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## Burglar Alarm Detects Burst Water Pipe

James I. Bayley, a furrier at Toledo, Ohio, is singing the praises of A. D. T. Burglar Alarm service. For it protected his stock against damage by water on the morning of July 15 when a water pipe in the basement burst.

The Burglar Alarm protection included a floor trap which was operated by contact with the water, thus notifying the A. D. T. operators that there was trouble. Investigation followed immediately, and the cause was quickly ascertained.

The A. D. T. roundsmen sent to investigate were unable to shut off the water so they notified the City Water Department at once. They then set to work to remove the fur coats from the storage vault in the basement. A call was sent to the police and the fire departments. The water was shut off as soon as the city men arrived. There was no damage to the stock.

## Automatic Services Gain in Popularity

There has been a marked increase in the number of contracts for Sprinkler Supervisory and other automatic services during the present period of more or less general business depression. The opportunity for increased economy and added protection against fire has induced many prominent concerns to adopt it.

## A.D.T. Announces Purchase of Aero Alarm Company and Subsidiaries



*Looking south on Second Avenue, in the financial district of Seattle. Most of these buildings are now protected by A. D. T.*

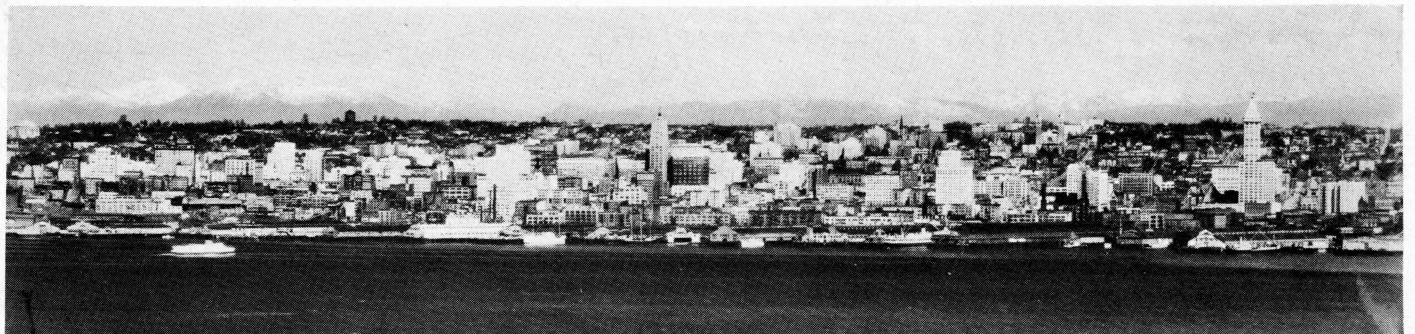
Among the large nationally known organizations who have recently contracted for Sprinkler Supervisory Service are the Crown Cork and Seal Company, of Baltimore, Md. They have installed 132 units, and have also put in Night Watch and Fire Alarm and Burglar Alarm services. The Consolidated Film Industries, of Fort Lee, N. J., has installed 61 units, and Night Watch Call Back Service as well. Ginn & Company, of Cambridge, Mass., have put in 55 units.

The American District Telegraph Company has purchased all of the business and assets of the Aero Alarm Company of Seattle, and its subsidiaries, the Instantaneous Alarm Company of Seattle, the Seattle American District Telegraph Company, and the United Electric Service Company of New York City, according to an announcement made by C. C. Johnson, President. The arrangements were completed on July 22.

The purchase gives the A. D. T. Company complete control of the Aero Automatic Fire Alarm system, enabling it to advance the sale of Aero service, in both the Central Office and local fields, in a more effective manner. Because of the growing importance of the automatic fire alarm business, Aero bids fair to become one of the largest A. D. T. departments in the future, Mr. Johnson stated.

The A. D. T. now has more than 500 Central Station subscribers to Aero Automatic Fire Alarm service. The Instantaneous Alarm Company and the Seattle American District Telegraph Company have almost 700 subscribers in Seattle, and the United Electric Service Company has about 800 subscribers in New York City.

The two Seattle companies also furnish all types of Central Station protection including Night Watchman Super-



*The 1931 skyline of Seattle—the metropolis of the northwest. Note the snow-capped mountains in the background*

vision, Sprinkler Supervisory service and Burglar Alarm service. The United Electric Service Company has been actively engaged for the past few years in rendering Aero and Sprinkler Supervisory and Valve Alarm services in New York City. The Aero Automatic Fire Alarm Company also had a large number of local installations in smaller cities and towns throughout the country.

