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FIRE POWER GIVES BRITAIN COMMAND IN AIR WARFARE

R.A.F. Spitfire Pours Out Ten Bullets To One From A Junkers

NAZIS' VULNERABILITY

(British Official Wireless) (Received July 18, 7.35 p.m.)

RUGBY, July 18.

In the war against Italy 100 aeroplanes were destroyed between June 10 and July 15. In addition, 26 probably were destroyed and 31 others were damaged.

These figures become available at a time when it is possible to review with satisfaction the results of last week's war in the air, which sets the seal on one month's successful air operations. The results strengthen the confidence displayed in informed circles as to the growing strength of Britain's position and her superiority in pilots and machines if not yet in the numbers of her aircraft. It is the individual actions in which British aircraft have shown marked supremacy no less than the aggregate results achieved in the Home and distant theatres of war, that won the special commendation of Mr Winston Churchill when he declared in a broadcast on Sunday: "This has been great work for the R.A.F. and the Fighter Command."

Mr Churchill had especially in mind the fact that in the space of one week 85 German aircraft had definitely been shot down round the coasts or over Britain while a further 50 were so damaged that it is extremely doubtful if they ever reached home.

Even more impressive is the fact that these results were achieved at the low cost of only 13 British single-seater fighters.

Those most familiar with the relative merits of the British and the German fighters are the least surprised at these striking results. It is well known that the British Spitfire and Hurricane, carrying eight Browning machine-guns, four set in the leading edge of each wing, have a total rate of fire of nearly 10,000 rounds per minute concentrated on a cone, and it is interesting to note that this rate of fire exceeds the total machine-gun and rifle power of a whole infantry brigade in 1914.

Small Target

German Junkers are defended by three movable Rheimsmittelbohrer machine-guns, each with a fire rate of 1100 rounds a minute but of these only one can be brought to bear on the target at any one time. When it comes to attacking the much smaller target of the fast-moving British fighter they can fire only 18 rounds per second compared with the British rate almost ten times as great.

Other German bombers mount different armaments; Heinkels are equipped with two motor cannon and Dornier 17s have two field and two movable guns.

Tail Flutter

The German fighters, like their bombers, are also at a disadvantage both in regard to speed and fire power compared with the British. The Messerschmitt 109, with its cannon and four machine-guns, can achieve a total fire power of only 3300 rounds a minute, while the Messerschmitt 110, with two cannon and two machine-guns, can rely on only 2400 rounds a minute. These fighters compare with the 10,000 rounds a minute of Spitfires and Hurricanes.

The Messerschmitt 110 has also revealed a serious defect; it develops tail flutter if pressed into a dive which on occasions has been so violent that it has caused the whole of the tail surfaces to come adrift. Furthermore, it has proved very vulnerable to the rear fire of a bomber owing to the fact that the pilot's seat is between the two engines.

Withdrawal From MOYALE

Gallant Defence

ITALIAN FORCES TOO STRONG

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LONDON, July 17.

The Nairobi correspondent of "The Times" says that disappointment that superior Italian forces compelled the British withdrawal from Moyale, on the border of Kenya and Abyssinia, is tempered by the gallant defence made by only one company of the King's African Rifles against at least a brigade and several batteries of artillery.

The Italians are exploiting the prestige value of their capture, particularly among the Abyssinians, adds the correspondent, but this prestige could have been denied them only at heavy cost.

Competent authorities agree that the evacuation was inevitable when the Italians were heavily reinforced. The only question was the choice of the moment for withdrawal.

Retention of Moyale would have necessitated the maintenance of communications across hundreds of miles of arid country under the threat of daily air attacks. The evacuation enabled a sounder consolidation of the British forces for the protection of more vital points.

Australian Decree Arouses Resentment

Control Of The Press, Radio And Films

"Goebbels Touch"

Prime Minister Says The Powers Are Essential

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SYDNEY, July 18.

In addition to featuring an outcry against the Government's action in delegating drastic powers to the Director-General of Information over the Press, radio, and cinema, the "Sun," in an editorial to-day headed "The Goebbels Touch," declares: "Had the Menzies Administration deliberately sought to destroy public trust in itself it could not have found a better means than its regulation to compel the Press to print matter supplied by the Department of Information."

"No excuse for it can make it anything but an instrument of oppression. It will have dangerous repercussions upon our war effort, since the people which cannot trust its Government will show no enthusiasm for the Government's purposes."

Mr Menzies announced this evening that Federal Cabinet to-day had given further consideration to the new regulations for the control of the Press, radio, and film industry, and had reaffirmed them. He told Press interviewers that there were two ways of exercising control of news—either by censorship, or by affirmative means requiring certain statements to be made when necessary. The Government had decided that it must use both powers.

