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Ominous Silence Of Red Leaders Alarms Moscow

NEUTRALS REPORT TERRIFIC CASUALTIES

Troops Ill-Equipped For Winter Campaign In Finland

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received December 27, 9.30 p.m.) NEW YORK, Dec. 26. "The colourless Russian communiques and the absence of claims to victory strengthen the suspicions that all is not well on the front," says Mr G. E. R. Gedye, Moscow correspondent of the "New York Times." "What is behind the silence and why are there no figures giving the casualties, prisoners, and booty captured and lost?" he asks. "Current estimates by competent foreigners of the Red Army casualties, which admittedly are guesswork, place them at from 20,000 to 50,000. It is not possible to doubt that the Red Army is encountering tremendous difficulties and that progress is disappointingly slow. It is likely that, in the absence of the normal supply facilities, the columns are carrying supplies for a limited period under orders to reach the coast of the Gulf of Bothnia at a fixed date in order to seize the railway and obtain local supplies.

"This means that security is dependent on close adherence to a time table," explains Mr Gedye. "Any deviation would leave the armies in a deplorable position, being unable to replenish their foodstuffs and munitions."

Dealing with another aspect of the situation, Mr Gedye says: "The effect that the Russian troops' situation in Finland will have on Soviet policy is becoming an important question, especially in view of the arrival to-morrow of the Bulgarian Finance Minister.

"Although it is impossible to check all the Finnish claims, undoubtedly the campaign is not going in the least according to Russian expectations. Despite newspapers' silence, the realisation of heavy casualties is beginning to filter to the public but the public know nothing.

Mines Beneath Ice. "Experienced neutrals tell graver stories of terrific casualties caused by mines beneath the ice detonated under concentrations of troops and tanks, and of aviators and others ill-equipped to face the terrible cold, or of infantry mown down when attacking in mass formation.

"The Russian public are discussing questioning the deadlock over Finland and the absence of revolt there in favour of the People's Government. They are also concerned at the present shortage in Moscow of butter, sugar and milk, which is more extensive than usual.

Germany Blamed. "Rightly or wrongly, the public blame the Finnish war on the unpopular German pact. Although it is probably silly, they suspect the Germans of depriving the Soviet of milk. The citizens are noticing how the Germans plunder the stores of huge quantities of butter and sugar to send to their families in Germany.

"Internally and externally the Soviet could use a diversion. If it is content at present with concentrating overwhelming troops, machines and munitions against the Finns this should lessen the Balkan-Black Sea tension. "The Bulgarian Finance Minister's visit has caused speculation whether a political alliance is pending, but well-informed quarters declare that Bulgaria has just refused the Soviet's demand for an alliance."

Rumours Rife Of Russian Reverses

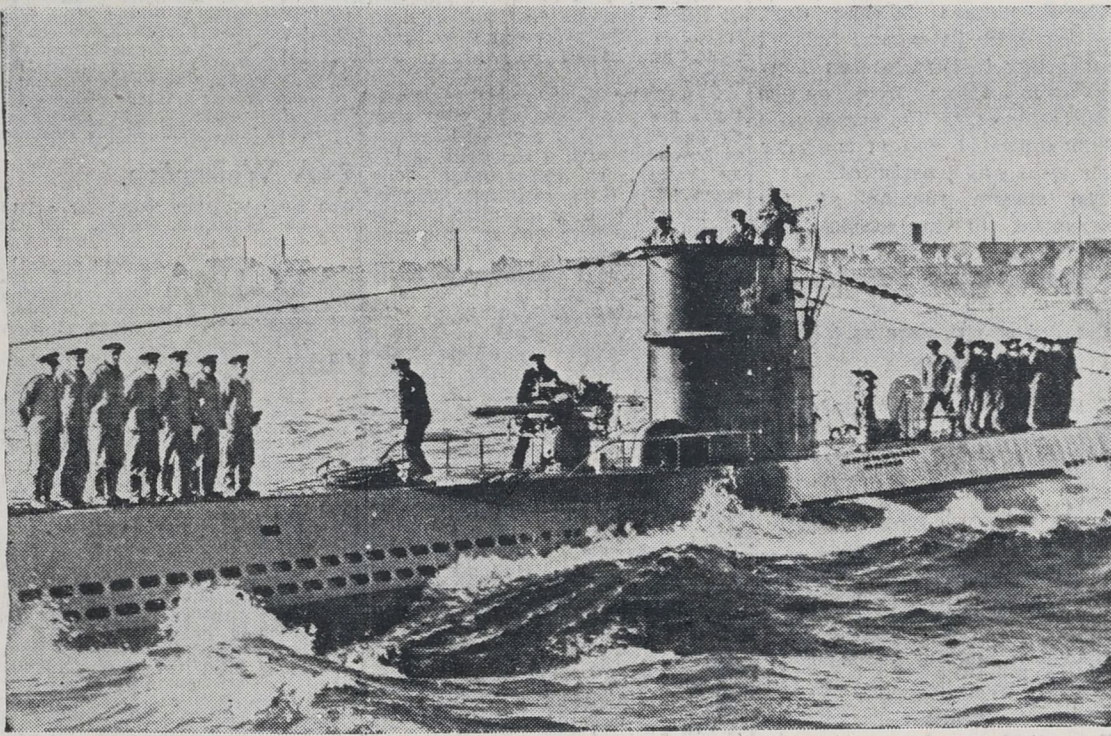
WHISPERS THAT SHELLS AND BOMBS ARE "DUDS"

Soldiers Shivering In Freezing Weather

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received Dec. 27, 11.40 p.m.) LONDON, Dec. 27. A Moscow message says that alarming reports are beginning to circulate. The Red Army casualties are stated to be from 25,000 to 30,000 dead and from 30,000 to 40,000 wounded, frostbitten, ill, captured or deserted.

Such figures are not a calamity for an army of such a size, but the news creates talk not redounding to the credit of the regime. Reports that the Russians are ill-clad are causing surprise because the Russian Government has previously boasted concerning this matter. Lack of gloves is reported to be preventing the use of rifles in freezing weather. It is also whispered that too many shells and bombs do not explode.

Communiqués continue to give the impression that the activity is confined to patrolling and skirmishing. "Pravda" publishes the names of a number of factory managers and workers summoned to appear before the Moscow People's Tribunal.



HOME, AND GLAD OF IT.—A striking close-up of a German U-boat returning to its base after a raiding expedition in British waters.

Berlin To Moscow SEVEN HUNDRED LEFT DEAD ON FROZEN LAKE

Russian Attack Repulsed Despite Tanks, Guns And 'Planes

CONVENTION SIGNED

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received Dec. 28, 1.35 a.m.) MOSCOW, Dec. 27. A Russo-German convention has been signed providing for a daily Moscow to Berlin air service via Minsk, Bialostok and Koenigsberg, beginning on January 1.

FOUR COURT ACTIONS AGAINST SHIP

Hamburg-Amerika Liner UNPAID BILLS FOR FUEL OIL

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received Dec. 27, 7.30 p.m.) MIAMI, Dec. 26. The Asiatic Petroleum Corporation, a British firm, has filed a 114,000 dollar court action against Arauca, the German liner that was chased into the Everglades by a British warship. The claim is for fuel oil supplied to other Hamburg-Amerika Line vessels prior to the outbreak of the war.

The total claims against the freighter are now 253,000 dollars, representing four Court actions.

WINTER WARFARE TRAINING

SWEDEN CALLS UP RESERVES

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received Dec. 28, 1.45 a.m.) STOCKHOLM, Dec. 27. A further 5000 Swedish reservists have been called up for "winter warfare training." They have been ordered to bring their own skis. It is understood that the training is occurring near the Swedish-Finnish frontier.

ARMED GUARD PLACED ON TACOMA

Uruguay Will Intern Nazi Ship

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received December 27, 11.10 p.m.) MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 26. The Tacoma, the ship that rescued the Graf Spee's crew after the scuttling, has been interned. A decree is being issued shortly. An armed guard has been set aboard. Germany has requested permission to appoint certain officers of the Graf Spee as attaches at the Montevideo and Buenos Aires Legations.

GALLIOLI LANDING RECALLED

Admiral Coode's Death

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received December 27, 8.10 p.m.) LONDON, Dec. 26. The death has occurred of Rear-Admiral Coode, who was the senior destroyer officer at the landing at Gallipoli, supervising the landing of the second covering force. Rear-Admiral Thursby, in dispatches, said that the Anzac would not have gained a foothold without Admiral Coode's expeditious handling of the boats.

SEVEN HUNDRED LEFT DEAD ON FROZEN LAKE

Russian Attack Repulsed Despite Tanks, Guns And 'Planes

The night communique from Helsingfors states that numerous Russian attacks on the Karelian Isthmus, supported by tanks, guns, and 'planes, were repulsed, with heavy Russian losses, including 700 dead left on the frozen surface of a small lake.

During the day the Finns captured 60 machine-guns, five quick-firers, and 50 prisoners, and put two tanks out of action. A small amount of material was captured on the eastern front, where the Finns destroyed two tanks and 20 lorries.

The Navy and Air Force combined shot down 23 Russian 'planes. The Russians on the Karelian Isthmus throughout the day bombarded the Finns on a 62-mile front, but the defenders held on successfully.

The Russians are concentrating on the destruction of Viipuri and waves of 40 or 50 'planes bombed the empty city. Russian "Big Berthas" are ceaselessly shelling the city from a distance of 25 miles. On the northern front the Russians were driven back 50 miles in the vicinity of Kuolajarvi in ten days. The invaders are holding roughly the same positions on this front as in the first week of the war.

Three members of the Finnish women's defence organisation, who refused to leave dangerous posts close to the enemy, were killed in action.

King's Quotation Traced

CANADIAN AUTHOR Woman's Preface To Verses

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received December 27, 11.10 p.m.) LONDON, Dec. 27. The B.B.C. to-day revealed that the author of the quotation in the King's Christmas speech is Miss M. L. Haskins, who wrote it as an introduction to a volume of verses which was privately printed and circulated many years ago.

Miss Haskins, who is a novelist and poet living at Crowborough, was employed before the war as a tutor at the London School of Economics. She listened to the King's broadcast. "The quotation sounded familiar," she said, "but I did not immediately realise it was from my own poem."

She explained that she wrote it as a cabled earlier, adding that the poem containing the quotation is called "God Knows."

It was before 1914 and I believe I was in the West Country when the inspiration came to me," she said.

The quotation was: "I said to a man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than the known way.'"

SOVIET DIPLOMAT DISMISSED

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received Dec. 28, 1.55 a.m.) MOSCOW, Dec. 27. It is revealed that Astakhov, Counselor to the Soviet Embassy at Berlin, has been dismissed. He was Charge d'Affaires at Berlin during the negotiation of the Russo-German Pact.

SUBMARINE SEEN TOO LATE

STEAMER SUNK ON CHRISTMAS

FOURTEEN MISSING

Norwegian Vessel Saves Others

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received December 27, 10.10 p.m.) LONDON, Dec. 27. A U-boat sank the steamer Stanholme without warning on Christmas morning.

Three hours after the ship had left a west coast port, a deckhand saw the submarine, but too late to raise an effective alarm. Two terrific explosions occurred, and the ship began to sink.

Some members of the crew jumped overboard, but 11, including the chief engineer's wife, clambered into a boat and were picked up by a Norwegian steamer.

Fourteen men are missing, and were presumably drowned. The ship sank in four minutes.

Saw Husband Drown. The chief engineer's wife, who is among the survivors, said she saw her husband drown while attempting to ensure her safety.

A few minutes before the explosion both were drinking a Christmas toast with the captain, who was saved. Fuller information is now available regarding the torpedoing of the Danish vessel Scotia (2400 tons) on December 7. It is learned on reliable authority that the Danish steamship Hafnia, which went to her rescue and was attempting to pick up survivors, was prevented from doing so by the Germans, who hailed the Hafnia from their submarine, which had come up in the darkness and ordered them to steam away and not attempt any rescues under the threat of also being torpedoed.

Panama Canal Trip

The German ship Dusseldorf, which was captured by a British warship off the Chilean coast on December 15, has begun her transit of Panama Canal, the German captain, Peter Peterson, navigating her under the orders of a British naval commander and a prize crew. A 17-year-old seaman who jumped overboard was drowned.

Despite a German diplomatic protest, the United States army authorities in the Canal zone granted the Dusseldorf a clearance.

Fighting Great Odds

FINLAND'S IDEALS

Will Defend The Cause Of Freedom

BROADCAST ADDRESS

British Official Wireless. RUGBY, Dec. 26.