The business of the United Electric Service Company will be merged with that of the National District Telegraph Company, Automatic Fire Protection Company and Consolidated Fire Alarm Company, in New York City, and the Seattle business will be operated on the same basis as all other A. D. T. operating companies. E. E. Rogers, A. D. T. Manager at Portland, Oregon, has been transferred to Seattle. The Aero manufacturing plant at Plainfield, N. J., will be absorbed by the A. D. T. manufacturing organization according to present plans.

The addition of Seattle as an A. D. T. city marks an important step in the development of the company. This city is one of the most important in the West, with a population of nearly 400,000, and an annual production of manufactured products valued at approximately \$180,000,000. The major industries are lumber and lumber products, iron, steel, machinery, meat packing, flour milling, and wearing apparel. Seattle's combined foreign and domestic water-borne commerce for 1929 totaled more than a billion dollars.

Seattle's steamship routes today number 119. It has four transcontinental railroads, and connections with three others.



## A. D. T. Finds Watchman Crushed by Elevator

When the watchman at the Leonard Building, Grand Rapids, Mich., failed to start his 3:45 p.m. round on Sunday, July 26, A. D. T. operators investigated and found the watchman crushed to death in an elevator shaft on the first floor.

The body was caught between the elevator and a horizontal beam just below the main floor. The theory was advanced that he had missed his footing and fallen down the shaft while trying to pull the elevator to an upper floor.

## Furrier Makes Unique Use of B. A. in Providing Decoration for Store

An unique application of burglar alarm wall stripping has recently been made in the establishment of Sidney Mursten, manufacturing furrier at 3 Genesee Street, Buffalo. In this case the wooden molding has been painted to represent the bars of a cage. Paintings of various animals on the wall behind the stripping give an effect that is very unusual and adds much to the attractiveness of the store.

This treatment of the protection facilities was conceived by Foreman M. G. Phillips, of the Buffalo A. D. T. office, and the installation was made by installers Charles La Vorgna and Dennis Beals. The owner was more than pleased with the result, and has received many compliments from salesmen and others who state they haven't seen a showroom anywhere that is more impressive.

In addition to his favorable comment on the installation, the subscriber praised A. D. T. service in the following terms:

"I have been one of your subscribers for a good many years and I have found that your service has proved above my expectations. At the present time you are protecting approximately \$600,000 of

furs belonging to various customers. When I close up my place at a specified time, I know that I have nothing to worry about and can sleep well and feel at ease. Once my place is closed, I cannot enter it again, as uniformed men with guns are down within a few minutes and demand my signature.

"Also—every insurance company is more than pleased to give me any type or amount of insurance with the A. D. T. service.

"I want to say again that no merchant who handles any article of value can be without A. D. T. service and feel at ease."

This subscriber also uses A. D. T. at his manufacturing plant, fur storage and showroom at 51 Richmond Avenue. Phonetalarm protects the fur storage vault. Police Call devices are provided for use in case of holdup.

Mr. Mursten believes that "it pays to advertise" and has placed display cards in his windows which feature the protection afforded. These state that merchandise in storage is "insured by a responsible insurance company and *protected by the National District Telegraph.*"



*An ingenious use of wall stripping to fit into the decorative scheme of an up-to-date fur store*

## State Capitol Buildings Are A. D. T. Protected

These buildings are but two of the growing number of public buildings protected by A. D. T.

The Georgia State Capitol has recently adopted A. D. T. Watchman's Compulsory Tour and Manual Fire Alarm services to safeguard the classic structure and its priceless collection of historical archives and relics. The building was erected soon after the close of the Civil War when Atlanta was almost entirely destroyed in General Sherman's famous march. It represents a value of about four million.

The Oklahoma State Capitol has used A. D. T. Central Station services for more than ten years. These include



TOP—Oklahoma State Capitol at Oklahoma City

IN THE CIRCLE—Georgia State Capitol at Atlanta



A. D. T. Vault Burglar Alarm and Police Call.

## A. D. T. Burglar Alarm Reports Serious Fire

Another instance wherein an A. D. T. Burglar Alarm reported a serious fire occurred on July 12, at Scranton, Pa. At 4:10 a.m., the A. D. T. Central Station received a signal from the Burglar Alarm installed in the store of the Block Jewelry Company, indicating that something was wrong. The Roundsmen sent to investigate the alarm discovered the fire and sent the alarm to the Fire Department.

Samson Block has expressed his idea of A. D. T. Protection Services in the following letter:

"I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for service rendered when my store caught fire early Sunday morning.

