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Allies Stand Ready To Repulse Advance On The Persian Gulf

STRATEGY PLANNED WELL IN ADVANCE

Mastery Of Mediterranean Gives Assurance Of Supplies

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NEW YORK, Feb. 6.

The Paris correspondent of the "New York Times," V. N. Archambault, says that news is reaching Paris via Rome of nervousness in the Middle East, with Iran and Afghanistan taking military precautions in the expectation of a Russian and German drive towards the Persian Gulf.

There is significance, says the correspondent, in the Italian conclusion that the Allies have important armed forces in the Near East ready for any situation, even action in the direction of the Caucasus, the Russian oil-producing area, which is Germany's principal source of petroleum at present.

"The Allies have two distinct military organisations in the Near East," adds Mr Archambault. "The first is the French mandate, commanded by General Weygand, and comprising all troops in Syria and Lebanon. It has recently been reinforced and equipped with an adequate air force and mechanised formations. Since the Allies are masters of the Mediterranean, there will be no difficulty in assuring supplies and further reinforcements, especially from North Africa.

"The second is the British Army in the Middle East and Africa, which acts in liaison with the air command, a military mission links the Egyptian Army and important Indian units training in Egypt.

"It is reasonable to suppose that eventual unity of command is envisaged, thanks to the foresight of early military and diplomatic preparation.

TRANQUILLITY IN THE BALKANS

SUCCESS ACHIEVED AT CONFERENCE

A DANUBE BLOC Opposition Shown By Hungary

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BUDAPEST, Feb. 7.

The Hungarian newspaper "Pester Lloyd" prints a Government-inspired attack against Rumania and the Balkan Conference. This is not regarded as pretending a change in Hungarian foreign policy. It is stated that Hungary never favoured a Balkan-Danube bloc because the greater Powers could misinterpret it as an offensive measure. Hungary could not be expected to join Powers, one of which adopted a provocative policy.

At Athens the Greek Prime Minister (General Metaxas) declared that even Balkan countries outside the Entente approve the attitude of member States.

Bulgaria, he added, can be considered an adherent to the peace group, assuring tranquillity throughout the Balkans.

The impression created by earlier reports that the Belgrade conference of the Balkan Entente had been markedly successful is confirmed by fuller details which have since reached London, states a British Official Wireless message.

"The Times" mentions as important consequences of the meeting the marked improvement in the relations between Bulgaria and the Balkan Entente and Hungary's decision to refrain from making territorial claims on Rumania for the duration of the war.

Points of Contact

"The Times" adds: "As M. Gafencu (Rumanian Foreign Minister) pointed out, all nations represented at the conference, despite their frequent quarrels and rivalries, have made points of contact in the many common interests and sympathies and many similarities of culture. Western Europe has been too often tempted to disregard these common factors of understanding and agreement, and to write of the Balkan States as eternally sundered by ancient and popular feuds.

"But the successes of Greek and Turkish diplomacy in recent years have shown the fallacy of this theory. The gulf that divided the Greeks and Turks since the fall of Constantinople nearly five centuries ago was closed in the last decade. Turkey, after periods of bitter warfare or mistrust, is now on good terms with the Bulgarian kingdom. Turkish diplomacy has unquestionably rendered most valuable service to Balkan solidarity by its patient and unceasing efforts at Sofia.

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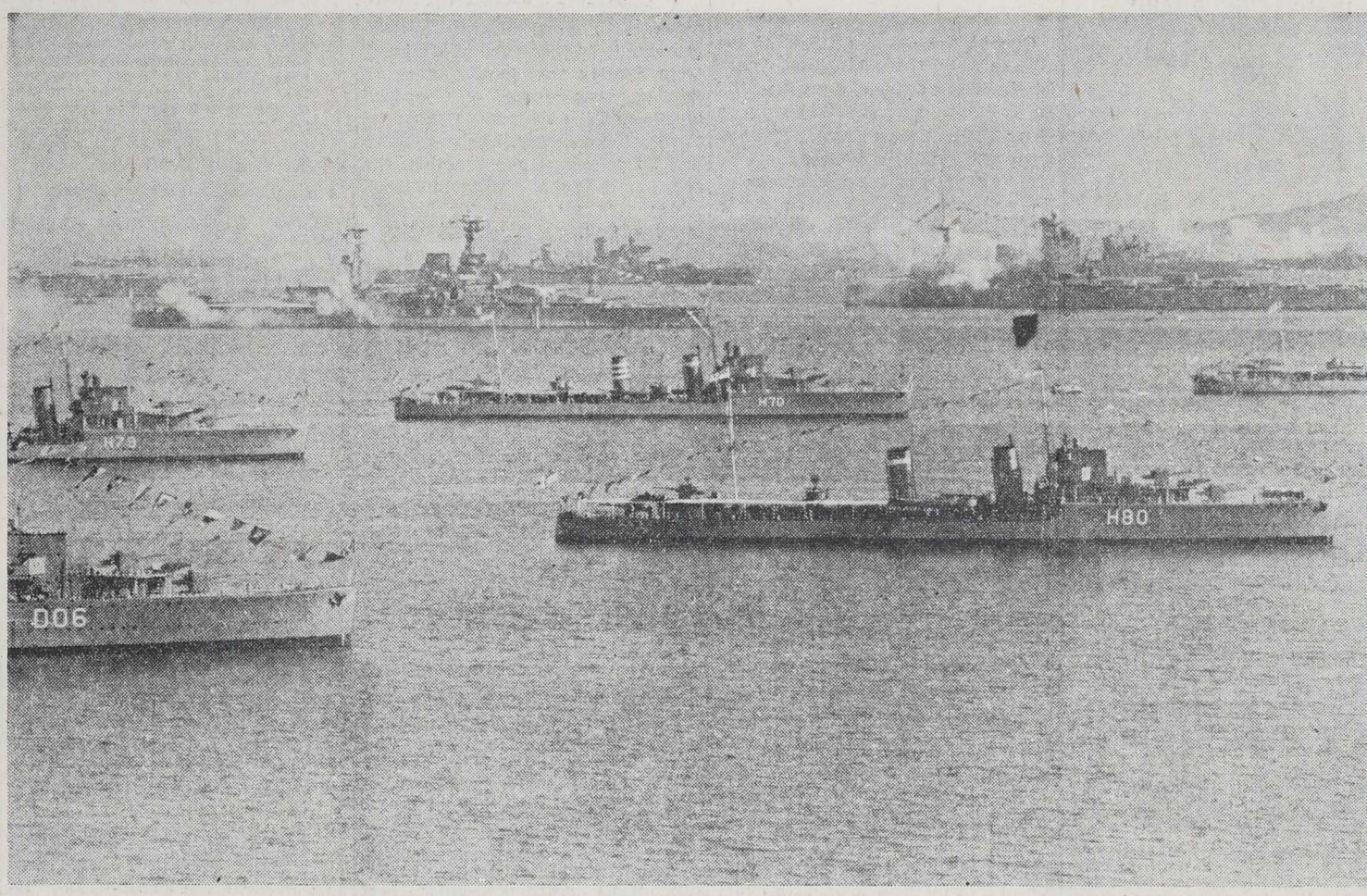
"In other respects, too, the conference has gone much farther than expected. Its resolutions are the more important in that they follow a Press campaign, lately abated, but very marked until the conference met, which seemed to indicate that the Nazi and Soviet Governments viewed any Balkan rapprochement with disfavour.

"During the last few days the attitude of the German Press has been modified in favour of a sudden recognition of the rights of the Balkan nations to fair treatment. After the alternate attacks and expressions of disparagement which had marked all German references to the conference, the new attitude of benevolent reserve is the more significant.

Solidarity

"It is plain that whatever the immediate consequences of the Belgrade meeting, further attempts to shake the solidarity of the Entente are not likely to be successful.

"In France and Britain, which have guaranteed the territorial integrity of three of the four member-States of the Balkan Entente, the unanimity shown at Belgrade and the decisions taken there will be warmly appreciated.



JUST A FEW OF OUR SHIPS.—A fleeting glimpse of a small part of the British fleet. These fighters are fleet, but they never flee.

SHATTERED ARMY RETURNS TO THE WAR

POLES SEEK TO FIGHT ON NEW FRONT

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ZAGREB, Feb. 7.

Almost under the noses of German agents, the remnants of Poland's shattered army are finding ways and means of returning to the war.

Large numbers of young Poles are travelling on international trains across Yugoslavia. Three buildings in Zagreb have been converted into dormitories for their use overnight.

Members of the German Consular staff claim that 500 leave Hungarian and Rumanian internment camps every day to join the Polish Legion in France and General Weygand's army in Syria.

TROOPSHIP SUNK ON YANGTSE

CHINESE ARTILLERY SUCCESS

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(Received February 8, 1.45 a.m.)

HONG KONG, Feb. 7.

The Chinese Government news agency states that 300 Japanese were killed when Chinese artillery sank a Hankow-bound transport on the Yangtse River above Kiukiang.

A PEACE PLAN RUMOURED

NEUTRAL EFFORT AT GENEVA

NAZI DENIAL Points Would Not Be Acceptable

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LONDON, Feb. 7.

The Swedish newspaper "Tidningen" says that a neutral State will be submitting a peace plan on behalf of Hitler at the forthcoming meeting of the League Council's Central Committee at The Hague.

The paper adds that Marshal Goering drafted the plan in January. It provides for a plebiscite on international control for Austria and a Commission of English, French, and German representatives to decide the future of the Czech, Polish, and Slovak States.

The German Propaganda Ministry denies all knowledge of a German-sponsored peace plan, adding that the points enumerated would not be acceptable in any case.

TWO I.R.A. TERRORISTS EXECUTED

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LONDON, Feb. 7.

Peter Barnes and James Richards, two I.R.A. terrorists, were executed at Birmingham gaol at 9 a.m. Two notices to that effect were posted on the prison gates at 9.7. There were no demonstrations.

(Earlier related cables appear on Page 7.)

NORWAY AROUSED AT SLAUGHTER OF SAILORS

Mild Protests Of Government Earn Criticism In The Press

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OSLO, Feb. 7.

The Norwegian newspaper "Dagbladet" says: "The Norwegians feel a quivering and burning wrath about the German warfare against neutral shipping. What happens is so incredibly brutal that words cannot be found for it.

"The Foreign Office protests to Germany in much the same terms as it protests to other belligerents about holding up ships for the examination of mails, but the slaughter of defenceless sailors incites us in a way which cannot be compared with the offence taken at other encroachments."

GERMANY PREFERS TO KEEP ALOOF

NO INTERVENTION IN FINNISH WAR

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BERLIN, Feb. 7.

The Wilhelmstrasse, after receiving reports from General Schulenburg and General Blucher, has decided that there is no basis for intervention in the Russo-Finnish conflict, adding: "Even the Finnish President's suggestion to negotiate is unacceptable."

Germany will keep aloof, although Russia is her special friend.

COAL SHORTAGE WAS NOT PREVENTABLE

Might Happen Again In Severe Weather

British Official Wireless.
(Received Feb. 7, 9.10 p.m.)

RUGBY, Feb. 7.

The Minister of Mines, replying to a House of Commons question regarding the recent lack of coal supplies in various areas, said that in such exceptionally severe weather conditions as had been experienced in the last few weeks, nothing would prevent the occurrence of temporary difficulties in distributing coal.

"These difficulties were not due to any shortage of coal but to the impossibility of moving it, even in some cases where it was already at the depots in towns where supplies were needed," he added.

FIRE AT AERODROME IN ESSEX

Eight 'Planes, Five Engines Destroyed

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LONDON, Feb. 7.

Fire to-day destroyed eight aeroplanes and five aero engines at a civil aerodrome at Romford, Essex.

Crew Forced To Flee Across The Ice

SWEDISH SHIP SUNK BY SOVIET BOMBERS

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LONDON, Feb. 7.

A Stockholm message says that Russian bombers sank the Swedish steamer Wirgo near the Aaland Islands. The crew fled across the ice and refused to take refuge on a near-by island.

Flow Of Goods Over Frontier

EXCHANGE SCHEME

Germans And Russians Busy

PRISONERS ASSIST

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BERLIN, Feb. 7.

An extensive exchange of goods under the German-Soviet pact is proceeding, covering grain, oil, metals, hemp, flax and manganese. Traffic is regulated at nine frontier points, at two of which war prisoners are expediting the loading of German trucks.

SAFE EXITS MADE FROM POLAND

Three New Zealanders

EVACUEES FROM THE RUSSIAN AREA

Some Married To Poles

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(Received February 7, 11.45 p.m.)

BUCHAREST, Feb. 7.

Fourteen Britons have arrived from Russian Poland, of whom one is a South African and three are New Zealanders. The latter include Cedric Potocki and his wife. All but one of the men are married to Polish women, who are now Russian citizens.

Thirteen Britons have arrived at Odessa, leaving 43 not evacuated.

CANADA'S GOVERNOR INJURED

Unconscious For An Hour After Fall

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OTTAWA, Feb. 7.

As the result of a fall the Governor-General of Canada (Lord Tweedsmuir) suffered concussion of the brain.

A Government House bulletin announced that Lord Tweedsmuir had been unconscious for an hour and was now resting comfortably.

Violent Explosion On Wellington Tram

SIX PASSENGERS ESCAPE

Windows Shattered And Floor Torn Up

NOISE HEARD MILE AWAY

By Telegraph—Press Association

WELLINGTON, Feb. 7.

