Facts About the Telephone

In 1882, Herbert Spencer wrote: "The telephone is scarcely used at all in London, and is unknown in the other English cities." That was forty years ago and there are today only about one million telephones in the British Isles as compared with more than fourteen million in the United States.

Of the 248,925 stockholders of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of record December 31, 1922, 236,241 held less than 100 shares each, and 198,028 held less than 25 shares each. Ten years ago the average number of shares to a subscriber was sixty-six. Today it is twenty-eight.

During 1922, there were added to the Bell System through new construction, 586,370 telephone stations and in addition to these, 14,279 stations were purchased from other companies. It is estimated that this record growth will be exceeded in 1923 by over 100,000 stations.

In foreign countries telephone service is confined principally to the cities. One-third of all the telephones in France are in Paris; London also has one-third of all the telephones in Great Britain. Except in the United States and Canada, rural telephone service is almost unknown.

Despite the fact that Germany has only 3.0 telephones per 100 population, it ranks ahead of Great Britain with 2.1 and France with 1.2. Italy has only 0.3 telephones for each 100 of its inhabitants, a figure which is equalled by Poland and exceeded by Czecho-Slovakia.

TELEPHONE OUSTS TOM-TOM AND TRIBE CRIER IN TONGA

No longer do the booming beat of the tom-tom or the musical tones of the tribal crier summon the swarthy sons and daughters of the famous South Sea Islands to their festive gathering, says the *Brooklyn Citizen*. The telephone has finally made its way into the great Pacific archipelago and has came to stay in the little Kingdom of Tonga. Already the natives of the three large islands and the 300 smaller ones which make up the Tonga group have become almost as accustomed to the mysteries of the "talking wire" as their more effete friends of the Occident.

The telephone system just installed in Tonga by the New Zealand representatives of the International Western Electric Company is one of the smallest in the world. It consists of a little less than a hundred subscriber lines, most of which are located on the main island of the group. Later, as the natives get more familiar with their new utility, it is probable that extensions in service will be made to most of the outlying settlements in the 306-odd square miles of scattered islands included in the kingdom.

TELEPHONE FIRST USED BY RAILROAD AT ALTOONA, PA.

The first telephone line put up for regular commercial purposes in connection with a railroad was run by Thomas A. Watson, Bell's assistant, with the help of Gardiner G. Hubbard, Bell's father-in-law, on May 21, 1877, at Altoona, Pennsylvania. The line was ordered by the Pennsylvania Railroad and directions were given to install it at Altoona for the superintendent of that division of the railroad. This was at the very beginning of the spread of the telephone over the country. On May 18 Watson had personally put up the first telephone line in New York City, from the office of Hilbourne L. Roosevelt at 40 West 18th Street to his home. On Sunday, May 20, Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Watson traveled to Altoona, then a long and fatiguing journey by rail up the Juniata River, and the next day, Monday, May 21, installed the first railroad telephone there near the summit of the Alleghany Mountains. The line was put up for practical business purposes and was so used from the date of its construction.

TELEPHONE HABIT GROWING RAPIDLY IN CONSTANTINOPLE

Telephone service in Constantinople is operated by a British private company. The service is good and, although the number of telephones is now only about 8,000, the people of Constantinople are reported to be acquiring the telephone habit and the business of the company is expected to increase materially. It is necessary that all operators speak both Turkish and French, and many of them speak as many as seven or eight languages.

Radio telephone communication is maintained between Santa Catalina Island, 30 miles off the coast of California and the mainland near Los Angeles where it makes a junction with the local and long distance wires of the Bell System. Since 1920, satisfactory commercial service has been given regularly.

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PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Mrs. Barrett Smith, of Catonsville, is spending the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Edward Fowler, near town.

Mr. Hemsley Stafford, of Catonsville, has been spending some time with his aunt, Mrs. Edward Fowler, near town.

Mr. Henry B. Krusen, of Pennsylvania, has been the guest of H. W. Fallowfield and family.

Miss Catherine Loller, the efficient stenographer in the office of Wm. F. Russell, Esq., has accepted a position in the Chestertown Bank of Maryland, resigned recently by Mrs. Albert Wheat who made a most accommodating and efficient assistant.

Mr. Colin F. Duyer joined his wife and daughter at the home of his mother this week. Mr. Duyer and family reside in Shereveport, La., where Mr. Duyer is a memeber of a large building firm.

Miss Mamye Thompson, who has been Jr., spent Wednesday in Baltimore.

Miss Mamye Thompson has been very ill during the past two weeks at the home of her parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. C. A. Thompson, is slightly improved at this time.

Mrs. Thurston Branham, of Bridgeton, N. J., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. George B. Westcott.

