

PHONE COMPANY DENIES SCHEME TO RUIN COMPETITOR

Allegations of the Northwestern Longdistance Telephone company that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company has purposely attempted to embarrass its service are denied in an answering petition filed in the United States district court.

Direct connections between Pacific and Northwestern switchboards cannot be made because the Northwestern has not installed certain necessary fixtures on its own switchboards, the Pacific declares in its petition. The Northwestern asserts that its competitor directs to its own service long distance calls that properly belong to the Northwestern, but this the Pacific denies.

COMPANY IS WILLING
The Pacific company is ready and willing to install direct trunk service between all exchanges and switchboards of the Northwestern Longdistance Telephone company. It is asserted.

Requests of Pacific patrons for Northwestern service are not delayed, the petition says. In fact, it is claimed that Northwestern revenue has greatly increased since November, 1914, when connection between the two services was established. This, the Pacific claims, is due to the excellent cooperation and facilities afforded the Northwestern by the Pacific.

Answering charges that the Pacific, by taking away a leased wire from the Federal Telegraph company, is taking a roundabout slap at the Northwestern through one of its biggest clients, the petition filed in the district court declares that the Federal and Pacific companies had a contract which provided that at one month's notice either party could terminate the contract.

TO END CONTRACT
This Pacific getting in the East another client who wishes to use the circuits on the Pacific coast now leased to the Federal, it notified the Federal, in pursuance to the mutual contract, that the existing arrangement would end February 15.

Federal Judge Bean granted a temporary restraining order February 14, prohibiting discontinuance of service between the Pacific and Federal companies, and this order is asked to be set aside by Cary & Kerr's petition.

About 30 Portland firms have protested to District Attorney Evans against cancellation of the Federal Telegraph company's coastwise service over wires leased from the Pacific. Evans has advised the public service commission of the sentiment of Portland business men in regard to cancelling Federal service.

Hun Centrist Party Favors Restoring Former Monarchy

Berlin, March 2.—(I. N. S.)—The right wing of the Centrist (clerical) party of Munster, Westphalia, has adopted a resolution in favor of the restoration of the German monarchy. At a caucus of the Centrist party it was decided not to dismiss former Finance Minister Matthias Erberger as its chief leader until an investigation is made of the charge that he willfully evaded tax payments. Mr. Erberger resigned as a result of this charge, which was made in the course of testimony in his libel action against former Vice Chancellor Karl Helfferich.

Portland Catholics Offer Use of Rooms To Visiting Shriners

Catholics of Portland have responded to the appeal of Shriners for housing accommodations during the week of the national Shrine convention to be held in June by tendering use of the dormitories at Columbia college, two or three halls and other buildings and by offering to do anything in their power to make the great gathering a success.

Members of a committee representing the university Knights of Columbus and other Catholic organizations, called Monday upon the general Shrine committee and made known their desire to cooperate in this important matter.

The committee was composed of Joseph J. Burke, Roger Sinnott and M. P. Brennan.

CONTRACTORS OF NORTHWEST MEET TO "TALK SHOP"
The Associated General Contractors of the Pacific Northwest opened a three-day convention at the Multnomah hotel today. Besides local representatives delegates were in attendance from Vancouver, B. C.; Spokane and Tacoma. The Seattle representatives will not be present until tomorrow, being detained by the municipal election there today.

The national association was represented by its secretary, G. W. Buckholz, of Chicago.

MAYOR GIVES WELCOME
The convention was called to order by Natt McDougall, who introduced Mayor George L. Baker, who welcomed the contractors to Portland.

Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, spoke in a general way on the proper relations of engineers and contractors.

That there would be a shortage in the labor market was the prediction of Captain C. G. Conville of the American Legion, who has been associated in Portland with the work of finding employment for ex-servicemen.

Dr. E. W. Lazell, chemical engineer, spoke briefly on the necessity of careful inspection on construction work, and J. C. Stevens, president of the Portland chapter, American Society of Civil Engineers, explained the proposed United States department of public works in which all federal engineering is to be concentrated.

ORGANIZATION IDEA LAUDED
Another speaker was G. W. Buckholz, secretary of the associated general contractors of America, who told of the benefits to contractors of a general organization.

The Northwest association, of which this is the first convention, is a new organization, having been formed last January as a chapter of the national association. The professed objects of the association are mutual benefit and protection, the establishment of good relations between contractors, engineers, architects and public bodies and the raising of the contractors' standards.

The officers of the association are: Natt McDougall, Portland, president; Roy E. Miller, Tacoma, vice president; L. N. Day, Portland, secretary and treasurer; J. D. MacVickar, Portland, executive secretary.

