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Soviet Talks In Berlin May Help Japan In Pacific

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LONDON, Nov. 11.

A German "delegation of honour" welcomed the Soviet Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs (M. Molotov) when he arrived at Berlin.

Subjects likely to be discussed include Balkan problems, Turkey's attitude and Russian-Japanese relations, especially the desirability of signing a pact without delay with a view to freeing Japan's hands in the Pacific against America.

Despite the fact that the German Press is mostly restricting itself to official communiques, well-informed circles declare that his presence in Berlin is as important as the signing of the Axis Pact with Japan. While Germans do not believe that the Soviet will formally agree to join the pact as a partner, they predict close Russian collaboration with the Axis for the establishment of the New Europe.

It is expected that the talks will be confined to the general situation resulting from the tripartite pact and the American Presidential election, whereby Americans declared their intention to assist Britain against the Axis.

A Washington message says it is believed that the Soviet-United States talks may be broken off as a result of M. Molotov's visit to Germany, which is regarded as an indication that Russia is prepared to collaborate more closely with the Axis.

"DEMOCRACY DEAD IN ENGLAND"

U.S. AMBASSADOR'S BELIEF

BRITAIN'S DANGER

America Should Help In Material Ways

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NEW YORK, Nov. 11.

Mr Joseph P. Kennedy, United States Ambassador to Britain, in a copyright interview with the Boston "Globe," said: "The United States's chances of staying out of the war are better than they were three months ago. There is no sense in our getting into the war. Our whole reason for aiding England is to give us time. England is doing everything we could ask. While she is still there, we shall have time to prepare.

"It is not that she is fighting for democracy; she is fighting for self-preservation, as we will if it comes for us.

World War Debts

"We must aid England all we can," Mr Kennedy declared. "We must give her whatever we don't need, and not expect anything back. We shall never get our World War debts paid, but we must see that they don't wind up by holding all our securities and we with a long debt. We should take it from them while they can pay for what they need, but, when they are through, give it and mark it off as insurance.

"The blitzkrieg won't beat the British," the Ambassador said.

"Their danger is from a movement to march towards Gibraltar across Spain, and a march for Iraq and for Cairo."

The interviewer asked about British democracy and what it means to have Labour supporters at the centre of the Government.

Democracy Finished

Mr Kennedy replied: "It means that National Socialism is coming out of it. Democracy is finished in England. It may be here, because it comes to the question of feeding the people. It is all an economic question.

"Aid for Britain is not likely to draw the United States into the war if we are coldly realistic and for America all the time. We have no ships and could not send an army anywhere."

WRONG IMPRESSION CREATED

Mr Kennedy's Speech

AMBASSADOR DENIES RESPONSIBILITY

"Off The Record"

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Mr Joseph P. Kennedy, in a statement, disclaimed responsibility for the Boston "Globe" interview. He said he spoke "entirely off the record," and in any case, many of the attributed statements were inaccurate because "they create a different impression entirely from that which I would want to set forth."

APATHY TO WAR DENIED

STRONG RETORT TO MR MENZIES

LEADERSHIP LACKING

Need For A Churchill In Australia

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(Received November 1, 1.5 a.m.)
SYDNEY, Nov. 12.

Replying to the Prime Minister's complaint about Australians' war apathy and labour disputes, the "Sun", in an editorial to-night, attacks the Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies' leadership and declares: "It is not apathy that is troubling us but lack of confidence in our political leaders."

The editorial cites the 100 per cent. response to recruiting for all arms of the defence forces and the fine work being accomplished in munitions workshops and directs attention to the disunity in the political sphere. It then says: "What an example of sheer inability to realise the implications of this war these leaders have provided in the mere compromise of a War Council which is already split in half on matters of major policy.

Political Disunity

"Mr Menzies, looking at the disunity and apathy in his own environment, dares much when he charges with apathy Australians who look with envy at England led by a Churchill and free of the party curse.

"Our political leaders might ask themselves why, after an election which called for the highest statesmanship and sacrifice of personal ambitions and even poltical prejudices, they manoeuvred for a month after which they produced a Government representing a bare half of the people.

