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CABLE CONTROVERSY FAR FROM SETTLED

NEWCOMB CARLTON MAKES WIDE CLAIM FOR WESTERN UNION—SAYS HIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO LAY CABLES IN ALL NAVIGABLE WATERS IN UNITED STATES—NAVY DEPARTMENT HAS INTERFERED.

New York, Nov. 23.—Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, declared tonight that his company has general authority under an act of congress to lay cables in all navigable waters in the United States, and a specific permit from the secretary of war.

Mr. Carlton made this assertion in a formal statement which he issued in connection with the company's application in the courts of the District of Columbia for an injunction to restrain the secretary of the navy from interfering with its plan to extend its telegraph lines from Miami, Fla., to Miami Beach.

"Last April," he said, "the Western Union Telegraph company commenced the construction of wires along the causeway over Biscayne bay, which separates Miami from Miami Beach. There are two drawbridges in the causeway and following usual procedure and in order to avoid interruption to navigation a cable is laid on the bottom of the bay at each of these drawbridges.

"The Western Union has general authority under an act of congress to lay cables in all navigable waters in the United States. In addition to this authority it holds a specific permit for this work from the secretary of war. The purpose of the construction was to improve the connection from Miami to Key West, the present connection being an unsatisfactory temporary affair to meet the requirements of government dredging operations.

"Notwithstanding the unquestioned right of the telegraph company to improve its system, further indorsed by the approval of the war department, the navy department has for months arbitrarily interpreted with the progress of the work by force of arms and stated that if the cable was laid they, the navy department, would immediately cut it. We are informed that this action was taken at the request of the state department, although the state department has no jurisdiction whatever over the extensions of the telegraph system.

"We have made diligent inquiry during the last eight months in an endeavor to ascertain what objection there was to our proceeding with this work and although we have been met only with the repeated promise of that department that they would at once straighten out the matter, we are as completely in the dark today as we were eight months ago, except that we now know that the power of the armed forces of the United States has been used to prevent the lawful carrying out of work which was authorized by an act of congress.

"It is because of this action that we are now seeking the protection of the courts in an effort to ascertain whether autocratic methods can be used to prevent the needed extension of telegraph service to meet the demand of the public."

New York, Nov. 23.—When informed that Secretary Baker had revoked permission for laying cables at Biscayne bay, Miami, Fla., granted the telegraph company, Newcomb Carlton, president, refused to comment on the action.

Asked if his company would make any move in the matter, Mr. Carlton replied:

"I have nothing to say tonight."

GOING TO GREENVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. White and Misses Mary and Jennie will go to Greenville tomorrow to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith.

MANY MARINES SICK OF DETAIL IN HAITI

Would Like To Go Home Or Some Other Place—Caused By General Barnett

Port au Prince, Nov. 23.—There is no doubt that many of the 1,300 marines on occupation duty in Haiti are sick of the job. They want to go home or somewhere else. It is a hard life for youngsters who are sent into mountain regions in the north, along peaks as high as Denver.

Often they are away from post for weeks, and they declare they undergo many hardships, not the least of which is lack of ice in a climate where it is absolutely essential.

Since the first session of the naval board of inquiry at Washington the marines have been hearing from home folk, anxious to know if they are taking part in "indiscriminate killings." This charge, first made by Major General Barnett, former commandant of the marine corps, and then corrected by him, has gone everywhere, marines assert declaring that the first statement has never been overtaken by the correction. This week's steamer brought hundreds of letters, all seeking the truth about conditions. The marines contend that they are on rough duty, and then are held up at home as rough men with the gun.

Major General Neville, a member of the naval board of inquiry, inspected every part of the fighting plant here and found many things to commend, but declared it was not properly equipped. This he found, was particularly true as to hospital facilities. There is not an X-ray machine on the island, and naval doctors in charge assert they cannot provide adequate service for the sick. Appeals for help are said to have brought the answer that there were no funds. Haiti is not a health resort and there is much disease.

MRS. LOFTIS DIES

The friends of Mrs. Courtney B. Wilson will regret to learn of the death of her mother, Mrs. Loftis, which occurred at the family home at Brevard, N. C., yesterday. Mrs. Loftis has been a sufferer from cancer for many months. Mrs. Wilson has been with her mother for sometime and was there at the end.

