

Bitter Battle Raging Over German Cables

Split in International Communications Conference Threatened by Controversy over Distribution of Lines.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Disagreement between the representatives of the principal allied and associated powers over the disposition of the former German cables is understood to have reached a point threatening disruption of the preliminary international communications conference which has been in session here for some weeks.

The United States, Great Britain and Italy are said to have reached an accord on most of the principal points at issue, but France and Japan have refused to accede to the major proposals advanced by the United States and Italy and upon which the American and Italian governments insist.

Acting Secretary Davis of the State department, chairman of the American commissioners to the conference, laid the whole matter before the senate foreign relations committee at a two-hour conference today behind closed doors.

Italy Joins U. S.

So far as the United States is concerned, the principal issues in control of the cable lines centering at the island of Yap, in the Pacific ocean, and a direct line between the United States and Italy. Italy is joining with the United States in insisting on the direct cable between the two countries.

A plenary session of the delegates to the communication conference scheduled for today, was not held, it was said, because of the impossibility of reaching an understanding among the chief of the delegations of the five powers, who met last night informally in an effort to bring about a compromise.

At this informal conference, it is understood a proposal was brought forward that instead of proceeding in the attempt for the distribution of the cables among the five powers, an agreement was reached for joint ownership of the lines.

According to information today in official circles, the American government has proposed that a compromise be effected on the distribution of the cables emanating from Yap and now in the hands of Japan by the allocation of the Guam-Yap cable to the United States, of the Yap-Dutch Indies cable to Holland and of the Yap-Shanghai cable to Japan.

New York Quotations

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Market, Financial and Industrial News of the Day

Live Stock

Omaha, Dec. 11.—Receipts were: Cattle 7,976; sheep 1,340; hogs 2,874. Official Monday 4,845; Tuesday 4,845; Wednesday 4,845; Thursday 4,845; Friday 4,845; Saturday 4,845; Sunday 4,845.

Cattle—The cattle market was nominally steady this morning, only about 100 head being received. For the week total receipts were 37,000 as compared with 26,700 last week, and 26,700 a year ago.

Sheep and lambs—Not enough sheep or lambs were received today to make a market and prices were nominally steady. Trade was fairly active, but not heavy.

Hogs—About 5,000 hogs arrived for the trade and demand from both packers and shippers was fairly active at moderate prices.

Loss in Stocks.—In many well-known industrial stocks the week's net loss ran from 3 to 12 points, with a 16-point decline in Mexican Petroleum.

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