"I had the A. D. T. Burglar Alarm system installed to protect my store from burglars, but now find that it is also a very efficient fire protection. The promptness with which your men responded to the alarm when the fire burned your wires, and the immediate notification to Fire Headquarters, prevented complete loss. I believe that if the fire had continued another twenty minutes, the building would have been completely destroyed.

"After I came to the store, upon notification from your office that the building had caught fire, I found that the firemen had control of the blaze, and your men were in charge of the situation. I was able to return to my home feeling confident that your Roundsmen who were patrolling the premises would carefully guard what was left."

## Complete Sprinkler Supervision Proves Efficient in St. Paul Fire

Despite the fact that no water-flow alarm was received, A. D. T. Sprinkler Supervisory service quickly detected a fire in the premises of G. Summers & Company, at St. Paul, Minn., on July 1.

The sprinkler system is completely supervised by the A. D. T., and under normal conditions a water flow alarm would be received upon the opening of any sprinkler head. In this case, however, an inspection company was working on the system and tripped the dry valves on three risers. They were unable to reset them before quitting time, and therefore left the valves open and the pipes flooded, with the intention of resetting the valves the following morning.

This made it necessary for the A. D. T. to plug out their water-flow transmitters on these risers. On account of this, however, extra precautions were taken by the operators in the Central Station to observe any supervisory signals that might be received. At 12.53 the following morning a signal was received indicating low water in the pressure tank. This was immediately followed by a signal indicating low air. This combination of signals meant that water was flowing somewhere in the system and an alarm was therefore transmitted immediately to the fire department.

The watchman was ringing in his hourly signals and apparently knew nothing

of the fire until an A. D. T. roundsman arrived. As the latter approached the building, he saw smoke coming out of the sixth floor windows. He was admitted by the watchman, who stated that, as far as he knew, there was no fire in the premises. At that moment, however, the fire department pulled up and rushed to the sixth floor where they found a fire had broken out in some films stored underneath a counter. The blaze was quickly extinguished, and the damage was slight.

This concern is a wholesale house handling general merchandise. Had the sprinklers been allowed to run for a longer period, the loss would undoubtedly have been of serious proportions. The quick action of the A. D. T. supervisory service in detecting the water-flow doubtless prevented a heavy loss. The incident illustrates the particular value of complete sprinkler supervisory service in providing a more thorough and positive supervision than the ordinary water-flow alarm.

The A. D. T. was highly praised by the management for the thoroughness and dispatch with which the alarm was handled. Similar comments were received from the insurance underwriters and the inspection company that was engaged in conducting the tests.

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## THE NEWS ASPECT OF A. D. T. SERVICE

We are indebted to General Manager L. T. Haugh, of the Chicago office, for a newspaper clipping from the July 27 edition of the *Chicago Daily News*. It is a column entitled "This Gala World," and is written by June Provines.

In this column Miss Provines tells of an incident whereby a young host invites a friend to partake of some Rhine wine and seltzer. The vault in which the wine is kept is A. D. T. protected, and the columnist describes in detail the thoroughness with which the A. D. T. checked the opening. (It was the opening of the vault and not the opening of the bottle of wine.) She was amazed to find that the host was but one of twenty-seven Chicagoans who have liquor caches old enough or large enough or prized enough to warrant the same protection as bank vaults.

In order to learn more about the system behind this check-up, Miss Provines visited the Chicago Main Office at 29 South LaSalle Street. There she saw the switchboard and the thousands of burglar alarm drops, each one of which has a duty to perform in guarding something that is valuable. She noted the method of operation and described it in detail in her column. The story ended with two interesting incidents of everyday A. D. T. routine.

Feature writers, columnists and reporters are certain to see the human interest and drama of A. D. T. protection services. The performances of our roundsmen furnish interesting reading, and the intricate alarm devices which operate so swiftly and surely have a fascination about them which appeals to the general public. A fire—a robbery—a sick watchman may be prosaic, everyday happenings to the A. D. T., but they are exciting and thrilling to the layman.

The A. D. T. receives a great deal of

favorable publicity in the daily papers from time to time, and all of it is based on the services of the company. In other words, our business, our activities, are *news*—and good news, because the A. D. T. is a symbol of protection.



### FIRE KILLED 10,217 IN 1930

An editorial in *Safeguarding America Against Fire*, the quarterly bulletin published by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, points out that more than 10,000 lives and \$500,000,000 of property was destroyed last year by fires.

