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Introducing Gen. Carty and Asst. Sec. of War at
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There is in this country one utility in which we all take pride. Our system of communications by telegraph, telephone, and radio is superb and is distinctly American. It has not, however, lost the characteristics of its ancient prototype. The modern development may still be compared to the messenger of olden times who bore in one hand the offerings of peace and in the other munitions of war. This great system of wires and wireless reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth, its purpose and mission is to send and to receive messages of common concern, of good-will and peace. However, it stands in readiness to catch the first murmur of a coming storm, to unite our common country into one vast audience, and to carry the voice of authority to our homes, our factories, and our fronts of battle should the four horsemen ride again.

This vast nerve system of our country grew from the brains of men of complete devotion to a purpose, of vision undaunted. The Vice President, for many years Chief Engineer, of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company has found it possible to be in Washington this week and has consented to speak to you. During the war, his outstanding services contributed in no small part to the success of our Signal Corps. Recently, through a Committee of which he was Chairman, there was secured a donation of \$500,000 for the establishment of an Aeronautical Engineering College at the New York University.

For his appreciation of the task on which the regular officers have made a beginning, of their dependence upon the assistance received from leaders of industry, and for the aid that he is giving, we are deeply grateful. It is a pleasure to present General J. J. Carty.

(Gen. Carty speaks)

How is Carty

The process of education is as continuous and comprehensive as the achievements and possibilities of the human mind.

The president of one of our Universities was recently quoted to the effect that a man can be considered educated so far as a school is concerned when he acquires an "unquenchable curiosity."

The first school pertaining to our National Defense was recommended by President Washington and when the Budget permitted was established a few years later. Its purpose was instruction in the art of war and also in the sciences considered necessary for the development of the young nation, as well as for its defense. After 47 years, this school, because of the service of its graduates, became an accepted proven element in our defense scheme. The second ^{General} Service School owes its beginning to General Sherman. The Third General Service School, our War College, was established by Sec. Root. For the fourth, we are indebted to the Asst. Sec. of War, Col. Dwight F. Davis, who is now Acting Sec. of War and from whom the diplomas will now be received.

(Mr. Davis speaks and give diplomas)