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CRACK RUSSIAN TROOPS SUFFER SEVERE DEFEAT

Terrific Blow Dealt By Finns

SOVIET HIGH COMMAND OUTMANOEUVRED

A Tactical Masterstroke

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LONDON, Jan. 3.

"For military reasons the extent of the crushing Finnish victory at Kiantajarvi has been carefully screened in communications," states the Kiantajarvi correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph." "It surpassed the Finns' terrific blow on the Suomussalmi sector, 200 miles further north. It involved the destruction of a crack Russian division of 18,000 men and the capture of much war material and 700 prisoners.

"Three Russian divisions participated in twin battles at Kiantajarvi and Algajarvi. The Russians were not ill-clad, badly trained, or proletarian cannon fodder, but well-clothed, fully equipped shock troops. The Finnish strategy made monkeys of the Soviet High Command. The officer directing this tactical masterpiece has been promoted from colonel to general.

"The Finns are now tying the Russians into knots east of Algajarvi."

A message from Helsingfors states that the Finnish triumph at Kiantajarvi, coupled with successful thrusts into Russian territory elsewhere, has relieved the pressure against the Joensuu-Nurmes and Oulu railways, which are most important for the transport of Finnish reserves.

Russian planes bombed Turku harbour, five being killed and 20 wounded. Bombs ignited many houses, hit the Finnish steamer Leo, damaged a Swedish steamer and two tugs. Thirty-two planes participated in a raid on Wasa. Bombs killed or wounded thirty and destroyed many houses, but the historic museum in the fire-damaged castle was saved.

A blizzard not only prevented raids to-day but forced a number of Soviet planes to land in Finnish territory.

The Russians bombed Oulu last Monday. The casualties and damage are extensive.

A serious accident is reported on the Murmansk railway, where a troop train crashed down an embankment, causing hundreds of deaths, but it is not certain whether it was due to Finnish mines or the condition of the railway line.

A search of the Pasvik River revealed no trace of Russian bombs allegedly dropped in Norway.

Finnish hotels and restaurants have been ordered to serve simpler meals. Household rationing is to be introduced. The heating rations are still substantial.

Held At Bay

A reorganised Russian army, under General Stern, and numbering 200,000 men, yesterday launched a great frontal attack on the Mannerheim Line, the Finnish defence line on the Karelian Isthmus, in a blinding blizzard, but failed, stated an earlier message. One hundred thousand Finns, one-third of the total Finnish army, are holding the assaults at bay despite the tactics of the Russians in pressing in simultaneously on both wings and on the centre in the hope of preventing the Finns from concentrating reinforcements to threatened points.

The Finns shot down seven Russian planes.

Meanwhile, the Finns, moving swiftly on the Kuelajarvi front, in the north-east, threaten to encircle and annihilate 16,000 Russians.

Russians Cut Off

It is reported from Copenhagen, but without confirmation, that the Finns have cut off 10,000 Russians from their bases in Petsamo and Murmansk, in the Arctic region, after defeating the invaders at Nikelby, a mining centre in the Petsamo area.

Russian aeroplanes have damaged 50 Finnish towns, but the damage is insignificant from a military point of view.

Russian artillery has been pounding the Finnish lines for 36 hours with increased intensity. The gunfire is audible at Viborg, at the southern end of the isthmus. All reports agree that the Finns so far have not yielded an inch.

A large number of the Russian wounded are left to freeze to death in No Man's Land.

Russian bombers have set on fire the town of Turku, a port at the junction of the Gulf of Bothnia and the Gulf of Finland which has been used recently as a receiving depot for material dispatched by the Scandinavian countries for the assistance of Finland.

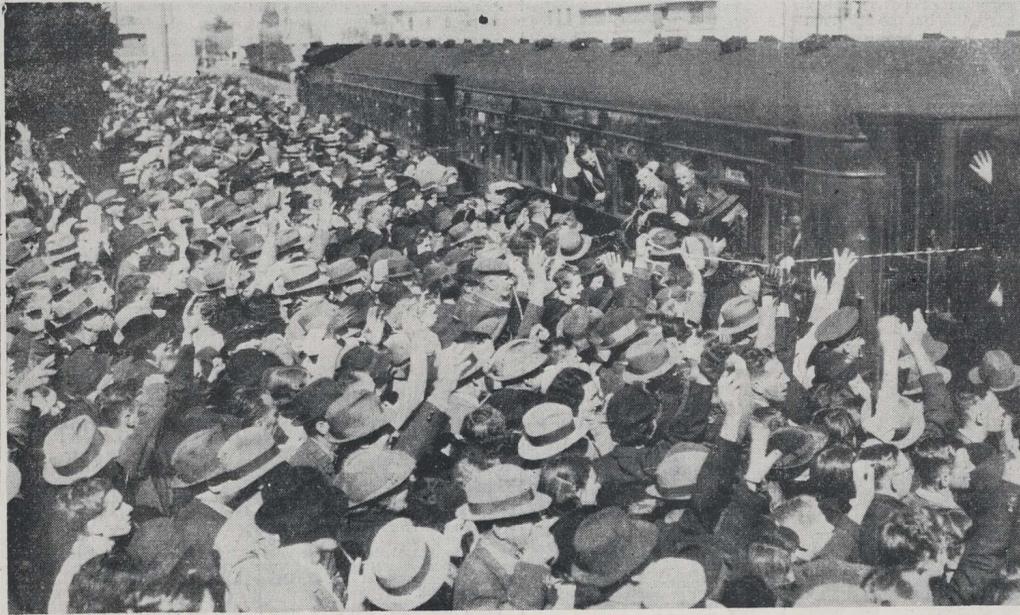
Turku Castle was set on fire by a Russian bomber when two people were killed and four wounded. It dates from the 13th century, and houses Finland's finest museum.

FIVE NEW BATTALIONS IN INDIA

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DELHI, Jan. 3.

The Government has authorised the formation of five new battalions of territorials under the expansion plan announced after the outbreak of the war.



ANYWHERE IN NEW ZEALAND.—When the boys go off to war, the crowds gather to give them a good send-off. But is it possible that some of those in this crowd should be in the train?

Double Dealer Sentenced To Gaol

SPIED FOR BOTH BRITAIN AND GERMANY

Swiss Police Expose Activities

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ZURICH, Jan. 3.

A Moravian baron has been sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for allegedly being employed by both the British and the German intelligence services.

The police said that anonymous money orders had arrived for the baron from both Berlin and London.

A horse dealer was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment. According to the evidence, he worked for the French Secret Service in co-operation with the baron, but had no knowledge of the baron's other connections.

The police did not disclose the names of the prisoners.

BRITISH TROOPS TO BE TRAINED OVERSEAS

SOME TO GO TO FRANCE, PALESTINE AND AFRICA

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LONDON, Jan. 3.

The "News Chronicle" says that large numbers of the two million men due for calling up in the next few months will be trained in France, Africa, Palestine and elsewhere, thus relieving the billeting strain in England, and providing reinforcements at strategic points.

ATHENIA SURVIVORS DECORATED

Coolness In Danger CHIEF OFFICER AND BOATSWAIN

Fine Rescue Efforts

British Official Wireless.
(Received January 3, 9.45 p.m.)

RUGBY, Jan. 3.

The following awards to survivors of the liner Athenia, which was torpedoed on the outbreak of the war, have been gazetted:

O.B.E. Civil Division: B. M. Copeland, chief officer.

Medal of Civil Division of the O.B.E.: William Harvey, boatswain.

The Gazette says of Mr Copeland that the fact that the loading and getting away from the sinking ship, the arrangements for which he was responsible, were done in darkness without any kind of hitch or loss reflects great credit on his powers of organisation and command.

Mr Copeland was later picked up by a warship but, on discovering that a woman whom he had earlier taken to the sick bay unconscious was missing, he insisted on returning to the Athenia. He was accompanied by the boatswain. He found the woman still unconscious and, after examining the condition of the Athenia, he returned to the warship with the woman shortly before the Athenia sank.

Mr Harvey was also warmly commended for his outstanding coolness and efficiency.

FRENCH IDEA OF EUROPEAN FEDERATION WILL NOT BE PERMITTED JUST TO LAPSE

ORGANISED EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO SPREAD NEW POLITICAL GOSPEL OVER THE WORLD

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LONDON, Jan. 3.

The idea of European federation is receiving increasing prominence since M. Daladier's speech on December 29. The Paris correspondent of the Associated Press of Great Britain states that an organised effort to build up sentiment for such a federation is reported to have begun and the French hope that it might eventually become world-wide.

An authorised spokesman said that the idea of federation opposes Germany's ambition to absorb other countries. The system would be modelled on the existing Anglo-French collaboration. Newspapers and radio commentators echoed these statements.

The B.B.C. news announcer to-day ended a reference to Mr Chamberlain's telephoning M. Daladier with the statement that Mr Chamberlain had asked M. Daladier to act as his spokesman because the British Parliament was not sitting.

A plan for an ingenious reshuffling of the Nazi regime as part of a spring peace move is published with reserve in the newspaper "Petit Parisien" from a correspondent in Italy.

The plan, like previous manoeuvres, aims at leaving Germany in possession of the essential part of her conquests.

Hitler would become President, similar to the late Field-Marshal von Hindenburg, and Field-Marshal Goering would become Chancellor. The Nazi Police Chief (Heinrich Himmler), the Propaganda Minister (Dr Goebbels), the leader of the Labour Front (Dr Ley), and others would disappear, and foreign affairs would be entrusted to a professional diplomat, probably Dr von Mackensen, German Ambassador to Rome.

Dr Schacht would be reinstated as Minister of Economy, a position from which he resigned nearly a year ago.

The new administration would restore self-sufficiency in order to restore world trade. It would observe "political distance" from Russia, and fix the size of Czechoslovakia and Poland by the arbitration of a high personage.

The "Petit Parisien" expresses the opinion that German industrialists would welcome any interior solution likely to prevent Germany's slipping toward Bolshevism.

'National Butter' In Britain

NEW REGULATION The Only Words Allowed On Wrapper

PRICE FIXATION

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LONDON, Jan. 3.

A regulation being enforced on January 8 maintains the retail price of butter at 1/7.

It has been decided that all butter will be known as "National Butter," which are the only two words permissible on wrappers after February 1.

Accidental Bombardment Of Irish Town

British Fleet Auxiliary At Practice Off Belfast

Bangor Shelled

Five Houses Damaged: Many Persons Have Lucky Escapes

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LONDON, Jan. 3.

Five houses were damaged and several people narrowly escaped death during an accidental bombardment from the sea off Bangor, County Down.

A shell penetrated a house in which three children were sitting on a couch and flung the couch endways. A second shell wrecked a perambulator in the next door garden from which a child had just previously been removed.

Another struck a garage and damaged several cars.

The Admiralty states that when a fleet auxiliary was at practice at the entrance to Belfast Lough shells fell on Bangor. Nobody was injured but some houses and buildings were damaged.

BERLIN CLAIMS VICTORY IN THE AIR

Three British Bombers Brought Down

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BERLIN, Jan. 3.

It is claimed that three of the most modern Wellington models were brought down over the Heligoland Bight after a brief encounter with Messerschmitts. There are said to have been no German losses.

A NEW WAVE OF ARRESTS SWEEPS CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Medieval Dungeons Full Of Those Who Attempt To Resist Germanisation

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LONDON, Jan. 3.

"A new wave of arrests has swept over Czechoslovakia," says the Belgrade correspondent of "The Times." "The victims are army officers, including four generals, and members of the Government 'troop,' also the office staff at the Skoda Arms Works, and journalists.

"The arrests of Government troopers is due to infiltration of the ranks by German spies.

"The entire foreign correspondence staff of the Skoda has been taken into custody.

"The Gestapo raided the headquarters of the illegal newspaper 'To Arms' and are believed to have killed a number of editorial writers.

"The Prague prisons are full and the dungeons, which formerly were exhibited as examples of medieval barbarism, are again employed.

"The process of Germanisation is being expedited. Villages are evacuated for German colonisation; all educational establishments are closed, and quantities of food are being transferred to Germany."

EMPIRE'S HELP FOR MOTHERLAND

Fleet Reinforcements

THE BIG PART PLAYED BY AUSTRALIA

New Zealand Not Lagging

British Official Wireless.
(Received January 3, 7.45 p.m.)

RUGBY, Jan. 3.

The spontaneous and overwhelming offers of support from the Dominions and colonies since the outbreak of the war have caused some concern to the enemy, whose propaganda has repeatedly belittled the potential and actual support from the Empire and has even foretold the Empire's early disintegration.

Men, money, munitions, and supplies of all kinds are reaching Britain in an ever-swelling spate, but the first, and among the greatest of the Empire's war contributions, was the reinforcement of the British Fleet by the navies of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and India immediately war broke out.

The greatest of these reinforcements came from Australia, with six cruisers, one flotilla leader, four destroyers, and two escort vessels. In addition, Australia is now building three destroyers of the Tribal class and four escort vessels are nearing completion. A number of ships have been requisitioned for minesweeping and patrol work, seven mine-sweeping and anti-submarine vessels are being laid down, and a flotilla of fast motor-torpedo boats has been ordered.

Australia trains her own officers and ratings and now, with the exception of a few senior officers and warrant officers, the personnel of her navy are entirely Australian.

The personnel provided for in the 1939-40 estimates was 555 officers and 5752 ratings. Reserve forces totalling some 500 officers and 5000 men were called up on the outbreak of the war to complete the sea-going fleet to war complement and man the auxiliary craft for local defence.

Canada's Part

The Royal Canadian Navy, established in 1910, had at the outbreak of the war personnel of some 500 officers and 1800 men, who were immediately reinforced by calling up a further 1800 reservists. Many others joined up and are now under training.

When war began Canada's fleet consisted of six modern destroyers and five mine-sweeping trawlers. In 1939 the 36-knot flotilla leader Kempenfelt was taken over from the Royal Navy and renamed.

By November 40 vessels had been requisitioned for mine-sweeping and patrol work and a number of naval mine-sweepers and fast patrol vessels are already on the stocks.

New Zealand

Though New Zealand has no sea-going fleet of her own, since 1925 she has been lent two cruisers of the Royal Navy, which she maintains at her own expense—the Achilles, made famous in the engagement with the Graf Spee and the Leander.

At the beginning of the war there were some 700 New Zealand naval ratings, who were immediately reinforced by calling up 700 reservists. With this force the Dominion has already provided armed merchant cruisers and a number of mine-sweeping trawlers. New Zealand also contributed £1,000,000 towards the construction of the Singapore naval base.

