

MURDERS IN AMERICA FAR EXCEED THOSE OF ONE-TIME LEADER ENG.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—(United News)—Murder threatens to become a lost art in London. While American cities such as Chicago and New York ponder crime statistics that indicate a life a day, to be the average toll of murders, London is examining with considerable complacency the annual report of the commissioner of police, which discloses that only 16 murders were committed in the metropolitan area during the 12 months of 1924. London's population is nearly 5,000,000 souls, so your chances of losing your life at the hands of a murderer in this city are about one in 500,000. The chances of your murderer getting away to brood over his crime in freedom are not so chimerical as to attract the American throngs to London as a safe theatre of crime. Night of the 1924 murderers committed suicide. Five were apprehended by the police and three escaped. Crimes of violence have decreased, the commissioner reported. The 16 murders of persons more than one year of age and the 12 infanticides in 1924 are compared with the 27 murders and 15 infanticides of 1923. London traffic, however, is as blood-thirsty as its American counterpart. Accidents in the crowded streets caused 844 deaths in 1924 compared to 688 in 1923.

A total of 15,427 indictable offenses were committed in London last year, compared to 15,353 in 1923. Ten more cases of manslaughter were recorded in 1924 than in 1923, but there were 25 fewer woundings and assaults. Only 19 drug addicts or peddlers were prosecuted in 1924 compared to 72 one year before.

Englishmen read the crime statistics of American cities with amazed horror. The recent Drake hotel episode in Chicago might have been disregarded as a prankster's joke cabled over to startle the old world but for stories that have preceded it of violent battles and sudden death in the streets of American cities.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 6.—United News—One man, woman or child of every 15,000 persons in Kansas City is doomed to die at the hands of a murderer, according to statistics compiled here. Last year there were 22 murders. The population of Greater Kansas City is approximately 200,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—Over a period of years San Francisco murders average 28 annually. One of each 21,000 inhabitants is slain yearly.

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—New York has one murder to each 19,000 of its population, according to statistics furnished by police reports.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 6.—Cleveland had 81 murders reported in 1924, of which 11 were described as justifiable homicides. The proportion to population was approximately one to 12,000.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 6.—Atlanta offers its average inhabitant a approximate odds of 30,000, that he won't be murdered. There were 68 murders here in 1924. As in other southern cities, most of the principals were negroes.

Telephone Operators in Many Lands



By JOHN B. O'BRIEN

THE Voice with a Smile—Why is it that this phrase has become associated almost exclusively with the telephone operator in America?

Perhaps it is because she has more to smile about.

In no other country has telephone service been developed to the extent that it has in the United States. In no other land is the public more appreciative of its service or more courteous in its relations to the operator. The United States has 63 per cent of the world's telephones. It has the most comprehensive system in existence, and the equipment is a model for all others in every nation of the globe.

The telephone, born in America and gradually developed in this country, is essentially an American invention, but without a public to use it and to demand greater facilities the efforts of Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas A. Watson and the engineers who followed them might have proved of small avail. The American public, however, has learned to use the telephone with greater freedom and ease than do the people of other nations, with the result that the telephone has become in this country an important and necessary part of our business and social life. The telephone girl, therefore, is a vital factor in our everyday existence.

Telephone operators the world over are noted for their courtesy, and especially is this true of the American telephone girl. In many other countries the operator is just a government clerk, and in no large country is the number of calls per person so high as in the United States. It is much more difficult to be courteous under such circumstances, but in the Bell system it has been found that as a rule the most courteous girls are

the most efficient, which possibly helps to account for the greater efficiency of the American service. The outstanding characteristics of the American telephone operator are her good health, her happy disposition, her faithfulness and her willingness to face real danger in times of emergencies, such as fires, floods, etc.

Foreign Practices

In England a telephone girl is not an operator. She is a "telephonist." The long distance operators in London, because of the many communications with the continent, not only are required to speak both French and English, but must know the former language sufficiently well to be able to understand it over telephone wires, which is no small feat. In fact, French is the official language of the Paris-London line. Recently, in order to increase their efficiency in routing long distance calls, London and Paris have inaugurated a scheme of exchanging telephone girls in relays for periods of two weeks in each city. The English girls work in the French central offices, and at the same time the French operators are employed at the London end of the wire on the long distance lines, thus giving both a working knowledge of the two languages and the methods of routing calls in addition to cementing a personal "entente cordiale."

