

think as she had never done for more than a year.

Questions flooded her brain—questions so strong that they demanded an answer. In this scented, sleepy silence, sea-bound and tyrannized by palms, was she really happy? Could the man in the bamboo chair keep on filling up her life with happiness until she faced the practical end of some women's lives—age? She instantly saw herself an old woman with nothing but tropical scents and tropical effects to help her out. No diversions—no pleasures—no companionship, except that of the man who was aging with her, day by day. It wasn't his love she doubted, only her own ability to live up to it. They ate, they slept, they loved each other, but outside all that there was nothing. Nightly the moon was glorious and twilight found them marveling that the sea could support the glory of the sunset. But these things came to a full stop. The man gave her all he had to give, the island, all it was, but after that there was a great, glaring void.

Almost mechanically she began to walk. She was angry with herself—angry because she had been unable to keep these doubting questions at bay. She felt her happiness had suddenly soiled—finger-marked. And so she walked on down the dusty, saffron road while the great ship came closer and closer, like some deep sea monster eager to test the land.

"You aren't going to faint or do anything funny?"

"—I— don't think so, but I'd like to sit down as soon as possible—any chair. They've all gone on shore. Take away the cushions—I want something hard and uncompromising to keep me up. And so it's actually you?"

"Actually me. A little grayer—a little more cynical, but despite that, the same husband you promised to love, honor, obey and all the rest of it. I think you rather loved me, but this island and that bungalow up on the hill give the lie to all the honor part of it."

She stared at him. "I couldn't help it—simply couldn't."

"I—nobody says you could."  
"Then people know?"

"Afraid they do. Somebody came back with snapshots of this flowery inferno—people on the dock—natives—houses. You were in one of the snaps with him, so of course, I knew."

(To be Continued.)

#### PROBATE AND GUARDIANSHIP NOTICES.

Consult County Clerk or the Respective Signers for Further Information.

#### NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT.

Deseret Mountain Mines Company, Assessment No. 2.

Principal place of business, 503 Utah Savings & Trust Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 23rd day of May, 1918, an assessment of one cent per share was levied on the capital stock of the Des-

# Facing a Big Question

**T**HE success of any business enterprise, either private or public, is dependent upon two prime factors: First, it must fully serve the purpose for which it was established. Second, it must produce adequate revenues.

To be sufficient, the revenues must cover all the necessary expenses attendant upon the conduct of the business; they must cover the cost of upkeep of the property and must provide a reasonable return upon the capital invested.

Any returns less than this will impair the usefulness of the enterprise from the standpoint of its relation to the public, destroy its credit and finally the end must be financial disaster.

Since the beginning of the war decided economic changes have taken place. Prices of commodities have increased to meet the increased cost of their production. Labor has been forced to charge more for its services in order to adjust itself to the constantly rising costs of life's necessities. So adjustments and readjustments of prices are being made to meet the conditions growing out of the war.

The telephone business is governed by the same economic principles and is subject to the same conditions that influence private business—except that its charges for service cannot be raised or lowered overnight, like the price of sugar, to correspond with fluctuating costs. So that, while the costs of labor and material entering into the operation and maintenance of our plant and business have increased tremendously, our revenues have remained practically unchanged.

This condition has resulted in a deficit in our net income of \$1,334,062.02 at the end of 1917. The operation of our plant in Utah alone contributed to this deficit \$244,073.10, which amount, if proportionate to the balance of our territory, should have been only \$209,000.

The big question which we are facing is to wipe out this deficit in order to maintain the plant at a point of reasonable efficiency and at the same time maintain the financial integrity of the Company.

**The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co.**

ert Mountains Mines Co., payable immediately to S. J. Truman, treasurer, 503 Utah Savings & Trust Building, Salt Lake City, Utah. Any stock upon which this assessment may remain unpaid on the 19th day of June, 1918, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment thereof is made before, will be sold on the 2nd day of July, 1918, to pay the delinquent assessments, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

WM. D. LIVINGSTON,  
Secretary.

Room 503 Utah Savings & Trust Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah. 5-25-6-15

#### SUMMONS.

In the Third Judicial District Court of Salt Lake County, State of Utah.

Tona Koncar, Plaintiff, vs. Mike Koncar, Defendant.—Summons. The State of Utah to the said Defendant:

You are hereby summoned to appear within twenty days after the service of this summons upon you, if served within the county in which this action is brought; otherwise, within thirty days after service, and defend

the above entitled action; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court.

This action is brought to dissolve the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant herein.

A. W. DUVALL,  
Attorney for Plaintiff.

P. O. address, 503 Continental Bank Building, Salt Lake City, Utah. 5-25-6-23

#### NOTICE.

In the District Court, Probate Division, in and for Salt Lake County, State of Utah.

In the matter of the estate of Ernest Dudler, Deceased.—Notice.

The petition of Laura Dudler, praying for the issuance to herself of letters of administration in the estate of Ernest Dudler, deceased, has been set for hearing on Friday, the 14th day of June, A. D. 1918, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the county court house, in the court room of said court in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah.

Witness the clerk of said court, with the seal thereof affixed, this 23rd day of May, A. D. 1918.

THOMAS HOMER,  
Clerk.  
By M. M. SNELL, Deputy Clerk. 5-25-6-6

WM. T. COWAN,  
Attorney for Petitioner.

#### SUMMONS.

In the District Court of the Third Judicial District in and for Salt Lake County, State of Utah.

Hazel R. Sankey, Plaintiff, vs. Ernest W. Sankey, Defendant.—Summons.

The State of Utah to the said Defendant:

You are hereby summoned to appear within twenty days after service of this summons upon you, if served within the county in which this action is brought; otherwise within thirty days after service, and defend the above entitled action; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court.