrera or one of his gang, paying the money when threatened with arrest.

George Setler reported to the inspectors yesterday that he has been fleeced out of \$300 by the Beers woman. He alleges, according to the officers, that the Beers woman bought merchandise at a store, and he had the receipts as Mrs. George Setler. The police are in possession of all the receipts.

A girl whom the police say went by the name of Maud Larson, was also one of the party and was with them the night that a street robbery was planned which was averted because the Larson woman got in a fight in an automobile with Ferrera regarding division of the spoils.

Greek Held Up. It is alleged that Ferrera held up a Greek in a room at the point of a gun and made him hand over the cash after other means had failed to induce him.

Preparations for the trial of Ferrera, Schultz and Frye, who were arrested last night, were made today. The trial is expected to start on Monday.

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WOMEN'S CLUBS

CLUB activities have been practically suspended until after the holidays and with the exception of a few meetings for this week the clubs will be doing until after the New Year. Important among the meetings on the club calendar for this week will be the Christmas meeting of the current literature department of the Woman's Club Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. C. Hare, 274 Caruthers street.

A Christmas tree has been prepared and a programme of Christmas music and readings will be given.

The Woman's Industrial Center will honor its new superintendent and her assistant, Miss Olga G. Davis and Mrs. Arthur Mellinger, at a reception at the Center tomorrow from 1 until 5 o'clock. At 3 o'clock a programme of music and readings will be given and an exhibit of kindergarten work will be on view.

"Women on Jurors" will be the topic Thursday night at an open meeting of the Women's Civic Welfare Club in room A, Central Library. Mrs. Millie Trumbull, Senator S. B. Huston and Miss Lilliana Heston, who will be present, will discuss the subject.

The Coteries Club will meet tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock with Mrs. Schuyler Spencer, 1126 Thurman street.

The Central W. C. T. U. will meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock in room A of the Central Library. Rev. R. Elmer Smith and other speakers will present a programme on "The Crusade" at 3 o'clock.

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The annual meeting of the Portland Chamber of Commerce will be held tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, in the green room, seventh floor of the Oregon Building, when reports of officers will be made, ballots will be opened and canvassed and the directors chosen announced. Discussion will be invited regarding the work of the past year and that for the ensuing year.

Nominations for the board of directors, as posted at the Chamber of Commerce, are as follows: H. L. Corbett, Emory Olmstead, David Honeyman, Peter Kerr, I. D. Hunt, A. G. Latta, M. S. Hirsch, A. J. Bale, C. D. DeWitt, Wm. MacMaster, R. H. Edwards, Paul C. Murphy, Ira F. Powers, E. B. MacNaughton, H. B. Van Duzer.

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Island Contributes \$29. HONOLULU, T. H.—Midway Island, a lonely dot in the expanse of the blue Pacific, contributed \$29 to the United War Work campaign in Hawaii.

Yakima Hospital Offer Declined. YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—W. L. Steinweg, chairman of the Yakima chapter of the Red Cross has received a letter from the Surgeon-General saying that, on account of changes in conditions, the Government will not require a reconstruction hospital here, and therefore is compelled

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