

340. The following table gives particulars of telegraphs in all the principal countries in the world :—

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TELEGRAPHS IN PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.

COUNTRIES.	Miles of Line.	Miles of Wire.	Number of Messages.	Number of Offices.	Persons to each Office
Europe—					
Austria-Hungary	35,657	105,570	12,711,495	4,885	8,114
Belgium	3,800	17,900	6,798,108	931	6,389
Denmark	2,433	6,800	1,300,187	341	6,182
France	62,347	220,870	23,091,360	8,030	4,759
German Empire	55,748	198,214	21,750,348	14,990	3,126
Great Britain	30,430	180,000	53,403,425	6,621	5,743
Greece	4,128	4,800	726,547	161	12,294
Italy	19,108		7,586,978	3,539	8,461
Netherlands	2,096	*17,019	3,622,810	657	6,683
Portugal	3,210	7,468	1,730,107	275	17,121
Russia	73,000	170,200	10,290,790	3,652	28,497
Roumania	3,324	6,000	1,231,372	297	18,518
Servia	1,624		763,883	114	16,993
Spain	11,512	28,870	3,549,869	914	18,847
Sweden and Norway	10,917	23,438	2,102,850	505	13,220
Switzerland	4,400	10,664	3,184,470	1,363	2,157
Turkey	14,617	26,060	1,259,133	464	54,636
Asia—					
China	3,089	5,482			
India	30,034	86,390	2,516,826	634	329,653
Japan	6,855	15,900	2,558,575	280	136,254
Persia	3,824	6,124	†83,000	82	93,337
Africa—					
Cape of Good Hope	4,329		770,500	203	7,038
Egypt	3,172	5,423	601,860	168	40,579
America—					
Argentine Republic	4,410	11,360	658,461	668	5,142
Canada	29,239	62,020	‡5,032,866	2,456	2,067
Brazil	6,440	11,185	367,789	170	76,014
Chili	9,000		533,596	180	14,039
Mexico	19,540	59,320		460	22,713
Peru	1,382		110,669	34	79,410
United States	190,000	776,289	80,000,000	16,500	3,939
Uruguay	1,162		114,095	32	18,639
Australasia—					
New South Wales	12,000	20,797	2,661,126	434	2,501
Victoria	4,094	10,111	2,176,915	420	2,597
Queensland	8,225	14,443	2,079,896	282	1,377
South Australia	5,459	10,312	669,442	200	1,591
Western Australia	2,405		165,613	38	1,108
Tasmania	1,772	2,350	214,738	156	937
New Zealand	4,546	11,178	1,836,266	357	1,701

*State lines only. †Indo-European Telegraph Company's lines only. ‡Not including shipping and weather reports.