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## COSTLY BLOW TO THE NAZIS

### Large Liner Scuttled In Atlantic

#### CHASED BY WARSHIP

#### Futile Attempt To Penetrate British Blockade

#### FUEL OIL FOR CRUISERS

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LONDON, Dec. 20.

The British Admiralty issued the following message at 2.10 a.m.: "The German liner Columbus was scuttled by the crew setting fire to her 400 miles to the north of Bermuda, on sighting a British warship. The crew abandoned her."

The Columbus, with a tonnage of 32,581 tons, was the third largest vessel in Germany's merchant marine.

A Washington message said that the United States cruiser Tuscaloosa radioed that she was heading for New York with 579 survivors, including nine women. A muster of the crew showed that two firemen were missing. The liner was afire from stem to stern and was sinking slowly when the cruiser left.

A New York cable stated that the scuttling of the Columbus and the forcing of the German freighter Arauca into the port of Everglades on the Florida coast, brought the war closer to the United States than at any time since the start. Thousands of German-Americans living in New York's "German section" gathered at bars and on street corners discussing the Reich's latest setback.

There was consternation at the New York offices of the North-German Lloyd Lines when the news was received. "Oh, my God!" said the manager (Mr John Schroeder). "It's one blow after another." He added that as the Columbus was unarmed he believed that the crew were entitled to an indefinite stay in the United States. The line would take care of them. Asked whether they would be returned to Germany, he replied: "How could they be?"

There is much speculation in New York as to why an unarmed ship left the safety of a neutral port.

The New York "Herald-Tribune" suggests that the most plausible theory is that the sacrifice was risked in order to refuel some important warship which was short of oil.

The United Press of America's Mexico City correspondent states that reports are circulating that the cargo included hundreds of thousands of Mexican shoes for the German army and also half-filled drums of oil which were to be dropped overboard for submarines.

The "New York Times" comments editorially that by the scuttling the Germans have lost whatever prestige they may have gained by the Bremen's escape.

The "New York Herald-Tribune" in an editorial, states that the liner's fate was unmistakably ominous.

Meanwhile, with her radio sealed, the Arauca is lying at Port Everglades while the investigation continues to determine whether she can be considered a naval auxiliary.

Climax of Chase.

An earlier message reported that the German freighter Arauca, fleeing from a British cruiser, anchored in the port of Everglades, bringing to a climax a chase on the Florida coast in which a shot was fired across her bows in an attempt to halt her. Port officials said that if unarmed the Arauca would be allowed to remain indefinitely, but if armed she must depart within 24 hours.

The Washington correspondent of the "New York Times" says that there is a strong possibility that the Arauca will be declared a Nazi auxiliary naval vessel and interned.

Investigation Ordered.

It is understood that an investigation has been ordered to determine how a vessel which left Vera Cruz five days ago with its declared destination as New Orleans happened to be near Florida. As she is carrying Mexican oil it is felt that possibly she was preparing to refuel warcraft.

The correspondent of the Associated Press of America at Norfolk, Virginia, in an earlier message said that Admiral Taussig, of the naval operating base, reported that the United States cruiser Tuscaloosa had advised by radio that the German liner Columbus (32,581 tons) was being scuttled 300 miles north-east of Cape Henry.

She was stated on December 15 to be carrying 25,000 barrels of oil and was reported to have been supplied with special equipment for refuelling submarines. She also had four-inch guns which she could mount at sea.

The Tuscaloosa said she was standing by to pick up the crew, and she later radioed that she had 400 survivors, the Columbus being then still floating, but was on fire.

Sinking Condition

A later message from Washington says that White House announced that the Tuscaloosa discovered the Columbus in a sinking condition outside the neutrality zone. A British man-of-war was nearby, but

### The Relentless Pressure Of Control

#### NAZI WAR MACHINE FEELING THE EFFECTS

#### The Contraband System Buckles Germany's Resources

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LONDON, Dec. 20.

The relentless pressure which the Allied Contraband Control is exercising upon the economic resources behind the Nazi war machine is indicated in resources, based on statistics of world production in 1937, which have been compiled by economic experts in London. From these it is apparent that 100 per cent. of the world production of molybdenite, vanadium, rubber, copra, palm oil and ground nuts is no longer available to Germany, while the same is true of 99.9 per cent. of the world production of tin, 99 per cent. of tungsten, 96.5 per cent. of nickel and approximately 96 per cent. of copper.

Further, 88.75 per cent. of world cotton supplies and 86.3 per cent. of wool supplies are also beyond her reach. Even if the Nazi claims that Russia will be able to provide her with iron ore, manganese, asbestos, phosphates and fodder and that she can draw from other neighbouring countries for whale oil, petroleum and antimony, were substantiated, the deficiencies which have been already mentioned are likely, in the view of British experts, to prove decisive. Their importance in relation to the war effort which the Nazi Government is imposing on economy is obvious.

Vital Alloys.

Copper, tin, nickel, molybdenite and vanadium are vital alloys used in hardening steel for various purposes in manufacture. Cotton is important in the manufacture of explosives, rubber plays a bigger and bigger part as the war is mechanised and the German substitute "buna" is known to be only satisfactory for certain purposes, besides being uneconomical to produce.

The ultimate effectiveness of the Allied Contraband Control is, therefore, unaffected by the possibility of trade with her immediate neighbours through the Balkans, which remain open to Germany.

### Patrolling With A Pudding Complex

#### British Tommies Have A Double Interest These Days

#### Christmas Cheer

#### Plenty Of Supplies Coming From Home

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LONDON, Dec. 20.

British Tommies are patrolling No Man's Land with one eye on the enemy and the other on supplies for Christmas. All are in excellent spirits; the Christmas supplies are coming through well.

Thousands of puddings from England are being distributed. Socks, scarves and pullovers from the bases are greatly appreciated these dark, cold, wet days.

### MR CHURCHILL SPOKE OUT OF TURN

#### RELEASED SECRET OF THE CANADIANS' ARRIVAL

#### New Storm Of Criticism Against Censorship

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LONDON, Dec. 20.

A new storm of criticism against the British censorship has resulted from Mr Winston Churchill's premature announcement of the arrival of the Canadians.

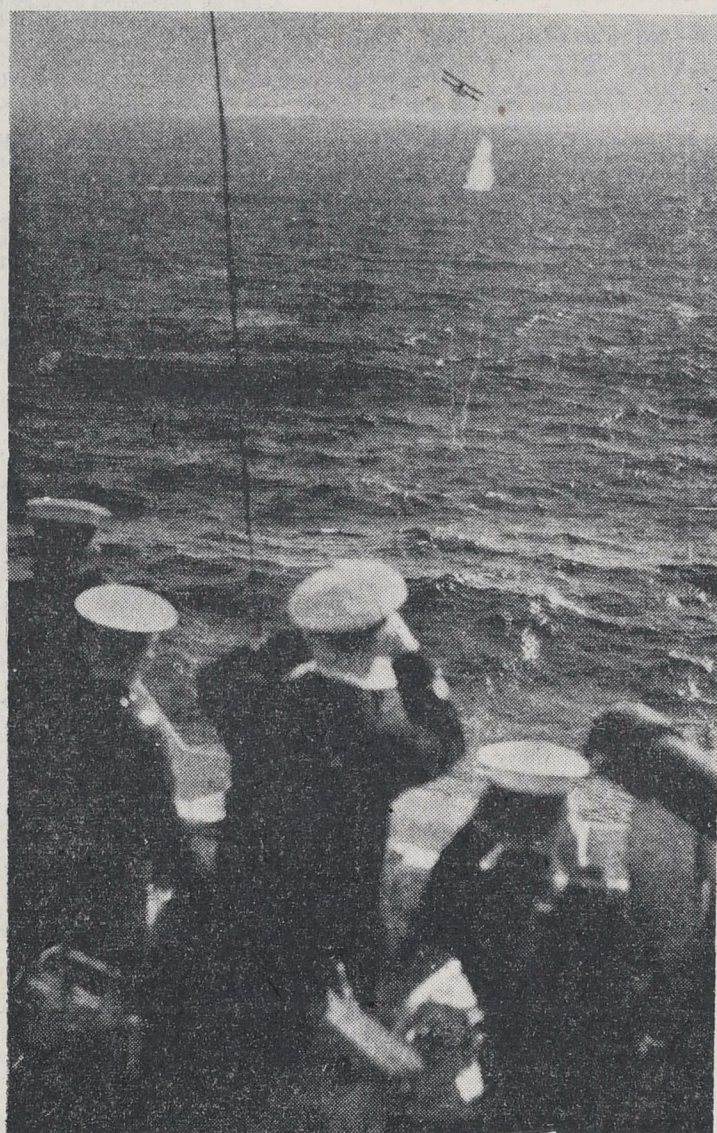
The Press had been pledged not to release it until December 20.

### GIFT TO THE NAVY LEAGUE

#### By Telegraph—Press Association.

WELLINGTON, Dec. 20.

Lady Beauchamp, who has always shared the interest of the late Sir Harold Beauchamp in the Navy League, has sent a cheque for £50 to the league in order to express her gratitude for the achievement of the Royal Navy and in particular of H.M.S. Achilles in dealing with the Graf Spee.



CO-OPERATION AT SEA.—Officers and men of the Royal Navy observing the work of a torpedo bomber as it launches its missile dead on the target.

## FINNS DESTROY SOVIET BATTLESHIP

### A Lively Encounter

## RUSSIANS LOSING HEAVILY ON EASTERN FRONT

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(Received December 20, 10.50 p.m.)

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 20.

In the main Russian attack between Kuolajarvi and Kaukjarvi, the enemy are losing heavily. Russian attacks on the east front were repulsed. Twenty Soviet 'planes flew over Hanko, Wiipuri, and other points in the south of Finland and dropped bombs around Helsinki.

The Finnish coastal batteries at Koivisto were engaged in a lively action with Russian air and naval forces, shooting down four or more 'planes.

The Finns deny the Russian investiture of Kermijarvi, east of Rovaniemi, and declare that they will defend it to the death. But Russia's huge reserves are beginning to tell, while the Finns can have few reserves.

Women volunteers are operating on the base lines to release men for the front.

A Soviet communique reports that Russian 'planes brought down 12 Finnish machines. One Russian 'plane has not returned.

The military operations are mainly skirmishing artillery duels.

The Bjorko coastal batteries are reported to have sunk a Russian battleship. A newspaper story is that the Russians knew that the batteries' extreme range was three miles, so they kept just outside it.

The Finns brought up more powerful artillery, discharged a salvo when the battleship was just under four miles from the shore, and sank her.

Eighteen Russian 'planes participated yesterday in a raid on Helsingfors. Only four reached the city, at a great height, and they dropped 11 bombs. There were no casualties. The Finns claim that anti-aircraft guns brought down two of the 'planes.

Soviet bombers thrice raided Turku, 100 miles west of Helsingfors, Finland's main gateway to Scandinavia, which is largely constructed of wood. They destroyed several houses. Many buildings were burned. No one was killed.

Smallpox Epidemic

Smallpox has broken out in the Russian Army, says a Helsingfors message, and is already of epidemic proportions. All Finnish soldiers are being vaccinated again, also civilians in frontier regions. The outbreak was discovered among Russian prisoners taken on the Karelian Isthmus.

The Helsinki correspondent of the Associated Press of Great Britain states that the Finns have mobilised 40,000 men from detachments retreating from Pitkajarvi. They set fire to buildings before Russian motorised troops pursued them down the Arctic highway from Petsamo to Rovaniemi, near the Swedish border. If the Russians reach Rovaniemi, which the railway connects with Torino, at the northern end of the Gulf of Bothnia, they would effectively bisect Finland.

