

### GAMBLING EPIDEMIC HAS GRIPPED BERLIN

#### Defiant Has Accelerated the Abandon of the "Night Life" in Germany.

#### RICH AND POOR GAMBLE

Berlin, Aug. 2.—The night life of Berlin has become a gambling epidemic. The night life has been abandoned and the city has become a gambling city. The night life has been abandoned and the city has become a gambling city. The night life has been abandoned and the city has become a gambling city.

### GREENSBORO'S GUARDIANS OF THE PEACE



Below, from left to right: H. P. Brown, H. W. Gordon, W. G. Spaulding, Commissioner Bennett, Mayor Howell, and others. The group consists of men in various uniforms and civilian attire, standing in a line outdoors.

It is the duty of the Guardians of the Peace to maintain order and enforce the law. They are composed of men from various parts of the city, and their primary duty is to patrol the streets and report any violations of the law to the police.

### Telephone Conditions

While the property has been properly maintained, it is not the same property which the government took over on August 1, 1918. It is not as adequate for its job or as well manned as it was. That it is not, is in no way the fault of Federal control, which was eminently fair.

A year ago today we were at war. Labor and materials needed for both telephone operation and construction were turned to military uses. Some materials were so vital to the carrying on of the war that even the work of providing telephone facilities for the government was retarded and no part of them could be spared for commercial telephone purposes.

No less vital was the government need for those skilled to create, maintain and operate the vast intercommunication systems necessary in modern warfare and in the conduct of the vastly increased government services.

Thousands of telephone men were already at the battlefield. Thousands more were under arms, and still telephone experts and skilled operators went into the service of the government and contributory industries by the tens of thousands.

The reserves of plant and equipment were drawn upon until they were entirely used up, and the experienced staff was gradually depleted. To find others to take the places of those who had gone was difficult. To train them takes time.

During the year came victory and the armistice; and instantly the business world sprang into intense activity. The demands for telephone service passed all former records.

To replace the exhausted reserves which had been carried for just such purposes and to replace the skilled forces to meet this unprecedented emergency, there began a rush for construction, for readjustment, for high pressure repairs, for feverish extensions. All these must be continued with increasing effort.

The return of the property comes in the very midst of this race between an overpowering demand, and an upbuilding of a system whose growth was held back and whose forces were scattered by the vital needs of war.

Much progress has been made in the upbuilding of this system, but far more is still required to meet the swift growth of business; and also to give "first aid" to every other business and every other service struggling against an unprecedented demand.

The prosperity which creates this emergency in service creates also a scarcity of those desiring employment in the service.

Under such conditions telephone service generally has not been and could not be up to the pre-war standard. It is beyond human power to immediately overcome the handicap which the situation imposes.

There are no people in any public or private endeavor who are working more tirelessly or strenuously for the common good than those of the telephone companies. Service has always been given; more of it must be given and it must be improved. That improvement in some cases will take months. Eventually service must win the race with demand.

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### AN ENJOYABLE PARTY GIVEN AT ROCKINGHAM

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lamb... The party was held at the Rockingham Hotel and was attended by a large number of guests.

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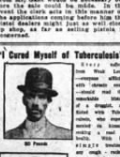
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