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FURY UNLEASHED ON LONDON

Germans' Heaviest Raid Since September

WHOLE CITY SEEKS SHELTER

A.R.P. Workers Alone Brave Hail Of Falling Bombs

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LONDON, Dec. 9.

The air raids on London on Sunday night extended over a wide area and were as fierce as any since September. It is believed that the Germans, after concentrating on the provinces, are again aiming the brunt of their attack at London.

As the night wore on it became increasingly clear that the Luftwaffe was concentrating its utmost fury on the capital and it reached full "blitz" proportions as midnight approached. One heavy bomb illuminated as if with daylight 100 square yards of a busy area as a dazzling flash preceded an ear-splitting crash and the telltale rumble of falling masonry. Reinforced concrete buildings were rocked and windows ejected glass across the roads to the sickening concussion of other heavy bombs.

One of several high-explosive bombs in one London district fell near a building, where night workers were blown off their chairs, lights extinguished and papers scattered across desks.

Forty bombs fell simultaneously in the same area. A bomb hit an ambulance station and high-explosive bombs hit seven hospitals, four churches, a convent, three vicarages and an A.R.P. post, causing casualties. A number of houses were demolished.

A time bomb considerably damaged the nurses' home of a children's hospital.

A shelter was hit on the Thames Estuary. The shelters were trapped but were dug out. It was a real night of terror and there was no relief, even after midnight. More and more streets revealed the ravages of high explosives, with wrecked buildings and road surfaces carpeted in broken glass. More frequently came the clanging of firebells as auxiliary fire brigades dashed through at the height of the blitz on their terrible errand. Ambulances sent glass splashing like water from the roadway to the footpaths as they bore victims to the refuges.

All London had gone to ground except for the volunteer services braving the utmost perils, and newspapermen and other night workers carrying on despite the horror from the skies.

The Air Ministry communique states: During Sunday night the enemy heavily bombed London and the surrounding districts and caused many fires, which the A.R.P. services put out while the attack was in progress. Considerable damage was done to buildings and houses and a number of persons were killed and injured.

"Bombs were dropped in many districts between London and the south and east coasts and a few on southern England, and caused fires and damaged property. The number of casualties in these areas was not large. Two raiders were destroyed."

Officials at Berlin said: "Bombers from Belgium, Holland, and France this morning carried out the heaviest attack on London since September."

Informed circles in Berlin said that the Luftwaffe tonight used a new technique on London termed "silent attack." German pilots said that they caused numerous fires.

Proof Of Italian Duplicity

STORY REVEALED

Greece Sheets Home War Guilt

FRONTIER ATTACK

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ATHENS, Dec. 8.

The Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs has published a White Paper entitled "The Italian Aggression Against Greece," which details evidence of Italian war guilt from the time of the rape of Albania. It includes photostats of two documents issued to officers on the Albanian frontier days before the ultimatum to Greece. One, from the commander of the now decimated Third Alpine Division, was issued six days before the Italian Minister gave a dinner at Athens at which the Greek and Italian flags were fraternally intertwined.

This document stated: "Commanders of the Sixth and Ninth Alpine Regiments must open outlets across the frontier. My intention is to reach Greek positions without the frontier posts giving the alarm. You must therefore eliminate sentinels, cut telephone lines, occupy Greek outposts and capture their garrisons."

Text of Pact

The White Paper sets out 183 documents divided into three chapters, and preceded by the text of the Italo-Greek pact of 1928.

The first chapter is stated to deal with the period from April 7, 1939 (the day of the Italian invasion of Albania), to June 10, 1940, the date on which Italy declared war against Britain and France. The second chapter, dealing with Italian provocation, covers the period from June 11, 1940, to August 11. Finally the White Paper surveys the period from August 11 to October 28, during the time Italian provocations were openly carried out.

The Italian aggression against Albania, the torpedoing of the Greek cruiser Helle, attacks on Greek shipping, and violation of Greek territory by Italian aircraft are all dealt with.

BADOGGIO'S FEAR OF GERMANY

MIGHT GAIN CONTROL OF ARMY

MUSSOLINI'S ERRORS

Further Resignations Reported

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LONDON, Dec. 8.

The London "Daily Telegraph's" diplomatic correspondent says: "There is reason to believe that the question of a German stiffening of the Italian troops produced the breach between Mussolini and Marshal Badoglio, who did not wish Hitler to use the failure of the ill-conceived campaign in order to secure a foothold in the Italian Army which might end its independent existence."

"Mussolini, who is unwilling to withdraw the Italian Army further for complete reorganisation during the winter, appears to be attempting a compromise by using Fascist militia battalions as shock troops in the hope of arresting the retreat. This is likely to lead to further ill-feeling between the regulars and the militia."

The London "Daily Telegraph's" Cairo correspondent learns from Graziani asked to be relieved of his command some days ago, but this was refused.

The Turkish newspapers "Tan Tasvir" and "Efkar" have been suppressed indefinitely for a cartoon and an article insulting to Italy.

Admiral Resigns

Admiral Domenico Cavagnari, Chief of the Italian Naval Staff, has resigned. Admiral Arturo Riccardi has been appointed Under-Secretary for the Navy and also Chief of the Naval Staff. Cavagnari has been appointed Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff, and Admiral Angelo Jachino has been appointed Commander of the Fleet at Sea. Mussolini has written a letter to Admiral Cavagnari thanking him for his seven years' service.

Two special British correspondents—Mr G. Ward Price, of the "Daily Mail," and the Cairo correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph"—state that General de Vecchi resigned after advising Mussolini of his inability to hold the Dodecanese Islands against the British. Mr Ward Price at the same time suggests that General de Vecchi's admission of this weakness makes British naval occupation of the islands imperative.

Oil Tanks Dry

The Cairo correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" says that, when Italy invaded Greece, General de Vecchi made a swift tour of the Dodecanese group and drew up a careful inventory of their lamentably inadequate material resources. This showed that oil-tanks were dry and food scarce. Meanwhile, the natives were growing increasingly hostile.

After the British occupation of Crete, General de Vecchi informed Rome that the Dodecanese forces were unable to take offensive action or stand a prolonged siege. He is therefore advised to write a letter to Italy might get her losses.

Stormy Interviews

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Refugee Problem Raised In Albania

CHAOS AS GREEKS ATTACK

Advance Units Only Nine Miles From Elbasan

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LONDON, Dec. 8.

The London "Daily Telegraph's" Athens correspondent says that the Greek Prime Minister (General Metaxas) is the author of the whole of the Greek plan of operations and is also the directing master-mind.

A message from Struga, Yugoslavia, says that British and Greek planes are reported to have destroyed one-third of the building in Durazzo yesterday. They also hit petrol stores.

It is unconfidently stated that Greek advance units have occupied the village of Gjinari, within nine miles of Elbasan. Refugees are crowding Tirana, where conditions are chaotic with a grave danger of epidemics.

It is stated in Athens that the Italians earlier evacuated Argirokastro after burning dumps of supplies, but the Greeks delayed the occupation for tactical reasons while the forces pushed on among the mountains north-east of the city.

The battle for Elbasan was resumed this morning with undiminished violence despite a gale and snowstorms sweeping the Kamma and Mokra mountains.

The Greeks advancing northward of Pogradec are now beyond Ulliniste. The Italian reinforcements are unavailing.

"The Italians now hold only secondary roads in southern Albania and one minor road in central Albania between Valona and Tepelena," says "The Times" Athens correspondent. "Fifteen days after the Greek entry into Koritza thousands of tons of ammunition have been found in a cache under the town, at least half of which was immediately usable by the Greeks."

The entry of the Greek forces into the Albanian base of Argirokastro, in southern Albania, which has been officially confirmed in Athens, has been received with tremendous enthusiasm throughout Greece.

Victory Celebrations

In Athens, the capture of Argirokastro was marked by the wilder victory celebrations since the war began, said earlier messages. The Greeks over the week-end scored still another notable success.

H.M.S. DIOMEDE INTERVENES

GERMAN FREIGHTER CAPTURED

ACTION OFF CUBA

Crew Attempt To Scuttle Their Ship

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HAVANA, Dec. 8.

The Cuban Navy is reported to have heard the German freighter Idarwald, which left Tampico 10 days ago, sending out an S O S indicating that she had been torpedoed by a British cruiser.

The Idarwald is believed to be a German supply ship for raiders.

The Idarwald at 2.30 p.m. radioed that she had been attacked and sunk by a British cruiser off the south coast of Cuba at 2.40 p.m. She radioed that the crew were taking to the lifeboats.

The Cuban coastal freighter Mambisa later advised that she was proceeding in the direction of the Idarwald.

The U.S. Navy later reported that the British cruiser Diomedé, which was formerly on the New Zealand station, took possession of the Idarwald after the crew had attempted to scuttle her.

WAR WEAPONS AND FINANCE

Campaigns' Progress

AMAZING FIGURES ACHIEVED

Gold Coast Spitfires

British Official Wireless.
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RUGBY, Dec. 8.

Northern Ireland's War Weapons Week yesterday passed the £5,000,000 mark aimed at, the amount subscribed being £5,105,540.

The war savings campaign figure last week totalled £108,109,000, a remarkable figure in view of the successful start made within recent weeks for the £475,000,000 aimed at in the first year of the campaign. This brings the grand total to £490,800,826.

The Gold Coast Spitfire Fund has now reached £50,000, states the Ministry of Aircraft Production, while the "South China Morning Post" has sent a further £2000 for the purchase of aircraft.

Bombers Over Sydney

A.R.P. TRY-OUT

Boy Scouts Act As Raid Victims

IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY

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SYDNEY, Dec. 9.

The first try-out of Sydney's air raid precaution measures was staged in the presence of 5000 interested citizens in Martin Place today.

Men in gas masks bandaged and splintered Boy Scouts. Ambulances, firemen with ladders, smoke, spluttering thermite and noisy sirens imparted a touch of realism when a formation of bombing planes swept to and fro at a great height over the scene, which sprang into immediate activity, capturing the imagination of onlookers and crowds on the rooftops of the tall city buildings.

The demonstration was carried out by the National Emergency Services led by Colonel Brunner, who delivered a speech in which he commended the work of A.R.P. members and urged his hearers to take more seriously the dangers which were threatening the country.

NO ENTHUSIASM FOR WAR IN ITALY

Greek Successes Bring Home Dangers Of Nazi Friendship

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RUGBY, Dec. 8.

In a survey of Italy's general strategic position following Greece's splendid resistance and thrust, with a concomitant weakening of the enemy morale, the Sunday newspaper the "Observer" takes the opportunity to underline the undoubted fact of the lukewarmness for the war of the majority of the Italian people.

"They know that we had no quarrel with them, and that the insane struggle to overthrow the British Empire was forced upon them and the iron answer upon us."

"The large majority had no heart for war. Their good instinct told them that it could only make them either the victims of a Nazi defeat or the jackals of a Nazi success."

"When it is made plain to them that their continuance in the war means certain misery and ruin they will revolt against it and leave it. Nothing that Fascism can do will prevent it, if we know how to handle our side of the business."

President Visits New Bases

TOUR BY CRUISER

Talk With Governor At St. Lucia

HARBOUR INSPECTED

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NEW YORK, Dec. 8.

A message from the U.S.S. Mayrant, in the Caribbean, states: President Roosevelt, aboard the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa, spent two hours at a point three miles outside Martinique conferring aboard the cruiser with the United States consular representative at Martinique and a naval observer who came aboard.

Earlier he visited St. Lucia, 25 miles to the south, and conferred with the Governor (Sir Henry Popham) and inspected the inner harbour and Port Castries.

TRAINING CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Programme Settled

RECOGNITION BY UNIVERSITIES

Coaching In Trades

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RUGBY, Dec. 8.

Plans have now been settled for the educational programme for the Canadian overseas forces in Britain which are intended to help the men in their military work as well as aid them on their return to civil life.

Because of their dispersal over a wide area, the education effort to be made by the Government will be carried on by large extent must be carried on by the units themselves. Talks and instruction will be given to small groups in the billet area. Correspondence courses will also be provided with the reward of certificates after written examinations that will be recognised by the Canadian Universities.

Training in trades, possibly by the local technical schools, is also planned.

NAZI WEST WALL COMPLETED

Bulwark From Norway To Bay Of Biscay

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LONDON, Dec. 8.

The Rome radio states that Germany's new West Wall has been completed. The radio announcement says that it extends from Norway to the Bay of Biscay.

LAST STRONGHOLD FALLS

Vital Village Taken By Greeks

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ATHENS, Dec. 9.

The village of Račkakale, which is the last point of Italian resistance, has fallen to the Greeks.

CRY FOR PEACE INEVITABLE

ENDURANCE HAS ITS LIMITS

AMERICAN BELIEF

American Help Will Decide The Victor

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NEW YORK, Dec. 9.

"Someone is eventually going to cry for peace—but it won't be Britain," declares the London correspondent of the "New York Times." "The position up to the present can be considered a draw with both sides handing out similar devastation. Human endurance, however, has its limits. "It seems theoretically possible for the Germans to destroy British resistance by concentrating on city after city. Nevertheless, a war cannot be won from the air. Anti-Nazi revolts may be expected in France, Poland and elsewhere, but it must be realised that Britain will be unable to defeat Germany without greater help from the United States."

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SYSTEM OF CONTROLLED IMPORTS IS CONDEMNED

"When The United Kingdom Gets Tired Of One-Sided Policy, N.Z. Will Sit Up"

By Telegraph—Press Association

WELLINGTON, Dec. 9.

"The day when the United Kingdom gets tired of one-sided treatment will be the day when New Zealand will sit up, and it will be the death knell of these restrictions," said the president (Mr E. A. Christie) addressing the annual meeting of the United Kingdom Manufacturers' and the New Zealand Representatives' Association, when commenting on the New Zealand Government's control of imports.

Mr Christie said the council of the association would continue to work to achieve the objective of no restrictions on United Kingdom goods.

Rejoicings In Greece

SIRENS SOUNDED

British Bluejackets Carried Shoulder High

CHEERS FOR THE KING

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ATHENS, Dec. 8.

The sirens of all ships in Piraeus joined in the ringing of church bells in Athens to-night in celebration of the Greek occupation of Argirokastro. Great crowds gathered in the streets of the capital cheering the King and the Prime Minister (General Metaxas) who, making a brief speech, declared that the fleeing Italians were unable to maintain a unified front.

The crowds, spotting British bluejackets, carried them shoulder-high.

ITALIAN GENERALS KILLED

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ROME, Dec. 8.

General Pietro Pinto and General of the Air Force Albo Pellegrini were killed when a military plane carrying the Italian Armistice Commission, of which they were members, crashed while en route to Turin from Rome.

The official news agency stated that General Pellegrini's death robbed Italian aviation of one of its best organisers and pilots.

