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U. S. AND ALLIES DISPUTE OVER CABLES.

Time and again it has happened in history that nations would league together and win a military victory over a powerful enemy—and then would fall out over the division of the spoils. The United States did not go into the world war to secure any spoils and it does not covet any territory or anything else.

However, it would seem only fair that we should at least have some little token of victory as a souvenir. You know when the allies started to distribute the territories taken from the Central powers, the United States asked for nothing of any account, but it did put in a request for the little island of Yap, in the Pacific.

Yap was used by the Germans as a landing place for a Pacific cable, and it was supposed that this little islet would be turned over to Uncle Sam with the best of grace. But not so; there are strings tied to Yap, and to everything, it seems.

In homely English the Jap wants Yap, and also the cable that links it up with the rest of the world.

On the Atlantic side, it is England and France that want the German cables. Prior to the war the Germans had two cables running from the United States to Germany, and these gave us direct communication with the continent of Europe. Early in the war the British cut one of these cables and changed it so as to run from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Penzance, England. Then the French cut the other one and changed it so as to run to Brest, France.

The result is that the United States is worse off than before the war. All our cablegrams have to pass through British, French or Japanese hands. We are now rivals of these countries for trade and it stands to reason that they will give preference to their own business and let ours suffer if necessary. It is charged that American concerns have lost valuable foreign contracts on account of delays etc. which have resulted from this indirect and uncertain means of communication.

On the other hand England, France and Japan have good arguments on their side. They had to fight Germany while we were "thinking neutrally" and doing big business on account of the war. They captured the German cables as the legitimate spoils of war, and it is natural that they should want to retain a sure grasp on these cables, which were a part of the Teuton system for securing a strangle-hold on the world.

There is thus a deadlock between the opposing interests. Many discussions have been held but still no agreement has been reached. A conference has just taken place at Washington on the subject, but the entente allies seem to have got the best of our representatives. Warning was issued by Senator Lodge that American interests would be vigorously upheld by the incoming administration. Finally it was agreed to leave the cable question practically as at present until the new administration gets into operation and the matter can be considered in all its aspects by the governments concerned.

There has been some criticism of Secretary Colby for going off to South America on a joy trip at this critical time and leaving this cable question and other diplomatic affairs in the hands of subordinates, who cannot cope with the experienced diplomats that other nations employ. Secretary Colby is

going to South America largely to congratulate Argentina on her entrance into the league of nations. Meantime Argentina has bolted from the league assembly and announced that she does not consider that she was ever a member as she signed up with reservations and her reservations were not accepted.—*Ibid.*

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IT is hereby brought to public notice that the Government has, this date, authorized REV. CHAS. E. TAYLOR to perform civil-religious functions in the Municipality of St. Croix.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Croix, 10th January 1921.

C. W. FOX,
Despatching Secretary.

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Capt. U. S. M. C.

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