

CABLE SERVICE TO U.S. ABROAD AIRED IN QUIZ

Senate Committee Witnesses
Say France and England
Censor Messages.

MIAMI CASE IS HEARD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—American precedents in such cases were upheld by the State Department in refusing to permit the Western Union Telegraph Company to land a cable at Miami, Fla., without a permit. Norman H. Davis, acting Secretary of State, told a Senate committee today at the beginning of hearings on the whole cable situation.

Davis, in answer to questions by Senator Kellogg, chairman of the committee, told the history of the South American cable case, in which the Western Union Telegraph Company, a British concern, has a monopoly in Brazil and the rest of the eastern portion of South America, and has refused to share this business with the All-American Cable Company, which operates on the western coast and has land lines to Rio and Santos.

He told of the controversy over the extent to which, in showing how France and Great Britain had utilized the Atlantic cables, have shut the United States out of direct communication with central Europe and Scandinavia. He declared the United States is standing firm for a restoration of the service which obtained before the war and also adheres to its claim to part ownership of the cables.

CHALLENGED AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT

Kellogg first took up the controversy over the attempted landing at Miami.

The Western Union, Davis said, first asked for a permit to land at Miami, but later challenged the Government's authority to require it to get a permit.

Efforts were made to get the Western Union and the Western Telegraph Company to agree to certain conditions which would have been of benefit to American business men.

It was suggested, Davis said, by the All-American Cable Company that a traffic agreement be made between it and the Western Telegraph Company to permit the All-American to serve eastern South America, but this was turned down.

Davis agreed to give the committee copies of all landing permits granted by the Government to cable companies.

BRIGHT TO GO TO OWN MESSAGES.

Walter S. Rogers, who like Davis, was an American delegate to the international communications conference, declared the important condition of the three, the Government sought to impose on the Western Union before allowing the cable landing in Miami, is the one giving the service the right to route his cables as he pleases.

Rogers went into the controversy over the Miami-Barbados cable. He said the Barbados legislature sought to pass an act providing among other things that any cable station on that island should be permanently manned and controlled by British subjects, employees of the Western Telegraph or some other British company.

He declared the censorship of commercial messages is a great disadvantage to Americans. Rogers said he had often heard that the British and French had not so far as to give up to their own nationals certain cable messages between American and foreign business men. Both Davis and Rogers asserted that the United States should have direct cable communication with foreign lands even if it has to build the cables itself.

POSITION SINCE 1914 IS TOLD.

In discussing the controversy between the United States and the other powers over the former German cables, both Davis and Rogers confined themselves to explanation of the history of the cables and the status in the most general terms of the position of the United States. The present position since 1914, the United States has had no direct cable communication with Central Europe, because the British and French cut two cables from Emden which landed on Long Island. The British diverted the European end of one cable to Penzance; the French took the other one to Brest. Late in 1918, the British cut the Penzance cable 600 miles out of New York and took it to Halifax. Davis also told of the situation in the Pacific concerning the Japanese cable and other German cables there.

At this afternoon's session of the committee officials of the All-American Cable Company will be heard, and will be followed by Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union.

Mexican General Dies

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 15.—Gen. Benito Hill, secretary of war, died today. He was in command of the anti-Carranza troops in Sonora when the May revolution broke out.

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GAS COMPANY ASKS RATE BOOST

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as a consequence it has become increasingly difficult for utilities to sell their securities.

During the past four years (with the exception of the first nine months following the armistice when there was a business depression, and with the exception of the past month when the business depression has set in), there has been an active demand for coke and the by-products of petitioner's manufacture almost the entire market for which, other than water gas, has been outside the city of Indianapolis. By reason of the profit made from such transactions the consumers of gas in the city of Indianapolis have had to pay more for coke at that which it could be produced but for such conditions. So that it has been literally true that cheap gas was a by-product at a price below the price of coke.

"Occupation of the premises ceases with his employment and he is as such a trespasser and will be treated as such," said John Carroll, representing the landlords.

The stock issued by the company for 1920 has received up to this date \$2,000,000, of which \$1,000,000 has been paid in dividends on 10 per cent per year. The stock is now at par value, or above par value, go into the treasury and no dividends can be paid thereon.

The stockholders thus received up to this date \$2,000,000, all of which has gone into the gas properties.

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