



A DETROIT radio announcer was recently shot by gangsters because of his activities in connection with the deposition of the city's mayor from his office.

THE gross revenue from wireless licenses in England for the year ended April 30 last was £1,550,000, compared with £1,370,000 for the previous year, and £500,000 for 1924.

BIRD life in the Hartz Mountains is faced with a new terror (states an exchange). Instead of the legendary scarecrow, the owner of a large orchard there has fixed a powerful loudspeaker in a cherry tree and keeps it constantly switched on. No bird has been seen in the orchard since.

THE Supreme Court of Germany has decided that information broadcast must not be repeated by the Press. The Broadcasting Company proceeded against a radio journal for reproducing the complete broadcast account of the voyage of a Zeppelin to New Jersey, and the court upheld the claim.

A TOTAL of 600 American broadcast stations employ 1000 operators; 350 Morse stations, 700; the 100 trans-oceanic stations, 500; the 77 naval stations 300; and the 180 experimental, 200. In all, seagoing vessels employ 2500 operators.

WHILE paying an informal visit to Senator Marconi's yacht, the Ellettra, recently, Signor Mussolini conducted an impromptu conversation with London by means of the wireless telephone installed on board. He spoke for some minutes to one of the engineers at Radio House, the headquarters of the B.B.C.'s technical staff, and commented upon the clearness of the transmission.

A MANUFACTURER of American cigarettes complained that large numbers of his products were disappearing, but all efforts to discover the thief were unavailing. Someone lighted upon a happy idea. Three microphones were installed and connected to lamps on the roof of the building. During the nights passing detectives noticed that these were alight, and entering the building made the arrest. It was none other than the nightwatchman.

BETWEEN September 2 and 26 an international Radio Congress is was held at Liege, Belgium. This

period corresponds with the hundredth anniversary of the independence of Belgium. There are many questions to be considered—the legal status of radio, schemes for international conventions, civil protection for radio, copyright problems, the rights of artists and executives, division of the ether, international status of radio operators, and other questions. It is a concerted effort to have radio legally recognised and have it placed on a definite basis.

ON her first trip equipped with radio telephone, the Majestic was called up forty times from the coast, and business men were enabled to keep in telephonic communications with their firms. The same vessel has been equipped with submerged microphones to give warning of icebergs in the vicinity. Another innovation to ensure safety at sea is the agreement, recently arrived at, that ships regularly exchange notes on the meteorological conditions. What with radio and its allied sciences it seems that another disaster like the "Titanic" is impossible.

THE first attempt to broadcast a play by the Baird system of television has aroused considerable interest, and not a little criticism in the English daily Press. It seems generally agreed that the recent representation of "The Man with a Flower in His Mouth" was most interesting from a scientific point of view, but that the dramatic limitations are at present very restricted as only a portion of each actor can be shown on the screen at one time. In addition, short interludes are necessary to enable each performer to take his place before the projector when his turn comes. The dramatic critic of the London "Times" concludes his criticism thus: "The visual transmission is far from perfect. You feel yourself to be peering through a keyhole at some swaying, dazzling exhibition of the first film ever made."

Wavelets.

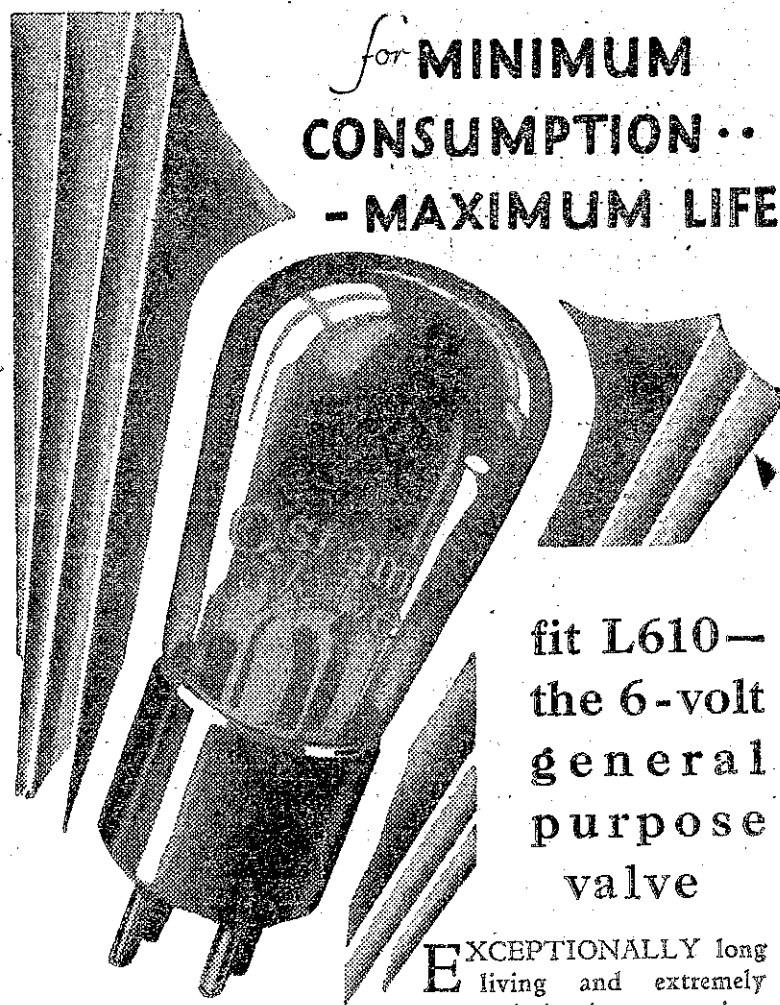
AN international convention of short-wave transmitters was held in Antwerp, Belgium, from July 12 to 14.

French engineers have recently completed the construction of two radio stations (short wave) in Persia.

The Afghanistan Government has ordered from the French Government three short-wave transmitters.

It is officially stated that the new religion, Radiosophy, is claiming an increasingly large number of followers.

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