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BROKEN TANKS AND CORPSES LIE IN THE SNOW

Reinforcements Arriving

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LONDON, Jan. 3.

"The conditions of the Soviet retreat are becoming chaotic, while the ruin of the overthrown armies offers a ghastly spectacle," says the London "Daily Telegraph's" correspondent at the front dealing with the aftermath of the battle of Tolvajarvi.

"Countless Russian dead are lying as they fell beneath new-fallen snow. Shattered tanks, lorries and heaps of debris are found all along the battlefields. On the main artery leading to Lake Algajarvi there are hillside forests full of snow-covered corpses—men wiped out by machine-guns. All bore gas masks. There must have been many Finnish dead, but these had already been removed for burial."

The Associated Press correspondent at Kiantajarvi says: "All that remains of the 17,000 men comprising the division trapped at Kiantajarvi are 2000 wanderers in the forests and snowdrifts, where Finns mounted on skis relentlessly pursue them."

"Captives declared that they were never told against whom they were going to fight," adds the correspondent. "They are mostly collective farmers with brief military training, and they seem bewildered by their fate."

Russian reinforcements to repair the ravages of the battle are arriving from Siberia, but the Paris wireless states that they will reach their destinations decimated. Many have been shot for insubordination.

The Finns are fighting on eight, or, including the air and the sea, ten fronts, exhausting their ammunition. The problem of fresh supplies, despite captures, is serious. The Russians, on the other hand, seem to possess inexhaustible resources.

The air front extends over almost the whole of Finland. The Russians employ 300 planes a day, but they have achieved nothing of military importance.

Finnish aircraft claim to have penetrated to far behind Leningrad and dropped millions of photographically illustrated pamphlets showing the humane treatment of Russian prisoners.

Finnish pilots attacked the Russian base at Linahamari, the port of Petsamo, apparently using fast foreign bombers.

A Finnish communique states that Soviet gunfire on the Karelian Isthmus prefaced fierce infantry attacks, which the Finnish artillery and infantry fire repulsed. Other attacks met a similar fate.

A Moscow communique reports: "Nothing of importance. Our planes merely made reconnaissance flights."

Oppression Must Be Ended

ALLIES DETERMINED Views Of King And President

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

SHOTS FIRED IN CORK

DETECTIVE KILLED BY I.R.A. MEN

TWO ARRESTS

Crowd Assists The Police

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LONDON, Jan. 4.

In Patrick Street, Cork, three patrolling detectives challenged two men whom they knew to be members of the I.R.A., one of whom immediately fired, hitting Detective-Officer Roche near the heart. His colleagues were about to draw their revolvers when the crowd rushed to their assistance. Both the I.R.A. men were detained. Roche later died.

Eire's Minister of Lands, Mr. Boland, speaking at an emergency session of the Dail in Dublin, said that terrorism against the Government amounted to a threat of rebellion. He disclosed that the police had seized packets of American dollars consigned to the Irish Republican Army, which was highly organised and in possession of large quantities of arms.

"Failed in Duty"
Mr. Cosgrave, alleging that the Government had failed in its duty regarding I.R.A. activities in England and Eire, said: "The Government does not appear likely to last long. If it had any sense of responsibility and a spark of patriotism, it would not only resign as a Government, but would retire from public life."

Mr. de Valera, Mr. Cosgrave said was reaping the harvest of the seeds sown in 1923, when he sabotaged the army and paralysed the police after assuming office.

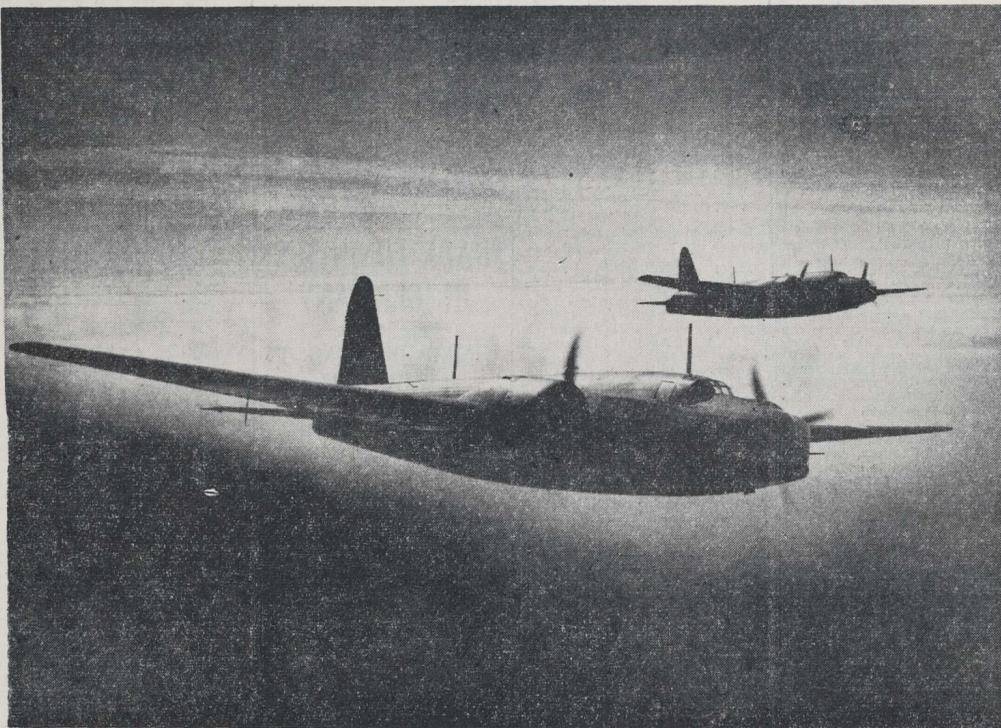
Mr. de Valera, replying, said: "Everyone knows that armed men are at large who, generally, do not want to recognise the Constitution and are ready to use arms whenever it suits them. They are prepared to embroil Eire with her neighbours."

"The Irish people have given the Government the sole power of determining how the national policy is to be prosecuted."

Mr. Boland's Emergency Powers Bill, authorising the internment of suspected persons without trial, was passed by 82 votes to nine. It comes before the Senate today.

PRICE CONTROL AND RATIONING
British Arrangements

The Food Ministry announces that rationed food will be available in restaurants, canteens and hotels, but the supplies have been reduced in proportion to the domestic restrictions.



THEIRS OR OURS?—Anxious eyes scan the skies when these silhouettes appear against the sunset. These are "ours," however—Wellington bombers on a reconnaissance flight somewhere unnamed.

Reconnaissance From Height Of Three Miles

Air-Gunner Carries On Despite Severe Frost Bite

Good Work Done

Enemy Airships Spotted And Location Reported

British Official Wireless.
(Received Jan. 4, 9.45 p.m.)

RUGBY, Jan. 4.

Details have now been disclosed of the gallant action of a wireless operator and air-gunner of an R.A.F. bomber engaged on a reconnaissance flight over Germany, who carried out his duties although suffering from frost bite. He is now in hospital.

Weather conditions had forced the aircraft to fly over three miles high, and the temperature was so low that the mercury in the thermometer dropped below the minimum reading of 30 degrees below zero.

The hands and feet of the wireless operator became severely frost bitten, but despite the acute pain he continued to man his gun and transmit his reconnaissance reports by wireless.

The aircraft remained above the reconnaissance area for nearly half an hour and for fully ten minutes was subjected to intense anti-aircraft fire. Paralysis of his frost-bitten hands made the transmission of signals impossible but, after several attempts, he obtained a series of wireless bearings which brought the aircraft safely back to its base after a flight of five hours' duration.

On landing the airman reported the position of two warships, one submarine and one destroyer, which had been sighted. He was then rushed to hospital, where it is feared he will lose the terminal finger joints of his right hand and possibly one finger of his left hand.

Vast Resources To Be Tapped

EMPIRE'S OFFER

Bitter Blow Dealt To The Nazis

AUSTRALIAN'S SPEECH

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(Received January 4, 7.45 p.m.)

LONDON, Jan. 4.

The Australian High Commissioner (the Rt. Hon. S. M. Bruce), in an Empire broadcast, emphasised the vastness of the Dominions' war efforts and said that the young British democracies, masters of their own destinies, had sprung spontaneously to Britain's side in a just and righteous cause.

PEACE AIMS APPLAUDED BUT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S POLICY AT HOME MEETS CRITICISM

CRITICS CONTEND THAT FOREIGN AFFAIRS ARE BEING USED AS SMOKE SCREEN FOR HIS FAILURES

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(Received Jan. 5, 1.45 p.m.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.

Amid general Congressional applause at President Roosevelt's pleas for peace and economy, sharp disputes broke out over his recommendations for special defence taxes and continuance of the reciprocal trade programme. Democrats warmly praised the tone of the address, especially the declaration that the United States must avoid war while trying to promote peace. Many Republicans concurred, although some termed the entire discussion of foreign and domestic problems too indefinite.

Both parties split over trade treaties and defence taxes.

Senator Barkley said he believed that the nation would approve the tax suggestion in lieu of increasing the deficit.

Other typical comments are: Senator Connally: I believe that there will be no heavy increase in taxation this session. The real tax bill will probably be passed in 1941.

Senator Vandenberg: I welcome the desire to put extraordinary expenditures on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Senator Carter Glass (who is 82 years old to-day): They should have levied taxes every time they made an appropriation. You can't spend without taking from the taxpayers' pockets.

Senator Walsh: I think that money for defence should not be paid by the present generation. The future generations, which will benefit, should share the burden.

Sound Counsel
The "New York Times," in a leader, says: "This is our world as much as it is Europe's. President Roosevelt's counsel is sound. We have a role to play in the critical times ahead which destiny seems to have marked out for us. That role is to conserve our strength and, when the opportunity offers, to use it generously and wisely in the work of reconstruction."

The "New York Herald Tribune" says: "Rarely have the emotions and excitements of war been more expertly used in an effort to hide failures in domestic affairs than in yesterday's message. It was a beautiful smoke screen. President Roosevelt said that foreign problems were confronting America. We agree. We are equally glad to applaud his words on national defence. The contrast between these inspiring portions of his message and his misleading discussions of domestic policies is the measure of the tragic failure of the New Deal."

(The President's message appears on page 7.)

REORGANISATION IN BELGIUM

Cabinet Is Expected To Resign

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BRUSSELS, Jan. 4.

The Belgian Chamber of Deputies to-day adopted the Budget. Cabinet is expected to resign for reorganisation.

Summertime In Britain

START IN FEBRUARY

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LONDON, Jan. 4.

The "Daily Mail" says that summertime is expected to operate again in the middle of February, adding: "It will be of first-class importance in the national war effort, enabling a greater output from factories. It will also facilitate transport, relieve the strain on the nerves from the long blackout, and reduce road deaths."

WRECKAGE FOUND ON COAST

LOSS OF TRAWLER FEARED

EXPLOSIONS HEARD

Other North Sea Tragedies Reported

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LONDON, Jan. 4.

The finding of a fisherman's body and wreckage suggests that the trawler Young Harry was blown up on the south coast with the loss of four of the crew, including a father and son. The trawler has been missing since before dawn, when explosions were heard in its vicinity.

A Bergen message says that 15 survivors of the Lars Magnus Trozelli have arrived there. They say they were torpedoed without warning 20 miles from Blyth (Northumberland). Seven were killed.

A Tallinn message says that the ship Agu, with a crew of 18, is believed to have struck a mine in the North Sea. It has not been reported since December 3.

FORCED LANDING IN BELGIUM

One Aboard Killed

Superior Odds

British Official Wireless.
(Received Jan. 4, 10.45 p.m.)

RUGBY, Jan. 3.

The Air Ministry announced to-day that an aircraft of the Royal Air Force on reconnaissance over enemy territory to-day was engaged by a number of enemy fighters in the neighbourhood of the frontier between Belgium and Germany. In the course of the engagement the aircraft was driven over the frontier and forced down.

A Press Association message reports that one of the crew was killed and two slightly injured.

Nazis Are Brewing New Trouble

THREAT IN THE BALKANS

Danube Basin Wanted For Exploitation

BRITAIN IS PREPARED

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NEW YORK, Jan. 3.

"Serious developments may be expected soon, probably north or south-east of Germany, according to information reaching Canadian authoritative quarters from the war zone," states Mr. Birchall, Ottawa correspondent of the "New York Times."

"An attempt to attack Britain from air and submarine bases in Norway is possible, but it is considered more likely that there will be developments in the Balkans and toward the Dardanelles in an attempt to open the Danube for exploitation as an avenue for German supplies, after which the Germans will extend their field operations to the Mediterranean. Russo-German collaboration under German direction is envisaged for such an attempt."

"It is believed that Britain is prepared for some such development and is closely watching the course of Italian diplomacy, which might be a decisive factor."

The Press for the first time has acquainted the public with the fact that Germany might be involved in the conflict over Finland, and has prepared the way for more active support of Russia. The newspapers approvingly reprint the Russian accusation that Britain and France are attempting to widen the war, for which reason they have encouraged Finland to fight.

The Press also records great concentrations of British and French troops in Western Asia and French demands to send a fleet to the Black Sea and an army to Finland.

Reports are also published that France has offered to send 10,000 crack Alpine troops to Finland. Authoritative quarters told neutral correspondents that Germany would be forced to take an active hand if British and French troops went to Finland, and would consider Sweden and Norway to be infringing their neutrality if they allowed the passage of British and French men or munitions.

Official circles in London attach no credence whatever to rumours given out in certain foreign broadcasts of Russian troop concentra-

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Warship Unexpectedly Berthed At Wellington

By Telegraph—Press Association.
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PROGRAMME

FIRST DAY THURSDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1940

To Start at 12.45 p.m.

TRIAL HANDICAP, of 100, 2nd 115, 3rd 130 from the stake. For horses that have never won a stake exceeding 75 to the winner, at the time of nomination. Nom. 20/-. Acc. 20/-. 5 FURLONGS.

