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MORTGAGE-JOINT OBLIGATION.

The Supreme Court of Louisiana held, in the recent case of Randolph v. Starke, that the joint nature of the principal obligation does not necessarily negative the indivisibility of the mortgage by which the obligation is secured, an indivisible mortgage frequently securing a divisible debt; that where two persons joining in a joint personal obligation secure the whole indebtedness by a mortgage on certain property in its entirety which belongs to them in indivision, each owner stands as surety for the other for the portion of the debt beyond that owned personally by herself, and that where two debtors bound only jointly have mortgaged their common property in its entirety for the whole debt, each of the debtors is bound "with the other," the mortgage being indivisible, while if one pays the whole debt subrogation takes place in his favor.

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A scheme for connecting the mainland of Europe by cable with Greenland and Iceland is thus described in a report from United States Vice-Consul Blom, of Copenhagen, to the State Department at Washington:

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"The Great Northern Telegraph Company, Limited, of Copenhagen, is willing to lay and work the cable provided it is guaranteed a certain sum from the various governments and other parties interested. The Royal Danish Meteorological Office, in Copenhagen, has issued circulars to kindred institutions throughout the world requesting them to subscribe to daily weather bulletins from Iceland and Faroe Islands.

REAL estate owners of Outremont, near Montreal, have decided by a vote of seventy to twenty-one, representing a property valuation of \$500,000 to \$100,000, to raise \$50,000 for the purpose of civic improvements.

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