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NOTES.

Cable news from Australia records that a new agreement modifying the existing position is being entered into between the Commonwealth Government and Amalgamated Wireless (Aust.), Ltd. The Commonwealth Government is itself a major shareholder in the company, and following on the recommendations of the Royal Commission on wireless, has taken prompt action to effect the readjustments there advised. As the position is fully explained in that section of the Royal Commission's report, which we reproduce elsewhere, on account of its importance and general interest, detailed review is here unnecessary. The revenue of the company is being reduced from five shillings per licensed listener per annum to three shillings, and apparently other concessions of moment are also being made by the company. Most interest attaches, however, to the position of patents and claims for royalty in connection therewith. Litigation has been instituted in this connection to protect the company's claims of patent rights, but has never been prosecuted vigorously. Now it is required that the company shall push to finality and, what is of more moment to New Zealand, shall institute similar prosecutions in New Zealand. On our present information this would seem to indicate a forthcoming challenge to the legislation passed by the New Zealand Parliament several years ago as a preliminary to the institution of New Zealand's broadcasting enterprise. By the Royal Commission this legislation is regarded as a challenge to the company holding the patents to establish their validity. An interesting case, if this indication of the course of events is correct, may therefore be looked for.

The prospects of a helpful conference between the Broadcasting Company and the various churches in relation to the broadcasting of religious services, seem encouraging. The Presbyterian Church has appointed a committee to attend, and in the attendant discussion a wise adaptability to the situation was revealed. The Rev. W. McLean took the view that while some might thereby stay away from attendance, a much wider audience, on the other hand, would be reached — namely, those who could not for distance or health reasons attend. It was not desirable, in his opinion, for denominationalism to be obtruded upon the air as would be the case if the policy of separate stations were adopted.

That the magic of wireless tends to broaden minds and develop a tolerant and sympathetic understanding spirit is, we think, admitted. It is being looked to the world over to be a medium of increasing understanding and comprehension, and we, and thousands of others, will be disappointed if in our local case it is not made the medium of increasing service and mutual understanding on a co-operative basis.

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3YA TO BROADCAST

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

The speeches at the civic reception to the Right Hon. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, were broadcast by 3YA at midday on Monday, on his arrival in New Zealand.

Mr. Amery will deliver a public address in Christchurch on the evening of Wednesday, November 30, and station 3YA will arrange a broadcast.

It was expected that Mr. Amery would speak from 2YA, but this has been found to be impossible, owing to the engagements which have already been made for Mr. Amery.



RIGHT HON. L. C. M. S. AMERY.

FROM 2YA

STATE LUNCHEON ON THE
AIR

Subject to confirmation of the necessary arrangements, the speeches at the State luncheon to be held in Wellington on Tuesday, 29th inst., at which the Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, will be the guest of honour, 2YA will broadcast the speeches of the Prime Minister and the distinguished guest. The luncheon is timed to commence at 12.45, and it is estimated that the first speech will be delivered at about 1.30 p.m. In order that those interested may have the opportunity of hearing the introductory speech and music, 2YA will be on the air from 12.45 p.m., and throughout the proceedings.

NEW QUARTET FOR 3YA

FINE SINGERS ENGAGED.

A second quartet of high-class musicians will shortly make its appearance at 3YA. The Broadcasting Company has engaged the services of four very well-known and talented singers—Madame Gover-Burns, Miss Jessie King, Mr. Harold Prescott, and Mr. Bernard Rennell.

Widespread interest will be aroused by the engagement of this quartet. The development of the musical side of broadcasting, in accordance with the policy of the general manager of the company, is thus again evident, and Christchurch is to be congratulated on the latest distinguished addition to radio.

RECORD CLUB-SWINGING

Mr. Charles Buckett, physical culturist, of Christchurch, recently won the world's club-swinging championship by performing for 72 hours without a break. This was some eight hours longer than the previous record. Mr. Buckett concluded his long task at 11 p.m. on Saturday, November 12, and was at work again on Monday morning none the worse for his ordeal. He is to tell radio listeners to 3YA the story of the "big swing."

TO HEAR AEROPLANES

NEW RADIO DEVICE.

If future wars are to be fought in the air, as some military authorities contend, a new radio amplifying device, developed by the U.S. Bureau of Standards, should become the most valuable equipment in the defence of large cities.

