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PICTURES SENT BY TELEPHONE THROUGH A NEW INVENTION

French Engineer Gives A Practical Demonstration of Wonderful Device

AMERICANS WITNESS THE TEST

By Lincoln Eyre

Paris, Aug. 28.—There was revealed here Wednesday in a laboratory at Ruell the practical functioning of a machine that is likely to place the name of its inventor alongside those of Morse and Marconi in the scientific hall of fame. The machine in question is a device, recently perfected by M. Edouard Belin, a young French engineer, for the telephonic transmission of photographs and autograph messages.

M. Belin's amazing invention has already been inspected by the French Government and described in the French press. Wednesday's demonstration was designed to show the American Government, in the persons of its diplomatic and consular representatives, this latest achievement of French science. Those who were present were the first Americans to see a photograph of an American general reproduced swiftly and clearly across hundreds of miles of telephone wire, and to receive, just as penned by the sender, a message addressed by an American consul in far-off Lyons to his colleague in the capital of France.

These miracles were performed by a transmitting apparatus very similar in aspect and size to a cylindrical phonograph, and by a receiving apparatus consisting of five or six simple parts and occupying a table space about three feet square. A portrait of General Mangin, which was the first document transmitted from Lyons, took eight minutes to send. M. Belin's system thus makes it possible to reproduce a photograph taken in San Francisco in a newspaper in New York in little more than one hour.

THE LATEST TELEGRAPH DESPACHES

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

JP UNTIL FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Germany is dumping her surplus of inferior goods in the U. S. and England and marking exports to Great Britain "Made in America" according to official advices today. German exporters following the practice to sell articles which otherwise might not be sold because of the popular prejudices.

London, Aug. 31.—Anti-Bolshevik forces that were landed by General Wrangel in the province of Kenan have been completely annihilated, says a statement issued from the Russian trade delegation today recounting the advices from Moscow and that Wrangel now holds only Crimea.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Upham denied the Cox quota list. He said two banks in New York and one in Chicago and one in Boston and one in San Francisco contributed to the three hundred and sixty thousand dollars borrowed by the committee and that the loans do not constitute legal obligations on which the banks could sue the committee members.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Plans of the five big meat packers for the disposition of stock yards inter-

GOOD ROADS ARE THE SLOGAN OF HALIFAX CTY. FACTS BEING SHOWN

We are certainly glad to note the fact that our County Commissioners have done something toward improving some of our county roads. We notice especially that the road passing through Deep Creek has been receiving a good deal of attention. This is very commendable on the part of our County Commissioners, and no doubt the farmers of that section highly appreciate this act on their part, and of course the efficient road supervisors come in for their part of the praise.

ests required under agreement with Department of Justice contemplate the sale of such interests of fifteen cities to F. H. Price and Co. of Boston.

Dublin, Aug. 31.—The Camron Highlander troops boarded special trains today and are believed to be enroute for Belfast.

Warsaw, Aug. 31.—Letvia agreed to permit Poland and Russia to transfer to Minsk the peace conference to Riga.

Columbus, Aug. 31.—Cox and Roosevelt and Dr. Watkins, the prohibition presidential candidate are at the Ohio State Fair today and each has planned a speech this afternoon.

Marion, Aug. 31.—The Republican governors and governors elect, and former governors form 14 states had a turn at Harding's front porch callendar today to hear the nominee on reclamation and conservation.

Belfast, Aug. 31.—Nine persons are dead as a result of yesterday's rioting and two are dying. These are ominous signs of further trouble ushered in the new day. Groups were collecting at carious points gave unmistakable indications of trouble.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—The Republican National Committee has received \$1,017,255 in contributions for both the state and national campaign between June 14 and

SOME FACTS WHICH HAPPENED OVER THIRTY YEARS AGO

Last night, just 34 years ago we had an earthquake which lasted five or ten minutes, and no doubt some of our readers will remember the fact. We remember the incident very well, and were only last night thinking that probably the same thing might occur again, as the same weather conditions were similar and the air was still and close, and greatly resembled the night of the famous earthquake, but we are very thankful that the same catastrophe did not occur again this year, and of course there are many of our readers that will appreciate the same fact.

Aug. 26, the national treasurer Upham testified today before the senate committee. \$618,000 of this is for the national campaign he said and presented the names of 12,589 contributors who presented the budget showing the committee had planned to spend 3,079,000, chairman White of the Democrats said party would tell the committee Democrats had collected \$67,000.

London, Aug. 31.—Lerranco McSweeney, Lord Mayor of Cork on a hunger strike was still alive today but his sister said the end might come at any moment.

London, Aug. 31.—Russians are fighting the Poles north of Brest-Litovsk and occupied a number of villages ten to twenty miles southeast of Bialystok, says a Moscow wireless and that heavy fighting which is favoring the soviets continues in the vicinity of Lemberg while Bolshevik are successful in Crimea.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 31.—S. C. Democrats voted in the primaries for several state and congressional offices today. The chief interest being in the race for the senate in which Senator Smith is opposed by three candidates.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—700,000 has been added to Hays' figures by Upham who declared that the

TAR HEELS BUY \$40,000 WORTH OF AUTOMOBILES EVERY MONTH

The State Is Buying Automobiles Faster Than Any Other State In The Union

FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR

EPISCOPAL PICNIC WILL TAKE PLACE

The Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday School picnic will take place tomorrow in the fine oak grove at Mrs. Isaac Smith's residence. Automobiles will call at the church at 10:30 tomorrow morning for the children, and the baskets will be taken up at 11:00.

REMARKABLE RECORD OF HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—The Government under the present Democratic Administration is spending more money for good road construction in cooperation with the various States than it cost to build the Panama Canal. The result of this work has been to initiate and complete road improvements and construction that aggregate in length more than 9 times the distance from San Francisco to New York. In 1915, the Federal and state governments expended in all for roads and bridges \$267,000,000. This year they are spending together \$633,000,000.

