

# DIAL FLASHES

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**I**F it were in this country the chains would be falling over themselves to broadcast the naval parley free, but the British Broadcasting Corporation is getting \$1,500 a broadcast.

"Is there any way in which we may appeal for, and obtain, the return of the hour of Black and Gold room dinner music, and the delightful 'Slumber Hour'?" asks Elsa G. Mueller, of Wardman Park.

"Simply because we Washingtonians do not have any political vote—must we also be without voice or vote concerning our local radio programs?"

**U**NDER the direction of Frank E. Gorrell, of Washington, secretary of the National Cannery Association, it is understood an initial appropriation of \$100,000 will be spent in putting the story of canned foods on the air through a 49-station NBC coast-to-coast hook-up.

Maj. Gen. Charles McK. Saltzman, new chairman of the Radio Commission, has a chance to profit by his experience with the Senate committee by hereafter keeping the commission clear of politics.

Gen. Saltzman should not allow the commission to be made a political dumping ground.

A long time resident here, Dr. C. B. Jolliffe, newly chosen chief engineer of the Radio Commission, can do a good turn for the District by clearing up interference on local stations, especially the whistle on WRC.

**S**PURRED on by the success of Floyd Gibbons, Columbia is grooming Col. E. Alexander Powell, of Washington, war correspondent and world traveler, for the same type of talks. Col. Powell got off to a bad start locally by the WMAL announcer taking up about a third of the time announcing the evening program, which had previously been printed in every Washington newspaper.

When the colonel was finally tuned in, listeners didn't know who was talking or what he was talking about. Col. Powell will again be heard next Friday evening.

Another talk along the Gibbons line will be that of Henry Suydam, Washington correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle, over WRC at 7:45 o'clock tonight. During the war Mr. Suydam was attached to the German, Austrian, British, Belgian and French armies.

The first we ever heard that people overpaid their income tax was the notice that Commissioner of Internal Revenue Robert Lucas would make an appeal through WRC at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday night to taxpayers not to send in payments in excess of the correct amount.

The RCA-Victor Co. is to erect a 50-story building in New York.

**A** MAN is in jail in St. Louis—the first case of its kind—charged with operating a station without a license, and stealing programs from other stations.

Musician—"That's Beethoven's Third Symphony. Isn't it beautiful?"  
Fan—"Yeah. Do you use batteries or plug it into the house current?"