### NOMEN EXPLAIN THEIR GRIEFS AT PHONE HEARING

(Continued from Page 1) which were now having to face the re-

adjustment period through which the country as a whole is passing.

This morning's hearing was in striking contrast to the opening yesterday afternoon. A bare handful of spectators and witnesses greeted the con and the opposing counsel when the hear-ing opened at 9:30. But two women were in attendance where yesterday af-ternoon the big court room was crewded with feminine spectators easer to root for Tomlinson and to show their dis-approbation of the telephone company at the least opportunity.

SAYS RATES TOO HIGH R. M. Tuttle, manager of the Railway Exchange building, was the first witness to appear before the commission to complain about too efficient service given by the telephone company. He related that the Standard Appraisement company, tenants of the building, had moved from one suite to another, and a new tenant had immediately moved into the vacated quarters.

vacated quarters.

This tenant had wanted telephone service, had made application for it, and on the same day workmen from the company came up and removed the instruments left there by the Standard

Appraisement company.

It developed on cross-examination that
the latter concern had also made appli-cation to have its telephones moved over to the new suite, and men had come up at once to do the job.

Martha K. Miller, 184 East Sixty-

eighth street north, complained that the service was poor and the rates too high. WOMEN HAVE INNING Mrs. J. E. Morton, 714 Patten road.

Airs. J. E. Morton, 714 Patten road, testified that unless the rates were raduced she would be compelled to discontinue her telephone service. She said she would use a limited service if the company would provide it, paying a minimum rate for a specified number of calls a month and additional for use above this. She also complained that she had no one to send to the telephone office to pay her bill and it happened frequently that the company would discontinue her service and yet charge her for the full month.

for the full month.

Mrs. A. R. Shoemaker, 145 East Sixtyeighth street north, testified that the
phone was out of order all of last week, that it was frequently out of order, that people tried to call her repeatedly and were unable to get her number though SAY PRICE "AWFUL"

H. C. Haack, 363 Pargo street, com-plained that the company charged him 15 cents a month for an extension bell which he had purchased and installed himself. He had used an automatic telephone for a number of years, he said, and had put the bell upstairs with the

govered the extension, the company be-gan to have the extra charge tacked onto his monthly bill. He said he did not mind so much about the main line rate of \$4.25 a month if it was necessary for the company to have it, though he thought it was "an awful price for a

LIKED AUTOMATIC BETTER He did kick about the 15 cent charge,

however, particularly in view of the fact that he had bought the wire and the bell and had hooked it up himself. He said he had no particular complaint about the service, though it was not nearly so good as the automatic, which he designated as "A-1" He said he blamed the people of Portland for not patronizing the Home company and BAPS RAILWAY COMPANY patronizing the Home company and

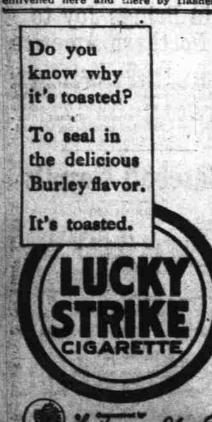
M. Simpson-O'Nell testified that he had received a circular attempting to interest him in the purchase of American Telephone & Telegraph company stock which set out that the company never had paid less than 71/2 per cent divi-

dends and was now paying 9.

It was ladies' day Monday afternoon at the rehearing. The room was crowded with them, the young, the middle aged and some a very little beyond. And, it was not a lobby that was rooting strong for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph there were several times when some witness crossed verbal awards with

now and then to ask of various wit-nesses expert in that knowledge regard-ing the falling costs of corsets, of ladies lingerie, of silken hose and things like that until Shaw, apparently embarrassed by a discussion in which ne corporation lawyer could join with confidence, appealed to the commission to know the relevancy of the testimony to the rates of telephone service. He asked if the city of Portland was laying a foundation contention that the wages of the phone girls should be reduced since those mysterious things

SARCASM ENLIVENS SESSION Generally speaking it was an afters service of the telephone company, livened here and there by flashes of



#### FREED "GRIM WIDOW" AND MAN FRIEND



Mrs. Ann Louise Agee, found guiltless of slaying her husband, and J. H. Klecker, upon whom defense endeav ored to pin guilt.

