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

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.	41,746	120,414	13,010,456	5,559	7,426
Belgium.	4,265	20,315	8,062,837	942	6,525
Denmark.	3,674	10,280	1,548,493	364	5,968
France.	60,395	190,912	.....	8,030	4,760
German Empire.	52,067	219,911	27,022,974	17,454	2,831
Great Britain	31,824	194,312	66,409,211	7,627	4,968
Greece.	4,658	5,538	962,461	178	12,288
Italy.	22,668	83,941	8,843,241	4,453	6,724
Netherlands	3,280	11,427	4,286,516	435	10,371
Portugal.	3,481	8,080	1,105,486	326	14,442
Russia.	88,280	172,360	11,071,582	3,796	25,256
Roumania	3,409	8,238	1,358,137	381	14,436
Servia.	1,830	3,080	457,974	119	18,174
Spain	15,000	34,450	4,240,428	1,088	16,126
Sweden.	5,422	14,080	1,708,752	.....	.....
Norway	5,699	10,674	1,582,032	354	5,648
Switzerland.	4,500	11,400	3,695,988	1,384	2,119
Turkey.	15,000	.....	.....	671	37,903
Asia—					
China.	3,089	5,482	.....	.....	.....
India.	35,279	106,140	3,132,571	880	250,601
Japan	6,995	19,788	3,306,614	309	129,683
Persia.	4,150	6,450	120,072	82	109,756
Africa—					
Cape of Good Hope.	4,640	.....	1,291,984	268	5,698
Egypt.	3,168	5,430	819,940	.....	.....
America—					
Argentine Republic.	19,000	28,550	3,511,420	668	5,240
Canada.	30,987	66,925	*4,367,560	2,657	1,819
Brazil	7,765	12,467	750,621	197	71,078
Chili.	13,730	.....	603,628	411	6,732
Mexico.	27,861	.....	.....	767	15,167
Peru.	1,564	.....	.....	34	87,412
*United States.	187,981	715,591	59,148,343	20,098	3,116
Uruguay.	2,352	.....	189,412	55	12,494
Australasia—					
New South Wales.	10,732	22,606	3,433,562	485	2,339
Victoria.	3,967	8,241	2,885,919	601	1,898
Queensland.	9,456	16,981	1,568,872	343	1,148
South Australia.	5,511	9,921	984,180	200	1,575
Western Australia.	2,961	3,330	197,587	42	1,185
Tasmania.	1,979	2,590	280,559	178	824
New Zealand.	4,874	11,827	1,802,987	357	1,756

*Western Union Telegraph Company only.

*Shipping and fishery reports not included.