Details of Decree

An earlier cable reported that the Commonwealth Government had gazetted the powers to the Director-General of Information over the Press, radio and films, under which he can require newspapers to allot him space for official statements and radio stations and cinema theatres respectively must give him time on the air and permit the screening of special films.

Press circles in all States are hotly resenting the wide powers given the Director-General of Information. They declare that a form of dictatorship is arising which must be combated.

Sir Keith Murdoch, the Director-General, urges the Press not to magnify the latest decree. He says: "The Department of Information is merely desirous that newspapers should grant space to correct untruths about the war situation and the Government's war policy."

Sir Keith said: "Reputable newspapers take pains to avoid untruths, and, when they fall into mistakes correct them. When, however, there are misstatements damaging to Australia, and the proper correction is not made, we have the power to insert our own correction. Then the public can judge who is right. I believe this better than suppression by censorship."

Time on the Air

"As regards broadcasting, we have a splendid understanding with the broadcasting authorities and there is an unselfish acceptance of our growing requirements for national purposes, but the power to take time on the air is necessary to ensure uniformity. The same can be said of the motion-picture industry."

The Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies), said that the powers conferred on the Director-General of Information were wide but would be sparingly used. They would be applied only to cases in which newspapers were guilty of persisting in gross misrepresentation of the true position.

The Leader of the Labour Opposition (Mr J. L. Curran) said that the exercise of the new powers called for the utmost vigilance of the Opposition.

The New South Wales Minister of Justice (Mr Treatt) said he viewed such powers with apprehension, and the Premier of Victoria (Mr Dunstan) said: "This is establishing a dictatorship."

ARMS MANUFACTURE IN THE DOMINION

Men Will Learn Methods From Australia

MINESWEEPERS NEEDED

By Telegraph—Press Association AUCKLAND, July 18.

The use of railways workshops and private factories for munitions manufacture, the construction of minesweepers for New Zealand, and the sending of men to Australia to study the munitions industry and, if required, to help the Commonwealth supply New Zealand's needs, were matters discussed by the Minister of Supply (the Hon. D. G. Sullivan) on his return from Australia by the flying-boat Awarua with a party of Government experts.

Mr Sullivan said that under the direction of Mr T. H. Essington Lewis, general manager of the Broken Hill Proprietary Ltd., as Director-General of Munitions Supply, the foundations of a vast munitions industry had been laid. Factories were being extended and private establishments throughout the Commonwealth had been related to the main scheme. They were producing parts which were being fed into the central factories for assembly and completion. Australia now had materials, machinery, men and skill to enable a magnificent job to be done. The only regret felt throughout the Commonwealth was that the work had not been started much sooner.

The completed munitions he wanted from Australia were the very ones in which Australian production was most backward, and he had made arrangements for the purchase of materials and components in as advanced a state of fabrication as possible, and the balance of the work would have to be done in New Zealand. For this the railway workshops were very well equipped and would do much of the work, while some of the private engineering establishments would also be able to do a good job to assist.

Mr E. T. Spidy, superintendent of the railway workshops and Controller of Munitions Production in New Zealand, was remaining there a little longer. In addition, men had been sent from New Zealand, chiefly from the railway workshops, to watch the methods in the munitions factories in the Commonwealth with a view to making their knowledge available in the work in New Zealand.

Grenades and Bombs

An example of the work which would be done in New Zealand was the manufacture of grenades and bombs. Men were studying the methods in Australia and drawings, specifications and all the necessary particulars were being made available to the Dominion.

To whatever extent was practicable and desirable, men would be sent from New Zealand to assist in the expansion of Australia's munition industry. The matter would require examination, however, and it depended on how many men Australia had available and the numbers who could be drafted from other industries for munitions production.

Substantial orders had been placed for completed munitions, so that when the Australian machine was functioning at full speed New Zealand would get its quota.

Demand for Steel

The demand for steel in Australia was enormous at present and it was clear that civil requirements would suffer while munition orders were being filled. New Zealand would not get all the munitions she required from Australia and it would still be necessary to get some items from the United Kingdom.

As a result of his discussions with the dockyard authorities, minesweepers for New Zealand would be built either in Australia or the Dominion. If Australia did not build the completed ships she would provide parts which would facilitate the construction of the vessels in the Dominion.

"Everywhere in Australia I found very high respect for New Zealand and her war effort," Mr Sullivan added. "New Zealand is widely held up as an example and there is a general feeling that the two countries should constitute a single defence unit as the guardians of the democracy, freedom and British traditions in the south Pacific."

Stock Holdings

When asked whether arrangements had been made for the realisation of New Zealand holdings in Australian securities during his visit Mr Sullivan discussed a number of questions which were to have been dealt with by the Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash) had it been possible for him to make his projected trip a few weeks ago. Mr Sullivan said he was unable to give any information of the financial side of his visit until he had reported to the Government.