Digging In

A British United Press message from Svanik states that in order to consolidate their gains before resuming the attack, the Russians are digging in in the newly conquered territory on the far northern front. They are erecting barracks at Salmijarvi, half-way between the Russian and Swedish borders, near which they have concentrated 12,000 men and 200 tanks.

## CONCESSIONS OFFERED BY FRANCE

### LEASE OF JIBUTI SUGGESTED

### FRIENDLY MOVE

#### Tunis And Suez Canal Affected

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NEW YORK, Dec. 19.

The Rome correspondent of the "New York Times" (Mr Matthews) says that M. Francois Poncet has returned from Paris, it is reported, with the French Government's offer to lease Jibuti for 90 years and also the offer of a grant of a further concession in Tunis and a large block of Suez Canal shares.

It should be pointed out that there is no ostensible reason why France should make any proposals now, but M. Poncet has certainly brought some message which, it is hoped, will further the friendly relations between the two countries.

## Large-Scale Aerial Attack By Japanese

### SIXTY BOMBERS RAID FIVE CHINESE CITIES

#### Heavy Damage And Many Deaths Inflicted

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LONDON, Dec. 20.

The United Press of America in a Shanghai message says that according to Chinese and Japanese reports, about sixty Japanese bombers raided at least five cities in the Szechuan Province yesterday, which resulted in heavy damage and many deaths.

Chungking reports state that factories, communications and Government buildings in the suburbs were damaged.

## POLAND REORGANISING HER FIGHTING FORCES

### Fully Trained Units To Leave Camps Shortly Again To Face The Germans

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LONDON, Dec. 20.

Speaking to representatives of the Press on Tuesday in London, Major Ilinsky, of the Polish Military Mission, outlined the Polish efforts being made to reorganise her fighting forces. "Poles who were able to escape from Poland and make their way towards the friendly borders of France and Britain form the first nucleus of our army, the reorganisation of which in both countries is in progress according to the agreements concluded with the British and French Governments. The army, navy, and air force of Poland will exist again," he declared.

Speaking of naval activities, he recalled that Polish ships now constitute a part of the Allied forces, operating under the Polish flag, under the command of Polish officers and manned by Polish crews. A special naval depot, Major Ilinsky said, will be established for the purpose of training further personnel and for the formation of reserves.

"As to our land forces which are being trained somewhere in France, it is intended to form four or five infantry divisions as well as armoured and mechanised units, taking into account the possibilities which are now available. The Polish army will be under the Polish High Command and will remain until the end of hostilities as one of the Allied armies under the Inter-Allied Supreme Command," said Major Ilinsky.

Training centres, he said, for officers and men for the Polish army were already in full swing.

"The average duration" of such training centres is three months and as the first of these courses had been started already in the autumn, we may calculate how soon the first large Polish units, fully trained, will be ready to leave their camps and face the enemy again."

Organisation.

Concluding, Major Ilinsky said: "The organisation of the Polish Air Force units is divided into two equal groups. One is in Britain and the other is in France. We are lucky to get out of Poland a fairly large number of our air force personnel."

He could not give the correct figures, but he said that they were sufficiently large to enable the organisation of several squadrons for a start. The machines for the Polish squadron would be British in Britain and French in France.

## Unarmed Trawlers Attacked By Bomber

### NAZI PLANE MAKES RAID ON SHETLANDS

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LONDON, Dec. 20.

A German bomber flying over the north Shetlands attacked six unarmed trawlers. One reached the island. Two were dead and two wounded.

The total number of trawlers attacked since December 17 is 26.

## BLUCHER DAMAGED BY BRITISH TORPEDO

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LONDON, Dec. 20.

The Neuzercher Zeitung, Berlin correspondent reports that well informed circles confirm that the heavy cruiser Blucher was badly damaged by a British torpedo.

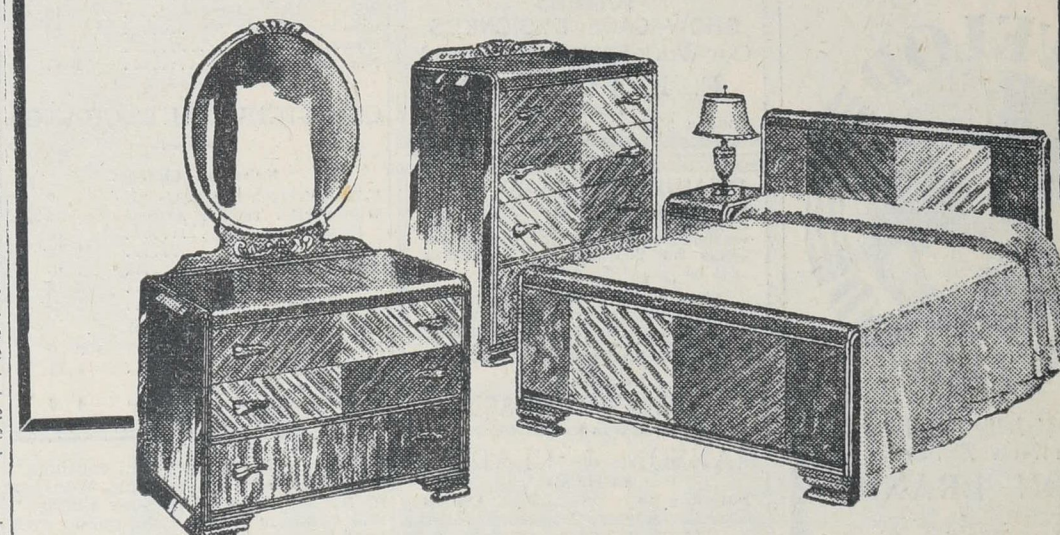
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2.0 p.m.: Recordings. 2.30: Classical hour. 3.15: Sports results. 3.30: Home Science talk. 3.45: Light music. 4.0: Weather report and station notices. 5.0: Children's session.

5.45: Dinner music. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News and reports. 8.0: Mr. Chalmers, K.C. 8.15: "Wandering with the West Wind." 8.45: "The Fourth Form at St. Percy's." 9.30: Weather report and station notices. 9.25: A band concert with interlude by Dad and Dave and Malcolm McEachern (bass). 10.0: Gray Gordon and his orchestra.

2YA Wellington

7.0 a.m.: Physical exercises. 7.10: Breakfast session. 10.0: Devotional service. 10.25: Recordings. 10.45: Talk to women. 12.0: Lunch music.

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5.45: Dinner session. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News and reports. 7.30: "Who's Who and What's What?" Talk by W. D. Austin on Magic. 8.0: Hoffmeister's Hawaiian Quartet. 8.15: Phil Green and his Orchestra. 8.15: Cecily Audibert (soprano). 8.19: Hoffmeister's Hawaiian Quartet. 8.22: Rudy Rudolph (saxophone). 8.25: The Master Singers. 8.31: Hoffmeister's Hawaiian Quartet. 8.37: Horace Finch (organ). 8.40: The Wrecker (tenor). 8.48: Henry Rudolph (accompanist). 8.55: Harry Hoelke and his orchestra. 9.30: Weather report and station notices. 9.25: A concert by the Wellington Apollo Singers with interludes by Yehudi Menuhin (violin) and Magdelaine Lauter (piano). 10.10: Music, mirth and melody.

3YA Christchurch

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2.0 p.m.: Selected Recordings. 2.30: Home Science talk. 3.0: Classical music. 3.3: Weather forecast and light music programme. 4.30: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session.

5.45: Dinner music. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News and reports. 7.35: Nelly M. Scanlon on "Christmas." 8.0: "The Women in White." 8.15: "Personal Column." 8.28: "The Twelve Labours of Hercules." 9.30: Weather report and station notices. 9.25: Dance music.

4YA Dunedin

7.0 a.m.: Physical exercises. 7.10: Breakfast session. 10.0: Recordings. 10.15: Devotional service. 10.50: Talk to women. 12.0: Lunch music. 1.15: Weather forecast.

2.0 p.m.: Recordings. 3.30: Sports results. 4.0: Weather forecast. 4.30: Children's session. 4.45: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session. 7.0: News and reports. 7.30: Gardening talk. 8.0: A programme of the 4YA Concert Orchestra featuring Coleridge Taylor's "Christmas Overture" and Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" ballet, with interludes by Mary Pratt (contralto) and Arthur Schnabel (piano). 9.20: Weather report and station notices. 9.25: Beethoven's Triple Concerto for violin, piano and cello. 9.30: The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra under Weingartner—soloists, Richard Godwin (violin), Stefan Auber (cello) and Angelica Morales (piano). 10.0: Music, mirth and melody.

2YH Napier

7.0: Breakfast session. 11.0: Light music. 12.0: Lunch session. 5.0: Light music. 5.45: For the Children. 6.0: "Pinto Pete in Arizona." 6.15: Light music. 6.45: Weather report and forecast for Hawke's Bay. "Dad and D." 7.0: Government news. 7.15: Inspector Scott of "Cottland Yard." 8.0: Light music. 8.10: Radio play: "By Nightingale." 9.20: Light variety. 9.25: Bram Martin and his band. 9.30: Reginald Gardiner (comedian). "Fairs." 9.35: Webster Booth (tenor), and the Lindores Three. 9.38: The Fred Fiebel Instrumental Quartet. 9.44: The Singing Stockmen.

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Electric	12 0
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Broken Hill Pty.	2 0 3
Ditto	4 6 13
Ditto	4 6 3
Dental and Medical	11 6
Electrolytic Zinc (ord.)	3 11 6
Hume Pipe	3 11 6
McKenzie Depart. Stores	2 0 0
N.Z. Drug (76/)	3 16 0
Taranaki Oil (4/11)	11 3
Wilson's Cement (18/6)	18 3
Woolworth's (N.Z.)	16 6
Rawang Tin	16 6
N.Z. Breweries	1 17 0

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"Daily Mail" Special Service.

WAIROA

Eleven events were completed at a further sports meeting conducted by the Wairoa Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club at Lambton Square, Wairoa, on Tuesday night. As a result of many active members of the club having left the district for the Christmas holidays, entries in most events were small, but several good races were witnessed.

Results are as follows:—  
50 yards: H. Jones 1, M. Crarer 2, B. Gordon 3. Time 7 sec.  
100 yards junior: Casson 1, Crarer 2, Cook 3. Time 10 3/5 sec.  
100 yards senior: Finch 1, Jim Brownlie 2, Jack Brownlie 3. Time 10 2/5 sec.  
100 yards boys: M. Boggs 1, Athol Lister 2, L. S. 3. Time 13 sec.  
100 yds women: B. Gordon 1, M. Curtis 2, I. Macgregor and M. Carr 3 equal. Time 12 3/5 sec.  
220 yards junior: Crarer 1, Cook 2, 220 yards senior: Clark 1, Coleman 2, Time 25 1/5 sec.  
880 yards senior: Smith 1, Aldridge 2, Lister 3. Time 2 min. 18 sec.  
440 yards cycle race: Brownlie 1, Easton 2. Time 1 min. 23 sec.  
Shot putt: Watson (31ft. 6in.), J. Jack Brownlie (31ft. 8in.), R. Brownlie (30ft. 5in.).

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Acceptances for the Oamaru Jockey Club's meeting on January 2, are:—  
12.30—HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP, of £130; one mile.—Sir Hugh 10.15, Sky 10.1, Merry March 10.7, Half and Half 9.8, Twenty Grand 9.7, Silver Slipper 9.5, Lockitt 9.5, Rebel Queen 9.5, Jewish Lead 7.0, Traitor 9.2, Lead 9.2, Gunderina 9.2, Improvident 9.0, Lights Out 9.0, Cymric 9.0, Rarora 9.0, Good Health 9.0.

