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FIGHT FOR CHEAPER PHONES IS BACKED UP BY GOV. GLYNN AND HIGH STATE OFFICIALS

Aid Evening World in Demand for Physical Valuation of Company's Property. TRUST PAYS FOR WORK. "You Have Rendered an Admirable Service to the Public," Declares Governor.

By Samuel M. Williams. ALBANY, Jan. 8.—Complete readjustment of telephone rates in New York City became assured to-day when the highest officers of the State took active interest in The Evening World's fight for the public benefit. The Governor, the Comptroller, the Attorney-General and the Public Service Commission all have joined forces for relief of overcharged New Yorkers. Gov. Glynn congratulated The Evening World on its battle, saying: "You have made a wonderful fight for the public and rendered an admirable service."

The Governor gave his approval to the plan for an appraisal, under State auspices, of the New York Telephone Company's plant, to serve as the basis for complete revision of rates. No special legislation is necessary nor will the State be obliged to spend a dollar on the physical valuation. The State will do the work. The company will pay the bills. Under the law it could be compelled to do this, as was done by the railroad in former investigations. But no invoking of law nor legislative compulsion is necessary in this case. The telephone company volunteered to supply the money and meet the investigators more than half way.

The arrangement for a scientific ratemaking based on valuation was in danger of falling through because of the rigid retrenchments ordered by Gov. Glynn in State appropriations. As near as can be estimated the telephone appraisal will cost \$150,000. COMPANY OFFERS TO PAY THE EXPENSE OF THE APPRAISAL. The Governor in conference shied at adding to the State's expenditures and will be adjusted within a few days. Either the Comptroller will advance the money, to be reimbursed later by the company, or the company will make deposits with the State as required to pay the bills.

The one thing assured is that the work of relieving New Yorkers from excessive telephone burdens will be pushed to quickest possible completion. Chairman Decker of the up-State Public Service Commission will have complete charge of the case. He will employ engineers and accountants. The telephone company will open its books.

MEXICAN REBEL CHIEF REPORTED CAPTURED BY HUERTA'S TROOPS



GEN. PANCHO VILLA.

OKLAHOMA'S BOAT FOUND BY SENECA HELD LIVE MAN

Seaman, However, Perished Despite Efforts of the Doctors. The derelict destroyer Seneca, anchored off Tompkinsville, S. L., to-day sent word to Coroner Vall of Richmond Borough that it had on board three bodies of men who lost their lives in the Oklahoma disaster. Coroner Vall directed that they be taken to McGlinchey's undertaking rooms at Stapleton.

Coroner Vall said he did not know whether an inquest would be held. He did not see why he should act unless asked to do so by the Federal officials. However, he took charge of the bodies at the request of Capt. Johnstone of the Seneca. Capt. Johnstone left the Seneca at once to report at the Collector's office at the Custom House in Manhattan. An official of the marine department of the Gulf Refining Company went to the morgue in Stapleton this afternoon and identified the bodies brought in by the Seneca as those of Simon Simonson, an oiler; Gunner Gunderson, a skipper; and a sailor known only as "Martin."

The hope of the Gulf Refining Company officials that the second lifeboat which left off from the Oklahoma with twenty men aboard might still be afloat was dispelled by the report made by Capt. Johnstone to Capt. Wild of the Revenue Cutter Service this afternoon. The three bodies brought in were found in the second lifeboat. The other seventeen occupants of that boat had been swept away and drowned before the Seneca sighted it.

"One of the men in the boat was alive when we got alongside," said Capt. Johnstone. "We hustled him aboard and worked over him for two hours, but we couldn't revive him."

We found the forward end of the Oklahoma about on Tuesday afternoon. The sea was too high to do anything before dark, so we stood by all night, playing our searchlight on the derelict and waiting other vessels. Yesterday morning, after making several expeditions, we found we couldn't raise it, so I opened fire on it with a six pounder. We saw five holes in the hull, puncturing all the compartments, and she filled and sank shortly after noon fifteen miles south by east of Plover Island, probably on the Delaware coast. She lies in nine fathoms of water and is not a menace to navigation.

MAKER OF BISCUITS DOESN'T WANT SON TO MARRY TYPIST

Rich Chicago Manufacturer Wires Girl's Father to Prevent the Wedding.

HE CAN'T STOP IT. WOMEN SHIELD HIM.

For the Young Lovers Have Already Eloped and Have Their License.

