

# TO TALK ACROSS OCEAN THIS YEAR

## Marconi Predicts Wireless Telephony In Six Months.

### ON EVE OF BIG EXPERIMENTS

With Bigger Machines He Hopes Soon to Be Able to Make It Possible to Carry on a Conversation Between London and Ireland—Working on Wonderful New Instrument.

William Marconi expects to telephone across the Atlantic in the near future, possibly within six months. This statement he made to the New York Times London correspondent, at the same time denying the report which has frequently cropped up in the last few months that he had succeeded in talking across the Atlantic.

"Some newspaper accounts of my recent experiments in Italy," he said, "were very funny. Here is one that says I succeeded in talking over a distance of more than 4,000 miles. As a matter of fact, we talked by wireless over a distance of slightly more than forty-five miles, which was all we expected and knew we could do with the apparatus we were using."

**New Telephone Apparatus.**  
"We were experimenting with brand new apparatus on which I began work only three months ago and which seems very simple and very practical. We did not intend it to work over long distances; in fact, I knew it would not work much over forty-five miles. The same type of apparatus would have worked over longer distances, but what we were after was not long distance records, but reliability—reliability first. We were very much gratified by the results."

"The first and severest test was twelve hours' continuous talking—not all by one man, of course. The twelve hours' talk was provided by several men and a phonograph working in relays."

"The new apparatus is more practical, simpler and less likely to get out of order than anything we have had heretofore."

"I think transatlantic telephony will be done soon. I think there is no impossibility about it."

**To Talk Across Irish Sea.**  
"We are building some larger and more powerful machines, and now expect soon to be able to carry on experiments in long distance wireless telephony over 200 or 300 miles. The station at Clifden will, I hope, be doing it soon. We hope soon to talk between Ireland and London if everything doesn't get smashed up over Ulster and prevent the experiment. The station at Carnarvon, Wales, will also soon be experimenting with long distance wireless telephony over a minimum of 300 miles."

"I am also working on a still bigger machine, the object of which is to send transatlantic wireless telegraph and telephone messages both on the same machine."

"The commercial possibilities of transatlantic telephony, I think, will not be nearly so great as those of transatlantic wireless telegraphy—at least, not at present. You see, at most we cannot talk more than 100 words a minute over the telephone, whereas we can send 200 words a minute by wireless telegraph."

## FARM WAGES STILL HIGHER.

### Rise 2.5 Per Cent In Last Year and 11 Per Cent Since Four Years Ago.

The wages of farm labor increased about 2.5 per cent last year and about 11 per cent in the last four years. Since 1902 the increase has been about 26 per cent. The estimates are based upon reports of correspondents of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture.

The current average rate of farm wages in the United States, when board is included, is, by the month, \$21.38; by the day, other than harvest, \$1.16; at harvest, \$1.67. When board is not included the rate is, by the month, \$20.31; by the day, other than harvest, \$1.56; by the day, at harvest, \$1.94.

Wages of farm labor have been increasing rapidly, not only in the United States, but in most, if not all, other countries of the world.

Although farm wages in the United States increased about 27 per cent from 1900 to 1910, land values nearly doubled in the same time, indicating that in the distribution of the proceeds from farming operations a larger proportion now goes to capital account and less to labor account than formerly.

## MAN BEST AT 60, SAYS TAFT.

### Knows So Much Then He Wants to Guide the Young Afloat.

In a recent address to students at the law school of the University of Minnesota former President Taft declared that a man at sixty was at the very zenith of his ability.

"When a man is sixty," he said, "he is able to recognize the defects which have come to him through lack of self-restraint and self-sacrifice. We know so much at sixty we think we ought to rush in and aid the young men and women to avoid the same pitfalls."

# UNCLE SAM'S MEN EASY FOR SHARKS

## Money Lenders Near Capitol Charge Excessive Interest.

### CLERKS ARE EXTRAVAGANT.

Aggregate Loans Estimated at \$500,000, and the Average Interest 150 Per Cent, or \$750,000—Law of Congress Evaded by Money Lenders Moving Across Potomac to Virginia.

Washington.—Of all the shady interests which are carried on by government employees in every department the "loan shark" evil is said to be the worst. For years department heads and bureau chiefs have failed to stamp out the class of men who carry on the business among their associates of lending small sums at excessively large rates of interest.

In the office of the United States attorney for the District of Columbia are filed at the present time no less than fifty distinct charges of "loan sharking," the offenders including professional money lenders. In a preliminary statement recently given out Assistant District Attorney Given said that no less than 1,000 complaints of violation of the loan shark law have been received from persons who requested that their names be not made public.

A little over a year ago congress enacted a drastic law against "loan sharking." The interest rates which had formerly ranged from 50 per cent to 300 per cent a year, were cut to 1 per cent a month. For a time it was believed that the business in Washington was dead. Then the money lenders put their heads together and several of the professionals who maintained offices in the downtown section of the city tried the first evasion of the law.

