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WAY PREPARED FOR TELEPHONE GREAT BRITAIN

Phases of Business Sometimes Best Conducted by Voice, and Patent Rights Are Readjusted

MUST RISE EARLY

Talk at 5 O'clock in the Morning From New York to Get Englishman's Ear in London at Ten

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Washington, Sept. 2. The way is being prepared for the opening of long distance telephone service between Great Britain and the United States.

This is the true meaning of the recent readjustment of the relations between the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Radio corporation of America. Instead of an allocation of effort between these companies for monopoly purposes what has taken place is a redistribution of patent rights essential to each of the two concerns in the further development of their respective specialties. The subject has become pertinent because it has been reported that the Federal trade commission would soon begin an inquiry into what was termed a monopolistic agreement in connection with the sale of the radio station WEAF to the Radio corporation of America to be operated with WJZ.

Every patent gives its author a certain monopoly and in the electrical communication business almost everything depends on patent rights. When shortly after the close of the war, the government observed that rival groups had possession of vital patents and that scientific progress might be impeded by infringement suits an agreement was urged and finally undertaken by the various companies holding important patents. It was a "give and take" agreement and had the full sanction of the government authorities in Washington. Its object was not to restrain trade for it involved no interference in the retail merchandising of products but simply a definite understanding as to the use of patents.

Now as time has shown the American Telephone and Telegraph company the wisdom of concentrating on the telephone business and as the Radio Corporation of America has seen fit to develop its specialty of spark transmission of message, a revision of the original patent agreement has been made.

In effect, this has made it possible for the Radio Corporation to go ahead with its plans for the development of radio both inside and outside the United States without struggling by law to get hold of patents necessary for expansion of radio broadcasting or message communication. As for the ship-to-shore business, the rates prevailing now are relatively so cheap that the American Telephone Company can not see its way clear to the establishment of such a service for voice communication except at a prohibitive cost, though there is nothing to prevent such a step later on if the ships at sea can be equipped at sufficiently low expense to connect with land stations of the Bell system.

The message business across the Atlantic never was in a better condition from the viewpoint of competition for there are not only multiple cables of the Postal Telegraph and Commercial Cable Company and the Western Union and allied cable lines, but the almost limitless air circuits of the Radio Corporation of America operating directly or by relay with virtually every country in the world.

But it is recognized that there are some phases of business relations which can better be conducted in conversation and that the sound of the voice is a factor, and to this end the trans-oceanic telephone service is directed. To date it has cost huge sums in experimentation with nothing in the way of revenue coming in. After many delays and a good deal of red tape a big station has finally been erected in Great Britain which can work with the stations on this side of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. To transmit voice across to Europe it has been found that the submarine cable would be too expensive. Radio offered the best and most practicable means, but the bell system engineers needed certain patents held by the Radio Corporation of America, and so the transfer came about. It means an impetus for the long distance telephone service.

There are of course many other difficulties to be solved. For instance the difference in time means that only about two hours of the business day in New York namely 9 to 11 in the morning would correspond to the last hours, namely two to four o'clock, in London. The American business man has been educated to do a good deal of telephoning at night but the Briton has not. And to get the Englishman at his office at 10 o'clock in the morning would require a call on this side of the Atlantic at five o'clock in the morning. Much of the telephoning, therefore, would be concentrated at certain hours probably from 8 to 11 a. m., on this side of the ocean and from one to four p. m., in London, all of which means the building of adequate facilities before a service can really be offered as practical.

Far from being a monopoly in the general sense of the word, the movement is one of scientific development by the use of patents granted exclusivity.

Price of a Wife

A wife, in Belgian Congo, costs one copper cross, like this, weighing 27½ ounces. A real fat wife, it is said, might cost two crosses. The gold bar Miss Mary Dean has in her other hand is worth 27 tolas among South American Indians, $250 at the U. S. mint and $2,500 to experts of the American Numismatic Association, gathered in Washington, D. C.

Defendant Is Kept From Breaking Into Lockup

There have been many instances on record in which individuals have broken out of jail, and many more in which they would have liked to have done so, but couldn't; but Thursday morning's session of recorder's court afforded one of the few instances on record here in which a defendant had to be restrained from breaking into jail.