In 1938 the Government of India undertook to maintain at least six modern war vessels for co-operation with the Royal Navy in the defence of India. The Royal Indian Navy at present consists of five escort vessels, one patrol vessel, one survey ship, one training and depot ship and various auxiliary craft based on the naval dockyard at Bombay. Four more modern escort vessels are about to be built. Apart from reserves, the sea-going strength of the Royal Indian Navy is approximately 170 officers and 1500 men.

South Africa has no navy of her own but has undertaken the defence of the Union's harbours and her 1300 miles of coast line. Shortly after the war began a special sea-defence force was organised and this includes a large number of trawlers and other vessels well equipped for mine-sweeping and patrol work, and the air arm, whose reconnaissance squadrons patrol far out to sea protecting trade routes.

The South African Division of the R.N.V.R., which in peace time numbers 65 officers and approximately 1000 men, is rapidly expanding.

HONG KONG CLOSED

NO TRAFFIC IN HARBOUR

DEFENCE MEASURE

Alarm Sounded For Undisclosed Cause

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NEW YORK, Jan. 2.

Britain closed Hong Kong Harbour as "a necessary defence measure" after the off-shore patrol had sounded an alarm, the cause of which is not disclosed.

Ships of all nationalities are forbidden to enter or leave pending further orders.

The Admiralty also withdrew two gunboats from the Yangtze patrol, leaving only three of the original 13.

NEW TAXES LIKELY IN AMERICA

National Defence PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Surprises Predicted

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.

President Roosevelt's annual message to Congress on Wednesday is expected to give Americans not only an interesting account of the internal affairs of the nation but also to chart America's position in a world at war.

President Roosevelt's Budget is expected to total 9,500,000,000 dollars, predicting a 1940-41 fiscal year deficit of approximately 3,000,000,000 dollars, bringing the national debt to the statutory limit of 45,000,000,000 dollars. Contemplated expenditures, moreover, of 2,000,000,000 dollars on national defence involving new taxes totalling 500,000,000 dollars, will certainly offer inflammable material for the Congressional debates.

The President is confidently expected to propose no further experimental legislation, but the New Deal continues to be a live issue and will remain so until the Presidential election in November.

The prominent mention of Mr. Cordell Hull's name is expected to produce confusion in the Democratic ranks. Mr. Hull, incidentally, will face the greatest political test of his career, since the reciprocal trade programme which he sponsored will undergo an extreme attack.

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RECRUITING FOR THE SECOND N.Z. ECHELON

Hawke's Bay Men Chosen For Training In Camp

Names of those recruits selected to go into camp with the Second Echelon of the Expeditionary Force from No. 7 Area of the Central Military District were announced from the Area Office, Napier, yesterday morning. There are a few more yet to be selected for the various units, but the list given below is substantially complete. So far as is known at area headquarters at present, the men will go into camp on January 12, the Rifle Battalion again going to Trentham and other units to the camps which have been vacated by their comrades of the First Echelon. Officers making the selection have aimed at keeping the proportion of married men to a minimum, and single men have always been given preference. Actually the list includes the names of a few married men, but not many. No. 7 Area more than filled its quota. After the final selection, there will be approximately 100 fit men left over to form the nucleus of the area's quota for the Third Echelon. Following is the list of men selected to go to camp from No. 7 Area, which includes East Coast, Gisborne, Hawke's Bay, and Masterton districts. Central Hawke's Bay men are classified as Hastings recruits:-

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7.0 a.m.: Breakfast session. 10.0: Devotional service. 10.15: Recordings. 11.0: Talk to women. 11.11: Recordings. 12.0: Lunch music. 3.30: Weather forecast. 4.0: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session. 5.45: Dinner music. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News and reports. 8.0: Mr. Chalmers, K.C. 8.15: "Wandering with the West Wind." 8.45: "The Fourth Form at St. Peter's." 9.0: Weather report and station notices. 9.25: A programme of band music, with interludes by Dad and Daisy (and George) (baritone). 10.0: Will Osborne and His Orchestra.

2YA Wellington

7.0 a.m.: Breakfast session. 10.10: Devotional service. 10.25: Recordings. 12.0: Lunch music. 2.0 p.m.: Recordings. 3.0: Sports results. Recordings. 3.30: Weather forecast. 4.0: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session. 5.45: Dinner session. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News and reports. 7.30: "Who's Who and What's What?" 8.0: Taylor's Novelty Band. 8.15: The Comedy Harmonists. 8.12: D. Gordon Paris (electric guitar). 8.19: Joe Green (xylophone) and Milt Herlich (organ). 8.22: Terence Lacey (tenor). 8.32: Harry Horlick and His Orchestra. 8.35: Daphne Love (soprano). 8.38: Taylor's Novelty Band. 8.44: Light Opera Company. 8.48: D. Gordon Paris (electric guitar). 8.54: Barnabas Gecezy and His Orchestra. 9.20: Weather report and station notices. 9.25: Recordings. 9.30: Programme, featuring the N.Z.S. String Orchestra in music by Humphreys and Henschel and Cecily Audibert (soprano).

3YA Christchurch

7.0 a.m.: Breakfast session. 10.0: Recordings. 10.30: Devotional service. 10.45: Recordings. 11.0: Talk to women. 11.30: Recordings. 12.0: Lunch music. 2.0 p.m.: Recordings. 3.0: Classical music. 4.0: Weather forecast and light musical programme. 4.30: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session. 5.45: Dinner music. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News and reports. 7.35: Review of the Journal of Agriculture. 8.0: "The Woman in White." 8.15: "Personal Column." 8.30: "Cronies of England." 9.20: Weather report and station notices. 9.25: Dance music.

4YA Dunedin

7.0 a.m.: Breakfast session. 10.10: Recordings. 10.15: Devotional service. 10.50: Talk to women. 12.0: Lunch music. 2.0 p.m.: Weather forecast. 2.0: Recordings. 3.0: Sports results. Classical music. 4.0: Weather forecast. 4.30: Light music. 4.45: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session. 5.45: Dinner music. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News and reports. 7.30: Gardening talk. 8.0: A concert by the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra of music by Brahms and composers with interludes by Heinrich Rehkemper (baritone) and Joseph Szigeti (violin). 10.5: Music, mirth and melody.

2YH Napier

7.0 a.m.: Breakfast session. 11.0: Light music. 12.0: Lunch session. 5.0 p.m.: Light music. 5.45: For the Children "Pinto Pete in Artillery." 6.15: Light music. 6.45: Weather report and forecast for Hawke's Bay. "Dad and Dave." Light music. 7.15: Inspector Scott of Scotland Yard. 8.0: Light Opera Theatre Orchestra. 8.15: B.B.C. recorded talk. "The Fol de Rols." 8.44: Boston Promenade Orchestra. 8.50: Cor. Eveyr organ. "In Buddha's Realm." "Monkey Tricks." 9.20: Light variety and dance music.

QUIET SALE FOR BEEF CATTLE

Firm Market For Lambs In Store Sheep Section

STORTFORD LODGE PRICES

A quiet demand ruled yesterday in the fat cattle section at Stortford Lodge for the first sale there in 1940. With an offering averaging only medium quality and made up largely of light ox beef, the market was never bright, only good lines attracting attention. A number of pens which failed to measure up to vendors' expectations were passed in. The small store cattle yarding consisted of a number of small lines which attracted few buyers, although the prices paid were for the most part firm enough. A pen of 30 good cows with 100 per cent. of forward conditioned calves made the best selling, going to competition at £6 1/-.

Some of yesterday's realisations were as follows:- Fat Cattle Two Hereford bullocks, well-framed and carrying good finish, sold at £12/9/-; in the same pen a similar P.A. bullock passed at £11/0/-, and a smaller but well-finished and thoroughly prime Hereford passed at £11/7/6. A single well-framed, nicely-finished A.A. heifer sold at £10/2/6; 4 A.A. cows, well-framed and averaging useful condition, ranged from £7/17/- to £8/17/6. Another similar pen made £6/14/- to £8/10/-. Four medium framed A.A. heifers, carrying good medium finish, realised £8 to £9/2/6, on account of Mr. H. Hassall, Raukawa.

From the same source 4 more A.A. heifers, small-framed and light finished, sold at £7/10/-. Four medium framed bullocks, a sound line, sold at £11. Six A.A. and Hereford cross medium-framed heifers, carrying high finish, realised in the region of £7/10/-. Another similar pen made £7/16/-. In from Pukahu, a pen of small-framed Hereford cows, a medium-finished line, made £6/15/- to £7/10/-.

Store Cattle Eight A.A. heifers, in good store order, sold at £5/9/-; 30 mixed-bred cows, mainly first and second calvers, with 30 well-grown calves, an attractive store, realised £17/- on account of Mr. A. P. White. 10 A.A. cows, lighter than the previous pen but still a useful proposition and having 10 good calves at foot, made £5/10/-. Eleven fairly-framed mixed-bred bullocks, a store quality line needing finish, passed at £7/17/6; 6 3-year A.A. steers, a small lot which should grow on satisfactorily, passed at £5; 13 well-framed A.A. cows, empty and in forward order, several being killable, made £5/7/6.

Fat Sheep A succession of pens of fairly-framed ewes, carrying on the average prime condition, sold at 16/-. 13/6, 15/3, 17/1 and 16/3. Pens of 18 ewes, made 21/-. 13/6 and 17/-. Eleven maiden Southdown ewes made 18/6; another pen made 18/3. Two pens of lambs realised 21/- and 18/5. Two good Down cross wethers made 22/-. Fourteen heavy, prime Down cross ewes sold at 18/6; four wethers sold at 21/-. Further pens of heavy ewes made 17/9, 17/ and 17/3.

Store Sheep In from Newstead, on account of Mr. L. Pattullo, 259 wether lambs, nicely grown and in forward order, realised 16/10. On account of Greenhill Station, 377 wether lambs, which had had a week on rape and were offered in forward condition, realised 17/7. On account of Mr. E. I. Clarkson, a heavier pen of lambs, a sound store line, sold at 18/6. Two hundred and ninety wether lambs, offered on account of the Estate of Mr. J. Halliburton, and in fair store order, made 16/-. A forward conditioned pen of 279 lambs, in heavy store order and nicely grown, sold at 19/9. On account of Clarendon Station, 372 shorn wether lambs, a good store line in sound condition, made 16/1 and 16/-, selling in two lots.

From Waiwhare Station, 661 lambs, fairly grown and in useful store order, sold in two lots at 15/3. On account of Mr. E. F. Clarkson, 223 wether lambs, quite a sound line though not in forward order, passed cheaply at 12/3. From Otara on account of Mr. W. G. Corbin, 178 fat and forward wether lambs, a fine store line, a proportion of which would hang up, sold at 20/7; 142 two-tooth wethers, well-grown and early shorn, carrying a good store condition, passed at 16/2. On account of Mr. H. Hassall, Raukawa, 220 wether lambs, a nicely grown, forward line, sold at 18/1. 138 wether lambs, a sound, heavy pen, sold at 20/6. On account of Mr. Hassall, a further pen of 183 wether lambs, lighter than previous pens but a line which should do well on rape, went cheaply enough at 13/5. On account of Clarendon Station, 154 shorn wether lambs, a light store line, made 13/3. From Tanozio, 113 sound wether lambs realised 17/9.

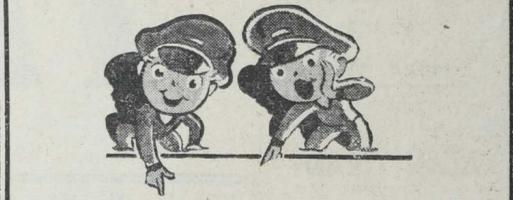
A tobacco fund started by the Overseas League for British soldiers in France has already received money for enough cigarettes to cover 45 miles of the front line, laid end to end. Takapau Rainfall—Three point 34 inches of rain fell on nine days during December (4.74 on 16 days). The total rainfall for the year was 26.45 inches, compared with 52.34 in 1939, and rain fell on 140 days throughout the year (153). The average yearly rainfall is 39 inches. (Figures in parentheses refer to the previous year.)

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SPORTS DAY AT FRASERTOWN ATTRACTIVE ANNUAL PROGRAMME

Tin Hare Racing Proves Popular "Daily Mail" Special Service. One of the best programmes yet conducted by the club was the unanimous verdict of the large gathering of Wairoa and Gisborne district people who attended the Frasertown Athletic Club's annual sports meeting on the Frasertown Domain on Tuesday.

The introduction of tin-hare racing in the Wairoa districts, events which were run in conjunction with the Gisborne Greyhound Racing and Coursing Club, was an added attraction.

The weather, though overcast, remained fine and the grounds were in good condition. Detailed results are:- Tin Hare Racing: Pakowhai Maiden Race—First heat: N. Davy's King Minto 1, J. H. Prout's King Foo 2, E. Hindrup's Silver Tip 3. Time, 28sec. Second heat: Mrs. Cudd's Joy's Choice 1, E. Murphy's Social Talk 2, M. R. Murphy's Katipo 3. Time, 20sec. Final: E. Murphy's Social Talk 1, M. R. Murphy's Katipo 2, N. Davy's King Minto 3. Wairoa Limit Stakes: K. O'Connell's Silver Cadet 1, H. W. Hosier's Bonny Glow 2, E. Murphy's Social Talk 3. Frasertown St. Leger Stakes: E. Morrow's Radiant Call 1, K. O'Connell's Silver Cadet 2, C. A. Webb's Rebellion 3. Time, 20.2-5sec. Mill Novice Hurdles: E. Hindrup's Silver Tip 1. Silver Tip was the only dog to complete the course, the remaining dogs in the race being disqualified for missing the hurdles.

Athletic Events: 75 yards Women's Race: Miss P. Unwin 1, Miss R. Henderson 2, Miss I. Buscke 3. 100 yards Men's Handicap: E. White (Gisborne), Jvd., 1; N. Harvey (Gisborne), 4yds., 2; M. Leigh (Gisborne), 5yds., 3. 440 yards Men's Handicap: J. W. Smith (Wairoa), 40yds., 1; J. Nicol (Wairoa), 35yds., 2; E. White (Gisborne), 10yds., 3. Time, 58sec. One Mile Boys' Race, under 16: F. Lambert (45yds.), 1; R. Hart (55yds.), 2; W. Hema (75yds.), 3. Time, 5min. 30.2-5sec. One Mile Handet: C. J. Nicol (130yds.), 1; O. Howard (150yds.), 2; A. Compton 3. Time, 4min. 50.3-5sec. Horse Events: Station Hack: J. D. Simpson's Star 1, J. Brownlie's Rohana 2, E. F. Bruce's Red Skin 3. Maiden Jump: J. D. Simpson's Star 1, E. F. Bruce's Barry 2, C. Walker's Packman 3.