Mrs. A. B. Green, whose husband works as an inspector in a cooperage shop for \$3,60 a day, told Shaw in cross examination that she used her telephone on an average of 35 times a month and that its main worth for her was in that its main worth for her was in emergency. She mentioned that she had wanted it at one time to call a policeman. Shaw asked her about that, and the value of that service, and she turned the laugh on him by her answer:

Tomlinson contended that the chart was made to show that the company could make a cut of 20 per cent in its operating expenses and still have a return equal in purchasing power to its turn equal in purchasing power to its constant of the police."

ACCOMMODATING TO SEIGHBORS

at your phone and three lined up waiting to use it lots of the time, or you had to walk 10 or 12 blocks to tell a neighbor she was wanted on the telephone?"
"I have done that," Shaw assured her,
"You don't look like it," she retorted.

"I've had my carpets all wore out," she continued, and she added: "That's what you get for being a good neighbor." She also said the service was poor; that when she tried to call a friend she kept getting a feedstore on the opposite side of the line, and that when she could not get her complaints at the service

Mrs. J. C. Othus, president of the Housewives' council, was the first witness of the afternoon. She started out by saying her organisation had hired a man to find out whether the Portland railway company had kept its promise to spend \$900,000 in improvements after its rates had been raised, and discovered that only \$440,000 had been spent, and this work had been done over three

She said she also would like to know whether the telephone company intend-ed to spend what it received from high and there were several times when some fair witness crossed verbal swords with James T. Shaw, the company's attorney, the witness, and not Shaw, wen the applicate.

And then, as was appropriate for ladies' day, Tomlinson turned the tide of for positions and improvements, or whether it intended to borrow the money to do it. She contended that the telephone has come to be a necessity in American home life and cited how employment agencies always took the numbers of applicants. ladies' day, Tomlinson turned the tide of for positions, insisting that without tel-questioning away from the main issue ephone service in their homes they were ephone service in their homes they were thus often deprived of the opportunity of employment. She insisted there had been no improvement in service since the

On cross examination Shaw asked Mrs. Othus if she did not think the company ought not to have such a rate of service as would permit it to earn

"Yes," she answered, "anybody with common sense would believe that." She contended, however, that were the company to give residence telephone service for \$1.50 a month there would be such an increase in use that the company would make an earning.

would make an earning.

In answering what she considered a fair return she said: "Many of us are not earning 4 per cent," but that she would consider 4 or 5 per cent about right. She insisted that she could not see why service could be given for \$1.50 a month in small towns and not in the large, for, she believed, with a large volume of business the company ought to furnish cheaper service on a smaller margin of profit and still make money.

Shaw asked her if she thought "all of the commissions and all of the cities could be fooled" into granting greater rates when earnings could be made on less.

"Well," she retorted. "big business seems to have been able to fool most everybody."

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She contended that when the American company had shown by its financial statement to have accumulated such an enormous sinking fund she could see no reason for raising rates in Oregon. She insisted that the phone business "was all one family" and when Shaw asked her if it would be fair for that member of a family who had prospered to be called upon to bear the charges against another mamber who had not she retorted that in that case "the fortunate one would dig down in his pocket and help out" without making much fuss about it, which sally pleased the audience.

Mrs. Othus said, also, that she didn't "feel that we need a public service commission" and she argued that it is wrong for the people to be taxed to pay interest on money invested when they are not given efficient service.

Shaw asked Mrs. Othus if she thought the wage of telephone employes should come own with the general decline,

wit, most of it sarcastic and pointed which question precipitated a battle be-toward the telephone company. tween him and Tomlinson. Shaw insist-

"I needed the telephone more than at any other time in my life and it was out of order, so I had to rely on my .45." intended to point out to the commission where money could be saved through retrenchment and reforms. NO QUARREL WITH GIRLS

and had put the bell upstairs with the knowledge of the automatic people, who did not charge him anything for it.