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2.25—PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP, of £250; one mile and a quarter.—Sovereign Lady 7.8, Thermidore 7.11, Nightcap 8.3, Norseman 8.5, Silver Streak 8.6, Second Innings 8.2, Wadsworth 7.13, Queen Dorothy 7.8, Habbie 7.8, Galton 7.7, Killbuck 7.7, R. H. 7.7, Cross 8.10, Knight Commander 7.4, The Wrecker 7.1, Balmorer 7.1, Montana 7.1, Parquet 7.0, M. H. 7.0, Royal 7.0, Lead 7.0, Merry March 7.0, Twenty Grand 7.0, Ferriby 7.0.

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3.0—WAITAKI HACK HANDICAP, of £130; seven furlongs.—Flame Queen 9.0, Silver Streak 8.9, Silver Streak 8.8, Grand 8.8, Rebel Queen 8.3, Prince Ruenail 7.13, Gunderina 7.10, Pink Lad 7.8, Doctor Dutchie 7.8, Blazealong 7.8, Queen Beth 7.8, Tantiy 7.8, Blue Coat 7.7, Improvident 7.7, The Ratler 7.7, Racewell 7.7, Cymric 7.7, Scarteen 7.7.

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"Kate Plus Ten," which opens at the Cosy Theatre to-morrow, is a fast-moving Edgar Wallace thriller, with Jack Hulbert as the amusing Yard detective set against a brilliant woman crook.

This gripping Wallace thriller sees Jack Hulbert discarding his song and dance talents in favour of the more serious business of crime detection.

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The thrills start early with a well-staged bank robbery, in which two of Kate's men work a "job" disguised as policemen, putting genuine constables out of action with tear gas bombs.

"Mutiny on the Blackhawk," the second attraction, is a powerful and exciting drama of the high seas.

Current Attraction "Mayerling," the brilliant romance of the Hapsburgs, concludes at the Cosy Theatre to-night.

Regent SIXTH TRIUMPH FOR DEANNA DURBIN "First Love" Is Great Entertainment

Deanna Durbin has won another triumph in her sixth picture, "First Love," which opens as the Christmas attraction at the Regent Theatre, Hastings, on Friday.

"First Love" presents Deanna as an orphan girl who is forced to live with an aunt, an uncle, and two cousins her own age.

An outstanding feature of the picture is that, for the first time, the producers have injected a good share of romance in the production, something lacking in youthful Miss Durbin's earlier successes.

Deanna sings four beautiful selections in "First Love"—"Home Sweet Home," "Spring in My Heart," and Puccini's "One Fine Day," from the opera, "Madame Butterfly." Her voice is growing in power and feeling, and gives added beauty to her singing.

In the cast with her are two newcomers, Robert Stack (the love interest of the story), and Lewis Howard.

The cast also includes Helen Parrish, Eugene Palette, Leatrice Joy, June Storey, Marcia Mae Jones, Charles Coleman, and many other gifted players.

Current Attraction "The Hardys Ride High," which concludes to-night at the Regent Theatre, Hastings, is the sixth of the famous series dealing with the popular screen family.

A GREAT MUSICAL COMEDY "Shipyard Sally" With Gracie Fields

Hearty comedy, glorious singing of old favourites and new hits by the one-and-only Gracie Fields, and a strong story combine to make "Shipyard Sally," which will open at the State Theatre, Hastings on Friday among the most satisfying entertainments the screen has offered in many a season.

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The "Major" is played by Gracie's co-star, Sydney Howard. He buys a Clydeside "pub" with Gracie's savings and looks thirstily forward to drinking the profits.

Lord Randall (Morton Selten), head of the commission, is both busy and elusive. When orthodox methods fail to bring Sally an interview, she uses her voice and her ingenuity.

Gracie sings other songs, too, a list of old favourites and specially written hits including: "Wish Me Luck," "In Pernambuco," "I Got the Jitterbugs," "Grandfather's Bagpipes," "Annie Laurie" and "Danny Boy."

Current Attraction "Climbing High," which concludes to-night at the State Theatre, Hastings, is a fast-moving romantic farce, starring Jessie Matthews, one of the

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The annual Christmas fare shoot of the Napier and East Coast Gun Club is to be held on Saturday at 1.30 p.m. The J. G. Parker Memorial Cup will also be decided.

By advertisement in this issue the Commissioner of Crown Lands advises that applications for renewable lease tenure of twenty sections fronting the Clifton Road for beach cottage sites will be received at the Lands and Survey Office, Napier. This is in the Haumoana Extension. No. 2.

Regent

DEANNA DURBIN IN "FIRST LOVE"

A Sparkling Romantic Comedy

Deanna Durbin's sixth picture, "First Love," comes to the Regent Theatre, Napier, to-day.

Presenting the young star in a more mature role than any she has ever attempted, "First Love" finds her experiencing her first romance.

The film was produced by Joe Pasternak, who has been responsible for all of Deanna's offerings and directed by Henry Koster, who directed her in "Three Smart Girls," "100 Men and a Girl," and "Three Smart Girls Grow Up."

Deanna will be seen as an orphan girl who is forced to live with an aunt, an uncle and two cousins her own age.

In the picture Deanna encounters her first love affair, a boy-and-girl romance between herself and Robert Stack, a screen newcomer in the role of a young bachelor who is the object of the affections of Deanna and Helen Parrish, who plays one of the snobbish cousins.

"First Love" presents a supporting cast which includes, in addition to Deanna, Miss Parrish, and Stack, a roster of fine players.

Included in Deanna's songs are "One Fine Day" from Puccini's opera, "Madame Butterfly"; "Amapola," by J. M. Lacalle; "Home, Sweet Home," by John Howard Payne; and "Spring in My Heart," a melody of Strauss waltz adapted by H. J. Salter with lyrics by Ralph Freed.

The plans are at Lockyer's music store, phone 3029.

Mayfair "OKAY FOR SOUND" IS A "CRAZY" FILM

"Charlie Chan At The Race Track"

"Okay for Sound," concluding to-day at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier, brings the Crazy Gang to the screen.

This gang is comprised of three famous British humour teams—Naughton and Gold, Flanagan and Allen and Nervo and Knox.

The Crazy Gang are introduced as the six street musicians, somewhat down and out, who manage to get an engagement with a bankrupt studio as extras, to impersonate "city types."

In their costumes supplied by the studio they are mistaken for big city financiers who are financing a film company, and in consequence the "Goldberger" studios are ready to fall at their feet.

Taking every advantage of the opportunity, the gang eventually drive the producer out of his studio and turn around to make the film themselves.

These imitable come-makes, of course, Highlights of the fun sequences are a burlesque all-in wrestling sequence, burlesquing the B.C.C. and a beleaguered fort episode done in elaborate "Beau Geste" style.

But these shining comedians are not the sole entertainment of the show. "Okay for Sound" has a lengthy cast of well-known stars of musical, comic and terpsichorean fame.

Peter Dawson, famed singer, puts over two rousing numbers; Lucienne and Ashour put over their burlesque dancing act with great effect; Patricia Bowman dances exquisitely; and there are many others.

Also showing is chapter nine of the thrilling serial, "Scouts to the Rescue." To-morrow's programme features the first episode of a new serial, "The Lone Ranger Rides Again."

The drama-packed story of Harry Favisham, who is accused of cowardice by his closest friends when he resigns from his regiment on the eve of its departure to join Kitchener's Army in the Sudan, and who redeems himself by some of the most dardevil feats on record, is unfolded in the gripping tale of "The Four Feathers." Alexander Korda's new Technicolor feature which commences a season at the State Theatre, Napier, to-morrow.

Heading the cast of "The Four Feathers," which was directed by Zoltan Korda and adapted from A. E. W. Mason's popular novel, are Ralph Richardson, John Clements, C. Aubrey Smith and June Duprez, stunning 20-year-old brunette who was discovered by Alexander Korda and awarded the leading feminine role.

The big outdoor scenes and the big battle sequences for "The Four Feathers" were photographed in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. The actual scale of the story—when Zoltan Korda arrived in the Sudan, "The Four Feathers" company proceeded to the East Nile, and with a company of engineers of the Sudan Army, they extended a camp there for the extended Nile back to South Sabolauka Gorge. Here, almost on the very site occupied by the Derivishes, was photographed Lord Kitchener's greatest battle, showing his gunboats being hauled up the cataracts.

The filming of this battle took 4000 native troops, a battalion of the East Surrey Regiment, a regiment of the Sudan Horse, hundreds of Derivishes and "Fuzzy-Wuzzies"—the only native troops ever to break a British square—and hundreds of horses and camels. This dramatic scene also shows the natives pulling

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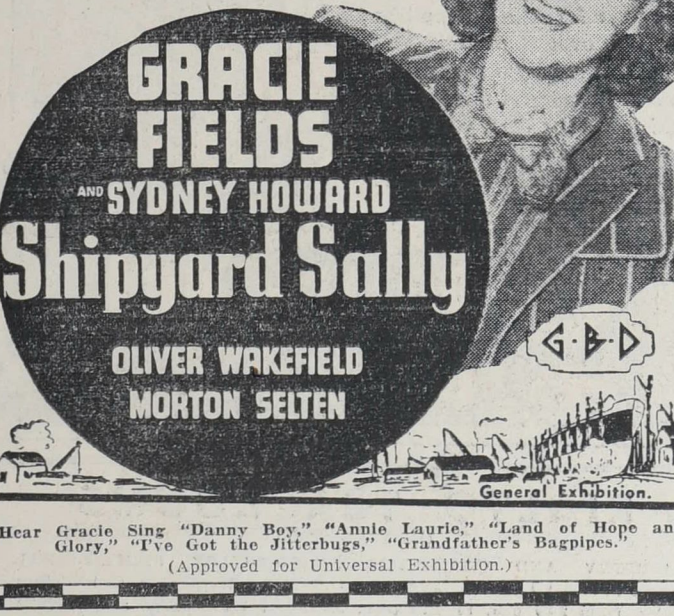
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Otane Bowling Club Games.—Following are the results of games played by members of the Otane Bowling Club at their weekly com- petition: Collins, Page, Voyce, 26; J. Britten, Wedd, Mills, 21; Arnott, Black, 15; R. Britten, Voyce, 17; Collins, Mills, August, 10; Stafford, J. Britten, Nealon, 17.

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Hastings Branch Of W.D.F.U. MONTHLY MEETING Final Gathering For The Year

The Hastings branch of the W.D.F.U. held its final meeting for the year yesterday afternoon when a fair attendance of members was presided over by Mrs F. W. Dunn.

A report of the financial position concerning the recent Spout held was given by Mrs Begley, showing the proceeds to total almost £20.

The flower competition, judged by Mrs McAuley and Mrs Beachen, resulted, Messdames O'Kane 1, Fulford 2, Begley 3.

FOOTBALLERS' DANCE A SUCCESS Clive Event

The Clive Footballers held a successful dance in the Clive Hall last Saturday night when Phil Walden's Orchestra supplied excellent dance music.