TWO RECORDS AT WAIROA

MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS 1939 STATISTICS

Deaths Show Noticeable Decline "Daily Mail" Special Service.

Births and marriages registered at Wairoa last year both constituted records according to vital statistics supplied by the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Mr H. G. Jamieson). On the other hand, the total number of deaths for 1939 was lower than has been recorded for a long period. Last year births registered totalled 219, compared with the previous best total of 175 in 1938. Included in last year's total were 61 Maori births, against 42 for 1938. Altogether 65 marriage notices were issued, compared with 56 in 1937. Marriages performed by the registrar last year numbered 10, against six in 1938, the record of 14 being created in 1936. Last year there were 64 deaths, this being the lowest since 1936, when the total was 87. In 1939 the total was made up of 45 Europeans and 19 Maoris, compared with 72 Europeans and 44 Maoris in 1938— the record year for the number of deaths in the district.

Tryers' Jump: S. Lambert's Donald 1, V. Lihkhoru's Sea Hawk 2, J. D. Simpson's Star 3. Open Hunters' Jump: W. Torbett's Tul 1, J. Brownlie's Rohana 2, S. Lambert's All Black 3. Consolation Jump: J. Brownlie's Rohana 1, V. Lihkhoru's Sun Hawk 2, S. Lambert's All Black 3. Cycling Events: Half-mile Handicap: J. Gooch (Gisborne), 55yds., 1; D. Gooch (Gisborne), 10yds., 2; H. Thompson (Gisborne), 20yds., 3. One Mile Handicap: J. Tomlinson (Gisborne), 80yds., 1; G. C. Poole (Gisborne), 100yds., 2; A. Carter (Gisborne), 75yds., 3. Time, 3min. 43sec. Two Mile Handicap: R. Poole, 175yds., 1; G. Tomlinson, 150yds., 2; A. Carter, 100yds., 3. Time, 6min. 4.25 sec. Two Mile Handicap: R. Poole, 175yds., 1; G. Tomlinson, 150yds., 2; A. Carter, 100yds., 3. Time, 6min. 4.25 sec.

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TWO OLD CHAIRS: AND A COAT OF PAINT

The Unexpected Intricacies Of Rejuvenating Antiquated Furniture

There is something about a fresh can of paint and a smooth black-bristled brush which is irresistible to me. I can't pass the window of a paint-shop without stopping to admire the latest colours displayed on narrow strips of board. Sample paint cards fascinate me as yam folders do a knitter.

And, once a can of paint is in my hands, I'm impatient until the lid is off and I'm dipping into it. I'm like an enthusiastic cook with a new recipe, like a little boy with a new toy to take apart.

I was happy when the two old chairs, which stood at each end of the kitchen table, began to look shabby and in need of painting. "In this day of streamlined kitchens," the paint catalogue said, "there is no place for worn and dingy furniture. My kitchen is anything but streamlined. It holds a sandstone sink, decorated with yards of brass pipe; a gas stove, a relic of those first manufacturers; and an old-fashioned coal range, reminiscent of the days when it covered two-thirds of the wall on the long side of the room.

It looks like the kitchen in the Alcott house, in Concord, which everybody knows is furnished exactly as it was when Louisa and her sisters were peeling potatoes in it. But, quaint and hoop-skirted as it is, I knew my poor kitchen would be the better for having the chairs, which were worn to bare wood in spots, covered with a glossy coat of black enamel paint.

My husband frowns on furniture painting in the home and we can't paint for the life of the furniture, at house-cleaning time, and in between seasons, too, he has been subjected to the necessity of jumping over touched-up spots on the floor of the back hall upstairs—for a day or two. In an hour or so, the job was done and, as far as I could see under the dim cellar light, accomplished with some artistry.

It seemed odd that, by the second day, the paint on the chairs hadn't dried. "Four hours' drying time," the paint can said. "Of course," I thought, "paint manufacturers don't expect you to do your drying in the basement. Surely, by Saturday, they'll be ready to take upstairs to be sat upon."

On the fourth day after the painting, my husband, looking slightly superior, said: "I see those chairs you painted in the cellar aren't dry yet." He sat, cracking nuts, in one of the bedroom pine chairs which I had placed at the ends of the kitchen table.

"Oh, I meant to surprise you," I said.

"You did," he said, "right on my knee when I went to get the cellar broom the other day. Fortunately, I had my overalls on." And then, sternly: "Where did you buy the paint?"

"At the hardware store, and it's the best quality black enamel."

"Firm," he said, "must be the fault of the workmanship, then."

"They'll be quite all right when I've sunned them," I said. "I'll put them outdoors to-morrow."

I did, directly below the back steps where they would receive sun rays most of the day. It was the busiest morning of the week, the day

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Five o'Clock Gossip

The Misses Rona and Jean Gilbert, Napier, left yesterday morning for Christchurch, where they are to spend a vacation.

Miss Nola Marshall, who has been spending the Christmas and New Year holidays in Hastings, has returned to Wellington. She has been the guest of her mother, Mrs E. M. Marshall, of "Clifton," Southampton Street, Hastings.

Mrs J. Macdougall (Otane) and her daughter Isabel visited Wellington during the week-end.

Mr E. Waugh, Wellington, and the Misses Rona, Betty and Phyllis Waugh, who are on a motor camping trip in Hawke's Bay, spent a few days with Mr and Mrs Gordon Price, Te Kura.

Mr and Mrs A. Sudfeld (Waipoua) and their infant son spent the New Year with Mrs A. Mason, Otane.

Miss N. Elliott, Otane, has returned from visiting relatives in Napier and Hastings.

Miss A. M. Nelson, Christchurch, is spending a holiday with Mr and Mrs A. D. Cooper, Napier.

Mrs C. L. Young, Dunedin, is visiting Napier.

Mr F. Bee, Roslyn Road, and Miss A. Twigg, Lincoln Road, Napier, left yesterday for Wellington.

Mr and Mrs L. Fisher, Dunedin, are on a visit to Taupo.

Mr and Mrs R. M. Rickard, Seapoint Road, Napier, returned on Tuesday from a visit to Wellington.

Mr and Mrs J. Birnie, who have been visiting Taupo, return to Napier to-day.

Mr and Mrs H. J. Bailey are Napier visitors to Taupo and are guests at the Spa Hotel.

Mr and Mrs N. Cook are Palmerston North visitors to Napier.

Mr and Mrs John Bernau, who have been the guests of Mr and Mrs G. F. Gardiner, left yesterday to spend a few days at Taupo.

Mr and Mrs R. D. Wall, Auckland, are at present spending a holiday in Napier.

Sister Prudence Borlace, Thompson Road, Napier, has left to join the staff of the Papakura Military Camp.

Mr and Mrs W. C. Potter, Auckland, are spending a few days in Napier.

Mr and Mrs R. Dawson, Lower Hutt, are on a short visit to Napier.

Mrs W. H. Maxwell, Hastings, is visiting Wellington.

Miss Lilian Clarkson is a Hastings visitor to Wellington.

Miss June Burton, Hastings, who spent the New Year holidays at Wellington, returned on Tuesday evening.

Mr and Mrs J. Herrick, Waipukurau, have returned from a holiday visit to Wellington.

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Meetings Held During Past Month

HAVELOCK NORTH

The December meeting of the Havelock North Women's Institute is always a jolly one, and this year's was no exception to the rule. It was "Grandmothers' Day," and one pleasant feature was the presentation of a dainty, sprigged muslin lavender sachet to each grandmother present. Old-fashioned flowers decorated the hall.

An interesting item of the programme was a talk on the life of one of the early settlers in Hastings.

Charming shoulder sprays were given to Mrs. Leddom and Mrs. Bond, in appreciation of their work as pianists and Press correspondent respectively.

A parade of members wearing dresses they had made at a cost not exceeding 7/6 resulted in Mrs. Brebner carrying off the prize.

After tea came a play-reading by Mesdames Brebner, May, Pattison and Miss Fraser, and the proceedings closed with carols, "God Defend New Zealand" and "Auld Lang Syne."

Earlier in the afternoon reference was made to the passing of Mrs. Alderman, a foundation member of the institute. Those present stood in silence for a few moments in respect to her memory.

A message of affection and good wishes was sent from the meeting to Mrs. L. R. Hill, who has been ill for some time.

Mrs. Heenan secured first and third places in the best bloom competition, and Miss Elliott second.

The hostesses for the afternoon were Mesdames Bone, Goldfinch, Lockyer and Norwell, and Miss Clayton.

FERNHILL

The December meeting of the Fernhill Women's Institute was held in the Fernhill Hall, and took the form of a Christmas party to which husbands, children and friends of members were specially invited.

The president (Mrs. Finch) welcomed all visitors and members. An enjoyable programme arranged by Mrs. Finch was presented, the items being as follows: Dance and recitation, Miss Valerie Cleary; musical number, Mrs. Kelly; Rumanian dance, Miss Barbara Finch; recitation, Miss K. Griffiths. A humorous sketch entitled "A Sad Affair in Mangel Street" was produced by Mrs. Finch and was well received.

Miss J. Taylor won a clever fish competition.

After numerous games, which were entered into by all with zest and enjoyment, supper was served, first to the children and later to the grown-ups.

The centre of attraction on the supper table was a beautifully decorated birthday cake, its eight candles giving it a festive appearance. It was made by Mrs. Taylor and led by Mrs. Campbell.

OHURAKURA-TE POHUE

At the Ohurakura-Te Pohue Women's Institute meeting Mrs. Palmer presided.

After business, the competitions were judged by Mrs. Dampney sen. and Mrs. I. McKinnon, and resulted as follows:—

Best bloom: Mrs. Loppell 1, Mrs. Hughes 2, Mrs. Palmer 3.

Cooking: Mrs. Hankin 1, Mrs. Havord 2.

Best home-grown lettuce: Mrs. Hughes 1, Mrs. Hankin 2, Mrs. McRobbie 3.

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FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN

Miss C. Healy

On New Year's morning Sister C. Healy, the first member of the staff of the Napier Public Hospital to join the New Zealand Army Nursing Division was the guest of honour at a morning tea held in the lounge of the Nurses' Home.

Bowls of blue hydrangeas and gladioli made an attractive decoration in the lounge, where a dainty tea was served. At the conclusion of tea, Miss L. M. Croft, matron of the Napier Hospital, expressed her regret at Miss Healy's departure and wished her every success in her new sphere of work.

Miss Croft then presented Miss Healy with a beautiful Morocco writing case and travelling cushion.

On rising to reply and thank those present for their generous gift, Miss Healy received rounds of applause, after which all present sang "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Also on New Year's evening the Sisters of the hospital entertained Miss Healy at a very cheery supper party in the sitting-room of the Nurses' Home, where bowls of hydrangeas and dahlias made a pretty decoration.

A few hours of social chat and reminiscences made the evening pass pleasantly, and later a delicious supper was served.

TWO VISITORS

Self came in at the door—
Peevish and drab and poor;
Self came in with a frown;
I must push, and struggle, and strive
In order to keep alive—
Or I should soon be dead—
Self said.

Love came in at the door,
Rich love that couldn't be poor,
Sharing and satisfied,
I must give of my Father's treasure
Unstintingly, in largest measure.
Love said—and when Love looked around
No Self was found.

ANON.

A Waipukurau Wedding

COOK—GIBSON

Navy Gown Worn By Bride

JOLLY RECEPTION

St. Andrew's Church, Waipukurau, was the scene of a pretty wedding this week when Alice Lamont, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. D. Gibson, Waipukurau, was married to William, third son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Cook, Porangahau.

The bride, who entered the church with her father, wore a model gown of navy satin-backed crepe featuring a high neckline and slim fitting skirt. She wore a smart navy hat with navy shoes and carried a beautiful bouquet of fragrant pink carnations, cream roses and maidenhair fern.

Mrs O'Leary, sister of the bride, was matron-of-honour, and wore an attractive gown of floral clover silk sheer with hat and shoes to tone, and she carried a bouquet of carnations in clover shadings.

Mr Bob Cook, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

The Rev. M. A. Gow officiated at the ceremony, the wedding music being played by Miss Helen Johnson.

A reception was afterwards held at the Kosy tea-rooms, where the guests were received by Mr and Mrs Gibson, assisted by Mr and Mrs Cook. A matron's frock in black floral frock under her long black lace coat, to which was pinned a shoulder posy of mixed flowers. She wore a becoming black hat.

Mrs Cook was in a navy satin sheer ensemble and a navy hat, with shoulder posy to tone.

The reception room was charmingly decorated with summer flowers, the bridal table being centred with the handsome wedding cake which had been made by the bride's mother and decorated by Mrs G. A. Beattie, Porangahau, sister of the bridegroom.

Later, when Mr and Mrs Cook left on a motor tour of the North Island, the bride travelled in a pretty gown of floral silk sheer in rust tonings with hat, shoes and bag to match.

Mr and Mrs Cook's future home will be in Porangahau.

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GIRL GUIDES GO INTO CAMP

Central And Parkvale Troops Leave This Morning

This morning the Central and Parkvale Troops of the Girl Guides leave for eight days in camp at Kopua, near Takapau. The training Troop went into camp earlier in the week.

bowl of flowers: Mrs. Loppell 1, Mrs. Hankins 2, Mrs. Havord 3.

During afternoon tea the roll call, "What I would like for my birthday," was answered by all. Mrs. Eddy was proposed and accepted as a new member.

Mrs. McRobbie's competition was won by Mrs. McKinnon. Mrs. Palmer's game was also won by Mrs. McKinnon. Mrs. McKinnon's game was won by Mrs. R. Dampney.

Mrs. Eddy read the "Golden Thread." Afternoon tea was served by Mrs. Loppell and Mrs. Hankin.

COOKING

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The work carried out by the Borough Council on this site during the past year has effected a considerable improvement, and campers who have stayed in Waipukurau in previous years have been heard to express their appreciation of the change. The area is now neat and well-kept, and presents a most attractive appearance from the main road.

The willow trees provide ample shelter from sun and wind, while the river-bathing has been particularly good, the recent rains having maintained the depth of the water. With the added advantage of being only a few minutes' walk from the centre of the town, the camp well deserves its popularity with touring motorists.



