Shanghai . . . Telephone improvements, including the construction of long distance lines, are proving a great asset to many Chinese provinces. More than 50 districts in the Anhui province have been recently connected by long distance telephone lines, according to the Chinese Economic Journal and Bulletin. A long distance line is being constructed in the Hunan province, a distance of 918 miles and another is being constructed for a distance of 575 miles. China, with about 500,000,000 people has only about 165,000 telephones. This is one of the major countries not available for world telephone service.

Warsaw . . . Substantial gains in telephones were reported in Poland last year with 230,488 instruments in service as compared with 206,749 the previous year. Warsaw, the capital city, with an estimated population of 1,260,000, has only about 60,000 telephones as compared with Omaha, Nebraska, a city of 238,600 people and 62,000 telephones.

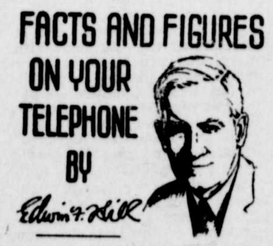
Havana . . . Telephone service will soon connect Havana and the world telephone network with the Isle of Pines, the Cuban Department of Communications reports to Vice Consul Perry Ellis of the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Telephone service was first established between the United States and Cuba in 1921 with the laying of deep sea cables between Havana and Key West.

Belgrade . . . Construction of a telephone line between Belgrade and Wildon, Austria, is to be started during the current year, Consul Robert B. Macatee reports to the United States Department of Commerce. Yugoslavia with a population of 14,000,000 is served by about 50,000 telephones and Austria with approximately 6,800,000 people by 260,000 telephones.

OH, PIFFLE!

Clara—How do you like being engaged to Paul?

Mary (a literary girl)—Oh, it's splendid! The dear fellow calls me a poem, envelopes me in his arms and seals it with a kiss.



A net gain of 600,000 telephones was reported by the Bell System during the first nine months of this year, which was approximately twice the gain shown in the corresponding period of 1935, President Walter S. Gifford of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company reported to the stockholders at the regular quarterly meeting.

Toll business, Mr. Gifford states, has also shown substantial improvement. The number of toll and long distance calls for the first nine months of the year have been about 12 per cent over those for the corresponding period of last year.

Reductions in long distance rates, effective September 1, are expected to save telephone users more than $7,000,000 annually. These reductions are another step in a definite program for better and cheaper telephone service.

Earnings of the Bell System were reported as $8.87 on each share of American Telephone and Telegraph Company stock as compared with $6.38 for the same period last year. Net income applicable to A. T. & T. Co. stock for the twelve months ending August 31 was $165,519,125 as compared with $119,110,129 for the same period last year. Net income applicable to common stocks of the associated telephone companies held directly by the public was reported for the twelve months ending August 31 as $9,202,015 as compared with $7,892,073 for the twelve months ending August 31, 1935. Dividends on preferred stocks of associated telephone companies held directly by the public for the twelve months ending August 31, were $6,346,284 as compared with $6,425,087 for the same period in 1935.

The tabulated report follows:

	12 Mos. Ending August 31, 1936	12 Mos. Ending August 31, 1935
Operating Revenues	$984,852,348	$914,590,794
Operating Expenses	$663,066,620	$644,036,941
Taxes	112,521,272	92,098,253
Operating Earnings	$209,264,456	$178,455,600
Other Earnings—Net	22,375,000	7,825,000
Total Net Earnings	$231,639,456	$186,280,600
Interest Deductions	50,572,032	52,853,301
Net Income	$181,067,424	$133,427,299

AT THE MOVIES NEXT WEEK

William Powell, Myrna Loy, Spencer Tracy in "Libeled Lady"

With so prepossessing an array of talent at its disposal as that offered by the brilliant stellar foursome of Jean Harlow, William Powell, Myrna Loy and Spencer Tracy, directed by Jack Conway who filmed the triumphant "Tale of Two Cities," it was a foregone conclusion that "Libeled Lady," the new screen attraction at the New Lyceum Thearte on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 9, 10, and 11 would be a picture above ordinary standards.

It is all of that and more. Played to the hilt by its celebrated personnel in roles wh i cochtunahn'dvenel in roles which couldn't have been more becoming if they had been made-to-order, directed with dash, spirit and intelligence, and unfolding a plot which keeps its audience constantly interested and amused, "Libeled Lady" comes from the rich coffers of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer as a fitting succesor to such of its recent hits as "San Francisco" and "The Gorgeous Hussy."

