

## SERVICE SCORED BY PHONE TESTER

### Portland Investigation Results Presented.

## EX-EMPLOYEE ON STAND

### Long Waits Before Central Responds Are Charged.

## COMPLAINTS ARE MANY

### Wrong Numbers Declared Given in Many Instances—Connections Are Interrupted.

SALEM, Or., July 21.—(Special)—Telephone service tests made recently in Portland by Mrs. Agnes Johnson, ex-employee of the telephone company, were introduced as the first evidence presented by Assistant City Attorney Tomlinson in his effort to have the advanced telephone rates effected last March set aside.

Mrs. Johnson was in the employ of the company for 12 years, first as an operator, later as an information operator, then as a supervisor and finally as chief operator.

Records of the service test made through all of the Portland exchanges showed that she had gained a response from 329 calls.

She testified that she had made a greater number of calls, but in some instances the telephone subscribers refused to divulge any information after learning that she was employed by the city attorney's office. They expressed fear that their telephones might be taken from them.

### Long Waits Reported.

The exhibit, on which records of the test made by the witness were recorded, showed that of the 329 subscribers who had answered Mrs. Johnson's questions, 100 complained of long waits for the telephone operator to respond for the number.

One hundred and fifty Portland telephone users complained of trouble in getting wrong numbers. Complaints about long waits without receiving a response from central were made by 131 subscribers. Being called to the telephone when the call was for another number was an extensive complaint.

According to the witness, 126 Portland subscribers informed her that in this respect their telephone service was poor.

### Complaints Get Nowhere.

Having a telephone disconnected before the test had been completed, through central pulling down the wrong cord, was another source of complaint, the witness said, her record showing that of her tests 129 subscribers complained of specific complaint of that annoyance.

One hundred and eighteen subscribers complained to the telephone company about their respective troubles with service. With the exception of number 56 reported that the troubles complained of had not been corrected. Sixty-nine telephone users informed Mrs. Johnson that the telephone service had caused them not only inconvenience but in some instances monetary losses, she testified.

When Mrs. Johnson first testified under direct examination that in her test she developed that the average wait for central to answer a call in Portland was 352 seconds as compared to 3.9 seconds in Seattle, it was apparent that the service was not what it might be.

But it took Attorney Shaw of the telephone company to bring out the fact that the test was not made under normal conditions, mainly because of the fact that telephone operators recognized Mrs. Johnson's voice, and some recognized the voice of an experienced operator and therefore speeded up the calls.

### Test Declared Not Fair.

Attorney Tomlinson first developed the fact that while Mrs. Johnson was in the St. Johns section making her tests over the Columbia exchange the operators had appeared to recognize that a test was being made, and as a result one-second and two-second answers were not infrequent.

"Several times I had to ask the operator to close the key," the witness said, "as I knew that they were listening."

"Yes, we knew you were making the test, Mrs. Johnson," admitted Attorney Shaw of the company. "Now, then, if these girls recognized that you were making a test, didn't that tend to speed up the service?"

"I should say it did," said Mrs. Johnson. "I got real snappy service."

"Well, then, you must admit, Mrs. Johnson, that this report of yours was not made under normal conditions," Attorney Shaw stated.

"Maybe not normal conditions," she answered. "But this report was a fair test for the company."

### Method Is Explained.

Mrs. Johnson explained to the commission that, in making her service tests, she had been directed to certain places throughout the city by the city attorney's office, but that she selected her numbers to call at random. If she obtained an answer, she testified that she first informed the subscribers that she was making a test for the city attorney's office.

"Don't you think that the fact that she was making a test for the city attorney's office?"

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## GIRL IN BATHING SUIT STARTLES SHOPPERS

### COMELY MISS JAUNTILY MIXES WITH CROWDS.

### Scanty Attire Shocks Clerks and Motive Leads Policemen to Scratch Heads.

Mystery, which not only set the heat of clerks and attaches of the Meier & Frank department store, but most of the police bureau as well, surrounded the unexplained appearance at the department store of a comely young miss attired in a one-piece bathing suit which was not at all to be looked upon.