Charlie Alexander, young white man, was charged with being drunk and with having used profane language in public. He offered a plea of not guilty, wherein, of course, he was entirely within his rights. The State then began putting on evidence, Officer Roughton taking the stand and testifying, in substance, to the verity of the charges.

It then became the defendant's turn to be heard, if he wished. Parenthetically, it may be stated that Alexander paid a visit to Trial Justice P. G. Sawyer at the latter's home Wednesday night, in custody of an officer, and Mr. Sawyer had had opportunity to observe whether he had been imbibing with too much freedom.

"Are you going on that stand and swear you hadn't had a drink?" Mr. Sawyer demanded.

Alexander replied that he might have had a little wine, or something like that.

"Then, young man, I'm going to do you the favor of keeping you off the stand," the trial justice declared. "If you swear you hadn't been drinking, you'll swear to an absolute lie, and I'll have to put you in jail. You were just as high as a kite when you went to my house last night."

Alexander was let off with a fine of $10 and costs.

SPAIN TO WITHDRAW FROM THE LEAGUE

Paris, Sept. 2.—The news agency Geneva correspondent says Spain will withdraw from the League of Nations without awaiting the decision of the Council regarding her demand for a permanent Council seat.

Official notification to this effect, he adds, will be given the League within 24 hours.

MEET TO DISCUSS U. S. RESERVATIONS

Geneva, Sept. 2.—Opinion that the United States should have the same rights in the World Court as members of the League of Nations Council but no more was voiced by many delegates at today's session of the International conference convoked to discuss American reservations to membership in the court.

ECHOES ARE YET HEARD IN REGARD TO BARGAIN DAYS

Best Direct Advertising Results Ever Had, Says Another Merchant of the Stretch-Your-Dollar Event

BUSINESS WAS GOOD

Results Indicate That Advance Subscribers Read This Paper Carefully and Profit Thereby

"The best direct results from newspaper advertising that we have ever seen" is the language used by J. H. Wilkins of the Quinn Furniture Company is expressing the satisfaction of his firm in the Stretch-Your-Dollar Days advertising and publicity carried by The Advance last week.

Thus do echoes of the good business done in Elizabeth City last Saturday and Monday continue to filter in to The Advance office. A number of merchants who have not as yet put their gratification at the business done in writing have expressed it orally and have said they would write when they could get around to it.

D. T. Singleton, however, of the Elizabeth City Granite and Marble Works, did not procrastinate. He sent the following letter on the morning after the last Stretch-Your-Dollar day:

"Although we did not get our ad in your paper until the 28, for your "Stretch-Your-Dollar" Sales campaign, Monday August 30, was the best sales day we have ever experienced. We sold one monument to a customer in Elizabeth City, with whom we have been trying to bargain for more than a year. Sold another monument to a party from Boston, Massachusetts, and corner post to mark their lot; and two tombstones for the father and mother of a party who lives in Brooklyn, N. Y. Finishing my last sale at 9:30 last night. If the entire month had averaged with yesterday's sales, it would have lacked only a few hundred dollars of equalling our sales for the year up to this date, and after giving each customer the full 15 per cent discount as advertised in your paper. Considering the volume of business done, we feel that Stretch-Your-Dollar advertising and publicity made Monday an interesting profitable day for our business.

"We thank you for your interest and help in your "Stretch-Your-Dollar" campaign.

"Yours very respectfully,

"Elizabeth City Marble & Granite Works,

By D. T. Singleton, Prop.

"Aug. 31, 1926."

And here is the text of the Quinn letter in full: :

"Stretch-Your-Dollar Days at Quinn's proved a success. We sold about 12 of the Iron Beds which was our special big feature. We also sold practically all chairs in the house that were advertised for $1.35.

"This was the best direct results from newspaper advertising that we have ever seen.

"Your very truly,

Sept. 1, 1926.

Quinn Furniture Company."

HAVE FOUND GANG OF NATION-WIDE THIEVES

Charlotte, Sept. 2.—Postal inspectors and police today revealed the arrests of three men whom they believe to be members of a national gang of thieves.

