

cipality, and served once as Chairman of this legislative body; a faithful member of the Dutch Reformed Church, and of the Harmonic Lodge.

To the bereaved daughters and son, The Bulletin tenders its heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement.

The funeral takes place at 5 o'clock this afternoon.—*St. Thomas Bulletin*, Sept. 16th

MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE

The new municipal telephone system is nearing completion. This work has been held up somewhat due to delays in the arrival of essential material arriving in poor condition thereby necessitating replacement.

The new system entirely replaces the old. The only part of the old system that could be used in the new installation was the telephone instruments, some telephone poles, crossarms, insulators, and some of the line wire that will be salvaged.

The old system using one wire and a ground has been replaced by a system of complete metallic circuits. This entails just twice as much wire in the system as in the old installation, but it eliminates the so-called "Cross talk," and gives better results in general.

With the cables on the back sheet all telephone poles on the narrow part of Main Street between the Grand Hotel and the Market will be eliminated. The use of the cable also does away with the old wiring which was continually being entangled and crossed, especially after windy weather.

A new switch board, especially manufactured for tropical use, has been secured. It has a capacity of three hundred lines. This, it is believed will take care of all present needs. The old board of two hundred lines capacity will be overhauled and held ready for future expansion. This will give the new system an ultimate capacity of five hundred telephones, just two and one half times that on the old system.

The present phones will be gradually transferred to the new system without any interruption of service. During this period of transition, however, there will probably be numerous crosses and errors in calling numbers due to the inconveniences resulting from temporarily operating two switch boards. The telephone service requests the forbearance of the customers in these matters until the new system is entirely in operation.—*The Emancipator*, September 17th.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, September 18th.—Mr. Lloyd George in a telegram sent today to Mr. De Valera says: "I have received your telegram of last night and observe it does not modify your claim that your

delegates should meet us as representatives of a sovereign and independent state. You made no such condition when you came to see me in July. I invited you then to meet me, in the words of my letter, as the chosen leader of the great majority of Southern Ireland and you accepted that invitation. From the very outset of our conversations I told you that I looked to Ireland to own allegiance to the throne and to make her future as a member of the British commonwealth. That was the basis of our proposals and we cannot alter it. The status you now claim in advance for your delegates is in every way a repudiation of that basis. I am prepared to meet your delegates, as I met you in July in the capacity of the chosen spokesman for your people, to discuss the association of Ireland with the British commonwealth. My colleagues and I cannot meet them as representatives of a sovereign and independent state without disloyalty on our part to the throne and the Empire. I must therefore repeat that, until the second paragraph of your letter of the twelfth instant be withdrawn, a conference between us is impossible."

Dublin, Sept. 18th.—Mr. De Valera in replying yesterday to Mr. Lloyd George, says: "In reply to your last telegram, just received, I have only to say we have already accepted your invitation in the exact words which you requote from my letter of the 17th instant. We have not asked you to abandon any principle, even informally, but surely you must understand we can only recognise ourselves for what we are. If this self-recognition be made the reason for the cancellation of the conference we regret, but it seems inconsistent. I have already had conferences with you and in these conferences and in my written communications I have never ceased to recognize myself for what I was and am. If these involved recognition on your part, then you have already recognized us, and had it been our desire to add to the solid substance of Ireland's right the veneer of the technicalities of international usage which you now introduce, we might have claimed already the advantage of all these consequences which you fear would flow from the reception of our delegates now. Believed we have but one object at heart, the setting up of a conference on such a basis of trust and reality as would make it possible to secure, through it, the result which the peoples of these islands so ardently desire."

DEMANDS EX-KAISER'S SURRENDER

In the House of Commons Horatio Bottomley, best known as an anti-American agitator, demanded the extradition from

Holland of the former German kaiser. He said if the Dutch refused to surrender him, and the British government found itself unable to deal with the matter effectively, then the government "should make way for men of sterner stuff." There was also in parliament a great deal of criticism of the trials at Leipzig of the Germans accused of violating the rules of civilized warfare. Sir Earnest Pollock who represented the government at those trials said that when the Italian cases came up the lawyers of the various allied nations were going to get together and decide as to the true view to be taken of the trials. He called attention to the fact that this is the first time in history that a defeated nation has been called on to try her own men for violation of the rules of war.—*The Pathfinder*.

DOGS EAT LABORATORY GLANDS

The collection of thyroid glands carefully prepared by Dr. Voronoff of Paris for the purpose of restoring youth were eaten by his dogs when the door was carelessly left open by an attendant. Most of the glands were taken from monkeys after long and painful preparation while one had been secured from a ram. The doctors supply of monkeys had been exhausted and it will take six months or more before others can be secured and made ready. Operations which were to have been performed on rich English and Americans have gone to the dogs; and they must have been successful for there is not a dog gone. Every dog has his day, but Dr. Voronoff's dogs evidently felt, they should have their dog days indefinitely prolonged.—*Ibid*.

CZAR'S COUSIN KILLS SELF

Paris was startled when the dead body of Prince Nikato Letanoff Rostensky, second cousin of the late czar of Russia, was found in the Bois de Boulogne. In the pocket of the prince was the following note: "My czar is dead. My country is ruined. Finding that grief cannot be drowned, I die." The young and brilliant Romanoff left his military command and fled to Paris when the revolution broke out, and after selling his family jewels he tried to forget his sorrows in the gayeties of the French city. At the time of his death he had spent all of his fortune.—*Ibid*.



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