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Graf Spee's Captain Commits Suicide

WRAPPED IN GERMAN FLAG

Argentine Taunts Preyed On His Mind

A VICTIM PAYS TRIBUTE

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MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 21.

Wrapped in a German flag and with three suicide notes lying near, the dead body of Captain Langsdorff, commander of the scuttled Nazi battleship Admiral Graf Spee, was found in his hotel bedroom this morning. He had a bullet wound in his head, presumably from his own revolver.

His body is now lying in state at the Argentine naval arsenal, awaiting burial with full military honours in the German cemetery.

"There was no mercy from Captain Langsdorff when he was fighting," said Captain Dove, of the Africa Shell, which was a victim of the Graf Spee. "But when he was not fighting he was a fine gentleman."

Captain Langsdorff left a letter stating that from the first moment he had decided to share the destiny of the ship, but had postponed it until he was assured of the safety of the crew.

German associates said that they expected Captain Langsdorff to commit suicide, since an order believed to have come directly from Hitler forced him ignominiously to scuttle the Graf Spee instead of resuming the battle, as he desired.

Captain Langsdorff called all his officers to the hotel on Tuesday night, chatted with them for three hours, and shortly after midnight arose, circled the room, shook hands with each officer, and then retired, requesting that he should not be disturbed. His conferees said that no one present doubted that he was speaking to his commander for the last time.

Three Letters

Captain Langsdorff's aide at 8.30 o'clock in the morning discovered the body with a bullet through the temple. The body was lying on a bed. Three letters, addressed to the German Embassy, his wife and to his parents, were found.

The Montevideo correspondent of the "New York Times" states that it is learned on the unimpeachable authority of diplomatic sources that, if Captain Langsdorff had disobeyed Uruguay's order to depart the Latin-American nations were prepared to send warships to act as policemen and escort the Graf Spee to sea.

It was said that Uruguay, under German diplomatic pressure, consulted her neighbours and was promised full support, especially from Argentina and Brazil.

His Own Pistol

The Buenos Aires correspondent of the United Press says it is presumed that Captain Langsdorff used his own pistol, as Argentine officials later explained that the officers were not permitted to use swords or pistols because it was considered that they were personal adornments, not belligerent weapons.

The Montevideo correspondent of the "New York Times" states: "Captain Langsdorff made a serious psychological error which contributed heavily to his depression. He mistook Montevideo's homage to his dead crew as a great popular Latin expression of approval of what he and his sailors stood for, and he went to Buenos Aires expecting to be welcomed with open arms. Instead, he found a popular Latin cold that he realised that Argentina would be an unpleasant place in which to live."

"He had been convinced that the crew would be received as shipwrecked sailors and expected to get them to Germany aboard Italian steamers bound for Trieste. Their interment destroyed his dream, while the Argentine newspapers taunted him with being a coward and a traitor to the traditions of the sea."

"Traditions Betrayed"

The "New York Times" in an editorial, says: "To Nazi Germany the Graf Spee's and Captain Langsdorff's end may be glorious, but it is a glory won at the price of tradition and respect for other men and nations, and perhaps eventually of German naval morale."

Colonel Frederick Palmer, the military expert writing for the North American Newspaper Alliance, says that naval history records no greater humiliation than Captain Langsdorff's, and adds: "Colonel Hitler may expect the Storm Troop method ineffective in the Navy. When the time comes will he, too, be able to pull the trigger on himself?"

Two Nazi Attitudes

A communique from the German Naval High Command states: "The Navy understands and esteems Captain Langsdorff's act. As a fighter, he did what the Führer, the German people and the Navy expected. He was faithful to the ancient tradition and followed his ship."

And This

A message from Berlin reports that the official agency stated: "We have just learned of unexampled occurrences at the burial of the Graf Spee's dead. British seamen spat on the coffins during the procession, howled during the funeral oration, and threw a dead dog into the grave."

Cleavage Between Military And Nazis

BRITISH INTERPRETATION OF SUICIDE

Hitler Realises That War Is Lost

British Official Wireless.
(Received Dec. 21, 7.45 p.m.)

RUGBY, Dec. 21.

The news of the suicide of Captain Langsdorff has been received in London with feelings which show respect for the personal tragedy of an enemy whose individual behaviour, as distinct from the orders which he acted upon, appear to have been always in accord with the best traditions common to the naval services of all nations.

The final sacrifice of Captain Langsdorff after the humiliation of scuttling his ship on orders from Berlin is taken by many commentators here as conclusive evidence of the cleavage between the instincts of the officers in the older German services and the command of the Nazi politicians now in control of Germany. The German commander must have found it a particularly bitter advertisement to give to the world—that Hitler himself had already realised that he had lost the war.

Defeated Policy

That is the moral almost universally drawn from the incident, not only in the British Press, but in extracts from the neutral Press reaching London. This defeatist interpretation is dwelt on at some length by the "Boston Herald," which considers that the decision to scuttle the Graf Spee indicates more clearly what is in the minds of the Nazi leaders than Hitler's boast about preparations for a long conflict and the certainty of German victory.

Umbrella Drops From The Heavens

NAZI PILOT'S GIFT TO BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

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LONDON, Dec. 21.

A message from Berlin states that German airmen dropped a British-made umbrella in the British lines during an air raid on December 17, when Mr Neville Chamberlain was visiting the Western Front.

An inscription regretted that Mr Chamberlain was without an umbrella in such weather.

AIR RAID SCHEME FOR AMERICANS

Organisation Begun

EUROPEAN MODEL FOLLOWED

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.

The Secretary of War (Mr Harry H. Woodring) announced today that air raid alarm and anti-aircraft units were being organised as a new arm of national defence. The decision to segregate it from offensive air units is said to conform with the currently popular European practice, holding that it is operable more efficiently as a separate branch of the army.



BRITISH TOMMIES ON THE MARCH.—The regulation "slope" does not vary a fraction of an inch despite the fact that these men are hampered by gas-masks. This picture was taken recently as British troops marched into the Maginot Line positions.

SEVEN THOUSAND SPECIALISTS

CANADIAN DIVISION'S SUPPORT

AIR SQUADRON

Troops For Field Operations

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(Received December 21, 9.30 p.m.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.

The Defence Minister (Mr Rogers) announced today that the first Canadian Division will be supported in the field by an R.C.A.F. Squadron, also a specialised corps totalling from 6000 to 7000 men.

No. 110 City of Toronto Squadron has been selected as the specialised corps.

It includes medium and field artillery, an artillery survey unit, engineers, signal and hospital units and a dental company.

Nazi Propaganda Exposed

UNJUSTIFIED CLAIMS

Sinking Of Trawlers By Aircraft

INHUMAN BEHAVIOUR

A German High Command communique stated: "The German Air Force carried out reconnaissance flights and attacks against naval objectives in the North Sea under most difficult conditions. It is ascertained so far that four ships of a British light naval force were destroyed and 23 ships of British outposts, among others the Pearl, Serenity, New Choice, Ilkway, Evelyn, Sedgely and Trinity."

The British Admiralty, in a Press notice, gives the actual facts regarding these vessels. The Pearl—a fishing trawler attacked on December 17 by aircraft; three of the crew were injured. The Serenity—a coasting steamer, unarmed, was machine-gunned from the air and sunk by bombs on December 17.

The New Choice—a fishing trawler, which was attacked by aircraft without damage or casualties on December 18.

The Ilkway—no such vessel exists.

The fishing trawlers Evelyn and Sedgely were overdue some time ago and are presumed to be lost.

The Trinity—a fishing trawler, was sunk by aircraft on December 18.

Neutrals Attacked
In the last three days 35 vessels, of which two were neutrals, have been attacked by German aircraft. Only three of the vessels attacked were coasting vessels, and six fishing trawlers were sunk. The Admiralty statement thus exposes the misrepresentations by the German propagandists, who disguise attacks against neutral and unarmed vessels, which the Admiralty statement characterises as "senseless inhumanity."

Vital Chapter Of Allied War Effort Being Written

German Hopes Of Supremacy At Sea Are Fast Fading

Nazis Know It

Mass Attacks Would Be Made If There Was Chance Of Success

British Official Wireless.

RUGBY, Dec. 21.

The Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence (Lord Chatfield), in a broadcast referring to the surprise felt by many that Germany had not yet started the threatened military or mass air attacks, said: "You may be absolutely sure of one thing—if Germany has not started in either of these two ways it is solely because she has not got the confidence that she could thus succeed. Whatever she may say, Germany needs a short war, and so she hopes to break the British Navy's grip on her supplies and defeat us rapidly where we are indeed most vulnerable yet, where we are strongest—the sea."

Illegal Activities

Lord Chatfield referred to Germany's illegal use of the submarine and mine. Now that Britain had broken the back of the submarine campaign, he said, Germany was resorting to the use of a new type of mine not laid according to international law and more recently to the machine-gunning and bombing of British fishing vessels. Lord Chatfield believed that one of the vital chapters in the war was now being written for, by "defeating, with our great ally France, the enemy's plans to deny the seas to the merchantmen of the world, we are laying the foundations of victory and ensuring that all future military operations will be safely conducted."

In a tribute to the Royal Air Force, Lord Chatfield said that by their successes they were building up that experience and confidence in themselves which would steadily give Britain the same ascendancy in the air as she had possessed for centuries at sea.

Lord Chatfield concluded with a tribute to the magnificent war efforts of the Dominions and the Empire and to our French allies.

NEUTRAL SHIP SUNK BY 'PLANES

Fourteen Of Crew Safe In Norway

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LONDON, Dec. 21.

An Oslo cable reports that the Swedish ship Sir Ernest Cassel arrived at Koperstvik with 14 of the crew of the Estonian vessel Oko, which was sunk by German planes.

The British ship Mars (1475 tons) struck a mine and sank off the north-east coast. Seven of the crew are believed to be lost.

CHIEF OF GESTAPO VISITS ITALY

Repatriation Of Germans Soon Begins

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ROME, Dec. 21.

The chief of the Gestapo (German secret police), Heinrich Himmler, has arrived in Rome.

It is reliably stated, although newspapers do not mention Himmler's arrival, that he is arranging for the liquidation of the holdings of Germans being repatriated at the end of the month.



LORD CHATFIELD.

Nazis Looking For A Fight

PATROL ACTIVITY

"Warm Welcome Awaits British"

HARASSING FIRE

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LONDON, Dec. 21.

The German official news agency at Berlin reports increased patrol activity on the Western Front "due to the spontaneous desire of officers and soldiers to locate the British positions, for which a particularly warm welcome is being prepared."

French front-line troops yesterday repulsed four German raids between the Moselle and the Vosges. Heavy artillery broke up the strongest attack, in which the Germans, whose strength was estimated at one company, were forced to retire in confusion, leaving arms and material.

A German communique reported local reconnaissances and artillery activity near Perl against Hammersberg and the Kitzing-Merschweiler line, and harassing fire south of Pirmasens.

CANADA'S FIRST WAR HOSPITAL

Canadian's Generosity

WHOLE SUM FROM ONE DONOR

Citizen Of Toronto

British Official Wireless.
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RUGBY, Dec. 21.

A munificent gift by a citizen of Toronto has enabled Canada to meet the cost of its first war hospital, which is being erected in Buckinghamshire.

Hearing that 150,000 dollars would provide the entire cost, this, a private citizen, who remains anonymous, sent a cheque for the whole amount. The gift was made to the Toronto branch of the Red Cross Society, where \$65,000 dollars was raised in the first fortnight of a Dominion-wide campaign to provide three million dollars for Red Cross Work. By the end of last month, the fund, which was inaugurated on November 12, had already reached 2,988,799 dollars.

Crew Were Drilled In Art Of Scuttling

Captain Of The Columbus Tells How He Was Bailed Up

Speedy Decision

He Had To Deliver An Order And Did His Best

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NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

Captain Wilhelm Daehne, captain of the German liner Columbus, which was scuttled when she sighted a British warship, revealed on arrival here that they had left Vera Cruz escorted by American destroyers.

