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A short time ago at one of the regular meetings of the A. R. T. A. it was suggested that in the next issue of CQ members should have an appeal made to them for payment of dues. This is a most disagreeable task but quite a necessary one. Although the A. R. T. A. has steadily increased in membership and the tendency for delinquent members to pay dues is most noteworthy, there are still hundreds of “Good Intentions” members who have not met their obligations. Many of those whose initiation fees are paid are also delinquent. If these dues can be brought up to date the Association will have a very substantial treasury, and more than enough money to carry on our campaign for an eight-hour day at this session of Congress will be available.

Therefore, it is urged that every member in arrears, if employed, send in his dues at the very earliest date possible.

There is no reason why the A. R. T. A. can not be the strongest organization of its kind. Nearly every country has an efficient association to protect the rights of its radio operators. In this issue the work of the I. F. R. at the Madrid Conference is shown. Everybody will agree that it is most praiseworthy. Is America, then, to be the only nation without adequate protection for its radio-operators? The work of the committee on legislation is outlined here and the Association must have the support it needs to put it forward.

It might be well at this point to recall the message of the Honorary President, Dr. Lee DeForest, to the American Radio Operator which appeared in the May issue:

“I am convinced that every operator worthy of the name should support this undertaking and join the Association, of which I am Honorary President.”

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... The only means by which operators can go on that spirit of ‘all for one and one for all,’ which characterized the pioneers.”

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INTERESTING FACTS

By C. D. Guthrie

(Editor's Note: Mr. Guthrie was Supervisor of Radio at New York for the U. S. Shipping Board from 1919 until recently, when the office was abolished. Prior to that time he was one of the senior U. S. Radio Inspectors at New York, after a long period of service with the U. S. Navy. He now holds a Lieutenancy in the U. S. Naval Reserve.)

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, one of Mr. Marconi's early assistants is living here in Little Ole New York, after a long period of service with the Italian Navy as a Signal Quartermaster on the Italian Fleet and prepared to be placed into active service. He joined the U. S. Shipping Board. He later came to America, served on American ships, became an American citizen, and later joined the U. S. Shipping Board.

Captain Hugo at the time had just taken his examination for and received a mate's license. When his time in the navy expired he entered the Italian Merchant Marine. He said he was going to visit the other battleship (Alberto Carlo') in 1896 and assisted Marconi at the time he was carrying on his first experiments for the Italian government. Captain Hugo at the time had just taken his examination for and received a mate's license. When his time in the navy expired he entered the Italian Merchant Marine.

A young Electrician 2nd Class from the Wasp called on any ship was in the U. S. Navy, due to a very unusual situation. While serving on board the U. S. S. Kentucky as an Electrician (Wireless) 1st Class, we were in the Norfolk Navy Yard in the summer of 1906 and lying near by was the U. S. S. Wasp, a yacht converted into a gunboat. This vessel did not rate a wireless installation, nor were there any call letters assigned to her in the U. S. Navy Call Letter Book of 1903 where all the larger ships were listed under two letter calls. A young Electrician 2nd Class from the Wasp came aboard the Kentucky to buy, borrow, or steal any radio parts that might be available, as he stated that he wanted to build a wireless set. What we gave him I do not recall, but he said he was going to visit the old warships and cruisers and must have made quite a collection in addition to what he had to make up himself.

Several weeks later this little vessel sailed and we were amazed to hear her call the Norfolk Navy Yard Wireless Station and send an official message and sign Wasp Wasp. In view of the circumstances of one call was simply that is, vessels broken out from the Reserve Fleet and prepared to be placed into active service.

WHERE IS THAT "PROSPERITY"?

By Gerald Mathison

Against the advice of the President of the United States—against the advice of many leading economists—against the utmost urging of organized labor, the great non-union industrial corporations have time and time again cut wages, fired employees, increased the rate a wireless installation, nor were there any call letters assigned to her in the U. S. Navy Call Letter Book of 1903 where all the larger ships were listed under two letter calls.

The alleged influence of the wage-cutting policy in bringing back prosperity is still alleged by the wage cutters in the face of the most miserable failure of the policy. What are they talking about when they refer to prosperity—and for whom? Even if they mean prosperity for the stockholders only they are greatly in error. In so-called prosperous years (for profits and dividends) labor has never received more than 10 percent. 40 A few dividends are being paid—some on watered stock and blue sky. Many more dividends are being canceled. The wage-cutting policy has failed in producing the anticipated results. Business in general is more unstable than when the wage-cutting started.

What is called "the depression" is in reality either the complete and abject failure of alleged brains in high places in the industrial and financial world or else the most gigantic conspiracy to enslave the working people that was ever conceived.

Starvation wages, charity (fast growing weaker), despairs, what is left of a job are buying by people who had no money with which to buy. Following failure to entice the buying—more wage cuts and lower prices; then, of course, less buying and less profit business; again wage cuts to supply money for dividends not payable because of drop in profits. Most of the leading steamship companies have cut wages and lowered prices 20 minutes after they were heard. And several of these companies are spending millions of dollars for the construction of new vessels all at the expense of the employee. The executive and cutters so far is to be necessary. Necessary for what? To pay dividends to the stockholders who contribute no personal service to the success of the business? To assure stability to industry? To bring back prosperity? Well, how about it?

In the same agreement both organizations were pledged to a platform of amending the Constitution of the United States so as to permit Congress to control industry and agriculture in the interests of the people and eliminate the domination of the shylocks now taking not only their pound of flesh but getting ready to pick the bones clean.

Branch offices of RCA Communications, Inc., and Western Union in New York City, Washington and San Francisco have become one by a late agreement between the two firms. In the same agreement both organizations benefit either by better land office facilities and by the other rail circuity to 30 countries some of which were not direct previously.
The beach would be a great deal more crowded today, if aviation had not provided so much promise—and as far as operator employment is concerned, produced results. The largest employer of operators in the aeronautical service is the U. S. Dept. of Commerce which is now utilizing the modern Marconi efforts of 500 operators.

According to the needs of a particular station, an operator may devote his entire time to any one, or to a combination of the various types of duty: Broadcast, teletype, range, and weather observation. Weather observation has been mostly reserved for weather bureau personnel, but provision has been made for operators to make surface observations at intermediate points where regular observers are not available. Teletype has replaced most of the code work, and bears most of the point to point traffic; in time and with sufficient appropriations, teletype will replace code work.

Two-way communication with planes is almost entirely covered by air transport company stations, because few planes operated by individuals are equipped with transmitters. The main traffic of the airways division stations is weather reports and other information of aid to air navigation; the weather reports are prepared, distributed and broadcast on regular schedules, or immediately if the conditions warrant priority. Radio range operation is co-ordinated with the speech broadcasts, so that pilots may be guided along an airway when weather conditions are unfavorable for landmark check. The range sets the airway course, and the broadcasts supply timely data as to weather conditions along that airway.

The airways division is divided into 13 component administrative divisions, each of which is headed by an assistant airways traffic supervisor, and to each of which are attached at least one electrician, the required operating personnel, and a general utility operator.

Until the latter part of 1929 there were two grades of operators: Operator in charge, and radio operators; the next civil service entrance group received a lower rate of salary and were classed as assistants; and similarly in 1930, the grade of junior was established with a further decrease in entrance salary.

