

Small apartment houses will figure out 3-4 cents a message. WANTS MAXIMUM RATE TO BE FIVE CENTS. The Commission thinks that this charge should be reduced so that the maximum rate per message should be five cents. This would insure every apartment house dweller a five-cent telephone service.

Section is review of approximately \$2,700,000 and will undoubtedly amount to more than \$2,000,000 in a short time. It is practically impossible, recognizing all the elements of the situation, to make a balanced and harmonious schedule which will cut out a fixed and arbitrary amount. The amount of the cut which will result from a schedule of rates is necessarily a question of judgment and will vary with the traffic. Any estimate of the amount of the cut may vary 10 per cent.

CITY DIVIDED INTO 10 ZONES FOR NEW TELEPHONE RATES

Individual Line Charges Cut From \$48 for 600 Calls to \$42 for 840—Switchboard Rate Also Slashed.

The proposed rate plan for New York City as described by the telephone company, divides the city into ten zones, as follows: Zone 1—Manhattan Island south of West One Hundred and Tenth Street and East One Hundred and Third Street. Zone 2—Manhattan Island above West One Hundred and Tenth Street and East One Hundred and Third Street, and the central office districts of Fortham, Tremont, Melrose and Intervale in the Borough of Bronx. Zone 3—The northern part of the Borough of the Bronx, comprising the central office districts of Kingsbridge, Williamsbridge, Woodlawn, Westchester and City Island. Zone 4—The northern and central part of Brooklyn, extending as far south as the Flatbush section, and the central office districts of Astoria and Hunter's Point in the Borough of Queens. Zone 5—The southern part of Brooklyn, comprising the central office districts of Bay Ridge, Bath Beach, Coney Island, Midwood and Canarsie. Zone 6—The northern part of the Borough of Queens, comprising the central office districts of Newtown, Forest Hills, Flushing and Bay Side. Zone 7—The central part of the Borough of Queens, comprising the central office districts of Richmond Hill, Jamaica, Hollis and Springfield. Zone 8—The southern portion of

the Borough of Queens, comprising the central office districts of Hammels and Far Rockaway. Zone 9—The northern and central part of the Borough of Richmond, comprising the central office districts of West New Brighton, Tompkinsville and New Dorp. Zone 10—The southern portion of the Borough of Richmond, included in the central office district of Tottenville. The minimum rate for individual line business and residence service in Manhattan and Brooklyn has been reduced from \$48 for 600 messages to \$42 for 840 messages. Additional messages from \$48 to 1,200 are 5 cents each; from 1,200 to 1,400, 4 cents each; from 1,400 to 1,600, 3 cents each, and above 1,600 a new low price per message of 2 1/2 cents is proposed. Two-party line measured service is made available in these zones for residence service, starting at \$38 for 720 messages, as compared with the present undiscouted rate of \$43 for 600 messages. Four-party residence service, starting at \$60 for 600 messages, is made available in Bronx and Brooklyn. It is designed to supersede the present rate of \$38 for 600 messages. The present rates for unlimited residence service applying in Brooklyn are continued under the new plan, so that the residence subscribers will have the option of selecting the unlimited rates with present local areas or the measured rates with the enlarged areas proposed. For private branch exchange service the minimum rate has been made \$123 for a switchboard, two stations, one trunk, and 2,400 local messages, as compared with the present minimum rate of \$204 for 2,400 messages and two trunks. The proposed station rate under private branch exchange contracts is \$6 for the first ten, \$4.50 for the second ten and \$2.50 for all stations above twenty connected with one system. Subscribers in upper Bronx, outlying Queens and Staten Island are given the choice between measured service at \$34 per year for 720 messages or their present unlimited neighborhood flat rate service. An important feature is the elimination of all toll charges between Manhattan and the Boroughs of Brooklyn, and Astoria and Hunter's Point in the Borough of Queens, and the elimination of tolls between northern Manhattan and southern Bronx and the new Zone 4, which comprises Brooklyn, Astoria and Hunter's Point. The maximum toll rate from subscribers' stations from any point in the city to any from Zone 1 in Manhattan will be five cents, except Tottenville and Far Rockaway, where the rate will be 10 cents. The maximum rate between any two points in the city from subscribers' or public telephone stations will be 10 cents. The new toll free zone includes Manhattan, lower Bronx, Brooklyn, Coney Island and Long Island City, or Zones 1, 2, 4 and 5.