"There was always one or two American cruisers with us in the beginning," he said. "They were friendly, signalling 'God speed, a safe return home and a merry Christmas' as they left."

Captain Daehne revealed that the United States warship Tuscaloosa began escorting him on Monday. "At 2.30 p.m. the next day a destroyer appeared, nearing very quickly. At 2.55 p.m. I could make out the British flag and a minute later I gave the general alarm to scuttle and burn the ship."

"I had drilled the crew for a month for this and they knew what to do. At 2.57 the destroyer signalled: 'Stop immediately. We are sending a boat.' At 3.5 p.m. she fired two shots across our bow. I ordered the lifeboats to be lowered."

Capt. Daehne added that there were nine women aboard, stewardesses who had insisted on accompanying the Columbus.

"The two missing firemen were happy-go-lucky fellows," he added. "Evidently they delayed too long in leaving and perished with the ship."

Asked why he left the safety of a neutral port, Capt. Daehne shrugged his shoulders and replied: "If you get an order you fill that order."

LEAGUE SECRETARIAT DISMISSALS

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GENEVA, Dec. 21.

Officials numbering 150 of the League Secretariat have been dismissed, making those dismissed during the war 220.

BELLIGERENTS ACCUSED OF SEVERAL VIOLATIONS OF AMERICAN NEUTRALITY

TWENTY-ONE REPUBLICS PREPARE JOINT PROTEST

THREAT OF MORE THAN DIPLOMATIC ACTION

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.

A joint declaration accusing European belligerents of repeatedly violating the western hemisphere neutrality zone and warning Britain, France, and Germany against future violations, is being prepared by 21 republics which are in joint diplomatic consultation. The President of Panama will communicate the declaration, which will contain a clear cut indication that the American republics will be forced in future to take more than diplomatic action to see that the zone is respected.

It also states that the republics are further consulting on a common policy regarding belligerent warships entering their ports.

The State Department has sent a circular communication to Latin-Americans concerning the declaration and obtaining their views, although it is understood that the United States did not initiate the declaration.

Mr Cordell Hull, at a Press conference, expressed the opinion that the steps the American republics are taking would bring the matter of the neutrality zone to a head.

The Washington correspondent of the "New York Times" says: "The United States is almost certainly sending a strong Note to Germany requesting a reply to the recent Note, which advised of the establishment of the neutrality belt and demanding its observance. Britain and France replied to the Note favourably, conditionally on what Germany would do, but Germany, despite informal promptings, has not replied. If this approach fails, the cutting off of supplies to the vessels of nations ignoring the belt is likely to be discussed."

The State Department has extended its moral embargo against the sale of aircraft to countries which bomb civilians and open towns to include plants manufacturing aviation gasoline. This action affects Russia and Japan.



MR CORDELL HULL.



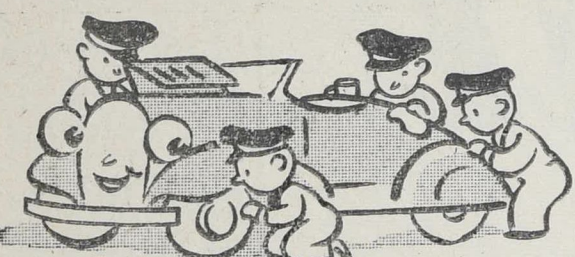
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BELGIUM EXPRESSES INDIGNATION

Support For Finland. READY TO GIVE HELP. Scene In Chamber. United Press Association—Copyright. BRUSSELS, Dec. 19. The Chamber of Deputies cheered for five minutes when the Premier (M. Spaak) declared that the aggression against Finland justified the indignation of the Chamber of Deputies. Members shouted down Communists, whose leader the President of the Chamber threatened to expel.

CITIZENS INCREASE LEAD

State of Poll In Wairoa Queen Carnival. "Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIROA. The citizens' committee in the Wairoa district Queen Carnival have increased the lead of its candidate (Miss V. Harker) yesterday.

HITLER LACKS MORAL JUDGMENT

Pathological Report On His Character. A pathological analysis of the mental and moral make-up of Hitler is made in the "Paris Soir" by Dr Logre, head of the special hospital attached to the Paris Prefecture, and a distinguished neurologist and alienist. He comes to the conclusion that Hitler's mentality displays a quality which many Germans share—a lack of balance where political and moral judgment are concerned. He suffers from an aggressor's type of moral degeneracy.

MAIL NOTICES

INLAND MAILS. Napier, 6 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. Gisborne District, 4 p.m. Wairoa, 6.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Auckland, Main Trunk and Walkoto Districts, 8.5 a.m. and (letters only) 4 p.m. Saturday only, 1.15 p.m. (letters only), 8.5 a.m. and 4 p.m. (letters only), 8.5 a.m. and 4 p.m. Manawatu, Waipara, Dannevirke and Tararua Districts, 8.5 a.m., 4 p.m., and Monday to Friday, letters only, 8 p.m.

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2YA Wellington

7:0 a.m.: Physical exercises. 7:10: Breakfast session. 10:25: Recordings. 10:45: Talk to women. 12:0: Lunch music. 2:0 p.m.: Classical hour. 3:0: Home Science talk. 3:15: Sports results; selected recordings. 3:30: Weather forecast. 4:0: Sports results. 5:0: Children's session. 5:45: Dinner session. 6:55: Weather report. 7:0: News and reports. 7:30: Talk on New Zealand Athletics by S. V. Ingram. 8:0: Mavis Edmonds and her Rhythm Makers. 8:32: Dramatic novelty. 8:42: Albert Sandler and his Orchestra. 8:45: Announcement of result of dramatic novelty. 8:46: Sidney Burchall and Male Chorus, accompanied by Charles Smart at the Wurlitzer Organ. 8:52: Charles Kama and his Moana Hawaiians. 9:20: Weather report and station notices. 9:25: "Eb and Zeb." 9:35: A brass band concert with interludes by B. H. Mayall (tenor) and the Duncan Sisters. 10:15: Rhythm on Record.

3YA Christchurch

7:0 a.m.: Physical exercises. 7:10: Breakfast session. 10:0: Recordings. 10:30: Devotional service. 10:45: Recordings. 11:0: Talks to women. 11:30: Recordings. 12:0: Lunch music. 2:0 p.m.: Recordings. 3:0: Classical music. 4:0: Weather forecast and Light musical programme. 4:30: Sports results. 5:0: Children's session. 5:45: Dinner music. 6:55: Weather report. 7:0: News and Reports. 8:0: Milan Symphony Orchestra, "La Cerentola" Overture (Rossini). 8:3: C. R. Williamson (tenor). 8:32: Mischa Elman (violin). 8:34: Alvis Myers (soprano). 8:46: Lew White (organ recital). 9:20: Weather forecast and station notices. 9:25: New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. 9:30: Esiee Auckland (contralto). 9:39: New Light Symphonic Orchestra. 9:45: John Charles Thomas (baritone). 9:51: Albert Sandler and his Orchestra. 10:0: Music mirth and melody.

4YA Dunedin

7:0 a.m.: Physical exercises. Breakfast session. 10:10: Recordings. 10:15: Devotional service. 10:50: Talk to women. 12:0: Lunch music. 1:15: Weather forecast. 2:0: Recordings. 3:0: Sports results; classical music. 4:30: Weather forecast. 4:30: Light music. 4:45: Sports results. 5:0: Children's session. 5:45: Dinner music. 7:30: Talk by R. McKenzie on To-morrow's Races at Wingatui. 7:40: Talk by T. O'Shea on To-morrow's Cricket Matches. 8:00: "Dad and Dave." 8:15: "Pinto Pete in Arizona." 8:30: "The Rich Uncle from Fiji." 8:42: Over the Garden Wall (A little summer fantasy). 8:56: Erhard Bauesche Orchestra. 9:20: Weather report and station notices. 9:30: Readings from Wellington Irving's "The Christmas Dinner," music from Edward German's "Dances from Henry VIII." The BBC Choir, "Good King Wenceslas." 10:0: Dance music by the Savoy Dance Band.

2YH Napier

7:0: Breakfast session. 11:0: Light music. 12:0: Lunch session. 5: Light music. 5:30: Uncle Charlie and Aunt Nin. 6: Light music. 6:45: Weather report and forecast for Hawke's Bay. "Lorna Doone." 7:0: Government news. 7:15: After dinner music. 8:0: Concert session: BBC Symphony Orchestra, "Fidelio Overture" (Beethoven). 8:9: A recital of excerpts from "Good King Wenceslas" presented by soloists with chorus and orchestra, conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham. 8:29: London Philharmonic Orchestra, "Menuetto in D Major" (Mozart). "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" (Handel), 8:36: Liszt's "Piano Concerto No. 2 in A Major" (Soloist Egon Petri). 9:20: Light music. 9:45: "Joan of Arc."

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"Little Adventress," With "Secrets Of A Nurse"

With the theatre and race tracks as its colourful backgrounds, Edith Fellows' newest Columbia vehicle, "The Little Adventress," is now at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings. Cliff Edwards, banjo-strumming comedian, is the child star's fun mate in the new film, which is packed with entertainment, thrills, and excitement. "The Little Adventress" describes the efforts of a young orphan who, upon inheriting a trick horse, attempts to make an asset of the animal. She finally turns him into a horse, and thus initiates a

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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, today among the most satisfying entertainments the screen has offered in many a season. It is the best Gracie Fields film to date. Clydeside, where the story opens, is seen as a period of prosperity closes and poverty and despair settle over the workers. Gracie Fields appears as Sally, a music-hall artist who finds that to keep her errant father, the "Major," in order is becoming almost a full-time job. 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. There are no profits, however, for the men can no longer afford to pay for their beer. Gracie proves a friend to the workers, dispensing beer and encouragement without hope of reward beyond their profound gratitude and friendship. A commission is appointed in London to report on the situation at Clydeside, and Sally is sent to London to plead a resumption of work. 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. She poses as an American blues singer and becomes the hit of a party at Randall's house; she impersonates a young man of Mayfair and passes through the portals of Lord Randall's very conservative and all male club; she continues her impersonation of the singer at a country house-party and at last her efforts are rewarded with success. 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."

Cosy HULBERT-TOBIN FILM "KATE PLUS TEN" With "Mutiny On The Blackhawk"

"Kate Plus Ten," which opens at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings, today, is a fast-moving Edgar Wallace thriller, with Jack Hulbert as the amusing Yard detective set against a brilliant woman crook. Dramatic moments are mingled with sparkling comedy and the hero's final pairing off with his feminine adversary caters for romantic interest. The Hulbert-Tobin team is first-rate. This gripping Wallace thriller sees Jack Hulbert discarding his song and dance talents in favour of the more serious business of crime detection. His principal worry is Kate Westhanger, a brilliant girl leader of a gang of ten men. Out to "knock off" a large amount of bullion, Kate finds herself closely watched by the detective, who, however, is so attracted by her charms that he offers her an "amnesty" if she will go straight. She first refuses, but later agrees, after being soundly double-crossed by her male associates. 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. The closing reels are also extremely exciting, the crooks sealing a train laden with bullion and dashing off down a disused track to a derelict coal mine hideout. The Yard man's use of this train to capture the villains when they later attempt to escape by road brings the picture to its finale, but not before level crossings are smashed and signalmen completely panicked. There is a generous leavening of amusing Hulbert comedy, and the romance is nicely handled. "Mutiny on the Blackhawk," the second attraction, is a powerful and exciting drama of the high seas. Richard Arlen, Andy Devine, and Noah Berry are in the leading roles.