DISTRICT HACK HANDICAP, of 110, inc. trophy value 5 gns., 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. This district comprises the whole of the Wairoa, Uawa, Waiapu and Matakoia counties, and that portion of the Cook County North of the Turuhua River, 2nd 115, 3rd 130, and 4th 150. Nom. 20/-. Acc. 20/-. 6 FURLONGS.

WAIROA CUP (Open), of 150, inc. cup valued at 25 gns., presented by the Clyde and Ferry Hotels, 2nd 150, 3rd 170, Gold mounted whip presented to the rider of the winner by the De Luxe Service Station Ltd. Nom. 20/-. Acc. 30/-. Min. weight, 7st.

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MAIDEN STAKES, of 100, 2nd 115, 3rd 130. For two-year-olds and upwards that have not won a flat race at 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 115, 3rd 130. Nom. 20/-. Acc. 25/-. Min. weight, 7st. 7 FURLONGS.

RAUWA HACK HANDICAP, of 100, 2nd 115, 3rd 130. Nom. 20/-. Acc. 20/-. 6 FURLONGS.

TROPHY FOR TRAINERS: A trophy valued at 10 gns. 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, 2; second, 3; third, 2.

TROPHY FOR JOCKEYS: A trophy valued at 5 gns. donated by Mr. 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 115, 3rd 130. Nom. 20/-. Acc. 20/-. 5 FURLONGS.

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CARROLL MEMORIAL HANDICAP (Open), of 120 (inc. trophy value 10 gns.), presented by The Wairoa Wine and Spirit Co. Ltd. and F. Benson, 2nd 115, 3rd 130. Min. weight, 7st. 7 FURLONGS.

TAIRAWHITI PLATE, of 100, 2nd 115, 3rd 130. For two-year-olds and upwards that have not won a flat race at time of starting. Weight, 8st. 7lb. subject to penalty of 10lb. for first win and 7lb. for every subsequent win after entry. No allowances. Nom. 20/-. Acc. 20/-. 6 FURLONGS.

HURAMUA HACK CUP, of 125, inc. trophy value 10 gns., presented by Wairoa Hotel, 2nd 115, 3rd 130. Nom. 20/-. Acc. 20/-. 6 FURLONGS.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP (Open), of 120, 2nd 130, 3rd 140. Nom. 20/-. Acc. 25/-. Min. weight, 7st. 7 FURLONGS.

ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP, of 100, 2nd 115, 3rd 130. 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: All horses after the declaration of weights are liable to be re-handicapped. Such re-handicapping shall be declared not later than 72 hours after 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 Day 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: Arrangements for 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.

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NAPIER CHAMPION RETAINS TITLE

WRESTLING BOUT AT NEW PLYMOUTH BROCK'S SUCCESS

Drawn Match With Hickland

The middleweight professional wrestling title he recently secured at Napier was retained by Oscar Brock, 12st. 12lb., in a challenge match with Rob Hickland, 11st. 10lb., Taranaki, at the New Plymouth Mardi Gras. The bout resulted in a draw, the champion taking a fall in the fourth round with his "Napier stopper," while Hickland evened in the sixth and final round with a fall following a dump.

Hickland early had his man in trouble with reverse arm bars, but Brock countered with toe holds and then concentrated on a hammerlock. Brock again secured a head scissors and arm bar, but Hickland, after securing a head scissors, put on a short arm scissors and rocked in the pressure. The referee cautioned Hickland for hair pulling. Brock secured a severe barred toe hold. Hickland then went for a hammerlock and an arm stretch as the gong sounded.

Drop Kicks The second round opened with Hickland trying two drop kicks, the second bringing Brock down, but the Napier man came out with the splits. Brock put Hickland to the mat with a wrist lock, which he converted to a short arm scissors and Hickland came out with a similar hold on his opponent. Hickland jolted Brock out of the ring as the gong sounded.

Hickland jolted his opponent to put on the figure four, but Brock went for an arm strangle. Hickland secured a forward head lock and then a figure four body scissors, using the elbow jolt. Brock put a painful wristlock on his opponent, who smacked his back, and Brock, thinking it was the referee, let him go as the gong sounded.

The fourth round opened sensationally. Brock went straight in to put on his noted specialty, the "Napier stopper," a wrist hold with a combination of the reverse short arm scissors and a neck breaker, pressure being brought to bear on the nape of the neck. Fifty seconds from the start Hickland had to submit.

Arm Scissors Hickland, aggressively opening the fifth round, secured a figure four short arm scissors followed by an arm strangle. Hickland secured a key lock and then went for an Indian death lock with the hand. Brock, however, was too strong in the legs. Hickland was cautioned for using the knee.

Hickland opened the final round with dropkicks and elbow jolts, picked Brock up, dumped him, and secured a fall within 20 seconds of the start of the final round.

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OKAWA CLUB FIXTURE

Members of the Okawa Defence Rifle Club met at Roy's Hill Range recently to compete for Christmas trophies. There was a fair attendance of members, who exhibited considerable enthusiasm and keenness in this enjoyable annual fixture.

The shooting conditions throughout the programme were exceptionally difficult, owing chiefly to the intense heat and tricky wind, but some fine scores were registered, chief among which were those of W. J. Burton, who was top scorer at every range. D. Dunn, who was runner-up in the principal aggregate, also deserves congratulations on his meritorious performance.

A new member who figured prominently in the prize list was J. A. McNeilly, who, although this was only his second visit to the range, finished well up in the championship list.

Details of the various scores and matches are as follows:-

Match No. 1. 300yds Handicap (Standard, 48) Mrs S. L. Luxford's Cake: A. Tilley (scr), 48; Christmas Cake (Club): R. McAnulty (2), 48. Mrs J. Hallagan's Wiscuits: G. Brehaut, 48. Mr R. McAnulty's Cream: H. Gibson (2), 48.

300yds Best Rifle Score. Christmas Cake (Club), W. J. Burton, 48; Mrs P. Gibson's Cake: B. Denison, 47; Mr C. E. Nelson Smith's Biscuits: J. D. Dunn, 46. Mr R. McAnulty's Cream: D. Dunn, 46.

Match No. 2. 500yds Handicap (Standard, 49) Mrs J. D. Dunn's Whiskey: W. J. Burton (scr), 49. Mr W. Raymond's 3 Cider: D. Dunn (2), 49. Mr D. Newbiggin's 3 Stout: H. Gibson (2), 49. Mr D. Newbiggin's 2 Stout: J. Hallagan (3), 49. Mr W. Raymond's 1 Cider: J. A. McNeilly (5), 49.

500yds Best Rifle Score. Mr W. Raymond's 3 Cider: L. E. Brathwaite, 48. Mr W. Raymond's 2 Cider: H. Brehaut, 48. Mr D. Newbiggin's 3 Stout: G. Brehaut, 48. Mr D. Newbiggin's 2 Stout: B. Denison, 46. Mr W. Raymond's 1 Cider: R. McAnulty, 46.

Match No. 3. 300 and 500yds Handicap (Standard, 97) Messrs C. and A. Odlin's Firewood: G. Brehaut (3), 97. Mrs A. Neilson's Electric Infuser: D. Dunn (4), 97. Dave Dunn's Wine: R. McAnulty (4), 96. Club 1 Wine: J. McNeilly (9), 96.

300 and 500yds Best Rifle Score. Messrs C. and A. Odlin's Firewood: W. J. Burton, 97. Messrs H. Williams and Son's Order: H. Gibson, 93. Club 2 Wine: B. Denison, 93. Club 1 Wine: S. L. Luxford, 92.

Match No. 4. 600yds Handicap (Standard, 48) Mr G. S. Campbell's Lamb: J. A. McNeilly (4), 48. Mr D. Newbiggin's Lamb: A. Tilley (5), 47. Mrs J. Brehaut's Tomatoes: J. Hallagan (4), 46. Christmas Pudding (Club): C. Eberhard (8), 46.

600yds Best Rifle Score. Mr W. J. Livingston's Lamb: W. J. Burton 45. Mr C. E. Nelson Smith's Christmas Packet: A. Neilson 44. Mrs J. Brehaut's Tomatoes: L. E. Brathwaite 44.

Match No. 5. 500 and 600yds Handicap (Standard, 97) Club, Dressed: W. J. A. McNeilly (9), 97. Mr D. Newbiggin's Stout: J. Hallagan (7), 95. Mr D. Newbiggin's 2 Stout: D. Dunn (4), 93.

500 and 600 Best Rifle Score. Club, Dressed: W. J. Burton 94. Mr D. Newbiggin's 4 Stout: L. E. Brathwaite 92. Mr D. Newbiggin's 2 Stout: H. Brehaut 92.

Consolation Match, 600yds. Mrs S. L. Luxford's Cake: J. D. Dunn 17. Mr C. Denison's Beer: C. Eberhard 16. Club 2 Wine: P. Dunn 15. Mr D. Newbiggin's 2 Stout: C. Denison 14.

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2.0 p.m.: Recordings. 3.15: Sports results. 4.0: Weather forecast. 4.30: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session.

5.45: Dinner music. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News and reports. 8.0: Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra. "Chaconne" (Mach-Stokowski). 8.22: James Leighton (baritone) in songs by Dowland, Purcell and Handel. 8.34: Fessick (soprano), 8.50: Florence Austral (soprano), with the Royal Opera Orchestra and Chorus. 9.20: Weather report and station notices. 9.25: Felix Weingartner, conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra: Overture, "Consecration of the House" (Beethoven). 9.34: The Queen's Hall Orchestra, conducted by Sir Henry Wood, "Symphonic Variations" (Sir Francis). 9.50: Florence Austral (soprano), with the Royal Opera Orchestra and Chorus. 9.20: Weather report and station notices. 9.25: "Ed and Zeb". 9.35: A brass band concert with interludes by Evelyn Davies (soprano) and J. E. Davies (tenor). 10.15: Rhythm On Record.

2YA Wellington

7.0 a.m.: Breakfast session. 10.25: Recordings. 12.0: Lunch music. 2.0 p.m.: Classical hour. 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. 7.40: Talk by W. Ingram, "Great NZ. Athletes-A Centennial Tribute." 8.0: Mavis Edmonds and Her Rhythm Makers. 8.15: "What Do You Think?" 8.42: London Piano Accordion Band. 8.45: Result of Dramatic Novelty. 8.48: "Ed and Zeb" (light vocal). 8.52: Mantovani's Orchestra. 9.20: Weather report and station notices. 9.25: "Ed and Zeb". 9.35: A brass band concert with interludes by Evelyn Davies (soprano) and J. E. Davies (tenor). 10.15: Rhythm On Record.

3YA Christchurch

7.0 a.m.: Breakfast session. 10.0: Recordings. 10.30: Devotional service. 10.45: Recordings. 11.0: Talk to women. 11.10: Recordings. 11.15: 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 music. 4.30: Sports results. 5.0: Children's session.

5.45: Dinner music. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News and reports. 8.0: Presenting Gilbert and Sullivan Opera: "Gems from the Savoy Foundation." 9.20: Weather forecast and station notices. 9.25: Norwegian Light Symphony Orchestra. 9.34: Lotte Lehmann (soprano). 9.40: Victor Ricardo and His Orchestra. 9.47: Dennis Noble (baritone). 9.55: The Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. 10.0: Music, mirth and melody.

4YA Dunedin

7.0 a.m.: Breakfast session. 10.0: Selected recordings. 10.15: Devotional service. 10.30: Talk to women. 12.0: Lunch music.

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"THEY SHALL HAVE MUSIC"

Heifetz In Great Music Drama

With Jascha Heifetz, one of the world's most renowned violinists, starred, Samuel Gold's new major production "They Shall Have Music," which opens at the State Theatre, Hastings, to-day, unfolds a gripping story of human interest, highlighted by tense and thrilling action. The principal dramatic roles are played by Andrea Leeds and Joel McCrea, the important supporting roles by Walter Brennan, Gene Reynolds and Tommy Kelly. Archie Mayo directed the film.

"They Shall Have Music" draws its characters and plot from the wealth of material found on New York's East Side. Briefly, the story revolves around Professor Lawson, portrayed by Walter Brennan, and his music school settlement, composed of ragged youngsters who are musical prodigies. Into this school comes Frankie, who inherited a talent for the violin from his dead father and has run away from home to escape the hate of his stepfather. The boy is taken in tow by the professor, and blossoms into a fine musician. How he tries to repay his debt and how he lures the great Heifetz to the aid of the financially bankrupt school provides the climax to the story.

To portray the pupils in the school, Mr Goldwyn hired the California Junior Symphony Orchestra, composed of 45 youngsters, whose ages range from eight to 14 years. They represent a cross-section of American life with few if any of their parents in the brackets of more than moderate means. Music as produced by the symphony orchestra of prodigies has been classed by such an authority as Stokowski as surpassing many orchestras of adults. Mr Goldwyn also introduces to the screen for the first time a one-year-old opera singer, Jacqueline Nash, whose voice is said to be reminiscent of Galli Curci.

Cosy

"SANDY" STEALS THE HONOURS

Baby Star In "East Side Of Heaven"

"Sandy," the new infant player, steals the honours in the excellent film "East Side of Heaven," to be presented to patrons of the Cosy Theatre, Hastings, to-day. The story is fast-moving, and this is a film which must appeal to the most biased picture-goer. Prominent roles are filled by Joan Blondell, Mischa Auer and Bing Crosby. The part of a cruising troubadour is competently filled by Crosby, cast as a singing taxi-driver. Miss Blondell, cast as his sweetheart, is a telephone operator as a fashionable hired girl. Mischa Auer is Crosby's unemployed room mate who has learned from the stars that he should not even look for work until 1942.

