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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Apostoloff Telephone Literature
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0581
Date:	1895-1930
Extent:	0.3 Cubic feet
Source:	Electricity and Modern Physics, Division of, NMAH, SI. Automatic Telephone Company, Ltd. Corrigan, Reseda
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical Note

Russian engineer S. B. Apostoloff invented an "automatic" telephone exchange in the late 19th century. It enabled the use of telephones without requiring the services of a human operator through magnetically-actuated switching devices manipulated by the caller. The invention resulted in the organization in London of the Automatic Telephone Company, Ltd. and its reorganization two years later.

Scope and Contents

Press clippings, 1895-1897, from British publications (some unidentified) and one French journal describing the invention and the organization of the Automatic Telephone Company, Ltd. A note on the life of Max Margowski, one of the company's organizers is included, with statements of the company accounts (one a 1901 balance sheet). A record of litigation, some of it possibly related to the Apostoloff invention, is included in the bound "Transcript of Record from the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit", March 1930 (457 pages) , which details the suit of the Dubilier Condenser Corporation against the Radio Corporation of America over the previous eight years, concerning the use of certain devices in radio and telephonic communications.

Arrangement

1 series.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

telephone -- History

Types of Materials:

Clippings -- 1850-1900

Legal documents

Names:

Apostoloff, S.B.

Dubilier Condenser Corporation

Electricity and Modern Physics, Division of, NMAH, SI.

Margowski, Max

Radio Corporation of America.

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Press articles describing Apostoloff automatic telephone, 1895
Box 1, Folder 2	Press clippings about Apostoloff Automatic Telephone Company (in English and French), 1895-1897
Box 1, Folder 3	Company announcements of Apostoloff Automatic Telephone Company, 1897-1898
Box 1, Folder 3	Statement of accounts including balance sheets, 1901-12-02
Box 1, Folder 4	Typed note of life of Max Margowski, undated
Box 1, Folder 4	Unsigned letter to Geroge S. Ward, 1917-09-26
Box 1, Folder 4	Marconi Today's News release, 1927-01-25
Box 1, Folder 5	Transcript of Record, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (457 pages), 1930