It consists of a large horn, a perforated brass plate, an aluminium diaphragm, and a radio amplifier, a combination that makes it possible to detect the sound of an aeroplane 20 miles away.

More surprising than this is its ability to differentiate the whirring noise of an aeroplane from any other sounds. Furthermore, it tells the direction of the sound over distances of from eight to ten miles.

During the Great War the French had amplifying devices in Paris to give warning of the approach of enemy aeroplanes, but these were of rather a primitive character as compared with the latest American device.

Maori Pageant to be Broadcast

UNIQUE EVENT FOR ANNIVERSARY OF WAITANGI

It is the intention of the General Manager of the Broadcasting Company, Mr. A. R. Harris, to make a special feature of the 87th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, on February 6.

The General Manager's desire is to make this celebration of the historic occasion as nearly as possible a "Radio Pageant" of the Maori race. To adopt a pageant to radio will require considerable organisation.

This attraction will be of a decidedly unique nature, being descriptive of Maori life and customs from before the advent of the pakeha up to the present day. The actors will be the descendants of the warriors who the British are not ashamed to admit were never conquered and who now, as citizens of the Empire, live on terms of amity and equality with the pakeha.

This "Radio Pageant," if such it can be called, will be broadcast by 2YA, and rebroadcast in New Zealand and Australia, so that hundreds of thousands of people will be listening.

It will be a New Zealand night in the truest sense of the word, and should prove an "event" of national importance. The General Manager already has events in train for the organising of the entertainment.

NORWEGIAN WHALER

BROADCASTS HEARD

MANY QUERIES SOLVED.

We have received many queries from listeners as to the identity of an unknown station heard at various times lately. The stranger is the Norwegian whaler operating the waters adjacent to New Zealand. Instructions to its supporting vessels are given by 'phone, and on frequent occasions special musical and gramophone items are "put on" for the benefit of the scattered crews.

The following letter explains the position, and is of interest:—

"Southerner" (Invercargill): In last week's issue of the "Radio Record," I see a correspondent asks what station was operating just above 2YA's wave-length on Sunday night last after that station had closed down. I was also fortunate enough to pick up this station at the commencement of their transmission on the Saturday night previously (11.15 p.m.). They first called in morse and then changed over to 'phone, when I found it to be the "Sir James Clarke Ross," the mother-ship of the Norwegian whalers. She was lying in Patterson's Inlet, Stewart Island, at the time, and the music heard was the "super" accordion and also a violin supplying music for the dance being held on board that night. The announcements were in good English, though with a strong "Norwegian" accent. Just before closing, I heard the announcer say that they would be on the air on Sunday night after the other stations had closed down, so this is evidently what your correspondent picked up. I could not help being amused at the closing down part. The "Nor-skys" are evidently constant listeners to 2YA as, after wishing us all "happy days," the announcer said "Good-night all Radio Land; Good-night."

BEATING THE "BOOKS"

RADIO AND RACING.

The "Singleton Argus" (N.S.W.), a few days ago, reported that certain persons visited Boolaroo racecourse carrying with them a portable radio set. The "Argus" says that they, no doubt, intended to receive metropolitan race results (which are broadcast from the Sydney stations as the horses are passing the post), and then rush to the bookmakers and back the last winner received. Police had these men under observation all the afternoon.

It is obvious, of course, that a radio set used in this way would give opportunity for making bets before the results could be received by other means, but most bookmakers either use a receiving set themselves or take precautions to guard against anything of this kind.

Club's Own Set.

Mudgee Trotting Club (N.S.W.), at its last meeting, decided to take no chances of unauthorised persons operating a radio set, so the club installed a set at the showgrounds and officially picked up the results of Caulfield and Sydney races. These were posted immediately on receipt, the result being that many who attended the trots could not only back their fancies, but could collect within a few seconds of the horses passing the post. It appears likely that an official radio set will shortly be an essential part of a racecourse equipment.

The special detector (200A type) valve is one of extreme interest, and takes a certain amount of understanding, but it amply repays the owner for a few moments of thought and reading. Generally, most special detectors are filled with an inert gas, and take a few moments to "warm up" to themselves, so to speak. But when they do, oh, the difference in reception.

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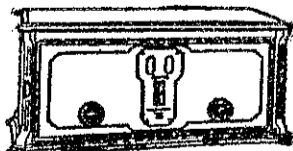
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