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ROMANCE OF COMMERCE

CHAIR OF ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY

TO BE ENDOWED BY MR. GEORGE GOLLIN

At the last meeting of the Council of the University, it was reported that letters had been received from Mr. George Gollin, a well-known merchant in London, stating that he had made provision in his will for the sum of £20,000 to be paid to the University as an endowment of the Chair of Economics.

The Chancellor (Sir George Murray), in writing to Mr. Gollin, in acknowledgment of his generosity, says:—"On Friday last I read your letters to the University Council, and I was desirous to convey to you the most grateful thanks of the University for your splendid liberality. The conditions attached to the bequest are entirely acceptable, and I need hardly assure you will be faithfully observed. The chair is regarded as one of the most important in the University, and your endowment of it will give you rank amongst our most honored benefactors. I shall refer to your gift at the annual commemoration, which will be held in December, but I should like to say at once how much we appreciate your remembrance of the place of your birth and the generous manner in which you desire to manifest it. You will not, I trust, suspect me or the University of insincerity in expressing the hope that you and Mrs. Gollin will enjoy many years of health and happiness before your gift becomes effective."

Born in Adelaide

Mr. Gollin, who now lives at 60, Rutland Gate, London, was born in Adelaide on the 4th January, 1850. He is a son of Mr. B. Gollin, one of Adelaide's most respected citizens, who died in December, 1874, leaving a widow and eight children unprovided for. Mr. Gollin was compelled to leave school at the age of

Marchese Marconi sent by radio telephony.

Direct Messages

This experiment is one of many conducted between the Marchese and Mr. Flak. In Sydney, in 1918, the Marchese transmitted to Mr. Flak the first direct wireless message between England and Australia. In 1924 they conducted the experiments which resulted in a direct beam service between Great Britain and Australia. The latest experiment relates to the perfecting of a system of wireless telephony which will shortly be put into commercial use between Sydney and London.

PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSES ADMIRATION

Canberra, March 26. The Prime Minister (Mr. Scullin) to-night expressed admiration of the Marchese Marconi's feat in turning on the lights of Sydney Town Hall by wireless.

This should bring home picturesquely to everyone the marvels of wireless, of which the Marchese Marconi himself was one of the great pioneers, said Mr. Scullin.

EXPERIMENT FILMED

ROME, March 25. The experiment of the Marchese Marconi in the wireless transmission of power between his yacht Electra and the Sydney Electricity Exhibition will be filmed.

It was originally decided to exclude journalists and photographers, but it was decided to issue limited invitations to members of the Italian and foreign press.

MUSSOLINI INTERESTED

ROME, March 26. While the Marchese Marconi was telephoning to Australia his wife lay ill in her cabin on the Electra. If she is better to-morrow the Electra will go to Flumicing, near Rome, where Signor Mussolini will inspect the apparatus and participate in a long-distance talk.

PROFESSOR KERR GRANT DISAPPOINTED

SAYS SIMILAR EXPERIMENTS CONDUCTED HERE

"After what we have been led to expect in the way of power transmission by wireless, the feat performed by

ready been used with great success in the reception of wireless time signals in observatories and for operating relays by photo electric cells, X-ray tubes, and so forth."

It was likely that the signals were transmitted on a short-wave beam system, since this would permit of exceedingly high amplification without excessive interference by atmospheric or other signals."

Experiments at University

Professor Grant added that, although the feat was a striking one, it was not of great significance. If 100 horsepower had been transmitted, the invention would have been remarkable, and might have revolutionised Australian industry, with the resultant cheaper power; but the same thing had been done to his knowledge, only on a smaller scale, since the oscillating valve became known to science.

At the Adelaide University he had conducted various experiments, in which the same principle was involved. On one occasion he had spoken into a telephone receiver and had caused a lamp to light. Marconi, however, was the first to conduct the experiment successfully over such a long distance.

MARCONI'S CONGRATULATIONS

Sydney, March 26. The committee of the exhibition received a cable message from the Marchese Marconi congratulating Australia on the strides it had made in recent years in world-wide wireless transmission.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY

SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA

LONDON, March 25. The Postmaster-General (Mr. Lees-Smith), in replying to Sir E. Hilton Young, in the House of Commons today, said the average daily hours of wireless telephony service to Australia guaranteed by the Imperial Communications Company was 13 under one proposal and 15 under another. The Government had been advised from Rugby and Baldoek that the post-office service could maintain as many hours as the beam stations, probably more. On the important question, not of the total number of hours, but of the possibility of providing a service covering effectively the working or waking day, the post-office experience confirmed his belief that it would be possible to provide a service from Rugby and Baldoek over longer periods of the waking day in both countries.

