

INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR SPOKANE

Charles E. Summers, who is putting in the new automatic telephone service in San Diego and Los Angeles, Cal., and represents the Empire Construction company of Toledo, O., has returned to the city and has prepared his application for a telephone franchise for a new system in Spokane. As exclusively stated in The Press,

November 21, Mr. Summers has been floating a company to operate the new system in Spokane. The application for the franchise will be filed with the city clerk next Monday. In the franchise the new company offers a rate of \$4 and \$2 a month to subscribers and agrees to put in an automatic system, doing away

with the central station operators. The downtown wires are all to be placed underground and through the residence portions of the city the poles are to be placed in the alleys and the city is given the exclusive use of the top crossarms for fire alarm and police patrol wires. In addition the city is given 25 tele-

phones, rent free, and the sum of \$30,000, of which \$1000 is to be paid after the first five years and \$1000 yearly until the full payment is made. The new company agrees to spend \$300,000 in the city within three years and furnishes a \$10,000 bond. The franchise is made nonassignable and can not be used for speculative purposes.

BODIES RECOVERED

BURNETT, Wash., Dec. 9.—Four more bodies, making 16 in all, were recovered from the coal mine, accounting for all the victims in Wednesday's explosion.

WILL NOT PASS DARDANELLES

MANCHESTER, England, Dec. 9.—The dispatch learns that the sultan has assured Great Britain that Turkey will adhere to the treaty of Paris and prevent a passage through the Dardanelles by the Black Sea fleet.

WHILE WALLER AND BOYD WERE GIVING HOT AIR TO NEWSPAPERS SHERIFF ARRESTED GAMBLERS

Mayor L. Frank Boyd to Chief of Police Waller: "Now, Roy, I think the thing to do is to tell those gamblers that we positively will not stand for percentage games here. Tell them if they don't stop they'll get arrested."

Chief of Police Waller to the newspapers: "You can say that the police department is going to stop these open gambling games, OR GAMES WHERE THE PUBLIC ARE BEING ADMITTED WITHOUT THE FORMALITY OF BEING CHALLENGED. OUR PLAY IS TO PERMIT ONLY SUCH GAMES AS THOSE IN WHICH THE PLAYERS ARE ALL FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES."

under bonds of \$1000 each. Nothing but cash bonds would be accepted. The men held as witnesses were told they would have to put up cash or go to jail. Stephens and Erickson put up \$15 each and Fay, who is known, was allowed to go on his own recognizance. Henley, McMillan and Jones were held in jail.

IS MRS. C. L. CHADWICK INSANE?

(Scripps News Association.) NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Fearing that she might attempt to take her life, a close watch is being kept over Mrs. Chadwick in the Tombs. This morning the prisoner made her toilet as best she could in the narrow confines and partook of a light breakfast ordered from the Tombs canteen. She then produced a package, which the banker gave her what he intended to be a receipt and never dreamed the woman would use the receipt as a means of obtaining loans. Reynolds was not to open the package.

\$5,000,000 of Mrs. Chadwick's securities. Reynolds was a warm personal friend of Dr. Chadwick when the latter married and was introduced to his wife, whom he supposed was an estimable lady. The woman came to him and said she was immensely rich and asked him to keep a package of securities. She did not want her husband to know of her wealth. She then produced a package, for which the banker gave her what he intended to be a receipt and never dreamed the woman would use the receipt as a means of obtaining loans. Reynolds was not to open the package.

It was to be delivered to Mrs. Chadwick on January 1, 1907. He dared not open the sealed bundle for fear the woman would accuse him of abstracting her property. Soon after he was notified that a Cleveland lawyer held power of attorney on the securities to secure a loan of \$300,000. Then came the Newton suit, which forced him to give an assignment of the securities. Simultaneously she wired Reynolds to hang onto the securities as he hoped for heaven. Reynolds probably will not be held responsible as his victims hold him blameless for the intentional wrong.