PROCEEDING TO THE FRONT—AT HASTINGS.—There is not much difference between this picture and many of those which come from overseas; but war is war the world over, and all soldiers look alike. The Gisborne motor-cycling section riding through Hastings.



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Officers For First Echelon Appointed

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Appointments to the First Echelon of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force have been announced by the Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones) and approved by the Governor-General (Viscount Galway).

The appointments are in the ranks stated, with seniority in units as shown. Except where otherwise stated, they are to take effect as from January 5. The list is:—

ade Master: *Major C. S. J. Duff, Royal NZ Artillery, Intelligence. Duties: Lieutenant R. D. Sellers, 4th Field Regiment. *To take effect as from date of embarkation. Headquarters Divisional Engineers: Commander: Lieut-Colonel S. F. Heath, NZ Engineers, Adjutant: Captain G. P. Sanders, NZ Staff Corps; Captain M. S. Carrie, Second Lieutenant J. P. B. Peacock.

2nd New Zealand Division Provost Company: Officer Commanding: Captain E. W. Hayton, 19th (Wellington) Battalion. 2nd New Zealand Division Intelligence Section: Intelligence Officer: Captain A. D. W. Woolcott, 19th (Wellington) Battalion. Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Services: Lieutenant-Colonel T. J. King, NZ Army Ordnance Corps.

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BUSINESS FIRST AT OTANE

OTANE. The Otane Bowling Club was unable to play any big games during the holiday period because so many of their former members were busy with either shearing or harvesting, but those able to visit the green spent an enjoyable time.

The presence of Mr W. Lanham, who is a member of the Petone Club, lent added interest to the games, and a pairs match between H. Bainbridge and W. Lanham against J. H. August and J. Britten grew exciting, as the pairs tied at the 21st head. In the play-off the latter men won by a fine margin.

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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail. Your Own Morning Paper.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1940. EQUALITY OF SACRIFICE.

"Let me say to you officers, men, and citizens assembled here that equality of sacrifice is not going to be an empty phrase. Those who are to stay at home are going to do their part. The job does not end with the men in the trenches."

These are the reported words of Mr Savage during the farewell celebrations to the First Echelon of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force yesterday. They are not torn out of their context. Nothing that went before them or that came after them had much relation to them, but the words themselves are enough to make the thinking citizen come to a dead halt and to stand mentally at attention.

What are the sacrifices to be demanded of those who stay at home? Mr Savage has repeated again and again that proof of the Labour Government's beneficent policy is to be found in the greater number of motor-cars, bigger figures on the totalisator machines, and so forth. Is he suggesting that these things must be sacrificed while men are going to risk life and limb and substance and strength to repel the enemy?

If equality of sacrifice is reckoned in terms of hard cash, does Mr Savage's statement mean that soldiers' and civilians' wages will be calculated on an equal basis so that the "purchasing power of the people," whether on active service or not, may be maintained on the same level? If it does not mean that, why does it not, and if it does mean that, what will the trades unions have to say about it? Public works servants, watersiders, and the rest of the strongly entrenched unionists have given little indication since the war started of any inclination to agree to any kind of sacrifice at all. The Government is afraid of the unions. That is the fact of the matter. If the Government is not afraid of the unions, then it can stand up and say so.

Industrial troubles in the key industries can be settled mostly only in one way—by acceding to the demands of the men. Ministerial camouflaging of the real facts of each case cannot blind the eyes of the intelligent public to the realities below. Where is the equality of sacrifice at the present time? On one side of the street, so to speak, men are marching to war and to all that it means in the way of sacrifice that reaches up to life itself, and on the other, men are marching down to the docks or to other "jobs" scanning the union rules as they go to see to it that overtime rates will be duly paid for so many extra hours of work.

"May we at home prove worthy of your trust while you are away." It was Mr Adam Hamilton who said that to the men of the First Echelon. A loud "Amen" will be uttered by all who have the real interests of these men at heart. What does it mean to be worthy of the trust of our soldiers?

It does not mean giving cheap lip-service to the doctrine of equality of sacrifice. It means rather an attempt on the part of all to rise as nearly as possible to the level of the sacrifices made and about to be made by the men who still wait under sealed orders. It means sacrifice as such, and no mere verbal allegiance to it. It means, for us at home, doing more for less and keeping the home fires burning on the minimum of fuel. It means still less totalisator investments (they are slightly down), and possibly less revenue for the Government. It means less joy-riding and a greater sense of responsibility in regard to our national duty.

For those who are young and fit, it means less preoccupation with "escape" theories and more attention to the claims of the country upon their services. The First Echelon is ready to go. The Second Echelon is not full. The Third Echelon is not yet born. The need for sacrifice remains, and the only equality of sacrifice that can be made by those of age is to do what their contemporaries are doing.

Personal

Mr H. W. Meldrum, Mr F. Burton and Mr F. Algar have returned to Hastings after a short visit to Wellington.

Mr Gordon Christie has returned to Wellington, after spending the New Year holiday at his home in Havelock North.

The Hon. W. E. Barnard, M.P., leaves Napier this morning for Wellington, where to-morrow he will preside over a meeting of the Select Parliamentary Committee concerned with soldiers' welfare and other kindred matters. He expects to return to Napier at the week-end.

Mr C. B. McLeod, Christchurch, is spending a holiday with Mr and Mrs A. D. Cooper, Napier.

Mr E. C. Jamieson, who has been for a number of years organist at St. Andrew's Church, Napier, and prior to that was organist at St. John's Church, Napier, has received the appointment of organist to St. Mark's Church, Wellington. Mr Jamieson leaves Napier to-day to take up his appointment, which will begin on Sunday.

Aircraftsman C. Byford, who has been staying with his parents, Mr and Mrs G. Byford, George's Drive, Napier, on final leave, has now returned to camp at Hobsonville.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. Gray has been appointed officer-in-charge of the infantry battalion of the First Echelon.

Captain John Walton, of the Church Army, has been selected to accompany the first echelon overseas as chaplain.

The Rev. E. Chard, Perth, Australia, has been appointed assistant priest at St. Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton.

Dr B. Nixon, Oamaru, has been appointed junior house surgeon on the staff of the Ashburton public hospital and will take up his duties early next week.

Mr J. Agnew left Wairoa yesterday on his return to Waverley after spending the Christmas and New Year holidays with Mr and Mrs A. R. Gray, Queen Street.

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Letters to the Editor

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Wairoa Carnival. Sir,—At the conclusion of the Wairoa Queen Carnival, I would be grateful if you would permit me to thank all those people who worked so hard to make it the success that it undoubtedly was.

From its commencement the carnival seems to have been dogged by misfortune. The war was, of course, a major disaster, and, indeed, for some time it was doubtful if we would be able to continue. I would like to pay tribute to those who assisted in those anxious days by keeping cool and "carrying on." It is most gratifying, I think, to know that while at this time throughout New Zealand similar Centennial projects were either being abandoned or lapsing for lack of support, the people of Wairoa were able to carry their carnival through to such a successful conclusion, and a financial result which compares more than favourably with similar carnivals in Napier and Gisborne.

The way has not been easy, and there have been times when it has been difficult to keep smiling. Originally planned for six candidates, the war and other circumstances compelled the withdrawal of two of the strongest. Bereavements also affected two of the candidates' campaigns, and the necessary lengthening of the carnival by two months made it exceedingly difficult for other committees to keep going.

Yet, in spite of this, in spite of apathy, antagonism, and even definite opposition, the Queen Carnival was brought to a most successful conclusion, and the amount raised—£850—was, I think, an excellent achievement, when our pre-war estimate for six candidates was £1000.

While it would be impossible to mention all those good people who assisted, there are a number whose work demands public recognition. First of the winning candidates, credit is due to the Maru Maru committee, who were her main bulwark.

To all those I have mentioned, and to the hundreds of others who assisted, I must say "Thank you!"—I am, etc., JOHN WOOLF, Organiser.

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IMPRESSIVE FAREWELL TO TROOPS

Ceremony At Wellington

SERIOUS NOTE STRUCK BY SILENT CROWDS

Historic Sights Yesterday

By Telegraph—Press Association

WELLINGTON, Jan. 3.

Practically all Wellington and the Hutt Valley must have been concentrated along the route of the march taken by returned soldiers and Trentham members of the First Echelon of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force on their march through the city following the official farewell at Parliament House this morning.

The turnout of returned men was so large that people were nearly as impressed as by those in uniform, the returned men taking seven minutes to pass a given point, compared with 11 minutes by the troops.

Five bands participated in the march, and the band of H.M.S. Ramilles was stationed at the Citizens' War Memorial, which the troops marched past as they left the parade at Parliament House, saluting as they went by.

The whole city was at a standstill. Premises were open, but nobody remained inside. In the main it was a silent tribute the soldiers received. There were cheers in places and clapping of hands, but the people's patriotism was in their faces and not in their throats, and a further notable feature was the fact that there was a complete absence of vulgar jostling to see thousands being content to stand back on the pavements, leaving the front to those obviously intent on picking out their relatives and friends with a word and a cheer as they came along.

As in England, so here there is a serious note to this war that almost totally submerges the services, but that it is purposeful and intent the demeanour of the crowd and its completeness leaves no doubt whatever.

The troops came in from Trentham by train, paraded at the station and marched to Parliament House grounds.

Addresses Relayed

Long before the hour of the ceremony every vantage point open to the public had been occupied and the addresses were relayed through loud-speakers.

Addressing the men, the Governor-General (Viscount Galway) said that they were about to leave to answer the nation's call for assistance against a powerful enemy which challenged the right of other peoples, including the British Empire, to live their own lives. One would have thought that the German people might have learned a lesson from the last war, but apparently the gangster Government now in power in that country required to be taught a fresh and salutary lesson.

It was because they all appreciated the danger to the Empire and the challenge to that liberty which as British subjects they had always held dear that the New Zealand Division in the last war, he expressed the general hope that hostilities might not be drawn out, but the danger which threatened was so great that every part of the Empire should be trained with the least possible delay and made ready for service.

He paid a tribute to their leader, Major-General Freyberg, and referred to the fact that the troops' comfort and well-being abroad were being taken in hand, and he congratulated most heartily those who had volunteered for service overseas with the First Echelon, wishing them God-speed.

Duty of Those at Home

The Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage) prefaced his speech with an apology for the absence of Sir Andrew Russell, who returned from the last war tried, honored, and indeed loved by the men who served under him, and if he was a judge of man and men, he predicted that the same thing was going to happen on this occasion.

It was historic not only for New Zealand but the British Commonwealth of Nations that twice within memory of the present generation New Zealand men had responded to the call of Empire, and for that we had to thank the men who served in the past and those there to-day who were ready to serve in the future in whatever sphere they might be called upon.

Mr Savage spoke of the duty of those who remained at home. It was the job of the Government to organise for war and organise for peace, too. "Let me say to you, officers, men and citizens assembled here, that equality of sacrifice is not going to be an empty phrase," he said. "Those who are to stay at home are going to do their part. The job does not end with the men in the trenches, great as is their part."

He said that he was speaking in the name of the Government and of the individual. There was only one way to help the Mother Country and the Allies—that was, through the Government. The time had come for unity, and the day was here to begin the great work of organisation so that the men going abroad would be able to say that they were not going to be sacrificed in vain.

On behalf of the Government and the people, he thanked the officers and men on parade. "Our hearts and prayers will be with you and our hands outstretched to meet you on your return," he said.

Reply to Challenge

The Leader of the Opposition (the Hon. A. Hamilton) said: "You represent the first unhesitating reply to to-day's challenge to man's destiny. He thought that the undaunted and unflinching spirit they had displayed in answering that call was greater evidence of the determination of free men to defend the honour and precious privileges of liberty and justice than had ever been made in modern history. New Zealand's vanguard already in the war, in the air and on the sea, had glorified again the name of the New Zealand."

"You are worthy successors to carry the high national banner," he said. He hoped that wherever duty took them they would be given the courage, the strength and the determination to uphold in advance those British and New Zealand traditions of which all were so proud. "May we at some prove worthy of your trust while you are away," he added. "I know you will prove worthy of ours and of the honoured name of New Zealand."

Interests Guarded

Concluding the speeches, Hon. W. Perry said that, as Dominion President of the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association, he assured the troops that their interests would be watched in their absence and he hoped that on their return they would strengthen the organisation of the Returned Soldiers' Association. He expressed the wholehearted confidence of the returned men that the present troops would worthily uphold the traditions of Anzac. "From old Diggers to the new, good luck to you all, boys, and may you all come back covered with glory and with increased honour to New Zealand," he concluded.

A YOUNG NATION'S HEROES

PUBLIC TRIBUTE AT CHRISTCHURCH

Whole Crowd Sings The National Anthem

By Telegraph—Press Association. CHRISTCHURCH, Jan. 3.

The span of years between two wars was bridged to-day when 500 veterans of 1914-18 formed a guard of honour for the Burnham-trained soldiers of the First Echelon of the Expeditionary Force, which marched through the city streets. It was the city's farewell to the troops. Not for very many years—in fact, since the day of 1914—has a crowd in church seen so impressive an occasion.

More than 2000 troops marched to Cranmer Square past the saluting base, where Colonel P. H. Bell took the salute. Christchurch, it appeared, was there to a man, woman and child. Thousands lined the route from the railway station and back, while the crowd at Cranmer Square was estimated at well over 10,000.

Moving Moment

After the speeches, when the city gave its official godspeed through its representatives, the most moving moment of the day came with the singing by the huge crowd to a massed band accompaniment of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne."

The troops marched in drill order. They looked a thoroughly business-like army, and moved steadily, holding themselves with soldierly erectness and pride. On arrival at Cranmer Square there was a roar of cheering followed by an equally enthusiastic reception of the returned men who took up their positions facing the troops.