Mr. Fenton to-day conferred with Sir John Reith, who has agreed to act as honorary adviser to the Commonwealth wireless broadcasting experts.

to the staff at the Adelaide Conservatorium. In England composers who were much discussed were Arnold Bax, Gossens, and John Ireland. In France Honegger, Milhaud, and Roussel formed the main topic of musical conversation, while Hindemuth in Germany, and Madtner in Russia, were favored. The old masters were also coming in for their share of appreciation, and music halls were well filled. The effect of talking pictures on high-class musical entertainment was not obviously apparent, but the majority of London's vaudeville houses were either closed or had been converted to talking picture theatres. While in London Mr. Schilsky met an Adelaide Elder scholar in Mr. Richard Watson, who was making excellent progress, and showed promise of taking a prominent part in opera work in the near future. He had married an Adelaide violinist, Miss Gwen Moss.

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PUBLIC SERVICES

Are They Overcrowded?

STATE ACTIVITIES

Are the public services overcrowded? The Associated Chambers of Commerce desire that an enquiry shall be held, and, if it is found that there are too many civil servants, the departments shall be reduced to a proper level.

Mr. L. J. Jenkins (Sydney) brought the matter up at the conference yesterday when he moved:—"Whereas it is commonly believed that both Federal and State Public Services are overmanned, an independent enquiry should be instituted, both Federal and in each State, to ascertain the correctness or otherwise of such belief, and, if found correct, the services should be reduced to a proper level."

Cost to Country

It was painfully obvious, said Mr. Jenkins, that in many of the departments of the public service there was considerable overcrowding. In 1928 a total of £37,000,000 was paid to Federal and State civil servants in New South Wales. He had not the exact figures for the Commonwealth, but the amount was between £25,000,000 and £30,000,000 for all public servants. The motion was carried.

Government Enterprise Opposed

"The statistical material in support of the motion is tremendous, but to quote figures on the subject to a conference like this would be like carrying coals to Newcastle," said Mr. C. Harding Browne, one of the delegates from the Adelaide Chamber.

when moving the following motion:—"That this conference views with alarm the continued and growing activities of Governments trading in competition with private enterprise and emphasises its previously expressed opinion that such competition is unfair, uneconomical, and tends to restrict the subscription of capital so needful for the development of the industries of the Commonwealth."



Harding Browne

Social Dangers

Apart from the financial aspect there were tremendous social dangers involved, said Mr. Browne. Every person who went on the Government pay-roll had his powers of expressing himself as an individual entirely stopped. In the civil service in Australia they had some extraordinarily good men who had seen the weakness of the public financial policy, but because they were public servants they had been prevented from saying what they saw and thought.

Mr. A. A. Simpson seconded the motion, which was carried.

PHYSICS DEMONSTRATION

Lectures by Prof. Kerr Grant

Prof. Kerr Grant (professor of physics at Adelaide University) will give the second of his weekly public demonstrations at the physics lecture theatre on Monday.

He will deal with the measurement of time, explaining the uses and working of the sundial, pendulum clocks, chronographs, phonic motors, and electrically controlled tuning forks. His remarks on the operation of the Shortt free pendulum clock should prove particularly interesting.

DEMONSTRATIONS IN PHYSICS

The second of the free public demonstrations in physical science, arranged by Professor Kerr Grant, will be held on Monday, at 12.15 p.m., and the demonstration will be repeated at 1.15 p.m. The demonstration will deal with the measurement of time, and the instruments shown will include the sundial, the Shortt clock recently installed in the physics laboratory, as well as methods of measuring short intervals. The last-mentioned includes chronographs, electrically-controlled tuning forks, and phonic motors for measuring reaction times.

MUSIC IN LONDON AND EUROPE

The musical public of London and the Continent are showing a decided preference for the works of the more modern composers, according to Mr. O. Schilsky, who is making an examination tour of Australia on behalf of the Trinity College of Music, London. He arrived in Adelaide by the Cathay on Saturday. He was formerly attached

MADAME DELMAR HALL.

The Conservatorium opera class, which will present "Merrie England" in the Prince of Wales Theatre for six nights, commencing on Saturday, April 5, in aid of local charities, have the invaluable help of Madame Delmar Hall always at their disposal. She is keenly interested in her husband's work, and having herself been in Grand Opera at Covent Garden, and played the leading role in many of the late George Edwardes' productions in light opera, there could be no one better fitted to help in the numerous odds and ends of things that have to be done for a class numbering some 70 performers, who give eight performances a year, six of which are for charity. Madame Delmar Hall is responsible for the whole of the costuming, and with her large following in Adelaide does much towards the sale of tickets. Many of her students are chosen to sustain the principal characters, for instance in "Merrie England" Valda Harvey, Enid Besanko, Rita Watson, Phyllis Everett, Nellie Mummery, and Hilda Barnes all play important roles, and have all been vocally trained by Madame Hall.



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