BROADCAST TALKS FROM BRITAIN

LONGER PERIODS ON THE AIR

NEW POLICY

Axis At Present Holds Supremacy

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LONDON, Dec. 9.

Describing propaganda as one of the most powerful weapons of modern warfare, "The Times" welcomes the official announcement that broadcasts to enemy-occupied countries will soon be prolonged by three hours.

"The Times" points out that after the outbreak of the war Britain had 16 medium and long-wave stations operating on one or two wavelengths, compared with 40 operating on 30 wave-lengths in Germany. But as a result of her conquests Germany now has 112 stations, 24 of which are high-powered and she operates on 82 wave-lengths. Italian stations bring the enemy total to 160. The Axis also has the advantage of central position.

British talks at present are transmitted in short spells to foreign listeners, who must tune in at strictly limited times which are well known to the authorities. "The aim should be," says "The Times," "to make them continuous. It is even more important that the broadcasts would be under one general direction in close accord with Government policy."

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TENSE DRAMA

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Drama, romance and plenty of excitement combine to make "Gangs of Chicago," now at the Cosy, Hastings, and starring Lloyd Nolan, Lola Lane and Barton MacLane, a thoroughly thrilling and entertaining drama.

In "Gangs of Chicago" Nolan is depicted as Matty Burns, the ruthless co-leader of a vast crime organization. An F.B.I. agent, hoping to destroy the organization asks Matty's best friend, Bill Whitaker, to become a spy. Bill agrees because he thinks that Matty is really innocent of any crime and that he can find the actual criminals. He learns the truth but, before he can contact the agent, members of the combine learn what he is doing. Matty is then forced to decide whether he should sacrifice his friend or call in the police and incriminate himself. His decision provides a thrilling climax to a highly exciting story.

"Comet Over Broadway," Faith Baldwin's story, which was adapted for the screen by Mark Hellinger and Robert Buckner, is the second feature. With Kay Francis in the starring role, the fine cast also includes Ian Hunter, John Littel, Donald Crisp, Minna Gombel, and Melville Cooper.

The story carries Kay from a stage-struck girlhood in a small middle western town through disheartening years, then recounts her first moves toward success in the more respectable stratum of the theatre, and finally shows the night of her first great triumph—where she is destined to become a "Comet Over Broadway."

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"SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT"

James Cagney in A Musical Show

Few casts, even in the most pretentious Hollywood productions, can be said to be more perfectly balanced than the group of players, known and unknown, dancers, singers and specialists of one kind or another, gathered for James Cagney's latest starring vehicle, "Something to Sing About," which is now screening at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier.

Playing opposite the popular, red-headed star, whose versatility is well demonstrated in this picture, is a lustrous, young newcomer to the screen, the auburn-haired Evelyn Daw. William Frawley, who has the role of the Press agent, has played more than thirty featured parts since he was brought to Hollywood from the New York stage in 1933 for "Hell and High Water."

Beauty is the immediate and all-inclusive definition for "Always Goodbye," the second feature.

Setting a beautiful tale of modern mother love before a kaleidoscopic background of occasional grimness, sporadic sorrow and vivacious, resplendent gowns on Fifth Avenue and in Paris, the film scintillates with the many facets of love that comes to its characters.

Barbara Stanwyck, in love, waits for her eager young man who is speeding to City Hall to marry her. He is killed as his car crashes into a trolley. Stunned at the tragedy, she wanders toward the river where Herbert Marshall, a demented physician, talks her out of a suicide attempt. She faints and the physician sees that she is taken to a hospital... where her son is born. Ian Hunter heads the featured cast, including Gene Romoto, Lynn Bari, Binne Barnes and John Russell.

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State

"IRENE"

Anna Neagle Starred With Ray Milland

All the charm and tuneful sparkle of the original hit musical comedy have been retained in RKO Radio's screen version of "Irene," which is at the State Theatre, Hastings.

Anna Neagle, the English actress whom most picture-goers know for her unrestrained dramatic performances in "Nurse Edith Cavell" and "Victoria the Great" completely surprises with a scintillating and delightful portrayal of the happy-go-lucky Irish heroine. A former musical comedy star before she came to the screen, Miss Neagle is perfectly at home in the role and her transition to such a carefree character is a proof of her unusual versatility.

Ray Milland also is brilliantly effective as the wealthy young man who gets Miss Neagle into her various troubles as she soars from her salesgirl job to become the toast of the city. He also is the one who marries her at the end, after her disillusionment and her engagement to his rival, Alan Marshall, who likewise does an excellent job in his part.

Roland Young adds many laughs as the hard-working manager of a fashionable gown shop, and Billie Burke as Marshall's fustery mother and May Robson as Miss Neagle's spiffy grandmother also contribute heavily to the film's excellent entertainment value.

Arthur Treacher in another of his inimitable butler characterizations, Marsha Hunt, Doris Nolan, Isabel Jewell, Ethel Griffies and Stuart Robertson have the other important roles and handle them well.

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"HIGH SCHOOL"

JANE WITHERS IN

With, "What Would You Do, Chums?"

Jane Withers takes her special brand of freshness to "High School" and meets some unusual experiences as a freshman in the comedy of that name which is now showing at the State Theatre, Napier. Real authentic background is a highlight of the picture, for it was filmed with the co-operation of San Antonio's famous Thomas Jefferson High School. Jane even becomes a member of the renowned Girls' Lasso Club at the school. Jane is quite a "young lady" these days and all set to step out on dates in gay party dresses and in the course of the picture she always ready for a classroom prank or a campus shindig.

Blowing into high school straight from a Texas ranch, Jane, accompanied by a ranch hand in the person of Cliff "Ukelele Ike" Edwards, gets into trouble right at the start by stealing the reception planned for a very important visiting official. "Slats," the school football hero, goes for Jane in a big way. But the rest of the school gangs up on her and decides to teach her how to "take it." Jane gets into all sorts of trouble at first, but finally wins the school's respect by saving the day for "Slats" when he gets into trouble with a gang of auto thieves.

Syd Walker comes to the screen in a film titled the question he has in mind: "What would you do, Chums?" The second feature on the programme.

The feminine lead is played by versatile Jean Gillie, the girl whose zigzag in "Ervester's Millions" endeared her to a million hearts. She is young, very lovely, quite unspoil by her success and with the powers of extraordinary acting ability for an extra-ordinary newcomer to the screen.

Impressions gathered at the final dress rehearsal during the week-end of the Napier Operatic Society's musical revue, "Boots and All!" suggest that the public of Napier and Hastings have in store a first-class entertainment treat.

The week-end rehearsal was devoted chiefly to adding the finishing touches of colourful and spectacular lighting and in deciding the last details of stage settings. The production is enhanced in quality by costuming of gorgeous colour—the costuming of the historical tableau which brings the production to a close is not less than magnificent.

"Boots and All!" has by now been brought to a smooth, fast-running entertainment, in which song, dancing, comedy, colour and spectacle are deftly blended. It promises to offer theatregoers a genuinely satisfying evening.

The revue, which is being produced for the benefit of patriotic funds, will run in Napier a season of four nights—to-day, to-morrow, Thursday and Saturday—and in Hastings for two nights, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

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Regent

"EDISON, THE MAN"
A GREAT FILM

Spencer Tracy Superb in Title Role

Marked by neither sterling performance on the part of Spencer Tracy, who again demonstrates the fact that he is Hollywood's leading actor, "Edison, The Man" is now at the Regent Theatre, Hastings.

As Thomas Edison, Tracy has a role that fits him like a glove. This is becoming a trite but true description of Tracy's screen work, for it is difficult to remember a role that Tracy hasn't made fit him whether it is the kindly Father Flanagan in "Boys Town," or Manuel in "Captains Courageous." Tracy gives Edison a sincere and deep understanding that brings out the real greatness, the down-to-earth humaneness and the sparkling sense of humour of the celebrated American inventor.

The story itself is so filled with real drama that it is almost unbelievable that all of it actually happened in the life of one man. As the story unfolds, we remember the loved Edison, as he was in later years, the story is of the inventor as a young man—a man who is a youthful genius because he was only 20 when he invented the phonograph and 32 when he achieved the electric light. Tracy does a few brief scenes as Edison as we remember him—at 82—but the body of the story is of a young man's career.

Supporting Tracy is a cast of fine performers, with outstanding portrayals turned in by Rita Johnson, Gene Lockhart, Henry Travers, Felix Bressart and a dozen of others. Clarence Brown did another superb job of his direction.

REGENT TO-DAY
2 P.M.—8 P.M.

THERE IS NOTHING IN THE PICTURE TO SHOCK OR EMBARRASS ADULT PATRONS.

EDWARD G. ROBINSON
Climaxes His Career in
"THE STORY OF DR. EHRLICH'S MAGIC BULLET"

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Exhausted State Of Spain

EFFECTS OF WAR
Little Done To Repair Damage
RUINS EVERYWHERE

Spain is exhausted, states Lieutenant Z. Litynski, a Polish officer who escaped to London, by way of Spain and Portugal, in an article in the "Evening Standard." He adds:—

I was amazed to find how little work has been done to repair the damage of the civil war. At Fort Bou, where I crossed the frontier, the only building that seemed to have been repaired was the station. The remaining ruins were as the Italian bombers had left them.

In some of the villages electric cables still hung listless from broken standards. None of the hundreds of young men that lounged around in khaki shirts and tasseled forage caps appeared to have the slightest desire to get to work and rebuild what war had pulled down.

Materials Lacking

Instead, they stood around showing off their war medals, gossiping with the old men, throwing out a glance at the new arrivals, and then to girls as they passed arm in arm, laughing and brown-eyed, down the wrecked street. Perhaps they lacked the materials, not the will, to build. Barcelona's docks and the dockers' suburb of Barceloneta are still in ruins. The Customs House is just the same mass of tangled iron and fallen masonry which it was after the Germans bombed it two and a half years ago. The port itself is almost deserted.

The road from Barcelona to Port Bou runs along the Mediterranean shore for a good way. But never once did I see the sails of one of those fishing boats of which there used to be so many. The Mediterranean is a dead sea.

Food Expensive

But Barcelona, with its brilliant lights, at first seemed a Paradise. I went to a restaurant on the Mont Juich. The food was good, but terribly expensive. The restaurant was almost empty.

In the daytime it seemed one of the saddest cities I have seen. The industrial life and the commerce of this great industrial and commercial centre are half dead. I was besieged by beggars. Everything is rationed.

The road from Barcelona to Saragossa and Madrid, formerly one of the best in Spain, had not been repaired since the war as far as I could see. But they have built some new bridges in place of those destroyed. The majority were still temporary wooden structures put up by the army engineers during the war.

The villages of Aragon were in ruins. Peasants, wretched-looking people, lived among them. But sometimes the villages had been abandoned altogether.

Regent

"DR EHRLICH'S MAGIC BULLET"

New Role For Edward G. Robinson

"The Story of Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet," which is now showing at the Regent Theatre, Napier, marks a turning point in Edward G. Robinson's career. In a role utterly different from anything he has done before, he gives a performance so superb that it ranks with the finest portraits in screen history. He lives in a thoroughly impressive performance covering the span of years from young manhood to grey old age in a constant battle for the humanities.

His make-up throughout the picture is a triumph in itself and his interpretation of the Ehrlich character leaves nothing to be desired.

It is a portrait that grows steadily and surely as the drama of his life and work are unfolded upon the screen. His early struggles and doubts are as completely believable as the later sureness with which he attacks the problem of finding the "magic bullet," which, when shot into the blood stream, will kill the dread germs of humanity's most deadly scourge.

Only a superb production could do justice to the immensity of the film's theme, and Warner Bros. have given it just that. The direction, placed in the eminently capable hands of William Dieterle, who was responsible for such all-time masterpieces as "The Story of Louis Pasteur" and "The Life of Emile Zola," is flawlessly keyed to the mood of the drama.

While Robinson's performance is naturally the dominating one, each single member of the large cast does a remarkably fine job. Ruth Gordon makes her screen debut as Ehrlich's loving wife and helpmate, and Otto Kruger gives a fine and sensitive performance as the doctor's life-long friend and co-worker.

FINAL REHEARSAL HELD

CARS OF FUTURE IN VIEW

SYNTHETIC RUBBER ESSENTIAL

SEVERE STRESSES

Improvement in Design

How engineers are able to design cars of the future in the present was illustrated to members of the 100th meeting of the American Chemical Society at Detroit by Dr. James C. Zeder, who disclosed some of the improvements in motor cars now "on the shelf" until greater progress is made in synthetic rubber.

"Synthetics that will better withstand cold, that are more rapidly processed and that are more universally available at lower cost will provide industry with materials of tremendous possibilities," he said, predicting that with the synthetic rubber materials now available a great increase in manufactured volume can be expected. "Already there are many automotive parts in service that would have been impossible to consider if natural rubber had been the only material available. "At the present time there are a number of refinements on which progress is at a full stop but which are waiting only on the discovery of a better material."

Brake Drum an Example

For example, Dr. Zeder pointed out the only thing preventing engineers from decreasing the size of an auto brake drum from a 12-inch to perhaps an 8-inch diameter is the maximum pressure which the lining will endure. "All the other parts of the brake mechanism can be subjected to greater pressures," he said, "and if a better synthetic can be developed for the lining, this reduction will be made. We will have a smaller and a better brake."

The same thing is true in the clutch. A better lining plate lining must be found, and when we have this we will have a smaller, better and less expensive clutch.

"Synthetics may solve the problem of a suitable fabric for automobile use. We now make cars of metal and rubber which will stand up for several years, but the fabrics in the upholstery are perishable and cannot be expected to last for the life of the car. We need an attractive-looking, non-perishable fabric."

Braking System

Another application in which progress is awaiting a new material is the hydraulic brake system. The vital element of this brake is the

Power Of Oil Jets

The destructive potentialities of high-pressure hydraulic machinery were mentioned by Mr. T. C. Beck, engineer to the Public Works Department for Canterbury, in a luncheon address to the Christchurch Business Men's Club. Mr Beck was describing the hydraulic jacks which will drive the huge steel tunnelling shields through the glacial moraine at Lake Tekapo. These jacks would operate at a pressure of 7500lb. to the square inch, not a particularly high pressure in hydraulic engineering, he said. Yet if the oil from one of these jacks was permitted to emerge at 600 miles an hour, and if 10 men stood in a line in the path of the jet it would pass straight through them like a steel wire.

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PIANOFORTE RECITAL ENJOYED

EVENING HELD IN HASTINGS

Songs Given By Girls' Choir

Pleasure and interest were felt by the parents and friends of the pupils of Miss Aini Lock who attended their annual recital which was held in St. Andrew's Hall, Hastings, last evening.

The programme was most successful and each pupil did well, the items presented by beginners and by the more advanced pupils all giving much pleasure.

Solos, duets and trios provided variety and these were interspersed with choir numbers.