In Great Britain the line is never "busy"; rather, "the number is engaged." Another English expression used by the telephonists which sounds strange to American ears is "You're through," which means that you can begin to talk, being the equivalent of the American "Here's your party." This same practice is common in New Zealand and Australia.

When the American telephone girl answers your signal, she inquires in a smiling voice with ringing inflection, "Number, please?"

in France the operator announces herself with, "Jeécoute," which means "I'm listening." In Germany she says, "Hier's die exchänge," in Norway, either "Central" or simply "Yes," while in Sweden there is a practice which is often the cause of some perplexity to the foreigner using a Swedish telephone for the first time. On lifting the receiver from the book the first thing he hears may be merely a number—for example, "Thirty-nine." However, this is not a telephone number, but is simply the number of the operator who is answering the call. In some parts of Sweden the operators follow the practice common in Belgium, which is to mention the exchange name as the equivalent of "Number, please." Outside of the English speaking nations and Switzerland, however, the equivalent of "please" is seldom heard.

The Mashi Mashi Girl

The telephone girl of Japan is known as the Mashi Mashi-girl, the term mashi mashi being the Japanese equivalent for "hello." Usually she is very young, often being not more than fourteen years of age. All Japanese telephone operators in the city of Tokyo are required to wear a uniform costume which consists of a sort of skirt called a "sakama," which is worn over a working kimono of coarse, white cloth. The sleeves are not as full as those of the ordinary kimono and are tied with a cord just below the elbow so as to prevent them from interfering with the movements of the operator's hands. The "sakama" has a sash tied in front. The attire is completed by a pair of white cloth foot-covers and straw sandals. They wear no stockings.

While the Japanese operators are very young girls, quite the reverse conditions prevail on the Island of Cuba. There, widows with grown daughters are given the preference.

Usually the telephone exchange is located in a dwelling house where the widow is installed as manager and her daughters become the operators. Outside of the city of Havana there is more or less of a prejudice against girls going to business, so that by having the telephone exchange installed in a private home the old Spanish traditions may be maintained, while, at the same time, the fatherless family is enabled to earn a good living.

Accomplished Linguists

Only in San Francisco—in the famous Chinatown exchange—in this country are telephone operators required to be able to speak more than one language, but in certain parts of the globe, to be a telephone operator, a girl must also be an accomplished linguist. In Bombay, which is filled with the sounds of many tongues, the operators who handle the telephone traffic are expected to speak not only their own native language, but, in addition, English, French, Japanese, Chinese and Arabic. In Cairo the telephone girls must know not only their own language, but French, English, Greek and Italian as well—five in all. Throughout the Far East, operators usually must have at their command at least one foreign language besides their own.

In many large cities of the Far East, where so many different languages and dialects are spoken as to cause serious difficulty in the use of the telephone, the problem is being solved by the automatic or machine switching telephone service.

Whether it be in far off Abyssinia, where the operator in his hut under the eucalyptus trees not only makes all the connections, but also does all the talking, or in the land of the Mikado, in Europe or in our own United States, telephone operators all over the world have one attribute in common—they serve the public. And, everything considered, they serve it remarkably well.

OREGON COWBOYS TO COMPETE IN BIG CHICAGO RODEO THIS MONTH

To capture for Oregon championship honors in the greatest of all western sports, more than a score of cowboys and cowgirls from this state will descend on Chicago, August 15 to 23 for the Roundup and World's Championship Rodeo. The rodeo, which will be held in the Grant Park stadium, is under the auspices of the Chicago Association of Commerce, with "Tex" Austin, foremost of cowboy contest directors, in charge of the various events.

Mike Hastings of Pendleton, world's championship steer wrestler in 1921, and holder of the world's record for throwing a steer in seven seconds flat, is among those from Oregon who have signified their intention of taking part in the Chicago Rodeo. Others from Oregon who have taken notable part in previous world championship rodeo contests, and who are expected to attend the Chicago contest are: Fox Hastings, Loretta Butler and Opal Wood, all of Pendleton, and Everett Riggs of Lakeview.