Mr Russell, assistant to the governor to the Reserve Bank, who went to Australia with the New Zealand party, had remained in Australia to complete some details and in order to be available to supply further information which might be required by the authorities.

ROOSEVELT'S NAME ENTERED IN BALLOT

"IF PEACE IS POSSIBLE HE WILL PRESERVE IT"

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CHICAGO, July 18.

President Roosevelt was entered in the first ballot as a party nominee for the Presidency.

Senator Lister Hill placing Mr Roosevelt in nomination, said: "Mr Roosevelt alone is our leader. He is unmatched. If peace is possible he can preserve it for us, and he will. If America is to survive we must all give the best within us and demand the best of every American."

The names of Mr J. A. Farley, Mr Millard E. Tydings and John Nance Garner were also placed in nomination.

The "New York Post" declares that the Democratic Party's platform, which has been adopted, pledges the United States not to send "the army, navy or air force to lands across the sea."

The platform adds: "In self-defence and good conscience, the world's greatest democracy approves of all the material aid" (for Britain) "at its command, consistent with the law and with interests of national defence."

Not a War Party

The "Post" adds that the platform is chiefly a political document intended to make the most of the country's desire for peace and to refute charges that the Democrats are a war party.

The resolutions committee of the convention, says a message from Chicago, to-day completed a strong anti-war and pro-New Deal platform which is to be presented to the convention to-night. It includes a pledge of aid in resisting aggression, but limits that aid to the provisions of United States laws. It also contains a pledge that the United States will not send armed forces outside the Western Hemisphere.

The completion of the platform was delayed because of Senator Pepper's insistence that it should include a strong plank pledging all material aid for Britain short of war.

NOT A DEFEATIST POLICY

SENDING OF CHILDREN OVERSEAS

Delay Regretted In Britain

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RUGBY, July 18.

Replying to a debate in the House of Commons on the overseas evacuation of children, which was raised on the motion for the adjournment, Mr G. H. Shakespeare, Dominions Under-Secretary, said he utterly rejected the suggestion that the evacuation scheme was "defeatist."

The policy was a contribution to the defence programme although from its very nature, it was only a limited contribution.

Mr Shakespeare explained that the limit depended on the amount of shipping available and said that the scheme had been postponed only by reason of the military situation. If and when that situation improved, the Government would be able to give children the opportunity of a safe refuge in a Dominion sanctuary.

Some criticism, Mr Shakespeare said, had been levelled against persons prominent in public life who had sent their children out of the country, but those persons took the decision only when a Government scheme was open for poorer children to have the same opportunity.

He stated that if an official offer of ships from America should be made, the Government would consider it and he thought the Government right in saying that if the children were sent overseas under the British evacuation scheme they should have an adequate naval escort.

Night Raids On Britain

A FEW CASUALTIES

A Little Damage Reported

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LONDON, July 18.

The Air Ministry states that there was some enemy activity during the night over the south-east and south-west of England, also over Wales.

Bombs were dropped at several points in these areas. Damage is reported at only a few places, where there were some casualties, a few of which were fatal.

Claims To Gibraltar Endorsed

ANCIENT MISSION OF THE SPANIARDS

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MADRID, July 18.

General Franco, for the first time endorsing the agitation for the return of Gibraltar, recalled that the Spaniards' mission, imposed by the Catholic Kings was to hold Gibraltar and expand Spanish rule in Africa.

He told Service chiefs that there were two million soldiers ready to support Spain's rights.



OLD WORLD ENDED ON MAY 10

FRANCE LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

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PARIS, July 18.

"The world existing before May 10 is definitely buried. New relations between Capital and Labour will soon be instituted in France, where also there will be new conceptions of life based on authority, order, and obedience," said the French Minister of Foreign Affairs (M. Baudouin) to-day.

"Our foreign policy will be conducted in harmony with this authoritarian regime," he continued. "We are not copying our conquerors and we are not aiming to please them. We shall adopt French solutions suiting our temperament and traditions."

"I am not forgetting that we are beaten and debarred from certain initiatives, but nobody can take away our honour, dignity, and calm. We must exchange goods with Italy and Germany, and also Britain when she returns to a better understanding. Britain cut the last ties binding Britain and France. Our decisions can now be taken with freedom."

"Co-operation free from any ideology must replace the purely political formula of the European balance of power in which rivalries and disorders originated."

WARLIKE TREND SEEN IN JAPANESE CABINET

More Armaments And A Stronger Foreign Policy Demanded

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TOKYO, July 17.

The new Prime Minister (Prince Konoye), departing from past procedure, will select his War, Navy, and Foreign Ministers, thereupon deciding the Cabinet's attitude with regard to diplomacy and national defence before his selection of the other members of Cabinet.

Prince Konoye told the Press that the Cabinet's mission was to renovate Japan's diplomacy and build up the nation's armaments.