The stage looked attractive and colourful with large bowls of rambler roses in all shades of pink.

Miss Lock wore a gown of black sheer chiffon with delicate floral design and one of her pupils, Jessie Olds, presented her with a lovely bouquet in shades of pink, a gift from all her pupils.

At the conclusion of the programme the Rev. C. H. Olds, speaking on behalf of the parents and committee, complimented Miss Lock on the splendid work she had achieved and said how greatly the evening's programme had been enjoyed.

The programme was as follows: Piano solos, "Climbing" (MacLachlan)—Joy Petherbridge; "Sheltering in the Wood" and "Wood Fairies" (Walter Carroll)—Dulcie Loach; "The Old Windmill" (Dunhill) and "The Sparrows" (Jessie Purze)—Noeline Petherbridge; "The Juggler" (Dorothy Gaynor Blake)—Allan Watkins; "Cradle Song" (Cumberland)—Joan Craig; "Zifin Dance" (Grieg)—Jessie Olds; "Dawn Dance" (Alec Rowley)—Judith Edridge; "Under the Cherry Tree" (Carroll)—Ailsa Lockie; "Harvest Dance" (Ernest Newton)—Valerie Yule; "Margot's Wooden Shoes" (Poldini)—Ngairi Harding; "At Vindolana" (Markham Lee)—Marie Ward; "Waltz in A" (Brahms) and "Taranella" (Heller)—Joanna Lockie; "Poupee Valsante" (Poldini)—Janet Maxwell; "To the Spring" (Grieg)—Joy Rogers; "Pastoral" (Heller)—Helen Edridge; "Spanish Dance" (Granados)—Florence Olds; "Valse a la Eclair" (Coleridge)—Taylor—June Russell; "Romance" (Sibelius)—Madeline Turner; "Prelude in G Minor" (Rachmaninoff)—Noel Whittaker.

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A report of the visit of the Guild to Karamu showed that a very good meeting had resulted. It was decided to give the Karamu ladies a large teapot for their gift.

Donations were solicited for a jumble sale on Saturday, December 14 to raise funds for the youth work of the church.

Afternoon tea was served and the hostesses thanked and the meeting closed with the benediction and customary Christmas and New Year good wishes.

The members of St. Andrew's Intermediate Girls' Choir, who are trained by Miss Lock sang part songs "Michaelmas Day" (Rathbone) and "Noel" (Maurice Besley) and a unison song "England" (C. H. Parry), all being heard with much pleasure.

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Grammar of Music (Grade IV)—Madeline Turner, Florence Olds; Practical—Preliminary, Dulcie Loach, Noeline Petherbridge; Grade I, Allan Watkins; Grade II, Judith Edridge (pass with credit), Jessie Olds; Grade III, Ngairi Harding; Grade IV, Joy Rogers; Grade V, Madeline Turner (pass with credit), Florence Olds.

The evening concluded with the singing of the National Anthem, the accompaniment being played by a young pupil, Allan Watkins.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Mrs J. D. Ormond, Wallingford, the president of the Waipukurau Red Cross sub-centre will leave this week to attend a Red Cross meeting in Wellington.

Miss Decima Ormond, Wallingford, is paying a brief visit to Wellington.

Miss Betty Downey, formerly of the Eversley nursing staff, Hastings, has joined the nursing staff at the Tokanui Hospital.

Mr W. Tucker, Whakatu, has been advised that his daughter, Staff Nurse F. M. Tucker, is safe and well. Staff Nurse Tucker is attached to the Army Nursing Service.

Miss Ella C. Wilson has been appointed to the position of senior assistant at the Napier Girls' High School, and will take up her duties at the beginning of next year.

The resignation of Miss M. G. Cogswell was accepted with regret at yesterday's meeting of the Hawke's Bay County Council. The chairman (Mr C. C. Smith) referred to Miss Cogswell's long and efficient service on the clerical staff of the council.

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METHODIST LADIES' GUILD

Meeting In Hastings

CHRISTMAS PLANS DISCUSSED

A Tea And Concert

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NOEL COWARD SUMS UP THE IDEAL WOMAN

Add Wit And Brilliance To Beauty, Brains And Humour

"Beauty, sweet as it is, is not enough. Brains without beauty, in a woman, are overpowering. I like these two qualities to be nicely mingled. Then a woman must have humour, and if she has wit and brilliance to go with it, that is superb."

Thus Noel Coward, the brilliant playwright-author sums up the ideal woman. Below, he names women who have won his admiration—and why.

"The women I have liked most has each an outstanding quality added to the ideal," Mr Coward declared.

Gladys Calthrop "Gladys Calthrop, the gifted woman designer who has done nearly all the decors and costuming for my plays, has an amazing sense of humour, and I love the clarity of her thought and expression. She is really my greatest friend on earth," he continued.

A striking brunette, with clear-cut and slightly masculine features, Gladys Calthrop has been a friend since childhood. She favours a contour-cut hair style and wears blouse and skirt frocks, generally in brilliant colour contrasts.

Syrel Maughan "Mrs Maughan is deeply absorbed in her work. She is a fine artist and a fine woman. By the way, don't forget that she started the famous vogue for white, in fur-trimmed and fur-trimmed. Lady Mendil and Mrs Maughan are both remarkable for the ability and diplomacy with which they grace high positions in society," is Mr Coward's tribute.

Corsets Now A "Luxury" A Strong Protest Against Cutting The Supply

A storm of protest has been raised following the British Government's decision to halve the supply of corsets available last year as a "luxury line."

Corsetieres indignantly point out that by issuing foundation garments to all women's services, the Government had admitted that they are essential.

"Ninety-five per cent. of women out of their teens depend on a corset or belt for support and comfort," contends one maker.

There is no shortage of seamstresses, it is added. Makers and wearers would willingly co-operate if restriction were necessary.

Manufacturers say that the decision is likely to result in a similar muddle to that created over silk stockings.

Women have obviously not been consulted in the matter, says a leading woman doctor. The restriction especially affects working women and must result in increased discomfort and unhappiness, she adds.

HOW PEARLS ARE CREATED

The World Famous "Southern Cross" Cluster

Some of the Australian pearl oysters are as large as dinner plates; they grow up to 12 inches in diameter and 10lbs. or more in weight.

Pearls have a strange life story. The gem is really built up of layer on layer of carbonate of lime, skin on skin, just like the layers of an onion.

The part of the oyster that creates pearls is the transparent, jelly-like fold of skin, or "mantle," that lies between the body of the oyster and the shell. In the same manner as the cells at the base of the human finger nails are driven by Nature to keep on creating that peculiar, hard substance we call finger-nail, so the cells of the oyster's "mantle" are driven to create and deposit on the inside of the shell, in layer of carbonate of lime, which hardens into "nacre" or mother-of-pearl.

The most famous of all pearls is the remarkable "Southern Cross" a unique cluster of gems, regarded as one of the jewel wonders of the world. Found off the coast of North-Western Australia in 1883, the "Cross" is composed of nine separate pearls, arranged in a fastened together in the form of an almost perfect Latin cross. To-day, it is one of the treasures of the Vatican, and its value is assessed at £50,000.

Lynn Fontanne Lynn Fontanne, like Coward, began her brilliant stage career with pantomime parts. Wife of Alfred Lunt, she is best described as a Grecian type, having a statuesque beauty which has made her stage presence famous. She has a luscious speaking voice, and, though near 60, takes young women's parts with marvellous ease. Like Coward himself, her great charm is her youthfulness.

"Charm, however, is not enough to win my deep admiration for a woman," Mr Coward emphasised. "I like her to be a worker, and to enjoy her work in whatever field."

On this point he quoted his friendship with Mrs Syrie (Somerset) Maugham, the second wife of the novelist, and Lady Mendil, formerly Elsie de Wolfe. Lady Mendil is a noted society woman, at one time named the world's best-dressed woman, and Mrs Maugham, not only a pioneer in certain fields of interior decorating, but almost as famous as her husband for her scintillating conversation.

A competition entailing the names of flowers was won by Mrs Castles. The hostesses for the afternoon served a dainty afternoon tea in the dining room.

The results of the competitions were as follows: Best bloom, Mrs Keong 1, Mrs R. C. Macniven 2, Mrs C. J. Baker and Mrs Macniven 3, Mrs J. Baker and Mrs Macniven 4, Mrs Butler 2, Mrs Goodrick 3.

Before the singing of the National Anthem, Mrs Macniven wished all the members a happy festive season.

Mrs Baker replied on behalf of the institute and also thanked Mrs Macniven for the use of her home and the pleasant afternoon which all had enjoyed.

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Two Institute Meetings

HELD RECENTLY

Garden Gathering Enjoyed

HAUMOANA MEMBERS

The November meeting of the Haumoana Women's Institute was held at the lovely home of the president, Mrs R. Campbell Macniven. Ideal weather prevailed and the members availed themselves of the opportunity of walking round the spacious grounds and admiring the gardens and wonderful view gained from this position on the hill.

During the business portion of the meeting, Mrs J. Glenn, the delegate to the Federation meeting recently held at Havelock North, read her report. It was at this Federation meeting that Mrs C. J. Baker had the honour of being presented with a Long Service Badge.

Fun was provided by a treasure hunt held in the garden, the lucky people being Mrs Pederson 1 and 2 and Mrs Manning 3.

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"The question of farewell gifts and parcels for boys going overseas was discussed.

Mrs Holden read an interesting letter from the link in England. Mrs Mitchell wished all members a Merry Christmas and read an extract from a newspaper inserted by the Oxford Group, entitled, "Help your neighbours to help for time of war," and quoted "Through the bombardment, God's voice is heard."

Mrs Noel West gave a demonstration on making seasonal novelties and brought along lots of useful gifts suitable for Christmas. These were handed round and at the conclusion Mrs West received well deserved applause.

Competitions resulted as follows: Best bloom, Mrs A. Bartle (Regale lily) 1, Mrs Brunton (Jacobean lily) and Mrs Howard (delphinium) 2 equal, Mrs Cushing (galliardia) 3. Best vegetable, Mrs Welch (turnip) 1, Mrs Russell (potato) 2, Mrs A. Bartle (spring onion) 3. Christmas novelty, Mrs Holmes 1, Mrs Russell 2, Mrs Upton 3.

The roll-call, "A good book I have read and its author" or "an embarrassing moment," was well answered.

The president urged members to send in nominations for the new committee.

Afternoon tea was served by the hostesses, Mrs Sid Lowe, Mrs Upton and the Misses Boyle and V. Pearce.

SPONGES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

Many Varieties Found At The Bahamas

The sponge is in origin a living organism. Sponges were formerly regarded as colonies of amoebae, and classed among the protozoa, but newer knowledge of their structure as many-celled organisms has caused them to be called porifera (Latin, porous, a pore; and ferro, to bear).

The sponge and its many uses were known to antiquity, and this is not strange, seeing that the best sponges come from those Mediterranean waters around which civilisation was anciently at its highest development. Moreover, sponges frequently became detached from the rocks on which they grew and were washed ashore; hence they were found by the primitive man and put to use, and later were dived for, especially by the athletic Greeks and other Mediterranean races.

The sponge finest in texture, the softest and most valued because of its lasting properties, is the Fine Turkey or Levant sponge (Euspongia officinalis). The other two principal varieties are the Hoppospongia, or Honeycomb, and the Zimocna, which is not so soft as the others. These three species are found, at depths varying from about three fathoms to one hundred fathoms, along the whole of the Mediterranean coast, including its various indentations and islands, except the western half. There are also large sponges which grow to a considerable size of a very fine texture, which, from the fact of their growing in thin, large flapping pieces, are called "Elephant Ear" sponges; and also sponges which the fishermen call "shell sponges," which are not flexible or absorbent, and are therefore thrown back into the sea as useless.

There are five varieties of Turkey or Levant sponge known to merchants of a very high value, which are again subdivided into numerous sorts, generally known by the locality from which they come and the mode of fishing by which they are obtained. The varieties are as follows:—(1) Fine Turkey Cup; (2) Fine Turkey Solid; (3) Zimocna, or Brown Turkey; (4) Elephant Ears; (5) Honeycomb.

From the Bahamas come also the following varieties, mentioned in their order of value.—Wool, Velvet, Reef, Hardhead, Yellow Grass, and Clove. Sponges from Florida are not common in the English market, but those which do arrive are grouped as Sheep's-wool, Grass or Velvet. None of these sponges are so fine or valuable as those from the Mediterranean.

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LADIES' PATRIOTIC AUXILIARY

Taradale—Greenmeadows

MONTHLY MEETING HELD

Mrs Scott, the chairman of the Taradale-Greenmeadows Ladies' Auxiliary Patriotic Committee, presided over the monthly meeting which was held in the Taradale Hall.

Mrs Scott welcomed Mrs R. G. Wilson, a new member, and asked for a vote of thanks to Mrs H. Neagle, who donated a cake for competition, this being won by Joan Robinson, Mr Falconer, of Greenmeadows, also received thanks for his donation of a walking stick for competition. This stick is rather unique as it is a natural growth in walking stick form, procured from a New Zealand bush and was afterwards carved and fitted with the brass of a cartridge case. A stick of a similar nature was presented to Lord Bledisloe before his departure from New Zealand and is now one of his prized possessions, and it has therefore been proposed that this Greenmeadows stick be called the "Bledisloe Stick."

Arrangements were made for the drawing of the Lamb Competition, which was presented by Mr Dalley (Puketapu). This competition closes on December 19 and results will be advertised in local papers on December 20.

Material was distributed among members who were willing to make signalling flags for the local Home Guard Company.

Owing to the next meeting falling in the holiday period at New Year it was decided to hold the January meeting on January 16 at the Greenmeadows Hall.

GARDEN PARTY AT HAUMOANA

Successful Dance in The Evening

The beautiful garden of Mrs McCarthy, Haumoana provided an ideal setting for a successful party held in aid of the Presbyterian Ladies' Guild.

Guests were greeted by the hostesses, Mesdames Castles and Hale, and the afternoon was opened by the Rev. J. R. Nairn, who thanked Mrs McCarthy for the generous use of the grounds.

Mr Nairn was the recipient of a lovely bouquet of pink carnations, presented by Audrey Hay.

The stallholders were: Fancy, Mesdames Florence and Riddell; produce, Mrs Robertson and Miss Langdon; cakes, Mesdames Searle, Nelson and Haycock; sweets, Mrs Bradshaw, Rae Searle and Joy Florence; afternoon tea, Mesdames Pedersen, Bambury, J. A. Smith, Hay, McCormick, J. Taylor and Newland.

A cooking competition under the direction of Mesdames Gilliver and Richardson resulted: Spunge sandwich, Mrs Pedersen; nut loaf, Mrs Searle.

