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## Across the Tasman

### Impending Broadcasts

WITH the visit of the English cricket team while on its way to New Zealand, and with the selection of an eleven to tour England, the current cricket season in Australia will be an outstanding one. Cricket enthusiasts in New Zealand will be pleased to know that the A.B.C. has arranged for descriptions of all the international and inter-State matches to be broadcast. The first match of the season to be described in Sydney this year at alternate periods through 2BL and 2FC will be the game played at the Sydney Cricket Ground on November 22 between the M.C.C. team and New South Wales.

THE revue to be presented by the Humphrey Bishop Company from 3LO on November 20 will be relayed from 2FC. For a light, clever revue there are few who can surpass this well-known musical comedy company, and its entertainment should prove very acceptable to all classes of listeners.

BRUNTON GIBB, whose sketch "The Stepmother" will be broadcast from 2BL on November 20, is very popular among listeners for his skilful character studies. He was a member of the "Anzac Coves" formed by General Birdwood, and he took part in a command performance at Buckingham Palace. He has also played in the works of Shakespeare, Sheridan and Shaw, and his realistic "type" impersonations in his broadcast plays have made him a universal favourite.

AMONG the most popular items of the Australian broadcast programmes are the clever skits on everyday life which are frequently given by "The Tatlers," a well-known light comedy company. Its next performance, which will be broadcast from 3LO on November 22, is a very amusing sketch which will acquaint listeners with a few of the "Trials of a Theatrical Agent."

AN enjoyable programme consisting of character studies from Dickens will be presented by Frederick Whitlow from 3LO on November 23. Mr. Whitlow, who recently toured Australia and New Zealand, has had much theatrical experience both in England and America. He spent several seasons with the H. B. Irving Company in London, and was also cast for the role of Svengali in the London production of "Trilby."

IN the radio play "The Tomb of Osiris" to be broadcast from "The Little Theatre" through station 2FC on the evening of Thursday, November 21, the Sydney University Players, in collaboration with Mr Laurence Herbert, will present what is likely to be their most successful production to date. The play, which has been specially written for radio production by John Pickard, one of the cast, is divided into two acts, each act containing two scenes. The scene of the first act is laid in Ancient Egypt, in the times of the Great Pharaohs. The second act, however, takes place in modern

times, the climax taking place inside the tomb of Osiris. This play, which is brilliantly written, is said to be a masterpiece of atmospheric effects, and New Zealand listeners should make an effort to listen-in on the night of its presentation.

CECIL MORRISON'S dance band will play in a very unique setting on November 20, when a broadcast of its music will be given through 2FC from the new Dutch liner Nieuw Holland. Between dance numbers this modern vessel will be described by the announcer, and a very interesting broadcast should result.

MISS NORA HILL, who will be heard from 2BL on November 20, has a pleasing soprano voice, which won the applause of Sydney's critics when she gave her first recital at the Conservatorium on her arrival from Dublin. Before she left her own country Miss Hill gained the highest award in all Ireland for interpretative singing, and also a gold medal in the section which had been won by John McCormack in previous years. Her beautiful phrasing and careful enunciation make her singing especially charming to broadcast audiences.

## "Still Picture" News Service

AN important contract for the installation of Fultograph apparatus to serve about 800 provincial newspapers in the British Isles has recently been concluded. The pictures of important topical events will be relayed by telephone lines and broadcast by wireless stations by the Central Press Agency of London.

The "still-picture" receivers will be installed in newspaper offices, and as fast as the pictures are transmitted from a branch station nearest the locality of an important event, the photographs will be received by all subscribers throughout the system.

The Fultograph Company in London has also recently received a cablegram from a representative of the Vatican in Rome which stated that the Vatican authorities were interested in obtaining the necessary apparatus for the transmission of ecclesiastical pictures. Captain Fulton and his engineers are now engaged in conducting experiments in America for the establishment of a trans-Atlantic picture transmission service.

## Express Radio

FOLLOWING successful experiments with a radio receiving set on a moving train, three of the principal expresses between Paris and Havre are to have wireless installations. A radio engineer, installed in a special cabin, will supervise the reception of radio programmes on these trains. Headphones will be available for each passenger in the first and second-class compartments, and later the service will also be available for third-class passengers. A special charge will be made to each user of the service.