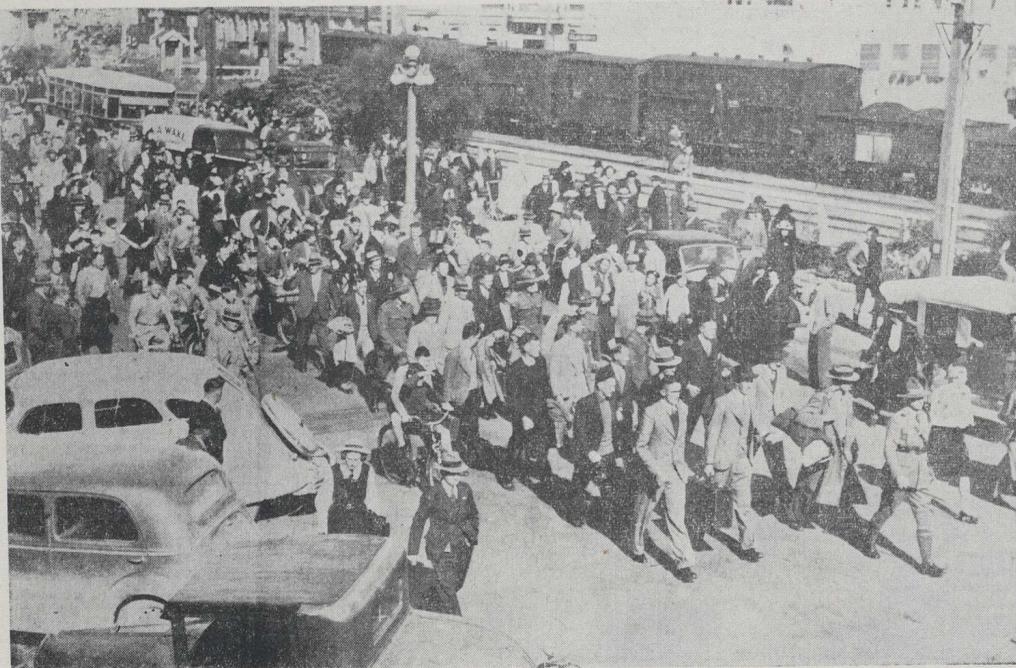
On the platform, in addition to Colonel Bell, were the Mayor (Mr. R. H. Macfarlane), the Minister of Railways (the Hon. D. C. Sullivan), the president of the Returned Soldiers' Association (Mr. A. E. Haynes), Bishop West-Watson, Bishop Brodie, members of the Legislative Council, members of Parliament and Mayors of Canterbury boroughs.

"We are gathered here to-day in the presence of the heroes of our nation," said Mr. Sullivan, who represented the Government. "They have volunteered themselves, with other young men of the British Empire, as a living wall against the powers of an enemy that has already ruthlessly destroyed the free nations of Poland, Austria and Czechoslovakia and would proceed to destroy piecemeal other free nations, including France and Britain, unless halted by a more powerful force than they can muster."

Noble Traditions

"It is to save the souls and the nationhood of these small States, and to save the British Empire and our ally, France, and the peoples of the world generally against this fight that these young men go to fight. There are noble traditions that they will maintain under the leadership of a great New Zealand soldier and British general, Major-General B. C. Freyberg. They will remember they have the souls of New Zealanders in their keeping; they will remember their British traditions."

"The New Zealand Labour Government joins with other Governments of the Empire and with the Labour Parties in every part of the Empire in this struggle to save the soul of the world and the freedom of the world against the destroying monster of Hitlerism, and we pray to-day that He who is all good and in Whom there is no evil will put the mantle of His protection over these boys and bring them safe home to their families and their country."



MARCHING AS TO WAR.—A typical scene in a Hawke's Bay town as the first volunteers stepped out to do their duty for the Dominion and the Empire. The wider spread of such purpose and determination would now seem to be urgently needed.

RETURNING FROM GERMANY

DAUGHTER OF LORD REDESDALE

FRIEND OF HITLER

Ambulance Waiting To Meet Her

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Miss Unity Freeman-Mitford, the pro-Nazi daughter of Lord Redesdale, and a close friend of Hitler, is expected at Folkestone to-morrow. An ambulance is standing by.

Miss Mitford left Germany via Switzerland by a specially-chartered ambulance train. Her mother and sister are accompanying her for the remainder of the journey.

Miss Mitford was reported some time ago to be in a private hospital in Germany, and there were unfounded references to her having attempted to commit suicide.

At the time of the Czechoslovakian crisis, Miss Mitford was detained by Czech officials after she had attempted to drive her car through a military zone. Her camera, films and notebook were confiscated.

Miss Mitford's sister is the wife of Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the British Fascist organisation. They were married in Munich and Hitler is reported to have attended the wedding.

Dense Throngs At Auckland

ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS

Two Thousand Soldiers Parade

CROWDS JOIN SONGS

By Telegraph—Press Association. AUCKLAND, Jan. 3.

In brilliant sunshine soldiers of the Special Force numbering over 2000 from the Hopu Hopu, Papakura and Ngaruawahia camps paraded at the Domain to-day in the presence of over 6000 citizens, and afterwards marched back to the railway station through densely lined streets.

After their arrival by trains early in the forenoon the soldiers marched by a short route to the Domain headed by military bands, and as the respective units formed up on parade at the Domain they were greeted by rounds of warm applause. These included a unit that is purely Auckland's, the 18th Auckland Infantry battalion.

So well had they been trained that it was almost impossible to believe that only three months had passed since they set out to become soldiers. The parade was commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Parkinson. The magnificent arms drill of the men as they accorded Colonel Weir a general salute brought enthusiastic applause.

Addresses were given by Colonel Weir, the Mayor (Sir Ernest Davis), and the Hon. W. Nash, representing the Government. At the call of the Mayor three rousing cheers were given by the crowd for the soldiers.

Thickly Thronged

Crowds of civilians five and six deep lined the streets as the men marched back. Queen Street was thickly thronged with cheering crowds, and almost every soldier appeared to have friends in the crowd.

Particularly enthusiastic was the scene at the Town Hall, where, during the march past on the way back to the station, the salute was taken by Colonel Weir, Sir Ernest Davis and Mr. Nash. Thousands had been waiting in Queen Street for over an hour, work in the city being at a standstill and the upper part of the world and the freedom of the world against the destroying monster of Hitlerism, and we pray to-day that He who is all good and in Whom there is no evil will put the mantle of His protection over these boys and bring them safe home to their families and their country."

Dog Used As Starter For Te Hero

Obstinate Racehorse Maintains His Reputation

Turns Wrong Way

Finally Chases The Field And The Dog, Amid Laughter

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received Jan. 4, 2.15 a.m.) SYDNEY, Jan. 3.

The New Zealand racehorse Te Hero disgraced himself again to-day at the Kensington meeting by refusing to leave the barrier with a field of eight in the Flying Handicap.

An element of humour was associated with this, Te Hero's final appearance in public. The stewards reported that a cattle dog attached to a chain had been taken to the rear of the barrier before the race and it was arranged that the dog should bark at the barrier rise, the idea being to frighten Te Hero into a good start.

The dog did its part, but Te Hero simply propped and turned the opposing way. The dog was then released, and pursued and barked furiously at the other fast-disappearing horses, whereupon Te Hero too decided to chase the field.

The crowd laughed loud and long and shouted "Send him home!" The stewards fined the trainer (D. Lewis) £5 for the dog incident and recommended that Te Hero's nomination should be refused for all future meetings.

LEAVE FOR BRITISH AMBASSADOR

Departure From Moscow

HAS NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Recall Officially Denied

British Official Wireless. RUGBY, Jan. 3.

It is reported from Moscow that the British Ambassador (Sir William Seeds) had an interview with the Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Potemkin, on Thursday to take leave prior to returning home for some weeks' leave.

Sir William Seeds has been prevented for some time from taking leave by developments in the international situation, which included the prolonged period of negotiations in Moscow before Russia seceded from the anti-aggression front, and he is known to be in need of a holiday. It has been made clear in well-informed quarters in London that his return to England just now has no political significance.

It is officially explained in Moscow that the Ambassador has not been recalled, but is taking a holiday, which, "in view of the present Soviet-British relations, may be prolonged indefinitely."

FRANCE WILL FOLLOW BRITAIN

Ambassador Expected To Leave Moscow

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The Moscow correspondent of the British United Press states that it is reliably reported that the French Ambassador (Mr. Naggier) is shortly returning to Paris on indefinite leave.

Dogs And Wolves Abound

'QUAKE AFTERMATH

Torrential Rain In Turkey

TREMORS CONTINUE

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Torrents of flooded rivers in the Bursa region of Turkey swept hundreds of persons and whole villages into the sea yesterday as downpours of rain and earth tremors continued.

The death-rolls include 1500 at Giresun and 900 at Ordu.

Four hundred houses were demolished at Kemal Pasha, and 5000 at Ordu.

The first relief ship from Istanbul has arrived at Ordu after a perilous voyage. One thousand destitute people were found wandering naked in one district. They were in peril from hunger-maddened dogs and wolves, which soldiers shot.

Buried Five Days The clearing up of Erzindjan, one of the greatest sufferers in the earthquake, is proceeding. People have been found living despite being buried for five days in the ruins.

The first group of 100 persons injured in the recent earthquake have arrived at Ankara by train from the Erzindjan area.

It is reported that most of the officers and soldiers of the garrison were killed. Many people committed suicide because they had seen their families perish.

Epidemics are feared from the number of bodies which remain unburied.

RAILWAY LINE BUCKLED BY HEAT

Melbourne Temperature Reaches 106 Degrees

SUDDEN DROP IN EVENING

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received January 4, 0.45 a.m.) MELBOURNE, Jan. 3.

The hottest day this summer was experienced to-day, when the city temperature reached 106 degrees.

After a comparatively cool night, a hot north wind arose early in the morning and by 9 a.m. the temperature was 90 degrees.

High temperatures prevailed all over Victoria. By 6 p.m. a cool change occurred, the temperature dropping about 20 degrees in ten minutes. More hot weather is forecast.

Serious grass fires are expected later if the exceptionally hot conditions continue.

The heat to-day buckled several chains of the Mornington railway line so seriously that a special race train was held up and passengers had to continue the journey by car.

Yesterday, when the temperature was only 101.4 degrees, Melbourne used 145,612,000 gallons of water.

Mother And Daughter Killed Outright

Collision Between A Train And A Car At A Crossing

Dangerous Point

Second Fatal Accident At The Same Place

By Telegraph—Press Association. AUCKLAND, Jan. 3.

Two women, a mother and her daughter, were killed to-night when a motor-car of which they were the only occupants was struck by the Rotorua-Auckland passenger train at Motuamaohu level crossing, about two miles from Morrinsville.

The victims were:—Mrs. Laura Smith, aged 64, wife of Maurice Smith, of Puriri, near Rotorua; and Agnes Constance Walton Smith, aged 24, of Puriri.

Miss Smith was driving the car in the direction of Puriri. The car was completely wrecked and the occupants were killed immediately, both suffering terrible head and internal injuries.

Miss Smith was thrown on to the bank beside the crossing and her mother was carried into an old sand pit 12 yards away from the road.

So great was the impact that the body of the car was torn completely from the chassis and hurled a chain away.

Mr. Smith and his family worked on a small farm near Thames.

The police and a doctor were quickly on the scene and the victims were taken back to Morrinsville. The train was not damaged.

Dangerous Place

About two years ago the Public Works Department contemplated erecting an overbridge to eliminate this level crossing. However, after several reinforced concrete piles had been constructed, the work was abandoned. The concrete piles remain in a paddock alongside the scene of to-night's double fatality.

This is the second fatal accident to occur at level crossing near Morrinsville within six weeks. The other was when a motor-orry driver was killed at the Piako crossing on the east side of the town.

I.R.A. RAID SUSPECTS REMANDED

Phoenix Park Theft LORRIES DROVE INTO FORT

Guard Was Locked In

United Press Association—Copyright. DUBLIN, Jan. 2.

Seven men were remanded under strong guard when they appeared to-day before the District Court on charges of breaking into the Phoenix Park magazine and stealing ammunition.

It was stated that a dozen soldiers occupied the magazine iron-barred gates. The captain was absent. The bell rang at 8.45 p.m., and the corporal who answered it was confronted by a cyclist, who presented a revolver and exclaimed: "Stick 'em up or I will blow out your brains!"

A group of men rushed out of hiding, seized the corporal and marched him to the guardroom, collecting a private en route and confining to the room other members of the guard found sitting round the fire.

The raiders, augmented by new arrivals, made the corporal disarm the magazine sentry.

The captain was taken prisoner by the raiders immediately he returned. Lorries drove into the fort, loaded the ammunition and rushed off. All the telephone wires were cut.

ESPIONAGE IN U.S.A. MUCH GREATER

Highest Weekly Average For Fifteen Years

United Press Association—Copyright. WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reported to-day to Congress that there were 1651 cases of espionage in 1939, as compared with 250 in 1938.

The normal average of 35 demands a week on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he added, was the heaviest for 15 years.

TUMULTUOUS WELCOME

GENERAL FREYBERG FETED

RETURNED MEN

Meeting In Wellington Town Hall

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, Jan. 3.

With enthusiasm and obvious emotion the Wellington returned soldiers accorded Major-General Freyberg a tumultuous welcome at a meeting in the Town Hall Concert Chamber this evening.

They cheered him as he rose to speak and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Afterwards he shook hands with the men who had served in the divisions with which he had been associated in the last war. Lieut.-Colonel A. Cowles, president of the Wellington R.S.A., expressed the pleasure felt by ex-soldiers that Major-General Freyberg had been appointed to command the Second N.Z. Expeditionary Force. He would be an inspiration to the younger men, he said.

The Hon. W. Perry, president of the N.Z.R.S.A., said that he was glad to see such a big crowd. He knew that they would wish Major-General Freyberg the greatest possible success.

Leader's Reply

"As I said yesterday, if I do not appear moved by this reception to-night, it belies the feelings that are inside me," said Major-General Freyberg. "Since arriving in New Zealand, what with the kindness shown to me and my work, I have deserted all my old friends; but you must remember that if I have not been able to come to see you it is not because I did not want to."

Referring to his inspections of the troops in camp at Burnham, Trentham, Ngaruawahia and Papakura, Major-General Freyberg said: "I think from my experience, that my eye is pretty good, and I can tell you that I have been greatly impressed by the stamp of man, by his demeanour on parade, and by his toughness, and I am perfectly certain that it will not be long of trying or for want of grit if these men do not live up to the great traditions set them."

"SAFETY FIRST" WINS

ROAD FATALITIES LESS

HEAVIER TRAFFIC

Statement By Minister Of Transport

By Telegraph—Press Association. CHRISTCHURCH, Jan. 3.

The lowest tally of road fatalities recorded in New Zealand for 15 years marked the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

The number of deaths was nine, as compared with 15 last year, and the average for the preceding eight years was 20.

In a statement released to-day, the Hon. R. Semple complimented motorists on this record, which he regarded as evidence that the safety campaign in which the majority of motorists were co-operating with the Government was taking effect.