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, today. "First Love" presents Deanna as an orphan girl who is forced to live with an aunt, an uncle, and two cousins her own age. They are rich and snobbish and look upon Deanna as a poor relation. It is her personality, consideration and kindness which win over the servants and finally bring about an upheaval in the family. 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," "Amapola," "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 (love interest of the story), and Lewis Howard. The cast also includes Helen Parrish, Eugene Pallette, Leatrice Joy, June Storey, Marcia Mae Jones, Charles Coleman, and many other gifted players. The picture was directed by Henry Koster and produced by Joe Pasternak. The excellent photography was by Jo Valenti.

Wairoa Queen Carnival—Plans for the final events in the Wairoa Queen Carnival were made on Monday night. The organiser (Mr J. Woolf) reported on the progress of the queen carnival, which is to close on December 30 at 11 p.m. at a dance to be held in the Mayfair Hall, Wairoa. Love is cast as a wealthy criminal attorney who sacrifices romance and his reputation as an invincible courtroom strategist when he defends his young rival on an open-and-shut murder charge.

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Mayfair "THANKS FOR THE MEMORY" Title Inspired By The Song It's married life—in the raw. At least that's what one pair of newly-weds always seem to get into in "Thanks for the Memory," the first film to be shown at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier, to-morrow and Saturday. With Bob Hope, Shirley Ross, Charles Butterworth and Roscoe Karns in the leading roles, the picture tells of two recently married people trying to pay their bills and get along in face of raids upon their household facilities by frolicsome friends. The title of this new comedy was inspired by the song of the same name which was sung by Bob Hope and Shirley Ross in "The Big Broadcast of 1938." In this picture they sing "Two Sleepy People," a song that was introduced to Napier by the Celebrity Comedy Company a few months ago. The associate feature, Paramount's "Back Door to Heaven," introduces Wallace Ford as a small town boy who asks just one chance of life and never gets it, Patricia Ellis as the girl who loves him and tries to get him that chance, and Aline MacMahon as the school teacher who attempts to guide him to the right path are the central characters. Ford, who will be remembered for his performance in "Men in White" and "The Informer," unites with Patricia Ellis, Aline MacMahon and Stuart Erwin to bring a poignant story to the screen—the story of a boy who struggles to grow up like the solid citizens in the community, but has the cards stacked against him from the beginning. Written and produced by William Howard, "Back Door to Heaven" makes a bid to rank among the unforgettable heart dramas of the screen. Also screening is chapter one of the thrilling new serial "The Lone Ranger Rides Again."

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"THE FOUR FEATHERS" MAGNIFICENT FILM

An Epic Of The Empire In Technicolour

The drama-packed story of Harry Faversham, 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 reacts himself by some of the most daredevil feats on record, is unfolded in the gripping tale of "The Four Feathers." Alexander Korda's new Technicolor feature which commences a four-year season at the State Theatre, Napier, today. 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 sits once occupied by Alexander Korda and awarded the leading feminine role. All the outdoor scenes and the big battle sequences for "The Four Feathers" were photographed in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, the actual locale 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 Defence Corps completed a camp that extended for two miles along the east Nile back to South Sabalouka Gorge. Here, almost on the very site once occupied by the Derwishes, 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 Derwishes 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 the English Army on flat-boats over the dangerous cataracts. Supporting the main feature is the "World Window in Technicolor—Jerusalem," the sacred sights in the ancient capital of Palestine, the House of Calphas, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Tomb of the Mother of Christ, the "place called Golgotha," "Via Dolorosa," the "Holy Sepulchre," wherein the body of Christ was laid after His death, and many other interesting scenes will be shown. To-day "The Four Feathers" will be screened at four sessions. These will commence at 2.15, 7.45 and 10.30 p.m. respectively, and patrons are requested to note particulars of the starting times in each case.

Regent DEANNA DURBIN IN "FIRST LOVE" A Sparkling Romantic Comedy

Deanna Durbin's sixth picture, "First Love," is now showing at the Regent Theatre, Napier. 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. They are rich and snobbish and look upon Deanna as a poor relation. The star's personality, consideration and kindness win over the servants and finally bring about an upheaval in the family. 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 of Helen Parrish, who plays one of the snobbish cousins. And in the romance, Deanna receives her first screen kiss—and her first proposal of marriage. "First Love" presents a supporting cast which includes, in addition to Deanna, Miss Parrish, and Stack, a roster of fine players, Lewis Howard, from the New York stage, is in the role of Deanna's lazy cousin; former screen star Leatrice Joy is her astrology-mad aunt; Eugene Pallette is the self-concerned uncle; Charles Coleman as the understanding butler; Frank Jenks as a policeman brother of the cook, Lucille Ward, and Dorothy Vaughn and Mary Treen as other house-servants. Marcia Mae Jones, June Storey and Jack Mulhall will also be seen in prominent roles. Included in Deanna's songs are "One Fine Day" from Puccini's opera, "Madame Butterfly," "Amapola" by J. M. Lacera; "Home Sweet Home," by John Howard Payne; and "Spring in My Heart," a melody of Strauss waltzes adapted by H. J. Salter with lyrics by Ralph Freed. In order to assist shoppers, the Regent is screening extra sessions at 5 and 10.15 p.m. to-day. The plans for all sessions are at Lockyer's music store, 'phone 3929.

GREYHOUND RACING AT NAPIER Championship Meeting To-morrow

The annual major fixtures of the Northern Hawke's Bay Greyhound Racing Association, the championship meetings, will be held at League Park Stadium, to-morrow, and on Boxing Day, Tuesday, December 26th, at 7.30 p.m. Owing to the large number of entries received both meetings will commence at 7.30 and conclude at approximately at 10.30 p.m. The popularity of this sport held on the Dominion's brilliantly illuminated stadium is undoubtedly due to the high standard of racing seen at previous Championship meetings. With dogs from Auckland, Dannevirke, and elsewhere competing combined with every indication that the fine weather will continue, the prospects for enjoyable evenings at the Stadium are assured. Buses will leave Clive Square at frequent intervals for the stadium and return after the meetings.

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The bride looked charming in a gown of cream satin beaute, cut in princess style, with coronet and veil, and carried a sheaf of Christmas lilies. She entered the church with her brother-in-law, Mr V. Mitchell, of Wellington.

She was attended by Mrs J. Miller, sister of the bridegroom, as matron of-honour, who wore a gown of pale blue floral organdie. Pauline Mitchell, niece of the bride, was a dainty flower-girl, wearing pale pink organdie.

Mr Leslie Dixon, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

A reception was afterwards held at the home of the bridegroom's parents, Racecourse Road. The guests were received by Mrs Dixon, who wore a model gown of navy blue satin beaute, and carried a Victorian posy of red carnations.

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RECEPTION HELD

A week-end wedding took place last Saturday at St. Matthew's Church, Hastings, when Audrey Gertrude, second daughter of Mr and Mrs E. W. Crook, Hastings, was married to Alan Leslie, young son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Roberts, Hastings.

The Rev. W. T. Drake performed the ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a high waisted frock of white lace over satin, with gathering from the rolled collar to the front waistline. Satin covered buttons trimmed the bodice, also the cuffs of the long sleeves, and a sprig of orange blossom finished the V shaped neckline. The skirt fell into a long trail, appliqued with three satin flowers, and she wore a dainty veil of white tulle and carried a shower bouquet.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Jeanne Crook, and Miss Betty Tuncliff. They were frocked alike in salmon pink lace over satin. The V shaped necklines, featuring rolled collars, were both finished with a posy of pastel shaded flowers. The bodices had short puff sleeves and satin belts finished at the back with a diamante clasp. Each maid wore the bridegroom's gift, a gold cross and chain, and carried a pastel shaded bouquet, which matched the coronet of flowers mounted on silver which dressed her hair.

The best man was Mr Frank Tearle and the groomsmen, Mr S. E. Crook, brother of the bride.

A reception was held at the Rialto tearoom, Hastings, where the guests were received by the parents of the bridal couple. The bride's mother wore a navy and white frock with navy hat and accessories, and the bridegroom's mother wore a wine coloured frock with fawn pleated front and a navy silk coat and fawn accessories.

When the bridal couple left for their honeymoon the bride travelled in a navy pleated frock with navy hat and accessories and a light blue tailored coat.

Previous to the wedding a jolly evening had been given for the bride by Mr and Mrs E. A. White, Hastings, in the United Hall, where about 40 guests were entertained.

A Garden Party At Waipukurau

MISS FANNY PATTISON

A Bride-To-Be Honoured

Mrs Davis Canning, who has come down from the Bay of Islands and Miss Fanny Pattison, whose marriage to Mr Robert Canning takes place at an early date, were entertained by Mrs Jack Canning and Mrs Peter Canning at a delightful party, held in the beautiful garden at "Oakburne," Waipukurau.

A competition "Articles in the Kitchen" was won by Miss Fanny Pattison, who received a box of chocolates.

Among the guests were: Mesdames C. Pattison, J. D. Ormond, A. M. Niblock, A. S. Wilder, P. F. Wall, H. Hobson, T. Hobson, C. Hobson, S. Board, J. D. Todd, E. B. Todd, J. Byrne, J. A. V. Sherston, B. Grosvenor, G. L. Jamieson, B. McKenzie, A. Lancaster, H. F. Norris, E. Broad, Misses Bushby, Raine, F. Pattison, A. Pattison, R. Williams, M. Williams, N. Wilson, White, D. Ormond, E. Hobson, M. Wall, L. Johnston, M. Whelch, E. and M. Canning, J. Parsons.

Quiet Wedding In Hastings

TAYLOR—JONES

Bride Wears Gown Of Peacock Blue Silk

A quiet wedding was solemnised in Hastings at the home of the bride's parents on Wednesday when Nola Mae, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Hector Jones, Tomoana Road, Hastings, was married to W. Hamper, only son of Mr and Mrs W. R. Taylor, "Kohimui," Pahiatua. The Rev. F. W. Marshall performed the ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by her mother, wore an attractive frock of peacock blue silk with a large leghorn picture hat and mulberry accessories, with a bouquet of tone.

Her mother wore a navy frock with a floral vestee and sash in clove shades and a matching model hat. A reception of relatives and close friends was held at the Grand Hotel, Hastings, Mrs Taylor assisting Mrs Jones to receive the guests. Mrs Taylor wore a smart black ensemble with floral tonings and a black picture hat.

When the young couple left for their honeymoon the bride travelled in an angora suit of tahlit rose with a silver fox fur hat and accessories. Mr and Mrs W. H. Taylor will make their home at Pahiatua.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY GIVEN AT TUTIRA

On Saturday evening the children of Tutira district were treated to a delightful Christmas party, organised by the members of the Tutira Women's Institute, for which thanks must be expressed to the Institute members.

After games and competitions had been thoroughly enjoyed the children were ready to greet Father Christmas, who gave each a lovely toy balloon from a well laden Christmas tree. At the supper table each child received a gay paper hat. Three cheers were given the ladies, as the children left for home they were given a bag of sweets and a blow-out.

RECENT EVENING WEDDING IN HASTINGS

Paterson—Tweedie: To Reside In Havelock

A pretty evening wedding took place in the Methodist Church, Hastings, recently, when Agnes, youngest daughter of Mr and the late Mrs J. Tweedie, Hastings, was married to John Redvers, son of Mrs and the late Mr John Paterson, Timaru. The Rev. C. H. Olds performed the ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by Mr H. Tweedie, wore a smart frock of blue satin backed crepe with quilting on the sleeves and on the front of the V-necked bodice. She wore a large blue picture hat and carried a blue bouquet.

Mrs Bob Tweedie, sister-in-law of the bride, who attended as matron of honour, wore a pretty frock of pink floral design with a pink picture hat and matching shoes. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and carnations.

Mr J. Amstey, Timaru, was best man, and the service, Miss Joyce Symonds sang "Where E'er You Walk."

A jolly reception was held at the Buffalo Hall, where dancing continued all night.

The guests were received by Mrs J. Baddeley, who wore a smart navy ensemble. The handsome two-tiered wedding cake was the gift of Mr and Mrs M. Parkhill, Gen.

