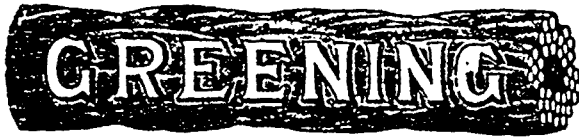


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been conducted in many countries. The Signal Service Corps of the United States announced in March of this year that it had succeeded in sending telephone messages 450 feet without wires.

A Mr. John J. McNally, of Boston, Mass., made his claim some time ago that he had successfully transmitted wireless telephone messages for six miles, but the scientists did not accept the statement as a valuable fact.

In August, 1901, Dr. H. P. Pratt, an electrical expert, of Chicago, managed to send wireless telephone messages over a quarter of a mile.

But the Germans have been most successful in these experiments in aerial telephony, and last July Herr Ernst Ruhmer succeeded in transmitting a

wireless "hello" that was heard nearly five miles.

YUKON GOLD RETURNS.—Some of the banks are taking exception to the opinions expressed by Mr. Geo. A. Hees, who went out to the Yukon in the interests of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. Speaking to the "Man on the Street" Mr. James H. Plummer, assistant general manager of the Bank of Commerce, said:

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ON THE FREE LIST.—The Government of Guatemala, Central America, has passed an ordinance exempting from duty wooden houses complete or in parts, wooden posts and wire fencing, and wooden doors and window sashes, all of which are made in Canada for export.

DANGER IN TEMPERANCE FIXINS.—The generator for the soda water machine in the Royal Hotel at Guelph, Ont., exploded a few days ago, tearing a hole through the two floors above it, and doing damage to the extent of several hundred dollars.

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