In a broadcast from London, the Finnish Minister (M. Gripenberg) gave an account of the Russian aggression against his country. In the early hours of November 30, he said, Soviet bombers, without any warning, swooped down, dropping bombs on 14 Finnish cities and diving to machine-gun the fleeing civilian population.

That day and the following they returned and left over 300 dead and wounded, mostly women and children. On November 30 the Soviet fleet also bombarded Finnish coastal towns, and at the same time Soviet soldiers crossed her frontiers.

"Thus, overnight, like a sudden burst of thunder, began the fighting in Finland, which has now been going on for more than three weeks," he said.

Hamlets Bombed

"On Christmas Day hundreds of Russian bombers came swarming over the towns and hamlets of my country. Quiet, peaceful homes in suburbs, where Christmas trees decorated living-rooms and children were playing with toys, now lie in smoking ruins.

"Why did the Soviet attack us? It was simply that Finland stood in the way of Russia's present aims. Finland as a free and independent nation must disappear from the map. She must become a vassal State of the Soviet Union, so that the Russian borders might be strengthened out to Norway, Sweden and the Baltic, and perhaps later on to the North Sea."

Mr. Gripenberg said that in spite of the fact that Finland had acceded to two-thirds of the Russian demands and expressed willingness to enter further discussion, yet the Soviet Government had decided on war. That was why it was necessary for Finland to meet force with force.

Tremendous Odds

The Finnish Minister concluded: "In this grim struggle against tremendous odds the people of Finland are strengthened in the knowledge that they have the sympathy of the whole civilised world. They know in their hearts that their cause is the cause of all people who love freedom, whose ideals are those of religious civilisation, and who believe in the human destiny of mankind. My people have been stirred by expressions of sympathy from all quarters in Britain and the Empire, and I am empowered to offer the grateful thanks of my country."

NO PEACE MOVE YET BY AMERICA

All Belligerents Would First Be Consulted

PRESIDENT CAUTIOUS

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"If President Roosevelt has joined those calling for peace now at any price, the most surprised people in the world, except perhaps Hitler and his Inner Cabinet, would be President Roosevelt's diplomatic aides," says Mr Arthur Krock, Washington correspondent of the "New York Times."

"Obviously, the President would thereby be accepting the German case and method and weakening those of the Allies.

"To ask Britain and France to sit with Hitler now at a peace table is to ask them to confess that they were wrong in going to war. It is to inform Hitler that neutrals, particularly the United States, believe that peace on his terms is more desirable than war with any objective.

"There is no evidence that Americans generally have any such attitude; certainly, this Administration would never be pacifist to this degree. Because these consequences of Presidential intervention are at present so clear, reports of recent German peace feelers have not interested the President's closest aides; they have not heard that these approaches, if made, were accompanied by promises to substitute other methods for exterior aggression and internal despotism.

"If and when they are made, and after proper consultation with the other belligerents, the President may be expected to act, but not before."

NEW CONSUL FROM JAPAN

Change To Be Made At Wellington

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Mr Kichi Fukuma, at present a member of the Japanese Legation in the Argentine, has been appointed Consul-General at Wellington. He will arrive in about three months. Mr Gunji, the present Consul, has been appointed Consul-General at Honolulu.

Church Leaders Respond

ROOSEVELT'S LETTER

Reactions Completely Favourable

POPE EXPRESSES JOY

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The public reaction to President Roosevelt's peace letter to the Pope and other religious leaders is overwhelmingly favourable. Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders have responded cordially.

The Apostolic Delegate has conveyed to President Roosevelt his Holiness the Pope's "very great joy" at the message in which common endeavours towards peace are urged, and "profound gratitude" at the choice of Mr. Myron Taylor as President Roosevelt's personal representative at the Vatican.

The President to-day expressed satisfaction that Italy and the Holy See were working on parallel lines and announced an exchange of New Year greetings with King Victor Emanuel. His own message read: "May the New Year have in store for you and Italians the peace and happiness we all so greatly desire."

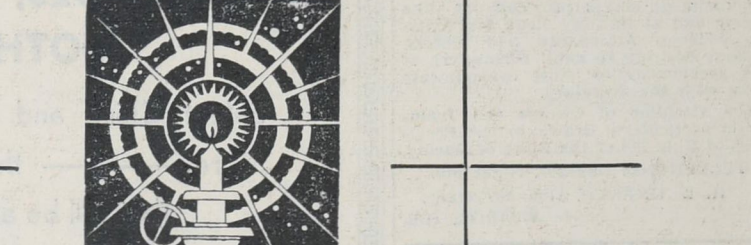
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Cosy

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Regent

ERROL FLYNN IN A GREAT ADVENTURE New Technicolour Drama, "Dodge City" "Dodge City," a film about the period when the little Kansas (U.S.A.) town of that name was the roughest and wickedest community of the old west, and starring Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland, is to be the New Year attraction opening on Friday at the Regent Theatre, Hastings. Produced by Warner Bros. in Technicolour, "Dodge City" is a spirited and authentic re-creation of those hectic days in the 1870's when the coming of the railroad to the little town at the northern end of the Chisholm Trail made it the leading cattle shipping centre of that era. And its authenticity is lessened no whit by the fact that the obvious British Errol Flynn is depicted as the trail boss who has driven a huge herd of Texas longhorns up the Chisholm Trail and then, after his arrival in Dodge City, becomes the sheriff who cleans up the wild and wicked town. He is explained as an Irish soldier-of-fortune who had become a Texas cowboy after fighting for the South in the American Civil War, and history contains several notable examples of adventurous Britons who became men to be feared in the virile era of an America in the hands of the pioneers. The story, which is an original screen play by Robert Buckner, revolves about the war to the death between Flynn and the Irish gangster, who has been in control of the town until his arrival, and it is replete with hair-raising incidents. Notable scenes in the picture include the stampede of a big herd of longhorns, a brawl involving more than a hundred men in the biggest saloon and gambling hall of Dodge City—which is easily the most spirited battle of the sort ever filmed—and a tense and suspenseful gun battle in a railway mail car which ends with Flynn and two companions being locked in the car as it is set in flames. In the brilliant cast which supports Flynn and Olivia de Havilland are Ann Sheridan, Bruce Cabot, Frank McHugh, Alan Hale, John Lital, Henry Travers, Henry O'Neill, Victor Jory, William Lundigan and Gene Raymond, Boy Williams. The production was directed by Michael Curtiz. Current Attraction. Deanna Durbin's newest success, "First Love," a sparkling comedy-romance showing the singing star at her best, will conclude to-day.

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NEW GINGER ROGERS COMEDY Hilarious Story, "Fifth Avenue Girl" Said to be even funnier than her recent "Bachelor Mother," Ginger Rogers' new RKO Radio starring vehicle, "Fifth Avenue Girl," is the New Year attraction at the State Theatre, Hastings, commencing on Friday with the famous comedienne in the role of an unemployed girl who takes the job of bringing a rich and careless family to its collective senses. The job is forced on her by the nominal head of the family, a millionaire manufacturer who is getting fed up with the selfishness and indifference of his wife and children. He brings the sidewalk Cinderella to stay as a guest in his palatial but morgue-like Fifth Avenue mansion, letting his horrified relatives believe he intends to marry the girl as soon as his wife has secured the divorce she is secretly planning. The mother does her best to drive the intruder away; the "debs" daughter is in love with the social-conscious family chauffeur, seeks the girl's aid and advice; the son, believing her to be an outright gold-digger, endeavours to break up the fancied affair between her and his father. And the father, delighted with the outcome of his scheme, finds he is once more being looked upon as a man instead of as a bank account. How the plan works out, with its expected and unexpected results makes for the gag ending to the picture. Miss Rogers, of course, plays the role of the fixer-upper, and Walter Connolly that of the harassed millionaire. Tim Holt and Kathryn Adams are seen as the son and daughter, respectively, of the family, James Ellison as the chauffeur and Verree Teasdale as the wife, while Franklin Pangborn, Ferike Boros, Theodore Von Eltz and Louis Calhern have important supporting roles. Current Programme. A new and hilarious Jane Withers comedy, "Chickenwagon Family," first feature concluding to-day, features a grand cast, headed by Leo Carrillo and Spring Byington in support. "The Escape," second feature, is an underworld drama featuring Edward Norris and June Gale. The Napier Frivolity Minstrels will occupy the Sound Shell, Marine Parade, to-night, when two one-hour variety shows will be presented. The enclosure will be screened in with curtains, and seats will be six-pence each. The first performance will commence at 8 o'clock sharp, and the second performance shortly after 9 o'clock. All the performers will be on the stage assisted by the Friv's Orchestra, and the programme will consist of songs, dances, jokes, gags and contumdrums.

NAPIER THEATRES

LAST DAY! Finally To-day at 2 and 8 p.m. DEANNA DURBIN in "FIRST LOVE" (Approved for Universal Exhibition.) COMMENCING TO-MORROW! MATINEE 2 P.M. — EVENING 8 P.M. RALPH RICHARDSON (Star of "Four Feathers") LAURENCE OLIVIER (Star of "Wuthering Heights") VALERIE HOBSON "CLOUDS over EUROPE" YOU'LL PROBABLY THINK WE'RE NUTS... BUT THIS IS A THRILLING, RIB-TICKLING, ROMANTIC, COMEDY DRAMA... YOU'LL GASP... with surprise. YOU'LL ROAR... with laughter. YOU'LL SHUDDER... with suspense. YOU'LL SIGH... with ecstasy. YOU'LL FEEL... glad you're British. YOU'LL VOTE... this the best picture you've seen.

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Regent

BRILLIANT COMEDY-ADVENTURE Fine Cast In "Clouds Over Europe" Something entirely new in spy films, Columbia's "Clouds Over Europe," comes to the Regent Theatre, Napier, to-morrow, combining thrilling action with clever and pleasing humour. This film really merits a special classification as although the routing of spies plays an important part in the finely written narrative, the constant introduction of light and witty dialogue and situations makes it most amusing and yet it retains the impressiveness and seriousness that the plot is meant to convey. Brilliantly enacted by Ralph Richardson, Laurence Olivier and Valerie Hobson, with a strong supporting cast which includes George Curzon, George Merritt and Sandra Storme, "Clouds Over Europe" is a tense yet very humorous film that concerns the mysterious disappearance of British bombing planes carrying important national secrets of construction. Although the majority of officials and authorities of the British Air Force believe that the missing planes met with some accident, Ralph Richardson, as Major Hammond (Richardson will be remembered for his starring role as the doctor in "The Citadel") of the Secret Service, is of another opinion. He suspects foul play by foreign agents and sets out to prove his theory by tracking down the offenders and exposing the plot. In this role Richardson is superb and provides many thrills and just as many laughs. Laurence Olivier plays the part of Tony McVane, ace pilot for the large manufacturing company which furnishes the planes for the Air Force, and he too is worthy of high praise for the excellent manner in which he enacts his role. Valerie Hobson supplies the feminine interest in a very fine characterisation of a newspaper reporter and sister of Major Hammond. Current Attraction. "First Love," Deanna Durbin's latest picture, concludes its triumphant season at the Regent Theatre, to-night. The plans are at Lockyer's music store, phone 3029.

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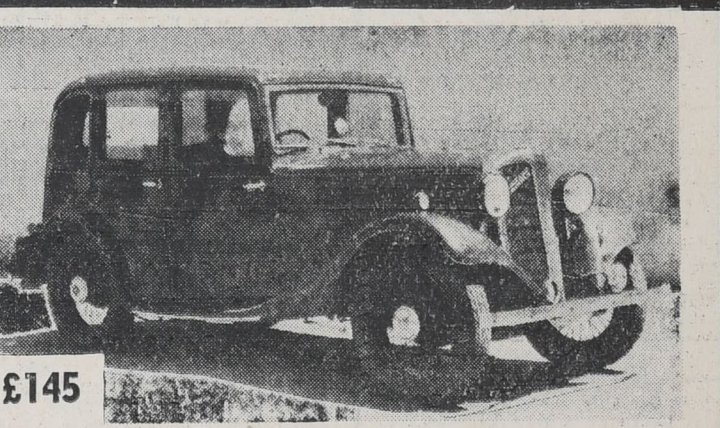
ROUSING NEW DRAMA, "SEA DEVILS" With Gay Comedy, "Don't Tell The Wife" Rough-and-ready sailors shivered when Chief Bo'sun's Mate Victor McLaglen bellowed at them, but his demure little daughter, Ida Lupino, staunchly defied him when he meddled with her romantic affairs in the rousing drama, "Sea Devils," showing finally at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier. Believing that Preston Foster, who had the reputation in the Coast Guard of being a "ladies' man," was not a very desirable prospective son-in-law, McLaglen made Foster's duties as miserable as possible, and several fierce combats between the two resulted. The treacherous duties of the Coast Guard in the rescue of persons from sinking ships, and the patrolling of steamer lanes for ice hazards, are realistically reproduced in this thrilling photoplay. Donald Woods, one of the popular young leading men of the screen, is seen in one of the principal roles. The cast includes Gordon Jones, Helen Flint, Pierre Watkin, Murray Alper and Billy Gilbert. Three of the best-known mirth-makers on the screen to-day head the cast of "Don't Tell The Wife," the associate feature. Guy Kibbee, Una Merkel and Lynne Overman, whose respective talents as funsters have won them widespread acclaim with picture patrons, are teamed for the first time in this high-speed offering. Overman plays the part of a retired stock promoter who is induced by former associates to come back into the "rackets." Miss Merkel is his suspicious wife, and Kibbee is the innocent financial editor whom the gang persuades to accept the presidency of their company. Also screening is chapter 10 of the thrilling serial "Scouts to the Rescue."

