

Round the World on SHORTWAVE

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Short-wave News

Empire Station's Progress.

ACCORDING to an English radio journal just to hand, good progress is being made with the Empire stations in course of erection at Daventry. The roof will be on the station building at Washford Cross by September, so that bad weather will not delay the installation of the plant. Work has begun on the masts, which are to be of the metal tubular type, 60 to 80 feet high, and not wooden as originally intended.

Addressed Programmes.

AT the conclusion of a sponsored programme featuring Richard Crookes, tenor, from one of the Californian broadcast stations last Tuesday afternoon, and which was relayed by KKW, they announced that the broadcast was "specially addressed for exclusive use by KGU, Honolulu."

Special Broadcast from EAQ.

THE special broadcast for New Zealand which station EAQ promised for August 25 apparently did not take place.

They commenced their regular programme at 11 a.m., as usual, which came in at R3. This increased to R5 by noon, when our programme was timed to start, but all announcements were made in Spanish after this time; in fact, a long talk in this language was heard soon after 12 a.m. They closed as usual at 12.30 p.m. Volume toward the conclusion was up to about R8, with slight gushiness.

Arrangements had been made for a relay by 2YA, but as reception was not good enough till near closing down, and the special programme did not eventuate, this was not attempted.

Log for Week Ending August 27

CONDITIONS have been normal during the past week, with nothing special to report.

RV15, Siberia, 70.1 metres. This station has come in well on most evenings up to R9.

HVJ, Vatican City, 50.26 metres. R8-9 on Saturday between 6.30 and 6.45 a.m., with slight static.

RV59, Moscow, 50 metres. Varies, some mornings about R7 at 8 a.m., but

usually weaker now till 8.30 a.m., after which they are seldom audible.

W9XF, Chicago, 49.18 metres. Tuesday and Wednesday, R5 at 4 p.m., to R8 by 5 p.m., but spoilt by static, etc.

W8KK, Pittsburgh, 48.86 metres. Very good on Tuesday, being R9 at 4 p.m., when they closed down.

REN, Moscow, 45.38 metres. R8 at 6.45 a.m. on Saturday, with slight fading.

PRVA, Rio de Janeiro, 31.58 metres. Tuesday, R4 and very gushy from 10.30 a.m. till 11 a.m.

VK3ME, Melbourne, 31.55 metres. Wednesday and Saturday, R9, with severe fading as usual. They commence at about 9.30 p.m.

OXY, Denmark, 31.51 metres. On Tuesday at 8 a.m. this, or another station on this wavelength, was quite good at R6, with some good music. No call was heard, while reception was so good. On other mornings they were only just audible at their best, which is about this time.

W2XAF, Schenectady, 31.48 metres. On Thursday at 9.30 a.m. I tuned in W2XAF as they were opening the station for the day. Volume was only R3, but readability about 50 per cent. They faded out soon after till near 2 p.m., reaching about R8 by 3.30 p.m.

Zeeson, Germany, 31.38 metres. Still varies quite a lot, but often very good at about 8 a.m. and earlier.

WIXAZ, Springfield, 31.35 metres. Also heard on Thursday morning at 9.30 a.m., a little better than W2XAF. Reception during the afternoon is usually good soon after 2 p.m. till 3.30 p.m.

VK2ME Sydney, 31.28 metres. Sunday evening and Monday morning, R9 with severe fading. They were on the air again on Saturday from 10 p.m. till 11 p.m., with a relay from Melbourne of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and a talk in connection with the celebration of Kellogg Pact Day.

CT1AA, Lisbon, 31.25 metres. Heard only on Saturday, when they were R3 at 9 a.m.

Japanese, 31 metres (about).—Talk at R7 on Saturday at 12 p.m.

J1AA, Japan, 31.6 metres (about).—Each evening from about 9 p.m. or soon after, talks and music, usually about R8 to R9.

EAQ Madrid, 30.4 metres. Every day from 11 a.m., not so good now as a few weeks ago, usually R7 at their best.

Radio Colonial, Paris, 25.6 metres. Still coming in well each morning from soon after 7.30 a.m. till 10.30 a.m. Volume goes off a little soon after 8 a.m.

G5SW, Chelmsford, 25.53 metres. Thursday was a little above the average, R4 at 8 a.m., increasing R7 soon after 9 a.m. Then down again to R4 till after 10 a.m., when the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, under the baton of Henry Hall, was quite good at R7. Big Ben was very clear, striking midnight at 10.30 a.m. The announcements in reference to the next day's programme and news session was 75 per cent. readable. They closed down at 10.40 a.m. On Monday and Wednesday, at 11 p.m., 5SW was R3, but too gushy to be readable.

12RG, Rome, 25.4 metres. Every morning at about R6 at 8 a.m., to only just audible by 9.30 a.m., fading out soon after.

KKW, California, 21.77 metres. Tuesday with the well-known American comedians, Amos and Andy, from 2.30 p.m. at R9, and a programme for KGU from 3 p.m. till 3.30 p.m.

I did not hear KKW on any other day during the week.



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