"If the nation's fire bill for 1930 were paid by a per capita tax," says the editorial, "the cost to every person in the United States would be \$4.16. The estimated property loss announced for the year by the National Board of Fire Underwriters was \$499,739,172. This figure is \$36,126,410 above the preliminary estimate made last January on the basis of reports by insurance companies and \$32,234,716 more than for 1929. It has been estimated that six churches or chapels suffer from fire loss every twenty-four hours; that fire causes damage to 12 public buildings (including hospitals, schools and institutions) and 1,114 dwellings, or an average of one every minute and a half; that in a day and a night there are 132 farm and 155 mercantile building fires.

"The entire fire loss, figuring the cost

of upkeep of fire-fighting organizations, is estimated at \$1,112,000,000."



## Phonetalarm Prevents Serious Loss of Furs

A. D. T. Phonetalarm prevented the loss of thousands of dollars in furs when burglars attempted to enter the vault of H. Walzer & Company, Chicago, Ill., on July 26.

The alarm was received in the Central Office at 10:57 p.m. and Roundsmen Potratz and Paulson were immediately sent to the premises. They arrived a few minutes later and, upon entering the store, found a ladder against the west side of the vault. The roof of the vault is three feet below the ceiling of the room. They climbed to the top of the vault, and found a bowl-shaped hole six inches in diameter and two inches deep which had been cut into the concrete. No tools were found, and apparently the burglars had fled when they sensed that the alarm had been transmitted.

The entire building was searched but no one was found. While the roundsmen were searching the premises, the owner happened to drive past the store on his way home from an engagement. He noticed that the gate to the entrance was open and decided to investigate. He soon learned what had happened and expressed his appreciation in no uncertain terms.

## Cleveland Leads Capture Club As Burglars Pass Up Chicago

The number of captures made during the past month is below the average mainly due to the absence of any report from Chicago. This is the first time since the Capture Club was organized that Chicago has not been represented in this column. Cleveland, however, has stepped back to its place in the sun and reported four captures. Louisville joined the Club for the first time this year. Figures in brackets indicate the number of captures made by roundsmen during the present year.

### Subscriber

E. J. Reardon, Kansas City  
Huebner Supply Co., Toledo  
Eastern Foundry Co., Detroit  
Favorite Brass Foundry, Cleveland  
Rompf's Pharmacy, Louisville  
National Rubber & Salvage Co., Detroit  
Rotbart Jewelry Co., Cleveland  
Federal Metal Co., Cleveland  
Slavin Tailors, Cleveland  
C. M. Sledd Wholesale Merc. Co.,  
Oklahoma City

### Roundsmen

E. Merritt, G. L. Gee . . . . . 3  
G. Pike, R. McFarland (2) . . . . . 1  
G. Legare (3), A. Neron (3) . . . . . 1  
T. Dever (3), F. Brindza (4) . . . . . 1  
C. B. Guldenschuh, J. I. Morrison . . . . . 1  
C. Jones . . . . . 1  
T. Blayney, T. Dever (3) . . . . . 1  
F. Brindza (4), T. Nichols . . . . . 1  
P. Rhine (2), C. Seges (2) . . . . . 1  
F. L. Vanzura (2), K. B. Snell (2) . . . . . 1