Marie Stenage is an eighteen-year-old stenographer and she has been living with her parents at No. 124 Irving street, Jersey City, Edward Stoltz, only twenty years old, the party of the second part in this romance, is the son of a wealthy biscuit manufacturer in Chicago. Since October he has been courting Miss Stenage from a point of vantage as a roomer in the Stenage home.

On Wednesday Miss Marie started for the law office of Charles Ostrom, Washington street, for her usual stenographic duties. She never reached there. Mr. Ostrom received a telephone message that she was ill and could not come to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Stenage were started Wednesday when their daughter failed to return home. They were too upset to notice that their young roomer from Chicago was not in his apartment.

The blow fell to-day when Stenage received a telegram from Chicago, signed by the elder Stoltz. It urged Stenage to prevent the marriage of his daughter to the biscuit manufacturer's son.

Stoltz's telegram raked with fury and stated baldly that he "wouldn't have his son marry a stenographer for the world." He declared he would disown the boy. He had no viable means of support anyway, cried the telegram, and it was up to Stenage to foil the elopers' plans.

Whereupon Stenage exploded, for it was the first intimation he and his distracted wife had that their daughter had run away to get married. Then he read the telegram again and became indignant. Mr. Stenage declared with vigor that he didn't know anything about the marriage, and didn't care a tinker's darn whether the lad was disowned, and he didn't want his daughter to marry anybody yet—but, above all, he resented the "only a stenographer."

And for that matter, he didn't want his daughter to marry a biscuit manufacturer's son!

Just where or when Miss Stenage and young Mr. Stoltz were married no one seems to know. They got a marriage license in the City Hall in Jersey City Monday. Since then nothing has been heard from them.

ALLEGED WIZARD IS PUT ON TRIAL FOR WITCHCRAFT

Ex-Baptist Minister Arrested in Hoboken While Trying the Black Art.

HE CAN'T STOP IT. WOMEN SHIELD HIM.

First Charge of the Kind Since Women Were Ducked in Salem.

Through the streets of Salem in the early years of the seventeenth century it was no uncommon sight, so history relates, for some poor old woman to be dragged, shrieking, to jail, while behind her a mob clamored the accusation that she was a witch. In somewhat more modern Hoboken a man was led to jail followed by the same crying crowd and arraigned in court to-day charged with "teaching and practicing witchcraft."

The man is Christian P. Christensen, who proclaims himself the President of the Psychical Research Society, with headquarters at the "superstition" building, Fifty-ninth street and Madison avenue, Manhattan. The following throng was composed chiefly of women, but they were not calling for Christensen's life. Instead, they were arguing with the police, declaring that Christensen's arrest was an outrage, that he was not guilty of "superstition" but of "supernatural powers" that he claimed to be, and that if the police didn't watch out he would call down some dread calamity on their heads.

To-day some thirty or forty of the same women, many of them handsome, gowned and bearing evidence of prosperity and culture above the ordinary, were in Recorder McGowan's court prepared to testify that Christensen had proved to their satisfaction the truth of his wonderful powers, but the seer had no mind to undergo a rigid examination then and there.

He had spent all night in a cell. His fur coat evidently had been used for a pillow, and his frock coat and white waistcoat beneath it were sadly rumpled. Also his temper. He asked shortly for an adjournment till Saturday, got it and left court through the agency of a surety company, whose representative finally arrived and went on his bond of \$1,000.

Christensen was arrested in Odd Fellows' Hall in Washington street, where some hundred women and about ten men had gathered last night in answer to Christensen's advertisement that he would induce a Hoboken chapter of his society at the meeting. Two of the ten men were Detective Sergeants Quinn and Patton of the Hoboken police, who had read the advertisements.

They asked a short man about forty, with the blond hair and coloring of a Dane, which he says he is, attired in conventional frock coat, who sought to entertain his listeners with a lengthy lecture on spiritualism and succeeded only in whetting their appetites for what was to come. But at last he began and stepping down to the front of the rostrum from which he spoke, declared that he would now exhibit his powers.

"I can communicate with the dead," said he. "I have supernatural powers that will convince the most skeptical. All I ask is that you shall write the name of the person now dead with whom you wish to communicate and shall inscribe also one question which you wish me to put. I shall be blindfolded so that it will be impossible for me to read what you may write, yet I shall not fail."

