

# TELEPHONE MEN LAND IN JAIL

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Three of Mesaba Telephone Company's Employees Charged With Theft of Copper Wire.

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## MATERIAL WAS TAKEN FROM MINING CONCERN

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Men Cut 500 Pounds From Poles  
and Sell It for \$10.  
Admit Guilt.

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(Range Bureau of the News Tribune.)

VIRGINIA, April 30.—H. W. Schamberg and Jack Emery, linemen, and James Coughall, teamster, who have been employed by the Mesaba Telephone company in stringing lines at Mountain Iron, are in jail here charged with the theft of 500 pounds of copper wire from the Oliver Iron Mining company. They were arrested today and will be arraigned tomorrow before Judge Hughes in district court on a charge of grand larceny.

The three men are alleged to have admitted their guilt. The wire was cut from the poles of the Oliver Iron Mining company's private lines near Mountain Iron and brought to this city where it was sold to Ben Karon, a junk dealer. For wire which is said to be worth \$150 the men are claimed to have received only \$12. The arrest of the parties was effected by Chief D. S. Foley of the Oliver Iron Mining force and Chief Walsh of the local police, both of whom have been looking for the men for some time. They say the men had little chance to accomplish the theft without detection and arrest.

The Mesaba Telephone company has also lost considerably recently through similar depredations and the local police are on the lookout for the offenders.