

CITY DEPARTMENT CORRECTS ERRORS IN PHONE SERVICE

Municipal Complaint Bureau Prepared to Bring Relief to Subscribers.

COST PUT ON COMPANY

Power for Control Over Corporation Granted in Ordinance Passed Last Year.

ADVANTAGE UNKNOWN TO MANY

WHERE 'WE WILL' THERE'S A WAY

BY HENRY M. HYDE.

A certain telephone subscriber in Lake View was frequently annoyed by calls which were not intended for him—wrong number calls.



A blank was sent to him on which he was asked to set down, under the proper date and hour, the number wanted on each "wrong number call."

It was then apparent to the experts of the city bureau that the fault was not at all that of the telephone operators.

It was a matter of moments to make the necessary adjustments and prevent further trouble of the same kind.

It is not probable that one out of a thousand people in Chicago even know of the existence of the municipal telephone complaint bureau, which has been since August, 1913, a regular department of the city electrician's office.

It was established under the 1913 ordinance granted by the city council to the telephone company and is supported by a tax laid upon the gross earnings of the corporation.

SINCE there are nearly 300,000 telephones in Chicago, over which pass an average of 1,800,000 calls a day, it is plain that under the best human conditions there must be a considerable number of errors each day.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1914.

WEATHER FORECAST. For Chicago and vicinity—Generally fair and warmer Tuesday, probably followed by unsettled weather Wednesday; moderate to brisk, southerly winds.

TEMPERATURE IN CHICAGO. (Last 24 hours.)

Table with columns for time and temperature. Max. 1.1, Min. -0.1, 8 a. m. 0.1, 9 a. m. 0.1, 10 a. m. 0.1, 11 a. m. 0.1, 12 m. 0.1, 1 p. m. 0.1, 2 p. m. 0.1, 3 p. m. 0.1, 4 p. m. 0.1, 5 p. m. 0.1, 6 p. m. 0.1, 7 p. m. 0.1, 8 p. m. 0.1, 9 p. m. 0.1, 10 p. m. 0.1, 11 p. m. 0.1, 12 a. m. 0.1.

SHIPPERS' ADVICES. Special Forecast for Shippers Within Radius of 500 Miles.

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IF GAMBLERS GOT HIS STOLEN \$700, WHAT OF HIS KIDS?

Fred Bell Tells Judge Pett He Lost Employers' Cash in 'Mose' Sabath's Saloon.

JUDGE ORDERS ARRESTS

Embezzler's Departure Six Months Ago Followed by Troubles for Wife and Children.

IT'S COSTS TO CITY AND PUBLIC

Responsibility for the troubles of an embezzling clerk—and for all the tears and cost that followed—was put up to a saloon with gambling attachment yesterday afternoon in concrete form.

The case was that of Fred Bell, on trial for stealing \$700 from his employers. The matter was heard by Judge A. J. Pett, who, when Bell told him the money was lost in a saloon-gaming house, asked the policeman why the saloon man had not been arrested.

Saloon Named Is Sabath's. The saloonkeeper Bell mentioned is Morris Sabath, a cousin of Congressman Sabath and reputed to be "strong" with the powers-that-be.

Results of Bell's Downfall. Bell was a clerk and collector for Russel & O'Donnell's market at Rush and Pearson streets. He had a wife and four little children and had been getting on fairly well.

Public and Private Aid. But his wife soon was penniless. Sympathizing friends helped. A kindhearted fat janitor and his wife took the deserted wife and the whole brood into their little basement home and provided for all their wants for some time.

These Are Appointed. The list, with such information concerning the source of the nominations as could be obtained while Mayor Harrison is ill at home, follows:

Appeal for Clemency. Before Judge Pett yesterday Bell appealed for clemency.

Miss Eva Leeb, recommended by Miss Minnie F. Low of the bureau of personal service; Judges Pam and Mack, Rabbi Emil Hirsch, and forty-six Jewish women's clubs.

Miss Katherine A. Birmingham, teacher in the Drake school, living at 360 East Thirtieth street; suggested by Hull house organizations.