That is the background of the story, delightfully interpreted by a talented cast. "Sandy" is "deposited" with Crosby by Irene Hervey, who takes this means of keeping the baby from her wealthy and hard-fisted father-in-law, portrayed by C. Aubrey Smith. That is when the film really starts—when Bing, Joan and Mischa try to take care of the youngster. Then there is the music, four new lilting tunes. They are called "East Side of Heaven," "Sing a Song of Sunbeams," "That Sly Old Gentleman from Featherbed Lane," and "Bang Your Heart" on a Hickory Limb. Johnny Burke and James Monaco, two of America's favourite composers, wrote them. Crosby sings them in that style which is all his own. Furthermore, each song has a definite and natural place in the plot. Laughter, youth and beauty are features of the mystery comedy. A fine supporting programme includes a cartoon and a "Stranger Than Fiction" feature.

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Read what those who should know have to say— P. L. Mannoek, "DAILY HERALD" (London): "Gives Charles Laughton a role in which he positively reveals... a new half-mark in screen technique."

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THRILLS ACTION ADVENTURE BUCK JONES in HEADIN' EAST With RUTH COLEMAN - SHEMP HOWARD (Approved for Universal Exhibition.)

Mayfair "THE LONE WOLF SPY HUNT" Debonair Rogue Returns To The Screen

The Lone Wolf, that debonair rogue whose light-fingered knavery made him the bane of police officials throughout the world, returns to the screen in the person of Warren William at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier, to-day. Ida Lupino is co-starred with William in the new Columbia film, "The Lone Wolf Spy Hunt," which is the first of a planned series of Lone Wolf comedy-mystery dramas.

"The Lone Wolf Spy Hunt" is set in Washington, where foreign agents are active. The Lone Wolf, held an international criminal, has reformed and lives as a bachelor with his motherless 8-year-old daughter. Miss Lupino is seen as the daughter of a Senator, her designs upon the Lone Wolf's state of single-blessedness keep him fairly busy, until he suddenly becomes enmeshed in another type of adventure.

An old companion-in-crime, Ralph Morgan, heads the spy ring, and for revenge implicates the Lone Wolf in the theft of government plans. William's former enemies, the police, descend upon him. He provides an alibi, then sets out to recover the stolen documents. Miss Lupino is not far behind him, for the alibi involves another young person—and also blonde.

As timely as today's headlines and as thrillingly exciting as a winning ticket on the sweepstakes is the German trade in the Balkans. "Headin' East," which is the second attraction.

Big, virile, two-fisted Buck Jones, again proving why he is America's favorite action star, has the ace role in this new adventure story, ably supported by lovely Ruth Coleman, his new leading lady, and a stellar cast of featured players.

The story concerns the adventures of a hard-riding, straight-shooting cowboy, Buck Benson (Buck Jones), whose father's lettuce-growing business has been seriously damaged by a ring of vicious racketeers.

Special items will be presented to-night in the Sound Shell, Napier, commencing at nine o'clock, when juvenile bathing contests will be held. Seven years and under; eight years and under 11 1/2 years and under 15; also tap dances for children seven years and under; eight years and under 11; 11 years and under 15; and 15 years and over. A boys' bun-eating contest will also be held. The first prize will be 5/-, second 3/-, and third 2/-, and seats are only 6d each.

GRACIE FIELDS'S NEW TRIUMPH

"Shipyard Sally" At State, Napier

The great British shipyards at Clydebank, Scotland, are the setting for Gracie Fields' latest comedy film "Shipyard Sally," which is now showing at the State Theatre, Napier. In this her latest and greatest triumph, Gracie is starred with Sydney Howard. These are gigantic yards where the greatest transatlantic liners of all time were built—the Queen Mary, the Queen Elizabeth, the new Aquitania and other famous ships. In fact, the film opens with the scene of Queen Elizabeth christening and launching the newest of the liners, named after herself.

Clydeside, where the story opens, is seen as a period of prosperity, closes and poverty and despair settle over the workers. Gracie Fields appears as Sally, a music hall artist who finds that to keep her errant father, the "Major," in order is becoming a full-time job.

The "Major" is played by Gracie's co-star, Sydney Howard. He buys a Clydeside "pub" with Gracie's savings and looks thirstily forward to drinking the profits. There are no profits, however, for the men can no longer afford to pay for their beer. Gracie proves a friend to the workers, dispensing beer and encouragement without hope of reward beyond their profound gratitude and friendship. A commission is appointed in London to report on the situation at Clydebank, and Sally is sent to London to plead a resumption of work. The "Major" decides to accompany her.

Lord Randall (Moreton Selten), head of the commission, is both busy and elusive. When orthodox methods fail to bring Sally an interview, she uses her voice and her ingenuity. She poses as an American blues singer and becomes the hit of a party at Randall's house; she impersonates a young man of Mayfair and passes through the portals of Lord Randall's very conservative—and all male—club; she continues her impersonation of the singer at a country house-party and at last her efforts are rewarded with success.

Gracie sings a list of old favourites and specially written hits, including "Wish Me Luck," "In Perambuco," "I Got the Jitterbugs," "Grandfather's Bagpipes," "Annie Laurie" and "Danny Boy."

To make the programme even more entertaining and inviting, the theatre is also screening "War, Peace and Propaganda," the latest issue of "The March of Time" series. It carries a vital message in these times of stress and should be seen by everyone. The latest Fox Movie-tone News, rushed to New Zealand, gives a striking panorama of the war. It includes scenes of the R.A.F. "digging-in" in France.

Regent "THE BEACHCOMBER" IS GREAT More Brilliant Acting By Charles Laughton

"The Beachcomber," which opens at the Regent Theatre, Napier, to-day, is the highest of the great screen actor, Charles Laughton.

Based on a W. Somerset Maugham story, the picture casts Laughton in the role of "Ginger Ted," a unique and interesting character in whom he handles with all the adroitness and finish which he lent to the parts of Captain Bligh in "Mutiny on the Bounty," and the title role of "Rembrandt" in "The Inception of the action, "Ginger Ted" is disrupting the peace of a tropical Dutch Indies Island. English remittance man and beachcomber, he is at odds with the scheming of things on the island. The island's Dutch Controller, a missionary named Miss Jones, and her brother, Dr. Jones, have a hard time trying to control him. Yet the Controller prefers his company, to that of the strict, humourless Miss Jones and her fussy brother. At the same time Miss Jones is having a difficult time keeping "Ginger" away from her native city students.

In the course of the story, "Ginger" and Miss Jones are marooned on a reef for a night, along with two native boys. She is frank with two native boys. She is frank with two native boys. She is frank with two native boys. She is frank with two native boys.

From time to time correspondents in London write of the efforts which Germany is making to extend her markets in the Balkans and in south-eastern Europe. And it is so, too, in Scandinavia, although there she uses the weapons of naval force as well as the pressure of business interests. Economic warfare, it is recognised in Britain, is more than a blockade. Germany's trade with adjacent countries must also be attacked by a vigorous economic initiative in those countries.

The possibility of combating the German drive depends, the "Financial News" declares, only upon the determination of the British people and the ability of the Government to provide the necessary organisation. It is considered that there must be Government help on a grand scale.

Whether the process takes the form of direct subsidy or of differential exchange rates depends upon the individual countries concerned. But a powerful effort of co-ordination there must be. British economic policy towards Turkey has been conceived on the right lines, and similar efforts should be directed towards the five Balkan countries.

Balkan Resources "These countries," the "Financial News" states, "urgently need development; they have tremendous capacity for raw goods, and their resources are coveted by Germany. If the German economic drive in south-eastern Europe can be checked, then the British blockade will squeeze the German economy decisively. In Scandinavia the technique of the Turkish agreement is unnecessary. The Scandinavian trading system is still free, and in particular is simply one of price—rather than of cost. Outside Europe, the problem is more straightforward: it is one of supplying British goods where German goods used to go. In these foreign markets Great Britain can expect to recoup some of the funds which will be lost in combating Germany's Continental drive. Co-ordination

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If the war keeps on long enough, Europe may face a complete annihilation of poultry at a rate, in those areas where shellfire or bombs can be heard. This is not because hens are among the creatures directly hit, but because of the effects of shock on unhatched chicks. In spite of almost any hatching hens will find nooks and crannies in which to lay their eggs. Some will sit hopefully expecting the usual results, but numerous cases have been tested in the various war theatres of recent years to prove that gunfire and bomb explosions of any magnitude destroy the life inside the eggs.

In one instance during the present European hostilities two hens sitting on 32 eggs between them had already hatched 14 chicks when two "dud" bombs fell within 75 and 100 yards of the nests. No more chicks hatched out, and an investigation showed the remainder, just ready to break the eggs, had died of "shell-shock."

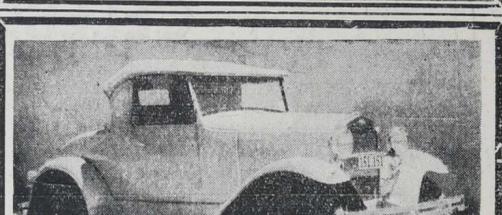
There must be, and planning, with willingness to spend resources now. Any money lost in destroying Germany's markets will be trivial compared with the cost of carrying on the war longer than is necessary.

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SPARKLING MUSICAL ROMANCE

Jeanette MacDonald In "Broadway Serenade"

Packed with musical, romantic and eye-filling thrills, "Broadway Serenade," starring Jeanette MacDonald, opens at the Regent Theatre, Hastings, to-day. Undoubtedly a picture for the "must see" list, "Broadway Serenade" includes all the elements of top flight entertainment.

Unlike most films in the musical category, this one contains a story which holds interest from the first scene to the last. In brief, it is the tale of a young married couple, she a singer, he a composer- pianist. As a team they play most of New York's cheap night clubs until a lucky break starts the girl climbing high on the ladder of musical-comedy success. The boy is left behind to battle for recognition as a composer and to master the jealousy which eventually breaks up the marriage.

The story moves in two extremes of locale, the glittering show-world of which the girl becomes a part, and the garret-room, where her husband is struggling to bring himself a success of which she may be proud.

Seldom has Jeanette MacDonald had a better opportunity for both her dramatic and vocal abilities. For the first time since "San Francisco" she carries the vocal honours singly. Her songs have been wisely selected to please diversified audiences. There are favourites of the Gay Nineties, grand opera selections, and a dash of the day's hit tunes. In each case the songs are set against colourful backgrounds.

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Reports Of Meetings During Past Month

ORMONDVILLE

The monthly meeting of the Ormondville Women's Institute took place in the Peace Memorial Hall, when Mrs. H. Howes presided over a good attendance.

Notice was received of the annual council meeting to be held at Waipukurau on April 16, 1940. Nominations for president and members of the committee must reach the federation secretary before February 8.

The roll-call, "Favourite name for boy or girl," met with a full response.

The competition results were:—Sponge roll, Mrs. E. Cloud 1; Centennial work, Mrs. G. S. Chapman.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Children's Party
The Ormondville Women's Institute gave a very successful Christmas party for the children of institute members.

The tea table looked most attractive laden with all the things that small children delight in, and after grace was sung the children did full justice to the feast.

The children played games while the grown-ups had tea and then the stage curtains were drawn to reveal the Christmas tree which was candle lit and brightly decorated.

The president, assisted by two small girls, distributed the parcels, each of which bore the name of its destined owner.

The institute members had a musical exchange of Christmas parcels. Each child also received a packet of sweets or a ham from the tree, before leaving for home.

HATUMA
The children were entertained at a bright Christmas party at the December meeting of the Hatuma Women's Institute held in the Hatuma Hall on Friday last.

Prior to the party a short business meeting was held, Mrs. P. A. Riddle presiding over a fair attendance. A motion of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Mrs. J. A. Grant, all standing in silence.

Final arrangements were made for the exhibition at the institute stall at the Waipukurau A. and P. Show.

The results of the monthly competition were:—Best bloom (large), Mrs. Coombes; best bloom (small), Miss Kitty Riddle; needle-work picture, Miss Kitty Riddle 1 and 2; white nut and raisin loaf, Miss Kitty Riddle 1, Miss McEwen 2.

A beautiful lot of flowers were brought in from the Gardening Circle and afterwards sent to the Sanatorium.

For the Christmas party an entertaining programme was presented by the children. Musical items were rendered by Ewen Donald and Graham Wilson; Irish jig by Margaret Smith; fancy dances, Susan Jensen and Joycelin Smith, and choral speaking by the school children.

Afternoon tea was a very bright and festive affair, the children donning colourful paper hats, which added to the gaiety.

Following afternoon tea, the children waited expectantly for Father Christmas, who, unfortunately, had got bogged in the Hatuma Lake. When he eventually arrived, he was welcomed by a merry band of children.

Se upon the stage was the beautiful Christmas tree, laden with gifts and bright with balloons and coloured streamers.

Father Christmas distributed a gift to each child with bag of sweets, and the happy faces of the recipients told more than words the pleasure derived from the gifts.

Mrs. J. Hobson, on behalf of the parents, thanked the members of the institute for providing such a happy afternoon for the children.

The president extended the season's greetings to all, the singing of the National Anthem terminating a delightful afternoon.

MARAOKAKAHO
Mrs. R. Averill presided over a good attendance of members at the December meeting of the Maraekakaho Women's Institute.

The members spent the afternoon making bandages and splints. Monthly competitions resulted: Best bloom (large), Mrs. Simmonds 1, Mrs. O. Clarkson 2; small, Mrs. Graham 1, Mrs. Paterson 2; vest, Mrs. Paterson 1, Mrs. Simmonds 2; sweets, Mrs. De Meuna 1, Mrs. Averill 2; best toy, Mrs. Farmer.

A large parcel of sweets and toys was sent to the district nurse.

WALLINGFORD
The December meeting of the Wallingford Women's Institute was held at "Wallingford," Mrs. J. D. Ormond presiding over a fair attendance, a number of visitors being present.

The golden thread, "Famous Women," was completed by Mrs. S. E. McNutt who took for her subject Elizabeth Fry.

