

TO GIVE PHONE OFFICIAL TWIST

City Electrician Diehl Will Try Hand at Turning Automatic Dial

Harrisburg is going to give the call of the new automatic dial telephone a twist or two officially. City Electrician Clark E. Diehl, who is the municipal expert on everything that pertains to wires, and telephone lines, and telegraph and police fire alarm wires and systems, will turn the dial this afternoon or to-morrow morning.

Mr. Diehl, who witnessed a demonstration when attending the city electricians' convention of the United States a year ago in Cincinnati, declared today that he understands there have been big improvements in the new type telephone and that he has planned to have a little chat over it in the demonstration room at 505 Market street.

Incidentally Mr. Diehl mentioned it at a luncheon of the Jovian League, this afternoon, the new organization of electrical professional men, so that it's quite likely that the league members will be individually or collectively or down and have a talk. By that way, scores of people trailed in and out of the big room that has been fitted up like a telephone exchange. The only girls, however, that were to be seen were those who dropped in on the way to or from work or shopping expedition, to try the dial.

Two or three very small ladies, of the middle-aged and hair-ribbon age, were among the callers. The feminine appeal of the automatic was irresistible. Tiny fingers gleefully probed how readily the smallest child can operate the dial again and again and joyously to one another across the dial.

The newspaper folks had a little inside "stuff" on the automatic yesterday afternoon when they were shown just how the little machine works. "Line's answers, 'Number, please.'" "Line's operated by a twist of the wrist."

Showing the Newspapersmen How the automatic works, Mr. Diehl picked up the number of his call on the perforator, gave the necessary information, and then, ringing insistently, the instrument at the other end of the line was in the greatest confusion.

The automatic is now being installed, and by October 1, the new type of dial will be established in use, as expected, in Harrisburg. The telephone by the Cumberland Valley Telephone Company, according to Cameron L. Baer, the general manager, will be set up, it is hoped, by September 15.

WILL NOT OPEN PAXTANG PARK

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Weeks because of the opening of the city theaters," explained Mr. Davis, "so the company has decided to wait next year to open the amusement resort."

Discharge Carmen Alderman James B. DeShong last night dismissed the charges against him on a strike strike, charged with being implicated in the attack on Third street trolley car at Third and State streets, last Wednesday night.

Three strikers were arrested several days ago, and were released last night were discharged because of a lack of corroborative evidence. The men heard were Wilbert I. Bricker and Albert Yings, charged with malicious injury to railroad, Edwin W. Shoop, John S. Dunkle, Albert Mehauffe, Ralph D. Arnold, Samuel C. Taylor, Thomas E. Clark, George J. Carpenter, Anthony W. Wenzel, William J. Carmen, and C. M. Houzel, who admitted that he was a private detective.

Until Houzel took the stand, it was not known that he had been doing detective work. Some of the strikers were arrested, but either were not identified as being in the line of the attack, and were released before the other hearings began.

The strikers were represented by Attorney Oscar W. Loefer, and W. L. Looser. The prosecuting attorneys were Horace Segelbaum and J. E. B. Cunningham.

Today, according to Harrisburg Railways Company officials, 31 of 52 regular cars were in service, and during the afternoon cars ran on the Middletown line every ten minutes to accommodate crowds going to the fair.

Thorp's Statement John J. Thorpe, strike leader and organizer of the strikers, in a signed statement to-day committed to follow on the result of the hearing last night of the ten strikers.

Why did the police court discharge ten striking cars to the street? "The Traction Company tried its best to get charges against ten of their striking employees, they hired a car and laid a wire against any man who boarded their car, to talk organization with them! Kill them if you can, were the orders; there being enough electric current to kill any person who came in contact with that wire. Just think what a traction company will resort to in order to keep their employees from being organized. We're all companies are alike in this respect, they will do anything for nothing. I believe the public of Harrisburg know by this time that this car company is just like all other companies when it comes to their employees organizing into a labor union."

"We wish to call attention again to the fact that we tried everything in our power to avert a strike here in this city, we tried to get the traction company to agree to arbitration, the very same thing that our President of the United States is now fighting for between the railroad managers and their employees, but Mr. Tupper frankly told the committee that he had nothing to arbitrate with them. We tried to get the company to arbitrate. Now, do you know what arbitration is? It means that the company select one man, the employees one man, and the two chosen to select the third man, and then the three men are to argue their cases and then let those three men decide who is right and who is wrong, and their decision is to be final and binding upon both parties for a period of, say one or two years, as the case may be. But the traction company is afraid of arbitration, because they know that they are in the wrong and the men are within their rights."