When the young couple left by car for their honeymoon the bride travelled in an attractive frock of navy figured silk with navy hat and accessories.

Mr J. R. Paterson will make their future home in Havelock North.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Miss K. F. Rixon, principal of Queenswood School, Hastings, left last night for Auckland.

Miss Newton left Hastings yesterday by car for Gisborne.

Miss Burke, Havelock North, left Hastings by last night's express for Thames.

Mrs Hughes, accompanied by her daughter, returned to Wellington yesterday after visiting friends in Hastings.

Mrs J. H. Crawshaw, Marine Parade, Napier, leaves to-day to spend the Christmas holidays at Nelson.

Mrs J. Rosier left Napier yesterday for Auckland where she will spend Christmas with her parents. Later she will leave for Wellington, where she will in future reside.

Mr and Mrs R. Warburton arrived from Wellington yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs Warburton's parents, Mr and Mrs F. W. Triggs, Lincoln Road, Napier.

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Look over the women at any large evening event, notice the vagaries of the natural figure in modern clothing; see the unsightliness of badly corseted figures. It is a saddening and a sobering sight, and makes us want to run home quickly and have a look in the mirror, to assure ourselves that we really are different.

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ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Ted, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. E. Godber, Evenden Road, Mahora, Hastings, and Thelma Allison, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Colson, "Jesmond Dene," Runciman, Auckland.

Mr Godber, who is well known in Hastings, was formerly postmaster at Kaitieke prior to his being called up as telegraphist in the Signal Division of the New Zealand first echelon.

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Following is a list of transactions on the New Zealand Stock Exchanges:

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N.Z. Refrigerating (10/- paid)	0 9 3
Dominion Breweries	1 11 1
Broken Hill Pty.	4 6 3
Taranaki Oil	0 5 0
Sales Yesterday	
Broken Hill Pty.	4 6 3
G. J. Coles	4 3 0

Letters to the Editor
Injustice Rankles

Sir—You feature in Wednesday's paper a complaint on the behaviour of certain schools at the Cape Kidnappers Bird Sanctuary, at the Rest Hut at the Cape in particular, and also at the Clifton Domain.

I wish to protest strongly at the inference that the Havelock North School pupils were in any way responsible for the alleged litter at the Rest Hut or for vandalism at the Domain. This school has made an annual excursion to the gannet sanctuary for the last 14 years without any complaint of misbehaviour until now.

I was approached to-day by two boys of the party who were very hurt over this accusation, and, knowing that nothing hurts a child more than injustice, I felt it my duty to relieve them and the rest of the party of any unjust blame.

I have great sympathy for Mr. A. C. Duff, the honorary ranger, who has done yeoman service quite voluntarily for the sake of the birds. I wish to compliment him on his efforts, particularly at the Rest Hut at the Cape. It must be in some ways a thankless job, and the fact that some do not appreciate his work, but try to destroy it, annoys him, and justly so.

Mr. Duff is not at all justified in blaming the Havelock North School for either litter or vandalism for these reasons. I was the last to leave the Rest Hut after making sure that no rubbish or litter was left inside the hut or the enclosure, and the bus driver who was at the Clifton Domain during the entire time of our absence assures me that there was no tree-climbing or any other form of vandalism there.

Lastly, as a member of the Cape Kidnappers Bird Sanctuary Board, it is hardly reasonable to suppose that I would allow any of my party to abuse any of the board's property.—I am, etc.,

E. NIELSEN.
Hastings, 20/12/39.

Nuhaka's Big Day
ANNUAL SPORTS
Splendid Programme For Tuesday
VARIED EVENTS

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIROA.

With the most ambitious programme yet attempted by the club prospects for the seventh annual Nuhaka sports meeting to be held at the showgrounds, Nuhaka, on Boxing Day (Tuesday, December 26), are particularly bright. Competitors from throughout the Wairoa district as well as from Gisborne will take part in the many events, and good entries have already been received.

The programme provides for a miscellany of horse and amateur athletic events in addition to a long list of children's races and novelty attractions. Hot water will be supplied free of charge on the grounds and refreshments will be obtainable.

TARADALE'S PATRIOTIC APPEAL
Total Of Over £27 Collected

"Daily Mail" Special Service. TARADALE.

On Tuesday last collectors canvassed the Taradale-Greenmeadows district to assist the National Patriotic Fund. The result, £27 9/5, is praiseworthy of the national feeling of the residents, who gave willingly to help provide comforts, etc., for the soldiers.

At the beginning of next week a farewell social and dance will be held in the Taradale Town Hall to honour seven local men who are at present on final leave.

TENNIS MATCHES AT WAIROA
HANDICAP TOURNEY CONCLUDES
CLOSE GAMES
Detailed Results Of The Last Rounds

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIROA.

After many good games the Wairoa Tennis Club's handicap tournament was completed this week. In the presence of a large gathering of members the club captain (Mr. R. M. McDonald) presented the trophies and congratulated the winners on their performances.

The men's doubles final was won by Boyes and Beckett, who beat Reynolds and Crarer after a close game. The combined doubles final went to Mr and Mrs Single, who beat Mrs McCrea and Boyes by 2 points. Following are the results of concluding rounds.

Combined Doubles
Third round: Mrs Osmond and Reynolds defeated Mrs Newell and Irwin, Mrs Single and Single defeated Mrs Plummer and Trewhy, Mrs Bilborough and Hinckesman defeated Mrs Morgan and Mrs McCrea, Mrs McCrea and Boyes defeated Miss Barclay and T. Crarer.
Semi-final: Mrs Single and Single defeated Mrs Osmond and Reynolds. Mrs McCrea and Boyes defeated Mrs Bilborough and Hinckesman.
Final: Mrs Single and Single defeated Mrs McCrea and Boyes.

Men's Doubles
Semi-final: Reynolds and Crarer defeated McCann and Talbot, Boyes and Beckett defeated Single and Thorne-George.
Final: Boyes and Beckett defeated Reynolds and Crarer.

Maori Pea Pickers

Sir—I shall be grateful if you will grant me space to give the public the true facts regarding the fabulous earnings the Maori people are credited with while engaged on the above work. Certainly only our champion pickers do earn £2 per day, based on 10d for every kerosene tin picked, and with an average, say, of 30/- per day over all of the pickers engaged. Now, most of this work is undertaken by our womenfolk, who are not so fortunate as their pakeha sisters, in so far as the avenues through which they are able to add to the family income are limited. To the casual observer these pea pickers would appear to be on clover. It has to be remembered at the outset that the season for such employment is limited, and the results obtained have been at the expense of a 16-hour day, plus the neglect of home duties, apart from the fact that at the end of a long day the pickers are greatly fatigued, and work almost continuously without food and drink.

One might say that the remedy is in their own hands. Yes, sir, but the matter of limited opportunities crops up again. We are not complaining, but desire the facts to be made public to refute the impression gaining ground that this money is being earned on a 40-hour week basis.—I am, etc.,

P. A. PICKER.

JUDGES FOR SHOW APPOINTED
NEXT MONTH'S EVENT AT WAIPUKURAU
DETAILS DECIDED
Side-show Licensing To Be Enforced

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIPUKURAU.

The Waipukurau A. and P. Association has appointed the following judges for the various events at their next Show, to be held on January 20, 1940:—

Horse Section: Mr Bruce McKay, Otaki.
Sheep section.—Romneys and white faced lambs: Mr A. Robottom, Otane. Fat sheep and lambs: Mr G. T. Dyer, Hastings. Southdowns: Mr R. M. Perry, Masterton. Dorset Horns: Mr D. Walker, Longburn. Fleece wool: Mr H. F. W. Brown, Napier.
Sheep dog trials.—Trials: Mr Jack Tate, Makotuku. Bench type: Mr W. J. Smith, Takapau.
Axemen's section: Messrs S. Hull, Tikokino and W. Thomsen, Makareta.
Industrial section.—Cooking and preserves: Mrs L. W. Goldfinch, Havelock North. Open handicraft: Miss M. Drummond, Dannevirke. Women's institute courts: Mrs A. Horn, Wellington and Mrs D. J. Rigby, Havelock North.
Sanatorium classes.—Needlework: Miss M. Drummond, Dannevirke. Leatherwork: Mr J. H. Hindman, Waipukurau.
National dancing: Mr Alex. Sutherland, Invercargill.
School section.—Writing and drawing: Mr J. Caughley, Takapau. Needlework: Mrs A. Chisholm, Waipukurau. Woodwork: Mr Les Staines, Waipukurau.

At a recent meeting of the Executive and Finance committee it was decided to grant free space for the sale of goods at the Show to the New Zealand Institute for the Blind.

SPORTS FOR COUNTY CANDIDATE
To-morrow's Event
NOTED WRESTLERS AT FRASERTOWN
Wairoa Carnival

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIROA.

Keen interest is being roused throughout the Wairoa district in the County Queen's sports meeting to be held at Frasertown to-morrow.

A special exhibition wrestling bout between "Strangler" Bayliss (local wool buyer), 13st, and "Bomber" Wells (flying tackle expert), 13st. 10lb, will provide the highlight. Both men are from Napier. Wells is the New Zealand light-heavy weight champion, and Bayliss has been undefeated in 45 bouts. It is seldom that the public of Wairoa have the opportunity of seeing such high class wrestlers in action, and a good exhibition is assured. The bout will be staged in the open in the middle of the programme.

Handicaps for the athletic events will be declared on the ground, and post entries will be received.

NO RINK TOURNEY AT WAIPAWA
Only Seven Entries From Bowlers

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIPAWA.

A decision to cancel the Rink Tournament arranged for the Christmas holidays, owing to the fact that insufficient entries had been received, was made at a meeting of the committee of the Waipawa Bowling Club held this evening. Only seven nominations were received.

It was decided to hold a progressive pairs tournament commencing at 9 a.m. on Boxing Day, and if the entries warranted it, further progressive pairs on the following day.

Christmas Shopping at Wairoa.
To-night will be observed as Christmas Eve by members of the Wairoa Retailers' Association. In most cases business premises will close at noon to-morrow for the Christmas period.



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FOR RAROTONGA (Cook Is.), NU-KUALOFA (Tonga), APIA (Samoa), SUVA (Fiji), from Auckland. Matau, January.

FOR LYTELTON (from Wellington). Rangira: Dec. 22, 23, 25, 27, 29, Jan. 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 7.45 p.m. Wahine: Dec. 22, 23, 8.15 a.m., 24, 26, 28, 30, 7.45 p.m.; Jan. 2, 8.15 a.m., 3, 5, 7, 7.45 p.m.

FOR PICTON (from Wellington). Tamahine: Dec. 22, noon and 11 p.m., 23, 1.15 p.m. and 11 p.m., 25, mid-night, 27, 9.30 a.m., 29, 2.45 p.m., 30, 1.15 p.m., Jan. 2, 9.30 a.m., 3, 5, 2.45 p.m., 6, 1.15 p.m.

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SUN To-day, rises 4.48 a.m.; sets 7.55 p.m. PHASES OF THE MOON First quarter, 9.14 a.m., Tue, Dec. 19. Full moon, 11.38 p.m., Tue, Dec. 26.

TIDES Dec. 22 Fri. 1.37 1.56 7.49 8.14 Dec. 23 Sat. 2.28 2.39 8.34 8.56 Dec. 24 Sun. 3.01 3.24 9.21 8.44 Dec. 25 Mon. 4.48 4.13 10.12 10.36 Dec. 26 Tues. 4.50 5.10 11.08 11.32

VESSELS AT BREAKWATER Kopara, ex Auckland, 6.30 p.m. yesterday. VESSELS AT INNER HARBOUR Kiritona, at moorings. Koua, at moorings. Koutunui, at moorings. Tu Atu, at Jull wharf.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS Breakwater Kopara, ex Auckland, 6.30 p.m. yesterday. Poolta, ex Greyouth and Westport, December 24. Kopara, ex Auckland, January 6.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES Pukeko, for Aklito, Wellington and Lyttelton, 11 o'clock last night. Kopara, for Auckland, this afternoon. Poolta, for Gisborne, December 28. Kopara, for Portland, January 6. Pukeko, for Gisborne, January 8.