COTTON TODAY

The cotton futures market advanced about 50 points yesterday over the day before and the close today was about the same as yesterday's closing. December futures in New York were 16.80. The spot market in Abbeville remained at 16 cents for good grades with not a very large amount being offered.

Credit conditions in the country at large were reported better, and while the conditions are not what they might be, things look more hopeful.

NOT THE WHOLE FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gambrell, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Gambrell, Mr. and Mrs. George Penney will go over to Greenwood tomorrow and have Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Otis McMillan.

MOVING IN

When Judge Frank B. Gary went up to lunch today, he discovered that his neighbor and friend, Corp. Kerr, was moving in. Just as the Judge drove by the Corp. was crossing the fashionable speedway, sometimes called Greenville street, with an armful of movables, consisting of his extra shirt, two new pairs of socks, his pink night shirt and the Panama lid he wore last summer. Tomorrow morning, if you desire to call on him, you will find him with his right foot hanging over the big post at the right hand corner of the Dutch Kolone.

Wreck on Seaboard

Freight Train Wrecked at Coronaca Last Night, Twenty-Seven Cars Going Thru Bridge—Conductor Carroll in Charge Train

An extra freight train was wrecked at Coronaca creek last night, twenty-seven freight cars going thru the high bridge at that point and landing in the bottom below. The train was in charge of Engineer Bill Payne and Conductor Wilton Carroll. The engine, cab and three cars went across safely, and nine cars with the cab were left on this side of the trestle, the train being North-bound. No one was hurt so far as reported.

This is the second time that Conductor Carroll's train has gone thru this trestle. Some eight or nine years ago the engine of his train went down with the trestle, his engineer, Mr. Hinnant, being injured and the young fireman, Mr. Camp, being killed. Hinnant sued the Seaboard at the time securing a large verdict for damages at the Greenwood court, and he has since been out of the employ of the road. Mr. Carroll was uninjured then as he was last night.

BOY SCOUTS TO RESCUE

The Boy Scouts are active this Thanksgiving. At the meeting Tuesday evening it was decided to provide eight dinners for those people who need assistance at this season. Accordingly each patrol was asked to provide a basket to be sent out to such family as may be designated. In order that the people most needy may have a good dinner on this day each of the churches of the city was asked to name a family to which a basket should be sent, and the management of the cotton mill was asked to name three families in that section. The baskets will go to those designated.

JUDGE BENET GOES WEST

Judge W. C. Benet, of Grimshaws, N. C., is leaving this week for Tacoma, Washington, where he goes to spend the winter with his son, Mr. Sam McGowan Benet. The Judge is in the best of health and is looking forward to his trip with great pleasure. He has the Press and Banner to follow him in order that he may keep up with his old friends at Abbeville. He also sends us a fine sketch of Chief Justice Gary which we hope to reproduce at an early date.

SEEING THE PREACHER.

Mr. J. Allen Smith and Dr. S. G. Thomson have gone to Quitman, Ga., to see Dr. Campbell and to extend to him the call of the Presbyterian Church at this place. It is hoped that they may persuade this distinguished preacher to come to Abbeville.

CUBA WANTS A LOAN TO RELIEVE SUGAR

Washington, Nov. 23.—The Cuban government notified the State Department today that it was sending a representative to Washington to confer with officials here regarding the appointment of an American financial adviser to discuss the matter of a loan to relieve the Cuban sugar situation. Such a loan was proposed at a conference here some weeks ago, but the negotiations for putting it into effect have thus far brought no results. It is believed that the Cuban representative now enroute to Washington has another proposal for submission to American officials and bankers.

GIVING THANKS.

We have many things for which we must be thankful, notwithstanding the grand old hard times through which we are passing, and one of the things for which we are thankful is our good subscribers, and one of the best of them is our old friend, Col. C. H. Edmunds, the potato wizard. He brought us a peck of the finest we have seen this year.