Thanks for the success of the function were extended to the secretary, Miss Rini Bridgman, Mr Oughton, cooking judge, Messrs A. Gordon, Murton, Riddell, Bambury and Townsend, for the loan of canvas and the Beach Society for timber and all who sent in donations and supported the effort.

In the evening the Haumoana Beach Improvement Society held a successful dance.

The music was played by the McKay orchestra, and Mr T. Townsend was M.C.

The ladies' committee served a tempting supper.

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CHRISTMAS GAIETY AT "SAN" SPORTS HELD

Broadcast Of Musical Items

(Daily Mail Special Service)

WAIPUKURAU. The twenty-first annual Christmas fete...

Many competitions had been arranged in the grounds for the outdoor patients under the supervision of Mr J. G. Stewart...

The spinning wheel and crown top competitions, under the supervision of Mesdames P. F. Wall and Jim Hunter...

Band Enjoyed. The Waipukurau Band, which had kindly offered its services, played the Christmas music...

During afternoon tea, musical items by Mesdames J. L. Brathwaite and P. F. McWilliam were much appreciated...

Afternoon tea, under the supervision of Red Cross workers, was served in the big lounge, which was charmingly decorated with a profusion of beautiful summer blooms...

Prizes were presented to the following: Bowling—pair of stars, R. Churchill and E. Russell; rink buttons, H. Savage, S. Cornford, P. Cornford and R. McGregor...

Indoor patients—Pineapple, Pyne 1, Inglis 2, Dittmer 3; peas in bottle, E. Savage 1, Atkins 2, Ryan 3; penny, R. Watkins 1, N. E. Webb 2, W. Guest 3; tray, N. Packer 1, Miller 2, L. James 3; string in bottle, Miller 1, G. Smith 2, Moreton 3...

The singing of the National Anthem brought a successful afternoon to a close. The following further donations to the fete are acknowledged: Miss E. M. King (Napier) 10/6, a friend, per Mrs L. Hawke 10/-, M. L. Beachen 5/-.

LACK OF INTEREST IN ATHLETICS POSITION EXAMINED AT WAIROA

Chairman's Review For Annual Meeting

(Daily Mail Special Service)

WAIROA. The future of the Wairoa Athletic and Cycling Club...

The future of the Wairoa Athletic and Cycling Club, which was discussed at the annual general meeting to be held at Lambton Square on Thursday next...

Bounties Would Mean Waste. It is now clear for the first time that any system of bounties for eels killed might mean a waste of money and energy on the slaughter of relatively innocuous eels...

Competitors Lost. We have lost many prominent competitors from the town; have we enough to hold meetings? On the one hand we must remember what an asset the club is to the town and what a good it could accomplish...

No Interest Shown. Last season we held nine meetings, seven club nights, a championship meeting and an inter-club meeting with Gisborne members as our guests...

We concentrated upon cultivating an interest among lady athletes and after an encouraging start we lost ground there too. Let us face the position—if we want a sports club, then we must get competitors, and not ones who will compete regularly and seriously.

DANNEVIRKE EXCEEDS ITS "HEART-TO-HEART" QUOTA

Successful Queen Carnival Ends With Gay Crowning Ceremony

(Daily Mail Special Service)

Dannevirke exceeded its quota of £6000 by over £2000 for the Heart-to-Heart Appeal. In all, the district of southern Hawke's Bay raised over £12,000.

More than 1000 people attended the wind-up dance at the Dannevirke Town Hall on Saturday evening. The pool closed at 9 p.m. and at 9.30 Mr H. Ruby, chairman of the Queen Carnival Committee, was able to announce the result.

The Dannevirke appeal yielded £8468, the quota being £6000. Woodville, with a quota of £2000, raised £3303.

Miss Elsie Grant, the Air Force Queen, was the winner of the queen carnival, raising £3492. The Nursing Sisters' Queen, Miss Nancy Macdonald, was second, Army, Mrs Betty Vartan, third and Navy, Miss Betty Thompson, fourth.

Almost immediately after the announcement of the result had been made the crowning ceremony took place. The Queen, Miss Elsie Grant, was followed by the unsuccessful candidates as attendants, and the Mayor (Mr E. Gibbard) in a grand procession, to receive the proclamation from a scroll and performed the ceremony.

Afterwards the Mayor, as chairman of the Southern Hawke's Bay District Council, congratulated the district on its fine effort and assured the public that they could now proceed with their Christmas shopping in safety, although with what must be lightened purses.

Feeding Habits Of Eels

SCIENTIST'S STUDY Trout Menaced By Only One Variety

(Daily Mail Special Service)

A study of eels in New Zealand has been made by Mr D. Cairns, a former member of the staff of the Fisheries Laboratory, but the paper he has prepared has not been published yet, and Mr D. F. Hobbs, fisheries research biologist, summarised it for the council of the South Island Acclimatisation Societies, which it met in Christchurch.

The work took two years and involved the collection of material from more than 50 streams and lakes, and the study of the distribution, growth, and feeding habits of eels, and their relationships with trout.

Of the two kinds found in fresh water the female of one kind alone, the long-finned eel, is found widely distributed in inland waters. The males of both species are confined to brackish and tidal waters, and the short-finned female does not venture far from these waters either. The long-finned female is the only one which ever reaches any great size.

Small Mouths. "It will be seen that males of both kinds, and the short-finned females, do not commonly venture into waters containing many small trout," Mr Hobbs said. "Even the biggest of these has a very small mouth."

Mr Hobbs considered the long-finned female as the only eel big enough to consume trout. Examination of more than 2000 feeding eels between 16 and three inches long showed that about 70 per cent. (by number) of their food organisms were mayfly and caddis larvae. Gut contents of trout of similar size showed the same result. The eels taken comprised a general collection from many waters, some containing an abundance of trout, others very few.

Eels of more than 30 inches revealed "an enormously heavy consumption of trout." Of 426 larger eels containing food, 104, or about a quarter of the total, contained trout, and bigger eels contained much bigger trout than the others. This result was remarkable, Mr Hobbs said, as not all the eels came from waters containing trout. There was no doubt that trout were more important to eels than all other foods combined. An impression from casual observations on eelless waters was that trout there were much more numerous than in similar waters containing eels. "One such abnormally large stock of trout persists in a stream, devoid of eels, in spite of a heavy concentration of shags on the water."

It is now clear for the first time that any system of bounties for eels killed might mean a waste of money and energy on the slaughter of relatively innocuous eels, and that only the female of one species need cause a serious concern. "Although there is much evidence of destruction of trout by shags, it is pertinent to point out that eels are greatly more abundant than shags. About 650 eels to a mile were taken in the Hedgehope stream last year, and this stream was not considered heavily stocked. It is the removal of eels rather than of shags which makes more food available for trout."

The remedy, Mr Hobbs said, by saying that large stocks of eels were undesirable in trout waters, but it might prove practicable to keep stocks within reasonable proportions. Destruction of eels meant the waste of material in which there was unfortunately no commercial use in New Zealand yet, and commercial use was desirable to offset costs of destruction. Data was slowly being gathered to indicate the quantities available and the possibilities of commercial utilisation.

JUDGING OF CALVES AND LAMBS (Daily Mail Special Service)

TAKAPAU. At the monthly meeting of the Takapau School Committee, the headmaster reported a fluctuating attendance of pupils during the year. Accounts for £11/8 were passed for payment.

It is anticipated that there will be a good attendance of parents and the general public on December 11 for the judging of calves and lambs reared by the children. The breaking-up has been fixed for December 18, featuring a display of the new physical exercises in operation in schools.

DANNEVIRKE AND SCHOOL

CRICKET LEADERS IN SOUTHERN H.B. RECENT GAMES

Details Of Play On Saturday

(Daily Mail Special Service)

DANNEVIRKE. The Dannevirke cricket competitions were continued in fine weather on Saturday. At the end of the first round Dannevirke and School are in the lead.

School defeated Phoenix by 63 runs on Saturday, when they continued the match begun the previous week. Two runs behind on the first innings, fine batting by Lloyd (44) and Brown (30) gave them a good lead. Phoenix failed against good bowling by the school bowlers Grant and Moore.

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Stud Sheep For California

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PROFESSOR'S VISIT

(Daily Mail Special Service)

Professor J. F. Wilson, who holds the Chair of Animal Husbandry, College of Agriculture, University of California, has recently made a tour of Australia and is at present in New Zealand.

The professor is returning to California in January, and is taking with him the following stud rams which have been purchased through Messrs Dalgety and Co. Ltd.: Merinos, ex Mr R. C. Todhunter, "Blackford," Methven; ex Messrs Hope Bros., "The Grampians," McKenzie Country; ex Mr C. O. T. Rutherford, "Craiglockhart," Marlborough.

Romney Marsh, ex Mr E. D. Warburton, "Te Marama," Kiwitea. Corriedales, ex Canterbury Agricultural College, Lincoln. Special permission has been granted for these sheep to travel on the same liner as Professor Wilson, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made in respect to shipment, the Professor will purchase 10 special stud Merino ewes from Mr R. C. Todhunter for a personal friend.

The professor is delighted with what he has seen at our New Zealand shows, and feels confident that once world conditions become normal, there will be a bright future for certain New Zealand breeds in the United States.

Reciprocal Stud Trade

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BIG PURCHASES

(Daily Mail Special Service)

OTANE. The stud stock department of Messrs Dalgety and Co. Ltd. reports that there is an inquiry for New Zealand pigs in Australia and Australian pigs in New Zealand. They have just effected the shipment of a special Berkshire boar bred by Mr Geo. Jamieson, Horotiu, to Mr A. S. Adams, Cudgewa, Victoria. They are also importing a Tamworth boar from Mr A. E. Day, South Australia, for Mr J. A. V. Gulliver, Te Puke, and for whom they imported stud pigs from Australia last year.

There are also inquiries from other New Zealand breeders for importation of Tamworth pigs from Australia. The same firm is at present importing Large White pigs for Mr John Bowron, of Waimate, and have secured a very special sow from Mr E. A. Wilcox, "Para Stud," South Australia, who is undoubtedly one of the best breeders in Australia of this breed. For the same purchaser this firm is importing a Large White boar bred by Messrs Bidgood Bros., Wodonga, Victoria.

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(Daily Mail Special Service)

OTANE. The honorary secretary of the Otane Patriotic Committee, Mr J. Macdougall, acknowledges with thanks the following further donations to the appeal.

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BANDMASTER RESIGNS POSITION (Daily Mail Special Service)

WAIKURAU. Mr T. C. Denne, who has held the position of bandmaster to the Waipukurau Band, has intimated his intention of resigning from that office owing to the pressure of private business. Discussing the matter, Mr Denne stated that with the increasing demand upon his time occasioned by an expanding business, he felt he could no longer retain his bandmaster's baton, and that he could not see his way clear to continue to devote to the band that attention which was necessary. It would be unfair, he thought, both to the bandsmen and to himself to attempt to continue the duties which had given him such great pleasure in the past. He keenly regretted the step he was taking, he added, but he felt sure there was no other alternative.

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Timber Mills To Work

STATEMENT DENIED

Arrangements Made With Men

HOLIDAY PERIOD

By Telegraph—Press Association. AUCKLAND, Dec. 9.

A statement made in Auckland that two timber mills in the King Country which are producing for the manufacture of butter boxes were to be closed down for the holidays as from December 13 was refuted by an official of the firm (Ellis and Burnand) when the report was referred to him.

He said there was no truth in the allegation and that the mills would be working as usual until December 20, the Friday before Christmas.

Arrangements had been made with the men to observe the holiday period from December 20 to January 6, when mills would re-open. The men did not want to start work on Monday, December 23, and their wishes had been met. All men employed at the mills would receive their pay for the three statutory holidays.

Shipping At The Port Of Napier

PHASES OF THE MOON. Full Moon Dec. 15, Last Quarter Dec. 22, New Moon Dec. 27.

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EXPECTED ARRIVALS

Pukeko, Lyttelton... To-day. Walnut, Wellington... Dec. 16.

COASTWISE TRADE

PUKEKO: Is expected to arrive from Wellington and Lyttelton to-day, sailing for Gisborne and Wellington this afternoon.

WAINUI: Loading at east coast South Island ports for Napier and Gisborne via Wellington; due here about December 16.

Constable H. J. A. Wright, who has been transferred from Wellington to Palmerston North to replace Constable A. S. Ward, has taken up duty. Constable Ward has been transferred to Marton.

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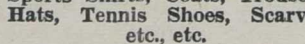
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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail

Your Own Morning Paper

ERSATZ EMPIRE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1940.

Without any qualification whatever, it can be said that the Golden Age of Fascist Italy has ended almost before it has begun.

This assumption is not based merely on the series of disasters which have fallen on Italy in rapid succession during recent months, and it is not based solely on the certainty that Italy, without a complete reorganisation under German direction, cannot hope to withstand the rigours of total war for any great length of time. The idea goes further than this, for even in the unlikely event of an Axis victory, the synthetic Fascist Empire is doomed as surely as it will be doomed when the impact of a full-scale attack is felt in the Mediterranean.

When the Axis is defeated, Italy will go down with the gangster Power with which she has thrown in her lot. Probably she will have collapsed long before Germany is again brought to the stage of complete defeat. But if, by some miracle, Italy should manage to carry on the war, she will become more and more dependent on her rather terrifying neighbour beyond the Brenner Pass; she will exist on sufferance. If the Axis wins, Berlin will dictate the terms of peace—or such peace as Germany would dictate if she were in a position to do so—and Italy would be assigned indefinitely to the role of a vassal of Nazism.

It is not a happy prospect for Signor Mussolini who, ever since the March on Rome in 1922, has been planning a restoration of the greatness of Ancient Rome in the Mediterranean, in Africa, and in Asia. For his predicament he has to thank himself and the character of his people, a character which has suffered from the enforced superimposition of an ersatz imperialism on a temperament which is incapable of achieving or maintaining imperial greatness.

Signor Mussolini's weakness for Roman history has led him into some curious situations. He wanted to make Italy the successor to the "decadent" British Empire; he set about the conquest of Abyssinia on a trumped-up pretext solely because the acquisition of Abyssinia would permit the Italians to colour a considerable corner of Africa green on the map to balance in some sort the preponderance of red already spread over the continent; he bestowed on the King of Italy (who, having had little say in the matter is not likely to have been inordinately impressed) the title of Emperor of Abyssinia, in emulation of the Imperial titles of the Kings of Great Britain; he planned to make Italy a first-class naval and military Power with her place in the sun carved out of former British possessions and from such States as Albania, which would give Italy a jumping-off ground for future expansion.

And now all this is being wrested from the Fascists simply because the modern equivalent of the Roman Emperors has made a mistake. The Italian dictator is still at liberty to rant and hurl defiance at Great Britain, but the Italian people are growing restive, the Italian military and naval leaders are falling out of the battle, the Italian army is being harried out of southern Albania, the Italian fleet—or such of it as is left—is in hiding, and Italian military centres are being bombed almost daily. It is inevitable that the Italians should ask why, and it is inevitable that they should require an answer from the dictator who has brought them to such a pass.