A violent explosion which could be heard more than a mile away brought a tram travelling along Adelaide Road towards the city from Island Bay to a sudden halt at about 9.35 to-night.

The floorboards in front of the car were torn up, the front window shattered, and several other windows cracked, but the vehicle remained on the tracks. None of the six passengers was injured.

The conductor and motorman were taken to their homes suffering from shock.

The accident occurred near the junction of Adelaide Road and Chilka Street, and caused a delay of about 20 minutes to the tram traffic.

The damaged car was towed away to the Kilbirnie sheds, where it was reported to have been locked up pending examination by the police.

From descriptions of the explosion it appears that it was external and had nothing to do with the mechanism of the tram.

There have been instances in the past of children and irresponsible persons placing detonators on trams in Wellington, but no detonator would account for an explosion of such violence.

N. E. Jackson, 169 Daniell Street, Newtown, who was a passenger, said that the tram was travelling at normal speed down a slight incline in Berhampore. Suddenly there was a violent explosion near the front of the car.

There was a sound of shattering glass and the front passenger compartment was filled with grey-black smoke.

The tram lurched and came to a stop after running a few yards.

The driver handled the situation with presence of mind and promptitude, said Mr. Jackson. The glass in his compartment fell all round him, and his cap was blown off.

Though shaken by the blast, he kept control of the car and brought it to a stop before alighting in a dazed condition.

There were about half a dozen passengers. Mr. Jackson added that a woman on board became hysterical and tried to jump off while the car was still in motion, but she was restrained by the conductor.

A motorist driving up behind the tram described the explosion as terrifying. He said that it was a miracle that the driver of the tram was not seriously injured.

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LONDON, Feb. 7.

The Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain) in the House of Commons said that, despite the drastic penalties provided for espionage, the Government was considering the introduction of legislation to provide for the imposition of the death penalty in the most serious cases of leakage of information of possible use to the enemy.

"Working Class Will Suffer"

MEAT RATIONING

Cheap Cuts In Short Supply

BUTCHERS' BELIEF

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LONDON, Feb. 7.

Butchers express the opinion that the meat ration will hit the working classes severely. The allowance means a little under 1½ lb. of meat a week at the present average prices.

There are practically no supplies of the cheaper cuts, which the Government says should be bought.

A family of three persons are able to obtain the following for the total value of their coupons: 4½ lb. of best English sirloin or 3½ lb. of best English sirloin or 3½ lb. of imported sirloin or 10½ lb. of imported boiling cuts of beef. Similar quantities of mutton and lamb are also available.

The comment arises from the announcement by the Minister of Food Supply (the Hon. W. S. Morrison) that meat rationing would commence on March 11. It would be at the rate of 1½ lb. a week for persons over six years of age, and 1½ lb. for children under six.

Edible offals, liver, kidneys, tongues and manufactured meats are not being rationed.

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2—BOYS' RACE, over 10, under 15 years, Handicap—1st 3/4, 2nd 2/4, 3rd 1/4.

3—GIRLS' RACE, over 7, under 10 years, Handicap—1st 3/4, 2nd 2/4, 3rd 1/4.

4—BOYS' RACE, over 7, under 10 years, Handicap—1st 3/4, 2nd 2/4, 3rd 1/4.

5—GIRLS' RACE, over 7 years, Handicap—1st 3/4, 2nd 2/4, 3rd 1/4.

6—BOYS' RACE, over 7 years, Handicap—1st 3/4, 2nd 2/4, 3rd 1/4.

7—LOCAL RELAY RACE, Four men confined to different roads. Three teams or no event. First £2. Entry 4/6. Team. Distance about 550 yards.

To commence at 1.30 p.m. Handicapper: Mr H. Leach.

Stewards: Red and White Rosettes.

1.30 5—100 YARDS MAIDEN RACE, Amateur, First, Williams and Kett's trophy £1 1/4; 2nd, Mr. Jones's trophy 10/6; Entry 1/6.

1.35 6—100 YARDS LADIES' HANDICAP RACE, 1st, trophy £1 1/4; 2nd, trophy 10/6; Entry 1/6.

2.00 7—100 YARDS HANDICAP, Amateur; 1st, £1; 2nd, 10/6; Entry 1/6.

2.05 8—75 YARDS LADIES' HANDICAP RACE, 1st, trophy £1 1/4; 2nd, J. W. Wright's trophy 10/6; Entry 1/6.

2.30 9—200 YARDS HANDICAP, Amateur; 1st, £1 10/6; 2nd, Mr. Westerman's trophy 15/6; Entry 1/6.

2.35 10—MARRIED LADIES' RACE, Open; 1st, Mr. F. Lisette's trophy £1 1/4; 2nd, Mr. Macaulay's trophy, 1st, 2nd, 10/6; 3rd, 5/6; Entry free.

3.00 11—400 YARDS HANDICAP, Amateur; 1st, £2; 2nd, £1; Entry 1/6.

3.15 12—MEN'S & OFFICIALS' HANDICAP RACE, 50 (thread the needle); 1st, Mr. Eccle's (Waipawa) trophy £1; 2nd, Mr. Willis's trophy 10/6; Entry 1/6.

3.30 13—800 YARDS HANDICAP, Amateur; 1st, £2; 2nd, Mr. Bennett's trophy £1; Entry 1/6.

4.00 14—RELAY RACE, 2 Ladies, 1 Man in team, 220, 120, and 100 yards; 1st, Three trophies, value 10/6 each. Entry 1/6. Post entry. Three teams or no event.

4.10 15—TUG OF WAR (Local). Two min's' pull on batons. Five men aside; 1st, £2 10/6; 2nd, £1. Entry close 4 a.m. 7/6 per team. Three teams or no event; 4 or no second prize.

HORSE JUMPING EVENTS

Judges: Mr. Morrin and Mr. MacViney.

1—OPEN LEAPING, Hunters' Style; 1st, £8 and 2nd, £4. Entry 10/6. Cup value £6 6/6 with Miniature Cup value £1 1/4; 2nd, £3 10/6; 3rd, 30/6. Cup will be won outright. Entry 12/6.

2—MAIDEN JUMP; 1st, £3; 2nd, £1 10/6; 3rd, Mr. Wilder's 10/6. Entry 5/6.

3—LADIES' JUMP, Lady Rider to get half the prize; 1st, £3; 2nd, Mr. Hardy's 30/6. Entry 5/6.

4—PONY JUMPING COMPETITION; 1st, £1 10/6; 2nd, £15. Entry 2/6.

5—JUMPING, Boys and Girls, 16 years and under; Mr. Bennett's trophy; 2nd, Mr. Kessell's trophy, value 7/6. Entry 1/6.

6—CONSOLATION JUMPING; 1st, £3; 2nd, £1 10/6; 3rd, 10/6. Entry 7/6.

HORSE FIELD EVENTS

All Horses to be Ridden with Saddle. Judge: Mr. B. Shadbolt.

7—FLAG RACE; 1st, £1 10/6; 2nd, 15/6; 3rd, 5/6. Entry 2/6.

8—MUSICAL STALLS, Ladies; 1st, £1 10/6; 2nd, 15/6; 3rd, 5/6. Entry 2/6.

9—MUSICAL STALLS, Gentlemen; 1st, £1 10/6; 2nd, 15/6; 3rd, 5/6. Entry 2/6.

10—THREAD-NEEDLE RACE; 1st, £1 10/6; Lady's prize Mr. Harvey's trophy value £1 1/4; 2nd, 15/6; 3rd, 5/6. Entry 2/6.

11—NIGHT ALARM; 1st, £1 10/6; 2nd, 15/6; 3rd, 5/6. Entry 2/6.

12—TURNING COMPETITION; 1st, £1 10/6; 2nd, 15/6; 3rd, 5/6. Entry 2/6.

13—TURNING (Ladies); 1st, £1 10/6; 2nd, 15/6; 3rd, 5/6. Entry 2/6.

14—LADIES' FLAG RACE; 1st, £1 10/6; 2nd, 15/6; 3rd, 5/6. Entry 2/6.

15—BEST BOY OR GIRL RIDER (under 14 years); 1st, 10/6; 2nd, 5/6; 3rd, 2/6. Mr. A. Christie's and Mr. P. J. S. George's trophies. Entry free.

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Handicaps will be published in the "Waipawa Mail," Daily Telegraph, "H.B. Herald-Tribune," and "Daily Mail."

Competitors, when entering, must forward fees and past two years' performances. If no performances within last two years, the last four performances (or any) to be stated.

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In all events five starters or no event; six starters or no second prize; seven or no third prize.

Competitors qualifying for final heat in any horse event must ride same horse as ridden in qualifying heat.

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AN OLD WAIROA SETTLER

DEATH OF MR A. J. LEWIS

AGED 92 YEARS

Saw The Early Whaling Days

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

WAIROA. One of the oldest settlers of the Wairoa district, Mr Archibald James Lewis, died at the Wairoa Hospital on Tuesday evening, following a short illness. Aged 92 years, he had lived all his life in Wairoa.

Mr Lewis was the son of one of the earliest pioneers who settled in the district and was for some time associated with the whaling industry. He was highly respected by both the Maoris and pakehas. His mother was a Maori.

After living for many years in Kopu Road, near the heads, he moved to Kaitiaki, where he conducted a large garden, and orchard right up to the end.

Mr Lewis is survived by a widow and a family of seven, four sons, Messrs Claude and Rudolph (Wairoa), George (Mokapu), and (Rangitikei) and three daughters, Messdames T. Corliss (Hastings), A. Davies (Wairoa) and M. Edwards (Tururoa).

The funeral will leave the Hine-meehi meeting house at the Hetepe Cemetery at 2.30 p.m. to-day.

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PROGRAMME FOR CENTENNIAL

DETAILS OF EVENTS AT WAIKAWA

ONE CANCELLATION

No Sports in Main Street

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

WAIKAWA. A decision confirming the Waipawa Centennial Carnival programme to be conducted at Waipawa from Sunday next to the following Sunday, was reached at a special meeting of the Waipawa Centennial Carnival Committee. The committee decided to cancel one function, the sports meeting in the main street, which was set down for Monday evening next.

HASTINGS THEATRES

State Theatre advertisement for 'The Marshal of Mesa City' featuring George O'Brien and Ann Sheridan. Includes showtimes and promotional text.

Advertisement for 'Sherlock Holmes' featuring Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce, and Alan Marshall. Includes showtimes and promotional text.

Advertisement for 'Cosy' Theatre featuring 'The Terror' and 'Women Are Like That' with Wilfrid Lawson and Fat Obrien.

Advertisement for Regent Theatre featuring 'The Wizard of Oz' and 'Clouds Over Europe' with Ralph Richardson and Laurence Olivier.

Advertisement for Municipal Pictures featuring 'Flying Hostess' and 'California Straight Ahead' with William Gargan and John Payne.

Advertisement for Rifle Shooting at Napier, including details for Saturday's match and club championship.

Advertisement for 'Outlaw Dog' featuring a story about a dog named Major who saved lives.

State

'THE MARSHAL OF MESA CITY' Winter Carnival With Ann Sheridan. George O'Brien's outdoor drama...

'SHERLOCK HOLMES' With Basil Rathbone. Nigel Bruce - Ida Lupino - Alan Marshall. See special display advt. - page one!

'THE TERROR' With Wilfrid Lawson - Linden Travers. 'WOMEN ARE LIKE THAT' With Fat Obrien - Kay Francis.

'THE WIZARD OF OZ' is Coming! LAST 2 DAYS! DAILY - At 2.15 & 8 p.m.

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USED CARS

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Advertisement for Henry Williams & Sons Ltd. featuring personal services, gifts, and car repairs. Includes contact information for Napier.

Advertisement for L. J. Harvey featuring lawn mowers and other machinery. Includes contact information for Hastings.

Advertisement for McLeod & Gardner Ltd. featuring extra quality timber. Includes contact information for Hastings.

Advertisement for The Christian Science Monitor featuring world news and subscription rates. Includes contact information for Hastings.

Advertisement for The Daily Mail featuring subscription rates and office locations. Includes contact information for Napier and other areas.

Advertisement for Mayfair Theatre featuring 'The Wizard of Oz' and 'Clouds Over Europe'.

Advertisement for Junior Cricket on Saturday with matches in Hastings.

Advertisement for Wide Variety of Classes at Hawke's Bay Centennial Autumn Show.

Advertisement for 'The Oregon Trail' featuring Gene Raymond and Ann Sothern.

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Five o'Clock Gossip

The Rev. G. Watson and Mrs. Watson, Otaki, accompanied by Miss O. Watson, are visiting Hastings.

Mrs R. M. Chadwick, George Street, Napier, leaves to-day to spend a holiday in Wellington and Dunedin.

Miss Fitzpatrick, Havelock North, is visiting relatives in Hamilton.

Miss Betty Marven, Masterton, is spending her annual vacation with her parents in Havelock North.

Miss Beverly Hannah, Roslyn Road, Napier, left yesterday to spend a fortnight in Wellington.

Miss Barbara Heath has left to spend a holiday in Wellington, after which she will take up nursing in that city.

Mrs H. E. Olding, Tauranga, is visiting Napier.

Mrs J. B. Lauchlan is a Wellington visitor to Napier.

Mr and Mrs L. Ryan, Alexandra, Central Otape, are on a holiday visit to Otape.

Centennial Sale now on. All stocks greatly reduced for two weeks only. Cotton, Dirdis 11/6, Floral Silk Frocks 19/6, 29/6, 39/6, Summer hats 35/-, 49/6, 59/6. Tailored suits from 39/6. Afternoon Frocks and Ensembles were 5gns to 10gns, now 3gns to 7gns. Victor Gowns, Hastings' Exclusive Salon. Phone 3076.

