

### 475 MILES OF WIRE IN STANLEY SYSTEM

#### Main Plant and "Rule Shop" Single Unit About July 1

Between 400 and 500 miles of telephone wire will be required to handle the telephone business of the Stanley Works and the Stanley Rule and Level offices, after the first week in July. This will be necessitated by the changing over of the present manual system in the Stanley Rule offices and the connecting cables between the two factories to the automatic system.

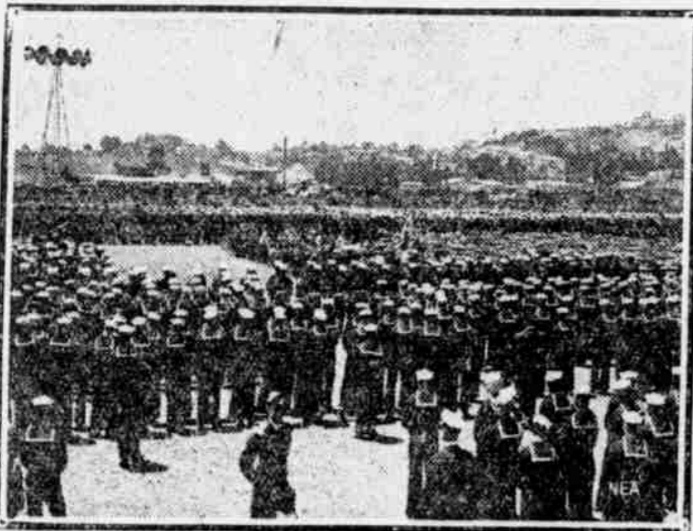
On or about July 1 the Stanley Rule and Level company will be joined with the Stanley Works in one of the most comprehensive and up to date telephone systems in the country. When the Stanley Works took over the Rule and Level plant, it was evident from the start that the two plants would have to work more or less as a unit. Separated by nearly a mile, as the two plants are, the telephone was to become an important link between them.

Machine switching has been in operation at the Stanley Works for nearly two years and has proven most satisfactory. When the present manual board at the Rule and Level plant it was decided to replace it with machine switching, similar to the Stanley Works. When the telephone company offices were consulted, they suggested, instead of installing another machine switch unit at the Rule and Level plant, that the unit at the Stanley Works be enlarged and by use of cables between the two plants, operate as one system. Work on this was started immediately, but was delayed on account of the inability to secure machine switching parts.

The new system now is nearly complete, and is expected to be in operation early next month.

At the present time, an employe at one factory, wishing to call a certain department in the other, must first call the operator at his own plant, who in turn calls the operator at the distant plant and she in turn must ring the department desired. Under the new system, all that will be necessary for the employe to do, is dial the number of the party he wishes at the other plant, and that department is rung just as readily and quickly as though the telephone were in the next room.

### Final Tribute to Navy Dead



Here are the last solemn rites for the 48 officers and men killed in the explosion aboard the battleship Mississippi in San Pedro (Calif.) harbor. The flag-draped caskets, banked with flowers, lay in a hollow square of sailors. To the left of them sits a group of relatives of the dead. Under the magnovox tower, Rear Admiral Knouton is paying the navy's tribute to the men who died in line of duty.



Sailors from the ill-fated vessel stood guard over the officers' caskets, set slightly apart from the other coffins during the services.

Telephonewise, a foreman at the Whiting street plant of the Rule Shop, is just as near a foreman beyond North Burritt street at the Stanley Works plant, as though their offices were adjoining. The system consists of 126 telephone sets at the Rule shop and 205 at the Stanley Works. Each telephone is equipped with a dial numbering from

zero to nine. Each user will have to know the number of the telephone he is calling, and will operate the dial by rotating it with his finger to whatever combination of numbers he desires.

The officials have gotten out a complete directory for use at each station. The numbers of all stations can be found either by department, or the name of the individual in charge.

It will not be possible to entirely dispense with the services of an operator, owing to calls to and from outside the factory.

Under the automatic system the services of a stenographer are not needed in dialing a number. The dialing of a number by the person calling is in motion an intricate number of wheels, electric lights and other "dial-flickers" which nobody ever expects a lay man to understand, and the person called gets the ring. The two plants will be connected by cables, each cable containing 200 pairs of wires, which will be laid underground. There will be about 75 miles of single wire in the two factories, in addition to about 400 miles of wire in the cables.