Tables of reorganization, issued last month, provide authorized personnel quotas within the various grades, for all stations. In general, the grade of operator in charge is authorized only at broadcast stations or at points where other operating facilities are grouped with a broadcast station; the senior grade is reserved for assignment to the more important broadcast stations or to teletype centers; assistant grade is allotted to points where four or more operators are stationed; and juniors are stationed at all points except those where independent range stations are now in operation but where future duties will, with expansion, include tele- type operation and weather reporting.

Seniority is reckoned by comparison of entrance on duty dates, or by date of promotion to a higher grade; the priority of grades, in ascending order, is: junior, assistant, senior, and operator in charge. Where operators are at present in excess for their particular grade, they are obliged to either request transfer at their expense to another station possessing a vacancy in grade held, or be demoted to next lower grade at present station. In the latter case, the demoted operator replaces the less senior operator and takes his rate of pay; if the replaced operator is not then within his
grade quota at present station, he is subjected to a similar rearrangement. Excess juniors who do not apply for transfer to another station where junior vacancy exists, are subject to transfer at government convenience and expense. Promotions are proposed to fill certain vacancies in the higher grades in which there is a national shortage of rated personnel.

All operators enter the airways division via Federal Civil Service examination, and notices of the holding of such examinations are posted on Civil Service bulletin boards throughout the U. S. A. At present, the few vacancies for new men are being filled by transfer from other government agencies, or from Civil Service registers listing the successful applicants in previous examinations.

The tables below show the number and grade of operators authorized for the various stations.

At top of each table is a figure group designating the complement quota for each station in that table; the first figure is for operator in charge, the second for senior operators, the third for assistant operators, and the fourth for junior operators. In the figure groups giving no operator in charge designation, the senior operator present acts in charge. The present station complements do not all agree with these tables—the rearrangement plans are just now being worked out. For example, the present complement of Boston is 1521, of Cleveland 1191, and Seattle 1211; in the Boston instance, the authorized complement is 1243 which means that 3 seniors are subject to rearrangement as explained above, and that vacancies exist at Boston for 2 assistants and 2 juniors. The vacancies will be filled by voluntary demotion or transfer of assistants or juniors which are in excess at other stations.

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By DR. LEE DE FOREST

As a direct result of the record-breaking wireless work performed by the high-power apparatus and the loyal, enthusiastic operators in charge of it at the World's Fair at St. Louis in 1904, the United States Navy that fall awarded to the American DeForest Wireless Telegraph Co. a contract for five of the most powerful stations that had ever been constructed anywhere on earth. San Juan, Porto Rico, Key West, Pensacola, Florida, Guantanamo, Cuba, and Colog, Isthmus of Panama, were the designated points. All transmitters were to be of 25 KW. input power, save at Pensacola where 10 KW. was deemed sufficient power for reaching its only regular corresponding station, Key West.

There were two ship-rigged masts supporting a double fan antenna erected by Navy contractors, following plans drawn up by my company's engineers. While at each of the four other stations triangularly spaced wooden towers of square timber construction were raised to a height of 250 ft., to support an inverted pyramid of three fan antennae.

Well-designed "shacks" for wireless operators, engine and generator buildings, were constructed by the Navy's builders.

The Fair closed its alluring gates. I was busy with some of the Old Guard, as well as some of the newly trained operators, in laying out the equipment for these new wireless "giants." Based upon our experience with the first 25 KW. coils, DeForest, by the Jerusalem crossarm mast we specified similar equipment, with kerosene-engine driven generators and exciters for some points. In others, however, as the generators (gigantic in the eyes of all those old wireless experts!) was installed in the Navy powerhouse, and motor driven. Frank Butler was sent to Pensacola, Mac Horton there and thence to Key West.

These were to be our first Navy stations—the more distant ones to be equipped later, after the first tour of inspection of our growing Navy. Our able and genial vice president, Charley Cooper at Springfield—Frank Butler, already adopted by some fine young gobs at the Navy yard. He was sleeping on a bunk, and eating his meals with the "Jack Tars" in their mess hall. The station was nearly ready for test by ear almost as far as its wireless signal would disturb sleepy passengers—we don't want it to reach them.

But what with Hughes and Barnhart, Wallace, Curtis, Cooper, Fennel (our three original "Canucks")—rushed from the West to temporarily man a coaster, or help erect a stick on which to hang the generator, and driving hard after coast vessel equipment. Our able and genial vice president, Charley Galbaith, had a winning way with skippers and fleet owners, most of whom were in those days stark skeptics as regards the possible need or utility of wireless. And the skippers, inured to gratifying isolation and independence of their New York offices, and Harding Hook was left astern, groused plenty at the mention of wireless aboard. "The noise of that spark will disturb sleepy passengers—we don't want it on the deck."

On Jan. 1, 1905, I began at Pensacola my first tour of inspection of our growing Navy stations. There was Frank Butler, already pinch-hit by the Navy, and later Acker's brother at East St. Louis—and Sandy Hook was left astern, groused plenty at the mention of wireless aboard. "The noise of that spark will disturb sleepy passengers—we don't want it on the deck."

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Two delightful weeks spent in the little Navy shack in the grove of coconut palms, hewn partly away to clear space for our antenna wires, borne aloft by three slender white masts overlooking waters painted in such soft and vivid hues of green and violet as any eyes saw never before. And then, having mapped out the work ahead for Horton and his Navy aids, Watts, Marriott, and the others, I fled that sub-tropic paradise for the chill north. My route thence through Washington, New York (where old "42 Broadway" station was just completing), Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis—on which station the work of installation and the new ops. in training at all these points—and then again south. Hard work, a multiplicity of tasks, voluminous correspondence accompanied me, followed me everywhere, night and day. Ah but it was Wireless—it was Life!

"AN OUTPOST STATION OF A GREAT AIRLINE"

The Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., radio station located at Cresson, Pa., is perhaps interesting to show the relation of radio and weather in the airways. The station is located on Cresson Ridge of the Alleghenies, the highest point on the eastern division of the line. Since there is no landing field adjacent, this link in the airline communications system is probably the only one in the country established primarily for a weather lookout.

Alleghany Mountain weather is probably the most changeable on the coast to coast route. As an added safety factor, this operation can keep a continual watch on the pilots of aircraft flying this sector and communicate with the pilots to give the latest weather reports of the divisions. A complete observation station is located in the station which is connected with the U. S. Weather Bureau teletype chain.

Duties of the operators consist of keeping a log of all company planes flying this sector, sending hourly weather observations and taking upper air observations. These latter observations are made by releasing a large balloon and watching its drift and speed through a Dyer's instrument or theodolite and taking readings each minute. The balloon is followed to an altitude of ten thousand feet, and the wind directions and velocities at each thousand feet are calculated from the readings. These observations are valuable in helping the pilots to find the most favorable winds. Three of these runs are made each day, and at night small flashlight bulbs and batteries are attached to the balloon in order that its course may be followed.

A regular airplane type fifty watt transmitter is employed which gives excellent results working as a ground station. Two receivers are in use, one a short wave for regular communication, and the other a long wave receiver for receiving weather broadcasts and for checking beacon station signals.

All operators in the company are able weather observers and can assist pilots by making observations immediately when called for. If airways radio operators can be a help to the pilots by their knowledge of meteorology, this knowledge should likewise be valuable to marine operators. If a marine operator can copy the government weather reports, fill them in on a blank weather map and then draw the isobars, he can learn by studying these maps just where the storm area may be found. The course of a wind shift line can be determined and valuable information presented to the skipper or navigating officer in the form of this map and explanation. Surely this would show that the operator is wide awake and interested.

and should aid in restoring him to the proper place of respect aboard the ship. Radio and weather go hand in hand in the airways, and both are just as important to ships at sea.