ACCUSED FILM PRODUCER MAKES PLEA IN DEFENSE

L. S. McNutt, motion picture producer, on trial in Circuit Judge Stapleton's court charged with arson, took the stand in his own defense this morning and attempted to explain away the various items of evidence which the state has piled up against him.

He is accused of having been responsible for the burning of certain films in his studio on the night of August 6, and of later attempting to collect \$6000 on the pictures. During the prosecution, Deputy District Attorney Pierce and John Collier advanced the theory that the films were worthless, that McNutt had threatened to burn them, and that he did so to recover insurance on them.

Witnesses for the state had testified that McNutt, under the guise of conducting a motion picture school, had obtained \$50 apiece from them on payment of which they were entitled to act in his films.

McNutt this morning explained that from January to March he had drilled them in the dramatic art, and he submitted a list of studio expenses for that period. One of them was a bill for \$33 paid to Grace Du Mar for duties as astructor from December 15, until February 15.

He stated that all scenes in the destroyed film, "The Awakening of Hickville," had been taken, and that along with them a scenario which he valued at \$1000 had been burned. He also testified that he had spent the night of August 6 at Aurora with his wife.

JURY BEING DRAWN TO TRY \$50,000 ALIENATION SUIT
For alleged alienation of her husband's affections, Louis M. Brubaker, wife of Charles L. Brubaker, is asking \$50,000 damages from Loto B. Pilkington, wife of a prominent Astoria physician, in action started today in Judge Brubaker's court.

Nearly the entire morning was consumed in impaneling a jury, with the courtroom packed with spectators.

The Brubakers formerly lived in Portland, and in August, 1916, moved to Astoria. At the same time, Mrs. Brubaker said, she went to Seaside for the summer, intending to rejoin her husband in the fall.

At Astoria Brubaker met Mrs. Pilkington, according to the complaint, "a woman of attractive personality," who, alleges Mrs. Brubaker, used her charms to win his affections.

She not only succeeded, according to the complaint, but "and that the affection that existed between Charles Brubaker and his wife was not a spiritual affection, but was mere animal magnetism, that Mrs. Brubaker was not a woman of spiritual qualities, and that the plaintiff was not fitted to be the companion of Brubaker."

Further, at a religious assembly held in Portland in July, 1917, the complainant avers, Mrs. Pilkington persuaded Brubaker to sit with her, although Mrs. Brubaker was also at the convention. Mrs. Pilkington even persuaded him to instigate divorce proceedings against her, according to Mrs. Brubaker, but these were later dismissed.

Shortly before the alienation suit was instigated last fall Brubaker disappeared, according to Mrs. Brubaker's attorneys, and has not been seen since.

Kelly Gragg on Trial
Kelly Gragg, charged with a statutory offense against his daughter, went on trial before a jury in Judge Gatens' court this morning.

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The answer was "No."

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Apartment House On Overton Street Changes Ownership

The Elbridge apartments at the South-east corner of Twenty-first and Overton streets were transferred Monday afternoon from A. S. Ellis to the S. Morton Cohn investment company. Ellis received property valued at \$60,000 and several thousand dollars in cash as consideration.

The building occupies 50 by 100 feet of ground space and is four stories in height and contains 40 apartments. The deal was handled by John Gibson and the Metzger-Farmer-Ferguson company. Negotiations were closed by the same concern Monday for a five-year lease of the Morton apartments at the north-east corner of King and Washington.

The property is owned by S. Morton Cohn and was acquired by John Russell. The building is three stories in height, 50 by 100 feet in dimensions and contains 26 apartments.

3 OF PORTLAND'S ALLEGED REDS IN COURT FOR TRIAL

After a long rigid examination by both the defense and the state, one juror was finally passed for cause at noon today in the case of Karl W. Oster, Fred Frye and Claude Hurst, first of Portland's alleged Reds to stand trial.

The accused, who are said to be members of the Communist Labor party, were arrested in a raid conducted on the night of January 2. They are charged with violating the state criminal syndicalism act.

John Q. Adams, a railroad conductor for the P. & N. Co., who lives at 1784 East Fourteenth street, was juror accepted temporarily. He said that he had lived in Portland for 30 years, and that he belonged to the Order of Railroad Conductors, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The questioning by W. S. U'Ren, counsel for the accused, disclosed that the line of defense will be that, instead of being advocates of criminal overthrow of the government, the defendants are merely progressives, such as are found in all ages. In his examination he dwelt for a long time upon history, asking the jurors if they were familiar with the cause of the American revolution, the French revolution, the Magna Charta, the Cromwell uprising in England and other great movements.

