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News By Radio

WIRELESS OUTWITTED THE STORM

NATIONAL Broadcasting Service got the South Island newspapers out of a hole last week when the heavy storm put telephone and telegraph communications between the two islands out of action. The broadcasting service distributed a summary of cables, news and Press Association messages.

Within 20 minutes of the scheduled broadcast, advice was received in Christchurch by urgent telegram from

"MY LORD MAYOR"

"MY Lord Mayor, ladies and gentlemen..." said the famous singer Lawrence Tibbett more than once in his speech of thanks in reply to the welcome given him by Wellington's Mayor (Mr. T. C. Hislop) on behalf of the Wellington Travel Club last week.

Every Wellington person looked distinctly pleased.

Lord Mayors, however, are few and far between. The Mayors of London, York and Dublin have long had the prefix of "lord," in London's case from 1540.

It has been conferred in Britain in the closing years of the 19th century by letters patent on Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Bristol, Sheffield, Leeds, Cardiff, Bradford, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Belfast and Cork. In 1910 it was granted to Norwich; and in 1920 to Nottingham, Leicester, Stoke-on-Trent and Portsmouth.

The title of "right honourable" is a distinction conferred only upon the lord mayors of London, York, Belfast, Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide, and upon the lord provosts of Edinburgh and Glasgow.

the United Press Association in Wellington to have a staff of men on duty at a station where 2YC, Wellington, could be heard clearly.

The staff of 3YA made a receiving room available. At 10.30 p.m., 2YC, closing down on its regular schedule, announced that the messages would be broadcast at 10.40. Reporters noted the summary which was later telegraphed to the West Coast and the south.

To give a reasonable news service from the South Island to northern newspaper readers, a digest of news collected in the south during the afternoon and evening was prepared by a Press Association agent in Christchurch and broadcast by 3YA at the end of the day's programme.

I DO not believe in the probability of anything very much worse than mustard gas being produced.--Prof. J. B. S. Haldane.

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