It is strange to think that if Signor Mussolini had not jumped to the conclusion that the fall of France meant the simultaneous fall of the British Empire Italy would still be regarded as a vital factor in the war as it affects the Mediterranean. To-day she can be regarded in that light only in accordance with the amount of assistance which Germany is prepared to grant her.

The tragedy of the whole thing lies in the fact that the mass of the Italian people had no wish to be dragged into a war against Great Britain—or, for that matter, against anybody else. They remembered that until the rise of Mussolini a cardinal point of Italian foreign policy had been a firm refusal to enter into any agreement or to countenance any situation which might lead to a conflict with the British Empire.

Further, the Italians, apart from the fire-eating Fascist minority, are still people whose principal wish is to live their own lives in peace. After all, there are limits to what a mercurial and unwarlike people will put up with.

Personal

VICE-REGAL

The Governor-General (Viscount Galway) and Lady Galway, attended by Captain Lord Dorman, A.D.C., arrived at Hastings from Wellington yesterday in the course of their farewell tour of the Dominion. After visiting Hastings, Napier and Gisborne they will take up residence at Government House, Auckland. During their stay in the Hastings district their Excellencies are the guests of Mr and Mrs E. J. Herrick, "Lindisfarne," Pakowhai Road, Hastings.

Mr C. Hutchinson, Hastings, is on temporary transfer to Gisborne.

Mr I. Gillies has been appointed honorary handicapper to the Napier Sailing Club.

Major H. E. Crosse, a member of the Hawke's Bay County Council now serving with the N.Z.E.F., is to be the recipient of Christmas greetings from fellow members of the council.

Mr Douglas Northey is paying a brief holiday visit to his parents, Mr and Mrs J. Northey, Westshore. He is revisiting his home after an absence of four and a-half years.

Mr C. W. Nash, who has been appointed a Government representative on the Napier Secondary Education Board, was welcomed by the chairman (Mr J. H. Edmundson) at last night's meeting of the board.

Mr A. J. Ockleston, formerly of Highbury, is appointed to the senior lectureship in civil engineering at Witswatersrand University, Johannesburg. Mr Ockleston left New Zealand seven years ago as the first holder of the Michael Hatt Scholarship, and after obtaining his doctorate of philosophy at Bristol University, he lectured at Cardiff and Cape Town Universities.

Leading Aircraftman H. R. Beale, who is stationed at Ohakea, spent the week-end at Greenmeadows. He also visited his mother, Mrs W. G. Nevard, Havelock Road, Napier.

Major A. H. Wright, area staff officer in Napier, is to go on leave on December 15. Captain Perrett of the New Zealand Staff Corps, area officer at Taranaki, is taking over the duties of area officer in Hawke's Bay temporarily.

The Officer Commanding First Battalion Hawke's Bay Regiment (Lieutenant-Colonel S. W. Jeffery) bade farewell to the battalion at its parade on Saturday morning. He had received another military appointment and Major Nolan, second-in-command, will take over the command of the battalion.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr C. R. Barringer, Mr C. G. Lauchlan, Mr Gibbons (Wellington), Mr H. Pierard, Mr G. McNeil, Mr R. Neilson, Mr U. Ehrhoen (Palmerston North), Mr R. Grant (Wairoa), Mrs Patterson, Mr A. Thompson, Mr C. O'Connell (Waimarama), Mr A. Watkins (Masterton), Mr H. Hill (Gisborne), Mr T. A. Heads (New Plymouth), are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

Mr C. J. Morrish, Mr I. R. Mc Gregor, Mr R. Heppburn Dick, Mr A. L. Press (Wellington), Mr W. F. Knights (Palmerston North), Mr R. Tomblinson (Gisborne), Mr Ross Walker (Hamilton), Mr F. Armstrong (Akitio), Mr W. L. Fowler, Miss D. M. Somers (Christchurch), Mr R. M. Jones (Hunterville), Mr H. B. R. Meyer (Sydney, N.S.W.) are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr F. W. Furkert, Mr I. V. Vickerman, Mr J. F. Stephenson, Mr J. G. Harcourt, Mr E. G. Shrimpton, Capt. A. Black, Lady Myers (Wellington), Miss Joan Curlew, Mr F. P. Clatworthy (Auckland), Dr. Duncan Cook (Palmerston North), Mr and Mrs H. D. Bryant (Matangi), Mr and Mrs H. Phelan (Jesse), Mr M. Hamilton (Bournemouth), Mr R. Barker, Miss P. Barker (Gisborne) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

WAIROA

Mr Mercer, Mr Hall (Wellington), Mr Jackson, Mr Hood, Mr Clough (Tua) are staying at the Wairoa Hotel.

Mr H. D. Cooper, Mr T. B. Lyons (Napier), Mr J. Graham (Auckland), Mr J. Hopkins (Whakaki), Mr J. M. Caswell, Mr J. Gallie, Miss Gallie are staying at the Clyde Hotel.

MAIL NOTICES

POST OFFICE, HASTINGS (Napier Mails close approximately one hour earlier than Hastings).

OUTWARD OVERSEAS MAILS. CHRISTMAS MAILS.

Australia, mid-December. Early posting is recommended in view of the uncertainty of transit time.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13. Australian States and Countries via Australia. Mails close 6 p.m. Parcels other overseas mails will be despatched as opportunity offers.

TRANS-TASMAN AIR MAIL TO AUSTRALIA. Mails close at Hastings three times each fortnight at 4 p.m.

TRANS-PACIFIC AIR MAIL. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19. Trans-Pacific Air Mail—Postage rates—Letters: Hawaii, 2/6 each 10z. United States of America and Canada (including air in America), 4/- each 10z. Great Britain 5/9 each 10z. Mails close 4 p.m. For further particulars apply to Post Office.

INLAND MAILS.

Napier, Monday to Friday, 6 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m. Gisborne District, 4 p.m. Wairoa District, 4 p.m. and 4 p.m. Auckland, Main Trunk and Waikato districts, 8.5 a.m. and (letters only), 4 p.m. Saturdays only, 1.15 p.m. (letters only).

Manawatu, Wairarapa, Dannevirke and Taranaki Districts, 8.5 a.m., 4 p.m. and Monday to Friday, letters only, 6 p.m. Wellington, 8.5 a.m., 4 p.m. Monday to Friday (letters only), 6 p.m. Saturday only 1.15 p.m.

Waipawa, 8.5 a.m. and 4 p.m. Waiuku, 8.5 a.m. and 4 p.m. Waiuku, Monday to Friday, 8.5 a.m., 4 p.m. Saturday, 8.5 a.m.

Opapa, Poukawa, Paki Paki and Pukehou, 6.30 a.m.

AIR MAIL INLAND.

Blenheim, Nelson, Westport, Greytown and Hokitika, Monday to Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 4 p.m. Auckland and New Plymouth, Monday to Friday, 6 p.m.

Christchurch, Oamaru, Dunedin and Invercargill, Tuesday to Friday, 6 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Regimental Headquarters

In consequence of the decision to establish Regimental Headquarters at Dannevirke Major W. A. Braeh, of the Defence Department, Buckle Street, Wellington, was in Dannevirke over the week-end. Structural alterations to the Drill Hall are to be made and work will begin immediately.

Napier Burglary

Deighton's photographic studios and Ronberg's dental surgery which are situated in the same building in Hastings Street, Napier, received the attention of burglars early yesterday morning, but as far as could be ascertained little or nothing of real value was removed. The matter is now in the hands of the police.

Night Sitting of Court

An adjourned session of the Supreme Court opened at Napier at 7.30 last evening, an unusual occurrence as far as the Napier sessions are concerned. The Chief Justice (Sir Michael Myers) is presiding. It is the intention of the Court to sit both day and night this week so that outstanding business may be concluded.

Grass Fires Expected

The prediction that this season there would be an abnormal number of grass fires, as a result of the heavy rain which was made by the superintendent of the Havelock North Fire Brigade (Mr A. Toop) at last night's meeting of the Havelock North Town Board, was decided to cut all grass possible on the roadsides and to buy spray outfits for use as extinguishers.

Cemetery Upkeep

The need for keeping the Pukeko Cemetery in satisfactory condition was pointed out by the Rev. J. J. Anderson in a letter to yesterday's meeting of the Hawke's Bay County Council. The chairman (Mr C. C. Smith) stated that Mr T. H. Lowry had agreed to provide labour for the work, and the council decided to make a grant towards the expense. Mr Lowry was thanked for his generous action.

Letters To The Editor

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

A Shipping Question

Sir—On December 3 I read a news item in the "Daily Mail" referring to Mr Joseph Dunn, a former Whakatana man, who was later on the City of Delhi, which, it was said, had been reported to have been lost. Is the report about the City of Delhi official?—I am, etc., W. JOHNSTON. Wellington, December 7.

The report concerning the City of Delhi appears to have originated in some confusion between the name of the ship and that of the City of Benares, which was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Ireland while she was carrying British children to Canada. There has been no official reference to the City of Delhi.—Editor, "Daily Mail."

Car-Parking

Sir—It is difficult to discover any logical reason why permission has not been granted by the Hastings Council for a reservation for the parking of motor vehicles at the entrance of the Grand Hotel. Wellington is not the only city in New Zealand where reservation is marked off in front of hotels in busy thoroughfares. I can mention several other towns that have this privilege.

The Hastings Borough by-laws have been framed from the Wellington City by-laws, and in many instances are a copy. It is inconceivable to believe that Hastings is a busier town than Wellington. It is the duty of a council to consider the best interests of a town, and endeavour at all times to cater for the travelling and visiting public. Hastings would be a much poorer town indeed if it had no visitors. It would not be generous of the council to accede to this request, but it would be a worthy act, and one that is fair to the people.—I am, etc., MAXIMUS.

Breakfast Table

Memo to week-end motorists who think it would be a swell idea to get an early start so as to get ahead of the rest of the crowd: Anyone at all astute! Never try a thing so futile.

A restaurant in Fortieth Street, Cleveland, Ohio, advertises a special "hangover breakfast" consisting of "One jumbo orange juice, coffee, toast, two aspirins and our sympathy, 50 cents."

There are several distinct things girls dislike about men.

But most is their characteristic tendency to remark, "I hope I'll see you again!" Without saying when.

The Beulah Frances Holland, in the "Saturday Evening Post," Philadelphia.

Newish crack, inspired by R.A.F.'s almost daily bombing of Hamm, German railway centre:—

"I heard about Hamm?"

"What about it?"

"It's most hair!"

What will you wear during the Xmas holidays? Do you need a new hat for the races or the stables and sports coat for the beach? Parkers offer many suggestions, and a visit to the interesting shop would be well worth your while.

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

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

The "Daily Mail's" special forecast is as follows:— Winds: Moderate to fresh northerly. Weather: Fair to fine and warm. Seas: Slight.

HASTINGS WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows:— Dry bulb temp. 75.0 deg. Wet bulb temp. 68.0 deg. Maximum temp. 83.2 deg. Minimum temp. 53.0 deg. Grass 49.0 deg. 1ft. underground 70.0 deg. Wind 7.0 mph. Rain Nil. Cloud 5. Rain for month 1.0 ins.

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. 71.5 deg. Wet bulb temp. 65.8 deg. Maximum temp. 79.0 deg. Minimum temp. 71.0 deg. Grass 45.0 deg. 1ft. underground 69.2 deg. 3ft. underground 64.8 deg. Sun 13.5 hrs. Wind N.E.2. Rain Nil. Cloud 7. Visibility 5. Humidity 62 p.c.

DOMINION FORECAST

General situation: An anticyclone is centred east of the North Island and a depression is located in the south Tasman Sea and is moving in a south-easterly direction.

Forecast:—Winds: Northerly to westerly prevailing, mainly moderate but strong at times in some exposed positions about and south of Cook Strait.

Seas:—New Zealand waters: Rough about the ranges but unsettled in rough south of Cape Egmont. Elsewhere slight to moderate. Eastern Tasman Sea: Moderate to fresh northerly, turning to westerly or south-westerly in the southern portion. Seas moderate.

Weather: Fair in the north and east of the ranges but unsettled in western districts and the far south with scattered rain, especially in the south. Temperatures mild to warm but becoming cooler in the south.

To-day's Diary

HASTINGS

A civic reception for the purpose of saying farewell to His Excellency

TRIPLE ASSAULT ON BRITAIN GERMAN STRATEGY ANALYSED EFFECT OF R.A.F.

Air Attacks May Diminish
United Press Association—Copyright. (Received December 9, 6 p.m.) LONDON, Dec. 8. Germany's policy of trying to knock out the R.A.F. has apparently been abandoned, says the aerological correspondent of the "Sunday Times" who now believes that the enemy is concentrating on three methods to smash by air Britain's ability to make war, first, a direct frontal attack against British industry and ports; second, a blockade by a stranglehold on shipping approaching British ports, particularly from America; thirdly, a diversion in the East.

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POST OFFICE IS FEELING THE EFFECT OF THE WAR Hon. P. C. Webb's Review Shows That Many Officers Are Already Overseas

The Post Office, in common with the rest of the community, is feeling the effect of the war in many directions. Not the least important is the temporary loss of officers serving with the Army, Navy and Air Forces.

"Disregarding married men, employees under age, and female employees, voluntary enlistments represent one-third of the eligible officers," said the Postmaster-General. "In addition to enlistments for overseas service, more than 500 junior officers on the Post Office staff are now in territorial camps and 200 more volunteers will enter camp in the New Year."

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DESTRUCTIVE RAID ON DUSSELDORF BOMBER CREWS START BIG FIRE

MANY TARGETS Holland, Belgium And France Visited
British Official Wireless. (Received December 9, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, Dec. 8. A fire which one bomber crew well experienced in raids over Germany has been observed in Dusseldorf after heavy R.A.F. raids on Saturday night. Full details are not available, but it is clear (states the Air Ministry news service) that the attacks on blast furnaces, steel-works, gasworks, and railway yards constitute a raid as heavy, and certainly as destructive, as last Wednesday's attack on an armament factory and other vital targets in the same city.

"There have naturally been heavy demands on the department's staff of radio telegraphists. The need for a reserve of trained radio operators quickly became apparent, and this was met by setting up a school for training telegraph cadets as radio operators. In addition, recruits to the R.N.Z.A.F. who are waiting to enter camp are being given training in Morse telegraphy, many telegraphists voluntarily giving their own time in providing instruction."

HOME GUARD ON PARADE

FIRST APPEARANCE AT HASTINGS DRILL LAST NIGHT Units Addressed By Commander
"Four of our planes are missing." Details by the Air Ministry News Service of the attacks on Brest and Lorient revealed that the first aircraft went in over Brest just as day broke on the night of December 7. The aircraft were seen to be on the ground at the outbreak of the raid, and the whole area was quartered by two oblongs of flame.