KEITH SINGER

BOOK REVIEW


Edited by Robert S. Kruse, formerly technical editor of QST, who needs no introduction to our readers, the purchaser of the book which lists for $4.50 will have a surprisingly large volume of very valuable information, in all 953 pages. Mr. Sterling is a former radio inspector and examining officer of the U. S. Dept. of Commerce. Motors and generators, storage batteries, vacuum tubes, transmitters, treatment of field strength surveys, marine radio on all wave lengths, interference, television and moving pictures are some of the subjects treated at length. The book size is 6 7-8" by 8". Bound in Flexible Fabrikoid.

SPARKS

When you’re sailing o’er the ocean
And you know that all is well
On the giant ocean liner,
That’s half ship and half hotel,
Remember, that among the guards
That save the ship from wreck
In a crowded little cabin
Half hidden on the deck,
Where working single-handed,
And exchanging his remarks
With the snips that pass beyond your sight
Sits operator “Sparks.”
Station WLW in Cincinnati has always pioneered in broadcast progress, being one of the first broadcast stations on the air, always being the first commercial station on each stage of increased power. It was the first station to locate a high powered transmitter in the country away from thinly populated sections, and first in many other important innovations in the broadcast art. The aim of its owner, Mr. Powel Crosley, Jr., has always been to increase and improve radio broadcasting service and to this end he has continually led the field.

Recently the Crosley Radio Corporation applied for and was granted a construction permit to develop, install and operate experimentally a broadcasting transmitter with power of 500 KW—ten times the power of WLW. Since no broadcast station has ever operated on a power approaching this, this transmitter will be operated under an experimental license to determine the actual results that will be obtained from this power. WLW's cleared channel frequency of 700 KC would be used for the experiments and full advantage is taken of this excellent frequency and the excellent location now used by WLW. It is expected that the tests will be conducted between 1 and 6 in the morning and that very complete measurements will be made on the coverage, fading, attenuation and other transmission characteristics of this powerful transmitter.

It is generally conceded that the only effective "static eliminator" is the use of high powers for broadcasting. Every previous increase in power had very materially increased the service rendered by the broadcast station. We feel assured that the increase in power to 500 KW will make possible much improved service in the present service area. This will be especially noticeable in those areas where the station can now be received but where noises and interference are objectionable.

It is not expected that the range or signal strength of the station will increase in the same ratio as the power. However, we believe that the increase to 500 KW will improve the service to our present listeners and will increase the audience sufficiently to justify the expense of more than half million dollars required to install the transmitter, and $150,000 a year operating cost for the transmitter alone.

An increase in power from 50 to 500 KW should result in an increased signal strength of about 350%. This increase will not be very evident in the present primary coverage areas since volume controls, either automatic or manual, will handle signals of great intensity as local stations and are not highly sensitive to a four to one change. In this area there being no interference level to use as a standard, listeners will not be aware of the increased power. However, where the signal strength at present approaches the noise level and where noises are objectionable and the signal fades to a low value the listener will very much improve reception conditions.

An increase in power in itself will not eliminate fading. However, on present day sets using automatic volume control, the fading is automatically corrected by the receiver unless it falls to such a low value that it does not operate the control. An increase in signal strength even in this area will materially improve the service and to a large extent remedy the fading.

Although not directly connected with the 500 KW experiments, we intend to utilize a 325 vertical radiator for WLW. This will result in increased efficiency which will further increase our signal both on 50 KW and on the experimental transmitter. Furthermore, it will reduce the distortion fading area and move this area further away from the station.

Several years ago when WLW went to 50 KW the fear was expressed that "high power" would interfere with the reception of other stations. It was quite definitely proven that even with the receivers in vogue in 1928 no interference resulted from the increased power. Any interference from this source would be directly proportional to the signal ratios. Since that time the stations which feared interference have increased their powers, in most cases ten to one. Therefore, even with the 1928 type of receiver, no more interference would be expected from the 500 KW transmitter than was experienced with WLW when it went to 50 KW.

When it is considered that present day receivers, in most cases superheterodynes, are far more selective, it can readily be seen that no interference will result.

With our standard Crosley receivers located in Cincinnati only twenty miles from the 50 KW WLW, it is possible to tune to WOR's 5 KW transmitter in New York City operating on a frequency of 710 KC without interference from WLW. The normal static and noise interference eliminates adjacent stations before any interference from a high powered station would be noticeable. Therefore, we have no fear of experiencing any interference with other stations.

The development of such a powerful broadcast transmitter presents many difficulties not experienced in lower powers. Elaborate precautions are required to assure continuous operation and continuity of power supply. It is expected that it will require eight to ten months to develop and construct this power transmitter. We do not, therefore, expect to put any test programs on the air until some time next summer. Many entirely new development ideas will be worked out and it is expected that this transmitter will have performance characteristics far superior to any existing broadcast station, and that it will materially improve the service and enjoyment afforded the radio listeners.
V. W. O. A. Notes

The Veteran Wireless Operators' Association has moved its headquarters from 154 Nassau street, to Pier 3 North River. The move was for economy purposes and new quarters will no doubt be selected early in the year where club room facilities may be arranged.

The association is making a drive towards contacting members in arrears for yearly dues. A special inducement is made to those concerned, suffering financial difficulties due to unemployment, that paid-in-full cards will be issued for 1933. Club-room facilities may be arranged.

Where members are suffering financial difficulties due to unemployment, the association asks them to advise the secretary. These members will be retained on the active list and receive all rights and privileges.

Secretary A. F. Wallis has returned to the Tropical Radio commercial department, a berth which he formerly occupied for several years.

Alonso S. Carroll, of the U. S. Coast Guard Radio Station, Westboro, Mass., life member and director of the association, has recently become a benedict and advises that the bassinet is being prepared to receive a prospective young radio op. If it's a girl?

At the recent meeting of the association on November 2, at Teutonia Hall, a new plan of procedure was inaugurated. Parliamentary proceedings were dispensed with and the meeting was thrown open to real get-together spirit. Past Vice President G. H. Clark gave a burlesque on "election speeches" which was enjoyed by all. The several candidates were represented by various members. Hoover by C. S. Anderson, Roosevelt by Eddie Kaminsky, and the Socialists by A. F. Wallis. The program was broadcasted via a dilapidated Mike, tied up with a red ribbon and connected to "no-wire.

Many new faces were noted and it is quite obvious that VWOA meetings are becoming more popular.

In accordance with the association's by-laws, nominations for officers and directors will be made by the chairman of the board at the next meeting on the 7th. These nominations will be placed before the membership by mail and ballots will be tabulated at the January meeting. The results will indicate the stewardship of the association for 1933.

The next meeting of the V. W. O. A. will be held at Teutonia Hall, 10th street and Third avenue, N. Y., December 7th, at 8 p. m.

Harry R. Chetham, the well known old timer, has encountered difficulties on his recent Civil Service examinations. Having qualified the professional portion he was turned down on the physical test. As it appears that injustice is being done in the matter, the association addressed a communication to the governor of Massachusetts who replied that an investigation will be made in the case.

A. R. T. A. Buttons

Suggested by STEPHEN ROYACS

Here is a suggestion for a button of the A.R.T.A. Use the sine wave for modern radio and radio telephone, the spark for the old and modern radio telegraphist and the straight line for the directness of our purpose.