"We again appeal to our friends to not forget that on next Monday, August 21, you can go to the City Clerk's office, No. 6, Courthouse, and sign a petition for an amendment to the ordinance entitled: 'An ordinance to regulate the operation of motorbuses in the city of Harrisburg and providing for the licensing thereof.'" Now

STEELTON AND NEARBY TOWNS

TO FIGHT UNTIL TRACK SOGGY; CLUB DINES ON 23-POUND FISH

Shell Orders For Allies' Deliveries Extends to April 1 Says "Iron Age"

"District changes in the steel market which came with the closing of the first of the large war and other export contracts late in July has now developed into a volume of domestic buying, such as has not been seen in weeks," says the Iron Age of today. At the same time the buying on war account has swelled to very large proportions. It is now estimated that 3,000,000 tons of steel are included in the contracts of the past two weeks, and in addition 500,000 tons of shell steel has now been placed by the Allies, two large steel companies taking the bulk of this. On the shell business deliveries run to April 1, 1917, and on the steel blooms, forgings, and rounds for the Allied Governments, to July 1.

The significance of the foreign pre-emption of steel capacity in the first half of 1917 has taken hold of some classes of domestic buyers in the past week, particularly buyers of bars, and considerable sales are reported. At Chicago, following the placing of a contract for 170,000 tons of rounds for export, indicating that Steel Corporation mills more favorably located for export were well sold, implement and car works and other users of bars have placed orders for delivery in the first half of 1917 at 2.50c.

"It is becoming apparent that in certain finished products the mills will fall considerably short of delivering before January 1 what is scheduled for this year."

"Ship plate business has flared prominently in eastern Pennsylvania. Sales made and on the point of closing in that district for August and September account are put at 40,000 tons, including 12,000 tons for Italy."

"An interesting sale by a Pennsylvania mill of 15,000 tons of 6-inch channel for France, of structural steel for home use Chicago reports the taking by a mill in that district of 20,000 tons for car works and 20,000 tons for fabricating purposes. Building contracts run to numerous small tonnages."

"A large producer of the attitude of steel makers is the refusal of a large number of sheets to enter into negotiations of automobile companies for delivery in the first half of 1917, though no question was raised as to the price. In the market there are signs of activity in Buffalo and in eastern districts."

POSTAL DEPOSITS INCREASE A report of the local branch of the postal savings department issued Monday shows that over \$30,000 has been deposited since the branch has been opened. The increased work at the local steel plant is given as the cause of the increased deposits.

friends, this will require qualified voters to sign this petition, so let everybody get on the job and make this a success. This will be open for a period of 10 days, if the people of Harrisburg will turn out and cast your votes for the appeal of this present ordinance you will not be compelled to ride on cars that are being operated by strike-breakers.

Respectfully submitted, J. J. THORPE.

Federal Surgeons Discuss Spread of Baby Malady

Washington, Aug. 17.—Measures to prevent further spread of infantile paralysis were discussed here to-day in a conference called by the Public Health Service under the authority of Congress for such counsels in an epidemic in a national danger. Delegates from nearly all States were present to-day with detailed reports of the spread of the plague over the country.

The imposition of new regulations to prevent interstate transmission of the disease is not the primary object of the conference, but in welcoming the delegates Secretary McAdoo expressed hope for Federal and State co-ordination of preventive measures and regulations.

"Local regulations are of great variety and while entirely commendatory, co-ordination of regulations is needed to avoid unnecessary inconveniences and still give adequate protection to the public," said he.

Assistant Surgeon General A. H. Glennan, in the absence of Surgeon General Blue, opened the conference which is expected to continue two days. Assistant Surgeon General W. C. Rucker presided.

The conferees agreed their figures

Visitors Put in Big Day Looking Over Many Exhibits; Good Program Today

Special to the Telegraph Middletown, Aug. 17.—No races were run at the Middletown Fair yesterday because of a soggy track. The crowd was large. The visitors put in the time looking over the exhibits which are a big attraction this year.