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ROMANTIC FIGURE OF RUSSIAN REVOLUTION WEDS AN AUSTRALIAN

Kerensky Married To Former Wife Of A Famous Musician

By her marriage to Alexander Feodorovich Kerensky, famous figure of the Russian Revolution, a pretty Australian girl, Nelle Tritton, has made the headlines of newspapers all over the world.

An attractive brunette with brown eyes and a trim figure, she has become the wife of a man whose name will have a prominent place in history books for all time.

To-day Kerensky is an exile, with no say in the vital decisions which have brought his country into the position of deciding, perhaps, the fate of civilisation.

Twenty-two years ago he was Prime Minister of Russia, as well as Commander-in-Chief and War Minister, during three historic months following the Revolution.

A strong, fascinating character linked with rare intelligence and good looks have played a big part in shaping Nelle Tritton's life since she left Australia 12 years ago.

When she arrived in Europe her charm and talents found her a wide circle of friends and she soon came to know some of the most famous people of England and the Continent.

Glamorous Girl
Many people in Brisbane, her home town, and in Sydney, where she worked as a journalist, remember the young girl who was the violinist named Nadejine. Attracted by the mutual love of music, they became firm friends, and friendship led to marriage.

With Nadejine, Nelle Tritton revisited Australia some years ago, but in 1936 she divorced him.

It was then that she became secretary to Kerensky, who was living in exile in Paris.

At an early age she had shown a remarkable gift for learning languages. The fact that she could speak several languages, including Russian, quite fluently, was of very great value to her in her secretarial work.

Early this year Nelle Tritton again visited her homeland.

"When Nelle arrived in Brisbane to visit us last February," said her mother, "she wore two magnificent rings given her by Kerensky."

"She met him in France some years ago. Having retained her interest in international politics, she enjoyed long discussions with him. She told us that she liked him because he was a highly intelligent man of the world. We knew that their mutual interests might develop into romance."

"I always looked on Nelle as one of the most interesting pupils I ever had," said Miss Harker, former principal of Somerville House.

Australia Revisited
"I recall how she used to mount a stump in the playground every day and ask the girls to give her a subject for a three-minute speech."

"She always found something interesting to say, too."

"She never forgets her old friends, and on her visits to Brisbane since she went abroad she has made her old school one of her first calls."

Nelle Tritton and Kerensky met again in America a few weeks ago, Nelle having arrived from Australia and Kerensky from France, where he had secured his divorce from his first wife.

They were married quietly in a tiny village in Pennsylvania, by a local estate agent, who was also a Justice of the Peace.

"I was amazed when I realised who Kerensky was," he said. "I would not believe it until I saw his passport and divorce papers."

"Both of them seemed very happy. They exchanged rings and mostly talked in Russian."

They left soon after on a motoring honeymoon, bound for New York to stay with a Republican leader, Mr Kenneth Simpson. At the end of September they intend to sail for France.

They will make their home in Paris where Kerensky has lived throughout his years of exile.

EGG-YOLKS TO MATCH HER BREAKFAST GOWN

Milady may now have egg yolks to match her breakfast gown, writes an American paper. Experts attending the convention of New Hampshire poultry growers say they can provide blue-yolked eggs for the woman who eats her morning meal in blue dimity. Other colours specified are green and brown.

IN DOMESTIC EMERGENCIES

Some Advice To Pin Up In Your Medicine Chest

In a domestic emergency it is very necessary to know what action to adopt. Cuts and poisoning are two common occurrences, and the following treatment can be memorised:—

Cuts.—If the blood oozes gently or flows in a continuous stream of dark purple colour it is sufficient to apply a pad of lint on which some iodine has been applied. If a proper bandage is not available use a handkerchief to bind the cut into position. If the blood issues from the cut in a series of jets or spurts, and is scarlet in colour, the case is more serious and needs immediate attention. Press the thumb lightly on the wound while somebody prepares a tourniquet, which must be bound above the cut between the bleeding point and the heart. Do not apply the tourniquet too tightly or too long, and when the bleeding ceases clean the wound. Call in a doctor.

Food poisoning.—To provoke vomiting by tickling the palate and throat with a finger is the right emergency treatment for food poisoning. Put the patient to bed, cover with plenty of clothing, put a hot water bottle in the bed, and hot fomentions on the abdomen. Give emetics consisting of a tablespoon of salt in a tumbler of water. Brandy or other stimulants should only be given when there are signs of collapse.

TAHITIAN PRINT.—A gay little frock of Tahitian printed silk, featuring a pleated skirt, draped bodice and raised sleeves. The wearer is Gloria Blondell, Columbia Pictures player, sister to the famous Joan Blondell.

THE HOMELY THINGS

Nay, loose my hands and let me go!
God's glories pierce and frighten;
I want my house, my fires, my bread,
My sheets to wash and whiten.

I liked the dusty roads of earth,
The brambles and the roaming;
I liked the flowers that used to fade,
The small lamp in the gloaming.

The fields of God they blind my eyes,
Dead is this heavenly hill—
I want the sweet, lost homeliness
Of the door yards of our village.

Where are the accustomed common things—
The cups we drank together;
The old shoes that he laced for me,
The cape for rainy weather?

Dear were our stumbling human ways,
His words' impetuous flurry,
His tossed hair, the kind, anxious brow,
The steps to eager hurry.

O, tall archangel, with such wings,
Your beauty is too burning!
Give me once more my threadbare dress,
And the sound of his feet returning.

—FLORENCE WILKINSON.

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Ladies' Dressing Gowns in all shades Art Silks, Poplins, etc. Figured and Embroidered designs—12/6 for 7/11, 10/6 for 5/11.

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Recent Wedding In Hastings

HEDGMAN—WILSON

Bridal Gown Of White Cre Satin

CHEERY RECEPTION

St. Matthew's Church, Hastings, was the scene of a quiet and pretty wedding recently, when Gladys Alexandra Cecilia, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs A. R. Wilson, of Christchurch, was married to Albert George, son of Mr and Mrs G. E. Hedgman, of Heathcote, Christchurch.

Archdeacon M. W. Butterfield performed the ceremony and Mr C. B. Spinney was at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by Mr C. G. Wilkinson, wore a bridal gown of white cre satin. The bodice had a heart-shaped neckline and was trimmed to the waist at the back with tiny buttons and the gathered sleeves were finished with a point over the hand. The back panel of the skirt flared from the high waistline and formed an oval train, and her embroidered tulle veil, arranged with a coronet of orange blossom, fell in soft folds to form a second train. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses, gladioli and pale pink carnations.

Miss Alma Hedgman, of Christchurch, the bridegroom's sister, was bridesmaid. She wore a princess gown of ice blue cre satin, the high waistline forming a point in the front. The neckline was heart shaped and the short sleeves were finished with a row of shirring up the centre. She wore a golden crown of ice blue cre satin, the high waistline forming a point in the front. The neckline was heart shaped and the short sleeves were finished with a row of shirring up the centre. She wore a golden crown of ice blue cre satin, the high waistline forming a point in the front. The neckline was heart shaped and the short sleeves were finished with a row of shirring up the centre.

Miss Jean Ballantyne, Hastings, is at present in Sydney where she has been attending classes for Teachers of Dancing conducted by English and Viennese instructors of the latest in modern ballroom dancing. All classes connected with Miss Ballantyne's Studio recommence the first week in March.

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A separate concession is for parties of not fewer than six persons travelling together. They can buy second class tickets at three-quarters of the ordinary second class return fare.

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THE PRICES AT STOCK SALE

STORTFORD LODGE YESTERDAY BROKERS' REPORTS

Sheep And Cattle Realisations

Brokers report as follows on the realisations for sheep and cattle offered yesterday at the Stortford Lodge stock sale:—

Williams & Kettle Ltd
1 fat heifer £8/5/, 2 fat cows £9 2/.

Loan & Mercantile Agency Co.
6 fat Southdown 2ths 19/., 6 17/6; 6 fat 2th wethers at 22/8, 7 20/3, 14 19/1; 8 fat ewes 15/8, 2 fat maiden ewes 20/., 6 fat lambs 20/., 4 fat ewes 12/10, 6 12/., 8 fat maiden 4yr. ewes at 19/3, 6 17/3, 7 fat ewes at 17/9, 7 17/6, 10 16/3; 6 fat Southdown 2ths 22/9, 8 fat ewes at 17/3, 4 15/10, 9 16/4, 4 18/10, 4 19/., 9 16/7, 7 17/4; 3 fat 2th ewes at 21/., 3 17/6; 158 wether lambs 13/6, 54 f. and f. ewes 5/6, 49 3yr. ewes lambs 8/7, 13 4/6; 3 2sh Southdown rams at £2/2/, 2 £2/2/, 3 £1/5/3.

Dalgety & Co. Ltd.
4 fat wethers 25/., 2 24/6; 2 fat ewes 23/., 2 22/3, 1 17/6, 2 18/3, 2 17/., 7 15/10; 3 fat lambs 24/., 2 23/., 3 20/9; 254 Southdown cross lambs 17/6, 122 Down cross lambs 17/., 67 Romney lambs 19/6, 76 shorn wether lambs 16/8, 48 m.s. Romney lambs 14/2, 73 ewe lambs 11/6, 97 Down cross lambs 12/., 15 17/1; 6 Romney lambs 19/., 140 6 and 8th ewes 20/7, 69 store ewes 8/3, 24 8/3, 59 6-yr. old ewes 12/., 48 6/6, 24 5/9, 55 5/9; 44 forward ewes 11/9, 13 forward wethers 18/7, 49 small 2th ewes 18/9.

H.B. Farmers' Co-op. Assn Ltd.
1 fat P.A. bullock £11/17/6, 1 £11 5/2, £11/12/6, 1 £13/5/., 2 £11/19/., 2 Hereford bullocks £13, 2 19/., 1 £12/5/., 2 £12/14/., 1 fat P.A. heifer £10/5/., 1 fat bullock £11/2/6, 1 fat Hereford heifer £9/15/., 1 fat Hereford cow at £8/13/., 2 £8, 2 £9/5/., 2 £8/2/., 1 £8/2/., 1 fat Jersey heifer at £6/7/6, 1 £6/17/6; 3 fat Jersey cow at £4/5/., 1 £3/2/., 1 £6/12/6; 1 fat Jersey heifer at £7, 1 £6/9/., 1 £6, 1 £7/12/6; 2 vealers £2/1/., 9 fat P.A. heifers at £3, 3 £2.

100 2th wethers at 19/., 178 17/8, 13 13/2, 128 4th wethers 19/3, 95 f. and f. ewes 8/10, 52 8/., 61 6/., 16 13/5; 68 M.A. ewes 17/., 68 5-yr. ewes 9/., 140 shorn wether lambs 11/., 34 10/10; 4 aged Romney rams 12/., 1 fat ewe 12/., 1 19/., 1 12/., 10 18/2, 10 18/., 10 17/., 8 17/., 8 16/9, 16 17/4, 1 14/6, 19 17/6, 15 16/9, 11 17/6; 24 fat wethers 23/., 9 19/10, 9 22/., 3 23/3, 8 20/8; 7 fat Southdown 2ths 18/., 21/., 6 21/6, 2 18/3; 4 fat lambs 20/6.

Murray, Roberts & Co.
1 fat Jersey bullock £9/6/., 1 £6 12/., 1 runner £4/5/., 1 £2/10/., 1 fat cow £6/18/., 2 £6/15/., 2 £8/12/6, 1 £6/12/., 1 fat heifer £11, 2 £9/10/., 1 £9; 2 fat cows £8/7/6, 2 £7/16/., 2 £8/3/., 2 £8/3/., 1 £8/10/., 1 17/., 1 fat heifer £8/15/., 1 £8/7/6, £7/15/., 2 £7/18/., 2 £7/17/., 1 £7/12/., 2 £8 9/., 3 £7/12/6; 1 fat Jersey cow £4 9/., 1 £8/7/6, 1 £8/14/., 1 £8/8/., 1 £7/10/.; 12 cows with 10 calves £5; 1 Jersey cow £3/5/., 1 £4/10/., 1 £3 17/6, 1 £4/17/6.

6 fat ewes 14/8, 2 fat lambs 23/., 3 fat ewes 15/10, 10 fat 2th 19/3, 3 fat wethers 21/3, 1 fat lamb 25/3, 4 fat wethers 22/7, 6 19/., fat ewes 14/9, 8 16/9; 10 fat wethers 23/4, 16 24/8, 12 23/10, 12 23/2, 14 24/3, 15 24/4; 266 f. and f. weds 2/4, 193 S.M. ewes 13/9, 478 wethers 12/., 229 17/1; 127 4/5-yr. ewes 17/6, 158 wethers 14/3, 183 12/6, 191 f. and f. weds 21/., 93 fwd. ewes 10/7, 213 wethers 13/6, 200 Southdown cross lambs 11/9, 129 10/9, 126 15/7; 119 ewe lambs 17/.; 75 wethers 7/., 177 15/10, 120 5-yr ewes 16/., 38 f. and f. weds 19/., 48 5-yr ewes 14/9, 79 f. and f. weds 19/9, 141 wethers 9/4, 128 12/6, 136 17/.; 91 wethers 17/10, 85 ewes 11/3, 101 wethers 14/9, 75 19/., 4 14/9; 51 Southdown 2ths 16/10, 54 ewes 7/3, 63 7/10, 54 6/., 24 2/8; 12 weds 14/8, 10 16/4; 8 wethers 9/3, 9 2, 4 6th ewes 22/., 22 wethers 14/9, 10 lambs 15/6, 39 10/6, 19 4/., 20 7/9; 31 wethers 16/., 23 wethers 7/10, 57 ewe lambs 10/6, 6 wethers 16/4, 9, 30 5-year ewes 12/., 41 5-yr ewes 10/3, 66 wethers 6/9, 57 10/3; 2 Southdown rams 2gns., 1 1gn., 25 ewe lambs 9/., 20 ewes 18/3, 9 6/.

