

THE BIG FIGHT

ALL EYES ON JULY 27

ACTUAL TIME UNCERTAIN.

INTENSE interest is developing among listeners in connection with the big fight between Gene Tunney and Tom Heeney, on July 26 (July 27 our time), for the world's championship, and arrangements are being made in many quarters for parties to listen in direct on short wave accounts, or by means of relay, should that be possible, through the New Zealand stations.

According to letter advice received, it is expected that listeners will have at least three short wave sources to choose from, namely:—

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| 2XAF | Wavelength | 31.4 metres. |
| 2XAD | " | 22 " |
| KDKA | " | 26 " |

The actual time of the big fight will depend upon the time when the preliminary bouts finish, but a reliable forecast on this point will be available by cable from New York, for our next issue.

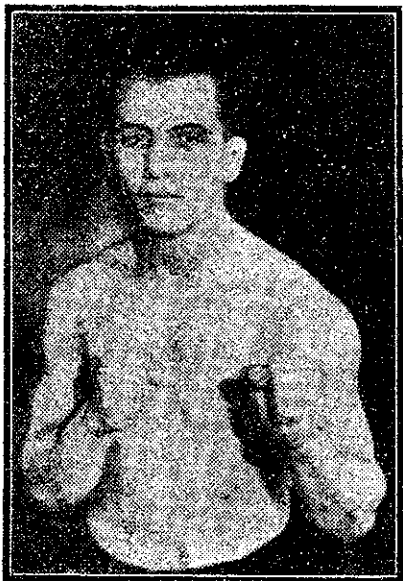
DR. KAROLUS, of Dresden, one of the prolific workers in television, has developed a method of transmitting photographs and papers in colour over telegraph lines. Any colours except green, blue, and mauve may be sent by his system. The pictures or papers handled cannot exceed 4 inches by 7½ inches.

Auckland Notes

(By Listener.)

MANY Aucklanders were completely bewildered over the peculiarities of reception last Sunday, and there were many quite unnecessary investigations of sets and testings of batteries. Wellington, which usually roars in, could be detected spasmodically, while the Australian stations were absolutely dead. It was only next morning, when the news of the effect of the aurora was made public in the Press, that listeners realised how much fruitless investigation they had undertaken. The few who had observed the display in the southern sky were aware of the cause of poor reception. Fortunately such conditions are unique.

GENERAL interest has been aroused over the forthcoming presentation of a four-act comedy at 1YA on Wednesday next. It is the first time that such an ambitious attempt has been made in New Zealand, and judging by the popularity of the short radio plays the experiment should prove most acceptable. Listeners do not realise that there is a great amount of work before such a presentation goes before the microphone, for, though the performers are not under the necessity of memorising their lines, there is much special technique to be mastered, and the incidents that convey various effects must be carefully rehearsed.



Norman Radford,

Australian Boxer, to fight in Dunedin.
Artlite, Photo.

WHAT an asset to a station our Municipal Band is. Nothing finer can be heard on any receiving set operating in these parts. Last Wednesday they brought back memories of tense war days in their popular rendition of Godfrey's "Reminiscences of the Nations." The same night brought a vocal "find" over the air. Miss Sarah Stappole was the soloist at the municipal concert, and her solos must have brought as spontaneous outbursts of applause in many a home as they brought in the Town Hall. If her services can be secured at the studio there will be few sets idle that night.

TWO other newcomers to the 1YA microphone were much appreciated last week. They were Mrs. Fred. Basham and Mr. A. Briggs. Yet a few dissatisfied ones keep on harping about monotony!

THE Irish concert on the preceding evening was an outstanding success, and an easy first for items rendered, must be accorded to the station trio. Their playing of old Irish airs was one of the most appreciated selections which the trio have put over, and it was made the medium of many congratulations.

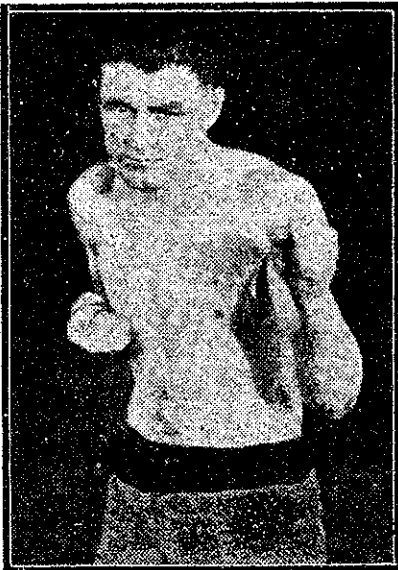
IT is quite safe to predict that on the afternoon of the 27th there will be little interest in the daily routine on the part of all who possess receiving sets, and there may be unaccountable and pardonable absences from toil. Given favourable conditions for reception, a rebroadcast of the ringside description of the fight is certain. What a rush there will be to the shops of dealers, and to homes adjacent to places of business. One enthusiastic employer has informed his staff that if the relay is feasible they may all come out to his house and listen in. This is the spirit which popularises radio. A successful rebroadcast will create quite a radio boom, and should the fates be unkind, well, the Broadcasting Company cannot be blamed. We know that they are making every effort to astonish New Zealand, and one and all trust that they will do so.

"WHAT kind of a set do I need to hear the account of the trans-Tasman flight?" This was the question put to the writer by a man who knows nothing of listening-in, but who has suddenly come to realise all that he is missing in consequence. When it was explained that nothing more than a cheap crystal outfit would be necessary, and that other expenses would be only the aerial equipment and the license fee, off he went at once to a dealer. How many others there are who should do the same! It is worth something to have the satisfaction of listening to what will be recounted of a historic achievement.

BOXING AT 2YA

A SHORT NOTICE FIXTURE.