This will mean doing away entirely with the switchboard at the Stanley Rule and Level plant and the old number 125 will pass out of existence or be assigned to some other subscriber. In the future after the "cut over" which will take place between the third or fifth of July, a person wanting someone at the Whiting street plant, the Stanley Rule and Level plant on Elm street or the Stanley Works will call the same number 125 and the operator there will make the proper connection and ring the party. Calls from within the factory will not be handled by an operator, unless trouble arises.

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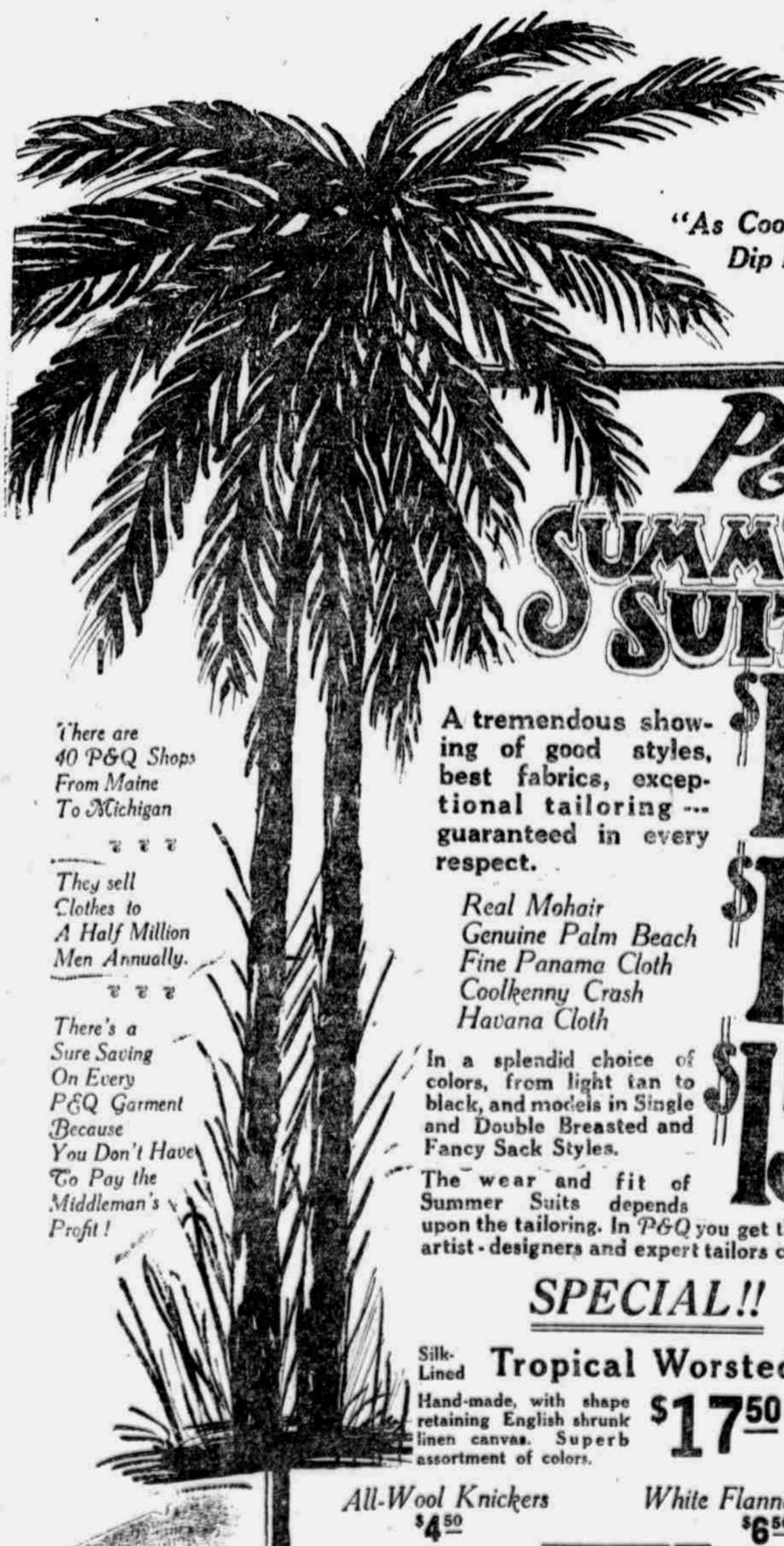
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