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RADIO Round the World

THE maximum power allowed by the Federal Radio Commission of U.S.A. is 50 k.w., and very many stations have made application for this limit in advising the Commission that they are desirous of building new plants. Experimental stations with permits to increase power to 500 k.w. have been licensed, but the excess of stations in the country seems to urge the necessity of keeping power below that of the super-stations of Europe.

A FORM of broadcasting conscription is proposed in a Bill to be introduced in the Icelandic Parliament. Every civil servant will be required to give radio service during two months of the year. He may be required to serve in a variety of ways, one of them being to deliver lectures before the microphone without payment. Travelling expenses only will be allowed.

AMERICA'S claim to have the tallest mast used exclusively for broadcasting (Eiffel Tower is used for other purposes), is to be contested. WSM, Nashville, has one mast 878 feet high, but it is stated that Nanen will have two masts, each 880 feet high.

A NEW type of aerial has been adopted with Breslau's new transmitter, its shape differing considerably from the usual equipment. It is claimed that the new aerial has the advantage of creating greater field intensives, and that the nearest fading zone occurs at a greater distance, which means that a larger area is served by the surface wave.

SMALL regional radio exhibitions are to be organised in Switzerland during the winter in place of the usual national exhibition. By this arrangement it is believed that more enthusiasts may be able to become acquainted with the latest developments in radio.

A RECENT decree issued by the Eastern Inter-Collegiate Association is causing some concern among radio listeners in the U.S.A. Harvard, Yale and other universities have intimated that during the coming season they will not permit the broadcasting commentaries from their football games, as they have definite proof that broadcasting reduces gate money.

EIGHT years ago Mr. A. W. Macnamara began to manufacture radio parts, with a capital of £50, in a shop with a weekly rent of seven shillings and sixpence. He recently handed the Mayor of Birmingham a cheque for £25,000 for the Birmingham General Hospital. As a boy Mr. Macnamara sold papers in the streets, and at one time had to undergo a serious operation. He was so grateful for the care and attention shown him that he vowed he would one day repay the debt he owed to the hospital authorities, and the gift redeems his early pledge.

AN "Anti-Static Congress" in Paris is drafting a parliamentary Bill for the suppression of electrical interference with broadcast reception. Representatives of radio clubs, leading technicians, and legal authorities were invited to attend, and mayors and councillors were asked to report upon the prevalence of interference in their different districts.

RADIO servicemen in Latin America often take on strange commissions. Recently a coffee planter near the Mexican border offered a fee of fifty dollars and four days' aeroplane travelling expenses, to a technician, to examine his receiver. A fifty cent resistor cured the trouble. Another urgent call necessitated two days' journey through the jungle on a mule, to replace a valve that had worked loose in its socket.

VERY soon after landing in an Italian village Professor Piccard, who recently explored the stratosphere, was approached by the broadcasting authorities to go on the air, and give a brief account of his experience. This he did and his address was relayed to all the chief Italian stations and rebroadcast throughout America by the N.B.C. chain. The professor confined his talk to generalities, which many listeners say were extremely interesting, as he was under contract to a Scandinavian organisation for a full report on the scientific side of his adventure.

A WIRELESS pirate in Lancashire recently brought forward a new excuse to the magistrate, when he was proceeded against for failing to obtain a license. The pirate asserted he had been waiting for the Post Office collector to call.

THE Spanish Government, which recently granted home rule to Catalonia is in conflict with that province over broadcasting matters. Catalonia demands a 100 kw. transmitter, and treats with contempt the 20 kw. station proposed in the national Spanish scheme. In the meantime contracts are being withheld and the regional system development is being held up.

FRENCH colonial broadcasting suffers from the circumlocutory methods of many Government departments. The Colonial short-wave station officials in Paris required a map of Western Africa, and asked for it in a letter addressed to the West African Office in the Palais Royal in Paris. A formal reply was received stating that the request was being transmitted to the Governor of Dakar.

AN American amateur, Mr. F. F. Purdy, of Tennessee, claims to have established in three years nearly 18,000 two-way contacts with other amateurs in different parts of the world. This constitutes a record of about 17 contacts averaged each day for the period.