The racing program for to-day included the 2.18, 2.15 and 2.23 events, with a purse of \$300 in each event. If possible the races on yesterday's program will be run either this afternoon or to-morrow. It was announced that all entries would be run off and that Saturday would furnish an interesting program.

Among the prize dog exhibits, are five beagle bound pups by V. S. Baumbach; two beagle hounds by Aaron Shaffner; one beagle hound by Joseph McLeneagan; five English beagle dogs by Nicholas Garver; one Scotch collie by Harry B. Coble; one Dutch collie by Clinton Page; one collie dog by Mrs. J. H. May; one Boston terrier by H. H. Schellenberger; and one Scotch collie by C. W. Mvera.

MURDER BLAME FIXED The coroner's inquest to place the cause of the death of Charles Brown, who was killed in a quarrel in Iron alley last Friday night, was held in the undertaking establishment of H. Shill's Sons last evening. The finding of the jury was that Brown met death from a shot wound inflicted by William Jackson on August 9, and died in the Harrisburg Hospital, August 11. Two witnesses testified that they had seen Jackson shoot Brown. The alleged murderer disappeared after the shooting and no trace has yet been found of him. The jury was composed of John Meter, G. B. Byrod, John Baker, Philip Gruc, Benjamin Brandt and Walter Keister.

ELOPER ARRESTED When Hia Mircheff, a Macedonian barber of the borough, returned home yesterday from Hagerstown with his 15-year-old bride, formerly Miss Margaret Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, instead of receiving the blessing from his father-in-law he was arrested by Detective Durnbaugh. The warrant was sworn out by the bride's father. The young man furnished bail for a hearing to be held before Squire Dickinson to-day.

BOLD MARSHMALLOW TOAST A party of young folks from High-spire held a marshmallow toast and a wicker roast at the Mennonite church, several miles north of that town last evening. A pleasant evening was spent playing games and telling stories. The following were present: Miss Clara Stoner, Ruth Sauder, Helen Sides, Marian Etter, Esther Sauder, Dorothy Gallagher, Wayde Kelly, John Harvey, John White, Lester Leidig, Russell Workman, Robert Sides and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sides, as chaperones.

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1,100 CASES IN N. Y. Albany, N. Y., Aug. 17.—Reports of 27 additional cases of infantile paralysis in the State exclusive of those in New York City were received by the State Department of Health between 5 p. m. yesterday and noon to-day. The cases now total 1,160. The number of deaths remain at 148.

Despite the ravages of the epidemic, the infant mortality rate for the State outside New York City, was lower last month than in any July in the history of the department.

showed more than 10,000 cases of infantile paralysis in the United States but that outside New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, the situation practically was normal. Aside from the cases in the vicinity of New York City there was no specific evidence that the transmission of the disease could be traced back to the metropolis. The statistics showed that cases in persons older than 16 were rare but not impossible.

Philadelphia Churches Are Closed by Plague

Philadelphia, Aug. 17.—Director Krusen of the local department of health to-day requested that all Sunday schools and churches be closed to children under the age of sixteen until the epidemic of infantile paralysis is over.

Four deaths and two new cases of the disease were reported to the health authorities up to noon to-day, making a total of 63 deaths and 225 cases since July 1.

N. Y. EPIDEMIC IMPROVES New York, Aug. 17.—The epidemic of infantile paralysis took a turn for the better to-day, showing a decrease in deaths and new cases. During the 24-hour period ending at 10 o'clock to-day the plague killed 32 children and 121 were stricken. This compares favorably with yesterday's figures which showed 34 deaths and 133 new cases.

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meaning that the managers' committee had refused finally to concede the eight-hour day as the President plan proposed, and the question now is to be taken up with the heads of the railroads themselves.

The men are willing to arbitrate some questions under certain conditions and are unwilling to arbitrate others.

Will Meet 610 Employees This afternoon at 3 o'clock the President will present his plan to the full committee of 640 employees, in the hope of getting them to approve it. The result will be presented to the railroad presidents later.

Each morning Secretary Tumulty telephoned to Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, regarding the invitation to the railroad presidents to come to the White House and Mr. Willard said that he would do everything possible to arrange a conference.

