

## Telegrams May Be Opened and Read And Refused by the Receiver.

"Of the many popular suppositions which are erroneous," said a telegrapher to a reporter, "one is that the addressee or the receiver of a telegram upon which the tolls are to be collected must pay the charges if he opens the envelope and reads the message."

"This, however, is not correct, but it is astonishing how prevalent is this belief. There are many ways of accounting for it, and perhaps one may be attributed to the fact that a letter sent through the mails, upon which postage is due and collectible is returned to the addressee only upon the payment of the necessary deficient postage."

"Much more importance attaches to a telegram than to a letter on the part of the recipient, and it is seldom that a person will refuse to receive and to pay for a telegram sent 'collect,' though an individual might refuse to pay the additional postage due upon a letter, holding that if the sender did not esteem it of sufficient importance to fully prepay it the addressee did not care to receive it. But there is always more or less importance regarding a telegram, and many persons have received a 'collect' telegram and then afterward kicked themselves because they were required to pay the charges."

"But a telegram may be opened, read and refused precisely as the addressee of a letter may refuse to receive a letter. In the latter instance the addressee does not open the envelope, but indorses thereon the words 'refused by addressee' and signs his name, and this is the course to pursue with a telegram which the addressee does not desire to accept, only the envelope may first be opened."

"The telegraph company protects itself in always insisting at the time of the receipt of a 'collect' message that the sender shall deposit with the receiver a sufficient sum to pay for

the full tolls, and if this is not demanded and received by the clerk accepting the message he is held personally responsible by the company in the event of the message being refused at the other end of the line.

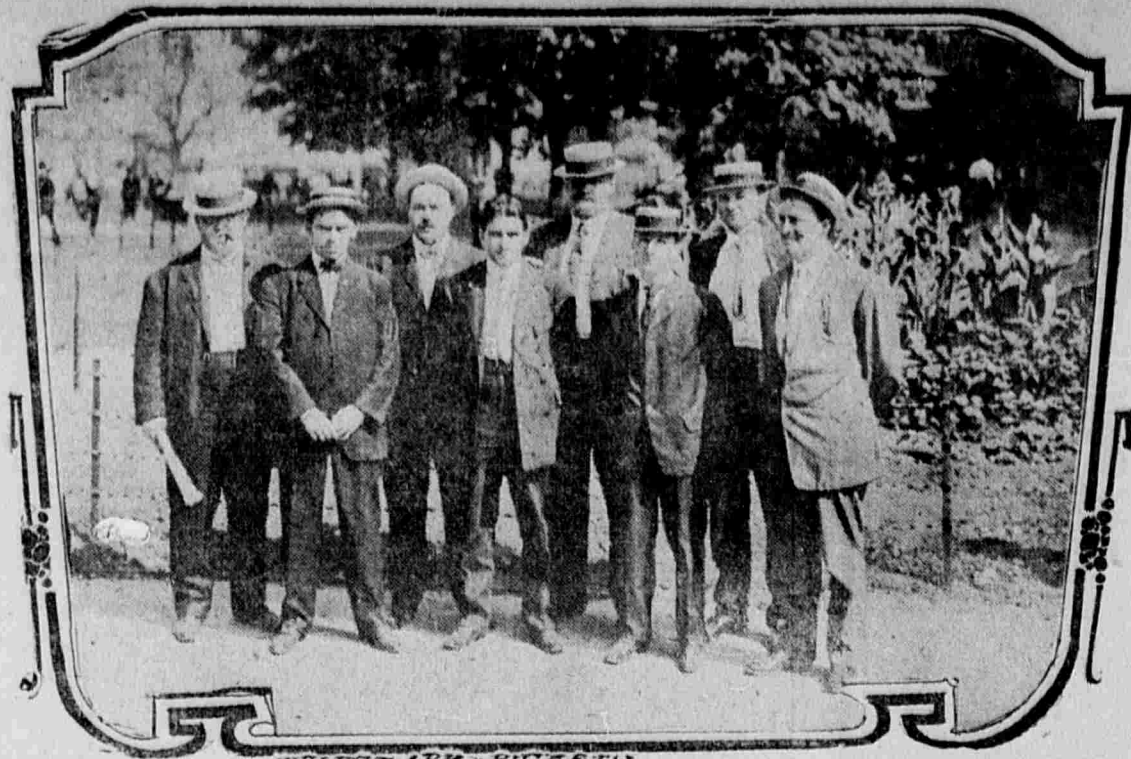
"Many persons send 'collect' telegrams, often at great length and considerable cost, as a means of annoyance or as a joke on the recipient, but the joke may be turned on the other fellow by simply refusing to pay the charges. There is one exception, however, to the rule, and the public might bear it in mind to advantage. Often telegrams are sent which require a direct and immediate answer. In these instances the 'collect' charges are expected to be paid, whether the recipient likes the message or not, and it is seldom that we have trouble in such cases as regards the tolls."—Washington Star.

