

contain either advertisements, code-words, cipher language, letters to the editor, mere theatrical or business puffs, or anything for the publication of which a money-payment is usually made. *Bona fide* Press correspondents, however, may forward telegrams at Press rates about theatrical matters of more than local interest.

59. When any matter of a private or personal nature, or matter not intended for publication, is included in or added to a Press message, such matter must be charged for at the rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per word, and the number of words so charged shown in the instructions. Some latitude must, however, be allowed in the case of brief directions such as "Leader," "New paragraph," "Take in division-list from Association," "More to follow," &c., explanatory of the matter under transmission. These may form part of a Press telegram.

60. Provided the offices are open, all newspapers are entitled to receive Press news at night at evening rates, no matter whether sent on the evening prior to publication or not. The evening rates on day telegrams for evening papers are restricted to the day of publication unless otherwise ordered.

61. "Collect" Press telegrams for the United Press Association, Wellington, must be refused unless they bear the signatures of the senders. Telegrams from Wellington may be signed "Association," but such privilege does not apply to any other office.

62. Precedence will, except on occasions when the public interest forbids it, be given to Press work for evening papers during the following hours:—

- (1.) On main circuits: From 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. During the session of Parliament short telegrams from Wellington, not exceeding 150 words, may be sent up to 4.30 p.m.
- (2.) On country circuits: From 9 to 10 a.m., and noon to 3 p.m. During the session of Parliament short telegrams, not exceeding 150 words, may be sent up to 4.30 p.m. PTs are not necessarily to be excluded between 10 a.m. and noon.

63. Any Press telegram presented at night for an office that is closed must be accepted, coded, timed 8 a.m. of the next day, and transmitted as far as practicable. The rate of charge ruling at the time of receipt at the office of destination is to apply.

64. Telegrams sent in correction of inland Press telegrams are to be transmitted at Press rates, with the words "Press correction" in the instructions.

65. Any Press telegram from an agent of the United Press Association which may be refused by the addressee is not to be charged more than evening rates. Such messages are to be scheduled and charged for in the aggregate at the rate of 6d. per hundred words or fraction thereof.

66. Telegrams are to be accepted from masters of vessels, addressed to "Weather," Wellington, or to the Harbourmaster at any New Zealand port, asking for information as to the state of the weather. Such telegrams must be concise, and in no instance will more than twelve words be allowed in the text. Sixpence only is to be charged for the telegram and reply. If a larger number of words is offered the telegram must be paid for at OT rate. These telegrams must be coded OT, and "Reply paid, Weather," inserted in the instructions of the original telegram.

67. Telegrams for "Weather," Wellington, seeking information as to the state of the weather, are to be accepted from farmers at a uniform rate of 1s. for each message (including reply).