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While most people don't know much about the mysteries of wireless telegraphy, the conviction is universal that it is yet only in its infancy, and, therefore, the public mind is prepared to accept almost any prediction that may be made concerning its future achievements. Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the United States Weather Bureau, declares that the time is coming when ocean transportation will be far safer than riding on a street car is today. In a statement made to the committee on agriculture of the house of representatives at Washington Mr. Moore said:

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There was a time, not very long ago, when a Conservative newspaper would consider it its duty to refrain on every and all occasions from uttering a word of approval of any act of a Liberal administration. Happily, that day has passed. It will be recalled that the other day, when it was announced from Ottawa and Montreal that the federal government had determined to

FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Monday, March 23, 1868

A number of United States officers, belonging to the San Juan Island garrison, will go to New Westminster on a visit to His Excellency, in the steamer Diana

have been developed within the past few months.

BRITISH OPINION

London Standard.—According to a circumstantial account, which is believed in Paris, the French Government has decided to consolidate its military position in Morocco. The alert and capable officer who for some time past has been supervising the defence of the Algerian frontier, General Lyantez, was recently summoned. On Dit—That the editor of the Columbian is about to resign his "gray goose-quill" and betake himself to an avocation more fitted to his talents (talons) vis., stump-pulling. We wish our late contemporary success in his congenial employment.

The speech of His Tooks (Tooks and Since his arrivel has been ceau and the Ministers of War and Marine. Probably in consequence of his advice the Cabinet is resolved to press matters forward. On the whole the Government is no doubt wise in facing the unpleasant fact that France is committed to a serious military unsured dertaking, one that is likely made more formation. Lyautez, was recently summoned home, and since his arrivel has been governments of the world will compel every vessel above a certain tonnage to carry a wireless instrument and operator, and transmit all messages received by it. The result of such legislation, he points out, would be that storms would be located and their direction made known to all vessels. When a vessel learns that a storm is centred in a certain locality, through one ship reporting to another its observations, it will be possible for her, the course, to avoid the storm-belt; or, at all events, to be prepared to meet the conditions. Prof. Moore is of opinion that wireless telegraphy should be under the control of the government, as the competition of different companies results in detriment and inconvenience. He mentions a case of a ship which was disabled and sent a wireless message, whici message was received by a competing company, and suppressed Therefore, while not prepared to advocate government control of the not prepared to advocate government ownership, he is complicated from the interest of the received from the entire Atlantia ocean, and transmitted to vessels everywhere, it is clear that Prof. Moore's comparison between ocean and street car transportation will be at least to some extent justified, adds the St. John Times.

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