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WIRELESS CABLE'S MODERN FOE

Wireless Telegraph has had Depressing Effect on Cable Interests

So. Vice President of Pacific Commercial Company Testifies

INVESTIGATING QUESTION OF CABLE TO PHILIPPINES

YESTERDAY'S HEARING BEFORE COMMERCE—COMPANY'S PROPOSITION.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The effect of wireless telegraphy on the future of the submarine cable was developed to some extent today by the house committee on commerce in connection with the proposed Pacific cable.

Vice President Ward of the Pacific Commercial company, continuing his statement of yesterday said he believed the company he represented would be able to make exclusive traffic arrangements from points beyond the Philippines and connecting with China and Japan. He also stated that there would be questions as to the right of the United States to land a cable on foreign shores.

Chairman Hepburn asked a series of questions as to the effect of wireless telegraphy on the submarine cable. Mr. Ward replied that the new system presented a serious question. He was not certain that the Pacific cable project would have been undertaken if the long distance experiments had occurred earlier.

As to the claims that wireless signals had been conveyed two thousand miles across the Atlantic, Mr. Ward said that if the claims were made good they would deter people from laying any more cables.

When asked as to the effect thus far on the cable business, Mr. Ward said that it had depressed cable interests.

Mr. Stewart wanted to know if the "cable companies had not chased Mr. Marconi out of Canada," to which Mr. Ward answered that he believed the cable companies had insisted on certain exclusive rights they held.

President Strymser, of the South and Central American cable system, made an argument favorable to government control of the Pacific cable. The Spanish minister of marine cables Admiral Cervera to leave Santiago, and if this dispatch had not been intercepted, Mr. Strymser said, the battle of Santiago bay would not have been fought and the conduct of the war might have been changed.

Thomas E. Hughes, representing an American company, which produces cable, asked that American labor and capital have the advantage of doing the work.

Chairman Hepburn asked Mr. Hughes that a formal proposition be submitted, first, for delivering a cable of American making at San Francisco; second, for making and laying the cable to Hawaii, Guam and Manila. As indicating the general character of the said the cost would be \$7890,789.00, \$908 forthcoming proposition, Mr. Hughes said the cost would be within 10 per cent. of that stated as the cost of the

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Commercial Pacific company's cable. The additional ten per cent., he stated, was for the protection of American industry.

In the course of a statement by William Gollom, of New York, a director of the Pacific Commercial Cable company, he said that the company after laying the cable across the Pacific, stood ready at any time to sell it to the United States government at an appraised valuation.

PANAMA COMPANY'S PROPOSITION IS MADE

Washington, Jan. 11.—Edouard Lampre, representing the Panama Canal company, appeared before the senate committee on interoceanic canals today in obedience to the summons of that committee to testify concerning the affairs of his company and its offer to sell its property and franchises to the United States. Jules Bouevie, of the French embassy also was present at the hearing. The meeting was held behind closed doors.

Mr. Lampre said that his mission to the United States had been to ascertain to whom the proposition for the sale of the Panama property should be made. Having informed himself upon this point, he had conferred with Admiral Walker, chairman of the isthmian canal commission, as to the form of the offer. He then had called to his principals, the result being that the offer to sell for \$40,000,000 had been made directly from Paris. He said that the proposal included both the franchises and the property of the Panama company, but not the money in its treasury.

Mr. Lampre was questioned especially concerning the title of the present Panama company. He replied that the present owners had made their purchase through the liquidator of the old company and that the transfer was regular. In response to other questions, he said that in case the transaction should be consummated the money would be distributed among the members of the original company and those of the present organization by arbitration. He said that the proffer of his company had been made in good faith.

R. B. ROBERTS WILL GO TO WASHINGTON

O. V. F. BLYTHE TO SUCCEED HIM HERE—GLENN'S WITHDRAWAL RUMORED.

Special to the Gazette.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—It is rumored here that R. B. Glenn will soon withdraw from the senatorial race. The principal reason for the contemplation of such a step is that Cyrus B. Watson has said he certainly will remain in the race. Glenn says there will not be two candidates from Forsyth county. It is thought this would be a gain for Craig.

Congressman Moody has an interesting pension case which he is looking into. It is that of Enoch Voyles of Cherokee county, who was captain of company G, Third Tennessee cavalry. Capt. Voyles and his men started on a raid one day, when he was thrown from his horse and had a leg broken. The horse was killed, as they were going down a steep grade at the time of the accident. The difficulty is to prove that his present ailment is due to the fall. Eighty per cent of the men who were in Capt. Voyles' company have received pensions, a fact which caused a laugh when it was brought to the attention of the department officials, as the number of pensionable cases is so unusually high for a single company.

R. B. Roberts will in a short time be transferred from the collector's office at Asheville to the pension department in this city. When the matter was brought to the attention of Commissioner Evans yesterday by Maj. Moody, that official spoke in kindly terms of Mr. Roberts, with whom he is personally acquainted. He said in a moment that he would be glad to accommodate Mr. Roberts in the way requested. Mr. Roberts will be succeeded in Collector Harkins' office by Hon. O. V. F. Blythe, who represented Henderson county in the last legislature.

A big political fight is in progress in Florida in which many North Carolinians are interested. It is over the office of collector of customs. The principals are Dr. Pope E. Warren and W. B. Sheppard. Mr. Sheppard is well known in North Carolina having graduated at the State University in the class of Dr. Alderman and Zeb Vance Walser. Dr. Warren has a strong supporter in the person of J. Frank Bufum, who is well known in the western part of the state. Mr. Bufum was at one time engaged in business with C. J. Harris at Dillsboro.

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THE CONTEST TO BE SERIOUSLY WAGED AGAINST THE DUKES FOR CONTROL OF THE BRITISH MARKET.