Two of the men are held at Raleigh said he was certain that those under arrest were connected with the band that 62 inspectors all over the nation have been tracing for some time. Those held are directly charged with robbery of J. B. Ivey and Company department store here recently at which time $8,000 worth of loot was secured.

A woman is also being sought in connection with the operations.

ANSWERS CHARGES OF MRS. MELLETT

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 2—Louis Mazer of Canton, charged with first degree murder in connection with the slaying of Don R. Mellett, Canton publisher, today filed an answer in Federal Court to the $100,000 suit brought by Mrs. Florence Mellett of Indianapolis, widow of the slain publisher, against him, Ben Rudner, Massillon, and Patrick McDermontt.

Mazer's answer denied that he had conspired with Rudner Massillon or McDermott, the latter now the subject of nation-wide search. The answer represented a denial of every charge.

LIEUTENANT BETTIS BURIED IN MICHIGAN

Washington, Sept. 2.—Lieutenant Cyrus K. Bettis, Army aviator, will be buried at Port Huron, Michigan, his home city.

Decision to have the interment in Michigan was reached at a conference between air officers and the aviator's mother today.

Youthful Bear Pays Visit To City After Capture by Party Near Foreman Farm

Raymond Pritchard, Who Has Accounted for Nearly 25 Members of Bruin Family, Spills Some "Inside Stuff" on the Breed and Its Ways

A three months' old bear paid his first visit to the Pasquotank County Court House Wednesday afternoon, comfortably ensconced himself in a corner next to the money safe in Auditor Cliff Pritchard's office, and gazed mildly at all visitors. He wore a collar and chain, but otherwise appeared as tame as a big puppy.

The youthful Bruin was brought to the city by Raymond Pritchard, young farmer of the Fork section, three miles from town. Pritchard and a number of his companions captured the cub Tuesday morning after the mother bear had been shot out of a tree in which she and her cub had sought refuge from Pritchard's pack of 12 bear hounds. Harry Overman, a member of the hunting party, climbed the 75-foot pine in which the bears were treed and with a stick forced the cub to jump from the top, thus taking a 75-foot leap before he hit the ground. The high jump did not appear to bother the baby Bruin at all. He hit the ground flat of his back, and was captured, unharmed, before he could run away.

Raymond Pritchard and the others set out on this, their latest hunt, in the early light of Tuesday morning, striking out into the woods back of the Foreman Stock Farm. It was 8 o'clock before the dogs struck a hot trail, and then within 30 minutes the quarry was treed. Those participating in the hunt besides Mr. Pritchard were his 11-year-old son, Ken Pritchard, Harry Overman and Caleb Ives of Forks, Dempsey Morrisette of Weeksville, Dan Russell, Ed Morgan, Jim Morgan, Crowder Jennings and Willie Davis, all of Berea.

Changes Her Mind

As the hunters approached the pine tree in which the old bear and her cub had sought refuge, the mother bear started down toward the ground. Before she had gone far, she changed her mind and climbed back up into a limb, evidently having been frightened by the men and dogs.

Mr. Pritchard declares the young bear which he brought here yesterday is the gentlest he ever saw. "He knows me already," he said, proudly, "and he'll follow me around better than anybody else. Take most cubs his size, they'd be jumping at you same as they wanted to eat you up."

In his experience as a bear hunter, Mr. Pritchard recalls that he has accounted for nearly 25 members of the Bruin family, including nine this year. Of the nine, six were old bears, and were killed. The other three were cubs, and were captured alive. One of them died, and he sold the other two to a bear trainer in Kinston. One of these was the young Bruin who visited this city yesterday, and who left last night in a carefully constructed little cage for his future home.

Mr. Pritchard tells of many stirring experiences with bears, and incidentally shatters a few highly favored traditions concerning them.

Bears Are Harmless(?)

"A bear is not dangerous at all, unless he is caught in a trap," he declares. "When I first started hunting them, I'd run from a bear the minute I saw him, I had heard so much about them being bad. But I soon found out that when you meet a bear, he's just as scared as you are, and will run away, if he has a chance.

