

# "CON" GAMEIELDS RANS QUIT'S NEW \$1500 FOR SCOTT HOTEL GANG

DALLAS CITIZEN IS BUNCOED OUT OF BIG SUM BY SWINDLERS FOLLOWING WILD WEST SHOW.

## OLD METHODS EMPLOYED

Bernhard Friesen is Victim of Smooth Gang; Complains to Authorities and Manager Digs Up \$100 to "Ease His Conscience"; Show Had Unsavory Reputation.

Swindling a Dallas citizen out of \$1500 in gold and afterward returning \$400 of the amount to him as "hush money," cappers and confidence men who came here with the Kit Carson Buffalo Ranch wild west outfit, pulled off a profitable stroke of business on Wednesday. Like other things connected with the show, the methods used in separating the man from his money, were not new, in fact about the oldest and most antiquated now employed by "con" men, but it brought home the lesson which, after all, is the real reason for the show—what's the odds how it comes?

**Old "Farm" Gag.**  
Bernhard Friesen lives in the western portion of the city. He recently sold his farm near town and moved to Dallas to spend his years in peace. On Monday night, however, he came down town, according to his own story he met a well dressed stranger who engaged him in conversation. The stranger told Friesen that he was from Nebraska and had considerable money to invest. He inquired the rate of interest and stated that he would like to purchase a farm for a relative, in fact might become a citizen of Dallas himself. During this conversation the stranger discovered that Mr. Friesen had a considerable sum of money in a local bank, and the result of the conversation was a date to meet Mr. Friesen at the Southern Pacific station about 1:00 o'clock.

**Gets the Muzum.**  
Mr. Friesen kept the appointment and the stranger, who was a local acquaintance of a plan whereby they could each make \$1500. The so-called "plan" it appeared was to be found somewhere near the wild west show and so the two walked up that way, not until Friesen, however, had the man into a room where the stranger's \$1500 in gold, tied up in a handkerchief. The banker advised Friesen not to take the money away but, if he had a deal on, to give his man a check. Friesen, however, would not listen to this arrangement and took away the cash.

**Three Card Game.**  
After their arrival at the show ground Mr. Friesen and his acquaintance met two other fellows, one of whom carried a grip containing a number of electric belts. Together the men went into a tent belonging to the show and here a trunk was displayed containing other electric belts. The belt man displayed three cards, one of which bore some printing on its surface, and the other two were blank. After shuffling the cards he threw them down and declared that if any one present would put up \$1500 and pick up the printed card he would give him \$1500 and two electric belts. This looked like a cinch. Here was an opportunity to double the finances of the "crowd" in no time. Mr. Friesen says he was sure which was the printed card, so he posted the money and grabbed the card, only to find it blank.

**Flies With the Coin.**  
The card sharp swept up the money and suddenly discovered that the card was business elsewhere. He got out of the tent, vanished into thin air as it were, and left no trail behind him. Realizing that he had been buncoed Mr. Friesen left the show ground and went home but did not notify the authorities until night. Sheriff Grant and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney J. E. Shibley at once got busy. Officers went to the show ground and brought the manager and one or two others to Mr. Shibley's office where they were questioned at length.

**Denies Responsibility.**  
The manager was very much worked up over the affair. He was shocked, in fact, to learn that such a stunt had been pulled off and his show used as a blind to do the job. He emphatically declared that it was the work of crooks with whom the show had nothing to do, and that he regretted the occurrence as much as anyone. He said that it was the policy of the show to keep it free from such people, that a regular officer was carried at all times for such purpose. He alleged officer bore out the manager's statement and it was said that the show was being injured by such reports and by jobs pulled off by men whom they were eager to discover and punish as anyone.

**Digs Up \$100.**  
Finally, however, realizing the damage that such reports would do to the show in other places, the manager agreed, if Friesen would sign an agreement not to say anything about the loss so the newspapers would find out about it, and not "talk to reporters" he would make him a present of \$100, simply to show his good will and sympathy for

CHARLES MANN TO MANAGE HOUSE FOR J. W. CRIDER.

Illness in Family Impels Rans to Relinquish Position; Mr. Crider Expected From California Soon.