Would be good with gold lines and maroon background. Would rather have it without the letter ARTA in it but it may be OK with it.

How is it?

THE CRYSTAL DETECTOR ERA

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Down the Stairway of Radio Wavelengths
Goes Transoceanic Communication

Accomplishments of a Dozen Years in Long Range Radio Service a Saga of Science Struggling With Shorter and Shorter Waves

The increasing use of radio for international communication and the establishment since the war of radio circuits which link the United States with more than thirty-five foreign countries have moved the center of world communications activities to this side of the Atlantic after several decades of European domination. New York is now the communications capital of the world and the radio circuits operated by R. C. A. Communications, Inc., the international radiotelegraph communications subsidiary of the Radio Corporation of America, give the United States direct contact with the important trade centers of the world. Today, forty-five direct circuits speed messages across thousands of miles to their destinations, without relay and free from any considerations of international boundaries.

The story of the development of this vast network of long range radio circuits is to a large degree the chronicle of continued and progressive exploration of new areas in the spectrum of radio frequencies. It is solely as a result of constant engineering and research effort that it is now possible to transmit radio messages to every part of the world on a twenty-four hour schedule every day. This remarkable system has been created since 1920, when RCA entered the field as a new company, inheriting at its inception a few very limited facilities of uncertain operation.

Between 1920 and 1925 the radio communications companies of the world struggled with wavelengths of 10,000 to 25,000 meters to produce a satisfactory radiotelegraph service over long distances. The radio companies employed these frequencies of 12 to 30 kilocycles for the very good reason that this was the only band which gave results with the apparatus then in use. The vacuum tube in 1920 had not yet been mastered to the extent of continuous use in high power, long distance transmission on an economical basis. The so-called high frequency alternator was at that time the only practical means of transmission and designers used the comparatively low frequency band because the properties of the high frequency band above 3000 kilocycles were unknown. Moreover, if their usefulness had been known, there was no apparatus available with which to generate them.

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New York Notes

Joe Gately, after a short stay on the beach, after his trip in the J. M. Danziger was awarded the Empire Arrow of Socony.

Alex Vadas took out the Polarine of the Standard Steamship Line.

Bill Kirchhoff interrupted a four years' stay on the beach with an intercoastal trip in the Sea Thrush and will doubtlessly give the ladies of Galveston a new type of sailor. He has been rehearsing an entirely new set of stories during his year's hangout with the A. R. T. A.

Otto Theles managed to grab another Bull Elk but he missed the last call.

Roy H. Roberson is back with us awaiting an assignment after undergoing two successful operations at the Marine Hospital, Staten Island.

Herman G. Mickelson is now recovering after a long siege of illness at Ellis Island, Marine Hospital.

Joseph P. De La Hunt went out in the Bridgeport, sold by the Columbian Line to the government of Columbia and renamed the Boyaca. It seems they are having a little political difficulty in Columbia and the vessel is to be used as a troop transport. He will return to New York as a passenger.

Vernon Minzey, after an extended stay on the beach, landed the City of Dalhart of the Roosevelt Line.

Karl K. Steiner, formerly of the Jefferson Myers (Quaker Line) tied up with the Wisconsin of the States Steamship Line, out of Portland, Ore., and will now be in the Oriental run. He was on the beach in Portland for quite a spell.

J. W. Bruidwood is the Yacht Carolina.

J. H. Livingston is operator of the Velma Lykes out of Galveston. Reports at this writing indicate the Velma is in difficulty in the Gulf and several days overdue without having been heard. As a matter of fact, four vessels in that area are reported in distress due to the twister now raging.

Rodney Cross is now serving in the Albert Rice, Missouri Line.

Abe Goldwitz was discharged from the Marine Hospital at Staten Island after recovering from a short siege of illness.

Joe Perlman, who was going strong on the fishing industry ever since his first trawler had never been really sick before.

After a protracted absence, Charlie Selbert returned to New York and announced that he had been shifted to the Whittaker. He is about to embark on a voyage to the Far East via intercoastal. On the occasion of his visit this time, our old shipmate was in exuberant spirits, having successfully completed negotiations with the War Department for a much overdue compensation for disability, while precluding as supervisor of radio for the U. S. Shipping Board in this port, a visitor at headquarters on two occasions and has kindly contributed a bit to CQ in this issue.

I. Margolis, who left the Scammall some time ago, is still with us on the beach, as is J. Dudor, formerly of the same vessel. For some reason, formerly of the same vessel. For some reason.

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Authorized representatives of the American Radio Telegraphists Association, Inc., 20 Irving place, New York City, are as follows:
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Miami, D. W. Scott, P. O. Box 2254
New Orleans, Forrest H. Flanders, Y. M. C. A. Box 314, 936 St. Charles at Lee Circle
Great Lakes, Arthur H. Freitag
Port Arthur, (Gulf representative), Hoyt S. Haddock
Baytown, Texas, Ralph E. Knudsen
Beaumont, Clyde B. Trevey
Those wishing to represent the organization in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego should communicate with the secretary, 20 Irving Place N. Y.

The inactivity of Brother Flanders at New Orleans for the past few weeks was due to his becoming an inmate of the local Marine Hospital. As this goes to press Brother Flanders announces that he was released but is returning once more for removal of tonsils and will be back on the job within a week.

LEGISLATION MATTER

As a result of the recent elections and the surprising defeat of Representative F. H. La Guardia of New York, whom the association had hoped to have present its case for an eight hour day bill at the next session of Congress, we have suffered a severe loss in that stout-hearted champion of right. Nevertheless, our battle is far from lost. We have with us yet, Senators Wallace H. White, Jr., of Maine, C. C. Bill of Washington, Hiram Johnson of California, and we are setting forth on a campaign to enlist the aid of many new members of Congress in our demands for equality in the matter of working hours with other workers.

For the past few weeks a committee has been drafting a measure which was placed before the membership and with slight modification approved at last meeting. The measure, as amended, follows:

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA BY REQUIRING EQUIPMENT AND AN EFFICIENT RADIO SERVICE ON SEA-GOING VESSELS.

Be it enacted, That all sea-going vessels of 1600 tons, gross tonnage, or over, leaving or attempting to leave a port of the United States to navigate the ocean or the Great Lakes, shall be equipped with radio apparatus capable of transmitting and receiving messages over a distance of at least one hundred nautical miles by day under normal conditions.

That an apparatus with an independent power supply, capable of maintaining communication over a distance of one hundred nautical miles for a period of six consecutive hours by day must be provided.

That this Act does not apply to vessels which, in the course of their voyage, do not go more than 200 miles between ports or more than 20 miles from the nearest land.

Sec. 2. That all vessels 1600 to 5500 tons, gross tonnage, shall maintain a radio service for at least eight hours per day while the ship is being navigated.

That all vessels over 5500 tons, gross tonnage, shall carry a radio service for at least sixteen hours per day while the vessel is being navigated.

That all vessels carrying, or licensed to carry, twelve (12) or more passengers shall maintain a continuous radio service while the vessel is being navigated.