"We are certain that Australians only require inspiring leadership—leadership that knows what is needed and goes straight towards it with every ounce of sinew and nerve."

(Mr Menzies' speech appears on page 7.)

BRITISH CABINET NOT TO BE CHANGED

British Official Wireless.
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RUGBY, Nov. 11.

A statement issued to-night refers to rumours which have recently appeared in certain newspapers suggesting that changes are impending in the composition of the Government, and adds: "It can be authoritatively stated that all such stories are entirely without foundation."

Free France Will Fight On

"REPORT TO 'FOCH' "

Collecting Empire Piece By Piece

DE GAULLE'S SPEECH

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LEOPOLDVILLE, Nov. 11.

General Charles de Gaulle, in a broadcast speech, said: "The Free French will collect the French Empire piece by piece. To-day, Armistice Day, we report to Marshal Foch: 'You always said that the army should fight on as long as there is something to fight with. That is also our aim. We shall never renounce our duty."

A Vichy message says that communication with Libreville has been cut off since last night, when the commander of Gaboon (General Tatu), a Vichy supporter, declared: "Murderous fighting is going on at the gates of the capital."

DE GAULLE CAPTURES LIBREVILLE

Free French Success

GARRISON ACCEPTS CONDITIONS

Warships Enter Port

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LONDON, Nov. 11.

The occupation of Libreville, the port of the colony of Gaboon, in French Equatorial Africa, by General Charles de Gaulle's Free French forces is now confirmed. Vichy has admitted the occupation in an official statement to-night.

In the course of a broadcast, General de Gaulle stated that Frenchmen had no right to surrender while they had the strength and courage to resist.

Headquarters of the Free French forces in London has issued the following communique: "The garrison at Libreville has accepted the conditions of the commanding officer of the Free French forces for the cessation of hostilities. The officer commanding the garrison surrendered himself at 4.30 a.m. on Sunday. The warships Savorgnan de Brazzo and Commandant Dokina, of the Free French Navy, have entered Libreville harbour. The capital of Gaboon becomes henceforth part of the Free French Empire."

A British Admiralty and Air Ministry communique has been issued with reference to a Press report of an announcement by the Minister of Finance at Vichy that there has been intensive British air bombing of Libreville. It is stated officially that this is quite untrue. No aircraft under British control has undertaken any bombing operations in that area.

CABINET MINISTER AS CANDIDATE

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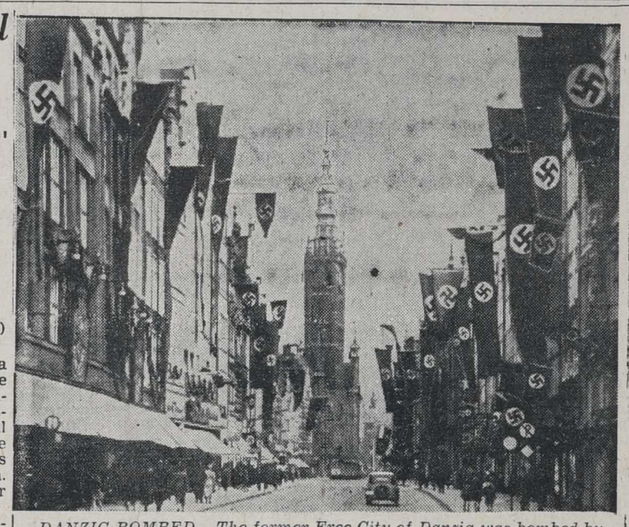
The Aldershot division of the Unionist Association has been recommended unanimously by the executive committee to invite Captain Oliver Lyttelton, President of the Board of Trade, to become Conservative candidate at the by-election caused by Lord Wolmer's elevation to the peerage.



DANZIG BOMBED.—The former Free City of Danzig was bombed by the R.A.F. on Sunday night. This street scene in the city shows the Town Hall rising above a sea of swastikas.

HITLER IS A MILITARY OBJECTIVE

Commander Of Enemy Forces Is Fair Game For British Bombers

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LONDON, Nov. 11.

