

# MONOPOLY SEEN IN BELL PHONE

### Public Utilities Head Declares It Is Real Trust.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 23.—Charges by Clyde M. Reed, chairman of the Kansas Public Utilities commission, that the American Telephone & Telegraph company is "the nearest approach to a complete monopoly of any public service concern in the country," and a defense of the company's organization policy by H. B. Thayer of New York, president of the Bell company, marked the concluding session of the utility commissioners' convention here.

Mr. Reed called upon the commissioners to acquaint the public with the telephone situation, declaring "the complete monopoly toward which we are drifting is a threat to public service and will impose a burden of hundreds of millions of dollars upon telephone users."

The company's plan, Mr. Thayer explained, was to build up a system covering the entire country so thoroughly that its service would be of the greatest value and within the reach of everyone.

"Our obligation to the public," said Mr. Thayer, "will not be fulfilled until rates are so low as to compel everyone who requires it to have a telephone."

Mr. Thayer said there now was one telephone in use for every eight persons in the United States.

## OH, OH, MR. DAUGHERTY

By J. M. BAER, The Ex-Congressman-Cartoonist. Life, the funny magazine, has a cartoon showing Harry Daugherty trying to hold the door from behind which the skeletons are trying to emerge.

Daugherty knows impeachment here when the senate will try him on the charges presented by Congressman Keller in the House.

Back of the door are the war fraud cases, the Morse case, the profiteering cases, and the Chicago injunction.

Mr. Daugherty is the Fuller Bank of the Harding cabinet, the Nero of the presidential route.

The senate should have a merry old time with Daugherty, and if it serves the country as well as Daugherty has served the interests of the Mayflower will be minus a passenger on its holiday cruises before long.

Daugherty may want to get out in motions against the newly elected progressives serving in congress next. If they serve, he's a goner!

Antwerp, Belgium, is the center of the human hair industry. Raw hair and Chinese hair, which has been bleached, dyed and prepared, is used in the manufacture of women's hair nets.

## EDDIE LEONARD TO BE AT ORPHEUM NEXT WEEK



Eddie Leonard

Eddie Leonard in "The Minstrel's Delight." Established years ago as one of the most popular minstrel stars of the American stage, Eddie Leonard comes to the Orpheum next week as the stellar attraction. As a black-face comedian he achieved his major success, but last season he headed a musical comedy company.

He is also widely known as a song composer. Some of his chief successes have been "Mandy," "That's All," and "Sweetness." Some of his new songs are "Mary, Where Will You Be?" and "The Dancing Moon."

This season his vaudeville offering is "The Minstrel's Delight." He has the capable assistance of Stewart and Olive.

## TENNESSEE EMPLOYERS WANT FINANCIAL HELP

Another sob appeal for financial aid has been issued by the Tennessee manufacturers' association. In their plea to defeat social laws the manufacturers say:

"The manufacturers of Tennessee are paying \$60,000 annually and have been since January 1, 1919, simply because we needed five more votes in the 1919 session of the legislature to defeat the factory inspection bill. We are positive that there are enough manufacturers not in the association to have influenced five representatives to vote against the law levying a fee for factory inspection."

The United States government, under the war compensation law, sends approximately \$600,000 out of the country monthly to foreign beneficiaries.

# SAME QUESTIONS DIVIDED VOTERS IN BRITAIN AS IN THIS COUNTRY

### Progressives and Reactionaries Went Before People With Forces Divided on Minor Details; Labor Was Real Victor.

We have today obtained from Mr. J. A. H. Hopkins, executive chairman of the Committee of 48, the following expression of opinion in relation to the election in Great Britain which cannot fail to be of interest to the American public.

"The results of the general election in Great Britain cannot fail to be of great interest to the American who is honestly interested in his own country, for we are facing world-wide problems to which human nature reacts in very much the same fashion whatever flag waves over its head.

"But in analyzing the English election, we must bear in mind that party designations do not mean the same thing in England as they do in America. For instance, the 'Conservatives' in England correspond to the reactionaries here. Then again the term 'labor party' is not used in the narrow sense but corresponds more nearly to the Progressives or the Liberals in this country and represents a united force where they all pull to gether. The 'Asquith Liberals' and the 'Lloyd George Liberals,' on the other hand, constitute an element for which there is no exact analogy in America—that is, from a political standpoint. Perhaps the nearest approach to them is what Mr. Frank A. Munsey refers to as the Liberal Conservatives—in other words, those who have a sprinkling of progressivism largely diluted with reaction, whose liberalism is out of date and who are gradually solidifying into the reactionaries of the future. If these distinctions are borne in mind the results of the election will be more understandable to the average American.

"Lloyd George originally rose to power because he was recognized as a thorough-going Progressive. In fact, when his star was in the ascendant he was frequently credited with distinctly radical tendencies. He rose to power because the voters wanted to see a new order established and they believed he would bring about a reorganization of their political life and a readjustment of their economic problems. But unfortunately, however genuine he may have been originally, Lloyd George's progressivism gradually faded away. It may have been that he was not sufficiently fundamental in his progressivism to withstand the strain of the great war during which, under the stress of emergency, he was led to compromise many of his principles.