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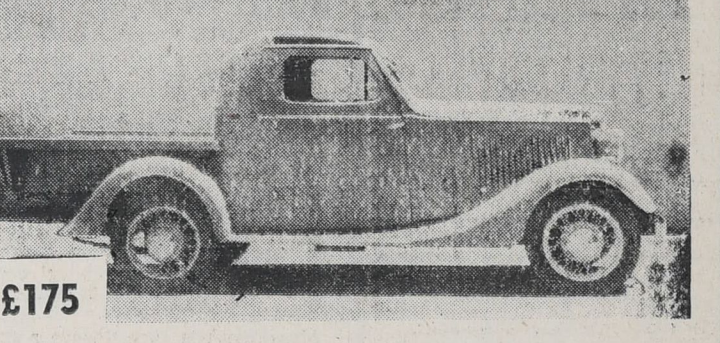
SPARKLING COMEDY STORY Ginger Rogers In "Fifth Avenue Girl" One of the season's most delightful pictures is "Fifth Avenue Girl," Ginger Rogers' new starring vehicle which opens at the State Theatre, Napier, to-morrow. Very different from Miss Rogers' recent "Bachelor Mother," but even funnier at times, the new picture revolves around the hectic experiences of a working girl guest in a stately Fifth Avenue house. She is hired for the job by the discouraged head of the family, who despairs of ever persuading his wife and children to regard him as other than a walking bank account. The girl's advent, as expected, alters the situation considerably. The wife, thinking her husband intends to marry the girl as soon as she goes to Reno, changes her plans. The son, who has been neglecting the family pump business for polo, starts to work again, and the daughter gives up her friends for a serious romance with the chauffeur. How the various tangled threads of the principal characters' careers are finally straightened out forms the hilarious climax to the offering, while the heroine adjusts her own problems as well. Walter Connolly heads the featured cast as the harassed husband, and James Ellison plays the part of the chauffeur. Tim Holt and Kathryn Adams are the children, and Louis Calhern in important roles. Current Attraction. Romance, comedy and side-splitting mix-ups are woven together into a delightful film offering in "The Girl from Mexico," a new Lupe Velez mirthquake showing tonight at the State Theatre, Napier. Designed for laughing purposes.

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A HASTINGS BRIDE WEARS MAGNOLIA SATIN
Edwards-Smith
POPULAR COUPLE MARRIED
Two Bridesmaids

A pretty afternoon wedding was held in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Hastings, yesterday afternoon, when Olive Miriam, second daughter of Mr and Mrs F. N. Smith, Hastings, was married to David Edwards, son of Mr and Mrs H. N. Edwards, also of Hastings. Pastor C. S. Palmer, Palmerston North, performed the ceremony.
The bride, who was given away by her father, wore magnolia satin cut or Princess lines, with a high-necked, shirred bodice caught with a cluster of real orange blossoms. Shirring also featured the sleeves, which had small buttons from elbow to wrist. The flared skirt flowed into a long train over which a veil of embroidered tulle, lent by Mrs D. C. Martin, sister of the bride, fell from a dainty coronet to form a second train.

Mrs J. Ramm, matron of honour, and Miss Ivy Smith, chief bridesmaid, sisters of the bride, were in attendance and were frocked alike in primrose lace with heart-shaped necklines, puff sleeves and long full skirts. Sashes of cerise velvet defined the waistlines and each wore a headress of pleated primrose tulle and small cerise flowers.

Mr Gordon B. Greenfield was best man and Mr Denis Edwards, brother of the groom, was groomsman.
During the service a violin solo was played by Mr C. S. Palmer, Palmerston North.

Jolly Reception.
A reception was held at the Rialto tea-rooms, where over 100 guests were received by the parents of the bride and groom.

Mrs Smith wore a frock of maroon georgette with a jabot of cream lace and matching coat edged with loops. Her bouquet was of cream and red roses.
Mrs Edwards (nee) wore a frock of clover Ferguson with touches of gold and black and a matching veiled-touque. Her attractive shoulder spray was of clover and purple flowers.

Among the guests were relatives and friends from Auckland, Gisborne, Napier, Waipawa and Palmerston North. A handsome three-tiered wedding cake held pride of place at the bridal table.
When the bridal couple left by car for Auckland, the bride travelled in a navy and white figured georgette ensemble with navy accessories.

LADIES' WINE STORE

Plan Violently Opposed By Churchmen

A projected "ladies' wine store" faded swiftly from the Alabama beverage picture when Governor Frank M. Dixon assured prominent churchmen the whole thing was "a mistake from start to finish," says the "Christian Science Monitor."
Recent announcement of plans for a new State-operated bottle shop in Montgomery indicated it would be devoted largely to serving the feminine trade, and this brought a telegraphic protest from the North Alabama Methodist Conference.
The message said the Methodists were "amazed and horrified" at the plan and condemned "this unwarranted stab at the sanctity of the homes of our Commonwealth."
The Governor assured the protestants they could be certain "no liquor store now or later will be opened or operated as a liquor store for women." He didn't indicate whose idea it was in the first place.

BOXING NIGHT DANCE AT HAUMOANA

A jolly dance was held on Boxing Night in the Haumoana Hall, a pleasant evening of dancing to music from McKay's Orchestra being enjoyed by a large attendance. Extras were played by Mr. Gordon Redward, and Mr. F. Smith was M.C. A tempting supper was served by the ladies' committee.

Blinds that have to be cut to make them fit windows should always be cut with a very sharp knife instead of scissors. If the blinds are treated in this way it will not be necessary to hem them.

"They Won't Go Where There's Children"

By ONE WHO DID

A chief point in the never-to-be-solved great domestic problem is that girls will not go where there are children. Everything is all right until the prospective mistress says she has two or three children. Then: "Oh no, I won't go where there are children."

As one who did go where there were children (more than once!), I honestly say I do not blame the girl. Some children are dears, I know. Others are demons of the deepest dye!
Unless a girl is definitely engaged as children's nurse, it is hardly fair for her to be saddled with the children, as well as other jobs.

I said that to one mistress.
"You forget, Mary, mothers have to do the work and look after children. I have had to do it."

Yes; but it is different. I am not their mother, awake until parents return, in case the children might want something? After all, when a girl begins work at 6 a.m., and finishes around about 8 p.m., she is entitled to some sleep! In one home, when alone at night, I always tucked the children up when I went to bed about nine. If the blankets were off when mother returned about 1 a.m., I heard about it in the morning!
In another home, when engaging me, the mistress told me I would have an hour and a half to two hours "free" time every afternoon. Very nice, thought I—until I learned that my "free" time was to be devoted to taking the two pre-school age children out. If I happened to stop home on a day when madame would kindly suggest I could take the children to the park!
My room and my property were rarely my own. Children would wander into my room as casually as they would into any other room in the house, without permission or as much as a knock.

Scattered Toys
Then there were the cupboards and drawers upset a few hours after I had tidied them, toys thrown here and there.
"Mary, the front verandah looks dreadful. Toys and books everywhere."
"I tidied it this morning, Mrs. Blank."
"I don't know what people will think. You must see that the children don't leave things about, Mary. They are only children. They don't realise they're making the place untidy."
"Are they ordered to pick the things up? No! In one home I was insisting that Five and Seven tidy up a mess when madame came home. Very coldly she said she would do it."
Saving His Own Skin
How often will a fond parent take the maid's word against the child's? Possibly the child does not realise he is lying. The idea is to save his own skin. One mistress told me how untruthful her last maid was—always blaming things on to the children. I was not in the house very long before I realised where the untruthfulness lay! But an indignant "I don't do it, mummy!" always ended matters.
So girls won't go where there are children. Can you blame them?

The Riot Act
In one position, when milady and her ladies went out to the maures or visiting, I often had to leave the washing-up or a job of my own, to sit beside a thoroughly spoilt six-year-old, and read to him. At first I ignored his "Mary! Mary!" wailing a job, and probably the book and pencils are in the toy cupboard. Time wasted, but "confidence" and "friendship" won. In other words, the little demon knows his power.

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Swiss Stoves Are Tiled Works of Art
Tower-Like Structures Portraying Entire Scenes in Relief
Old tile stoves are the pride of many venerable Swiss homes. They are the aristocrats of early heating equipment, with a lineage dating back to the fourteenth century. For Swiss in foreign lands a mere picture of one of them evokes happy memories of childhood.
Swiss stoves early became triumphs of ceramic skill. Monochrome tiles, sometimes green, sometimes brown, were first used for their decoration. Later these tiles became more ornamental. Relief was employed, heraldic designs, personages and entire scenes, with and without inscriptions, were portrayed. The stove was no longer a square heat-apparatus in the corner of the room. It became a shapely object of art, often with a tower-like superstructure, with the opening for the fuel in the adjoining room. The narrow space between the wall and the oven was frequently filled in with an elevated seat, with two or more steps leading to it. Sometimes there were even two of these seats, one on either side of the big stove, as in the case with the Seidenhof oven in the Swiss National Museum in Zurich. This stove is the masterpiece by Ludwig Pfau, of Winterthur, dating back to 1620 A.D. The Pfau firm was widely famous for its artistic achievements in the line and Pfau stoves—to-day are much in demand by museums.

Richly Ornamented.

Not only were the stoves covered with plastic ornamentations and colourful illustrations, but even the walls behind and around them were also richly decorated with variegated tiles to match. In Swiss peasant homes the pleasing colour of wood-paneled rooms and carved ceilings, together with small stained glass windows, adorned with picturesque coats-of-arms and historical pictures, formed an ensemble of impressive harmony.
By the end of the eighteenth century Swiss stoves became simpler again in design and decoration. In the towns especially, pictorial displays on the tiles lost their popularity, but in the peasant regions the gaily painted tile stove remained in favour much longer. In modern twentieth century Swiss homes the heating equipment is keeping pace with the times, but in rural districts the tile oven, designed on simple lines, has retained its popularity.

Packing For The Holidays

Next time you are packing for your holidays, cut some pieces of cardboard the same size as your suitcase and fold any silk and crushable frocks you may have on top of them. Then the lightly ironed frock with tape and you will find that the frocks will be quite uncrushed when you reach your destination. If you ever do happen to have a badly creased frock take it into the bathroom with you and hang it on a hanger behind the door while you bathe. The steam from the bath will take the creases out of the frock.

Pretty Wedding In Hastings

SKUDDER—LONG

Bridal Gown Of Parchment Mirror Satin
ONE BRIDESMAID

The wedding was celebrated at St. Matthew's Church, Hastings, on December 20 of Edna May, second youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Long, Ferry Road, Clive, to Alfred Clarence, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Skudder, Pakowhai. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. T. Drake.

The bride, who entered the church with her father, looked charming in a beautiful gown of parchment mirror satin. Made on a pointed yoke, the bodice had full sleeves at the shoulders, tapering off and finishing with points over hands. A Peter Pan collar and buttons at the back from neckline to waist trimmed the bodice. From the full skirt, gathered at the waist, fell a beautiful train scalloped and finished with bunches of orange blossoms. Her embroidered veil was held in place by a halo of orange blossoms and lilac, and she carried a bouquet of pale pink rosebuds and carnations.

The bridegroom's sister, Miss Francis Skudder, was bridesmaid, and wore a dainty frock of pale blue and white floral moire satin. The fitting frock had a pretty rucked bodice and full gathered sleeves. She wore a shoulder veil caught to the head with a silver band, and she carried a bouquet in shades to tone with her frock.
Her present from the bridegroom was a crystal necklace.
Mr. R. Skudder, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

After the ceremony the guests were entertained at the Rialto tea-rooms, where Mr. R. White was toastmaster.

Mr. Long, sen., the bride's mother, wore bottle green and fawn model frock with accessories to tone.

Mrs. A. Skudder, the bridegroom's mother, wore a blue floral frock, with a tangerine coat, and hat and shoes to tone.

LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD IN HASTINGS

The Kahurangi Rebekah Lodge No. 37, held their Children's Christmas party in the R.A.O.B. Hall, Warren Street, Hastings. A large Christmas tree and colourful decorations were laden with toys. To the delight of the children Santa Claus (Bro. Taylor), arrived and presented each child with toys, ice cream and sweets. A merry time was spent in games and dancing. Noble Grand Sister Appleby wished all happy Christmas. The Sisters of the lodge served supper.
Music was supplied by Sister Allisen.

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She stood on the courts swinging her racket, looking, with her wind-blown hair, a bewitching Diana.
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Her radiant smile now that it was all over was perhaps, in part, due to the fact that I was pipped by her long drive to the backline. It was exhilarating—I was satisfied, she was flushed with victory.
"You must really come to see me," she said. "I live over there"—pointing to twin-gables showing over a clump of gum-trees half a mile away.
"I shall be delighted—what day will suit you?"
"Oh, any time—just give me a ring."
"Shall we say next Wednesday?"
"Well (a pause) . . . I'm afraid I'm booked."
"Thursday, then."
"Oh—well—better give me a ring later. We've had a lovely afternoon, haven't we?" Then, in sporting gush, "I had all the luck."
So it ended.

WHERE ONIONS RULE THE DAY

The Prosaic Vegetable Provides Festive Decoration
Market days are regular and generally pleasing events in Bern, Switzerland's capital, but of all occasions of this kind none is quite as unique as the Onion Market. It happens but once a year, on a Monday in the second half of November, and its origin is said to date back to the Middle Ages, when the peasants from the lakes of Morat and Neuchatel brought supplies of onions and winter vegetables to the war-distressed, hungry city. Ever since the farmers of that French-speaking district have been allotted one day in the year on which they are at liberty to offer their vegetables for sale in Bern.
Onion Market Day starts early on Monday, with all stands and displays having been prepared on Saturday. Garlands of onions in overwhelming number provide festive decorations and veritable mountains of the same vegetable rise all along the market lines. Tempting displays of celery, leek, cabbages and other late-fall garden products give an opportunity to housewives to stock up also on these vegetables, but the onion rules the day.
Supreme Rule.
In the public eating places, as in private homes, onions in one form or another form part of the menu. Open-faced onion pie, onion soup and Bratwurst with onions are staple delicacies in restaurants and replicas of onions in the most ingenious arrangements beckon temptingly in confectioners' displays which also include quaint mugs and cups filled with candies appropriate for the day.
Onion Market attracts people from everywhere. They come in the typical Bernese bugles, in automobiles or by train; some for pre-arranged annual reunions and others merely to spend a day and evening in the happily celebrating city.

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X BAIRD'S HASTINGS X

Five o'Clock Gossip
Mrs F. Deans, accompanied by her son, Joseph, is a Hastings visitor to Wellington.
Mrs F. Mogford, Whangarei, and her daughter Mabel, are visiting Hastings.
Mr and Mrs S. Nelson are New Plymouth visitors to Hastings.
Miss Audrey Hill, Wellington, has returned home after a visit to Hastings.
Mr and Mrs T. Talbot, Waipawa, are at present on a holiday visit to Palmerston North.
Dr and Mrs D. Y. Allen, Waipawa, are spending a holiday at Waimarama.
Mr and Mrs H. Plant and family, Petone, are on a holiday visit to Meaneer, where they are the guests of Mrs Lelly.
Mrs E. Pope, Wellington, is the guest of Mrs H. Douglas, Elizabeth Road, Napier.
Mr and Mrs Spencer Triggs, Wellington, are visiting Mr and Mrs F. W. Triggs, Lincoln Road, Napier.
Mr and Mrs R. W. Culbert, Balclutha, are the guests of their daughter, Mrs W. Innes, jun., Wairoa.
The Misses V. and R. Lascelles, Irongate Road, Hastings, are at present on holiday and staying with Dr Lascelles at Palmerston North.
Just arrived: A new collection of swing coats, attractive styles, lovely pastel shades. Be sure to include one or two of our smart linen frocks in your summer wardrobe. Other models chosen at random from our summer collection—a fawn real camel hair coat, belted, at 12s., a mole beaver cone coat with the new Peter Pan collar at 19s., Tailored Deval silk frocks, matron's frock in black corded moiré at 12s., and for the debutante a powder blue floral sheer frock with swing skirt at 7/6. Victor Gowen, Hastings, exclusive salon. Phone 3076.

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SOLDIERS FAREWELLED AT TARADALE

Rousing Reception From The Public

PRESENTATIONS MADE

"Daily Mail" Special Service
TARADALE.

On Tuesday evening a pleasant function was held in the Taradale Town Hall to farewell Greenmeadows and Taradale men of the First Echelon who complete their final leave this week.

The farewell was organised by the Taradale-Greenmeadows Patriotic Committee and was well attended by the public, who gave their soldiers a rousing reception.

Led by Piper Gordon Chambers, the local men of the special force, accompanied by about 40 or 50 members of the Returned Soldiers' Association, marched from the War Memorial to the hall and made a great impression by their bearing and marching.

Those farewelled were: Sergeant S. H. Whitton, Privates M. Bailey, K. R. Broughton, A. N. Burrow, I. A. Harrison, R. C. Riseborough, and J. F. Williamson.

With their parents, the men were seated on the stage for the presentations and farewell speeches. In the official party were the Hon. W. E. Barnard, Mr T. B. McDonald (chairman of the Taradale-Greenmeadows Patriotic Committee), Mr J. Williamson (chairman of the Town Board) and Mr F. G. Yeo (president of the Taradale and district R.S.A.).

Mr McDonald briefly outlined the scheme of farewell being followed locally, and thanked Taradale people for their support.

Mr J. Williamson said that he had never dreamt that a repetition of 1914 would be enacted. It is a devilish war," he said "but we are here to-night to bid farewell to these men and not to talk war." Collections had been made for comforts, and that call would be repeated, but such gifts were small in our attempts to repay the tremendous sacrifices being made by our men.

The honour gained by H.M.S. Achilles was reflected locally, as Taradale and Greenmeadows had at least five or six men aboard that battleship, he stated.

The Hon. W. E. Barnard said that he was present as the political representative and as a returned soldier. As the political representative, Mr Barnard said the Government was most concerned for the safety of the men in transport, but he could give an assurance that the troops would be safely conveyed.

He wished God-speed to the departing men, reminding them of the fine tradition left in Europe by the old New Zealand Division of the Great War.

Mr Barnard had one word for men who had not yet enlisted. "See that the boys who have gone are not left unsupported."

Mr F. Yeo, as president of the R.S.A., reminded the boys that the R.S.A. was behind all soldiers leaving New Zealand. He appealed for a repetition of the good name earned by New Zealand in the last war.

Gifts Presented
Mr Williamson then presented each of the soldiers with a propelling pencil, suitably engraved.

Accompanying the local boys were two visitors who were included in the farewell—A. W. Young (Napier) and C. R. Corry (Palmerston North).

Thanks for the presents and the evening were given by Sergeant S. H. Whitton and Pte J. F. Williamson, the latter saying he was proud to be serving under Major C. M. Williamson, son of his old head master, Mr J. Williamson, who had also made the presentations.

The men knew, he said, that they were not going on a picnic, but that a most important job awaited them overseas.

Supper followed, when a "good luck" cake, made and presented by Mrs L. H. Scott, of Greenmeadows, was cut and distributed.

Previous to the speeches, a short concert was given, including items by Miss Nan Neagle (recitation), Miss Golding (tap dance), Mr C. H. Williams (humorous stories), Mrs T. B. McDonald (songs), and community singing led by Mrs McDonald.

A LARGER ATOM SMASHER

VASTLY INCREASED VOLTAGE

RESEARCH WORK

Baltimore University's Device

Construction of a larger atom-smashing device than has been used in the past has been started at the Johns Hopkins University. The machine is expected to extend research on atomic transmutation, which has been going on at Hopkins for some time. It will generate beams of 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 volt protons and deuterons, the bullets used in atom splitting. This is about 20 times the voltage generated by the machine which the new installation will replace.

A brick structure, partly underground, about 60 feet long, 20 feet wide, will house the machine, and a cylindrical steel tank, 8 feet in diameter and 20 feet long, which encloses it. The tank will be mounted vertically in a tower rising about 30 feet above the main roof of the building.

Because the high voltage if unrestrained would produce artificial lightning bolts 15 feet long, it is necessary that the generator be enclosed in a tank and worked under an air pressure of 150 pounds a square inch to prevent lightning flashes from occurring.

The Targets
The high-voltage protons or deuterons will speed out from the lower end of the generator to targets, where the actual atom smashing occurs. The targets will be in a room the walls and ceilings of which include a two-foot thickness of water contained in square steel tanks, to protect the workers in the building and the operators of the machine from the powerful radiations that occur when atoms are split.

On either side of the target room will be laboratories for chemical and medical research. Dr. Robert Dudley Fowler, associate professor of chemistry at Johns Hopkins, will be in charge of the instrument. Dr. Walter R. Graham, jun., will handle the medical work. The effects of neutrons on living tissues, and the distribution of chemical elements in the animal body will be studied in this phase of the work.

The machine is expected to be completed the latter part of December.

The Accurate Timepiece

A NEW YORK CLOCK

Eight Dials Give Time In Other Countries

STANDARD FREQUENCY
The telephone company's latest gift to the people of New York is believed to be the most accurate timepiece displayed to the public anywhere in the world. From now on it will stand in a window of the American Telephone and Telegraph Building at 135 Broadway, long known as the "correct time corner" of downtown New York.

Designed by the Bell Telephone Laboratories, its possible variation from correct time is limited to a few hundredths of a second. Its electrical mechanism is driven by an exceptionally steady current controlled by apparatus at the Laboratories, accurate to one part in 10,000,000. Eight other clocks enable passers by to see at a glance the time in Rome, Honolulu, Sydney and other distant cities.

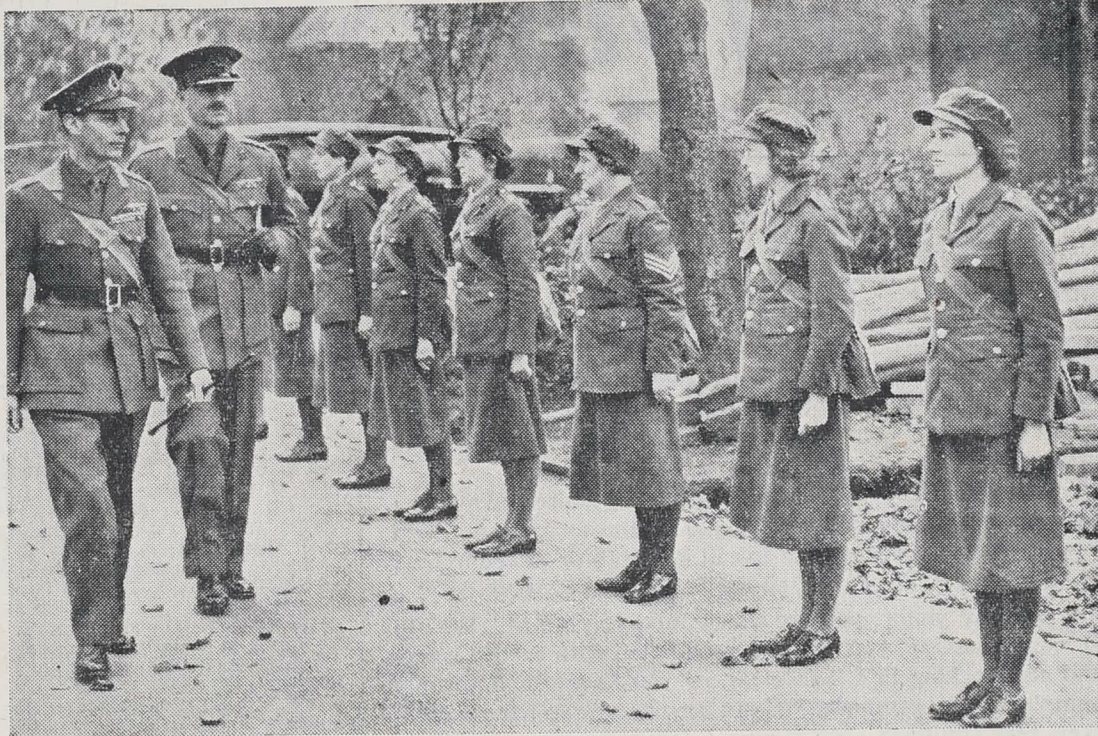
A Standard Frequency
Referring to the control apparatus at the Laboratories, Walter S. Gifford, president of the company, said, "Just as the Government's Bureau of Weights and Measures keeps a standard pound and a standard inch to measure all other pound weights and inch rules by, so we, who deal so much with the frequencies of electrical waves, have our own frequency standard. What we are doing here essentially is to run the clock under the control of this precision standard; and the clock's accuracy, therefore, furnishes an interesting illustration of the technical precision required in rendering telephone service to the nation."



