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CORE EFFICIENCY
OR CUT RATES
MAY BE OUTCOME

L. P. Caddy, of Madison, Wis., expert on telephone equipment corporations, showed up Saturday afternoon as the agent of the Chamber of Commerce law committee to look into the service in Memphis.

Saturday afternoon in company with W. P. Armstrong, chairman of the committee, he went formally to the exchange to pursue his investigation.

He declined to state what his observations were on the service, withholding any comment until he should have had an opportunity to go further into the situation.

"Rotten," a short and ugly term signifying a state of odious dissolution, is every day becoming more generally recognized by the local patrons of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph company as a synonym for the quality of service which they are getting.

From every hand the evidence is clear that the service is traveling with nimble step from bad to worse and is now high upon the 24th degree of inefficiency.

No information is yet obtainable on the 4,000 questionnaires, which the investigation committee has prepared and sent out to the members of the chamber and other patrons of the telephone company.

VERSAILLES TREATY
IS IN EFFECT; HUNS
SIGN PROTOCOL ALSO

PARIS, Jan. 10.—The German peace treaty protocol was signed by Germany's representative here today, preliminary to the ceremony of exchanging ratifications putting the treaty into effect.

The treaty of Versailles, making peace between Germany and the ratifying allied powers, was put into effect at 4:15 o'clock this afternoon by the exchange of ratifications.

After the ceremony it was learned Premier Clemenceau's remark to the German representatives was to the effect that he would this evening give orders for the repatriation of the German war prisoners.

In the recent session, immediately after the signing of the protocol, M. Clemenceau shook hands with Baron von Lersner and Herr von Simson, it also became known.

Baron von Lersner signed the protocol of Nov. 1, providing for repatriation of the German warships at Scapa Flow and to insure the carrying out of the armistice terms.

The first meeting of the council will be called to order and presided over by Leon Bourgeois, representative of France in the council.

BERLIN GOVERNMENT
REPORTED OVERTHROWN
WITH BIG STRIKE ON

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—The situation created by the railroad strike became worse yesterday, especially in the Ruhr district, where there were additions to the ranks of the strikers.

The committee of social Democratic railway men here charged the communists with responsibility for the strike, alleging that while it is ostensibly an economic movement, it is in reality a political measure intended to accomplish the introduction of an industrial council system on the communist plan.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 10.—Travelers from Germany reaching here today, brought unconfirmed reports that the German government has been overthrown. It was reported that the socialists were masters of the situation and that a general strike had been declared throughout the territory not under allied occupation.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—In connection with the unconfirmed reports from Brussels of a German government overthrow, messages from Berlin by way of Copenhagen, received this morning, did not indicate that anything of an extraordinary nature had been foreseen in Germany up to late last evening.

The Brussels reports of a German government overthrow are not confirmed from any other source and it may be noted that the dispatches themselves specify their own qualifications, emphasizing the lack of positive information.

It should be pointed out that there has been a new uprising in Germany which would appear to have been deliberately timed to coincide with the date set for putting the treaty of Versailles into effect and creating a state of peace between Germany and the allied powers.

VALUES IN FOURTH
WARD RAISED MANY
MILLIONS HIGHER

Realty values in the Fourth ward, the most valuable in the city, will be increased by many millions for taxation purposes this year. The appraisal in the large banks, office buildings and hotels, has been made by the representatives of the state equalization board from the architects' figures of the actual cost of construction.

The realty values, south between Madison and Beale avenues, and east to Fourth street, appear as a rule to have increased by about one-third to one-half of the former assessment. The largest increases made are on the Peabody hotel and the Bank of Commerce building.

The Peabody hotel, owned by R. B. and J. B. Snowden, is appraised at \$2,700,000. The lot is 145 feet front and is appraised at \$1,000,000. The old assessment was \$500,000 on the lot and \$200,000 on the building.

The Union and Planters Bank building is appraised at \$650,000, of which \$175,000 is the appraisal on the 60-foot lot, raised from \$65,000 and the remainder on the building, raised from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

The Manhattan Bank building, owned by C. W. Macrae, is appraised at \$225,000 on the lot and \$100,000 on the building, raised from \$100,000 to \$125,000.

The J. P. Holst lot on Main, south of the Peabody hotel, is appraised at \$357,500. It has a 75 feet front and is appraised at \$100,000.

COOK IS PRESIDENT
MERCHANTS EXCHANGE

L. P. Cook, grain man, was chosen president of the Merchants exchange Saturday over J. H. Scruggs, of the bank, who was elected vice president.

The next meeting will be held during the month of February when a regular "Big Pig Dinner" will be enjoyed.

REWARDS SALVAGE CORPS.
For the splendid service rendered when the store of Burke & Co., 24 South Main street, was ruined by fire and members of the salvage corps saved thousands of dollars worth of stock.