As soon as the consolidation was effected and a company lineman came into the house shooting trouble and discovered the extension, the company be-

"I want to oppose publicly this present interpretation of the city of Portland and to say that we will make our de-fense on the other interpretation," Shaw said. Then, turning to Mrs. Othus, he asked if she would recommend a cut of 10 per; cent in wages.

She said such a cut ought to be made proportion, if made, and that the men" ought to bear the heavy

"The operators ought to get what they are making. It is no more than a living wage," she said. She said she would not favor lopping \$8 a month off of operat-ors, \$12 a month off plant men and \$11 a month off of clerks' salaries. The company ought to make them stop loaf-ing on the job, however, Mrs. Othus con-tended, and told of having heard where it required seven men four days to clear the limbs off a tree. She then asked Shaw if it were the intention of the company to cut wages, and he said:

"No. The company will hot cut wages. I assure you of that, no matter what the result of this hearing may be."

Grant Phegley of Phegley & Cavender ned some light on the comparative costs of men's clothes as between last year and now. The wholesale cost of ready-made clothes had dropped about one third, he said. Suits costing him \$70 last year were now obtainable at \$50. Last year they had retailed at \$90 and NO PROFIT THIS TEAR

On cross examination, he said he ex-

pected to do business this year withou profit, but that he would not stay in i for less than 10 per cent. L. Stevens testified that he had two party wall phone for which he paid

\$39 a year. His taxes, he said, were \$28. the annual charges for water gas and electricity were less in the agice was poor, as well, he testified.

W. E. Roberts, of Roberts Brothers, testified that ladies' goods had de-clined about one third in average costs during the past year. Corsets, he said, "were only half what they had been a

Shaw wanted to know what Tomlinson expected by this testimony, and asked whether it was intended to support the city's contention that there should be a

## tween him and Tomilinson. Shaw insisted that the city, by an estimate and chart prepared and put in evidence last week, "is proposing a 10 per cent cut in wages, \$300,000 a year." "If this is not opposed I would like to have it in the record," he said in answer to Tomilinson's objection. Tomilinear MAIL DISAPPEARS

Oregon City, Aug. 2.—No trace of Dunward Carl Clark, 13-year-old son of Dunward Carl Clark, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward N. Clark, of route 3. Oregon City, who disappeared from his home Tuesday, July 26, has been found, although search has been carried on all over that district since the day the lad was last seen.

About noon Tuesday, he left home on his bicycle to get the mail from the box. located a mile from the bouse. When he did not show up several hours later, search was started, but neighbors had not seen the boy during the day. No reason is known for the boy's sudden disappearance, as, he had never shown any desire or intention of leaving, and conditions at home were said always to have been pleasant. The boy is held as the assailant, both of the tons is held as the assailant.

always to have been pleasant. The boy wore blue overalls, blue shirt and khaki hat, when he left home. He has blue eyes, straight light brown hair, and is tanned. The bicycle has different kind of tires on front and rear wheels and has a noisy horn instead of a bell. The ad has a small scar on his chin and a deep soar on the targe muscle of his right arm. The mail was still in the box when the family investigated concerning the boy's absence.

### MRS. AGEE IS FREE; **NEW THEORY SOUGHT**

(Centinued From Page One) family farm near Mountain Grove, Mo., where Mrs. Agee, among the scenes of her childhood, where she met and married Harry Agee, son of a neighbor, would attempt to regain her health of mind and body.

Mrs. Agee was charged with cutting Harry Agee's throat with a razor as he lay in bed in their home, 1770 Druid avenue, shortly after midnight on the morning of June 11.

Remarks that drifted through the door

of the jury room after the jury had been locked in were of this kind "Aw, we can't convict anyone evidence we got here." "Neither side told us everything

jury was ready to report. The remark that neither side told it all was perhaps elicited by the fact that such material witnesses as Mrs. R. E. Green, the first woman at the scene, and "Mr. Mills," woman at the scene, and "Mr. Mills," perhaps the first man, were not called to the witness stand. During closing arguments Deputy District Attorney Hammersly, for the state, and John Collies for the defense, denounced each other for not calling these witnesses. The jury evidently concluded that both sides were afraid, that they were keep-Ing something from the jury.