With a jaunty air and without the least sign of concern, the girl mingled with the crowds of shoppers while she made her way to the women's wear department.

There she selected a little summer dress and, slipping into a dressing room, donned it and went her way.

The girl was hatless and wore silk stockings from which the feet had been cut. Her bare feet pattered on the floor even as she made her way out of the store. If she noticed the shocked appearance from all who saw her, she paid not the slightest heed.

Store officials were astounded. At first they stared and then they started to wonder. A telephone call was made to the office of Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, head of the women's protective division. Everybody seemed to think the girl needed a chaperone.

An operative from the women's division hurried to the store, but before she arrived the bathing-suit shopper had made her purchase and departed as quickly and silently as she had come.

Whether she was a bather who had lost her clothing while in swimming, or was a curious-minded young miss who wanted to get a "kick" out of a summer's afternoon in the city is not known. Some members of the police force hold to the theory that she wanted to see what would happen to her if she were found shopping in a bathing suit.

The police chief recently announced he would arrest any woman attempting to shop in a bathing costume.

## TWO PORTLANDS LINKED

### New Hawaiian Governor, From Maine, Sworn in by Oregonian.

HONOLULU, T. H., July 21.—(Special)—It was an Oregonian who swore in the new governor of Hawaii, bathing suits. They recalled a chief justice are from Portland—the one from Portland, Me., and the other from Portland, Or.

W. R. Farrington took the oath of office, succeeding Charles J. McCarthy. James L. Cole, chief justice, swore in the new governor on the steps of the capitol, while Hawaiians in bathing suits and clerks welcomed the new executive to his chair.

## FEVER TO BE STUDIED

### Montana and Japanese Diseases Will Be Compared.

HELENA, Mont., July 21.—Dr. Nozaka Hayashi of the pathological institute, Aichi Medical college, Nagoya, Japan, will arrive in Helena July 29 to begin a comparison of spotted fever in Montana with the "mucho" disease prevalent in Japan, said a telegram received today by Dr. W. F. Cogswell, secretary of the state board of health.

## MANILA GREET'S MANNIX

### Archbishop Touring World Gets Enthusiastic Welcome.

MANILA, July 21.—Archbishop Daniel Mannix arrived today from Hongkong and received an enthusiastic welcome, particularly by Irish residents. Archbishop Franklin J. O'Doherty and many other church dignitaries escorted him from the pier.

Archbishop Mannix will leave tomorrow for Melbourne, Australia, completing a trip around the world which included visits to the United States, England, and Rome.

## FOREST FIRES RUN WILD

### Heavy Gale in Montana and Idaho Drives Flames Beyond Control.

MISSOULA, Mont., July 21.—A heavy gale, declared to have been general throughout the western part of forest service district No. 1, comprising Montana and Northern Idaho, last night drove forest fires in the Pend d'Oreille and Kaniksu forests in northern Idaho, beyond control, it was reported to district forest service headquarters here today.

## PEEK-A-BOO GARB TABOO

### Stores in Zion City Forbidden to Sell Flimsy Garments.

ZION CITY, Ill., July 21.—Orders to see to it that no flimsy, see-through, mosquito-net stockings or shadow-skirts were given to the stores here today.

Wilbur Glenn Voliva, overseer of Zion, issued the order.

## WOMAN NAMED FOR BENCH

Mary O'Toole, Washington Attorney, Nominated by President.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21.—President Harding today nominated a woman to be a judge of the municipal court, District of Columbia. She is Mary O'Toole, a practicing lawyer here.