The Air Minister (Sir Archibald Sinclair) in an interview with the "Daily Express" said that Britain would bomb Hitler and the Nazi commanders where possible.

"Hitler is a military objective," he added, "and the intention of the R.A.F. is to hit the German armed forces and their sources of supply as hard as they can, and go on hitting them. The commanders and staffs of those forces do not enjoy immunity from attack."

Asked if Cabinet had decided that Friday night, when Hitler was addressing the Nazi veterans, was the best night to attack Munich, Sir Archibald said: "We are working carefully and scientifically on the plan for attacks on Germany. The Air Staff is responsible for carrying out the Government's bombing policy."

Sir Archibald added that it would seem strange to him if it were suggested that the commander-in-chief of hostile forces were immune from attack. "There can be no parallel between the position of a constitutional sovereign, who is not responsible for policy, and that of a dictator who is at the same time commander-in-chief of his country's armed forces," he explained.

Asked why Italy was not being bombed more heavily, the Air Minister replied: Italy is a long way to go but now that the nights are longer we are making the journey more frequently. Italy will continue increasingly to experience bombing raids. It would be a mistake to think that Italy will be let off lightly.

BAD WEATHER FOR RAIDERS

QUIET NIGHT SPENT IN LONDON

DAYLIGHT VISITS

Unsuccessful Attack On Convoy

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LONDON, Nov. 11.

Bad weather over London and a fierce south-westerly gale with mist and rain in the Straits of Dover gave London a quiet night. Both the 'alert" and the all-clear were among the earliest during the "blitz."

Six of a London family—a three-week's old boy, his parents and three grand-parents were killed last night when celebrating the baby's christening.

At least 26 enemy 'planes, including 14 Italian, were brought down during the day when an attempt was made to raid a convoy in the Thames Estuary. One squadron brought down seven machines, and a second squadron six machines without loss.

The Air Ministry announces that the raiding machines were utterly routed. The British loss was two machines only.

The German losses were made up of four bombers, seven fighters, and one seaplane. A Dornier was brought down by members of the Home Guard by rifle fire.

First Attack

More than 100 enemy 'planes attempted to reach London in the first attack to-day. Two waves crossed the south-east coast on their way to the capital, but Spitfires and Hurricanes split up ne formation. About 40 enemy 'planes reached the outskirts of London, but only four got over the capital, though many remained in the vicinity.

British fighters were simultaneously attacking another 20 'planes in the Thames Estuary.

A public house was directly hit during a busy hour. Only one bar was left standing. Several people were killed, and the landlord was among those injured. A doctor crawled under the wreckage to administer morphia to the victims.

Another bomb blast killed a soldier after he had said farewell to his girl.

A bomb hit a public shelter in the grounds of a college in the London area while the 200 occupants were holding a community sing. Seven were killed and a number seriously injured.

Another bomb struck the college, smashing every window.

Flooded Orphanage

A bomb fractured a water-main which flooded the basement under a London orphanage. A.R.P. workers rushed in, fearing that some of the children had been trapped, but, after swimming in icy water for some time, stated that everybody had been saved. There were about 150 persons in the basement, and they made their escape through the back entrance.

In the second attack to-day, another wave of 50 fighter-bombers crossed the Kent coast. They met British fighters.

A number of enemy 'planes later approached London from the south-east, but anti-aircraft guns forced the raiders to change direction.

UNITED STATES BASE IN NEWFOUNDLAND

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.

The United States has chosen Placentia Bay, on the south coast of Newfoundland, as an air and naval base.

Italian Columns Stuck In The Mud

ROUND-UP CONTINUES

New Commanders Appointed To Fight Greeks

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The Greek Press is paying great attention to the continued round-up of Italians in the Pindus region. The numbers of prisoners and the amount of material captured cannot at present be verified because small groups of prisoners are coming in at all hours. They were clearly demoralised in the wild and difficult country. They had been practically without food and were suffering from cold.

The "Daily Express" Athens correspondent says: "Italy's mechanised columns are stuck in a mud stew and the Greeks are harassing them from all sides, sniping and machine-gunning from the hillsides and also shelling the Italians on some sectors.