COASTAL SHIPPING AT NAPIER Awatea, ex 410 tons (Richardson and Co. Ltd.), after having been laid up in the stream at Wellington since February 27, has been under overhaul and survey, preparatory to taking up coastal running and is at present at the Aotea Quay waiting instructions.

REOU, m.v., 144 tons (Richardson and Co.), at moorings. Koutunui, m.v., 173 tons (Richardson and Co.), at moorings. Kopara, m.v., 850 tons, F. S. Bates, master (Richardson and Co.), loaded general cargo at Auckland on Tuesday and left that night for East Coast bays, Gisborne and Napier. Arrived here at 6.30 p.m. yesterday and will leave this afternoon for Auckland to load on Wednesday, January 8, due here again on Saturday, January 13, hence Portland.

Pakura, 719 tons, C. W. Caldwell, master (Richardson and Co.), left the Glasgow wharf at 10.15 p.m. on Monday for Auckland and Gisborne. Due at Auckland to-day for alterations prior to taking up sheep freighting on the East Coast. Poolta, s.s., 1675 tons (Union S.S. Co.), loaded coal at Greyouth on Wednesday and left that night for Westport to continue loading for Napier and Gisborne. Due here on Sunday, December 24, and charges on Wednesday, December 27, and leaves the following day for Gisborne.

Fukeke, m.v., 790 tons, S. M. Pettley, master (Richardson and Co.), discharged cement from Portland and general cargo from Auckland at the Glasgow wharf yesterday and was expected to leave at 11.30 o'clock last night for Aklito, hence Wellington and Lyttelton. Loads at Wellington on Wednesday, December 27, and at Lyttelton on Thursday, January 4 for Napier, Waikokopu, Gisborne and East Coast bays. Due here on Monday, January 8.

Waiatu, s.s., 1638 tons, T. W. White, master (U.S.S. Co.), at Dunedin under annual overhaul and survey. GENERAL Mariposa, o.v., 19,000 tons (Matson Line) (Murray Roberts, Napier agents), left San Francisco on December 5 and Los Angeles on December 6 for Honolulu, Pago Pago, Suva and Auckland. Due at Auckland this morning and leaves at Auckland to-morrow for Sydney and Melbourne. Monterey, o.v., 19,000 tons (Matson Line) (Murray Roberts, Napier agents), left Auckland at 10 p.m. on December 12 for Suva, Pago Pago, Honolulu and San Francisco. Due at Los Angeles on December 19 and San Francisco the following day.

240 Tennis Players The annual North Island Catholic tennis tournament at the Hawke's Bay Lawn Tennis Association's courts at Mareaui in Christmas week will be attended by about 240 players. Teams representing Wellington, Auckland, Gisborne, Taranaki, Manawatu, Wairarapa, Hamilton and Hawke's Bay will take part in the competition for the Watson Shield. The Catholic championships will be held in conjunction. The players are expected to arrive from to-morrow onward. During their stay they will be entertained at a reception, dances, a dinner and a picnic.

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HAWKES BAY Daily Mail "Your Own Morning Paper" FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1939. HARA KIRI "Take your ship out and scuttle it." "I will obey your order this time—but never again." No one knew at the time that this was Captain Langsdorff's unspoken reaction to the Fuhrer's instructions, and many things were said about his conduct in destroying a fine ship—comments which may now be unreservedly withdrawn. Herr Hitler, whom the London "Daily Mail" calls "Herr Scuttler" and who might take the additional title of "Herr Hara Kiri," has never received so hard a blow from the Allies as he has from one of his own officers.

Personal Mr A. S. Telfer, of the teaching staff of the Wairoa District High School, has received an appointment as head master of the Waipiro Bay School. Mr E. E. C. Boyes, Wairoa, accompanied by Mrs Boyes, has left on a visit to Wellington. Mr and Mrs J. Stickland, who have been on a short visit to Wellington, have returned to Hastings.

Mr F. E. Graham has been elected chairman of the Hastings Street Stock Exchange. Mr H. Kitson, who has been chairman for six years and did not seek re-election, has been elected vice-chairman. Mr A. B. Robson, who for 19 years has been chief clerk and accountant at the Hamilton office of the Public Works Department's electrical branch, has been transferred to Whangarei. He will be succeeded by Mr R. Agnew, Wellington. Mr and Mrs H. E. Campin, Hastings, who have been visiting Wellington, have returned home.

Mr Joseph Rae, who has been associated with the Public Works Department, Napier, in rehabilitation work since the disastrous floods of Anzac Day, 1938, has now returned to his home in Auckland. Mr J. Paul left Hastings for Auckland by yesterday's express. Mr Frank Fox, the prominent Hastings Bay yachtman, has been called up for service in the R.N.Z.A.F. He will go into camp in the near future. Mr H. A. Green was re-appointed Registrar of dogs and Dog Tax Collector for 1940 at the monthly meeting of the Hastings Borough Council yesterday afternoon.

AT THE HOTELS Mr and Mrs W. Ballinger, Mr and Mrs J. Kempthorne, Mr Uniacke, Mr A. Brady (Mangamotu), Mr and Mrs Isaacs and family, Mr Findlay (Palmerston North), Mr P. Wilder (Waikukurau), Mr H. Hodd (Auckland), Mr and Mrs T. Davey, Mr J. Davey (Wairoa), Mr H. Skelton (Tolaga Bay), are at the Hotel Central, Napier. Lieut. and Mrs Pollock, L/Cpl. and Mrs Frazerhurst (Auckland), Mr A. Gibbs (Rotorua), Mr J. Hart (Dargaville), Mr L. Brady (Mangamotu), Mr L. Madde (Christchurch), Mr S. Cowley (Ngaruawahia), are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

Mrs E. C. Beale (Auckland), Mr and Mrs A. H. Gray (Victoria), Mr and Mrs G. H. Robinson, Mrs W. Tombs (Wellington), Mr and Mrs C. H. Handley (Palmerston North), Dr. and Mrs Alex. Wilson (Wanganui), Mr G. C. Mountain (Rotorua), Mr J. D. Brammel (Marlborough), Mr and Mrs James (Masterton), Mr R. Jones (Tua), are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr K. Elington, Mr W. R. Taylor, Mr H. Taylor (Palihatu), Mr T. B. Grusscott, Mr Louis Grusscott, Mr L. D. Davies, Mr R. J. A. Pinley, Mr G. Frame, Mr Newman, Mr C. Hatch (Wellington), Mr P. Fletcher (Western Australia), Mr B. Beattie (Mahia), Mr P. Nynga (Wairoa) are at the Criterion Hotel, Napier.

WAIROA Mr A. Hyde (Hastings), Mr McKenzie, Mr R. C. Tuke, Messrs. Grons (Gisborne), Messrs Thompson and McLeren (Masterton), Mr and Mrs G. Bell (Napier), Mr H. Keeling (Wellington), Mr Stuart (Dunedin), Mr A. Edwards, Mr Masters (Waikaremoana), Mr Brey (Mokau Falls), Mr F. Clarkson (Nuhaka), are at the Clyde Hotel, Wairoa.

Mr Murphy, Mr Howell, Mr Dawson (Napier), Mr Allen (Maungataniwha), Mr Smith, Mr Morgan (Wellington), are at the Wairoa Hotel. Mr O'Connor, Mr McCoil, Mr Hampton (Napier), Mr Ellis, Mr and Mrs and Miss Cole (Gisborne), Mr Barnett, Mr Guthrie, Mr Wauchop (Tolaga Bay), Mr Cole (Waikaremoana), Constable Ross (Waipihara), are at the Ferry Hotel, Wairoa.

"Daily Mail" Holiday Service The Breakfast Table "What are we having for dinner?" "Sponge cake, dear. I sponged the eggs from Mrs Holmes, and the flour from Mrs Brown, and the milk from Mrs Smith." "Is your wife economical?" "Oh, very; we do without nearly everything I need." "Patience and perseverance will accomplish all things," said a passenger in a railway compartment. "Nonsense, sir!" said a fellow passenger. "Will patience and perseverance enable you to carry water in a sieve?" "Certainly!" "I would like to know how?" "By waiting patiently for the water to freeze." Jones had made a good job of his bedroom blackout and awoke with the feeling that he had overslept. After switching on the light, he found it was 9 a.m., the hour at which he should have been at the office. Dressing hastily, he dashed off without any breakfast, and arriving at the office, said breathlessly to his boss: "So sorry I'm half an hour late, sir!" "That's all right," replied his boss, blandly, "but what about Monday and Tuesday?" Husband (teaching wife gold): "Did you sink any putts?" Wife: "Well, I hit some balls into the water." Christmas Gifts at "Parkers." We have a wonderful selection for both men and women. An early inspection is advisable. "Parkers."

LOCAL AND GENERAL HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"Daily Mail" Publication The "Daily Mail" will NOT be published on Monday next (Christmas Day). The holiday hours of the Hastings and Napier offices are published in the public notices column. Child Breaks Arm A young girl, Sarah Hape, aged six, of Bridge Pa, received a badly fractured left arm when she fell off a tank while playing yesterday afternoon at about 4 o'clock. She was admitted to the Hastings Memorial Hospital, and her condition last night was reported as being fair.

Townsmen's Guild The "Daily Mail" wishes to thank the Hastings Townsmen's Guild for their attractive calendar and season's greetings and also to wish the Guild a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year. Christmas Greetings The "Daily Mail" acknowledges with thanks seasonal greetings from members of the Hastings Harrier Club; the directors and staff of W. D. and H. O. Willis (N.Z.) Ltd.; Catts-Patterson (N.Z.) Ltd.; the Detective Staff of the Hastings Police Force; Amalgamated Theatres Ltd.

Street Name Plates The whole of the 236 street name plates ordered have now arrived and the work of fixing them in a few days. The quantity purchased (Mr C. E. Evans) in the course of his report to the monthly meeting of the Hastings Borough Council yesterday afternoon.

Unemployment Offices The old and now disused Hastings unemployment offices and their furniture are to be sold according to a decision of the Hastings Borough Council at its meeting yesterday. The area at present occupied by the offices, together with that immediately adjoining it, are to be taken into the borough yard where extra space is required.

Water Pumping During the month of November 53,165,000 gallons of water were pumped in Hastings, according to the report of the Borough Engineer (Mr C. E. Evans) tabled at yesterday's meeting of the Hastings Borough Council. The quantity pumped during the same period in 1938 was 45,230,000 gallons. The rainfall for November, 1938, was 3.64 inches, whereas it was only 1.56 inches for the same month this year. A total of 17 water connections were laid on during the period, making a total of 3799.

Pedestrian Crossings "I recently saw a picture of a pedestrian crossing marked out with some type of modern electric sign let into the ground," stated the traffic inspector (Mr. H. A. Green) in the course of a report on pedestrian crossings presented at the monthly meeting of the Hastings Borough Council yesterday. "From what I remember of the system the pedestrian on the crossing was shown up in such a manner that the motorist could not fail to see him on the marked section. I would suggest that inquiries be made to see if anything further has been done in regard to this matter."

Closing of Streets Hereatunga Street, Hastings, will not be closed to traffic on New Year's Eve. This was intimated at a meeting of the Hastings Borough Council yesterday when a letter was received from the Hastings Retailers' Association suggesting that the main street should not be closed on New Year's Eve. The Traffic Committee reported that arrangements had already been made to leave Hereatunga Street open.