P. S. BOARD LAWYER HITS AT CITY COUNSEL.

In making the protest of the city, Mr. Rosenzohn, of the corporation counsel's office said: "We have no objections to this rate schedule being offered by the telephone company, but we do object to bringing at this time a valuation of the plant and a rate of return at 3 per cent, when the Supreme Court in the Consolidated Gas case fixed 5 per cent, as a fair return. Martin Littleton, counsel to the Public Service Commission, made a vicious attack upon Mr. Rosenzohn, saying: 'The city's representatives have sat through these hearings and never offered any evidence or objections until this eleventh hour. I consider this action belated and long delayed, and I question whether the gentleman really represents the interests of the city.' There was a heated controversy be-

Lillian May Cook and Picture of the Dudley Home in Brooklyn



GIRL WHO DISAPPEARED FROM BROOKLYN HOME DEAD AT WEST ROCK

(Continued from First Page.) daughter had left her lodgings at the Y. W. C. A. and search for her was being made, it was found a revolver belonging to the watchman at the factory was missing. Lillian had known where this revolver was kept and on several occasions had been seen to examine it. "Since early in January," Cook said, "my daughter's disposition has materially changed. She used to be happy and carefree, but in the last few months she has been given to melancholia and seemed under constant depression. One day she was with me in Prospect Park and when she saw the lake she said: 'What a beautiful lake to commit suicide in.' "But despite the melancholia and the evidence seeming to point to suicide, I have been more than ever convinced, since my visit to New Haven, yesterday, that Lillian is still alive and will be found. "The father said that in Lillian's room at the Y. W. C. A. in New Haven an envelope had been found with \$50 in it, addressed to "Mother." On top of a little jewel box was a piece of paper addressed to the girl's mother, with the message, "With love from Lillian."

HOME OF JAMES DUDLEY 276 FORTY-FIFTH ST. BROOKLYN.

MOUS RECEIVES AN ANONYMOUS LETTER OF WARNING.

An anonymous letter was received by Frank H. Cook, the missing girl's father, at his home, No. 223 Union Street, Brooklyn, to-day, which was almost identical with that sent to Police Headquarters warning Cook that Mayo and Dudley were the same man. Find Mayo, the letter went on to say, and the missing girl would be found, too. Cook said that while he was in New Haven yesterday he heard from former associates of his daughter in the factory of the Mayo Radiator Company circumstances surrounding Lillian's disappearance. She left the factory last Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, without waiting to receive her salary, due that day, and said goodbye to several of her girl friends, so sadly that one of them challengingly cried, "You speak as if this were goodbye forever." "Maybe it is," Lillian answered and hurried away. Cook was also told that after his

ONE KILLED IN CRASH UPON JERSEY CENTRAL

Through a switching accident in the yards of the Jersey Central Railroad, outside its terminal station at Communipaw, which occurred a few minutes after midnight this morning and caused the death of a brakeman, all traffic was tied up on the approach to the station during the height of the commuting rush hour later in the morning. Hundreds of commuters had to walk across a tangle of switches and tracks 500 yards and more to get their ferries at the station. At 11:30 o'clock a switch engine, with Engineer A. Pecklers at the throttle, started to push a string of four "dead" baggage cars through the yards. The foremost car approached a switch and crashed into an empty passenger car on the converging track which had been propelled too far toward the junction. Brakeman I. Bohn, whose home was on Bartholdi Street, Jersey City, was standing on the platform of the foremost of the baggage cars and was caught in the smash. His body was terribly crushed and he died in five minutes.