## AIRPLANE PROVES ABILITY TO FIGHT

### Destruction of Capital Ship Easy Job.

## BIG EX-GERMAN CRAFT SUNK

### Ostfriesland Dispatched in Exactly 25 Minutes.

## BOMBS REND GREAT HULL

### Brilliant Work of Aircraft Brigade Praised by Secretary Denby and Others.

### ON BOARD THE DESTROYER LEARY.

En route to Norfolk, Va. July 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The ability of the airplane to destroy the capital ship was demonstrated today to the satisfaction of the war department off the Virginia capes.

Army bombers, launching projectiles weighing one ton, sank the former German battleship Ostfriesland, a 23,000-ton heavily armored ship, in exactly 25 minutes after they opened their attack at 12:15 P. M. from an altitude of approximately 17,000 feet.

Two bombs, which landed overboard within a few yards of the port quarter, gave the ship her death blow.

Seven of the one-ton missiles were dropped by as many army planes, which came from Langley field, Virginia, 80 miles away, but immediately after the two had exploded near the port quarter the Ostfriesland began to settle by the stern. Those bombs were launched by separate planes within a minute of each other, and within five minutes the ship's quarter deck was awash and she began to list to port.

### Once Great Ship Gone.

As the water rushing in through rents torn in the hull, flooded compartments after compartment, the big hulk went gradually until she had turned bottom up. She was then badly down by the stern and as she started the final plunge, the bow rose high out of the sea and disappeared slowly.

Thus the end came to a once great ship of the German navy which took an important part with the German first battle squadron in the battle of Jutland and reached home safely after having struck a mine laid by the attacking British grand fleet.

Naval men and many others of the thousands assembled on a half score of war craft viewed the end of the big ship almost in awe, but the army men, and particularly the aviators, were high in spirits. Many of them regarded this as proof of the claim of Brigadier-General Mitchell, assistant chief of the army air service, that the airship was making the battleship obsolete.

General Mitchell, who has personally directed work of the army bombers in the tests, circled around the ship.

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## FRANCE WILL SEND TROOPS TO SILESIA

### ACTION BY GREAT BRITAIN WILL NOT BE AWAITED.

### Premier Briand Would Safeguard Soldiers on Ground by Sending Reinforcements Now.

LONDON, July 21.—Notwithstanding the report made by the allied high commissioners from Oppeln that the allied troops in Upper Silesia are insufficient in number, Great Britain still maintains it is unnecessary to send reinforcements. She believes the supreme council should meet immediately to settle the Silesian troubles. It was stated in official circles here today.

While the formal reply of Premier Briand of France to Earl Curzon's proposal for an immediate supreme council meeting had not been received, it was learned in official circles this afternoon that a verbal answer had been given to the British charge at Paris, in which the French reiterated their desire for postponement of the meeting until late in August. Meanwhile, it was added, the dispatch of further troops for the pacification of Silesia is necessary.

PARIS, July 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—France, it was declared in official circles this morning, will send reinforcements to Upper Silesia whether or not Great Britain joins in the movement. The French move will be made, it was declared, to insure the safety of the 10,000 French soldiers already on the ground there.

Premier Briand sent a note yesterday in reply to the British note on the Silesian issue, expressing lack of conviction that the supreme council could serve any useful purpose by convening before measures are taken to assure order and provide for the security of the allied troops now in the district.

LONDON, July 21.—The Warsaw correspondent of the Associated Press says he learns from a "most authoritative source" that a treaty has been concluded between Poland and France regarding the military and economic policy to be pursued in upper Silesia, says a Rome dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph today.

The treaty, according to the correspondent, provides that Poland shall undertake to maintain a standing army of 600,000 men, France to contribute one gold franc daily toward the maintenance of each man. If France succeeds in settling the question, even in part, the correspondent says, Poland undertakes to grant France the right to develop all the mines in the Pless and Rybnik districts, and also to assign to France 40 per cent of the capital of German industries in upper Silesia in the event of the allied supreme council assigning the latter to Poland.

