

*Special Day Rate for Morning Papers.*

From or to stations *not* reopening in the evening, telegrams not exceeding 300 words and lodged not later than 4.30 p.m.:—

For each 100 words or fraction of 100 words ... .. 1s. 0d.

Every such telegram must have the words "Special Day Rate" in the instructions, and be lodged on the day next before the day of publication of the newspaper addressed; otherwise ordinary day-rates will be charged. Not more than one telegram for any paper will be accepted at any office on any one day at the above rates. This concession does not apply to sub-offices situated in a city or town where the central office reopens in the evening.

*Evening Rates.*

Between the hours of 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. (week-days), exclusive of Saturdays, when offices close at 8 p.m. (except during the sitting of Parliament, when the closing hour is 10 p.m.),—

For every 100 words or fraction of 100 words ... .. 0s. 6d.

Between the hours of 11 p.m. and midnight,—

For every 100 words or fraction of 100 words ... .. 0s. 8d.

After midnight, if kept open by special arrangement,—

For every 100 words or fraction of 100 words ... .. 1s. 0d.

*On Sundays.*

From 5 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. (morning newspapers),—

For every 100 words or fraction of 100 words ... .. 0s. 8d.

After 5.30 p.m., if kept open by special arrangement of the United Press Association,—

For every 100 words or fraction of 100 words ... .. 1s. 0d.

Evening newspapers may receive short Press telegrams on Sunday at a rate of 1s. for every 100 words or fraction thereof. Such telegrams may not exceed an aggregate number of 300 words for any one newspaper, and must be confined to news of events which occur between the time of closing of the telegraph-office on Saturday night and its reopening on Sunday.

Postage stamps are to be used for payment, and when the rates are prepaid the senders should affix the stamps on the message-form in the space provided for the purpose.

Telegraph forms and envelopes, having the words (printed in red) "Telegram for transmission to the Officer in Charge Telegraph-station, " can be procured at post-offices in towns where there is no telegraph station.

*Exceptions to the above Scale of Charges.*

Evening newspapers publishing before 5 p.m. are allowed to receive, at any period of the day of publication, telegrams amounting in the aggregate to 1,000 words during the recess of Parliament, and 1,500 words during the session, at evening rates; 500 additional words are also allowed on the day the San Francisco mail reaches Auckland for telegrams containing news received by the mail-steamer. When the San Francisco mail arrives at Auckland on Sunday, the 500 additional words are allowed on the day following.

During the session of Parliament, Press parliamentary reports are accepted until 1 a.m. at the 6d. rate, and between 1 a.m. and 2 a.m. at the 8d. rate, for all offices open during these hours for Press messages from Wellington.

During the war in South Africa, evening newspapers will be allowed to receive 500 additional words on one day at evening rates from the United Press Association on the occasions on which the Association distributes the contents of letters received from its correspondents respecting experiences of the New Zealand contingents in South Africa. No other than the special news named is to be included to make up the 500 words.

*Cable News.*

Press messages lodged at any telegraph-office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. repeating news received by cable from beyond the colony, and bearing the words "Cable news" in the instructions, are chargeable with the evening rates for Press messages if sent on the day of publication of the newspaper addressed. Every such message must be charged separately. Day-rates are payable on such messages if sent otherwise.

*Charges when Office reopened by Special Request.*

*Individual Rate.*—Press messages lodged by or on behalf of individual persons or newspapers at a telegraph-office specially re-opened after the usual closing hour are charged as under: At the rate of 2s. per 100 words up to 1,000 words, the minimum collections on account of messages presented by any one person to aggregate 7s. 6d. For every additional 100 after the first 1,000 words, at the rate of 6d. per 100 words or fraction thereof.

*Press Association Rate.*—Messages lodged and forwarded on behalf of the United Press Association are liable to the following charges: At the rate of 6d. per 100 words or fraction thereof, together with a fee of 7s. 6d. for reopening the office, and all charges in respect of overtime at offices other than the original forwarding office. The additional payment to be made in all cases by the applicant.

At least six hours' notice should be given the General Post Office, Wellington, of the desire to have an office specially reopened for Press news.

*Charges for Press Telegrams relating to Extraordinary Events, &c.*

Press telegrams containing intelligence of extraordinary events, such as collisions, wrecks, large fires, explosions, &c., may be accepted for transmission between offices open for the midnight cable service, after those offices are closed for the receipt of other Press messages, on the following