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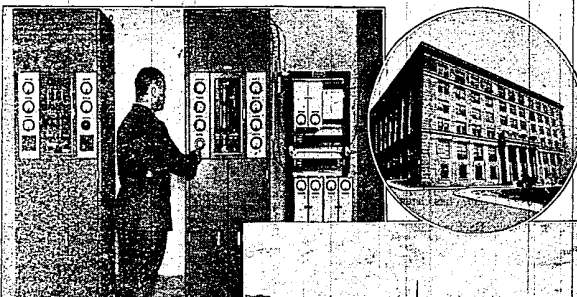
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Army's Radio Circuit Links Alaskan Telephones With Bell System in U. S.



Above: Radio telephone apparatus in the Federal Building in Juneau, Alaska. Right: Radio telephone antenna near Juneau. Circle: The Federal Building in Juneau which houses the radio telephone equipment at the Alaskan end of the Juneau-Seattle radio telephone circuit.

Conversations may now be held between telephones in Juneau, capital of the Territory of Alaska, and Bell Telephone System and Bell-connecting telephones in the United States. Installed by the Signal Corps of the U. S. Army in cooperation with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, a radio telephone channel between Juneau and Seattle, Wash., connects

voice was opened by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company with Hawaii in 1931, with the Philippines in 1933, with the Canal Zone in 1933, and with Puerto Rico in 1935.

Ceremonies opening the new radio telephone channel to Alaska were held in Washington, D. C., and Juneau, the conversations taking place over a circuit 3,505 miles long. Of this, 3,021 miles were Bell System land lines between Washington and Seattle, and 484 miles were the Signal Corps radio telephone channel between Seattle and Juneau.

Time Difference of Four Hours
Taking part in the conversations, between the two cities on that occasion were government and civic officials, Signal Corps and other Army officers, and representatives of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. Because of the difference of time between the National and Territorial Capitals, the words spoken in Washington at 2 P. M. were heard, practically instantaneously, at 10 A. M. in Juneau, and vice versa.

Establishment and operation by the Signal Corps of the radio telephone circuit between Seattle and Juneau is the latest step in the Army's program of development of communication with Alaska.

at the latter city with the Bell System's wire telephone network. Alaska is the last of this country's major territories and dependencies to be brought within voice range of the mainland. Radio telephone service was opened by the A. T. & T. Co. with Hawaii in 1931, with the Philippines and the Canal Zone in 1933, and with Puerto Rico in 1935.

The Signal Corps has operated the Alaska Communication System since 1900, when the War Department was authorized to establish an electrical communication system primarily for military use in affording communication between the various Army garrisons stationed in the Territory and secondarily for commercial use.

Direct Communication in 1904
First established as land telegraph lines between important points, the system was supplemented between 1900 and 1904 with short lengths of submarine cable. In the latter year a submarine cable was laid between Seattle, Valdez, and Seward, providing the first direct communication between Alaska and the United States.

Telephone Supplements Radio
Telephone
This submarine telegraph cable was supplanted in 1931 by a network of radio telegraph stations for communication within and to and from the Territory. This network represents the principal means of communication for the Territory of Alaska and has been an important factor in its commercial development. The Signal Corps' new radio telephone channel constitutes an additional means of communication between Alaska and Continental United States.

No evidence before the material senses can close my eyes to the scientific proof that God, good is supreme. Though, clouds are round about Him, the divine justice and judgment are enthroned.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The only solution for the great dust bowls of the Dakotas and the Southwest and the only hope of restoring permanent prosperity in those drouth and dust-ravaged sections will lie in a return to their original state as great grazing areas, he says.

"The climate," Wei says, "is not changing, the weather is no hotter, the country is no drier, and the wind is no stronger than before. But conditions have changed since the greaser days. When the demands of the World War sent grain prices shooting up, crowds of farmers flocked into the plains country and broke the sod for the first time. For a few years, good rains brought prosperity but when the inevitable dry season came, the top soil, loosened by many plowings and denuded of its natural plant covering, blew away with the first wind."

Wei says that it was not even necessary for the wind to be hard, since the abrasive action of the dust in the air aroused more dust, until finally the air was choked with fine, dry particles. The result, he points out, was the murky clouds of silt which have ravaged the dust bowl for the past three years.

"The wise thing and the only plausible thing," Wei argues, "is to do some planting of buffalo and Sudan grasses, and let subsequent rainy years, which are sure to come, restore the prairie grasses."

Plenty of Peat
Peat—really undeveloped coal—is formed by decaying vegetable matter and is found in almost all swamps. In Ireland, it's composed of moss; in India, rice; in the United States, almost any plant. Although, when dried, peat gives almost as much heat as soft coal and is practically smokeless, it is not used widely in this country as fuel. It takes too long to dry. But if America's coal is ever exhausted, there will be plenty of peat to take its place. Under the Atlantic coast lies about 10,000,000,000 tons.

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WHAT romantic occupation could you possibly find for a boy so adventurous that no one could control him, so reckless that the aunt who took care of him after his father and mother died indentured him to a merchant ship at the age of fourteen to curb him? That was John Masfeldt's start in life and today he holds the highest honors England can give any poet. Born in Ludlow, Herefordshire, England in 1874, he sailed the seas for three years. Leaving the ship in port at New York city, he took an odd job he could get. He worked in a bakery and in a livery stable. He was porter in Luke O'Connor's saloon at the Columbian hotel near Jefferson Market jail. Then he moved to Yonkers, at the north end of New York city, where he worked in a carpet factory, rising to the magnificent position of "mistake finder" at \$3.50 per week. It was at this time, in his early twenties, that Masfeldt started to write poetry and in 1897 he left for London. His first volume of verses, "Salt Water Ballads," was published in 1902 opening with "A Consecration," in which he announces himself as the champion of "the dust and scum of the earth." Books of verse and novels followed, one upon the other, and John Masfeldt became established as one of England's greatest poets. So, remember John Masfeldt before you pass judgment on that naughty boy who is such a holy terror or that young scamp who works in the saloon across the railroad tracks. Some day his poetry may draw a tear to your eye, a lump to your throat.

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