Mrs. Ormond then introduced Miss Jull who spoke at some length on conditions in England at the outbreak of war. Miss Jull also told of the work Women's Institutes are doing all over the country and how well organised they are to help in every emergency. At the conclusion Miss Jull was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for her interesting talk.

It was proposed that a letter of appreciation be sent to an institute member who is doing war-work in England.

Final arrangements were made for the Waipukurau A. and P. Show exhibits.

A good number of Christmas surprise packets were handed in for the children's ward at the Public Hospital. Mesdames R. Croft and J. D. Ormond, jun., were two new members welcomed.

The results of the competitions were: Mincemeat, Mrs. Hewison 1, Mrs. Clarke 2; best bloom, Mrs. J. D. Ormond (Japanese iris) 1, Mrs. S. E. McNutt (Christmas lily) 2, Mrs. R. P. Wilder (carnation) Mrs. Hewison (pentstemon) equal 3.

The hostesses were Mesdames J. Byrne, Groves, Wooster, R. P. Wilder and Miss Balfour.

Before the meeting closed Mrs. Ormond extended Christmas greetings to all and best wishes for the New Year.

TAKAPAU

The gardening circle of the Takapau Women's Institute met at the residence of Mrs. J. Thomson, Burnside, when Mrs. H. Killford presided over a good attendance of members.

Mrs. Roy Thomson was welcomed as a new member. A paper on pinks was read by Mrs. P. Sanders.

In a competition for best blooms, Mrs. W. Jackson and Mrs. H. Killford tied for first place, Mrs. W. B. White was second and Mrs. E. H. Thomson third.

Everyone enjoyed a walk round the lovely and well laid-out garden.

A dainty afternoon tea was served, after which a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Thomson, and carried with acclamation.

ESKDALE
"Herepoho," the home of Mrs. F. Clark, was the meeting place for the members of the Eskdale Institute for their December afternoon, when Mrs. Roseby was hostess.

Miss Kirkham, who presided over a good attendance, welcomed two visitors.

Arrangements for the Christmas tree party on December 14 were discussed and Mrs. Roseby read an interesting letter from an English lady written just prior to the outbreak of war.

During tea, the roll call, "Recite a line or verse of poetry learnt at school," caused much searching in past memories and some amusement.

The Pioneer Tale Volume was to be sent as a New Year gift to the Eskdale link, England.

KERERU
The monthly meeting of the Kereru Women's Institute was held in the district hall, Mrs. Shield, president, welcomed three visitors, Mrs. C. Baker, president of the Northern Hawke's Bay Federation, Miss McMichael, voluntary organiser, and Mrs. A. Perry, late of Wairoa. The roll-call was "Recitations."

Miss McMichael gave a helpful talk on the duties of the institute's officers. Mrs. A. Perry's travel talk on a visit to Staffordshire, England, was much enjoyed.

The competitions were judged by the visitors with the following result: Best bloom (large), Mrs. R. McCormick; small, Mrs. P. Shield. The institute competition for the best Christmas gift for a fellow-member to cost 1/6, resulted: Miss Wharton (duches set) 1, Mrs. W. A. Whyte (worked apron) 2, Mrs. O. Simmonds (coat-hanger) 3. The gifts were drawn from a basket by the members.

PORANGAHAU
The monthly meeting of the Porangahau Women's Institute was held in the Masonic Hall, Mrs. Hobson presiding over a fair attendance.

After the business had been disposed of, the competitions were judged, and resulted: Plate of shortbread, Mrs. Somerville 1, Miss Rasmussen 2, Mrs. Mills 3; Christmas novelty, Mrs. Mills 1, Mrs. Forrest 2, Mrs. C. Ross 3.

Afternoon tea was served by the hostesses, Mesdames Rasmussen and Somerville.

A Recent Maori Wedding

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A pretty Maori wedding was celebrated at the bride's home, Greytown, on Christmas evening, when Horiara Gwendoline Pamela Boyd was married to Joseph Iaeata Tapine of Takapau. The bride's bridesmaid, the Rev. Apostle Hector Maniua, of the Ratana Church, performed the ceremony. The bride is a great-great-granddaughter of the late chief Hoani Rangitakia-waho, of Papawai. Her father is a cousin of Sir Apirana Ngata, and son of the late Mr. G. G. Boyd, of Silverford, Napier. Her great-grandmother was Ngaohari, a daughter of Te Tahana Turua.

The bridegroom is the only son of Makere Naera, and Mika Haeata Tapine, grandson of the Te Paea Heremla and Tapine Heata, Wairoa.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a lovely white taffeta gown with silver stars on the bodice and short puff sleeves and long white mittens. Her white and silver veil was surmounted by a coronet of orange blossoms and carnations.

The matrons of honour who attended the bride were Mrs. Manihera and Mrs. Mark, both in full Maori dress. Two flowergirls were cousins of the bride and bridegroom, Queen Kaero and Lulia Ngata. The best man was Mr. George Te Whaiti.

At a reception following the ceremony, the toast to the bride was given by the M.P., for Wairarapa, Mr. B. Roberts, and the bridegroom's toast was proposed by Mr. Len Pike, of Te Whiti, Masterton.

The honeymoon was spent in Takapau and Napier, and their future home will be in Greytown.

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Mrs. E. McPherson, Otahuhu, who has been visiting Mrs. J. Lowrie, Whakatu, returned home by car yesterday morning.

Mrs. and Miss J. Moore, Konini Road, Hataitai, Wellington, are on a visit to Napier.

Mrs. Urquhart left Hastings for Wellington by car yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Irwin left Hastings by car for Gisborne yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. and Mrs. E. A. Williams and Mrs. Sheila Williams, Seapoint Rd., Napier, have returned from a holiday spent in Taupo. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. Williams, Gisborne, who will be their guests.

Mrs. J. M. Jowsey, Dunedin, is the guest of Mrs. A. F. Nather, St. George's Road, Hastings.

Mrs. J. Madsen, Norsewood, and her three daughters are visiting Waipukurau as the guests of Mrs. Madsen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Svensen.

Mr. Brickly Hulena, and Miss A. Nalsh, Wellington, have been visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hulena, South Norsewood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McCaw and family, Hastings, have taken up residence on the Raukatakahi Block.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Andersen, Palmerston North, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Murray, Norsewood.

Mrs. Jenkins and her infant daughter, of Riwaka, are guests of Mrs. H. Ginderson, Norsewood.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, St. Helier's Bay, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sleep, Norsewood.

Mrs. C. Johanson, Napier, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thomson, Norsewood.

Mrs. F. Mogford, Whangarei, accompanied by her daughter, Mabel, has returned home after a visit to Hastings.

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Old Resident Of Waipawa

MRS S. J. STANDIDGE

Death Occurs In 90th Year

AN EARLY SETTLER

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIPOAWA. One of the oldest residents of the Waipawa district, Mrs Sarah Jane Standidge, died at Fairfield last week in her 90th year. Mrs Standidge came to New Zealand in 1858 in the sailing ship Zealandia, landing at Lyttelton. For 15 years she lived at Wellington, afterwards removing to the Waipawa district, where she resided until her death. The children who survive are: Mr F. C. Standidge, Wellington, Mrs L. Booth, Mrs J. Williams, Waipawa; Mrs E. A. Banks, Island Bay; Mrs H. W. Kelly, Melbourne; Mrs G. P. H. Davidson, Kelburn; Mrs Somers Playne, England; and Miss Standidge, Waipawa. There are ten grand-children and seven great grand-children.

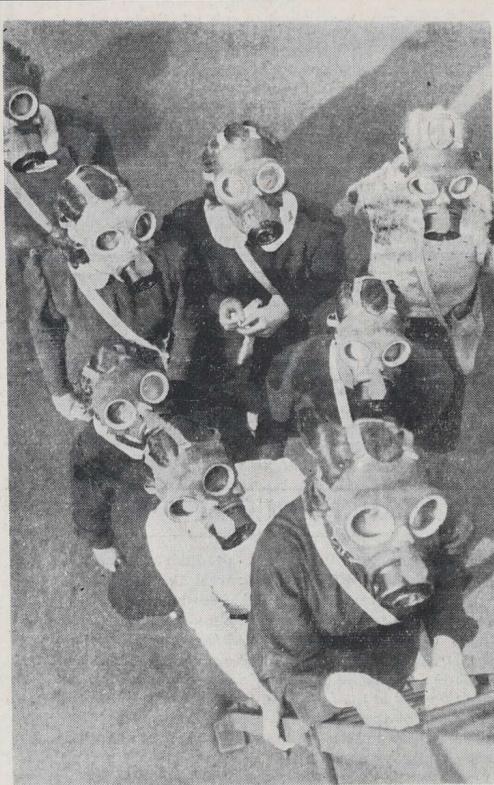
SPECTACULAR FIRE

OUTBREAK AT WAIROA YESTERDAY

BUILDING BURNED

Good Work Done By Brigade

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIROA. With high flames and dense smoke issuing from the Wairoa Harbour Board's large storage shed on the North Clyde River wharf, the Wairoa Fire Brigade received a call at 10.20 a.m. yesterday to one of the most spectacular fires seen in the town for some time. Previously used as a flaxmill, the iron building was stocked with 70 tons of hay, the property of the Wairoa Dairy Company and, despite the vigorous effort of the brigade, both were a total loss. The damage is estimated to exceed £100. The wharf, however, was saved and only little damage done. The fire had taken complete possession of the shed when the brigade arrived several minutes after the alarm, though not being in the borough boundary water had to be pumped from the river. When the building collapsed, the brigade concentrated on checking the flames from spreading to the wharf. Continual hosing for four hours was necessary to subdue the flames. The building was insured, but no details were available yesterday.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT.—These are not fighting troops, but girls of the London General Post Office taking part in air-raid practice.

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DECLINE IN BIRTHS REGISTERED

Waipukurau Figures

FEW MARRIAGES LAST MONTH

Vital Statistics

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIPOKURAU. A decided drop in the number of births registered is the most significant item in the vital statistics for 1939 in Waipukurau. There were 55 births (71 in 1938), 47 deaths (49) and 36 marriages (37). The figures for December show a marked reduction in the number of marriages, the total being only three against eight in the same month of 1938. Births at four showed no change, and deaths (six) were an increase of two.

SMALL RAINFALL AT WAIPOKURAU

Last Year One Of Driest On Record

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIPOKURAU. The rainfall in Waipukurau during 1939 was particularly small, the total being only 22.75 inches, only about half the previous year's record of 44.89 inches. The average over the past 10 years has been 30.83 inches, the lowest recording being 20.29 inches in 1931. During last month 3.77 inches fell on eight wet days, compared with 6.34 inches in December, 1938.

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Few Eclipses In 1940

TWO THIS YEAR Captain Cook's Mission Recalled

MERCURY'S TRANSIT

The year 1940 will be a poor one for eclipses, so far as New Zealand is concerned. The minimum number possible, two, will occur during the year, both being solar ones. An annular eclipse which will occur on April 7 will be visible only in America, while the second, a total solar eclipse, will be equally visible from South America and the southern tip of Africa, in both of which places the total duration of obscuration will be about four minutes. As some compensation for the fact that neither of these phenomena will be visible in New Zealand, a transit of the planet Mercury across the face of the sun on November 11 will be visible in all stages from the Dominion. The last occasion on which such a transit occurred was in 1927, and there will not be another until the year 1953. In Centennial year it is interesting to recall that the first European astronomical observation conducted in New Zealand was an observation of a transit of Mercury made by Captain Cook on the occasion of his first visit to these shores in November, 1769, and the incident lives in the names Mercury Bay, Red Mercury, and Great Mercury Islands, which the famous navigator bestowed upon portions of the east coast of Hauraki Peninsula.

PREFERS SCIENCE TO AVIATION

Lindbergh's Idea

LOST POPULARITY IN AMERICA

His Recent Speeches

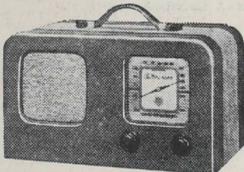
Colonel Lindbergh, who recently announced his resignation from the United States Advisory Committee of Aeronautics, declares that in future he will concentrate on scientific research. His friends discount the suggestion that he was embittered by the repeal of the Arms Embargo Bill, which he strongly opposed. Colonel Lindbergh's popularity slumped during the Arms Embargo controversy, when he broadcast two isolationist speeches. In the second speech he declared that Canada had no right to expect American protection while she "persisted in preferring the Crown of England to American independence." Lindbergh has already done a considerable amount of scientific research. In collaboration with Dr. Alexis Carrel, he invented the "Lindbergh pump." This is a mechanical heart which, Carrel claims, will make possible the transplanting of organs in the human body. Thus, should a man be suffering from disease of the kidneys, it will be possible to instal sound kidneys, kept alive by the "Lindbergh pump." The pump passes nutrient solution through the organ in the same way as the heart pumps blood. Already hearts, lungs, thyroid glands and kidneys have been kept alive by its use.

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The Official Luncheon At Wellington

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By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, Jan. 4.

The following message has been passed by the censor for publication: "In three days I have seen every man and met every officer of the First Echelon. It was impossible for me in that short time to make a thorough inspection, but I will stake any military authority or reputation I may have in saying that I am personally satisfied that they will strive hard to maintain the traditions of the First New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and say also that they will not strive in vain."

This statement was made to-day by Major-General B. C. Freyberg, V.C., commander of the Second N.Z.E.F. at a luncheon given by the Government in honour of the First Echelon and its escort.

The naval representatives present congratulated New Zealand on the part played by H.M.S. Achilles in the engagement with the Graf Zeppelin. Rear-Admiral G. Grace, of H.M.A.S. Canberra, said that the Achilles must be the envy of all sailors. Captain H. T. Baillie-Grohman, of H.M.S. Ramilies, said that the Achilles had tipped the scales in the engagement.

The luncheon given at Parliament House was attended by a distinguished company of guests, both local and visiting.