"Did your family ever own slaves?" he asked of Adams.

"No, sir," was the reply.

"Are you familiar with the Russian situation under the czar?"

"Fairly well."

"Do you know the American declaration of independence?"

"Yes, sir."

A short tilt between District Attorney Evans and U'Ren occurred when the latter, in framing a question, referred to the action of Mayor Baker in curtailing the speech of Louise Bryant, radical last winter, as being identical with edicts issued by the czar. The matter was finally settled when the district attorney removed his objection, but the answer of the talesman was not definite.

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MERGER SCHEME INDORSED; SURVEY FIRST REQUISITE

Although City Attorney LaRoche is in accord with the plan of consolidating the offices of the city and county administration he believes that a comprehensive and exhaustive survey of the entire situation should be made before any action is taken, according to his announcement this morning.

"Before the matter is presented at the next regular election in November by initiative petition a survey to determine exact savings should be undertaken," said LaRoche. "It may be that little economy can be gained by such a merger—that should be determined. It is too vital and drastic a change to make without knowing every phase of the situation."

LaRoche points out that San Francisco and Denver, cities that have completed the merger, are not run as economically as cities as in Portland. He contends that in many bureaus there might be a saving while in other city and county departments such economy could not be accomplished.

AUDITORIUM CLAIM CASE STILL IS UNDETERMINED
Disposition of claims of the bondsmen for Hans Pederson, contractor, for losses amounting to \$75,000, alleged to have been sustained in the construction of the Auditorium, was unsettled yet today, although Mayor Baker and Commissioners Pier and Barbur declared in a hearing before the city council that they would vote favorably on the resolution framed by Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson, providing for reference to a board of arbitration.

Commissioners in Bigelow and Mann stated that they would vote against submitting the matter to arbitration, following the opinion presented by City Attorney LaRoche, that the city has neither a legal nor moral responsibility. Delay in placing the matter before a board of arbitration was necessitated in that the council must choose the members of the committee as provided for in the resolution. An attorney of the supreme court of Oregon, an architect, and one other unspecified person will comprise the committee, according to Tomlinson's resolution.

Tomlinson stated that the city would in no way admit a legal responsibility for the appointment of the board. Bigelow contends that such a mere statement is not enough. Commissioner Mann said he would refuse to aid in naming the committee.

Calls for Bids on Tank Removal
Commissioner Mann announced Monday that bids would be called for immediately for the removal of the 600,000 gallon steel tank from the city. Seventh and Prescott streets as well as the construction of a 3,000,000 gallon steel tank in St. Johns. Mann stated that close to \$150,000 was expended by the city in the removal of the tank. The city government is necessary to care for the Vernon district, where a greater water supply will be provided, according to Mann. Additional fire protection for St. Johns will also be provided, he said.

proposed soldiers' benefit law began before Representative Joseph W. Fordney of Michigan, chairman of the ways and means committee.

The hearing itself promises to be well-nigh endless. It is estimated that a hundred congressmen have offered bills on the subject, and at least 25 of these carry elaborate plans of legislation. Chairman Fordney declared he will "hear anyone who desires to be heard," and as all sponsors of bills, the American Legion, the veterans of foreign wars, the private soldier and sailors' legion and other individuals and organizations undoubtedly will appear before the committee, the proceedings will necessarily be long.

REPUBLICANS DENY CHARGE
Republicans charge the Democrats with planning to conduct the hearings in such a way that a bonus bill cannot be introduced before the Chicago convention next June, in which case, they assert, there is little likelihood of any real action on the measure before December when a new session of congress begins.

The methods proposed for raising the bonus money are divisible into two general classes.

A new bond issue or the levying of special taxes. The treasury watchdogs claim that a new bond issue cannot be floated at less than 5 or 6 per cent, and this would prove disastrous to outstanding Liberty and Victory bonds. They also contend that it would tend to increase the cost of borrowing.

Politicians here are patently afraid of the proposed bonus legislation. They admit they are between two fires—the millions of ex-servicemen who want the bonus and the popular opposition to any new or increased taxes.

Another case of sleeping sickness was listed by the city health bureau this morning. It was reported that Mrs. M. Res of 374 Third street is ill with the malady. Dr. Irving Lupton is attending the patient.

M. Shapiro Hangs Himself From Beam In Furniture Store

M. Shapiro, 34-year-old partner in the operation of the Liberty furniture store at 214 First street, hanged himself from a beam in the rear of the store this morning and died a few minutes after being cut down by his associate, S. Neushim.