That the hours of service for vessels required to maintain an eight (8) hour and a sixteen (16) hour service per day shall be as under:

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LEGEND

R = Radio
B = Bell
G = Gun
N = Non-radiated

Sec. 3. That the radio service shall be in charge of a qualified operator whose sole duty shall be to keep an efficient radio service and maintain the apparatus in good working order. Vessels required to maintain an eight-hour service shall carry at least one operator holding a first-class radiotelegraphist's license. Vessels required to maintain a sixteen-hour service shall carry at least two operators, one of whom shall hold a first-class radiotelegraphist's license, and the other operator shall hold a second-class radiotelegraphist's license or higher. Vessels required to maintain a continuous radio service shall carry at least three operators, two of whom shall hold first-class radiotelegraphist's licenses, and the other operator shall hold a second-class radiotelegraphist's license or higher.

An applicant for a first-class radiotelegraphist's license shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and must have had at least one year experience on a second class radiotelegraph license. An applicant for a second-class radiotelegraphist's license shall be at least nineteen (19) years of age.

In the next issue the name of the sponsor will be announced and it is absolutely imperative that every member get busy at once, writing to his senators and representatives asking support of this legislation. Do not wait for your brother operator to act. Do your bit in the campaign. Remember, you are the one to benefit directly from such legislation! Point out the necessity for the enactment of the bill in the renewal of telegraphists' licenses which will carry at least three operators, one of whom shall hold a first-class radiotelegraphist's license, and the other operator shall hold a second-class radiotelegraphist's license or higher.

There is every indication that the International Treaty for Safety of Life at Sea will be ratified shortly after the Senate convenes.

The treaty itself, once ratified, will help to clear out our static-rooms. But the treaty itself is not sufficient. It contains several "jokers" which our bill is designed to clear up for the American operator. For instance, there is a provision for an auto-alarm on certain vessels to substitute for sixteen hours daily service by competent operators. There is a distinction made between a radio service and a radio watch —only the service being maintained by competent operators, and the watch left to auto alarms and to student operators whose code ability is such as to preclude the possibility of their reading traffic at a normal rate of speed.

We must bend to the task and work with a will to accomplish our object. Everyone must do his bit. When the beaches are cleared and the demand for operators increases, the association will be in an enviable position. The depression has wrought havoc with the schools which for two years have not sent out their normal supply of students into the marine fields. There is a steady decrease to be expected in the renewal of telegraphists' licenses which will work to our advantage. The segregation of telegraphists and telephonists reduces the chances of either holder filling the other's boots in slack seasons. As a matter of fact, the passage of such a measure as we are now advocating, should put every available telegraphist to work and through this demand for operators work to our advantage in securing fair wages.

Don't let us down in this campaign, brothers. It is the most important measure we have undertaken and the success of the organization depends wholly upon the spirit of the members at such a time as this.

But what is the use of speaking further? Let's get started!

RADIO SCHOOLS—GOOD AND BAD

We are pleased to reproduce an interesting letter sent to a prospective student by one reliable radio school. A little more of this honest dealing by our schools would be appreciated by all. In these days when employment is anything but certain for long experienced operators, how any school can GUARANTEE employment to green stock is beyond us. Why not straightforward dealing, and honesty of policy? We think the following is very commendable and respectfully refer it to the attention of some of our less reliable outfits who apparently seem only interested in keeping the mill going and the "kitty filled."

I have your letter of the 5th., and note what you say about a guaranteed job.

Any such guarantee is fraudulent on the face of it and should be sufficient within itself to indicate to you that the school that gives it is, to say the least, unreliable.

We do not guarantee jobs. We do guarantee our course of instructions to train you so you will be capable of holding a job, but that is as far as we can go in justice to you and ourselves.

If the school you refer to made you a guarantee of a job when you finished their course and collected $127.00 from you on the strength of such a guarantee, you ought to demand your money back, or turn the whole matter over to the Postal Inspector of your District. The U. S. Government does not countenance the misuse of the mails in any such way.

Should you decide to enroll for our Code Course you can obtain tapes through us at wholesale, price list enclosed, containing all the practical material of our course. When you have completed our course should you be unable to pass the code test for your 2nd class commercial examination, we will promptly refund your money.

There is no prospect, that we know of, for automatic machines to replace code operators.

Yours very truly,
Dear Mr. Haddock:

Since our talk concerning the radio union now being formed, I have made a list of some of the changes which I believe to be necessary, desirable and beneficial for the advancement of commercial radiomen of today, and maintaining a standard of which we should be proud.

Before giving this list, I would like to say a few things in connection with the future licensing of a union for the commercial radiomen unless they show more "back-bone" as a body and with a leader than they have shown individually during the past three years.

I have noticed that regardless of where radio operators may meet—in church, in radio schools, drug stores, cafes, in the street "waiting rooms" or on the street corners, there is always talk of the "dirty deals" of this company or that, poor salaries, long working hours and under trying conditions, and the general unfair treatment received all the way around. We all kick about these things continually. Do we do anything to remedy this kind of deal? No! Absolutely not! Not one of us dare open our mouth in our own defense. Have I made an effort to help our profession? Yes, several times but got only far enough to learn that there were no marines at the gang-plank to keep me. I gave up. Perhaps I should have said "few things but, no doubt, with the same results." No one can win a battle single-handed and I must eat, so I follow the gang now.

I want to start with the membership of operators who will not stick together and fight? Fight for their deserved rights? If so, we don't want a union! The game will be worse afterwards than at present.

My appeal to all operators then is, "Join hands with your brother of the radio profession and fight with all we have!" If we do, there's one end, WE CAN'T LOSE. Just pass it on to the other operators that I'm with them to the last ditch, but no further UNLESS THEY, TOO, cross with me.

Here is a list of the changes I would like to see made:

1. Operators must not be compelled to stay aboard the vessel while in port for the purpose of checking cargo, etc., or do any other work that is really the duty of the mate-on-watch.
2. Set a standard salary for tankers, freighters and passenger ships. Same on vessels carrying only one man, same on all vessels carrying two operators and on the larger passenger ships, a higher standard according to work done.
3. Prohibit operators from doing any class of work on the typewriter unless paid extra and according to the amount of work done. Same for any other class of work for the mates and captain.
4. Standard working time of eight (8) hours per day. Mates and engineers, licensed men, are required to work only eight hours except in cases of emergency.
5. Prevent the installation and operation of any class of radio receiving set on board any vessel except in the radio room.
6. Operators in all classes of stations ashore, broadcasting, point-to-point, research work or any others licensed by the Federal Radio Commission must have at least a Second Commercial License and six months satisfactory service in a station open to public service.
7. Make a change, as far as practicable, in government examinations at least once each twelve months.
8. Eliminate all simple matters, require more questions to each sheet and to be more comprehensive in scope for all commercial license government examinations.

There are a few others that I could name but they are those things that I have already pointed out and which you have already corrected once we have corrected the above.

Assuring you that I am for the union one hundred percent, will say that I have already paid my own dues and will apply for my membership upon my arrival in Port Arthur about the 27th of this month.

With best of luck and a strong push in your efforts to help us, I say,

VY 73 OM

Mr. Benjamin Beckerman writing to the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee points out:

There are numerous radio men in the American Merchant Marine at present receiving fifty dollars per month, out of that amount they have got to dress as their brother officers, save for a rainy day, and contribute to their dependents.

At present there is a large number of radio men idle on the beach, without funds, at the mercy of charity.

In a period of ten years a radio operator is granted renewals of five licenses while deck and engineer officers are granted only two, this is the only case where a radio operator gets more of something than his brother officers.

A five or ten year license for radio operators would be a large saving to the U. S. Government.

The U. S. Government is the only nation having a short term Commercial radio operator's license.