J. A. Rans who came to Dallas from Payette, Idaho, in May and took charge of the New Scott hotel, relinquished the management of that institution Tuesday night, and since that time Charley Mann who has held the position of clerk, has been in charge. It is said that the change has been made on account of dissatisfaction on the part of Rans. When he came here it was reported that he had purchased the hotel and would become a permanent resident. But sickness in his family has caused him to alter his plans it is said, and he asked to be relieved from further obligations on his lease or his option to purchase. Accordingly a deal was arranged by C. L. Crider, an agent for J. W. Crider, owner of the building, whereby the former took over the business for his father and the place will be operated by Mann. Mr. Crider is expected in the city in about a week, but it is not known whether any further change will be made in the hotel.

Charley Mann, the present manager, has had much experience in the hotel business, being formerly connected for a long time with the Gail hotel and later as clerk at the New Scott. He has many warm friends among the traveling public who will be pleased to see him behind the counter at the New Scott.

## BAND CONCERTS END

Final Event of Present Series to Come Saturday Night; Concerts Grow in Popularity With People.

Final concert in the present series will take place on the Court House plaza Saturday night, further events of the kind having been postponed on account of illness of the conductor, when, if proper arrangements can be made, the concerts will be continued for three nights in September. That these regular Saturday night occasions have become popular with the people of Dallas and surrounding country is evidenced by the constantly increasing crowds which come out to hear the concerts. Last Saturday night saw the largest of the season and the applause bestowed upon the band was liberal.

For the final concert, Director Grant has provided a program of unusual merit as follows: "The Girl I Left Behind Me" (by request)..... Dalby Overture, "Arcadia" (by request)..... Laura's National Overture, "Land of Liberty" (by request)..... Barnhouse Overture, "Radium" (by request)..... Southwell March, "Good Fellowship," introduced by "Auld Lang Syne" and "The Girl I Left Behind Me"..... Billings "There has been a request made for 'Silver Threads Among the Gold,' from someone who did not sign their name," said Director Grant, "and I take this means of informing them that the band has not this in their repertoire."

**Chair Cars on Trains.**  
That the efforts of the Dallas Commercial club to induce the Southern Pacific company to operate chair cars on its tracks between this city and Portland, has borne fruit is proven by the coveted cars which now form a portion of every train's equipment. When extra coaches are hauled on the trains, and locked, they now are attached to the rear.

him in his loss, although, at the same time declaring that it was through no fault of his. After a conference between Shibley and Grant, this arrangement was agreed to and the money was paid over to Mr. Friesen, so his total loss was cut down to \$1100. The victim of the confidence game gave a close description of the men who pulled off the stunt and this was wired to Toledo yesterday by Sheriff Grant where the show appeared, but it was thought that the men will not be found with the company at this time. It is stated that the show here has an unsavory reputation, and Sheriff Grant had received information in advance that a gang of crooks and confidence men were following it. Early Wednesday morning he called the manager and informed him that any attempt to pull off anything illegal would be followed with dire results. The sheriff was given every assurance that nothing of the sort would be attempted but officers kept a close watch nevertheless. The con game which relieved Friesen of his money was worked so slyly that it was put through without exciting the suspicion of the officers of the law. That the attaches of the outfit did, however, pull off several raw deals is evidenced by reports made to Sheriff Grant of short change tactics, at least three instances of this nature having come to light. The show, it appears, is infested with this sort of gentry and "con" men, short change artists and short change thieves are numerous.

