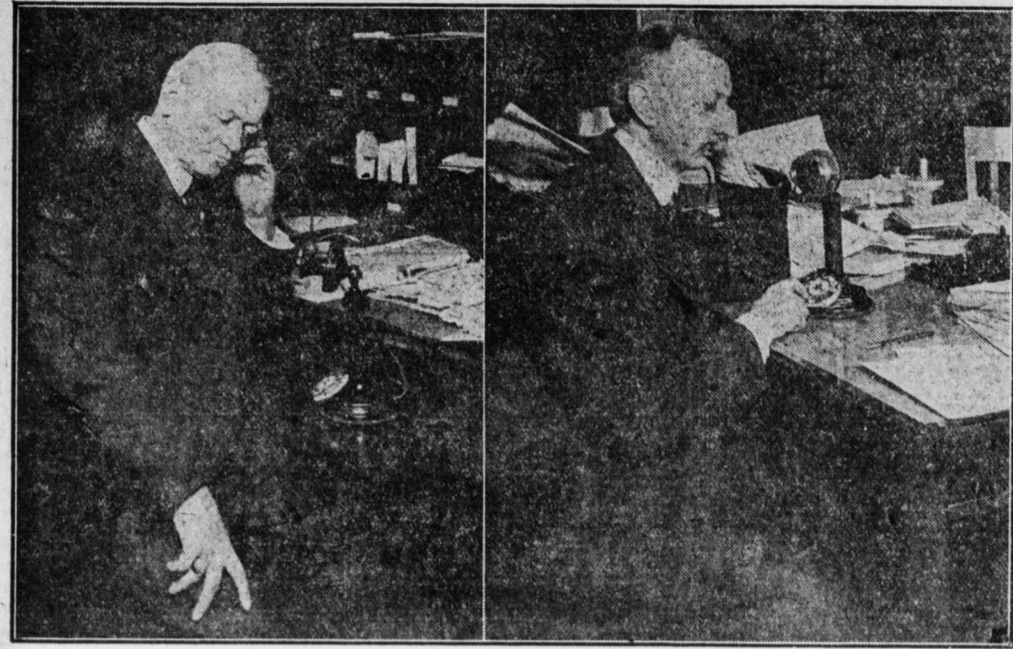


# HARRISBURG NOW ONE OF HUNDRED AMERICAN CITIES WITH AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE



Without a single hitch and in less than five minutes' time the Cumberland Valley Telephone Company of Pennsylvania at 10:30 o'clock Saturday night "cut over" from the manual to the automatic system, and Harrisburg is now one of more than a hundred cities in the United States with automatic telephone service.

Henry M. Tracy, in the presence of Cumberland Valley Telephone officials and a number of representative citizens, put the first call through the new exchange at 10:33 o'clock. Mr. Tracy dialed the office of Mayor Ezra S. Meals and said:

Mayor Meals, this is Mr. Tracy, of the Cumberland Valley Telephone Company. This is the first public message passed through our new automatic telephone exchange. This message is to advise you that the automatic telephone, the latest development in telephony, is now in actual operation, and we hope will be a prominent factor in making this city a bigger, greater and happier Harrisburg.

Mayor Offers Congratulations  
As president of the Cumberland Valley Telephone Company of Pennsylvania I congratulate you and the officers of your company upon the installation of the automatic telephone. The great civic awakening now under way is bound to accomplish much good for our city. The new reorganized Chamber of Commerce has opened the way; the automatic telephone is a close second; the new hotel project, Capitol Park extension and new high school will all soon follow in this progressive movement. My sincere wish is that the use of the dial may more closely unite all our citizens into one great homogeneous family.

Busy Click Begins  
Following the conversation between the Mayor and the Cumberland Valley Telephone president the new automatic exchange was thrown open to the public. Within a few moments hundreds of the Cumberland Valley's subscribers had discovered the old manual system was a thing of the past and soon the click of selectors and connectors completing connections was heard on the equipment.