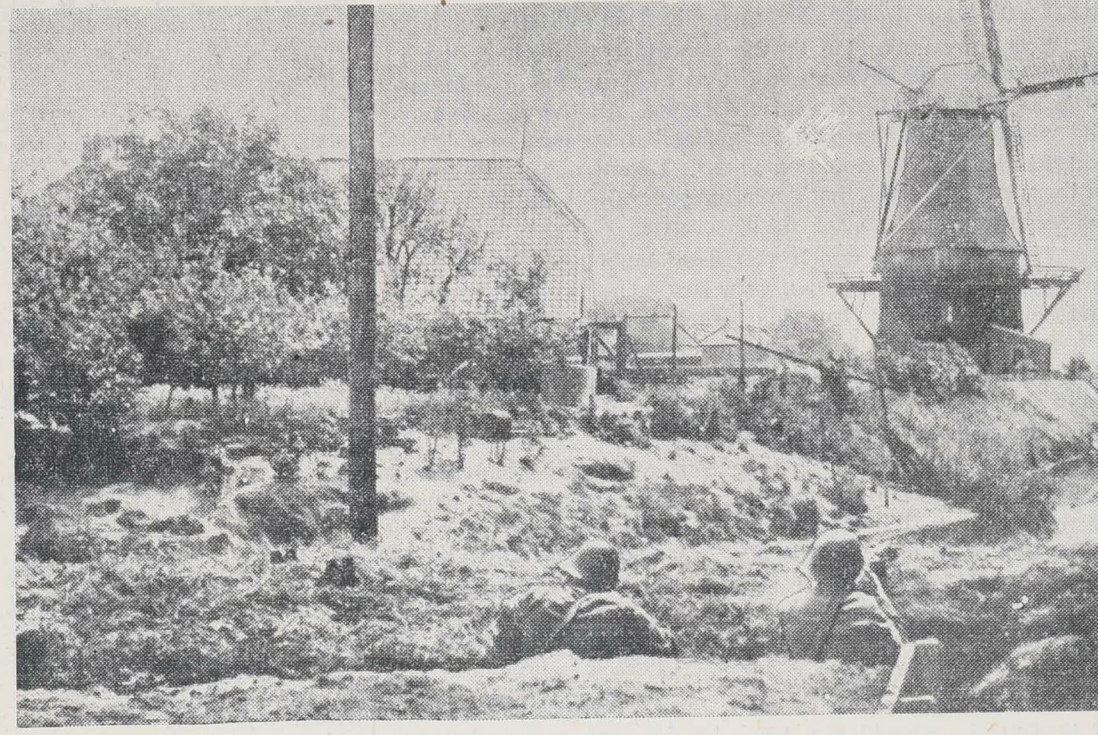
AFRICAN TROOPS IN FRANCE.—A division of African troops has arrived in France and are here seen on their way to the front.



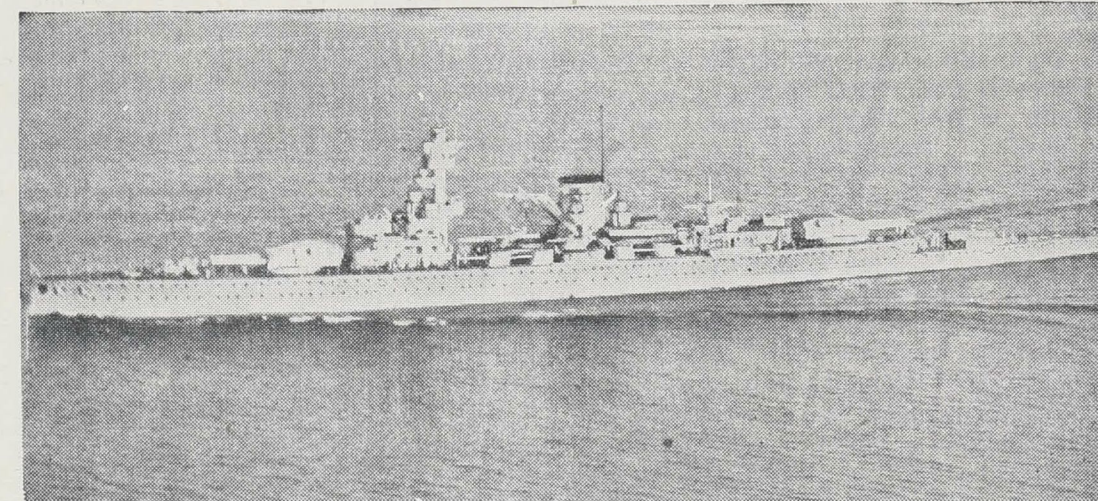
HOLLAND UNDER WATER.—One of Holland's most effective means of defence is the water by which large stretches of territory can be made impassable. When the dams are opened this is what happens to the roads in a short space of time.



WOMEN ALSO SERVE.—His Majesty the King inspects members of the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service during a visit to the Eastern Command.



ON GUARD.—These two Dutch soldiers are on the look-out on the "water-line" of Holland, ready at an instant's notice to put the mechanism in motion which will flood large tracts of country as a measure of military protection.



IS SHE NEXT?—The German warship Deutschland which is now being hunted somewhere on the high seas by British warships. Will she follow the ignoble example of the Graf Spee or fight it out?

SWIMMING SPORTS AT PATANGATA

SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL EVENT

DETAILED RESULTS

Enjoyable Dance Held In Evening

"Daily Mail" Special Service
OTANE.

The annual swimming sports were held on Boxing Day as usual this year at Patangata, when there was a fair attendance.

Results are as follows:—
Primary school boys' race: K. Roulston 1, Baker 2. Primary school girls' race: J. Arnott 1, H. Tod 2, G. Davis 3.

Boys under 16: K. Roulston 1, H. Collins 2, A. Bartlett 3. Girls under 16: H. Tod 1, M. Scrimgeour 2, V. Walker 3.

Men's 75 yards championship: G. Dillon 1, P. Collins 2, S. Coombes 3. Women's 50 yards championship: M. Scrimgeour 1, J. Ries 2, V. Walker 3.

Neat dive: P. Collins 1, J. Dickson 2, D. Smith 3.

High dive: P. Collins 1, B. Tod 2, D. Smith 3.

Men's 50 yard handicap: P. Collins 1, S. Coombes 2, J. Dickson 3. Women's 50 yard handicap: H. Tod 1, J. Arnott 2.

Consolation race: B. Tod 1, J. Hayward 2, M. Scrimgeour 3.

Dance Enjoyed
In the evening a successful dance was held in the hall a large number of people attending. Messrs. G. Dillon and D. Smith acted as M.C.'s, T. Maloney's orchestra supplying the music.

During the evening the president, Mr J. Tod, asked Mrs D. Smith to present the silver cups and other trophies to the winners of the various events held during the day. Supper was served by the committee.

TO CLOSE ON SATURDAY

QUEEN CARNIVAL AT WAIROA

PLANS COMPLETED

Keen Interest In The Final Poll

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
WAIROA.

Arrangements have now been completed for the conclusion of the Wairoa Queen Carnival which takes place at the Mayfair Hall, Wairoa, on Saturday, December 30.

A results board will be erected in the hall, and votes will be posted up as received. Voting will continue till 11 p.m. when the last deposits will be made, and the final results announced as soon after as possible. The candidates will be present and will be introduced to the crowd.

Recent developments have heightened the interest in the results of the carnival, and the issue will be in doubt right up to the last.

During the evening the "My Christmas Box Art Union" will also be drawn in the hall. Altogether a most enjoyable and successful event should result.

The successful candidate will be crowned with fitting pomp and ceremony at a coronation ball which is to be held in carnival week.

REORGANISATION OF CHILE FLYING

American Advice Sought

ITALIAN PLANES DANGEROUS

Lively Public Reaction To Fatal Crashes

American technical and training assistance in the reorganisation of its air force has been solicited by Chile. Behind the request seems to be something besides mere desire for modernisation.

The Italian barter supplies of Nardi and Breda machines have not been satisfactory. Application for an American mission by National Defence Minister Guillermo Labarca was made soon after Air General Armando Castro's prohibition of further flights in the Breda machines, which are now being dismantled at El Bosque military port, near Santiago.

It was just a year ago that there was a series of accidents with the Breda planes. An official commission reported that the planes showed mechanical deficiencies; some due to careless manufacture, and other to low quality of material employed. Italy was asked to make good the losses.

Italy shared a 70 million peso contract with Germany, both countries trading air material for nitrate and produce. The Defence Minister at that time, replying to Parliamentary criticism of the absence of American competition, said this was because the business was barter. He noted that an "interesting American offer" came when tenders were closed.

Lively Public Reaction

There has been lively public reaction to the continued accidents, several fatal. The Government was forced to bow to insistent newspaper demand for investigation. The air command, reporting on experiences with the Breda type of training plane, regretted the absence of a transitional machine. The jump was too sudden from the English 100-mile to the Italian 250-mile an hour training machines, it said.

On the other hand, critics pointed out that the Nardi planes, flying at about 150 miles an hour, were intended expressly to supply this "bridge." Emphasis is placed on the necessity for care in the selection of pilots and in their physical preparation for fast flying. This is a point on which American guidance will be sought, as also on ground equipment and organisation.

Defence Minister Labarca, in requesting an American mission, suggested a colonel or major as head to advise on tactics. Instructors are also requested for bombing, blind flying, and mechanics.

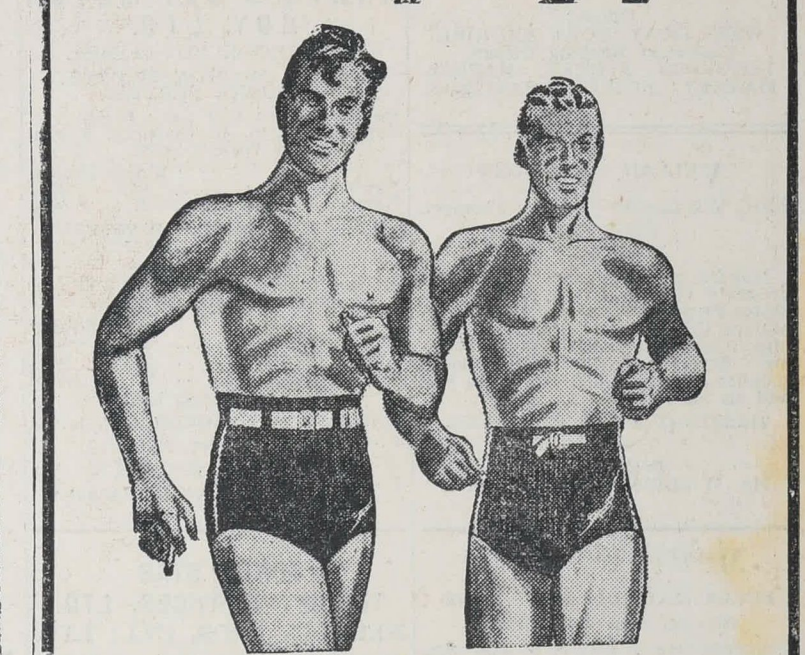
THE PYJAMA GIRL CASE

Large Rewards Still Unclaimed

An interesting feature, "The Albury Pyjama Girl Case" is to be presented at a Napier theatre next week. Made with the co-operation of the New South Wales police, this film reconstructs and presents a vital aspect of one of the world's most baffling crimes.

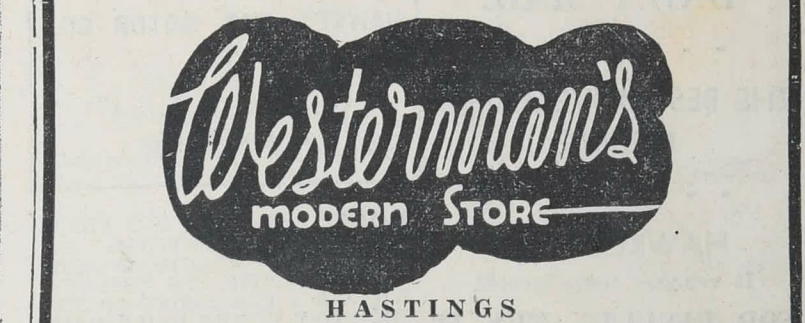
It has been reported that the victim was a New Zealand girl, but it has not been proved. The reward of £500 by the New South Wales police is still available to any one who can identify the pyjama girl. A reward of £1000 is available to any one who can give information leading to the apprehension of the culprit.

