

"L" ROAD BOSSES MUST NOW TAKE THEIR OWN MEDICINE

Sad is the plight of the Chicago Elevated railways. It prepared a dose for its workmen labeled "Arbitration." Now it must take its own medicine.

Dr. Len Busby is accused of mixing the prescription. Dr. B. I. Budd, consulting physician, was called in when the surface and elevated lines were stricken with violent cases of strikitis last month.

The docs got their noodles together. They decided at once they would have to use arbitration on the patient. For a similar ailment arbitration had been used three years before on the same patients with great success—for the companies. At that time the dose was given in conjunction with Orrin Carters little shiver pills. They worked all right—for the companies. It made the men shiver.

So Len and B. I. were strong for another dose of arbitration. They couldn't jam the Orrin Carter pill down the throats of the car men again, so they tried to sugar coat the names of some men associated with State street department stores and other interests antagonistic to labor. They failed.

Doc. Busby then proposed Mayor Thompson as the third ingredient of the arbitration dose. It was widely reported that the mayor owned a huge block of elevated railways stock and it was figured he would not vote to reduce his own income.

They hailed Wm. Hale as the man who would fill the bill. Thompson filled the bill of additional salary expenses for the surface lines in a right Hale and hearty fashion.

Now that its own medicine has worked so finely on the surface lines the elevated lines are growing dubious. They don't want a physic for their treasury. So Doc. Busby is being cussed and blamed for prescribing a dose that worked on the companies instead of the workmen.

According to agreement reached

the day before the strike was called off, Mayor Thompson is to be the umpire in the arbitration hearings between elevated roads and the men. The men say they don't give a darn whether Big Bill is financially interested in the elevated lines or not. They believe Big Bill will come across with a square deal.

SMALL TIME METHODS OF THE PHONE TRUST HIT AT

How the "billion-dollar phone trust," through its Chicago wing, dips into the cash box of thousands of families by hiring the cheapest of labor, the "stay-at-home girl," whose family pays part of her expenses, is told in the report of Nellie Curry, investigator for the federal industrial relations commission.

Young girls—fresh and full of vitality—are the ones selected by the phone company for its nerve-racking work. According to the report of Miss Curry, the work hard at the switchboard for a few months. Then the steady grind begins to tell. When a girl, worn out, is unable to do her work properly another fresh product is hired in her place.

The scream which is heard frequently in phone offices—that of the girl whose nerves are worn to the fainting point—found a place in the report which will be passed on by the federal commission.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS

Lagrangs, Ind. — Farmers notice that wheat blades bear a big "W" and oat blades a big "B." These signs were seen prior to the Civil war, say the oldest residents, and mean "bloody war."

Greenville, N. C.—Arthur Warren won \$50 bet by riding 20 miles down Tar river in tin bath tub.

WEATHER FORECAST

Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday; slightly warmer Friday; gentle to moderate variable winds.