"It's not much trouble to tie up a bear and take him out of the woods alive after you've caught him in a trap. Usually you catch him by a front foot, and then all you have to do is put a pole across his neck, and have two men hold it. Don't let them press down too hard, or you'll strangle him to death. Bears are mighty easy to kill that way.

"Then you grab his hind feet and spread them out, and tie him up to suit yourself. I always wire up his mouth with a kind of muzzle, to keep him from biting anybody. Why, one time we muzzled a bear and drove him out of the woods just like you would a cow.

"A bear is just as easy to kill as a rabbit, if you hit him in the right place and the best place to shoot him is in the head. If you shoot him under the foreshoulder, as some hunters do, you won't kill him outright, and he is apt to do a lot of damage to your dogs before he dies. But once you get some shot in his brain, it's all over.

Won't Look at You

"A bear can climb a tree just like a squirrel. If you come up on him, and he decides to climb back to the ground, he won't look at you at all, unless you shake a bush, or make some kind of a noise like that. Then he'll look right at you, and you can kill him.

"Bears have a lot of strength in their front legs, but very little in their hind legs. That's one reason why it is not much trouble to tie one up, when you catch him in a trap.

"Once I had a grown bear I had caught, and kept in a pen for a while before I sold him. I fed that bear every day, and thought he was getting tame, until I began to notice that he would raise a front paw when I was feeding him. He watched me mighty close all the time I was around him. Then one day, when he thought I wasn't looking, he took a terrible swipe at me with his paw. I dodged him, but if he had hit my arm, he would have torn it all to pieces.

"I sold that bear to a man in New Jersey, who thought he could tame him. Every time that man went to feed him, the bear would lunge against the cage at him. The man never told me so, but I knew by the way he talked afterwards that he must have given up hope of ever taming that bear, and must have killed him.

A Bear "Mystery"

"Once several of us decided to play a trick on one of my neighbors, whose pigs had been bothered by bears. We knew he didn't have a gun, so we went around there one night right after he had gone to bed, and carried along some girls to watch the fun. One of us slipped around to the pen and grabbed a pig by the hind leg, and of course he started squealing as loud as he could.

"That man jumped up out of bed, and ran out in the yard just like he was, cussing the bears at the top of his voice. It was a bright moonlight night, and he looked so funny the girls couldn't help laughing. He heard them and ran back in the house. We turned loose the pig and went off.

"Next day, he stopped me, looking mighty puzzled. 'Don't you know, a bear grabbed one of my pigs last night,' he said, 'and was about to go off with him when I came out and scared him away, but when I went out to the pen this morning, I couldn't find a single pig in the lot that was scratched up, at all. I don't understand it.'

"I laughed out loud, and he thought I was crazy. None of us ever told him about the trick we played on him, and I guess he's still wondering about it."

69 Badges

Ira Wall, 20, assistant scoutmaster of troop 66, Boy Scouts, at Des Moines, Ia., is believed to be the highest ranking merit badge scout in the world. A seven-year veteran scout and an Eagle scout since 1922, he recently received his 69th merit badge. The national council offers only 72, and no other scout has earned as many as 69.

TAGGART SAYS WILL BRING LIBEL SUIT

New York, Sept. 2.—Tom Taggart, Democratic leader of Indiana, has threatened a $1,000,000 libel suit against Doubleday Page and Company, publishers of Edna Ferber's novel, "show boat," unless three paragraphs referring to himself and gambling are deleted from the book, the New York World says today.

More than 135,000 copies of the novel have been sold. The publishing company said they knew nothing of it.

Best city Motorist Is Victim of New Traffic Light

It is difficult to accuse an inanimate object of deliberately cherishing deceitful schemes, and set away with it. Doubtless will laugh you down, if you try. And yet there was strong evidence in recorder's court Thursday morning that the new traffic control signal at the intersection of Main and Road streets actually had done just very thing, with the purpose of embarrassing one Elizabeth City motorist, in the person of McKinley Midgett.

McKinley, who hailed into court at the behest of Chief of Police Holmes, was testified that he had passed the corner twice within a span of 30 minutes, the control official notified him on each occasion and went in the direction he was going, that they should stop. The chief said he warned the defendant the first time, and arrested him the second, when it appeared that warnings were ineffective.