A Disappointing Sale

WAIROA RAM FAIR

Little Demand For Romneys

YESTERDAY'S PRICES

"Daily Mail" Special Service.
WAIROA.
A depressed market for Romneys was responsible for making the ram fair at the North Clyde saleyards, Wairoa, yesterday a disappointing one. Local breeders were fairly well represented.



THEIR MAJESTIES.—British Royalty is never more at home than on the sea. An intimate snapshot of the King and Queen as they left for their tour to Canada and the United States.



IN PALESTINIAN SUNSHINE.—A scene in the modern town of Tel Aviv, one of the chief centres of Jewish life and culture in Palestine.

ANOTHER FIRM SALE FOR FAT CATTLE

Weakened Demand For Lambs Yesterday

STORTFORD LODGE PRICES

On a quality basis little change could be observed in the fat cattle market at Stortford Lodge yesterday. A slight firming tendency was perhaps the general trend of the sale.
With an offering of about 150 head yarded, butchers had a fair range, including a number of good quality lines, from which to choose. A feature of the selling was the appearance of a draft of heavily-finished bullocks, in from Otane on account of the Estate of James Tod, which attracted competition to sell at from £11 5/- to £13 5/-.
Pens of heifers were mainly of good quality, realising to £10 5/-. A particularly weighty entry from Kereru topped the sale at £11.
A weaker market for lambs ruled in the store sheep section, where prices dropped appreciably to register 1/- or more decrease. Later in the sale the demand improved a little, with a number of more forward pens on offer. Top prices early went to Down cross pens, which made up the most attractive portion of the offering. Little change occurred in the inquiry for ewes for fattening, but wethers sold to a rather firmer demand.
The entry totalled approximately 12,000 head.
The store cattle entry was so small as to be scarcely worth consideration, and certainly the selling in which little interest was taken, was no indication of what might be expected under normal conditions.
Fat sheep sold practically on a par with last week's rates. Possibly on a quality for quality basis a slightly dearer trend might have been noticed, but in the main rates averaged out showing very little alteration.
Some of the realisations yesterday were as follows:—
Fat Cattle
On account of Matapiro Station 4 medium-framed Hereford cross heifers carrying light to good prime finish realised £7 15/- to £8 15/-; from the same source 5 P.A. heifers, medium framed and averaging light finish brought £7 12/- to £7 18/-. A further pen of 5 P.A. heifers from Matapiro Station, in good order and of much the same weights as the previous pen made £7 12/6 to £8 9/-.
From Opapa on account of Mr. J. McPhail, 3 well framed Hereford heifers in prime order made £8 9/- to £9 2/-; in the same line 2 nicely finished prime cows were passed at £8 5/-. A pen of 5 fairly framed cows in only light order were sold at £7 10/- to £8 12/6. A further pen of similar cows, lightly finished only, received the same treatment, being passed in at £6 to £7 15/-.
On account of Est. James Tod, Otane, a big framed P.A. heifer,

Yesterday On 'Change

Transaction List

Table with columns for Wellington Exchange and Christchurch Exchange, listing various transactions and prices.

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The poor fellow sat at a desk and began writing, so the physician tried to comfort him. "Cheer up," he said, "it may not be as bad after all. There's no need to make out your will!"
"Will my foot," he replied, "I'm writing out a list of people I'm going to bite!"

Something of Interest... LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER...
Dear Sir, In reply to your advertisement I am returning the watch which was found on January 26.
C.B. Poukawa.
The Letter was in reply to this
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Daily Mail

Your Own Morning Paper

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1940.

A REPLY TO MR BARNARD

The letter from the Hon. W. E. Barnard published on this page is the text of this article, and in fairness to Mr Speaker his letter should be read first.

In the chair of the House of Representatives Mr Barnard is in an entirely different position from that which he occupies as chairman of a public meeting. We all know that the Speaker is the "deus ex machina" whose impartial fiat—generally expressed in the terse word "Order"—must be obeyed.

The sympathy expressed by the "Daily Mail" was due to the fact that it was felt that Mr Barnard had given his personal services in a cause with which he, on the showing of his own words with reference to Russia, did not agree, and that he had given his services without being fully aware of what was before him.

As to the failure to report the remarks of the speaker referred to, this may be said in defence: In these columns it has been advocated that the Government should do something in the way of suppressing that kind of talk which is detrimental to the full prosecution of the war effort.

As to the fact that comment was made on a speech not reported in this paper, it may be said that on occasion reference is made to articles in other papers, that we are quite at liberty to make such comment, and that when it comes to the question of news values, we prefer an agricultural and pastoral show to the address delivered by Dr. Reifer.

However, it is hardly fair to say that we deny to others the rights of free speech which we conserve to ourselves. We put limits on ourselves, as a matter of fact (and sometimes it is with great difficulty). What is denied, and denied emphatically, is the right to use these columns for purposes that would do hurt to the Empire in time of war.

It is regretted that Mr Barnard regrets the tone of the article referred to in his letter, but it is here stated that it was written from the point of view of helping along the common cause by combatting what was regarded as a subversive influence.

"Democracy," Mr Barnard says, "carries with it the right to think and speak freely." But in his capacity as Mr Speaker he would be the first to utter his familiar interjection and call to order anyone in the House who misunderstood the limits of free speech.

In view of the grave situation confronting us all, and in view of the need to do everything to assist the great fight for freedom of speech and every other kind of freedom, it is necessary to impose restrictions on subversive utterances. For belief in them means the death of freedom.

Personal

Mr F. R. Picot, Director of the Division of Internal Marketing, is at present in Napier. He is accompanied by Mrs Picot.

Mr M. Nelson, Napier, and formerly of Gisborne, who has been visiting Gisborne for a few days, has returned to Napier.

Mr J. J. McDonald, of the staff of the Post and Telegraph Department, Napier, who is to relieve at the Takapau Post Office for a fortnight, will leave Napier to-morrow.

Sergeant N. Straffon, of the Hastings police force, who, with Mrs Straffon, has been spending his annual leave in Wellington, has returned to Hastings and resumed his duties yesterday.

Dr A. Reifer, D.Sc. of Brun University, Moravia, and at present attached to the staff of the Department of Grass Lands Division at Palmerston North, has returned there after a visit to Napier.

Mr F. J. Tonkin, a member of the Hastings Orchestral Society for some 33 years, tendered his resignation at the annual meeting of the society last night. In appreciation of his services he was elected a life member.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr and Mrs Fletcher, Miss Fletcher, Mrs E. C. Beale, Mr C. A. Anderson, Mr J. L. Byrnie (Auckland), Mr J. A. Manoy, Mr V. A. Hopkirk, Miss S. I. Quirkie (Wellington), Miss F. Conway, Mr M. A. Conway (Feilding), Mrs Hilda Boucaut (Taunanga), Mrs Jamieson, Mrs McCall, Miss H. Hay (Dunedin), Mrs E. M. Shrimpton (Hastings), Mr G. Barnett (Paekakariki), Mr and Mrs G. Newcomb (Havelock North), Mr and Mrs Hitchings (Portland Island), Mr G. Jabon (Christchurch), Miss J. Hamilton, Miss C. Bowling, Mr H. D. Hamilton (Westport) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr F. Jeffery (Roxburgh, Otago), Mr and Mrs J. T. Jeromson (Wanganui), Mr T. Fisher, Mr Baldwin, Mrs Qualter, Mr J. M. Carroll, Mr J. Dunn (Wellington), Mr A. N. Papanicolaou (Christchurch), Mr T. G. Dobson (Auckland), Mr Hardiman (Invercargill), Mr and Mrs Clark, Miss S. Clark (Dunedin) are at the Criterion Hotel, Napier.

Mr A. B. Hodgson, Mr J. Durham, Mr C. E. Jones, Mr C. A. Anderson, Mr W. H. de Luan, Mr K. O. Jones (Palmerston North), Mr B. A. Lewis, Mr Saker, Mr E. V. McLean, Mr A. G. Cederman (Wellington), Mr T. A. Campbell (Christchurch), Mrs Amy Cooke (Los Angeles, Cal.), Mr R. W. Rowaver, Miss B. Rowaver (Auckland), Mrs H. Cooke, Mr H. de Lacy, Mr C. Osterman (Sydney) are at the Hotel Central, Napier.

Mr J. Major, Mr D. James (Wellington), Mr H. Smith (Wanganui), Mr A. Kennedy, Mr L. Lilliecap (Palmerston North), Mr R. Dixon (Masterton), Mr D. Lawford, Mr A. Clarke, Mr H. Brown (Auckland), Mr F. Milne (Pahiatua) are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

Mrs F. M. Tonkinson, Mr M. H. Tonkinson (Dunedin), Mr F. Parkes, Mr Norman H. Raine, Mr V. E. Tucker (Auckland), Mr J. D. Wiltshire, Mr R. Johnston (Wellington), Mr G. Cuthbert, Mr W. J. Wilson (Palmerston North), Mr and Miss Bruce Deighton and Mr B. T. Coburn (Christchurch), Mr and Mrs Norman Beetham, Mr B. F. Mitchell (Masterton), Dr. and Mrs. Nigel Smith (Sydney), are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr Moore (Waikaremoana), Mr Watson, Mr Aisliebe, Mr Thompson, Mr Jones (Gisborne), Mr Gordon, Mr Melville (Napier), are at the Ferry Hotel, Wairoa.

Mr A. Toomer, Mr R. Dryberg, Mr J. Richards, Mr B. Overton (Wellington), Mr Moorely (Gisborne), Mr Otway (Palmerston North), are at the Clyde Hotel, Wairoa.

To-Day's Diary

Hastings
Rainbow Shield Swimming Competition, Mahora Baths, 8 p.m.
The Theatres:
"Clouds Over Europe," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m.

Napier
Athletic Meeting, McLean Park, 7.30 p.m.
The Theatres:
"Way Down South," and "Fixer Dugan," State, 8 p.m.

Patriotic Effort
The spontaneous enthusiasm shown at a recent meeting of the committees set up by the Hastings Orphans' Club to raise money for the Mayor's Patriotic Fund augurs well for the variety entertainment to be presented at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings, on February 5.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

"An Embarrassing Friend"

Sir,—I am interested in your expression of "heartfelt sympathy" for me, but really I do not need it, and therefore feel under no obligation whatever for your solicitous attention. From the chair of the House of Representatives I listen to all sorts of opinions without the least feeling of "embarrassment".

I do not propose to traverse your garbled references to Dr. Reifer's address, but I cannot allow to pass unchallenged what you say respecting "the old question of freedom of speech." Your own unfair article is an example of the very wide limits of utterance allowed in this community of people of British stock.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Band to Visit Napier

A contest demonstration is to be given in McLean Park, Napier, on Sunday afternoon by the 1st Hawke's Bay Regiment-Napier Citizens' Band, commencing at 2.45 p.m.

War Relief Association

Grants amounting to £57 were authorised when 37 applications by returned soldiers and their dependants were considered at a meeting of the Hawke's Bay War Relief Association. In January grants to soldiers amounted to £59 8/5, and to dependants £7 10/-, and loans to soldiers £18 3/-. Repayments amounted to £117.

Width of Floats

Designers of floats intended for the historical and pageantry procession in connection with the Napier Centennial celebrations would be well advised to remember that no float should exceed 12ft. in width. The secretary of the Centennial Committee, Mr C. W. Hassall, points out that the widest gate at McLean Park is only 12ft. 1in. in width.

Blown Off Road

The strong westerly wind which swept Hawke's Bay yesterday produced an alarming result when a large car travelling on the main road a short distance south of Napier was caught by a gust and deviated from its path sufficiently to put it off the road. The occupants were not hurt, and the vehicle was soon moved back to the concrete surface.

Shop Day at Napier

To-morrow and Saturday, February 9 and 10, the Napier Citizens' Band is holding a shop day to raise funds to finalise its contest effort. The members of the band have raised most of the funds, but find, owing to the high cost of accommodation in Wellington, that it is necessary to appeal for funds, and if the public will visit the shop to-morrow or Saturday and make purchases it will be very helpful.

Parking Sign Broken

After a time in which no damage of this nature had been done in Hastings, another parking sign was broken by vandals on Tuesday night. The plate of the sign, which was situated near Market Street in Heretaunga Street, was broken completely off the supporting standard. Harassed by the treatment given their property, the Hastings Borough Council is seeking to remedy the position by the use of a sign of stronger construction. Instead of ending at the base of the plate, the heavy iron piping standard is being run up the back, to the top of the sign. By this means, it is hoped to save them from damage caused by bending.

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

The Breakfast Table

"A fool and his money are soon parted."
"Who got yours?"

Friend: Are your neighbours honest?
"Old negro: Yasin, dey is.
"But you keep a loaded shotgun beside your hen-coop?"
"Yas, dat's to keep 'em honest."

"My wife has a strange way of getting even with the telephone company."
"What is that?"
"She uses my car to knock down their poles."

