

INDEPENDENTS WILL MERGE

Smaller 'Phone Companies to Be United Into Powerful System.

Twin City Co. Back of Movement—Meeting at Nicollet Hotel To-day.

Representatives of Minnesota's 'Independent' telephone companies met at the Nicollet hotel to-day to effect an organization. The 150 independent exchanges were represented by about fifty delegates, who declared that the Bell interests in this and adjoining states would find a worthy commercial foe in the combination of rival companies.

Among the different companies represented were: The Mankato Citizens' Telephone company, Zenith City, Winona and Glencoe represented by J. J. Greaves; Buffalo Lake, Sandstone, Kasson and Monticello, represented by W. Howard Meier; Annandale, E. R. Williams; Stewart, E. N. Schmidt; Midland company, of Adrian; Goodhue, Stockholm company and Benson Telephone exchange; Hayfield and Glenville Telephone exchange; Mountain Lake Telephone company; and Western Iowa and northern Wisconsin interests. While no name has as yet been agreed upon, the 'merger' will probably be known as the Northwestern Independent Telephone Exchange company. To-day was given over entirely to matters of organization. The scope and purpose of the big consolidation will be mapped out tomorrow. The Twin City Telephone company, of Minneapolis and St. Paul, is taking the initiative in the organization of the greater company and its representatives say that when all the independent companies have been amalgamated, the two cities will have with few exceptions the most complete system of telephone connections in the United States.

B.C.R. & N. MINORITY KICKS

WOULD SET ASIDE THAT LEASE IT IS NOT THOUGHT THAT DISSATISFIED ONES ARE IN POSITION TO DO ANYTHING.

New York, June 10.—There is talk of an attempt to disrupt the lease agreement by which the Rock Island, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway June 1, assuming the payment of all its fixed charges and a guarantee of 6 per cent on its share capital. But this talk is based wholly on expressions of dissatisfaction on the part of certain Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern stockholders, who represent a small minority, as the Rock Island itself owns over \$5,000,000 of the total \$12,200,000 capital stock of the road.

The Rock Island offered the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern stockholders the alternative of accepting a 6 per cent guarantee on the Rock Island stock in exchange for their present holdings share for share. The opinion of the objecting element is that neither of these is in equitable proportion when the earnings and dividend-paying power of the road is taken into consideration. They say that their stock is worth \$300 a share at the lowest estimate. The Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern is capitalized at about \$17,000,000 and financially and physically always has been regarded as a high class property.

ROUTE FROM GRAIN BELT

May Be Created by Sale of the Canada Atlantic.

Local grain men are interested in negotiations pending among various Canadian interests for the disposition of the Canada Atlantic system, which the Rutland railway of Vermont did not purchase as had been planned. The Canada Atlantic extends from Depot Harbor on Georgian Bay to Montreal and Alburg, Vt. The Inter-Colonial railway of Canada offers to buy the Canada Atlantic if the Canadian government will guarantee the interest on the bonds. The Canadian Northern is also said to be interested in this program as the steamers of the Canada Atlantic connect Port Arthur, the present northern terminus of the Canadian Northern. The Inter-Colonial extends from Montreal to Halifax. It is the only line which furnishes Canada with a Canadian winter port without passing through American territory. The Inter-Colonial, Canada Atlantic, and Canadian Northern combination would furnish a new route from the grain belt of western Canada to the Atlantic seaboard.

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TORNADO IN BECKER CO.

Twister Sweeps Across Northwestern Corner of County, Killing Several.

Many Farm Buildings Destroyed—Live Stock Killed Loss \$60,000.

Special to The Journal. Lake Park, Minn., June 10.—A tornado struck the northwestern part of this (Becker) county late yesterday afternoon, killing three or four persons, destroying farm buildings and doing between \$50,000 and \$60,000 damage. Mrs. O. Berg, who lived near Voss Postoffice, and Andrew Hohn, living further north, are known to be dead. Hundreds of head of live stock were killed. The path of the storm is half a mile wide and ten miles long. The farm buildings of the following were destroyed: Arnek Knutson, Henry Lynch, Sam Houge, John Gunderson, John Moran, S. O. Mossaly, Paul Smzak, Ole Johnsonberg, A. Sporkak and John Berg. The Norwegian Lutheran church at Atlanta and his son were picked up and carried a quarter of a mile by the storm, but were uninjured. Owing to the distance of the stricken district from railroads, particulars are hard to obtain.

Blazing Hot at Omaha

Omaha, Neb., June 10.—Seventy-eight degrees of heat was the record at 8 o'clock this morning and by 9:30 the thermometer stood at 82, with barely any wind. The indications were for the hottest day of the season thus far.