Barricaded Areas On the recommendation of the Traffic Committee, the Hastings Borough Council at its monthly meeting yesterday decided that permits to take vehicles through the barricaded areas of the town on Christmas Eve should be granted to drivers conveying wedding parties and to firms dealing in perishable goods only. In both cases application must be made to the borough traffic inspector (Mr. H. A. Green) and a pass obtained. The permit will allow driving the barricaded area only up to Hereatunga Street.

Whisky and Gin Costs Increases of 6d and 3d a bottle respectively in the prices for whisky and gin are announced, following on the increased freight charges and insurances brought about by war risks. This, it is stated, will mean 4/- a case extra for gin and 6/5 a case for whisky. It is pointed out that the increases have been passed on by the merchants to the hotelkeepers, who thus find it necessary to pass them on to the public. The increases, which have been authorised by the Price Investigation Tribunal, are effective immediately. Increases of 7d a bottle for whisky and 4d for gin were actually authorised by the tribunal, it is stated. Further rises are expected to follow.

Whisky and Gin Costs (Continued) Eastern Tasman: North-westerly winds, light in northern portion with slight seas, moderate to strong in southern portion with rather rough seas. Weather: Continuing fair to fine and warm generally except on west coast of the South Island, where scattered rain is likely.

Whisky and Gin Costs (Continued) An anti-cyclone covers the New Zealand area, but pressure is falling in the south. Forecast: Winds moderate to fresh north-westerly prevailing from Cook Strait southwards, elsewhere light to moderate and variable.

Nelson Park Stands The main covered stand in Nelson Park, Hastings, and the open stands adjoining it, are to be repaired and paid for by the Hastings Rugby Sub-Union and the Hastings Borough Council on a fifty-fifty basis. This was announced at the monthly meeting of the Borough Council yesterday. It was stated that the open stand on the Karamu Road frontage was considered unworthy of repairs and is to be removed. The estimated cost of the projected work is £62.

Nelson Park Stands (Continued) Modern driving conditions demand visual efficiency of the highest order. The safe motorist wears glasses to correct any deficiency. Consult Azzopardi and Holland, Opticians.

Nelson Park Stands (Continued) Sessions continue until 10 p.m. See "Hey Diddle," "Old Mother Hubbard," "Old King Cole" in beautiful setting with delightful music. Admission only 6d, with big Free Gift from Father Christmas!

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EXIT JOHN ALEXANDER LEE

THE MEMBER FOR GREY LYNN HAS APPOINTMENT REVOKED BY GOVERNMENTAL NOTICE

MR LEE SAYS THAT HE WILL NOW HANG UP A SACK INSTEAD OF A STOCKING FOR CHRISTMAS

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, Dec. 21. The appointment of Mr J. A. Lee, Labour M.P. for Grey Lynn, as Parliamentary Under-Secretary, is revoked by a notice published in a supplementary Gazette issued to-night.

The formal notice reads: "His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased, in terms of the Civil List Amendment Act, 1936, to revoke the appointment of John Alexander Lee, Esquire, of Auckland, member of the House of Representatives, as Parliamentary Under-Secretary in relation to the office of the Minister of Finance."

"I write as I please, but obviously honesty is not the most profitable policy," said Mr. J. A. Lee in a statement to-night. "However, I shall be able to hang up a sack instead of a stocking for Christmas. I have little to say at the moment. It was obvious that with the members of Cabinet engaged in a campaign throughout New Zealand for the autocratic control of the Labour Party and with myself engaged in a campaign for democratic control, there must be disharmony."

Under the circumstances, I expected my resignation from the Under-Secretaryship to be asked for. I replied to the request saying, as it were, that I preferred to be sunk to scuttling the ship. "I am proud that I have been associated with the creation of the house-building scheme with debt-free money. I shall have more time and freedom to devote to campaigns for the complete nationalisation of the banking and finance policy and for the avoidance of crushing war debts. I have had only my title and few emoluments taken away, and a little more time given to me to lounge and pen and ink to fight for Labour's ideals."

"I may also be able to help to defeat conscription, which I intend to fight by helping to recruit to destroy Hitler—that is, of course, if I am permitted. "The Labour Government in New Zealand has a great record, and it does not falter it will go on to greater things. Meanwhile, in regard to its control of the Labour Party and the control of finance, I shall go on committing the crime of espousing democracy even if its fight for democracy and socialist banking endangers my political life. "I regret my differences with my colleagues, but some differences have a habit of estranging folk who had for one another respect and affection. "The sea and salt water of the Auckland beaches during January and February will be pleasant if I am fortunate enough to procure a house. "May I wish the Cabinet the compliments of the season and remind New Zealand that Wellington's exhibition is worth a visit. "Request to Press "I trust that the Press of New Zealand will be kind enough to publish this statement in full."

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SOVIET LAUNCHES BIG ATTACK

TANKS AND PLANES IN SUPPORT

FINNS RESIST Claim To Have Taken Twenty Tanks

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received December 21, 11.55 p.m.) HELSINGFORS, Dec. 21. The Russians have launched a gigantic attack on the centre of the Mannerheim Line, on the Karelian Isthmus, after heavy and prolonged artillery preparation in which thousands of shells of all calibres were used. The infantry advance is supported by several hundred tanks and 250 planes.

The attack began on Tuesday and has continued since on a twelve-mile front, on which the Finns have now trebled their defences. The Russians have increased the pressure elsewhere for a diversion. The Finns claim the capture of 20 tanks and the destruction of scores, also the destruction of 20 planes. The Finns advanced at Salla, capturing much material. The Finns are retiring on the northern front, where the temperature is 54 degrees below freezing point. It is now officially stated at Helsinki that shells from the coastal batteries damaged but did not sink the Soviet warship Oktiabrskaya Revolutia.

Cities Bombed About 100 Soviet planes flew over Helsinki, Turku, Tampere and other areas in Southern Finland yesterday for between four and five hours. A number of civilians were killed. Incendiary bombs caused several fires at Viipuri and Turko. Coastal batteries drove off the raiders at Kotka, between Helsinki and Viipuri, and shot down two near Viipuri. Intense cold put out of action 200 Soviet tanks and transport vehicles on the northern front, and they were abandoned when the oil froze in their engines. It is officially reported that the Russians south of Salmajärvi, in the far north, are using a new type of tank with a tractor propeller resembling an aeroplane propeller, which enables it to move more easily over the snow. Heavy snowstorms are raging on the entire Russo-Finnish northern front, and the armies are immobilised. Visibility is mostly not more than three yards.

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"DIGGERS" ON TREK—On a hot, dusty trail, these Australian artillery men leave the miles behind them as they make for the port of embarkation. "Australia will be there."

MR BARNARD INTERROGATED BY MR W. DOWNIE STEWART

Why Referendum For Conscription When There Was None For War?

By Telegraph—Press Association DUNEDIN, Dec. 21. Some pertinent questions were asked to-day by Mr W. Downie Stewart in reply to what he described in an interview as the "astonishing" statement issued by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (the Hon. W. E. Barnard) on the subject of conscription. "Mr Barnard says that if it comes to a question of conscription we should get a mandate by a referendum before adopting it," said Mr Stewart, "but on the major issue as to whether we should go to war, no referendum was taken, and quite rightly. "If it was unnecessary to consult the people about going to war," Mr Stewart added, "why consult them on the lesser issue as to how to fight the war? In fact, the Government did not even consult Parliament before agreeing to help Britain, though in the past it has always been said that that would be imperative. "I was glad that they acted promptly and ignored their past views, but it looks like swallowing a camel and straining at a gnat to say that you will commit New Zealand to a war without a referendum, but that you will not conscript without a referendum."

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BOOKS FOR CAMPS

ONE CASE FROM HASTINGS GOOD RESPONSE

Statistics of Borough Library At the monthly meeting of the Hastings Borough Council yesterday afternoon, the Library Committee reported having received a letter from the officer in charge of the Country Library Service, Wellington, acknowledging receipt of one case of books and periodicals for Trentham Camp. It was requested that all future donations of books and papers should be forwarded through this service which had undertaken the duty of circulating them in the various military camps in New Zealand. The librarian (Mrs O. Skipper) in her report stated that the public had responded generously to an appeal for literature to be distributed among members of the Special Force. During November 34 new subscribers joined the library, 74 renewed their subscriptions and 19 left the library. The present total stood at 1829 subscribers and 2074 subscriptions. The number of new books purchased was 156. In the children's section 15 new subscribers joined during November, 14 renewed their subscriptions and 11 left the library. The total now stood at 613 subscribers. The number of books purchased for the month was 94.

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WAIKOUAITI INQUIRY CONCLUDED YESTERDAY

Expert Evidence Presented As To The Cause Of Recent Disaster

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, Dec. 21. The formal inquiry into the loss of the Union inter-colonial steamer Waihouaiti, which was wrecked off Dog Island, three miles from Bluff, on the night of November 28, was begun in Wellington to-day. The Waihouaiti, a ship of 3926 tons, was on a voyage from Sydney to Lyttelton when she ran aground in a fog. She was abandoned by the underwriters a few days later. Mr A. M. Goulding, S.M., presided, and the nautical assessors were Captains L. C. H. Worrall and J. Mawson. Mr J. P. Prenderville appeared for the Marine Department, Mr E. K. Kirkcaldie for the master of the ship, and Mr A. E. White for the Union Co. Captain F. A. MacIndoe watched the proceedings on behalf of the Merchant Service Guild.

Before the taking of evidence the magistrate said that the ship had been proceeding on a course fixed by the Admiralty, and he asked that details of the course not published. Captain John Bruce, master of the Waihouaiti, said that he altered course during the afternoon of November 20 and remained on it till 8.15 p.m. Captain Bruce said that the second officer who was on watch checked the ship's position several times during the afternoon, and at 4 p.m., the chief officer relieved him. Witness himself was frequently on the bridge. At 8 p.m. fog was patchy to the north and clear to the south. A bearing was taken by the chief officer at 7.56 p.m. It was the last one marked on the chart. Dog Island was not visible at that time. The ship held the same course until 8.15, at which time seeing that Dog Island was still obscured, he pulled the ship a point and a half to the southward. He considered he would thus clear Dog Island by a mile and a half to two miles.

Not Quite Dark They had not sighted the light of Dog Island at 8.15 because of the fog. The ship was going about 9 knots. It was not quite dark at 8.15. Captain Bruce said he maintained his course to pass Dog Island, and at 8.30 he sighted land fire on the port bow. He gave orders to put the helm hard starboard, at the same time ordering the third officer to ring "stand-by." At 8.38 after the ship came round to the south-east, she struck the bottom. At 8.38 witness rang "stop" to the engine-room and gave instructions to have soundings taken all round the ship. The least depth found was 16 feet aft. The ship's draught was 20 feet five inches forward and 22 feet six inches aft. Started to Swing At 10.30 p.m., with the flood tide, the ship started to swing, and he decided to try the engines. He rang full speed astern. The chief engineer informed witness that he could not turn the engines as something had fouled the propeller. Then witness thought rocks might be causing trouble, but at daylight he found that the stern frame of the ship had been broken, and the propeller blades were catching on the frame and rudder. Numbers one and two holds were full of water. No subsequent attempt was made to get the ship off. He did not reduce speed because of the tides in Foveaux Strait. During the ebb tide, continued Captain Bruce, there was a strong current in a southerly direction from Bluff Harbour, and he expected to be carried south. There must have been an unexpected set from the south.