"The Times" says: "The appointment of a new Italian commander-in-Chief in Albania is the clearest evidence that the campaign has hitherto gone ill. When a commander is sent to open up a campaign with insufficient forces and fails he is commonly relieved, but his successor almost invariably gets a better start because he is able to point out deficiencies and demand remedies. Therefore it can be taken for granted that General Soddu has not arrived in Albania without strong reinforcements."

A message from Rome says that General Vercellino and General Geloso are going to Albania to take over the command of the Ninth and Eleventh Army Corps, which comprise the main parts of General Soddu's forces.

Two Italian 'planes to-day flew over two Yugoslav villages but no bombs were dropped.

The Greek Prime Minister (General John Metaxas) addressing members of the University staffs and High School teachers said that military mobilisation was complete and the spiritual and intellectual mobilisation of Greece must follow.

Albanian Rebels

Albanian rebels are reported to have dynamited and seriously damaged the largest bridge in Albania, over the Maca River.

British aircraft destroyed an Italian 'plane in the Bechlista sector.

The "Akropolis" publishes the text of a Fascist war chant in which the Italians envisage the conquest of Turkey, the occupation of Athens and Piraeus, and the arrival of troops on the Aegean Sea.

The Athens radio claimed on Monday that the Italians were retreating in disorder from all sectors of the battlefront into Albania.

Monday's Greek communique says: "Our artillery shelled Italian concentrations on the Epirus front, inflicting severe casualties and dispersing the enemy, who abandoned material."

The Athens correspondent of the British Associated Press says it is officially confirmed that the annihilation of the Italian Alpine division trapped in the Pindus area has been completed with the exception of some sections which escaped. The remainder of the division were either killed or captured.

Prisoners' Admissions

One hundred Italian prisoners have arrived at Salonika. They declared that communications in the Italian rear were poor, making it difficult for the High Command to make contact with the advanced units.

There are also reports of some unrest because the Italian campaign is not making progress.

News from the Epirus front indicates that three battalions of infantry attacked some Greek advanced posts but found them strongly reinforced. As a result, the enemy lost prisoners and material, and their light artillery quickly abandoned their positions.

The Greek positions dominating Koritza have been further improved.

Seventy captured trench-mortars and heavy machine-guns have arrived at Janina.

Co-operation Of Republicans

OFFER TO ROOSEVELT

Unity Not Possible In Coalition

RIGHT TO CRITICISE

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.

Mr Wendell L. Willkie in a broadcast urged Republicans to continue to fight for the principles of their campaign as a constructive opposition vital for the balanced operation of democracy. Mr Willkie rejected suggestions that unity could be achieved by the formation of a Cabinet including Republicans.

"We have elected Mr Roosevelt as President and will support him with our best efforts for the country," he said.

The Republican leader in the House (Mr Martin) said that Congressional Republicans would cooperate one hundred per cent. with President Roosevelt, but they would not sacrifice their minority rights under demands for national unity.

NORWEGIAN COAST STRENGTHENED

Berlin's Claim

NOW READY FOR HOSTILITIES

Batteries Built Up

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LONDON, Nov. 11.

The Berlin radio states that the coast of Norway is prepared for military and naval hostilities. The Norwegian batteries have been restored and the German batteries and defences built up.

MINES OF GERMAN TYPE

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MELBOURNE, Nov. 12.

The Navy Office announces that the mines discovered off the coast are all of the German type.

A flotilla of mine-sweepers resumed operations to-day after bad weather.

LITTLE OIL FROM RUMANIA

OUTLOOK FOR AXIS NOT BRIGHT

DECLINING OUTPUT

Quality Is Inferior To American

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LONDON, Nov. 11.

Discussing the difficulties that Germany is likely to meet in exploiting the Rumanian oilfields, a correspondent who has lately been in Rumania, in an article in "The Times" says: "The Rumanian product is insufficient in quality and quantity for German needs. Quite apart from the earthquake damage, the industry has been declining as a result of a short-sighted ultra-nationalist policy expressing itself in legislation aimed against companies owning the largest oilfields and financed by foreign capital. Foreign companies in June produced approximately 13,300 metric tons of Rumanian oil daily. Later the two largest indigenous companies produced only 1200 metric tons.