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HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

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

Winds: Moderate to strong wind from a westerly quarter.
Weather: Fine and warm.
Seas: Slight to moderate inshore.

Hastings Weather

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows:—
Dry bulb temp. 73.0deg
Wet bulb temp. 56.0deg
Maximum temp. 74.0deg
Minimum temp. 63.2deg
Grass 61.2deg
1ft. underground 70.0deg
Wind W.6
Cloud 2
N11
Rain for month 0.32in.

Napier Weather

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. by the Government recorder at Napier (Mr R. T. Hutton) are as follows:—
Dry bulb temp. 74.0deg
Wet bulb temp. 57.0deg
Maximum temp. 77.5deg
Minimum temp. 65.5deg
1ft. underground 69.2deg
3ft. underground 68.1deg
Visibility 9
Grass 56.0deg
Rain Nil
Sun 9.8hrs
Humidity 28 p.c.

Dominion Forecast

General situation: The cyclone situated west of Taranaki moved rapidly across New Zealand last night and is now located south-east of Otago. Pressure is relatively high to the north.

Forecast.—Winds: Fresh to strong generally from a westerly quarter reaching gale force in exposed situations from Taranaki and Hawke's Bay southwards.

Seas (New Zealand waters): Moderate inshore on the east coast; elsewhere rough to high.

Eastern Tasman: Strong southwest to west winds to gales and rough to very rough seas.

Weather: For the most part fair and fine, though boisterous; showery conditions persisting, however, in the western and far southern portions of the South Island. Temperatures cool in the south-west and south, elsewhere mild and warm.

Paper by the Yard

Emerson Street, Napier, presented a curious appearance yesterday afternoon when a bundle of about 100 newspapers became detached from a delivery boy's bicycle. Caught by the wind, they scattered in every direction, and many passers-by received an embarrassing supply of the latest news.

Motor-Cycle Burned

A late model motor-cycle belonging to an unidentified owner was destroyed by fire about six o'clock last evening in Nelson Street, Hastings. The Fire Brigade turned out in response to an alarm given by a pedestrian, and in 10 minutes extinguished the blaze with chemical appliances. The tyres were burned, also the seat and electrical cables. Despite inquiries by the police and Fire Brigade, the owner had not been found at a late hour last night.



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COLLEGE COATS. In navy coating and pilot cloth. Belted styles with and without lining. Prices from 35/- to 63/-
SCHOOL PANAMAS. All sizes. Price 9/6



VERDICT IN ATTEMPTED MURDER CASE ANNOUNCED

Decision At The Wellington Supreme Court Yesterday

After a retirement of nearly an hour the jury in the Supreme Court to-day found Charles Theodore Nelson, seaman, aged 51, not guilty of the attempted murder of Stanley Meredith Hunt and not guilty of discharging a revolver with intent to do grievous bodily harm to him.

The alleged firing of two shots, one blank and one live cartridge from a revolver in Jessie Street on November 25, was the basis of charges of attempted murder and of discharging a revolver with intent to do grievous bodily harm in the Supreme Court against Nelson.

The alleged attempt was made on Stanley Meredith Hunt, a slaughterman. Mr Justice Ostryer was on the bench and Mr Cunningham appeared for the Crown, Mr Hardie Boys defending.

The Crown Prosecutor said that no doubt the defence would raise the issue of drunkenness.

A general principle of law was that drunkenness was no excuse in the commission of crime, but if a man were so drunk that he could not form any intention at all, that would negate the essential part of both counts against the accused.

The evidence was similar to that in the lower court, and when the question of Hunt's being a Communist came up, Hunt admitted it, also that he had been to Russia.

A Free Country Mr Justice Ostryer: "This is a free country, and any person can hold any political views he likes. He is not doing anything illegal in being a Communist or in holding Communist views. He does something illegal only if he does anything seditious, and being a Communist is not being seditious."

Hunt denied that he had threatened to knock Nelson's head off.

Opening the defence, Mr Boys denied that two shots were fired. He said that an extra shell was produced at a meeting, the first of these was not a blank. The accused did not know that the revolver was loaded, and when it went off he got a greater shock than Hunt.

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COMPLIMENTS PAID TO DOMINION

LONDON CEREMONY

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After the departure of their Majesties, Mr Jordan read Mr Savage's message of gratitude to the Lord Mayor, to which the Lord Mayor replied that the ceremony had been as happy for London as for New Zealand.

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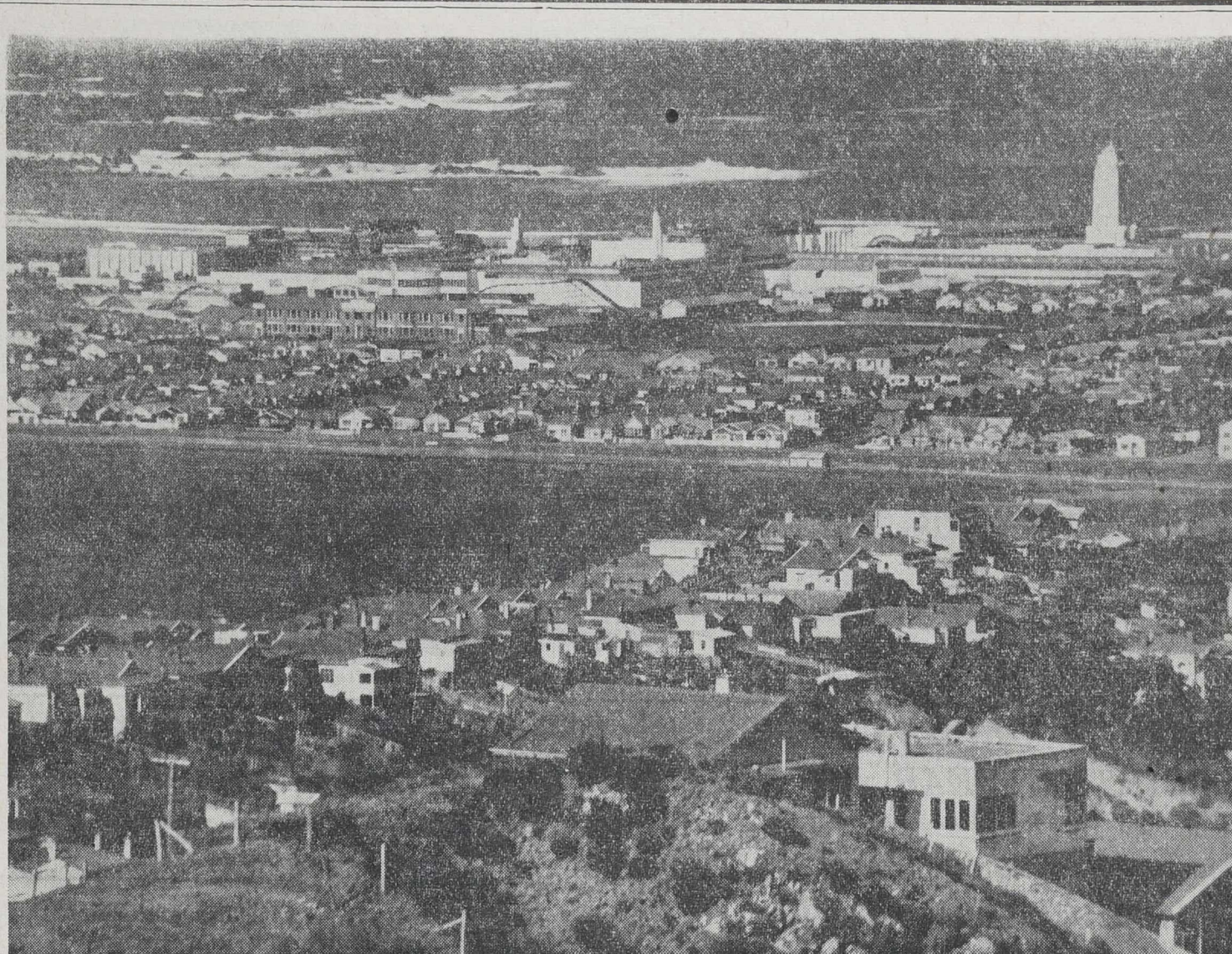
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"ALL ROADS LEAD TO"—A "Daily Mail" picture of the Exhibition grounds at Rongotai, taken from the summit of Mount Victoria.

Athletic Sports To-night

MEETING AT NAPIER Several Relay Events Included EXCELLENT ENTRIES

Excellent entries have again been received by the Napier Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club for the sports meeting to be held at McLean Park, Napier, at 7.30 this evening.

The following are the handicaps: Men's 100 Yards Handicap.—First heat: R. Phillips 11yds, F. Collinge 4y, P. Begley 6y, O. Banks 8, G. Cox 9, J. Ness 10. Second heat: G. I. Bickerstaff 3yds, P. Burgess 5y, J. Thorpe 7, T. Cullen 8y, N. Cavston 10, E. Stanford 10y. Third heat: G. Morgan 3yds, B. Scullin 6y, C. Kronk 8, V. McCutcheon 8y, D. Lister 10.

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Men's Three Mile.—R. Gollop 29yds, J. Behm 32y, G. Foulds 36y, L. Hatch 34y, G. Robertson 36y, J. McIntosh 40y, J. Behm 40y, T. Cullen 40y, G. Bellamy 40y, G. Denford 50y, J. Smith 40y.

880 Yards Walk.—I. Baker 40yds, A. Christoffersen 10y, R. Morris 15y, Women's 75 Yards (Triple Cup).—First heat: Misses J. Stevens 5yds, C. Greaney 6y, L. Climo 7y, J. Roberts 8y, J. Uren 9y, B. Berry 11, B. Smith 12. Second heat: Misses J. Elliott 5yds, J. Greaney 7y, D. Cottrell 7y, J. Medcalf 8y, L. Smith 10, M. Reading 12.

Women's 100 Yards.—First heat: Misses G. Symes scr, L. Doole 5y, P. Foddy 10, J. Roberts 10y, Patterson 12, J. Uren 13y, B. Smith 16. Second heat: Misses D. Swayne 3yds, J. Elliott 5y, L. Climo 10y, J. Greaney 11, N. Thear 13, E. Franklin 14, L. Smith 15. Third heat: Corby 5yds, I. Stevens 8, D. Cottrell 10y, B. Matthews 11, L. Thomson 13, B. Berry 15. Fourth heat: M. Thomson 15y, E. Manning 20, W. Young 35, D. Austin 60, G. Symes 60, I. Newrick 60, R. Miller 65, A. Fleming 65.

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Cycling Following are the cycling handicaps:—

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Three-lap Cycle, B. Grade.—First heat: L. McInerney scr, R. McEwan 30yds, E. Wells 40, A. Rodda 50, C. Hunt 50, G. Hunt 60, Second heat: R. Nicholls 20yds, P. Gleeson 30, E. Montaperto 40, R. Sutton 50, G. Conroy 60, R. Newrick 60.

Six-lap Cycle, Open.—First heat: R. Attwood scr, S. Hunt 30yds, W. Young 50, D. Austin 80, R. Miller 90, L. McInerney 140, R. McEwan 180, E. Wells 180, A. Rodda 200, C. Hunt 220, G. Hunt 240. Second heat: W. Williams scr, E. Manning 30yds, I. Newrick 80, G. Symes 80, A. Fleming 90, R. Nicholls 160, P. Gleeson 180, E. Montaperto 190, R. Sutton 240, G. Conroy 240, R. Newrick 250.

GOOD WIN FOR WELLINGTON

ASHBURTON WELL BEATEN CRICKET MATCH Score Compiled Quickly

The Wellington touring cricketers defeated Ashburton by an innings and 70 runs.

A feature of the play to-day in a strong wind across the wicket was the score of 80 compiled by Biggar, who performed well with the ball yesterday.

The score was compiled quickly and soundly, including several 6's off Pritchard and containing only four singles.

McCormack's 32 included a 6 and three 4's.

The other Ashburtonians were subdued by the bowling, though good fielding contributed to moderate the scoring.

The results were as follows:—

ASHBURTON First Innings Hamilton c Airey b Ashenden 18 Adams c and b Pritchard 10 Todd c and b Ashenden 4 McCormack lbw b Ashenden 40 Cook c and b Ashenden 6 Whinnham c McLeod b Wilson 10 Tulloch c Ongle b Whyte 17 Biggar c Wrigley b Ashenden 80 Adams c Reinhard b Whyte 15 Sheehan c and b Pritchard 2 Duncan not out 0 Extras 30 Total 152

Bowling: Pritchard 2 for 38, Ashenden 6 for 57, Wilson 1 for 40, Whyte 1 for 17.

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Bowling: Pritchard 1 for 13, Wilson 1 for 13, Whyte 6 for 46, Du Chateau 1 for 6.

A BRITISH TANKER SUNK

Collision With Mine FORTY-FIVE OF CREW RESCUED

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received Feb. 8, 1.10 a.m.) LONDON, Feb. 7. The tanker British Counciler struck a mine and sank in the North Sea. The crew of 45 were rescued. Six have been admitted to hospital.

A message from Las Palmas, Canary Islands, says that a Spanish steamer landed 54 members of the crew of the British steamer Armac Star, which is not listed at Lloyd's.

According to a Berlin message, a German officer to-day described the raids on shipping as a general rehearsal for a spring offensive in which swarms of planes and waves of submarines would participate.

It is officially stated in London that sinkings due to enemy action in the week ending on February 4 were: Eight British, tonnage 25,069; six neutrals, tonnage 17,546.