Damage at Bird Island

Special to The Journal. Bird Island, Minn., June 10.—A severe wind and hail storm from the section last night. Many windows were broken and several barns were blown down. The wind was from the north and grain was badly pounded by hail; oats particularly injured. Other grain will recover.

CASS LAKE'S SECTION 16

VADEVANTER TO RULE ON IT

If the Lydick Claim Is Set Aside, the Tract May Be Made a Townsite.

Special to The Journal. Washington, June 10.—Judge Frank Vese, of Cass Lake, who has been here looking after the interests of settlers on section 16, left for home to-day. The determination of the status of that section has been left to the assistant attorney general for the interior department, Judge Vandevanter, who will decide whether the Lydick claim for an allotment of these lands is valid. If the application is granted, the Lydick claim will be null and void. If it is decided adversely, the Lydick claim will be null and void. The Lydick claim will be null and void. The Lydick claim will be null and void.

THE TOWING TRUST

Attorney General Knox Orders It Looked Into.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 10.—Attorney General Knox has ordered District Attorney Sullivan to begin an investigation of the affairs of the Great Lakes Towing company. The company has been accused of having failed to file copies of bills of sale with the customs department for the purchase of their tugboats at the time of incorporation, when the trust absorbed the various companies along the lakes.

Plan to Unite Unions

Chicago, June 10.—A movement to consolidate the marine labor interest of the Great Lakes will be started in Chicago next Sunday, when a marine council will be formed. It is expected that the council will have a membership of 200,000 men. This is the first attempt to unite the union laborers of the lakes.

"WORKING" TOWNS

How Armour & Company Are Out After Bonuses.

Detroit, Mich., June 10.—Armour & Co., of Chicago, are charged with attempting to "split" small cities in Michigan by offering them a bonus. The charge is made in a suit instituted against the big house by S. J. Fitzsimmons, of this city. Mr. Fitzsimmons says that Armour & Co. engaged him to visit Orono, Wis., Orono and neighboring towns to work up sentiment in favor of the granting of a bonus for the establishment of a bean and commission house. At this juncture Armour & Co. Mr. Fitzsimmons charges, went back on their agreement. His claim amounts to \$1,000.

"MANILA EXPOSITION"

Buenacmino Plans One in Memory of Rizal.

Charleston, S. C., June 10.—Philip Buenacmino, former secretary of war in Aguinaldo's cabinet, and who testified before the senate committee, reached this city to-day to study the methods of the recent exposition. It is his desire to have an exposition in Manila to commemorate Dr. Rizal, the Philippine patriot and he wishes to obtain ideas relative to the cost and plan of organization. Buenacmino is accompanied by three Americans, who are interested with him in the Manila exposition. Buenacmino hopes the government will patronize the exposition.

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NAVAL BILL

Passed by the Senate To-day—Labor Men's Request.

Washington, June 10.—The senate has passed the naval appropriation bill. When consideration of the bill was resumed, the pending amendment was that providing for the construction of two

MR. BURTON'S GRIEVANCE

MR. HANNA SPEAKS OF IT

Burton's Charges of Interference by Federal Officeholders is Investigated.

Washington, June 10.—Senator Hanna had a long conference with the president to-day. At the conclusion of the interview he talked freely regarding the published intention of Mr. Burton of Ohio, to withdraw from the race for congress owing to the fact that he had not been permitted to name the chairman of the district committee. "I do not want to criticize Mr. Burton," said the senator, "but I do not believe

END OF THE WAR?

What Is This to Be—a Surrender With Concessions or Another Battle?

much significance is placed on his visit to Commissioner Wright. The mining superintendents in this valley said to-day that there was no change in the conditions at their collieries. Water is slowly accumulating in many of the mines throughout the entire region. About twenty-five men who were engaged in fighting fire at the Jersey mine of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western company, deserted their posts. This is a serious matter for the company. There have been several minor scurrillages, but no loss of life.

BIG OFFICE BUILDINGS

New York Proceeds Against Them for Using Soft Coal.

New York, June 10.—Assistant Corporation Counsel Cosby, in charge of the bureau for the collection of penalties, is proceeding against about forty of the large office buildings in this city under the ordinance forbidding the use of soft coal. The penalty is \$500 for each violation, and where the department of health has given notice to stop the use of soft coal and it is continued contrary to order, the penalty is \$250.

MISS TAYLOR'S CASE

Mr. Carmack Calls It Up in the Senate—Nelson Objects.

From The Journal Bureau, Room 46, Post Building, Washington. Washington, June 10.—Senator Carmack of Tennessee to-day presented a resolution directing the committee on civil service to investigate and report on the removal of Rebecca J. Taylor from her place in the war department. He asked for immediate consideration of the resolution, but objection was made by Senator Nelson, who suggested that it lie over a day. Under the rules, Mr. Carmack can call it up to-morrow.