Mr Matsuoaka has accepted the post of Foreign Minister. The Army authorities have decided to recommend Lieutenant-General Tojo as War Minister and his appointment is considered certain.

Prince Konoye earlier described his plans for what will be virtually a military Government, in which the Prime Minister and the Ministers of War, the Navy, and Foreign Affairs will formulate foreign policy.

The expansionists meanwhile are pressing for positive action towards French and Netherlands possessions. Observers expect foreign relations in future to pivot around Japanese moves towards the South Seas.

HITLER NOT FEELING SO OPTIMISTIC

MAY NOT DESTROY BRITAIN BY AUGUST 25

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LONDON, July 18.

The Balkans correspondent of "The Times" says that the German propaganda in the Balkan capitals has swung from bombastic prophecies that Britain will be destroyed by August 25 towards more cautious estimates of the difficulties involved.

At present it is not intended to raise exclusively American squadrons, but these might be formed as the number of qualified pilots increases.

AMERICAN AIRMEN WELCOME

May Join The R.A.F. NOT A SPECIAL SQUADRON

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LONDON, July 18.

It is officially announced that suitable American candidates will be welcomed as volunteers for the R.A.F., the Dominion or Colonial Air Forces, or the Fleet Air Arm.

It is emphasised that Britain does not intend taking any action contrary to United States law.

Many American airmen, scores of whom are experienced pilots, have offered their services to Britain. They must be recruited on British soil and complete their training either in Britain or in the Dominions.

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Mr De Valera's Successor

SEAN O'KELLY PICKED

Precaution In Dangers Of Wartime

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DUBLIN, July 18.

Cabinet has named the deputy Prime Minister, Mr Sean O'Kelly, successor to Mr De Valera, in the event of the latter being "captured, killed, or wounded in the present emergency."

Pledged To Help The Allies

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LONDON, July 18.

The Belgian Minister of Colonies (M. de Vleeschauwer) has flown from England to Lisbon, en route to the Belgian Congo, after discussing with Mr Churchill and Lord Halifax the utilisation of the resources of the Belgian Congo, which are pledged to the Allies.

Soviet Not Worrying About Dardanelles

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RUGBY, July 18.

The Foreign Office Under-Secretary (Mr R. A. Butler) in the House of Commons said that as far as the Foreign Minister (Lord Halifax) was aware the Soviet had made no proposals to Turkey regarding the control of the Dardanelles.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS MAY GO TO U.S.A.

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GENEVA, July 18.

The League secretariat has accepted in principle the invitation from Princeton University to transfer the Departments of finance, economics, health and opium control to Princeton.

IRISH SHIP BOMBED

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LONDON, July 18.

The Eireann Government announces that the City of Limerick was sunk by bombs on July 15 off Cape Ushant, at the entrance to the English Channel.

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Final Meetings Held
SOCIAL EVENING AS FAREWELL

"Daily Mail" Special Service. OTANE.
 Mr Bell and Mr White, two members of the Bible Training Institute, Auckland, who have been yielding a series of meetings at Otane during the past few weeks, held their final meeting this week in the Presbyterian Church. There was a large attendance at the social tea, held prior to the service. Earnest and forceful addresses were given, and Mrs R. Eaves (Havelock) sang a solo.
 On Tuesday evening well-wishers gathered at the home of Mr and Mrs R. D. Thompson for a farewell meeting, and brought gifts for the caravan party. Solos by Miss Page and duets by Messrs Bell and White were much appreciated, and Mr Thompson thanked the guests of honour for their help. Messrs. Bell and White will next go to Wai-pawa and Ongeonga for a further series of meetings.

WEEK-END GOLF AT ORMONDVILLE

Draw For Cup Round Announced
 "Daily Mail" Special Service. ORMONDVILLE.
 At the week-end the third round of the aggregate competition for the Primrose Cup will be played over the Ormondville District golf links, the draw being as follows:—
 C. M. Barker and W. E. Nightingale, H. O. Baines and W. M. Kane, C. R. Williams and F. E. Sands, H. Snaddon and C. Hall, N. Forward and C. C. Newling, D. Edgecombe and G. Hill, J. R. Ryan and L. Brooks, E. W. Hyde and H. K. Sands, H. Howes and E. G. Port, B. Castles and D. Chadwick, C. C. Rawson and W. White, W. Pike and E. Castles, F. B. Ellingham and partner to be arranged.
 Play commences at 1.15 p.m.

INCREASED BACONER PRODUCTION

Pig Marketing Association Figures RESPONSE TO APPEAL

The splendid response made by producers to the urgent national appeal for increased baconer production resulted in the annual figures of the New Zealand Co-operative Pig Marketing Association disclosing an actual increase of 2.9 per cent. in the weight of pig meat handled despite the fact that Dominion figures covering export killings to the end of May represented a drop of 116,000 pigs, or about 20 per cent. The association's own collections of 108,380 pigs, states the annual report of the association, represent a fall of only 15 per cent. on collections for the corresponding period last year.