Charges against J. H. Klecker and testimony that came out during the trial will be presented, and if the grand jury feels new indictments are justified it

will return them. "One thing is certain, according to my interpretation of the law," stated Ham-mersly, "and that is that as far as the law is concerned, Mrs. Ages is forever free on this charge. She has been tried and found not guilty. She could not be

might come to light," Neither Hammersley nor Pierce re-nained for the verdiet Monday night. John Collier, Henry Collier and T. Walter Gillard, defense attorneys, were all there, however. Because of the mass of muddled testimony there had for several days appeared to be little doubt as to what the verdict of the jury would be.

### Cool Joy Rider Takes Machine Of Hot Driver

Medford, Aug. 2.—Mercury that that climbed in the thermometer to the ninety-fifth degree point was re-sponsible for the loss of an automosponsible for the loss of an automobile owned by James Camel of Phoenix, Or. Camel parked his car while he entered a drug store here to obtain a cooling drink. When he had quenched his thirst he returned to the parking site and found the machine missing. The police suspect

San Francisco, Aug. 2,-(I. N. S.)-The thirty-ninth international convention of the supreme council of Knights of Co-

lumbus formally opened here today, Sounding the keynote of the asse blage in his annual report. Supreme Enight James A. Flaherty denounced what he termed "professional purveyers of religious prejudices," and called upon "all good citizens of America and upon the press of the country to help us in our aim to make America safe for Americans of all religious faiths." BOGUS OATH DESQUECED

Fisherty condemned particularly the circulation of a bogus oath attributed to the Knights of Columbus, which he declared was printed in different localities and circulated freely to the prejudice of religious peace.

"This so-called oath of the fourth degree, Knights of Columbus, is a vile invention used by the basest sort of politicians and designed only to stir up distrust and suspicion of one class of citigens against another," he said. "At this time tens of thousands of copies of it gens against another," he said. "At this time tens of thousands of copies of it are being distributed indiscriminately, and so this convention of the Knights of Columbus takes the unusual step of making generally public for the first time the real obligation taken by the Knights of Columbus in private caremonial." This he announced to be as follows:

"I swear to support the constitution of the United States. I pledge myself, as a Catholic citizen and Knight of Colum-bus, to enlighten myself fully upon my duties as a citizen and to conscientiously

# CHINAMAN SHOT DEAD

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The three gave their names as Albert Wong, Steve Ching and Don June. Wong is held as the assailant, both of the tong war victim who bears the same name and of Inspector Norane. He is under-

Tong hostilities in Portland have been expected ever since it became known that war had been declared between the Suey Sings and the Hop Sings in Marysville. The police received their first notification that their fears had material-ized at 7:30 o'clock last night in the form of an ambulance call.

"A Chinaman's been shot up on Fourth street between Davis and Everett," said the informant. "He seems to be pretty DESCRIBES SHOOTING

An ambulance crew which was rushed to the scene found Lee Wong lking on the curb in front of 77 Fourth street. with four bullets in his back. He was Henry Kosdick, 270 Everett street, gave the police with the ambulance the closest thing to an account of the shoot-

"I was standing at Fourth and Flan-ders," he explained. "All at once I saw a couple of Chinamen sort of fall out of this building at 77 Fourth street. One of them seemed to be trying to push the other out. They stayed locked until they got close to the edge of the sidewalk. Then one of them fell. Before he could even start to get up the other had pulled a gun from somewhere and started shooting at him. He fired four shots, then turned and ran around the corner. CALLS POLICE

"The other Chinaman got half way to his feet and started down the street, yelling in Chinese. He keeled over after he'd taken a few steps, though. Then I went in and called up police headnuarters." Wong was taken to the emergency

Wong was taken to the emergency hospital, where he recovered consciousness. Questioned as to the manner of his shooting, however, he answered with the blank and infinitely ignorant stare which the police have learned to expect from tong war participants. An attempt was still being made to get him to talk when light came in the form of another telephone call.

