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RADIO Round the World

WHEN speaking—in English—from his palace in Belgium to the people of the U.S.A., King Albert paid great homage to the scientists who had made the feat possible. The speech, which was broadcast throughout America by the two main networks, was well received, as were the sentiments expressing hope that, in the interest of international understanding, such transmissions would be more frequent.

ONE German method of detecting smugglers is to direct an invisible light beam along some portions of the coast. Any object crossing the beam operates a signal at the transmitting station. The scheme has resulted in the capture of many smugglers.

RELAYS from the Davis Cup tournament recently held in Paris were conducted by all the chief Parisian stations. All radio-equipped railways included the commentaries in their wireless fare.

AFTER many months of agitation by dissatisfied listeners and radio dealers the Egyptian Government has decided to erect a 10 k.w. broadcast station at Cairo. Despite the lack of local talent for programmes, the enthusiasm among listeners and prospective listeners has been stated to be remarkable.

THE popularity of the microphone "crooner" is rapidly declining in the U.S.A., and he is being replaced by real and masculine baritones.

UNDER international law, only vessels over 1600 tons and carrying more than 50 persons are required to carry wireless and certified operators, but the British Post Office has recently made available a new radio-telephony service for coastal vessels. Three of the projected eleven ship-to-shore wireless coast stations have been equipped, and the remaining eight will soon be ready for service. The apparatus is almost automatic, and in future ship-owners, or friends of crews off-shore, will hand in messages at a post office, and they will be radiophoned to the vessel.

TELEVISION is not such a new branch of science as many people think. Before broadcasting was dreamed of a certain amount of success had attended the transmission of pictures by wire. In 1847, F. C. Bakewell, an English teacher of electricity, transmitted by electric telegraph copies of signatures. In 1881, S. Bidwell, another Englishman, demonstrated before the Society of Telegraph Engineers at Paris an apparatus which transmitted images, not merely of artificial drawings, but of actual objects, which were reflected upon a ground glass screen.

BEFORE radio receivers are sold to the public in Germany they have to pass a very strict test. At intervals a number of sets are taken from stock

and subjected to all manner of ill-treatment. Some are packed up and left to knock about in vans for weeks, while others have their knobs turned round and round many thousands of times. If they emerge from this class of torture unimpaired they are considered satisfactory.

THE Polish Ambassador at Moscow has protested against the anti-Polish propaganda broadcast by the Minsk station, which greatly interferes with reception in Poland of Polish stations. The Soviet officials retorted that they have no jurisdiction over wireless entertainments, and Poland threatened to erect a Morse transmitter to jam the Minsk broadcasts.

RADIO manufacturers in Britain are preparing for a million new listeners within the next few months. So great has been the fillip to the industry by the Radio Exhibition that most factories are putting down extra plant and increasing production facilities.

A RECENT law suggested by Mussolini compels the Fascist association of hotelkeepers to pay a special tax to the Italian Broadcasting Corporation. The rate is established on a sliding scale, according to the population of the district in which the inn or hotel is situated.

TO replace the monotonous ticking of a metronome, the Bucharest studio is endeavouring to find a more musical interval signal. Several mechanical devices on the lines of a musical box have been tried, and it is hoped that shortly a distinctive signal will be given, embodying a short melody based on an old Rumanian folk-song.

IN the studio of the Poste Parisien station an organ without pipes has been installed. The instrument operates on the oscillating valve principle.

THE "People's Church" of Chicago recently celebrated its eighth year on the air, a record equalled by only one other church in America.

AT Breslau at the beginning of the day's programme the names of the announcers to be on duty that day are stated, with the times. The popularity of this feature may induce the other German stations to follow suit.

THE popular French station Radio Normande recently surprised its listeners by broadcasting an S.O.S. message to a ship, asking it to look out for a balloon that was making a forced descent off the Normandy coast.

THE report of the committee on Canadian broadcasting recommends that stations of 50 k.w. power be erected at Montreal and in the provinces of British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.