A NEW PRESIDENT

Prof. Woodrow Wilson Chosen at Princeton Yesterday.

Princeton, June 10.—Woodrow Wilson, head of the department of jurisprudence and politics, was elected president of Princeton university yesterday in place of Francis Landry Patton, resigned. President Patton made the following statement: I resigned my office because I desire to carry on my literary plans on a larger scale than I could do by retaining the presidency. I trust the students will be as loyal to my successor, President Wilson, as they have been to me. I shall retain my professorship in the university in the chair of ethics and the philosophy of religion. I have been president of the university for fourteen years.

BELL BOYS' UNION

No Cocktails or Ice Water Served in Rooms After Midnight.

Chicago, June 10.—No cocktails served in rooms after midnight; one pitcher of ice water for each room in the morning; no more than two calls to sleepy guests who refuse to wake up to catch early trains; abolition of the terms, "front," "buttons" and "bell boy"; tips to be at least 25 cents each; an increase of 17 per cent in wages; hotel clerks to be enjoined from lording it over the junior help. These are said to be a few of the demands which a new labor union which is being formed among the bell boys employed in the large hotels of Chicago are preparing to make on their employers.

WAITING

The Coal Strike Has No New Features—Soft Coal War in N. Y.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 10.—In the absence of President Mitchell from strike headquarters to-day there was a dearth of news from the miners' side. President Mitchell is expected to arrive here from New York late this afternoon. Not

GARDNER CASE FINISHED TO-DAY--

NORBECK IS NEXT

For the State, Al J. Smith Addresses the Jury, Driving Home the Facts Showing Gardner's Guilt—Erwin Closes for the Defense in Characteristic Fashion—Norbeck's Trial Begins To-morrow.

Gardner's trial is finished—all but the verdict. The Norbeck case will be moved to-morrow morning. Both cases involve practically the same state of affairs. Both are bribery cases, and in both the prosecuting witnesses are largely the same.

Jurors in the Gardner case are now face to face with their duty. They are judges of the evidence introduced during the trial and are sworn to make true delivery between "this defendant and the state of Minnesota." This morning Assistant County Attorney Al J. Smith delivered his closing address. Mr. Smith makes no attempt at oratorical flights, and his argument was, in effect, a matter-of-fact digest of the testimony of various witnesses, without unnecessary verbiage or ornamentation. This afternoon Mr. Erwin, famous for his eloquence, began his address. He was never more persuasive. An attorney whom the "Tall Pine" once defeated in a lawsuit said of him that he could make a jury believe black was white simply by telling them so—if the court would permit it.

It is believed that the court is determined to secure a verdict in this case, if such a thing is possible. Suspicious have been made that an attempt has been made to "fix" the jury, and with this warning the jury will not be hung if it is possible to avoid it.

Big Throng of Spectators. Closing arguments were made in the big court room, and before 10 o'clock this morning the room was crowded with persons anxious to hear the attorneys. However, the bad acoustics of the room rendered it impossible for a speaker to be heard except in front, and as soon as the crowd discovered this fact men began to leave. Those who had been fortunate enough to secure seats near the front remained, but the others took their departure long before the noon adjournment.

The great clock in the courthouse tower was booming forth the hour of 10 when the first juror entered the court room. The jurors filed in together, accompanied by several deputies. They were preceded by a deputy bearing a vase of flowers which was placed upon the judge's bench. Each man wore a carnation in his buttonhole. Each seemed to show a feeling of relief that the end was so near at hand.

The city hall crowd was not in attendance. When the case opened Thomas R. Brown, Jr., the mayor's private secretary, took a seat at the attorney's table, but he was the only administration friend of Gardner to remain with him until the last. Evidently the mayor, chief of police and other officials who have attended the trial were unwilling to face the scathing arraignment of their official actions Mr. Smith was expected to deliver.

Gardner is Nonchalant. Gardner, himself, scarcely more than a boy in appearance, sat to the right of his attorneys. His face expressed nothing of the tumult that must have waged within him as he listened to Mr. Smith's denunciation. His interest in the proceedings appeared to be no more vital than that of a chance spectator.

During Mr. Smith's address Messrs. Erwin and Mead, attorneys for the defense, jotted down points to be used in their closing, this afternoon. Occasionally the prosecuting attorney appealed to Mr. Erwin to know if he had not correctly repeated the testimony of certain witnesses. At these times Mr. Erwin nodded his head in affirmation and turned to see what impression the point had made upon the jury.

Mrs. Gardner was not present, but License Inspector Gardner, the defendant's father, was. He remained in the rear of the room, apparently not caring to hear Mr. Smith's estimate of his son.

