

E. E. Ireland has been appointed train control inspector of the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville, with headquarters at Lafayette, Ind. He was born on June 19, 1885, at Sioux Falls, S. D., and attended the grade schools and high schools of Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. Ireland worked for various electric companies of Minneapolis on construction of motors and generators. He entered the signal construction forces of the General Railway Signal Company, working in Montana and Minnesota in 1908. In 1909 he was employed in the signal department of the Northern Pacific, but returned to the General Railway Signal Company on construction work in 1910. In December, 1911, he was employed as signal maintainer on the Monon and was promoted to signal inspector on May 1, 1913, which position he held until his recent promotion.

V. C. Alford has been appointed signal inspector on the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville with headquarters at Lafayette, Ind. He was born at Cropsey, Ill., November 14, 1888, where he received part of his education, but moved to Monon, Ind., where he completed his education in the grade and high schools, later attending DePau University. Mr. Alford entered railroad service on May 3, 1913, as material clerk in the signal department of the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville at Monon, Ind. Later he was appointed batteryman and signal maintainer, which job he held until he was appointed chief clerk in the office of the signal engineer, and in September, 1919, was placed in charge of the relay repair shop at Lafayette, holding this position until his appointment mentioned above.

B. J. Schwendt, assistant signal engineer of the New York Central, Ohio Central Lines, with headquarters at Columbus, Ohio, has had his jurisdiction extended, his title now being assistant signal engineer of the New York Central, Lines west of Buffalo, including the Ohio Central Lines, effective December 1, 1925. He was born on July 25, 1884, at Green Springs, Ohio, and obtained his early education in the grammar and high schools of that place. In March, 1902, he went to work for the Minot Company, Minot, N. D., as assistant plant fireman, from which position he was advanced successively to electrician, wireman, lineman, and installer, and in August, 1903, was given charge of the telephone department. He entered Ohio State University at Columbus in November, 1903, graduating in 1907 with the degree of mechanical and electrical engineer. During the summer months of his college course he was employed by the Allis-Chalmers Electrical Company, in the Bullock Works at Cincinnati, Ohio, as a winder and assembly man. Upon graduation in June, 1907, he entered the service of the Union Switch & Signal Company and was engaged in the installation of electric and mechanical interlockings and automatic signals on the Pennsylvania, Lines West, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Erie. In March, 1909, he was appointed supervisor of signals for the Toledo & Ohio Central, Hocking Valley, Kanawha & Michigan and the Zanesville & Western, with headquarters at Columbus, Ohio. He was appointed signal engineer of the Toledo & Ohio Central and the Zanesville & Western on January 11, 1912, and continued in this capacity until April 1, 1915, when he was appointed superintendent of telegraph and signals of the same road, retaining jurisdiction over the signal department. On August 1, of the following year his jurisdiction was extended to cover the telegraph and signal departments of the Kanawha & Michigan and the Kanawha & West Virginia. During the period of federal control his jurisdiction was extended to include the telegraph and signal department of the Hocking Valley. On February 1,



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1923, his jurisdiction was changed to superintendent of signals of the Toledo & Ohio Central, Zanesville & Western, Kanawha & Michigan and Kanawha & West Virginia. His jurisdiction was changed on March 1, 1925, to that of assistant signal engineer of the New York Central, Ohio Central Lines, with headquarters at Columbus, Ohio, in which capacity he continued until December 1, 1925, when his jurisdiction was changed as previously noted.

Obituary

H. C. Geimer, electrical storekeeper of the Chicago Terminal of the Chicago & North Western, died at the Evanston Hospital, Tuesday, November 24, after a brief illness. Mr. Geimer started in the signal department in 1902 as lampman; from that position he was promoted to other positions until he was put in charge of the relay repair shop and store room in 1924 under F. L. Wells, signal supervisor, Chicago Terminal. The terminal store department was later established and Mr. Geimer was appointed terminal storekeeper, in which capacity he remained until his death.

Signal Supply

J. P. Robinson, signal engineer for the National Safety Appliance Company, with headquarters in Chicago, has been appointed district manager of the Pacific district of the E. A. Lundy Co., his headquarters to be in San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. Robinson was born August 14, 1887, in Washington, D. C. He entered railway service in 1906 as office boy in the general storekeeper's office of the Southern Pacific. In December of the same year he was transferred to the signal department serving as file clerk for three years and in 1909 he was transferred to signal construction serving as material clerk, foreman and later as assistant supervisor of signal construction. In February, 1919, Mr. Robinson was appointed signal inspector and assigned special duties, one of which was the handling of signal valuation. When the automatic train control system of the National Safety Appliance Company was installed on the Southern Pacific in 1921, he was placed in charge for the railroad. In February, 1923, Mr. Robinson was appointed signal engineer of the National Safety Appliance Company, which position he held until December, 1925. Effective January 1, 1926, the E. A. Lundy Company established a Pacific district and appointed Mr. Robinson as manager.



J. P. Robinson

The Western Electric Co. recently announced the appointment of E. P. McGrath as sales manager of its Brooklyn Supply House. Mr. McGrath succeeds W. D. Koch, who was transferred to the sales department of the Boston supply house.

Ray A. Sossong, manager of gas plants, Air Reduction Sales Company, New York, was elected president of the International Acetylene Association, at the recent annual convention in Chicago.

The E. A. Lundy Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., has recently completed negotiations with the Southern Signal Company, Louisville, Ky., to handle the sales and service of the latter company's products.

J. N. Walker has been appointed general sales manager of the Oxweld Acetylene Company, New York; L. D. Burnett has been appointed eastern department sales manager, to succeed Mr. Walker, and Z. T. Davis, Jr., is now assistant sales manager, eastern department.