President Wilson's invitation was sent to the following railroad presidents: Daniel Willard, Baltimore and Ohio; Samuel Rear, Pennsylvania; Fairfax Harrison, Southern Railway; Samuel M. Felton, Chicago and Great Western; George W. Stevens, Chesapeake and Ohio; W. Sproule, Southern Pacific; E. E. Salvin, Union Pacific; J. Fredrickson, Delaware and Hudson; W. J. Harahan, Seaboard Air Line; Howard Elliott, New Haven; B. F. Bush, Missouri Pacific; A. H. Smith, New York Central; D. Underwood, Erie; William H. Truesdale, Lackawanna; E. P. Ripley, Santa Fe; R. H. Ashton, Chicago and North-western; J. J. Carling, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul.

May Ask Financiers In case President Wilson finds that any of the railroad presidents speak absolutely for their roads, he may invite to the White House the financiers who control them. Officials said to-day that the President wants to deal with the "ultimate authority" on both sides in order that negotiations may be conducted more easily.

Problems Delicate Another indication of the delicacy of the situation was seen in the decision at the White House not to make public the high court of public opinion. It was believed that while there was hope of moving the committee of managers by appeals to the President and the management, the negotiations would be kept confidential.

Among the managers it was pointed out that the presidents have been constantly advised of the negotiations with President Wilson and the feeling prevailed that the attitude of the railroad heads was now the same as the managers' committee although no one could forecast what effect a personal conference with the President would have. The railroad presidents are expected to make a strong plea for preservation of the principle of arbitration and will express their fear that if the present difficulty cannot be settled without it, there is little hope of its being successful in the future.

In preparation for the conference between President Wilson and the 640 employees, chairs were placed to-day in the east room of the White House, the scene of many notable social events. The President during the morning prepared a statement to the employees' committee.

Situation Still Hopeful Judge Chambers of the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation held a brief conference with the brotherhood heads this morning. Further than to say he had one question which he wanted a definite answer and that he got it, the conferees would not discuss the nature of his visit. Mr. Chambers went to the White House immediately upon leaving the brotherhood officials.

I should not like to say that the situation is hopeful, said B. Garretson, spokesman for the employees said, after Mr. Chambers had left. "I would use the word that I should use, I would say though that I deem a settlement still possible."

Old Sore Opening Some of the leaders of the men were planning to meet the demand of the railroad managers for arbitration by insisting to the President that seventy-five more lines or which the railroad managers contend they have no authority to speak shall be included in the negotiations.

In that way an old dispute between the managers and the brotherhood officials would be opened and probably result in an inquiry into the ownership and control of the seventy-five roads in question.

Investigation will prove, the employees representatives insist that the larger railroads for which the man-

CLUB DINES ON 23-POUND FISH

Squire Stees Entertains 25 Members at Big Feast Last Night

Squire Frank Stees entertained 25 members of the Steelton club with a fish dinner, the greater part of the menu being the 23-pound rock fish, which the host captured with rod and line at Octorara, Md., Tuesday. The big fish was broiled to perfection and served with a number of side dishes in the rooms of the club, Front and Locust streets, last evening.

At the conclusion of the feast, the squire acted as part of toastmaster.

STEELTON PERSONALS Mrs. Annie Meckley, of the borough, left to-day for Shetopa, Kan., where she will spend several months with her uncle.

Fred Wenbaum and son William, Enhaut, have returned from York county, where they spent five days visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. C. F. Buck and daughter Virginia, 109 North Second street, are spending the week at Pottsville. Mrs. Buck is attending the A. O. H. convention as a delegate from the Steelton branch.

J. C. Stoops, Lemoyne, is spending the week-end with his daughter, Mrs. Wilson Wlack, Main and Trewick streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Faber Dengler, 190 North Front street, spent to-day with relatives at Higsbire, and telling stories.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Witt and daughter have returned home from visiting relatives in York.

Raymond Humphrey of Buffalo is visiting friends in the borough.

Mrs. Joseph Zohl of Baltimore left yesterday for Northumberland after visiting Mrs. F. O. Critchley, 31 South Front street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Shelly and son are spending their vacation at Perdis.

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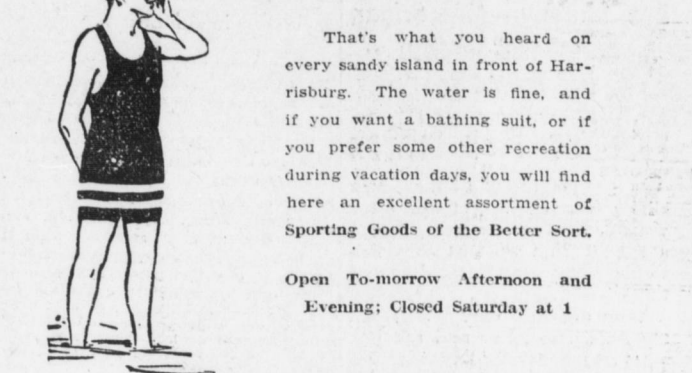
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giers are acting control the majority of the smaller lines.