Samuel A. Bloch, 2607 Evergreen avenue, juvenile officer, recommended by Mrs. Britton and the bureau of personal service.

Each of the ten members of the board will receive an annual salary of \$1,320, for which he is expected to spend full eight hour days inspecting films.

Constitutional Issue Raised. The suit brought to restrain the city from censoring films was filed by the Mutual Film corporation. The city, Chief Gleason, and Second Deputy Funkhouser are defendants.

The bill alleges the film censorship is against the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Illinois.

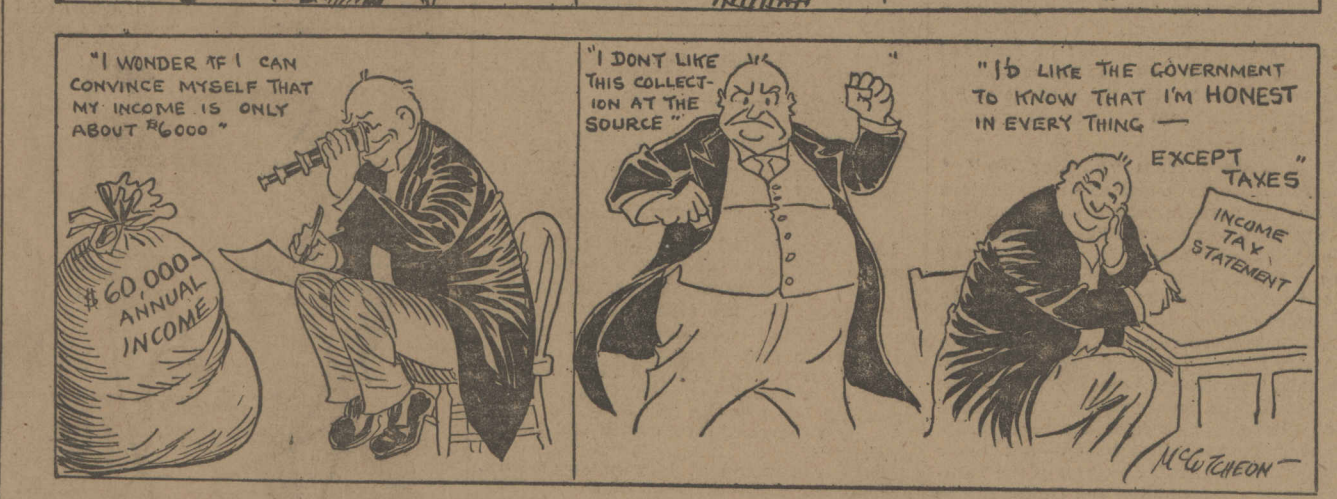
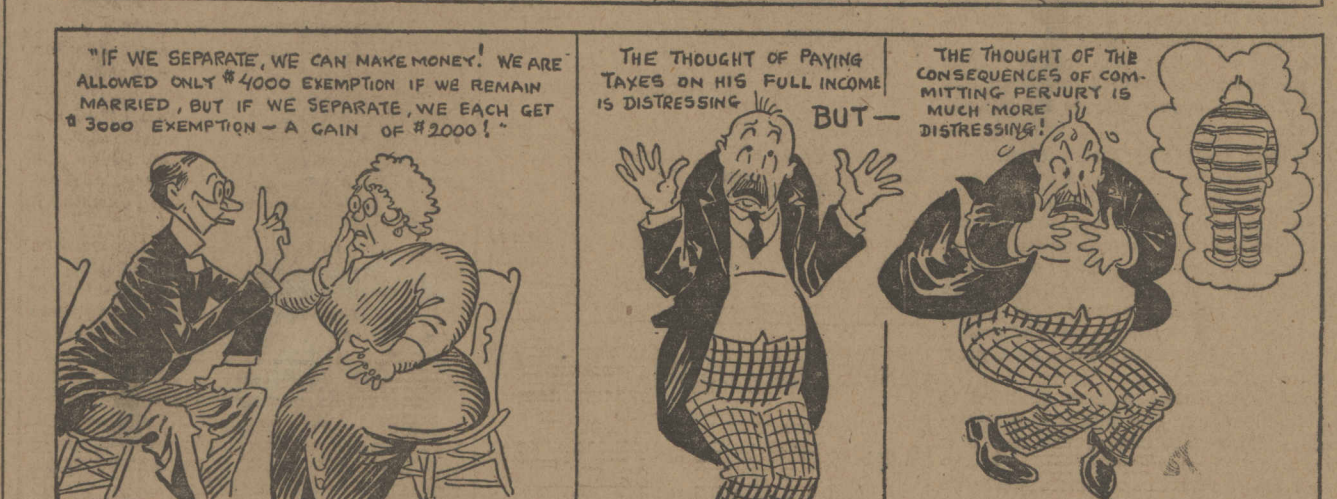
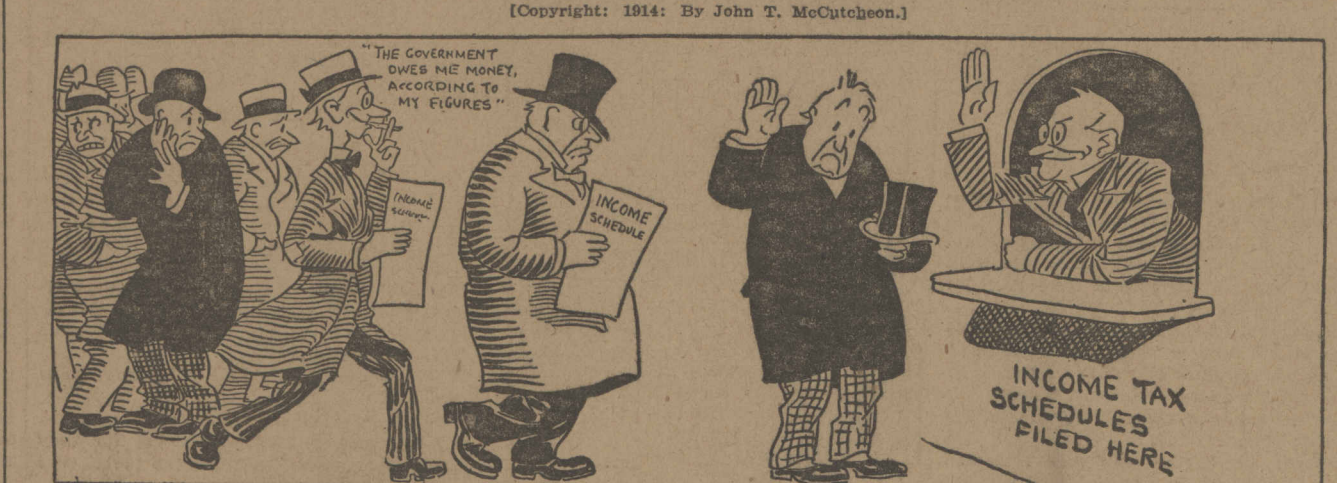
The bill mentions that the city has passed an ordinance restricting the exhibition of films to those that have been passed on by the censorship board, and that a fee of 50 cents is charged for every film censored.

