

into by the Postmaster-General by virtue of the powers conferred by the 16th section of the Telegraph Act, 1868.

2. Any person or persons or Company with whom a contract, agreement, or arrangement under the provisions of the 16th section of the said Act is subsisting, is and are hereinafter included in the term "contractor" or "contractors."

3. These regulations until revoked or altered apply to all Telegrams tendered for transmission as Press Messages.

4. Subject to the following proviso a Press Message may contain any of the following particulars, if intended for immediate publication in a newspaper, or for immediate exhibition in a news room, club, or exchange-room, that is to say:—

- (1.) Narratives, statements, information, or comments of, as to, or upon matters of public interest for the time being.
- (2.) Reports of public speeches, lectures, sermons, proceedings in Courts of Justice, or other public proceedings.

5. Provided always, that a Press Message must not consist of or contain any of the following particulars, that is to say:—

- (1.) Letters to the editor of a newspaper.
- (2.) Sporting prophecies.
- (3.) Anything for the publication of which in a newspaper a money payment is usually required from the person requesting such publication.
- (4.) Anything written wholly or in part in cypher or in a foreign language.
- (5.) Anything not intended for immediate publication in the newspaper to which it is addressed, or for immediate exhibition in the news-room, club, or exchange-room to which it is addressed.
- (6.) Any other matter, whether of a like kind with any of the aforesaid particulars or not, in respect of which the privilege of transmission at the special rates of charge hereinafter mentioned, would, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General be liable to be abused or be attended with inconvenience to the public service.

Illustration to Regulations 4 and 5.

Advertisements, election addresses, and ordinary notices of births, deaths, and marriages are not usually published gratuitously and cannot be transmitted as Press Messages.

6. In the absence of special arrangements to the contrary the only places at which Press Messages can be delivered, are—

- (1.) The publishing or printing offices of newspapers registered for inland transmission under the Post Office Act, 1870, with the proprietors or publishers of which the Postmaster-General has entered into contracts, agreements, or arrangements in pursuance of the 16th section of the Telegraph Act, 1868.
- (2.) News-rooms, clubs, or exchange-rooms, with the proprietors or occupiers of which the Postmaster-General has entered into contracts, agreements, or arrangements in pursuance of the same section.
- (3.) The offices of any Company or firm, or person, for the time being authorised by the Postmaster-General to act as agents or agent for any such newspapers, news-rooms, clubs, or exchange-rooms, or the proprietors, publishers, or occupiers thereof respectively, and which Companies, firms, and persons are hereinafter designated news agencies.

7. No office can be recognised as an office at which Press Messages can be delivered until it has

been accepted and registered as such by the Postmaster-General.

8. The only address on a Press Message must be the name of the newspaper, news-room, club, exchange-room, or news agency to the office of which it is to be transmitted, and the name of the city, town, or place in which such office is situated.

Illustrations.

- (a.) A Telegram addressed to any person by name or title is not a Press Message.
- (b.) A Telegram addressed to the Editor of the Times is not a Press Message. It should be addressed to the "Times, London."
- (c.) A Telegram addressed to the Secretary of the Athenæum Club, Pall Mall, is not a Press Message. It should be addressed to the "Athenæum Club, London."

9. In the absence of some special arrangement to the contrary, the list of addresses to which a Press Message is to be delivered must be written at the head of the message when tendered.

10. The rates of charge for the transmission of a Press Message tendered for transmission to one or more addresses at 6 P.M., or between 6 P.M. and 9 A.M. (hereinafter called the Night Rates), are as follows, that is to say:—

- (1.) One shilling for every one hundred words, or for any fractional part of one hundred words, and also
- (2.) If intended to be delivered at more than one address an additional sum of two pence for every one hundred words, or for any fractional part of one hundred words (hereinafter referred to as the Night Copy Rate), in respect of every address except one at which the same is to be delivered.

11. The rates of charge for the transmission of a Press Message tendered for transmission to one or more addresses at 9 A.M., or between 9 A.M. and 6 P.M. (hereinafter called the Day Rates) are as follows, that is to say:—

- (1.) One shilling for every seventy-five words, or for any fractional part of seventy-five words, and also
- (2.) If intended to be delivered at more than one address an additional sum of two pence for every seventy-five words, or for any fractional part of seventy-five words (hereinafter called the Day Copy Rate), in respect of every address, except one at which the same is to be delivered.

Illustrations to Regulations 10 and 11.

- (a.) A message of 70 words addressed to a newspaper at York is charged one shilling.
- (b.) If the same message be addressed to two newspapers, one at York and one at Bath, the charge is one shilling and two pence.
- (c.) If the last-mentioned message contains 101 words the charge is two shillings and four pence.

12. If after the transmission of a Press Message the sender desires to have it transmitted to an address not included in the original list of addresses, but in a town to which it has been transmitted, the additional charge for such additional transmission shall be at the Day or Night Copy Rate as the case may be, but if the additional address is in a town to which the message has not been transmitted, the message is, for the purposes of such additional transmission, to be treated as a new message.

13. The charge for the transmission of a Press Message includes the charge for delivery by special foot messenger within the limit of one mile from the Terminal Telegraph Office, or within the limit