

Radio Listeners Tune In On Oversea Talks By Telephone

Short-Wave Sets Eavesdrop On Americans Talking To Paris And London.

New York Times.

With transatlantic telephone service being freely availed of, more especially in New York, it is a relatively simple matter for radio listeners equipped with short-wave receivers to tune the 33-meter band and to hear men and women talking to London and Paris or other European centres where the facilities are available. The complete privacy of these conversations is maintained by reason of the fact that the voice heard is that of the New York party and the return conversation which comes in on a different channel is not heard.

The last year has seen a steady increase in interest by radio listeners in the short bands. Until comparatively recently this was a field left largely to the amateurs who work in Morse code. With the discovery that several domestic stations were broadcasting entertainment on the short wave channels and that they can be heard by day quite as well as by night, receivers adapted to this field have been put on the market, while many "home-made" sets have been brought into use. Usually they are the "adapted" type, or small instruments which can be plugged into the detector socket, thus utilizing the high-wave circuit for the short-wave channels. This development has been marked in regions that have been deprived of daylight reception because of their distance from the more powerful broadcast-stations.

To tune the transatlantic telephone band anywhere between 5 and 6 o'clock Eastern Standard Time is to cut in on one-sided conversations which cannot fail to intrigue the listeners. The guilty feeling provoked by failure to mind one's business is pacified in part by inability to follow these talks with complete intelligibility.

Types Of Conversation.

Men with evident large financial interests are heard talking about the New York stock market's operations and the prospects of its future course. Deals are heard in the making, and the conversations are usually quite leisurely, with ten minute contacts quite frequent.

Men may be heard greeting their wives three thousand miles away, and women telling members of their family in London when they expect to sail for home. Women, it has been found over a period of

listening, almost invariably give vent to some expression as to the scientific marvels of the age. "Isn't this wonderful" is a frequent exclamation. Some of the conversations indicate loneliness over periods of separation and a looking forward to coming reunions with expressions of endearment.

The identity of the person called is learned by the listener-in, provided he or she happens to tune the band at the time the New York operator is listing a call. "Hello, London," comes the voice of the New York exchange operator. "I have a ticket," and she then proceeds to give the call with meticulous care. If it is Mr. Smith the operator says "S for Saturday, M for Monday," rounding out the spelling with careful emphasis. Then the operator gives the telephone number at which he will be found.

Usually it takes but a few minutes and the operator's voice is heard in New York saying "All right, I'm ready." There is a pronounced clicking and the two parties are in communication. It is apparent, also, that the New York operator constantly listens to the conversations in order to see that service is maintained. "All right, London, I'm through," comes the carefully enunciated phrase of the weaver of speech in New York on completion of a call.

At times there are atmospheric troubles and fading, if not static interference. A conversation may be readily detected as being interrupted by the frequent "Hello's" of the New York spokesman and complaint "I can't hear you." Generally the New York operators calls in a test-board operator and a male voice is heard calling London to "come in on 32 meters."

During the evening there are occasional lapses in traffic and at such times operators on both sides of the Atlantic engage in small talk and topics of the day. There are what appear to be mild flirtations. Only recently the New York operator was heard discussing with some person "on the other side" the prudence of exchanging photographs, and it is apparent that these daily ethereal contacts are building up friendships between men and women who may never see each other in the flesh.

It is reported by a representative of the telephone company that a device is being developed that will scramble the spoken words at the transmitter while another machine at the receiver makes them intel-

ligible to the receiver. Into this machine, he said, a man can talk in a special sound language that will mean nothing until it passes through the translating device. For example, when the word "Schenectady" is spoken into the scrambling machine it is reproduced as an animal-like sound. But when picked up by the decoding instrument it is made to sound like the original "Schenectady."

Report of the Condition of the UNION TRUST COMPANY, of Shelby by Shelby, North Carolina to the Corporation Commission At the Close of Business on the 27th day of March, 1929.

Loans and discounts	\$994,587.17
Overdrafts	482.08
United States bonds	51,921.88
County and municipal bonds	7,000.00
All other stocks and bonds	7,200.00
Banking house	4,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	8,449.95
Cash in vault and amounts due from approved depository banks	117,596.42
Checks for clearing and transit items	2,668.05
Due from banks (Not approved depositories)	687.40
Other real estate	3,200.00
TOTAL	\$1,197,792.95

Capital stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus fund	85,000.00
Undivided profits (net amount)	18,596.61
Reserved for interest	32,195.07
Reserved for taxes	1,500.00
Other deposits subject to check	316,813.70
Cashiers checks outstanding	418.83
Time certificates of deposit (due on or after 30 days)	513,706.42
Savings deposits (Due on or after 30 days)	\$15,044.94
Uninvested trust deposits	62,517.38
Bills payable	52,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,197,792.95

State of North Carolina, County of Cleveland, ss.

