

Associated Stories

THE CITIZEN, MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1900

BY TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE

The reports of the International match which appeared in the South Wales evening papers were, for the most part, sent by telephone, special arrangements on a large scale having been made. These, however, did not necessitate any augmentation of the staff at the Telephone exchange. In preparation for a great influx of Press messages, the staff of telegraph operators at the Docks office was reinforced by about 20 clerks, bringing up the strength to a total of 60. But the rush of business was not nearly so great as had been anticipated, and the work could have been dealt with by half the number of operators.

The number of words-Press messages-sent through the Docks telegraph department was 32,500, direct communication being established with London, Leeds, Cardiff, Birmingham, Manchester, Plymouth, Bristol, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Swansea, Newport and other centres, thus ensuring rapid despatch. Eight special Wheatstone Circuits were employed, and batches of extra operators were sent from Newport, Cardiff and Bristol under the superintendence of Mr. Cass. The telephones at the Docks office were also engaged throughout Saturday afternoon.

THE CITIZEN, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1900

AFTER THE INTERNATIONAL MATCH

SUSPECTED CHARACTERS FROM LONDON

PRISONERS CONVICTED

At the Gloucester police court this morning – before the Mayor (Councillor Treasure), in the chair, Alderman Trevor Powell, A. Estcourt, H. R. J. Braine, and A Woodward – Edmund Andrews, Joseph Harris, and Charles Clarke, respectably dressed young men, giving addresses in London, were charged on remand with being suspected persons and loitering at the Great Western Railway Station with intent to commit a felony on Saturday last. Mr. Seasons (who was instructed in court) defended the prisoners, who pleaded not guilty.

When arrested prisoners declared that they were strangers to each other, but upon examination of their tickets from London, it was found that they were numbered consecutively, thus showing that the men must have been together when they were issued.

The Bench found all the prisoners guilty, and the police authorities from London reported that Clarke had been locked up on several occasions, and had had three months hard labour for gambling on the racecourse. Andrews was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour, Clarke to six weeks, and Harris to four weeks.

THIEVES AT THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL MATCH

“Light-fingered” gentry were busy in Gloucester on Saturday last. We hear of one gentleman losing two purses and another his watch, at the International match. It is also reported that a Gloucester publican experienced a serious loss from his house whilst attending the match at Kingsholm.