### ENGLISH BREAKFAST.

"The 'psychology of breakfast'—the English breakfast—was amusingly discussed by Dr. Emil Reich, when he opened an exposition of summer foods and drinks."

"I can safely say," announced Dr. Reich, "that most of the women present here are very poor cooks. Men suffer a good deal at their hands, and I think they might very well come here and learn their business."

"What is the English breakfast? It is an attempt to get rid of a man for the rest of the day. In the morning no man can eat, unless artificially habituated to the custom, such breakfasts as are provided for him. An Englishwoman fills up the man with pies, cutlets, eggs and such heavy stuff which he can not digest till four in the afternoon, so that she may go shopping and spend the money which he cannot afford. That is the psychology of the English breakfast."



TELEGRAPH OPERATORS ON PICKET DUTY.

During the telegraph strike the operators in New York have been gathering in City Hall park and working to induce all non-union operators to stay away from the telegraph offices. They are quiet and orderly and constantly on duty while many girl operators have joined the ranks and are helping the union cause with all their power. No threats have been made, but every other inducement has been offered to keep the keys silent and thus bring the companies to the terms demanded by the union.

"If English women would take lessons in preparing light breakfasts there would be less heart disease and less nervous prostration."

"I am convinced that in Protestant countries people eat much worse food than in Catholic countries. The reason is very simple—more attention is paid to training in cookery in Catholic countries. The great reform would

be not to become vegetarian, or ultra-vegetarian, or ultra-carnivorous, but to find a middle way between Catholic eating and Protestant eating."—New York American.

## Chinese Imperial Telegraphs

In view of the present tendency of the Chinese to assume the management and control of the railroads and other important business enterprises, a resume of the annual report of the imperial telegraph administration, prepared by F. D. Cloud, student interpreter at the Shanghai consulate general, contains some interesting items:

Originally this system of telegraphs was a private concern organized by wealthy Chinese officials and gentry but some eight or nine years ago the central government took over control of the company, allowing certain merchants to retain their shares, increased the capital and secured a monopoly of the business throughout the empire. Under government management the system is approaching a tolerable degree of completeness and usefulness. Of late years, also, it has been paying fairly good dividends, amounting to 10 per cent in 1906, and this, too, in the face of rather large extensions of the system.

The total receipts of the system for the year were \$1,597,176 United States gold, made up of the following items: From commercial business, \$872,994; official business, \$88,658; from general business, \$635,124. The total expenditures for the same period were \$951,639, as follows: For the maintenance of the superintendent general's office, \$34,232; maintenance of general office, \$37,198; running expenses of the various stations, \$429,888; expense in connection with official business, \$20,910; all other expenses, \$429,391.

According to the showing the gross profits for the year were \$645,537, and that, too, from a working capital of \$1,232,000. And after paying the government royalty of \$129,897, the administration was still able to pay the private shareholders a dividend of 10 per cent; all of which goes to show that the tele-

graph, like the railways, has come to be regarded by the Chinese as a public necessity, and likewise the telegraph, like the railway, has a great future in China.

The telephone also, while still in an undeveloped state, is destined to play an important part in the development of the new China. Wherever the telephone has been used by the Chinese it has made a lasting place for itself, and at the present writing there are many systems in various parts of the empire being talked of and organized, many of which are certain to be installed, and since the Chinese do not manufacture telephonic or telegraphic supplies there should, in the near future, be an extensive market in China for this line of goods.