AT somewhat short notice, 2YA last week was able to broadcast the finals of the Wellington Amateur Boxing Association, on relay from the Town Hall, where the events were fought before a big audience. The relay resulted largely from the courtesy and effort of Mr. G. P. Aldridge, secretary of the N.Z. Boxing Association, and Mr. Aldridge laid listeners under further obligation by acting as announcer. There has in the past been a definite demand for broadcasts of this nature from enthusiasts throughout the country, and the only room for regret in



Tommy Barber,

who fights Griffiths on July 28.
Described by 4YA.

Artlite, Photo.

connection with the event is that rather more notice could not have been given, so that listeners at a distance could have listened in more extensively than probably was the case. The fights were of an interesting nature, and were capably described.

Some letters of appreciation have reached us, of which we are glad to make acknowledgment. The thanks of enthusiasts are due to the Boxing Association for their courtesy in permitting relays to take place. Unquestionably this publicity will react to the benefit of the manly sport.

One or two letters of complaint have also reached us, mainly expressing the hope that the concert items which were displaced will be heard later. That will be arranged.

TRANS-TASMAN FLIGHT

EXPECTED SOON

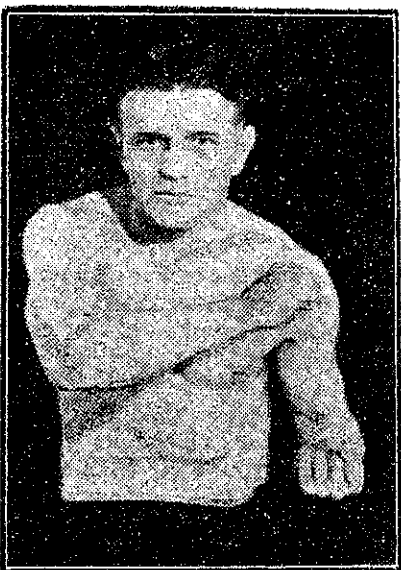
OUTSTANDING RADIO EVENT.

Latest information in connection with the flight of the Southern Cross by Captain Kingsford Smith to New Zealand is that it may take place between August 1 and 4 when the full moon will be available, or, as an off-chance, may be put back to the neighbourhood of August 31, when the moon will again be available.

The same thorough care that characterised the trans-Pacific flight is being displayed, and listeners will appreciate the need for this.

So far, no request has been made to the Meteorological Office for the supply of special information in connection with weather conditions. This will certainly be made before the flight is actually undertaken—at least, it was done even from New Zealand in connection with the flight from United States to Australia.

The flight, it is believed, will be from Sydney to Christchurch. The Postmaster-General, the Hon. W. Nosworthy, has advised that on receipt of official advice, request will be made to settlers along the West Coast of New Zealand to keep a look-out for the aeroplane, so that should any mishap occur to the radio apparatus of the aeroplane itself, early news of its arrival in New Zealand quarters may be available through the Postal Department.



Archie Hughes,
also to appear in Dunedin.
Artlite, Photo.

Landing is to be made at Christchurch, and from the broadcasting point of view, one of the four stations will be placed on the air to act as a

TALKS ON BIRDS

POPULAR FEATURE FROM 2YA.

ONE of the most popular talks put over the air from 2YA is unquestionably that given at regular intervals by Mr. Johannes C. Andersen on behalf of the Native Birds Protection Society. This talk is eagerly awaited by a number of nature lovers, and we have had several letters from country readers advising that the whole family, including the children, makes a point of waiting up for Mr. Andersen's talk on New Zealand birds. In these talks Mr. Andersen has displayed a wonderfully comprehensive knowledge of his subject, and an intimate acquaintance with the habits of our feathered friends. His talk on the "Tui" on Thursday evening last was particularly interesting, and it showed the immense pains that Mr. Andersen has been at over a number of years to gather his knowledge. It was a surprise to many to learn that Mr. Andersen had noted not less than nearly two hundred different songs of the tui. In the course of his talk, Mr. Andersen imitated some of these notes and was particularly interesting when he recounted the story of the duel between a bellbird and a tui. Next week's talk will be upon the bellbird.

A QUEER STUNT

REQUEST ITEMS FOR OVERSEAS.

RADIO listeners are familiar with the request number—items sung or played by broadcasting artists at the special request of listeners who telephone the station. The latest development in this direction has been initiated by the Sydney broadcast station 2BL, which broadcasts request numbers for the edification of American listeners. Station 2BL does not wait for residents of the United States to write letters or cable, but arrangements were made with the Californian shortwave station 6EA to send by radio to 2BL the names of request items which American listeners may wish to hear. As the speed of radio is practically instantaneous, the messages from 6EA are picked up by the 2BL engineer (Mr. Ray Allsop), and the items are broadcast from 2BL immediately.

radio beacon for the Southern Cross, and the others will also be on the air for the convenience of listeners, in order to give them descriptions of the morse messages that will be transmitted from the aeroplane itself, and any other news available concerning the flight.

On arrival at Christchurch, a running description of the event and scenes associated with the arrival will be broadcast by 2YA and rebroadcast by other stations.

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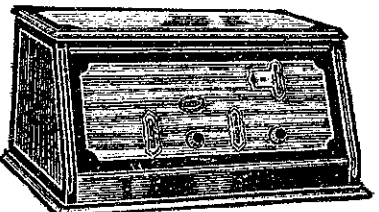
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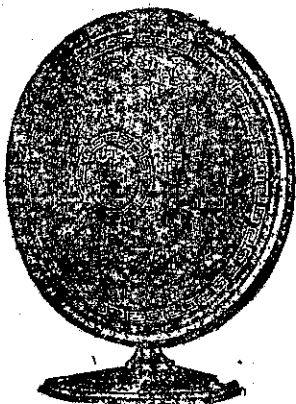
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