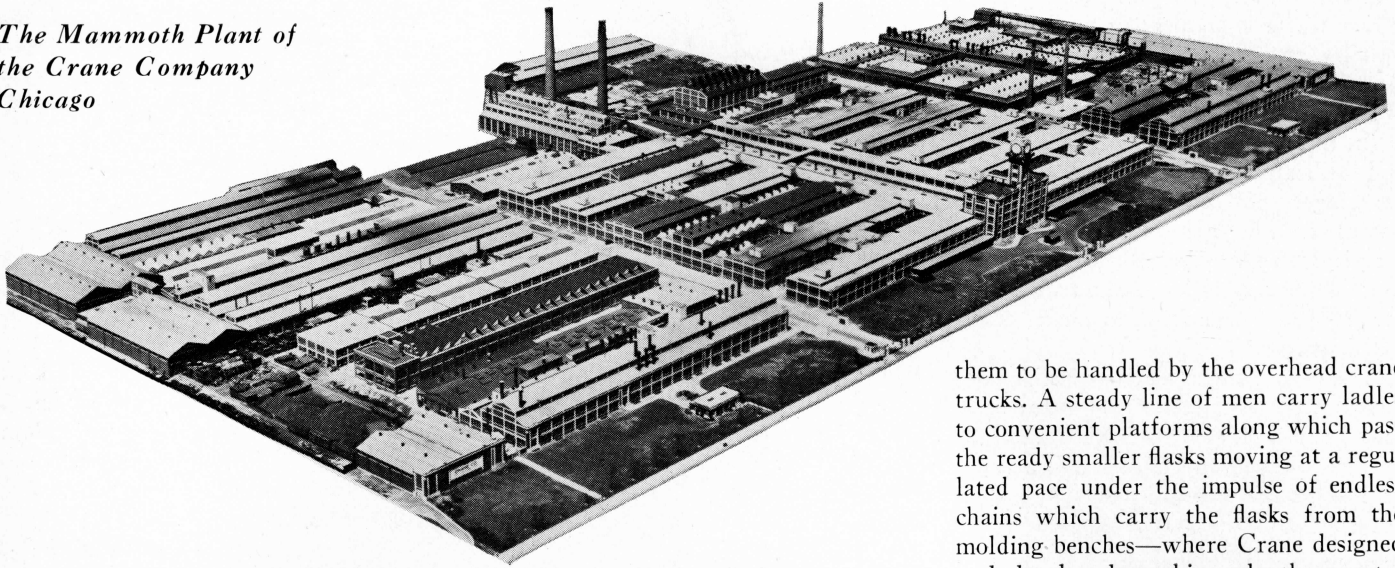
### Burglars Captured

Total Captures for Month . . . . . 12

Total Captures for Year . . . . . 123

# Large Chicago Works of the Crane Company Depends on Aero and Other A.D.T. Services

*The Mammoth Plant of  
the Crane Company  
Chicago*



The Crane Company is one of the country's oldest and most progressive business concerns. Born in 1855, it has grown constantly and steadily, until today it is a leader, not only in its own industry, but also an important factor in the nation's business. In short, its history is similar to that of the acorn that became a sturdy oak.

It is of interest to readers of THE TRANSMITTER to note that A. D. T. Protection Services are utilized by the Crane Company in its important Chicago Works, and also in its plants in other cities. The Chicago Works has Aero and Night Watch and Fire Alarm services, and the Chattanooga and Bridgeport plants are also equipped with Aero service.

This company, which manufactures valves, fittings, fabricated pipe, heating and plumbing material, etc., has factories and offices in many leading cities, but the manufacturing is carried on in the A. D. T. protected Chicago Works.

Just inside the gates of these works is a small, weathered, unpainted, clapboard building with a sign along its roof-edge. This is a reproduction of the shop in which the founder, R. T. Crane, laid the foundations for the present extensive business. This is the acorn from which the oak has grown.

Inside are a brass melting furnace, a bench with a few tools, and other equip-

ment. It is the birthplace of the Crane Company.

The whole front of the Chicago Works measures one-half mile, and more than forty-seven of the 150 acres of land comprising the work's property are now covered with shops.

Along each outward end of the shops are railroad tracks over which come the raw material used in the manufacture of the 30,000 or more Crane products. There are many extensive storage buildings and bins, where the raw material is sorted and prepared for the cupolas and machines. Then there are the foundries—gray iron, malleable iron, ferrosteel, cast steel, brass, etc.

## Through the Foundries

The vast floor of the gray iron foundry is typical in equipment and procedure of the Crane foundries in all of the Crane shops. And in size it is a type of the shops of the Chicago Works group. The visitor is impressed everywhere by size and by the flood of daylight which leaves no shadowed corners or spaces. Although more than 500 men may be at work on a floor, the number seems much smaller, so ample is the room in which each man performs his designated work.

Streams of molten metal pour continuously from the cupolas into the ladles, some of them for hand carrying, some of

them to be handled by the overhead crane trucks. A steady line of men carry ladles to convenient platforms along which pass the ready smaller flasks moving at a regulated pace under the impulse of endless chains which carry the flasks from the molding benches—where Crane designed and developed machines do the greater part of the molding—along the pouring platforms to where the flasks are removed from the carrier and the still hot castings are separated from the sand.

The sand is carried farther by endless conveyors to be reconditioned for further use or, when unsuited for this, to be disposed of with the least possible waste. The castings leave the foundry by gravity, when the foundry is on an upper floor—a practice introduced by Crane Co. and general throughout the Crane factories a good many years ago—or by trains of small metal cars drawn by electric locomotives.

In the malleable iron foundry, the procedure is much the same as in the gray iron foundry, but here the metal is of a different mixture and the castings are packed into the large annealing ovens where they are heat-treated until they are in proper condition for machining.

The heavier iron castings—large valves, fittings, etc.—are made in one of the ground floor foundries where practically all handling is by machinery. Here one may see, just freed from its great flask, the body of a 72-inch or 34-inch gate valve or a special fitting through which one might drive an automobile, and each weighing many tons. The size of most of the work done here contrasts sharply with the size of the workmen and emphasizes the usefulness of machine-power when directed by intelli-

gent brains and skillfully trained hands.