Among others present were Misses Z. Kennerly, C. Lister, P. Gordine, M. Griffiths, B. Gordine, J. Hellyer, I. Waites, N. Nelson, M. Hellyer, L. Cross, M. Herbison, R. Lloyd, E. Lloyd, T. Pell, A. Pell, E. Finlay, M. Millan, R. Fitcher, A. Hollerton, B. Hollerton, M. Murray, D. Mullerane, H. Dean, A. Gregory, E. Long, M. Weathered, P. McIlroy, M. O'Sullivan, M. Lewis, M. Jeffrey, Mesdames F. Hellyer, Aigy, Harrison, Arthur Harrison.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Miss G. I. Frame, Auckland, is visiting Napier. Mr and Mrs R. S. Ellingham are Pahiatua visitors to Napier. Mr and Mrs F. J. Pepper, Sydney, are on a visit to Napier. Mr and Mrs G. P. Proctor, Wellington, are spending a few days at Napier. Mr and Mrs H. C. Nolan are Gisborne visitors to Napier. Mr and Mrs J. O. Nugent, Gisborne, who have been on a tour of the Far East and the Philippines, have returned home. Mrs Claud Anderson, Palmerston North, accompanied by her two small daughters, Judith and Diana, is visiting Hastings and is the guest of her mother, Mrs L. F. Peach, Fitzroy Avenue. Miss M. Epplett, who has been the guest of Mrs P. Matthews, Sherenden, is now visiting friends in Dannevirke. Mrs W. Deans, "Sandown," Canterbury, is staying with her parents, Major-General Sir Andrew and Lady Russell, Tumanui. Mrs A. Clark, Palmerston North, is visiting the Misses Clark, "The Chestnuts," Otara. Miss Merle Thomas, Otane, is staying in Walroa for the summer vacation. Mrs T. Brown, Miss H. Brown and Mrs J. Hobbs and Dannevirke visitors to Wellington.

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Attending the bride were two bridesmaids, her sister, Miss Edna Brown, and Miss Nola Neal, and a matron of honour, Mrs J. Catherall, Hastings.

The bridegroom was attended by Mr Phyl Higgs, as best man and Mr Dick Connor as groomsmen.

Following the ceremony a large number of guests were entertained at a reception held at the Majestic tea rooms, Mr and Mrs Brown assisted by Mr and Mrs Sullivan receiving the guests.

MILITARY WEDDING IN NAPIER

A military wedding was solemnized in St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Port Ahuriri, on Saturday afternoon when Patricia Marie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur F. Spackman, Westshore, Extension, Napier, was married to Herbert Edward Coddington, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. F. Coddington, Herne Bay, Auckland. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. S. Cameron.

Jolly Party Given At Haumoana

The Haumoana Presbyterian Sunday school held its Christmas tree party in the hall, which was enjoyed by a full attendance of children, Bible Class members and parents.

Engagement

The engagement is announced of Annes Ethel, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. W. Griffen, Otane, to Stanley Nicholas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. J. Atwood, South Street, Gisborne.

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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail

Your Own Morning Paper THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1939.

CONSCRIPTION: IF NOT, WHY NOT?

There is far too much "hedging" about this question of conscription. Although the people of the Dominion themselves can see quite clearly that the system must be adopted if the voluntary system fails, they listen in vain for any definite declarations on the subject from those in authority.

The other day the Minister of Lands (the Hon. F. Langstone) had a most uncomfortable half-hour or so while he was bombarded by round after round of questions while he was addressing representatives of the Auckland Labour Representation Committee and the Auckland Trades Council.

Playing up to his audience, Mr Langstone even went so far as to say that if there should not be enough volunteers for the second echelon, the Government would take "100 per cent." measures so that not only man-power but wealth would be conscripted and "you and I would be on soldiers' rations and soldiers' pay."

But it is not enough. The Government is there to govern. The issue of conscription is one which affects the vital interests of the Dominion and ultimately of the Empire. Is it not legitimate to suspect that the suggestion of the plebiscite has been raised so as to mollify the disaffected elements in the Labour movement? There has been not a single plebiscite on the vital changes that have been wrought by the present Government in many matters affecting the vital interests of the people.

At the same time—and it is slightly to one side of the main point—Mr Barnard believes that the volunteers will be forthcoming so that no plebiscite will be needed. Anyhow, it is possible to understand Mr Speaker as having taken up a stand. We know where he is. If the voluntary system fails, he will favour a plebiscite on the question of conscription. That is something.

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Surely this is obvious: If the voluntary system fails, those who shy at volunteering will be against conscription. A large proportion of the votes can be counted beforehand. Is it good government to allow the tail to wag the dog? Should people be told what they ought to do or merely asked what they would like to do, at a time when civilisation is teetering on the brink of disaster? There is no departure from constitutional procedure in the adoption of conscription. Why hesitate?

Personal

Mr and Mrs R. Bridge, Hastings, are visiting Mrs H. B. Bridge, Oriental Bay, Wellington.

Gunner McLagan, Maraekakaho, has returned home on final leave.

Private Hugh Alexander, Wellington, is spending his final leave in Napier with his sisters and brother at their home in Napier Terrace.

Corporal F. R. Tooman, formerly of Napier, who is leaving shortly for overseas with the first echelon from New Zealand, is at present visiting Napier.

Sergeant Edmond Bourgeois, of the Special Force, is spending his final leave with his parents, Mr and Mrs Horace Bourgeois, Roslyn Road, Napier.

Gunner R. Watty, son of Mr and Mrs F. Y. Watty, Napier, who is leaving with the Special Force shortly, is visiting Napier on final leave.

Detective H. Campin, of the Hastings police force, accompanied by Mrs Campin and their son, are spending a holiday in Wellington.

Mr J. Brady, Clive, will leave shortly to spend the Christmas vacation in Auckland.

Major J. Leggat, Hastings, who is in camp at Trentham preparatory to the mobilisation of the second echelon, will be home on brief leave over the Christmas holidays.

Mr B. G. Goodwin, district superintendent of the Horticultural Department of Agriculture, who has been visiting the Hawke's Bay area of his district, left Hastings yesterday on his return to Palmerston North.

Messrs P. Wilson and J. Brown, members of the First Echelon of the Special Force, are to be accorded a farewell by Westshore residents in the Westshore Public Hall to-night.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr J. Drysdale, Mr and Mrs Fraserhurst (Auckland), Mr A. Lillcrap (Palmerston North), Mr H. Kneebone (Wellington), Mr A. Moora (Masterton), Miss K. Thompson (New Plymouth), Mr G. Andrews (Gisborne), Mr R. F. Taylor (Waipara), Mr H. A. Beatty (Dannevirke), Mr K. Goulding (Tokomaru Bay), are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

Mr J. D. Jack (Hamilton), Mr C. A. Mackie (Palmerston North), Mr and Mrs J. A. Reiff (Sydney), Mrs W. R. Taylor, Mr H. Taylor (Pahiatua), Mr T. B. Grussett, Mr Louis Grussett, Mr L. D. Davies, Mr R. J. A. Finlay, Mr G. F. Frame, Mr Newman, Mr C. Hatch (Wellington), Mr P. Fletcher (Western Australia), are at the Criterion Hotel, Napier.

Mr Finlay, Mr and Mrs Kempthorne, Mr and Mrs Ballinger (Wellington), Mr and Mrs Carson, Miss Hill (Gisborne), Mr J. Davey, Mrs Davey (Waipara), Mr Wilder (Waipukurau), Mr Blencherhett (Colombo), are at the Hotel Central, Napier.

Mrs E. C. Beale, Mrs J. D. Williams, Mr J. F. Williams, Mr W. N. G. Donald, Mr I. Hall, Mr and Mrs J. Kenner (Auckland), Mr N. J. Harris, Mr W. McLean, Mr R. C. Alward, Mr and Mrs W. McCleery (Wellington), Mr R. M. Antrill (Nyasaland), Miss J. Gawith, Mr J. H. Cunningham, Mr D. Caselberg (Masterton), Mr and Mrs C. H. Handley (Palmerston North), are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr H. de Loutour (Gisborne), Mrs and Miss Calcott (Ruatoria), Mr Clough (Wellington), Mr Spooner, Mr Cooper (Napier), Mr Burgess, Mr and Mrs Boyce (Tolaga Bay), are at the Ferry Hotel, Waipara.

EUREKA LODGE OF DRUIDS

Fortnightly Meeting In Hastings

An announcement that the installation of the Waipawa Lodge officers would not take place until January 9, 1940, and that any brethren wishing to attend the ceremony should communicate with the secretary, was made at the fortnightly meeting of the Eureka Lodge of Druids held in the United Hall, Hastings, this week.

Retirement Announced

It was announced in Napier yesterday that Mr P. W. Barlow, chief surveyor of the Lands and Survey Department, Napier, is to retire at the end of this year, after nearly 35 years service with the Government. He spent 161 years in Napier. Mr Barlow came to Napier from the Urewera Country, where he spent two and a-half years surveying for roads and carrying out general reconnaissance work. He was employed at Auckland on closer settlement schemes for some years, and spent the early years of his professional career surveying for private concerns in New Zealand gold fields.

The work of an optician is his full-time occupation and life-long study of the human eye. Consult Azzopardi and Holland, Opticians.

The Breakfast Table

Musical Festival, Baptist Church, 8 p.m.
The Theatres:
"Mayerling" Cosy, 2 and 8 p.m.
"Climbing High" and "News is Made at Night," State, 2 and 7.45 p.m.
"China Clipper" and "Here Comes Carter," Municipal, 7.45 p.m.

Napier
Napier Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club's twilight meeting at McLean Park.

To-Day's Diary

Hastings
The Theatres:
"Professor Mamlock" Regent, 8 p.m.
"Climbing High" and "Who Goes Next," State, 7.45 p.m.
"Okay for Sound" and "Charlie Chan at the Race Track," Mayfair, 2 and 8 p.m.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Letters to the Editor must be written on one side of the paper only, and in ink. The correspondent's name and residential address must be given even if the letter is to be published anonymously.

Who Are the Wreckers?

Sir,—Your leading article to-day is headed by the above question. I would say that all the people who are seeking to discredit the present administration in this country are the wreckers.

The present Government is holding office after having, over a long period of years, declared its policy, after having been tried by the people and not ignored reasonable requests, by the greatest majority ever given to any government in New Zealand's history.

The political policy of those in control of New Zealand's Treasury benches during and after the last war left us a legacy of debt that has to be met at the following rate in the immediate future. First there is the seventeen millions odd that Mr Nash is required to find almost immediately. Then falling due: 1942, 1963, £10,303,989; 1943-44, £7,339,656; 1944-45, £7,780,408; 1945-46, £22,543,590; 1947-48, £11,341,609; 1947-58, £19,235,463; 1948-54, £15,000,000; 1949-50, £9,500,000.

In round figures one hundred and eight and a half millions during the next ten years, to say nothing of interest.

To find a way to meet these obligations and to institute a system that shall not perpetuate the old system along with fighting the war and other incidental matters our Government is dedicated and I feel that the noisy minority which is making a hub-bub of disapproval of everything that our Government does or does not do are the wreckers.—I am, etc., ARCH LOWE.

Hastings.
[This letter has no relevant relation to the article referred to, except insofar as it is a further evidence

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Men Home on Leave

The following Otane men of the First Echelon are home on leave: Privates H. Phillips, G. Herrington, R. Herrington, A. Watts, J. Watts, D. Stevens, J. Searle, and Trooper I. White.

Christmas at Stortford

Frequent mention by auctioneers at the Stortford Lodge stock sale yesterday of the proximity of Christmas, made in an effort to spur on bidding, in at least one instance had the opposite effect. A buyer had a beast knocked down to him, but retracted his bid by half-a-crown. "Christmas is coming!" he laconically replied to the auctioneer's expostulations.

Force of Habit?

In the cattle shed at Stortford Lodge there is a gap in the wooden fence between the buyers' benches and the ring. Yesterday at the stock sale a rather ancient and dilapidated cow was being offered, along with several others, and whether from force of habit or from curiosity "bailed up" by inserting its head into the gap, whence it disinterestedly surveyed the rows of spectators.

Greetings Received

Christmas and New Year greetings, which the "Daily Mail" acknowledges with thanks, have been received from: The manager and staff of the National Bank of New Zealand, Ltd., Hastings; Aspro, Ltd., Wellington; Gordon and Gotch (Australasia), Ltd.; and Dormer-Beck Advertising, Ltd., in association with J. Inglis Wright, Ltd.

