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trans-oceanic telephony. Sunday was
the first time the new method of com-
munication was utilized commercially.
Newspaper persons on both sides of
the Atlantic exchanged budgets, items,
weather reports, stock quotations,
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cluded in some personal greetings.

CONVERSATIONS CLEAR.
Mr. Pearce says the conversations
were clear and understandable. There
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PHONE ROUTES.
The American conversation was
transmitted via Long Island through
the cable of the American Telephone
and Telegraph Co., relayed automati-
cally by wireless telephony from a re-
ceiving station on the English shore
then by cable to London. English
parties talking made reply—singul-
arly enough by a different route—through
the wireless station at Rugby and
able undersea to the recently com-
pleted receiving station at Houlton,
Maine, comparatively few miles from
this city; then by the familiar phone
route to New York.

TWO TRACKS.
Engineer Pearce explained to a
Times-Star representative that at
the outset each party spoke into a
what is known as a hybrid coil.
Though the talkers chatted by differ-
ent routes of communication, terminal
equipment connected the conver-
sation. It was not a case of talking back
and forth through the same cable
"track." There was no hesitancy, no
hold-ups or interruptions.

COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS.
Speaking of the commercial possi-
bilities of spanning the ocean by tele-
phone, Mr. Pearce felt sure in a short
time it would be a commonplace such
as transatlantic talking is already.
People would be surprised to know
how much the lines to New York
and Montreal were used out of Saint
John each day. Talking to San Fran-
cisco, Omaha, Chicago, and other dis-
tant places in this large section of the
world is really no novelty, Mr. Pearce
avers. Local managers are using the
long wires to chat over important
matters with headquarters before
signing contracts, etc. Doubtless rates
for the British service would be scaled
upon the system employed on this continent.

HISTORIC PARALLELS.
From Mr. Pearce's trans-Atlantic
cave-dropping of Sunday forenoon back
to the first telephonic conversation
heard in Saint John in 1879, is a far
cry. It was an occasion of historic
importance to be classed with the first
telegraphic code messages sent out
from this city to Calais on the Maine
border in 1848, the first of Zebble's
horse cars in 1887, and the first rail-
way train of the European and North
American R.R. way that snorted labori-
ously from Lombard street to the
Three Mile House in 1858.

3,000 MILES ELIMINATED.
LONDON, March 7.—British listen-
ers-in were treated today to a radio-
phone chat across the Atlantic be-
tween a group of British newspaper-
men in the General Post Office in Lon-
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It was a fitting celebration of the
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Funeral at Fredericton of
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FREDERICTON, March 6.—The
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Brunswick for the D. S. C. R., was
held yesterday from the late home and
was very largely attended.
The remains arrived here last evening
by C. P. R. from River Glade,
where the deceased had been under-
going treatment at the time of his
death, and were accompanied by his
sister, Miss Jean Burgess, of Saint
John, and brother-in-law, A. H. Wil-
son, of Fairville. Mrs. Lila E. Burgess,
mother of the deceased, arrived here
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The services this afternoon were
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CHARGE RETURN IN INCOME IS FALSE

Federal Grand Jury Indict
Former "Bootleg King" in
New York

NEW YORK, March 8.—"Mannie"
Kessler, former "bootleg king," for
being which he served two years in At-
lanta, has been indicted by the Federal
Grand Jury on charges of falsifying his
income tax returns. His indictment in-
volves two counts, one for falsifica-
tion and the other charging perjury
in that he had sworn that the falsified
reports were accurate.
The first count carries a penalty of
one year in prison and \$10,000 fine; the
second a five-year sentence and \$10,000
fine.
Writs against Kessler for approxi-
mately \$750,000 due in income taxes
were secured by Charles W. Anderson,
Collector of Internal Revenue, before
Kessler was released from Atlanta last
year. Civil action thereon is still pend-
ing. The criminal action now insti-
tuted involves the same taxes alleged
to be due, but is brought for only the
last of the three years for which the
\$750,000 is claimed.
The sum cited by the government for

that year, which was 1922, is \$2,700,000.
It is alleged Kessler made out his in-
come tax return for a sum less than
a tenth of this total. The government
examined Kessler's bankbooks in com-
puting the profits now cited.

Acquired Habit of Drug Use At School

NEW YORK, March 8.—When ar-
raigned in the United States District
Court in Brooklyn, before Judge Robert
A. Inch, for sentence following his plea
of guilty to selling heroin, Samuel
Kemp, 19 years old, told the Court that
he became a drug addict while he was
a pupil at the New Utrecht High
School.
"Two other boys and two girls were
in front of the school more than three
years ago when a stranger gave us
some of the stuff," he said. "The drug
made us all ill, but the man urged
to try it again, saying 'After a few
trials you will enjoy it.' After that all
of us became customers of the stran-
ger."
This is a pitiful case," said Judge
Inch. "I wish it were possible to find
the man who started these five school
children using drugs. I am going to
send you, Kemp, to Atlanta Prison for
two years. I will write to the warden
to give you special attention."