DAMAGES FOR BUILDING CO APSE
Mrs. Theresa Mann, who as Mrs. Gaston, sued J. A. Evans and I. Oppenheim for damages to her property growing out of its collapse in connection with the building occupied by the Shop for Culture, at Main and Monroe, was awarded damages Saturday amounting to \$4,430 by Judge Campbell.

DAUGHTER OF NESHOBIA
MAN VICTIM OF WRECK
Miss Violet Clayton, daughter of N. R. Clayton, of Neshoba, was killed in New York Thursday in an automobile accident, according to word received by members of the family here.

MANY CATTLE DIE.
COVINGTON, Tenn., Jan. 10. (Sp.)—Dr. Ed Wall, veterinarian, reports that much stock in Tipton county is dying from blood staggers and frange poisoning, and Dr. Jacobs states that much of this peculiar disease is reported over the state.

DEATH FOR NEW
DEMANDED BY
THE PROSECUTION

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 10.—Preparation of arguments today occupied the time of attorneys in the case of Harry S. New, alleged murderer of a woman, Freda Lesser, whose trial at the conclusion of yesterday's session was adjourned until Monday.

Contrary to original plans, no limit was placed on the arguments and three defense attorneys were scheduled to follow Keyes before Thomas Lee Woolwine, district attorney, was to close for the state.

More than 20 sporting goods dealers and pawnbrokers, O. H. Perry, sheriff, and Joseph E. Pryor, chief of police, gathered into the First criminal court Saturday to hear Judge Richards of the law regarding the sale of firearms and warn the dealers in pistols to discontinue their trade.

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ONE SHELBY CASE.
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 10.—Only one Shelby county case was decided by the supreme court here today. The court denied the petition to rehear in the case of the Kentucky Wagon company versus White and Darrah.

BERGER AGAIN
DENIED SEAT IN
HALL OF CONGRESS

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 10.—The socialist committee of the Fifth Wisconsin congressional district within a half hour after receiving the news that Victor Berger had been elected to congress by a landslide vote, renominated him.

The statement was made that to be the candidate of the party at a special election to be demanded from the governor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Victor Berger, socialist representative-elect from Milwaukee, was denied a seat in the house today for the second time. Discussion of the right of Berger to a seat began when Berger appeared and asked to be sworn today, two months to a day after he had been denied his seat on the grounds that he gave aid and comfort to the enemy.

ARRESTED SELLING
DRUGS SUSPECTED
DOPE RING AGENT

A prosperous looking young man, giving his name as I. M. Peop, 29, of Clarksville, Miss., believed to be the agent of a dope ring, was arrested Saturday by Detectives Bishop and Joyce.

ROME, Jan. 10.—Negotiations between the Vatican and Bulgaria for the conclusion of a concordat by which a Bulgarian legion will be accredited to the holy see and a nuncio or internuncio will be sent to Sofia, are proceeding satisfactorily, according to reports.

PARIS, Jan. 10.—The supreme council has found that since the arrival in Paris of Premier Lloyd George and Nitti its order of business has been so increased that the necessary to facilitate action during the short time the British and Italian premiers were able to remain in Paris. Consequently on the proposal of Mr. Lloyd George the council has divided into two parts, the premiers—Clemenceau, Lloyd George and Nitti—meeting separately for consideration of the Adriatic question.

SEIZE SIX SUITCASES
SHORTLY SANS OWNER

Six shiny sleek suitcases, stuffed with money, seized at the Grand Central station Friday by Patrolmen Adams and Littlejohn, sans an owner, Saturday sat stowed in the strong box of Sgt. Fitzgerald at police headquarters.

QUANTYH PLACE.
Lee Quanty, former police sergeant, dropped from the roll the first of the year went to work Saturday noon as a detective for the Hotel Gayoso.

DENKINE IN RETREAT.
LONDON, Jan. 10.—The city of Odessa, a Mexican City newspaper, in its issue of Thursday, gave an account of the freeing of death of six sailors aboard the Spanish steamer, Antonio Lopez, which was swept by a terrific cold blast when 40 days out from Spain to Vera Cruz. So intense was the cold, the Vera Cruz, that seven wings and liquors aboard froze solid.

61 BBL. WHISKY GONE
FROM BARDSTOWN, KY.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 10.—Following an announcement of discovery of a theft of 61 barrels of liquor from bonded warehouse at Bardstown, Ky., since Christmas, federal officers and police today began preparations for rounding up "half a dozen or more" persons alleged to have been implicated in the theft.

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GROCER AND NEGRO
AWAIT HEARING IN
ALVERSON TRAGEDY

VICKSBURG, Miss., Jan. 10. (Sp.)—The body of Dr. D. S. Alverson, prominent physician, missing since last Monday evening, was found Saturday morning about two miles north of Vicksburg. There was little to indicate the method of his death, but the theory is strongly held that the physician met his death by foul means.

SALE OF PISTOLS
WILL BE STOPPED

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