The American radio men have no chance for advancement in the American Merchant Marine. As do the men in the Army or Navy, neither does he get a vacation with pay or a pension after years of service, all other officers licensed in the American Merchant Marine get all of those privileges.

Dear Mr. Delaney:

While in Providence, I was paid a visit by a student from the local radio school there. He wanted to see the apparatus and get a little data on commercial operating. It seems as though he had been "pumped up" at this school as to what a well paying profession radio operating is, and instead of wanting to get his license and get out, he said he had about two months more of school before taking the examination. A do not know whether he represents the average student from that school, but if he does, I can't say very much for the school. The apparatus aboard this vessel consists of a two kilowatt modified type "G" Kilbourne and Clarke transmitter, with the large two KW navy spark gaps mounted on the panel front. He asked if I would start up and give him a little explanation, to which I consented. After getting the layout started up and stepping on the key a couple of times, he asked me where the tubes in the transmitter were located. I then explained that it was a spark transmitter and used no tubes.

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felt the effect of the new attempts at monopoly. In fact it was claimed human life at one time in danger meant nothing in an effort to put through a wireless message from an outside installation by way of a Marconi installation. Officials of the company denied later that extreme was intended, but some employee evidently failed to use his judgment.

The de Forest Company was getting some installation work in the form of land stations for private owners wanting news, or for point to point wireless work where no outside messages had to be relayed. The U. S. Navy was interested in wireless for its boats and the de Forest Company was favored with several of these installations.

Professor Fessenden was making some advances in apparatus developed for the new means of intelligence transmission, and in 1906 successfully carried one of these in the courts against the de Forest Company, by the efforts of the National Electric Signaling Company, of Pittsburgh, which had been formed to promote his devices. The National Electric Signaling Company did not build any stations of its own, nor was it interested in owning any boat installations, it was making every effort to sell equipment for the construction of wireless stations on land as well as on boats, but in these early days both the Marconi Company, and the de Forest Company had many stations of their own scattered around the country.

The Branly coherer, a device used in registering the wireless signals, was the early pride of the Marconi Company. A similar device, but of a liquid nature, was used by the National Electric Signaling, and de Forest soon developed his own which he termed a decoherer. These were hard items to get around in the early days of wireless, and each of the owners scanned carefully every installation of the other to see that its patents were not infringed at this point.

On November 28, 1906, Lee de Forest returned from a trip to England, had differences with his company, which brought about his resignation. He had just recently applied for patents on a development which he called the audion, not considered at the time as of much importance. It was a bulb resembling in many features an electric bulb with certain gas content, a filament, a plate, and what he had added to what was then known, a grid or screen. Previous to this time as far back as 1884 Thomas A. Edison had noted that a plate sealed in a tube with a filament on which alternating current was flowing showed a direct current reading from the plate, which was termed the "Edison effect." In 1905 Professor J. A. Fleming of England had utilized this in his radio work, and it became the property of the Marconi Company of England, which by its agreements with subsidiary firms established in various countries naturally were entitled to the exclusive use of this in their respective territories.

Marconi office to which the transferred United Wireless men reported, J. B. Duffy sitting at desk at left; E. E. Bucher, at desk by the window

In 1907, the United Wireless Telegraph Co. had been organized to take over the American de Forest Wireless Telegraph Company, Lee de Forest having left the organization.

Wireless in the early days knew no boundaries, it was international. We find Lee de Forest in England trying to sell his equipment, in France, and in Germany. We find in the United States, the Marconi Co., the de Forest Company, the Telefunken Co. (German), and the National Electric Signaling Co., all competing for radio installation jobs for the United States government, and in the case of the Arlington station, the biggest installation of the time, the contract going to the National Electric Signaling Co., which was utilizing the developments of Professor Fessenden.

As early as 1912 we find the National Electric Signaling Co., which was owned by only five stockholders, claiming to have invested $1,066,000 in the hope of future profit in their company although incorporated in 1902 with capital stock of $100,000.

The Marconi Company of America at this time had a capital authorized of $1,665,000 do-

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The alternators made possible surprisingly good communication during the cool six months of the so-called Diversity Radio. During other seasons always hampered traffic and frequently imposed serious obstacles to continuous transmission. It became very evident, therefore, that long wave radiotelegraphic communication was too seriously affected by the elements to provide satisfactory day in and day out service with regular and reliable capacity.

By 1926, short waves generated by improved vacuum tubes, and directional transmission had made their appearance on wavelengths of approximately 30 meters, or frequencies of 10,000 kilocycles. Here were found surprising possibilities for speedy transmission. It being frequently possible to transmit at the rate of 990 words a minute, as compared with 30 to 80 words a minute with the long wave method, it was also found that the old enemy fading had almost disappeared, although its place was taken by a new and very troublesome phenomenon called "fading." It was observed that a fading period might last anywhere from a few seconds to several hours during which time the signal disappeared entirely and the circuit ceased to operate. Further observation revealed that fading did not affect all the wavelengths of this band with equal intensity at the same time. Frequently, when signals would fade out completely on one frequency, good communication was possible on another frequency. Therefore, it was possible to make use of the various wavelengths in the 30-60 meter band during certain hours, but radio science had to contend with blank periods of each day during which no communication was possible.

The use of shorter wavelengths, between 14 and 25 meters, followed in 1927, and in this band were found working conditions that were much more regular and useful. Fading was found still to be present, but of the various locations usually of shorter duration. However, momentary fades of extremely brief duration gave radio engineers much trouble until it was discovered that even when a signal had faded, the location might still be present at another location, perhaps less than a thousand feet away, and vice versa. This led to the development of the so-called Diversity Receiving System, in which three distinct receiving antennae are placed approximately 1,000 feet apart, each supplying its own receiver. The products of these three receivers are combined in a common output to make a signal free from momentary fades.

In the band of wavelengths between 14 and 60 meters most of the world's long range radio communication is conducted today. Long experience and the compilation of exhaustive data have shown radio engineers how best to employ each segment of this part of the radio spectrum at each hour of the day between the various countries of the world. By means of modern equipment it is now possible to establish uninterrupted communication, on one frequency or another, with every country of the world equipped with similar radio facilities.

The segment of the radio spectrum next to be conquered and made useful for commercial purposes is the band between 5 and 8 meters. These wavelengths have been found to be practically free from static or fading, but their range appears to be quite limited unless the corresponding stations are placed at high elevations. At elevations of from 3,000 to 3,000 feet R. C. A. Communications, Inc., has designed excellent communication stations operating over distances up to 300 miles, utilizing wavelengths between 5 and 8 meters. The inter-island radiotelephone circuits which now link the Hawaiian Islands operate in this band.

Interesting research work is now being conducted in the wavelength band between 50 centimeters and 1 meter. These extremely short waves appear to have many of the properties of light in that they may be made extremely directional by use of suitable reflectors. The distance over which they may be used will probably be found to be still more limited—perhaps not exceeding fifty miles. It is too venturesome to attempt to foretell what the ultimate development of radio communications may produce. But there are certain classes of service which have been either already attained, or which show definite promise of future usefulness. Communication by radiotelegraph may now be regarded as thoroughly practicable, when the radio engineer is certain constant contact with remote points for 24 hours each day. Similarly, radiotelephony between continents may now be regarded as an attained commercial accomplishment. Next in order is facsimile transmission.