It is about twelve city blocks from the western edge of the downtown district to the Virginia side of the Potomac river. Within fifteen feet of the high water mark on the Virginia side of the river two or three of the lenders built offices and hung out three balls. An interurban electric line gave easy access to and from the city. Signs giving notice of the change of location were displayed before their downtown Washington offices and several other shops bore signs of a change of residence to Alexandria, Va., five miles down the Potomac.

Thus by co-operation among the money lenders the entire professional "loan shark" business of Washington was moved to Virginia, with the exception of the "amateur" money lenders in the government departments. This, the police found, is the filing that the district attorney's office is determined to stamp out.

It is said that a negro messenger in the treasury department accumulated over \$50,000 during his thirty-five years of service through loaning small sums at excessive rates of interest.

One of the money lenders established between his Washington office and his office on the Virginia shore a half hour automobile livery service for clients in downtown Washington, across Potomac park and the Highway bridge into Virginia. It proved too expensive, however.

Washington, filled with residents whose homes are elsewhere, has probably the most apathetic civic conscience in the world. Its population is nearly as cosmopolitan as that of Atlantic City, and there is a spirit of rivalry as to dress and "front" in the very municipal atmosphere. A man with a government position has a prestige in his home community that few other positions of employment confer. The incumbent thinks he must live up to it by aping the dress and manners of the idle rich. The messenger with a salary of \$600 or \$700 a year aims to dress like his superior, the clerk. He does not want the public to think he is a mere messenger. The clerk would be a division chief, and he aspires to dress the part. He goes the messenger one better by allowing himself to be drawn into the ultra atmosphere of petty social affairs in Washington, which rarely get him anywhere. The division chief likes to be mistaken for an assistant secretary. And thus the merry game goes on.

## HEARS LAST RITES BY PHONE.

### Telephone Enables Dying Man to Attend Wife's Funeral.

Paterson, N. J. — Ex-Judge James Inglis, confined to his bed by pneumonia, heard by telephone the funeral services conducted over the body of his wife in the parlor below.

A bell-like transmitter was installed in the parlor and wires led upstairs to the room where Judge Inglis lay. When the Rev. Davis Stewart Hamilton, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, began the service a receiver was lifted to Judge Inglis' ear and was kept there until the last word was spoken.

**Operate For Old Dog Bite.**  
New York.—Physicians have found it necessary to operate on Miss Ella F. Hobby for an infection of the left leg caused by a dog bite fourteen years ago. She has undergone twelve operations. It is believed the last will cure her, as two inches of the diseased bone were removed.

# FOR CONGRESS



## FRED HOLLISTER

### A FAILURE—STOP HIM

The reason the Courier asks voters to give Congressman Hawley's place to Fred Hollister of Coos County, is because Mr. Hawley is not making good—the same reason the Courier would let go of an incompetent printer and put another man in his place.

There isn't an individual or newspaper in this district that can ask for Mr. Hawley's return to congress on his record—for his record won't bear the strain.

During his past four years in congress he has not passed a bill—except private pension bills.

This of itself would not be anything against him, perhaps, but during his term in congress he has come down the line with the big interests and standpatters on about everything they have tried to jimmy through the national legislature—and this office has his record to prove it.

He has been the handy man to the big bunch to such an extent that such periodicals as LaFollett's magazine has held him up to the view of the people as a "Me, too," congressman.

Heretofore the Democrats have nominated a weak brother to run against Mr. Hawley, and made his return easy.

Whether this was misfortune or intent doesn't matter now.

But this year Mr. Hawley has a live one for an opponent—a man running against him who is going to beat him out.

Fred Hollister of Coos Bay is every ounce a hustler and doer.

He is progressive from the ground up, a progressive for progressive Oregon. He believes this district has been overlooked in the Washington shuffle, and he wants a new deal.

He believes that a congressman who has served eight years and had 170 of his 175 bills killed, must have been asleep at this which.

It is certain that Mr. Hawley has always been lame so far as Oregon has been concerned.

Supposed to be representing this state, a state which emphatically went on record for reduced tariff duties, Mr. Hawley took the stump in Massachusetts advocating a repeal of the present tariff laws and a return to protection duties.

There are no reasons for returning Mr. Hawley, and there are the best of reasons for electing Mr. Hollister and having this state represented by a man who represents the people.

It's a joke, a burlesque for progressive Oregon, to return this Disciple of Joe Cannon.

We have timber to beat him and we will have correct representation in Mr. Hollister.

If voters of Clatsop county will use their heads and forget party, Mr. Hawley will be a once-washer November 3, and we will have a congressman in Washington who will not have to think twice whether he is representing Massachusetts or Oregon—Oregon City Courier.

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