Many of the roads now being built of the permanent kinds, such as bituminous concrete, Portland-cement concrete and vetrified brick. Roads of this type, when completed, will add 7,600 miles to national permanent highways.

Republican senatorial and congressional committees are to raise separate funds. He said the national committee was to advance this amount to two committees which will be returned.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Accord-

According to the National Automobile Chamber Commerce, North Carolina is buying automobiles faster than any other state in the union, buying them at a rate of \$50,000,000 worth a year, or \$40,000 worth a day. In ten years the state has bought \$100,000,000 worth of automobiles. The percapita investment is estimated at \$45.

The figures above indicate the vast progress in the automobile field in this state and show that the industry has reached a point where it is of tremendous importance in the development of North Carolina's commercial activity.

CARTRIDGE SILK MAKES GOOD SUIT

Washington, Aug. 28.—Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, is doing his best to popularize a new and inexpensive fashion in dress goods for men and women. "Cartridge silk" is the stuff in question. Mr. Baker bought it not long ago at \$1 a yard from the army stores, had his tailor make him a business suit out of it, and found it so satisfactory that Mrs. Baker decided to order a dress of the same material. "Cartridge silk" is described as embodying cheapness, stylishness, and durability.

Mr. Charlie Malone left today for Roanoks Rapids to spend a few days visiting friends and relatives.

ing to the chief statistician of the census bureau the total population of the U. S. is estimated at one hundred and five million.

Tribute To Prof. Mills Of Wake Forest

By W. E. Gullom

In what is perhaps the most dignified and stately of all the observations of the frailties of life to be found in any literature we read this: "The days of our years are three-score and ten, or even by reason of strength four-score; yet their pride but labor and sorrow." Prof. Luther Rice Mills passed his eightieth birthday on Aug. 17, and passing into what Dr. Lyman Abbott so fitly calls "the other room" on August 18, the following day the remains were laid to rest beside those of his beloved wife in the Wake Forest cemetery.

The end came in his old home at Wake Forest where he graduated in 1861 and where he became professor of mathematics in January, 1867. He was the son of a Baptist minister of Halifax county, Va., and brother of the lamented Mr. Jack Mills, founder of orphan work in North

Carolina. It will be observed that his graduation took place at the very opening of the Civil War. No man ever followed General Lee with greater loyalty and faithfulness through the great struggle than did Pro. Mills. Nor did any man follow the great hero of the Confederacy with greater or more genuine affection through the subsequent years of his life than did he. If he could have added a chapter to Carlyle's "Heroes and Hero Worship," the subject of that chapter would have been Robert Edward Lee. He was wounded in the battle of the Crater, and was a prisoner in Washington at the time of the assassination of Mr. Lincoln.

The situation with the prisoners became so grave and threatening that they were moved to Johnson's Island for safety. The reminiscences of the trials and sufferings of those horrible days con-

stituted a favorite topic with him for many years. Nor were those observations mere idle talk: they were keen, discriminating and always informing and helpful. Three books he always tried to have near by him whether in camp, on the march or in prison. These books were his New Testament, his Shakespear and one of the Latin classics. One need not be told as to the quality of the culture of a spirit that fed on such food in the midst of an awful war.

Like General Lee, when he returned home, he began to help rebuild his beloved Southland by dedicating his life to the work of the school room. The Royalls, father and son, Simmons, Wingate, Taylor and Mills are the sextette of heroes that created and fostered the post bellum Wake Forest. The names of these men should forever be household words in the homes of the lovers of Wake Forest.

Besides teaching mathematics, Prof. Mills was for many years, bursar of the college. And who, among the older alumni of this college, can ever forget the kindness, the accuracy, the patience and the helpfulness of the noble man?

It has been my good privilege to be associated with Prof. Mills in several capacities. He was my teacher, he has been my colleague in the faculty, my neighbor, my personal friend. His was a rare and choice spirit. He had in a very marked degree the rare gift of making the Divine Presence seem to be the most real, the most vital and the most present of all the realities of life. Nor is this ever done in any studied, mechanical or perfunctory way. Of course it could be done in that way. It came rather in the most natural, easy and spontaneous way in the course of every conversation. What a

gift! Prof. Mills was a philosopher, where others passed along without seeing any thing, he saw the wonders of the Creator. The weather, little children, the simplest thing in nature, an unnoticed verse of Scripture, a statement from Bacon, a choice poem—any of a thousand things—touched by him carried forever afterwards, a new significance.

For the past few years physical infirmities caused him to lay aside his class room work, but not his interest in life, in people, in progress, in all that goes to make a worthy world.

In his early manhood he married Miss Anna Lewis. The mother of Miss Lewis was a Battle, from Edgecomb county. Dr. Kemp P. Battle, of Chapel Hill, Elders El-ish and Amos Battle, Dr. Lewis of Kinston, Dr. R. H. Lewis, of Raleigh, and other distinguished Car-

olinians, have been glad to claim this gifted woman as belonging to their family circle. To Prof. Mills and Anna Lewis were born five children, all of whom are still living, and glad to rise up and call their parents blessed. These are Mayor John G. Mills, of Wake Forest; Mr. Luther Mills, of Scotland Neck; Mrs. Claude Kitchin, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Jno. A. Wray, of Monroe, N. C., and Miss Anna Mills.

When General Lee was asked to become president of an insurance company at the close of the war, and was assured that his name was all they wanted, his reply was:

"My name is all I have, and that is not for sale." Whatever else Prof. Mills' children may possess or not possess, it is easy to understand that their proudest possession is their name.—News and Observer.