The cast steel valve parts and fittings demanded by modern high pressures and temperatures are made under the most improved conditions and with the most advanced equipment. The large electric furnace, with its 24-inch electrodes, is typical of the equipment of the cast steel foundry and of the extent to which electricity is now applied in the process of steel casting.

In the cast steel forging shops, gas and oil heated furnaces prepare the steel bars, ingots, etc., for the forging dies and hammers. The noise of the hammers here is deafening, especially to ears unused to it, as the various hammers, trip, steam, etc., shape the heated metal for its designated use.

The largest steam hammer in this shop strikes a blow of 4,000 foot tons; or it may be manipulated to crack a hazelnut without breaking the kernel. With steam at 100 pounds pressure per square inch the energy of the maximum blow is 8,300,000 foot pounds or 4,150 foot tons. The hammer weighs 536,000 pounds, of which the anvil accounts for 440,000 pounds and the hammer head 22,000 pounds.

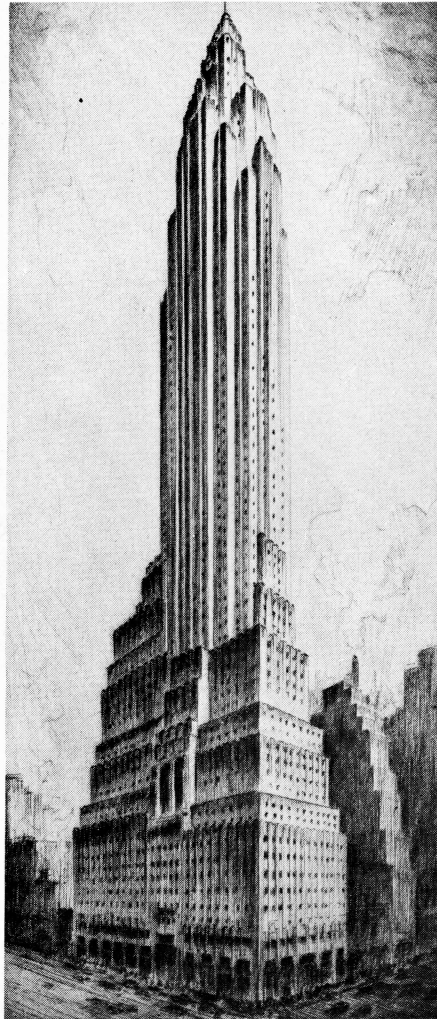
Color plays an attractive part in the brass foundry as the various mixtures and alloys come from the melting furnaces and are poured into the waiting flasks.

The pipe-fabricating shop is one of the most imposing, chiefly because of the clear floor space required for the larger operations. Here all sizes and weights of pipe up to 30-inch are heated and then bent on the iron-plated floor according to plans and specifications prepared by designing engineers.

Journeying through the shops where all sorts and sizes of machines continue the process of production, size, room, light, good air and freedom from confusion, impress one on every hand.

The great lathes, planers, drills, etc., which finish the larger valves and fittings and face, drill the flanges or cut the pipe threads; the automatic and semi-automatic tapping machines for all sizes of valves and fittings, in iron or steel or brass; the automatic nipple machines; the valve seating and grinding machines; the movement of the little trains carrying partly finished or finished material along the journey from one department to another, and finally to the storage floors or the shipping platforms; the broad belts continually moving with their load

## A New Pinnacle



*An architect's drawing of the new Cities Service Building, to be third highest in New York. It will be A.D.T. protected throughout*

of parts toward the assembly tables; orderly, continuous movement everywhere; no confusion, no crowding, no "false motions"; every worker with ample room, ample light and the best of safe working conditions. These are the things which most impress the casual visitor to the Crane shops everywhere.

In passing it may be said that much of the machinery in the Crane shops has been designed, developed and made by Crane Co. And this is the chief reason that it fits in so adequately to the requirements of the great volume of production. Each machine as well as each workman is fitted nicely into a carefully devised scheme of action where each may perform with a maximum of ease and efficiency.

## Rescue Watchman in "Cold Storage" Fix

A. D. T. supervision saved the watchman of the J. Hungerford Smith Company, of Rochester, N. Y., from a "cold night" recently.

When the watchman failed to send his regular 1:30 a.m. signal to the Central Station, a Roundsman was sent to investigate. As he approached the premises, he noticed that some one was frantically waving a lantern from a third story window.