Garage Fire In Wellington

£7000 DAMAGE Motors And Tyres Destroyed LUNCH HOUR BLAZE
By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, Dec. 9. Many motor vehicles and a large quantity of tyres were destroyed in a Taranaki Street building owned by the City Council and occupied by Garage Trade Ltd., and Dominion Rental Cars Ltd., which was gutted by fire during the lunch hour to-day.

WORK SHOULD SOON BE IN HAND

Cool Store At Hastings ADEQUATE SIDING FACILITIES
There appears to be nothing to prevent an immediate start being made with the erection of the new cool-store and fruit assembly shed at Hastings, according to a report at the monthly meeting of the general committee of the Hawke's Bay Fruit-growers' Association. The committee set up in this connection stated that the existing siding facilities are considered adequate.

FIRST TO RETURN TO HASTINGS

Private E. J. Wilson From Overseas WARPLANE LOSSES SINCE WAR BEGAN
United Press Association—Copyright. (Received December 9, 6 p.m.) LONDON, December 8. "Plane losses since the outbreak of war are:— British 1717 German 5161 Italian 385 Greek 12"

RAILWAY CORPS IN GREECE

New Zealanders Engaged On Technical Work AIR FORCE CASUALTY
By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, Dec. 9. The Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) announced to-day that two officers and 54 men of the New Zealand railway construction and maintenance group are now engaged in technical work in Greece.

Training Scheme POLICE INVESTIGATIONS Planned SUBJECT OF AN INQUIRY Commission Set Up As Result Of Comment Made By The Chief Justice

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, Dec. 9. The personnel and order of reference of the commission of inquiry which is to report on the conduct of police investigations in a case which came before the Chief Justice (Sir Michael Myers) in the Supreme Court at Wellington on November 27, was announced to-night by the Minister in Charge of Police (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser).

The subjects covered will be reconnaissance, use of ground and cover, defensive disposition of units, occupation of positions, sighting of trenches, digging and wiring, camouflage, section leading, patrols, map reading and field sketching, writing of messages and reports, training of guides, defence of beaches (for coastal units), "embusing" and "de-busing" (for inland units), billeting evacuees (for inland units), employment of weapons, and recognition of aircraft.

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HOME GUARD ON PARADE

FIRST APPEARANCE AT HASTINGS DRILL LAST NIGHT Units Addressed By Commander
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Garage Fire In Wellington

£7000 DAMAGE Motors And Tyres Destroyed LUNCH HOUR BLAZE
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A Doctor's View Of London AIR RAID RESULTS "Not So Bad As Expected" ADAPTABLE BRITONS
"I am sure that you will be relieved to hear that things are not nearly so bad as you probably expect," writes a London doctor to relatives in Hawke's Bay. "Ordinary life in London is really not so different from life in the provinces as you might think. It is really amazing how adaptable most of us are finding that we are and, all propaganda apart, it seems clear that we are adapting ourselves to the conditions of the war in a way that is not only practical but also very intelligent."

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"WILL SOON BE PAYING NO RATES OF ANY KIND"

County Council Concerned At Position of Crown Tenants

"The collection of rates on properties occupied by Crown tenants is becoming more difficult every year. At this rate there will soon be nothing at all paid on these holdings," said Mr W. J. O'Connell, Hawke's Bay County Clerk, when the subject was under discussion at yesterday's meeting of the council.

Mr W. Tucker, who raised the question, said that there were men who had paid no rates for 10 or 12 years. It was not fair to other ratepayers that the council should continue to write off the sums owing each year.

There might be some excuse for those on back-country farms, but many of them were on good country land to the towns, said Mr Tucker. The Native rates were rather a problem, said Mr O'Connell, as it had recently been ruled that they could be collected only through the Native Land Court, and that might take years. He had taken up the question with the Counties' Association.

Increased Tariff Schedules

ROAD TRANSPORT Authority Grants Advance In Charges RATES ANNOUNCED

The increases in road transport tariff schedules recently forecast by the No. 2 Transport Licensing Authority (Mr P. Skoglund) have now been announced, and reveal a marked advance in the charges for the transport of fat stock and wool. The increase of 3 1/3 per cent granted as from January 1, 1940, has been cancelled, and as from December 1 the following increases are granted in its place—Five per cent on all classes of store sheep, 5 per cent on fertilizer and lime, 7 1/2 per cent on all other classes of freight, 5 per cent on the hire of trucks. The discount for backloading is to be 3 1/3 per cent over the whole district. This represents a 7 1/2 per cent increase over the figure ruling since January 1.

Not in Poverty Bay The decision does not affect payment for work for the Public Works Department, and the amendment does not apply to the Poverty Bay area.

At the recent sitting of Hastings Mr Skoglund gave the indication that he expected what might be expected when he gave an indication of a higher tariff schedule to come. At that time he told carriers that, although their backloading is to be 3 1/3 per cent, they could not expect to pass the whole burden on to the primary industries.

CLINIC FEES MAY BE RAISED

Country Children "FINE SERVICE AT LITTLE COST"

Council Discussion

A notification that dental clinic fees for children in country districts would have to be raised was received by the Hawke's Bay County Council yesterday from the Hastings Dental Clinic Committee. The committee stated that the position had arisen from the fact that the council had not made any local bodies had done.

Mr R. Harding said that the present fee of 2/6 per annum was very small, and he thought most parents could pay a little more than this. If there were any who could not afford it the council would do its best to assist.

The fee was 5/- in Napier, said Mr Lassen, and it was still extremely cheap in view of the services offered by the clinic.

The chairman (Mr C. C. Smith) agreed that the fees should be increased. The care of the children's teeth was of the greatest importance, and he would not like to see any debarred because of their financial position.

It was decided to ask the clinic committee to notify the council of any cases in which children's parents were unable to find the fees asked.

After dinner they adjourned to the smoke-room, where the host produced a decanter of Scotch whisky, a silver box of cigarettes, and a tin of tobacco. Idly picking up the tin the guest read: Toasted Navy Cut, No. 3. "Why Toasted," he queried, "Improves the flavour, what?" "Ay," replied the host, "it eliminates the nicotine, or most of it. Don't know another tobacco that's so good—or so safe. Try it!"

The guest lit up and sinking back into the depths of his luxurious chair lazily watched the smoke-ring "By Jove!" he said, at last, sitting up, "it IS good—American?" "Easy to see you're a new chum," laughed the host, "no, my boy, not American; it's grown and manufactured in New Zealand. What d'ye think of that? Brands? There are five: Cut Plug No. 10 (Bullhead), Navy Cut No. 3 (Bulldog), Cavendish, Riverbank, and the host (Gold). "I'd not the faintest idea New Zealand produced such tobacco," declared the guest with enthusiasm. "We live and learn," replied the host as he passed the decanter.

"AN INCREDIBLE JUMBLE"

WORDING OF VOTING PAPER AMUSING TEST

Public's Inability To Decipher Meaning

At the local body election in May, 1938, some criticism was expressed regarding the wording of the voting paper dealing with the method of rating in the Hawke's Bay County. Describing the wording as an "incredible jumble of contradictions," the County Clerk (Mr W. J. O'Connell) read a draft of a letter to the Minister of Internal Affairs at yesterday's meeting of the council.

The letter was as follows:—"On November 26, 1937, I advised you that there was a possibility of a petition being presented for the restoration of the system of rating on the basis of the unimproved value thereof. The fact that the wording of the voting paper laid down by the Council was confusing to a most startling degree, and asking that an alteration in the law be brought about so that the issue would appear clearly to the elector.

"Your department replied that the matter had been noted for consideration, but nothing had been done by the time of the triennial elections in May, 1938. Public Subsidies "At the same time as the elections a poll was taken on the question of capital or unimproved rating; the result far exceeded my worst fears. Despite the fact that the council was safeguarded by legal opinion, it should be essential in our legislation. Their lack of belief is unfortunate, but one can sympathise after reading the wording.

"I am unable to point out to them that I could not depart from the form prescribed by law; they cannot or will not believe that such an incredible jumble of contradictions could be embodied in our legislation. Their lack of belief is unfortunate, but one can sympathise after reading the wording.

"Proposals—That the adoption of the system of rating on the basis of the unimproved value thereof be rescinded in the Hawke's Bay County. "I vote for the above proposal. "I vote against the above proposal. Result of Test "You will remember that in a test conducted among twenty local residents at the time of my letter, when told they were to vote for the capital value, eight voted for and twelve against it.

"The reason for this letter lies in the fact that the three years allowed between polls will shortly expire (in June of next year, and it is possible that a reversal will be sought. "Although the wording of the voting paper which would be used in such a case would not be as unintelligible as the above, it still lacks that quality of plain meaning which should be essential in seeking the wishes of the voter. Might I again suggest the simple way: "I vote for capital value. "I vote for unimproved value. "The voter must strike out the line he does NOT want to vote for."

The council agreed that the position demanded urgent attention, and it was decided to forward the letter as above to the Minister.

Napier-Taihape Road

URGENT WORK

County Council Again Raises Question

DEFENCE VIEWPOINT

"It would be a disgrace to attempt to move the subject until the Napier-Taihape road in its present condition," said Mr E. H. Beamish at yesterday's meeting of the Hawke's Bay County Council. "If there is a risk of invasion, as we are given to understand, then we are living in a fool's paradise so far as this road is concerned."

Mr Beamish said he had been given a personal assurance three years ago by the Hon. F. Semple that he would inspect the road, but this had not been done. Both Mr Semple and the Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones) should be written to on the inspection.

Other Road Work Begun The speaker had recently seen a new road being cut through virgin country between Taupo and Taumarunui, which could not possibly be more important than the Napier-Taihape road, and it was pointed out that unless the work was begun shortly it could not be done this season.

It was decided to communicate with the Ministers mentioned, and also with the Prime Minister.

IN EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

RIGHTS OF RURAL DISTRICTS

COUNCIL'S OPINION

The need for country communities to be represented in some way on the Emergency Precautions Committee of their nearest towns was stressed by Mr R. Harding at yesterday's meeting of the Hawke's Bay County Council.

Mr Harding recalled that at the time of the earthquake some difficulty had arisen as the townspeople did not appear to understand that the large stations included several households, and he had personally offered bread supplies for one family at that time, whereas there were six or seven houses on his property.

Although the Clerk (Mr W. J. O'Connell) was a member of the Napier committee, the council had no representation whatever on the Hastings organisation, he said.

A suggestion that each riding member should be attached to either the Napier or the Hastings Emergency Precautions Committee was made by Mr E. H. Beamish, who said he considered that each member should be empowered to draw on supplies for the whole of the community he represented, and to have its transport requirements considered along with those of the borough.

The council decided to make a move on the lines suggested by Mr Beamish.

"Position Is Hopeless"

WAIKARE RIDING Government Help To Be Sought

SUBSIDY NEEDED

Unless some measure of Government assistance could be obtained the Waikare riding would be in a hopeless position, said the chairman of the Hawke's Bay County Council (Mr C. C. Smith) at yesterday's meeting of the council, when reporting on a deputation of Waikare riding ratepayers which had recently waited on him.

The Waikare representative, Mr F. K. Wilkie, said that the council had done all it could to assist, and had pointed out that fact at meetings of ratepayers. The position was certainly hopeless, and apart from subsidies he did not know what could be done.

On the motion of Mr W. Tucker it was decided to set up a committee comprising the chairman, Mr Wilkie and the Clerk (Mr W. J. O'Connell) to bring the question before the Government.

REQUEST FOR AID DECLINED

MATERIALS FOR USE IN EMERGENCY

RED CROSS VIEW

Joint Appeal Money For Another Purpose

A request by the Havelock North Emergency Precautions Committee for funds to provide materials for use in an emergency has been declined by the New Zealand Red Cross Society, according to a letter received at last night's meeting of the Havelock North Town Board.

The committee asked if the society could give financial aid from the money collected in the recent joint appeal for emergency in those towns that are setting up emergency hospitals, and dressing stations.

"This particular appeal was launched on behalf of the sick, wounded, prisoners of war and civilians in distress as the result of hostile action," stated the Dominion secretary of the society (Mr M. S. Galloway). "Therefore it is not available for the purpose you specify. However, if it subsequently became necessary to set up these services in your district where our sick and wounded were receiving treatment, then due consideration would be accorded their needs."

Department's Responsibility Mr Galloway stated that the actual responsibility for setting up the hospitals was that of the Department of Health, while it was incumbent on municipal bodies to provide dressing stations for emergency purposes. Branches of his organisation throughout the Dominion would lend their full co-operation in bringing the services required to fruition.

The Town Board decided to provide the finance necessary for establishing an emergency dressing station at Havelock North.

£4477 RAISED IN HAVELOCK NORTH

Past Year's Patriotic Efforts

"Our quota for the 'Heart-to-Heart' appeal was fixed at £2000 and to date we have raised £2057/4/11," said the clerk (Mr W. H. Anderson) at last night's meeting of the Havelock North Town Board. "This represents considerably more than £1 a head of population in our sub-zone."

Mr Anderson said that in the past 12 months the committees in the Havelock North district had raised £4477/2/3 for patriotic purposes.



VICE-REGAL TOUR—Lord and Lady Galway are visiting Hawke's Bay on the course of a farewell tour of the Dominion. They are to be accorded a civic farewell at Hastings at noon to-day and at Napier late this afternoon.

Havelock North Prepares

EMERGENCY SCHEME

An Organisation Set Up

RESIDENTS MEET

A local scheme in the event of an epidemic of epidemic or pestilence was introduced by Dr W. Reeve at a meeting held to discuss a comprehensive emergency precautions plan for the Havelock North district. The scheme had been prepared by Drs Scott, Crompton, Crosby and himself.

Dr Reeve stressed the need for having an effective transfusion system at Havelock North, classification of cases, arrangement of kitchen accommodation, and evacuation.

Dr E. Y. Comrie, president of the Hawke's Bay branch of the British Medical Association, spoke on the possibility of epidemic or invasion and stressed the need for all motor vehicles for use as ambulances in case of emergency.

Mr J. J. Nimon spoke of the desirability of having owners of bucket-seated cars agree to the use of their vehicles for ambulance work.

Two hundred and fifty cases an hour would need to be handled in the first emergency, said Mr R. Harding.

Money For Equipment The necessity for the preparation of bandages was stressed by Mrs J. B. Campbell. She suggested that some portion of the money that was contributed to the joint appeal of the Red Cross Society and Order of St. John which was lying idle in Wellington should be made available.

Mrs Campbell subsequently moved that the Hawke's Bay Emergency Precautions Committee appeal to the Red Cross Headquarters in Wellington, stating that sub-centres and committees should receive financial help from the funds collected in the recent combined appeal to furnish hospital requirements preparatory for emergency.

