

BELGIUM TAKES YANKEE PHONES

American Practice and Features Found the Best.

SERVICE ARRANGED BY ZONES.

Delivery of Telegrams Accomplished More Quickly Than by Messenger Boys—Public Stations a Reality—Communication With Distinct Points Satisfactory.

The most recent American practice in telephone construction is followed in Belgium probably more than in any other country of Europe, says Consul George W. Roosevelt in a report to the State Department.

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Precedent Declared Dangerous to Future of American Democracy.

Called a Faux Pas.

The appointment by President Roosevelt of a special delegation of prominent Americans to represent this country at the coronation of King Edward VII in June of this year, has caused a very animated interchange of opinion among the foreign diplomats regarding the matter with their respective home Governments.

An attaché of one of the foreign legations, who, for obvious reasons, wishes his name withheld, in speaking about the "American coronation embassy," as he was pleased to call the President's mission, said today, with a sarcastic smile playing about his face:

"This is all outrageously undemocratic and unrepresentative. It is, on the contrary, entirely in keeping with monarchical and autocratic customs and principles, which have hitherto assumed little responsive feeling in this country.

"However, there is one aspect to the affair on which the representatives here of the foreign powers, all of whom are at peace and on friendly terms with your Government, should have been consulted by your State Department before the course taken by the President of the United States was decided upon—I mean as to whether the appointment of the Embassy would have been looked upon with favor by our Governments or not.

"The United States occupies the front rank among the nations of the world, but that fact does not exempt the President and his executive officers from complying with international diplomatic laws and customs. There is no way of compelling them to do so, but then—

"The action of President Roosevelt in this connection is unprecedented in the history of diplomacy and American history, and has not been received with the best of grace by the representatives of Russia, France, Italy, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, and the South American Republics. Why? you ask. Very plain.

"Your Government did not send special embassies to the coronation of the Czar of Russia, the Emperor of Germany, the King of Italy, the inauguration of the President of France, and of the President of Switzerland, to the coronation of the Queen of Holland, or to the installation in office of the Presidents of the various South American republics, with whom you claim to be connected closer than with any other nation or power, and over whom you exercise a sort of self-imposed guardianship.

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Other Governments Likely to Make Claim for Similar Honors Hereafter.

The European powers and the South American republics as a ruler, and every country is represented at his court with the exception of America.

But, inasmuch as the underlying principles of imperial government of England are acquiesced in by your Government by the appointment of an embassy, in order to be consistent you should also see to it that the next Pope receives his due honors when he puts the tiara upon his head.

A Recognition of Monarchy. "President Roosevelt has done something which no other American has had the courage to do. He has voluntarily granted the monarchical governments the right and privilege to claim from the American Government a fact confession that the monarchical form of government is equal, or better, in fact, than the republican form of government; and you may know that the foreigners will insist on it that the precedent which has been established by President Roosevelt, and into which he has been so ably inveigled by the representatives of two European powers, shall be strictly followed at future occasions of a kind similar to the coronation of Edward VII.

"The special honors which are being rendered by your President to a country that is at war with the Governments and people of two Republics, the South African, looks like an endorsement by the American Government of the policy pursued by Great Britain in South Africa."

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UPHELD BY HIGHEST AUTHORITY.

Treaties Contain the Singular Verb Nowadays—Instances in Country's Earlier History When Other View Was Held.

The House Committee on the Revision of the Laws, in the course of its deliberations with the statutes, ran up against the time-worn proposition whether a singular or plural verb goes with the United States.

There was much discussion among the members. The worshippers of the singular form, while for the past fifteen or twenty years the latter had obtained almost exclusively, the question was practically settled, however, as far as the committee was concerned by the discovery of a pamphlet written by ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster with the title, "Are or Is?"

In this pamphlet Mr. Foster traces the course of changing the use of the words and quotes from Hamilton, Webster, Benton, Motley, C. F. Adams, Jefferson, Marcy, Seward, Fish, Evans, Blaine, Frelinghuysen, Brevard, Gresham, and Olney, who used it in the singular. In the earlier messages of President Jackson he used the singular form, and in later years Lincoln and, since the civil war particularly, Grant, Cleveland, Harrison, and McKinley had used it exclusively. He also quotes from "the decisions of the Supreme Court, those of recent years, invariably using the singular in connection with the United States."