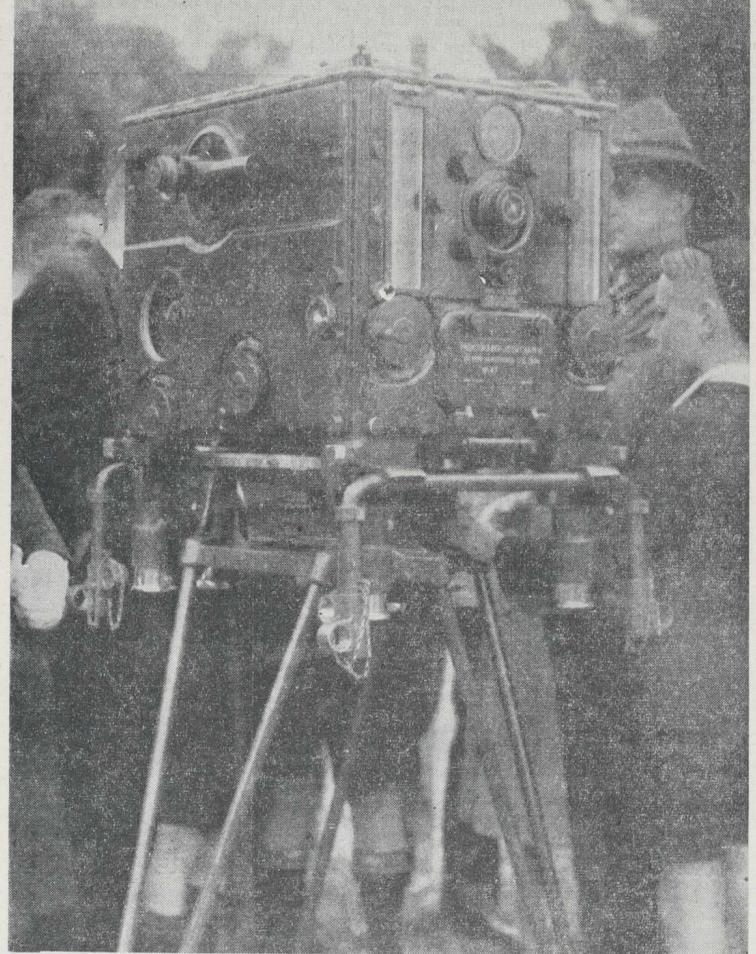
The record established this year was more noteworthy because the traffic had been the heaviest known on the roads of the Dominion for many years, this being due to the long week-ends which fell at Christmas time and again at the New Year.

The Minister added that the nine fatalities involved six motor cyclists, two pedestrians and in one case a motorist who was intoxicated. All the motor cycle fatalities occurred in the Auckland province.

South Island Record

Only one fatality occurred in the South Island, this being particularly unfortunate, as it involved the death of a soldier, who was killed on the road near Burnham Military Camp. This fatality was the first in South Island for a considerable time and the only one to occur in the whole of the Dominion for six days.

Mr. Semple said that motorists in the South Island and also in the Wellington Province were to be congratulated on the excellent record they had established. This was evidence of the degree of safety that could be achieved by a full observance of the rules of the road.



THIS IS NOT A PEEP-SHOW.—It is, on the contrary, a close-up of a complicated bag of tricks known as a "predictor," which is an instrument that plots the height, speed and course of an aeroplane so as to make the gunner's job easier.

SUCCESSFUL APPEAL FOR N.Z. PATRIOTIC FUND

Head Office Snowed Under By A Huge Delivery Of Mail

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, Jan. 3.

When the office of the National Patriotic Fund Board in Wellington opened to-day after the holidays, it received four large bags of mail from the Post Office containing, on a rough estimate, approximately 16,000 replies from subscribers in all parts of the Dominion to the seal campaign inaugurated by the board to raise money to provide comforts for the armed forces and the Mercantile Marine.

These letters, which were held during the holidays by the postal authorities under instructions from the secretary of the National Patriotic Fund Board, have been added to the large volume of replies received in the week before the office closed for the holidays.

It is difficult to make any accurate estimate of the numbers from the tightly-packed bundles, but there are 50,000 letters at least waiting to be opened.

A start is to be made with the work at the beginning of next week. Though the time was short between the inauguration of the campaign and the intervention of the holiday period, the response by the public was good.

Appreciation of this response has already been expressed and reference also has been made by officers of the National Patriotic Fund organisation to another gratifying feature—the facts that many people sent more than the value of seals and that others ordered further supplies.

Donations received recently by the National Patriotic Fund Board in Wellington swell considerably the funds previously acknowledged, the total for general patriotic purposes being now nearly £7000.

These donations are separate and, in addition to contributions received by the board through the patriotic campaign, the list contains some substantial contributions from provincial patriotic councils, business firms and individuals.

His Excellency the Governor-General (Lord Galway) has forwarded a donation of £250. The Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand Ltd. has sent a cheque for £1000. The National Bank of New Zealand Ltd. has forwarded a cheque for £250, several business firms have given £100 each, and Sir Henry Battersby, High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in New Zealand has given £25.

Notable Gift
A notable contribution is that by the Todd family, Wellington. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Todd have given £1000, and eight other members of their family have given between them £1300, making a total contribution of £2300.

In addition to the general donations, a contribution of £500 has been received from the Auckland Provincial Patriotic Council for the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy in recognition of the gallant part played by H.M.S. Achilles in the naval action against the German pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

AWARD TO TWO NEW ZEALANDERS

NIGHT FLIGHT

Skill And Courage Under Heavy Enemy Fire

United Press Association—Copyright, LONDON, Jan. 2.

His Majesty the King has awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross to the New Zealand Pilot Officers Kenneth Neil Gray, Christchurch, and Frank Hugh Long, Masterton, pilot and navigator respectively on a night reconnaissance flight over enemy territory during a November snowstorm.

The plane was badly subjected to anti-aircraft fire. Nevertheless, the flight continued, but it was impossible to reach the objective, the weather rendering it practically impossible to control the plane.

The upper surface of one wing and half of the other were stripped of fabric. One flap jammed down, and the wireless failed.

The homeward journey involved a flight of 342 miles over sea. Mainly due to the skill, courage, and splendid teamwork of the two New Zealanders, the plane and crew were safely brought back.

Second Maginot Line

DIFFERING TYPE

Ten Thousand Miles Of Barbed Wire

New guns of great power have been fixed by the French in the Maginot Line. The guns throw a half-ton shell a distance of 35 miles in two minutes. One shell is capable of reducing a hamlet to rubble.

The recent strengthening of the Allied lines on the Western Front is, in effect, a second line built in the last three months behind the Maginot fortifications. The French have erected more than 10,000 miles of barbed wire, they have used more than 700,000 cubic yards of concrete, and 100,000 tons of steel.

According to German prisoners, additions to the German line have been delayed and botched because of shortcomings of deliveries of steel.

Resembling the open field positions which broke every German attack launched against them in the Great War, the second Maginot Line is different from the main defence line.

French military men feel certain that the Nazis will launch a big drive against the Maginot Line in the spring. A terrific air offensive aimed at the rear of the line is expected to accompany the land assault.

Military observers close to the Allied Commander-in-Chief (Marshal Gamelin) declare he is certain that if the Nazis launch such an attack, their armies will be shattered within six weeks.

MR G. H. MACKLEY RETIRING

GENERAL MANAGER OF RAILWAYS

40 YEARS' SERVICE

Mr E. Casey Appointed To Succeed Him

By Telegraph—Press Association, CHRISTCHURCH, Jan. 3.

The Minister of Railways (the Hon. D. G. Sullivan) announced to-day that the general manager of Railways, Mr G. H. Mackley, who would complete 40 years' service with the Department on January 31, had requested permission to retire.

Mr G. H. Mackley was born in 1874 and joined the railway service in 1894. He held various positions of increasing responsibility, and was appointed general manager in 1935.



MR. G. H. MACKLEY

as from that date. Cabinet had decided to comply with his request and had instructed the Minister to convey to Mr Mackley its appreciation of his long and devoted service to the department.

Cabinet had also approved the appointment of Mr E. Casey, first assistant general manager, to the position of general manager from February 1.

Is A Super Race Arising In Hastings?

Young Men Release Their Strength On Parking Notices

Council's Concern

Sequel May Be Heard In The Police Court This Morning

The removal of gates from their hinges generally provides an outlet for the energies of exuberant youth during the festive season, but the young men of Hastings have found another way in which to give vent to their feelings. The recently erected parking signs on the pavements have suffered damage at various times in the past few weeks by bending, twisting, wrenching and lifting.

This has concerned the Borough Council to no small degree. These signs were expensive to provide and they improved the traffic control facilities of the town.

These signs are strongly made, and are embedded in concrete let into the footpaths. Despite this, in some instances they have been turned completely round, while in others the top plate, framed in substantial iron piping, has been bent at right angles to the iron standard.

What is the reason for this class of damage? Is it the often-prevalent element of vandalism, or is Hastings populated by a super-race of young men, seeking outlet for their physical prowess? Whatever the answer, the Borough Council's feelings in the matter remain the same.

An answer may be provided in the Hastings Police Court to-morrow morning, when a young man is to appear on a charge of wilfully damaging the signs.



MAY THEY NEVER BE REQUIRED.—In the vanguard of a military parade, these typical boys of a Hawke's High School revealed such march discipline as many an old soldier envied. It is to be hoped that ceremonial parades such as these will be all that is to be asked of them.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT DECIDED

OLIVER'S RINK THE VICTORS

GOOD PLAY

Hawke's Bay Centre's New Year Fixture

The annual four tournament of the Hawke's Bay Bowling Centre was brought to a successful conclusion yesterday on Heretaunga green when some excellent bowling was seen by a large crowd of bowling enthusiasts.

Oliver's Rink were the winners going through the tournament without a loss.

At the finish of the games the president of the Centre presented the trophies to the winners and congratulated the rink on its fine exhibition of bowling. He stated that rinks skipped by Oliver had on several occasions been successful in winning section play but this was the only time that he had reached the finals. He thoroughly deserved his win, which was a popular one.

Detailed results are as follows:—
Cook, Renner, Lourie, Webley (Waipukurau), 24; Rickard, Clough, Kruse, Bennett (Hastings), 13.
Corne, McLaren, Bryan, Thomas (Napier), 21; Marcroft (sub.), Cuff (sub.), Kallin, Briasco (Port Ahuriri) 17.

Semi-finals
Cooke (Napier) beat Thomas (Napier), 26-13.
Oliver (Omarunui) beat Webley (Waipukurau), 23-16.

Final
Evans, Black, Williams, Oliver (Omarunui), 22; Moore, Hislop, Engebretson, Cooke (Napier), 12.

SCHOOL BOOKS ARE TO BE DEARER THIS YEAR

Drastic Effects Of Import Restrictions And The War

Because of the lateness of the issuing of import licences for the third period, it is expected in Napier and Hastings that some school books will not be available in time for the opening of schools this year. Some retailers are fortunate in respect of stocks which they hold from last year, but the majority are relying on new shipments for supplies.

Quantities of school books are printed in the Dominion, but the bulk of supplies is obtained from overseas. The position is made worse by the war. A shortage of paper has resulted in a drastic curtailment of supplies of books from Great Britain, and in some instances publishers' lists are only a tenth of their normal size.

Under the import restrictions, only 50 per cent. of normal supplies of books can be brought into the country. This, coupled with the reduced supplies available, makes the retailers' position a difficult one. A leading bookseller in Hastings stated yesterday that there would be a marked shortage of books early this year. Shops did not maintain large stocks of books, he said, relying on publishers' lists, and buying according to their requirements.

As for school books, the price of these from Great Britain will be increased more than that of New Zealand books, because of the higher costs of insurance, freight, and other charges, due to the war. Lists have not yet been prepared, and in the meantime new text book prices are not known.

In other directions as well as books retailers are affected by the current conditions. Stationery is completely prohibited, and this also applies to playing cards. It is true that cards can be manufactured in the Dominion, but makers are considerably embarrassed by lack of materials.

AN EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS

General Freyberg And Mr Barnard

The following telegram was sent by the member for Napier (the Hon. W. E. Barnard) to the officer commanding the New Zealand Special Military Force: "Please accept my congratulations on your appointment as officer commanding the New Zealand Expeditionary Force and the best wishes of Mrs Barnard and myself for the success and safety of the officers and men under your command."

Mr Barnard yesterday received the following reply from Major-General B. C. Freyberg: "Your telegram much appreciated especially coming from a member of the first New Zealand Expeditionary Force which I have the honour to command with worthily uphold the reputation gained by our predecessors of 1914-18."

IN SEARCH OF A KING

HUNGARY'S NEED OF PRESTIGE

ITALIAN CHANCES

Three Members Of Family In The Running

An Italian king for Hungary is one proposal in the jockeying for control of the Balkans.

Three members of the House of Savoy are mentioned for the new throne. They are:—
Victor Emmanuel, King of Italy and Albania; the Duke of Aosta, the Duke of Spoleto. The dukes are the sons of Victor Emmanuel's cousin, who died in 1931. Their great-grandmother was an Austrian duchess when the Austrian Empire included Hungary. The Duke of Aosta was appointed Viceroy of Ethiopia after Italy took Abyssinia. His brother, the Duke of Spoleto, has a post in the Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Like to Have Kings
Four of the Balkan countries have kings. Carol rules Rumania; Bulgaria has King Boris; Yugoslavia has the boy king, Peter, who will come of age on September 6, 1941. The King of the Hellenes, George II, has no Greek blood. Cousin to the Duchess of Kent, he comes of Danish and Russian stock. Albania had King Zog before it was annexed by Italy, and Hungary is ruled by Nicholas Horthy, elected by the National Assembly in 1920 as Governor, with almost sovereign rights.

Leans to Italy
He is known as Admiral Horthy, although no part of Hungary touches the sea. Horthy has shown pro-Italian leanings since he signed an alliance with Italy in 1927. His country is now a buffer between Greater Germany and Rumania, where the Nazis want oil and other supplies.

It is thought that Hungary would be strengthened by the prestige of the House of Savoy, but would remain an independent kingdom.

JUNIOR CRICKET ON SATURDAY

Matches For Hastings Announced

Following is the draw for the junior cricket games to be played at Hastings on Saturday, January 6:

Junior A.
H.S.O.B. v. Whakatu-Mahora, Cornwall Park No. 1.
Turf v. High School, School No. 1.
Hastings v. Havelock, Akina No. 1.

Junior B.
Fruitworkers v. Midland B, Akina Park No. 3.
High School v. Baptist, School No. 2.
Rugby v. Midland A, Akina Park No. 2.