## ROBBER SUSPECT CAUGHT

### Man Sought Since March Arrested in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, July 21.—Thomas McKean, 27, sought since last March in connection with the \$35,500 mail robbery at Jefferson City, was arrested here this afternoon. Several revolvers and a quantity of ammunition were found in his possession.

McKean is an associate of John Blair, held for questioning at Canton.

## UNDERTOW DROWNS 8 BAPTIST DELEGATES

### THREE OTHERS, NEAR DEATH. RESCUED FROM WATER.

### Sixteen Campers at Palacios, Tex., Are Caught in Treacherous Current in Gulf of Mexico.

HOUSTON, Tex., July 21.—Eight persons were drowned and three others, near death, were rescued when 16 delegates to the Baptist Young People's union annual state encampment at Palacios, forming a bathing party, were caught in the undertow of the gulf of Mexico at the mouth of Green's bayou, 23 miles from Palacios, late today.

One message received here said there were no Houston delegates, but that there were several residents of Austin on the excursion with the Breckenridge party.

The excursionists were in bathing and were caught in a strong undertow and swept out into deep water.

The party was composed mostly of delegates from Breckenridge, Tex. The dead are: John Price of Palacios, Drue Cumbie, Breckenridge, Tex. Grace Courtney, 14, Breckenridge, Mrs. B. Mays, Breckenridge, Miss V. Buster, Breckenridge, Miss Iona Hodges, Breckenridge, James E. Dykes, Breckenridge, Archer Bryant, Abilene, Tex.

Three of the bodies have been recovered.

## NEWSBOY WIELDS KNIFE

### Ear of One Is Nearly Severed in Fight at Sixth and Alder.

A fight between two 15-year-old newsboys at Sixth and Alder streets about 9 o'clock last night ended with Isidore Kane, 148 Whitaker street, in St. Vincent's hospital, and Harry Cohn, 763 Second street, in the juvenile ward of the county jail charged with slashing Kane with a pocket knife.

Cohn speaks but little English and has been in this country about ten months, coming from Russia. It was said by companions last night that he has been taunted lately by Kane and others of his calling, which brought on the fight. Cohn nearly severed Kane's left ear with a pocket knife and inflicted a bad cut under the ear.

## GIFT IS WORTH \$4,500,000

### Mr. and Mrs. Werner A. Wierbold Donate Property to Charity.

CHICAGO, July 21.—One of the largest individual gifts to charity ever announced in Chicago was disclosed today through the transfer of several valuable pieces of property to the Chicago Charitable corporation.

The first property deeded to the corporation in valued at \$4,500,000, and was given by Mr. and Mrs. Werner A. Wierbold.

## BLAST KILLS 20 PERSONS

### One Hundred Workers Are Injured in Nitrate Factory Explosion.

BERNE, July 21.—Twenty persons were killed and 100 wounded today in an explosion in a nitrate factory at Bodio, in the canton of Ticino.

The explosion destroyed the factory and other buildings in the neighborhood.

## GOVERNOR SMALL SEEKS IMMUNITY

### Executive Says He Need Not Submit to Arrest.

## POINT UP IN COURT TODAY

### Politicians Wonder if Guards Will Defy Sheriff.

## AIR TENSE AT CAPITAL

### Succession to Executive Chair if Incumbent Is Disqualified Is Debated by Public Men.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 21.—Council for Governor Small, appearing as "friends of the court," will present arguments to Judge E. Smith tomorrow that the governor, as the state's chief executive, need not submit to arrest for embezzlement or conspiracy to defraud the state, as charged in indictments returned yesterday against him, Lieutenant-Governor Sterling and Vernon Curtis, Grant Park banker.

State's Attorney Mortimer, it was reported, will be on hand to contend that the governor's position does not make him immune from arrest and that warrants issued against Small should be served.

Lieutenant-Governor Sterling was expected to appear in the court tomorrow morning to give bond unless his attorneys attempt to show that he also may, on constitutional rights, resist arrest. Mr. Curtis' bonds were arranged today.