Although intensive experimentation has been conducted for years with long distance, facsimile telegraphy, this art is not yet in the state at which it offers better or even equal economy in transmission as compared with existing telegraph or telephone services. It is understood that one of the demands of radio, and demanded of radio, it becomes necessary to provide means of transmission that are at once more comprehensive and more rapid. Enough has been learned, however, to support the belief that further development will result in a vastly improved facsimile service for the transmission of all kinds of intelligence. Such a service would permit the economical and rapid carriage of ordinary telegrams on a competitive basis with existing telegraph services.

The list of radiotelegraph circuits now in daily use, in order of the years in which service was inaugurated, is as follows:

1890; Great Britain, Hawaii, Japan, Norway, Germany (Berlin), France.
1911; Germany (Hamburg).
1911; Italy and Poland.
1924; Argentinia and Sweden.
1925; Dutch East Indies.
1926; Brazil, French Indo China, Holland.
1927; Philippine Islands, Hawaii—Philippines, Dutch Guiana, Columbia, Venezuela (Maraca), Belgium, Porto Rico, China (Hong Kong, via Philippines), China (Shanghai, via Philippines), Turkey.
1928; Venezuela (Maracaibo), Canada (Montreal), Portugal, Australia (via Montreal), Dutch West Indies (Curaco), Liberia, Cuba.
1929; Fiji Islands (via Hawaii), New York—San Francisco, Spain, New Orleans—Porto Rico, Syria, Costa Rica.
1930; Chili (Santiago), Panama, San Francisco—Panama, Moscow, Czecho-Slovakia (Prague), Santo Domingo.
1931; Mikuden, San Juan—Renadana, Porto Rico.
1932; Mexiko City, Switzerland (Berne).

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ing an annual business of $120,000 a year, having 12 land stations, and 350 ships.

The United Wireless Telegraph Company, originally a de Forest Company, with an authorized capital of $20,000,000, and having 55 shore stations, and over 450 steamer installations.

There was also a smaller American concern, the Missouri Company with an authorized capital of $500,000. There were, of course, even smaller than this, who having left only sign "footsteps on the sands of time," we are not mentioning.

Early in 1912 the United Fruit Company, operating a fleet of boats mainly between the United States and Central and South America, had twenty of their boats with wireless equipment, intended to equip the balance of their seventy boats as well, and owning two land stations on the Gulf of Mexico. They were not interested in selling equipment but owned all their own installations outright.

The Beginning of Legal Battles

Ship equipment and land stations were the only means of income in these days. Of course there was wireless which brought in revenue, but only the Marconi Company, and the de Forest Company under the name of United was interested in this traffic. The Telefunken Co. (German), and the National Electric Signaling were suppliers of materials for wireless stations.

To give a picture of the already forming legal tangles in the radio business of 1912, we find the following companies formed in 1907 and was operating several land stations on the west coast. While on the west coast working with his audion development, he accidentally ran into the effect later termed regeneration, but failed to patent the circuit causing him much trouble at a later date as we will find later.

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To these men 'United' was making history—and they were very happy about it. Every new long distance record, every addition of a new station and every fresh contract for business, were signals for elation. The then infant art of radio had no material supporters than they who staunchly stood by old 'United' in her vain struggle for existence.

"Then came the eventful day in April, 1912, when the United standard was lowered and in its stead was erected the standard of the Marconi Company—the personnel of which later formed the nucleus of Radio Corporation."

This practically gave the Marconi Company complete control of ship to shore, and ship to ship communication, and their 7,500 stockholders in America at the time were a little uncertain as to whether they were better off or not for their investment in the stocks of the Marconi Company. Land stations cost about $10,000 each and ship installations roughly about $1,200 each. The Marconi Company of England, and the various subsidiary companies in other countries had an authorized capital of $20,000,000 up to 1916 did not show any profit to stockholders.

Lee de Forest, after leaving his original company in 1906, had formed the Radio Telephone Company, but business was not doing so well, and three years later he joined up with the Federal Telegraph Company which had been formed in 1907 and was operating several land stations on the west coast. While on the west coast working with his audion development, he accidentally ran into the effect later termed regeneration, but failed to patent the circuit causing him much trouble at a later date as we will find later.

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M. R. Rathborne advises us that he has joined the forces of Dr. Lee de Forest. Dr. de Forest is devoting a good part of his time to the study and development of the television field, and we understand some real news on this subject may be coming anytime now from the laboratories of Dr. de Forest, at Hollywood, Cal.
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officers of a foreign nationality during a longer period than is provided for above each country shall be free to fix the number of examinations and the aptitude judged necessary to obtain the respective diplomas, one or other of these diplomas qualifying the holder for the different radiocommunications with the difference that, for each class of station the speed of transmission and of reception as well as the degree of technical knowledge required will be taken into consideration.

The minimum conditions for obtaining the title or certificate of officer of radiocommunication shall be as follows:

A. First Class

The 1st class title or certificate shall state the professional and technical ability of the officer of radiocommunication in connection with:

a. Theoretical and practical knowledge of the general principles of electricity and their application to telecommunications and radiotelephony or to any other means of radiocommunication as well as theoretical and practical knowledge of the instruments used for radiocommunication.

b. The necessary practical knowledge for making repairs to radiocommunication equipment and especially for repairs on board of damages which may occur in stations on ships and aircraft.

c. Correct transmission and reception by ear of code groups (combinations of letters, numbers and punctuation marks), at a speed of 20 (twenty) groups per minute, and of a text in clear language of the nationality of the applicant, at a speed of 25 (twenty-five) words per minute. Each code group shall include five characters, each number or punctuation mark counting as two characters. The average word of the text in clear language must include five characters.

d. Detailed knowledge of the regulations applicable to the exchange of radiocommunications, knowledge of that part of the regulations dealing with the safety of life at sea, and of the other regulations dealing with maritime or aerial radiotelegraphy and, finally, knowledge of the special provisions which govern the various radiocommunication services.

e. General knowledge of geography, especially for the principal lines of navigation and of communications by wire and wireless.

e bis. A good knowledge of a language—other than the language of the nationality of the applicant, the latter must be able to express himself in a suitable manner in one of these languages, both orally and in writing.

REASONS

The speed of transmission and reception which we propose is justified by this consideration that if there is one aspect of radiocommunication where it is necessary to have both speed and good technique, it is precisely in the communications assured by mobile stations. Experience has shown that in the case of an S.O.S., it is necessary to reach the highest transmission speed and reception in the greatest professional ability for reception of all communications concerning that S.O.S. All the time that is lost, no matter how little it may seem, may cost several human lives.

With regard to technical speed we ask the honorable delegates and representatives to take into account the imperative necessity of deciding that the professionals who bear the responsibility of one station or another, must possess a great deal of technical knowledge. In fact, it is to the competence of the professional only that we confide the proper operation of the station and the efficiency of the service, that is to say, to sum up, the safety of the life of passengers and crew in the case of an S.O.S.

It is the officer of radiocommunication who must, by his own competence, solve all the cases of damage without being able to reach help or advice of persons who might be professionally better qualified than himself.

For the reasons which we have set forth above, we believe that it would be neither opportune nor necessary, to accept another class or grade of title or certificate than those of the first or second class.

4. (1) In order to become officer in charge of a first class mobile station, all officers of radiocommunication or officers of radiotelegraphy shall have at least one year's professional experience either in a ship station or in a coast or land station.

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NEW YORK NOTES

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the Scanmail is having a big turn-over in operators. A two man job, she is making her third trip with two new ops, John P. Hall and T. McCarthy.