When a report of the meeting was presented at last night's meeting of the Havelock North Town Board the clerk (Mr W. H. Anderson) said that a reply that was not altogether favourable had been received.

Petrol For An Emergency

LITTLE IN HAND

Reserve Supply Wanted At Hastings

HAVELOCK'S SUPPORT

The necessity for adequate petrol supplies for an emergency was stressed by Mr R. Harding at a meeting at Havelock North, when an emergency precautions scheme was adopted. There was very little benzene in tanks at Hastings and many of them were empty, said Mr Harding.

He suggested that the companies should fill the tanks and hold the contents under bond, and that the North organisation is to forward a similar proposal to the Government.

HAVELOCK NORTH WATER MAINS

Leaks Increasing

GROWING NEED OF REPLACEMENT

Board Discussion

"I think we will have to leave the matter of mains to next year," said the chairman (Mr H. R. von Daelzen) at last night's meeting of the Havelock North Town Board when the clerk (Mr W. H. Anderson) reported that leaks in the mains were steadily increasing and the replacement of the existing pipes, which were laid in 1914, would soon need the consideration of the board.

Mr A. Toop: They are getting bad. There is no doubt about that. Mr A. R. Greenwood: It is to be hoped that they will hang out until after the war. Mr Toop: The old mains are under terrific pressure, you know. Mr von Daelzen: Would you like another twopenny rate? Amidst laughter the matter was allowed to lapse.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S VISIT

Farewell Tour

CIVIC RECEPTION ARRANGED

Staying At Hastings

The Governor-General (Viscount Galway) and Lady Galway are to pay a farewell visit to Hawke's Bay during the next few days. They are to be tendered civic receptions at Napier and Hastings. The vice-regal party arrived in Hastings yesterday afternoon and during their stay in this district they will be the guests of Mr and Mrs E. J. Hickox, "Indisfarne," Pakowhai Road, Hastings.

Lady Galway will be the guest of honour at a complimentary morning tea arranged by the Lady Galway Patriotic Guild this morning. At noon their excellencies will be accorded a civic reception at the council chambers by the Mayor of Hastings (Mr G. A. Maddison) and councillors. Mr Maddison has extended an invitation to the public to attend this ceremony.

The vice-regal party will visit Napier later in the day, and at 5.30 p.m. at the borough council chambers there is to be a civic reception.

CLUB SWIMMING AT HAVELOCK NORTH

Last Night's Meeting

LARGE FIELDS IN ALL EVENTS

Excellent entries were received for last night's meeting of the Havelock North Swimming Club. Conditions were excellent and some good times were returned.

Results: Length: C. Crawford (2sec.) 1, G. Sivewright (scr) 2, B. Liley (1) 3. Junior boys' 25 yards—First heat: M. Matheson (6) 1, R. Sivewright (5) 2, S. Fergusson (scr) 3. Second heat: G. Sivewright (1) 1, C. Crawford (7) 2, I. Jack (6) 3. Final: Matheson 1, Crawford 2, Sivewright 3. Time 16.3.5.

Junior girls' 25 yards: Miss J. Biggar (scr) 1, Miss M. Thompson (2), Miss D. Slocombe (3) 3. Time 18.3.5. Intermediate girls' and women's 25 yards: Miss B. Nimon (2) 1, Miss M. Kennedy (1) 2, Miss A. Moss (scr) 3. Time 15.1.5.

Intermediate boys' 50 yards: First heat: M. Matheson (6) 1, M. Hill (6) 2, J. Fergusson (scr) 3. Second heat: G. Hill (scr) 1, C. Rosenberg (4) 2, R. McKay (1) 3. Final: M. Hill 1, G. Hill 2, Panckhurst 3. Time 16.3.5.

Leavers' diving: R. Sivewright 1, G. Young 2, J. Jack 3. Intermediate mixed breaststroke: First heat: Miss M. Kennedy (4) 1, G. Sivewright (2) 2, Miss S. Laila (1) 3. Second heat: Miss A. Moss (1) 1, Miss M. de Montalk (4) 2, M. Hill (2) 3. Third heat: J. Fergusson (scr) 1, G. Ogg (2) 2, M. Matheson (3) 3. Final: Fergusson 1, Miss Kennedy 2, Miss de Montalk 3.

Awkward entry: R. McRobbie 1, C. Rosenberg 2, G. Ogg 3. Men's 50 yards open: D. Eves (4) 1, Leadbrook (1) 2, F. Fergusson (scr) 3. Junior boys' 25 yards electric dash: S. Fergusson 1, G. Sivewright 2, M. Matheson 3. Time 15 sec. 3. Intermediate boys' 25 yards backstroke: M. Hill (5) 1, J. Fergusson (2) 2, D. Eves (scr) 3. Time 21.3.5.

Junior diving: Miss M. de Montalk 1, McRobbie 2, Miss M. Kennedy 3. Teams' race—First heat: C. Rosenberg (M. Hill, G. Ogg) 1, M. Thompson (J. Biggar, M. Matheson) 2. Second heat: G. Hill (1), Fergusson, W. Panckhurst (1), C. Hill (C. Crawford, I. Jack) 2. Final: C. Rosenberg 1, G. Hill 2, C. Hill 3. Time 51.4.5.

"A DUTY GLADLY DONE"

FISH IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

Satisfied Anglers At Taupo This Season

Reports from Taupo state that the weather has been mostly fine, with south-westerly winds prevailing. The fish taken are in excellent condition for so early in the season. Dry fly fishing on the Waikato has been good, and anglers have had satisfactory sport in the vicinity of the Huka Falls.

Fishing at Waitahanui has been quite good and some very fine conditioned fish have been taken there. The largest was one of 9 1/2 lb. Reports received from the southern end of the lake state fishing has been fairly good in the Tongariro, and very good at the Delta. Seven and eight-pound fish are not uncommon, and anglers agree that the condition of the fish is excellent and there is an increase in the average weight.

The largest fish recorded was one of 11 1/2 lb. caught by Mr P. Smallman while trolling in Tokaanu Bay, numbers between 6 1/2 lb. and 8 1/2 lb. have also been taken.

Meteorology Aids Artillery

RECENT DEVELOPMENT

Shoots Held By Units At Waiouru

PRECISION OF FIRE

The practical use of meteorology in artillery warfare was demonstrated with excellent results for the first time in New Zealand when the First and Second Field Regiments, New Zealand Artillery, held shoots at Waiouru.

The shooting, in which precision of fire was a notable feature, marked the first of five months' training. Altogether six men, two drawn from each of the northern, central, and southern military districts, carried out a special course in meteorology.

Intensive Training After three months' training at the Government Meteorological Office in Wellington, two men were posted to the First Field Regiment, New Zealand Artillery, and carried out two months of its intensive training at Rotorua and Waiouru. Two were posted to the Second Field Regiment and two to a unit in the South Island.

A motor-van which would house all necessary equipment to forecast weather and make observations was designed by the men during their course in Wellington. It is expected that the vehicle will be ready for delivery shortly, and with its acquisition the meteorological section will be a self-contained mobile unit.

The velocity and direction of the wind at various heights are measured by observing the flight of a special type of hydrogen-filled balloon by means of a theodolite. These were displayed in the proceedings when such observations were made at Waiouru.

FURTHER DONATIONS TO APPEAL

The Napier Fund

ESKDALE TO THE FORE

Total Mounting

Further donations to the Napier fund of the £1,000,000 appeal are acknowledged as follows:—

Previously acknowledged	£ 11 8 6
Greenwood's Women's Institute	1 1 0
H.E. Farmers' Napier Garage, Grocery and Office Staffs	7 15 6
W. Corbett	2 0 0
Mrs A. Steed	1 1 0
Collected by Eskdale Women's Institute	13 3 6
T. F. Clark	20 0 0
The Cornmarket	10 0 0
A. Beattie	10 0 0
W. Clark	10 0 0
Collected by F. Byrne, Puketapu	30 13 0
Total	£3223 2 6

Gun Club Holds Shoot

WIN FOR R. W. GUNN

J. G. Parker Memorial Cup

The principal event of the Napier and East Coast Gun Club's shoot was the J. G. Parker Memorial Challenge Cup, with which is associated a miniature cup, and this was won by R. W. Gunn.

In the competition R. W. Gunn and D. Campbell tied with the possible 15 breaks, and in the shoot off Gunn won on the fourth round.

The president (Mr T. Parker), in presenting the cup to the winner congratulated him on his fine performance and remarked that although he was a comparatively young shot the annexation of the New Zealand Championship should not be beyond his ability.

Best Scores The best scores in the various sweepstakes are as follows:—Five bird eye-opener T. Parker, J. McFarlane and R. W. Gunn with the possible divided the stakes. Ten bird open handicap: T. Parker, D. Campbell, J. McKinnon, H. Gardner and J. McFarlane (eight) divided the stakes.

J. G. Parker Memorial Cup: R. W. Gunn, D. Campbell took first round. R. W. Gunn was second while the third stake was divided between T. Parker and J. Gardner.

Ten bird handicap: D. Campbell, H. Gardner and J. Gunn broke the possible and divided the stakes. The next best scores were J. McKinnon 9, J. McFarlane 9, J. Holt 8, and R. Douglas 8.

Five bird quail drive, J. McFarlane and R. Douglas with the possible divided the money.

Maori Child The Subject Of An Unusual Legal Procedure

ASSOCIATED WITH LARRIKINS

YOUTH WARNED BY MAGISTRATE

FINE IMPOSED

Sequel To Napier Disturbance

WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS IS GRANTED AT NAPIER

Maori Child The Subject Of An Unusual Legal Procedure

ASSOCIATED WITH LARRIKINS

A case of an unusual character was heard at Napier last night, when the Supreme Court, presided over by the Chief Justice (Sir Michael Myers) sat for the purpose of determining the future of a two-year-old Maori child named Piki Blake, in respect of whom an application for a writ of Habeas Corpus had been made.

Habeas Corpus is the most historic writ in the British legal system. It was specifically provided for in Magna Carta (1215), but actually dates back before this. It has rarely been invoked in New Zealand.

In the case heard last night the child's father had proceeded overseas with the forces, and the father's relatives had taken custody of the infant.

In the picturesque legal phraseology, the mother, Mrs Hinehoo Blake, of Te Haroto, asked for "an order that a rule nisi for a writ of Habeas Corpus issue directed to Heri Herewini, married woman, and her husband W. Herewini, both of Waitahanui, Taupo, aboriginal natives of New Zealand, to have the body of the above-named Piki Blake before a Judge in Chambers at the Supreme Court House at Napier forthwith to undergo and receive all and singular such matters and things as the Judge shall then and there consider."

Mother's Statement In a statement accompanying the application Mrs Blake stated that her husband Pakinga (Teddy) Blake was to the best of her knowledge now serving with the military forces overseas.

The child was with her husband's aunt, Mrs Herewini, at Waitahanui, Lake Taupo. Prior to her husband's joining the forces, she had obtained an order for separation, maintenance and guardianship of the child until he reached the age of 16 years.

Mr H. W. Dowling appeared in support of the application, and Mr and Mrs Herewini were not represented. His Honour said he saw no reason why the child should not be returned to the mother. The father appeared to have agreed to this course.

The rule would be made absolute, and an order made for the delivery of the child forthwith to its mother.

Drug Unlawfully Sold

OVERSIGHT CLAIMED

Napier Chemist's Breach Of Regulations

MINIMUM FINE

A fine of £12 10/-, the minimum under the Act, was imposed on Gordon Clive Breen, a Napier chemist who was charged with selling a certain drug contrary to the Poisons (General) Regulations.

The defendant entered a plea of guilty through Mr C. W. Nash. Mr L. W. Willis told the Court that the Inspector of Health went into the defendant's shop and asked for a certain drug which was supplied to him. On his way out of the shop he asked the defendant if the sale was in order, and received an answer in the affirmative.

Mr Nash maintained that the offence was a pardonable oversight and said that the particular drug had not been sold for three or four years. Prior to 1934 there had been no restriction on the drug, and since that time the defendant had never sold it except for the instance which was the subject of the charge.

Civil List Judgment for the plaintiffs in default of the defendants was given in the following cases:— P. J. Howell Ltd. v. J. Werata, £11 7/8, costs £3 5/-; Henry Williams and Sons Ltd. v. F. Goodman, costs £1 8/-; Napier Harbour Board v. F. Goodman, £2 7/6, costs £1 3/6.

Judgment Summons E. Cathew was ordered to pay A. Golding the sum of 15/6 forthwith, in default six days' imprisonment. E. A. Birch was ordered to pay Drowsell, Auckland £3 17/6 forthwith, in default four days' imprisonment.

NAPIER HIGH SCHOOL REPORTS

Education Board's Meeting

The clearing and preparation of the grounds surrounding the Girls' High School hostel was going ahead satisfactorily, reported the principal (Miss E. M. McCarthy) at last night's meeting of the Napier Secondary Education Board. Mr J. H. Edmondson presided over a good attendance of members.

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Lambourn Downs Endorsement

FINE DUEL AT WOODVILLE Black Thread Outclasses The Sprinters

(By MOTUROA).

Lambourn ran a great Derby trial to win the Gothard Handicap in a gruelling finish with Endorsement and Dynasty.

Lambourn's performance was quite a good one, for he was conceding Endorsement a year and 19lbs., and he left the impression that the race would do him good.

Endorsement covered herself with glory. It devolved upon her to make all the pace and thus give Lambourn the drop on her all the way.

Dynasty came up fast from fifth place as they straightened up and looked dangerous at the half distance, but his run ended soon after, though he was quite a good third.

Ruatiti, who was with Lambourn in second place all the way, had every chance had he been good enough, but he made no impression in the straight. He was fourth, half a dozen lengths ahead of Hunting Cat.

The Ring was not in a galloping mood and was in the middle of the field throughout, but Raana, who looked above himself, ran quite a good race and is sure to improve.

ALTHOUGH he was well back in the early stables as the result of getting into the first fence, Great Quex went up fast five furlongs from the Papatua Hurdles to reach the front at the half mile.

Selkirk was ridden a different race, taking up the running from the start and setting a strong pace.

White Rajah came home well for fourth and is a good holiday prospect, but Footloose, after leading the straight, stopped in a few strides. He is racing a long way below form.

Cheerful Lady gave a lot of trouble at the start of the Gorge Handicap and went through the barrier twice, but it was her lucky day for she came in at a hand gallop when the tapes were released.

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KEEN RACING AT WOODVILLE

TOTALISATOR SHOWS BIG INCREASE

The Woodville Jockey Club's summer meeting was concluded in glorious weather, and before a large attendance. The track was in perfect order.

The totalisator turnover for the day was £12,027/10/-, compared with £10,598/10/- last year, an increase of £1,429. For the meeting the totalisator handled £27,921, compared with £26,508/10/- last year, the increase for the meeting being £1,412/10/-.