Thanksgiving at City School

Given At the Graded School Building Tuesday Afternoon was A Splendid Success—Schools Take Holiday—Until Monday Morning

The Thanksgiving Carnival given in the graded school building yesterday was excellent for those that could see and hear and "took" so well with the crowd present that the teachers have consented to repeat the carnival with some additions in the Opera House at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, November 30. The admission price will be 25c for grown ups and 10c for school children. The amount realized at the performance yesterday afternoon was over \$80 which has been turned over to the Parent-Teacher association to apply on the purchase fund for new window shades for the school buildings.

The sum of 44.40 was cleared from the Winthrop college picture Monday evening which amount likewise is donated to the shade fund.

The pupils went home rejoicing this afternoon with two whole holidays staring them in the face and the teachers were not grouchy either with their November checks folded in their hands and the prospect of big Thanksgiving dinners awaiting them tomorrow. Some of the teachers have elected to spend Thanksgiving in Abbeville, some are going home, and some are going to Spartanburg to attend the State Teachers Association. Among those going to Spartanburg are Supt. J. D. Fulp, Principals J. M. Daniels and May L. Robertson; Misses Wilhelmina Riley, Rebecca Jones, Niza Kilgore, Esther Todd and Ruby Anderson. Supt. Fulp is to make two addresses at the State Teachers Association, one before the School Improvement Organization and the other before the Department of Principals. Mr. Daniel is also to make an address before the Principals' meeting.

The last game of football of the season will be played in Abbeville at 3:30 p. m. Friday when the Abbeville team meets the strong team from Belton. A good game is promised all those who attend.

BIG SUPPLY NARCOTICS FOR HOSPITALS SOON

New York, Nov. 23.—More than a million dollars worth of narcotics soon will be available for use in hospitals throughout the country as the result of seizures by government agents here within the past two months, it was announced today by Frank L. Bod, supervisor of the prohibition enforcement department.

The drugs, principally morphine and cocaine were sent to Washington where they were examined and standardized for medical use.

WHOLESALE PRICES REDUCED IN SHOES

St. Louis, Nov. 23.—Further reduction in the wholesale prices of certain styles of shoes was announced by two shoe manufacturers today. A general reduction of 10 per cent. was made by the McElroy-Sloan Shoe company, officials of that firm said today. The Brown Shoe company announced that men's calfskins were reduced from \$7.50 to \$5.60, enabling a retail reduction from \$11 to \$8. Women's calfskins, the announcement added, were cut from \$6 to \$4, enabling the retail price to decline from \$8 to \$6. Workmen's shoes were cut to \$2 from \$3.85, which, it was said, should allow the retail price to fall from \$6 to \$4.

A DISTINGUISHED MAN

Captain Phillips, of the Erskine College football team accompanied by his fellow warriors passed through Abbeville today on his way to Macon, Ga., where they will play Mercer tomorrow. Captain Phillips and his men were looking "fit to fight," and they will give a good sample of the way Seceiders go at the job when they meet their opponents tomorrow.

WOULD INDICT THOSE WHO AID THE FARMERS

PEACE CONFERENCE AT RIGA BROKEN UP

Soviet Accuses Poland of Not Meeting Agreements—May Be Renewed Soon.

Warsaw, Nov. 23.—Negotiations looking to a permanent peace between Soviet Russia and Poland have been broken off by the former at Riga, where the delegations have been in conference.

Great Soviet armies are being gathered to crush General Balakovich, commander of "irregular" forces which have been operating east of the armistice zone between Poland and Russia proper, and other Bolshevik legions are pursuing scattered Ukrainian armies which are fleeing from the region west and northwest of Kiev.

All along the southeastern frontier of Poland there is pouring in a perfect rabble of refugees, civilian and military, who are seeking safety before the advancing wave of Bolshevik armies.

This condition of affairs has caused grave concern in this city, notwithstanding the official optimism over the break in the Riga peace conference.

It is stated the Soviet government refused to go on with the peace negotiations because some Polish troops have not withdrawn to the line fixed in the preliminary treaty between the Bolsheviks and the Warsaw government.

It is stated the demands of the Soviet delegation will be met, and that the pourparlers will be resumed at once.

