

The Pacific Cable.

The terms agreed upon between the administration and the Commercial Cable company for the laying of the Pacific cable were made public November 24. The company is given permission to construct telegraphic lines and cables on the Pacific coast and various territorial waters of the United States to connect the city of San Francisco, the city of Honolulu, and by way of the Midway islands and the island of Guam, the island of Luzon in the Philippines and a point on the coast of the empire of China.

As a condition precedent the company is to file its written acceptance of the terms on which consent to construct the cable is given. These terms are as follows:

1. That the company has not received any exclusive concession or privilege and has not combined or associated with any company or concern to exclude any other company or concern formed in the United States of America from obtaining the privilege of landing its cable on the coast of China or connecting them with other cable lines or inland lines of China and the company will not make any arrangements with any such company or concern for such purposes.

2. That the cable shall touch at no other than American territory on the way from the United States to the Chinese empire. A line from the Philippines to China shall be constructed within one year and operated independently of all foreign companies and concerns.

3. That the rates to be charged for commercial messages shall be reasonable and in no case in excess of the tariff set forth in congressional document No. 368, house of representatives, Fifty-seventh congress.

4. That the government of the United States, any department thereof, agents and insular or territorial officers and governments, upon the route of such cable shall have priority for their official cablegrams over all other business at such rates as the postmaster general shall annually fix.

5. That the United States shall at any time save the right to purchase the cable lines, property and effects of the said company at an appraised value to be ascertained by disinterested persons, two to be selected by the postmaster general, two by the company and the fifth by the four.

6. That the government of the United States shall have authority to assume full control of the cable during war or when war is threatened.

7. That all contracts entered into by the company with foreign governments for the transmission of messages by the cable shall be null and void when the United States is engaged in war, or as the president or congress shall so elect.

8. That the United States shall have authority to sever at discretion all branches which may be connected with the main cable during the war or a threatened war.

9. That the operators and employees, above the grade or unskilled, after the cable shall have been laid, shall be exclusively American citizens if the same can be obtained.

10. That the citizens of the United States and of its possessions shall stand on an equal footing as regards messages with citizens or subjects of any other country which said cable may connect.

11. That the cable shall be capable of an effective speed of transmission over the main route from California to Luzon of not less than twenty-five words a minute, which the said company agrees to make every effort to maintain.

12. That the cable laid shall be of

the best manufacture.

13. That ample repair service for said cable shall be maintained.

14. That the line be kept for daily business and all messages in the order of priority heretofore provided for to be transmitted according to the time of receipt.

15. That no liability shall be assumed by the government of the United States by virtue of any control of censorship which it may exercise in the event of war or civil disturbance, so far as messages directly connected with the war are concerned, but as to the stoppage of interruption of other business of the cable company the compensation therefor to be paid by the United States to the cable company shall be determined under the general law.

16. By the grant of this permission the United States government does not insure or indemnify the Commercial Pacific Cable company against any landing rights claimed to exist in favor of any company or companies in respect to any of the insular possessions of the United States.

17. That the consent hereby granted shall be subject to any future action by congress, affirming, revoking or modifying, wholly or in part, the said conditions and terms on which this consent is given. The acceptance of the terms and conditions upon which consent is given shall be evidenced by a copy of a resolution of the board of directors of the cable company under the company's seal, to be filed with the postmaster general of the United States, upon the filing of which full access shall be granted by the secretary of the navy to all soundings, profiles and other helpful data in the possession, or under the control of the navy department.

Costly Relief.

Just after "Charlie" Adler, the sometime assemblyman from "De Ate" district, returned from a trip across the continent, he told this story of himself:

"On my return to San Francisco as a joke I sent to a friend of mine, well known for his aversion to spending money, a telegram with charges collect, reading: 'I am perfectly healthy.'"

"The information was evidently gratifying to him, for about a week after sending the telegram an express package was delivered at my room on which I paid \$4.50 charges. Upon opening the package I found a regulation New York street paving block on which was pasted a card which read:

"This is the weight which your recent telegram lifted from my heart."
—New York Times.

Wanted It Home-like.

Far be it from me to make light of any one's sorrow, but when a woman still swathed in widow's weeds sees fit to betake herself and her garments of mourning to a frivolous matinee she—well, respect for her grief need not keep me from repeating what I heard her say. I couldn't help hearing, for she sat beside me, and after the first act she talked across me to a woman on my other hand.

"I was afraid I wouldn't get here at all," she said, "and I'm just tired out. I was out at the cemetery all morning."

"Are you putting up a monument?" asked the woman addressed.

"Oh, I had that done long ago," answered the widow. "I was out today looking after the plants and the ivy. I'm having an iron vase fixed up, and

I want it to be green all winter. It's so hard"—and here she sighed—"It's so hard to make a cemetery to look home-like, you know."—Washington Post.

Suited the Barons.

The trust barons who have grown opulent and insolent under the special privileges of the high tariff could not have written a message more to their liking than the one President Roosevelt sent to congress Tuesday.

The message contains the stock arguments of the tariff beneficiaries against the policy of reducing the tariff so that it will not afford special privileges to a monopoly; it contains the usual glittering generalities about trusts which have "good" in them and others which are "dishonest" ones. There is not lacking the ear-offending sentences about "striking down wealth" by closing factories and mills if the tariff is reduced. It is affirmed that congress has power to regulate trusts, and if it hasn't why, then the constitution can be amended. The effect of the whole matter is that the trusts should be "regulated" by their friends, just as we used to hear that the tariff should be "revised" by its friends.—St. Paul Globe.

Echo of the Bear Hunt

Said the owl to the bear, away down in Yazoo, "Someone's coming there. Who's who? Who's who?"

Said the bear to the owl, with accent unsteady, and with tremulous growl, "Why, bless me, that's Teddy!"

Said the owl to the bear, away down in Yazoo, "I have nothing to fear, for he's hunting for you."

Said the bear to the owl, glancing o'er the lagoons, with a still gruffer growl, "He'd better hunt coons."

—Nashville Banner.

Do Not Fear Hay.

American foreign policy under republican administration has been shaped so notoriously by dictation from London that we are despised. Neither king nor emperor fears "Little Breeches" in the state department.—Chicago Chronicle.

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