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Demobilised French As "Prisoners Of War"

RIFT BECOMING APPARENT

Repatriation Of All Refugees Halted

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LONDON, Aug. 1.
The "Daily Mail" says that demobilised French soldiers returned to their homes in occupied France have been put in concentration camps as "prisoners of war," following a sudden new order by German military officers completely cancelling previous arrangements for the repatriation of refugees between occupied and unoccupied zones.
It adds that it is becoming increasingly clear that relations between the Petain Government and the German authorities are steadily becoming worse.
The Moscow radio says that the Germans have taken northern France's entire wheat, sugar and beet crops.

Sweden Sitting On The Fence

DETERMINED TO BE FRIENDLY WITH ALL

Country Will Be Kept Free Of War

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STOCKHOLM, Aug. 2.
King Gustav speaking at the opening of an extraordinary session of the Riksdag, said: "I am determined to maintain friendly relations with all sides. I will not relax my efforts to keep the country free from war, while preserving our liberty and independence."

STAGGERING COST OF WAR TO FRANCE

MANY MILLIONS STERLING

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LONDON, Aug. 2.
The French radio states that M. Boutillier, Minister of Finance, estimates the war damage in France at £800,000,000 sterling.

NAZIS URGE END TO BALKAN PACT

Outcome Of Talks VOLUNTARY ACT BY RUMANIA

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LONDON, Aug. 1.
The Berlin newspaper "Boersen Zeitung" says: "A continuation of the Balkan Entente is unjustified after the Salzburg and Rome talks between Hitler and Mussolini and the Balkan envoys. Rumania's voluntary association with the policy of the Axis and her impending agreement with Bulgaria and Hungary mean that she has already repudiated the Entente's policy and organization."
"Yugoslavia and Greece," the paper adds, "have drawn their own conclusions from this, and doubtless they will abandon something which brought them little in the past and can only harm them in the future."
"Turkey has never faced the fact that her entry into the camp of the Western Powers signified her exit from Europe. The end of the Balkan Entente confronts Turkey with the problem of adapting herself to the policy that her Balkan partners have embraced or will embrace, or of the continuing her withdrawal from Europe and making it final and definite."
Rumanians Indicted
The Berlin radio states that criminal proceedings are reported to be opening against several Rumanian generals and other high officers in connection with serious crimes committed during the evacuation of Besarabia.
Meanwhile, says a report from Bucharest, an additional tax of 7 per cent. ad valorem will be imposed on Rumanian oil shipped abroad, making a total of 20 per cent, payable before the oil crosses the frontier.
Oil circles say that the new tax is unjust to the producer because Germany, the largest consumer of Rumanian oil, won't pay a penny more.
The Rome paper, "Il Tevere," in a dispatch from Belgrade published on its front page, reports that British and French mines in Yugoslavia have been taken over by the Government and that the entire lead and copper production throughout the country is to be divided between Italy and Germany.

Five Killed In Air Raid

SCATTERED DAMAGE

Leaflets Dropped On England

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LONDON, Aug. 2.
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Bullets from the German raider shattered shop and house windows, and a bomb started a fire. The raider appeared suddenly from the clouds, machine-gunned the town, dropped bombs, and then gave a parting burst of gunfire before making off.
One bomb demolished part of a warehouse. Another, a few yards away, hit a building, hurling parts of it a considerable distance.
A third wrecked a restaurant, which shortly before had been full. The explosion lifted off the roof and shattered windows a quarter of a mile away.
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N.S.W. BARRISTER'S DEATH

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SYDNEY, Aug. 2.
The death has occurred of Mr Leslie John McKean, a leading New South Wales barrister and senior Crown Prosecutor after three months' illness. He was 55 years of age.

"FABRICATED VERSIONS" OF COX CASE

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TOKYO, Aug. 2.
The "Asahi Shimbun" says that the gendarmerie authorities are indignant over the "fabricated versions" of the Cox case given by the British Embassy officials. It says that the embassy is open to suspicion in that it is a hotbed of British espionage in Japan.
The "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" says that it is doubted whether the British will simply enforce the reported retaliatory threats such as the arrest of Japanese residents in England, the abrogation of the Anglo-Japanese commercial treaty, the withdrawal of the Ambassador from Tokyo, or reopening the Burma Road owing to the present international situation.

LEAFLET RAID BY NAZIS ON BRITAIN

HITLER'S "LAST APPEAL TO REASON"

(United Press Association—Copyright.)
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LONDON, Aug. 1.
German planes late last night dropped thousands of leaflets containing Hitler's July 19 speech over south-east and south-west England.
The leaflets headed "Last Appeal to Reason" suggested that the British public had no knowledge of the speech.

The Campaign In Libya

LOSSES COMPARED

Much Italian Material Captured

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LONDON, Aug. 2.
It is authoritatively stated that casualties on the Libyan frontier since the outbreak of the war with Italy are:—
British: Killed and missing, 20; wounded, 10; vehicles, 10.
Italian: Killed, 20; wounded, 20; captured, 472; vehicles, 90, including 16 guns.
A communique issued at Cairo on Thursday states: "During the past two days, we have intensively bombed enemy concentrations in the vicinity of Kassala, Sudan. Raids on Tuesday continued throughout the day and two further attacks were made yesterday against military objectives. Troop concentrations, machine-gun and anti-aircraft posts were severely damaged. Altogether, ten separate raids were made. All our planes returned."
"We also raided Macaca, Eritrea, and scored direct hits on two hangars, which were followed by clouds of smoke."
A later Cairo communique states: "In Kenya, a reconnaissance made towards Dabel on Tuesday has now withdrawn after meeting with strong opposition. On the other fronts, there is nothing to report."
A Nairobi communique states: "It was a quiet day. Our bombers carried out a raid on the enemy aerodrome at Yavello. The results are awaited."

Disastrous Tidal Wave In Japan

HEAVY DEATH ROLL

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TOKYO, Aug. 2.
"Asahi's" correspondent at Sapporo says that scores are dead or missing as a result of a tidal wave which struck the western coast of Hokkaido. Fifteen hundred fishing boats have been washed away.

FRANCE SACKS HER AMBASSADORS

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VICHY, Aug. 2.
The Government has dismissed M. Massigli, Ambassador to Turkey, M. Thierry, Ambassador to Rumania, and M. Brugere, Minister to Yugoslavia. No successors are named.
M. Jean Paul Boncour has been appointed counsellor of the Embassy for China.

JAPANESE AIMS IN THE SOUTH SEAS

Areas Will Be Enumerated "At A Later Date"

"GREATER EAST ASIA"

(United Press Association—Copyright.)
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TOKYO, Aug. 2.
The Japanese Foreign Office spokesman (Mr Suma), questioned regarding the meaning of the Foreign Minister's (Mr Matsuoka) "greater East Asia," replied: "I can definitely say it includes South Seas areas. However, concerning the enumeration of districts to be included in that expression I cannot say at present."
Asked if the Philippines were included in the South Seas, Mr Suma replied: "I must postpone the enumeration of areas until a later date."
Questioned further, he replied: "The Dutch East Indies do not comprise all the South Seas areas. There are other regions."
It is authoritatively stated that Japan has now released six of the Britons arrested early this week on charges of espionage. Seven are still under arrest.
Those released are Messrs T. Ely, F. M. Jonas, of Kobe, H. C. McNaughton, honorary Consul for Greece, J. F. Drummond, of Kobe, E. G. Price, of Kobe, and T. Holder, president of the British Association at Kobe.
Meanwhile, it is authoritatively stated that a steamer owned by the British firm of Butterfield and Swire has been detained at Canton as a result of a deadlock between Britain and Japan. Japan is demanding the right to station inspectors along the Hong Kong border across which, it is claimed by Japan, supplies are still passing to China.
A Russian member of the French Concession police at Shanghai who is detaining three Chinese detectives of the International Settlement police, clad in steel vests, who were responding to a robbery alarm off the Yuyuen Road, which is in the disputed area surrounding the Settlement. The gendarmes ordered uniformed municipal police immediately to leave the area.
Japanese gendarmes disarmed and are detaining persons entered the residence of Mr Kenneth Selby-Walker, Reuter's Far-East manager, last night, and examined documents in a desk. They stole nothing. Mr Walker flew to Japan on Tuesday in connection with the Cox case.

The Dutch Must Forget Their Loyalty

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LONDON, Aug. 1.
A proclamation has been issued declaring that all expressions of loyalty to the House of Orange are considered to be directed against the occupying forces, and are to be punished under the German criminal law.
The German, in addition to the Dutch police, will enforce an order which bans the wearing of emblems and which specifically prohibits the celebration of Queen Wilhelmina's birthday on August 31 or of Princess Irene's on August 5.

WHAT PEOPLE THINK OF THE WAR

British Social Survey

"SNOOPING AND SPYING"

Divided Opinions

(British Official Wireless.)
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RUGBY, Aug. 1.
An interesting debate took place in the House of Commons to-night on the question of the war social survey of Britain being conducted by investigators making house-to-house visits at the instance of the Ministry of Information.
The main criticisms were of such action as the invasion of privacy of ordinary households and housewives described by one speaker as: "Snooping and spying around homes of citizens," and that Members of Parliament themselves were quite competent to represent public opinion as revealed in their constituencies. On the other hand, some members congratulated the Ministry of Information on adopting a new scientific method of social survey to discover the opinion of the British people, stating that it was not a novel idea, having been successfully used for many years by the B.B.C. and the Post Office.
Lady Astor said that many ordinary housewives were leading very anxious lives at the present, and answering questions gave them something to talk about. The Minister of Information (Mr Duff-Cooper) said it was of the greatest value to the Government to know the state of mind and the condition of the people, and that the survey was being conducted in a most competent and representative public opinion as revealed in their constituencies. On the other hand, some members congratulated the Ministry of Information on adopting a new scientific method of social survey to discover the opinion of the British people, stating that it was not a novel idea, having been successfully used for many years by the B.B.C. and the Post Office.
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"LITTLE BRITONS" FOR DOMINION

GROUND WORK IS CONTINUING

MANY OFFERS

"Remarkable Reception," Says Minister

(By Telegraph—Press Association.)
WELLINGTON, Aug. 2.
"Although there has been a temporary postponement of the scheme for the evacuation to the Dominions of British children of ages between five and 16, the work of preparing for the reception of the quota of children to be sent to New Zealand is being continued," the Minister of Internal Affairs (the Hon. W. Parry) stated to-night.
Cables were still being exchanged between the United Kingdom and the Government of New Zealand. New Zealand families had nominated more than 3000 children, mostly children of relatives and friends in England to be brought to the Dominion.
Offers had also been received from New Zealand parents which would mean homes for 5000 unspecified children.
Offers Sent Forward
"All nominations and offers to take children evacuated to New Zealand," Mr Parry said, "have been sent forward to the United Kingdom Government through Mr Jordan, High Commissioner for New Zealand in London. Had there not been a temporary postponement of the scheme it would not be over-estimating the patriotism and the sympathy of our people to say that there would have been hundreds if not thousands more offers received by the Government."
"There has not been the slightest cavilling over this scheme. It has received a spontaneous and remarkable reception."

TRAINED SYDNEY CUP WINNER

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SYDNEY, Aug. 2.
The death has occurred of a well-known horse trainer, Mr William Booth, after a long illness. He was 69 years of age.
Mr Booth's best horse was David. He also trained the Sydney Cup winner Scarlett.

Canada As The Granary Of Europe

A FAMINE PREDICTED AT END OF THE WAR

Dominion's Huge Surplus Of Wheat

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OTTAWA, Aug. 1.
The Minister of Mines and Resources (the Hon. T. A. Crerar), in the House of Commons said that despite the huge wheat surplus, not a single kernel should be destroyed. Mr Crerar prophesied that 250,000 Europeans would be short of food within a year.
"When the war ends, Europe will be starving and agricultural life will be destroyed, requiring years to rebuild, he said. Canada may be in a position to render a great humanitarian service to Europe."
The Dominion has a carry-over of 275,000,000 bushels with a crop of 400,000,000 expected.

TWO SUBMARINES SUNK

Italian Losses

SUCCESSSES BY R.A.F.

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LONDON, Aug. 1.
Two Italian submarines were sunk in the Mediterranean last month, reports the Middle East headquarters of the R.A.F.
"The first occasion was when a British plane while patrolling sighted an enemy submarine and immediately attacked. The first salvo of bombs exploded close to the stern of the submarine.
The submarine attempted to submerge stern first, but manoeuvred clumsily; whereupon the British squadron-leader dropped a second salvo, scoring direct hits about the conning tower. The submarine then submerged. The final salvo crashed in the water on the enemy's estimated position. Air bubbles appeared, and a large patch of oil formed on the surface.
On the second occasion, British planes dropped two salvos after sighting a submarine. The first salvo fell 15 yards from the ship's stern, but the second scored a direct hit on the conning-tower. A large oil patch formed on the surface."

DEFENCE COUNCIL FOR NEW YORK

"We Have No Time To Waste"

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ALBANY, NEW YORK, Aug. 2.
In an unprecedented peace-time move Governor Lehman appointed a State Defence Council of 12 members to co-ordinate preparedness activities in line with the national defence programme.
He said: "I have no time to waste. I am convening the first meeting in a few days."

NEW ORGANISATION TO USE COUNTRY'S RESOURCES

British Area Boards To Remove Difficulties In Way Of Production

(British Official Wireless.)
(Received August 2, 6 p.m.)
RUGBY, Aug. 2.
Explaining the Government's new plans for the fullest employment of the industrial capacity of the country in meeting war requirements, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Supply (Mr MacMillan) described the structure and functions of the new area boards.
Each of the 12 area boards has six representatives of local industry, three employers and three trade unionists, and five official members representing each of the departments mainly concerned, namely Supply, Aircraft Production, Labour, Admiralty and the Board of Trade. The chairman and vice-chairman are representative either of the employers or the trade unionists. In three instances a trade unionist is chairman.
Mr Macmillan said: "The new boards have the extremely important function of employing their knowledge of local industry to ensure that its capacity is fully employed, or if it cannot be employed as it stands, that its labour and plant be transferred to points where it can be used."
"The boards will also be available to advise contractors where is the best place for sub-contracts. One of the boards' duties will be to carry out a complete inspection of machine tools following the Ministry of Supply's recent census of machine tool working hours."
"The boards will be concerned with the allocation of capacity in their districts as between the requirements of different Government Supply Departments, and will be able to give advice when priority questions arise. The boards will also act as controllers of war production in their areas if communications break down."
"The 'Herald' says that henceforth 13 Ministries of Supply instead of one will direct munitions production. Twelve junior Supply Ministers stationed at key points in the industrial districts will immediately take over the active control of the important features of production from the parent Ministry."
This establishment of chain directing organisation is the main feature of Mr Morrison's plans for making the full use of industrial capacity in effect of detailed supervision of output, plant and manpower being transferred from Whitehall to the work-shops.