Forrest Eskridge, cashier, Chas. C. Blanton, director, and J. T. Bowman, director of the Union Trust Co. each personally appeared before me this day, and, being duly sworn, each for himself, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

FORREST ESKRIDGE, Cashier
CHAS. C. BLANTON, Director
J. T. BOWMAN, Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of April, 1929.
FRANK L. HOYLE, JR.
Notary Public.
My commission expires 6-8-30.

Copeland's HEALTH TALK

● "Slouchy" Health
By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.
(United States Senator and former Health Commissioner of New York)

Is there any scientific foundation for the belief certain persons have that they can "feel" the onset of bad weather? It is a common thing for rheumatic persons to say they can "feel in their bones" that the weather is to change. I am asked frequently if there is any sense in this.



DR. COPELAND.

"water balance" is disturbed. This causes certain effects upon the sensory nerve endings in the skin. As a result there is a disturbance of the nerve centers. Restlessness is the observed response.

A few weeks ago a Chicago physiologist, Dr. C. S. Smith, contributed an article to the American Journal of Physiology. In this he points out that:

"The restlessness of various animals that is often noted before a storm might be accounted for by the low barometric pressure and the consequent water retention. With an animal that is particularly sensitive to this condition there is thus given a foreknowledge of approaching bad weather, so that migratory birds are away before there is any sign in the sky of a weather change. Hogs usually bed themselves down and cattle on the range become restless and seek shelter, hours before there is any evidence of impending change in reaction that will impress the senses of man."

This scientist explains on the same grounds the claims of persons who suffer with rheumatism or any one of several other disorders that make the nerves particularly sensitive, that they can tell the approach of bad weather. They suffer increased pain or have other symptoms that cause them to "feel it in their bones." Perhaps weather

Order Girls Home For More Clothes

"Sunbacked" Dresses Arouse Ire Of Dean Girls In School At Jacksonville.

Jacksonville, Fla.—"Bareback" dresses locally called "sunbacked" on the theory that the more skin exposed to the sunshine the healthier the girls, in the opinion of the Robert E. Lee high school here over the indignant protests of six lassies who wore them.

"Such clothes are immodest and demoralize the classes," said Mrs. Marguerite Culp, dean of girls, in telling the flappers to go home and put on more clothes.

Some did. Others didn't. "My mama approves and I don't think it's any teacher's business what I wear," declared one.

Superintendents in other schools said they saw nothing immodest in the latest fad but Mrs. Culp said she intended to have a "show down" on the matter if her edict was not obeyed.

FEWER BOLL WEEVILS SURVIVED THE WINTER

Washington.—The department of agriculture's annual investigation of boll weevil survival indicates that fewer boll weevils survived the winter just passed than lived through the winter of 1927-28.

With the exception of South Carolina, the percentage of survival showed an appreciable decrease in all sections. In North Louisiana it dropped from 5.5 per cent to 1.8; Southern Louisiana, 100 to 39 per cent; Georgia, 40.3 to 17.7 per cent, and Alabama, 103 to 19.6 per cent. The South Carolina percentage increased from 1.3 to 9.2 percent. The percentage of survival was not indicated for Texas.

syncrasy for them. Avoid eating them.

W. A. P. Q.—What do you advise for indigestion and constipation.

A.—First of all correct your diet. Eat simple well-cooked food. Avoid foods unduly rich in fats and starches. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope for further particulars and repeat your question.

H. A. S. Q.—I drink six quarts of water daily during the hot weather. Is this too much?
A.—I see no reason why you should drink more than ten glasses dolly.
A.—May require surgical procedure. See your doctor.

The new creamery recently established in Clay county produced an excellent quality of butter at its first churning.



SAVING TIME

We heard a grocer in Squodunk who asked his clerk what Mrs. So and So was complaining about and was told: "The long wait, Sir." The grocer thought a moment and said "Why it was only yesterday that she was complaining about the short weight."

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ALL ARE INVITED TO MEET AT THE STAR OFFICE

TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORNING AT TEN O'CLOCK

To consider and discuss the question of the organization of a MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, with particular relation at this time to the immediate organization of an extensive DOLLAR DAY.

THE STAR believes that a MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION is a real need in Shelby. And the paper is advised that the merchants feel very favorably inclined toward the inauguration of a DOLLAR DAY here in the very near future.

So that this invitation is extended to the Shelby and Cleveland County merchants with this two-fold idea in view—first, to discuss immediate arrangements for a DOLLAR DAY, and to make the meeting for this purpose the nucleus for the organization of a permanent MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION.

Please remember the Hour: At THE STAR OFFICE, TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORNING AT TEN O'CLOCK. And it is to be hoped that as many will attend as can possibly arrange to do so.

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