These were the developments in the 24 hours succeeding the indictment of Small, Sterling and Curtis for alleged manipulation of state treasury funds, which, according to charges, involve close to \$4,000,000 used by the trio for private gain.

The political air of the capital today was tense with speculation who would be governor of the state in the event of Small's conviction, and whether the national guard would be mustered to keep the sheriff from serving warrants on the governor, were the chief questions propounded.

Governor Small will stand on the opinion of his counsel and refuse to submit to arrest.

## SPECIAL ELECTION POSSIBLE

### Ex-Governor Lowden Tells Course He Thinks Proper.

CHICAGO, July 21.—Frank O. Lowden, ex-governor of Illinois, said tonight that in his opinion, should a vacancy in the governor's chair result from the indictment of Governor Small a special election would be necessary to fill the office, as provided by Illinois law.

Other lawyers had held that the executive office would hold over until the office was filled properly.

Discussing the possibility of failure of Governor Small's counsel to convince Judge Smith of the legality of their opinion and the governor's immunity from arrest, politicians tonight were speculating on the next move if the governor defies the court and county authorities and ignores the service of warrants.

On the other hand, if Judge Smith recognizes the legality of the governor's contention what will be the status of the charges against the governor, and will the whole affair, if the governor is concerned, end with the indictments? they ask.

Supporters of the Brundage faction contend that in criminal proceedings the governor, despite his authority as chief executive of the state, occupies the same status as any other citizen. No disposition to attempt imprisonment of the governor was manifested by any of the authorities connected with the proceedings.

## GIRARD MILLIONS SOUGHT

### Legal Contest to Obtain Philadelphia Property Started.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 21.—A legal contest to obtain an estate of more than \$25,000,000, part of the immense property accumulated by Stephen Girard in Philadelphia following the revolutionary war, has been begun by Miss Susan Shabach, telephone operator at a Milwaukee hotel, and other Milwaukee relatives.

Miss Shabach and her relatives are direct descendants of Dominic Girard, cousin and only heir-at-law of Stephen Girard. Attorney Frederick F. Groelle, representing Miss Shabach, will leave for Philadelphia tomorrow to press the claim.

## NOTED OIL CASE SETTLED

### Stockholders of Defunct Texas Company Get \$250,000.

HOUSTON, Tex., July 21.—An agreement terminating the noted H. Hoffman case, in which a judgment for \$250,000 was obtained by the Ranger & Burk Burnett Oil company for 250 stockholders, was signed today by Hoffman and W. A. Padlock, receivers of the company.

The agreement was approved by District Judge Ash.

## SAN FRANCISCO VOTES FOR GENERAL STRIKE

### RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL.

### Support of Craftsmen in Fight Against Open Shop Movement Is Favored.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 21.—The San Francisco building trades council voted tonight in favor of the calling of a general strike in San Francisco in support of the fight of building trades craftsmen against the open shop recently declared by the builders' exchange, an organization of employers.

The council is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and is the recognized building trades labor body of this city. Earlier today a conference of building trades workers formed to act in the present dispute, but which is not a formally organized labor body, voted in favor of such a general strike.

Tonight's vote was not announced officially, but it was, said by officials of the council to have been virtually unanimous.

The council named a committee of 20 to go before the San Francisco labor council at its meeting tomorrow night and urge the calling of a general strike of all crafts here.

A resolution endorsing the policy of a general strike of organized labor in the San Francisco bay region "as the only effective means of carrying on the fight" was adopted late today by a conference of 400 building trades workers formed to bring peace to the unsettled building industry here.

The resolution was adopted after a special committee reported that meetings with the builders' exchange, made up of contractors and the chamber of commerce failed to reach any understanding that would aid in getting building activities in the region since May 1. The chamber, however, invited the committee to return tomorrow for another conference, it was announced.

The newspapers estimated that the number of workers affected by a general strike in the bay region would be 100,000.