Mrs. Thomas Perkins and daughter, Miss Anna Perkins, with Mrs. Cloman and daughter, left on Tuesday for a sea trip to Boston. From Boston they will motor to a point on Casco Bay in Maine.

Mr. W. S. Carroll and daughters, Miss Mamie and Louise Carroll, are the guests of Mr. Ambrose Carroll, in Newark, N. J.

Mrs. E. M. Selleck has been visiting relatives at Granville Summit, Bradford Co., Pa., for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. McCall Rasin were the week-end guests of the latter's parents at Frankford, Del.

Master Allan Barnes is visitng relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Truitt and daughter, of Wilmington, spent last Saturday with relatives here.

Mr. Robert Pippin, of Baltimore, spent several days last week at home.

Mrs. Earl A. Barnes and two daughters are guests of relatives at Annapolis.

Mrs. Jacob Allen spent part of last week at Ridgely.

Mrs. James W. Kirby and two children have been visiting the former's daughter in Baltimore the past week.

Mrs. Norman Nelson and son, of Chester, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. S. C. Hearn, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hudson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Krusen, of Philadelphia, spent last Wednesday here.

Mr. R. G. Nicholson was slightly injured recently by falling.

Mrs. Irving Sparks, of Baltimore, visited relatives here last week.

Miss Sarah Coleman, of Wilmington, is the guest of Miss Catherine Elliott.

Miss Emma Davis has returned to Chetsertown, after a visit in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kelley, of Philadelphia, are the guests of her sister for a short visit.

Mrs. Mary Matilda Cox, of Baltimore, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Alcutt on College street.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fox are visiting friends in Delaware.

Miss Florence Sheppard, of Baltimore, is spending the summer months with Mr. and Mrs. Webster Hadaway.

Mr. H. A. Clark, superintendent and owner of the woolen mill on Mill St., has rented the Goodwin home on the avenue and will occupy the same Sept. the first.

Mrs. C. J. Reiche is visiting some friends in New York.

Mr. Thomas Davis, of Washington, is visiting his parents on the avenue.

Mrs. Charles F. Wheately and children are visiting her sister in Virginia.

Mr. Charles Pippin, of Philadelphia, spent the first of the week here.

Mrs. Hackett Emerson is visiting in New Jersey.

Mrs. Ella P. Robinson and son, Allen, Misses Maude Duyer and Myra Wheat are attending the annual summer confeernce of the M. P. Church as delegates from Christ Church, Chestertown.

Mr. Charles Rolph, of Baltimore, a former well-known and popular citizen of Chestertown, is registered at the Voshell House for a few days.

Miss Inez Russell is spending the month of August in Brockton, Mass., with friends. Miss Evelyn Russell is visitng friends at Brunswock, Frederick county.

Mrs. Laurence G. Brown is visiting her parents in Canada.

Mrs. Thomas J. Kelly of Fort Crook, Neb., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Levi Downey.

Miss Lida Wheat has been visiting her sister in Chester.

GALENA

Mr. and Mrs. Foster, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with Mrs. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, of New York, are spending some time with his mother, Mrs. Katie Smith.

Mrs. Victor Stradley is spending a week with friends in Denton.

Mrs. John Newnam spent a few days of last week in Baltimore.

Mis Mattie Whitaker, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Ella Whitaker.

Mr. Kent Woodall and son, Andrew, spent the week-end at their home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jump, of Easton, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. James D. Davis.

Mrs. Mary Richards, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days with Mrs. Jas. Mulford.

Mrs. Levy Mitchell is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Vansant.

The Willing Workers class held their monthly meeting at the home of Miss Mary Caldwell. All enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

The District Superintendent, Rev. Omar Jones, held his second quarterly conference Wednesday evening in the chapel and gave a very interesting address on "Patience."

Quite a large crowd attended the baseball game between Massey, of Galena, on the school green. About five hundred people were present. Congressman T. Allen Goldsborough gave a short address and the politicians were plentiful.

Mrs. Lew Woodall, of Wilmington, is spending some time with Mrs. Holt Woodall.

Mrs. Maggie Weer, of Chester, Pa., is spending her vacation with her sisters, Miss Anna Hayes and Mrs. Wm. Pettycord, of Locust Grove.

Mr. Walton Conley, of Townsend, is spending some time in town.

A large crowd of young folks held a weenie and marshmallow roast at Chesapeake Haven Tuesday evening. All seemed to have a fine time.