It seemed just a few days since the question of the transport and convoy of New Zealand troops had been discussed with the War Office and the British Admiralty, said the Minister of Education, Mr. Heath (the Hon. P. Fraser), in proposing the toast to "Our Guests."

At these discussions it was recognized that the transport which was good enough 25 years ago was not up to the standard of modern requirements. The War Office had fully entered into that conception. As a result, they saw to-day some of the finest ships afloat available for the transport of troops.

At a rough estimate there were 124,500 tons of shipping now available for the purpose of conveying and protecting the men of the First Echelon.

As it was but six weeks since these matters had been discussed, it said a great deal for the organization of the British Commonwealth generally and the Admiralty and the Ministry of Shipping in particular that in this period the ships were readily available. It was the first time that a ship of the Ramilies type had visited New Zealand. The occasion was also notable for the fact that there were ships of the P. and O. Line, the Orient Line, the C.P.R. Line, the N.Z. Shipping Co. and the British India Company in port.

It was wonderful that these ships should be at the command of the Governments of the British Commonwealth and be here at the service of the New Zealand Government.

A Great Leader
Major-General Freyberg had been welcomed spontaneously and sincerely in New Zealand and there was not a dissenting note as to his suitability to take command.

All who saw the inspiring parade of the previous day realised what a fine, fit body of men these soldiers of the First Echelon were, said Major-General Freyberg. He was informed that there had been similar parades at Auckland and in South Otago.

Of those who saw the parade, possibly many took it for granted, without realising the tremendous amount of work done by the New Zealand Staff Corps under the fine leadership of Major-General Duigan, also the work done by the citizen army who had given up time and energy when military matters were not so important as now.

He did not think it was generally realised what a difficult job it was to pick commanders for a new force. There were in the New Zealand Staff Corps four men all perfectly fit to take each job. He knew what it meant to professional soldiers to forge material and then to see them go away while they remained behind but they had to stay because it was necessary to maintain the standard of the drafts that were to come.

Selection of Officers
Selecting officers in New Zealand at the present was a difficult task. The Great War was now 20 years in the past, and those who had commanded companies and battalions in it were now reaching the extreme age limit of suitability as unit commanders. To show that it was realised that young New Zealand must be encouraged, two officers under the age of 35 were being picked to command units in the Third Echelon.

Rear-Admiral Grace said that his ship had been invited by the New Zealand Government to visit Wellington at about this time in connection with the Centenary celebrations, but in times of peace, when the invitation was extended, it was not found possible to accept because of commitments. Now, with the heavier commitments of war, here they were, so that this strange set of wars had its compensations.

Despite their very short stay, it was hoped that they would visit New Zealand again shortly, though he feared that these visits, too, would be brief.

Thanks
Captain Baillie-Grohman thanked the people of Wellington for what they had done for the officers and men of his ship. They had been entertained magnificently. After seven weeks at sea, travelling at high speed, and with only two nights in harbour, this hospitality was most welcome.

When his ship arrived at Fremantle, British sailors had not been seen there for so long that the inhabitants thought the Royal Marines were German prisoners of war.

The toast of the British Empire, the Allies, France and Poland was also drunk and the Marseillaise played.

The Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. M. J. Savage) was unable to attend the luncheon. The Ministers present were the Hon. W. Nash, Hon. F. Wilson, and the Hon. H. T. Armstrong.

Inquest Held On Death Of Young Boy
Died Of Wounds Self-Inflicted At Hamilton
The Verdict
Deliberate Intention Indicated By Letter

By Telegraph—Press Association.
HAMILTON, Jan. 4.

At the inquest held to-day into the death of William Frederick Laird, aged 15, farm hand, Mr. S. L. Paterson returned a verdict that the deceased had died from gunshot wounds self-inflicted.

Evidence was given by the Child Welfare Officer, Mr. E. V. Thorpe, that Laird was a ward of the State, being committed to Hastings on February 10, 1937, on breaking and entering charges. He was also before the Hastings court on September 18, 1935, on a charge of theft. He was then placed under supervision for two years.

He had been in several institutions, most of which he left after making complaints in regard to treatment. He was later placed on a farm in the Auckland district and was subsequently returned as unsuitable because of his temperamental nature.

The witness judged that Laird was temperamentally unsuitable in view of the number of situations he had had, the temper he displayed and the fact that for a period he had been in the taking of his own life, as shown by a letter left just before the shooting.

In this note, Laird said that he hoped that next time he would have a better chance and that he had been told that he would have another six years under the Government.

The Welfare Officer denied that he had ever told Laird that he would be under the care of the State until he was twenty-one.

NAPIER AREA FILLS QUOTA OF RECRUITS

TOTAL OF 316 WITH MORE TO COME

GOOD PROGRESS

Enlistments Increase At Wellington

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Jan. 4.

Under the present campaign for recruits for the Second and Third Echelons of the Special Force, the Napier-Gisborne-Wairarapa area of the Central Military District is the first in New Zealand to fill its quota of fit men. The quota was 315, and up to midnight 316 had been classed as fit, and there are some 200 men still to be medically examined.

Up to January 2 enlistments in the central district totalled 6368 for the whole of the Special Force, of whom 3695 were classified as fit, 665 temporarily unfit, 3437 sent to camp, 398 in reserved occupations and therefore not available, leaving a balance of 883 available for posting.

The effect of yesterday's ceremonial farewell and the sight of khaki-clad men was obvious from a halo around the head of the chief operator, this is nevertheless the inside of a British bomber, whose chief priest does most things except sing hymns.

A Stern Chase In Wellington Streets
Ramilies Man Does A Spot Of Detecting
Crisp Evidence
How A Roll Of Notes Was Saved

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Jan. 4.

Evidence of how he chased an alleged thief through several city streets early this week was given in the Magistrate's court by Stoker W. Brooks of H.M.S. Ramilies. He was a witness in a case in which Richard Sullivan, a labourer, was charged with having stolen £22 from Richard Sexton.

Standing at attention and giving crisp replies to the examination of Chief Detective J. B. Young, Brooks related how he was having a drink with two men, named Sexton and Haines. The party was joined by Sullivan.

Roll Displayed
Sexton in buying a drink for Sullivan displayed a roll of banknotes which both the witness and the barman advised him to put away. Subsequently the men had left the bar.

In consequence of a report made to him shortly afterwards, Brooks went to a billiard saloon where he saw Sullivan and asked him what he had taken from Sexton. Sullivan denied having taken anything and, as they left the billiard saloon Sullivan took to his heels with witness in pursuit.

Caught
Witness eventually caught Sullivan after assistance had been given by a motor car and, in response to the demand that he hand over the money, Sullivan gave Brooks a small roll of notes. Later witness saw defendant trying to hide another roll of notes under the seat of a car which they entered. Brooks took charge of the money and handed both it and Sullivan over to the police.

Sullivan was remanded until January 9.

LEVEL CROSSING FATALITY
TRAIN AND CAR IN COLLISION
TWO DEATHS
Man And His Wife Killed

By Telegraph—Press Association.
AUCKLAND, Jan. 4.

The level crossing on the Waikuku branch railway, about one mile north of Pukekohe, was the scene of an accident involving the loss of two lives this morning.

The victims were Mr. John Boyd Marshall, aged about 70, farmer, of Taitimu, Graham's Beach, Waikuku, and Mrs. Frances Violet Marshall, aged about 50, wife of Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall left their home at Taitimu in a small saloon car about 7.30 this morning en route for the Centennial Exhibition at Wellington. At Pukekohe they turned north along the main road to Auckland. The driver of a cream lorry noticed a car just ahead of him approaching the level crossing. The view to the right down the line is partly obscured by a bank.

The car continued on to the line, but as it did so the Waikuku train, which had left Paerata station about three minutes before, came into view from the right and crashed into the car.

Wreckage Carried On
Neither the train nor the car was travelling at a fast speed, but the car was carried up the line on front of the locomotive in a wrecked condition, with pieces of the vehicle scattering to right and left.

Mrs. Marshall was thrown clear about two chains up the line from the point of impact. She was in a seriously injured condition.

Her husband was carried with the chassis and the engine of the car for about another two and a half chains. The wreckage then came off the front of the train and landed about 100 yards from the car.

The train was stopped a few yards farther on. Marshall died in a few minutes.

Mrs. Marshall was carried to the nearest house, where Dr. Egge, of Pukekohe, attended her. She had a double fracture of the right thigh and grave internal injuries, and her death occurred at the Auckland Hospital.

WANGANUI TENNIS FINALS
Tournament Now Concluded

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WANGANUI, Jan. 4.

The Wanganui lawn tennis annual tournament finished to-day. Events were won as follows:—

Men's Singles
N. A. Morrison (Wellington) beat J. J. McCarthy (Hawera), 6-0, 3-6, 7-5.

Women's Singles
Miss K. O'Sullivan (Hawera) beat Miss J. Ramsay (Auckland), 6-2, 7-5.

Men's Doubles
N. A. Morrison and N. F. Renouf (Wellington) beat J. J. McCarthy (Hawera) and L. Udy (Wanganui), 6-2, 6-2.

Women's Doubles
Misses T. Greaves and M. Pawsom (Wanganui) beat Miss J. Ramsay and J. Hansen (Auckland), 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

Combined Doubles
J. J. McCarthy and Miss J. Hansen beat J. Foster and Miss F. Bishop (Wanganui), 2-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Seven Military Bands
DOMINION DECISION
Three Will Remain In New Zealand
FOUR FOR OVERSEAS

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Jan. 4.

It was announced by Captain R. H. Nimmo that, through the assistance of the National Patriotic Fund Board, sufficient band instruments have been acquired to supply all the requirements of the Expeditionary Force in accordance with the establishment laid down.

As a result of conferences with Major-General Freyberg, it has been decided that an establishment of seven bands will be set up. Three will remain permanently in camp in New Zealand, and four will proceed overseas, being one for each brigade and one for divisional troops, such as artillery, machine-gun corps and all other units of a division.

The instruments have been purchased somewhere in the vicinity of 65 per cent less than the original cost price. Captain Nimmo expressed thanks to all who have made the instruments available for purchase.

Explosion On Beach
SYDNEY OCCURENCE
Tins Of Navigation Instruments
GERMAN MADE

By Telegraph—Press Association.
SYDNEY, Jan. 4.

The military authorities announced that two tins containing scientific depth-sounding instruments of German origin have been washed up at the Wollongong and Stanwell Park beaches on the south coast.

The discoverer of one of the tins is in hospital. After finding the tin he attempted to open it with an axe. With the first blow the instruments exploded, showering him with fragments of metal.

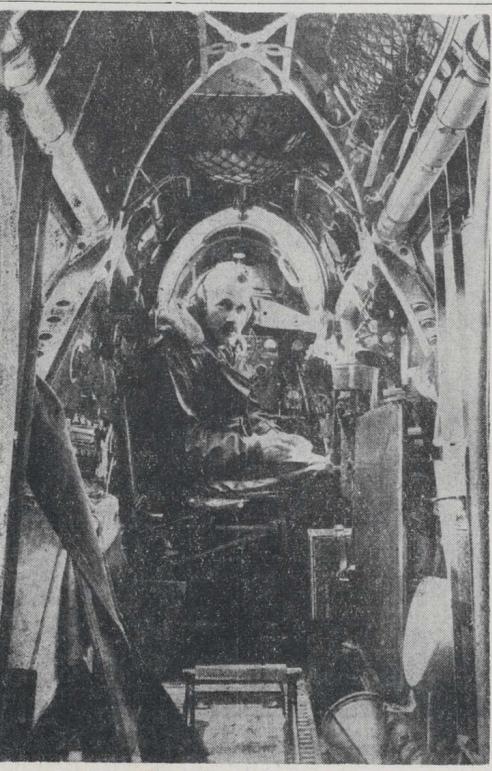
A warning has been issued to bathers to treat the instruments with care should they happen to find others.

BOWLING IN THE SOUTH

By Telegraph—Press Association.
INVERCARGILL, Jan. 4.

The South Island links bowls title was won to-day by the Dunedin rink (J. D. Best, J. C. Rigby, J. Hutchinson and C. Hamilton), which beat Hokonui (W. Anderson, A. Johnstone, J. Ritchie and D. F. Tai).

Experience and consistency in drawing won the match for the Dunedin rink, which won all its post-season games with ease.



A CATHEDRAL?—NOT QUITE.—Despite the apparent ecclesiastical type of its interior architecture and the suggestion of a halo around the head of the chief operator, this is nevertheless the inside of a British bomber, whose chief priest does most things except sing hymns.

N.Z. WRITERS' APPEAL
IMPORTATIONS OF BOOKS
THE RESTRICTIONS
Request For Their Relaxation

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Jan. 4.

The New Zealand centre of the P.E.N., a world-wide organisation of writers, has sent to the Prime Minister and to the Minister of Customs copies of a resolution passed unanimously at a meeting called to consider the Government's proposed restrictions on the importation of printed matter.

The text is as follows: "This centre regards with uneasiness the severe restrictions considered by the Government to be necessary on the importation of books into New Zealand. Realising the difficulties of the Government and believing that it shares our conviction that any measures that might tend to act as a restraint on intellectual freedom are to be deplored, we trust that the restrictions will not be applied to the better class of cultural literature, scientific or educational books and that the Government will take the first opportunity to relax them altogether."

QUAY STRONGLY GUARDED
Miss Mitford Arrives
HAS A SERIOUS HEAD WOUND
Came Via Switzerland

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LONDON, Jan. 3.

Miss Unity Freeman-Mitford, the pro-Nazi daughter of Lord Redesdale, has arrived from Germany via Switzerland and was taken to Lord Redesdale's home in Buckinghamshire in an ambulance. It is confirmed that she is suffering from a serious head wound.

Soldiers with fixed bayonets strongly guarded the quay.

Miss Mitford's arrival was attended in melodramatic secrecy. A notice at the harbour gate prohibited any but authorised entry. Miss Mitford was carried on a stretcher from the boat to an ambulance, which drove off at high speed, but the ambulance broke down and the accompanying car suffered a puncture. The party returned to Folkestone for the night.