The most gratifying feature of last year's operations, continues the report, is the fact that over 80 per cent of the association's total pig collections were received on consignment. This trend denotes a growing confidence in the association's real and fundamental objectives. In these days of vital changes in the economic system there is need for the producer to demonstrate through his own co-operative activities his ability and strong desire to manage and control his own affairs. The substantial increase in the association's consignment supply should again demonstrate the effectiveness of the association's growth as a co-operative marketing organization. Costs are still the all-important consideration, and since these can be reduced only by increased turnover, it is hoped that producers will assist themselves in doing their part to increase the association's consignment supply.

Bobby Calf Operations
 A successful year in regard to bobby calf collections, is also reported by the association, its total collections over both islands amounting to nearly 25,000 calves. Altogether 50 pools have confirmed their intention to market through the association. This means that the association's collections next season will show another substantial increase. The association's collections last year would approximate over 25 per cent of New Zealand's total. This provides an illustration of the bargaining strength and national scope of the association's activities in the bobby calf trade.
 It will be realised that if it were not for the association's growing turnover in the bobby calf department of its business its administrative costs on pigs would, against the rising general costs, be substantially increased, whereas it will be noted from the association's financial accounts that these for the year just past are shown at a reduction on those of last year by over £1100.

Cull Cattle Trade
 A third link with the marketing of dairy farm productions has been introduced by the application of the association's co-operative marketing methods to the cull cattle trade. Last season a few drives were handled by groups of the association's shareholders in the Auckland province and the results had been such as to encourage the board to decide to extend its activities to cover cull cattle.
 At certain seasons of the year the cull is heavy and the competition for local consumption has little bearing on the price offered for these products, it is felt that by the elimination of the dealer and by careful attention to costs the association can give its suppliers a profit-

able service in this class of stock without risk to them or to the association.
First Pool's Operations
 In the first pool, which closed on May 31, over 3000 head were successfully handled, on which a final payment was made of 9/16d a lb. carcass weight on all classes handled. This will produce an average final payment of 16/- a head on cows and 24/- on bulls. Paid it not been for the unprecedented call on freezed works space, the numbers handled in the first pool would have been greatly exceeded. Nevertheless, it is regarded as a promising beginning for this new branch of the association's activities.
 As in the case of bobby calves, although the boned meat and edible offal is exported under the commandeer, the market for hides, as in the case of calf skins, is free after local requirements have been provided. The export hide market has fallen by nearly 2d a lb since the local supply scheme was instituted, which has already been reflected in a recent adjustment in export values.
Distribution to Suppliers
 After deducting expenses, and providing a share capital reserve of 1/16d a lb. on pork supplied, there is a gross amount for distribution of £325,157/5/7. Of this amount £304,690/10/5 has already been distributed to suppliers of pigs by way of cash payments, which represents over 95 per cent. of the total net realisations on pigs on consignment. This demonstrates the extent to which the board has maintained advance payment rates at the highest possible relative values consistent with the marketing risks involved.
 The balance sheet again shows a rapid strengthening of the association's financial position. The subscribed capital is shown at £33,380, the paid-up capital at £11,029 and the gross turnover at £528,089. Indicating the progress of the company during the past eight years, the subscribed capital in 1932 was £1884, the paid-up capital £391 and the gross turnover £149,472.
 The trading department of the association shows a turnover of approximately £1200.
Kiwi Bacon Company
 Referring to the operations of the association's subsidiary company the Kiwi Bacon Company, the report states that the net profit of this company for the year was £1687 10/5. During the year and out of the previous year's profits a dividend of 6 per cent. was declared on its 10,000 preference shares and 4 1/2 per cent on its 26,000 ordinary shares, the total dividend amounting to £1770 being paid over to the Pig Marketing Association.

HANDICAP CUP AT OTANE

"Daily Mail" Special Service. OTANE.
 The draw for the first round of the Handicap Cup, the third qualifying round for the championship, and an L.G.U. round, to be played by members of the Patangata Ladies' Golf Club on Saturday, July 20, is as follows:—
 Mrs S. Kittow and Miss P. Wilder, Mrs P. Logan and Miss N. Dillon, Mrs J. Tod and Miss H. Stephenson, Miss J. Stephenson and Miss P. Williams, Mrs G. Warren and Miss L. White, Mrs M. August and Mrs R. Britten, Miss L. August and Miss B. Ryan, Miss J. Sutherland and Miss B. Tod.
 Best scores returned on Saturday last were: 89 P. Logan, 89 S. Kittow, Miss B. Ryan, 102-27-75; Miss J. Stephenson, 101-25-76.