Tribute Paid To The Maltese

EIGHTY AIR RAIDS

People's Morale Is Unshaken

SAFETY IN CAVES

(British Official Wireless.)
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RUGBY, Aug. 1.
Paying a tribute to Malta in a broadcast speech to-night, Admiral E. B. C. Dicken said: "The Navy has always had a very warm spot in their hearts for Malta. It is a place where most of us spend a good deal of time during our service."
"Well, it's having a bad time now, but it trials have brought out a magnificent response from the Maltese confidence is splendid, and the confidence is splendid, and the Maltese air gunners already have had successes. Although Malta is a small and densely populated island, it is fortunate that underground shelters exist."
"Although they have received some 80 air raids up to the present, they will emerge unshaken from their caves, and their morale remains high. Malta sets us a very good example of courage."

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The story tells how Geronimo and his treacherous tribe of Apache Indians relentlessly raiding and ravaging the Great Southwest which the United States has recently purchased from Mexico...

"The Gang Show" IS NOVEL PRODUCTION With "Dad And Dave Come To Town"

NAZI THOROUGHNESS

"One thing you must admire about the Germans is their thoroughness," says a writer in "Zealandia," a Roman Catholic newspaper.

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PATRIOTIC BODY AT HAUMOANA

A decision to form a body to be known as the Haumoana Patriotic and Farewell Society was made at an enthusiastic meeting at Haumoana on Thursday night.

A strong committee from the various organisations of the district was set up as follows: Beach Improvement Society, Messrs J. A. Bark and A. M. Sherry, Rifle Club, Mr W. Olsen; "500" Club, Mr D. Smith; Women's Institute, Mesdames McCarthy, Scott and Tearle; school committee, Mr B. Douglas; Tennis Club, Mrs L. Gerrard; Boating Club, Messrs T. A. Smith and G. Reeves.

Mr J. A. Bark was elected chairman and Mr Reeves deputy chairman and Mrs Castles secretary.

Municipal "THE GANG SHOW" IS NOVEL PRODUCTION

"The Gang Show" now at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings, is good fun. It is something different in screen entertainment certain to please every member of the family.

The cast are all members of Ralph Reader's "Gang." They come from every walk of life, from over London and the Home Counties, and they range from grey-beards of sixty to boys of fourteen.

Two of the greatest favourites in Australia to-day are "Dad and Dave" when "Dad and Dave Come to Town" there's limitless laughs for everyone.

"Dad" (Bert Bailey), straight from the bush inherits a city dress salon. With "Dave" (Fred Macdonald) and "Jill" (Shirley Ann Richards), his eldest daughter, the old man sets out to show the city folk how a modern frock shop should be run.

The action is fast and furious and the laughs are literally laid on, as "Dad" applies his farm methods to his city business, and "Dave" makes love to the mannequins, as only Dave can make love.

Mayfair

"KNIGHTS OF THE RANGE"

Showing With "Opened By Mistake"

Against a background of desert vistas and rugged mountain scenery, Zane Grey's "Knights of the Range," a thrilling tale of gallantry in the wide open spaces, has been filmed.

"Opened By Mistake," the second feature, gives Charlie Ruggles an opportunity to portray again his most memorable character role, that of the drunken reporter, in another hilarious characterisation.

State "EVERYTHING HAPPENS AT NIGHT" Sonja Henie In A Grand New Picture

A different Sonja Henie is seen in "Everything Happens at Night," which is now showing at the State Theatre, Napier.

It's even a more remarkable Sonja Henie, if that were possible, for in addition to her "amazing artistry and genius on skates and skis, the famous blonde star displays a new dramatic talent in a punch-packed story that makes her tops among the actresses of the screen.

With the support of two leading men, Ray Milland and Robert Cummings, Sonja gives a picture that rates first in entertainment among any the season has thus far presented.

Maurice Moscovitch, Leonid Kinskey, Alan Dinehart and Fritz Feld are included in the cast. The story has the breathtaking Swiss Alps as a locale, with Sonja navigating the slippery slopes on skis with the ease and grace of her performance on the ice.

As the daughter of a famous European statesman hiding in Switzerland from his enemies intent on extinguishing the light of freedom in Europe, Sonja gives her picture a revealing look to the world's sensational inside story of the new international intrigue.

These stories, because of their style and content, had news editors to believe they can be the work only of Dr Hugo Norden, world-famous peace leader supposedly assassinated a year before in Warsaw. To Switzerland, then, come two young reporters - Ray Milland from London and Robert Cummings from the Paris office of a New York paper - to seek out the author of the world-rousing revelations.

A great supporting programme includes a Terrytoon cartoon, "Hook, Line and Sinker," "Tempest Over Tunia," "Magic Carpet," "For Play Hours," Vyvyan Donner's fashion forecast in technicolor, and the latest overseas news reels.

GERMAN INVENTION High-Speed Floats To Attack Britain SWIFT OFFENSIVE

Sea sleds are stated by Leland Stowe, "New York Post" correspondent at Bucharest, to be Germany's new offensive weapon. He adds they can travel at 40 miles per hour and may be capable of landing between 50,000 and 100,000 troops in Britain in a night.

Mr Stowe states that it has been learned reliably that the Germans have built hundreds of the sleds. Several Balkan Governments have learned the details of their construction.

They are light, streamlined, and armed with machine-guns and "archies." They are capable of transporting 50 soldiers, skimming above the minefields and landing while bombing and parachuters disorganise coastal defenders.

Another report from a correspondent at Stockholm says that the Germans are assembling scores of sleds at Vernes aerodrome, near Trondheim, Norway.

SPYING RIGHT OUT OF THE QUESTION

A visitor to Christchurch from Japan, Mr R. W. Basler, knows personally some of the British subjects who were reported to have been arrested in Japan by Mr J. Cox, the Red Cross correspondent, went for his honeymoon to an hotel of which Mr Basler was manager, and according to Mr Basler he was very popular with the Japanese.

Mr Basler had also known Captain C. H. James and Mr J. F. James when they stayed at his hotel. "Spying is right out of the question for foreigners," said Mr Basler, "because if you are not Japanese you are noticeable and you cannot observe if you are noticeable. I speak Japanese very fluently, but I am still treated as a foreigner. I think it must be something else that caused their arrests."

It was possible, Mr Basler said, that reports had been sent overseas which did not please the Japanese. He recalled the arrest and imprisonment of Mr James Young, Japanese manager for the Hearst newspapers for spreading harmful rumours and said that for a while the position was very serious and President Roosevelt even had intervened.

An indication of the expertness in treachery of the German secret service, which also serves as a warning to us in wartime, was the case quoted by Professor T. D. J. Leech, professor of engineering at Auckland University College, speaking on aviation. He said that when the Hawker Hurricane was first produced in 1935, it was test-flown on December 4. On December 18 a German magazine published full specifications. They were correct, and much worry had followed for the Air Ministry as to where the leakage had occurred.

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Railcar Strikes Cow On its journey from New Plymouth to Wellington on Sunday night, one of the railcars in use on the Wellington-Taranaki run hit a cow near Wangaehu. It was a very slight impact, but sufficient to necessitate taking the car off the run for the time being for repairs. The cow-catcher was damaged. The cow was killed and had to be removed from the line before the car could continue its journey to Marton, where it was replaced by the other car on the Taranaki route.

TOWNSWOMEN MEET AT PARKVALE

Guild Members' Afternoon

AN EXHIBITION OF STAMPS

Good Patriotic Work Done

The monthly meeting of the Parkvale Townswomen's Guild was held in St. Barnabas's Hall on Thursday afternoon with a very good attendance of members and friends.

Mrs H. J. Lovell-Smith, the president, was in the chair, and welcomed all present, including two new members. After the singing of the National Anthem, members stood for one minute's silence, thinking of the future peace of the world.

Further garments were handed in by the members to be sent to the Lady Galway Patriotic Guild. It was announced that the guild sewing section met every Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. in St. Barnabas's Hall and that the women of the Parkvale district were cordially invited to the sewing afternoons.

If preferred sewing could be collected and sewn at home. Gifts of clothing and donations would be gratefully received.

Owing to the postponement of the annual council meeting of the Dominion Federation of Townswomen's Guilds, the delegates expenses to the conference have been donated by the Parkvale Townswomen's Guild to the "War Expense Fund."

Members and friends were reminded of the card evening to be held on Tuesday, August 6, in the hall.

As September is visiting month at the hospital, members were asked to collect magazines and books.

After tea, Mrs Esam gave a very enjoyable talk and exhibition of stamps, the work of Mrs Esam senior. Members were amazed at the wonderful pictures made from all kinds of stamps, each sheet representing many months of careful work.

The most outstanding and unique picture of the collection was a map of the world with every country reproduced in its own particular stamps. At the conclusion of the exhibition Mrs Esam was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

The roll-call, "Exhibition Side-lights" was very much enjoyed.

The competition results were as follows: Best bloom, Mrs L. Miller (hyacinth) 1. Mrs Cousins (daphne) 2. Mrs L. Miller (pansy) 3. New garment from an old one, Mrs Cody (boy's suit) 1. Mrs Harris (girl's coat) 2. Mrs Staniland (baby's coat) 3.

All the entries from this competition were given to the Lady Galway Patriotic Guild. The delegates expenses to the conference have been donated by the Parkvale Townswomen's Guild to the "War Expense Fund."

The singing of the N.Z. Anthem brought a very jolly afternoon to a close.

FEATHERS FOR STAMPS IN CHINA

In the war zones of China, where it is impossible for the guerrilla soldiers to maintain an ordinary postal system, they have developed a delivery service all their own. They fasten feathers to their letters and the number of feathers indicates the importance of the communication.

These letters are handled entirely by the soldiers themselves within the districts they patrol, almost the same as the courier post of olden days. If only one feather is affixed it means the letter may go as ordinary mail; two feathers indicate post haste, and three feathers require "special express" and a well-organised chain of soldier-postmen carries the message to its destination without loss of time.

Smartness Featured In Two Different Ensembles



THE CHOICE OF TWO COLUMBIA STARS.—On the left is Rita Hayworth, who wears a small and very smart turban, and bag to match, with her new black coat. Just a touch of gay colour to brighten the dulllest and smartest of colours—black. Ida Lupino wears a fur coat tailored to the last degree. In grey squirrel it is made in box style with emerald green accessories—grey and green being one of the latest colour combinations.

A FAREWELL PARTY IN NAPIER

Mrs W. Bryant The Guest Of Honour

Mrs W. Bryant, who leaves Napier shortly to reside in Takapau, was the guest of honour at a farewell party on Thursday afternoon. The hostess was Mrs O. C. Dunnett, who had invited a number of friends to bid farewell to Mrs Bryant.

The drawing-room where the guests were entertained was attractively decorated with bowls of violets, primulas, Iceland poppies, and irises, and during the afternoon Mrs Dunnett, on behalf of the guests, presented Mrs Bryant with a beautiful handbag and wished her every happiness in her new home.

Among those present were: Mesdames O. C. Dunnett, W. Bryant, G. O. Dunsford, F. A. McPhail, C. La Roche, H. P. Newton, R. Newman, P. J. Sweetapple, H. C. Gregory, F. G. Smith, J. R. Cornford, E. Cornford, Gardiner, H. Ellern, C. V. Marshall, and Miss N. McCullough.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Dulce Audrey, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Drummond of Hastings, and James Rutherford Hestie, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G. H. Streiff, Shaftesbury, Te Arawa, and a nephew of the late Lord Rutherford, of Nelson.

NEW SWATHED COIFFURES

Windswept But Most Neat And Tidy

Women in uniform have already solved the problem of hairdressing by demonstrating suitable ways to trim the hair for service caps and how to introduce feminine top-knot charm even if hair is cut shorter about the nape, says a London writer.

Characteristics of certain hats make for convention. "Cache peigne" fittings—some, by the way, appearing like abridged fish-net snoods—exact more or less abundant nape-like interest, but not so the broader and longer head grip. This serves to perch small hats forward from an upward swathed hairdressing movement, which adds dignity to carriage while at the same time outlining the turn of a pretty head.

Tendencies for these windswept swaths are developing and have different phases with Antoine, a famous hairdresser, who leaves hair sufficiently long so that movements can be brushed into position up centre back from one side to the other. Hair is tucked neatly under into line up centre back where fuller silhouettes are suggested for evening coiffures. Ends of both swept up and over movements are finished off in long soft rolls across the top before the peak, smaller rolls that become absorbed in a mass above the brow, and slanting ones at sides.

On the other hand, Gratitude, another specialist in coiffures, eliminates the centre V from windswept swaths and forms a curl at either side of the nape where the hair is so often unruly. He also sponsors front partings with slanting side rolls that turn inward or outward according to type and profile. Rolls look supple, not stiff, and hair is well brushed up from temples in the grooming. This applies also to coiffures for girls between ages of 16 and 18, but deep waves are preferred to rolls and get tucked into place by little bows at one or either side of front partings.

MOLESKIN RETURNS TO FASHION AGAIN

The Best Moleskins Come From Britain

Moleskin may soon take its place among the smart furs again. In the fur fashion stakes, Years ago smart women were glad to wear moleskin. Its popularity faded, but now the demand for moleskin is growing steadily.

Paris dyes it in brilliant colours and pieces it together to make plaid fur coats. English designers use dyed moleskin for short string jackets.

"Moleskin is being asked for more and more," a wholesale furrier told me. The war is the reason. Since September fur exports have been severely restricted. There is an embargo on dressed and dyed furs. Nothing comes from Russia. The whole output of the Leningrad sale, to the value of about £7,000,000 went to New York.

Among cheaper furs, supplies of beaver, lamb and nutria lamb—the best of which came from Hungary and were used for less expensive coats—have stopped altogether.

Smart and Youthful So furriers have had to look for an attractive and inexpensive fur to help fill the gaps in fur imports.

Properly handled and matched, moleskin makes up into sleek, smart and young-looking wraps. Since the war the imports of moleskin from Holland and Italy have dwindled almost to nothing. No skin comes from France; but the best moleskins have always been Scotch—a term which includes all English moleskins.

As for butcher's rabbit, when it is skilfully dressed, dyed and disguised only an expert would detect its origin.

Moles and rabbits are not the only skins used to fill the gaps left by the embargo on furs. Imports of Indian lamb have gone up rapidly. South-west Africa sends Persian lamb to the value of about three-quarters of a million pounds a year. And there are millions of pounds worth of skins still in the warehouses.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Mr and Mrs F. Picot are Wellington visitors to Napier.

