

ACTIVITY FOR A PACIFIC CABLE.

Government Construction to Be Urged on Congress.

SENATE'S APPROVAL ON RECORD

Previous Opposition to Subsidizing Private Company to Build the Line Stronger at This Session than Ever Before.

A bill providing for the construction of a cable across the Pacific to connect the United States with Hawaii, Guam, and the Philippines, has been introduced in the Senate, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

This is in accordance with the sense of the Senate as taken two years ago. At that time Senator Frye introduced and had referred to his Committee on Commerce, a bill providing for the subsidizing of a private company for the purpose of laying this cable.

This was adjudge by the Senate to be the wrong way of going about it, and in the last session of Congress the subject was placed in the hands of the Naval Committee, with the idea that it would report a bill for the Navy Department to lay the cable and the Government should control it.

The Senate was then placed on record as favoring the Government ownership of the proposed cable, and the fact that the naval committee has control of the bill this year as well is taken as an indication that the Senate has not changed its mind.

Because of this attitude of the Senate with regard to the cable the friends of the plan for the purchase by the Government of the land telegraph lines have great hopes that their project will succeed.

Senator Mason has been receiving many promises of support from his colleagues in the Senate in his proposed fight for Government ownership of the telegraphs and he has a large number of letters from citizens from other parts of the country endorsing his endeavors.

Representative Corliss believes all lines should be owned by the Government, and it is said that a bill with this end in view is to be introduced when Congress reconvenes.

JEWELRY WORTH \$7,000 STOLEN.

Porch Climbers Make Rich Haul in Williamsport.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Jan. 2.—Porch climbers entered the residence of Senator J. Henry Curchen last evening when the family was at supper and stole over \$7,000 worth of jewelry.

Addison Kelly, a former Princeton student, who was a guest of the family, lost a fraternity pin and a gold charm valued as a prize.

DISTRESS AMONG AGRARIANS.

Peasants in Germany Reduced to Necessity of Eating Dogs.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The distress among the agrarians is most serious. They are flocking to the city in the hope of obtaining food.

Many have been compelled to eat pet dogs in order to escape starvation.

Things have reached such an extremity that the authorities at the village of Genes are seriously considering a proposition to open a dog butchery in order to properly prepare the carcasses for consumption.

CHICAGO MACHINISTS' STRIKE.

Proposition to Call It Off to Be Subjuggled This Afternoon.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Developments of the past forty-eight hours in the Allis-Chalmers machinists strike leave little doubt that the long struggle is almost at an end.

The executive board of District No. 1 of the International Association of Machinists met yesterday to consider a report from representatives who have been treating with the company and it was of such a rosy character that it was decided to refer it to the men directly affected by the strike.

It is said that a recommendation that it be adopted will be read to the men. With this end in view a special meeting of three lodges involved has been called for this afternoon.

In the event that the report of the committee is ratified by the strikers it is said that they will probably return to work not later than Monday.

DR. JOHN WESLEY BEACH DEAD.

Was for Fifteen Years President of Wesleyan.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Jan. 2.—Rev. Dr. John Wesley Beach, formerly president of Wesleyan University, died at his residence in this city during the night.

He was nearly seventy-five years old, and was graduated at Wesleyan in the class of '45.

After holding pastorates and acting as presiding elder of several districts in Southern New England and New York, he was made president of Wesleyan, and held that position nearly fifty years.

He resigned several years ago. He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter.

BOLD AND UNIQUE BLUFF.

Policeman Surrenders Prisoners at Point of a Corn cob.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 2.—While escorting several city prisoners over the streets of Clarkburg yesterday, Policeman Springs was relieved of his wards in a remarkable manner.

While he was not looking, Robinson, one of the men in the van, and thrust a corn cob in the face of the officer, commanding him to throw up his hands.

The policeman thought the man had a gun, and complied. While his hands were pointed heavenward seven prisoners escaped.

PENALTY UNDER NEW CODE.

Failure to Report Marriages Now Incurs a Fine.

Persons performing marriage ceremonies do not make a return within ten days. Under the old law persons performing the marriage service were required to make a return "as directed by law." This section has been changed, and reads, are required to make a return within ten days "under a penalty of \$50 for default therein."

John R. Young, Clerk of the Supreme Court, is having the new clause fixing a penalty inserted in all the licenses issued under the new code.

The first couple to secure a license were George A. Walker and Jennie M. Jones, both of Frederickburg, Va.