## Governor Wilson Welcoming Speaker Clark to Sea Girt

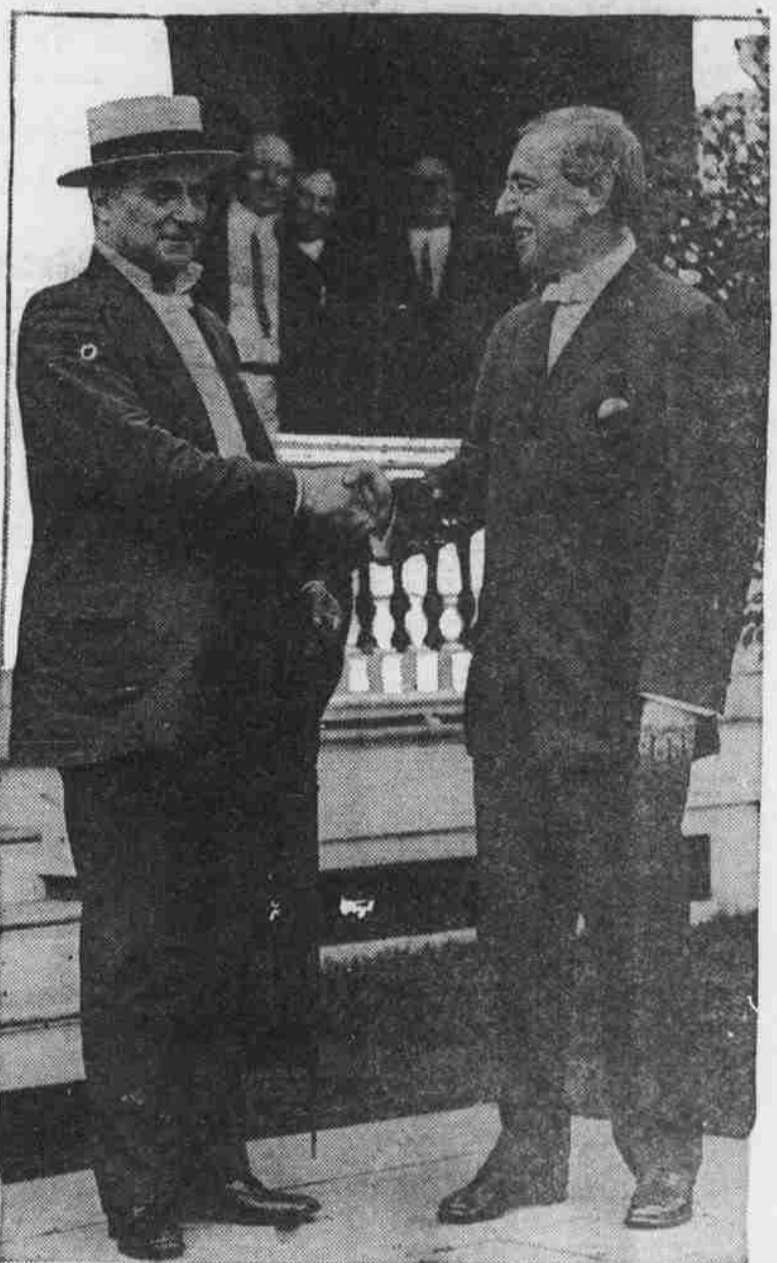


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WOODROW WILSON'S summer home at Sea Girt, N. J., has been a mecca for political notables ever since the governor's nomination for president. Practically all the big men in Democratic national politics have called on the candidate to congratulate him and to pledge their support. Among the governor's visitors have been Speaker Champ Clark of the national house of representatives and Oscar W. Underwood, the Democratic house leader. Both Clark and Underwood were candidates for the nomination which went to Wilson. Speaker Clark was enthusiastic in his congratulations, and the governor's welcome was most cordial. The speaker told the candidate that he would stump the country for his election.

## In The Social Realm

(By Gladys Canter.)

While, figuratively speaking, all of us are out of town, one meets familiar faces motoring or at once-in-a-while afternoon affairs given every two weeks by the Thursday afternoon club. Most of the members pre-arrange in town and the afternoon will continue as long as there are members to attend. Special recreations are being planned by the younger set for the summer evenings. Creek parties are the most popular form of amusement and the different creeks have enjoyed several evenings on the cool banks of the LaCreole with roasted marshmallow and camp fire accompaniment. The club dinner planned to be given this week has been indefinitely postponed.

**Thursday Afternoon Club.**  
Mrs. D. P. Patterson was hostess for the Thursday afternoon club on Thursday afternoon from two o'clock until five.

**Neighborhood Afternoon.**  
Mrs. George Gerlinger entertained at a neighborhood party Thursday afternoon when ten ladies came in with their sewing to meet Mrs. H. C. Boyle, of Tabor, W.ilmington, the house guest of Mrs. C. B. Sundberg. The guests were intimate friends and neighbors of the hostess and tea was served in the play house of the Junior Girlings.