The reduction in the number of foreign executives on the oilfields caused indiscipline, a decline in proficiency and lack of skilled control and the revenue from the industry correspondingly declined.

Few New Fields

Production has fallen from 8,700,000 metric tons in 1936 to a probable total of 5,700,000 this year, only two new oilfields have been discovered since 1934 and it is doubtful whether Germany can exploit the existing fields owing to the paucity of Rumanian and German oil engineers. Also, the blockade prevents the importation of American equipment.

"There are fewer than 20 modern drilling outfits suitable for drilling to 10,000 feet, at which depths lie the most active oilfields, therefore unless Central European industry produces successful imitations of American machinery a steady decline in production is likely, especially as poor-quality machinery is likely to damage the existing wells and jeopardise the discovery of new ones.

Poor Quality

"Lastly, Rumanian oil is much inferior to American."

"The Times" says: "Germany requires more than 15,000,000 tons of oil annually for home and the services' needs, of which Russia cannot provide more than 1,000,000 tons. Hydrogenation might furnish another 4,000,000 tons."

"The Times" adds: "Now that the Germans must support their Italian ally the Rumanian increment to their oil supply becomes less impressive."

SAPPERS CLEAN UP THE DEBRIS

Working In London

FINE RECORD IN FRANCE

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RUGBY, Nov. 11.

More than 1800 skilled dock workers and railwaymen, members of the Royal Engineers units, equipped with technical and practical knowledge, are now employed in removing the debris and repairing pipe lines in London thoroughfares.

A supplementary reserve unit founded in 1938, it was at the outbreak of the war the first unit to enter France and it was the last to leave.

SARDINIA HEAVILY BOMBED

ATTACK BY NAVAL 'PLANES

CAGLIARI BASE

Italians Fail To Hit Ark Royal

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RUGBY, Nov. 11.

The Admiralty announces that Fleet Air Arm aircraft of the Ark Royal carried out a bombing attack on the harbour and aerodrome at Cagliari, in Sardinia.

Many bombs were dropped on the target area and explosions and fires were observed.

The Ark Royal was attacked by enemy bombers, but no hits were made. There was no damage and no casualties.

During the operations two shadowing enemy aircraft were destroyed by our fighters and it is also reported that others were probably damaged. All our aircraft returned safely.

MEMORIALS TO 1914-18 MOSTLY UNDAMAGED

Wooden Crosses In Some Old Cemeteries Mark Graves Of New B.E.F.

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RUGBY, Nov. 11.

What is the state of the cemeteries and memorials to the Empire's million Great War dead? This question was answered in part by Sir Fabian Ware (Permanent Vice-Chairman of the Imperial War Graves Commission) in a broadcast.

"In all parts of the world, save two," he said, "our work is proceeding normally. The exceptions are occupied France and Flanders, where three-quarters of the Empire's dead are commemorated.

"There work has stopped. Some—a few—memorials may have been obliterated, continued Sir Fabian. "If so we have accurate surveys which will enable them to be reconstructed in detail. Others we know have been damaged and the headstones battered by machine-gun fire. The great Cross of Sacrifice is chipped and gashed but is still standing firm, carrying its scars of war.

"Most of them are undamaged but they are neglected and overgrown with weeds, lawns are unkept and flower beds tangled and disordered In some wooden crosses mark the graves of the B.E.F.; in others in the foremost rows stand stout wooden crosses surmounted by German helmets where our enemies have been buried.

"Of the great missing memorials to the missing we are told that the Menin Gate is battered but still standing and the Canadian Memorial at Vimy apparently is undamaged The La Ferte-sous-Jouarre memorials, commemorating the Mons retreat and the return in 1914 are untouched. The Australian memorial at Villers Bretonneux is damaged but is still firmly erect, shell holes piercing the panels which bear the names of 11,000 Australian missing.