Children's Camps

Children from the Hawke's Bay homes, numbering about 100, went into camp in various parts of the district yesterday morning, and will remain under canvas for a period of from four to five weeks. From the Randwick Girls' Home 38 children went to Tutira, 40 from Gordon House, the mixed home, to Te Pohue, and from the boys' home, France House, a party of 24 went to Rissington.

The Sport of Kings

At last night's inaugural meeting at Napier of the Sports Federation the question was asked if the racing clubs had been invited to send representatives. "That is more of a business than a sport," said the chairman (Mr T. W. Hercock), amid laughter. "The sport of kings," rejoined a voice.

Napier and Sport

Napier as a Mecca of sport was visualised by Mr J. H. Fieldhouse at last night's meeting of the Napier Sports Federation. If such a movement were properly organised, said Mr Fieldhouse, many sports organisations could be induced to hold their tournaments in this centre. Because of its dry climate, Napier would be ideal for the staging of many sports in the winter months, he said.

False Fire Alarm

A false alarm received from the Government Buildings at the foot of Shakespeare Road was responsible for the Napier Fire Brigade turning out yesterday morning.

Napier Flag Day

The final returns of collectors brought the total amount resulting from the Flag Day appeal at Napier to £230 13/1. This will be credited to the fund of the Hawke's Bay Patriotic Council.

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HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR MAINLY FINE WEATHER.

"The 'Daily Mail's' special forecast for Hawke's Bay is as follows: Winds: Light to moderate north-west winds, freshening at times in southern Hawke's Bay.

Weather: Isolated showers in the high country but weather mainly fine and warm. Seas: Slight to moderate.

Hastings Weather

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows: Dry bulb temp. 71.0deg. Wet bulb temp. 65.0deg. Maximum temp. 76.0deg. Minimum temp. 52.0deg. Grass 46.0deg. 1ft. underground 70.0deg. Rain Nil. Cloud Nil. Wind N.E.2. Rain for month 1.42ins.

Napier Weather

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. by the Government recorder at Napier (Mr R. T. Hutton) are as follows: Dry bulb temp. 68.5deg. Wet bulb temp. 64.0deg. Maximum temp. 72.5deg. Minimum temp. 54.5deg. 1ft. underground 70.5deg. 3ft. underground 66.2deg. Grass 47.5deg. Visibility 6. Humidity 77 p.c. Cloud 9. Wind E.4 a.v. Rain Nil. Sun 12 hrs.

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FATHER XMAS ARRIVES!
Hello kiddies... Father Xmas arrives daily at 2.30 p.m. Don't fail to meet him in his thrilling Wonderland Cave. See "Hey Diddle," "Old Mother Hubbard," "Old King Cole" in beautiful setting with delightful music. Admission only 6d with big free gift from Father Xmas!
APPAREL NOVELTIES
PRINT APRONS
In assorted styles, and florals. Prices from 1/11 to 4/11.
ORGANIE TEA APRONS
Trimmed with lace and hemstitching. Prices 3/11 and 5/11.
ARTISTS' SMOCKS
In attractive Prints. All sizes. Prices from 5/11 to 11/6.
CAVE SESSIONS—10 a.m. and 2 p.m.—Admission 6d
WESTERMAN'S
HASTINGS :: THE STORE WITH THE XMAS SPIRIT

BRITISH AIRMEN ENGAGED IN THRILLING BATTLE WITH GERMAN MESSERSCHMITTS R.A.F. BOMBERS INFLECTED HEAVY CASUALTIES IN HELIGOLAND BIGHT ACTION

British Official Wireless. (Received December 20, 9 p.m.) RUGBY, Dec. 19. It is now believed that more than 12 Messerschmitt fighters were shot down by Royal Air Force bombers during Monday's action over Heligoland Bight, of which at least six were of the new M.E. 10 type. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy and, as is inevitable in such a fierce action, British aircraft also suffered losses. However, the German claim that 36 British aircraft were brought down is made more ridiculous by the fact that the total number of British aircraft engaged did not amount to anything like that figure. One British bomber alone accounted for five German fighters. The German fighters made about 40 separate attacks. The leader of the British formation said: "I could see them collecting like flies waiting to attack us." Between Heligoland and Wilhelmshaven 25 Messerschmitts were seen. Even when the battle had begun the British crews continued on their course over German waters, determined to press on and bring back all the information they could obtain. They also met heavy anti-aircraft fire from ships and from the shore. Some enemy fighters hung on as our bombers were returning.

One of our aircraft, while heading for home, became isolated from the others. It seemed to be an easy prey and the Messerschmitts attacked it in force. The pilot, in an effort to avoid them, dived down to sea level and skimmed the surface of the ocean with the enemy on his tail. Two Messerschmitts venturing too close were immediately shot down by the rear gunner. Another Messerschmitt joined the attack, its fire wounding the rear gunner and damaging the centre gun and wireless set. The second pilot took the rear gunner's seat, but found that the ammunition was spent. A moment later the front gunner was wounded.

Another Reserve. The reserve pilot thereupon scrambled from the rear turret to the front gun. There he found plenty of ammunition, of which he made full use. The British aircraft finally shook off its pursuers and reached home. From the moment when it had dived to escape until it actually got away, its gunners had accounted for five enemy fighters. Another of our aircraft, when within 80 miles of the English coast on its way home, was forced down in the sea. The pilot, considering the size of the scheme, which would give an annual outflow of pilots and air crews greater than the full outstanding strength of the Royal Air Force as it was not long ago, the Empire had done a fine job in fixing up such an inspiring and constructive plan in such a short time. "It will indeed be a great demonstration of Empire unity when men of the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Australian Air Force, and the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and our own Royal Air Force train together in safe Canadian flying schools," he said.

Fatal Fooling In Boarding House Bedroom

Fisticuffs Lead To More Serious Results

A Rough House

Death Of Victim Leads To Trial Of Assailant

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, Dec. 20. Daniel John McIntyre, 39, carpenter, was charged to-day that he unlawfully killed Thomas Egan, thereby committing manslaughter. He pleaded not guilty and was committed for trial. A further charge of assault so as to cause actual bodily harm was withdrawn by the police. Robert Zimla gave evidence of some foolery in a boarding-house bedroom, which was followed by McIntyre striking Egan a couple of times on the chin and nose with his fist. Egan went to the bathroom to wash the blood off, and on his return told the accused that he would get even with him if it took 20 years. He also ordered the accused into the street. The accused slapped Egan in the face, then hit him in the eye. The accused fell to the floor with his head against the fireplace. Egan had had a fight with another man in a bedroom about four months ago. Medical evidence was that the left eye was ruptured on the inner side and had to be removed two days later. The deceased showed signs of meningitis, and alternatively, died from that disease. Bail was allowed in the sum of £250.

MAUI POMARE IN TROUBLE

ENGINES FAIL AFTER OVERHAUL

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, Dec. 20. The Maui Pomare left her berth this morning to test the engines after an extensive overhaul. Near Point Halswell the engines gave trouble. The anchor was dropped, but there was a fairly strong sea and the ship was forced towards the shore. She signalled for a tug. The launch Arahina and the tugs Toia and Natone all went to her assistance and are still at the anchorage. The Maui Pomare, which is slowly being dragged to safety.

AIR TRAINING SCHEME

BRITISH MINISTER'S VIEWS

SAFE SCHOOLS

Sir Kingsley Wood In Confident Mood

British Official Wireless. RUGBY, Dec. 19. In a broadcast on the Dominion air training scheme, the Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, said that the scheme would put the British ascendancy over the enemy in the air beyond challenge. He expressed the view that, considering the size of the scheme, which would give an annual outflow of pilots and air crews greater than the full outstanding strength of the Royal Air Force as it was not long ago, the Empire had done a fine job in fixing up such an inspiring and constructive plan in such a short time. "It will indeed be a great demonstration of Empire unity when men of the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Australian Air Force, and the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and our own Royal Air Force train together in safe Canadian flying schools," he said.

Impressive Figures. Sir Kingsley cited some impressive figures given by the Canadian Prime Minister to indicate the magnitude of the training effort required. Canada alone, he said, would be 67 training schools, he said, and two for navigation. The staffs alone would number 40,000. Some 60 new aerodromes were being constructed and 20 existing aerodromes enlarged. The scheme would call for many thousands of aircraft, the bulk of which would be supplied by the United Kingdom, but each Dominion would supply locally made aircraft to an increasing extent from its own manufacturing resources.

While the negotiations had been in progress, the Air Minister, participating Governments had gone ahead with the preliminary steps, permitting of rapid execution of the great plan.

Beyond Challenge

In connection with Sir Kingsley Wood's estimate that the Empire training scheme would put British air superiority beyond challenge, he informed air circles in London via interesting facts comparing the relative efficiency between the British and German air forces to-day when they point out that not a single British fighter has been shot down since the outbreak of the war, while R.A.F. Fighter Command aircraft have brought down nearly half the German bomber and reconnaissance aircraft which have been shot down in the first two and a half years of the war.

During 51 engagements over British land or sea in October and November, 21 German raiders were destroyed, and of these 13 were seen to strike the ground or water. It is also known that many more failed to return to Germany. In all these engagements, only one British pilot has been wounded, and that slightly.

Creditable Record. This record is all the more impressive when it is recalled that in fighting between British bombers and German fighters have been shot down during last Thursday's air battle over the Frisian Islands, and more than 12 during the action over Heligoland on Monday.

Australian Pilots. A Sydney message states that the conditions that will apply to the training of the comparatively small number of Australian airmen who will go to Canada under the Empire air scheme were announced by the Prime Minister (Mr R. G. Menzies). Mr Menzies said that the British Government agreed to take steps to preserve the national identity of the representatives of each country. The main points of the agreement are to operate at once and remain in force until March 31, 1943. The Government of Canada will act as administrator of the scheme, with the assistance of a supervisory board on which all parties to the agreement will be represented.

Attack In Pacific. An Ottawa cable reports Lord Rintoul, head of the British Air Mission, as saying that he was particularly pleased at the way the Empire air plan affected Australia and New Zealand, "where there is a danger of attack." He added that he will have men in training constantly to augment their permanent defence force.

HISTORIC NAVAL BATTLE TERRIFIC DAMAGE TO EXETER DETAILS OF FIGHT

Intrepid Seamen Were Superb

British Official Wireless. RUGBY, Dec. 19. According to an account of the action between the British cruiser Exeter and the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee which has reached England from a British Colonial Governor, Wednesday of last week was a cloudless day, calm, and with perfect visibility. The Exeter, the Ajax and the Achilles in company sighted the battleship, which they believed to be the pocket battleship Admiral Scheer throughout the action. The enemy spotted the high mast of the Exeter soon after six o'clock and opened fire at a range of about 12½ miles. The Exeter returned the fire, the vessels steaming parallel.

First Salvo Short. The first salvo of the German 11-inch guns fell short. The second fell directly astern. The third and fourth missed, but the fifth scored a hit and the seventh a direct hit. The impact of the shell on the forward turret killed outright eight of the 15 members of the crew of the turret and made havoc of the turret immediately above.

The Exeter closed, receiving three or four more hits from the 11-inch shells and coming under fire from the Graf Spee's 5.9-inch guns. She returned shot for shot till only one eight-inch gun could be fired, and that by hand.

Numerous shells which fell alongside riddled the ship's side and upper works on bursting. The steering gear was damaged just after seven o'clock, and for the following 45 minutes the captain steered by boat compass from the after control just forward of the mainmast.

Through a chain of some ten salvo directions were conveyed from man to man to the after steering wheel and engine-room until the ship was no longer serviceable as a fighting unit and fell out of the action.

Numerous fires broke out on board, but they were kept under by gallant men throwing the burning material into the sea, and below deck, where the outbreaks were most numerous, by the staunchness of the fire party.