Mrs F. Dyer, Wellington, is spending a holiday in Napier.

Mr and Mrs L. B. Wall, Palmerston North, are visiting Napier.

Mr and Mrs L. Fraser, Gisborne, are at present in Napier.

Mrs Stothard is an Auckland visitor to Waipoua at present.

Mrs H. Gilbert, Wellington, is staying in Hastings.

Mrs Eric Rickard, Seapoint Road, Napier, is staying in Christchurch.

Mrs H. Thorp is a Hawke's Bay visitor to the East Coast, where she is staying with her sister, Mrs A. Picken, Rakauoa.

Mrs D. F. Muir, Gisborne, who has been staying with Mrs S. Cullwick, Mangatahi, intends to visit Wellington this week-end.

Mrs G. Clark, Christchurch, is on holiday at Hastings. She is the guest of Constable and Mrs E. Broadley.

Mrs M. Fenwick, Whitehead Road, Hastings, who has been staying with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs Colin Fenwick, Marton, has returned home.

Mrs H. de Denne, Nelson Street, Hastings, and her son, Pilot-Officer Max de Denne, who is at present on leave, are visiting Mr Bob de Denne in Gisborne.

The birth of a son to Lord and Lady David Douglas-Hamilton is announced. Before her marriage in 1938 Lady David Douglas-Hamilton was Miss Prunella Stack, leader of the Women's League of Health and Beauty, wrote a London correspondent on June 19.

Miss Marion Preston-Thomas, who has been staying for 10 days with Mr and Mrs Preston-Thomas, Tolle-mache Road, Hastings, will leave this morning on her return to Wellington. She will break her journey at Waipukurau and Marton to stay with friends and relatives.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEMBERS

Well-Attended Meeting At Pakowhai

Members of the Pakowhai Women's Institute met in the Church Hall on Thursday afternoon and were presided over by the president, Mrs Mitchell, there being a good attendance which included many visitors. Two new members, Mrs Sid Lowe, and Mrs Don Brunton, were welcomed.

The thought for the month was, "I hail the time of flowers, and the sound of music sweet from the birds among the bowers."

On account of petrol restrictions, Miss Spencer could not be present to give her talk on birds, so members gave little incidents they knew of native birds.

Mrs Dyer, of Hastings, gave a demonstration of constructing a floral muff, spring flowers being used. The resulting muff was very beautiful and much admired.

The competitions for the month resulted as follows: Six ginger biscuits, Mrs Holmes 1, Mrs Brunton 2, Mrs Russell 3; best bloom, Mrs Brunton (anemone) 1, Mrs Boshier (camellia) 2, Mrs Mardon and Mrs Russell (yellow jonquils) 3; best vegetable, Mrs Welch (onion) 1, Mrs A. Bartle (onion) 2, Mrs Crawford (beetroot) 3.

Knitted scarves and mittens for the forces were handed in and wool distributed to be made up. The roll-call, "a verse I learned at school" was well answered by members.

Mrs Mardon gave the golden thread talk, a reading from the New Zealand pioneer tales, "Brave Days." The hostesses for the afternoon were Mesdames Gabrielson, R. V. Graham, J. Graham, C. Graham and the Misses J. Gabrielson and P. Graham.

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Comment On The Films

Thrilling adventure in the pioneer days of America's history is related in "DRUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK" Technicolor production with Henry Fonda and Claudette Colbert in the leading roles.

"THE SECRET OF DR. KILDARE" another in a popular series features Lew Ayres and Lionel Barrymore again in a story of hospital life, spiced with mystery and drama.

Beautiful Madeleine Carroll appears as a business woman too busy for marriage in "HONEYMOON IN BALI" Fred MacMurray is the man who changes her viewpoint, and Allan Jones lends his grand singing to a gay comedy.

Exciting days when ruthless Indian braves, led by a wild outlaw, plundered and robbed the trails of America are related in "GERONIMO" with Ralph Morgan and Ellen Drew at the head of a great cast.

Conrad Veidt and Valerie Hobson are featured in the topical espionage drama, "U-BOAT 29," a tense, gripping story of Germany's under-seas activity. Capable English players fill supporting roles.

A gay musical comedy, full of bright incident and tuneful melody, "LET'S BE FAMOUS," features Sonnie Hale in a story of a singer who endeavours to climb the ladder of success in broadcasting.

"HEROES IN BLUE," tells a fast moving tale of action, comedy and drama in the life of a police-officer whose brother has criminal tendencies. The ensuing complications make for exciting entertainment.

"Charlie McCarthy," is at his wisecracking best in his latest comedy, "CHARLIE MCCARTHY, DETECTIVE," which has the added spice of an element of mystery which Edgar Bergen helps to solve.

The author of "The Citadel," Dr. A. J. Cronin, has written in "THE STARS LOOK DOWN," another great story, this time dealing with life in England's coal mines. Michael Redgrave appears as a man who fights against bad working conditions for the miners.

An exciting eight hours spent in an exclusive gambling club by a daring girl reporter is the theme of "CITY OF CHANCE," a fast-moving story of adventure on forbidden territory.

How two reporters bought a luggage case at an auction sale, and opened it to find that it contained a woman's body, is the theme of "OPENED BY MISTAKE," a thrilling murder mystery starring Charles Ruggles.

Espionage within the famous Maginot Line is the theme of "DOUBLE CRIME IN THE MAGINOT LINE," a French production with English dialogue. It is a tense mystery.

Daphne du Maurier's great story "REBECCA" has been pictured as a stirring piece of entertainment. Laurence Olivier has the leading role as Max de Winter, and Joan Fontaine is opposite him as his second wife.

WAIPAWA D.H. SCHOOL

MONTHLY MEETING OF COMMITTEE

FLAG SALUTING Instructions Received From Board

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIPAWA.

A general discussion in regard to saluting the flag took place at the monthly meeting of the Waipawa District High School committee held this week, when a letter was received from the Hawke's Bay Education Board conveying a direction to each school in its area to hold a ceremony every Monday morning when the flag would be unfurled and saluted, and the National Anthem and the New Zealand National Anthem sung.

There were present at the meeting Mrs Mason (chair), and Messrs. E. C. Little (secretary), S. C. Strang, H. C. Dwight, made W. Wiseman, and M. Martin. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Messrs. V. E. Douglas, E. Dunkin, and F. E. Limbrick.

The headmaster (Mr A. V. Fleet) reported as follows: Attendance, primary 217, secondary 87. An ex-pupil of the school now serving with the home defence forces (Private G. W. Robertson) has given six highly perfect badges for the secondary school. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the donor.

The dental clinic nurse reported a very busy month, and very favourable comment was made of the excellent work being carried out. It was decided that Arbor Day, which falls on Wednesday, August 7, be observed at the Waipawa School by the planting of native trees, and a cordial invitation is extended to all parents to be present at the ceremony which will take place at 2.30 p.m. on that day.

It was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Nurse D. Dalton, an ex-pupil of the school, who was the only candidate in the Dominion to obtain both surgical and medical honours in the recent examinations.

The matter of holding the annual school ball was also under consideration, and it was tentatively decided to hold this function on Thursday, September 19.

PATRIOTIC AFFAIRS AT TARADALE

Women's Auxiliary MONTH'S WORK IS REVIEWED

By Telegraph-Press Association. TARADALE.

Keen interest was taken in a meeting of the Taradale-Greenmeadows Women's Auxiliary committee in the Taradale Town Hall this week.

After welcoming a new member the president (Mrs Scott) asked for a minute's silent prayer for peace before proceeding with the business of the afternoon.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Gallien and Mrs Arnold, a vote of sympathy being passed to the latter in her illness.

Mr MacDonald, chairman of the local Patriotic Committee, had been invited to attend the meeting in order to explain and clarify various points of interest raised at previous meetings. The main point at issue was the rehabilitation fund, this having been very fully discussed at the provincial meeting which he had attended recently.

Various afternoons had been held during the month and it was gratifying to note that these were still being well patronised and that the people of the district were still assisting the committee in their efforts.

The delegates appointed for the organisation of the fair to be held in September are to meet on August 14.

A vote of thanks was passed for the following donations: Mrs A. E. Scott 5/-, Mrs Dixon a scarf and Mrs A. J. Williamson buttons, and to the children of the Greenmeadows School for work they had done in the filling of husks.

The sales table brought forth the usual good response, and the competition held for the cake presented by Mrs McCormack was won by Mrs D. Rees.

TRANSPORT ACT BREACH

Carrier Convicted At Waipawa

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIPAWA.

At a sitting of the Waipawa Magistrate's court, presided over by Mr J. Miller, S.M., William James Maulder was convicted and discharged on a charge of failing to return his goods service licence for amendment.

Traffic Inspector Yates, who brought the case, said that the defendant on February 13 had applied for an amendment to his goods service licence and had been asked to return his licence so that this could be done. Witness suggested that it was a case of carelessness, and he would not press for a penalty.

The Magistrate said that he would treat the matter as a warning to others and convicted and discharged the defendant.

RAINFALL LESS AT OTANE

Past Month's Figures Given

"Daily Mail" Special Service. OTANE.

The following figures for Otane rainfall are supplied by Mr Black (Te Kura):

Rainfall for July, 1940: 3.49 inches. For the same period last year: 4.43 inches.

Total fall to date this year: 17.12 inches.

For the same period last year the fall was 10.67 inches. Rain fell on 13 days last month, the greatest amount being 96 points on July 5.



Joan Fontaine and Laurence Olivier, co-starred in "Rebecca," film version of Daphne du Maurier's famous novel, which will screen shortly at the State Theatres in Napier and Hastings.

CURRENT PRODUCTIONS

HASTINGS

REGENT THEATRE: To-day and Monday: "The Secret of Dr. Kildare" (Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore). Tuesday to Thursday: "Honey-moon in Bali" (Allan Jones, Madeleine Carroll, Fred MacMurray). Next Friday: "U-Boat 29" (Valerie Hobson, Conrad Veidt).

COSY THEATRE: To-day and Monday: "Geronimo" (Ellen Drew, William Henry). Tuesday to Thursday: "Let's Be Famous" (Sonnie Hale, Betty Driver) and "Heroes in Blue" (Dick Purcell, Bernadine Hayes). Next Friday: "Charlie McCarthy, Detective" ("Charlie McCarthy," Edgar Bergen, "Mortimer Snerd").

MUNICIPAL THEATRE: To-night and Monday: "The Gang Show" (Ralph Reader, Gina Malo) and "Dad and Dave Come to Town" (Bert Bailey, Fred MacDonald). Tuesday to Thursday: "The Big Broadcast" (W. C. Fields, Dorothy Lamour) and "Thunder Trail" (Gilbert Roland, Marsha Hunt). Next Friday: "Everybody Sings" (Judy Garland, Allan Jones) and "The Girl Downstairs" (Franciska Gaal, Franchot Tone).

STATE THEATRE: To-day and Monday: "Drums Along the Mohawk" (Claudette Colbert, Henry Fonda). Tuesday to Thursday: "Stanley and Livingstone" (Spencer Tracy, Richard Greene) and "City of Chance" (Lynn Bari, C. Aubrey Smith). Next Friday: "The Stars Look Down" (Michael Redgrave, Margaret Lockwood).

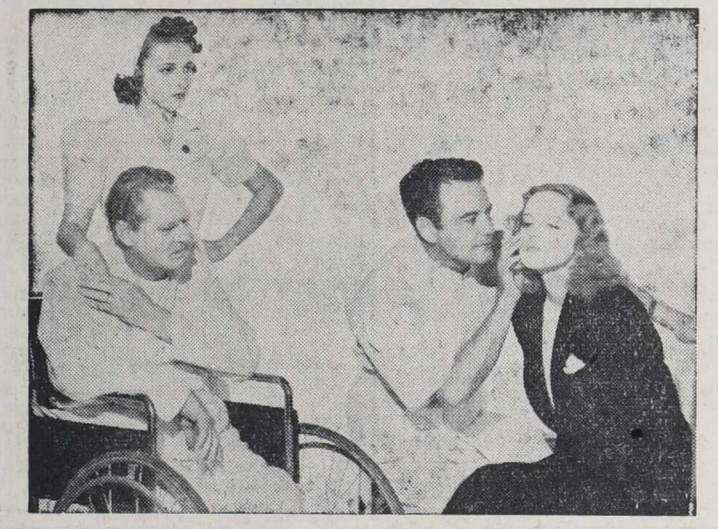
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STATE THEATRE: Now showing to Monday: "Everything Happens at Night" (Sonja Henie, Ray Milland, Robert Cummings). Tuesday to Thursday: "The Marines Fly High" (Richard Dix, Lucille Ball) and "Double Crime in the Maginot Line." Commencing Friday: "Rebecca" (Laurence Olivier, Joan Fontaine).

REGENT THEATRE: Now showing to Monday: "Sons of the Sea" (Leslie Banks, Kay Walsh). Tuesday to Thursday: "Disputed Passage" (Dorothy Lamour, John Howard). Commencing Friday: "Grandad Rudd, M.P." (Bert Bailey, Fred MacDonald).

MAYFAIR THEATRE: Now showing to Monday: "Knights of the Range" (Russell Hayden, Jean Parker), "Opened by Mistake" (Charles Ruggles, Janice Logan) and chapter 11 of "The Green Hornet." Tuesday to Thursday: "A Trip to Paris" and "Father O'Flynn." Commencing Friday: "Emergency Squad" (William Henry, Louise Campbell) and "This Man in Paris" (Barry K. Barnes, Valerie Hobson, Alastair Sim).

The popularity of what has been described as "history's greatest adventure," a reporter's search over a continent for a lost missionary, has justified a return season for "STANLEY AND LIVINGSTONE" with Spencer Tracy and Sir Cedric Hardwicke in the title roles.



Leading players in "The Secret of Dr. Kildare," third of a popular series now at the Regent Theatre, Hastings. Lionel Barrymore and Lew Ayres are again featured.

Star Works For Refugees

Madeleine Carroll, co-starred with Brian Aherne and Louis Hayward in Edward Small's "MY SON, MY SON!" is Hollywood's busiest star as a result of her determination to do everything in her power to aid in the relief of civilian war suffering in England and France.

At the outbreak of hostilities, Miss Carroll turned over her chateau in the south of France for use of children removed from Paris and other big French cities. Since that time she has sponsored numerous benefits in Hollywood and Los Angeles and has supervised the sending of money to Europe for relief purposes. In between takes, she knits sweaters on the lot.

