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AMERICAN NEWS.

To the Editor of the

"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS."

SIR,—Your comment on the American news service made in this morning's issue, may give your readers a wrong idea as to the plans of the American Government in this matter. Since I helped Mr. McClatchy in working out the scheme which a congressional committee seems to have approved, I take the liberty of writing you an explanation.

It is not our idea that a Government subsidized news service should be sent to the Far East, but that the Government should offer its radio service at rates which will allow any news agency to enter this field and will allow any correspondent in the Far East to send news to America. The present cable press rate runs about 50 cents per word, a rate so high that all press telegrams from China to America are necessarily very brief. The rate also makes impossible a self-supporting news service from America to China. The proposal Mr. McClatchy made to Congress was that Congress authorize the Government radio stations to accept messages for transmission either way across the Pacific at a rate of 5 cents or 6 cents per word. This rate will apply to all *bonâ fide* news despatches and will not be subject to any censorship or Government direction, whatever. Any correspondent in China can take advantage of this rate to America and any newspaper or news association in China which wants to build up a special news service from America can also take advantage of it.

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