Use the Want Ad. Way

STORES OPEN 9 A.M. CLOSE 6 P.M. DAILY.

MONDAY, MARCH 8.

Old "Bleached"
Towels

A large assortment of designs, sizes and
qualities of this famous Pure Irish Linen
Huckaback Towel.

This is what the manufacturers claim—
"They are made from pure flax."
"They are bleached on the grass in the
old-fashioned way."
"They are guaranteed to give absolute
satisfaction."

These are some of the selling points with
Old Bleached.

Those who have used Old Bleached
Towels have found the texture soft in finish,
and wonderful Absorbent Qualities.

A marked difference in the prices this
season and that of last, about 25 per cent.
less.

Size 15x24 All white, damask end, 65c. each
Size 18x30 All white, damask end 75c. each
Size 18x30 All white, damask end, 85c. each
Size 18x34 All white, damask end, 85c. each
Size 20x36 All white, damask end, \$1.10 ea.
Size 15x24 colored border 75c.
Size 18x34 Colored border \$1
Size 20x36 Colored border \$1.35 each
Size 22x38 Colored border.

Colors—Pink, Blue, Gold and Helio.
(Linen Room—Ground Floor.)

A Special Demonstration of
Gossard Corsets

Is being conducted in our Corset Depart-
ment by Mrs. Lillie Gibson, ably assisted
by our two trained corsetiers.

The various styles of Gossard Corsets
will be found here—A style to suit any
type of figure.

Gossard Combinations
Gossard Corsets
Gossard Brasieres and Uplifts
Gossard Braces and Uplifts
are a few of the many styles shown, and it
is just as necessary now to have a corset
fitted as it is a shoe or glove.

Try an expert fitting.
(Whitehead Dept.—Second Floor.)

A Repeat Order of
Community Par Plate Table
Silver—Vernon Pattern
Has Just Been Received

We have now the Teaspoons as well as
Dessert Table, Soup and Bouillon Spoon,
also Forks and Knives in half-dozen sets
and individual pieces.

(Art Dept.—German Street Entrance.)

Genuine Oriental Rugs—Real Gems of The East

All lovers of art and beauty will take real delight in seeing
our collection of Oriental Rugs. We have just received many
new Rugs in the different sizes.

Hall Runners, in Persian, Turkish and Indian weaves. 3 yds.
to 4 1/2 yds. long. Prices \$45 to \$125
Lustrous Kazaks—Small and medium sized.

Prices \$30 to \$150
Akbars—A great wearing rug in medium and large room
sizes, at popular prices \$100, \$130, \$200, etc.
Small pieces in Silky Afshars—Bright lovely Parlor Rugs.
Sizes ranging about 4 by 6. Prices \$65 to \$100
Noborans, Zaronies, Kandahars and Chineses.

Do not fail to see the beautiful Kirman pieces.
One 4 x 7-3 \$200 One 5 x 6 \$345.
A comparison of prices and qualities will readily show the ad-
vantage of buying Orientals here.

(Carpet Dept.—German Street Entrance.)

Boys Will Be Simply Attired This Spring In
Clothes of Manly Influence

The grown-up effect runs all through the Spring lines. They
came from the leading houses in the boys' industry, which are in a
splendid position to know what is correct for the younger chaps.
We've set aside a week for showing them.

THE SUIT
Typical of the group are the two models
shown above. One has a box-back coat
fastened with 3 buttons, and golf knick-
ers; for the younger boy, two buttons are
used on the coat, and the trousers are
longies. Serges, Tweeds, etc.

\$6.50 to \$24
(Men's Clothing Dept.—Second Floor.)

TOPCOATS
A single-breasted front and patch
pockets are common to all the styles.
But the lapels may be narrow and notched,
or semi-peaked; some coats, also,
come with Raglan shoulders. Cheviots
and Cashmeres in light colors are
favorites. \$4.75 to \$17.50.

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LOST FATHER GIVEN VETERAN'S ESTATE

Chicago Man Gets Property of
Soldier Son He Never
Saw

CHICAGO, March 8.—In 1898 Harry
Wilson, quarreled and separated from
his wife, Nell Mallow Wilson, a few
months before the birth of their child.
Last week, nearly 28 years later,
Wilson obtained a Probate Court ruling
awarding him \$6,500 from the es-
tate of his soldier son, Vernon Ogden
Wilson.
After the separation Wilson's relatives
lost track of him. His son, Ver-
non, grew up to believe John N.
Gardner was his father. In recent court
hearings Wilson charged that his wife
had not secured a divorce from him.
In 1916 Mrs. Wilson died and on
June 6, 1918, the son was killed at
Chateau Thierry. He made his foster-
father the heir to his estate. On Nov.
1, 1922, Gardner was declared insane
and an administrator began collecting
the estate.
Then an aunt of the dead soldier be-
gan a search for the father, whom she
finally found in Pittsburgh. Wilson
came to Chicago and began a fight
against Gardner's administrator.

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