The Original Team "Of Dad And Dave"

Bert Bailey and Fred MacDonald, who play the roles of "Dad" and "Dave" respectively in "DAD RUD, M.P." Cinesound's merry modern comedy of the famous Rudd family, are the original "Dad" and "Dave," having played the parts in the stage version of "On Our Selection," when Steele Rudd first wrote the story. In the words of the song, "That was many years ago."

During the stage life of "Selection" they played the parts so often that both became better known as "Dad" and "Dave" than by their own names. Naturally, when "Selection" was brought to the screen by Cinesound, Bert and Fred were the obvious choice for the parts of "Dad" and "Dave" and the amazing success of that film brought them further fame and popularity.

Later, when Cinesound continued the Rudd family series with the production of "Grandad Rudd" and "Dad and Dave Come to Town," Bert Bailey and Fred MacDonald were the first members of the cast selected, of course, for the roles of "Dad" and "Dave."

"Balalaika" On The Screen

A new singing star, in the person of Iona Massey, is introduced in Nelson Eddy's newest success, "BALALAIKA," the film version of a famous stage triumph. Miss Massey is acclaimed as giving a sensational performance in this new production. Her only previous screen appearance was also with Nelson Eddy in a small role in "Rosalie."

"Balalaika" was filmed on a spectacular scale, and is set to the tune of glorious melody, a story of comedy, romance and drama in the life of a Cossack rider.

Nelson Eddy is heard in several rousing choruses, as well as in more romantic numbers, many of which are already "hit" tunes. Iona Massey proves her singing ability also, and the unanimous opinion expressed in advance reports is that here is genuine entertainment.

"Alliance" With Mexico

Two hundred and twenty New Mexico National Guardsmen recently were veterans of three week's service under the British flag. Don't leap, however, to the conclusion that New Mexico has entered into an alliance with England—it's just Hollywood again. Under special orders from Governor John E. Miles, the troops turned part-time actors to portray British soldiers in Paramount's "THE LIGHT THAT FAILS," based on Rudyard Kipling's novel, with Ronald Colman starred.

Major Harry M. Peck, of Albuquerque, commanded the detachment, which pitched camp at Buckman, N.M., 30 miles northwest of Santa Fe. Use to the location site selected by Producer-Director William A. Wellman.

Included in the contingent, which was formed into a special provisional squadron, were 142 troopers of the 11th Cavalry from Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Taos and Clovis, and 78 men of the 120th Engineers, drawn from Las Vegas, Albuquerque and Santa Fe. The cavalrymen supplied 102 of their own horses.



Preston Foster, Ellen Drew and William Henry have leading roles in "Geronimo," great adventure story now screening at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings.

Fact Is Stranger Than Fiction

"If you put it in a picture," said Ray Milland, "people will say it's too top to a coincidence—it can't be true."

He was talking about the strange way in which Fate tangled the paths of two young people. Nine years ago, each was unknown, trying to get a footing in the London amusement world. The man had been a British cavalry subaltern. The girl was a dance instructor.

They entered an international dance competition held in London that year. Successively, they advanced, changing partners as they proceeded. In the finals they were teamed, competing against another dancing couple for the world ballroom title. "If we win," said the man, "let's make it a stage team." But they did not win, and they drifted apart.

They met in Hollywood recently when Producer Herbert Wilcox undertook to film the comedy musical "IRENE." He is co-starring the pair in the picture. The girl—Anna Neagle. The man—Ray Milland. Together they dance once more—this time to the strains of what, when "Irene" was a Broadway smash-hit musical, was sung and played around the world. It is "Alice Blue Gown."

BING'S HUMOUR

Bob Hope recently admitted that the one person in Hollywood who could best him in a practical joke was Harry Lillis Crosby.

"Bing really has a sense of humour. He's funnier than his horses. Anything for a chuckle," said Hope. "Have you seen the sign on Bing's front lawn? It reads, 'Keep off the grass. Remember when you too, were struggling for recognition.'"

A Great American Composer

The very heart of America is embodied in the familiar melodies of Stephen Foster, inspirationally expressed in such songs as "The Old Folks at Home" (Swanee River), "Old Black Joe," "My Old Kentucky Home," "Oh, Susanna," "Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair," to mention but a few.

Stephen Foster was born in Pittsburgh on July 4, 1826. Thirty-eight years later, alone and all but forgotten, he died in a shabby Bowers lodging house to which he had drifted. Yet today the name of Stephen Foster, the great American troubadour, is written imperishably in the nation's culture. Dozens of memorials dot the land from Florida to Maine to keep his name alive. Shrines have been dedicated to him, schools bear his name, and volumes have been written about him. Now the screen has added another monument to his memory.

At 20th Century-Fox "SWANEE RIVER" has recently been filmed in Technicolor, as a dramatization of Foster's life from the time he reached manhood and knew a great love. The man to keep his name alive. Few liberties have been taken with the essential details, for the facts of the great songwriter's life comprise the best elements of screen drama—a struggle, success and happiness, then disillusion, suffering and poverty.

Don Ameche portrays Foster and Andrea Leeds, a young actress of rare ability, portrays Jane McDowell his sweetheart and wife, for whom Foster wrote "Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair."

Hal Roach has placed in production "TURNABOUT," based on the novel by the late Thorne Smith, the author of "Topper." The principal players are Carole Landis, John Hubbard, Adolphe Menjou, William Gargan and Joyce Compton. Hal Roach is directing.



A scene from the tense naval adventure story, "Sons of the Sea," now at the Regent Theatre, Napier. Leslie Banks (left) and Kay Walsh are leading players.

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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail Your Own Morning Paper SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1940. "HAVE AT YOU!" The speech of the British Minister of State for India (Mr L. C. M. Amery), well known to New Zealanders as a former successful Secretary for the Dominions, will find an immediate echo in the hearts of our people. It is becoming more evident every day that the Germans cannot understand the straightforward approach of British statesmen to their threats of conquest. There is neither bluster nor fuss about the British point of view. There is just the quiet determination to look every danger full in the face and to take the necessary steps to meet it. Mr Amery's opinions to the contrary and notwithstanding, Hitler is no Napoleon and there is really little comparative material that can be dug up as equally applicable to both would-be conquerors. The almost insignificant common quality between the two men is the lust for aggression, but there the parallel stops. No war, in plain words, was ever just like this one. Napoleon did not arrive on the planet soon enough to work out Fifth Column possibilities, and at any rate fought for whatever victories he did gain—fought in the field, with fighting men. Hitler, on the other hand, by careful propagandist preparation, has cleared the way for himself by back-stairs methods into the countries which he has now put in thrall. He did not fight France. He broke through like a thief and stole. He does not know how to fight a fair scrap. He hits low, hard, and often until his victim is left in a position in which protest is impossible because the foul blows have laid him low. France knows that, whatever its present Government may say, and Germany knows that France knows. Would any Frenchman admit that Hitler is a second Napoleon? Mr Amery proceeded to say things that will be endorsed by every stout-hearted British citizen. He referred to the glorious slogan which has held the French nation together for 150 years—"Liberty, Equality, Fraternity"—the slogan upon which the most glorious national anthem in the world was based (The Marseillaise). With one of those characteristic upthrusts of British idealism and faithfulness to principle, he went on to say that if the torch had fallen from the weakened hands of France, Great Britain would snatch it up again from the mire and hold it aloft as a beacon light to the free men and women of the world. Great Britain has had to do hard things to France; but they are the kind of things which a surgeon does who hurts in order to heal. It may be said that Great Britain is fighting against the Petain Government, but nevertheless on the side of France. It will be an intolerable world in which the glorious culture of the French nation is trodden into the mire by a hob-nailed, goose-stepping boot. The principles of freedom stretch beyond the bounds of national limits and become the sacred heritage of all who are able to fight for them. France has gone under, but Great Britain remains. The Nazi foe is presumably going into strict training because he has learned (at Dunkirk and elsewhere) that he will have to pay a much more healthy respect to his present enemy than he did to some of the others whose internal powers of resistance were weakened by the "borers" of the Fifth Column. We have had more than enough of the posturing and attitudinising of the Nazi swashbucklers, and are now indulging in the luxury of striking a few attitudes ourselves. Unless the whole of the overseas cable news from authenticated sources in Great Britain is a pack of lies, the Empire is ready, and not only ready but eager and willing to mix it with the best of the German fighters. We can take courage from that. As to Italy, referred to by Mr Amery as "the accomplice, henchman, and cabin boy in the pirate ship," we have certainly so far had no cause for worry. Signor Mussolini, who entered the war because (again in Mr Amery's phrase) "he thought that it was all over bar the shouting and the share-out," has made a sorry showing, and we may be confident that the British will to secure real peace in the world will prevail over either Nazi brutality or Italian hysterics.

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Personal

Private L. C. Lamb, of Burnham Military Camp, is spending portion of his leave with relatives in Hastings. Private W. Austin, of the Third Echelon, is spending his leave as the guest of Mr and Mrs A. E. Black, Te Kura, Otane. Privates L. Stevens and J. Mills are at present on leave and staying with parents and friends at Otane. Pilot-Officer F. J. Steel, of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, late of the office staff of the Public Works Department, Napier, is on leave, and is staying with his parents, Mr and Mrs F. J. Steel, Parkfield Avenue, Manawa. Mr G. Dyer left Hastings by yesterday morning's express train on a visit to Christchurch. Mr C. M. Turrell, Wellington, has been appointed a member of the board of trustees of the National Art Gallery and Dominion Museum. He is the representative of the Wellington Harbour Board. Mr W. Benzie, fruit assembly superintendent, Department of Internal Marketing, who has been visiting Hastings on fruit marketing business will return to Wellington to-day. Dr R. S. Allan and Mr A. W. Baden Powell have been elected fellows of the Royal Society of New Zealand. Messrs S. W. Tweedie and L. Marshall, both of Hastings, and Messrs A. Campbell Clarke of Telford, R. D. J. Campbell, of Havelock North, and H. R. Carisp, of Dannevirke, were elected members of the Hawke's Bay A. and P. Society at a meeting yesterday. AT THE HOTELS Mr and Mrs R. Howie (New Plymouth), Mr O. Marshall, Miss L. Marshall (Wairoa), Mr W. Oates (Tokomaru Bay), Mr B. Cox (Lower Hutt), Mr M. Head, Mr S. Bolton, Mr G. Henderson, Mr K. Tinge (Auckland), Miss J. Reed (Christchurch) are at the Criterion Hotel, Napier. Mr A. F. Myall, Mr C. Jacobs (Auckland), Miss M. F. Columb, Mr W. Percival, Mrs F. Dyer, Mr and Mrs F. Picot (Wellington), Mrs C. Giblin (Waipukurau), Miss C. Beale (Te Pahi), Mr and Mrs C. Bidwell (Featherston), Mrs R. Hatrick (Wanganui) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier. Mr A. S. Marshall, Mr W. N. Dawson (Timaru), Mr R. Moore, Corporal Swinderton, Mr G. Robinson, Mr G. Russell, Mr P. Connor, (Wellington), Miss F. Heath (Palmerston North), Mr E. McHattie (Taurarunui), Mr J. McKenzie (Hamilton), Mr and Mrs L. Fraser (Gisborne) are at the Hotel Central, Napier. Mr C. Keyndon (Wellington), Mr N. McGregor (Sheredon), Mr A. Laing (New York City), Rev. and Mrs Stent (Carterton), Mr S. W. Andrews (Christchurch), Lieutenant Wm. Rutherford, Corporal C. E. Claridge, Private G. R. Spence, Lieutenant McKenzie (Trentham) are at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings. Mr C. J. McArthur, Mr H. Broad, Mr W. Benzie, Mr A. E. Watson (Wellington), Mr J. M. Wilkie (Karori), Mr C. E. Hine (Dunedin), Miss Barbara Jackson (Lower Hutt), Miss O. Steele (Gisborne), are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings. Mrs B. Edmonds, Mr P. A. Mitchell, Mr P. Edmonds (Wellington), Mr G. L. Gillan, Mr B. Beattie (Te Haroto), Mr and Mrs J. Bell (Hastings), Mr R. Hammond (Hamilton), Mr J. Marshall (Christchurch), Mr and Mrs J. Stevens, Mr E. O'Brien (Auckland), Mr V. McLeod, Miss P. White (Palmerston North), are at the Albert Hotel, Hastings. WAIROA Mr W. L. S. Brittain (Tokomaru Bay), Mr G. C. Burton (Gisborne), Mr E. S. (Timaru), Mr S. (Palmerston North), Mr S. (Palmerston North), Mr S. (Palmerston North), Mr S. (Palmerston North), are staying at the Clyde Hotel. Miss Swan, Mr McKay (Napier), Mr Dunn (Auckland), Mr Maddons, Mr W. Maddons (Kotemara), Mr and Mrs Clayton, Mr McCash (Wellington) are staying at the Ferry Hotel. Mr Page, Mr Alley, Mr Robb, Miss Barry (Gisborne), Mr Gibbs, Mrs Grant, Mr Barron, Mr Thompson (Wellington), Mr Thirkill, Mr Bridge (Hastings), are staying at the Wairoa Hotel. Napier, Aug. 1. WAR BIRD. Today's Diary NAPIER Rugby football, McLean Park. "Mararama," Municipal Theatre, 8 p.m. The Theatres: "Everything Happens at Night," State, 2 and 8 p.m. "Sons of the Sea," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m. "Knights of the Range" and "Opened by Mistake," Mayfair, 2 and 8 p.m. HASTINGS H.H.S.O.B. dance, Barrie Studio, 8 p.m. British Legion dance, Buffalo Hall. Rugby football, Nelson Park. Basketball-Interhouse dance, Assembly Hall. The Theatres: "Drums Along the Mohawk," State, 2.15, 5 and 8 p.m. "The Secret of Dr Kildare," Regent, 2.15, 5 and 8 p.m. "Gerónimo" and "Men Without Souls," Cosy, 2 and 7.45 p.m. "Dad and Dave Come to Town" and "The Gang Show," Municipal, 7.45 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Hastings Harriers Members of the Hastings Harrier Club will participate in a pack run this afternoon beginning at the Hastings racecourse at 2 o'clock. Runners will be entertained at afternoon tea after the race by Mrs M. Fould at her residence, 414 Southampton Street. A Price Increase Another increase of 1d a gallon in the retail price of power kerosene has been announced by the Hawke's Bay to 1/8 a gallon. Farmers, whose tractors use considerable quantities of power kerosene, and contractors, who are some days ago granted a reduction in fuel and Diesel oil costs, will be most affected by the increase. Lighter kerosene has also advanced 6d a case but proportionately there is little of this class used. Visit To Wanganui Basketball, Rugby and soccer teams from the Napier Intermediate School visited Wanganui yesterday and played matches against the home teams. According to advice received by the headmaster of the Napier School, Mr E. C. Boyes, Napier won both basketball matches and the soccer game, Wanganui winning the Rugby by six points to three. A speech contest against Wanganui was also to be held. Hastings Success A successful exhibitor at the recent Wellington Kennel Club's show was Mrs Barton Smith, of Hastings. Against an entry of 42, she secured first place for best black cocker spaniel in show, with "Pride of Karamu," best blue roan cocker spaniel in show with "Defender of Karamu," and was also successful in winning the award for the best spaniel (all breeds) in the show. Entries were received from all parts of the Dominion, including Auckland and Christchurch. Legal Argument Lengthy legal argument was heard in the Napier Magistrate's Court yesterday, when a number of Napier men were charged with trespassing on the property of the Ahuriri lagoon on May 4, the opening of the duck-shooting season. At the conclusion of the hearing the Magistrate, Mr J. Miller, S.M., reserved his decision. The men were J. McDougall, R. Flutev, John Rogga, Tom Seymour, K. R. Spiller, Leslie Tronson and John E. Fenn. They were defended by Mr J. Tattersall, and Mr L. W. Willis appeared for the Crown. Show Donations Donations reported at a meeting of the Hawke's Bay A. and P. Society yesterday included a cup from Mr F. L. Bone to replace the trophy won outright last year by the yearling Jersey heifer class. An offer of £5 5/- was received from the New Zealand Co-operative Pig Marketing Association for the pig classes and the New Zealand Romney Marsh sheep breeders' association has made available for Spring Show competition the Wheeler Memorial Shield for the champion ram and the North Island Championship shield for the best New Zealand bred ram. Letters to the Editor Sir—I would like to endorse the suggestion recently made by "planes." "Come on Hastings" advocates a "plane from that district. I say "Come on Napier, what about one too." My suggestion is that we open a campaign in Hawke's Bay for funds to purchase Spitfire fighters. These cost approximately £4000 each, and are superior to anything the enemy have. Let us lead New Zealand by inaugurating a general fund to purchase these fighters, which will be followed by other districts. Each "plane" could be named after leading Hawke's Bay towns. Let us equip our men with the best fighters procurable, by taking our coats off and getting behind a (Other letters on page 8.) fund to purchase fighters for the "Homeland" so that she can get supremacy in the air, for without that all will have been in vain. The Spitfires could be manned by New Zealand pilots, and so our truly of fighter squadrons would be given a New Zealand one in action. Let us not sit back because we all gave so generously to the Red Cross, but give and give again until victory is assured. So, Mr Editor, I hope that your paper will be the means of inaugurating and pushing this appeal for a Hawke's Bay and New Zealand campaign to purchase Spitfire "planes" to assist the Homeland in her fight for our freedom, and all that free men hold near and dear to them.—I am, etc. Napier, Aug. 1. WAR BIRD. Today's Diary NAPIER Rugby football, McLean Park. "Mararama," Municipal Theatre, 8 p.m. The Theatres: "Everything Happens at Night," State, 2 and 8 p.m. "Sons of the Sea," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m. "Knights of the Range" and "Opened by Mistake," Mayfair, 2 and 8 p.m. HASTINGS H.H.S.O.B. dance, Barrie Studio, 8 p.m. British Legion dance, Buffalo Hall. Rugby football, Nelson Park. Basketball-Interhouse dance, Assembly Hall. The Theatres: "Drums Along the Mohawk," State, 2.15, 5 and 8 p.m. "The Secret of Dr Kildare," Regent, 2.15, 5 and 8 p.m. "Gerónimo" and "Men Without Souls," Cosy, 2 and 7.45 p.m. "Dad and Dave Come to Town" and "The Gang Show," Municipal, 7.45 p.m.