Railroad Presidents of Country Accept Wilson's Conference Invitation

New York, Aug. 17.—The railroad presidents of the country have accepted President Wilson's invitation to visit and confer with him in Washington on the railroad strike situation. A number will leave this city for the National Capital at 4 o'clock this afternoon and another delegation will leave from Chicago.

Those who will leave from New York are: A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central; Frank Trumbull, chairman of the Chesapeake and Ohio; Benjamin F. Bush, receiver of the Missouri Pacific; Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy; W. W. Atterbury, vice-president of the Pennsylvania; W. J. Harahan, president of the Seaboard Air Line; W. H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western; L. F. Loree, president of the Delaware and Hudson; E. J. Pearson, vice-president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford; George W. Stevens, president of the Chesapeake and Ohio; R. S. Lovett, chairman of Union Pacific; J. Kruttschnitt, chairman of the Southern Pacific, and F. D. Underwood, president of the Erie.

Germany Is Flooded by Monster Peace Propaganda

Rotterdam, Aug. 17.—Throughout Germany the authorities have their hands full confiscating and trying to trace the source of pamphlets advocating peace at any price.

This symptom of revolt among a large section of the people recently assumed alarming proportions. A day ago there was a house-to-house search in Berlin resulting in the arrest of an editor and printer associated with the Socialist organization.

Strongest measures, however, failed to suppress this form of agitation against war, which is so widespread as to baffle the military and police. It is proof of the existence of a great undercurrent of discontent approaching rebellion among the working classes of Germany.

Big Graft in Foodstuffs Is Unearthed by Berlin

The Hague, Aug. 17.—The new German "war usury bureau" has justified its existence by revealing surprising details of widely ramified food frauds, according to reports received here.

The frauds are said to involve a half dozen leaders and 100 accomplices. These men are said to have smuggled hundreds of tons of wheat, rye and barley into Germany from the West Prussia to Berlin, where it was sold at a profit of 300 per cent.

The existence of the flour, reports says, was concealed from government stock takers by all manner of artifices and was shipped on night trains as potatoes or machinery. Among the accomplices and ringleaders were several government officials and several stationmasters, who are charged with connivance in the fraud by consigning flour under false descriptions.

Capture of Mountains Holding Advance on Trieste Imminent

Rome, Aug. 17.—The Italian army is being held on the lower Isonzo until the line on the upper Isonzo can be straitened by the capture of the mountains on San Gabriele, San Marco, and other positions lying between Tolmino and Gorizia. While the capture of these mountains is regarded as imminent, yesterday visited the Rt. Rev. Monsignor J. V. Koch, V. G., pastor emeritus of St. Edward's Church, Shammokin, who is ill.

Relations Improving

London, Aug. 17.—Bulgarian and Rumanian relations have become more friendly, according to a telegram from Sofia transmitted by Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent. The readiness of the Rumanian government to agree to the exchange of goods between the two countries is very favorably commented upon in the Bulgarian capital, says the dispatch.

To Close Magnesia Mines

Santiago, Chile, Aug. 17.—German producers in Chile of sulphate of magnesia will close their works at the end of the present month. The mines to be shut down yield about fifteen per cent of total Chilean export of this product.

Visits Priest Ill

Monsignor M. M. Hassett, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, who has charge of the Harrisburg diocese of the Catholic church until the arrival of Bishop McDevitt, yesterday visited the Rt. Rev. Monsignor J. V. Koch, V. G., pastor emeritus of St. Edward's Church, Shammokin, who is ill.

Attend Reunion

A number of Harrisburgers attended the annual reunion of the ork Knights of Columbus held at Pen Mar to-day.

Parliament to Adjourn

London, Aug. 17.—Premier Asquith announced to-day that Parliament would adjourn on Tuesday or Wednesday next until October 10.

TWO MEN GET ACQUAINTED AT A SUMMER RESORT



By BRIGGS