Commissioners sent into Lithuania by the council of the league of nations have been held up by damaged bridges and apparently have been able to do little toward reaching an adjustment between the Lithuanian government at Kovno and the "central Lithuanian republic" established at Vilna by General Zellgouski.

WORK ON COMMUNITY BUILDING TO BEGIN SOON

The first carload of lumber and materials for the Community Building at the Abbeville Cotton Mill has arrived. The Fiske-Carter Company has been engaged to do the work. Other materials have been bought, and as soon as a site is finally located work will begin on the building.

HELP FOR FARMERS WHEN LAWS COME

Washington, Nov. 23.—Early passage of laws legalizing cooperative marketing will be of considerable help to farmers, it was declared by the National Board of Farmer Organizations at a meeting today to discuss plans for a farmers' conference to be held at St. Louis December 16. Reestablishment of the war finance corporation would also furnish some relief, in the opinion of the board.

Members of the board discussed among themselves the type of man who, in their opinion, should be named as secretary of agriculture. It was asserted, however, that no individuals were mentioned in this connection.

GREER WOMAN IS DEAD AT AGE OF 107 YEARS

Greer, Nov. 23.—At the age of 107 years, Mrs. Margaret Mason died at her home two miles from Greer early Sunday morning. She was one of the oldest women in the entire south.

Mrs. Mason had been confined to her room for the past five or six years. She leaves a large host of relatives, including children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held this morning at 11 o'clock from the home of the Rev. O. M. Abney, pastor of the Greer Methodist church, officiating.

BARRETT CLAIMS FEDERAL AGENTS ARE AFTER INFORMATION—ISSUES A STATEMENT—CALLS ON FARMERS TO HOLD THEIR PRODUCTS OFF THE MARKET EVEN IF THEY HAVE TO GO TO JAIL FOR IT

Washington, Nov. 23.—Declaring "that he understood federal agents are already going over Kansas, Iowa and other states trying to get evidence necessary to the indictment of men who are asking farmers to hold their crops," Charles S. Barrett, president of the National Farmers Union, through a statement issued today, appealed to members of his organization to stand together and not sell their products at present "ruinously low prices."

"Show that you have the moral courage to go to jail if necessary," Mr. Barrett advised members of the Farmers Union. "The word seems to have been passed around that farmers were to be taught a lesson—they were getting troublesome."

The farmers' answer to claims of over production, Mr. Barrett said, should be:

"We will simply lessen production. This was 'no idle threat'," he said, adding:

"From every part of the country comes the promise that this policy should be adhered to until the country wakes up to the fact that it must either go on short rations or pay you wages high enough to live on."

Efforts of the farmers toward cooperation, Mr. Barrett said, has met with strong opposition from the first. He charged that "deliberate efforts" had been made to prevent them from buying collectively.

"For seven long weary years," the Farmers Union president added, "the farmers of this country had placed over them a secretary of agriculture not in real sympathy with and with little understanding of the needs of agriculture and who now as secretary of another department is being used apparently as a willing and eager tool to enforce deflation of farm products."

Mr. Barrett's appeal further stated that the only course to the farmers was to help one another and by raising sufficient money to finance more adequately "our business undertakings so that we can hold and market farm products ourselves in a business like, orderly fashion."

MILLIONS LOST IN LOOSE PRACTICES

Cancellations by Merchants of the Country Are Heavy—Lack of Moral Fibre

New York, Nov. 23.—Loose business practices throughout the country in recent months have led to the loss of \$250,000,000 through the cancellation of orders for merchandise, it was declared here today in a statement by H. F. Parker, an official of the National Association of Credit Men.

Barker, who is chairman of the cooperation and credit methods executive committee of the association, declared that a surprising lack of moral fibre has been revealed in a survey of the cancellation practice and that of "indefinitely holding up orders for later instructions."

VISITING IN ATLANTA.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Greene and Son Bill went over to Atlanta this afternoon to spend Thanksgiving with Misses Mary Greene and Victoria Howie. Son Bill expects to take in the Tech-Auburn football game tomorrow so as to be able to tell Hoodie Bradley and the other boys at Monday's recess how the trick was turned.