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR CLOUDY, COOL WEATHER. The "Daily Mail's" special forecast for Hawke's Bay is as follows: Winds: Moderate south-east to east. Weather: Fair to cloudy and cool. Seas: Slight to moderate. Napier Weather Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. at Napier by the Government recorder (Miss G. Hutton) are as follows:— Dry bulb temp. 49.8deg. Wet bulb temp. 49.8deg. Maximum temp. 54.0deg. Minimum temp. 43.8deg. 1ft. underground 46.5deg. 3ft. underground 50.6deg. Rain trace Grass 35.8deg. Sun 5 hrs. Cloud 8 Humidity 93 p.c. Visibility 6 Wind S.W.1 Hastings Weather Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows:— Dry bulb temp. 49.0deg. Wet bulb temp. 49.0deg. Maximum temp. 53.0deg. Minimum temp. 38.4deg. Grass 32.0deg. 1ft. underground 44.0deg. Wind S.1 Cloud 14in Dominion Forecast General situation: An intense anticyclone centred east of the South Island covers the Dominion and the Tasman Sea. Forecast:— Winds: South-easterly predominating in the North Island and north-easterly in the South Island, force mainly light or moderate but freshening at times on the east coast. Seas (N.Z. waters): Rather rough north of Whangarei and about Cook Strait, but decreasing in the latter area. Slight to moderate elsewhere. Eastern Tasman Sea: Light to moderate east to north winds, slight to moderate seas. Weather: Becoming fair to fine over the greater part of the country, but scattered drizzle or light rain in the Gisborne district and in North Auckland. Sharp frosts in the South Island and scattered morning fogs. Wet Canteen Whether there will be a wet canteen in the proposed territorial camp on the Wanganui racecourse is not yet known in Wanganui, says the "Wanganui Herald." It is unofficially understood, however, that the Government is considering putting wet canteens in territorial camps. The Internal Marketing Department handles all canteens in military camps in New Zealand. Wanganui camp will differ from most of its kind in New Zealand for it is in an area where hotels are a short distance away and is also situated right in the city. Camps like Trentham, Burnham and Papanui are some distance from centres. All have wet canteens, but all are for men of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

Gems of Thought PRAYER A prayer in its simplest definition is merely a wish turned God-ward. —Phillips Brooks. Practice in life whatever you now for, and God will give it to you more abundantly. —Pusey. Prayer is the utilisation of the love wherewith He loves us. —Mary Baker Eddy. He prayeth best who loveth best. Coleridge. In prayer it is better to have a heart without words, than words without a heart. —John Bunyan. The simple heart that freely asks in love obtains. —Whittier.

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EFFICIENCY TESTS FOR THE WAR RISK PUBLIC SERVICE

Strong Objections Raised By The Association

COMMISSIONER CASTIGATED

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, Aug. 2. "Representatives of the association maintain that the understanding arrived at with the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) and the Minister of Railways (the Hon. D. G. Sullivan) was that all efficiency tests were to be postponed in the meantime." said the general secretary of the New Zealand Public Service Association (Mr F. W. Millar) in a statement which he issued to-day on behalf of the executive committee of the association.

The association's statement is as follows: "The association deplors the fact that the Public Service Commissioner should have seen fit to publish such a provocative and, in some directions, misleading report concerning efficiency tests in the public service at the moment when negotiations are proceeding between the Public Service Commissioner and the association at the express request of the Prime Minister.

"It was laid down by the Prime Minister at an interview that in the event of failure to reach a common satisfactory resolution, separate representations were to be made by both sides to himself, when Cabinet would determine exactly what was to be done.

"The first sign of cleavage," continues the report, "after these arrangements were agreed to, was the astonishing statement by the Public Service Commissioner that the efficiency tests for the general division had not been suspended, although neither by word nor inference had any reference been made at the interview to the exclusion from suspension of those tests.

"The general secretary immediately communicated with the Prime Minister, pointing out that any question of a section of the efficiency test being proceeded with when the whole matter was to be considered de novo seemed to create an impossible position, and asked for the Prime Minister's interpretation of the decision arrived at.

"The Prime Minister's reply was to the effect that it was agreed that the whole question of efficiency tests should be discussed at a conference. He considered that the point raised was one for discussion at a conference. Although the proceedings between the Public Service Commissioner and the association are progressing satisfactorily on the whole, the Public Service Commissioner is still persisting in proceeding with his examinations for the general division, so that the association and the Prime Minister has so far proved to be optimistic.

"One of the comments in the report to which the association takes strong exception is: 'It will not be unknown that the project as it concerns clerical and professional divisions has not been without some opposition.'

"This is most misleading, and wrongly implies that our opposition has been confined only to the efficiency tests for the clerical and professional divisions. It is not true that this definitely is not so. Our very strong and earnest opposition was and is related to all the groups—clerical, professional and general. The only division to introduce tests for the clerical and professional divisions, though there was some doubt in the association's mind as to the legality of the regulations relating to the tests for the general division.

"The legal points, however, at the suggestion of the Prime Minister, are not being pressed by the association in view of the results of the efficiency tests. He made no reference whatever to the fact that the association's claim was for the withdrawal of efficiency tests in their present form, and thereby provides a false impression.

"Stumbling Block. The association's opposition is a stumbling block to the maintenance and development of full efficiency in the public service.

"The first syllabus for efficiency tests for the general division appeared in March, 1939, and the examination was held in December and 134 public service employees were prepared to present themselves for examination under the conditions laid down.

"There are more than 20,000 public servants under the commissioner's control, over half that number being permanent employees, including thousands of general division employees, yet on the results attained by this handful of employees he has complacently proceeded at length, seemingly in an attempt at a justification of the introduction of the tests, to underwrite the efficiency of the whole of the public service.

"He indulges in such remarks as 'To treat a number belie their presumptive efficiency. The self-satisfied, the unctuous and the lazy will resent it. Some were frankly too lethargic.'

"A different story this is to that contained in some previous reports, where the efficiency of the service was extolled and a feature made that one out of every three of the clerical and professional divisions possessed university degrees or had a law and accountancy examinations.

"Unpopular Sentries. The most objectionable part of the report, so far as the Public Service Association is concerned, is the last sentence in the following paragraph: 'It is not an easy matter for the central personnel to ascertain with exactitude what is in the minds of the officers generally on any particular policy.'

"The evidence of their own organization is always entitled to the utmost weight. In this case, the organization is strongly opposed to the institution of efficiency tests and purports to represent itself as expressing the views of the majority of its members. Apart from the fact that the organization is not a body of inquiry both by the commissioner personally and by his senior officers has been given to indicate that it would have been able to ascertain with exactitude what is in the minds of the officers generally on any particular policy.

THE WAR RISK QUESTION

BONUSES GIVEN TO SEAMEN COASTAL TRADE

Prime Minister's Jurisdiction

By Telegraph—Press Association. AUCKLAND, Aug. 2. War risk bonuses, effective from last Thursday, have been awarded to seamen, cooks and stewards employed in the coastal shipping trade, according to an announcement made by Mr J. A. Gilmour, the Industrial Magistrate who presided over the conference of representatives of the shipping companies and of unions held in camera on July 26 in Wellington.

By direction of the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser), ratings in the coastal service will receive a monthly bonus of £1 15s., and boys and cadet stewards will receive a monthly bonus of £1. No bonus has been awarded to men employed within river limits.

Bonuses, however, of 17/6 a month for ratings and 10/- a month for boys and cadet stewards working within extended river limits, have been allowed in view of the fact that bonuses had been awarded to workers of Australian coastal vessels and that allowances had been made for New Zealand seamen on overseas vessels.

Increase Needed. Mr Gilmour said that the workers were entitled to some increase. Because of the financial position of the companies, he would not make the payment retrospective. Although it may not be in my province to comment on the question of freight charges, I feel bound to say that I was impressed by statements from both sides as to the precarious position of the companies concerned, and it does appear that sympathetic consideration might well be given to any application made by the companies for percentage increase in freight charges in order to meet the additional wage costs imposed by this decision," said Mr Gilmour.

That it is an unwarranted attack on our association and a questioning of the good faith of its executive officers. At no time have we approached the Government or the commissioner when we did not feel that our representations were in keeping with the opinion of the majority of our members, and in no instance was this more so than in the case of our objection to the imposition of efficiency tests in the form proposed by the commissioner.

"A torrent of Press protests at the time provided abundant evidence. Incidentally, the heaviest weight of protests came from public servants. It is not possible to say, but we feel that, having made our protest, we should leave it at that, because we realise that greater issues overshadow everything else these days; so much so, that it is a cause for wonder why the Government and the commissioner do not forthwith decide to forget the efficiency tests altogether until after the war's function of employing their know-

DIFFICULTIES IN ABYSSINIA

ITALIAN SUPPLIES INADEQUATE RELIEF PROBLEM

Important Factor Of The Rains

A factor adding to Italian difficulties in Abyssinia is the inadequate supplies can be obtained from Italy. Unless Italy can get relief through the Sudan it is estimated that Abyssinia's supplies will be exhausted after a few months.

This is apparently the reason for the Italian attacks from Abyssinia on Kassala, Gallabat and Kurrumik in the eastern border of the Sudan. It is believed in London that the Italians hope to launch attacks from these points across the Sudan after the rains, but the British view is that their strategic importance is not well understood.

Replacements Difficult. In the meantime, every shell, bomb and gallon of petrol used by the Italian forces in Abyssinia cannot be replaced except at two or three towns. The Government has seized all machinery and metals.

Bombers from Kenya, Aden and the Sudan have been criss-crossing Abyssinia for days, aiming especially at petrol dumps and the Savoia bombers and Caproni fighters, of which there were fewer than 300 at the outset.

Depots Photographed. The British aeroplanes have photographed every important army depot. Photographs show that each depot and garrison will be isolated when the big rains begin. The small rains are already falling. It was these rains which largely caused the British withdrawal from Kassala.

During the rainy season Italy cannot hope to make much progress. So far, Italy has given no sign that she is able to drive deep into Kenya or through the Sudan to join Libya with Abyssinia before supply lines are cut off.

Some Italian Mussolini faces the possibility that Abyssinia, the first country to be overrun by a European dictator, may be the first to be released.

HITLER NO NEARER PEACE HE SEEKS

Domination Strives

British Official Wireless. (Received August 2, 2.45 p.m.) RUGBY, Aug. 1. Speaking before the Foreign Relations Committee of the Polish Parliament in session in London, the Polish Foreign Minister (Zaleski) said that Hitler's conquest had not brought him any nearer his much-coveted peace, although now practically the entire European continent was under Nazi domination.

A fact that could not be overlooked was that Europe would be in need of large imports of food and raw materials from other parts of the world, which would become practically impossible as long as Britain ruled the waves.

M. Zaleski gave a warning against the suggestion of an early rift between Nazi and Soviet dictators, who would come to an agreement at the expense of their neighbours when it suited them, and concluded: "The military defeat of France did not cause large losses for the Polish Army, yet the Polish Army won important fame on the battlefield of Narvik and in France, and now the part that has come over to Britain will continue to fight for its common cause until final victory is achieved."