The Roundsman entered the plant, and discovered that the watchman had inadvertently locked himself into the cold storage room. The door latch had broken.

Since this cold storage room is kept very near the zero mark, the watchman had the A. D. T. to thank for saving him from an uncomfortable night which in all probability would have had serious consequences.

J. R. Dean, Plant Manager of the J. Hungerford Smith Company, has written as follows concerning A. D. T. service:

"We wish to express our appreciation and to send to you our thanks for rescuing our watchman out of our cold storage building on Monday morning. Your prompt attention to matters of this kind makes your service invaluable."



### A. D. T. Brings Help to Injured Watchman

A watchman employed at the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank Building, 51 Chambers Street, New York City, fell while making his one o'clock round on July 7. When he failed to signal the A. D. T. Central Station as usual, a roundsman was sent to investigate. He found that the watchman had injured himself severely and was in need of medical attention.

An ambulance was called and the injured man was taken to the Beekman Street Hospital. The management was notified as soon as the trouble occurred, and a relief watchman was sent to the premises to continue the patrol for the balance of the night.

Thomas J. O'Reilly, agent for the building, in commenting on the incident, said: "It proves you are right on the spot in case of trouble, and you are to be congratulated upon your good judgment in this matter."

## This Is a Well Protected Store



*L. S. Ayres Company, the leading department store of Indianapolis, ranks among the most progressive in the United States. The firm has had A. D. T. protection for many years and uses virtually all forms of service. These include Night Watchman Supervision and Manual Fire Alarm service, including the Watchman's Telephone feature, Sprinkler Supervisory Service, Aero Automatic Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm and Police Call.*

### Clever Burglars Are Foiled by the A. D. T.

A floor trap of an A. D. T. Burglar Alarm system foiled the elaborate and carefully laid plans of several thugs to burglarize the store of the Chas. M. Sledd Wholesale Mercantile Co., at Oklahoma City, Okla., on July 21.

The burglars had rented a store several doors away from the Sledd premises, and had made preparations for a leisurely and thorough looting, planning to use the place they rented as a "storeroom." They forced an entrance by digging through the brick wall of the Sledd store, hoping to defeat the burglar alarm system.

The burglars were clever—but not clever enough. When carrying packages from the store to their "storeroom," they set off the A. D. T. floor trap on almost the first trip, immediately notifying the Central Station that something was wrong.

Armed Roundsmen were sent to investigate. Upon arrival, they noticed a man leave the "storeroom" but since it was early in the evening they thought that he was a laborer. They then proceeded to the rear of the Sledd store and saw a man carrying a case of cigarettes to the "storeroom." He was arrested.

Thirteen cases had been removed, but all were found in the "storeroom."



### Played Safe

A motorist was held up by a traffic policeman.

"What's your name?" demanded the cop.

"Abraham O'Brien Goldberg," replied the motorist.

"What's the O'Brien for?" asked the officer.

"For protection," returned Abraham.

### Watchman Dies, and A. D. T. Protects Plant

A. D. T. Night Watchman's Supervision led to the prompt discovery of the accidental death of the watchman at the plant of the Lansing Company, at Lansing, Mich., on July 29.

The A. D. T. could not be of assistance to the stricken watchman, because his death was virtually instantaneous. However, the protection service was directly responsible for immediately discovering the state of affairs at the plant, preventing potential loss during the remainder of the night.

When the watchman failed to send the signal due at 1 a.m., the Central Station immediately dispatched a Roundsman to determine the reason. The Roundsman entered the plant, and hurried to the boiler room, the place the watchman was accustomed to use for resting. As he opened the door, the body of the watchman fell across his legs.

Subsequent investigation by the police and the coroner's office determined that the man had fallen and injured his head. He had died either from this or from a heart attack.

Officials of the company were notified and arrangements made to patrol the premises the rest of the night.



### Believe It or Not!

The superior merits of A. D. T. Police Call service were being outlined to a Salem, Mass., executive recently. He was listening attentively to the arguments of the salesman.

"And now, sir," said the salesman, "our service positively guarantees 100 per cent protection against robbers, burglars—"

"Oh, yeah!" said a voice.

They turned around and found a man with a razor in his hand confronting them.

"Hand over your money," said the robber.

"I've only got some change," said the executive.

"Hand it over," said the robber.

Ninety-four cents changed hands.

"And now," said the salesman, nothing daunted, "if your store had been equipped with an A. D. T. alarm you would have been able to summon police instantly."

