

## Radio Round the World

THE progress of radio in South Africa is very slow. During the last two years licenses have increased by only 3900. Piracy abounds, but the authorities are very successful with their prosecutions. However, even these deterrent measures do not reduce the increasing numbers of non-financial listeners.

AN English paper reports that one of the Eskimo dogs, evidently dissatisfied with the regular table d'hôte, found his way to the roof of the wireless cabin of the City of New York and fastened his teeth in the loop antenna of the radio compass.

THE all-electric ship which recently arrived in Sydney aroused a great deal of interest. The Brunswick, designed for the sole purpose of carrying motor spirit, brought 4,000,000 gallons of this commodity to Australia. The cargo was discharged in just over 24 hours, thus maintaining an average of 81,000 gallons an hour.

A 3000-H.P. car is being constructed in England, capable of a theoretical maximum speed of 400 m.p.h. For the steering of this car beam wireless is to be employed, so that it will actuate a red point, which moving over a white disc, will show the slightest deviation from the true course.

THE Reich Broadcasting Company of Germany has decided to build a new headquarters at the cost of a quarter of a million sterling. The building is to have a frontage of more than 1000 feet. It will have two halls, each about 90 feet square, and is to be five stories in height.

FOR being the owner of a wireless set, a Russian peasant was recently killed by his neighbours. "Popular Wireless" remarks that perhaps they were radio enthusiasts and coveted his spare parts themselves.

THE Hungarian Government has decided that radio loudspeakers come under the heading of nuisances, and anyone operating one in a public thoroughfare is liable to be fined.

SUICIDE is becoming a habit among the Turks, with fatal results, reports an exchange, so the Stamboul University is broadcasting a series of anti-suicidal lectures. The radio lecturers are trying to counteract the mental state which leads to suicide.

THE wireless organisation for the air mail service to India, which was inaugurated on March 30, forms a complete chain, so that the aircraft engaged are in touch with aerodrome ground stations throughout the 4700 air miles from London to Karachi.

## Radio and Crime Australian Methods

### Action in Chicago Mr. J. R. Smith Returns

IN order to repress an ever-spreading crime wave, there was brought into being a novel means of co-operation between Chicago's police force and her leading broadcasting station, W.G.N.

A fleet of speedy, high-powered cars was equipped with receiving sets, locked on WGN night and day. When the call comes from police headquarters the programme is interrupted, and out goes the order, "Squads Attention!" Sometimes there are as many as a dozen calls in an evening's tuning. Immediately on receipt of the message this radioized fleet proceeds to the scene of the crime as announced from the station.

On one occasion radio brought squad cars to a mansion in a select suburb of Chicago. After detectives had surrounded the house they burst in the door, only to be welcomed by the burglar himself. He was a paperhanger awaiting the return of the family before starting work. To make the affair all the more complicated, the message which brought the detectives on the scene of the supposed robbery also brought a crowd of several thousand people to see how the police actually capture a real burglar.

MR. J. R. SMITH, officer in charge of the Radio Laboratory, Post and Telegraph Department, Wellington, who has been in Australia for some time past on a mission of inquiry concerning the changes in system recently made effective in the Commonwealth, has returned to the Dominion. A detailed report on his observations and conclusions will be drawn up and presented to the Department for consideration. Mr. Smith had a very interesting time in the Commonwealth and was afforded special facilities for investigation.

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