

USE WIRELESS TO RELIEVE CABLE COMMUNICATION

War-time and Post-war Verbiage
Caused Serious Block on Cables
—Necessity For New British
Cable

London, Sept. 16.—In response to an invitation from Lord Milner's committee appointed to deal with the subject of improved cable facilities, the Empire Press Union selected a small sub-committee to offer suggestions.

In their report to the main committee emphasis was laid on the enormous losses that had been suffered by com-

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mercial houses and the newspapers on account of the cable congestion, which was seriously aggravated by the prodigious use of the wires by the government departments far in excess of what the needs of war justified.

On the Eastern service the government wordage rose from the pre-war average of 8,000 words a day to over 50,000, and notwithstanding the appeals made in the House of Commons to the government officials to stop this extravagance, it continued during the war and even after the signing of the armistice. Speeches of members of the government running into thousands of words were cabled out to the Dominion newspapers. Not only were these messages too long for practical purposes, but they constituted a serious block on the cables.

There is so great an urgency for improved communications that, as a provision of large wireless stations can be

more speedily effected than the laying of long sea cables, no time should be lost in utilizing the possibilities of wireless to meet the needs of the hour.

It was pointed out at the same time that wireless is not likely to prove a permanent solution of the difficulty. If subventions have increased communication by mail it is reasonable to expect that a well devised system of cable subvention will also be fruitful of good results. Without the Pacific cable the world would have been paralyzed during the war and this is only one strand of copper wire 8,980 miles long, five miles down in the ocean and it has lasted seventeen years without a fracture in its deepest part. Should it break no one can tell how many months it will be out of commission. In order to make sure of that route being maintained, a new cable should be laid throughout from Banfield to Norfolk Island or at least from Banfield to Panning Island.

This would be an important link in the All Red Route which the Empire Press Union has advocated for years. Some people consider that the government's acquisition of the German cable to America via the Azores now extended to Halifax, is sufficient for the Atlantic link of that route, but it is not a quick route and it is in the hands of the bureaucratic post-office who, up to the present, have shown no desire to encourage press telegrams.

British Empire Cable

When the large number of American-owned cables that cross the Atlantic is borne in mind it is not too much to expect that a British Empire cable will soon be laid from Ireland to Newfoundland.

The committee strongly deprecated any interference by the government with the collection or distribution of news. Referring to the suggested creation of an Imperial news service under government patronage, it was pointed out that such a service could only be a form of propaganda. If the government will help to provide a means of communication the newspapers will furnish all the news that their readers require.

A proposal has been made whereby the world's news would be pooled in London. The committee are satisfied that such a scheme is unworkable, such pooling as is possible being already done by the news agencies, who are prepared to extend their service if the means of communication is improved.

ITALIAN ELECTIONS ARE EXPECTED SOON

People Puzzled as to What Platform Premier Will Adopt

Rome, Sept. 17.—A general election in the second fortnight of November is considered practically certain here. So discussion and speculation are rife as to the programme of the different parties. Giolitti, for the first time since the beginning of the war, will expound his ideas at a great banquet to be given in his honor at Dronero, the chief town of his constituency, on the 28th of this month.

What puzzles a great majority of the people is on what platform the premier will conduct the struggle, it being remembered that his desire was to form a cabinet including both Catholics and Socialists. If he did not succeed, it was not his fault. It is an old idea of Nitti that the differences between Catholics and Socialists is very slight. When the present premier was twenty-two years old and had just taken his degree, and when nobody yet foresaw in him a future statesman, he published a volume of 400 pages called "Catholic Socialism," wherein he worked out a theory of similarity between the two principles animating these parties. Some passages are sufficient to show his point of view.

He wrote: "The doctrines held by the early fathers of the Church on the la-

ture of property are perfectly uniform. They all admit that wealth is the fruit of usurpation and consider rich men as withholding the patrimony of the poor. To maintain riches should only serve to relieve the indigent; to refuse to assist the poor was consequently worse than to rob the rich."

Honor for Girl Mayor.

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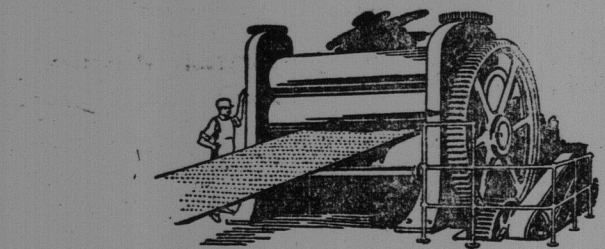
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Must Wait to Marry.

Dublin, Sept. 17.—"It is my command that none of my sons shall marry under the age of twenty-five," directed Michael Murphy in his will, leaving \$175,000. He was president of the Wine Trade Association of Ireland.

Whale of a Skin

London, Sept. 17.—The thickest skinned animal in the world is the whale, despite the claims of the rhinoceros for the honor. Nowhere is the skin of the whale less than several inches thick, and in some parts it is nearly two feet.



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MUTT AND JEFF—YOU JUST GOTTA THRUST GREATNESS UPON SOME GUYS

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COME ON, JEFF, LET'S GO AND SEE GENERAL PERSHING UNVEIL THE STATUE OF THE HERO OF THE ARGONNE FOREST BATTLE. THE IDENTITY OF THE HERO HAS BEEN KEPT A SECRET BY "PERSH."

BUT THAT STUFF BORES ME, MUTT!

FELLOW CITIZENS! WE HAVE MET HERE TO-DAY TO UNVEIL THE STATUE OF A BRAVE, FEARLESS SOLDIER; THE HERO OF THE BATTLE OF THE ARGONNE FOREST. I CAME IN CONTACT WITH THIS SOLDIER FREQUENTLY. ONCE HE BEGGED FOR PERMISSION TO ENTER THE GERMAN LINES! HE TOLD ME HE WOULD BRING ME THE CROWN PRINCE'S EARS IF I WOULD GRANT HIS REQUEST!

WHAT TH'?

BEHOLD! A STATUE OF PRIVATE JEFF.

I'M THE STATUE OF LIBERTY—TRA LA!

SEE! HE MAY GET OVER IT!

POOR MUTT!

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By "BUD" FISHER