"In short, there is reason to believe that none of the damage in France and Belgium is beyond repair and that repair will be carried out because, by the irony of fate, the endowment fund ensuring the permanent maintenance of our cemeteries and Great War memorials was completed just as the B.E.F. was retiring from France in this war."

RUMANIAN OILFIELDS DAMAGED IN 'QUAKE

Forty Fires Raging: Second Shake Adds To Havoc In Bucharest

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LONDON, Nov. 11.

The first reliable reports from the Rumanian oilfields indicates far greater earthquake damage than was at first thought. Cracks in the ground have appeared at many places and hot liquid is pouring out. More than 40 fires have broken out, traffic has completely broken down and many more railway bridges are reported to have collapsed.

Fire is adding to the havoc caused by Rumania's two big earthquakes, the second of which caused further damage in Bucharest. Should further shocks occur it is feared that many more buildings will collapse as they will be incapable of withstanding the strain as a result of shaken frameworks.

The victims throughout Rumania are now estimated to be more than 10,000.

Fire is turning the ruins of Carlton House into an inferno with 200 still buried underneath. The flames were still raging to-night.

Half the houses in Ploesti have been destroyed. Tens of thousands of peasants elsewhere have been rendered homeless and hundreds of villages have been razed.

The Government has mobilised all engineers, architects, doctors, sanitary engineers and other technicians to help. Detachments are engaged in repair work.

The Berlin radio stated on Monday that a second short earth tremor was felt in Bucharest that morning. Fresh damage was done to buildings and houses.

After the recovery of 60 bodies from the ruins of the Carlton Building, the 11-storey block of flats which collapsed in the first shock, an explosion of crude oil in the basement used for the central heating system caused suspension of the rescue work.

The strongest earthquake ever recorded in Moscow awoke many sleepers on Monday morning and cracked the walls of buildings. No serious damage was done, and there were no casualties. The tremors were felt in south Russia, particularly at Odessa.

RANGITIKI NOW SAFE

RECENTLY ATTACKED IN CONVOY

OFFICIAL ADVICE

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Nov. 12.

The Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) has been advised by the New Zealand High Commissioner in London (Mr W. J. Jordan) that among the ships which escaped from the recent attack on a convoy in the Atlantic was the New Zealand Shipping Company's liner s.s. Rangitiki. An official announcement to this effect was made to-day.

American sources reported last week that on Thursday the Rangitiki and other vessels of a British convoy were attacked by a German pocket battleship. The British Admiralty announced on Saturday that the convoy had been attacked and in spite of the enemy's claim to have annihilated it, a number of ships successfully eluded the raider.

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"More Fool Than Knave"

STOLE A BICYCLE

Took Machine On Way From Party

"I am inclined to think that he was more fool than knave," said Detective H. E. Campin in the Hastings Magistrate's Court yesterday morning when Harold Duncan Marquand pleaded guilty to the theft of a bicycle valued at £4 belonging to Michael Stacey. Mr J. Miller, S.M., presided.

Mr E. J. W. Hallett said that the defendant had been to a party and as a prank he took the cycle on the way home. Next morning he realised what he had done, but lost his head and kept the machine.

The punishment in cases of this kind should be imprisonment, but it was fortunate for the defendant in this case that the probation officer had spoken highly of his character, said the Magistrate.

The defendant was admitted to probation for six months, a condition being that he should take out a prohibition order.

Liquor Near Dance

A young man, Neil Edgar, pleaded guilty to a charge of having liquor in his possession in the vicinity of a dance hall. Senior-Sergeant E. Quayle said that the defendant was seen entering the hall with an unopened bottle of whisky which he said he had got from a wedding.

He was fined £2 (costs 10/-).

Unregistered Dogs

Mary Pritchard and Norman Walker were fined 11/- each (costs 10/-) for having unregistered dogs.

For allowing a horse to wander William O'Neill was fined 10/- (costs, 10/-).

Unregistered Trailer

The removal of a house on a trailer was responsible for Walter White's being charged with using an unregistered trailer and also operating a trailer with a load in excess of eight feet in width. The defendant pleaded guilty and was fined 10/- (costs, 10/-) on each charge.