It asserts that no films are purchased or produced by the company that are immoral, obscene, riotous, or indecent, and declares that Chief Gleason has delegated powers given to him of censorship to his deputy.

"Because of the refusal of the city to grant permits for twenty-nine original films and forty-eight duplicate films," recites the bill, "the company has been unable to furnish to film exchanges fresh films in the number demanded."

Other Points Brought. Other points made in the bill are: "The exaction of a fee is not properly an inspection tax, and is an unnecessary one on interstate commerce."

ONLY TEN DAYS MORE FOR INCOME TAX FILING—DO YOUR FILING EARLY



PICKS 5 WOMEN AS FILM CENSORS Mayor Also Names One Man and Is Yet to Select Four Others. NEW LAWSUIT IS FILED. Six of the ten members of the new civilian board of moving picture censors were appointed yesterday.

EX-CONVICT KILLS WOMAN ACCUSER? Mrs. Katherine Mess of 1240 West Ohio Street Victim of Bullet. SENT MAN TO BRIDEWELL. In the name "Anton" scrawled on a piece of paper in the handbag of Mrs. Katherine Mess of 1240 West Ohio street, who was murdered last night in the rear of 1841 Maud avenue, the police believe they have a clue which will bring the arrest of the slayer.

SCHMIDT SAYS VICTIM DIED FROM AN ILLEGAL OPERATION New Yorker Slayer, Condemned to Death, Tells Prosecutor He Cut Up Body to Hide Crime—Simulated Insanity. New York, Feb. 16.—Anna Amuller died from the effects of an illegal operation, according to a confession which Hans Schmidt, who recently was convicted of her murder, reportedly made to an attaché of the district attorney's office Sunday in the death house at Sing Sing prison.

Woman Tells of Keller. "I knew Keller pretty well," Mrs. Kramer said. "He used to come over here a lot and I understood he was married and had a family in Austria. Mrs. Mess had a family over there, too. She wasn't living here all the time, but had her mail sent to us, most of it coming from her family, I guess. She used to send all her spare money to the old country."

KILLS BOY WITH AUTO; PRISON. D. A. Dugan, New Jersey Man Whose Father Is Judge, Sentenced to Indeterminate Term. Trenton, N. J., Feb. 16.—Daniel A. Dugan Jr. of Orange ended the state prison today to serve a sentence of from five to ten years for running down and killing with his motor car Leo F. McDermott, a 14 year old boy of Newark. Dugan is a son of District Judge Daniel A. Dugan.

ILLINOIS DELEGATION IS SILENT [BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—[Special.]—The first important political difference between the president and Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan has arisen over the candidacy of Roger Sullivan for the United States senate from Illinois.

SULLIVAN ATTACK CAUSES FRICTION IN ADMINISTRATION

Bryan Not Inclined to Give Up War on Roger Despite Wilson Neutrality Program.

DUNNE IN COMMONER CAMP?

Governor to Be Secretary's Guest, but It Is Denied There Is Any Political Frameup.

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The president made it clear to callers today that he proposes to continue to preserve an attitude of strict neutrality in the Illinois contest.

Secretary Bryan, when advised of the president's expression, indicated he had no intention of abandoning his war upon Mr. Sullivan. It was evident that he was astonished by the president's statement, for his face reddened and his jaws snapped together.

There is no attempt at the White House to conceal the regret felt that Mr. Bryan should have "bitten into" the Illinois senatorial situation. What to do about it is a serious question. The president desires the state and country to understand that he is taking no sides for or against Mr. Sullivan, as he is not taking sides in any other state.

Feels Kindly Toward Sullivan. It is not likely the president will agree with any such view. He entertains the kindest feelings for Mr. Sullivan, as a result of the latter's action in throwing to him the support of the Illinois delegation at the Baltimore convention, and he is not disposed to take a position which would subject him to the charge of being an ingrate.

When Mr. Bryan was seen this afternoon he was handed a clipping setting forth Mr. Sullivan's reply to the secretary's editorial in the Commoner. He took the clipping and tucked it into his pocket, remarking:

"I am glad to get it."

It was explained to the secretary that Mr. Sullivan had stated that Mr. Bryan was glad to get his support financially and otherwise during the campaign of 1908, when the Nebraska was a candidate for the presidency.

"Is that so?" Bryan replied. "Well, if I decide to make an answer, I shall do so in my own way at the proper time."

The secretary indicated that that ended the matter, for the present at least.

Wrote Only Own Opinion. Then his attention was called to the statement made by the president to callers earlier in the day, to the effect that he proposed to continue to preserve an attitude of strict neutrality.

"In view of that statement are we to understand that you spoke in your editorial for the administration?"

"That editorial expressed only my personal views in regard to Sullivan's candidacy," was the reply. "It had no connection with the views of the administration."

"Did your statement commit the administration against Mr. Sullivan's candidacy?"

"I did not."

"Before you wrote the editorial did you discuss it with any one?"

"I did not."