

TELEPHONE RATE CASE POSTPONED

Leland Hume Cannot Come Tomorrow and Mayor Donald Calls Off Conference.

MEETING MAY BE HAD TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

Citizens Are Indignant Over the Delay as the Matter Should Have Been Settled Many Weeks Ago—Hume Has No Excuse to Make.

The City Council tomorrow night will not go into the merits or demerits of the case of the Cumberland Telephone Company versus the patrons of that company in this city.

Mr. Leland Hume, of the Cumberland Telephone Company, has written to Mayor Donald that he will not be able to get here tomorrow night and the conference which was scheduled for this meeting of the council has been postponed until next Tuesday night, September 29.

The program was to have the matter thoroughly gone over in the council meeting and two members, constituting a majority of the state railroad commission, had signified their intention of being present to hear the arguments and to take cognizance of the discrimination in local rates charged against the Cumberland Telephone Company.

Just why Mr. Leland Hume is unable to be here tomorrow night is not stated, neither does it appear why he has to be present at the conference. At any rate his inability to be on hand has caused a delay in the investigation and has given the Cumberland people more time in which to weave a chain of defense.

CITIZENS IMPATIENT. The action of Mayor Donald in again deferring the adjustment of the present telephone controversy to suit the convenience of Mr. Hume is generally condemned by telephone subscribers.

Two members of the railroad commission had promised to be here tomorrow night, and they had made all arrangements to that end. It is not known whether or not they can be present on next Tuesday.

The Daily News was preparing to institute ouster proceedings against the Cumberland Telephone Company a month ago, when Mayor Donald insisted that no action be taken until after September 1, when the local manager of the Cumberland promised to have something definite to offer in the way of a compromise. But Local Manager Hay failed to put in his appearance at the council meeting and the matter was postponed until September 25.

The impression is that Mayor Donald should have ignored Mr. Hume's request for further delay, inasmuch as it is evident that he is only playing for time.

THE DAILY NEWS PROGNOSTICATOR.



Washington, September 24.—Fair to east, showers in west portion tonight or Friday.

PRINTERS ASK BRYAN FOR LABEL

Hearst News Service. Indianapolis, Ind., September 24.—The Typographical Unions of Indiana and other states are sending to William Jennings Bryan requests that the union label appear upon The Commoner, threatening to return all copies in their original wrappers if this is not done.

THE COMMONER IS UNION. Hearst News Service. Lincoln, Neb., September 24.—Chas. W. Bryan, whose attention has been called to the request of union printers that the label appear on the Commoner, says the matter rests entirely with the Lincoln Typographical Union. The Commoner, he says, employs only union labor and will gladly carry the label when requested to do so.

GOMPERS IS AFTER TAFT

Hearst News Service. Washington, September 24.—In testifying before Judge Gould today in the proceedings brought for the failure of organized labor to observe the anti-boycott injunction obtained by the Buck Stove and Range Company, of St. Louis, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today declared that the attitude of Candidate Taft in regard to the injunction is responsible for the contempt proceedings. He declared that the American Manufacturers' Association had spent vast sums in warring against organized labor.

MONUMENT MUST NOT BE DESECRATED

Hearst News Service. Washington, September 24.—The President today decided not to permit the use of the top of the Washington monument for a wireless telegraph station.



Lady Essex, formerly Miss Adele Grant of New York City, has recently opened a laundry, in the hope of recuperating the family fortune.

PARKER WILL HOLD ON DESPITE CHIEF POOL SAYS MAYOR DONALD

Plain Clothes Officer Edgar Parker will continue to serve as such, whether his arrests are recognized by Chief of Police Pool and Day Sergeant Williams, or not.

Such is in substance the statement of Mayor J. D. Donald made today. He, Donald further said that his action in appointing Mr. Parker has been ratified by a majority of the police committee and it rests now with the City Council to add its endorsement to his action. The matter may come before the council tomorrow night, or may not come up until the first meeting of the council in October.

Dr. Donald says that he appointed Mr. Parker because there was need

YESTERDAY'S GAME DECLARED A TIE

Hearst News Service. New York, September 24.—President Pulliam, of the National League, today declared yesterday's game between New York and Chicago a tie and ordered it to be played over.



Mrs. Jean Cuneo, shown at the wheel, one of the leaders in the 2 days efficiency automobile run from New York to Montauk Point and return. Mrs. Burwick on the right was one of the passengers in her car.

Railroad Commission Grants Reduced Rates On Cotton For the Benefit of Gulfport

Daily News Special. Jackson, September 24.—In spite of the antagonistic position of several of the railroads to the granting of rates on cotton, cotton seed and their products asked for by the Gulfport Commercial Union, in order to enable that city to compete for export business with New Orleans and Mobile, the Mississippi Railroad Commission yesterday granted the Gulfport petition by a unanimous vote, after spending more than an entire day on the case and the taking of testimony and hearing of arguments on both sides.

In view of the fact that the Gulf & Ship Island, over whose line most of this traffic would have to move, is willing to comply with the order, there has been a good deal of curiosity as to the probable attitude of other roads

interested. The local attorneys, as a rule, refrain from discussing the matter at all, and with the exception of the declared intention of the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley and certain branches of the Illinois Central, which claim certain charter exemptions, that they will resist the authority of the commission to fix their rates, the position of the other roads is unknown.

