

A DOZEN or more broadcast stations in America are already transmitting programmes on short waves.

CHARITY appeals are regular features of the B.B.C. stations. £5000 was recently subscribed by this means.

FIRST class American artists are said to receive from £200 to £400 for a single studio appearance, while one jazz orchestra was booked for £300 an hour.

A RUMOUR (as yet unconfirmed) is current in England that at 8.45 p.m. on Sundays, Aberdeen station closes down for five minutes. One wonders if this is the time for the weekly appeal.

THE ceremony of changing the guard was twice broadcast during 1926 with the approval of H.M. the King. His Majesty sent an order for the band to continue playing beyond the regulation time, thus giving additional pleasure to millions of his subjects throughout the Kingdom.

JAPAN is not alone in arranging language courses over the air. Regular lectures are given from Daventry, England, in Modern Languages. Simple selections in these languages are published in "World-Radio," and the lecturer during the lecture reads them over, thus aiding pronunciation.

RADIO certainly permits you to hear musical curiosities which ordinarily would not be stumbled across in a lifetime. A rather unusual soloist has been featured from an American broad-

## Radio Round the World

cast station—a bass violin has gone on the air. There is not more than a handful of players who have mastered this ponderous instrument to the point of virtuosity.

THE description of a hand of bridge was recently broadcast in England.

MEXICO possesses some twenty broadcasting stations, nine of them being in Mexico City. Of these the most powerful is CYT, which works on 2 k.w.

IN Germany the technical executive and plant are provided by the Post Office, while the stations are grouped by regions under the control of regional programme companies under central organisation.

THE bed of the Thames near the Country Hall, Westminster, was described to listeners as a diver saw it one evening in July, 1926. He carried a small microphone in his helmet as he moved about under the water.

THE Italian broadcasting system is that of unified control through private ownership, the tendency being for greater governmental influence. It is intended to maintain the service out of ordinary taxation instead of listeners' license fees.

A DESCRIPTION was recently broadcast of the strange ritual ceremony of an African native tribe.

A THACKERAY anniversary programme recently put on the air from Daventry included dramatic episodes from "Vanity Fair."

WITH an estimated total of seven million radio sets in U.S.A., three out of every four homes are yet to be equipped.

MUSIC constitutes 80 per cent. of the programmes broadcast by the Cape Town station, talks being limited to three-quarters of an hour a day.

A RECENT offer of shares in the Baird Television business resulted in an early over-subscription. The investing public is a highly-courageous body, sometimes too eager for new fields.

A PROMINENT whaling and sealing company, after two seasons' experience of radio telephone sets are so pleased with the results that they intend to extend considerably their equipment for the new season.

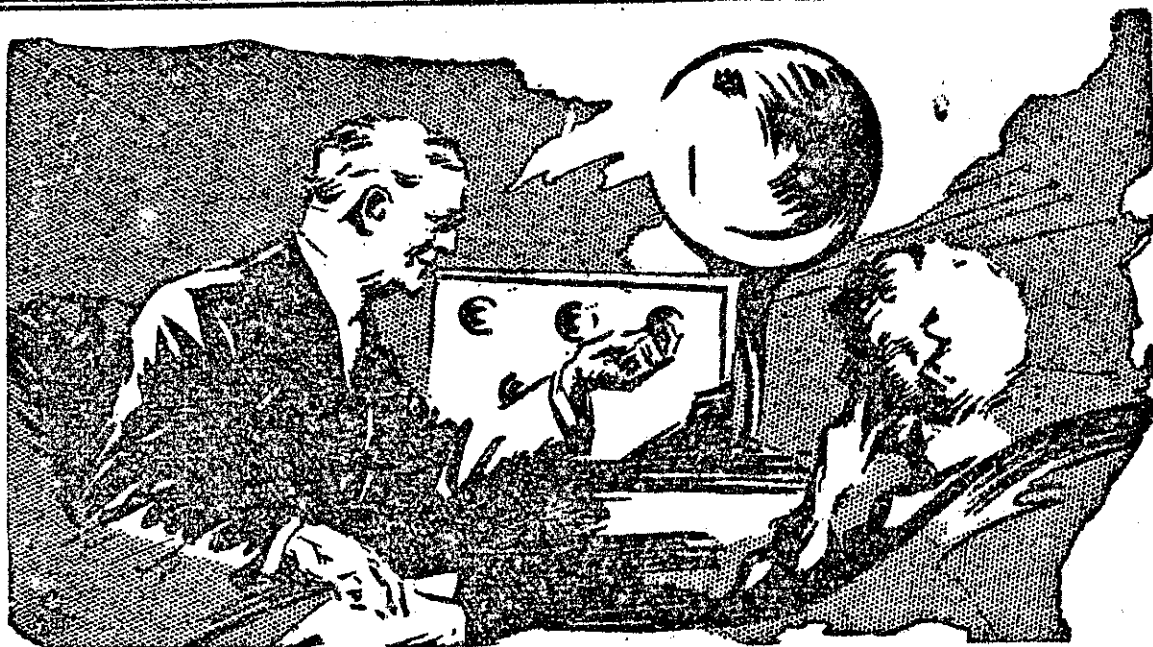
FOR the benefit of the ever-increasing number of short-wave enthusiasts the London programmes as radiated from 5SW Chelmsford, are being commenced an hour earlier. 5S.W. should now be heard at 5.30 a.m., New Zealand time.

UNDER the auspices of the German Ministry of Education, a "radio school" has been established at Jena, in connection with the university. It will broadcast systematic instruction in mathematics, chemistry, physics and modern languages.

IT is reported that about 150 stations have applied for picture transmission apparatus. As far as results are concerned fairly good pictures have been received with amateur apparatus, up to distances of 700 miles, although it is readily admitted by those interested, that the transmission of pictures is essentially a short range proposition.

RADIO and the aeroplane play important roles in the protection of Canada's vast forest wealth. The aeroplane, soaring high above the lake-studded forest regions north of Lake Superior, spots the smoke that tells of the fire. The signals from the short-wave radio sets flash the news from post to post, and summon by aeroplane, railway, and canoe the fire fighters and their machinery.

THE first national school radio-telegraphy in Europe has been established by the Belgian Government for the purpose of training technicians and operators for the civil service, both in Europe and in the Congo, as well as officers and non-commissioned officers of the army, and aviators. It was authorised by a law recently passed; and is to be administered under the joint control of all the ministries whose work is affected; railways, marine, posts and telegraphs, and national defence.



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