Quality Gifts



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SEE THE DAREDEVILS ON THE WAIROA RIVER IN ACTION!

Torrential Rain Again Soaks Wellington ALL-TIME RECORD BROKEN Over 15 Inches Recorded In A Single Month SERIOUS DAMAGE DONE

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, Dec. 27. Within a fortnight of the disastrous Hutt Valley floods, Wellington experienced another torrential downpour to-day. From 4 p.m. yesterday, when rain began, until 8.30 o'clock to-night, 5.25 inches of rain fell, making a total for December of 15.23 inches, the greatest amount of rain ever recorded in Wellington in one month. Two houses, one at Lyall Bay and one in Karori, were wrecked by slips, which also blocked many roads. Campers were flooded out and water lying on the Rongotai aerodrome prevented the arrival or departure of airliners. This time, no flooding occurred in the Hutt Valley, and even at the height of the fall the level of the Hutt River was comparatively low. The reason for this was that the rain came from the south, and the Hutt River is seldom affected except by heavy rain from the hills during easterly and northerly winds.

The amount of rain which fell during the storm was not quite as much as fell during the storm of two weeks ago, but nevertheless it was nearly twice as much as the average for a month in Wellington. The most ever recorded previously in December was 12.46 inches in 1884, and the most in any month 12.94 inches in October, 1904. It was still raining late to-night, and it appeared that the total for the month to date—15.23 inches—might be increased considerably before the end of the month.

House Undermined. Undermined when the flood waters caused hundreds of tons of earth to slip from a steep hillside below Carlton Road, Lyall Bay, to-day, the house of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Duncun, Queen's Drive, toppled over and was completely wrecked. Many other properties in Queen's Drive and Toru Street were covered with water in some places to a depth of several feet; and the roadway at the junction of the two streets was blocked.

The hillside where the slip occurred is formed of sandy soil, which offered little resistance to the water. About 15 months ago a bad slip occurred there, starting above Carlton Road and blocking Sutherland Road. Repair work was carried out by the City Council. The slip has destroyed the drainage, water, gas, and electric power services, and a number of residences will be inconvenienced until repairs can be made. Telephone wires also came down.

Dwelling Wrecked. Thrust off its foundations by a moving clay bank, a five-roomed wooden house at 37 Nottingham Street, Karori, was moved seven feet forward and wrecked this morning. The house was shifted about a foot forward by a slip of clay during the heavy rain a fortnight ago, and it has not been occupied since. A previous slip crushed the washhouse at the back, threw the chimney out of plumb, and cracked the chimney. The house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Norton and their daughter aged 13, but when the damage occurred two weeks ago they left the house and have since lived with their next-door neighbours.

Campers' Plight. The most serious sufferers from the flooding in Wellington to-day were the occupiers of 200 tents at the camping ground at Scots College, where the water lay in places to a depth of two feet. During last night, with the exception of a strip a few yards wide round the edge of the ground, the entire camping area was flooded.

Food and clothing were soaked. Rain began to fall about 8 o'clock last night, but no one realised that the rain was likely to be flooded. The water had risen sufficiently by 1.30 a.m. to cause concern, though it was not until 2 o'clock that many of the campers were aware of the flooding. An appeal was made to the police, who communicated with the Automobile Association, and at 2.30 several policemen and A.A. patrolmen arrived to assist the campers. Some were still asleep, and darkness added to the unpleasantness of their position. Headlights from motor-cars were turned on to the tents and evacuation was begun.

Willing Helpers. Local residents, policemen, patrolmen and the members of the Scots College staff worked tirelessly all night, wading through the water to help the campers to move to dry quarters. Many were accommodated in the school gymnasium and nearby buildings, while others accepted offers of shelter from local residents. Though the water seeped into some of the tents at the Centennial motor camp at Miramar, no damage was caused, the stormwater drains working very effectively.

Unpleasant Accident. One of the most unpleasant accidents that could happen to any household was experienced by Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Hagan, 162 Derwent Street, Island Bay, to-day, a large slip at the back door flooding their kitchen with semi-liquid clay and covering most of the rest of the house right through to the front door with clayey water. The house, which is of one floor with a high basement below the front, is on the hillside westward of the tram terminus, and it was a bank a few feet behind the house and directly opposite the back door that collapsed. Pieces apparently began to fall early this morning. The greatest bulk fell about 6 a.m. Porridge-clay and vegetation filled the back yard, spoil heaped itself against the wall of the house and burst in the back door, flooding the neat little kitchen and poured filthy water into the front part of the dwelling. No structural damage was done to the house, but the drainage was disrupted.

Whittling a Seed Into a Rabbit. You've heard of magicians pulling rabbits out of hats, but did you ever hear of one turning an apple seed into a rabbit? It seems as magical as Cinderella's fairy godmother, who waved her slender wand over a pumpkin and turned it into a shining coach-and-four (says the "Christian Science Monitor"). A boy in the Berkshires had a hobby—in fact, it was his only means of obtaining toys and amusement—and that hobby was whittling a boy knows: whittling. But this boy was a very special whittler, and whittling's all he's ever really liked to do. Although one time he was official photographer to Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey circuses.

A Veteran. The boy is now a veteran whittler. His name is Fred W. Glasier, and he lives in Brockton, Mass., and many are the plastics he's whittled of Buffalo Bill and Pawnee Bill and the rest of them. Mr. Glasier's speciality is making miniature figures, some of them as small as an eighth of an inch, and to do this he uses a very fine pocket-knife with a razor-sharp edge.

Materials No Object. "You can use any materials, any materials at all," he says. "A burnt match, Parisian ivory. The back of a comb. The tooth of a comb. Pine wood. Mr. Glasier finds miniatures "nice" to do. He also takes a special interest in making Indian head work and stringing wampum in the approved Indian fashion. As for Indian fighters, he knew the most famous of them. Some of their figures he's carved which with them, most from memory.

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CRITICISM OF JAPANESE CABINET DISSATISFACTION IS SPREADING No-Confidence Motion Expected

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The Tokyo correspondent of the United Press says that the Japanese Prime Minister (General Abe) will receive to-day a no-confidence petition signed by 240 members of the Lower House declaring the Government's programme unsatisfactory and blaming the Cabinet for the recent rice and fuel shortage and failure to regulate prices in the people's interests. Parliament will reconvene on January 20, after the New Year recess. General Abe's associates declare that they will try to hold the Cabinet together in the face of the attacks that are expected, believing that the situation is not serious, but party leaders assert that the dissatisfaction is spreading and the Government's resignation may be expected. Neutral observers believe that the Opposition groups are at present not unified.

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CONTINUOUS WEATHER REPORTS Trans-Atlantic Project SAFETY OF PLANES AND SHIPPING American Scheme

A project for setting up a network of ships at strategic points across the Atlantic, which would give complete and continuous weather reports for trans-Atlantic shipping and aviation is being explored at the State Department, Washington. This is an ancient dream of the experts of the Government Weather Reporting Service. It receives new impetus because instead of being too expensive, now, it could utilise American ships and seamen made idle by the Neutrality Act, and very likely would fit in with President Roosevelt's Government-financed project for giving these seamen further training in their enforced idleness.

Result of War. The effect of the war on shipping is the immediate reason for bringing up the proposal at this time. The bulk of the United States Weather Bureau's ocean reports came normally from the myriads of foreign vessels in all parts of the Atlantic. Most of these are now either off the seas or sailing with radios silenced to escape submarine or warship danger. It is learned from the Weather Bureau that no reports at all are now coming in from foreign ships. Government, aviation, and shipping all have to depend on the meagre and diminishing information sent in by American ships.

Flight Forecasts. Pan American Airways, meanwhile, is exercising the scrupulous care for which it is famous, under the circumstances; but there is no disposition to deny that the problem of flight forecasting is measurably intensified. Quite a number of ships and as many as 500 seamen might be put to work if the scheme should be adopted, which is more than the Weather Bureau ever hoped to get. Older ships could probably be converted to this use readily, for little more than good radio equipment and trained weather experts is needed.

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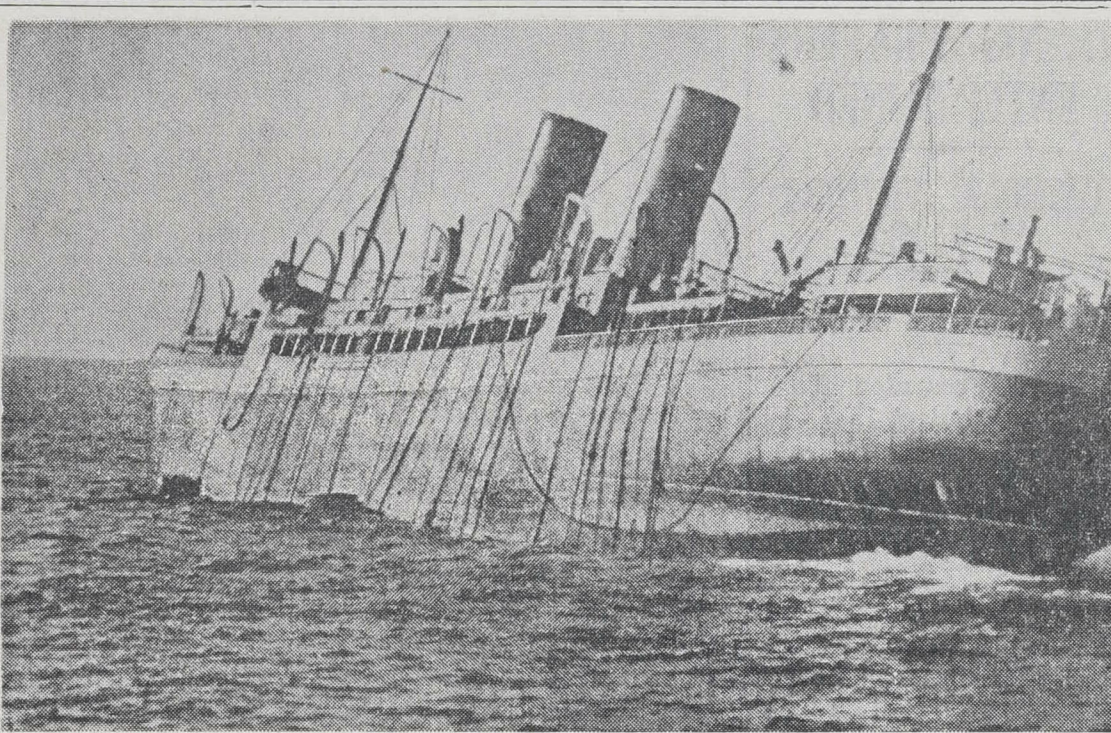
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VICTIM OF A U-BOAT.—The French ship "Bretagne" of 10,108 tons in the act of sinking after being attacked by a Nazi submarine. Of the 125 passengers, seven were drowned and many injured. The survivors were rescued by a British warship.

A QUIET DEPARTURE TO "SOMEWHERE OVERSEAS" Auckland Men Of The Special Force Farewelled By Their Friends

By Telegraph—Press Association AUCKLAND, Dec. 27. Over 1000 people assembled quietly on the Auckland railway station to-night to farewell the troops of the First Echelon of the special force who were returning to Burnham Camp, Christchurch, at the conclusion of their leave. The troops caught the mood of their parents, relatives, and friends, and about 200 of them left in an atmosphere that had little of the cheery informality usually associated with soldiers returning from leave. Each soldier seemed to have his entire family to see him off, reinforced by sweethearts and friends. Three pipers strode up and down the platform playing Scottish airs. Few signs of emotion were apparent until the time of departure drew near. The troops travelled in four special cars attached to the relief express that left for Wellington at 7.35 o'clock, but the crowd had assembled in full force quite half an hour earlier. No hakas or war-cries marked the departure, and a few cheers were given, but the cheering was not general. The strain of waiting told on some of the womenfolk a few minutes before the train was due to leave.