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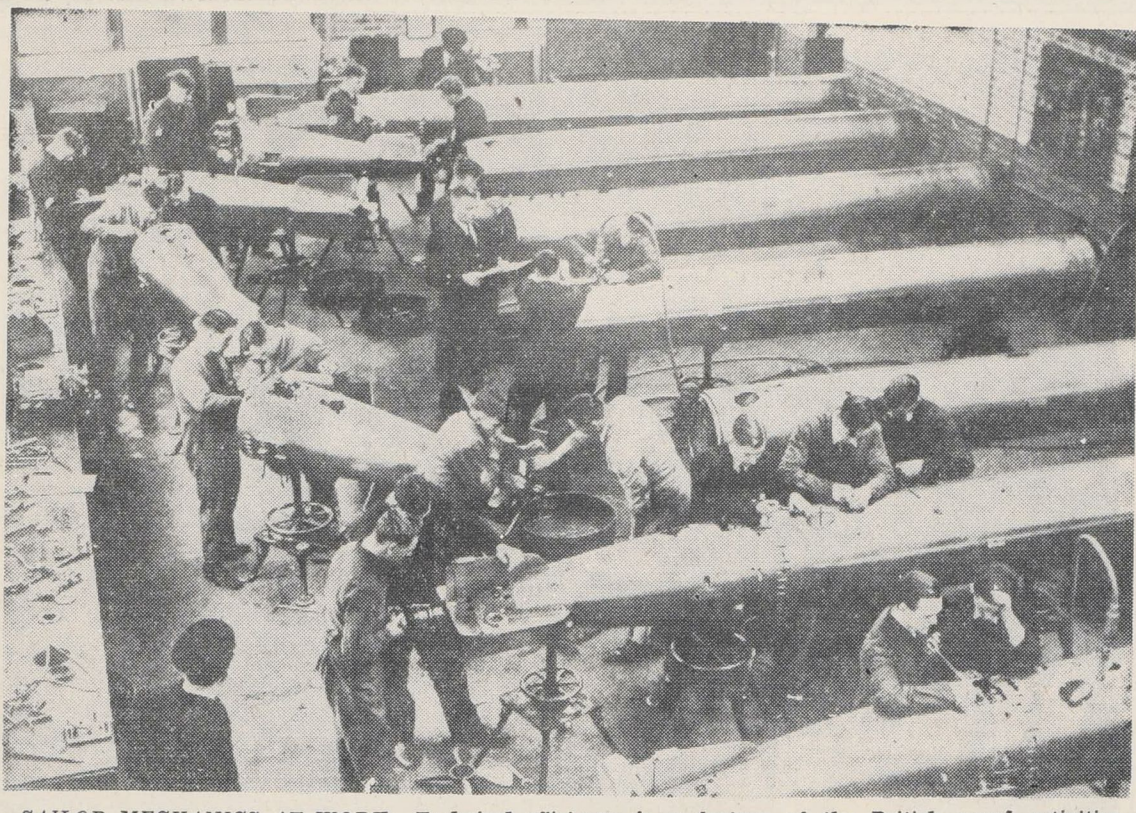
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PRICE OF PETROL IN HAWKE'S BAY Investigation Requested CONCERN OF THE HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Items From Yesterday's Meeting

The first public utterance of protest against the variance in the wholesale prices of petrol in Hawke's Bay as compared with other North Island centres was made yesterday when the Hastings Borough Council carried unanimously a resolution...



SAILOR MECHANICS AT WORK.—Technical efficiency is a feature of the British naval activities. Men are here seen at work on the construction of torpedoes.

HOPES FOR THE NEW YEAR SEASONAL MESSAGES RECEIVED PEACE OBJECTIVE

Greetings From Mr Cullen And Mr Maddison

Christmas messages have been received from Mr E. L. Cullen, M.P. for Hawke's Bay, and from Mr G. A. Maddison, Mayor of Hastings. Mr Cullen says:— "As the close of 1939 approaches and the Christmas festivals will be in full swing, our thoughts go out to all those who have lost their loved ones, as the result of the war, which overshadows the world today..."

Cornwall Park Wickets CHARGES REASONABLE REPRESENTATIONS BY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL'S ATTITUDE

Representations made by the Hastings Cricket Sub-Association to the Hastings Borough Council for a remittance of the recent increases made in the charges for wickets at Cornwall Park were unsuccessful. A report of the meeting with the sub-association's deputation was tabled by the Reserves Committee at the monthly meeting of the council yesterday. A recommendation by the committee that Saturday work on the wickets should be discontinued except when especially asked for by the association was adopted.

GREYHOUNDS AT NAPIER EXCELLENT ENTRIES RECEIVED DETAILED LIST

Excellent entries have been received for to-morrow's meeting of the Northern Hawke's Bay Greyhound Racing Association at the League Park Stadium, at Napier. Entries are as follows:— PORT AHURIRI STAKE (Members' Maiden Class)—First heat: B. Hawkins' Choice Terms, Mrs. E. Harrison's Lucky Lou, A. G. West's Master Duke, A. West's Wee Betty, T. Greig's Sparkling Footsteps, Mrs. I. Patrick's Pan America.

Heretaunga Club Swimming CARNIVAL EVENTS Results At Hastings Last Night

School holidays made a difference in the entry for junior girls' events, but other events were well patronised at the Heretaunga Swimming Club's carnival last night at Hastings. The club has decided to hold the next carnival on Thursday, January 11, when championship and cup events will be contested. Last night's carnival concluded with a game of polo played by junior members of the club. Results of events were: Junior boys' 25 yards: McDonnell 1, L. Parker 2, A. Leaves 3. Time 17.4.5.

ATHLETIC MEETING AT McLEAN PARK, NAPIER Track Fast But No Exceptional Times Registered Last Night

Although the track was in fast condition, no exceptional times were registered at last evening's meeting of the Napier Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club at McLean Park. The sports were witnessed by a crowd of about 200. The highlight of the meeting was the competition of the national champion, P. E. Sharpley, in the 120 yards low hurdles. Conceding other competitors substantial starts, he finished in second place. The time was 14sec. Results were as follows:— 120 yards Low Hurdles.—First heat: P. F. Sharpley (scr.) 1, V. McCutcheon (9yds. 1 down) 2, C. Kronk (8yds. 1 down) 3. Time, 14.4.5. Second heat: P. Begley (7yds., 1 down) 1, J. Thorpe (9yds., 1 down) 2, H. Gollup (3. Time, 14.1-5. Final: Begley 1, Sharpley 2, McCutcheon 3. Time, 14.

Christmas Music Festival

ADMIRABLE SINGING A Concert By Hastings Baptist Choir APPROPRIATE ITEMS A small but appreciative audience heard some admirable choral and solo singing at the Christmas Music Festival of the Hastings Baptist Church, which was held last night. The gratitude of the church for the beautiful performances given by the choir and friends of the church was expressed at the conclusion of the evening by the Minister (the Rev. C. B. Boggis).

The Mayor presided over Crs. A. I. Rainbow, S. J. McKee, S. Ashcroft, H. Lowe, A. Ross, T. Falconer, P. Loach, G. W. McOmney, the Town Clerk (Mr N. C. Harding) and the Borough Engineer (Mr C. E. Evans).

An application from Mr E. J. Lukey and six other residents in various parts of the borough for permission to use the reported gardens during the day because their employment necessitates their beginning work at 6 p.m. when watering is allowed, was turned down on the grounds that if this privilege were granted to the applicants there would be numerous other requests for the same exemption.

Mr Maddison stated that the committee's fund was now approaching the £500 mark. It was not their intention to collect huge sums as was done in the last year, but to raise money from time to time as it was required.

In connection with the loan proposals the committee reported having decided that the following issues should be placed before the ratepayers at the poll: Road sealing loan, £10,600; duplication of water mains to the applicants' houses, water, water and drainage, £19,800, making a total of £53,300.

Mr Ashcroft raised the question of possible overlapping as suggested by the appeal under consideration and the next item on the agenda which was an appeal from the National Patriotic Council.

The Reserves Committee reported having received a letter from the Hastings Citizens' Band conveying its appreciation of the lighting provision for the band at Windsor Park, and asking if the Council would consider constructing a platform of rough boards approximately 20ft. by 20ft., raised 1ft. 6ins. from the ground to assist the band in giving concerts at the park.

Mr Maddison pointed out that the National Council was preparing to spend £2000 on equipping the troops with recreational facilities. The Hawke's Bay grant was £100 and this had been requested on Wednesday.

The estimated cost of the stand was £35. The council regretted its inability to have the work carried out at the present.

By resolution the council fixed the following fees for the registration of dogs for 1940. Dogs kept solely for the purpose of destroying rabbits, 1/- for each dog (not exceeding three in one ownership); kept by any farmer, shepherd or drover solely for the purpose of herding or driving of sheep and cattle, 2/6; all other dogs 10/.

The appreciation of the council was expressed to both of the men.

T. AND G. MUTUAL LIFE SOCIETY Continued Expansion SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

MELBOURNE, Dec. 21. The sixty-third annual meeting of the Australasian T. and G. Mutual Life Society was held to-day. The chairman (Mr J. T. Thompson) announced that the new business in the ordinary and industrial departments comprised 150,384 policies, assuring £14,055,357. The whole of this new business was obtained in Australia and New Zealand and must be regarded as most satisfactory, considering both world-wide and local disturbances during the year. The accident department issued 17,673 policies, assuring £5,123,481, and, in addition, 6,406 policies in an ordinary department were endorsed with accident benefits.

Greetings From Mayor

Mr Maddison writes:— "It is with mingled feelings that one sends out goodwill greetings at this season of the year. With Europe in the throes of a desperate struggle in which the enlightened nations are battling for life against the onslaught of barbarism, and with New Zealand herself involved in the deadly struggle, it is not too easy to teach the real mood of Christmas—yet the simplicity of the old message remains and will remain, it is hoped, for ever. "The Christian spirit of goodwill to all mankind is something that transcends the towering ambitions of men drunk with sight of power, and the over-reaching aims of those whose desire seems to be to bring the whole world to regimentation and under the heel of a tyrannical dictatorship; it is after all at this time that we may all succeed best in getting back to the fundamentals of our human relationship as they should be. "We still, in this far corner of the world, have our homes intact, and we can and do go about our daily business without any immediate fear and without enduring the nervous tension that is being borne by the people of the Homeland. "We have peace in our homes and in our hearts, whatever terrible powers may be let loose in other parts of the world. Remembering therefore, that there is such a thing as the inner peace of a quiet life, and the joy that comes from home and friends, the same old heartfelt wishes may be exchanged by us all, in my capacity as Mayor I would extend to each and every one of my fellow citizens my best wishes that peace and happiness may abide in our hearts this Christmas, and that with malice towards none we may seek constantly to do our duty according to the light that is given us. "I value the co-operation that councillors and myself have received from people during the past year in the administration of the affairs of the borough, and on their behalf as well as my own, extend to you our most cordial greetings, at the same time hoping that when next Christmas comes round there will be for all mankind a real and lasting peace."

Saturday Work

The chairman of the Reserves Committee (Cr. A. I. Rainbow) gave the deputation particulars of the fees charged in other towns, showing that the fees of this borough were considerably lower. On being questioned the deputation stated that there were 20 teams playing. The chairman pointed out that this represented 220 persons, so that the increased charges worked out at only 2/- per head per season. With regard to Saturday work, the deputation stated that they were satisfied with the wickets without any Saturday work. Up to now the sum of £8 had been spent for work done on Saturdays. They would be prepared to have this eliminated and have work done only when required at the request of the association.

CLOSING OF NAPIER STREETS Improving Facilities For The Shoppers

To give shoppers the full use of the main thoroughfares during the busy period, the Napier Borough Council has decided to close certain streets during Christmas and New Year. Between the hours of 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. to-day and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on December 29, the following streets will be closed to traffic: Emerson Street; Hastings Street from Dickens Street to Tennyson Street; Market Street; Marine Parade from Tennyson Street to the Sound Shell. Between 10 hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. the following streets will be closed on Boxing Day and night: Emerson Street, from Hastings Street to Marine Parade; Herschell Street from Tennyson Street to Emerson Street; Marine Parade from Tennyson Street to Sound Shell. Motor vehicles will be prohibited from parking in Albion Street during all the hours mentioned above.