HOBOKEN FROM THE POLITICAL RING

Charlie Sieger of 18 Jackson Street, Hoboken, known in pugilistic circles as the "Hoboken Iron Horse," has filed a petition for election as Commissioner with City Clerk James Londigan. Many are taking Charlie's entrance into the political ring as a joke, but he has many friends and they are out working for him. He is distributing circulars in which he advocates public gymnasiums, and a night court, so that if workmen are arrested they may be arraigned and have their cases settled without loss of pay to them. He also favors Sunday baseball. An election is soon to be held for City Commissioners, Hoboken having just accepted commission government.

COURT RULES NORDICA'S HOME WAS IN JERSEY.

The contention of George W. Young, the banker, that his wife, Lillian Nordica, prima donna, was a resident of New Jersey when she died in Batavia, Java, and that the contest over her will, instituted by her relatives, must be determined in the New Jersey courts, was upheld to-day in a decision handed down by Judge John W. Slocum at Freshhold. The Court holds that nothing has been produced to show that Mrs. Nordica had left her husband and established a separate domicile. Judge Slocum rules that the last messages of Nordica establish that she entertained for her husband love and affection which could overlook and forgive his transgressions; also that the present record is devoid of proof that Young had been guilty of misconduct which would warrant her in seeking for a divorce. Counsel are asked to submit an application for further testimony. The effect of the decision is to strengthen Mr. Young's position in his fight to uphold the will by which he is chief beneficiary.

WHEAT PRICES AGAIN SMASHED IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, March 4.—Wheat prices made a sudden downward plunge to-day in the last fifteen minutes of trading. Reports were current that millions of dollars' worth of orders for war supplies, mostly arms and ammunition, had been cancelled in the last forty-eight hours. Although confirmation of the report was lacking, the market broke to a point 7 1/2c a bushel under last night, the May delivery touching \$1.57 to-day, as against \$1.64 1/2 for the same option twenty-four hours previous. At the extreme low point the price showed a drop of 30 cents a bushel since the highest war level, \$1.97, on Feb. 5. Final trading was checked at a rally of 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 from the bottom figures touched.



PENNY A POUND PROFIT

Advertisement for Milk Chocolate Covered Fresh Strawberries, priced at 49c.

Special for Thursday

Advertisement for Assorted Ice Cream Caramels, priced at 10c.

DEAF!

Advertisement for a hearing instrument, priced at \$15.

Kennel and Coop Work in Your Own Home!

Advertisement for high-bred canines and poultry, including a picture of a dog.

MECHANIC'S DELIGHT

Advertisement for Long Cut Smoking and Chewing tobacco, priced at 5¢. Includes a picture of the product box.

FIND SMUGGLED OPIUM HIDDEN ON RELIEF SHIP

Acting on a quiet tip, thirty customs inspectors swarmed aboard the Belgian relief ship Harpalycus, chartered by the New York State relief organization and waiting to sail from her South Brooklyn moorings, and this afternoon dug out of the coal in the forward bunkers twenty-eight cans of gum opium worth about \$2,000.

MRS. SAGE GIVES \$50,000.

Gifts to institutions in memory of her mother.

Machinist Killed by New York Central Train.

Andrew Moran, a machinist, of No. 204 East One Hundred and Twenty-second Street was struck and killed by a northbound New York Central train at One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Street and Park Avenue this afternoon.

Lonely Life in Rooming Place.

An elderly woman known as Mrs. Fombi was burned to death this afternoon in a fire of unknown origin that started on the south side of a ten-story brick tenement at No. 158 Ninth Avenue.

PEASE PLAYER PIANO

Advertisement for Pease Player Piano, featuring a picture of the piano and a woman playing.

FIFTH AVENUE Coach Company

Advertisement for Fifth Avenue Coach Company, featuring a picture of a bus.