How did briar pipes originate? The story goes that a manufacturer of meerschaums who visited Corsica in 1844 chanced to drop—and break—the meerschaum he was smoking. By way of a temporary substitute he carved himself a pipe from Corsican bryere (briar) root. That was the first briar! And the experiment proved so successful that the manufacture of these pipes soon developed into a flourishing industry. To-day briars are produced by the million! The finest briar-root, by the way, still comes from Corsica, and the best briars cost money. But your "dyed-in-the-wool" smoker cares little for the expensive pipes. With him it's the tobacco that counts! Some folks can smoke anything; the tobacco-lover wants the best. Tastes differ but the constantly-growing demand for the toasted tobacco, so pure, fragrant and free from nicotine, is proof positive that New Zealanders are not slow to appreciate a really good thing. All five brands: Navy Cut No. 3 (Bulldog), Cavendish, Riverhead Gold, Desert Gold, and Cut Plug No. 10 (Bulldog) are in everyday request all over the Dominion.

THE RENAISSANCE OF POLISH INDEPENDENCE

General Sikorski's Organisation Of A Rallying Point For The Nation

Many recent cable messages have referred to the steady building up of Polish forces which were scattered in outside countries during and after the German invasion of September. Not only are Polish naval vessels now serving with the British Navy, but a new army is being created in France and an air force establishment is being formed.

Most of the credit for this gallant rehabilitation must go to one man—General Ladislaus Sikorski, who is Prime Minister and military chief of the Poles—outside Poland. He is concentrating all his energies on, first, the creation and maintenance of an administrative organisation which will serve as a rallying point until such time as the nation can be reclaimed; and, secondly, on the gathering of money, men, and arms in the cause of Poland's rebirth.

Sikorski was born in Galicia. He took a degree in civil engineering at Lwow Polytechnic, and he probably owes not a little of his clear thinking and his cool judgment to the scientific training of his early years. While quite a young man he was drawn into those underground politics in which many patriotic Poles of those days were engaged, and he became a member of one of the secret associations which were biding their time till they could throw their weight into the balance for the freeing of Poland. It was in these pre-war years that he first met Pilsudski, whose Legionaries he joined at the beginning of the 1914 war.

Some time later, however, he returned to Poland, dividing his time between his country house near Poznan and his small flat in the Aleja Ujazdowska in Warsaw. At both places he received all sorts and conditions of men. He was everywhere known as absolutely disinterested in his advocacy of alliance with the Western democracies, and transparently honest in his support of constitutional government.

During these years, in addition to countless newspaper articles, many of which appeared in translation in Paris and elsewhere, Sikorski wrote three remarkable volumes: "The Russo-Polish Campaign of 1920," with a preface by Foch, "Peace Problems," and "Modern Warfare," prefaced by Marshal Pétain, and not yet translated into English.

Confinement in Poland
Whenever he could, Sikorski would get away to Paris for a few weeks, to the delight of his friends, who came to look forward to his visits as giving them a dispassionate view of events in Eastern Europe. As time went on, however, the surveillance under which he lived made travelling more difficult and the Polish Government without daring openly to attack a popular figure, subjected Sikorski to all sorts of petty annoyances. Last year he was forbidden to leave Poland at all.

"To guide the Poles in the trials which lie before them a man of unusual stature is wanted," says "The Times" of London. "Sikorski's freedom from all affectation and his dignified and easy manners do not entirely mask his firm will. None is more fitted to carry out the task he has assumed than this Polish gentleman with his smiling realism and his profound sense of duty."

His Army Career
By 1919 Sikorski was already a general in command of the Fifth Army. In 1920, at the head of the Third Army, he rolled up Budienny's Russians, and this brilliant operation put him at once in the front rank of Polish generals.

In 1921 Sikorski was Chief of the General Staff, and in 1922, at the age of 41, he took office for the first time as Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior. The situation was not ideal. The President of the Republic, Narutowicz, had just been assassinated. The eastern frontiers of Poland had not yet been internationally accepted. Not only did the new Prime Minister rest on confidence and order, but on November 14, 1922, he was able to secure the recognition by the Great Powers of the Russo-Polish line of demarcation. During the years 1924 and 1925 he was Minister of War, the best Poland has known.

In 1926, at the time of Pilsudski's coup d'état, Sikorski was back with the army in charge of the South-Eastern Command, with headquarters at Lwow. Two years later, however, his growing disapproval of the methods of government and of the policy of the marshal's nominees made his further retention of the command impossible.

For the next 10 years Sikorski held no public office. At first he retired to Paris, there to study and work. While he was in France he saw much of the army chiefs, Pétain, Weygand, Gamelin, and Georges, and, in the intervals of writing and reading, he kept up his acquaintance with the leading politicians in Paris.

World's Greatest Wool Merchant

BRITISH PURCHASES
Nation Well-Equipped With Supplies

STRONG POSITION

With purchases in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom off, the British Government has become the world's greatest wool merchant. Great Britain is certainly well equipped with supplies (report Winchcombe, Carson Ltd.).

During the eight months prior to the commencement of the war, British imports of wool were very heavy and re-exports were less than usual. The quantity of imported raw material retained was the equivalent of 2,052,000 bales, being 40 per cent. more than the average for the corresponding period of the previous five years. The United Kingdom is, therefore, in a particularly strong position in regard to the sheep's staple.

Surprise has been expressed that prices for crossbred wools are on such good levels compared with Merinos. The New Zealand clip, 87 per cent. of the total, is sold to the British Government at only about 1d. per lb., sterling basis, less than the Australian clip, 84 per cent. of which is Merino.

Demand For Crossbreds
War-time conditions or preparation for such circumstances give a definite impetus to the use of crossbreds for uniform purposes. The keener demand for them was evident during the twelve months prior to the war. In the more peaceful times of 1935, 48's coarse crossbred tops were quoted at Bradford at 10½d. per lb., and in August last were 70 per cent. dearer. Their present control price is twice the 1935 level, but 6½'s Merino tops are only 30 per cent. higher.

Crossbreds are not in a favourable position because the British authorities have a particular leaning towards producers of them. Circumstances are the cause. Though about 75 per cent. of the world's Merino wool is grown in the British Empire, only approximately 25 per cent. of the world's crossbred is Empire grown, and that proportion includes India, the clip of which is all of carpet type. All other countries are seeking crossbreds, because, neutral or otherwise, large bodies of men are mobilised.

South American Clip
South American producers of crossbreds appear certain to find a ready outlet for their clip. Shipping transport may prove a difficulty, but even in that regard Argentina and Uruguay are a relatively short voyage compared with Australia and New Zealand.

The time lost by the absence of sales in Australia during September has now been fully recovered because of the rapidity with which appraisements have been conducted. With the current season's clip and the carry-over the quantity of wool appraised is likely to be a record for Australian market turnover, the previous highest total being 3,000,075 bales in 1932-33. That quantity is likely to be exceeded by at least 300,000 bales.

NOBEL PRIZES AWARDED

HONOUR FOR FINNISH AUTHOR

GERMAN SUCCESS
Political Complications Possible

The Swedish Academy of Letters has awarded the Finnish novelist, M. Frans Emil Sillanpaa, the 1939 Nobel Prize for literature. M. Sillanpaa, who is a novelist of peasant life, was first a candidate for the prize in 1933, and the Swedish literary world has long hoped that he would receive it. Now general gratification is felt that the distinction has come at a time when Finland is nearer to Swedish hearts than she has been for a long time.

M. Sillanpaa is one of the country's most popular men, not only on account of his high literary qualities, but also as a great patriot, and a representative of those forces which strive for the ideal of the fullest collaboration between both language groups in Finland—the Finnish-speaking and the Swedish-speaking people. Though springing from pure Finnish stock, he understands well the Swedish mentality. His liberalism and tolerance are unshakeable, as is his deep sense of humanity. For years he has been an ardent supporter of Scandinavian collaboration in all cultural fields.

German Distinctions
The 1939 Nozel Prize for chemistry has been divided between Professor Adolph Butenandt, aged 36, head of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Biochemistry in Berlin, for his work on sex hormones, and Professor Leopold Ruzicka, of Zurich, for his work on polvmetylene and the higher Terpen compounds. The 1938 chemistry prize has been awarded to Professor Richard Kuhn, of Heidelberg, for work on carotinoids and vitamins.

If, as seems likely, Professors Butenandt and Kuhn are not allowed by the German Government to receive their awards on account of the Ossietzky controversy, the money will return to the Nobel foundation after one year. The German Professor Domagk, who was in the same predicament after the recent award of the Nobel Medicine Prize, has sent the awarding body a letter of thanks. When a Stockholm newspaper office tried to telephone to Professors Butenandt and Kuhn, the exchange answered that it was not allowed to make the connection.

The Nobel Prize in physics for 1939 has been awarded to Professor Ernest Orlando Lawrence, of Berkeley, in California, for his invention of the cyclotron, its development, and the results achieved by means of it, particularly in connection with artificially radio-active elements.



HIS EXCELLENCY AT THE MICROPHONE.—A characteristic picture of Lord Galway, whose stirring messages to the Dominion during the past few days have encouraged all hearts.

WAIROA RACING CLUB (INCORPORATED)

ANNUAL RACE MEETING ANNUAL RACE MEETING ANNUAL RACE MEETING

"Ka Tere Rauwa Ka Tere Pipihikaka"

To be held on TE KUPENGA RACECOURSE, WAIROA, H.B.,

On THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, 1st and 3rd FEBRUARY, 1940.

President: A. G. Nolan, Esq. Judge: Mr. P. A. Pettit. Starter: Mr. D. Stevens. Handicapper: Mr. H. Coyne. Hon. Secretary: H. L. Barker.

PROGRAMME

FIRST DAY THURSDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1940

To Start at 12.45 p.m.

TRIAL HANDICAP, of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £10 from the stake. For horses that have never won a race exceeding 475 to the winner, at the time of nomination. Nom. 20/-, Acc. 20/-, 6 FURLONGS.

DISTRICT HACK HANDICAP, of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £10, presented by Mr. M. J. Sheehan. The owner must have resided in the district from 1st December, 1939, and the horse must have been owned and trained and kept within the district from the same date unless by special permit. The district comprises the whole of the Waikato, Uawa, Waipau and Matika Counties, and that portion of the Cook County North of the Turuhua River; 2nd £15, 3rd £10, 4th £5. Nom. 20/-, Acc. 20/-, 6 FURLONGS.

WAIROA CUP (Open), of £160, inc. cup valued at 25 gns., presented by Messrs Clyde and Fair Hotels, 2nd £20, 3rd £10. Gold mounted whip presented to the rider of the winner by the Waikato Jockey Club. Nom. 20/-, Acc. 20/-, 7 FURLONGS.

TE KUPENGA HACK HANDICAP, of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Nom. 20/-, Acc. 20/-, 6 FURLONGS.

MAIDEN STAKES, of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £10. For two-year-olds and upwards that have not won a flat race at the time of starting. Weight, 8st. 7lb. Nom. 20/-, Acc. 20/-, 5 FURLONGS.

G. C. ORMOND MEMORIAL HANDICAP (Open), of £120 (inc. trophy value 10 gns.), presented by the Ormond Family, 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Nom. 20/-, Acc. 25/-, Min. weight 7st. 7 FURLONGS.

RAUWA HACK HANDICAP, of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Nom. 20/-, Acc. 20/-, 6 FURLONGS.

TROPHY FOR TRAINERS: A trophy valued at 10 guineas donated by Messrs A. G. Nolan and J. R. Gillespie will be presented to the trainer securing most points at the meeting. Points to count: First 5, second 3, third 2.

TROPHY FOR JOCKEYS: A trophy valued at 5 guineas donated by Messrs C. V. Chamberlain, will be presented to the jockey securing the most points at the meeting. Points to count: First 5, second 3, third 2.

SECOND DAY SATURDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, 1940

WAIKAREMOANA HACK HANDICAP, of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Nom. 20/-, Acc. 20/-, 6 FURLONGS.

WAIROA CARNIVAL HACK HANDICAP, of £100, inc. trophy value 5 gns., presented by the Wairoa Jockey Club, 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Nom. 20/-, Acc. 20/-, 6 FURLONGS.

CARROLL MEMORIAL HANDICAP (Open), of £140, inc. trophy value 10 gns., presented by the Wairoa Wine and Spirit Co. Ltd. and P. Benson, 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Min. weight, 7st. Nom. 20/-, Acc. 20/-, 7 FURLONGS.

TAIRAWHITI PLATE, of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £10. For two-year-olds and upwards that have not won a flat race at the time of starting. Weight, 8st. 7lb., subject to penalty of 10lb. for first place within the district from the same date, unless by special permit. The District comprises the whole of the Tairāwhiti, the Matakaoa, the Waikato Counties, and that portion of the Cook County North of the Turuhua River; 2nd £15, 3rd £10, 4th £5. Nom. 20/-, Acc. 20/-, 7 FURLONGS.

HURAMUA HACK CUP, of £125, inc. trophy value of 10 gns., presented by the Wairoa Hotel; 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Nom. 20/-, Acc. 25/-, Min. weight, 7st. 7 FURLONGS.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP (Open), of £120, 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Nom. 20/-, Acc. 25/-, Min. weight, 7st. 7 FURLONGS.

ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP, of £100, 2nd £15, 3rd £10. Nom. 20/-, Acc. 20/-, 6 FURLONGS.

Approved by the Hawke's Bay District Committee on the 6th December, 1939. A. E. WISHART, Secretary.

Minimum weight 7st. 7lb. in all races except where otherwise stated.

PENALTIES: Winners after the declaration of weights are liable to be handicapped. Such re-handicap shall be declared by the Secretary subsequent to the advertised starting time of the race won.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events close at 5 p.m. on MONDAY, 15th January, 1940.

WEIGHTS for whole of the First Day events will be declared on or about TUESDAY, 23rd January, 1940.

ACCEPTANCES for whole of the First Day events close at 8 p.m. on FRIDAY, 26th January, 1940.

WEIGHTS for Second Day events declared about 8 p.m. on THURSDAY, 1st February, 1940 (Night of First Days Races).

ACCEPTANCES for the whole of Second Day events close at 9 p.m. on THURSDAY, 1st February, 1940 (same evening).

NOTE: All telegrams must be confirmed in writing and name of trainer given.

TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE: An Allowance of £2 will be made towards the transport of all horses competing at the races, coming from Gisborne District, and return fare by train will be paid on all horses coming from Napier or Hastings and competing at the meeting.