"Perhaps it was the aftermath of the war which showed up Lloyd George as a diplomatist of the old school, willing and eager to revert to the old diplomatic method of settling both international and national problems. But, in any event, he emerged as the representative of a conservative policy, in which capacity he represented an element which possessed neither the immovable power of the standpatters nor the irresistible power of the new progressive spirit which in England, as in America, is rapidly becoming dominant politically.

"Realizing that this was the case and that Lloyd George's policy, instead of solving their problems, was fast leading them into greater difficulties while the country marked time, the reactionary elements represented by the Bonar Law constituency quickly seized their opportunity and temporarily—at least, they have acquired the control of the government, not because the public trusted them more but because they trusted Lloyd George less.

"The situation is analogous to that which swept the Democratic party out of power in 1920 and overthrew the Republican administration in 1922. In each case an administration whose pretensions to liberalism proved unfounded was discarded and the majority control was transferred automatically to another group almost equally reactionary but with the same false pretensions to liberalism, while simultaneously the real progressive spirit obtained a foothold and stepped into prominence, not of course as a major force, but as a strong and rapidly growing minority which it is safe to say will come into its own as a majority party in the very near future.

"Consequently, there is nothing surprising in the results of the English election, which simply means that England is undergoing the same political transformation that is rapidly crystallizing in America. Perhaps the simplest way to express this is to say that the results of the English election with the equivalent American designation, as follows: Conservatives (Reactionaries) . . . 345 Labor (Progressives) . . . 141 Asquith Liberals (Conservatives) 57 Lloyd George Liberals (Conserv.) 52 Misc. (Socialists and Ind.) . . . 20

"The encouraging feature to us all is the marked advance of the 'Labor' or Progressive element whose representation in the former parliament was only 76. It is true that the 'Conservatives' or Reactionaries have a large working majority, but this was to be expected.

"It is altogether probable that the Bonar Law government will find itself even less able to deal with the present situation than was the Lloyd George regime, and it is a reasonably safe prediction that the next British election, like the next election in America, will find the old parties combining for their own protection against the progressive element which is rapidly coming to the front as a well-organized political entity."

# WILL LOOK INTO HAWAIIAN LABOR

### Secretary of Labor Appoints Commission to Make Probe.

With the approval of the president, Secretary of Labor Davis has appointed the following commission to probe Hawaiian labor conditions: John Dooley, department of labor; L. Fred Keightley, secretary of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers; L. E. Shepard, president of the Order of Railway Conductors; Otto R. Hartwig, president Oregon state federation of labor; and Hywell Davies, commissioner of conciliation, department of labor.

Sugar planters in the Hawaiian islands are urging the admission of Chinese under the plea of a labor shortage. Recently the Hawaiian legislature asked the federal administration to appoint a commission to investigate this question.

Paul Scharrenberg, secretary of the California state federation of labor, recently visited the Hawaiian islands and investigated the labor question as a representative of the A. F. of L. His report was printed in the American Federationist.

By the time the week inheres the earth it will probably need a lot of renovating.

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## WHAT THE TRADE UNION MEANS TO WOMEN

That many women do not more appreciate the things trade unions have done for them is far more the fault of their fathers, husbands and brothers than theirs.

How many men take time to tell the women of their family how unions have made life more worth while for them?

It is not the fault of many women that their knowledge of unions consists of the fact that their husband tells them once or twice a month that he is going to the union meeting. They have not taken time to explain unionism to the women what else can be expected?

Women mean a lot to the women. They mean that far less often than in the days before the union the men come home injured and crippled from industry. It is the force of unionism that has placed every safety device on machinery, and improved working conditions.

Men have more time to spend in the home as a result of unionism. It is the power of unionism that has brought the eight-hour day, and is contending for a shorter work day.

Women have the unions to thank that their husbands leave home for work later in the morning and return earlier at night. It is unions that have given them the pleasure of more of their men folk's time.

What of pleasure and comfort women in union families enjoy is the result of unionism. It is the pay check that determines what kind of a house they shall live in, its locality, and how often they shall have new clothes. The size of the pay check is the reflection of the strength of the union.

When organized employers seek to smash unions, they are striking directly at the welfare and comfort of the women. When workers don't strike against this they are striking in behalf of the welfare of the women and children.

Women cannot be blamed for not taking the advantage of unionism as a matter of course when they fail to take time to explain the strike and strike that have resulted in these benefits.

When the worker on strike finds his wife, mother or sister urging him to go back to work, instead of en-

### PEDDLED SAME DOPE WHEN R. R. BOARD WAS CREATED

"An impartial committee," appointed by the president for every railroad dispute, was favored by James A. Emery, attorney for the national association of manufacturers, before a meeting of business men in New York.

Mr. Emery's plea is the same theory of the railroad labor board, except that the new scheme is sugar coated. There is no mention of workers and managers discussing differences or no hope for a better understanding. As this condition makes organization necessary, and Mr. Emery's paymasters, favor individual bargaining, he tries out the same dope that was used when the railroad labor board was created.

### FUR PICKETS JAILED

Three trade unionists in New Brunswick, N. J., have been sentenced to six, four and three months in jail for violating a court order not to picket the plant of the Balk Fur company, which is attempting to enforce the anti-union shop.