Shapiro had been suffering for some time from influenza and pneumonia and had just been out of the hospital about a week. Ill health is said to be the cause of the suicide. Shapiro, who lived at 541 1/2 Second street, had one brother in Portland.

Placing a rope about his neck, Shapiro climbed upon a small table, tied the rope to a beam in the store and kicked the table away. Efforts to revive him were in vain. Coroner Smith took charge of the body.

TRADITIONAL DRY TOWNS VOTE WET

Boston, March 2.—(I. N. S.)—Returns today from 83 Massachusetts towns revealed large majorities in favor of the late John Barleycorn. Many dignified communities joined the wet column for the first time. Lexington voted "wet" for the first time in 40 years. For the first time in the history of Rockport, Lincoln and Mansfield, the question of license received a majority of votes. Rockport, where in the sixties women fought "demon rum" with hatchets, voted for license.

Petitions Circulated To Place McAdoo to Oregon Primary Race
W. G. McAdoo has been added to the list of presidential candidates to be voted for at the coming primary election in Oregon by the action of Newton McCoy in commencing the circulation of petitions to place the former secretary of the treasury on the Democratic primary ballot.

McAdoo has said that he is not a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency but that he would consider it a duty to accept it if tendered by the national convention when it meets in San Francisco in June. Accordingly the name of Mr. McAdoo will be placed on the ballot without consulting his wishes or asking his permission. It being contended by Mr. McCoy and other Democrats associated with him in the movement that since McAdoo is considered generally as one of the strongest potential candidates for the nomination to put him before the Oregon Democracy as a candidate and thus, if it turns out according to their hopes, gain for him the primary instruction to the Oregon delegation to the convention.

Petitions are now in course of preparation and will be put in circulation as soon as possible. It will require 1000 signatures to put the name on the ballot.

Reports of Burning Foodstuffs at City Incinerator Denied
Rumors circulated about town that quantities of dried fruit and foodstuffs are being burned in the municipal incinerator to further boost the high cost of living are absolutely fallacious, according to William G. Heiber, superintendent of the incinerator.

11 ARE BURNED TO DEATH IN CHINESE NEW YEAR'S FIRE

Walla Walla, March 2.—A Confucian funeral will be held here probably Thursday afternoon, for the 11 Chinese who died in Monday night's fire. The services will start at the county coroner's chapel and will end at the grave. The services will be conducted by Confucian priests from one of the Chinese Masonic lodges of Seattle will attend, according to an announcement by the leading members of the local Chinese colony.

Ten Chinamen and a woman lost their lives. The fire was caused by the explosion of firecrackers in the upper story of the chop house by two young Chinamen, one of whom met his death in the resulting flames. The other, whose name is Fooey Tung Guey, escaped by climbing down on the veranda post as the flames were licking up the upper hallway.

The dead woman, Mrs. Ty Gim, was about 50 years old and formerly lived in Portland. She had a son, 24 or 25 years old, living here. Her home is in Pasco and local Chinese say that she had been visiting here for 10 days or two weeks with her husband, who returned home a day or so ago while she remained to participate in the Chinese celebration of the ninth New Year's day since the establishment of the Chinese republic. A small boy was found with her on a bed in one of the rooms.

The dead were found in heaps of four or five, one pile being in a room near a window and the other in the hallway of the upper story of the building, to which they had rushed in desperate attempt to escape from the flames, only to be met by a worse fire which burned their bodies beyond all recognition. In their efforts to get away from the smoke and flames several had attempted to crawl under the beds and were there found by the firemen.

Foey Tung Guey made his getaway because he was near a door at the end of the upper story hallway, which opened onto the veranda, and was throwing his firecrackers down onto the street. Deputy Coroner Joe Chamberlain will conduct a thorough investigation of the cause of the fire.

The damage to the frame building in which the fire occurred was slight, only the interior walls being damaged before the firemen got the flames under control.