P. S.—He got the order!

## Armed Wild Man Is Caught by Roundsman

In an exhibition of rare bravery and courageousness, Roundsman W. H. Ross, of the Boston office of the American District Telegraph Company, played a leading role in the subduing and capturing of an alleged insane man at 5 a.m. on July 15. Ross was returning from a regular visit to the Shepard Stores in Tremont Street, when he heard several automobile horns sounding, and noticed that a Police Car was racing back and forth across the street trying to run down an apparently insane man who was waving a large knife in the air.

Several spectators and five policemen were attempting to capture the man. One policeman hit the man a blow on the head so severely that the club broke in two, but there was no apparent effect on the man.

The culprit successfully evaded his pursuers as he raced down the street, waving the knife as he went. Roundsman Ross, until then unnoticed, crept close to him, and then made a flying tackle, carrying him to the ground. The others then closed in and succeeded in handcuffing the man.

Ross was injured in the knee, and his coat was badly slashed in two places. The incident was featured in all of the Boston newspapers, and was sent over the radio with the morning news dispatches.

Roundsman Ross' performance was the subject of favorable comment on the part of A. D. T. officials.



## Volunteer Fireman Keeps in Training

G. R. Lee, of the Plant Department at Baltimore, is a member of the Mount Rainier Volunteer Fire Department and when at home is on the scene every time the fire siren sounds. This experience served him well on Saturday morning, August 1, when on his way to make repairs in a store of a Burglar Alarm subscriber. As he passed the store of the A. Burnstine Jewelry Company, another subscriber, he noticed smoke and dis-

covered that the awning was on fire. Running quickly into the store he seized a fire extinguisher and put out the blaze before further damage could be done.



## Roundsman Captures Show Case Smasher

A. D. T. Roundsman Shields, of Portland, Oregon, is being complimented for his quick action in apprehending a thief who smashed a dental show case on July 18. The case was not the property of an A. D. T. subscriber.

Mr. Shields had just concluded an investigation of a delinquent watchman and was returning to the office when a clerk at the Rich Cigar Company called his attention to the broken show case. They saw a man running down the street.

Mr. Shields took up the chase and soon captured the culprit. He was brought back to the cigar store for identification. In the meantime the clerk had telephoned the police and upon their arrival the thief was taken into custody. He was sentenced to serve six months in the penitentiary.

## Who's Who

John J. Davis, formerly District Plant Superintendent in charge of the Dallas District, has recently been assigned to the Pacific Coast, with headquarters at San Francisco.



J. J. DAVIS

Mr. Davis first became associated with the organization in 1915, when he was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company at Omaha. In 1916 he was transferred to the service of the A. D. T., and was employed by the Plant Department at Chicago, St. Louis, and Houston. In 1918 he enlisted in the U. S. Army and served until January, 1919.

He then returned to the employ of the A. D. T. at Houston, and later was transferred to New Orleans. He was made District Plant Superintendent in 1919.

## Departmental Notes

The employees of the Columbus office were grieved to learn of the recent death of the father of Frank B. Grannan, Plant Department foreman. The sincere sympathy of the entire organization is extended to Mr. Grannan.

Bob Warner of the Detroit office announces the arrival of a seven-pound boy who is already trained for future service in the A. D. T. This is the sequel to Bob's search for a stenographer during 1930. He found Miss Nan Conway, hired her, and then married her.

Amelia Mueller, Chief Clerk in the office of District Superintendent Browne, was married on July 17 to Robert Parkes, of Ontario, Canada. The wedding took place in the Walnut Hills Lutheran Church, Cincinnati. Many of the bride's co-workers in the Cincinnati office were present. They gave her a beautiful silver coffee set.

The baseball team of the Engineering Department, New York executive headquarters, recently defeated the general headquarters' team of the Western Electric Company, 12 to 7.

The boys are elated over this victory, and have challenged any and all departments of the organization.

Recent visitors to the New York Executive office were: Eleanor Reidel, daughter of District Plant Superintendent Reidel, Detroit, Mich.; P. E. Blake, Manager of the Springfield, Mass. office, and Mrs. Blake; C. A. Savariau, Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraph, Portland, Ore. Mr. Savariau was accompanied by his son.

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American District Telegraph Co.,  
Muskegon, Michigan

Gentlemen:

**This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 3d.**

**The way you handled the situation which developed on the morning of July 27th, when we had a small fire in our basement, was certainly very satisfactory in every respect.**

**I heard several comments about the speed with which the call was handled and the fire department on the job. In fact, they were on the job before I could get from my office to the basement, and, ordinarily, it does not take me very long to cover the distance.**

Very truly yours,  
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