In the arguments yesterday Capt. J. D. McInnis of the Mobile & Ohio questioned the rate-making power of the commission in any case, and defined its power as being that of merely passing on the reasonableness of a rate after it had been established, and this may be the line on which those roads which have no charter exemptions may make their fight, if a fight is to be made at all.

SENSATION MANY LIVES BREWING NOW WERE LOST

Hearst Has Something Up His Sleeve and Will Turn It Loose in New York Tonight.

New York, September 24.—Delegates from every county in the state are gathering today for the state convention of the Independence party, which will begin tonight at Cooper's Union.

The greatest interest centers in the speech of William Randolph Hearst, who it is believed will spring other sensations even more startling than his charges against Senator Foraker and Governor Haskell.

It is intimated that Mr. Hearst will show that Abner McKinley, brother of the late President McKinley, was mixed up in the Standard Oil deal in an alleged attempt to bribe Monnett, of Ohio.

TRYAN READ ROOSEVELT'S LONG REPLY

Hearst News Service. Springfield, O., September 24.—The first thing after arising this morning, William Jennings Bryan carefully perused Mr. Roosevelt's statement, but announced that he had no comment to make at this time. He was evidently pleased, however, and chatted with friends while eating breakfast. He left on a special train for Cincinnati, and will make several speeches en route.

KANSAS TOWN IS WIPED OFF MAP

Hearst News Service. Eureka, Kan., September 24.—Forest fires now sweeping the mountains in this vicinity have destroyed the town of Luffenholz, which contained several hundred inhabitants. It is believed that everybody escaped, but some of them had to run for their lives.

The Cotton Market.

New Orleans, 1:30 p. m., October 8.71; December 8.76. Liverpool, Sept.-Oct. 4.88; Nov.-Dec. 4.74 1/2.

POND HAS BIG PLANS

Will Build a Bran New Railroad From Hattiesburg to New Orleans at an Early Date.

WELL KNOWN PROMOTER HAS PLANS WELL LAID

It is Believed That the New Orleans, Mobile and Chicago System is Behind Him and That There is Something in the Project.

Daily News Special. Jackson, Miss., September 24.—Chester H. Pond, of Morehead, the man who built the "Yellow Dog" Railroad and who is known to fame as the most successful promoter in Mississippi, was registered at the Lawrence Hotel last night.

To the correspondent of the Hattiesburg News, Mr. Pond confided the information that he was about to build a trunk line of railroad from Hattiesburg to New Orleans, but he refused to say what system was behind the project further than to assert that it would connect with the New Orleans, Mobile and Chicago at Ovette.

"We have ample capital behind us," said Mr. Pond, "and we are consequently asking for few favors as yet. We will have little trouble in getting the rights of way, as the preliminary survey has already been made and property owners along the line will cheerfully co-operate with us."

It is believed here that Mr. Pond is interested in the extension of the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Railroad, recently reorganized under the name of the New Orleans, Mobile and Chicago, and which already has a trunk line from Mobile to the Tennessee line and a branch from Beaumont to Hattiesburg. He will leave in a few days for the East in the interest of his project.

HASKELL HAS NOT RESIGNED

New York, September 24.—When his attention was called to the reports that the resignation of Treasurer Haskell is in the hands of the national committee, Chairman Norman E. Mack said that the reports were entirely untrue and that if Haskell contemplated resigning he knew nothing of it.

BIG FIRE IN DENVER

Denver, Colo., September 24.—Denver's historic fighting pavilion, known as the Coliseum, is on fire and will prove a total loss. The building and grounds were recently purchased for \$52,000 from "Reddy" Gallagher for a new postoffice site.

BROWN AND YOUNG PROMPTLY EXPELLED

New York, September 24.—The announcement was made from the rostrum of the stock exchange this morning of the expulsion of A. C. Brown and Lewis G. Young, members of the failed firm of A. O. Brown & Co., and their seats were ordered sold.

Disastrous Typhoon Swept Over Philippine Islands Destroying Much Property.

Hearst News Service. Manila, September 24.—Reports coming from the central portion of the Philippines, swept by a typhoon earlier in the week, are that great damage was done and that the loss of life is heavy, although its extent is not as yet definitely known. Many of the villages have been completely destroyed. The complete destruction of all means of communication accounts for the lack of details.

TRAIN FELL FIFTY FEET INTO RIVER

Hearst News Service. Carthage, Mo., September 24.—An eastbound passenger train on the Frisco Railroad this morning left the tracks at a curve near this city and the locomotive and tender were precipitated into the river fifty feet below. The engineer and fireman were drowned.

The baggage car stopped on the brink and the entire train left the rails and traveled some distance on the ties. About fifty people occupied the day coaches and many of them received painful injuries. It is said at the hospital where the injured were carried that several of them will probably die.

BRADSHAW TO SPEAK IN COURT HOUSE

Mr. H. W. Bradshaw will address the farmers and business men of Forrest County and the city of Hattiesburg at the court house tonight at 8 o'clock. It is hoped there will be a large attendance out to hear Mr. Bradshaw. His talk will be in the interest of the farmers and the Farmers' Union warehouse movement.

Mr. Bradshaw delivered a talk here a short time ago and made a good impression. He will have something of interest and importance to say to the farmers and others who are interested in the success of agriculture in this section.