ACCOMMODATION: Accommodation is provided at the Course and at Railway Road for Trainers, Jockeys, Attendants and Horse Owners desiring to avail themselves of this accommodation must communicate early with the Secretary.

The attention of Owners and Trainers is particularly drawn to the Provisions of Rule 243 of the Rules of Racing.

TELEPHONE: Day 267, Night 149. H. L. BARKER, Hon. Secretary, WAIROA, H.B.

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SOME FINE YEARLINGS AT A HAVELOCK STUD

Bulandshar—Recent Colt And Baffles—Two Ways Filly Show Great Quality

(By MOTUROA).

One of the least well-known breeding establishments in Hawke's Bay is that of Mr W. Growcott, at Havelock North, but this breeder has done his stock well and his draft for the National Yearling Sales on January 17 is sure to attract considerable attention. Mr Growcott has spared no pains in his care of these youngsters and they do him credit.

The three to be offered by this breeder are a colt by Hunting Song from Colima, a colt by Pombal from Gay Doll, and a particularly nice filly by the Blandford horse Baffles from Two Ways. As well, Mr Growcott has reared for Mr C. H. Slater a very neat colt by Bulandshar from Recent.

In addition, there are at this stud a fine big filly by Pink Coat from Stolen Piece and a filly by Hunting Song from Ruby's Step, several yearlings, and eight brood mares.

There is very little to choose in quality between the Baffles filly and the Bulandshar colt, but Mr Slater's colt will naturally claim more attention and it is a great pity that he received a slight check in his preparation a few weeks back. However, he is picking up again splendidly and, with another fortnight to go to the Sales, he should strip in good condition.

An October foaling, this colt is nevertheless well grown and he shows the real Blandford quality. In fact, he does Bulandshar credit. He is neat, nicely coupled up, and well built up behind. He has a good middle-piece and is nicely topped.

There is plenty of depth behind the shoulder. However, he should improve considerably in this direction when put into work.

This colt walks out nicely. He leaves the impression that he will be a champion.

ASHHURST RACES ARE POPULAR

ALWAYS popular with Hawke's Bay owners and trainers, the Ashhurst-Pohangina annual meeting at Ashhurst on January 22 is again sure to draw strong support from Hawke's Bay stables.

Every concession is made visitors in the way of free stabling and the programme is a really fine one, the big race of the day being the Ashhurst Cup, which carries a prize of £320. There are two other open races, a hurdles race; a maiden; hack sprints and a hack cup, the latter race carrying a stake of £225. Owners and trainers are reminded that entries for all events close with the Secretary at Ashhurst, at 9 p.m. to-morrow (Friday).

grow fast and that he may be better at three than at two years.

He is bred from a half-sister to that useful galloper Pukeko, while his third dam is a half-sister to Tresham, who was a high-class hurdler.

RESEMBLES NORA GREGOR. When the Baffles filly was paraded I was much struck by her resemblance to Nora Gregor—who is also by a Blandford horse—and it will surprise if this filly does not bring a good price.

She descends from Lady Mersey, an own sister to Carbine, and her dam, Two Ways (who was not raced) is a half-sister to Lady Colossus, dam of that useful galloper Galteemore.

This youngster is particularly well-grown as becomes an early foal and she possesses that good bone of the stock of the Blandford horses. She has a neat head, though the little weak in the neck, has outstandingly good shoulders and a fine forearm, while she also has plenty of length behind the knee. She is a good barrel, well-sprung ribs, and is nicely coupled up.

This filly falls away a little too fast behind, but, having such good bone, is sure to build up as she ages. Nora Gregor was much like this when first handled, but she has become more solid all round with age and with racing.

WELL-GROWN COLT. There is plenty of size about the Hunting Song—Colima colt and, though he is likely to grow still further, he has the solidness of bone to carry a big horse.

This is a stylish colt and he is nicely set off with a silver mane and tail. Like a great many of the Hunting Song stock he has a splendid disposition and, while he is typical

of the breed, he leaves the impression that he is better legged than the majority of the stock of the Hurry On horse.

He is well built up behind; a little long in the back, but this is offset by a good, deep barrel. He is not particularly thick through the shoulder, but he has a great forearm and a strong, masculine neck. He has great driving power in his quarters and he should be an attractive three-year-old, though some of the bigger Hunting Songs come to hand quickly.

He is a brother to a jumping winner in Victor Colima and he looks likely to make a good jumper himself later on.

A SPRINTING TYPE. THE Pombal colt is lightly-framed, but he is the real sprinting type and he throws back to the lighter type of Tea Tray horses, his second dam, Tea Doll, being a daughter of that son of The Tetrarch.

Being a late foal, he is not so forward as Mr Growcott's two other yearlings, but he is lengthy and has plenty of room for development.

While he does not impress about the neck, he has quite a good shoulder and it is possible that he will thicken out a lot later on.

This colt comes from a first-class family, his dam, Gay Doll, being by Hunting Song from Tea Doll, who was an own sister to La Poupee, winner of the Wellesley and A.R.C. Welcome Stakes and some good middle-distance races later on.

Tea Doll was by Tea Tray from the imported Dancing Doll, by the Polymelus horse Black Jester. Gay Doll won two races at two years, and this colt, who is her first foal, looks as if he will come to hand quickly.

A RACY YOUNGSTER. MR GROWCOTT is keeping a really nice filly by Hunting Song from Ruby's Step, who was by Grandcourt from Teletter, the dam of High Court, Chat, and Lindim. It will surprise if this youngster does not come to hand quickly.

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WELLINGTON'S FINE PROGRAMME

HAWKE'S BAY owners will now have to consider the programme for the Wellington Racing Club's Centennial meeting at Trentham on January 18, 20 and 22 and the meeting is one which will attract all the best class horses in the district. The programme is a splendid one with the Centennial cup as the prime attraction. This mile and a-half event carries a stake of £320, inclusive of a £200 gold cup. All other races are well endowed, no stake during the three days being less than £50. The meeting caters for all classes of horses. Nominations close at 5 p.m. to-morrow (Friday).

the autumn. When he does strike form he should win several races in a line.

Sure To Improve. One of the best-looking two-year-olds seen on the Hawke's Bay circuit was Miss Grace Twist's colt Grand Chase Hunting Song (Unreasonable). He was produced only once and he ran very greenly, but he showed a nice turn of pace when he did settle down and he was going very freely in the concluding stages.

This colt is a full-brother to Gold Chase, who won at Awapuni and Marton during the holidays, while Unreasonable left other winners in Grumpy, Lucillus Boy and Poverty Bay. Grand Chase should come along quickly as the result of his outing and it would not surprise to see him show winning form early in the autumn.

Not a Champion. After many disappointments the well-bred Inheritance (Posterity-General) will maintain status at Hastings, though he has little to spare to beat a poor field. Inheritance, who once ran second to Tiger Gain in the open Spring Handicap at Hastings, has had 33 starts for a win in four seasons and five thirds but he does not impress as being likely to set the Thames on fire, even though he belongs to the famous Eulogy family.

Sticks On Well. Two very solid efforts went down the credit of Kobi to win at the Waipukurau and Hawke's Bay meetings and it was impossible not to be impressed by the gameness he showed under pressure. If Sid Reid could put the work into this gross Bulandshar colt he would win any distance race in New Zealand, for he is bred to stay for a week, his dam being Lucinette, who was by Marton from the New Zealand Cup winner Lady Lucy, by Seaton De-

Lucinette was nearly a full sister in blood to Star Stranger, as the dam of that great Marton gelding was Star Lady, a daughter of Lady Lucy. His legs have given Reid some cause for concern, but it was pleasing to note that Kobi pulled up well after both races. Kobi has had three wins and a head-heat for first, but he has quite a long way to go in back company as those wins were worth only £295.

Likely Youngster. Mr A. W. Meikle has one of the most promising two-year-olds in the district in Chablis, who showed her first form at the Hawke's Bay summer meeting. Chablis showed some promise at the Waipukurau meeting, but she was responsible for a very sound effort on the second day at Hastings as she finished second after being badly placed in the run home.

Chablis is a half-sister to Charade and Charing Cross, being by Gascony from Charly, who was by Absurd from Lady D., by St. Denis. Chablis is built on much more sensible lines than her well-performed relations and it is reasonable to expect her to go on improving with every race. And, on her New Year form, Chablis looks to be a good one for the Mangatepe sportsman, who trains the youngster himself.

A Hardy Sort. Flying Spy, like her dam, Lady Spy, seems to be a very hardy sort for she has done quite a lot of travelling and racing this season. She looked very dry in the coat when raced at Hastings at the New Year, but she won rather well at the finish and there is no doubt she is a useful youngster away from the best classes.

Poor Relation. Although he had been working well before the holidays, Smooger was very poorly and his owner-trainer, Bill Clifton, has decided not to go on with him. Smooger is bred from a half-sister to Cuddle and Padishah, but is a very poor relation.

Only a Spectator. Few racegoers at Hastings during the holidays realised that the Clerk of the Course was riding that good Defoe gelding Soho, but it could be quickly appreciated that the mount was a thoroughbred by the keenness he showed in proceeding to be a good one for the Mangatepe sportsman, who trains the youngster himself.

Weight Worried Her. Chandry, who won solidly at the Waipukurau meeting, took on the Otatara Highweight at the Hawke's Bay meeting and ran another good race for third. However,

MONA'S SONG AT INVERCARGILL

SOUTHLAND HANDICAP VICTORY

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Spendthrift And Bay Duke Tie

By Telegraph—Press Association. INVERCARGILL, Jan. 3. The Southland Racing Club's summer meeting was concluded in fine weather, with one or two showers. The track was in good order and the attendance large.

The totalisator for the day handled £100,000—against £19,168 10/- last year, a decrease of £232. For the meeting the total was £38,378 10/-, against £40,870 10/- last year, a decrease of £2513.

The results are:— GLADSTONE HURDLES, Of £150; one mile and a half. 3-3—OCEAN SINGER, 9.0 (C. F. Low).

2-2—MILFORD, 10.5 (T. J. Boyle) 2 1-1—LAST LINK, 10.4 (D. A. Hamill) 3

Also started: 5-5 Henry Dawson 9.0 car. 9.1, 1-4 Rollen 9.0. One and a half lengths; a neck. Henry Dawson was fourth. Time, 2:43 3-5.

SHORTS HANDICAP, Of £150; six furlongs. 1-1—BAY DUKE, 8.1 car. 7.10 (L. W. Hare) 1 2-3—SPENDTHRIFT, 7.10 car. 7.3 (G. Strathern) 2 7-6—GLAGMAN, 7.5 car. 7.11 (L. Clutterbuck) 3

Also started: 5-5 Phalanx 8.5, 3-2 Nigger Boy 8.7, 4-4 Rodeur 8.3 car. 8.0, 6-7 Night Pal 7.0. One and a half lengths; a neck. Nigger Boy was fourth. Time, 1:14 2-3.

SUMMER HANDICAP, Of £150; one mile. 1-1—HELDERBERG, 8.11 (P. Spratt) 1 6-6—VANITY QUEEN, 7.12 car. 7.9 (H. Preston) 2 4-3—BERRY SIMON, 7.10 (G. Barclay) 3

Also started: 3-4 Triple Cone 9.0, 5-5 Lochie River 8.8 car. 8.1, 2-2 Royal Star 8.6, 3-3 Silkworm 8.0 car. 8.0, 7-7 Atua Rere 7.9 car. 7.13, 12-12 Ardmore 7.7, 11-11 Cone Peak 7.7 car. 7.2, 10-9 Black Bard 7.7 car. 7.8, 8-8 Lucy Feather 7.7.

Three-quarters of a length; a head. Black Bard was fourth. Time, 1:42 1-5.

SOUTHLAND HANDICAP, Of £250; one mile and a quarter. 5-3—MONA'S SONG, 8.0 car. 7.11 (W. F. Ellis) 1 1-1—DOUBLEACK, 7.12 (G. Barclay) 2 2-5—BOSWELL, 8.6 (M. Caddy) 3

Also started: 4-2 Queen of Song 9.0, 3-4 Night Wings 8.4, 7.7 Sailing Lady 8.1 car. 8.5, 8.6, 10-10 Remembo 8.0, 7.7-10 Wild Career 7.13 car. 7.6, 6-6 Penny Rose 7.12 car. 7.12, 8-8 Merry March 7.10 car. 7.10.

One and a half lengths; a neck. Sword Stick was fourth. Time, 2:7.

ROSEDALE HACK HANDICAP, Of £150; six furlongs. 1-3—HEATH, 7.8 car. 7.24 (J. L. Clutterbuck) 1 2-1—ORTYX, 9.2 (P. Spratt) 2 4-4—KINGS CHORUS, 7.7 car. 7.4 (W. F. Ellis) 3

Also started: 7-7 Colonel Rouge 7.7 car. 7.0, 5-6 King Gustavo 8.8, 3-3 Asia 8.3, 9-8 Pink Bond 8.1, 6-5 Moon Rider 7.5 car. 7.6, 10-10 Remembo 7.8 car. 7.9, 11-12 Prince Fleuret 7.7 car. 7.3, 12-11 Verdure 7.7 car. 7.8, 8-8 General Gandy 7.7, 15-14 Perry Singer 7.7 car. 7.2, 12-12 Alms 7.7 car. 9.0, 14-13 Sir Denis 7.7 car. 7.24.

Length; a neck. Asia was fourth. Time, 1:11.

FINAL HANDICAP, Of £210; one mile. 5-5—SPARKLE, 7.7 car. 7.0 (J. L. Strathern) 1 1-1—SHIRAZ, 8.4 (M. Caddy) 2 3-3—BOAFORM, 7.8 car. 7.3 (L. Hare) 3

Also started: 2-4 Spanish Lad 9.7, 4-2 Wild Career 8.1, 10-10 Pink Rose 8.4 car. 7.13, 7.7 Amelia 7.10. Five lengths; half a length. Spanish Lad was fourth. Time, 1:40.

her effort left the impression that she did not appreciate the higher scale of weights and she may have done better in the hack middle distance events.

Has He Slipped? Boatsong was a quiet fancy for the Omahu Handicap on Monday at Hastings, but he never once looked likely to be in the money. Troubled with bleeding and unsoundness this season, Boatsong has lost all form and it looks as if he has slipped badly.

Smart Hack went all to pieces after winning at Hawera in the water, but the Awapuni trainer, Ernie Watson, has his charge right back to his best form again and he followed up an easy win at Awapuni with another convincing success at Marton. The impression gained is that this gelding is susceptible to still further improvement and, in such capable hands, he is likely to win good races this year.

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