Jury Attends Minutely. Al J. Smith has two methods of securing effect. When he wishes particularly to impress some point upon the jury, he either raises his voice, or else he steps close to the jury box and takes the jury into his confidence, speaking quietly, the while waving an impressive index finger in intersecting circles through the air. The jury paid close attention to what he had to say, and its members were visibly impressed.

In the course of his argument Mr. Smith referred frequently to telephone number Main 337. This is the "phone number of Chief of Police Ames, and the number which Edwards advised officers to call up before they molested him. He laughed to scorn the idea that none of the 25 patrolmen, 22 police captains or 50 detectives knew of the existence of big mitt joints in the city last November; and called the attention of the jury to the fact that there is no dispute whatever about the existence of the joints, the only question left for them to decide being whether or not the police knew of their existence.

He took up the testimony given by police officials, item by item, and extracted from it many points strengthening the case. Their denials of having

received "protection" money were allowed to go without comment.

MARSHALING OF FACTS

Assistant County Attorney Smith Sums Up for the State.

"May the court please," said Assistant County Attorney Al J. Smith as he left his chair and walked before the jury box. "If it were not for the fact that it might appear that I was derelict in my duty I would submit this case to the jury without argument on behalf of the state of Minnesota. Before proceeding, I want to thank you all for the good nature and consideration you have shown, though taken from your labors, your business, your families and your pleasures, to pass upon this remarkable case, so intensely interesting case. I desire to thank you for your attention to the evidence. I desire on behalf of myself and the state to thank you all.

"It affords an honor to be on the other side of the table from one who is so eminent in his profession as W. W. Erwin and I can tell you from the bottom of my heart, my gentlemen, my gentlemen, my gentlemen. Now, gentlemen, I am talking to you and to no one else. I do not care if not a word is heard by anyone else. What I shall say to you gentlemen, shall state deliberately. I shall confine myself to what I consider to be the facts. I shall not understate facts that make them in the least stronger than they are. Only the interest of the state must be protected to the utmost degree.

"I must say to you in all sincerity as man to man that my witness in this position. What will nerve me and encourage me will be the fact that I shall tell you the truth. I am sustained by the thought that 'Truth is mighty and shall prevail.'

The Law and Property. The law does not say to you, gentlemen that it will give you property. But the law does say 'labor and acquire property' and I would say the hand that would take it from you, everywhere, the law stands for the protection of all that we hold sacred.

"And there is a conspiracy in this case; I admit it, but it is a conspiracy of honest citizens welded and blended together to protect society from the man who would take from man his life, liberty, his property and his honor. Everywhere, I hate to say it, but I must do my duty; from the evidence in this case we must add to that conspiracy at least several members of the police force of this city. Why? Because you gentlemen mentioned the name of the chief of police, my old friend Frederick W. Ames, Erwin said it was insulting.

"If any man so great, so sacred though covered with gold stars and braid, or does any man hold so high an office that he can't be reached by the law, I will inform my old friend Mr. Erwin that a chief justice of England was hanged during the reign of Edward III, was hanged for the very crime of which the chief is charged. Society would not be safe, gentlemen, if men high in office could by some technicality escape from the law that follows the violations of the law.

In Question of Facts. "But, gentlemen, I am not an orator. All I can do is to give you the facts. Mr. Erwin is an orator; he will give you oratory for the sake of it. I am here only to give you facts.

"Now, I want you to consider that you are in a room, gentlemen, that is a matter calmly and dispassionately. You are only doing your duty here. You want to consider these questions with the same kind of common sense that you employ in your daily business affairs.

"Mitt Joints" Defined. "This police department of our city does not deny that the 'big mitt' game exists. You noticed that Mr. Erwin did not like the term, 'mitt joint.' He shied at it all through the trial. He called the 'mitt joint' a game of cards. 'Now, a 'mitt joint' game means a confidence game. When he says 'gambling' you instinctively think of a game of cards. Quite a distinction.

"You all know what a 'big mitt' game is now. You've all heard how it is played. You know of the decoy or steerer of the card shop who can manipulate the cards, work in a 'cold deck' and do other sharp tricks, and of the third or silent man, who gets the big hands or 'big mits,' if you please, and wins all the money. These men can easily 'trim' the sucker. Then follows the bogus police officer with his threats, some more money lost, a 'take the place of' the bogus policeman, and 'out of town again.

"Billy" Edwards' Improvement. "But look where Billy Edwards improved on this old scheme. What a brilliant idea he had. Instead of having a bogus policeman, why not get a real one. Yes, he contrived to get the chief himself under his influence. In close relation with Chief Ames it would not be strange if he could get real policemen to take the place of the bogus policeman. You see what a great advantage this man Billy Edwards had in this town in working his schemes?"