W. V. Thomas and Eddie Rocks are putting out some tall yarns anent the efficiency of their equipment on the Manhattan. From unbiased sources, however, come more reliable reports that the Manhattan is really worth-while on 600.

Pietro "Mussolini" Rametta is still threatening to take a trip to Italy to see his bambino. New York will miss picking up in the Texas area promises to be a really efficient European representative and to cover whatever Mediterranean vessels as are unlucky enough to make their way to New York. His ship is leaving for home.

Herbert W. Martin has made daily pilgrimages to WOR for over three months—since leaving the George Washington. G. Fitzsimmons relieved Lohman there as chief, and Charlie Porter went back as junior after an extended vacation in New England during the summer.

Alfred H. Rowe, who has been spouting short wave to all comers at Radiomarine, finally proved himself a master of the art by winning second prize in a national contest for short wave receiver design. Now, go ahead and argue with him!

John Curran drops around regularly. He is still at liberty at Radiomarine.

Willard Bliss, who is still with the Martinique, reports that vessel likely to tie up at Charleston for a change in officers and may go to Mobile later. He tells them Q R U (for you nothing at all.)

George O. Dill, who took out the British motor vessel Lusitania some months ago when her operator was stricken with appendicitis, returned from England as a passenger of the Lusitania. He went to Australia and thence to England in the Uganda.

Kenneth C. Peterson postcards that he is now the proud father of a son. Congrats, Pete. Via scuttlebutt radio comes the information that Simon Goldin, firm of Hoboken, N. J., for their new 50,000 watt broadcast station WOR, near Tremley, Conn., has invested $200,000 in real estate. The station is now operated on 5,000 watts, and A. J. McCosker, the managing director, expects big things in the future of the new transmitter. Construction will begin at once.

Johnny Lohman was transferred to the Baracoa where he is now combination operator-purser.

Louis D. Bland took one trip off from the American Banker. Dick Cuthbert relieved him.

I. Margolis got a short relief job on the Robert E. Lee.

W S C he hears the call from K U S P.
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Q R U, they ask, (have you anything for me?)
W S C comes back with a roar.
As he answers the faraway call.
He tells them Q R U (for you nothing at all.)
But Q S P please to K D E Z.
(And tell him there is something)
For him here with me.)

Idly he taps his tuning dial,
Thinking of nothing much at all.
But as he listens his heart gives a leap
For it's a different kind of a call.

He hears a voice
And a strain of music clear
Of a song which, to him, is very dear.
He strains his ears,
And listens to the end
And waits with bated breath to hear
What the announcer has to send.

But just then comes a burst of static,
And as he tunes his set again,
He murmurs somewhat regretfully
"I wonder who I had then?"

And thus the night passes,
As all nights must come to an end
And daylight begins to dawn in the east,
And the sun takes an upward trend.

And, as the signals grow dim in phones,
And far stations gradually fade away,
He realizes to himself that his midnight watch
Has finally changed to day.

VERNON W. MINZEY

WOR Located

The Federal Radio Commission approved of
the spot picked by Station WOR, near Tremley, N. J., for their new 50,000 watt broadcast station. The station is now operated on 5,000 watts, and A. J. McCosker, the managing director, expects big things in the future of the new transmitter. Construction will begin at once.

Luckenbach Passenger Service

The Luckenbach Steamship Lines have entered the passenger service. Twenty-one modern freighters from 8,000 to 14,000 tons will be affected by this action. Points of travel will be Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. Under the same management boats from Mobile, New Orleans, and Houston will also be available to the west coast.
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To that he replied, "Why, they told me up at school that spark sets were no longer in use, and that everything was about the ultra-modernization." Then he laid his hands on top of the gaps and asked what they might be. After explaining to the best of my knowledge what everything was about, he then started asking questions in regards to wages, conditions under which we work, etc. Just to find out what kind of a "line" the school handed through to the students I asked him what salary he expected. He said they told him at the school he would at least get $125 per month. When I told him what my wages were ($66 per) he liked to have fainted, but I did give him a little encouragement by telling him that some lines were paying as high as $100 per month. I asked him if he expected to get a job as soon as he got his license. He said he had been told by the fellow running the school that he would get all of his pupils a job. (There are 150 attending the school, so I was told.) I do not know the name of the school, but this student referred to the party who runs the school as "Sully," or some such name.

I told the student if he wanted any more information on the existing conditions to write to the A. R. T. A., and you could only be too glad to furnish the information.

This, I think, is a good argument as to why it is impossible for expectant operators to serve apprenticeship under experienced men, and various types of apparatus.

Yours very truly,

Dear Editor:

In the October issue of CQ, a Great Lakes note from a correspondent mentions the arrival at the port of New Orleans of nine vessels operating under American capital but under foreign registry. I am particularly interested in American owned vessels of foreign registry, seeing that my American First Class license was cancelled some months ago, resulting in my unemployment ever since because of my service aboard a foreign registered vessel of American ownership. On applying for a renewal of my license I was told that I must take a complete re-examination as to the existing conditions to write to the A. R. T. A. and you could only be too glad to furnish the information.

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FOREIGN NOTES

RATES OF PAY OF BRITISH RADIO OPERATORS EFFECTIVE MARCH, 1932

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2 years and over ............................................. L9.9.0
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Tanker allowance 7½% of monthly wages for period on tanker articles.

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(Election Campaign Brings Revenue)

Senator Clarence C. Dill recently estimated that the last election brought $5,000,000 in additional revenue to broadcast stations throughout the country. The senator quoted the price of NBC red network of 55 stations was $12,250 an hour; blue network of 55 stations $10,110 an hour, Columbia chain of 91 stations $15,600 an hour.

Conference Results

At Madrid the censorship clause was modified to prevent censors from deleting parts of messages, thus entirely changing their meaning, or from holding up a message without notifying the sender immediately. This item was pressed by the American press, and is considered a victory by European correspondents of American news agencies.
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of radiocommunication must have had at least six months' professional experience in a ship station or in a coast or land station.

5. Each administration shall take the necessary steps to oblige the officers of radiocommunication to keep the correspondence secret and to avoid the fraudulent use of titles or certificates.

6. The governments concerned shall make the necessary provisions so that the holders of titles or certificates delivered by virtue of the preceding regime shall retain their rights as holders of these titles or certificates.

7. The provisions of the present article shall become obligatory within a minimum period of one year after the going into effect of the present regulations.

SHIP RADIO CRYSTAL ERA

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at Blaabandshook, Denmark, (OXB) may be heard half way down the English channel. The station at Cullecoat on the border of England and Scotland (GCC) is picked up in the channel; and then, in order, Dover, North Foreland, Niton, and Land's End—the latter four along the south coast of England. Also while the ship is passing through the channel and into the Atlantic, the Holland station (PCH), Belgian station (OST), and the French Eiffel Tower station (PL), and Ushant (PFU) are heard in operation.

The English station at Land's End (GLD) is heard at a distance of 650 miles from shore; Ushant, France, station at a distance of 750 miles, and the Poldhu, England, station (MPD) at a distance of 1,500 miles from shore. The station at Crookhaven, Ireland, is heard at a distance of 850 miles from shore. Shortly after Poldhu's signals are unreadable on the ship's set, Arlington (NAA) near Washington, D. C., is picked up; then Cape Race (VUE), Bar Harbor Me., (NBD); Cape May, (NSD); and finally, within 250 miles of New York, Brooklyn Navy Yard—NAH, WCI, NBD, and WSE are picked up in turn.

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