The following are the results:—

PAPATAWA HURDLES, Of £120, 1 1/2 miles.

2-1—GREAT QUEX, Miss D. Wedgewood's b g by Lord Quex—Lady Ann, 6yrs., 9.10 (J. Toki) 1

5-5—SELKIRK, Carson and Travis's b g, 5yrs., 9.3

1-2—DORADO, E. N. Cunningham's br g, aged, 11.12 (A. Jenkins) 3

Also started: 4-4 Hyderabad, 9.9; 3-3 Son and Heir, 9.9, car. 9.10; 7-7 Dorak, 9.0, car. 9.2; (fell); 6-6 Lacan, 9.0 (fell).

Three lengths: one, Son and Heir was fourth. Time, 2.52.

(Winner trained by Owner, Awapuni.)

NOVICE STAKES, Of £80, 6 furlongs.

4-1—CHEETAH, F. J. Attfield's ch g by Lachham—Golden Chant, 4yrs., 8.4 (W. J. Broughton) 1

2-2—WILDFIRE, M. C. Gould's br g, 3yrs., 8.4, car. 8.5 (B. H. Morris) 2

1-1—ORAITI, W. H. Gaisford's b m, 4yrs., 8.4 (P. Atkins) 3

Also started: 3-3 Empire Action, 8.4, car. 8.5; 5-5 Metonymy, 8.4, car. 8.7; 6-6 Threthella, 8.4.

A neck; three lengths. Empire Action was fourth. Time, 1.14.2.5. (Winner trained by Owner, Awapuni.)

GOTHARD HANDICAP, Of £180, 1 mile and a distance.

1-1—LAMBOURN, T. H. Lowry's b c by Bulandshar—April Fool, 3yrs., 8.6 (J. Broughton) 1

3-3—ENDORSEMENT, A. F. M. Syme's ch m by Illad—Endorse, 4yrs., 7.6, car. 7.1 (D. W. Redstone) 2

5-4—DYNASTY, G. M. Currie's b m by Theio—Symbal Song, 8.6, yrs., 7.0 (S. A. Waddell) 3

Also started: 4-5 The Ring, 8.6; 5-9 Hunting Cat, 7.10, car. 7.12; 11-11 Play On, 7.9; 7-7 Raana, 7.9, car. 7.4; 2-2 Ruatiti, 7.4; 6-6 Corroboree, 7.2, car. 7.0; 8-8 Cherry Bay, 7.0; 10-10 Master Skyline, 7.0.

A neck; half a neck. Ruatiti was fourth. Time, 1.55. (Winner trained by C. J. Stowe, Hastings.)

JUVENILE HANDICAP, Of £110, 5 furlongs.

2-3—EX PUPIL, F. S. Hellyer's b f by Theio—Symbal Song, 8.6 (H. N. Wiggins) 1

4-4—DRAKE'S DRUM, F. Armstrong's br c, 8.5 (S. Anderson) 2

3-2—BURRA SAHIB, F. Ormond's b c, 7.13 (P. Atkins) 3

Also started: 1-1 Golden Moon, 8.8; 6-6 Greek Dancer, 8.0, car. 8.4; 5-5 Stairway, 7.12, car. 7.13; 8-8 Uganda, 7.10, car. 7.12; 11-11 Amorang, 7.9; 10-10 Captain Star, 7.8; 7-9 Bunby Belle, 7.7; 8-7 Lady Eswal.

Two lengths: one, Golden Moon was fourth. Time, 1.11.5. (Winner trained by H. S. Greene, Greenmeadows.)

RAILWAY HANDICAP, Of £150, 6 furlongs.

3-3—BLACK THREAD, D. J. Barry's blk g by Mimetic—Slipstich, aged, 9.10, car. 9.3 (P. Fenton) 1

1-1—TUATARA, W. McA. Duncan's ch g by Lord Quex—Tuata mare, 4yrs., 7.8 (W. J. Broughton) 2

2-2—VASCONES, A. G. and W. R. Stead's b m by Gascony—Talari, 4yrs., 8.0, car. 7.9 (D. W. Redstone) 3

Also started: 4-4 Footloose, 8.7; 1-1 Red Cat, 7.9, car. 7.2; 5-5 White Rajah, 7.0, car. 7.1; 6-6 White Rajah was fourth. Time, 1.14. (Winner trained by J. W. Nixon, Gisborne.)

GORGE HACK HANDICAP, Of £110, 7 furlongs.

4-4—CHEERFUL LADY, C. A. Cameron's blk m by Deo—Cheerful, 4yrs., 8.2, car. 7.11 (D. Kelly) 1

2-2—BATTLEGAIN, Mrs. A. M. Rutherford's b h, 4yrs., 7.9, car. 8.0 (D. W. Redstone) 2

3-3—SQUEERS, Mrs. I. Hoare's blk g, 4yrs., 7.8 (F. Buchanan) 3

Also started: 1-1 Hui, 8.4, car. 8.9; 5-5 Curtail, 7.12; 6-6 Courting, 7.7, car. 7.12.

Four lengths: two and a half. Hui was fourth. Time, 1.27.3.5. (Winner trained by A. Jenkins, Opaki.)

KIRITAKI HACK HANDICAP, Of £110, 6 furlongs.

2-2—ROEON, J. Berrigan's br f

Large Fields At Te Awamutu

SIXTEEN IN THE CUP

Acceptances for the Waipa Racing Club's summer meeting, to be held at Te Awamutu on December 14, have been received as under:—

W. G. PARK HURDLES, Of £250, 1 1/2 miles.

- Kalwaka 11 2 Sabu 9 0
Royal Dance 11 0 Roxby 9 0
Lapidarian 10 8 Archon 9 0
General Rise 10 3 General Risker 9 0
Gar Vaals 10 0 Son of the Soil 9 0
High Star 9 11 Tooley Street 9 0
Bachelor King 9 8 Goldston 9 0
Gael 9 1 Te Mona 9 0
Sunny Downs 9 0 Tokapua 9 0
Prince Rangl 9 0 Cettic Lad 9 0

KIHIKIHI HACK HANDICAP, Of £250, 7 furlongs.

- Star Vaals 9 5 Little Rose 7 7
Radiant Vaals 9 0 Lady Blower 7 7
Surral 8 2 Tea Drop 7 7
Karatoiki 8 0 Te Monoplane 7 7
Ngawiri 7 12 Goldrace 7 7
Mayfair 7 12 Ugly Duckling 7 7
Battlegain 7 10 Gar Vaals 7 7
Roi Haka 7 10 Loch Acre 7 7
Bellaghy 7 7

WAIPA PLATE, Of £250, 6 furlongs.

- Natal 9 2 Gay Rosette 7 11
Royal Son 9 0 Justina 7 11
Marie's Choice 8 11 Little Rose 7 11
Miss Bridge 8 9 Furveyor 7 11
Diagonal 8 2 Royal Sister 7 11
Bamboo 8 2 Sharmar 7 11
Baryl Vaals 7 11

Vaals Mac (Second Division), Of £250, 6 furlongs.

- Vaals Mac 9 2 Gay Wido 7 11
Surree 9 0 Kinvara 7 11
Craigannet 8 11 Nan Vaals 7 11
Aubrey Lu 8 2 Maxon 7 11
Bohrnemoth 8 2 Snow White 7 11
Koura Eka 8 2 Empire Rose 7 11
Ea Volee 7 11 (imp.) 7 4
Te Haka 7 11 (imp.) 7 4

The brackets are: Surree and Diagonal; Sharmar and Empire Rose.

TE AWAMUTU CUP, Of £250, 1 1/2 miles.

- Liangollen 9 0 Foxsen 7 9
Te Kaiti 8 10 Mintlaw 7 7
Namara 8 8 Greek Queen 7 7
Bronze Shella 8 7 Racecamp 7 7
Bronze Moth 8 5 Clilas 7 1
Beau Lein 8 5 Valerian 7 0
Full Hand 8 2 Eriek 7 0
Lou Rosa 8 0 Pocket Venus 7 0

HACK CUP HANDICAP, Of £250, 9 furlongs.

- Esquire 9 0 Surra 7 8
Wildore 8 11 Ascot Bloom 7 7
Joan Peel 8 6 Mendelssohn 7 7
Acreman 8 6 Te Monoplane 7 7
Agulha 8 6 Maxon 7 7
Palmit 8 2 Royal Jay 7 7
Night Pilot 7 12 Gay Movie 7 7
Gold Spot 7 11 Royal 7 7
Te Haka 7 11 Huntress 7 7
Loombation 7 9 Captain Bell 7 7
Raepata 7 8 Dorset 7 7

OHAUPO HACK HANDICAP, Of £250, 6 furlongs.

- Monte Cristo 9 9 Ascot Bloom 7 9
Glen Connell 9 2 Town Survey 7 7
Black Majesty 9 0 Flying Eagle 7 7
Chain Ace 8 13 Gay Rosette 7 7
Biddy Girl 8 9 Vaquin 7 7
Myrtle 8 4 Miss Riddle 7 7
Royal Pilot 8 4 Loch Acre 7 7
Pasture 8 3 Goldation 7 7
Miss Jose 7 12 Avon Bon 7 7
Forest Bridge 7 10 Royal 7 7
Foxwood 7 10 Miss Eureka 7 7
Bambury 7 10 Soumise 7 7
Cross 7 9

FLYING HANDICAP, Of £350, 6 1/2 furlongs.

- Lady Tinkle 9 3 Miss Te Koura 7 4
Our Jean 9 3 Oymus 7 0
Saxon Tor 9 0 Monte Cristo 7 0
Proud Fox 8 9 Noitaro 7 0
Merry Vaals 8 6 Thrillarch 7 0
Sure Fay 8 3 Star Vaals 7 0
Bronwen 8 1 First Chapter 7 0
Dinky Di 7 13 Biddy Girl 7 0
Lomacra 7 10 Sir Robin 7 0
Beslege 7 9 Gay Seton 7 0

PATERANGI HANDICAP, Of £250, 7 furlongs.

- Mittie 9 3 Forest Ace 7 9
Merry Vaals 9 3 Sunol 7 7
Cheval de Hunter's
Volee 8 11 Night 7 7
The Dorer 8 1 Lord Waitangi 7 7
Lornace 8 7 Valerian 7 7
Beslege 8 6 Tea Gong 7 7
Eriek 8 0 First Chapter 7 7
Te Hai 8 0 First Chapter 7 7
Noitaro 7 11 Town Section 7 7
Esquire 7 11 Jayola 7 7
Queen City 7 11 Tooley Street 7 7
Sunny Downs 7 11

STEWARDS' HACK HANDICAP, Of £120, 1 mile and a distance.

8-8—TE ORE, B. J. Kelleher's br m by Lord Quex—Native Queen, 5yrs., 7.7, car. 7.4 (W. L. Aitken) 1

2-1—LAUGHING SONG, J. S. Ryan and L. R. Tremewan's b m, 5yrs., 8.11, car. 8.8 (W. J. Broughton) 2

2-1—CITY SONG, A. Katranski's b m, 4yrs., 7.8 (W. J. Broughton) 3

Also started: 3-4 Gay Fox, 9.4; 5-6 Young Charles, 9.4; 1-2 Kobi, 9.3; 6-5 Shani, 8.6; 4-3 Titter, 8.2; 10-9 Royal Pageant, 7.11, car. 8.1; 9-10 Tibert, 7.10; 13-12 Astrite, 7.7, car. 7.10; 7-7 Halle Selassie, 7.7; 12-12 Larwood, 7.7; 11-11 Little Margot, 7.7, car. 7.2; 14-14 Arctic Queen, 7.7, car. 7.8.

A neck; three-quarters of a length. Halle Selassie was fourth. Time, 1.55. (Winner trained by Owner, Opaki.)

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BELLE CANE IS IN THE DERBY By Telegraph-Press Association. AUCKLAND, Dec. 9. Belle Cane was omitted from the list of horses remaining in the Great Northern Derby after the declaration of the first forfeit. Belle Cane is still engaged and it is expected that she will take her place in the field.

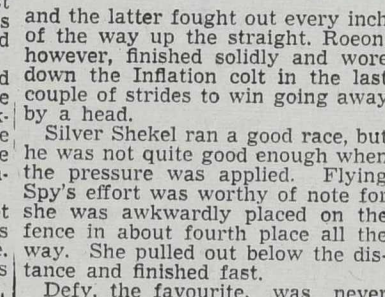
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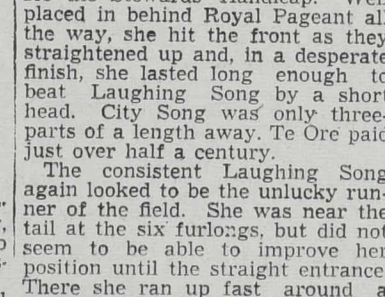
AN IMPRESSIVE WINNER—Black Thread drew attention to his holiday prospects with an attractive win in the Railway Handicap at Woodville yesterday. He is engaged in the A.R.C. Railway Handicap on Boxing Day.



OVER HALF A CENTURY.—Te Ore created a great surprise at the Stewards' Handicap when she won the Stewards' Handicap. She paid over half a century.



and the latter fought out every inch of the way up the straight. Roeon, however, finished solidly and wore down the inflation colt in the last couple of strides to win going away by head.

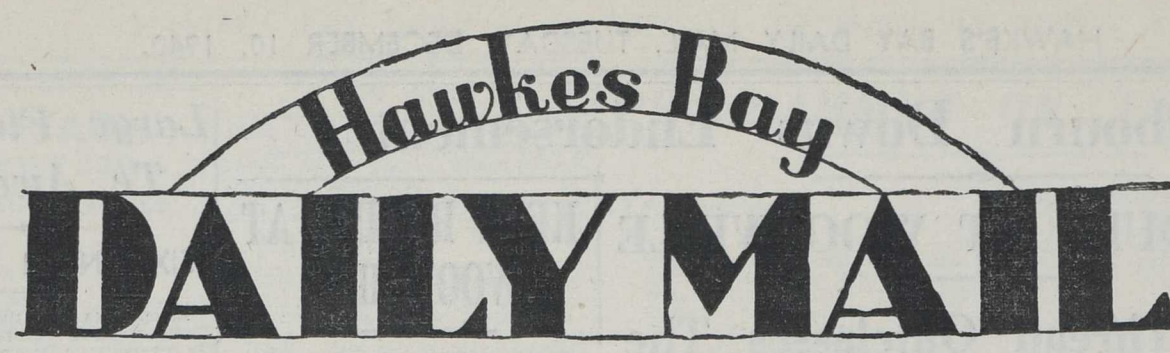


With little form to recommend her, Te Ore was at a "joy" price for the Stewards' Handicap. Well placed in behind Royal Pageant all the way, she hit the front as they straightened up and, in a desperate finish, she lasted long enough

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