SOVEREIGN EACH FOR ACHILLES LOOK-OUTS
Commander Pleased With Fine Work

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BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 4.

While the crews are enjoying liberty here and at Montevideo, Captain Parry, commander of the Achilles, told the "New York Times" that the Graf Spee battle was won against an enemy that was superior in every way except speed, only because brilliant plans were made the day previously.

Vice-Admiral Harwood said that the Graf Spee was first sighted after 16 minutes of fighting. After that the battle was a running one.

Captain Parry was wounded, receiving shell splinters in his legs. The ship was only slightly hit.

Admiral Harwood praised the Achilles look-outs, who were rewarded with a sovereign apiece for first sighting the enemy.

He added that the battle was fought in a most dramatic fashion. Celebrations for the Achilles and the Ajax are being held here and Montevideo is also gay.

The Associated Press report that the Graf Spee was destroyed by the British ships on the night of the 17th and 18th instants.

"In the words of common sense I hope that we will have fewer American ostriches in our midst. It is not good for the ultimate peace of the world to bury their heads in sand. Only an ostrich would look upon these wars through the eyes of cynicism or ridicule."

Continuing, the President said that the blind economic selfishness of the United States and other countries after the Great War produced trade restrictions which blocked commerce between nations. From that premise he devoted the middle portion of his message to a defence of the reciprocal trade agreement programme of Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, which was conducted by the Executive Department without Congressional consent or advice, over the veto, which it operates expires in June.

President Roosevelt said that it should not only be re-enacted but extended "as an indispensable part of the foundation of a stable and durable peace."

Obstacle to Peace
"The old conditions of world trade," he said, "made for no enduring peace. When the time comes the United States must use its influence to open the world's trade channels in order that no nation need feel compelled in later days to seek by force of arms what it can well gain by peaceful conference."

"I wish to emphasise the leadership which this nation can take when the time comes for a renewal of world peace," said President Roosevelt. "Such influence would be greatly weakened if the Government becomes a dog in the manger of trade selfishness. George Washington warned us against entangling foreign alliances, subscribe to and follow that precept, but trade co-operation with the rest of the world does not violate that precept. Even as through these trade agreements we prepare to cooperate in a world that wants peace, we must likewise be prepared to take care of ourselves if the world cannot attain peace. . . ."

No Panic Requested
"In the light of continuing world uncertainty I am asking Congress to support the Army and Navy increases which are based not on panic but on common sense. . . . As will appear in the annual Budget tomorrow the only important increase in the estimate for defence. Practically all other items show a reduction in the hope that we can continue in these days of increasing economic prosperity to reduce the Federal deficit. I am asking Congress to levy sufficient additional taxes to meet the emergency spending for defence."

He devoted the last section of his speech to domestic affairs. He said that national production had returned to 1929 levels, but the unemployment millions remained a symptom of the maladjusted economy. He rejected "the European expedient of putting the jobless to work on making armaments, an American way"—re-employment through greater production.

Stern Warning
President Roosevelt concluded with an appeal for national unity and warned apologists for foreign aggressors and equally those selfish partisan groups at home "who wrap themselves in a false mantle of human liberty of reason, of democracy and of fair play as living things to be presented for a better world to come."

"We must combat such tactics as we would a plague. . . ." he said. "We must, as a united people, keep ablaze on this continent the flames of human liberty of reason, of democracy and of fair play as living things to be presented for a better world to come."

SHORE LEAVE AS REWARD
AJAX AND ACHILLES SAILORS
VISIT TO URUGUAY
New Zealanders At Buenos Aires

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MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 3.

The British cruiser Ajax, which, with the Exeter and Achilles, recently defeated the German pocket battleship Graf Spee, departed for a battle off the coast of Uruguay, a rattle to-day. Crowds which had been waiting for hours saw the cruiser pass the twisted wreckage of the Graf Spee.

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SIX THOUSAND AUSTRALIANS PARADE
NEW ARMY CHEERED BY HUGE CROWD
Preliminary To Going Overseas

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SYDNEY, Jan. 4.

Australia's new army for overseas marched through Sydney's main traffic thoroughfares to-day in brilliant sunshine. They were cheered by an admiring crowd of half a million who thronged the saluting base outside the city.

The Town Hall was occupied by an impressive group of military leaders, including the Governor-General (Lord Gowrie) and the Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Military Force (Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Blamey), who will lead the army into battle.

Six thousand men took part in the parade, which created a deep impression on the people.

STUDENTS INCUR PARTY'S WRATH
UNIVERSITY LABOUR RESOLUTION OPPOSED TO WAR
Mr Greenwood Resigns From Organisation

British Official Wireless.
RUGBY, Jan. 3.

The conference of the University Labour Federation—an organisation based on students' societies in the United Kingdom—united with Labour sympathies, which has not infrequently found itself at variance with the official Labour Party policy—to-day passed a resolution which urges that the task of the Labour movement is to lead the working class in a determined struggle against what it describes as a war for profits and world domination for which the "Hitler, Fascism and British Imperialism are equally responsible."

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, has severed his connection with the organisation in protest against the resolution.

Policy Contradicted
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The Town Hall was occupied by an impressive group of military leaders, including the Governor-General (Lord Gowrie) and the Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Military Force (Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Blamey), who will lead the army into battle.

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PROVISION FOR FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF SOLDIERS IN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

SPECIAL BOARD SET UP TO DEAL WITH THE LEGITIMATE COMMITMENTS OF MEN ON SERVICE

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, Jan. 4.

The Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash) announced to-day on behalf of the Government that in continuation of the policy of providing as fully as possible for the needs of the members of the New Zealand Second Expeditionary Force a Soldiers' Financial Assistance Board had been set up to deal with applications received from soldiers who go overseas and who may be in need of financial assistance to meet obligations for which their military pay is inadequate.

The board will, it is proposed, utilise the organisation of the State Advances Office and will comprise the secretary to the Treasury, one of the joint managing directors of the State Advances Corporation as chairman, Mr J. G. Barclay, M.P., Whangarei, Mr D. Barnes, Timaru, Mr H. E. Combs, M.P., Wellington, Mr T. L. Macdonald, M.P., Mataura, and Mr Ernest W. Hunt, Wellington.

It is intended that assistance will be afforded where reasonably necessary to enable any member of the New Zealand forces while overseas to meet the following obligations: (a) rent, (b) interest payable in respect of loans or mortgages or in respect of agreements for the purchase of a dwelling-house or business premises, (c) interest and instalments payable in respect of agreements for the purchase of furniture or other chattels, (d) rates and taxes, (e) insurance premiums, (f) other necessary or reasonable expenses not incurred in the purchase of property.

The assistance will be by way of periodic grants or lump sums, but in no case is assistance to exceed £16 in any one year. Arrangements are in hand for the early preparation and circulation to all post offices and branches of the State Advances Corporation of forms for completion by or on behalf of the soldiers concerned.

SOUTH ISLAND TENNIS

THE CENTENNIAL GAMES

FINALS PLAYED

Complete List of Results

By Telegraph—Press Association.
TIMARU, Jan. 4.

Excellent weather, good courts and record attendances combined to make the South Island Centennial tennis championships which concluded to-day the most successful in the history of the game in the province.

The standard was uniformly high throughout the finals of championship events, providing brilliant exhibitions. The men's singles title was won by A. D. Brown, who represented New Zealand in the Davis Cup last year. He defeated C. Angus, New Zealand champion in 1928 and 1931, 5-7, 7-5.

The match was solidly contested throughout, both being brilliant. At various periods Brown kept better length and hit harder, and was also more decisive in smashing and volleying. His pace and net storming tactics forced Angus into the role of defender and though he returned well at times he was not equal to Brown's best shots.

The final of the women's doubles was right up to championship standard and the titleholders, Miss Thelma Poole, and her sister, Mrs E. Hatherley, had to fight harder than in any previous final to stave off Miss Miller, the singles champion, and Miss Kerr, who is a prominent New Zealand badminton representative. Both possess a solid forehand drive and relied mainly on the long game. The other pair varied the play much more, Miss Poole being deadly at the net.

The first set was a real marathon, going to 28 games before Miss Poole won 15-13. The set occupied 77 minutes. The holders then forced the pace and won the next set in eleven minutes, losing only one game.

The Results

Results are as follows:—

Men's Singles
Brown (Canterbury) beat Angus (Canterbury), 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.

Women's Doubles
Miss Poole and Mrs Hatherley (Canterbury) beat Miss Miller (North Otago) and Miss Kerr (Dunedin), 15-13, 6-1.

Mixed Doubles
Angus and Miss Poole (Canterbury) beat Smith and Miss Kerr (Otago), 6-2, 6-3.

The first smoke of the day! Can you beat it? Lots of chaps light up directly they tumble out of bed in the morning; others smoke while having their cold tub, but most wait till after breakfast. Mark Twain said the only times he wasn't smoking was when he was eating and when he was sleeping! Old smokers often have a whiff when they wake in the night—say it sends them off again. Tobacco? Of course tastes differ, but if a census of brands could be taken it would probably be found that the most popular of all—right through New Zealand—are the "toasted" ones. Go where you will, you'll find them on sale—yes, even in the backblocks! Sweet, mellow, cool and comforting Cut Plug No. 10 (Bullhead), Cavendish, Navy Cut No. 3 (Bulldog), Riverhead Gold and Desert Gold merit their immense popularity. It's toasting, by eliminating the nicotine, that makes them safe for the smoker! They're so popular they're being imitated. But imitation toasted is no good. Ask for the brands enumerated.*

He Stole A Whole Christmas Dinner

A Maori Charged With Breaking And Entering

The Sentence

Will Be Made To Appear Before Supreme Court

The theft of a complete Christmas dinner was admitted by a young Maori, William Morris, aged 21 years, who appeared before Mr J. Miller, S.M., in the Napier Magistrate's Court yesterday.

On two charges of theft he was convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, the sentences to be concurrent. On a charge of breaking and entering with theft, he was committed to the Supreme Court for sentence.

The charges were that on December 23, 1939, at Napier, he did break and enter the house of Freeman Jesse Steel, 5 Vigor Brown Street, Napier, and steal £2 10/- in money, and goods to the value of £14 6/6; that on December 25, 1939, at Napier, he stole goods to the value of £1 19/6, the property of Mary Ann Titter, and that on the same day he stole a bill valued at 3/6, the property of Joseph Ernest Armitage.

House Rifled
The first witness, Freeman Jesse Steel, stated that on December 23, he and his family went out for the evening, leaving the residence securely locked except for two windows which were slightly open. When the family returned shortly after 11 o'clock, witness's wife noticed that the dining-room window was wide open.

A considerable amount of property was missing from the house. The sum of £2 10/- which had been in his trousers pockets was missing. A cash box had also been removed. His son's 21st birthday presents were also missing from an attache case where they had been kept since his son had entered camp.

A search was made of the house and it was discovered that a bedroom had been rifled.

Wine Stolen
Three bottles of wine had been taken from the sideboard and in the back room a towel, a shirt, a pair of sports trousers and a pair of underpants were missing.

An apricot pie and a pie dish were missing from the kitchen. A pair of tan shoes and a small notebook were also missing. The cash box was later recovered, being found under a tree near the railway line. A pair of strange shoes were also found in the yard of the house.

Detective K. W. Mills, of Napier, gave evidence of having located accused asleep under a dense willow tree on the old river bed near George's Drive. He had found some of the missing articles in his possession.

Theft Admitted
Witness had taken accused to Mr Steele's house and he had admitted that it was the house he had entered. He had claimed the pair of shoes left in the yard. Witness produced a statement made by accused at the Napier Police Station. In the course of his statement accused stated that he had lost several of the smaller articles taken from the house while drunk after taking the wine.

Morris, who pleaded guilty, was committed to the Supreme Court at Napier, for sentence.

In outlining the other charges, Detective Mills stated that on the morning of Christmas Day he had stolen a Christmas dinner from the residence of Mr Titter. This theft had considerably inconvenienced a family. He had also removed a milk bill from a residence nearby. Sentence was imposed by the Magistrate as stated.



TURKISH WOMAN PILOT.—Turkey is in the news, both from the point of view of war and from that of a major disaster caused by earthquakes and floods. Here is the adopted daughter of Kemal Ataturk, late President of Turkey, who was the first woman to take up aviation as a career in that country. She is now head of the Turkish Women's Air Force.

AN INCREASE IN COURT BUSINESS AT HASTINGS

Returns For Last Year Reveal Larger Number Of Cases Heard

An all-round increase in business transacted by the Hastings Court is revealed in the returns for 1939, released yesterday by the Court Registrar (Mr W. M. Will).

A feature of the figures is the rise in the number of criminal cases, 803 for last year, comparing with 607 in 1938. "Criminal" cases include such minor offences as breaches of the by-laws. The total revenue of the Court from fees and fines increased from £2469 19/- in 1938 to £2604 2/6 last year. This list comprised the following, the corresponding figures for the previous year being shown in parentheses: Civil fees affixed in stamps £1688 15/6 (£1600 13/6); criminal fees affixed in stamps £200 12/6 (£191 14/6); fines affixed in stamps £677 9/6 (£635 6/-); licensing fees affixed in stamps £37 5/- (£40). The total revenue from registration duties was £415 5/6, compared with £388 19/- in 1938.

During the year a Stipendiary Magistrate presided over the hearing of 49 civil and 49 criminal cases, as against 47 and 49 in the previous year. Justices of the Peace were on the bench during the hearing of two civil and 94 criminal cases in 1939.