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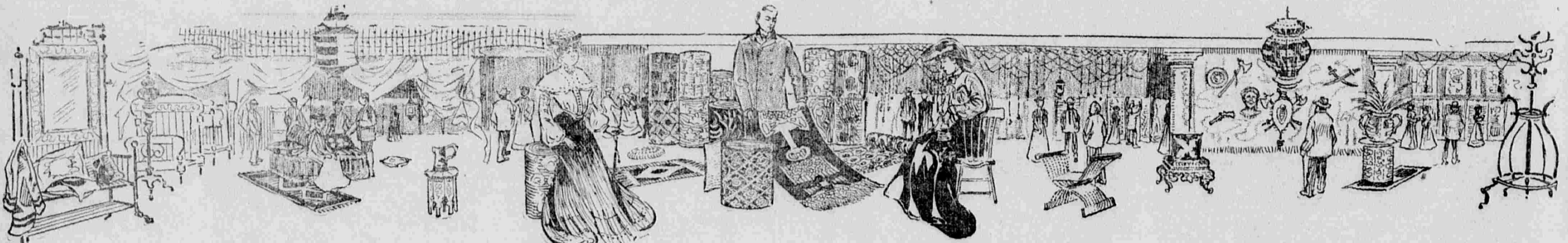
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\$6.50 for	\$5.00	\$15.00 for	\$12.00
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\$9.50 for	\$7.50	\$25.00 for	\$20.00
\$10.00 for	\$7.75	\$24.00 for	\$27.00

### CARPETS

Axminster, \$2.25 a yard, for	\$1.65
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Velvets, \$1.50 a yard, for	\$1.20
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### RUGS

9x12 Wilton Rugs, \$50.00 for	\$40.00
9x12 Axminster, \$32.50 for	\$25.00
9x12 Velvets, \$32.50 for	\$25.00
9x12 Tapestry Brussels, \$25.00 for	\$20.00
9x11 Tapestry Brussels, \$18.00 for	\$15.00

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LACE CURTAINS—from 10 to 50% Discount.  
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\$5.00 Tapestry, for	\$4.00
\$7.50 Tapestry, for	\$6.00



### MONDAY!

## Our first showing of New Fall Suits

Fashion has decreed the tailored garments for women of distinctive style and fashion.

You will find our assortment is truly an interesting one, never before have they been so stylish and attractive never before have we been able to give you as much style and character in popular price suits.

They come in strictly tailored, Prince Chap, cut away, mannish effects, double and single tight fitting, also double and single breasted semi fitting.

The skirts are unusually pretty and are extra full—

Prices from \$17.50 to \$150.00

The new fall skirt one in voile, panama, serge and novelty goods. Plaited and gored styles—

Prices from \$4.95 to \$35.00

Long and short coats in new styles in checks, stripes, plaids and plain colors—  
Prices \$9.75 to \$55.00

### LACES.

Our buyer in the east has secured an unusual bargain and lot of German Val Laces all very new and pretty designs in widths from 1 to 2 1/2 inches. They are worth \$2.25 a bolt, while they last \$1.00.

## Wright & Peters Early Fall Shoes

Fifteen new styles just received in Tan Russia, Patents, Gun Metals and Vici Kids.

### Women's Corsets.

Many new models in Warner's, C-B, G-D and other well known manufacturers are here for inspection.

## WOOL BLANKET SALE.

Sample Line from the North Star Woolen Mills.

245 pairs of the finest blankets ever shown in Salt Lake. Salesman's samples are always the finest, so you can see what is in store for you Monday.

33 1/2 off on all samples, limit of one pair to a customer. Only one pair of a kind. Plaids, all colors. Greys and white.

\$4.00 Blankets for	\$2.85	\$10.50 Blankets for	\$7.48
\$5.00 Blankets for	\$3.28	\$12.50 Blankets for	\$8.28
\$6.00 Blankets for	\$4.18	\$15.00 Blankets for	\$10.48
\$7.50 Blankets for	\$5.28	\$20.00 Blankets for	\$15.48
\$9.00 Blankets for	\$6.38	\$25.00 Blankets for	\$16.88

## MID-SUMMER HOSE SPECIAL!

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