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 "Daily Mail" Special Service. SHERENDEN.
 A well attended meeting of farmers was held in the Sherenden Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr W. L. Nelson, chairman of the Matapiro branch of the Farmers' Union, being in the chair.
 Mr F. N. H. Beamish, member of the Hawke's Bay management committee of primary production gave a very informative address dealing with the efforts and advice to farmers of that body, urging them to bend their efforts to that form of production most suited to their particular form of economy.
 Arising out of questions considerable discussion ensued, and it was the feeling of the meeting that abundant and prompt supply of superphosphate was the main factor in maintaining and increasing production.

Yesterday On 'Change

Transaction List
 Following is a list of transactions on the New Zealand Stock Exchange:—
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NEW BUILDING PROGRAMME

HOSPITAL EXTENSIONS AT WAIPUKURAU

Chairman Outlines Needs

Final decisions to go ahead with their new building programme, as detailed in the special report tabled by the chairman, Mr W. H. Rathbone, to the board at the end of May, 1940, that final departmental approval of the building scheme was obtained.
Scheme in Detail
 Mr Rathbone then went on to give details of the scheme itself. The administration block, will be reinforced to the requirements of the earthquake regulations, and minor alterations will convert the existing lecture-room into additional medical staff quarters and office accommodation. A new bacteriological block will be added. The top floor of the children's ward (at present accommodating the matron and some domestic staff) will be turned into a nurses' training block, including living and office accommodation for the tutor sister.
 Existing sanitary services at the present men's ward will be demolished, and an up-to-date sanitary block provided by the use of part of the existing surgical ward. A corridor block of wood and rough-cast construction will link the existing men's ward with the new men's ward.
 Provision is made in this corridor block for massage services, the present accommodation for which (although only five years old) is already too small, and for a plaster block, the erection of which will re-establish the children's ward accommodation by at least four beds.
Men's Ward
 The new men's ward will be of reinforced concrete in two storeys and basement (with the top floor on the same floor line as the existing buildings), cubed to contain certain single rooms, and not more than four beds in any cubicle. The most important new feature as compared with other wards of similar type is that an endeavour has been made to centralise the ward services. Without venturing into this ward provides for 28 beds.
 Due to ground fall, there is ample room under the new men's ward for an additional storey and basement. Eventually, this lower storey will become a ward, and in the meantime, it is proposed that all partitioning be of a temporary nature, and provision on this floor is made for 15 bedrooms, to accommodate 30 members of the domestic staff, toilet rooms, and other necessary annexes, while in that portion of the floor over the deepest part of the basement, provision is made for a large issue store.
 This completes the hospital plan, with the exception of certain minor additions, such as X-ray waiting room, split rooms, etc., which are included in the general scheme.
 The present Nurses' Home was built to accommodate 24 nurses, and in addition, there is the sisters' cottage, which accommodates six sisters. According to the department's requirements, the complete nursing staff (inclusive of special department) should now be approximately 60. Already over 20 members of the nursing staff are living out.
 The nurses' home building proposals include, first, alterations to the existing buildings to provide a suite for the matron, whose present quarters will be taken over as part of the nurses' training block. The new buildings embrace a two-storey block running parallel with the existing nurses' home. In the space between the old and the new build-

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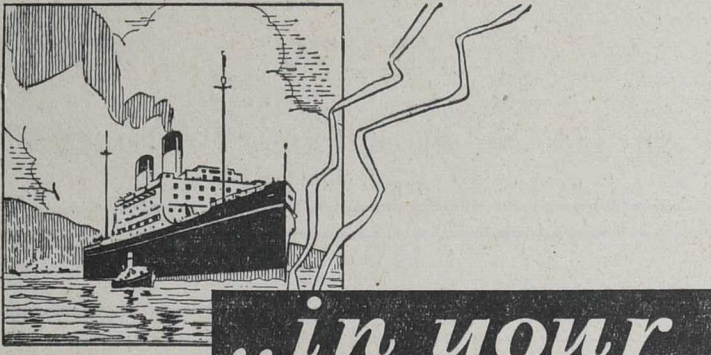
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ings will be the new all-electric kitchen and the dining-room block, linked to both buildings by permanent corridors. The new two-storey bedroom wing will provide 38 bedrooms, service rooms, sitting rooms, etc. A games block is also to be provided.
General Items
 Other parts of the general scheme aim to provide the necessary staff accommodation to make the Rathbone Maternity Home in Wai-pawa a training school, to replace farm buildings, lay out grounds, and to provide a cottage for a district nurse.
 Meantime, however, the farm buildings, grounds layout and district nurse's cottage are not included in the works for which tenders are being called. The board has called tenders for the rest of the work in one contract.