The following is a summary of the Court's business in the year, figures for 1938 being shown in parentheses:—
Civil Business: Plaints entered, 2154 (2098); civil cases actually heard, 44 (47); judgment summonses issued, 353 (339); foreign processes received, 445 (431); civil warrants issued, 68 (69); applications heard in court or chambers, 117 (95); summonses and other processes served by bailiff, 1755 (1715); civil warrants executed by bailiff, 61 (57).
Criminal Business: Criminal cases, 803 (607); Children's Court cases, 84 (74); fines receipts issued, 502 (467); warrants of distress and committal issued, 78 (77); proceedings instituted by maintenance officer, 32 (24).
Law Trust Account: Pay-in transactions, 2345 (2495); pay-out transactions, 1971 (2030).
Seventy-two Maori births were registered during the year, and 508 European. A total of 239 deaths were registered in 1939, compared with 206 in the previous year. Two hundred and seventy-four marriages notices were issued by the registrar, who performed 50 marriages.

WRESTLING TITLE CLAIMANT

AFFAIRS MANAGED BY A WOMAN

CHARLIE LOWE

Mrs George Walker His Manager

Charlie Lowe, who claims to be the cruiserweight champion wrestler of New Zealand, has a distinction possessed by no other exponent of the grappling game in that he has a woman director. Several noted boxers have been managed by women, including Billy Aitken, whose mother looked after his affairs, and Jimmy Wilde, whose wife handled all his boxing business, and who can vouch for the efficiency of such management.

Mrs. George Walker, who has taken up the management of Charlie Lowe, is satisfied that he is the "king pin" cruiserweight wrestler of the Dominion, and she expects her protegee to reach the world's pinnacle.

She has had Lowe under the tutelage of her husband, George Walker, who highly rates the ability of Lowe and predicts a brilliant future for him.

It must be understood that Mrs. Walker still retains the position of adviser to her husband, although she admits that George has not always taken her advice, quite probably to his loss to-day. In that she is emphatic, Mrs. Walker's terms with Lowe are that he obeys her every dictate. It will therefore be very interesting to watch the effect of this wrestling dictator.

Mrs. Walker is very eager that Hawke's Bay wrestlers (weight no object) should try conclusions with Lowe. She will at once attend to all challenges.

Cricket Matches At Hastings

TO-MORROW'S PLAY

Teams Selected In The Various Grades

Cricket teams have been selected as follows for Hastings matches to-morrow:—

Whakatu - Mahora v. Midland, Cornwall Park No. 2.—D. Trumper, C. Fell, J. Christison, L. Clothier, J. Moseley, H. Davidson, P. Lowe, A. Carrington, D. Carrington, C. Arthur, S. Lowe.

H.H.S.O.B. Juniors.—Lean (2) Hendry, Vaughan, Soper, Moroney, Toothill, O'Malley, Fussell, Norton.

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Midland A v. Rugby, Akina Park No. 2.—S. Vince, A. Erickson, C. Burt, C. Jenkinson, B. Fox, T. Morrison, B. Walsh, C. Young, I. Mayo, L. Mayo, A. Ferguson.

Midland B v. Fruitworkers, Akina Park No. 3.—S. Keong, R. Hogg, D. Driver, D. Tillings, J. Godger, P. Cullinane, C. Noble, H. Linyard, C. Rowlands, W. Bentley, P. Revell.

Fruitworkers v. Rugby.—Broadhurst, Heenan, Ingram, Ball, Galbraith, Chaplin, Carpenter, C. Taylor, A. Taylor.

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PLUNKET SHIELD CRICKET

MATCH AT AUCKLAND BEGINS TO-DAY

SEASON'S SERIES

Canterbury's Strong Eleven

What is likely to prove the deciding match of the Plunket Shield series for the 1939-40 season will be commenced at Eden Park Auckland, to-day and will continue to-morrow, Monday and Tuesday. In this contest Auckland will play Canterbury. The latter holds a lead of two points over Auckland at the moment, having scored a win on the first innings over Otago and an outright win over Wellington. Auckland suffered a first innings defeat against Wellington and registered an outright win over Otago.

The position regarding the forthcoming match is particularly interesting. A win of any description will give Canterbury the shield. On the other hand, an outright win for Auckland will permit it to retain the trophy, whereas a win for Auckland on the first innings will make the two provinces even in points. In such eventuality, the Plunket Shield will be awarded to the side having the best average performance.

The Auckland selector (Mr H. Duncan) has chosen the same team to oppose Canterbury as that which defeated Otago during last week-end, with the exception that D. C. Cleverley replaces A. M. Matheson, who is not available. J. Cowie had previously notified the selector that he would be unable to play, but he is now available. H. Harrison, of Eden, was twelfth man for the Otago match, but on this occasion, H. G. Walters, of the North Shore Club, is being given the opportunity of gaining the big match atmosphere. This is quite a progressive and encouraging move on the part of the selector.

Mr Duncan's team for the match against Canterbury is as follows:—W. M. Wallace (Parnell), captain; P. E. Whitelaw (Parnell); H. T. Pearson (Middlemore); J. A. R. Blandford (Middlemore); V. S. Sale (North Shore); G. L. Weir (Eden); W. N. Carson (Eden); V. J. Scott (Y.M.C.A.); D. C. Cleverley (Middlemore); C. Burke (Grafton); J. Cowie (Grafton); H. G. Walters (North Shore), twelfth man.



SAFE IN THE ANCHORAGE.—While on the other side of the world terror stalks the seas, the lit le harbours on the New Zealand coast are havens of safety for the se who go down to the sea in ships. This is a recent early morning study of craft tucked away in comfort and security at Port Ahuriri.

GREYHOUND RACING AT NAPIER

Interesting Programme Is Promised

ACCEPTANCES DECLARED

The acceptances for the Northern Hawke's Bay Greyhound Racing Association's weekly meeting to be held at the League Park Stadium, Napier, to-morrow night, although not as large as those of previous meetings this season, indicate that exciting contests will be witnessed. In addition to events mentioned below, a number of match races will be run. Any members desiring to challenge other owners are requested to communicate with the secretary.

The acceptances have been declared as follows:

ENCOURAGE STAKE. Novice class, first division.—Mrs E. B. Watson's Sparkling Footsteps, D. Smith's Jean Laurie, J. Parson's Brown Bomber, Mrs H. S. McClelland's Rod's Mistake, J. Copas' Master Fallsforth, H. McKinley's Red Shadow, L. C. Head's Innes King, S. Simpkins' and Sons Lady Kyra.

ELECTRIC STAKE. Limit class (first division).—Mrs J. Kay's Patches, Mrs T. E. McDonald's Loch Lomond, T. Lang's Boston Prince, Mrs U. Seal's Laes, J. Woodhill's Betty Micawber, S. Simpkins' Black Tracker, G. H. Kersey's All Irish.

NOVICE HURDLES. (First division).—H. Wilson's Mac's Gift, T. D. Boyd's Top Weight, L. Patrick's, jun., Packy's Pride, L. McCutcheon's Black Spy, G. McGregor's The Black Moth, S. Simpkins' and Sons Lady Kyra, A. G. Wood's Master Chang, Miss A. Perry's Ephialtes.

OPEN HURDLES.—H. North's Black Comedy, T. Lang's Annabella, Miss H. Grant's Gay Peter, Mrs T. E. McDonald's Lochiel, Mrs E. Harrison's Lucky Lou, A. Long's Silver Briar.

ELECTRIC STAKE. Limit class (second division).—J. Woodhill's Betty Micawber, G. H. Kersey's All Irish, J. Dooney's Erin's Flight, S. Simpkins' Black Tracker, Mrs T. E. McDonald's Glencoe.

ENCOURAGE STAKE. Novice class (second division).—Mrs U. Seal's Gay Paphian, I. Smith's Paper Slipper, Mrs B. McDonald's Amber Valani, H. Wilson's Mac's Gift, J. Copas' Master Fallsforth, Mrs L. G. Nelson's Black Thread, L. C. Head's Innes King, J. E. Parson's Brown Bomber.

MAIDEN STAKE.—Mrs L. B. Langvad's Boston Chief, Mrs E. Harrison's Lucky Lou, Mrs U. Laking's Lady Luna, Mrs I. Patrick's Pan America.

NOVICE HURDLES (second division).—S. Simpkins' Black Tracker, L. Patrick's, jun., Packys Pride, G. McGregor's The Black Moth, T. D. Boyd's Top Weight, A. G. Wood's Master Chang, Miss A. Perry's Ephialtes, H. Wilson's Mac's Gift, L. McCutcheon's Black Spy.

ELECTRIC STAKE. Limit class (third division).—Mrs T. E. McDonald's Glencoe, Mrs J. Kay's Patches, Mrs U. Seal's Laes, T. Lang's Boston Prince.

ENCOURAGE STAKE. Novice class (third division).—Mrs H. S. McClelland's Rod's Mistake, Mrs L. G. Nelson's Black Thread, H. McKinley's Red Shadow, Mrs B. McDonald's Amber Valani, S. Simpkins' and Sons' Lady Kyra, Mrs E. B. Watson's Sparkling Footsteps, D. Smith's Jean Laurie, I. Smith's Paper Slipper.

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

MONSTER MEETING TO-MORROW

NAPIER EVENT

Visiting Champions To Compete

The monster cycling and athletic carnival to be held at McLean Park, Napier, to-morrow evening, promises to be one of the most spectacular gatherings of its kind yet held in the district. Three visiting Australian cyclists, J. Walsh (N.S.W.), J. Stewart (Victoria) and H. Clayton (Queensland), an Australian hurdles champion, Syd Stenner, and Frank Sharpley, New Zealand champion hurdler, will be the principal attractions.

The three visiting cyclists will appear in three match events against a team of four Wellington riders and the pick of the local riders as well as J. Allen, of Feilding, and S. Parker, of Gisborne.

Another event in which the visitors will compete and one likely to cause the utmost enthusiasm is the "beating the clock" one lap. Napier is probably the only place in Australasia where this event is run. There is no doubt that this meeting will see the finest collection of cycling talent ever gathered on McLean Park.

In addition, Syd Stenner will be appearing in a special 100 yards flat event as a preliminary to his hurdles tour, which opens next week.

Frank Sharpley, New Zealand champion, will appear in a special 220 hurdles exhibition and Bob Johnston will attempt the Hawke's Bay record in the pole vault.

Expectations
Officials of the club are confident that there will be a very large gathering of spectators to view the visiting talent, as such an opportunity is rarely afforded in this province. Handicaps have been declared as follows:—

Athletic Events

Men's 100 Yards Handicap.—First heat: P. F. Sharpley 13yds, G. I. Bickerstaff 21, R. Fox * 7, Thorpe 7, C. Kronk 7, O. Bant's 9, D. Lister 10, G. Bee 12. Second heat: R. Phillips 11yds, G. Morgan 3, P. Begley 61, P. Burgess 7, V. McCutcheon 81, M. Bee 10, D. Edmundson 11.

Men's 440 Yards Handicap.—G. I. Bickerstaff 7yds, R. Phillips 7, D. Butler 11, G. Morgan 11, P. Begley 13, C. Kronk 21, V. McCutcheon 23, J. Edmundson 25, D. Lister 27, M. Bee 30, John McIntosh 32, G. Bee 40, R. Fox *.

Men's 880 Yards Handicap.—D. Butler 15yds, J. Edmundson 25, F. Pycroft 35, R. Gollop 50, D. Edmundson 50, John McIntosh *, M. McDonald 75, J. Behm 80, J. McIntosh *, O. Banks 85, G. Bellamy 100, R. Huxtable *.

Men's One Mile Handicap.—F. Pycroft 125yds, R. Phillips 7, D. Butler 11, G. Morgan 11, P. Begley 13, C. Kronk 21, V. McCutcheon 23, J. Edmundson 25, D. Lister 27, M. Bee 30, John McIntosh 32, G. Bee 40, R. Fox *.

Men's 100 Yards Short Limit Invitation Handicap.—Stenner (Australia) scr., P. F. Sharpley scr., R. Phillips scr., G. I. Bickerstaff lyd, G. Morgan 11.

Women's 100 Yards Handicap.—First heat: Misses G. Symes scr. M. Thomson 6yds, D. Cottrell 81, L. Climo 81, J. Greaney 9, J. Uren 111, G. Lane *. Second heat: Misses I. Corby 61yds, J. Elliott 71, D. Cottrell 81, E. Mave 9, J. Roberts 101, L. Thomson 12.

Women's 120 Yards Handicap.—First heat: Misses G. Symes lyd, M. Thomson 71, L. Climo 91, J. Greaney 101, E. Mave 101, J. Uren 131, G. Lane *. Second heat: Misses I. Corby 61yds, J. Elliott 71, D. Cottrell 91, C. Greaney 101, J. Roberts 111, L. Thomson 131.

Exhibition 220 Yards Low Hurdles.—P. F. Sharpley scr, G. I. Bickerstaff 7yds and one hurdle down.

Cycling Events

Junior One Mile.—M. Tarr scr, R. Nicholls 30yds, A. Montaperto 55, L. Batty 10, G. Hunt 80, C. Hunt 80, R. Sutton 80.

Three-lap Open Handicap.—J. Allen (Feilding) 10yds, S. Parker (Gisborne) 20, E. Manning 35, R. Miller 50, W. Young 60, D. Austria 70, I. Newrick 70, D. Thomas 70, M. Tarr 80, P. Gleeson 90, D. Laywood 90, R. Nicholls 100, W. Brown 100, A. Montaperto 120, C. Hunt 120, G. Hunt 140, L. McInerney 120, R. Sutton 140.

Six Lap Open Handicap.—J. Allen 20yds, S. Parker 40, E. Manning 70, R. Miller 90, W. Young 110, D. Austria 130, I. Newrick 130, D. Thomas 130, M. Tarr 145, P. Gleeson 160, D. Laywood 160, R. Nicholls 180, W. Brown 180, A. Montaperto 210, C. Hunt 210, G. Hunt 240, L. McInerney 210, R. Sutton 240.

LOSING INVESTMENTS ON WINNERS Place Betting Anomalies THE ENGLISH ALLOCATION IS BETTER

A Profit, Or Wagers Returned

(By MOTUROA.)