HITLER ENTERS FRANCE TOUR OF THE FRONT VISIT TO THE NAZI FRONT LINE BERLIN STATEMENT

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GREAT PROGRESS IN INDUSTRIES MINISTER REVIEWS PAST YEAR IMPRESSIVE STORY Thousands More In Employment

By Telegraph—Press Association. CHRISTCHURCH, Dec. 27. "There is indisputable evidence that our manufacturing industries have progressed to a very material extent in the past year. Reviewing the various reports, one cannot but be impressed with the story of progress and development they reveal," said the Minister of Industries and Commerce (the Hon. D. G. Sullivan) to-day. "One firm engaged in the manufacturing of radio sets increased its production from 8000 to 16,000 and increased its staff by 40 in one month. The opinion was expressed that the staff, now totalling 143, would eventually reach 300. "Fifty operatives," the Minister added, "found work in the manufacture of wallboard, and as early as February the district placement officer at Auckland advised that he could place upwards of 1000 girls without difficulty. "In the manufacture of rubber requisites for industry and surgical needs, 80 male and 20 female workers have been given employment. In the same factory, the manufacture of cycle tyres has been undertaken, as also have been a wide range of other commodities. "New Activities in Auckland. Among other new activities undertaken in Auckland could be cited the manufacture of braces, caps, men's clothing of all kinds, biscuits and confectionery, nuts, bolts and wood screws, patterns for shoemaking, children's shoes, and innumerable other commodities. "The production of half-wavers and other appliances was the means of finding work for some 30 workers, and other industries that were established included the manufacture of rag dolls, piston rings, wooden toys, lead caps, plastics, koala and teddy bears, blind-cords, art felts, and fancy leatherwork. The manufacture of sports shoes, previously imported, also had been undertaken and this applied to several other types of shoes. "Wellington Expansion. In Wellington area there had been a marked expansion in existing industry, and several new ventures were under way. The range of activities undertaken or about to be undertaken included rug-making, tile manufacture, soap and toilet preparations, flavouring essences, high grade stationery, dried fruit, beach sandals, plastic clay for modelling, and clothes pegs. "In the Hutt Valley, upwards of 50 new factories had been erected or were in the course of construction. The manufacture of washing-machines was also to be undertaken, and one firm alone had produced 80 per cent. of the country's requirements of all-steel pans. Bakelite, plaster of paris, electrical utilities, screens for motion pictures, transformers, printers' inks, and many other lines had been produced in new factories or in extensions of existing industries. "Several new footwear factories had been established in Christchurch, including one that turned out some 700 pairs of rubber-soled canvas shoes a day, added Mr. Sullivan. A very pleasing feature of the expansion of the footwear industry in Christchurch was the establishment of schools of introduction before the operatives were actually started in factory work. "Working Three Shifts. One manufacturer of interlock had found it necessary to work three shifts to meet the demand, and in the manufacture of farm implements 50 additional employees had been engaged. The manufacture of carpet-sweepers had been undertaken, and consideration had been given to the possibility of manufacturing pianos and homespun tweeds, and the clothing trades had shown remarkable advances. "In Dunedin and the south the same story was revealed. Among lines undertaken by manufacturers were the making of inks, soft toys, Farina starch and mustard, hockey sticks from Southland beech, waxed wrappers, rubber flooring and mats, snow skis, spoons and forks. And in the canned-fruit trade the output had been trebled. "That briefly is something of what has been accomplished in the expansion of manufacturing in New Zealand, and in the aggregate the number of persons who have secured remunerative employment must total several thousands more than ever before," said the Minister. "The value of the output and the added value through the processing of raw materials will also show decided increases when the figures are released."

PLUM PUDDINGS AND TURKEY CHRISTMAS STANDARD FARE AIR DEFENDERS Parliamentary Heads Visit The Forces

British Official Wireless. RUGBY, Dec. 26. Among important visitors to various Christmas dinners held in the messes of the fighting forces all over Britain yesterday was the Air Minister (Sir Kingsley Wood), who acted as a waiter when visiting the aircraftmen's and women's Auxiliary Air Force messes at a Royal Air Force Fighter Command station. In a brief speech, Sir Kingsley said it must seem strange to be enjoying Christmas dinner in the midst of a great war. "But there it is," he added. "We are fighting for all that Christianity stands for and for what Christmas means to us all." The Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Air (Captain Balfour) visited the men of the London balloon barrage at a number of sites. Captain Balfour found that turkey and plum puddings were everywhere the standard fare, and he showed much interest in the elaborate arrangements made for cooking.

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WAR OR NO WAR, SCIENCE IS STILL MARCHING ALONG IN SEARCH OF KNOWLEDGE

ADMIRAL BYRD OUTLINES HIS PLANS FOR FURTHER ATTEMPT TO EXPLORE THE ANTARCTIC

By Telegraph-Press Association WELLINGTON, Dec. 27. Admiral R. E. Byrd, the American polar explorer, in the North Star, en route to the Antarctic, arrived unexpectedly in Wellington harbour this morning.

Loaded to capacity with equipment of every sort, including a snow cruiser and army tanks converted for use as snow and ice tractors, the North Star is en route to the Bay of Whales, where she will meet the rest of the expedition.

The expedition has been sent by the United States Government, which made available two ships and the gear. The ship had 74 huskies aboard on deck when she set out from America, but 12 puppies have since made their appearance. It is not stated when the vessel will leave.

The North Star will go from Wellington to Dunedin and from there to Bay of Whales at Little America, where she will meet the Bear.

In that vicinity a base is to be established, scientists will be dropped and equipment left. Admiral Byrd will then go to Valparaiso to get more materials and another aeroplane, and then establish another base 1200 miles east. Between those two bases the work of the expedition will be carried on.

Admiral Byrd will not be staying with the expedition all the time, but will return to America and then go back after the winter to pick up the expedition.

All the work, said Admiral Byrd, would lie east of the 150th meridian, but he might make one flight towards the magnetic Pole. The job of the expedition was to carry on the scientific work where it was left off before.

Great emphasis is being placed on meteorology. Geography and geology mapping would also be some of the spots that were still "black."

Aims of Science. "My attitude is that science knows no boundaries and that the Antarctic would not be worth fighting over anyhow. We feel so close and friendly to the British Commonwealth of Nations that we want to have the same sporting relations in this matter of the Antarctic," said Admiral Byrd.

He pointed out that scientific work in the Antarctic had been started by Englishmen. Mr. Wilkins had wanted to go down and put two bases opposite the bases of the present expedition so that the two nations could work in co-operation in their researches, but the war prevented that from being done.

Equipment. The expedition is equipped with four aeroplanes. The complement is 130, of which 75, including the crew, are on the North Star and 30 of the crew will be dropped at the west base and about 27 at the east base.

"We have always had very wonderful experiences here in New Zealand," said Admiral Byrd. "The one has been looking forward with the greatest anticipation to coming back."

"Low Marks" For Housewives

POOR ECONOMISTS American Professor's Assertion WASTEFUL BUYING

There would be little agricultural surplus if all Americans were adequately fed, asserts Dr. Jennie I. Rowntree, Professor of Home Economics at the University of Washington, in a recently issued pamphlet of the Committee on Public Affairs.

Over-production is not the sole cause of the large surplus of wheat which plagues American farmers.

Adequate feeding is impossible unless Americans are educated to buy sensibly, taught to distinguish between the false and true, and become more sales resistant, the author thinks. Economic and social problems have increased at a greater rate than our ability to understand and cope with them, particularly in the field of feeding the nation's millions.

Less Wheat Used. The American people are eating only three-fourths as much wheat as they did 25 years ago, she said. "Grain products have been replaced by sugar and fats, and the amount of protein eaten thus has been cut one-sixth."

If more elements were retained in the flour, bread and cereals put on the market and prices lowered, Americans might well consume more of the wheat the nation produces and farmers would not feel the great need of a foreign market, the home economist points out.

Many housewives buy whatever appeals to them, the author states, and as a result of poor choices many families find their food money gone before they have an adequate diet. Another group of housewives accepts unthinkingly all they hear, their gullibility never takes a vacation. They become victims of every faddist or sales man they meet.

"Local Foods." "Someone ought to start a 'make the most of local foods' movement; fish on the sea coast, potatoes in regions where they grow, fruits in fruit areas, milk and cheese in the dairy States, beans again making New England famous, and chicken and corn bread in the South. Fresh vegetables from home gardens should again receive their just due. If people ate fresh local products, the three cents for the labelled can or jar could then be used to buy more milk or tomatoes or salmon or fresh fruit and vegetables."

TENNIS PLAYERS ENTERTAINED

CATHOLIC VISITORS AT NAPIER A DINNER HELD

Shield Presented To Winners

Players attending the Catholic tennis championships at Napier were entertained at a dinner in the Foresters' Hall last evening by the Rev. Fr. Cullinane, S.M., of the Hawke's Bay Catholic Lawn Tennis Association. The toastmaster was Mr. J. L. Cassin.

The Watson Shield, won by Wellington, was presented to the winning team. By 18 sets to nil, Wellington team defeated Auckland in the final.

The following toasts were honoured: "The Pope," proposed by the Rev. Fr. Cullinane, S.M.; "The King," proposed by Mr. J. L. Cassin; "N.Z.C.L.T.A.," proposed by the Rev. Fr. Cullinane, S.M., replied to by Mr. P. G. Williams; "Visitors and Guests," proposed by Mr. R. Haydon, replied to by Mr. F. Hepburn; "The Hierarchy Clergy," proposed by Mr. J. Halligan, replied to by the Rev. Dr. Casey, S.M.; "The H.B.C.L.T.A.," proposed by the Rev. Fr. Fletcher, S.M., replied to by the Rev. Fr. Heagney, S.M.; "The H.B.L.T.A.," proposed by Mr. J. McMenamin, replied to by Mr. R. D. Brown; "The Press," proposed by the Rev. Fr. Riordan, S.M., replied to by Mr. D. Rees.

GUN CLUB SHOOT AT NAPIER

Thirty-three Competitors THE J. G. PARKER MEMORIAL

Detailed Results

Thirty-three members of the Napier and East Coast Gun Club competed in the third annual shoot for the J. G. Parker Memorial.

The cup, with accompanying miniature, was won by Mr. R. Douglas, a young shot who scored the possible of 15 birds.

An optional sweepstake of 14/ each went with this event. The runners up were T. Parker, C. Holt, and A. McGaffin, who broke 14 birds and divided the money.

The programme also included three Christmas Fare shoots of nine birds each. The first prize in each was a ham, with nine seasonal prizes added.

Mr. J. Mills won the president's cake for the best open aggregate over the four shoots with 37 breaks over a possible 39. T. Parker and A. McGaffin were runners up with 37.

Mr. F. Tiffin's cake for the juniors shooting on the 13 yards mark or under was won by Mr. C. Gunn with 37 breaks. The runner up was Mr. R. C. Hislop with 34.

On the conclusion of the shoot the president (T. Parker) presented the prizes, and thanked the competitors for turning up in such large numbers.

He congratulated Mr. Douglas on winning the Memorial Cup, and also Messrs. J. Mills and C. Gunn for "taking the cakes." Hearty good wishes and thanks were also extended to the women for providing afternoon teas.

The best scores were: J. T. Parker Cup. (15 Birds). R. Douglas 15, T. Parker 14, C. Holt 14, A. McGaffin 14, C. Gunn 14, H. Howlett 13, J. Mills 13, D. Campbell 13, M. Gordon 13.

Christmas Fare Shoot. (9 Birds). J. Mills 9, C. Gunn 9, V. Peterson 9, A. Clinch 8, T. V. Morrin 8, R. C. Hislop 8, T. Parker 8, J. Mills 8, A. McGaffin 8, C. Gunn 8, H. J. Longstaff 8, D. Fraser 8, H. Gardner 8, J. Holt 8, T. V. Morrin 8, J. Whitely 8, R. C. Hislop 8, V. Peterson 8.

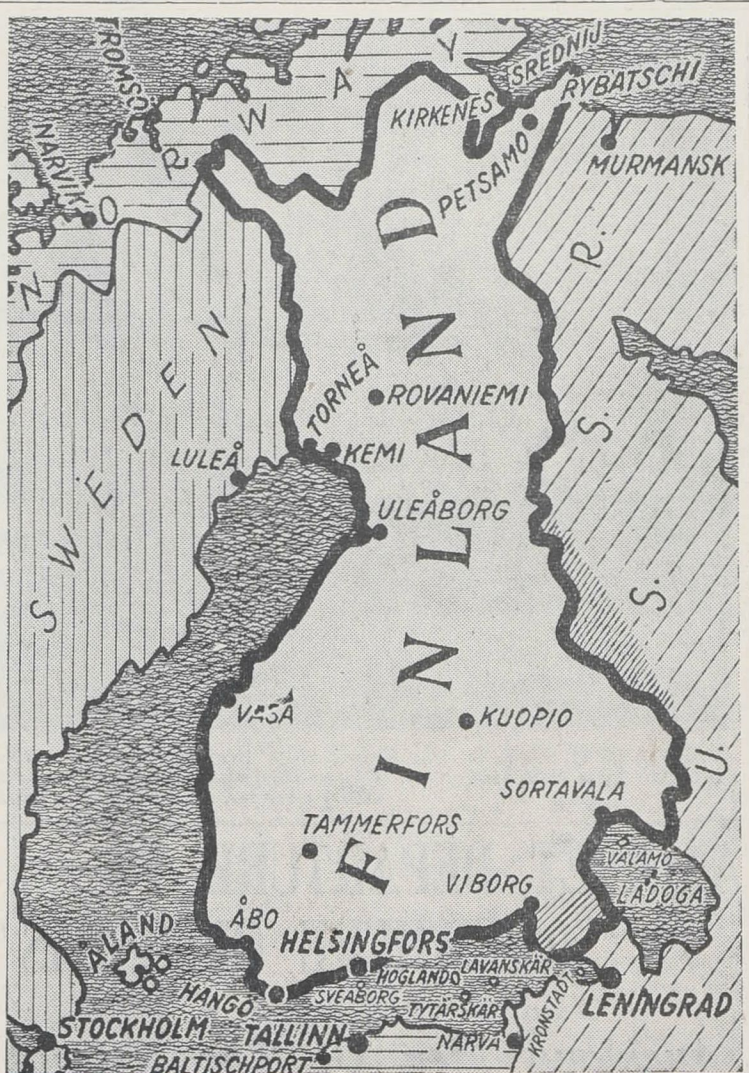
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ALIENS LEAVE FOR WELLINGTON

Seven German Subjects

The seven German nationals who were arrested by parties of detectives on Friday night and subsequently placed under guard at the Papakura military camp, left there on Saturday afternoon for Wellington, where they are to be interned, probably on Somes Island. This action was taken by the Auckland police following receipt of a warrant from the Attorney-General (the Hon. H. G. R. Mason) under the Alien Control Emergency Regulations. Two of those interned were receiving benefits under the Social Security Act.

