

SOUTHERN BELL CO. TO NAME NEW VICE-PRESIDENT, JAN. 1

C. O. Bickelhaupt Will Occupy Chair at the Beginning of the New Year.

President Ben S. Read has announced the appointment of C. O. Bickelhaupt, as vice president in charge of operations of the Southern Group of Bell Telephone Companies, comprising the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, and the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company, taking effect January 1, 1925.

The Southern Bell Company operates in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas, and the Cumberland in Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana and Mississippi, and headquarters of both companies is in Atlanta. Mr. Bickelhaupt comes to the Southern Group from the American Telephone and Telegraph Company at New York, where he occupied the responsible position of general commercial engineer.

He was born and reared in South Dakota, and started his telephone career at Aberdeen in that state, after his graduation from the University of Wisconsin.

Although one of the youngest operating vice-presidents in the Bell system, he has had a long and varied experience in the telephone business and his rapid rise through successive promotions, culminating in his selection as operating head of the Southern Group, has been due to his energy, sound judgment and demonstrated ability.

He served with distinction in the A. E. F. as first lieutenant, later as captain, in the Signal Corps. He was promoted to major during the Meuse-Argonne offensive, and since his discharge from active service, has been commissioned lieutenant colonel in the Signal Officer's Reserve Corps.

Mr. Bickelhaupt is married, and has two small daughters. He has expressed himself as greatly pleased at the prospect of living and working in the Southern group, and in the early future it is his intention to visit the various portions of the territory and meet in person the telephone forces and the people they are serving.

Expect Equal Debt Funding

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—France's reported intention to open discussion with Great Britain on an arrangement for funding her debt to the London government occasioned a prediction at the treasury today that this government like Great Britain, would insist on equal treatment.

While there was no announcement of any diplomatic move, high officials of the treasury declared it was obvious that the United States should expect a settlement from France when that nation makes one with England. There was declared to be no reason why a militant attitude should be adopted here, since France's diplomatic representative already has held a series of conferences on the question with Secretary Mellon.

The French debt to the United States is larger than the amount she owes Great Britain and inasmuch as both loans were made for financing the world war, treasury officials see no reason why preferential treatment should be accorded the British.

This pronouncement completes a cycle of official declarations which included the recent announcement in parliament by Winston Churchill, the British chancellor of the exchequer, that if any European na-

tion owing money to both Great Britain and the United States, should pay his debt to Washington, similar payments would be expected to be made to London.

Altogether the discussions appear on the surface to have arrived nowhere, although officials here are hopeful that they may have some what advanced the prospects of a settlement all around.

JUDGE HAS HEART OF STONE; WONT AID BOOTLEGGER

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 20.—Judge Ralph W. Reeve, of the District Court, has a heart of stone, Fred W. Coughlin thinks. Fred was fined \$125 by the judge when he was charged with violating the liquor laws, but upon telling the court he had no money was given two weeks to get it. "Thank you, your honor," Fred replied, "but you ought to give some protection during the two weeks. I

might be caught again, and then I wouldn't be able to pay." The court refused him any protection.

HAS DECEPTIVE MOTION

Jack Bentley's pitching motion is the most deceptive part of his delivery.

END AUTO DEATH TOLL IS PLEA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Streets and highways of the United States were compared to the sanguinary western front of 1917-1918 by Sec-

etary of Commerce Hoover in a plea for a nation-wide concentration of activities to reduce the annual toll of 22,600 traffic deaths.

IF WALTER IS WISE

Walter Johnson cannot pitch forever. He should retire and take his greatness with him.

A new record for motor-paced cycling has been set up in Paris, when a Belgian cyclist, Leon Vanderstuyft, covered 66 miles, 1,405 yards, in one hour.



Taxes and Telephone Service

THE cost of all forms of government has grown greater during the past few years and necessarily these costs are reflected in the increased taxes every one pays.

The cost of rendering telephone service has also increased, but the rates charged for telephone service have not increased in anything like the same proportion as taxes, wages and other expenses.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company's tax bill for the year 1923 in the five States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas, amounted to \$1,410,267, or at the rate of \$5.15 for each telephone in service. This was an increase of more than 235 per cent over the tax bill of \$419,997 paid in the same States during 1916. During this same period the investment in property increased 82 per cent.

In North Carolina alone, last year's tax bill was \$226,695, an increase of more than 308 per cent since 1916.

Although taxes form such a large part of telephone operating expenses, the Telephone Company has no objection to paying its just share of taxes, and pays cheerfully.

These facts are published so that telephone users may know the details of some of the major expenses which are reflected in the cost of their service.

MORGAN B. SPEIR, Carolinas Manager

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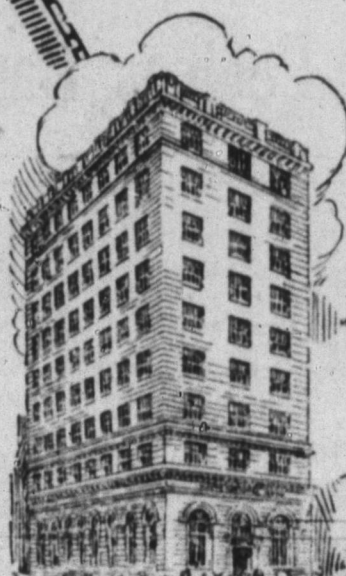
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