Grain Trade Of World Injured

Politics have hurt the grain trade of the world and speculation has largely gone out. The result is lower price the world over, with no immediate prospects of any decided revival of confidence or speculative investment buying. Wheat and cotton prices in the United States are down to the lowest elvel of the season so far, and so are the bulk of the securities traded in Wall street. With light speculative buying, too small to carry the hedging pressure put upon the market, lower prices are to be expected.

After making allowance for a normal carryover at the end of the 1923-24 season, the durum wheat raised in this country, and which is not used for flour-making purposes, and normal bread and seed requirements, the territory east of the Rockies has comparatively little wheat for export.

July corn is congested and has been for a month. There is said to be a liberal-sized open interest and there will be fair track deliveries. The visible supply is about 7,846,000 bushels, the lightest since September, 1919, when it was down to 956,000 bushels.

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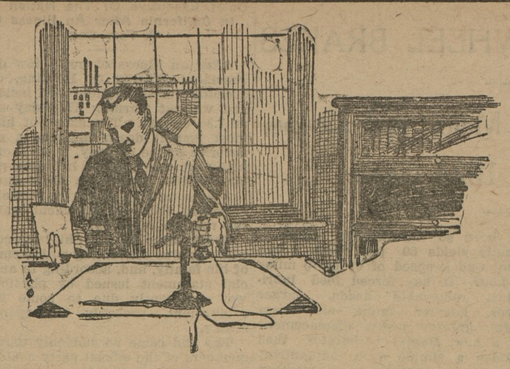

Cut Offs

If there is a "Cut Off" when a conversation is taking place over the telephone, THE PERSON WHO WAS CALLED SHOULD IMMEDIATELY HANG UP THE RECEIVER. The one who made the call should ask the operator to re-establish the connection, saying: "I was talking to ——— ——— and was cut off."

If the person who was called does not hang up his receiver, his line may test "Busy" and be so reported to the party who is asking to have the connection re-established.

The "Cut Off" may be due to a number of things: an error of the operator; a temporary disarrangement of the signal apparatus; the replacing of the receiver on the hook by mistake by one of the persons talking, or for some other cause.

Realizing the annoyance "Cut Offs" cause our patrons, every possible precaution is taken to prevent them. It will help us to give you better service if, when a "Cut Off" does occur, you will follow the suggestion made above.

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Summer Schedule

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE
(Weather Permitting)
Standard Time

SASSAFRAS RIVER LINE
Effective June 16th, 1923.

Tuesdays: leave Frederick for Baltimore at 9.30 a. m., leave Betterton for Baltimore at 10.30 a. m., leave Worton Manor for Baltimore at 11.15 a. m., arrive in Baltimore about 1.30 p. m.

Wednesdays—Leave Baltimore for Betterton, Worton Manor and Sassafras River landings 9.30 a. m. Returning leave Fredericktown for Balto. 3.30 p.m., erturning leave Betterton for Baltimore at 4.30 p. m., returning leave Worton Manor for Baltimore at 5.30 p. m., arrive in Baltimore about 8.00 p. m.

Saturdays: Leave Baltimore for Fredericktown and Betterton 1.00 p. m. Returning leave Fredericktown for Baltimore at 6.00 p. m., returning leave Betterton for Baltimore at 7.00 p. m. Arrive in Baltimore about 10.30 p. m.

PORT DEPOSIT AND HAVRE de GRACE LINE
Effective July 12th, 1923.

Mondays: Leave Baltimore for Betterton, Havre de Grace and Port Deposit at 1.00 p. m.

Tuesdays: Leave Port Deposit for Baltimore at 6.30 a. m., leave Havre de Grace for Baltimore at 7.00 a. m., leave Fredericktown for Baltimore at 9.30 a. m., leave Betterton for Baltimore at 10.30 a. m., leave Worton Manor for Baltimore at 11.30 a. m. Arrive in Baltimore about 1.30 p. m.

Thursdays—Leave Baltimore for Betterton, Havre de Grace and Port Deposit at 10.30 a. m., returning leave Havre de Grace for Baltimore at 3.30 p. m., returning leave Port Deposit for Baltimore at 4.30 p. m., returning leave Betterton for Baltimore at 6.30 p. m. Arriving in Baltimore about 10.00 p. m.

Sundays: Leave Baltimore for Betterton, Havre de Grace and Port Deposit at 9.00 a. m. Returning leave Port Deposit for Baltimore at 2.15 p. m., returning leave Havre de Grace for Baltimore at 1.30 p. m., returning leave Betterton for Baltimore at 4.00 p. m., arriving in Baltimore about 7.00 p. m.

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Beginning June 3rd, Steamer Louise Leaves Baltimore Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at 8.45 a. m., 2.00 and 6.30 p. m. Wednesdays Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 8.45 a. m. and 2. 30 p. m.

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