The intrepid and cool officers and men were one and all, in the captain's words, superb. When the salvo hit the bridge, the captain of the Exeter escaped unhurt. He said that the men of the engine-room staff were beyond praise. They raised full speed in 20 minutes, where normally it takes 120 minutes.

Graf Spee Disguised

A New York cable reported that the commander of the scuttled German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, Captain Langsdorff, was in an interview with the Associated Press of London.

LORD GALWAY WILL BE ABSENT

Warlike Veto On Race Meetings

By Telegraph—Press Association. AUCKLAND, Dec. 20. In accordance with the wish expressed by His Majesty the King, the Governors-General and Governors should not attend race meetings during the war period, Lord and Lady Galway will not be present at either of the meetings at Auckland this summer.

MR CHAMBERLAIN IMPRESSED

Return To England ACTIVE DAY ON WEST FRONT Broadcast Address

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received Dec. 20, 9.30 p.m.) LONDON, Dec. 19. The Prime Minister (Mr. Neville Chamberlain) returned after an active day at the snow-bound Western Front. In a broadcast he testified to the enjoyment of his visit to France and the deep impression created by the troops and air components, expressing his amazement at the proficiency so soon attained. He expressed delight at the excellent relations between British troops and French civilians.

Mr Chamberlain wished all ranks a happy Christmas and best luck in the New Year. A message from Rugby yesterday stated that Mr Chamberlain, in the course of his tour of the Maginot Line, at a number of points took the salute at a march past. When the tour was completed, he expressed to General Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied forces, his deep gratitude for the honours paid to him and his admiration at the scale and completeness of the French defence system.

Mr Chamberlain inspected British bombers and fighters in camouflage aerodromes. Mr Chamberlain conferred with M. Daladier this morning.

War Council Sits. An official communique issued from No. 10 Downing Street yesterday stated that a meeting of the Supreme War Council was held in Paris to-day. The council sat throughout the morning. M. Daladier, M. Guy de La Chambre, M. Chamberlain, Marshal Foch, Marshal Gamelin and Admiral Darlan, who was accompanied by M. Leger, represented France. Mr Chamberlain, Lord Halifax, Lord Chatfield, who was accompanied by Sir Ronald Campbell, General Ironside and Sir Alexander Cadogan represented Britain.

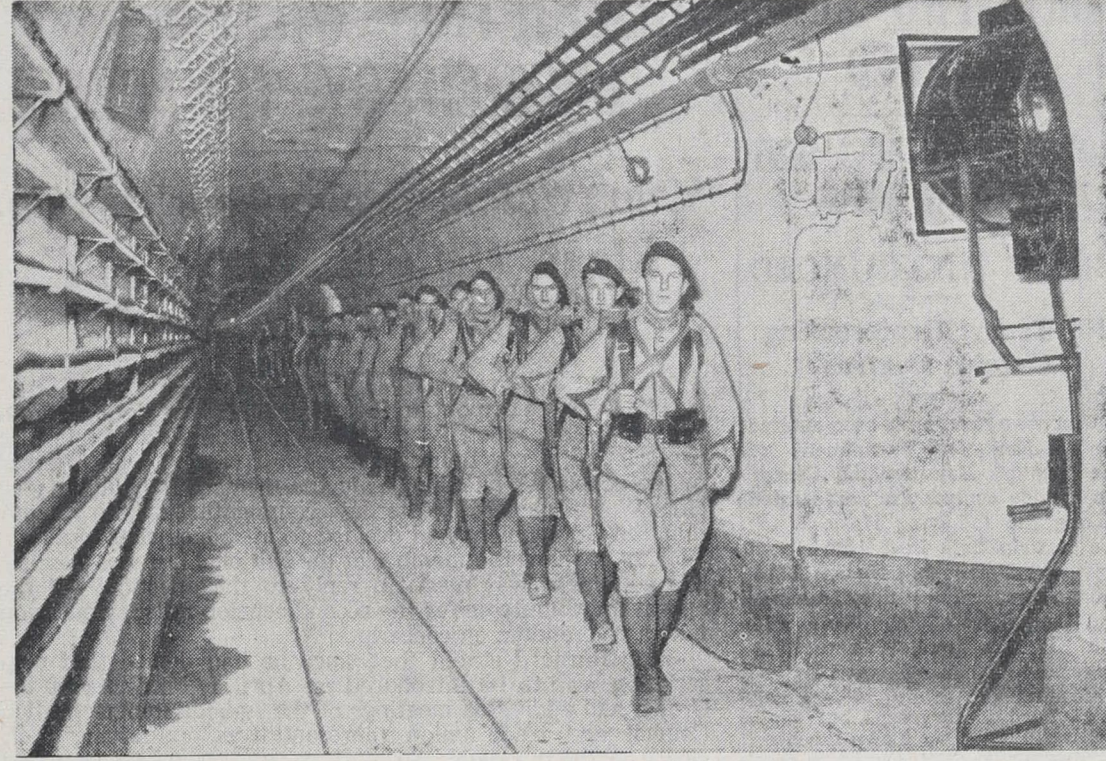
In welcoming the British representatives, M. Daladier congratulated Britain on the gallant and victorious action which led to the destruction of the Graf Spee.

"The Supreme War Council made a close study of the general situation, and found that the British and French Governments were completely as one on all questions discussed. The council accordingly took such decisions as were required to make best use of the means of action at the joint disposal of the two countries in the diplomatic and military spheres."

Neutrals' Interest. Neutrals are studying all the technical information about the battle, and believe that Captain Langsdorff's flight to Montevideo was due to a direct hit on the Exeter's eight-inch gun on the forward turret. His three 11-inch guns were put out of commission, his gunfire control installation destroyed, and all his food supplies rendered unfit for consumption. Finally, he believed there were large British units in the vicinity.

The Washington correspondent of the "New York Times" reports that the Pan-American nations are discussing laying up Germany's chief blame for the battle being fought within the neutrality zone, supplies rendered unfit for consumption, the Streonshill, was sunk and the French liner Fomosa was attacked while plying between America ports.

Some, including Brazil, want a ban on the refuelling of belligerent warships at Pan-American ports. He added that he will have men in training constantly to augment their permanent defence force.



UNDER THE WESTERN FRONT.—French soldiers moving position along one of the underground passages of the Maginot line. This picture gives a splendid idea of the thoroughness of the great work that has been done.

CANADIAN FORCES ARRIVE

ROUSING RECEPTION IN ENGLAND A FRESH TRIUMPH

News Enthusiastically Greeted In Press

British Official Wireless. (Received Dec. 20, 6.30 p.m.) RUGBY, Dec. 19. The news of the arrival of the Canadian forces in the United Kingdom is enthusiastically greeted in the Press as a fresh encouragement to the Allied cause and as convincing proof of the solidarity between the Dominions and Britain.

The troops were in high spirits on their arrival and responded with rousing cheers to the welcome accorded them.

They were greeted by the Dominions Secretary (the Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden) and the Canadian High Commissioner (Mr McNaughton) and high naval and military officers.

In a brief speech, Mr Eden said: "It may be that the struggle in which we are engaged will be a long one. It certainly will be tough—we all know that. But in the assurance of the unity of the peoples of the British Commonwealth, we thank you for your journey. We wish you good luck and God speed."

An earlier London message said that the Canadian active-service force, commanded by Major-General A. C. L. McNaughton, has landed on British soil and is already encamped "somewhere in England" for final training.

Mr Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for the Dominions, welcomed the force on behalf of the Government.

The arrival included a large number of Red Indians, who are fine soldiers.

"Go To Your Friends." "Cleary called me a lot of nasty names," said witness. "He took me with both fists, and called me a 'Black and Tan'—"

The defendant then left the premises, but returned with his brother and proceeded to climb over the partition into the kitchen, where the witness had locked himself in Cleary's brother was swinging a bottle of ale, and defendant was making various threats. Witness, keeping his eye on the swinging bottle, was struck on the head.

"Shouted 'Murder'." "I shouted out 'murder' as loud as I could, and the defendant poked me in the chest with a broom," said witness. "I was then under the table, but Cleary upset the table."

Witness then alleged that the defendant had gone to his coat, which was hanging in a corner, and removed £3 in notes and £2 in silver. It was then he sought the services of the police.

Cross-examined by Mr C. W. Nash, who appeared for the defendant, witness stated that he had a number of other things in the room at the time.

Mr Nash: Were there any complaints about bugs in the bed? Witness: No. The only bug in the place was with a proper humbug.

Mr Nash: Then it is the first time that you have been assaulted by a humbug? After further cross-examination, Mr Nash said the defendant's brother will say that his only connection with the matter was his climbing over the partition wall to get his brother.

Witness: They were holding a consultation as to whether they would take my gold watch. That's how I got away with my life. The defendant was convicted by the Magistrate (Mr J. Miller, S.M.) and fined as stated.

GREYHOUND RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two-Day Meeting To Be Held In Napier

Napier foremost attraction on Christmas Eve and Boxing Day will be the greyhound racing championships at League Park Stadium, Napier, when the pick of the greyhounds in New Zealand will be seen in action.

Owing to the abnormal number of entries received, it has been decided to start the meetings at 7.30 o'clock on each evening and conclude at approximately 10.30 p.m.

Matched against the local champions will be dogs from Auckland, Dannevirke and elsewhere. The public of Hawke's Bay are enjoined not to miss the opportunity of witnessing the greyhound racing championships at the stadium on Saturday and Tuesday evenings.

Buses will leave Clive Square at frequent intervals for the Stadium, and return after the meetings.

"Shouted 'Murder' As Loud As I Could"

Witness In An Assault Case Heard At Napier

Swinging Bottle Fracas In Rooms Above A Shop In Hastings Street

A strained atmosphere prevailed in the Napier Magistrate's Court yesterday morning during the hearing of an assault case, in which a witness in the course of his evidence stated that the defendant had called him a "Black and Tan."

The case was one in which a labourer, George John Cleary, Napier, was charged with common assault on James Humphrey. The affray was alleged to have taken place at premises in Hastings Street, Napier, on December 9.

The defendant was convicted and fined £5 (costs £1 9s) in default one month's imprisonment. He was allowed a month in his pay.

Charge Reduced. Conducting the case for the police, Detective-Sergeant H. Nuttall described how the assault was alleged to have taken place in rooms let by Humphrey to Cleary.

The defendant had asked him if he could occupy his room for a further week, until he could move to another room.

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Visitors to the Mardi Gras Carnival this year will have the opportunity of witnessing one of the most amazing entertainments that has ever appeared in New Zealand. The Indian seer "Mahomet," a soldier, traveller, author and composer, will present "Ranee" the princess of Oriental magic. It is the black magic which is unknown to the white races of the world. She produces living things from the thin air, makes the water from the atmosphere, causes solid objects to appear and disappear, performs the seemingly impossible. Miracle after miracle in a most mystifying and astounding entertainment. Any one of the many miracles performed by the famous seeress is worth ten times what you pay to see her. Your visit to the Mardi Gras will be incomplete unless you see this Indian wonder woman.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE BAY

Mardi Gras Wonder Woman

SPORTSMAN'S DEATH AT NAPIER

Mr John Joseph O'Brien, Well-Known Identity

The death occurred at Napier of Mr John Joseph O'Brien, aged 53 years, after an illness which had confined him to his bed for over three months.

Mr O'Brien was well known in Hawke's Bay as one of the oldest supporters of cricket. When he gave up active participation on the field he was appointed vice-president of the Hawke's Bay Cricket Association, and later he became an active member of the Hawke's Bay Umpires' Association. He revived interest in this body at a time when it was vitally needed.

Well known in the commercial life of Port Ahuriri, Mr O'Brien was associated with Messrs Barry Bros. Ltd., for over a quarter of a century. He is survived by two sons, Mr M. O'Brien (Gisborne) and Mr J. O'Brien (Napier). Both sons are also prominent in sporting circles.