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MANAWATU HUNT CUP FIELD IS STRONG

Great Contest Promised HAWKE'S BAY HORSES MAY RACE WELL

To-morrow's Fields Analysed

(By MOTUROA.)

Considerable interest will be invested in the Manawatu Hunt Cup at Awapuni to-morrow and the Hawke's Bay representatives in this event should give a good account of themselves. Tigretterre and Nino Martini, who paid the dividends in the Hawke's Bay Hunt Cup, will clash again, and the province will have two other smart jumpers in Valroy and Indiscreet to represent it in the cross-country event.

The Manawatu Hunt Cup field is a particularly good one and is headed by last year's winner, Lady Callaghan, who bids fair to repeat that performance. The Wanganui mare won the Grandstand Steeplechase in dashing style at the River City last month and then ran a good fourth to Clarion Call in the Wanganui Steeplechase. That is surely very good form for a Hunt Cup steeplechase.

Blue Steel won a couple of steeplechases impressively in the spring, but he may be a better proposition next week at Marton, and his lack of recent racing makes the Dannevirke Hunt Cup winner, Ruenzori, look a much better proposition. There was merit in Ruenzori's win, for he beat Lovellit, who went on to win the Matai Steeplechase at Trentham.

Tigretterre won the Hawke's Bay Cup impressively and was a trifle unlucky at Trentham. However, he needs a vigorous rider to get the best out of him, and Lord will probably be on Ruenzori. Nino Martini now meets Tigretterre on 7lb, better terms than at Hastings and he looks a better horse all round to-day. He was having his first race for two years when produced at Hastings this month, and to-morrow should find him a many pounds better horse. Nino Martini is a great jumper and success for him will be very popular.

Royal King will be all the better for his race at Otaki last month, while Ohanga and Padnos have shown good form at times. Valroy is a fine jumper and a much improved gelding, while British Isles showed quite good form at Trentham. He will find this company easier.

This promises to be a good betting race in which Lady Callaghan, Ruenzori, Tigretterre, and Nino Martini will all have a big following.

THE HURDLERS
HIGH PEER raced well enough at Trentham to bring him before notice for the Waituna Hurdles, but Galteemore's fast finish into third place at Woodville suggests that he will come good at hurdling. The Martama gelding has generally shown his best form on firm tracks but he usually shows up to best advantage at Awapuni.

Mataroa's heart is not in the right place, but he can gallop when in the mood and he would need only to

CHASING RECORD FIGURES
"HORRIE" DULIEU established himself as the leading trainer for the season when he led in his 50th winner at Trentham last week but needs still two wins to reach Tommy George's New Zealand record. The Plymouth mentor is naturally very keen to add to his tally and will have Noble Fox, Liberal's Mint and Ohanga to represent him at Awapuni to-morrow. Dulieu will also have a good team for the Rangitikei Hunt meeting next week.

run up to his third to Tidewater in the Corunna Hurdles to be the hardest beat.

Midland had rather a strenuous time at Trentham where he was a good second to Pekoe and sixth to Pink Lad, and he would have to be taken into consideration if he has recovered from those exertions. Segra won well for the Kivitea Bracelet. However, it has not finally been decided whether he will make the trip.

Kohika has been racing well and

FORM HORSES AT AWAPUNI

RECENT form at Trentham, Hastings and Woodville should shed light on the prospects at Awapuni to-morrow when the Manawatu Hunt Club's meeting will be held. The track promises to be heavy and the following should be in the money.

- 12.40.—Kivitea Bracelet: Lacan, Gladium.
- 12.40.—Ohau Maiden: Queen Ida, Rhodes.
- 1.20.—Waituna Hurdles: High Peer, Midland.
- 2.0.—Te Horo Handicap: Screen Star, Noble Fox.
- 2.40.—Manawatu Hunt Cup: Nino Martini, Lady Callaghan.
- 3.20.—Cheltenham Hack Cup: Royal Pageant, Seyfried.
- 4.0.—Otaki Hack: Deflation, Vadanoe.

Gladium appears to be on the upgrade. He is good on wet tracks. Lacan was a very unlucky runner at Hastings and if he is more patiently ridden to-morrow he should be the hardest to beat. Harry Greene has him very well at present and he may repeat his success in this event last year.

Huntino should be worth some consideration, while Moonlight Bay appears more than Spearthorn, who is not yet right. Form points to LACAN, Gladium and Cherry Plum.