As its title indicates the story of "Libeled Lady" concerns a girl who crashes the headlines and sues for damages—five million dollars worth, to be exact. It is this role which Miss Loy plays and it is one of the best she has ever attempted. Miss Harlow is equally wel cast, as the ofthe libeled newspaper's managing editor, Spencer Tracy, while Powell has a humor-packed characterization as the suave star reporter hired to block the libel suit.

Powell's idea is to squelch the sui by making Miss Loy fall in love with him. The scheme is carried beyond his own plotting when he in turn finds himself smitten with the bewitching Miss Loy. An earlier "marriage of convenience" to Miss Harlow complicates things quite a bit but all is ironed out beautifully in the fadeout with both heroines winning the men of their hearts. Summed up' "Libeled Lady" is one of the most brilliantly cast and divertingly written screen stories of the year. It's a definite hit!

Lavishly produced, tuneful, sometimes madcap and always gay, and boasting a cast which includes the top names of radio and screen, Paramount's annual tribute to the air waves, "The Big Broadcast of 1937," which comes to the New Lyceum on Thursday, and Friday, November 12 and 13, is easily the outstanding production for this type of entertainment that has yet been filmed.

With Jack Benny in the stellar role, "The Big Broadcast of 1937" includes George Burns and Gracie Allen, Bob Burns, Marhta Raye, Benny Goodman and his Orchestra, Shirley Ross, Ray Milland, Frank Forest, Benny Fields, Leopold Stokowski and his Symphony Orchestra, and a host of others, all of whom blend perfectly nto a delightful melange of music, beauty and wit.

The story centers around Jack Benny, a radio station manager, and his attempts to keep everybody happy. Forest, a popular orchestra leader, is unhappy because Shirley Ros, an unknown announcer in an obscure station, is ribbing him. He demands that Benny do something about it. Benny and Milland, Forest's press agent, lure her to New work on the promise of a big job. When she arrives Milland is assigned to keep her amused but off the air. They fall in love.

Shirley discovers the trick and is furious. racie Allen, sponsor of a program puts her on her program to team with Forest. The team is an instant success. A big program is engineered in which Forest proposes to Miss Ross and is accepted. Then all America is steamed up for a radio wedding in which the two are to be united. When the big moment comes, however, Shirley refuses to go through with it and flees. A frantic saerch is begun for her. Gracie, left alone in the studio, puts on a program of her own ingenious contrivance which is one of the high spots in this hilarious comedy.

Miss Ross is found after a wild search, returned ot the studio and hurried int oa bridal costume. With all America listening in, she marches down the aisle and faces the groom who, it turns out, is Milland who has also been forced into proper clothing for the big event. The are married.

"The Big Broadcast of 1937' ' is Miss Ross' first major screen assignment. She is the possessor of an unusually clear sweet voice, is an exquisite dancer and has great personal charm and beauty. It is easy to predict big things for her in the near future.

FIFTY-FIFTY

"Look at the one staring at us through the bars. Seems quite intelligent, doesn't he?"

"Yes. Uncanny, isn't it?"

"Almost as if he understood every word we're saying."

"Walks on his hind legs, too, and swings his arms."

"Look, he's got a peanut! There, now, would you believe it? He knows enough to take the shell off before he eats it, just like we do."

"That's a female with him. Listen to her chatter. He doesn't seem to be paying much attention to her, though."

"Must be his mate, don't you think?"

"Look kind of sad, don't they?"

"Yes, I reckon they wish they were in here with us monkeys."—Tit-Bits Magazine.

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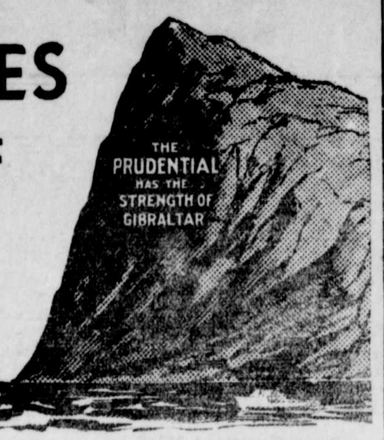

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