A youth who said later he was Harry Hartin, Christensen's assistant, stepped forward and blindfolded him with a handkerchief and everything craned forward in their seats.

GIRL WHO ENDED COUNT'S PROPOSALS BY RESCUING HIM.



MISS ROSAMOND BOTSFORD.

MADE THE COUNT PROMISE TO STOP PROPOSING TO HER

California Girl Wouldn't Save Him Until He Pledged Himself.

Miss Rosamond Botsford, tall, dark, very pretty and just nineteen years old, arrived to-day on the American liner St. Paul from Southampton. Her father, who accompanied her, is Charles Botsford of California. They have a home in Los Angeles, another in Pasadena, Cal., and a third in Munich. Miss Botsford has been abroad six years studying languages. She is proficient in Italian, French and German. But she considers mountain climbing her greatest accomplishment.

She is the only woman who ever climbed Mount Aletschhorn in Switzerland, which is 4,182 metres to the summit. She was caught in a snowstorm at the top for a day and a half without food.

The pretty Californienne had a romance which her father told on her. An Italian count sought her hand, but she wouldn't see the count, because when she went climbing the count couldn't keep up with her. One day she fixed him "for keeps." They were alone on the mountain and her suitors dropped to his knees in the snow and proposed. He slipped through the snow and fell into a crevice. She called down to him that she would rescue him only on condition that he would never propose again. He weakly consented and she lowered him rope.

\$30,000 SCHOOL BLAZE BLAMED ON MILITANTS

St. Paul's Gymnasium and Laboratories at Cheltenham, Eng., Are Destroyed.

CHELTEHAM, Eng., Jan. 8.—A \$30,000 fire, supposedly set by "anarchists," to-day destroyed the gymnasium and scientific and chemical laboratories of St. Paul's Training School here. The fire apparently was incendiary and the police were inclined to blame it on the suffragettes.

QUESTION THAW'S GUARD.

Federal Court Commissioner May Admit Nyer to Bail.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 8.—The Thaw Commission to-day heard the testimony of Marshal E. P. Nye, the third member of Thaw's guard, who was questioned regarding Thaw's mental condition and asked if he thought Thaw would be dangerous if admitted to bail. No word had been received to-day from William T. Jerome, who was asked to present any evidence the State of New York may have to show that Thaw is dangerous. Members of the Commission do not expect Jerome to appear.

RICH MARRIED MAN ELOPED AND IS HELD AS A WHITE SLAYER

J. M. Foster Fled From Jersey Town With Pretty Stenographer and Government Sleuths Catch Them at Mobile.

FATHER MADE MILLIONS IN CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

Registered as Man and Wife in Southern City and Were Preparing to Sail Away.

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 8.—J. M. Foster of Brown's Mill-in-the-Pines, N. J., and twenty-year-old Bessie Bradley, a beautiful girl of the same place, who were arrested here today. Foster is accused of violating the Mann White Slave Act and the girl was held as a material witness. Bail was furnished for both, \$2,000 for Foster and \$500 for Miss Bradley.

THERE GO THE BRIDES! THIRTY-ONE OF 'EM—31, ALL ON ONE STEAMSHIP!

The Palmers in a First Class Romance—Crowds for Send Off and Rice by Tons.

The Cunard liner Franconia sailed at noon to-day for the Mediterranean cruise and carried away the record list of passengers for the trip. There were 487 in the saloon. It was a honeymoon ship for fair, not less than thirty-one brides being on board. There were joyous crowds to see the brides off, a ton of rice and smiles and blushes and roses.

TO STOP U. P. MELON CUTTING

Three Preferred Stockholders Bring a Suit. On behalf of Joseph T. McEadden, Catherine A. & S. F. Cooper and Linda R. Casard, preferred stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, Holmes, Rogers and Carpenter filed a complaint late to-day in the County Clerk's office aimed to prevent the road and its directors from making the division of \$2,000,000 of Baltimore and Ohio stock to common stockholders.

JOB FOR ANOTHER FIRE CHIEF.

Fire Commissioner Robert Adams will ask the Board of Estimate while his friend, the Mayor is presiding to-morrow for the establishment of a Chief of Bureau of Fire Prevention at \$5,000 a year. William H. Swarthout, Deputy Fire Chief of Brooklyn, has been in charge of the bureau since the retirement of Deputy Chief William Guerin by former Commissioner Johnson. It is understood that the Mayor or Fire Commissioner Adams has some one in view for the job.

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