A remarkable feature of the cut-over from the engineering viewpoint was that only two cases of trouble were found after the cut-over, trouble that was present on the old manual system but not so easily detected as on the new.

All Numbers Changed  
All the old manual directories were replaced with new automatic directories Saturday, every number having been changed in Harrisburg and Steelton. It is expected by the company officials that "information" will be kept busy for a day or two straightening out kinks arising from inexperience in the use of the dial, but a special corps of men will be busy this week instructing all subscribers.

Thousands on Improvements  
"The inside plant," explained Mr. Herbert, "is the very latest type designed and was installed by the Automatic Electric Company, of Chicago. It is the same type of apparatus that is in use in more than a hundred cities of the United States and adopted by nine foreign governments."

One of the attractive features of the automatic service from the subscribers' standpoint is that when additional exchanges are installed it does not impair the service in any way.

"To handle the long distance business a new four-position toll board has been installed. This board was especially designed with the view to giving the very best possible transmission. It is also designed for automatic toll calling, which means that the Harrisburg operator by use of the dial can automatically switch through the various towns making a connection to a distant point.

"New and modern testing, information and wire chief desks have also been installed.

"The main distributing frame is of the very latest type designed and marketed by the Automatic Electric Company and is the latest word in this type of apparatus.

\$100,000 On Outside Plant  
"To insure good transmission and service the Cumberland Valley Telephone has spent more than \$100,000 on the outside plant," continued the engineer. "Over ten miles of aerial cables have been cut into service and several miles of underground cable have been installed, together with special trunking cables for long distance service. An entire new cable has been put into service between the Harrisburg and Steelton exchanges.

The entire outside plant has been carefully gone over and placed in first class condition. The service to and from Steelton is the quickest known to the telephone art. With the use of the dial a connection can be completed between the city and the big mill town in six seconds. All details for giving the very best telephone service have been carefully worked out at an expense of thousands of dollars, but we believe it will be worth it to both the subscriber and the company."

C. V. T. Home Company  
Great interest has been evinced throughout the city at the plan of the Cumberland Valley Telephone to replace its manual system with the automatic because the Cumberland Valley is a home company and a great deal of local capital is invested therein.

The Cumberland Valley Telephone Company was formed by a merger of five telephone companies in 1901 covering all the territory of the Cumberland Valley. The existing telephone company which entered into the merger was the Dauphin County Telephone Company. Benjamin F. Meyers, after the merger and until 1907, was president of the company.

Shortly after the merger was formed the property was leased to the United Telephone and Telegraph Company, which operated it until 1907, when the Cumberland Valley and the United Telephone and Telegraph Companies were both leased to the American Union Telephone Company.

Besides the five original companies which went into the merger the company afterward acquired the Juniata and Susquehanna Telephone Company, the Lykens Telephone and Telegraph Company and telephone properties in the states of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. The property now extends from Sunbury on the north, Lewistown on the west and goes south through Central Pennsylvania, taking in the towns of Mechanicsburg, Carlisle, Shippensburg, Hanover, Gettysburg, Chambersburg, and thence through Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia, covering Hagerstown, Martinsburg and Winchester.

The company operates 33 exchanges, has 600 miles of toll lines and 768,825 miles of line wire.

Tracy Made Receiver  
On January 1, 1912, the property was taken out of the hands of the American Union Telephone Company and placed in the control of Henry M. Tracy, the present president, as receiver. At this time the property had become so depleted that its service was seriously impaired and revenues so reduced that it barely earned operating expenses. Through the efficient management of the receiver the property was reconstructed, the business built up, confidence of the public restored, and at the end of four years of the receivership Mr. Tracy had spent almost \$200,000 from earnings of the company on reconstruction work, turning over the property to the new company free of any receivers' obligations and in excellent working condition.

The toll lines had all been reconstructed, most of the lines rebuilt, new exchanges of a modern type installed at Mechanicsburg, Carlisle, Shippensburg, Gettysburg, Hagerstown and Martinsburg, together with a number of smaller exchanges at various points.