It is pointed out that the average weekly gain since the outbreak of war, by new construction, by purchase of foreign ships, and by capture of German merchantmen, amounts to about 20,000 tons.

The Future States Of India

VICEROY AND GANDHI Vital Differences Of Opinion NEGOTIATIONS FAIL

United Press Association—Copyright. NEW DELHI, Feb. 6. After the conference yesterday between the Viceroy, Lord Linlithgow, and Mahatma Gandhi, the following agreed communique was issued:—

"The position was exhaustively examined during a prolonged and friendly discussion. Mr Gandhi emphasised that he had no mandate from the Congress Working Committee and spoke only for himself.

"The Viceroy detailed the intentions and proposals of the British Government and emphasised its earnest desire that India should attain Dominion status as early as possible and to facilitate the achievement of that end would use all the means in its power.

"The Viceroy added that last November's offer could be made effective immediately.

"Mr Gandhi expressed the view that the proposals had not met the full demands of the Congress Party."

Second Meeting Mr Gandhi, in a statement to-day, said: "The vital difference of the Viceroy's offer and the Congress demand lies in the fact that the former contemplates the final determination of India's destiny by the British Government, whereas the latter contemplates the contrary and maintains that the people of India must determine their own destiny without outside interference."

Mr Gandhi added: "I see no prospect of a peaceful and honourable settlement unless this vital difference is obliterated and England realises that the time has come when India must be allowed to determine her own constitution and status. After this, the question of defence, minorities, the princes, and European interests would automatically be dissolved.

"I am going to use the failure of the negotiations as a stepping-stone to success. I am sure the Viceroy will do the same.

"I will return to Delhi when the Viceroy wants me."

THE MAGINOT LINE STRENGTHENED

Huge Cost Involved CAN WITHSTAND ANY GUNS

United Press Association—Copyright. LONDON, Feb. 7. A member of the French Military Mission told the Australian Associated Press that the Allied fatalities on the Western Front numbered 1500 prior to January 31. The French losses in the first five months of the last war were 720,000.

He added that the inactivity on the Western Front had enabled the Maginot Line to be enormously strengthened. It now actually consisted of three lines.

Expenditure on the Maginot Line totalled £600,000,000.

The fortifications, he claimed, were capable of withstanding guns and shells a century ahead of anything existing to-day.

The French Army at present numbered approximately 6,500,000—a quarter of the male population.

An example of the all-embracing nature of the army was the fact that there were 28,000 priests and clergymen who were either in the ranks or officers.

DAIRY FACTORY GUTTED

A BIG BLAZE NEAR BULLS SWIFT AFFAIR Total Destruction In An Hour

United Press Association. WANGANUI, Feb. 7. Fire broke out in the boiler room of the Rangitikei Co-operative Dairy Company's factory building near Bulls late this afternoon and, fanned by a strong north-westerly wind, the flames destroyed the building and most of the plant within an hour.

Nobody was working in the building at the time, and a farmer living nearby raised the alarm.

The manager of the factory, Mr. C. V. Green, and his staff, made a great effort to save the building, but without water and equipped only with fire extinguishers they could not do much.

The boiler room was situated at the northern end of the factory, and thus the wind carried the fire right through the whole building.

Lorries, office furniture and papers were saved by the staff.

Storeroom Saved The storeroom, about 40 yards away from the factory, was saved. Arrangements will be made for cream from suppliers to the factory to be handled in the meantime by other companies, probably those at Rongotea and Wanganui.

The lorries having been saved, the Rangitikei company will thus be able to handle the transport of home-separated cream to the two factories mentioned. The company will be a big loser. Details of insurances are not available to-night.

Although the building destroyed was an old one, it had been added to from time to time and made up-to-date. It was situated on the main north road about a mile on the Wanganui side of Bulls.

"PROMPT DAY" FOR WOOL

SECOND DUNEDIN APPRAISEMENT THE PRICES Slightly In Excess Of Last Season

United Press Association. DUNEDIN, Feb. 7. "Prompt day" in connection with the second wool appraisal of the season in Dunedin, which was concluded on January 23, fell to-day, returns of sales and prices in the various catalogues show that a total of £386,227 1/9 was distributed among wool growers as the gross proceeds of valuation.

This is slightly in excess of the gross return from the second auction of the 1938-39 season in February last, which was £355,040 1/10.

The improvement in the general range of wool values this year, however, is illustrated by the fact that 6000 fewer bales this year fetched over £10,000 more than was the case last season. The average returns per pound and per bale at the second appraisal were higher than in the various catalogues show that a total of £386,227 1/9 was distributed among wool growers as the gross proceeds of valuation.

The figures for the second appraisal were as follows: Bales appraised 21,129; gross proceeds £386,227 1/9; average price per bale £17 1/8, average price per lb 12.7d.

At the second sales of the 1938-39 season in February last, the corresponding figures were: Bales sold 27,081, gross proceeds £355,040 1/10, average price per bale £13 2/2, average price per lb 6.7d.

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AUSTRALIAN TENNIS PLAYERS WIN ALL THEIR MATCHES AT THE CENTENNIAL TOURNAMENT

DOMINION PLAYERS OUTCLASSED BY THE SUPERIOR COURTCRAFT OF THEIR OPPONENTS

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, Feb. 7.

The visiting Australian tennis players marked their first appearance at the New Zealand Centennial tennis championships to-day by winning all their matches.

The Dominion players fought back gamely and took many points from their more experienced opponents, but the Australians were never seriously threatened, and although troubled by a high northerly wind that blew down in fierce gusts, they played well within themselves.

As play progresses the visitors will be pitted against the higher ranked New Zealanders, and many closely contested matches should be seen.

A moderate but appreciative gallery watched the play. The strength of the wind, to which the Australians were obviously not accustomed, may be judged by an incident in the women's doubles match when Miss J. Douthett (Wellington) was about to make a return from Miss Wynne (Australia).

A sudden gust raised such a cloud of dust near the baseline that player and ball were momentarily lost and the ball bounced away unplayed.

Those who expected fireworks from the Davis Cup pair were disappointed, because they were unable to control their shots in the wind, and seldom showed the brilliant form which has carried them to victory in many international contests.

In Dyer, of Wellington, Crawford found an opponent who not only covered the court remarkably well, but who, by skilful returns, threatened to take the Australian to four sets. The wind was playing many strange tricks with the shots of both players, and Crawford saw some of his otherwise sure winners go astray.

He displayed an uncanny sense of anticipation, and it was his wonderful ball control and ingenuity that eventually won the match.

The two-handed Bromwich met determined opposition in Renouf, who never let the ball go by without making an effort to return it. The Australian should have won more points than he did, but once he had got the measure of the other player he was content to take most games off Renouf's mistakes, particularly on the backhand.

Superb Play Misses Wynne and Coyne gave a display of superb courtcraft in their doubles match against Misses Cooke and Douthett. The Australians seldom pressed, but occasionally, just for good measure, they played some astonishing shots that left their opponents standing. Miss Wynne showed herself a master of tactics, although in the first set, on one occasion she shrewdly placed return from the New Zealanders found both herself and Miss Coyne undecided as to who should play it. Several games went to from time to time and made up-to-date. It was situated on the main north road about a mile on the Wanganui side of Bulls.

McKenzie was outstanding. He played his ground shots with confidence and accuracy, and was a champion, and scored a number of points with devastating smashes which gave the Australians no chance of recovery.

The visitors laid sting in their overhead work and their opponents were able to return many smashes which should have been put away for the winners. Crawford and Bromwich, however, were playing with a lot in reserve, and their superior courtcraft told in the following three sets, which they won with ease.

Speaking after the match, Crawford expressed his admiration for the play of McKenzie, who is junior champion of the Dominion. Crawford said that he saw McKenzie play in Australia last year when a team from New Zealand played several matches, and he noted a great improvement in McKenzie's form which, he thought, would carry him a long way.

A Surprise Those who thought that Bromwich and Miss Coyne would overwhelm R. McL. Perkins and Miss Miller were surprised to see in New Zealanders make a very good showing. After winning the first set 6-3, the Australians were fully extended to win the second, which ran to twenty games.

Bromwich could not control his shots in the wind and made frequent errors, but Miss Coyne drove consistently well on the forehand and volleyed skilfully at the net.

Perkins played at the top of his form and was applauded for many magnificent recoveries. There were a number of sparkling exchanges in which the New Zealand pair often took the honours.

Miss Miller bore the brunt of the Australians' attack with credit. The visitors showed their fighting qualities by recovering in the second set from 1-5, and the match ended in a spectacular fashion when Bromwich won the last two points with service aces.

Short Game The match between Crawford and Miss Wynne and Pearce and Miss Kerr was of short duration, the Australians winning with the loss of only one game. Miss Wynne and Kerr both drove powerfully on the forehand and there were some good rallies between them.

Fifty-two games in a three set match with a margin of two were played before Pearce and Mrs Wynne went down to Edwards and Mrs Hatherley. This marathon struggle provided one of the highlights of the championships, with both pairs fighting hard all the way.

Miss Hatherley met Miss J. Nicholls in the women's singles and yielded four games in both sets to her capable opponent. The Australian, who has wins against Misses Wynne and Coyne to her credit, played an intelligent game to-day and frequently earned applause for her pretty play.

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Australian Troop Reinforcements

MONTHLY QUOTAS Special Request For Militiamen

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"Monthly quotas of 2400 men will be raised to reinforce the A.I.F."

said the Minister of Defence (Mr. G. A. Street) to-day after a War Cabinet meeting. The first of these reinforcements has been recruited and is now training.

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NAPIER GETS READY FOR BIG CENTENNIAL DISPLAY

Elaborate Arrangements Well Advanced By A Competent Committee

A number of details in connection with Napier's celebration of the Centennial were arranged at the weekly meeting of the committee. Among those present was Mrs H. C. Gregory, whose experience of float displays and theatrical production will be most valuable in the organisation of the celebrations.

Mrs Gregory offered to assist any exhibitors in the designing of floats, and in any way in which her services could be utilised.

Invitations to be present at the united thanksgiving service to be held in the sound shell on Sunday, February 18, at 2.45 p.m., have been issued to all local bodies and organisations. Seating accommodation has been reserved for 20 members of the Blind Club.

Further entries were reported for the historical and pageantry procession to be held on Saturday, February 24, bringing the total number of entries officially notified to over 30. The secretary stated that he had heard of quite a number of entries that had not been officially entered in the schedule and the hope was expressed that all entries would be notified in order that the descriptive schedule of the procession, to be incorporated in the official programme, would be complete in detail. All headmasters of Napier schools have been circulated asking for entries by school children, decorated bicycles, and private car owners are urged to make a good showing with decorated cars. As one member remarked, "Napier's centenary has been famous in the past, but this, as befits the most important event in the Dominion's history, shall be supreme."

The suggested display of fashions of the century, proposed by Mrs. Gregory, was adopted by the committee provided sufficient exhibits of early costumes were available.

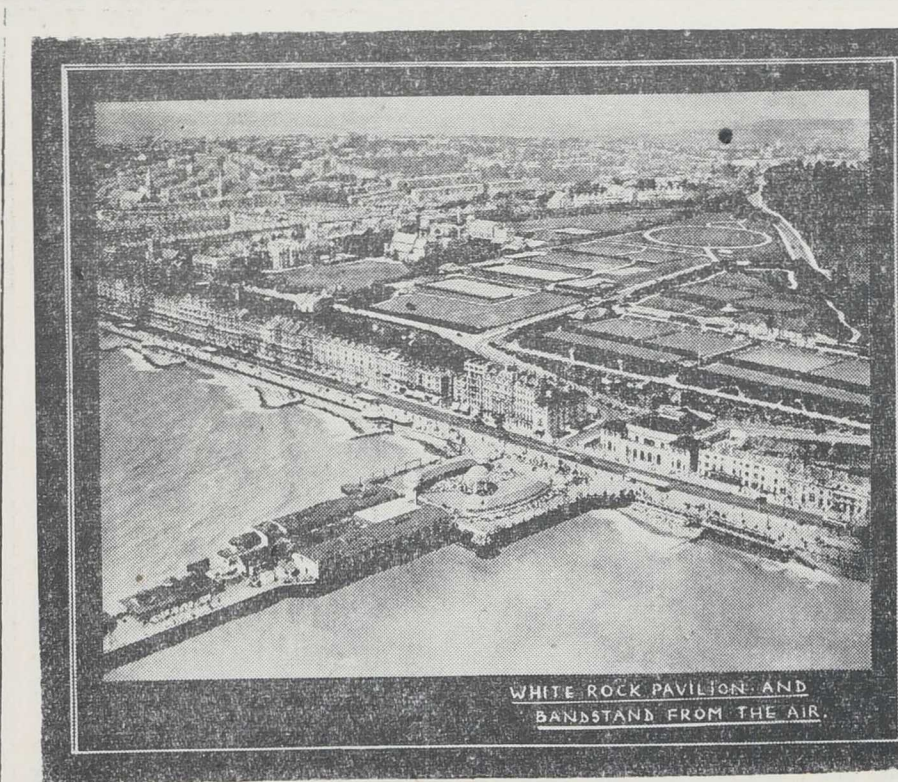
Certain difficulties regarding transport have arisen in connection with the parade, and a sub-committee, comprising His Worship the Mayor and Messrs N. McKenzie, H. Forster, S. P. Spiller, F. R. Watters (treasurer), and C. Hassall was appointed to investigate further the possibility of running the entertainment and highly attractive event. The committee is anxious that the celebrations programme should be carried out in its full detail as originally planned. The secretary reported that the Hawke's Bay Automobile Association had agreed to co-operate in obtaining private cars for the pioneers' trip around the district after their assembly on Wednesday, February 21, which is set aside in the programme as Pioneers' Day.

