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Been Very Successful.*

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LONDON, Feb. 11.—The transatlantic conversation by wireless between the new British station at Rugby and an American station on Long Island was carried on successfully Sunday, according to a correspondent of The Daily Telegraph who writes:

"It had been arranged to make a series of preliminary tests of apparatus at Rugby, and thus it happened that only a few engineers and workmen were present. The trial began early Sunday morning and continued until evening, any one in the station being invited to assist in 'keeping the ball rolling.'

"Though the test took place in the

daylight hours, which are less favorable than night, conversation was maintained with the greatest ease and clearness, the clash of dialects when the British and American speakers were talking to each other causing much amusement. There was no distortion, but every inflection of tone was reproduced with perfect accuracy.

"It was as though we were speaking from one end of Rugby to the other on an ordinary telephone," said one who was present, "and sometimes the voices sounded even clearer than on many telephone lines.

"When at last the test was suspended, every one went home impressed almost beyond words with the success which had been achieved."

The Daily Telegraph's informant adds that some amateurs in the Midlands picked up the voices on their wireless sets, thus proving that the problem of insuring privacy in conversation by radio is not yet solved.

It is not intended to permit the public generally to make use of the facilities for transatlantic wireless conversation, despite the fact that results obtained on Sunday far exceeded the most sanguine expectations, until further progress has been made in perfecting them. It is expected that at no very distant date the Rugby station will be formally opened and it is

thought it would be fitting on that occasion if official conversations were carried on across the Atlantic in order to signalize a new chapter in wireless telephony over long distances.