The biggest field of the day is carded for the Ohau Maiden and there will be support for Gay Lord, Etzel, Sir Musket, Oraiti, Colerica,



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Weights Declared For Rotorua MANAWATU HUNT PREPARATIONS

Glenvale And Makoi Top Hunt Cup

Handicaps for the Rotorua and Bay of Plenty Hunt Club meeting at Rotorua on July 27 have been declared by Mr. F. J. McManis as follows:
LADIES' BRACELET, of £50 and trophy valued at £5; one mile and 160 yards.—Calshot, 11.10; Midland, Golden England, 10.10; Little Scotch, Peter the Great, Taunu, Conductor colt mare, Sir Peen, 10.7.
INNOVATION STAKES, of £60; special weight conditions, of a half.—Spats, Snare, Face Value, Aceful, Good March, 9.0; Surtoy, Preux, Chivalier, Acute, Lord Waitangi, Prince Jay, 8.12; Auburn Lu, Joy Vaals, Creole, Surveyor's Lass, Acquest, Sporting Age, Classical Song, 8.0; Tescony, Durach, Water Hound, Air Port, Rara Awa, Mansura, 7.10; Hawiti, Gay Rosette, Nan Vaals, Warflight, 7.8.

HACK AND HUNTERS' HURDLES, of £75; one mile and a half.—Air Commodore, 9.10; Liberal's Mint, Armacourt, Tavern Song, 9.7; Ectetera, 9.5; Illmani, Fat Boy, 9.1; School of Shooting, Silver, Little Scotch, Gay, Pal, Wellaway, Red Appellant, Hutu, Son of the Soil, Conductor colt mare, Almetie, Perthinx, 9.0.
TALLY HO CUP, of £110 and trophy valued at £20; one mile and a quarter and 180 yards.—Jack Tar, 9.0; Young Paddon, Tooley Street, Flying Ace, 8.7; Silver Cloud, 8.0; Jayola, Batong, 7.12; Susan, 7.7; Kasplan, 7.5; Raepata, Wild Ore, King Musket, 7.2; Scrimgeur, Gay Belle, Ahapapa, Mio Fratollo, Racine, Baroscope, 7.0.

HUNT CLUB CUP STEEPLES, of £120 and trophy valued at £20; about three miles.—Glenvale, Makoi, 11.3; Floodlight, Sub-Editor, Ill, Fat Boy, 9.2; Golden England, Imperial Prince, Nukutere, Pal, Cockalorum, Semiarich, Tai, 9.0.
HAERE RA HANDICAP of £110; six furlongs.—Liangolin, 10.7; Orate, 9.7; Tooley Street, Young Paddon, 9.2; Val Lu, 9.1; Merry Vaals, 9.0; Royal Prince, 8.12; Noble Fox, 8.0; Section, 8.1; Trillarch, Baroscope, Hum a Song, Hunting Blood, Mal de Mer, Valerian, Bronze Step, Heroic Mrs. S., 8.0.

HAERAMAI HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP, of £70; one mile and 160 yards.—Floodlight, 9.10; Tutor, Erinara, 9.7; Maxown, Gas Acre, 9.6; Tern Song, Son of the Sun, Boy, Ruse, 9.2; General Riskie, Pleuron, Creole, Illmani, Radiant Bay, Master Ace, 8.0.

MASTERS' HACK HANDICAP of £80; six furlongs.—Esquire, Hunt, 9.0; Star Vaals, Sir Lyander, 8.6; Maxown, 8.4; Valerian, Little Ruse, 8.2; Woodcock, Hazel Mast, Ace, Emani, Acquest, General Riskie, Sotkowski, 8.0.

Shining Hours is to make her debut as a hurdler at Awapuni to-morrow. The Araucario mare has shown an aptitude for the game in schooling and a number of the Araucario breed have been really good hurdlers.

Joy Boa has twice finished ahead of El Caballo in the past five weeks and should again account for the topweight in the Waitama Hunt Cup to-morrow.

A good impression has been created by Golden Moon, who is in Luke Wilson's care at Awapuni. Golden Moon, who has furnished into a handsome youngster, is the chestnut filly by the race from Pintry, for whom Mr. Ralph Holden paid 260gns last January.

Newbury Queen has been recommissioned after a long spell. This Lackham filly showed promise early in the season and may come solid as a four-year-old.

Ardeche, a half-sister by Araucario to Old Bill, Quadrant and Co., is represented at Awapuni by an attractive two-year-old by St. Boswells. Araucario mares are doing well at the Stud and this youngster might be a smart galloper.

Engaged in the Novice Stakes at the Waitama Hunt Club to-morrow, while Annandale, a three-year-old filly by Night Raid from Differential, the dam of Queen of Song. In her one race to date she has been very impressively at the Dunedin summer meeting.

Queen Ida, Rhodes, Peach King and Lady Ex.

QUEEN IDA ran a good race at Hastings last season, while Rhodes beat all but Squeers at Woodville. They should be better backed than Oraiti.

THE HACK EVENTS
LITTLE ROBIN has his full measure of weight in the Cheltenham Hack Cup and Royal Pageant appeals as being the better prospect. The Dannevirke gelding won well at Hastings where he came from behind and he should again be hard if quietly ridden in the early stages.

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