

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY AND THE CONFERENCE

UNDER the accommodating cloak of Imperialism a great deal of inspired nonsense of a somewhat sensational order has been lately spread abroad in regard to the Wireless Telegraphy Conference, now brought to a close. We have been favoured with a number of anonymous letters, prominently placed, in large, bold type, in various important newspapers, to the exclusion of other contributions by certain recognised experts. These letters have been signed variously, "Imperialist," "Briton," "Citizen," and by similar attractive titles.

Whatever may have been the object of this apparently concerted action, the result was to lead many readers of the London Press entirely astray as to the real issues. Thus, it has actually been suggested by these anonymous articles and letters—or shall I say by this anonymous writer? for most of the suggestions are common to all—that if the Marconi monopoly receives any sort of check the natural development of wireless telegraphy will be doomed, and "all enterprise of the sort abandoned." Let us deal with this at the outset. Surely experience—let alone common sense—tells us, on the contrary, that it is monopoly more than anything else that checks invention and stifles commercial development on healthy lines. It has been suggested, further, that the German Em-