GALLANT COMMANDER OF LOST GLORIOUS

Amazing Story Of Heroic Feat On Active Service In The Great War

When the British aircraft-carrier Glorious was lost, her commander, Captain G. D'Oyly Hughes, went down with his ship, it was officially announced in London.

D'Oyly Hughes cut his fighting-teeth as a youthful submarine lieutenant in the Great War. In the Sea of Marmora, against Turkey, he performed an amazing feat of gallantry, says an Australian correspondent.

Alone he swam ashore from a submarine with a charge of gun cotton and blew up the Berlin-Bagdad railway—vital Turko-German munitions link—under the very eyes of Turkish guards. Men of "The Trade"—the Submarine Service—still speak of his exploit.

D'Oyly Hughes served under Lieutenant M. E. Nash on the E11, one of the small group of submarines which waged bitter and successful war against Turkey in 1915.

Handsome and uncannily cool, D'Oyly Hughes made his work in the E11 a pleasure, almost placing the gun cotton. He waited in the hope that the guards would move, but in vain. He muffled his fuse pistol with his clothes, and fired.

Immediately the report brought the guards running at him. Calmly he took pot-shots at them with his revolver, and then sprinted for his life—not back to the sea, but along the coast. Had he tried to climb down to the sea the Turks would have picked him off. He chose to lead them a chase.

Three-quarters of a mile later he plunged into the sea, fully clothed. Pursuers were still panting on his track. As he swam to sea he was bitterly disappointed; he had heard no explosion. But shortly afterwards the shore again, almost down to the sea the Turks would have picked him off. His raid had been successful.

But he was nearly a mile away from the waiting E11. A blast on his whistle brought no response. He gained the shore again, almost exhausted, as dawn began to break. After a rest he took to the water again, in a desperate attempt to swim to his submarine. One after the other he discarded bayonet, revolver, and clothes.

Mistake in the Mist. Then he heard rifle fire from the cliff tops, realised it must be aimed at E11. To his horror he saw three rowing-boats approaching him through the mist. Back ashore went D'Oyly Hughes, the stamina to execute it. For months he had been cooped up in a submarine, almost completely deprived of exercise.

Yet to escape the Turks he had sprang, and then swum a mile, all fully dressed. He had scaled a 60-foot cliff in darkness. He had also broken the Berlin-Bagdad railway line, and blown another hole in Turkey's precarious naval morale.

POSSIBILITY OF AN OFFENSIVE

British Suggestions ATTACK STRONGLY ADVOCATED Command Of The Seas

Now that Britain is ready to meet, and defeat an invader, military observers are beginning to discuss possible plans for offensive action. It is emphasised that the British action against the French Fleet, the recent engagements in the Mediterranean, and the failure, so far, of the German Air Force's effort to drive British shipping from the North Sea, and from the English Channel, have confirmed Britain in command of the sea.

At the same time, the Royal Air Force, although numerically inferior to the German Air Force, is doing greater damage to Germany than the German bombers are doing to Britain, and it is giving an indication of what it will be able to do when it possesses more pilots, and more, as well as better, aircraft than Germany.

Blows by Air Force. Most commentators consider that sea power alone will be inadequate for a decision. They believe that the Royal Navy will "hold the ring" while the Royal Air Force strikes the blows that will bring victory.

Some believe that the wisest strategy would be to concentrate on knocking Italy out and at the same time keeping Germany busy by raids across the North Sea and the English Channel, where Germany had the longest coastline to guard. Such raids would not suffer the disadvantage of the Narvik and Namos expeditions, since they would be within range of British fighters as well as bombers.

These advocates of attack echo the remark of General Smuts, the South African Prime Minister, in his broadcast that the British are united as never before under leadership of unrivalled brilliance and courage, and General Smuts's reminder that the success of the combination of sea and air power at Dunkirk points the way to a victorious offensive.

Those who think in this way welcome the thorough way in which the senior Army Commands have been given to generals who actually commanded troops against the Germans in 1940. They advocate that the principle be carried further by giving members of the B.E.F. and Expeditionary Force in Norway preference in every grade, and by carrying the same principle to the Royal Navy and the R.A.F. They urge the giving of key positions to young men of aggressive temperament who have distinguished themselves in combat during the past 11 months.

SECRET OF SUCCESS

The "Daily Express" in a leading article states: "When we launch our offensives there will be of no use, unless we hit at Hitler blindly. We must remember the secret of Hitler's successes—namely, concentrating on the weakest points. Hitler's weakest point is his subject races.

FIRST N.Z. BICYCLE BOUGHT

Believed to have brought the first bicycle to New Zealand, Mr J. T. Horne, of Clifton Road, Hamilton, celebrated his 90th birthday on Friday, August 2, at his home in Clifton Road, Hamilton. Mr Horne arrived from England on the barque Ada in 1875, bringing with him what customs officials declared to be the first cycle imported into the country. His bicycle attracted a great deal of attention from the Maoris and colonists alike, many of whom had never before seen such a machine. Shortly after his arrival he cycled from Auckland to Hamilton over a road consisting mainly of mud and sand.

SOVIET SURVEYS HER WORLD RELATIONS

Pact With Germany Remains Unaltered

ITALIAN UNDERSTANDING

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received August 2, 0.45 p.m.) MOSCOW, Aug. 1. The Soviet's neutrality was reaffirmed by the Soviet Prime Minister and Foreign Minister (M. Molotov) addressing the Supreme Soviet Council to-day. He declared that Russia would not participate in the war.

M. Molotov added that the Russian-German pact was still operating and that all British efforts to weaken it had failed. Anglo-Russian relations had not materially changed in recent weeks. The Russo-German pact was not only economically significant, but also assured German security in the east. Recent events had improved Russian-German relations.

Britain, he added, was relying on the assistance of the United States in continuing the war against Germany.

After the British anti-Soviet tendencies there could be little chance of improving Anglo-Russian relations, but the appointment of Sir Stafford Cripps as Ambassador, said M. Molotov, "possibly reflects Russian understanding."

Russian-Italian relations were full of possibilities. "It is noteworthy that Russian-Italian relations have lately improved. An exchange of views has revealed that there is every possibility of Russia and Italy ensuring mutual understanding in foreign policy and also extending their trade relations."

Britain does not wish to give up her colonies and declares that she will continue to fight for world supremacy, said M. Molotov, "despite the fact that the defeat of France and Italy's entry into the war involve considerably greater difficulties for Britain."

"The future of Russian-Finnish relations will depend on Finland," M. Molotov warned certain circles in Finland to discontinue their attacks against those who supported friendly Russian-Finnish relations. He reviewed the German military operations culminating in the overthrow of France, and added: "Although France obtained an armistice, she has not yet obtained peace."

"Bad military preparedness was clearly not the only cause of France's exceptional weakness. Considerably important also was the fact that leading circles in France, unlike those in Germany, treated lightly the role and weight of the Soviet in European affairs. Recent events have demonstrated even more than that they have shown that the ruling circles in France are not connected with the people. Far from relying on their support, these leaders feared their people, who are devotedly famed as lovers of liberty."

France was now confronted with the difficult task of healing her wounds—a task which could not be realised by the old methods. Hitler's Peace Appeal. The British Government had interpreted Hitler's peace appeal of July 19 as a demand for Britain's capitulation, and had replied that it would be continuing the war until victory was achieved, M. Molotov observed.

"The Russian-German relations," he said, "remain wholly as laid down in the Russian-German agreement. The Soviet has strictly observed the agreement, which removed the possibility of Russian-German friction in the United States, where covetous imperialists are dissimulating imperial plans under the banner of anxiety for the interests of the Western Hemisphere."

"All this threatens to convert the war into an imperialist world war. The Soviet therefore must be keenly vigilant regarding external security, while strengthening all internal and external positions."

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TRADE AND DEFENCE POLICY ENDORSED

Roosevelt's Programme RECOMMENDATIONS OF CONVENTION

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received August 2, 11.50 p.m.) SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1. The National Foreign Trade Convention unconditionally endorsed President Roosevelt's reciprocal trade programme and national defence policies.

The convention recommended the repeal of the Johnson Act prohibiting loans to war-loan defaulters, and reaffirmed its confidence in the gold standard. It also advocated the return to gold as a requisite for world trade. Modification or repeal of the Neutrality Act provisions was urged, it being held that they unnecessarily restrained American trade, shipping and finance. The actions of the Havana conference were endorsed.

COLLECTING TAXES AT THE SOURCE

Australia Following British Example

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received August 2, 12.45 p.m.) SYDNEY, Aug. 2. The Federal Treasurer (Mr Spender) has decided to introduce a compulsory system of collecting Federal taxation by instalments at the source on similar lines to that which has been adopted in Britain, says the Brisbane correspondent of the "Sydney Morning Herald."

Mr Spender has decided to take this action to ease the burden that must fall on all classes of taxpayers as a result of the huge increases that have already been made in taxation and others that must inevitably follow.

It is understood that this new scheme will be introduced at the beginning of next year and that a scheme will be evolved to deduct each month one-twelfth of the estimated annual tax of the taxpayer.

British Fleet In Mediterranean Battle Squadron In The Straits. The evidence of the Akaroa witnesses was taken by the coroner, Mr E. C. Levey, this morning, and the inquest will be completed in Christchurch in about a fortnight's time, when the evidence of Air Force officers will be taken.

At least 3,000,000 soldiers will need winter quarters—the largest number ever under arms in Britain. Hotels, public buildings and theatres will be commandeered as required.

American correspondents eager to "hit up" the drama of the island fortress, are frankly puzzled by the casual attitude of the civilian population and the happy warriors. The latter, disarding battle dress, bathe in borrowed swim suits from otherwise deserted beaches.

"Are they any good or dumb?" queried a famous American journalist. A colleague remarked: "This stoicism or indifference or cool courage, whatever it is, is Britain's secret weapon."

THE INFLUENZA "BUG" STILL QUITE PREVALENT

Business Firms Hope For A Return Of Warmer Weather

Although less prevalent than it was a few weeks ago, a number of cases of influenza are still being reported by Napier business firms.

The complaint generally takes a rather deceptive form. Starting with a sore throat, the infection next results in a raised temperature.

The influenza is of a similar type to that which caused anxiety at the military camps a few weeks ago, and it is feared that some of the men who have returned home on leave may act as "carriers" with unfortunate results to the general public.

Medical opinion, however, seems to be inclined to the view that the epidemic has nearly spent itself, and that with a return to sunny weather it may be expected to disappear very quickly.

Letters To The Editor In Month

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.

NAPIER WEATHER

Only Four Days Without Sunshine

WINTRY CONDITIONS

Fourteen frosts were recorded in Napier during July, the heaviest being 9.1 degrees on the 11th. The close of the month saw a series of sharp frosts, 7.8 degrees on the 29th, and 7.5 degrees on the 30th and 31st.

Sunshine totalled 153.2 hours, an average of 4.94 hours per day. There were only four days on which the sun did not make an appearance. Temperatures ranged from a maximum of 61.5 degrees on July 14 to the lowest minimum of 28.8 degrees on July 11 and 29.

Rainfall was 5.09 inches, against 4.01 inches in the corresponding month of last year. The heaviest fall was 1.56 inches on July 5.

FRONTIERSMEN'S TEAM NARROWLY LOSES

Miniature Rifles

HASTINGS CLUB HAS ONE-POINT WIN

Shooting This Week

The Hastings Miniature Rifle Club had as visitors this week a team from the Legion of Frontiersmen, the occasion being a challenge match for a trophy kindly donated by Mr. Jack Gillies, of Barclay Motors. The match resulted in a narrow win to the Hastings Club, only one point separating the teams.

The trophy finals resulted in a win for Mr. Carmichael, A. grade; T. Walden, B. grade, and Miss Denison in the women's section.

Following are the results:— A Grade: J. D. Dunn 98, 99.33; R. L. Robinson 99, 96.62; M. Carmichael 97, 98.80; C. Taylor 95, 98.33; C. Denison 95, 98.33; N. Pirie 95, 98.12; F. Weaver 94, 98.00; T. Rosenberg 94, 98.00; C. Eberhard 94, 97.75; B. Denison 94, 97.60; D. Dunn 93, 97.00; T. Taylor 91, 97.00; J. Cox 94, 96.72.

B Grade: G. Cunningham 89, 98.16; W. Cunningham 81, 98.10; C. Taylor 90, 98.00; N. Livingstone 95, 97.31; J. McNelly 88, 97.72; D. Anderson 81, 97.72; Walden 55, 97.63; R. Treacher 80, 97.50; A. Walker 71, 97.10; R. Harper 71, 97.10; F. Zacko 71, 96.89; P. Dunn 71, 96.33; K. Brown 89, 96.25; R. Stevenson 86, 96.18; A. Spencer 86, 96.18; J. McCue 85, 95.90; J. Roddick 71, 95.85.

Women's Section: Miss Denison 88, 98.10; Mrs. Hooper 85, 97.35; Miss Robertson 91, 96.40; Mrs. Pirie 88, 96.40; Mrs. McCue 78, 95.60.

Women's Trophy Final: Miss Denison 178, 105.77; Miss Robertson 189, 195.60; Mrs. Hooper 156, 194.45.

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Legion of Frontiersmen: Captain Biddle 71, 97.10; Q.M.S. Johnstone 84, 98.40; Sgt. Skiller 71, 97.10; Cpl. Robinson 86, 98.60; F.T.M. Baird 79, 97.90; F.T.M. Brock 71, 97.10; F.T.M. Warrington 71, 97.10; F.T.M. McClintock 71, 97.10; F.T.M. Maddison 71, 97.10; F.T.M. Everest 71, 97.10; F.T.M. Sawley 71, 97.10; F.T.M. Highway 84, 98.40.

Frontiersmen 1170.10. Hastings club: 1171.20.

Memoranda

"As it was in the days of Noah so shall it be when the Son of Man is revealed," is the subject of the address to be given in the United Hall, Lynton Road, Hastings, on Sunday night at 7 o'clock.

The annual South Island ball is to be held on Wednesday, September 4, in the Assembly Hall at Hastings. Proceeds are to be devoted to patriotic purposes. McKay's orchestra has been engaged and a programme of old-time dancing is being arranged.

An address by Mrs. E. A. Clark on "Prophecy in connection with present world affairs" will be given under the auspices of the Women's League, British Israel World Federation, in the Methodist Hall, Hastings, on Tuesday next at 2.30 p.m.

Chairman, Joint Council of the Order of St. John and N.Z. Red Cross Society.

Hon. Organiser and Liaison Treasurer of the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and N.Z. Red Cross Society.

Secretary, National Patriotic Fund Board.

Wellington, Aug. 1, 1940.