Requiem mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church at 6.30 this morning, and the funeral will leave the church at 11 a.m. for interment at the Napier Cemetery.

CAMPAIGN OF TERRORISM

NAZI AIRMEN BEGIN NEW PHASE

AERIAL TORPEDOES

British Official Wireless. RUGBY, Dec. 19. Fuller details of the new campaign of terrorism launched by Nazi airmen against defenceless British and neutral shipping, referred to by Mr Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in his broadcast, have been disclosed in a joint Admiralty and Air Ministry statement.

Bombing attacks were made on Sunday on 14 merchant and fishing vessels in the North Sea and in most cases the men on their decks were machine-gunned. Two men have been killed and six injured.

Eleven of the ships were fishing trawlers. Two were motor vessels and one was an Italian steamer. One motor ship and four trawlers were sunk. Royal Air Force fighters twice flew to the rescue of ships, but the raiders hastily made off, though some damage was inflicted by British machine-guns.

The ship of Kobe (4373 tons) was sunk in the North Sea, believed to be the result of a torpedo. Five British and 13 Indian members of the crew landed on the east coast. Ten British and 42 Indians are missing. The survivors revealed that German planes unsuccessfully bombed and machine-gunned the vessel at the week-end.

Survivors Landed. Survivors from the Danish steamer Jytte, which is believed to have been sunk in the North Sea, landed on the east coast of Scotland after 13 hours in an open boat.

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RECORD ENTRIES RECEIVED

NAPIER ATHLETICS

To-morrow Evening's Meeting THE HANDICAPS

Record entries have been received for to-morrow evening's meeting of the Napier Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club at McLean Park, Napier. Handicaps have been declared as follows: Men's 100 yards—First heat: P. F. Sharpley (17yd.), G. Morgan (42), J. Thompson (54), K. M. P. Sharpley (91), R. Gollop (10), E. Cavston (12), John McIntosh (12). Second heat: R. Phillips (15), F. Collinge (68), P. B. Begg (71), V. McCutcheon (8). O. Banks (9), T. Cullen (10), E. Prebble (12), J. Behm (12). Third heat: G. Bickerstaff (3), P. Beggley (6), E. Scullion (7), J. Edmundson (9), M. Bee (9), D. Lister (10), J. McIntosh (12).

Men's 220 yards—First heat: R. Phillips (23), G. I. Bickerstaff (8), P. Beggley (13), J. Thorpe (16), C. Kronk (17), B. Scullion (18), D. Lister (19). Second heat: M. P. Sharpley (6), G. Morgan (40), E. Collinge (15), V. McCutcheon (16), P. Burgess (17), M. Bee (18), T. Cullen (20).

Men's 440 yards—First heat: G. I. Bickerstaff (8), P. Beggley (13), J. Thorpe (16), C. Kronk (17), B. Scullion (18), D. Lister (19). Second heat: M. P. Sharpley (6), G. Morgan (40), E. Collinge (15), V. McCutcheon (16), P. Burgess (17), M. Bee (18), T. Cullen (20).

Men's 880 yards—First heat: G. I. Bickerstaff (8), P. Beggley (13), J. Thorpe (16), C. Kronk (17), B. Scullion (18), D. Lister (19). Second heat: M. P. Sharpley (6), G. Morgan (40), E. Collinge (15), V. McCutcheon (16), P. Burgess (17), M. Bee (18), T. Cullen (20).

Men's 1760 yards—First heat: G. I. Bickerstaff (8), P. Beggley (13), J. Thorpe (16), C. Kronk (17), B. Scullion (18), D. Lister (19). Second heat: M. P. Sharpley (6), G. Morgan (40), E. Collinge (15), V. McCutcheon (16), P. Burgess (17), M. Bee (18), T. Cullen (20).

Men's 3520 yards—First heat: G. I. Bickerstaff (8), P. Beggley (13), J. Thorpe (16), C. Kronk (17), B. Scullion (18), D. Lister (19). Second heat: M. P. Sharpley (6), G. Morgan (40), E. Collinge (15), V. McCutcheon (16), P. Burgess (17), M. Bee (18), T. Cullen (20).

Men's 7040 yards—First heat: G. I. Bickerstaff (8), P. Beggley (13), J. Thorpe (16), C. Kronk (17), B. Scullion (18), D. Lister (19). Second heat: M. P. Sharpley (6), G. Morgan (40), E. Collinge (15), V. McCutcheon (16), P. Burgess (17), M. Bee (18), T. Cullen (20).

Men's 14080 yards—First heat: G. I. Bickerstaff (8), P. Beggley (13), J. Thorpe (16), C. Kronk (17), B. Scullion (18), D. Lister (19). Second heat: M. P. Sharpley (6), G. Morgan (40), E. Collinge (15), V. McCutcheon (16), P. Burgess (17), M. Bee (18), T. Cullen (20).

MOBILISATION OF THE WEALTH AND MAN-POWER OF DOMINION FOR PROSECUTION OF WAR

STIRRING TRIBUTE PAID TO VOLUNTEERS AS WORTHY SUCCESSORS TO THE OLD MAIN BODY

By Telegraph—Press Association. INVERCARGILL, Dec. 20.

"Ninety per cent. of the people of this part of New Zealand believe in the mobilisation of all our resources of wealth and man-power, and it will surely eventuate," declared the Mayor of Invercargill (Mr J. R. Hanan) at a civic farewell to the Southland members of the special military force to-night.

"The men of the special force have not waited nor held back. In voluntarily offering their services to the nation they are worthy successors to the main body of New Zealanders who left our shores 25 years ago.

"Their action may offer no material rewards, but they are blazing a trail which is an inspiration to us and a shining example to future generations."

Mr Hanan said that the defeat of Germany would be no easy task, but although the cost might be high, all would hope that a peace treaty this time would be signed in Berlin. If it were signed in London they could safely assume that one of the German prizes of victory would be the incorporation of New Zealand in the third Reich.

"Our part, therefore, must be the maximum effort to subdue the common foe," he added. "Great sacrifices will have to be made by the people of New Zealand. 'Facists, Communists and others who appear to act as traitors should, and I think will, be dealt with more firmly than in the last war.'"

A recommendation to the New Zealand Fire Hose Association, that if further supplies of fire hose cannot be obtained from the United Kingdom then every inquiry and endeavour should be made to acquire supplies elsewhere was passed at a meeting of the Hastings Fire Board yesterday afternoon.

Considerable discussion centred round the report received from the New Zealand Association that fire hose had been held back from export by the United Kingdom authorities, and must inevitably make for a shortage of stocks among brigades throughout the Dominion.

The report emphasised the serious position which would arise for the Hastings Brigade if supplies were not called for promptly to the Government. It also called for information on the existing stocks of first grade hose in all centres, and on the extent of future requirements.

Commenting upon this request Superintendent Henderson said that at present the Hastings Board had a total of 2,500 feet of hose. An order for 500 feet last year had not come to hand. As the average annual requirement was 500 feet this would mean that Hastings would require 1000 feet next year.

An illuminating commentary upon the efficiency of the Hastings Brigade was given by Superintendent Henderson in a report which showed the Hastings Brigade had experienced an unusually large number of fires during the year ended March 31, 1939, its loss per fire was only £57. This was among the lowest figures in the Dominion.

Precautions Needed. The efficiency of the fire service in Hastings, the superintendent considered, could be increased still further if a number of elementary precautions were observed. Difficulty, for instance, was being experienced by the brigade in the locating of fire plugs as a result of the thoughtless parking of cars over them. The brigade might be held up seriously by locked cars parked in this way. In dealing with fires the slightest waste of time was irretrievable and might lead to disastrous consequences.

Chimney Fires. Chimney fires, too, were on the increase. Superintendent Henderson added. Not only were such fires costly to the board, but there was also the potential danger to human life from the engine on its journey to the fire. He suggested that a suggestion should be made to the Senior-Sergeant of Police that prosecution should follow outbreaks of this sort in the future. For the quarter ended November 30, he added, the brigade had been called to no fewer than eight chimney fires.

Extinguishers. A further precaution, he thought, might be the passing of law which would make compulsory the examination of extinguishers in buildings by a person experienced in dealing with them. He mentioned that he had recently examined two extinguishers in an hotel. One was a "dud" and on the other the outer covering had deteriorated to an extent which made it doubtful whether the discharge would come from the nozzle. Mr Henderson passed favourable comment on the draft specifications of a portable fire extinguisher forwarded by the New Zealand Standards Institute.

Suggestions. Further suggestions put forward by the superintendent were those for the engine and the provision of a traffic warning signal outside the station. This was agreed to at a cost of £2 for each engine.

In connection with the fire

SWIMMING CARNIVAL AT HAEVELOCK NORTH

Home Team Wins First Match For Rainbow Shield

GOOD TIMES RECORDED

For the first major competition of the season times were commendably good in the first of the series of matches for the Rainbow Shield between the Heretaunga, Havelock North and Mahora Swimming Clubs...

In the junior races Heretaunga and Mahora commanded all the places, and it was not until the final of the intermediate 50 yards that Havelock North began to show their strength...

It was something of a surprise when Eves narrowly defeated Wright in the diving competition. Wright would still appear the better and more finished diver...

The heats and finals of the teams race provided the usual enthusiasm and excitement. For the last 25 yards Havelock North had always been in the lead...

At the conclusion of the programme of events the diving results were not to hand. The scores then read: Havelock 33, Mahora 28, and Heretaunga 14...

Boys—First heat: Miller (Heretaunga) 1, Beckett (Mahora) 2, Parker (Heretaunga) 3...

Girls—First heat: Perry (Mahora) 1, Farquhar (Heretaunga) 2, Lowe (Heretaunga) 3...

Boys—First heat: McCracken (Mahora) 1, Hill (Havelock North) 2, Mason (Heretaunga) 3...

Girls—First heat: Kennedy (Havelock North) 1, J. Brooker (Mahora) 2, N. Simonson (Mahora) 3...

Men—First heat: H. Christie (Havelock North) 1, J. Brooker (Mahora) 2, H. Bodie (Heretaunga) 3...

Women—Final: D. Marven (Havelock North) 1, J. Skeet (Mahora) 2, H. Thompson (Mahora) 3...

Teams Race (75yds.). First heat: Havelock North No. 1, team 1, Mahora No. 2, team 2, Heretaunga No. 3, team 3...

Final Results. The final results of the match were: Havelock North 43 points, Mahora 33 points, Heretaunga 19 points.

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Quite a lot of 'flu about! It's unfortunate that even one person sickening for or recovering from this dreaded complaint may give it to a number of others...

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In the course of his statement Mr. Barnard said: "I think it is time, therefore, to indicate to my constituents what my reply is to the question, asked in various places..."

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BOROUGH WATER SUPPLY

RESERVOIR REPAIRED AT WAIPUKURAU

'QUAKE DAMAGE

The suspicions of the Borough engineer (Mr H. B. Smart) that leakages have been occurring at the Waipukurau Borough reservoir, have been confirmed by tests undertaken during the past month...

The largely increased consumption of water from the reservoir has been the cause of concern for some time past, the increase over the figures for last year being in some cases more than 25 per cent...

When the question was raised at this week's meeting of the Waipukurau Borough Council it was suggested that it should be discussed in committee, but Councillor W. A. Chambers protested against this attitude...

An accident which occurred yesterday morning resulted in slight injuries and shock being received by Miss D. Gibson, of the staff of the Waipukurau refreshment room...

In their second knock-out school fared better and made 113, mainly the result of a second wicket stand by L. Chapman (58) and M. Chapman (19)...

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SPORTS BODIES' FEDERATION

INAUGURAL MEETING AT NAPIER

POOR SUPPORT

Disappointing support was accorded the inaugural meeting of representatives of organisations in Napier last night called to consider the proposed formation of a federation of sports bodies...

