

Reinier Beeuwkes, chief electrical engineer of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, with headquarters in Seattle, has been responsible for a substantial part of the work involved in the electrification of the Pacific Division of that road, which was placed in operation March 5, 1920. As recorded in the *ELECTRICAL WORLD* for March 13, page 619, this road is now electrically operated from Renton, on the western slope of the Cascades, to Harlowton, on the eastern slope of the Rockies, with the exception of a gap between Avery, Idaho, and Othello, Wash. Mr. Beeuwkes received his training in railroad electrification as assistant to C. T. Hutchinson, consulting engineer of the



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Great Northern Railroad, while on the Cascade Tunnel electrification. Mr. Beeuwkes in his present position has had charge of the transition of the lines from steam to electricity, and to him belongs much of the credit for their successful operation.

Henry M. Brooks, who has for a number of years been connected with the Insull interests, most recently as manager of the bond and stock department of the Middle West Utilities Company, Chicago, Ill., has resigned to go with W. G. Souders & Company, an investment house, and will be stationed in their New York office.

Charles Warren Hunt a few weeks ago accepted the office of secretary emeritus of the American Society of Civil Engineers, having on his own request been relieved of the duties of the active secretaryship after twenty-five years' incumbency of that office. Dr. Hunt's active interest in all that pertains to the engineering profession at large has given him an influence and reputation transcending the bounds of his own association. In 1903, for instance, he supervised and directed the work of organizing the International Engineering Congress held at St. Louis in connection with the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. He has long served as a representative member in such bodies as the John Fritz medal board of award, the Engineering Foundation

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and the United Engineering Society. He was born in New York City sixty-two years ago.

Bancroft Gherardi, who was made chief engineer of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company on July 1, 1919, was elected vice-president of the company on April 11 of this year. Mr. Gherardi has served for a little more than twenty-five years as a telephone engineer. He started in the office of Col. J. J. Carty, then engineer of the Metropolitan Telephone & Telegraph Company, in 1895. In 1900, when the traffic engineering department of the New York Telephone Company was created, he was transferred to that work and in 1901 became chief engineer of the New York & New Jersey Telephone Company. When these two companies were consolidated in 1906 Mr. Gherardi was made assistant chief engineer of both. In 1907, when Mr. Vail became president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, Mr. Gherardi was made equipment engineer, later being promoted to be engineer of equipment and buildings and engineer of plant in charge of plant development and standardization of the Bell system. On July 1, 1919, he was appointed chief engineer of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, a position he held until his recent promotion to the vice-presidency. Mr. Gherardi was born in San Francisco on April 6, 1873. His father, Rear Admiral Bancroft Ghe-



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rardi, U.S.N., took a leading part in the laying of the first transatlantic cable as lieutenant in charge of the boat Niagara, which landed the American end.

Romaine W. Myers, chairman of the California Industrial Lighting Committee, is one of the prominent consulting electrical and illuminating engineers of the West. The new lighting orders drawn up by his committee, now being put into effect by the California State Industrial Accident Commission, are recognized as among the most modern illumination codes enforced by any of the states. Mr. Myers was born June 14, 1880, and was educated in Oakland, Cal., his present home. He received his first technical instruction there at California College, later going to the University of Pennsylvania for post-graduate work, specializing in illumination engineering. After professional



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service with the Southern Pacific Company and the General Electric Company, San Francisco, he became associated as civilian engineer with the Engineer Corps, U. S. A., and for five years had charge of all electrical work on the fortifications of the Pacific Coast and Hawaii. As private consulting engineer he has had much to do with the design of illumination installations in the industrial plants of California, as well as in the schools and the great Oakland Civic Auditorium. Mr. Myers has long been an active member of the Illuminating Engineering Society, being the Western representative of that organization.

W. L. MacFarlane has been appointed general manager of the Cornwall Street Railway, Light & Power Company, Cornwall, Ont., succeeding C. U. Peeling, resigned.

W. H. Smaw, who for a number of years held the position of purchasing agent of the Georgia Railway & Power Company, has resigned to accept the position of Southern sales representative of the Electric Service Company of Philadelphia. Mr. Smaw joined the Georgia Railway & Power Company in 1903 as assistant purchasing agent and was made purchasing agent in 1910. During the last eight years he has served in that capacity for both the gas company and the electric company.