

## STATES WHICH HAVE SIGNED THE CONVENTION.

The States which have signed the International Radio-telegraphic Convention of the 3rd November, 1906, are as follows: Germany, United States of America, Argentine, Austria, Hungary, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chili, Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Monaco, Norway, Holland, Persia, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Sweden, Turkey, and Uruguay. Also, the New Zealand Administration informed us that it had decided to adhere to the convention, but not to the additional agreement of the same date as the convention. As regards its proportion of the expenses of the International Bureau, New Zealand requests that it be placed in the fourth class. The adhesion of New Zealand brings the total number of signatory States up to twenty-eight.

## PUBLICATIONS, ETC.

The number of circulars, &c., dealt with is 205. In this total circulars and notifications count as only one each number.

Circulars are four in number. In one the Administrations were asked to furnish a list of stations in terms of Article XXXVIII of the Service Regulations, and in another to furnish us with copies of any laws, &c., in force in their countries dealing with wireless telegraphy.

Notifications are also four in number, and contain information concerning the Radio-telegraph stations in various countries. These will be, of course, also shown in the Nomenclature.

The *Journal Télégraphique*, the monthly review of the International Bureau, which, with the year 1907, completes its thirty-ninth year of existence, serves also as the official organ for radio-telegraphy.

Several articles dealing with wireless telegraphy were published in 1907, such as "International Wireless Telegraph Conference," "Berlin Conference and Service Regulations," "Radio-telegraph Regulations in the Argentine, Belgium, Denmark, Great Britain, and Roumania," &c. Besides these, notes and articles on wireless telegraphy appear in almost every number of the *Journal Télégraphique*.

Documents of the Berlin Conference: Two hundred copies of these were given by the Imperial German Post and Telegraph Department to the International Bureau. Of these, 16 were distributed, leaving 184 copies on hand.

Berlin Convention, &c.: This was published by the German Administration at the price of 50 centimes per copy, and 500 copies were handed to the International Bureau. Of these, 293 copies were distributed, leaving an available stock on hand of 207 copies.

## ACCOUNTS.

The accounts for 1907 are shown in the attached statement of receipts and expenditure for the first year of the existence of the radio-telegraph service, and there are also shown the estimates for 1908.

The expenditure for 1907 amounted to 4,052·98 francs, and the receipts to 34·85 francs, leaving a difference of 4,018·13 francs to be contributed by the various Administrations.

According to Article XXXVII of the Service Regulations under the Berlin Convention, the expenses of the International Bureau are chargeable to a separate account to which the terms of the International Telegraph Regulations apply. For this purpose each Government must notify the International Bureau in which class it wishes to be placed.

As this information has been furnished by only one Administration, the settling of the account for 1907 is impossible. As a result, the total expenditure chargeable against the various Administrations—viz., 4,018·13 francs—which was advanced by the Swiss State Bank, will be carried forward to the year 1908, during which we hope to be in a position to classify the contracting States.

Proportional contributions towards the general expenses of the International Bureau will therefore be made for the first time at the end of the next year, and will include the years 1907 and 1908.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
Actual Receipts for 1907.		—	Estimates for 1908.	Expenditure during 1907.		—	Estimates for 1908.
Fr.	c.		Fr. c.	Fr.	c.		Fr. c.
0	0	1. Sale of publications	3,300 0	2,000 0	0	Staff: Salaries, &c. ...	12,845 0
21	35	2. Sale of Conference documents	100 0	285 65	0 0	Travelling-expenses ...	1,000 0
				0 0	0 0	Rent ...	1,000 0
13	50	3. Sundry receipts ...	0 0	0 0	0 0	Office material, stationery, &c.	2,000 0
0	0	4. Balance from previous year	0 0	260 8	0	Office expenses, lighting, &c.	1,100 0
4,018	13	5. Contributions from the various States	29,795 0	513 50	0	Printing ...	14,500 0
				993 75	0	Conference documents	0 0
					0	Contingencies ...	500 0
					0	Balance forward to next year	250 0
4,052	98		33,195 0	4,052 98	0		33,195 0