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Philip Torchio, vice-president of Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., will retire tomorrow, Tuesday, August 2, in accordance with the company's seventy-year age limit.

Born August 2, 1868, in Vercana, Como, Italy, he began his career with the Edison companies in January, 1895, when he was employed as a draftsman by the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of New York, predecessor of The New York Edison Company. Four years later he was made statistician, then engineer of economics, engineer of distribution, chief electrical engineer and in 1924 vice-president in charge of electrical engineering. At this time, he also acted as consulting engineer of the United Electric Light and Power Company, the New York and Queens Electric Light and Power Company, the Yonkers Electric Light and Power Company, Westchester Lighting Company, and the Bronx Gas and Electric Company.

Mr. Torchio is best known in the industry for the work he has done in the development of electricity in steam and hydraulic stations and in the unification of systems of transmission and distribution over large territories. He has originated and holds a number of patents, here and abroad, on various improvements in apparatus, cables, storage batteries and electrical control. During the World War, he was consultant in developing, with the government's representatives, plans for the interchange of electric power between different electric companies along the eastern seaboard to meet greatly increased requirements of the war industries. He was also consultant for the Navy Department in the development of electrical cable for use in large electrically propelled battleships, having power plants of enormous capacity.

Before the merger of the New York Edison and the United Electric Light and Power companies into Consolidated Edison Company, Mr. Torchio was senior vice-president and a director of these two companies. He was also a director of the New York and Queens Electric Light and Power Company.

He is a past president of the New York Electrical Society, fellow of the

American Institute of Electrical Engineers, member of the Franklin Institute, Illuminating Engineering Society, Associazione Electtrotecnica Italiana. He is also a member of the Merchants Association of New York and other business and trade organizations. He is a student of economics and the author of numerous engineering papers presented before technical bodies in the United States and Europe.

Mr. Torchio originated the group insurance policy plan adopted by the larger insurance companies, such as the Metropolitan Life, to which it was first submitted in 1910.

Before becoming associated with the Edison companies, he was a draftsman and later chief draftsman with the Sprague Elevator Company of New York.

He is chairman of the board and president of the Bank of Naples Trust Company.

Educated by private tutors at the Gymnasium and Lyceum at Como, he was graduated from the University of Pavia, the Royal Polytechnic, Milan, and the Institute Carlo Erba and has the degrees of B.A., M.E., and E.E. He is a Grand Officer of the Crown of Italy.

Mr. Torchio has lived at Lawrence Park, Bronxville, since 1905. He was once Mayor of Bronxville and has always been active in civic affairs there. He married Angela De Nova in 1893 and has four children, Anna Louisa, Philip, Jr., Brady and Angela Torchio.

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