"Plane as Present"

Sir—The Rotary Club at Hastings certainly was quick on the spot after my suggestion of a "plane as a contribution to the war effort was made through these columns. I am, therefore, glad to see that the "Daily Mail" was made at the Rotary luncheon.

However, I suppose the idea is not new one. Let's all give the scheme full support.—I am, etc.

"COME ON HASTINGS"

Rugby Matches To-day

KEEN FOOTBALL Games at Hastings And Napier

SPORT PROMISED

Once again three senior Rugby matches are set down for decision in Hastings to-day and fans at Nelson Park should enjoy some excellent sport. The early game at 1.30 p.m. will be between M.A.C. and Hastings H.S.O.B., and for the former this is a very important match which they cannot afford to lose, but in which they will have to be at their best to account for the much improved Old Boys' team.

On No. 1 ground at 3 p.m., the old rivals, Celtic and M.B.O.B. will try conclusions and this is a game which should produce plenty of bright play. The other senior attraction at 3 p.m. is between Hastings and Havelock North and here again it is quite on the cards that the Villagers may spring another of their surprise wins.

Napier Match At McLean Park this afternoon Tech-High play Pirates, which will be the only senior game to be played in Napier this week. In their first encounter in the first round Tech-High were the successful team. Since then both teams have held a variety of positions on the list, this being particularly so in the case of Pirates.

Both teams have suffered by the loss of players who have joined the forces. However, as these players are now on leave, no doubt both teams will take the opportunity of playing them to-day, and both should be at full strength. Tech-High at present are the leaders of the championship and no effort will be spared by them to maintain this position. In Pirates they have worthy opponents who will extend them to their utmost.

FEDERATION BRANCH TO BE FORMED

Poultry Producers

HASTINGS MEETING LAST NIGHT

Marketing Regulations

A decision to form a branch of the New Zealand Poultry Producers' Federation with a view to giving consideration to the question of forming a marketing area for eggs was reached at a meeting of poultry keepers in Hastings last night when a resolution to this effect was carried without dissent.

Seventy poultrykeepers were present at the meeting, which was fully representative one. Mr. F. W. Stent, Government representative on the New Zealand Poultry Board, was present, with Mr. K. J. Gunn, representing the Internal Marketing Department, and full outline of the new egg marketing regulations, with an explanation of a number of points which had hitherto not been made clear was given. Copies of the regulations were issued to clarify the position further.

It was pointed out last night that a marketing centre would be established at either Napier or Hastings, instead of sending the eggs to Wellington as is at present done, only at the producers' request. If a centre were established grading would have to be introduced and prices decided on this basis.

Discussions centred also on the increasing of production, in view of the fact that eggs have been placed high on the list of primary products of which England stands most in need, and a number of practical suggestions were forthcoming.

When Peter Anderson, a native of Denmark, appeared before Mr. J. Millar, S.M., in the Napier Magistrate's Court, charged with the offence of false pretences, one of obtaining credit by fraud, it was revealed that he had £1500 on fixed deposit at the Union Bank of Australia in Wellington.

The charges of false pretences involved the issue of a number of valueless cheques ranging from £1 4/6 to £5 10/6 at Napier, Puketapu and Moerua. All the offences were committed in May, and in each case the victim was an hotel keeper.

Anderson elected to be dealt with summarily and entered a plea of guilty to all charges.

Detective-Sergeant H. Nuttall described the accused as a hard-working man who had become addicted to liquor and had fallen into the habit of overdrawing his bank account.

Anderson had issued cheques to hotels and had gone on a drinking bout for the entire month of May.

He was not destitute as he had £1500 on fixed deposit at a Wellington bank, but this money could not be lifted until 1945.

The Detective-Sergeant mentioned that the accused was before the Court in 1921 and again in 1924, and this remark prompted the Magistrate to observe that he had apparently made good in the meantime.

"I shall ignore his previous convictions, and treat these present charges as one continuing offence," said Mr. Millar. "They all occurred in the one month and this is not the ordinary type of case. These are all offences which he had not the slightest need to commit."

On the suggestion of the Detective-Sergeant, Anderson was convicted and released on probation for a period of two years on the condition that he take out a prohibitory order. He was also ordered to make restitution of £37 14/6 within one month.

CHEQUERED EXISTENCE OF HONG KONG

Colony Has Been British For One Hundred Years

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Hong Kong to-day faces one of the gravest crises in its history. Women and children are being evacuated hurriedly as Japanese troops mass on the border of the mainland territory to back Foreign Minister Arita's demand that no materials of war, destined for China's Chiang Kai-shek, shall pass through the colony.

Climaxing three years of war in China, the threatened blockade of Hong Kong is of vital consequence to the Empire.

And it finds Hong Kong, after years of preparation, ready to defend its status.

Blood has drenched the good earth of Hong Kong and the surrounding territories ever since rival pirates first occupied its two highest points—Victoria Peak and Mt. Kellett.

Disaster, on the grand scale, has more than once laid a heavy hand upon it. Epidemics of smallpox, cholera and typhoid have taken a frightful toll of life.

Time and again it has ridden out of the world's storms to become eventually one of the greatest ports in the world.

The history of this tiny island at the mouth of the Canton River provides some of the most thrilling episodes in the saga of the British Empire.

98 Years Ago It really begins 98 years ago, when a British naval officer, Captain Elliott, and his men, stormed the Bogue Forts below Canton, took the Imperial Viceroy Yeh, by his pigtail, and forced the ruling dynasty to hand over to Britain a group of barren islands off the Canton River delta.

The naval action, which resulted in Hong Kong becoming a British colony, was justified by the tactics of the imperial authorities in Canton.

When the charter of the East India Company had expired, independent British traders secured concessions to erect factories in Canton, but every device known to the Oriental mind was employed to harass them. Their employees were attacked, their goods boycotted and their factories burned to the ground.

At last the British Government, after years of useless negotiations, decided to establish an independent trading base, similar to that taken many years previously by the Portuguese.

Treaty of Nanking Under the terms of the Treaty of Nanking (1842), Hong Kong and adjacent islands were ceded to Britain. Actually, China considered that she was the favoured party in the bargain.

A Herculean task faced the first colonisers. The island was a hotbed of malaria, and no cure for this strange malady was known.

These were the days before Patrick and Manson had accomplished their great work in the field of tropical medicine, and the lonely graves on the eastern hillsides over Stanley Peninsula are ample testimony that the heroes of the British colonisation in the Far East were the private soldiers and not the traders who came afterwards, and, in their turn, left a reputation for huge fortunes quickly and often unscrupulously made.

Sir Henry Pottinger was the first Governor sent out from England. He and succeeding Governors did

their work well, despite the handicaps. Then in the middle fifties came the Taiping Rebellion—a rising of religious fanatics.

The war was waged close to Hong Kong and at one time the war junks of the Taipings and the Imperial Government were anchored in Hong Kong harbour at the same time.

Quietly but firmly, both fleets were ordered to leave British water and the orders were obeyed without a shot being fired.

In the following decade, the escape of a number of bandits by the simple process of crossing the harbour and landing in Chinese territory resulted in a strip of the mainland being added to British territory.

The water police station on the mainland now stands on the spot where a Chinese fort in earlier years had poured fire on British trading ships.

In 1898 over 300 square miles of the mainland, directly opposite Hong Kong, were leased to Britain for a period of 99 years.

Along this border to-day Japanese troops are stationed.

The greatest setback Hong Kong has received in the present century was the typhoon of 1906. Hundreds of buildings were levelled to the ground, the wharves were wrecked and dozens of ships were cast into the sea.

Ten thousand people, including the Anglican Bishop of Hong Kong, lost their lives. With the advent of the steamship and the growth of foreign trade and the foresight of Elliott and his successors in being content with a group of barren islands as the prize of war became apparent.

Deepwater Port. Hong Kong, at the mouth of the waterway to the greatest city in South China, is the only deepwater port for the whole of the south and south-west China, with its population of 2,000,000. Only the coast steamers can proceed up river to Canton; ocean-going ships must unload in Hong Kong harbour and the cargo is distributed from this point.

In addition, the island, because of its topography and geographical position, is of immense strategic importance. No ship can enter or leave the Canton River without passing within range of the powerful guns on the northern and southern extremities.

Here, in the shadows of Tai-mo-shan (Big Cloud Mountain), Victoria Peak and Mt. Kellett, lie the British warships of the China Station.

The regular forces ashore are backed by an efficient volunteer corps, now partly mechanised. Military aerodromes are scattered over the new territory.

Not for offensive purposes, however, has Hong Kong's strength been increased. Protection of life and property has been the sole aim of the Government.

ENTRIES NEEDED EARLIER

SPRING SHOW THIS YEAR

Meeting Of Committee Yesterday

In view of the enlisting of two men normally engaged on show entries it would this year be of great assistance if exhibitors forwarded their Spring Show entries early, said the secretary (Mr. A. M. Retemeyer) at a meeting yesterday of the committee of the Hawke's Bay A. & P. Society.

In the absence of the president, Mr. C. K. White, through illness, the vice-president, Mr. J. A. Macfarlane, presided.

Five new members were elected at the meeting, these bringing the total for the new year to 25. Committee members were asked to make a special effort to enrol new members, and the direct objects of the show was that the firms might be able to assist. It was also agreed to appoint a canvasser to operate in Hastings and Napier.

Corriedale Classes

The Corriedale Sheep Society advised that at the annual meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society it had been decided that no sheep shown in the wool shall have been shorn earlier than September 15 in the year immediately preceding the show at which the sheep are exhibited. In the shorn classes no sheep shall be shorn earlier than September 15 preceding the date of the show.

The society was asked to adopt the conditions for the coming show after which fixture the conditions would apply to sheep in the wool and shorn classes. It was pointed out that the schedule of the society would be immediately revised to meet the requirements of the show.

Messrs Nelson (N.Z.) Ltd. offered £3 towards the prize money for one baconer pig, the prizes to be awarded for judgment on the hocks at Tomoana. There is to be a minimum of five exhibitors or the prizes will not be awarded. The offer was accepted with thanks, Mr. Retemeyer pointing out that £17 was now available in prize-money for the class, which it was intended to call the Hawke's Bay baconer championship.

Wellington Man

LEADING ODDFELLOW PASSES

MR ANTHONY G. SHRIMPTON

Many Years Of Service

A leading figure in the Manchester Unit of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, Mr. Anthony Graham Shrimpton, died at his residence, 35 Beauchamp Street, Karori, this week, at the age of 59 years.

He was regarded in the friendly society movement as one of its experts, and his services were frequently before the Parliamentary Committee which took evidence before the Social Security legislation was framed. In the Manchester Unit he filled many high positions.

Mr. Shrimpton was elected to membership in the Loyal Howard Lodge No. 4207 in 1906, and in that year he was elected E.S. He attended his first district conference in 1908 and was elected district secretary in 1909. He attended his first biennial conference in Napier in 1910, and with the exception of Greymouth, was present at each succeeding conference at Grey-mouth, and a member of the dictatorial, and had continued a member of the executive since that time.

He was unanimously elected Deputy Grand Master in 1922, and Grand Master in Wellington in 1929. He was Grand Secretary of the Manchester Unit, N.Z., elected in 1927, and held that position till his death.

He was secretary of the Dominion Council of the Order of Oddfellows practically since its inauguration. He was Past Grand Master of the M.U.I.O.F. in 1924, and Past Provincial Grand Master of the Masonic Fraternity for Nelson and Marlborough in Wellington in 1928.

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NEW ZEALAND CHEERS THE NAVY

Safe Arrival In England Of Second Echelon

RECORD LONG VOYAGE

(From the New Zealand Official War Correspondent.) SOMEWHERE IN BRITAIN, June 16.

In still, hot sunshine, on a perfect afternoon of early summer, the transports of the Second Echelon dropped anchor to-day in a Homeland harbour after the longest voyage ever made by troops going to war.

The dramatic turn in the fortunes of war during the weeks we have been at sea, the sudden change in our destination (which practically doubled the distance sailed), and the knowledge that we have been brought through dangerous waters to where the need is greatest have combined to make this an unforgettable occasion for 7000 men.

When they were bidden welcome this afternoon in the name of His Majesty the King, of the British Government, of the High Commissioner for New Zealand, of General Freyberg, and of their unseen kinsfolk on shore, they were moved to repeated applause and rousing cheers. But they cheer loudest and longest of all for the ships and men of the Royal Navy, to whom they owe their safe arrival.

Throughout the last week our escort increased almost daily, both on sea and in the air, while the troops themselves mounted and manned machine-guns as a precaution against possible air attacks. There were none. Yesterday, however, we encountered for the first time the direct effects of the hidden war against Britain, and saw the Navy, if not in action, at least in the last stages of its preparedness for action.

Toward noon we steamed through a little of our drifting aim, less by the tide, and almost immediately afterwards sighted a ship on fire—billowing columns of black smoke with flames leaping from their base, and that appeared to be the hull right on end.

Another merchant ship was standing by, and our convoy kept steadily to its changing course. Presently a scouting aircraft dropped a smoke flare, instantly a pair of destroyers swung out of line to investigate, and we went away. Nothing came of that investigation; but later in the afternoon one of our escort's dropped a depth charge, and in the early afternoon a further alarm brought a pack of destroyers racing for prey, while the larger warships shepherded us closer.

In our journey round the world we have been under the care, at different times, of the Royal Navy, the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy, the Royal Australian Navy, and the Royal Canadian Navy. It is no reflection on the skill of our own sailors that all of them who are not already members would gladly join the Navy League to-night. Their admiration does not spring from thoughts of their own safety, although it is the direct possibility of being put out of the war without "having a smack at Fritz!" No; they have seen what the Navy does and come to realise what it means to the life of the British Commonwealth. Was he not a famous sailor of the last war, later our Governor-General, who told us once in New Zealand, "The sea is our life?" The Royal Navy keeps the sea. We have seen it at work and know.

Official Welcome. It had been intended that Lord Caldecote, Minister for Dominion Affairs, and Mr. J. Jordan, High Commissioner for New Zealand, should be present to greet the troops; but a last-minute development in public affairs kept both in London. The Minister was represented by his Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare), and Brigadier N. S. Falla, Commandant of the New Zealand Base, read a message from the High Commissioner, and the first speaker in the official party which made a round of the transports as they lay at anchor was General Carrington, who brought messages of welcome from the King and from the Minister of War (Mr. Anthony Eden). Brigadier Miles represented general Freyberg, who would have been there but for Italy's entry to the war; and civic leaders expressed the welcome of adjacent local authorities.

Mr. Shakespeare said he was proud to be the first member of the Government to welcome us "Home"—he emphasised the word, because the quiet determination of one who has lately felt the tragedy of war in his own home. "You are going to love it, and to be ready to give your all for it."