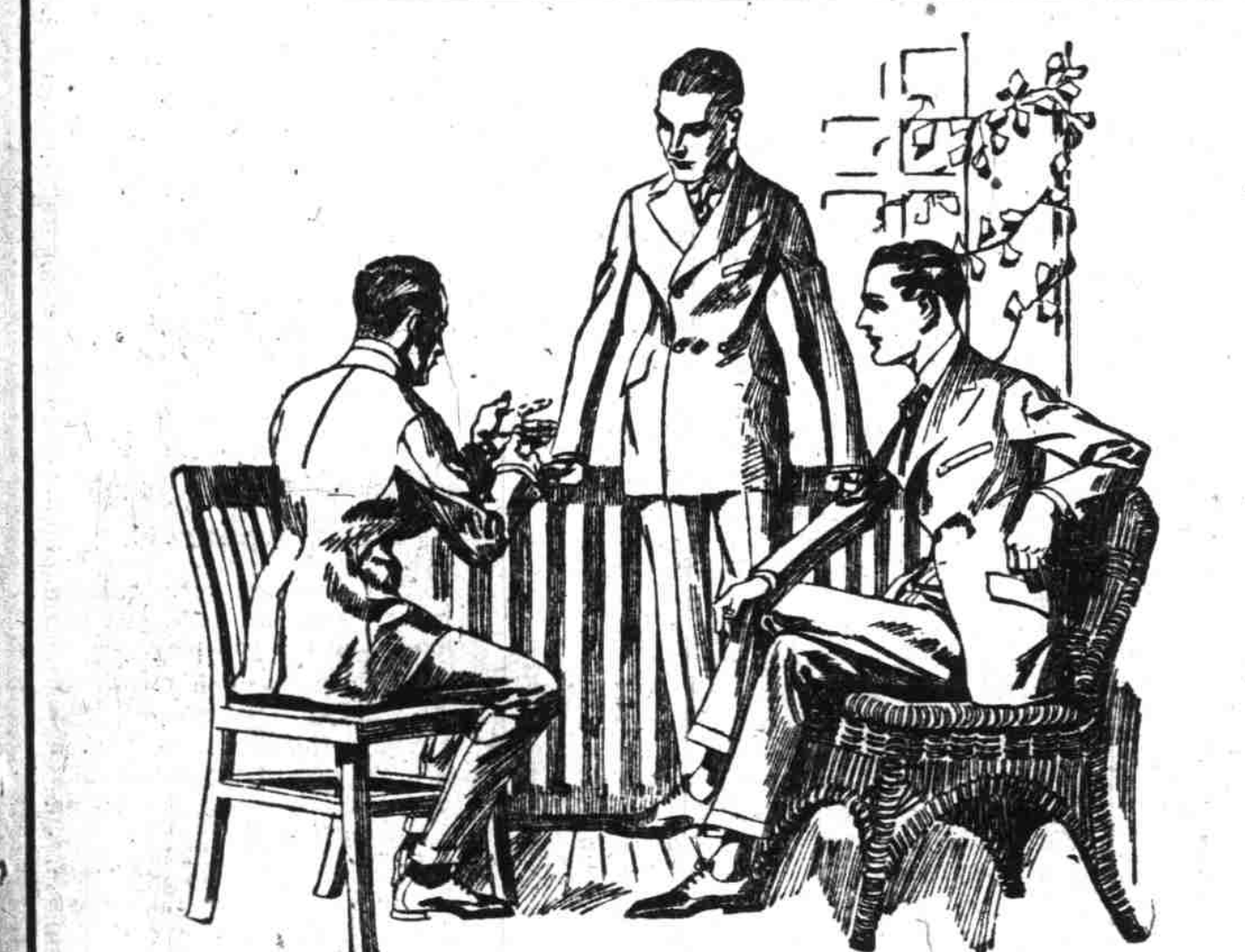
Making Moonshine For His Own Use Is Costly for Man

John Jackson, who concocted moonshine in a tomato can at his home in Srehsen, Or., must pay a fine of \$100 and serve 30 days in jail, ruled Federal Judge Bean today. Jackson has already spent three months in jail. He made small quantities of liquor for his own use, testimony showed, and had no intention of selling his product.

Although indicted under three counts, two of which carried minimum jail terms of six months each, on recommendation of Assistant United States Attorney Reams, the judge imposed only a light penalty.



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Ethel Clayton
In "Young Mrs. Winthrop"
Coming Wednesday
Alice Joyce
In "Slaves of Pride"



Skolny Clothes for Young Men and Boys

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SQUARE DEAL AIM OF EX-SERVICE MEN

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greater producer and will increase the wealth of the nation."

"Like the treaty of Versailles, universal training, "Red" legislation and similar measures, the proposition to grant a bonus to all ex-servicemen will be carried into the campaign."

This opinion was expressed by congressmen here today as hearings on the

Sleeping Sickness List Grows in City

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Will Rogers in "Water, Water Everywhere"
Jack Fieldner in "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come"
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THERE were reasons, of course, but no man has a right to use an alibi with an angel.

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