London, Jan. 11.—Thirteen British tobacco firms, who have combined to fight Duke and his American invaders, are apparently preparing to come to close grips. The contest must be serious and perhaps disastrous for them. Recognizing that this is so their intention now is to call in the public to bear the brunt of the war, relying upon past prosperity of business as an inducement to investors to respond. The Imperial Tobacco company may be expected to be floated about the end of next week. Its capital will be divided into four classes, totalling 15,500,000 pounds. Sir William Henry Wills, head of the great Bristol Tobacco firm, will be chairman and Harry Wills head of its export department, chief manager.

TAYLOR AND CLARK'S CALL ON PRESIDENT

PRESUMABLY TO DISCUSS FEATURES OF THE SCHLEY CASE.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Two of the president's callers today were Admiral Taylor and Captain Clark. Both came by invitation and while neither would state the object of the conference, it was intimated that the call of Clark at least had a bearing on the Schley case. Clark's visit it attributed in naval circles to a statement said to have been made to Roosevelt by Schley that the court of inquiry had utterly ignored Clark's testimony that he had seen and obeyed the order from Schley to "follow the flag," and other testimony relative to the Brooklyn's part in the engagement. It is believed that Roosevelt is investigating the matter preparatory to considering Schley's appeal.

KAISER WILL NOT ATTEND EDWARD'S CORONATION

Berlin, Jan. 11.—Following close after the snub administered to Great Britain on the subject of the prince of Wales earlier in the week (when the semi-official North German Gazette declared that Emperor William had urged the prince of Wales to visit Berlin on the occasion of his majesty's birthday celebration, pointing out that the prince had been invited at the request of King Edward), the North German Gazette today pointedly denies that Emperor William will attend either the memorial service in honor of the late Queen Victoria or the coronation of King Edward.

The paper says the statements in the English papers on the subject are untrue. Regarding the coronation, the North German Gazette points out that it is not in accordance with traditional international usages for sovereigns to attend the coronation festivities of sovereign monarchs.

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S BROTHER COMING TO THIS COUNTRY

Berlin, Jan. 11.—It is learned from an official source that Prince Henry, the kaiser's brother, will sail early in February for New York to take over on behalf of the emperor, the yacht now building for him at Shooter's island, which Miss Roosevelt is to christen. A fresh exchange of especially cordial telegrams has recently taken place between the kaiser and President Roosevelt.

EX-PRESIDENT OF HONDURAS ARRESTED IN NICARAGUA

Managua, Nic., Jan. 11.—The government of Nicaragua has arrested Gen. Vasquez, the former president of Honduras, on board the South American Steamship company's steamer Tuacapel. The general is charged with attempting to excite a revolution in Central America against President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, who drove Gen. Vasquez from the presidency of Honduras in 1894 for the same offense.

Hoax—"I give my barber 50 cents every week not to talk to me." Joax—"Hush money, eh?"

CROKER NO LONGER "BOSS" TAMMANY

New York, Jan. 11.—When the members of the Tammany executive committee met today to organize for another year Croker announced that he would not accept the chairmanship of the finance committee and wanted Lewis Nixon made chairman. The post has heretofore carried with it the title of "Boss" of Tammany hall.

The finance committee did as requested and Croker will now be able to go to England and not bother about the state

campaign of 1902. Croker took care not to have the word go out that he retired permanently, and stated that his retirement was for one year only. John F. Carroll stepped out of the finance committee with Croker and there will be no one, unless it is Nixon, officially known as deputy leader. In his speech Croker said he expected Nixon's appointment to restore confidence.

SENT A FOUL LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

YOUNG MAN IN RICHMOND; ARRESTED UNDER A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 11.—John W. Starke, one of the most widely known young men in Richmond, was arrested by Postoffice Inspector Bulla late this afternoon for sending through the mail a vulgarly insulting letter to President Roosevelt about the time of the Booker Washington incident. The charge is that of sending obscene matter through the mail.

The letter was directed to "The President, Washington, D. C." The offensive document was a sheet of blank paper on which was written, under date "10-24-1901," "To Teddy: White without and black within, a nigger in a white man's skin. (Signed) J. W. S." "Also enclosed was a picture of a negro standing on his hands and kicking up his heels, cut from a familiar advertisement. Appended to this was an obscene reference.

The letter was traced to Starke, who confessed sending the two lines of doggerel but denied he had enclosed the cut and obscene reference.

Starke gained notoriety as a Cuban filibuster, being arrested by the United States authorities while attempting to join the Cuban army. He served with a Virginia company during the war with Spain. He will be tried Monday.

MISUNDERSTANDING OF MEAT DEALERS' LAW

FARMERS MAY SELL THEIR OWN MEAT WITHOUT LICENSE.

The last legislature passed a law regulating the sale of fresh meat. A curious misunderstanding in regard to the meaning of the statute has arisen in this vicinity and several farmers have recently dropped in the magistrates' offices in the city to inquire whether they had the right to kill their own cattle and sell what they did not need to their neighbors.

The general idea prevailing among some of these farmers was that they would be compelled to pay a tax of \$10 for each animal they should kill in the event that they should sell any part of it.

The law distinctly states that a man has a right to slaughter his cattle and (Continued on the fifth page.)

A LADY FROM OHIO STRUCK

A very prominent lady from Columbus, Ohio, while out looking for a dry goods store to do a bit of shopping, was walking down Patton avenue and upon going into Sumner's and looking through the various departments so elegantly arrayed and displayed—notions, china, dry goods, cloaks, etc.—she was struck with the prices so reasonable on such stylish wares. Upon explaining to her that the buyer for the firm lived in New York and was occupied all the time in securing the best the markets and importers could supply at lower prices than any competition in the city, she readily understood why this store is more up-to-date than any other in town.

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