The Oregon group is anticipating no "soft business" at the Chicago rodeo, however, for there they are to meet a hundred or more cowboys and cowgirls from other western and southwestern states bent on the same mission as themselves. From the "brush" of the Southwest to the ranges of Canada the challenge has gone out to the buckaroos, and these together with the cowgirls and steer bulldoggers will there renew old rivalries and perhaps write new records into the classic of the cattle country. Winners in the Chicago rodeo will share in \$30,000 in cash prizes, the largest sum offered anywhere this year, as well as in the world championship belts and trophies.

Musical Comedy To Be Shown In Klamath

Members of the Klamath Falls Kiwanis club pledged unanimous support of Charles D. Haberling of Medford, in his efforts to present the musical comedy "Pirates of Penzance" during a meeting of the club at noon yesterday.

A cast of more than 60 persons will be used in the play, including Ed. Andrews, now with the Brandon Opera company, but a resident of Medford, and George Maddox, tenor, with the Ellison-White chautauqua, also a resident of Medford. The dates of the presentation have been announced as September 3 and 4, to be given in the open air pavilion to be erected at the fair grounds. Haberling will be director for the production and he has to his credit the pageant "Iolanthe" given in Medford in 1923 and "Robin Hood" presented in Medford in 1924.

DRASTIC REFORMS IN EDUCATION ASKED

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6.—(United News)—Teaching involves a criminal waste of human energy. Prof. Alexander Silverman, of the University of Pittsburgh, asserted in an address before the American Chemical society, meeting here.

Drastic reforms in the teaching methods of high schools and colleges were urged by a dozen speakers, representing universities and technical schools in all parts of the country.

Classrooms and laboratories are too large, declared Prof. Silverman, who favored re-organization of the existing system of instruction. Not more than 24 students, he thought, should be grouped in any one classroom. This method, he explained, would eliminate unfairness to the superior student, who now has his ambition curbed in a class with average or inferior students.

Veteran in Oregon Dept. Of Justice Resigns Job

PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—Tom Word, veteran department of justice agent in the northwest has resigned his position rather than go to Phoenix, Ariz., on a permanent assignment. Word protected his transfer and was ordered to go to Phoenix or resign. He sent his resignation at once. Word has lived in Portland 36 years and during that time, he was twice sheriff of Multnomah county.

CALIFORNIANS MAKE CLEAN SWEEP IN ORE.

PORTLAND, Aug. 6.—(United News)—Californians made a clean sweep of the men's singles in the Oregon state tennis tournament as the play moved into the semi-finals here Thursday.

Herbert Suhr, San Francisco, beat J. H. MacWick, Portland, 7-5, 7-5. Catlin Wolfard, San Francisco, defeated Bob Kendall, Portland, 6-2.

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HOOVER TO HELP IN COAL CRISIS

Secretary Of Commerce In Long Conference With President Coolidge

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—(United News)—Secretary of Commerce Hoover is expected to confer at length with President Coolidge on the coal situation in a coming visit to Swamscott, which was announced Thursday.

Hoover expects to go to Swamscott, and return before Monday when he will have to be here for the meeting of the American debt-defending commission. He will also present to Coolidge an invitation from San Francisco to attend the jubilee celebration in that city in September.

Hoover declined to say whether he had been summoned by Coolidge to Swamscott because of the difficulties between anthracite miners and operators, but it is understood the two will go over the situation very carefully.

To Meet Later

Hoover was engaged nearly all day Thursday in a conference which discussed plans for bringing the bureau of mines, recently transferred to the department of commerce from the department of the interior in closer contact with the mining industry.

J. V. Reynolders, president of the American Institute of Mining Engineers of New York, was made chairman of the conference.

Another meeting of the conference will be held in October at Salt Lake City Hoover said, so that mining representatives who were not able to attend the meeting Thursday can be present.

6-2. Phil Neer, Palo Alto, eliminated Stanley Alquist, San Francisco, 7-5, 6-3. These three winners and Elmer Griffin, San Francisco who was victorious yesterday will compete in the semi-finals.

Semi-finalists in the men's doubles include: Elmer Griffin and Catlin Wolfard, Phil Neer and Hutton Miller and E. P. Steinmetz and C. H. Manlove.

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