## "WILD WEST" DRAWS CROWDS

Opinions of Performance Differ, But Majority Declare it Mediocre. Two fair sized crowds attended the performance here Wednesday of "Kit Carson's Buffalo Ranch Wild West" show and, while some say the show was good, others declare that it was very ordinary. Some features of it are worthy of mention, however, especially the trapeze work and the wire acts which were the best seen here in many days. But the riding and roping was only fair and there were so many raw features with the outfit that they somewhat overshadowed the better portion. Their "grand street parade" was about the most gigantic fiasco ever beheld in this section and the "flight of the aeroplane" didn't materialize. The whole shooting match gave one the impression of "fake" and the illusion wasn't dispelled after a visit to the performance.

## Ship Exhibits Free.

School exhibits for the Oregon State Fair from the pupils of Oregon will be transported free to and from the fair grounds by the Southern Pacific railway according to announcement received by State Superintendent Alderman. Certain rules are provided governing these shipments and nothing what will be included or permissible to be shipped under the free schedule, and these particulars can be learned from any Southern Pacific agent or School Superintendent Seymour.

Mrs. J. S. Martin left Thursday morning for a few weeks' stay.

# GAME PERMITS FOR HARNEY VALLEY IS COURT MARTIAL FOR FIVE OFFICERS LOOMS

HUNTING LICENSES GET BOOST AS OPEN SEASON FOR DEER APPROACHES; ANGLERS HOLD BIG LEAD.

## 25 ISSUED IN 3 DAYS

Vacation Period Stream Applicants For Permission to Hunt or Fish; Dallas Leads in Fishermen, But is Second in Combination Licenses So Far Issued.

Ninety-nine game licenses were issued by County Clerk E. M. Smith during the month of July, divided as follows: Fishing licenses, 53; hunting licenses, 25; combination hunting and fishing licenses, 20. Of these more than 25 were issued during the last three days of the month and the most of them were for hunting and for the combination hunting and fishing licenses. The near approach of the open season for deer has had its effect upon the hunting licenses, whereas in the early portion of the season, the issuance of fishing permits predominated. The vacation period, too, has resulted in boosting the issuance of game licenses of all kinds. Many people postpone the securing of licenses until they prepare for their summer outing, when they figure that a license is a portion of their equipment.

**These Will Fish.**  
Fishing licenses during July were issued to the following: John A. Carpenter, J. W. Richardson, C. B. Stone, Henry Gede, Jr., D. L. Fields, John Letors, L. A. Bollman, Dr. Mark Hayter, L. C. Muscott, Al Stow, J. A. Brown, Sol Bennett, C. L. Gibson, J. N. Conn, George E. Cutler, George Dilling, N. H. Smith, J. D. Hubbard, R. H. VanOrsdal, C. Ralph, L. H. Mallicoat, Dallas. J. L. Cave, Arthur Moore, James Riggle, Robert Schafer, Henry Schaefer, G. E. Mills, J. A. Wood, C. D. Saunders, S. H. McElmurry, Bert Crowley, Frank Coquillette, Independence.

C. R. Fream, Ed M. Winder, Ira C. Powell, W. A. Gueffray, Cleves Powell, Ivan D. Wood, W. B. Ramsey, Orville Sevier, Walter Stram, E. A. Pagenkopp, Monmouth. Charles Meyer, A. E. Meyer, Terrence C. Mahr, H. E. Barnhart, Wright Gardner, Falls City. Ernest Palmer, Walter E. Rasmussen, Rieckard. Earl Russell, McCoy; Don J. Fletcher, Buell; J. E. Osborne, Portland; L. S. Caughey, Airdie.

**Hunting Licenses.**  
Hunting licenses issued during the month of July are as follows: Charles Ward, P. H. Weeks, Frank Chapin, John Whitehead, M. G. Green, Finley Whitney, Dallas. Hank Brown, W. D. Whitehead, W. D. Hancock, Theodore M. Thacker, A. Wade, E. Arrance, Falls City. A. G. Byers, Russell Ballard, J. W. Cook, Independence. Edgar Balderse, William A. Owens, J. G. Keilhaber, Jack Balderse, Black Rock. Guy Mattson, Tillamook; F. J. Laird, Lebanon; R. M. Howard, Loudmead; D. L. Kept, Perrydale; G. W. Newhall, Ballston; B. G. Bush, Airdie.