The automatic telephone was a hobby of the receiver and for the last two years of the receivership he was investigating its merits and strengthening the suburban districts of Harrisburg in order to make it essential and valuable to Harrisburg subscribers. He visited various cities in the West to get first-hand knowledge of the workings of the automatic telephone and its popularity among its patrons and was convinced of its merits.

It remained, however, for the directors of the new company to authorize the expenditure of the large amount of capital required to install automatic equipment and new cable. This was taken care of in the plan for reorganization, and after a thorough investigation by the board of directors the work was authorized.

The present directors of the company are William W. Lescure, Charles A. Kunkel, Henry M. Tracy, S. Will Shunkweiler, of Lewistown; F. A. Zimmerman, of Chambersburg; T. J. O'Neill, of Hanover; S. Wynne Foulkes and A. E. Prendergast. The late James Brady was also a director. His vacancy in the board has not yet been filled.

## Hot Off the Wire

Berlin. — (By Wireless to Sayville, L. I.) — An explosion in a Russian ammunition plant has caused the death of about 1,000 persons, according to the Overseas News Agency, quoting the Russian newspaper Rech.

Pittsburgh. — Two men were killed instantly and another was injured so badly that he died within a few minutes as a result of an explosion that wrecked two storage buildings of the Aetna Chemical Company at Fort Pitt last night. The force of the explosion, which is believed to have been caused by the ignition of 300 pounds of tri nitro toluol, was felt for miles.

Allentown. — Success crowned a campaign last week to reorganize the Allentown Chamber of Commerce. In four days a new membership of 584 was obtained. It has been decided to work for 750 to make this city's trade body the largest in the State, outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. The slogan is "All together for Allentown's greatest forward movement."

Dayton, O. — Orville Wright has filed application for a patent on a stabilizing device that, he says, will make the flying machine as safe as an automobile. The new attachment enters the domain of electricity. By a unique arrangement of batteries, augmented by a pendulum swinging in a liquid bath and a minor propeller placed almost directly over the pilot's head, absolute, unswerving, automatic stability is said to be maintained.

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## Three Near Death When Dynamite Shatters Home

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 11. — A frame house occupied by Frank Jose and family, at Twin Rocks, was dynamited Saturday midnight and three persons were buried in the debris. Although all escaped serious injury, the building was destroyed. Jose and his wife were hurled through the roof of their home. A one-year-old child sleeping in a crib was tossed into the air and alighted upon an extra bed in another room, all partitions having been torn out by the force of the explosion. The ruins caught fire, but rescues were effected promptly. County detectives and officers are keeping Frank Yankis, alleged to have threatened to blow up Jose's home following a dispute over money.

GOOD PRICE FOR FARM  
Marietta, Pa., Dec. 11. — Andrew Skiles, of Gap, purchased a twenty-acre farm from Jere Pfenninger for \$3,765, which is a high price for land. All farm lands in the county are selling high.

MARRIED FIFTY YEARS  
Bart, Pa., Dec. 11. — Mr. and Mrs. David Edwards celebrated their golden wedding anniversary yesterday.

## Morse New General Manager of the Chalmers Company

Hugh Chalmers, president of the Chalmers Motor Company, announces the election of E. C. Morse, vice-president in charge of the selling division, to the position of general manager of that concern. Mr. Morse, who has already assumed his new duties, continues in charge of the sales, service and advertising departments, and will devote a large portion of his time to this work.

Since entering the Chalmers Company two months ago, Mr. Morse has greatly increased the efficiency of the departments under his charge and has won the unswerving loyalty of the great body of Chalmers distributors. He is recognized as one of the foremost executives and salesmen in the automobile industry.

Effective November 29, W. P. Kiser, formerly treasurer of the Chalmers Company, became secretary and assistant general manager. Mr. Kiser will be succeeded as treasurer of D. P. Turnbull. Both men have been connected with the Chalmers Company for sometime past and are widely known.

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