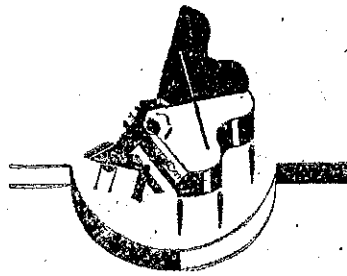
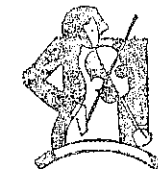


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RADIO Round the World

RADIO TOULOUSE, the famous French station, has made application to begin broadcasting with its new 60/70 k.w. transmitter. This station has 14 radio clubs, 184 agricultural syndicates, chambers of commerce and agriculture and other professional groups assisting it in the execution of its tasks. Radio Toulouse has not pursued its course free of all obstacle, and at various times it has had difficulties with the Government. There have been occasions when the Post and Telegraph Department have cut the lines to the transmitter in order to prevent broadcasts, and vigorous complaints were launched when the station first relayed a religious service. In 1926 its broadcasts of opera from the theatre were only possible by installing a portable transmitter in the auditorium of the theatre, as the Government had refused permission to allow the use of telephone lines. To-day it is one of the favourite French stations.

FAIRLY general satisfaction has been expressed in Great Britain at the withdrawal of the opera subsidy by the B.B.C. A new scheme has been entered into by the B.B.C. and the opera authorities whereby support of opera will continue by arranging for a number of transmissions that will be paid for. In return, the Postmaster-General has arranged the terms of the license fees in favour of the B.B.C. The subsidy, for which Lady Snowden was largely responsible, was an annual grant of £17,500 for five years. The opinion seems to be that cessation was justified, many listeners contending that the English, not being an opera-loving people, were being compulsorily educated to opera.

THE coveted gold medal awarded annually for radio diction by the American Academy of Arts and Letters has this year been issued to David Russ, of the Columbia Broadcasting System announcing staff. In his early career David Russ covered the varied duties of newsboy, agricultural student, orphan asylum supervisor, secretary, advertising writer, book reviewer, and poet.

IT is not generally known that M. Branly, the French "father of wireless" and inventor of the coherer, is a physician. Steps are now being taken to organise a celebration of his jubilee in the medical profession, and hopes are entertained that he will shortly receive the supreme decoration—the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.

THE British Post Office has been recently conducting a series of experiments across the Bristol Channel to ascertain the feasibility of a radio link in the telephone circuit from Wales to South-West England. The scene of operations has been at Lavernock, where Marconi conducted some

of his earliest trials. The experiments have been highly satisfactory, and the radio link is to be incorporated across other wide estuaries, thus effecting a great saving in poles, wire and upkeep. Radio links are already in use in telephone circuits in England, between centres as far apart as 300 miles.

THE only broadcasting station now in Greece is situated at Salonika. Its call is "Empros Etho Thersaloniki."

PRESIDENT HINDENBURG has awarded to Marconi the Goethe Medal for Science and Art, which was instituted to celebrate the Goethe anniversary last year. It is expected that the inventor will feel unusually gratified with this honour, because, although Goethe is chiefly known as a literary personality, he was a scientist of no mean order. One of his most remarkable theories was that the skull is a modification of a vertebra.

IN the opinion of Mr. F. L. Brayne, I.C.S., and acknowledged Indian authority, broadcasting has a wonderful future in India. The situation is summed up in Mr. Brayne's pregnant words thus: "Broadcasting can do more in a few years in the general spread of knowledge than all other methods of education put together can do in a lifetime, and as the value of so much knowledge depends on its rapid dissemination, and as the Indian villager has so much leeway to make up, broadcasting is the instrument which those who wish the welfare of village India cannot afford to neglect."

ON behalf of the Air Ministry, a radio station is being erected at Manchester which will be the first fully equipped radio station in a municipal airport for the use of civilian airport services. The power and range will suffice for the needs of aircraft crossing the Irish Sea, and will permit of communication over a wide area of England and Wales.

THE question of wireless terminology is a vexed one. Terms such as "listener" and "announcer" were rapidly adopted in English-speaking countries. Ingenious people are still devising alternatives. Many foreign countries adopted the English word "speaker" for announcer. The Spanish Academy of Letters has officially introduced "locutor," while French opinion is inclined toward "parleur." No language has borrowed so freely from its neighbours as the French. France has taken all her sporting terms piecemeal from England. In French sports papers you will still read that "le centre-forward a fait un bon kick vers le goal" and that a boxer scored "un knock-out parfait."