

Londoners Sit at Home and Listen to Opera Played In Pittsburg

RADIOPHONE OWNED BY
YOUTHFUL FANS PROVIDE
ENTERTAINMENTS DAILY

Only Necessary To Attach M Oern Invention To Metallic
Fittings of Dwelling To Hear Happenings Thou-
sands of Miles Away.

BY OLIVE HOGG.

Galli Curci singing at the Metropolitan Opera House, in a
dishpan—Correct the vagaries of your alarm clock, on a chicken
wire.

The sermon of a Philadelphia pastor down a water pipe—
By radiophone!

Do you know that while you are
sitting in the parlor of your home
playing cards after dinner—

Your next door neighbor may be
hearing Mary Garden, of Chicago
Opera fame?

The air about you is buzzing with
gab for miles around?

More than 200,000 persons are get-
ting news of the world through their
bed springs, radiators and drain
leaders?

Sick persons in the hospitals are
cheered by comedians far away?

And this goes on every night here
in London.

Riding on Radio.
Riding on a 360-meter wave length,
concerts, church services, lectures,
market reports, come through the
air for hundreds of miles.

Listening is easy.
There is not much to it—just a
small box the size of a dictionary.

Several wires, and the usual house
trimmings—radiators, bed springs
and fire escapes.

Since the development in the war,
the radiophone has been popularized.
A receiving set can be bought now
right here in the city for \$75.

"The craze is gaining momentum
every day," says Ronald Gurd, of 403
Oxford street, who is perhaps
London's foremost amateur.

A clamping of the ear piece, an
adjustment of the detector, and the
world is brought into earshot.

All Very Simple.
"Rigging up is simple," explains
Mr. Gurd. "While it is better to
have the antenna—the wire that
catches the message—strung outside,
it is not necessary. It can be hung
on a loop—behind a picture frame."

"It may be grounded to a water
pipe, radiator or other house fix-
ture."

The following program may be taken
as typical of the entertainment Mr.
Gurd is able to present in his home
evening:

About 7:30 Mr. Gurd started to
"listen in" with his radiophone. At
first there was only a "mushy" sound,
but after a moment or two the strains
of "Tost's Goodbye" were plainly au-
dible.

James Macintosh, of 68 Bruce street,
who with the exception of Mr. Gurd is
the only amateur in the city possessed
of a transmitter, was giving a concert
by phonograph in his home.

Mr. Gurd changed the wave-length
and after a moment or two of moaning
and whistling a man's voice could be
heard distinctly announcing the pro-
gram of a concert in Pittsburg, Pa.

The singers happened to be late and
while an audience which consisted of
people scattered over something like a
thousand square miles of territory were
waiting, someone in Pittsburg helped
to while away the time by playing an
accordion solo.

Hear Press Reports.
At the close of the concert came the
report of the United Press Service,
London, and "listeners in" were able
to hear the latest cables from the con-
tinent and the news from New York
and Washington as it was being deliv-
ered to the press.

Roselle Park, New York, was the
next transmitting station to be heard
and the rest of the evening was spent
listening to the rousing strains of the
"March of the Toreadors" and the pas-
sionate songs of Carmen, rendered in an
opera house hundreds of miles away
from London.

During the evening an amateur trans-
mitter from Philadelphia also made
himself heard here.

Mr. Gurd himself has been heard as
far distant from the city as Parkersburg,
a small town in Pennsylvania.

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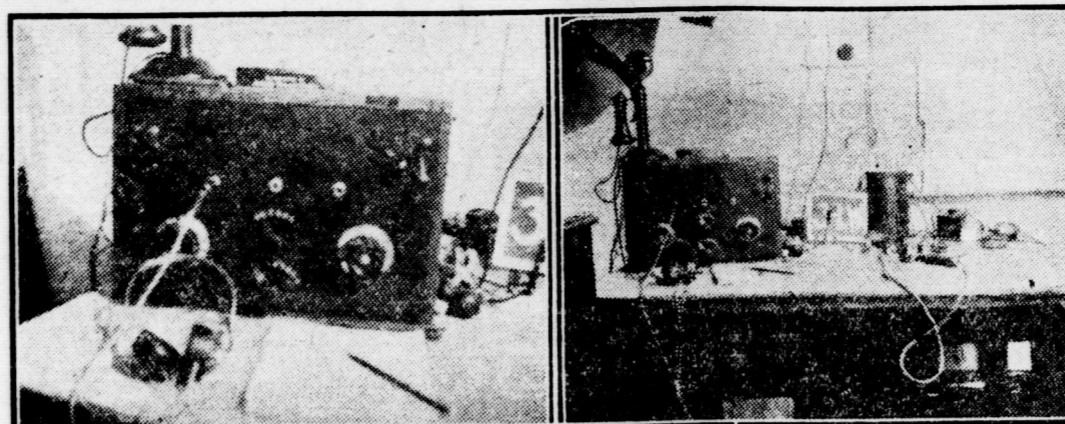
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How Ronald Gurd "Listens In" While World is At Play

REQUEST REVISION
OF CIVIC SALARIES

Real Estate Owners' Associa-
tion Passes Resolution
Urging Economy.

Two important resolutions were
passed at Friday night's meeting
of the Real Estate Owners' Association.
The first resolution recommends that
the 1922 council should follow in the
wake of industrial concerns in read-
justing the civic salaries, in view of
the fact that London is very much
overtaxed at the present time, and
that many of the poor of the city
are actually suffering from overbur-
dening taxation.

A second resolution indorses the
stand taken by T. J. Murphy in re-
gard to his removal from the board
of governors of the Western Univer-
sity to the senate of that institution.
The resolution also makes mention
of what it terms "the shabby treat-
ment" accorded Philip Pocock by the
city council in connection with the
L. and P. S. R. commission.

Anyone with a knowledge of the
continental code can detect wireless
telegraph messages sent out from
wireless telegraph stations thousands
of miles away.

Conducts Free Service.
However, for those amateurs who
have no understanding of this code
various American electrical plants in
the United States maintain a free
service, which London boys can un-
derstand readily.

After a summary of the news of the
day there is a concert for an hour,
followed by a report of the
United Press Service, London, and
the news from New York and Wash-
ington as it is being delivered to the
press.

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