MYSTERIOUS CHICAGO SHOOTING.

Twenty-one People Arrested, and All Tell Different Stories.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Wholesale arrests followed a mysterious shooting yesterday.

John Groux was found in his room suffering from two bullet wounds, and twenty-one men, including two brothers of the wounded man, were taken into custody.

Groux is at the county hospital, and his recovery is doubtful.

A report of the shooting first reached the police through Ferdinand Groux, who claimed that he had found his brother with two bullet wounds in his side. He says he was attracted to the room by the noise made by John in pounding on the door with a hatchet.

After the wounded man had been taken to the hospital he stated that Edward Eaton, that three young men walked into his room and demanded his money. Each of the men carried a revolver, and one of the men he said, fired three shots, two of them striking him in the side. The robbers, according to Groux, then fled.

The stories told by the various persons connected with the attempted murder are so conflicting that the police believe none of them is true. They think robbery did not enter into the tragedy.

ROBBERS MAKE SAD MISTAKE.

Intended Victim Kills One and Captures Other.

THE AFFAIR OCCURRED IN CHICAGO.

Hero of Incident is Eugene Hector, a Newspaper Man, and Dead Robber George Donovan, of Respectable Parentage.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—George F. Donovan, said to be the son of respectable parents living in Springfield, Mass., and a brother of the secretary of the Philippine Commission at Manila, attempted highway robbery late last night at Twenty-first Street and Calumet Avenue, and was shot and killed by Eugene Hector, his intended victim.

Donovan's companion, Everett Conger, about whom the police know little, was arrested.

Hector a Newspaper Man.

Mr. Hector, who is a well-known Chicago newspaper man, and until he recently resigned, the financial editor of the "Inter Ocean," was on his way to the Twenty-second Street depot of the Illinois Central Road, bound for his home, when attacked by the robbers.

Donovan leveled a revolver at Hector and commanded him to throw up his hands.

Pulled His Pistol.

Instead, Hector pulled his pistol from the folds of his overcoat, where he had concealed the weapon, and quick as a flash shot the robber.

Then Hector covered Conger with his pistol and marched him to a policeman and turned him over to the law.

SURE OF CANAL LEGISLATION.

Senator Morgan's Advice From Nicaragua Very Encouraging.

Senator Morgan of Alabama, Chairman of the Intercommerce Committee of the Senate, has received advices from Nicaragua detailing the progress of negotiations between that country and the United States for the acquisition of territory through which to construct the Nicaragua Canal. These negotiations, Mr. Morgan says, have terminated much more favorably than he had ever hoped for. He could not give any details, because they were communicated to him in confidence, but declared his satisfaction with the outlook.

The opposition to the "Nicaragua Canal," said Senator Morgan, "is attracting considerable attention in the newspapers. It will have no effect upon the action of Congress. The Hepburn bill will unquestionably be passed by the House at a very early day. The Senate will also pass a Nicaragua Canal bill, and there will be complete harmony between the two houses. In my opinion nothing can prevent this legislation 'this winter.'"

The news which Senator Morgan has from Nicaragua is understood to be confirmation by mail of the recent cable report that Minister Mery had negotiated a protocol by which the Republic of Nicaragua bound itself to negotiate a treaty granting the United States practically a perpetual lease of a strip of territory extending three miles on each side of the canal, over which this Government should have unrestricted police powers, and in return for which the United States guaranteed the sovereignty of Nicaragua.

Senator Morgan's statement that the terms are much more favorable than he had hoped for is taken to mean that the Nicaragua Government has stated a reasonable price for which it is willing to transfer this territory to the United States.

POSTAL VIEWS OF MR. PAYNE

Denies Saying He Favored Government Control.

PENNY POSTAGE WOULD BE GOOD.

Thinks, However, that Revenue of Department Should Not be Reduced and Efficiency of Service Thereby Crippled.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 2.—Henry C. Payne said last night that all the talk about the policy he would pursue as Postmaster General was nonsense. He has been generally credited with being in favor of the postal telegraph, but says he never has expressed himself on that subject.

Regarding Telegraphs.

"I believe," he said, "in leaving something in the industrial line for the people themselves to attend to. I do not believe in the Government engaging in all kinds of business. It has been through the individual enterprise of the people that this country has grown and flourished and become great, and I see no reason for a change."

As to Penny Postage.