The chairman (Mr T. W. Heroock) said that the Government recognised that there were not sufficient playing areas throughout the country...

The deviation work on the southern side of the Sanatorium hill is also completed and although the surface is loose it should present no danger to motorists...

A first-aid outfit has been installed at the residence of Mr T. H. McRoberts, a short distance south of Waipukurau. The locality is indicated by sign-posts.

A trophy shoot will occupy members of the Napier Defence Rifle Club on Saturday. Seven shots will be fired at ranges of 300, 500 and 600 yards...

The conditions are, that for each competitor to be eligible to win a trophy, he must donate one. The standards are 33, 34, 33. Handicaps are as follows:

Major J. W. Olfert, Pres. J. Munro, F. H. James, L. Proffitt, C. Holt, R. Nicholson, H. W. Youren, S. Haralson, H. C. Russell, H. Pedersen, sec. sec. M. Smith, W. J. Deputy-President G. Gordon, G. A. Eyles, R. Mundy, F. C. Wright, C. Deverell, C. E. Manney, W. Faton, A. Alexander, 2, 3, 2; J. Mansson, 3, P. D. Byford, J. McPhee, R. Baker, A. Proffitt, 3, 4, 3; W. G. Morton, R. Gollop, 4, 4, 4; G. A. Eyles, 5, 4.

Others will be handicapped on the range. Shooting commences at 2 p.m.

A GOOD WIN FOR OTANE

BIG MARGIN AGAINST ELSTHORPE

KEEN TENNIS

Although the Otane Tennis Club won by a wide margin when members met the Elsthorpe Club members at Otane, the play was very keen at times, and some very good games were witnessed...

Men's Singles. Green lost to M. August, 9-5. Beachen lost to E. White, 9-2. McCaffin lost to W. August, 9-6. Thompson lost to C. J. August, 9-0. Ryan lost to Couch, 9-5. Attwood lost to Couch, 9-0.

Ladies' Singles. Miss Williams lost to Mrs M. August, 9-0. Miss Wilder lost to Miss M. Mundell, 9-4. Miss Sutherland lost to Mrs S. Kittow, 9-8. Miss K. McGaffin beat Miss L. August, 9-8. Miss M. McGaffin lost to Miss T. Robottom, 9-0.

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Even Scoring In Cricket Match

FIRST DAY'S PLAY

A Representative Game

WAIPUKURAU IN LEAD

At the end of the first day's play in a cricket match between Waipawa colts and Waipukurau High School, the former were left with 85 runs to make in the second innings to win. The game will be continued after the holidays.

High School batted first, and made 53 runs (Gair 10, L. Chapman not out 31). McQuilkan took four for 14 and Collett three for 14.

The colts replied with 82 (Collett 30, Bibby 20). Gair took five for 32 and Chapman two for 25.

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MANAWATU CUP FIELD A GOOD ONE

Centrepoise Is Favourite

DANGER FROM THE BUZZER AND FRIESLAND

Sleeveless Back To Top Form

(By MOTUROA.)

The Manawatu Cup, to be run at Awapuni on Saturday, is the event of prime importance with the majority at present and considerable local interest is being evinced in this year's race, the field carded for which is one of the best for some years.

The Manawatu Cup has been a fairly good race for Hawke's Bay horses in the past. During this century Coeur de Leon, Asteroid, Paoanui, Tiger Gain (twice), and Hunting Cat have been listed as winners. And this time Centrepoise, an extremely sanguine of success with Centrepoise, Saturday's topweight.

Centrepoise has made rapid strides since he emerged from hack ranks last July and the Hunting Song four-year-old is now regarded as one of the leading 12-furlong horses in the Dominion. Last month he carried 8.7 and won the C.J.C. Metropolitan Handicap with a spectacular late run, downing Norseman, Capricious, Beupartir, and a smart field.

Centrepoise was freshened up after that race and now he does Harold Griffith great credit, for he has thickened out and developed into one of the most handsome horses at Hastings. In keeping with his improved appearance, Centrepoise has been most impressive in his work and there is little doubt that he will be produced on Saturday in wonderful order for his engagement.

Centrepoise, however, will be set a more difficult task than that he had at Riccarton, for he has an additional 9lb. to carry, a substantial increase when a horse gets past the 8.7 mark. Still, he proved himself a great weight carrier in hack ranks, and what beats him on Saturday should be the Manawatu Cup, a race which will be his final public appearance before the Wellington Cup.

THE BUZZER has worked well at Awapuni since he ran so well in the sprint at Woodville. It will not be forgotten that he won the Auckland Cup two years ago and last year was narrowly beaten by Arctic King in the New Zealand Cup with 8.3, 6lb less than he has in the Manawatu Cup.

The Australian-bred gelding is a winner on his home track, too, and a repetition of his best form would make him a very hard horse to beat. Despite his many lapses, in one cannot discard Siegmund, who has good winning form to his credit over this distance. He scored in the Great Autumn Handicap last Easter and recently won in fine style at the Feilding meeting. He gets in well with 8.8, but he would need to improve on his third at Woodville.

In that latter event he was beaten pointlessly by Friesland, and though the latter meets Siegmund on 10lbs worse terms, he is liable to improve to a greater degree than the Siegfried gelding. Friesland, as winner of a Thompson Handicap and runner-up in another, has excellent handicap form to recommend him and he seems to be as well now as ever.

SEEMS TO HAVE SLIPPED WOTAN has been very disappointing since he won at Feilding last Easter and his recent efforts have lacked the dash that enabled him to win the Melbourne Cup runner-up in the Melbourne Cup and runner-up in the Melbourne Cup. Indeed, it would seem as if he has slipped a lot. Play On is another disappointing horse and in his case, this time, it seems to be rather beyond him. Hunt-

A RIVAL FOR BEAUVIVRE

CONSIDERABLE interest was taken in the gallop between the Manawatu Cup candidate Siegmund and the Beau Pere colt Beau Vite at Trentham on Tuesday morning. Although their mile on the plough took 1.45, they came home strongly over the last half mile in 32 seconds. Vite had no difficulty in shading Siegmund over the concluding stages and he left the impression that he has done everything right since his return from Australia. He appears to be a serious rival for Beauvivre in the Great Northern Derby.

Lord Cavendish, who has won at Awapuni before, has no form this season, but Rakahanga is reported to have improved in the Cup meeting where she ran two thirds to Dark Flight. Duncannon has had a fairly easy time since Riccarton and Jeanne might be found in the forward. Indeed, at Woodville running, Jeanne has a chance at the weights.

HOWEVER, the ruling favourites at this juncture are Sleeveless, Russian Ballet and Night Eruption. THERE HAS BEEN a steady demand for the scrip of the Cardinal for the Auckland Cup and so insistent is the inquiry for the Night Raid gelding that it would not surprise to find him challenging Langollen, Golden Sheila and Catalogue for actual favouritism on Boxing Day.

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ACCEPTANCES CLOSE TO-NIGHT

HAWKE'S BAY owners and trainers are given a final reminder that acceptances for all events on the first day of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's summer meeting to be held at Hastings on December 30 and January 1, close with the secretary, Mr. A. E. Wishart, Hastings, at 8 o'clock to-night (Thursday). With the tracks in such splendid order after the recent rain there is every reason to believe that the fields will fill well.

the three big Cup races of the winter when he ran second to the lightly-weighted Mascot in 1918. Catalogue has not found Ellerslie a lucky course in the past and I think one must take that into consideration as the gallant Lord Quex gelding has a penchant for certain tracks, notably Riccarton.

Still, Catalogue won his Melbourne Cup last year like a genuine stayer and there is no doubt he would have been in the picture on this occasion but for the interference that took place at the critical stages of the race. One thing is certain, however, that he is a thoroughly capable horse depended upon to run an honest race.

SO FAR the two-year-olds in the Dominion have not been called upon to race past five furlongs, but the Great Northern Foal Stakes is run over a furlong farther and there may be some upsets to the recognised best form. That extra furlong may suit some who have not shown up to date, while it may worry some of those who have been racing prominently.

One two-year-old likely to improve a great deal is Mr. W. H. Gaisford's Chron Bay-Silver Rule colt, Cheddington, who made his debut at the mid-spring meeting at Ellerslie. Cheddington failed in that race, but he left the impression that not only would he be all the better for the racing experience, but that he was a high-class colt in the making, while it may worry some of those who have been racing prominently.

THE PHALORON Bays have been racing fairly solidly this season and Cheddington comes from a good family, being bred from Silver Rule, who was by Chief Ruler from that fine mare Silver Link, dam of Silvermeane, Chaleron Bay-Silver Rule colt, Cheddington, who made his debut at the mid-spring meeting at Ellerslie.

MAY BE KEPT FOR TRENTHAM. TAURANGI was eased up after winning the Stratford Handicap and the Waikato Cup and this good mare will be kept for the Wellington Centennial Cup next month. Taurangi has already proved herself a high-class mare and her Thompson Handicap success last season as three-year-old has prepared backers for her excellent middle-distance form this season.

Until she raced at Stratford and Te Rapa, Taurangi had never been past a mile but she came home well in both races to score meritoriously. The Te Rapa event was run over eleven furlongs and that effort left the impression that she would have no trouble in running out the extra furlong at Trentham.

However, it is to be hoped that Taurangi will face the starter at Marton. Not only will she add considerable interest to this important New Zealand event, but the outing will tune her up nicely for the big race at Trentham.

AN OLD RIVAL. GLOBE TROTTER is an old rival of Sleeveless, whom he now meets on 6lbs. worse terms than when they clashed at Trentham. Globe Trotter, however, was a winner over a mile subsequently at Riccarton and so he still meets Sleeveless on very favourable terms. However, he is also engaged in the Grandstand Handicap, but he will command much respect if he does take on the sprint.

NIGHT ERUPTION will appreciate the big drop in the weights and she has been performing so solidly that she cannot be denied a chance in this event.

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Waikouaiti New Year Races

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Acceptances for the Waikouaiti Racing Club's meeting on January 1 are—

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**TARADALE SERVICE**—FRIDAY, December 22nd: Usual service until 5.10 p.m., then: Depart Napier 6.0 p.m., 7.0 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 9.15 p.m., 10.15 p.m., 10.40 p.m., 11.00 p.m., 11.30 p.m., 12.00 p.m., 12.30 p.m., 1.00 p.m., 1.30 p.m., 2.00 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 3.00 p.m., 3.30 p.m., 4.00 p.m., 4.30 p.m., 5.00 p.m., 5.30 p.m., 6.00 p.m., 6.30 p.m., 7.00 p.m., 7.30 p.m., 8.00 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 9.00 p.m., 9.30 p.m., 10.00 p.m., 10.30 p.m., 11.00 p.m., 11.30 p.m., 12.00 p.m., 12.30 p.m., 1.00 p.m., 1.30 p.m., 2.00 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 3.00 p.m., 3.30 p.m., 4.00 p.m., 4.30 p.m., 5.00 p.m., 5.30 p.m., 6.00 p.m., 6.30 p.m., 7.00 p.m., 7.30 p.m., 8.00 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 9.00 p.m., 9.30 p.m., 10.00 p.m., 10.30 p.m., 11.00 p.m., 11.30 p.m., 12.00 p.m., 12.30 p.m., 1.00 p.m., 1.30 p.m., 2.00 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 3.00 p.m., 3.30 p.m., 4.00 p.m., 4.30 p.m., 5.00 p.m., 5.30 p.m., 6.00 p.m., 6.30 p.m., 7.00 p.m., 7.30 p.m., 8.00 p.m., 8.30 p.m., 9.00 p.m., 9.30 p.m., 10.00 p.m., 10.30 p.m., 11.00 p.m., 11.30 p.m., 12.00 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