MRS. HOWARD TRIED TO SHOOT MRS. RAPP

"She tried to shoot me and I want her arrested for having a weapon and bond her for keeping the peace," almost shouted Mrs. Anna Rapp to Prosecutor Kimball this afternoon, while complaining about the nerve-racking actions of Mrs. M. E. Howard.

Mrs. Howard was already under arrest and out on bonds. She was also present, ready to face the charge, but was given plenty of room by Mrs. Rapp and Mrs. Rapp's friends. Mrs. Howard was brought to the police station during the forenoon by a detective who had been called to suppress the riotous actions at what is known as Kensington Court, a rooming-house at Pine street and Short avenue.

According to the story told, Mrs. Howard rents the house from Mrs. Rapp but is in arrears for her rent. This morning Mrs. Rapp tried to collect rent from tenants of Mrs. Howard who were moving out. Mrs. Howard is a short, chunky woman, 60 years of age, who looks younger and fiercer than her daintily dressed landlady. When Mrs. Rapp and the owner of the place, Mr. Fuller, tried to enter to collect the rent, Mrs. Howard pulled a gun and drove them off.

When the police arrived Mrs. Howard refused to give up the revolver and it was taken away from her. Then she held on to the policeman until placed under arrest and taken to the station. The case was set this afternoon for Monday.

BOYD TRIES TO SPEND THE CITY'S MONEY

If certain members of the city council are able to bring it about, Mayor L. Frank Boyd is going to have his official car boxed this afternoon. Because, according to the city senators, the mayor has been naughty.

This brought red-hot blazing vocal kicks from some of the councilmen who surmised the legislators from this strip of the state would be about all that was needed, and several jumped the mayor personally with advice to attend to his gambling business and chief stenographer and allow the council to attend to council affairs.

CUT DOWN PUBLIC BUILDING FUNDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The house today passed a current resolution providing for adjournment from December 25 to January 8. Hepburn's motion to strike out the appropriation for civil service from the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was defeated. The pension bill went over until Monday.

Florida in order to strengthen its demand for impeachment proceedings. The impeachment resolutions are a special order for the house on December 13. The house committee on public buildings today decided to report at this session an omnibus bill on public buildings. The bill will be moderate in amount, probably one-third of the previous bill, which called for \$13,000,000. This means the Spokane postoffice may not get an additional appropriation.

steamer Anglia, which was wrecked on the rock near Newbegging, Northumberland, today, 11 fishermen were drowned. The men put out in a fishing boat, which was swamped. One fisherman was saved. The Anglia's crew is safe.

WELCOME FOR VICEROY

BOMBAY, Dec. 9.—Viceroy Curzon arrived today from England. Many native rulers traveled to Bombay to participate in a general welcome to the viceroy.

FISHERMAN DROWNED

LONDON, Dec. 9.—While going to the assistance of the Norwegian

OLD MAN ELECTROCUTED

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 9.—William Nichols, 68 years old, convicted of the murder of Alfred Minard, a civil war veteran at Kenton, in 1902, was electrocuted in the penitentiary at midnight.

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TRIAL OF PATTERSON

(Scripps News Association.) NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The hearing of testimony in the Patterson trial began at noon. Miss Patterson sat beside her father and listened intently to the testimony, much of which is a repetition of that adduced at the first trial. The young woman wore a black dress, while a black veil concealed her features from spectators. But few curiosity-seekers were in court.

SHIPBUILDERS BANKRUPT

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—A sensation was created this afternoon by the announcement that the Neatie & Levy Ship & Engine Building company had gone into the hands of a receiver.

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WANT WEBER TO CONFESS

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GADSKI SEAT SALE TOMORROW

Gadski's fame as a singer and as an actress is due not only to her exquisite voice, but to her fine poetic and imaginative nature, as well as to her strong musical temperament. Her program for Monday evening is wonderfully well chosen and will delight everybody.

The sale of seats opens tomorrow, Saturday, at 10 a. m., and the enthusiasts will all be one hand bright and early.

