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## Cable Controversy Has Come To An End

### And United States Government Succeeds In First Attempt To Abolish Monopolies In Cable Communication Throughout The World

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Washington, Jan. 9.—The United States government has succeeded in its first effort to abolish monopolies in cable communication throughout the world. An agreement has virtually been reached with the Western Union Telegraph Company, the all-America Cable Company and the Brazilian, Peruvian and Ecuadorian governments which will mean a revolutionary change in cable communication between North and South America bringing with it unquestionably later on lower rates as well as improved service and establishing ultimately freedom from cable monopolies in the Western hemisphere.

The basis of the new agreement, which brings to an end the spectacular fight between the Washington government and the Western Union over the landing of a cable in Miami, Florida, is this:

First, the All-America Cable Company shall surrender the monopoly it enjoys to the landing of cables in Peru and Ecuador while the Western Union, which is affiliated with the British-owned Western Telegraph Company shall surrender its monopolies on the Brazilian coast and the eastern shores of South America, and thereafter neither company shall have monopolies on either coast.

Second, the Western Union will be permitted to land its cable at Miami, Florida, connecting the island of Barbados, where the Brazilian cable had reached, with the United States.

Third, settlement is conditioned upon the consent of the Brazilian government and the British company, the Western Telegraph Company, to the revocation of the original monopoly on the Brazilian coast.

The willingness of the Western Union and the all-America companies to surrender their respective monopolistic privileges is an evidence of their far-sightedness as well as their recognition of the fact that sooner or later when the present monopolies did expire, the influence of the United States Government, whether the administration be Republican or Democrat, was sufficient to prevent the renewal of such monopolies and that by an agreement at this time competitive conditions could be brought about which would enhance not only the revenues of the cable companies but also help to build communication and commerce between North and South America. Trade in the Western Hemisphere has been hampered by poor communication. Indeed, before the All-America Company came into the field, most of the cable traffic from the United States to South America was by way of Europe—necessitating delay on the one hand, and breeding a certain suspicion on the other that European business men were able to outbid Americans through prior knowledge of American offers. These charges have been denied again and again, but it has been admitted that the opportunities for such tactics would be minimized if the United States had speedy communication with South America. The fight for untrammelled communications in the Western Hemisphere began under the Wilson administration. Secretary Colby adopted practically the same policy as did Secretary Hughes—there was no politics in it, simply a deliberate effort on the part of the American Government to see to it that cable communication with the all-important continent to the South of us wasn't controlled by foreign-owned companies who might discriminate against the citizens of the United States.

President Harding, however, has the opportunity now to go even further and use the example of what has been accomplished in the Western Hemisphere as a means of securing freedom from monopoly in other countries with which the United States has direct cable communication, for admittedly world peace and extensive commerce depend largely upon communication. The Harding administration is saying nothing for the present about licenses to companies landing cables from European points, preferring to settle the South American situation first and offer an example of what can be done by abolishing cable monopolies. But the fact is that the Kellogg bill enacted recently into law gives the chief executive powers which may revolutionize the whole question of cable communication if properly exercised.

## Say Fulton Lowry Is In Tarboro Jail

A man believed by the Norfolk police to be Fulton Lowry is in jail at Tarboro charged with the theft of an automobile. The man when arrested was going under the name of William Fulton. Papers on his person showed that as William Fulton he had served a term in the United States Navy and had been given an honorable discharge. The prisoner was taken in custody at Hamlet.

## Taylor Widow Wins Suit In High Court

Morning and afternoon sessions of Superior Court here Monday were devoted to the case involving the re-administration of the estate of W. M. Taylor; and the final verdict of the jury was in favor of the widow. The contention of the opposing side was that Mrs. Taylor was not legally the widow of the deceased man, and therefore not entitled to inherit the property. On Tuesday morning, the case of Benjamin Forbes et al versus J. C. Long et al, was taken up. This suit is the outgrowth of the administration of the Boyce property, in Salem township. Forbes, it is stated, contends that he is one of the legally constituted heirs of the property, and that he was left out in the settlement of the estate. The attorneys for the plaintiffs are Ehringhaus & Small and W. I. Halstead, and for the defendants, Aydtlett & Simpson.

## Arthur Griffith Made President

Dublin, Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—Arthur Griffith was unanimously elected president by Dail Eireann today. De Valera and his followers walked out while a vote of protest was being taken. Michael Collins was chosen Minister of Finance.