A Good Example

Appreciation was expressed of Mr N. Solomon's action in donating £2 2s towards the cost of the celebrations, and it was hoped that other citizens would follow this excellent example.

A report was received from Mr N. McKenzie that arrangements were completed for the enactment of the landing of Captain Cook to be staged on Monday evening, February 19, this date, of course, being subject to the weather conditions on the sea front at the time.

The secretary stated that 150 art posters displaying the celebrations programme had been prepared and distributed among the business houses, and it is hoped that these will be prominently displayed. His Worship the Mayor of Napier presided over the following members: Miss E. King, Mrs J. Rosewarne, Mrs H. C. Gregory, Messrs F. R. Browne, M. S. Spence, J. Fieldhouse, H. F. Forster, S. P. Spiller, G. Menzies, A. Goss, E. Riley, F. R. Watters (treasurer), and C. Hassall (secretary).



WHITE ROCK PAVILION AND BANDSTAND FROM THE AIR



VIEW OF HASTINGS FROM ACROSS THE RIVER OF ANCIENT CASTLE

OUR NAMESAKE OVERSEAS.—Two views of Hastings, England, which Lord Willingdon represented for some years in the British Parliament.

HASTINGS ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY'S YEAR REVIEWED

Good Attendance Coupled With Keen Interest At The Annual Meeting

Attended by a good number of both members and supporters, the annual meeting of the Hastings Orchestral Society was held last night. The keen spirit which prevailed, coupled with the number present, augured well for the society's new year.

"The 1939 season did not appear as being a very successful one in the first stages," said the president (Mr Gordon R. Roach), presenting the annual report. "We were without a conductor, and up till the latter end of the year we were in a state of recess. However, we were fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr B. L. H. de Rose, a conductor of great experience and musical knowledge."

Mr. Roach recalled the concert which was presented by the society on December 4. "It would appear from our balance-sheet that the finances of the society are very weak, but when the last concert was held, the society is very fortunate as it stands," he said. "It is agreed by playing members and the public generally that the last concert was the best which this society has ever put on. The playing members generally and the programme presented received worthy praise from all those who had the privilege of listening."

Mr. Roach expressed his thanks to the members of the orchestra, the secretary and treasurer, Mr W. T. Harvey, the managing committee, the Methodist Church Committee for the use of their hall for practices. "I cannot close without expressing my personal appreciation and sincere thanks to Mr. de Rose for his kind assistance, advice and generosity to the society," said Mr. Roach.

Officers Elected

Officers were elected as follows:—Patrons, Mrs. G. A. Maddison; president, Mr. G. Roach; vice-presidents, Messrs G. Duff-Boyd, J. B. Campbell, Steele, Christie, Messrs. A. J. Addison, F. L. Bone, A. Giorgi, C. J. Baker, J. Sutcliffe, J. Holt, Hugh C. Baird, R. Paynter, O. D'Arcy, E. L. Cullen, P. Sutherland, Noel C. Harding, M. A. Hunter, A. E. O'Meara, L. Aislaire, honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. T. Harvey; honorary auditor, Mr. F. C. Wilkinson; accompanists, Miss R. Shattuck, Mrs. T. Bell; honorary leader, Mr. H. Cooper; conductor, Mr. B. L. H. de Rose; deputy conductor, Mr. Cedric White; executive, Messrs. Baird, Harvey, de Rose, a playing member and a member of the general committee. A general committee of about 35 was elected.

The need for increased public support was stressed by Mr. Baird. He expressed pleasure that so many of the public had come to the meeting, and said that he felt that a committee of citizens, with a small executive and a women's committee, would lay the foundations of a strong society in Hastings.

It was decided that a levy of 10/6 should be made on honorary members who would receive two tickets for two concerts in the year.

PORT AHURIRI BOWLING

The following teams from the Port Ahuriri Bowling Club will play Bluff Hill for the "Golden" Cup. Home: Burton, Farmer, Crawford, Moseley, Riddell, Dr. Mercer, Phillips, Kennedy (s); Clegg, Laing, Pirie, Dykes (s); Wats, Trevor George, Frater, J. T. Johnson (s); Bannister, Overington, Batchelor, Lockwood (s). Away: Perrott, Gibson, Sarah, McCarthy (s); Kavanagh, Wilg, Carr, Boyd (s); Marcroft, McColl, Earney, McLeod (s); O'Leary, Tuohy, Watson, Mackay (s); Morley Macken, Kalin, Logan (s).

When the club bore into the smoke-room the other night, "borrowed" a fill, lit up, and drifted out again, the chap who'd "obliged" said, "That's the meanest cuss I've struck yet. Lots of oof but always on the edge for tobacco. Why doesn't he buy some?" "You should do as I do, old man," said somebody else. "Keep two pouches, one specially for cadgers. When they sample my cadgers' mixture they cease from troubling. It fair chokes 'em off!" Everybody laughed. "And what about the other pouch?" asked another member. "DR. I keep that for my Navy Cut No. 3 (Bulldog), my favourite blend. It's something to write home about, that is, really choice." "Toasted, isn't it?" "Right my boy! Toasted it is. That's why it's so good—and so safe! No nicotine in it or hardly any. Toasting does it! Brands? Oh, there's five—Navy Cut No. 3 (Bulldog), Cut Plug No. 10 (Bullshead), Cavendish, Riverhead Gold and Desert Gold. Several members said they smoked Severn members said they smoked "toasted" and found it good. It is.

DIFFICULT ASCENT ACCOMPLISHED

Heretaunga Trampers A 4000FT. PEAK CLIMBED

Week-end Outing

A trip to a peak known as Trig K at approximately 4000ft., was made by a party of Heretaunga trampers during last week-end. Lying between the Ruahine and Wakarara Ranges, the peak, which is covered in close bush, presents difficult tramping conditions.

Leaving Hastings at 6.15 a.m., the party reached Yeoman and Gardner's mill about two hours later. The trampers set off down the Makarora River, and after covering about half a mile struck off up Dutch Creek. After following this stream for an hour and a half the party struck off up a broad track, which led out to fairly open country on the east side of the creek. After tramping for a further hour and a half they arrived at Ellis Hut, where they enjoyed a leisurely lunch.

Six trampers set out to ascend Trig K at 1 p.m., and reached the summit after almost three hours' climbing along a thickly wooded ridge. The wind was particularly strong at this height, and at times the members were forced to seek support from branches.

The party wasted no time in returning to the mill, which they reached at 7.15 p.m. The balance of the trampers at Ellis Hut set off at 3 p.m., and followed a very open and grassy track back to the mill, reaching there after 1 hour 40 minutes travelling. The entire party left the mill for Hastings shortly after 7.30.

DEPARTING MEMBER FAREWELLED

Napier Congregational Bible Class

Mr K. Sidaway, who leaves to-day on transfer to Rotorua, was farewelled by members of the Napier Congregational Bible Class at its weekly meeting last night.

On behalf of those present the Rev. N. Burgess expressed regret at their guest's departure, and wished him good fortune in the future. These remarks were endorsed by the leader of the class, Mr J. V. Chambers.

A presentation of a revolving pencil was then made to the departing member, who suitably replied.

HASTINGS MAORIS CELEBRATION

Elaborate Entertainment Is Planned

DOMINION CENTENNIAL

A comprehensive plan of entertainment has been arranged for the Maori Centennial celebrations, which are to be open officially at Nelson Park, Hastings, on Saturday, March 9. Both pakeha and native people are co-operating to provide an array of entertainment, the like of which has not been witnessed in this district for some years.

It is hoped to prelude the celebrations at the park on the Saturday with entertainment in the streets on the preceding Friday night. The proposal has been made that officers and men of the Maori Battalion visit Hastings for the Saturday and return to camp at Palmerston North on the following day.

Saturday's celebrations will begin at 10 a.m., when motor lorries carrying the four Maori queens and haka and poi dancing parties will travel along Heretaunga Street. They will be accompanied by collectors in native dress. A colourful procession of natives is to assemble at 7.30 o'clock. Food in kits and meat on poles will be covered with sacks, flax, and turf after it is set in the pits. At the close of the evening the hangis will be opened to the view of the public.

Official delegates to represent the various Maori communities in the district on the Centennial Committee have been appointed as follows: Bridge Pa, Messrs S. Edwards and S. Crawford; Motero, Mr J. Gray; Omahu, Messrs P. Matthews, and Whiu Whiu Peneha; Kahupatiki, Messrs I. Robin and G. Chadwick; Waipatu, Mr J. Russell; Matahiwi, Mr Taangi Tomoana; Te Hauke, Mr Lester Harris.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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

Hides and Skins

Sir,—The recent statements by the Leader of the Opposition (the Hon. Adam Hamilton) and Mr H. G. Dickie, M.P., draw attention to a state of affairs which will take some explaining away by the Government. It would appear that not only does the Government intend to sell hides to the people of New Zealand at prices below those the United Kingdom is paying but it is also determined to set up the most expensive organisation possible to carry this into effect.

It is as if the Minister for Marketing were to say "Not only am I determined to be unfair, but I am equally determined to use the most unfair method I can think of to be unfair."

The proposed action of the Government raises a very serious question for all sections of the community to ponder, viz., as to whether the Government should arbitrarily restrict the price of any product in order to subsidise the New Zealand manufacturer and his customers? If any subsidisation of local industry is to be done should it not be effected by a levy spread over the whole community? Why should the farmer be asked to bear this charge?

The worst feature of the proposal, however, is that although there is available a cheap and economical method of carrying out its ideas the Government proposes to set up what is styled by Mr Dickie as "a costly, cumbersome, unnecessary and extravagant organisation for the purpose of making New Zealand producers pay the cost of keeping down the prices of their products."

It would seem that Mr Nash has one idea and that is to implement his policy of socialism. This means that the most expensive methods possible must always be used. It is bad enough that existing businesses are to be destroyed but it is a Hitlerian stroke to make the producers foot the bill for this destruction and for the reduction of their incomes.

—I am, etc.

A Protest

Sir,—As a New Zealander waiting to go abroad to give service to the Empire I wish to protest against Dr. Reifer's talk which, if accepted as being of value, can only sabotage our war efforts. Are the parents of children at Massey College indifferent to the consequences of this war and are they indifferent to the political activities of the teachers? If Great Britain is at war for ulterior motives it is morally wrong to defend her cause. What is Dr. Reifer's objection to staying in Russia—a country that he admires? New Zealand should do the honourable thing and provide no shelter for those who are opposed to the Motherland.—I am, etc.

"WAS IST ER."

Conscription

Sir,—I have been greatly interested in your various correspondents' letters regarding the subject of conscription and vice versa.

May I take this opportunity of saying that I do think that by far the majority of letters are written by those who are either unfit or ineligible by reason of age for military service? One has only to read the paper each day and see that all advocating conscription come either from Chambers of Commerce, local bodies, or some women's society. I am sure that there are plenty of elderly men who are just waiting for the younger men to go so as they can jump into their jobs.

It amuses me to see these older men dictating to the youth of today as to what they shall do. Can they not see that one volunteer is worth ten conscripts?—I am, etc.

CIVIL RESERVE.

"Justice" Replies

Sir,—It is evident that Mr Stratford likes plain speaking. Without confuting it he calls a statement of mine "degenerate," "offensive in the extreme," "such rot." The methods of my argument, he says, are "untenable," the substance of it is "non-sensical." Apparently I "rode my pen point home," neither of which is true. From Mr Stratford, "no rein" is good.

Mr Stratford apparently wishes me to substantiate my opinion that an element of war is human slaughter. I am not disgraced on the battlefield have been killed by accident. Intentional killing is murder. Soldiers hate it. They can be exonerated from blame and war can, I think be justified. But to justify, an action is not to deny its existence. I would not for a moment deny the force of many arguments for conscription, but when these are being weighed it should also be remembered that in compelling young men to enlist, young men are among other things, being compelled to murder their fellows. If this is an idle point, then morality is dead. If degenerate, then hope for the future is wasted.

Mr Stratford attempts to destroy the force of my statement by a reductio ad absurdum. I will meet him on his own ground. A system does not murder. Murder is a personal act. Under our present system large numbers of people, for their own reasons, may agree to engage in human killing, but they are not compelled to do so. This is a case of voluntary action which is not intentionally, Mr Stratford has distorted.

Mr Stratford has a genius for misrepresentation. I did not suggest that Nazi suppressions began only since Germany was the victim of a declaration of war by the Allies. I submitted that those suppressions were conditional upon Germany's conflict with British Imperialism which has been the fundamental of the Nazi revolution since, within two years of its inception.

With a realisation of Nazi horrors as great as (and perhaps more vivid than) Mr Stratford's I was in Austria and Germany in 1934 and saw them first hand. I am perhaps keener to suspect the possibility of an approximation to them in the democratic countries. Because I do not believe that Nazi terror is solely a political phenomenon, I do not believe that it could not happen here. And when a social psychology changes it does not change in a moment. Disasters can be averted by precautions taken at the start. That was why I suggested that there was something unpleasant in the soldiers' reactions at Auckland, something of planned incitement which also seemed to affect the police. The police were affected two and three years before the Anschluss. It was the purpose of my letter. It is a point on which Mr Stratford is strangely silent.