The conference committee of 400 will meet again Saturday to hear reports as to how the individual unions looked on the proposal. At that time, also, it was announced, a decision will be made as to whether the general strike, if called, will be a protest against the open shop alone, or against reduction of wages as well.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 21.—Seattle Marine Engineers' Beneficial association No. 38 tonight voted to call off the strike with private steamship companies, on the basis of terms previously offered by the shipping board, W. C. Jackling, the secretary, announced today.

## OIL MEN ATTACK JUDGE

### Court Asked to Disqualify Himself Because of Reputation.

SAPULPA, Okla., July 21.—A formal request that he disqualify himself from hearing further testimony in a suit involving title to oil lands valued at between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000 has been filed here before District Judge Lucien B. Wright, by the Sinclair Oil & Gas Co., the Minnehoma Oil company, the Gilliland Oil company and other Tulsa interests.

The request was made on the ground that Judge Wright is now under arrest on a charge of having accepted a bribe for the decision he rendered in the \$2,000,000 Tommy Atkins oil land case.

The request also charged the judge with being interested in the litigation before him and with being intoxicated on the bench.

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YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 83 degrees; minimum, 56; clear. TODAY'S—Partly warmer, northwesterly winds.

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## VESSEL CRIPPLED, 12 OF CREW HURT

### Admiral Farragut Adrift in Fog, Helpless.

## ONE OF INJURED MAY DIE

### Main Feed Pipe Explodes, Severely Scalding Men.

## CRAFT IS FOR SEATTLE

### Passengers and Freight on Disabled Steamer About 36 Miles North of San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—The steamer Admiral Farragut was disabled 12 miles north of San Francisco tonight by an explosion of her main feed pipe, according to word received here early today. The Farragut was reported helpless and adrift in a dense fog.

Twelve members of the engineering crew were reported to have been severely scalded, one probably fatally.

The steamer Farragut belongs to the Pacific Steamship company and left San Francisco at 6:55 P. M. last night with passengers and freight for Seattle.

### Fog Is Sent With Docter.

First news of the accident to the steamer was a wireless message received about 1 o'clock from Captain William Hall of the Admiral Farragut. The tug Sea Eagle was immediately sent from San Francisco with a physician aboard to attend the injured men, but it was not expected to reach the Farragut for several hours, owing to the fog.

The Admiral Farragut is about 24 miles north of here, being twelve miles off from the Golden Gate. The Farragut is a 1400-ton vessel.

Officials of the Pacific Steamship company here early today expressed the belief that the Admiral Farragut was in no danger.

There were 75 passengers aboard the Admiral Farragut, which has a crew of 60 men.

### Home Port Is Tacoma.

The Admiral Farragut, according to the list of merchant vessels of the United States, has a tonnage of 1261, is 280 feet long, has a breadth of 26.1 feet and a depth of 22.7.

The engines of the vessel were listed as having an indicated horsepower of 2560. The Admiral Farragut was built in Philadelphia in 1898, and her home port was given as Tacoma. The Admiral Farragut carries a wireless outfit.

## TACKS HOLD UP EDITOR

### George Huntington Curry Delayed by Punctured Auto Tires.

BEND, Or., July 21.—(Special)—George Huntington Curry, editor of the Baker Herald, was one of the first, and easily the "luckiest" newspaper man to arrive in Bend today in preparation for the state editorial convention to begin here tomorrow. Driving at night from Burns to Bend, Curry was unable to heed a warning given by the Bend-Burns stage driver to the effect that a portion of his load had fallen off midway on the road. Curry inadvertently picked up part of the load—12 carpet tacks.

From the 12 he netted six punctures, and the trip ordinarily made in six hours, took him twice that time. "I didn't have a fair chance, though," Curry said. "The car ahead of me got 20, and I had to take what were left."

## WATER, LIME CAUSE FIRE

### Spontaneous Combustion Starts Blaze in Basement of Home.