On the flagship, Brigadier Hargest, and the other ships, the senior officer aboard, returned thanks for several speeches and messages of welcome, expressed the men's eagerness to be in the firing line as soon as they could be sent to the front, and conveyed their thanks to the officers and men of the naval convoy.

Disembarkation is to begin to-morrow morning, when the Maori will be the first to set foot on the soil of the pakeha Homeland. Fourteen trains, their departures spaced over three days and a-half, will be carrying the troops, and the quiet journey will occupy well over 12 hours. All details have been worked out in advance by the shore disembarkation staff. Troops will be issued with their journey rations before leaving the ships, and in addition there are to be two stops en route at refreshment stations, where meals will be provided by the War Office organisation.

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REHEARSAL FOR THE NATIONALS

Christchurch Hunt Meeting

RECENT FORM UNDER REVIEW

The Fields For To-day

(By MOTUROA.)

Riccarton will be the cynosure of all eyes to-day where the Homeby Steeples, Brabazon Handicap, and Longbeach Hurdles find most of the favoured candidates for the Grand National treble engaged, and, though form at the Christchurch Hunt meeting has not always been found a reliable guide in the past, the meeting is one which will hold Dominion-wide interest.

Padishah is the only Hawke's Bay horse engaged, although the Gisborne gelding Black Thread tops the list in the Brabazon Handicap. Provincial interest, however, will centre in Padishah, and it should be possible to gauge whether he is as well to-day as he was when he won this race 12 months ago.

There has been rain at Christchurch in the past few days and the going is likely to be soft. Win-and-place betting will be in vogue and the programme opens with the

CHRISTCHURCH HUNT CUP, Of £50, 6 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes El Caballo, Guapo, Golden Glow.

El Caballo's second at Washdyke last week will assure him of favouritism if he takes on this race. Golden Glow is still in the National, while Albar and Tommy Ruff have been jumping well. However, it is hard to go past

EL CABALLO.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Baltruin, El Caballo, Joy Boy, Arctic Star, Uncle Jim.

Baltruin has been racing very solidly. He dead-headed at Waimate and was second last week. El Caballo will have a following kept for this, while Joy Boy appears to have won rather easily last week. Arctic Star and Uncle Jim are without recent form, but Waka has been racing well over hurdles and Valens dead-headed with Baltruin at Waimate. It looks as if the favourites will be

BALTRUIN JOA BOA VALENS

MAIDEN STAKES, Of £100, 6 furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Ann Mie, Circular Note, Citizen, Coup d'Etat, Foreclosure, Ham Way, Kikato, Leopardstown, My Ship, Night Shift, Sir Amyas, Gently, Allias, Anchusa, Blue Abbey, Camphor.

Nothing has been working better than Pleading and, with Ellis up, he looks like being favourite. Muffler, Whiphand, Blue Abbey, Allias and Gently have been galloping well, while Don't Forget was five times placed last season as a two-year-old. He was second in the Welcome Stakes, Spring Nursery, and Motukara Juvenile and third in the Pioneer and Russley Handicaps. Wild Coon has run some good races, but well drawn, the hardest to beat should be

DON'T FORGET PLEADING MUFFLER

HOMEBY STEEPLECHASE, Of £200, about 2 1/2 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Padishah, Slayer, Bally Brit, Golden Wren, Flashlight.

Padishah has 16lbs more than he won with last year, but he should win to-day if he is going to well the Grand National to his record. Much interest will be taken in the running of Slayer, who has not raced since June, but Bally Brit is in form and was a good second in the Wellington Steeples.

Golden Wren goes well over this distance, but, even though he meets Flashlight on 11lbs better terms, he will have to improve to alter the placings at Washdyke. Nightbound is not without prospects, but the pick of the lightweights should be the Aucklanders Dauber, who has been jumping well at Riccarton since his arrival. This should be a very interesting race but the favourite should be

PADISHAH DAUBER FLASHLIGHT

CAMLA HACK, Of £150, 6 furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Great Night, Stabilizer, Raceaway, Dinah Dhu, Gold Don, Lord Lynn, Moneymore, Royal Style, Lord Midas, Synthetic.

The topweights lack recent form, but Dinah Dhu is consistent and she races well at Riccarton. Gold Don should be all the better for his recent racing, while Lord Lynn is useful when right. Moneymore has won at his last two starts and seems to be a useful sort. Royal Style has been consistent and there will be support for Lord Midas and Ferraby. The Vulture has a chance here, but form points to

MONEYMORE ROYAL STYLE LORD MIDAS

LONGBEACH HURDLES, Of £150, 1 1/2 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Streamline, Recollection, Courtyard, Kaiwaka, Tidewater, Aussie Ra, Dividend.

Streamline lost his rider the other morning, but appears to be none the worse for the mishap and this race should indicate his National chances. Recollection will be in need of a race or two and so will Courtyard, but Kaiwaka is in form at Trentham. He should be held safe, however, by his stable-mate Tidewater, who was an impressive winner at Trentham. Aussie Ra won this race last year and his second in the Winter Hurdles shows that he is well forward for to-day's race. Dividend has been schooling well, while Colonel French is one of the most promising jumpers in the south. Turaki would have a chance here and so would Hunting Chorus,

who was third the last day at Trentham in a very open race the favourites may be

TIDEWAITER AUSSIE RA STREAMLINE

BRABAZON HANDICAP, Of £150, 7 furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Black Thread, Disdain, Kirobe, Leokit, The Wrecker, Strip, St. Cloud, Nigger Boy, Grey Honour, Winning Rival, Wagner.

Black Thread has a big weight, but he is improving with every race and is always capable of a surprise. Disdain's best form would give her a great chance, while Kirobe would need only to begin well to be in the picture. The distance may be a trifle short for Leokit, but The Wrecker has surprised before.

St. Cloud has been performing very solidly at southern meetings and has form, but Nigger Boy looked a little unlucky to be beaten over this distance at Waimate. Grey Honour is not without chances, while Winning Rival may keep them all busy. She has been working well.

Wagner would be better suited by a longer trip, but she has form. Straight-del, The Raker (who should improve with his race last Saturday), Wardress, Rebel Star, Paper Note, and Noble Fox all have recent form to recommend them. However, it is probable that most faith will be placed in

NIGGER BOY WINNING RIVAL KIROBE

The day's racing ends with the

KENNELS HACK, Of £130, 1 mile.

Table with 2 columns: Horse name and odds. Includes Rebellion, Schoolgirl, Islay Downs, Turaki, Prudent, Merry Simon, Scarteen, Rye-town, Norse.

Rebellion should be held safe by Schoolgirl, but the latter has 7lbs more than she won with at Washdyke and Captain Bruce (who won this race last year), ran her to half a head there, and now meets her on 4lbs better terms.

Islay Downs and Turaki are not without prospects, while Merry Simon has been working very consistently. Scarteen is smart when right, while Norse, Rye-town, The Duel, and Sweet Mystery are possibilities at the weights. However, form points to

CAPTAIN BRUCE MERRY SIMON SCHOOLGIRL

CURRENT COMMENT

(By MOTUROA)

Nigger Boy, favourite for the Brabazon Handicap to-day, opened his winning account in the Maiden Stakes at the Christchurch Hunt meeting last year.

El Caballo, Padishah and Aussie Ra engaged respectively in the Layford Steeples, Homeby Steeples and Longbeach Hurdles, won those races at the Christchurch Hunt meeting last year.

The former Auckland Captain Bruce was at a good price when he won the Kennels Handicap twelve months ago. His close second to Schoolgirl at Washdyke last week will assure him of a big following to-day.

Billy Broughton will ride Black Thread in the Brabazon Handicap to-day, but E. Jenkins, who won the Winter Cup last year at Catalogue, will have the mount on the Gisborne gelding in the big mile.

Slayer has schooled well on two occasions at Riccarton this week and looks a very fit horse.

Skyrena is reported from the south to be an unlikely starter in the Brabazon Handicap to-day.

Wardress shaped like an early winner in her race at Timaru. She is engaged in the Brabazon Handicap to-day.

Shocking Form

Hirangi's form at Marton was too bad to be true. On his effort in the Rangitikei Hunt Cup, he was, without taking him to the National meeting. It would seem that his hard race at Trentham got to the bottom of him.

Valiant Lady has gone into Jim Manu's stable at Foxton. This may show pace and should pick up a race or two at the spring meetings.

In his last two outings Squeers has run very poor races. He has a long way to go to be in the same class as his elder brother, Top Row.

Midland has been racing very consistently and he ran a good second in the Rangitikei Hunt Cup. This may well widen, if given a chance to freshen up now he should notch a win or two at the spring meetings.

RACING CONFERENCE ACTS

ERRING JOCKEYS

Conditional Licences Ad Lib.

(By MOTUROA.)

When the Hon. James McLeod, M.L.C., stated last week at the annual meeting of the Taranaki Jockey Club that "a number of prominent New Zealand jockeys would find their wings clipped when the list of licences appeared," it was asserted in some quarters that the New Plymouth sportsman had made a rather rash statement. However, Mr McLeod knew more than the general public at the time and the official list of licences for the 1941 season shows that most of our prominent horsemen will need to mind their P's and Q's in the next three months.

Conditional licences for three months have been given to Larry Wiggins, Percy Atkins, Billy Broughton, Billy Jenkins, Percy Burgess, George Tattersall and the well-known southern riders A. E. Digham and J. W. Dooley.

However, I do not entirely agree with Mr McLeod's attitude of airily stating that the Racing Conference executive and the Stipendiary Stewards have felt that there has been some "particularly clever riding." That is rather a public opinion when the jockeys concerned have not even been asked to explain anything viewed in doubt by those august officials and officers-bearers.

Mr McLeod trusts in the public's mind and it must be said in fairness to the jockeys whose licences have been granted "with a tag" that their chief offence has been their neglect to attend the tracks for riding work with the diligence expected by the authorities. Anyway, any public statement should have been made from the Racing Conference.

The conditional licences will certainly keep the erring horsemen up to the mark as far as attention to track work, and I feel confident they will one and all be granted their full licences at the end of the three months.

WANGANUI'S DIFFICULT YEAR

Mr Russell Grace New President

The annual meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club was presided over by the vice-president, Mr Russell Grace. At the outset Mr Grace offered a tribute to the generosity of the Manawatu Racing Club and the Wellington Racing Club for offering to permit the Wanganui Club to hold its spring meeting on their courses. The Wellington club had offered to run the meeting on behalf of the Wanganui club, and hand over the full profits—an offer that received the unqualified appreciation of members.

One of the endeavours of the club had been to maintain the stakes, said Mr G. C. Glenn, the retiring hon. treasurer, in a review of the balance sheet. Last year 1939/40 had been distributed in stakes, in spite of the fact that the previous year's operations had shown a loss of £3947. Depreciation to the extent of £744 had been written off. On the revenue side the rate taking showed a decrease from £2236 to £1695, which accounted for nearly £1500 of the loss for the season. The report on the balance sheet was unanimously adopted.

As Mr Speed had decided not to stand for re-election a president, Mr Russell Grace was elected to the presidency unopposed. Other officers were elected as follows: Patron, Mr A. Cameron; vice-president, Mr G. C. Glenn; hon. timekeeper, Mr T. Currie; hon. surgeons, Drs J. W. Anderson, H. Christie, H. Robertson and J. Wilson; committee, Messrs R. Mitchell, P. A. O'Neill, R. Russell, and F. K. Turnbull; hon. treasurer, Mr A. M. Nab; hon. auditor, Mr C. S. Swan.

Returning thanks for his election, Mr Russell Grace said there appeared to be a long and difficult road ahead for the club, but he felt that such an outlook made it all the more interesting. With the co-operation of the committee and members, he felt sure that they could view the future with a certain degree of optimism.

TOTALISATOR FIGURES IMPROVE

Increase Mainly In The North Island

"Daily Mail" Special Service. AUCKLAND, Aug. 1. For eleven months of the racing year which closed on Wednesday the sport was conducted under the shadow of war but the season's programme was maintained and the season's programme was maintained. Investments at galloping meetings aggregating £5,944,255, according to figures issued officially. This amount is £14,000 greater than the 1938-39 season total, an addition of barely 2 per cent., compared with an increase of 12 1/2 per cent. two years ago. The 1937-38 aggregate was £5,288,415, against £4,607,070 for the previous season.

Table with 2 columns: Location and figures. Includes Auckland, Wellington, Canterbury, Wanganui, Dunedin, Hastings, Southland, Taranaki, Grey-mouth.

The Wellington provincial district found the sum of £1,058,386 in totalisator turnover, and the Wellington Racing Club accounted for £843,705, or a fraction over four fifths of the whole.

The following table discloses that Auckland and Wellington, with their large betting figures, have been wholly responsible for the net increase in the Dominion racing (and excluding trotting) investments, for the remaining districts show a decline. Details are:

Table with 2 columns: District and figures. Includes Auckland, Wellington, Canterbury, Wanganui, Dunedin, Hastings, Southland, Taranaki, Grey-mouth.

Backers should not overlook the fact that there are no penalties for the Districts' credit for winners at the Christchurch Hunt meeting.

Jack McRae will ride Slayer in the Homeby and Grand National Steeplechases.

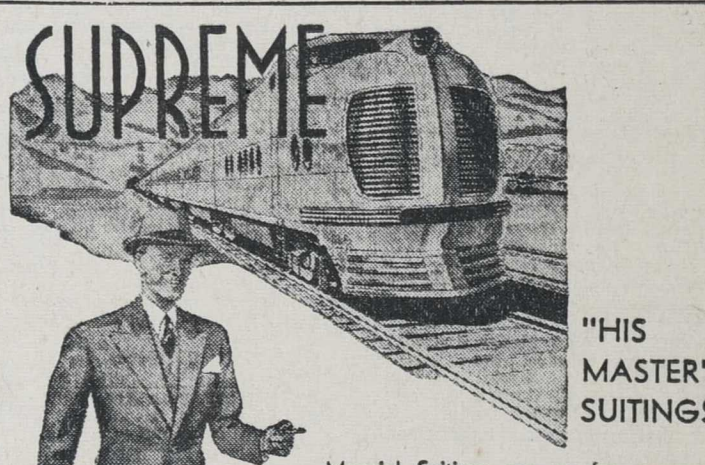
Brackets

Although the number of acceptors in the Maiden Stakes at Riccarton to-day exceeds the safety number by one, there is not likely to be an necessity for the race being run in two divisions but there will be brackets, comprising Don't Forget and Whiphand, Game Bird and Hurry, Noko and Muffler, Noko and Pleading, Snow Elf and Stock Exchange, and Welsh Fusilier and Wild Coon.

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