The croak and not create" mentality, I take it, is a challenge to the capitalist and war critics. To that I would reply in two ways:— 1. Capitalism as a system has utterly failed to apply the economies of abundance. In other words, in modern conditions it has failed to be creative.

2. Pacifism is, at least, not destructive. It would be interesting to ask Mr Stratford to present six social diseases more destructive than modern warfare (or even three).

Freedom of speech has value in that at any given time it allows realisation of the fact that there is more than one way of estimating any situation. It keeps the mind open to the issues and saves a blinding of the eye. In modern wartime it is perhaps a comfort and essential to be blind.—I am, etc.,

JUSTICE.

HOME DEFENCE DUTIES

MEN TO GO TO FORT DORSET

NOMINAL ROLL

A number of men from the No. 7 military area are to leave on February 10 to take up Home Defence duties at Fort Dorset. The names are as follows:—

Napier: W. Abbott, W. C. Brokie, W. Farrer, A. Franklin, G. C. A. Hamilton, F. Harman, C. B. Hoadley, P. M. Hogan, G. L. Houston, R. G. Skews, Harry Whyte, A. W. Williams, W. H. Bailey, V. C. Hogan.

Hastings: S. Transom, E. R. Webby, H. J. von Dadelzen, C. Allen, A. J. Beckett, M. J. Bone, D. Corbett, H. W. Dooley, H. R. Edwards, B. J. Haftka, N. Hogan, M. McDonald, R. Mulholland, G. Overend, E. J. Parsons, N. C. Pocock, G. N. Pryce, A. G. Ross, A. C. Sturgess, H. F. Lowe, R. E. McCleary, G. W. Robertson.

Dannevirke: R. A. C. Braggins and G. L. Edwards.

There are also six men from Masterton and 19 from Gisborne.

USE OF STICKERS ON CASES

State Fruit Purchase

MODIFICATION IN TERMS

Single Label

The Internal Marketing Department has decided to permit fruit growers to use a sticker at one end only of cases. This is in the nature of a trial.

When the terms of the State purchase of pip fruits were conveyed to growers at a meeting at Hastings the stipulation that stickers be used at both ends of cases was not well received. The orchardists contended that this was unnecessary and entailed additional labour and time.

The single sticker must be placed in the centre of one end of the case. On the other end, growers are required to stamp the variety and count.

STRONG OPPOSITION TO CONSCRIPTION

Wellington Watersiders' Vote

By Telegraph—Press Association, WELLINGTON, Feb. 7. Wellington watersiders, at a stop-work meeting to-day, overwhelmingly carried a resolution opposing conscription of manpower.

There were about 1000 men present.

The Passing Pageant At The Stock Sale

Stortford Lodge Can Offer Entertainment For Anyone

Man With A Voice

Auctioneer Pleads With And Shouts At His Audience

(By TUH-TARA)

Have you ever watched a stock auctioneer in full cry? For the ordinary man on the street, the man who doesn't know a Romney from a Southdown (Lord, have mercy on his soul!), there could be no better entertainment than a morning spent at Stortford Lodge on a busy sale day. More than entertainment, it is an education; an insight into that queer element called human nature.

The stock auctioneer has a way wild 'im. He pleads, he threatens, he cajoles, he shouts, he talks in dulcet tones in turn to the small crowd of men who are his audience. The vocation of auctioneer is one demanding humour, tact, shrewdness and personality, coupled with lightning judgment.

The heat is trying. The small pen of Southdown ewes would not gladden the heart of a stud breeder. The small knot of buyers are bored, their minds unresponsive.

The auctioneer, a man with a rattle and dead glasses, bursts into his song. "Look, you fellows, look. Right off the Moreere ratstails (what ever they may be)—A nice line, just what you are looking for. Will someone give me eight shillings to start? All right, then, make it seven-six-five, someone please make it five."

The buyer's listeners stare in dumb stolid, unresponsive, unyielding, as quiet as the sheep in the pen. The auctioneer's aide de camp pokes the ewes with a stick, and they rush to the other end of their enclosure, where they huddle frightened and frenzied. With the auctioneer calling four shillings, the small man in the tweed suit takes up the challenge. With the bidding begun, the auctioneer is as a man retired. Shaking his rattle and quivering like a pointer, he swings into his stride.

Bidding Begins

"Four shillings I have, and five, and six, and seven, seven shillings I have—and a half, seven and a half, seven and an eighth. Seven shillings and eight, and nine—seven and nine. Is there any increase on seven and nine, going at seven and nine. They're yours, sir."

When it is realised that all this has occupied only the space of a minute, with the auctioneer working under a time limit, it will be seen that no time is wasted in transactions. With bewildering speed, every bidding is followed by a change of sheep and cattle change hands at a most astonishing rate.

The auctioneer's jargon is almost incomprehensible to any stranger to the side-show. "Here you are, sirs, a fine line of five-year-olds, right off the Takapau tops, oh yes, oh yes, look them over, look them over, as good ewes as you'd see at any sale in the North Island; oh yes, oh yes; will somebody give me twenty shillings to start?"

And so it goes on, this business of selling. The atmosphere of the saleyards is as powerful as is the fragrance of the smell of the quick and the dead. Some come only to watch, most come to buy, but all are mesmerised by the high-pressure non-stop sales talk of that irrepressible undismayed fellow with the rattle and the loud voice,

Maori Centennial Queen

CANDIDATES CHOSEN

Representing Seven Native Pas

A HIGH HONOUR

Four candidates have been selected to contest the queen carnival to be conducted by the Maori Centennial celebrations at Nelson Park, Hastings, on Saturday, March 9.

Miss Te Uwiria Tomoana is to represent the Kohupatiki, Waipatu and Matahiwi pas, Miss Ata Reta Waihoi the Bridge pa, Miss Maora Hirawai the Whiu Whiu pa, and Miss Mihiroa Mohi the Te Hauke and Pakipaki pas.

In addition to achieving the honour of being crowned Centennial Queen, the winning candidate is to receive the sum of £5.

EXPLOSIONS IN ENGLAND

Time Bombs Found

ROAD SHATTERED IN PICCADILLY

Only Two Injuries

United Press Association—Copyright, LONDON, Feb. 7. In the explosions which occurred in mailbags at Euston station while the bags were being loaded from vans into a Birmingham train, it is revealed that two men were injured in the eyes while other men also were injured. One is being detained in hospital, but the others, after treatment, were allowed to go home.

Another explosion occurred at Birmingham. A bomb exploded at a parcel-sorting office of the Manchester Post Office. No one was injured. An attendant found a bomb in the "back box" of the Liverpool Post Office and placed it in a bucket of water. The police searched all departments.

The explosions at Birmingham and Euston occurred during the night. They are believed to have been due to balloon bombs.

Letters and parcels were strewn over the station at Euston. An intensive search was made of pillboxes and telephone kiosks in the neighbourhood of the station. Two manholes were blown up near Piccadilly Circus, the pavements being shattered.

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GREATEST DETECTIVE OF THEM ALL

"Sherlock Holmes" With Basil Rathbone

To-morrow the State Theatres in Napier and Hastings will present 20th Century Fox's new production, "Sherlock Holmes and the Baskervilles" and Nigel Bruce in the leading roles. These will be memorable presentations and early booking will be essential if a seat is to be guaranteed.

For generations men, women and children throughout the world have grown to identify the name of Sherlock Holmes with the very apotheosis of detective adventure. Holmes's sorcery, his amazing powers of deduction, his courage, eccentricities and fine humour have inspired the creation of countless other fictional sleuths, but he has remained peerless in the popular imagination. Story-book detectives have come and gone, but Holmes has remained the one immortal—so real to millions that only the fan mail of Hollywood has rivalled the mass of communications sent throughout the years to the master-sleuth's famous address, 221B Baker Street, London.

It was natural, therefore, for the screen to turn to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's works for assuredly dramatic detective material. The great detective was seen recently in 20th Century-Fox's "The Hound of the Baskervilles," in which Basil Rathbone appeared as the perfect detective, the Sherlock Holmes, with Nigel Bruce as his ever-present foil, Dr. Watson.

So well was this film received that Darryl F. Zanuck has produced "Sherlock Holmes," with Rathbone and Bruce again in the leading roles and Ida Lupino and Alan Marshal also featured. Based on the play of the same title by Doyle, the picture is a masterpiece of the executors of the late Conan Doyle's estate, the picture pits the foremost detective against a criminal genius worthy of Moriarty. Holmes's constant enemy is also Doyle's creation, and as a lawless master-mind ranks almost with Holmes in cleverness and ingenuity. The role in the film is portrayed by George Zucco, and the cast with Terry Kilburn, Henry Stephenson and E. E. Clive.

The famous opponents actually meet at the opening of the story when the master criminal boasts to "Sherlock Holmes, you brain will meet its match at last—when I, Professor Moriarty, have horrified the world with my perfect crime!"

The screen play by Edwin Blum and William Drake unfolds the solution of a series of murders plotted with diabolical cunning and the incredible super-criming of the detective, the Star of Delhi, and the mystery of the 15,000,000-dollar British crown jewels from the Tower of London. Fantastic clues confront the master detective in this case; there is a strange chimehill fetish, the Star of Delhi, and the mystery of the "Traitor's Gate in the London Tower. A woman in love is the victim; the 15,000,000 dollars is gems the loot!

In addition to the powerful love story which runs through "Sherlock Holmes," there are many laughs and other fun characters.

The film was directed by Alfie Weirton, with Gene Markey associated producer.

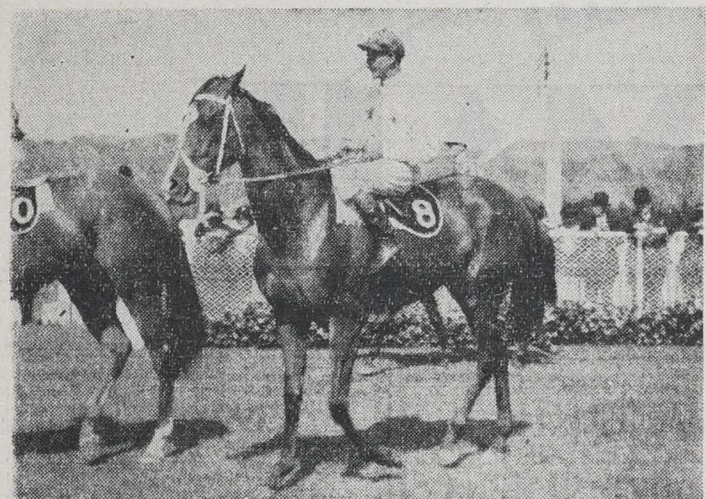
JUSTICE.

BRAHMAN PROMISES TO BE GOOD WELL-BRED COLT

May Be Up To Classic Requirements (By MOTUROA). Brahman, who won the Springvale Juvenile the first day at Wanganui...

EGMONT MEETING OPENS TO-DAY GAY MIMIC CHOSEN FOR THE CUP

FORM ANALYSED (By MOTUROA). Apart from the fact that big fields are engaged for the opening day of the Egmont Racing Club's summer meeting at Hawera today...



PEARL OF ASIA has been racing very solidly of late. Her form in the Waipapa Handicap at Hawera to-day may shed some light on her Nolan Hack Cup prospects.

OPUNAKE MEETING AT HAWERA THE NOMINATIONS

Hawke's Bay Team Is Engaged Record entries have been received for the Opunake Racing Club's annual meeting at Hawera on February 17 and a great meeting seems assured...

Winton Weights Declared MILFORD TOP IN CUP

Big Fields Carded For Next Week Following are the handicaps for the first day of the Winton meetings: WINTON NOVICE STAKES, Of £105, 6 furlongs.

To-day's Most Distinguished Ten Humber Ten 4-DOOR SALOONS £309 miles per gallon

TOLAGA BAY RACE MEETING Nominations For Next Week

Nominations for the annual totalisator meeting of the Tolaga Bay Jockey Club, to be held on the Jaws course on February 17, have been received as under: WAHAU HACK HANDICAP, Of £85, 1 mile, Queen's Dream, Helios, Colenso, Titch Ace, Flying Comed, Mendelssohn, Tetahinga.

WOODVILLE ENTRIES ON MONDAY

ALWAYS a popular meeting with Hawke's Bay owners and trainers, the Woodville Jockey Club's fixture on February 24 and 25 promises to once more attract staunch support from the stables at this end of the province.

HE MAY BE BETTER NOW BOLDSTEP was very sore when he contested the Wairoa Cup last week and was not able to reveal his true form.

Mr. Frank Ormond has disposed of his Bulandshar-Leith filly Black Out to the Hastings sportsman, Mr. A. Katranski new Owner (By Moturoa). Black Out has started only four times for a third and a second, and bred as she is, she looks a very cheap filly at the 50 gn.

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RACING FIXTURES Feb. 8, 10—Egmont R.C. Feb. 10, 12—Poverty Bay Turf C. Feb. 10, 12—Gore R.C. Feb. 10, 12—Rotorua R.C. Feb. 16, 17—Winton J.C. Feb. 17—Tolaga Bay J.C. Feb. 17—Opunake R.C. at Hawera. Feb. 17, 19—Waikato R.C. Feb. 24—Waiapu R.C. Feb. 24—Dunedin J.C. Feb. 24, 26—Westland R.C. Feb. 24, 26—Te Anau J.C. Feb. 24, 26—Woodville District J.C.

NOMINATIONS Close at 8 p.m. on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, 1940. For full programme see Official Calendar or apply to W. A. LYON, Secretary.

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