On the stand in his own behalf, McKinley testified that when he came along the first time, he peeped out of his car and the light said "Go." He went. The chief of police stopped him, and upon looking out of his car, he observed that the light then was saying "Stop." He must have changed while I was crossing the street," he commented.

Duly mindful of the chief's warning, he testified that when he came back up the street, he peeped out again at the light and it said, "Go." Again, he went. A Chevrolet coupe was ahead of him, he continued, and he followed as closely behind it as he could, quite sure that the light still meant for him to keep going.

Again, Chief Holmes stopped him; and again, upon looking out of his car, he discovered that the light had switched signals on him. The chief ordered him to court.

Trial Justice Sawyer let McKinley by with the court costs. A little indignant over the trick the light had played on him, he appealed the case, whereupon Mr. Sawyer, remarking that he might as well have something to appeal from, imposed a fine of $10 and costs, placing his appeal bond at $500. Shortly after, McKinley had a change of heart, withdrew his appeal, and Mr. Sawyer took off the fine, letting the original judgment stand, whereby he only paid the court costs.

Thus it was that McKinley Midgett won the doubtful honor of being the first motorist to face the court here on a charge of disregarding the mandates of the new traffic device.

COLORED COUPLE FINED ON IMMORALITY CHARGES

Charged with immorality, Ed Miller and Rosa Long, both colored, were put under suspended sentences of 60 days in jail, suspension to be in effect for two years, conditional upon payment of fines of $10 and costs each in recorder's court Thursday. A second charge of housebreaking preferred against Miller was dropped when it appeared that the woman was not averse to his presence in her home.

Joshua Trueblood, colored, charged with driving an automobile without lights, was required to pay the costs of the court action.

All three cases were disposed of in recorder's court Thursday.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 2. Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: October 17.75, December 17.79, January 17.87, March 18.12, May 18.30.

New York, Sept. 2.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 18.75, a decline of 15 points. Futures closing bid: Oct. 17.66, Dec. 17.79, Jan. 17.87, March 18.08, May 18.25, July 18.05.

Revolt Leader

General George Kondylis, former Greek minister of war, who just headed the successful and bloodless revolution by which President Pangalos, the "Greek Mussolini," was overthrown.

Team Mates

For months a lone seal has made his home on a buoy that lies at the entrance to the Charleston harbor. And the tell-tale is perhaps as good a mate as he can find. The gull rides out when a ship up channel, and the seal swims over to meet it, in the hope he'll get some fish thrown to him. He is a favorite with U. S. navy sailors.

Tyrell Teachers Meet To Organize

Columbia, Sept. 2. The teachers of Tyrell county met at Columbia Saturday morning, August 28 and formulated plans for the year's work. Only four of the teachers for the 1926-27 term were absent, three of these being delayed on account of summer school.

The meeting was opened by singing "America." Prayer was offered by J. J. Johnston and a piano solo was rendered by Mrs. William E. Drake.

Superintendent W. D. Cox outlined the plans and objectives for the year's work, especially stressing the importance of increasing the school attendance. He urged the teachers to become better acquainted with the patrons of their schools thereby securing their cooperation.

The local unit of the North Carolina Educational Association was organized with 100 per cent membership. William E. Drake, principal of the Columbia school, was elected president; Robert L. Spencer, of the Pleasant View school, vice-president; W. J. White, of the Columbia school, secretary-treasurer.

J. S. Howard, district supervisor of vocational education, explained the value to the school and community of the home economics and agricultural courses recently established in the Columbia school. O. J. Monci, agricultural teacher, spoke of the necessity of having definite objectives toward which to work. William E. Drake, suggested various activities, as debating societies, literary and athletic organizations, which would help to create a good school spirit.

HAYES & WHITE CHANGES HANDS

Mike Mettrey, Back From Syria, Takes Over Established Business Here

The mercantile business of Hayes & White, on South Poindexter street, conducted for the last 12 years by Mrs. Minnie W. Hayes, changed hands Wednesday afternoon, the purchaser being Mike Mettrey, who has just returned to Elizabeth City with his family after a stay of two years in his home land of Syria. The new owner plans to conduct a bargain store there, along the lines of the one he ran on North Poindexter street before he returned to Syria.