"Chinaman shot back of \$3 Second street." was the information this time. street," was the information this time.

CHINAMAN FOUND DEAD

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Again the police and the ambulance got busy. There was no need for the surgeons, however. This Chinaman had been dead for at least an hour. Three bullets had entered his chest, and, in the opinion of the ambulance surgeons, caused instant death.

Investigation disclosed that Chinaman No. 3 was a Suey Bing man and that he had been shot either in, or just outside, a gaming room which flourishes in the rear of the Second street address. Eventually, it was learned that he was known as Lai Lung. Wong, who had

known as Lai Lung. Wong, who had been removed to St. Vincent's hospital in the meantime, was asked if he knew anyone named Lai Lung. Did a smile flicker for a moment across his pain-distorted features? One policeman said it did; the other wasn't sure. Then Lee Weng shook his head. "No," said Lee Wong.

MURDER AVENGED

But the police-decided that Lai Lung's friends had been prompt in their attempt to avenge his murder.

Inspector Norene was shot when, in response to a tip, he and other officers raided the Kally street rooming house. Albert Wong was one of a half dozen Chinamen who jumped out of a back window. Cornered in a woodyard ahortly afterward, he opened fire. Norene, wounded by the first shot, responded with his own gun, and the Chinaman fell. He remained apparently unconscious until he feached the emergency hospital, where he opened his ayes, and divulged the fact that he had not even been grassed by a builat. PHYSICIAN SAYS DEATH CAUSED BY NEW MALADY

TONGMEN SUSPECTED OF FIRING UPON THE POLICE



Albert Wong, who feigned death when officers captured him after shooting affray.

perform such duties entirely in the interest of my country and regardless of all personal consequences. I pledge myself to do all in my power to preserve the integrity and purity of the ballot and to promote reverence and respect for law and order. I promise to practice my religion openly and consistently but without ostentation and to so conduct myself in public affairs and in the exercise of public virtue as to reflect nothing but credit upon our holy church, to the end that she may flourish and our country prosper to the greater honor and glory of God."

shoot at police officers, the authorities believe Wong mistook Inspector Norene, who was not in uniform, for an avenging killer of the Suey Sing tong. The other two Chinamen currendered without a struggle. All disclaimed knowledge of tongs, murders and everything else.

The gaming rooms where Lai Lung was killed are in the rear of the On Wo Tung Co., a Chinese drug firm. So far as the police could learn, the Suey Sing leader was shot while he was standing at a gaming table. There were no signs that a gaming table. at a gaming table. There were no signs that a struggle had preceded the killing, the indications being that the slayer had fired from the protection of the growd about the tables. GIRL KIDNAPED

The Marysville tong war, which is be-lieved to have had its echo in the kill-ings of last night, started over the kid-naping by a Hop Sing man of a Suey Sing slave girl. Chinese etiquete re-quires in such affairs that the kidnaper pay for his prize. The Hop Sing man falled to observe this little nicety and trouble started.

# BY PERITONITS ATTACK The Milk of the West is the Milk that is Best!

looking forward to a successful season with the Metropolitan Opera company

in New York next winter. Word of Caruso's death was imme ately cabled to friends in New York by Mrs. Caruso and a few hours later cable-grams of condolence began arriving. No arrangements have been made for the funeral, but it is believed he will be buried near his old home in Italy. Not only music lovers but person rominent in many other walks of life felt the blow of Caruso's death. This was shown from the number of cable grams that continued to pour in this afternoon. They came from business men and financiers as well as from grand opera stars. The music world of the entire globe was cast into gloom. Caruso, before his final illness, had been living quietly in his villa at Sor-rento with Mrs. Caruso and his baby daughter Gloria LIVED QUIETLY

He was under orders from his specialists to engage in no arduous activities that would tax his strength, and he spent much of his time in his garden Italian highways.