"Then, again, it has been said that I am in favor of a reduction of the letter postage to 1 cent. Upon this point I will say that the ideal rate would be a penny postage, but the first want is the best facilities that can be obtained. These should be extended before curtailing their efficiency by reducing the revenues."

Rural Delivery Favored.

"I believe in extending the postal service to the rural districts, in giving the towns and villages and the farming communities the benefits of free delivery which the cities have."

"Undoubtedly many abuses have grown up in the postal service. A large amount of matter is sent by mail which should not be and which costs the Government large sums of money. The mails should be limited to their legitimate functions."

As to Pound Rates.

"To what extent pound rates of postage should be allowed on books and trashy matter is a question which I do not think it wise to discuss."

WIRELESS TELEPHONY NOW ACCOMPLISHED.

KENTUCKY INVENTOR PROVES IT.

Sets up Instruments Six Hundred Yards Apart, and Numbers of People Converse Through Space.

MURRAY, Ky., Jan. 2.—By more elaborate and trying tests than ever before, Nathan Stubblefield, the eccentric electrician, who claims to have solved the problem of wireless telephony, convinced an audience consisting of fully half the citizens of the town that the sound of the human voice can be conveyed over distances without wires.

Distance of 600 Yards.

Stubblefield used his fifteen-year-old son as his assistant. The experiments were made between the courthouse yard and a point on the main street, and over distances from 200 to 600 yards.

The sound waves carried from sender to receiver without wire. The apparatus, to the uninitiated, was comparatively simple. The receivers were as used in ordinary work.

A Simple Apparatus.

The inventor sinks his wires several feet in the ground and they extend five or six feet above the earth perpendicular to the ground.

Batteries of his own construction are attached.

With the simple apparatus astonishing results were obtained.

Friends and city officials were placed at each end of the line, and the conversation could be plainly heard. Stubblefield made an exhibition in a larger city. He has received several propositions to exhibit his apparatus.

LIPTON CUP CONDITIONS.

Any Club in Yacht Racing Union of Great Lakes Eligible.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Competition for the Lipton Cup will be open to twenty-one-foot yachts, belonging to any club in the opening of the contest on the Great Lakes.

Organizations should bring enough of these fast little yachts here to give the warmest contest yet known in local yachting.

AFTER THE REFORMERS.

Chinese Government Arrests Prominent Figure for Being One.

HONGKONG, Jan. 2.—When the British steamship Powan from this port, arrived at Canton yesterday, the Chinese Government arrested Tsing Tsing, a prominent Chinaman, and a graduate of Han-lin College.

The accusation against him is that he is a reformer. It is believed that he will be beheaded.

Chinese here are indignant over his arrest, denouncing it as an outrage. They hope the British Government will interfere and prevent the execution of the prisoner.

Russian Tenders to China.

BIRMINGHAM, Jan. 2.—The "Post" today says the Russians have promised subsidy for five years to the Russo-Chinese bank, on condition that specified branches in China be opened immediately and that special facilities be given to Russian officials.

AMERICA AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT SHOULD NOT BE, SAYS VIRCHOW

The German Savant Declares That Every Power Here is Working Toward World Domination.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The "Lokal Anzeiger" has collected statements from prominent men as to what they most hope to see in 1902.

The most interesting of these is from Prof. Virchow, whose wish is that man should become more sensible.

He illustrates his opinion that sense is a remarkable spirit has entered the world, and events are mostly devoid of moral character. Only look at America, how every power there is being set in motion and directed to the end of gaining domination of the world. All the respect we learned at school for republics must vanish in view of this.

"When one knows persons who will bear the responsibilities of the world's events before history, one is faced by a complete riddle. I often had the honor of speaking to King Edward when he was the Prince of Wales, and I cannot imagine how he could allow the war in the Transvaal to continue raging for a single day."

"Then there is the Manchurian matter. First Russia robs China of a province, and then makes conditions depriving the Chinese of all freedom of action, and even lowering them to the position of slaves to the Russians. Knowing the czar, it is natural that I should ask myself how such an agreement could have originated. The czar certainly did not make the treaty. His whole character is opposed to the principles expressed therein. Yet there is the treaty, and China will have to accept it."

"There is something in the public spirit of our times which makes such things possible, so I wish men to become more sensible, to think more and to be more patient and more lenient."

CASTRO ON PIRACY NOT AN AUTHORITY

Officials of the State Department Think President Castro's Action Absurd in Declaring the Ban Right a Pirate Ship. Should He Make Formal Communication of His Edict to the United States, It is Probable That a Strong Answer Will Be Sent Protesting Against Such Construction.