Backing a winner and losing money is not an occurrence calculated to increase the popularity in the sport of racing, a sport in which winners are so hard to sort out. Neither does it tend to invite speculation under the win-and-place betting system where fields are small.

During the holidays there were two cases of horses paying less than £1 for a place. One dividend was 19/6 and the other paid 15/-, yet both were winners, and their supporters had the doubtful pleasure of paying for the privilege of backing a winner.

One does not doubt for a second that the win-and-place betting system has proved a boon to many clubs and the popularity of the system was never more clearly shown than at the recent Auckland summer meeting. There, an increase of over £50,000 was shown in the wagering, against which all other clubs racing in the Dominion, with the exception of one, showed big losses.

Still, there are flaws in the win-and-place betting system as now used in New Zealand, and they can be corrected. Clubs in the Dominion now using this system need only to take a leaf out of the English book to overcome the curse of "minus" dividends.

THE rule for the calculation of place dividends in England has an interesting difference from the rule applied in New Zealand, and a case arose at Worcester a few years back which made this very clear.

Under the English rule every place dividend must be more than the stake invested, and if there is not sufficient money in the pool for this to be done, all stakes will be returned, and without a percentage reduction.

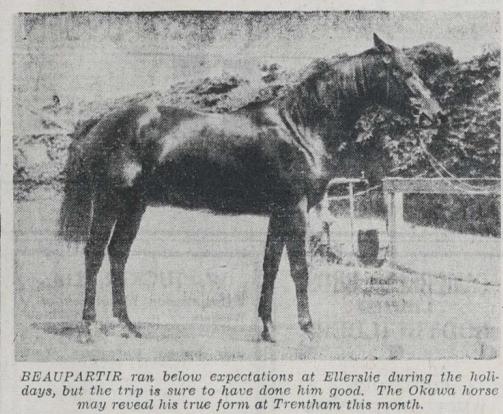
There were eight runners in the Midsummer Plate at Worcester and the three favourites were so hot (no pun intended) that the Ring was vainly offering 50 to 1 they would be run. Nearly all the money invested on the place machine was on these three runners—Master Vere, Sweet Courage and Fruitful—who filled the places.

And, as there was not sufficient money invested on the other five runners to enable place dividends to be paid, the totalisator authorities ordered all place investments to be returned.

AN EXTREME CASE THAT was an extreme case, but the English rule provides for instances where there happens to be one pronounced favourite in a good betting race. The rule is as follows:—

"After deducting the determined percentage from the pool and the sum represented by the total of winning bets on the placed horses, the balance shall be divided into as many parts as there are horses placed, and each part shall be divided by the number of unit bets on the horse to which it refers. To this shall be added the value of the bet."

Figures explain this principle more clearly. In a three-dividend place pool the following round figure:



BEAUPARTIR ran below expectations at Ellerslie during the holidays, but the trip is sure to have done him good. The Okawa horse may reveal his true form at Trentham this month.

STERNCHASE BACK TO HIS BEST

QUALITY EMPHASISED BY APPEARANCE

CURRENT COMMENT

Notes On Some Holiday Performers

(By Moturoa.)

The manner in which Sternchase swept past the pacemaker, Nora Gregor, a furlong and a half from home to win the Stewards' Handicap on the opening day of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's meeting, was the feature of the day's racing. It bore out the opinion always held in these columns that Sternchase was a galloper above the average.

For his first race in open company Sternchase, with 810, had plenty of weight. He was receiving only 4lb. from that well-performed mare Okawa; and on the same mark as Nora Gregor, who won £950 in stakes last season and had run Beaupartir to a head in her previous start; and was conceding weight to Salaria, who has won several open races.

Sternchase won like a class horse and it left not only the racing public, but also his connections, wondering what could have happened to him at Christchurch after his brilliant form at the Wellington spring meeting. Although then out of hacks, Sternchase was able to start in the Spring Plate at set weights, but he failed unaccountably behind maidens who would have been receiving huge allowances in weight under handicap conditions.

There can be no suggestion that anything was amiss with the riding of Sternchase and it is simply that the Lord Quex horse was temporarily off colour. However, if he retains this present form a good race at Trentham this month would not be beyond him.

While on the question of Sternchase, I cannot allow the occasion to pass without complimenting Mr. NEWBURY QUEEN won well at Tauherenikau and is likely to go on improving.

G. D. Beaton on the remarkable way in which he turns out all his horses, I cannot allow the occasion to pass without complimenting Mr. NEWBURY QUEEN won well at Tauherenikau and is likely to go on improving.

Discourages Betting IF anything is calculated to dissatisfy the backers of a winning second favourite, let alone a placed favourite, these circumstances quoted above would surely do so.

In fact, under our system, it is possible for all the placed horses to pay less than £1 for a £1 investment. The English system, at first glance, seems to offer the solution to our troubles and, as far as I can see, there is only one fly in the ointment.

That is, their system has a tendency to discourage betting on outsiders, for their dividends are spoiled to compensate the backers of the favourites.

There is no denying the fact that there are many of our racegoers who are encouraged to back outsiders on the place machine because of the possibility of a third dividend, but the English system must sway backers to follow the favourite en masse and so increase the possibility of the investments being returned—with or without taxes deducted!

Good in his Class Taharakau does not appear as being a good class horse, but he shows a nice turn of pace and he should bring more than at present, while the Wairoa-Gisborne circuit, where he should add to his winning account.

More Solid Harina, who won well at Awapuni, was unlucky to have to play second fiddle to Nelumbo at Hastings. Harina has come more solid and should win more races in the near future.

Hard to Understand Disdain failed miserably on the later days at Ellerslie after running a sound race in the Railway Handicap. This Robespierre mare has never looked better before the holidays was par excellence. Perhaps she may run better if she lightens up.

Still Improving Filetto, who showed promise of regaining her best form earlier in the season, ran her best race for some time when she finished second to Gold Chase at Marton and she may now go on improving. Last year she won the Siberia Hack at Ashhurst and that race may not be beyond her again this month.

Play On did not have the best of luck during the holidays, but some very solid races went down to his credit. He is racing very generously at present and his turn should come at the approaching meetings in the Manawatu district.

On the Upgrade Lambourn finished with a lot of dash in his one start at Marton and this big half-brother to Beaupartir is sure to be all the better over a longer journey. Lambourn should go

MILES BELOW HER BEST

DISDAIN'S great second in the Jockey Club's Handicap at Riccarton, followed by her splendid track work at Awapuni before the holidays, left the impression that the Robespierre mare would do well on the Auckland trip. She certainly ran a good race in the Railway Handicap, but her subsequent form was had and her efforts this season are hard to understand. This mare looks bright and well, but it may be that she does best when she lightens up a bit.

gelling Brazil was responsible for several really useful efforts and he left the conviction that he was on the upgrade. Brazil took a lot of racing to bring him to his best last season and he can be expected to shortly reach peak form.

Promising Form Newbury Queen duly materialised at Tauherenikau and there was no disgrace in her third the second day for she met two brilliant hacks in Autolite and Hunter's Eve. This filly strips more solid all round this season and Jim Coyle should not find it hard to place her successfully in the next few weeks.

Should do Better The good races Courting ran at the Wairarapa meeting bore out the promise she made at Woodville. This inflation filly is still inclined to be a bit crazy, but racing will improve and she should be just about at her best for the Pahiatua meeting at the end of this month.

Was Very Sore After her good race on the opening day of the Hawke's Bay meeting Okawa was fancied for the Flying Handicap on Monday, but she appeared to break down two furlongs from home. It will be a pity if the trouble is serious, as she looked like winning her share of races on her district circuit.

Not Right Yet Kalika did not hit out at all well in any of her races over the holidays and it does not seem as if this mare is right yet. She finished well enough in the Amalgamation Hack Cup, however, to suggest that she will win races. Still, she is nothing to enthuse over on any thing she has shown to date.

Next Time? Dainty Sheila ran two fine races at the Hawke's Bay meeting—her best this season—and many thought that she won on Monday. However, her turn may come next time out, which may be at Ashhurst.

Looks Useful Bronze Lass won well enough at Marton on New Year's Day to suggest that she will hold her own in much stronger company later on. This filly has been noticed finishing on in all her races and she leaves the impression that she will win at a mile or farther. Fred McHugh has her very well at present.

Likes Trentham When Old Surrey ran third to Laughing Lass at Marton it was his best effort for some time and it would seem that he is on the upgrade again. Old Surrey has run some of his best races at Trentham and those looking for a good place proposition should consider him this month.

Greatly Improved Royal Sign raced only fairly well after winning at Otaki in the early spring, but L. G. Morris produced him in great order at Marton and his being Royal Consort and Estatic has come solid with racing. This younger brother to Titter sticks on well and a race like the Hack Cup at Ashhurst on Anniversary Day should not be beyond him.

Lacks Stamina Royal Consort was stopping fast on New Year's Day at Marton, but her initial brilliance enabled her to put a winning break on the field. This filly has won three of her five races to date and she would need only to gain stamina to go on winning. She may do better with a bit of age as she comes from the same line as Vagabond, Kinsmen, Irish Twist and some good stayers.

Small But Useful After the great second he ran to Aurora's Star at Feilding the diminutive Renascor was at a false price at Marton. This little Musketeer gelding may never rise to any great heights, but he lacks nothing on the score of stamina. Mick Thomson has him very well at present and there may be a race or two for him in the next few weeks.

Very Well The good form shown on the flat at Hastings by Small Boy suggests that he is retaining his form well. There are no jumping races on the East Coast circuit this year, but the Psychology gelding should keep for the autumn meetings.

Never Better De Friend, who is stable mate of Small Boy, did what few horses are good enough to do at Ellerslie. He won over hurdles with 12.0 and came out a few days later to dead-heat for second with Catalogue in the A.R.C. Handicap. The Defoe gelding is one of the most consistent gallopers in commission and he is useful in any department.

Game Little Mare Hunting Moments was very sore at the Hawke's Bay meeting, but she ran two great races and would probably have taken a double but for running off the track the first day. This mare should be worth keeping now for the winter meetings.

Shapes Like Stayer Lambourn finished with a lot of dash in his one start at Marton and this big half-brother to Beaupartir is sure to be all the better over a longer journey. Lambourn should go

REEFTON SUMMER MEETING

The Acceptances For To-morrow

The following are the acceptances for the first day of the Reefton Jockey Club's meeting, to be held on Saturday:

Table with 3 columns: Race Name, Horses, Odds. Includes MEMBERS' HACK HANDICAP, Of £70, 1 mile.

Table with 3 columns: Race Name, Horses, Odds. Includes TRIAL HACK HANDICAP, Of £70, 5 furlongs.

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Table with 3 columns: Race Name, Horses, Odds. Includes PROGRESS HANDICAP, Of £80, 7 furlongs.

STAMINA SHOWN BY LAUGHING LASS

Comes From That Good Charente Family

(By Moturoa.)

After racing solidly but without luck at the spring and early summer meetings, the big roan Laughing Lass struck form with a vengeance at Marton and her success in the Aldworth Stakes on Tuesday was really impressive. It was the first success past seven furlongs for Mr. Tom Duncan's mare, though she raced well into minor places in the Thompson and A.R.C. Easter Handicaps last autumn.

Good judges have always regarded Laughing Lass a distinct possibility for a good middle distance race as she lacks nothing on the

score of breeding. She is bred from Night Out, who was by that good brood mare sire Lord Quex from Stocky Morn by Bramoz from Sunlight, by Birkenhead from Bonheur, by Seaton Delaval from the Nordenfeldt mare Charente.

Charente was the dam of that great horse Nonette and ancestress of La Modeste, Gay Ballerina, Frieland, Gay Son, Sergio, Passion Fruit and other fine gallopers. Old-time racing men consider that Nonette was one of the best stayers and most generous horses ever foaled in New Zealand and, like many old Colonial families, this un-numbered line seems to be as potent to-day as ever before.

Conference Chairman Through the death of Mr J. S. McLeod, Mr A. S. Elworthy becomes president of the New Zealand Racing conference. The constitution provides that in an emergency such as has just arisen, the vice-president shall become president and hold office till the annual meeting of the conference (next July). To the executive committee falls the duty of filling the vacancy in the vice-presidency a matter which will be included in the business of its next meeting.

Ashhurst Entries The Ashhurst-Pohangina Racing Club's popular holiday meeting will be held at Ashhurst on Anniversary Day (January 22) and entries for all events are due by 9 o'clock this evening.

Wellington Entries Owners and trainers are reminded that nominations for the Wellington Racing Club's Centenary meeting, to be held on January 18, 20, and 22, are due to close at 5 o'clock this (Friday) afternoon.

on improving with every race and the autumn should find Mr T. H. Lowry's colt ready to show his real form. The Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes is a race which should suit him.

Useful Sprinter Ecstastic does not impress as being a champion sprinter, but she is decidedly useful and she ran on solidly to beat Russian Ballet at Marton. A mile should not be beyond Ecstastic and it will surprise if she does not give a good account of herself at the Ashhurst meeting this month.

Beauartir's Form Nothing like the real Beaupartir was seen at Auckland during the holidays, but it will be remembered that he was better later in the season last year. However, this big four-year-old will be all the better for his racing, and it will surprise if he does not show much improved form at Trentham this month.

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Sale will commence at 10.30 a.m. with cattle, followed by fat and store sheep. The sale of sheep will commence not later than 12 noon.
SHEEP—
2000 Rape Lambs.
1750 Woolly Ewe and Wether Lambs.
620 Shorn Ewe and Wether Lambs.
CATTLE—
1750 Rape Lambs.
1750 Woolly Ewe and Wether Lambs.
400 Woolly Ewe and Wether Lambs.
38 3-yr. Steers.
250 1/2-yr. Steers.

WAIPIKURAU YARDS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1940.
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SHEEP—
1750 Rape Lambs.
1750 Woolly Ewe and Wether Lambs.
400 Woolly Ewe and Wether Lambs.
38