Mike Mettrey already is doing business at his new stand, but will hold his formal opening Saturday, with a bargain sale beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning. The business of Hayes & White was established 14 years ago, and Mrs. Hayes took over the active management of it shortly after the death of her husband, Wayland Hayes.

The store is situated in the heart of the South Poindexter street retail district, which has increased greatly in importance in recent years, largely through the erection of a number of attractive new stores.

BUCK PRIVATE LIKELY CHOICE OF THE LEGION

Opposition Having Developed to General Pershing, Pendulum Swings in the Opposite Direction

IT'S PRIVATE LEE

He Hails From Topeka, Kansas, Is Fit to be General, but Impatience made Him Man of Ranks

By ROBERT T. SMALL

Washington, Sept. 2. Opposition having developed to the plan of electing General John J. Pershing commander of the American Legion to lead a second "invasion" of France next year, there has now been brought forward the suggestion that instead of a general a "buck" private shall be made the national commander for the trip back to the battlefields and to the boulevards of Paris.

This proposed drop from the highest rank to the lowest has caught the imagination of many legionnaires and real progress is being made. As a matter of fact the buck private to make the race already has been selected. He is Private Thomas Amory Lee, of Topeka, Kansas, described by his friends as "a man who might have been a colonel or a general but whose desire and zeal to serve his country and whose impatience at delays made him a man of the ranks."

The American Legion still is going forward with its plans to hold its reunion in France next year, marking the tenth anniversary of America's entry into the World War and the first landing of American troops on European soil. There is widespread belief in the legion that the anti-American outbursts of the past summer in France will have died down and been forgotten by the time the veterans of the Marne and of Chateau Thierry and of the Argonne and Belleau Woods sail for France next autumn. The French government within the last fortnight has reiterated its desire to have the American doughboys come to France for their reunion and have assured legion officials there never had been the slightest feeling against the men who fought beside the Poilus in the last successful stages of the conflict on the Western Front. This undoubtedly is true, for some hundreds of ex-doughboys still in France were asked to parade with the French veterans as a protest against the American debt terms.

The proposed Paris trip will be threshed out at the meeting of the legion in Philadelphia next month.

The legion has established the precedent of promoting its national officers through the various grades to national commander. If either General Pershing or Private Lee were selected for the French "invasion" the precedent would have to be temporarily set aside. There is likely to be opposition to such a move, but it is argued that if the trip to France is to be made on sentimental grounds, the commander for that trip should be chosen by the same token.

There is a great deal of romance behind the new battle cry: "Let a buck private lead the second A. E. F. to France." The Pershing boom has some powerful men in the legion behind it, but recently in New York the Pershing ticket to the national convention at Philadelphia was defeated. The counter talk for a buck private has sprung up only within the last few days, and, according to the friends of Private Lee, it so happens that there is in the legion a "buck" capable of filling the office of national commander—a man of splendid executive ability.

To begin with Private Thomas Amory Lee is a university man, a graduate of Kansas University and of Harvard law school. He fought through the war as a private, but now is a major in the officers' reserve corps. Private Lee's war record is something of an epic. It starts on the Champagne front in the fall of 1917 before American troops had wheeled into action. He served in the Foyer du Soldat and was more or less a "guest" of the French Army, doing nothing much but fight the Germans and getting shot at repeatedly. In the latter part of January, 1918, he signed enlistment papers in the French artillery. In theory he was a member of the famous foreign legion of France and was assigned to the artillery school at Fontainebleau. His orders were long delayed, however, and growing weary of waiting he secured his release and enlisted in the Twenty-sixth United States Infantry, a part of the famous First Division which was in action all through the war. Lee was in the first fighting at Cantigny. He was in the Mondidier-Noyons defensive, in the second battle of the Marne, was injured at Cantigny and wounded at Soissons. He was cited for gallantry on the field and recommended for the distinguished service cross.

Private Lee has been prominent in the American Legion ever since its origin and was a member of the legion pilgrimage which visited France in 1921.