So far as known the Ban Right can only be accused of filibustering, and that charge remains to be proven by a regularly established court after capture. Up to the present time the Ban Right has not been caught.

The nearest to a parallel case is that of the Virginia, a case of hateful memory to Americans. This boat, under American register at the port of New York, sailed for the south October 4, 1875. Twenty-seven days later she was seized by the Spanish gunboat Tornado and taken to Santiago de Cuba. There fifty men, her passengers and crew were blindfolded, placed with their backs to a firing squad, and shot to death. They had been declared by a Spanish court to be filibusters in the cause of Cuban revolt.

Secretary of State Fish maintained that the sufferers were not pirates, under the common law. Similarly the Ban Right is called upon a British register and, under Secretary Fish's ruling, cannot be considered engaged in piracy.

No doubt Great Britain will take notice of Castro's radical and perhaps rash proclamation, and thus add to the South American ruler's present embarrassment.

FEAR DROVE HIM TO SUICIDE.

New Yorker, Dreading Consumption, Takes Poison.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—In dread of death from consumption, Arthur Thompson, twenty-three years old, whom the doctors had declared to be free from the disease, committed suicide early today at his home, 314 West Fifty-second Street.

He drank two courses of carbolic acid, and staggered into the presence of his mother with the poison bottle in his hand.

The young man was a clerk. He lived at the home of his stepfather, John McGuire. Thompson's brother, Frank, died of consumption several months ago, and since that time Arthur imagined he was afflicted with the same malady.

He was examined by several physicians. All told him that he was in no danger, but he did not believe them.

Coming to America to Collect Funds.

ROME, Jan. 2.—The Hon. Rev. J. J. Kennedy, rector of the American College here, as soon as possible will start on a tour of America to collect funds to pay for the recent purchase of buildings by the college authorities and also with a view of increasing the number of students attending the institution.

Advertisement for Cascarets, featuring an illustration of a man and the text 'BEST FOR THE BOWELS' and 'GANDY CATHARTIC'.

'Well Bred, Soon Wed.' Girls Who Use SAPOLIO Are Quickly Married.

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REAR ADMIRAL ROE'S FUNERAL

Veterans Who Served With Farragut Act as Pallbearers.

Funeral services over the body of the late Rear Admiral Francis A. Roe were held at St. John's Church this morning at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. William T. Snyder, pastor of the Church of the Incarnation, and the Rev. Dr. Mackay-Smith, rector of St. John's, conducted the services at the church, and the chaplain of the Society of the Colonial War and the Sons of the Revolution, of which organizations the deceased was a member, assisted in the burial services at the grave at Arlington.

The following, including officers, who were members of Admiral Farragut's fleet, served as honorary pallbearers: Rear Admirals Nichol Ludlow, J. C. Watson, and A. W. Warner; Captains Bartlett and Sigbee, and Frank W. Hackett.

More British Battleships.

GLASGOW, Jan. 2.—The Admiralty has issued specifications to the Clyde Shipbuilders for two battleships, five armored cruisers of the first-class, and two of the third-class. The battleships will be of 16,500 tons displacement and will be the most powerfully armed vessels in the world.

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AMID NEW YORK'S HOLIDAY PLENTY A MOTHER DIES OF STARVATION.

Overlooked by Charity, She Perishes of Hunger, With a Baby on Her Breast.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—In a room bare of any furniture, in a tumble-down tenement of Brooklyn, a woman, with a four-month-old child on her breast, died early this morning of starvation.

She was Mrs. Mary Gillin. Her husband, James, has been out of work for several weeks and the last piece of furniture had been pawned.

A policeman entered just in time to see the woman die. The baby was lying on her breast, and the husband and half-famished children crouched on the floor.

The baby was sent to a hospital and the other children are being cared for by the Children's Society.

Millions of dollars were distributed here in charity during the holiday season just closed, but of this money, given so generously to relieve all distress and make happiness everywhere, not a single dollar found its way into the tumble-down tenement home of the Gillins, and for the lack of the bread that one coin would have secured to them the mother of the family perished of hunger while around them on every side were people feasting upon abundant and inviting viands.

The discovery of the tragedy came while the city was still felicitating itself upon the supposed fact that in the wonderfully widespread charity of the season every soul had been embraced, and it has served to cast one black shadow-band across the greater city's sunlit Yuletide.

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