In no class of documents is greater attention paid to the language employed than in drafting treaties, and up to 1890, the plural form was used. Since then, however, the singular has been accepted, and Mr. Foster points to the fur-seal treaty of 1852, the arbitration treaty of 1857, and lastly the Hay-Pauncefote canal treaty as conspicuous examples of the usage.

After reading the arguments and authorities Mr. Foster, the committee has decided that legally, at least, the United States "is."

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MR. AILES TALKS ON BANK CREDITS

DELIVERS ADDRESS IN NEW YORK

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Before the New York University School of Commerce, Accounts, and Finance.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Milton E. Ailes, Third Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, made an address on "The Evolution of Banking Credits" last evening before the New York University School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance, in the University Building, Washington Square. He said in part:

"Credit is to commerce what the subtle power of electricity is to transportation and communication. It is the mysterious something which gives life to trade, and by its side the use of actual money as a medium of exchange falls into a place of relative insignificance. If transactions were required to be carried on absolutely by means of money, not all the two thousand millions of dollars now in circulation in the United States would be sufficient to carry on the exchanges which take place in the city of New York alone in half a week.

Ellis Island Banking. "A striking example of the first and earliest function of the banker may be witnessed any day at Ellis Island. The immigrants before they leave the island visit the money changer there and exchange their foreign coin and paper currency for money of the United States. The money changer is allowed to make a reasonable charge to cover a profit and the expense which will be incurred in returning the money he has received to the countries whence it was derived. The entire history of banking and its development, together with the evolution of credit, lies between the duty which the money changer at Ellis Island performs and the varied and complex operations of a modern commercial bank, of which there are some three score or more in this great financial center.

"Storehouse of Credit." "The bank in the ordinary course of its affairs becomes, as it were, a storehouse of credit. The first great banks of modern times, those of Italy, France, and Germany, were more banks of issue than banks of deposit. In this country the first trend of banking development was in the same direction. Until 1890 the deposit and check system here was subordinate to the issue of notes.

"The country is confronted by a condition that demands almost immediate attention. Shall we recognize the fact that the present bank note is defective, and find some substitute for it, or shall we deny any necessity for bank notes and rely in the future entirely upon the gold which the mines of the world furnish us?"

Secretary Gage's Plan. "Among students of the question the belief is growing that the time is ripe for the gradual return to the best features of the old Suffolk banking system. Those who most strongly oppose Secretary Gage's views to better the banknote currency as secured in part by the assets of banks, do so because of the fear that the plan does not provide sufficient security for the note holder, but the Secretary demonstrates that the guarantee fund project would be entirely adequate, and he says that during the last thirty-six years, a tax of one-eighth of 1 per cent, as proposed, would have sufficed to pay all losses promptly, and the unused surplus in the credit of the guarantee fund would have been at the present time \$27,421,950."

Down-temperature. The temperatures registered by the standard thermometer at House & Herrmann's today were: 9 a. m., 37 degrees; 12 m., 42; 2 p. m., 41.

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VON WALTERSBERG COMING HERE.

German General and His Wife to Visit America.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—A special despatch to the "Staats Zeitung" from Berlin says that a German general and his wife are coming to this country in April.

The Countess von Waltersberg is an American-born woman and comes to visit her relatives in this country. The count commanded the allied armies in China.

Pistol Practice

Is becoming more popular among women. The reason given is that a woman should know how to use the pistol for self protection. The theory should be carried farther. Where a woman is in danger from assault one she is in danger from disease every day of her life.

Women have not only to run the risk of diseases which threaten husband, brother, and son, but they have also to guard against diseases which are peculiar to womanhood.

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The Remnants of Flannels consist of the accumulation of this season's goods, in lengths from 1 1/2 to 5 yards.

We will also sell the remaining remnants of Colored and Black Dress Goods and Cloths at half price tomorrow. These remnants are to be found at their respective departments, Eighth Street annex.

10 pieces of one-yard wide all pure wool White Flannel, the 50c kind. Special for Friday, yard. 33c

50 pieces of Sheer White Satin-stripe Lawn. An exceptionally fine quality—five styles. Actual worth 15c yard. For Friday only, yard. 9c

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Women's Muslin Drawers, made with deep hemstitched umbrella ruffle. Some with tucks. Good muslin. Special 22c

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\$1.00 W. B. Corset, made of Jean, high bust and long hip, two side specials. Bones guaranteed not to push through. Special for Friday. 49c

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