HIGHER WAGES FOR SCHEME 13 MEN

An increase of 13d. an hour as from October 1 has been granted to 13 scheme workers employed on standard Public Works jobs. The men will also receive the same holiday concession as men covered in the Public Works agreement. An announcement to this effect was made to-day by the secretary of the Canterbury branch of the Workers' Union (Mr. C. E. Baldwin), who added that retrospective pay would mean a Christmas box of £3 for the men concerned.

Advertisement for Lifebuoy Soap. Features a large illustration of a man's face and a woman's face. Text includes: 'B.O.? Hang it all, old man!', '... it takes more than ordinary lather to cleanse the skin pores of those clogging waste deposits that cause "B.O." (Body Odour). It takes Lifebuoy lather. Lifebuoy has been made specially to prevent "B.O." The creamy lather, with its special purifying ingredient, penetrates into the pores, where stale perspiration lingers — washes it away and leaves the skin thoroughly cleansed, refreshed and invigorated.', 'I BOUGHT LIFEBUOY TO STOP B.O.—NOW IT'S MY FAVOURITE BEAUTY SOAP TOO—IT'S SO MILD.', 'and LIFEBUOY is extra mild', 'The same special ingredient that helps remove "B.O." also helps to make Lifebuoy soap milder. There's no gamble about the mildness of Lifebuoy; it's scientifically proved by an eminent medical authority. Here are his words, after he had made 6,000 tests: "Lifebuoy is one of the mildest soaps available... certainly milder than some soaps recommended for babies and women." Lifebuoy guards your skin and your freshness. It's own clean scent vanishes as you rinse.', 'LIFEBUOY SOAP PREVENTS "B.O." (BODY ODOUR) A LEVER PRODUCT—MADE IN NEW ZEALAND'.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT AT WAIPUKURAU

Keen Racing Is Assured

VISITING HORSES WILL ADD INTEREST

Lindrum And Tableau Are Well

(By MOTUROA).

The fields carded for the Waipukurau Racing Club's summer meeting on Boxing Day (next Tuesday) constitute a record for the club in recent years and they are an indication of the growing popularity of this club. The material is there for a wonderful day's sport.

Horses from Trentham, Manawatu, Wairoa, and Gisborne stables add considerable interest to the meeting, providing plenty of opposition for the provincial horses. As the result the fields offer a good range for speculation, and it appears probable that the totalisator investments for the day will soar over last year's.

As the result of the beneficial rain last week, the track is reported to be in splendid order, and nothing has been left undone in order to assure the success of the meeting, which, as a guide to New Year racing at Hastings, is of very wide importance.

Felicitations have been offered since last autumn, but she is a good class mare when right and recorded three wins and a third in her four starts last season, one of her successes being in this event.

This good Siegfried mare comes to hand on a very light preparation and, though she is now trained on the farm at "Hinerangi," it will not surprise in the least to find her making things interesting for the more seasoned horses engaged on Tuesday.

IN SOLID FORM

GAY MIMIC has been showing very solid form this season and won two sprint races at the Poverty Bay spring carnival. He is no stranger to Waipukurau and won the Ladies' Handicap last Easter.

Solaria has been off the scene for some time and will be all the better for a few races, but Tableau ran a great second over this distance at Feilding. She has made steady progress since then, and as she needs a firm track to show her best form, it looks as if she is going to be very hard to dispose of. She will be bracketed with Endorsement, but the latter may be reserved for the hack scurry.

Granvale won the Waipukurau Cup last Easter and is always liable to prove hard to beat, but Boatong should be held safe by Le Touquet, who has also had the measure of Yogi, as the latter has been under a cloud lately.

In a very open race it is likely that the Tableau - Endorsement bracket will claim the attention of backers, but plenty of opposition can be expected from Okawa and Felicitations.

MILLAMONT SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

EVIDENCE of her improvement since the Woodville meeting was shown by the Beau Pere - Drama jilly Millamont when she galloped a mile at Awapuni on Saturday morning and her effort compared very favourably with that of the Manawatu Cup candidate, the Buzz, who galloped the same distance.

The performance left the impression that Millamont will have no trouble in running out the journey in the Queen's Plate next Tuesday and it is interesting to note that her stable-mate, Beau Partir, opened his winning account in this race last year.

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GOOD FIELDS AT HASTINGS

NEW YEAR RACES

Prospects For Opening Day Are Bright

The acceptances received last night for the opening day of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's summer meeting, which opens at Hastings on December 30, exceeded the most sanguine expectations, and there is every reason to feel certain that a very successful meeting will be staged.

The defection of Centrepoise and Lady Furst from the New Year Handicap certainly detracts a little from the class of the main event, but the New Year Handicap, but it leaves a much more open field. The seven acceptors appear to be very evenly balanced and they should provide patrons with a very keen contest.

There is another good field carded for the Stewards' Handicap, while the other events on the programme have all filled well.

Single pool betting will be used at the meeting and the following are the acceptances:—

HASTINGS MAIDEN, OF £100, 5 1/2 furlongs.

Arachne	8	7	Hunter	8	7
Bold Bruce	8	7	Hyderabad	8	7
Charles	8	7	Inheritance	8	7
Desert	8	7	Jungle King	8	7
Princess	8	7	Mimical	8	7
Passit	8	7	Queen Ida	8	7
Flying Flag	8	7	River Tide	8	7
Golden Melody	8	7	Taharaku	8	7
Hinerangi	8	7	Tractive	8	7

[Bracket: Jungle King and Hunter Dawn.]

OTATARA HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP, OF £100, 1 1/2 miles.

Small Boy	10	9	Chandry	9	0
Bat Song	10	9	Royal Spades	9	0
Sir Nigel	9	11	Arable	9	0
Hunter	9	11	Oxyopia	9	0
Moments	9	11	Smoozer	9	0
Anini	9	7	Dozie Boy	9	0

HAVELOCK HACK FLYING, OF £100, 6 furlongs.

Endorsement	8	7	Imogen	7	7
Diana Tatrix	8	7	River Tide	7	7
Hui	8	7	Pienteous	7	7
Kohi	7	12	Taharaku	7	7
Dainty Dell	7	9	Charles	7	7
Mimcry	7	7	Edward	7	7
Silver Bat	7	7	Hinerangi	7	7
Dainty Shella	7	7	Hunter Dawn	7	7
Royal Spades	7	7	Tidal Lass	7	7
Hyderabad	7	7	Bamian	7	7

[Bracket: Diana Tatrix and River Tide.]

NEW YEAR HANDICAP, OF £175, 1 1/2 miles.

Hunting Cat	8	11	Le Touquet	7	0
Okawa	7	10	Yogi	7	0
Gay Mimic	7	8	Lady Chat	7	0
Granvale	7	7			

JUVENILE HANDICAP, OF £100, 5 furlongs.

Kadina	8	2	Isis	7	7
Peeta	8	2	Kinariki	7	7
Black Out	7	12	Chablis	7	7
Lady Garvagh	7	7	Smoke Trail	7	7

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, OF £150, 6 furlongs.

Okawa	9	0	Solaria	8	8
Sternchase	8	10	Tableau	7	12
Gay Mimic	8	10	Endorsement	7	8
Nora Gregor	8	10	Charing Cross	7	8

[Bracket: Tableau and Endorsement.]

WAIPATU HACK HANDICAP, OF £100, 9 furlongs.

Lindrum	8	11	Classical	7	12
Morning	8	11	Greyhound	7	7
Morning Flight	8	11	Red Shoes	7	7
The Ring	8	4	Flying Flag	7	7
Diana Tatrix	8	2	Rega	7	7
Kalika	8	0	Tidal Lass	7	7
Kohi	8	0			

[Bracket: The Ring and Red Shoes.]

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BEAULIVRE SPRINTS

Lindrum's Once Round : Sternchase's Six

(By Moturoa.)

Practically all work at Hastings yesterday morning was done on the course, which was again a little on the slow side.

Tractive (B. Stowe) and Bamian (G. Stowe) worked along nicely on the bit to come home from the half mile in 54.4-5.

Silver Bat (B. Stowe) was again impressive in a dash in 38 and appeared to be going well within herself all the way.

Beaulivre (Atkins) stood up five lengths on top (W. Atkins) a mile or half mile, but was practically on terms at the end of a furlong in 12.2-5 and just coasting along in front from that time on.

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The Buzzer Hits Out Well

MANAWATU CUP HOPE

Smart Mile At Awapuni With Colonel Bogey

By Telegraph-Press Association. PALMERSTON N., Dec. 21. The final trials for the Manawatu meeting were held at Awapuni this morning. Nearly all the galloping was on the plough and not a great deal of use was made of the course proper on account of the hard going there, where the flags were 35 feet out.

The most impressive efforts were those of The Buzzer, Colonel Bogey, Malik Kafur, Hunting Loret, Du Maurier and Little Dorrit.

Hunting Loret, with a companion, covered seven furlongs on the plough in 1.34.3-5. La Bru and Pas de Cheval took 1.7

AMIGO PLEASES HIS ADMIRERS

GALLOPING with great freedom at Wanganui on Tuesday morning Amigo recorded a smart five furlongs the reverse of the plough, the performance left the impression that he had gone on the right way since he resumed racing at Feilding. This Beau Pere gelding is a high class sprinter and, although his prospects would be enhanced by a good fall of rain before Tuesday, he must be given deep respect in the A.R.C. Handicap.

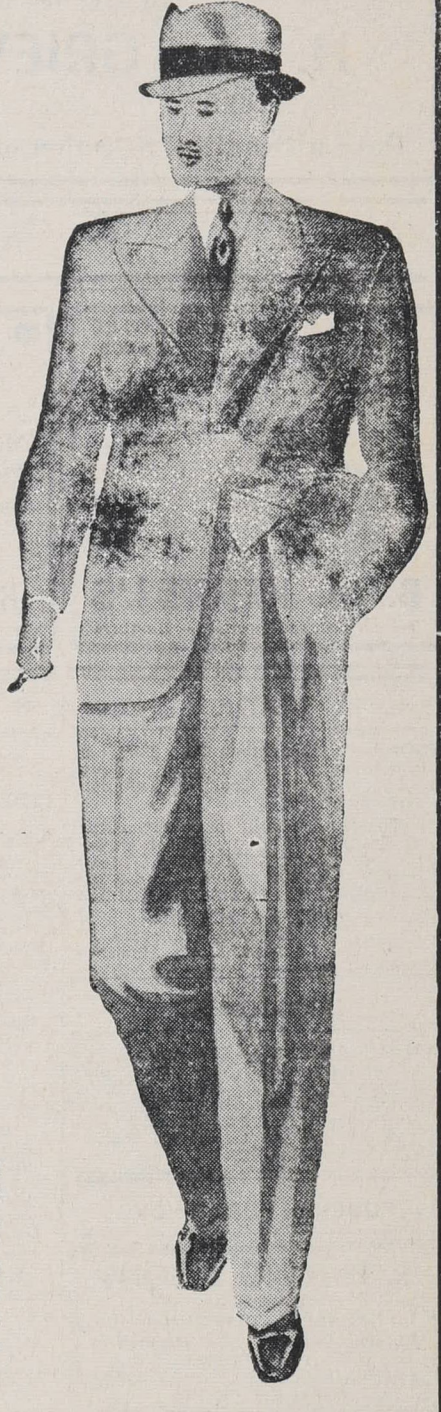
for five furlongs, working very freely. Girl Pat did two rounds of strong pace work.

Gold Steed always going well over a mile, took 1.49.3-5.

On the course proper Santa Lucia a smart looking juvenile, attracted attention by the comfortable manner in which she ran half a mile in 54.1.

The night of the performance was an excellent gallop by two Cup horses, The Buzzer and Colonel Bogey, who were accompanied by Thrasos. Though receiving a fair measure of weight from Colonel Bogey, The Buzzer made the pace. Though the others should give up before the Manawatu meeting is over.

La Bru cannot be lightly passed by in the Gilles Handicap at Awapuni to-morrow, for he has been working very freely. However, she may be in need of a race, but her turn should give her the home. He came away again to finish a mile on



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