## URGES DAIL TO ACT QUICKLY

Dublin, Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—Michael Collins today urged the Dail to form quickly an Irish provisional government to prevent anarchy.

## ANNOUNCE ROYAL ENGAGEMENT

Belgrade, Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—King Alexander of Yugoslavia, is engaged to Princess Marie the second, daughter of King Ferdinand, of Rumania, it was publicly announced today.

## Association Banquet Promises Good Times

Two hundred persons are expected to attend the annual Merchants' Association banquet to be given at the Shrine Hall in the Robinson building tonight at 7:30 o'clock, which the merchants of the city are giving in honor of their salespeople and to which the members of the Elizabeth City Volunteer Fire Company will go as specially invited guests. A turkey dinner of the old-fashioned kind, with all the trimmings, will be served by the Ladies' Society of the City Road Methodist church, and after the banquet and after-dinner speeches, a dance will be given. The musical program of the evening will be under the direction of P. R. Hufty, director of the Elizabeth City Choral Society. Mr. Hufty has arranged a program of musical numbers which, it is declared, will add greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. R. E. Turner, of Norfolk, general manager of the Virginia and Pilot Publishing Company, will deliver a short after-dinner address, and other speakers will be A. B. Houtz, in behalf of the local Fire Company, and M. Leigh Sheep, representing the Merchants' Association. The toastmaster of the occasion will be J. T. McCabe, whose ready wit is expected greatly to enliven the event. Hertford will send a delegation of visitors to the Association banquet, among whom will be J. C. Perry, Emmett Winslow, Dr. J. L. Fields, Riddick Chappell, Simon Reutenburg, and T. S. White, president of the Hertford Chamber of Commerce. Altogether, the Merchants' Association banquet promises to be one of the biggest and most enjoyable occasions of the kind ever held here.

## GOES ON TRIAL FOR EMBEZZLEMENT TODAY

Richmond, Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—Harold Gordon Blundon, former president of the Commonwealth Bank, Reedville, Va., charged with embezzling \$50,000, is on trial in Federal Court.

## DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS ELECTED

J. T. McCabe, Vice President; W. W. Woodley, Assistant Cashier; M. L. Clark, Director

On Monday afternoon J. T. McCabe became one of the vice presidents of the Savings Bank & Trust Company; W. W. Woodley was elected one of the assistant cashiers and M. L. Clark was added to the Board of Directors.

These were the outstanding features of the annual meeting of stockholders and directors of this progressive bank. The meeting was held in the handsome new banking quarters.

The following directors were elected: P. H. Williams, E. F. Aydtlett, J. T. McCabe, L. S. Blades, E. S. Chesson, M. L. Clark, W. P. Duff, J. W. Foreman, J. B. Flora, J. T. Guard, T. S. Hughes, W. T. Love, C. G. Leary, L. Selig, A. Sawyer, S. W. Scott, H. D. Walker, J. H. White, J. Q. A. Wood and W. J. Woodley.

The directors elected the following officers: P. H. Williams, president; E. F. Aydtlett, vice president; J. T. McCabe, vice president; H. G. Kramer, vice president and cashier; W. H. Jennings, assistant cashier, and W. W. Woodley, Jr., assistant cashier. Mr. Woodley is one of the younger members of the progressive bank's force, and his promotion was gained by sheer hard work, and unflinching good-natured courtesy.

## CAN ISSUE NEW STOCK

Washington, Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—The Interstate Commerce Commission today granted authority to the Pullman Company to purchase the property of the Haskell & Barker Car Company by issuing new capital stock to the amount of \$16,500,000.

## COTTON REPORT

Washington, Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—The cotton ginned prior to January first amounted to 7,884,272 bales, as compared with 11,554,648 bales last year.

## FIRE SWEEPS BIG STORE

Pittsburgh, Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—Fire swept the Elcham building in the retail district today, with a total damage estimated at \$250,000. The firemen were driven back by the heavy fumes of smoke.

## FORD AND WEEKS TO CONFER AGAIN THIS WEEK

Detroit, Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—Henry Ford, it was announced this morning, will confer with Secretary Weeks on the Muscle Shoals project at the end of the present week.