He kept in close touch with friends in New York and kept them informed of his progress back to normal health. His chief delight was playing with pet and the apple of his eys.

Mrs. Caruso felt the blow of her husband's death keenly. She wept as she recounted to friends the trials and troubles that her husband had passed through during the past year and a half. Caruso and his wife were a most devoted couple, and during their stay understood that Mrs. Caruso will return to America after her husband's burial.

Caruso was born in Naples, February 25, 1873. At the age of 11 the boy tenor began singing in the churches of his native city. When the extraordinary powers of the youthful voice were discovered, Caruso was sent for three years to study under Guglielmo Vergine. Caruso made his debut in his home

Caruso made his debut in his home city in 1894 in "L'Amico Francesco" at Nuovo theatre. Later he toured Italy and Sicily and was engaged for four seasons at La Scala, Milan.

The young tenor was soon touring the European cities, visiting and singing in St. Petersburg, Moscow, Warsaw, Rome, Paris, London and leading German cities. He was halled as the most promising young tenor Italy had produced.

On November 22, 1902, Caruso made his first appearance in America at the Metropolitan opers house. Following his initial success in America, Caruso continued to capture his American audiences with his entire French and Italian repertoire. Caruso and Miss Dorothy Park Ben-

amin were married August 20, 1918. The marriage was against the wishes of the girl's father, Park Benjamin Sr., who has refused to have anything to do with his son-in-law since. The Carusos have one daughter, "Baby Gloria."

New York, Aug. 1.-(I. N. S.)-Enrice Caruso's death was not due to the all-ment from which he suffered last winter. Before the famous tenor left for Italy he had been pronounced cured. In the opinion of Dr. Antonio Stella, the singar's private physician, death was caused by a totally new factor. Said Dr. Stella:

FOR TRAIN WRECK

Detroit, Aug. 2,-(I. N. S.)-With one of the most disastrous rallroad wrecks and collisions in recent years averted narowly, two men were under arrest to-day on suspicion of having wrecked the 13:45 o'clock westbound Michigan Central All-Puliman train at Inkster.

Railroad detectives and police found that the "fish plates" binding together the tracks had been removed at the spot where the tagine derailed.

Officials of the Michigan Central here stated that they believed a malicious attempt had been made to wreck the train. Spikes had been removed and the rails tampered with they said.

Three persons an engineer and fireman, and Andrew E. Baumstark, a passenger of Atlants, Ga. were injured. One hundred passengers were hurled from their bertlis when the train left the track. The engineer and fireman beneath the wreckage.

The angineer, Robert Block of Jackson, Mich., pinned beneath his cab, laughed and joked with rescuers as they out the steel away from him with acetylene torches. It took more than three hours to release him. of the most disastrous railroad wrecks in cash and \$340 in Liberty bonds. The

### Fire Causes \$5000 Loss to Print Shop

Pire thought to have been caused by spontaneous combustion, started in the ink room of the Aready press. Twelfth and Jefferson streets, late Saturday night, causing damage estimated at \$5000. The fire started in a small room under a wooden stairway, eating its way out into the main reoms. About \$500 damage was done to the building. The rest of the loss was principally water damage to stock in the building.

HORSE KICKS; FARMER HURT Tennessee, Or., Aug. 1.—As E. E. Munsey, a farmer of this vicinity, was paring a horse's hoof at the home of his brother-in-law, Ralph McDenald, near Scio, the horse kicked him in the abdomen, causing a long gash. He was rushed to the Scio hospital where a number of stitches were necessary. ber of stitches were necessary,

ATTACKED EX-WIFE CHARGE Eugene, Aug. 2.—L. A. Overton was arrested Sunday, charged with attacking his divorced wife. They live in the same

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### Auto Bandits Rob Messenger of Bank

Chicago, Aug. 2.—(L N. S.)—Autofile bandits held up Ben Zucher menger at Sixteenth street State bank, shortly before noon today and robbed him of a satchel containing \$3000



### WISE FOOL

You have met people who "knew it all." Here is one who found out a lot of things.

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