**Hunting and Fishing.**  
Combination licenses issued during July are as follows: A. W. Teats, John Grant, Hugh G. Black, M. D. Ellis, Dallas. J. H. Hibbs, H. E. Bassett, D. J. Collins, Bert Marble, F. M. Russell, Independence. W. E. Smith, J. B. V. Butler, G. T. Boothby, P. C. Bush, Monmouth. C. A. Clem, Henry Pule, Airdie. T. V. Mason, H. B. Bullon, Nashville. Otto W. Helms, Medford; R. S. Cook, Falls City; L. Stein, Portland.

## INJURED IN RUNAWAY

Salem Girl Visiting Relatives on Salt Creek Hurt in Serious Runaway Early Wednesday Forenoon.

Miss Verda Gimstead, the 15-year-old daughter of James Gimstead, of Salem, was seriously injured Tuesday morning, when a horse which she was driving in the Salt Creek neighborhood suddenly took flight and ran away. The girl was thrown from the buggy and struck the ground on her head and shoulders, she was rendered unconscious by the impact and remained so for hours. A physician was summoned from Dallas and made the girl as comfortable as possible. It is reported that, while the injury is serious, no permanent ill effects are feared. Miss Gimstead was visiting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Martha Connor.

## Library Closed.

On account of the moving of the city hall, which is now under way, the Dallas library will remain closed until the job shall have been completed.

FORMER DALLASITE WRITES OF ACTIVITIES IN EAST OREGON

Coming of Railway and Oil Discoveries Boom Land Values in Great Inland Empire of Eastern Oregon.

Editor Observer:—The great "Inland Empire," as Central Oregon is called by the boosters, is booming to the front at a rapid rate since the Hill and Harriman railroads were completed to Bend, Crook county. Settlers have been moving to this country from all parts of the United States and locating homesteads and desert claims. There is not a valley in Central Oregon that is being passed up by the homeseekers, between the Deschutes river and Harney Valley. Harney Valley is the largest in Eastern Oregon, and is about the same area as the Willamette Valley. There is no railroad to this country. The nearest railroad point is Prairie City, a distance of 90 miles; Vale 135 miles; Bend, 150 miles. The Oregon Eastern is now building from Vale to Harney Valley, and the road is contracted to be finished in 1913. The railroad company is now purchasing rights of way through the valley, and has finished surveying its townsite of 200 acres near Harney Lake. They have purchased 900 acres for their city. There is a Portland Townsite company that has surveyed out the townsite of Wellington, of 1000 acres. These two towns are only one-half miles apart, on the north side of the lake, and 30 miles south of Burns.

There is great excitement here now over the discovery of oil 15 miles from Harney, on land owned by the Pacific Livestock company. This company last winter started to drill 1000 feet for artesian water, and had drilled to over 800 feet when oil was found. I. S. Holland, bookkeeper for the company, has sent some of the oil to be analyzed, and it was found to be of the highest quality. This valley has been at one time an inland sea, and has been attracting considerable attention the past two years by oil experts. The Eastern Oregon Oil and Gas company, backed by the Clarke Oil company, is now shipping drilling outfits here and leasing land. There are several gas wells in the vicinity of the present oil well. Van L. Embree and myself own 220 acres of land in the Harney oil district. The present oil well is only three and one-half miles from our land. We are building the railroad and the discovery of oil, property in Harney Valley lands bid fair to become very valuable.

"The season has been good for the farmer, and there are big crops of grain and stock products. For a new country it is doubtful whether there is a place in Eastern Oregon that will compare with the great Harney Valley. Land that could be purchased last fall for a song, and that is now sold for a high price, is now being sold for the oil prospects and good crops on the sagebrush land. The best grain and gardens are to be seen on the sagebrush land, once considered worthless by the old settlers, who were here only to use the land for stock raising. The new settlers have compelled the stockmen of the Inland Empire to turn their attention to farming, and the big stock raiser is a thing of the past in Harney county. Yours respectfully, CLYDE EMBREE.

**Local Men Loyal.**  
Members of company G, of Dallas, which company is a member of the Second battalion, and whose captain, Walter L. Toose, Jr., is one of the officers under fire, declare their loyalty to their officer. They say that all of them will stand behind him in the fight, if he has one, but as one of the members said yesterday: "I do not see how we can quit the service if we should decide to adopt this course. Those of us in the service, and who have been connected with the Guard for several years, know of the political quarrel that has kept the organization stirred up and we all attribute the Gate difficulty and the fuss that has been made over it, to that fight."

