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TO THE READERS OF ELECTRICAL WORLD:

As the printers are still out on strike, the service to readers is given temporarily through the bulletin. Its fourth appearance is an opportunity to tell briefly of some of the events in the great Electrical Industry.

The special committee on Institute publications of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers presented its report to the board of directors on Oct. 10. It reports that "in general, the views expressed by the membership are overwhelmingly in accord with the suggestions in the development committee's report, including the publication of additional matter in the PROCEEDINGS."

Among the recommendations of the committee to be carried out "when and as the necessary funds become available" are that the name and size of the monthly PROCEEDINGS be changed, with contents as follows:

(a) That high-grade engineering and theoretical papers, in full or in abstract, shall continue to constitute the major portion of the monthly periodical and that the space devoted to such papers shall be limited only by the amount of material available and the permissible expense.

(b) That the substance of discussions at Institute meetings be published.

(c) That the papers and discussions, in full or in abstract, as presented before sections and branches, be published as may be selected by the committee in charge.

(d) That a portion of the monthly publication shall be devoted to material relating to the engineering art, other than that which is presented in Institute papers and discussions, such as descriptions of new developments characterized by notable advances.

(e) That the publication of items relating to activities of the Institute and other organizations be continued and expanded.

(f) That some form of descriptive index of electrical engineering literature be published, with due regard to the various indexes now published elsewhere and the avoidance of undesirable duplication.

It is further recommended "that the Institute's practice of the past twenty-five years of carrying advertisements in the monthly publication be continued, and that, as heretofore, the editorial and advertising policies be entirely independent of each other."

A standing publication committee is recommended. The special committee consists of W. I. Slichter, chairman; N. A. Carle, W. A. DelMar, F. L. Hutchinson and Harold Pender.

The board of directors approved the report and authorized the president to appoint a standing publication committee to formulate and carry out plans in accordance with the recommendations.

Chicago is a busy center this week. The Chicago Electrical Show has caused many state and national organizations to hold meetings in Chicago. Engineers from Japan, England and all sections of this country attended the thirteenth annual convention of the Illuminating Engineering Society on Oct. 20 to 23. This convention attracted the most out-of-town people, but the Illinois Electrical Contractors' Association, the Illinois State Electrical Association and committees of the Commercial Section of the National Electric Light Association also brought a goodly number of visitors.

On Oct. 21 Gen. George H. Harries, the first American officer to reach Berlin after the armistice and one of General Pershing's staff, spoke to the Illuminating Engineering Society and to the Electric Club of Chicago.

C.E. Greenwood, superintendent of the appliance department, Boston Edison Company, and George H. Guest, head of the electrical shop, Jordan Marsh Company, Boston, addressed an appreciative meeting of the Boston district of the Massachusetts State Association of Electrical Contractors and Dealers Oct. 16.

The Society for Electrical Development, New York, unable to issue its November Monthly Sales Service because of the strike, has made a special announcement to members on its preparations for "An Electrical Christmas."

Among the larger projects of new construction are the following: Arrangements are being made by Armour & Company, Ill., for the construction of a new plant in Jersey City, N.J., to cost about \$4,000,000. The company has already appropriated \$1,400,000 for a refrigerating plant and power house, to be erected at Coles and Seventh Streets.

Shortages in wiring material and heating devices are becoming more acute. Deliveries are becoming longer in almost every line. Stocks of 1/2-inch conduit, pull chain sockets, flexible metallic conductor and No.14 rubber covered wire are particularly low and hard to fill. Prices still show an upward trend with advances noted on safety switches, outlet boxes, N.R.C. fuses and vacuum cleaners. San Francisco, however, reports a fall in prices of bells, buzzers, sockets and receptacles.

No deliveries on current orders of heating devices can be expected as a rule prior to the first of the year. Lamps are moving particularly well. All kinds of socket devices are selling well. One prominent New England jobbing house is now filling orders on washing machines at the rate of \$1,000,000 annually. Radiator sales are beginning to show up well.

An excellent rural demand has developed in the South owing to high prices of farm produce. The Southwest is experiencing a building boom, as is New England. For the first week in some time Seattle reports increased sales. A strong demand exists in the Middle West for construction material.

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