## New Baker From Chicago

Eugene M. Raper, proprietor of the Model Bakery, has secured the services of an expert baker and maker of French pastry from Chicago. The new baker has arrived and is busily at work.

## RAILROAD CLERKS ASK EXTRA OVERTIME PAY

Chicago, Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—Extra pay for overtime and an eight hour day were the principal points sought by railroad clerks in the controversies before the Railroad Labor Board today.

## CHARGE POLICE DRUNK

Kecoughton, Va., Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—A charge that the entire police force of Kecoughton was intoxicated on Christmas will be investigated by the town council.

## FIVE MEN DIED FROM POISON LIQUOR

Hoboken, N. J., Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—Five men died here today from the effects of drinking poisonous liquor.

## INCREASE DRIVE ON MOONSHINERS

Washington, Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—Chief Prohibition Agent Yellowley is on an investigation tour of the South which Commissioner Haynes said today would result in an increased drive on moonshiners and bootleggers.

## Volcano Active People Fleeing

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—The volcano Ometepe is in eruption. All vegetation is covered with ashes, cattle are dead and the inhabitants are fleeing terrified.

## Chamber Of Commerce Membership Drive On

### Elizabeth City's Biggest Civic Organization Asks People To Join On Basis Of Work Done, And Work That Is Ahead—Early Response Is Encouraging

The annual membership drive of the city Chamber of Commerce is now under way, and committees at work report good progress already made.

## WILL CABLE OVER COMPLETE RECORD

### Assistant Judge Advocate General Tells Senate Investigating Committee No Evidence King Was Killed By Orders

Washington, Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—Complete records of American soldiers hanged in France after court martial will be cabled immediately to the War Department, according to testimony of Colonel Bethel, the Assistant Judge Advocate General, before the committee investigating the Watson charges today. He said that the names were not given to the press out of consideration for the men's families. Col. Bethel testified that the records show that Benjamin King, of Wilmington, N. C., was killed in action, or died of wounds, and that there was no evidence to show that King was killed by Captain "Hard-boiled" Smith's orders, as previous witnesses testified.

Charles E. Fox, of Richmond, testified today that he saw Major Opie Staunton shoot a soldier in the back near Verdun in 1918. Stonewall Jackson Albin, of Kernstown, Va., who was gassed, said he saw Opie shoot the soldier "in cold blood." James E. Carlton, of Richmond, said he saw Opie shoot a soldier October 9, 1918.

## McNIDER ASKS AID OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Chicago, Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—American Legion National Commander McNider today instructed all Legion Posts to present the cause of adjusted compensation for ex-soldiers before the Chamber of Commerce of every city.

## Christ Church Shows Record Of Progress

The annual congregational meeting of Christ church parish met Monday evening in the church immediately after the service. Though the weather was bad, there was a good representative number present. The rector reported in full the work of the church done for the year 1921 under the direction of the vestry for the past year. The statistics showed that Christ church in every line of work was slowly but surely progressing. The greatest need of the present as shown in the report was the want of teachers for the Sunday school and leaders for the young people's organizations. A strong plea was made for volunteers. For the first year since the nation wide campaign was launched the parish not only met its pledge but overpaid same by some \$400. During the year the Vestry turned over the old rectory to the Sunday school for a parish house spending a considerable amount of money fitting it out properly. The Sunday school for the first time has been, during 1921, a part of the parish budget, permitting each class to have control of their own expenditures. The Sunday school consisting of only 71 members during 1921 raised and spent over \$400 chiefly for benevolent purposes. The secretary of each organization of the church read their report for the year, each report showing a year of real progress.

The new vestry elected is as follows: W. G. Galtier, F. G. Jacobs, W. H. Weatherly, Jr., W. P. Duff, A. H. Worth, Edson Carr, Fred Whitehurst, E. C. Conger, A. B. Houtz, A. L. Pendleton, C. W. Galtier, C. O. Robinson.

## TO INCLUDE THE SOUTHERN COLLEGES

New York, Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—An effort is being made at the convention here to expand the Inter-Collegiate Association of Amateur Athletics of America into a nation wide organization including the Southern colleges.

## WOUNDS HIMSELF ON ACCOUNT DOG'S DEATH

Chicago, Jan. 10 (By The Associated Press)—Russell Mueller, aged nine, is suffering from a self-inflicted bullet wound as the result of grief over the death of his pet dog.