

## To the Public:

It is important for the Public to know at this time that the telephone service of this Company is to considerable extent impaired as a result of the prevalence of Grippe among its forces. As a result of a daily absentee list of several hundred employees, the service is necessarily slower than at normal times in spite of the splendid effort of those who are capable of remaining on duty.

The Public can greatly aid the efforts of our operating forces in the following ways:

1. By eliminating unnecessary calls.
2. By refraining, so far as possible, from special appeals to Chief Operators, whose entire time should in the present emergency be given to the supervision of their Central Offices.
3. By showing leniency to those still capable of remaining at work.

# New England Telephone & Telegraph Company

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