To rail at tobacco for thirty years and denounce smoking as a vice and then conclude that you've been "barking up the wrong tree" all the time! That is a right about face, the late Professor Huxley, the eminent scientist, was an anti-tobaccoite for half his lifetime. One day a friend persuaded him to try a mild Havana—and straightway he changed his tune! He found it delicious, and lived to admit "there's no more harm in a pipe of tobacco than there is in a cup of tea." But tobacco varies in quality just as tea does. In both cases it's a wise plan to buy the best, but no necessarily the most expensive. In the case of tobacco the best is the genuine "toasted" which though quite moderate in price is matchless for bouquet and unrivalled for purity. The nicotine it contains (common to all tobacco) is eliminated by toasting, and hence the harmlessness of the five famous brands—Cut Plug No. 10 (Bulls-head), Navy Cut No. 3 (Bulldog), Cavendish, Riverhead Gold and Desert Gold.



THE FINNISH BATTLEFRONTS.—This map features the fighting fronts in Finland. Note the narrow "waistline" of Karelia between Lake Ladoga and Viborg, where much of the fighting has taken place.

CATHOLIC LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION'S TOURNEY

Preliminary Games Completed Despite Interruptions By Showers

In good conditions the Dominion championships of the New Zealand Catholic Lawn Tennis Association were begun at Napier yesterday. Several showers interfered with play during the day, but the majority of the preliminary games were completed. Results of play are as follows:—

First Round, Women's Singles.—J. McDermott beat J. O'Rourke, 9-2; L. Smith beat W. O'Connell, 9-1; R. Plant beat R. Ingle, 9-3; D. Hogan beat N. Romanas, 9-7; R. Penner beat T. O'Halloran, 9-2; H. Menehira beat J. Whiteford, 9-3.

First Round, Women's Doubles.—M. O'Hagen and C. O'Hagen beat E. Fortune and M. Gustofson, 9-2; Mrs R. Hayden and Mrs Takon beat V. Crosan and H. Sullivan, 9-5; C. Burger and M. Hill beat R. Maher and R. Wilson, 9-1; Mrs P. Turkington and Mrs McMullan beat K. Herin and E. Mahoney, 9-2; B. Herrin and S. Ford beat A. Henahan and K. Henahan, 9-5; A. Fox and V. Flood beat J. Francis and M. Harrington, 9-3; A. and K. Henahan beat M. and A. White, 9-2; E. Williams and R. Meach beat Z. Cahill and M. Lynch, 9-2; H. and C. Columb beat Mrs Daly and L. Luke, 9-2.

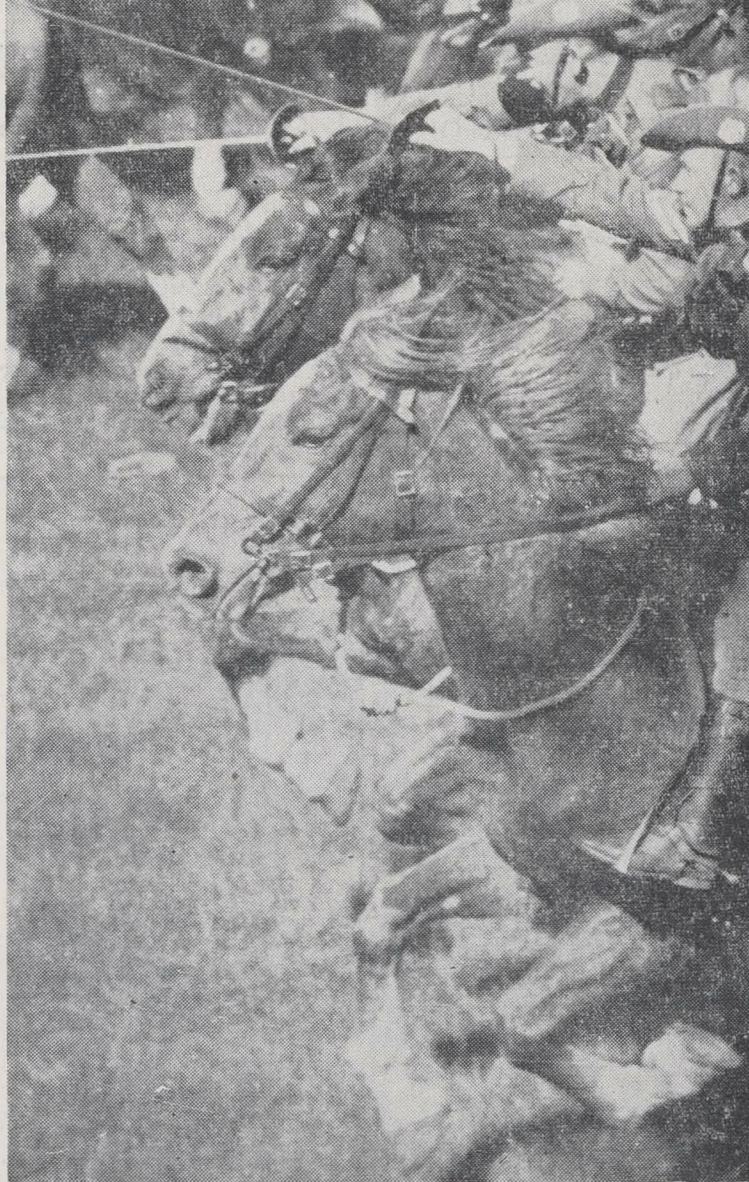
Second Round, Men's Doubles.—H. Menehira and F. Hepburn beat G. Knowles and E. Cawston, 9-5; R. Johnson and D. O'Neill beat J. Harrington and P. O'Dea, 9-7; Cassidy and Barry beat Dear and O'Hagen, 9-6; Prendergast and O'Connell lost to H. McNeill and R. Plant, 1-9.

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DIFFICULTIES SPUR ON PROGRESS

Story Of Barbados FORCE OF ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCE

Culture Advanced

Overcoming of droughts, hurricanes, and uncertain trade relations has advanced rather than retarded the culture of the British West Indian island of Barbados, according to Dr. Otis P. Starkey, of the University of Pennsylvania, author of a recent economic study of the island.

"The periods of progress in Barbadian history," he declares, "almost invariably have arrived soon after conditions have just been described as 'hopeless.' On the other hand, boom periods have been characterised by free spending for proved benefits rather than experiments along new lines."

Progress Made. The drought and poor prices which were prevalent in Barbados from 1928 to 1931 were overcome with resultant improvement. Crop yields gained due to applied science and an improvement in health standards came because of advanced sanitary conditions, Dr. Starkey states. Following the hurricane which occurred in 1931, houses were rebuilt to suit the climate. During the reduction of British protective duties on colonial sugar and the accompanying price declines between 1928 and 1930, advances were made in almost every phase of cultivation and manufacture.

The Barbadian environment offers a fertile soil, much level land, an oceanic climate, and a favourable position for foreign trade. However, the study shows that these favourable features have not accounted for its many periods of rapid economic development.

Solving Problems. Droughts, hurricanes, pests, and uncertain markets have generated urgent problems which the planters were forced to solve or emigrate. Although some progress undoubtedly would have occurred without the stimuli of these problems, it might have taken centuries to accomplish the improvement made during a few years of stress, Dr. Starkey says.

New methods have been discovered, or old rarely used methods have been more widely adopted, under the goad of economic necessity. When the emergency was over, the desire for progress has often been replaced by self-satisfaction, and the planter aristocracy has reverted to a conservative policy.

Prosperity Lacked Initiative. If the intervening periods of relative prosperity are examined, the study says, it will be found that, with almost no exceptions, they were lacking in the initiation of improvements. Where progress has been made in such periods, usually it has consisted of a continuation of some trend started during the preceding difficult period. Thus, during the war boom between 1915 and 1920, while many improvements were made in the factories, they were not new in type, but were rather extensions of the type of improvements which the more progressive factories had made earlier.

Audience For Air Force. Christchurch children have discovered a new distraction to fill in the time during school holidays. Each day sees a growing audience in Hagley Park to watch Air Force trainees under instruction. One programme had a particular appeal as the recruits were engaged in signalling with flag and lamp. It was not long before two groups of small boys were signalling to each other across the Avon nearby.

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RAIN AGAIN HOLDS UP LAWN TENNIS TOURNEY

Play Abandoned After Lunch In Hastings Club's Annual Christmas Fixture

Prolonged and heavy rain, together with a severe thunderstorm, again compelled abandonment of play early in the afternoon in the annual Christmas tournament of the Hastings Lawn Tennis Club, held on the Whitehead Road courts, Hastings, yesterday. Beginning in fresh and sunny weather, play progressed well until noon, when ominous clouds banked up overhead. The light for half an hour was atrocious. At half-past twelve rain set in. That was the end of play for the day.

An attempt at half-past two to continue the tournament on the hard courts of the West End Tennis Club met with no success, and play was officially abandoned shortly after half-past three. It was decided to begin play to-day at 8.30 a.m. on the West End courts. There is considerable doubt whether the Hastings Club's courts will be fit for play to-day. They are to be inspected, however, in the morning and at lunch, and if possible, matches in the afternoon will be held at Whitehead Road.

A curious coincidence of yesterday's play was that the same number of matches was concluded before abandonment as on the first day. The total number of matches now played off is 66. With favourable conditions only during the mornings this speaks much for the efficient organisation by the officials of the Hastings club.

Early in the morning the courts were slow but true. J. N. Lowry won his second match with A. Dinne, but not without an effort. He was called to three sets, in the last of which Dinne assumed a lead of 3-2. Lowry found touch and won the next four games to take the match.

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Quite the happiest feature of this way to beauty is the fact that diving is fun, and you are doing your exercises on the steps, and you will be helping to streamline your figure.

Banned are those extra minutes in the morning when you bent in one direction, stretched in another, and generally endured a complicated series of exercises in an effort to get rid of superfluous avoirdupois.

If you are not one who is keen about strenuous games you can be lazy and still get enough exercise with diving to keep trim and fit. Doing your exercise while enjoying an hour or two at the pool is a pleasant way to beauty.

Exercising the Muscles. It is easily accomplished. Each time you tauten your body, and with a controlled spring leave the board, you straighten your body and remind all your muscles that standing up straight is easy. The uplift of the arms and the straightened muscles as you dive through the air towards the blue-green water produce a slender body.

In the world of sport the women divers are known as "the beauty chorus of women in sport." They are like slim, young women with clear skins and a "joy in living." They combine complete femininity with genuine athletic achievement. There isn't a prettier picture than the young girls on the high tower or on the spring board in pure white bathing suits doing a swallow dive.

It is quite unnecessary to reach any sort of competitive standard to achieve fitness. The mere act of diving, however skilled or unskilled, achieves its purpose—long, smooth, flat muscles.

Cheap Way to Beauty. If you haven't tried to dive before this summer, it doesn't require very much courage. Once you get on the board, tuck your chin well in, then spring off your toes, and so long as you keep your chin in you will not go flat. Once you have experienced the thrill of flying through the air you will want to do it more often, and

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The funeral will leave the chapel of Tong & McIvor, Nelson Street for the Hastings Cemetery to-day (Thursday), at the conclusion of a service which will commence at 2 p.m.
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