MORE BOATS ARE SUNK

(Scripps News Association.) LONDON, Dec. 9.—Baron Hayashi today received the following report of fighting at Port Arthur: "Thursday evening the Russian cruiser Pallada, after taking fire, headed to port with stern down. Eleven shots took effect on the gunboat Glik. The cruiser Bayan took fire at 11:30 and was still ablaze at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The Russian transport Amur was hit in the stern 14 times and sunk. Many shots greatly damaged buildings and arsenals."

RESULT OF POOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT

W. J. Rountree and son, Oliver Rountree, yesterday began suit to revoke \$1180 from the city of Spokane as a result of revoking their license permitting them to haul garbage. It is stated in the complaint that licenses were secured in accordance with the city ordinance, one of which expired October 13, the other January 13.

revoke said license and told plaintiff that he had done it and that it was in his power to do it again. By reason of Dr. Genoway's order plaintiff was not permitted to haul garbage and has lost \$20 per day since October 13.

LAWSON IS SILENT STOCK PANIC OVER

(Scripps News Association.) NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—An exciting opening was the aftermath of last two days of semipanic and prices on the stock exchange fluctuated violently for the first 10 minutes. Prices are one or two points under "night" closing. Buying from banking and other big interests was detected at low figures and prices rallied smartly. Amalgamated opened 1/4 off and fell to 62 1/2, after which it rose to 65 at 11 o'clock. There is better feeling on the board this morning and it is believed panic conditions have passed. Lawson is silent this morning.

A FINE SQUEEZER IS PANAMA ROAD

This Baby Octopus Could Give American Monopolies Many Valuable Points—Uncle Sam Now Owns All But 700 Shares of the Stock, But These Few Are Cause Lots of Trouble and Cost a Bundle of Money—Passenger and Freight Rates Away Up in the Sky—A Trip Along Its 47 Miles of Rails.

By Marlen E. Pew. Copyright, 1904, by the Newspaper Enterprise Association. COLON, Nov. 30.—The United States government owns a controlling interest in the Panama Railroad company, the most voracious trust of its size, known in this era of monopoly. Some of the ingenious builders of public-squeezing corporations in America might get points of value from the managers of the little line of rail that traverses the 47 miles of wild, tropical territory across the isthmus, and its auxiliary, the Panama Steamship Co. This octopus is a baby compared to the modern billion-dollar concerns of America, but its tentacles are steelbound, and woe to him who falls victim to the clutch.

Saturday's Startling Bargains

Watch newspapers for date Pflster opening. Next door to Davenport's. Absolutely the finest place. Pflster's.

Women's Tailored Suits

Values from \$15.00 to \$25.00. Saturday \$9.75 Values from \$25.00 to \$45.00. Saturday \$19.75 This offer includes all suits in the store ranging in price between \$15.00 and \$25.00.

Changes are promised when the United States government gains full control. The canal commission members are a majority in the board of directors and will be in full charge after the regular spring meeting of the directors. But just what proposition is to be made of the obstructing stockholders is an absorbing question to those who are coping with the situation. They are holding off for sky-scraping prices for their shares. It is said Nelson Cromwell, the New York lawyer, who as counsel for the reorganized French company and the intermediary with the United States government in the \$10,000,000 purchase transaction has had big finger in the Panama pie. It is said to act as the counsel for the majority stockholders. To conduct the railroad is all important to the success of the venture, these stockholders must be disposed of. So Uncle Sam has decided to meet the demand for the cornered shares or resort to strategy and the price of Standard Oil shares is likely to look small in comparison with the value the 700 shares will assume before the fight is over. One man discussed a condemnation proceeding, though this is considered by able lawyers here as impossible and illegal. Another idea suggested, would be to throw the concern into the hands of a receiver and reorganize under laws that would silence the minority holders. Just who owns the stocks could not be ascertained. An

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EMIL HOOVER, Mrs. Chadwick's son.