**ADVERTISE FOR BIDS**  
Hospital Directors Call For Estimates On Proposed New Building; Must Raise \$2,500 More.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Dallas Hospital association held Tuesday night, it was decided to go ahead at once with plans for the building of a new building, and it was decided to advertise for bids for the construction of the same, said bids to be closed August 15. On that date the directors will hold another meeting when the bids will be opened and, according to present plans, the contract will be awarded.

Previous to that time, however, an effort will be made to raise the balance of the funds required, and the entire board of directors will go out in a body and make a thorough canvass to raise the amount. As has heretofore been stated, it will necessitate the subscription of about \$2500 additional to complete the amount it is proposed to raise, in order that the new institution may be built and equipped in a thoroughly modern manner according to the plans contemplated.

## INVESTIGATES WATER SYSTEM

Committee From Cornelius Visit City To Look Over Water Supply. For the purpose of investigating Dallas' splendid water system a committee of Cornelius business men headed by Mayor A. S. Spoles and consisting of Councilmen Albert Bunting, J. A. Irmier and Editor V. H. Massey, of the Tribune, paid a visit to Dallas Wednesday. The town of Cornelius, which is one of the widest and growing communities of Yamhill county, is planning the installation of a water system and, hearing of Dallas' satisfactory plant, a trip was made to look it over. They traveled by automobile.

GOVERNOR ORDERS PROBE OF ALLEGED MISCONDUCT OF NATIONAL GUARD OFFICIALS AT GATE, WASH.

## STIRS MILITARY CIRCLES

Adjutant-General Finzer Declares Oregon Troops Have Received "Black Eye;" Men of Second Battalion Will Stand Behind Officers; Threatened "Strike" in Sight.

Court martial for the five officers of the Second battalion of the Third Regiment Oregon National Guard, who are alleged to have disobeyed orders issued by General Marion P. Maus, at Gate, Wash., on Sunday, July 28, has been decided on by Acting Governor Ben Olcott after a conference by wire with Governor West, who is at present absent from the state.

Military officials, including Adjutant-General Finzer, profess to be very much concerned over the Gate matter, and declare that the controversy has stirred the National Guard to the depths. They say that it is one of the most stunning blows ever dealt the organization in this state and profess to believe that it will be years before its evil effects are forgotten. Others do not take so radical a view of the matter. They admit that, possibly, the officers might have been wrong, according to strict military tactics in disobeying the orders, but on the other hand, they say that there might have been extenuating circumstances and some even declare that the trouble is the outcome of a long political fight within the Guard which has kept it in a turmoil for two or three years.

**"Strike" Threatened.**  
The latest feature of the affair is the announcement that the members of the Second battalion who are attached to the Fort Stevens camp, will stand by their officers in the event of a court martial and that, if the officers are punished, the men will quit the Guard and refuse to do further military duty. Whether or not they really mean to attempt this extreme measure is problematical. If so, it is difficult to understand how it could be accomplished. It is beyond the power of a member of the militia to leave the service at his pleasure. He enlists for a certain period and he must remain in the service during that time, unless discharged or mustered out for cause. It is pointed out that a refusal to do duty by an enlisted man might render him liable to punishment for disobedience or, worse still, prosecution on the charge of desertion.

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## LIGHTNING HITS PHONE

Early Morning Bolt Shatters Glass and Cuts Grocer Coppers; Thunder Storms Quiver Numerous.

During a thunder storm early Wednesday morning lightning struck the telephone wire leading into the office of the Dallas Water company and the Soehren Warehouse company and forced havoc with the instrument and raised outward a side of wooden wall to which the telephone was attached. The bolt struck an insulator carrying the wire, which was attached to a barn on Ash street, and melted the glass. A long section of the covered wire from this insulator leading to the phone was melted and would crumble up like so much rope. The bolt burned out the phone and shattered a hole in the side of the building. It is considered remarkable that the building was not ignited.

Thunder storms are unusual in this vicinity, or were until the present summer, when several of them have visited this section. Wednesday morning's disturbance was the most severe of any yet experienced, and the report of the bolt which shattered the Soehren telephone started many people.