Traffic Offences

Douglas P. Spencer pleaded not guilty to a charge of failing to stop at the signal from a traffic inspector, stating that he misunderstood the signal and that he was learning to drive with a licensed driver as his instructor. He was also charged with not having a licence.

In the course of examination the defendant admitted that he had taken three drinks and that the man who was teaching him to drive was sitting in the back seat. He was fined £1 (costs, 10/-) on the first charge and £2 (costs, 10/-) on the second charge.

Cyril F. Woodhall was fined £2 (costs, 10/-) on a charge of driving a truck at a speed which might have been dangerous to the public.

Civil Cases

Judgment for plaintiffs in default of defendants was entered in the following cases: E. R. Whyte v. A. W. Liddall £11 16/6, costs £2 17/-; H.B. Building Society v. S. G. Skews £28 7/-, costs £4 5/6; Garry Ryan v. M. E. Adams £14 18/11, costs £2 14/-.

Judgment summons: C. H. Palmer was orered to pay W. W. Moore £2 10/- forthwith in default three days' imprisonment.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB

PROGRAMME
For
SPRING MEETINGS
To be held on
FIRST MEETING:
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1940.
SECOND MEETING:
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1940.

OFFICIALS.—President: H. E. Troutbeck. Vice-President, A. G. Stead. Stewards: Messrs F. B. Donnelly, J. H. MacNiven, O. Nelson, C. Ruddenklau, F. G. Smith, J. W. Sandtmann, R. J. Jeffares, T. Parker, C. Louisson, T. W. Hercock, T. S. Kingston. Hon. Treasurer: V. Cox. Judge: A. V. O'Brien. Handicapper: H. Coyle. Hon. Timekeeper: P. Shadbolt. Starter: A. Vincent. Clerk of Scales: H. M. Bishop. Clerk of Course: J. T. Hindrup. Hon. Veterinary Surgeon: A. M. Brodie, M.R.C.V.S. Secretary: I. I. Fippard.

SECOND MEETING,
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1940.
First Race starts 12.45 p.m.

1—OMAHU HACK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, of £100; second horse to receive £15, third horse £10 from the stake. Minimum weight, 9st. Nomination, £1; acceptance, £1.
1¾ MILES.

2—NOVICE STAKES, of £85; second horse to receive £10, third horse £5 from the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race at time of starting, except winner of Maiden Stakes, first day, which will carry a penalty of 10lb. Nomination, £1; acceptance, £1. Weight: Three-year-olds, 8st.; four-year-olds and upwards, 8st. 5lb.
6 FURLONGS.

3—KUAO HANDICAP, of £100; second horse to receive £15, third horse £10 from the stake. For two-year-olds. Minimum weight, 7st. 7lb. Nomination, £1; acceptance, £1.
4 FURLONGS.

4—WAIOHIKI STAKES HANDICAP, of £125; second horse to receive £15, third horse £10 from the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, £1; acceptance, 30/-.
1 MILE AND 1 FURLONG.

5—MEEANEE HACK HANDICAP (APPRENTICES), of £100; second horse to receive £15, third horse £10 from the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. 7lb. Nomination, £1; acceptance, £1.
1 MILE.

6—NAPIER HANDICAP, of £100; second horse to receive £15, third horse £10 from the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, £1; acceptance, £1.
6 FURLONGS.

7—TARADALE HACK HANDICAP, of £100; second horse to receive £15, third horse £10 from the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. 7lb. Nomination, £1; acceptance, £1. 6 FURLONGS.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES.

TO-NIGHT (Wednesday), NOV. 13.
ACCEPTANCES for All Events Second Meeting close at 8 p.m.

PENALTIES
The winner of any race after the declaration of weights may be re-handicapped.
All nominations made by telegram or by telephone must be confirmed in writing immediately afterwards.
All entries to be addressed to the Secretary, with entrance money enclosed, giving the name, age, description, pedigree, name of trainer and colours of owner.
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New Peach Lacks Fuzz

AMERICAN VARIETY

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FROST RESISTANT

After all these years, the peach is getting a shave. The "barber" is Dr. Fred W. Hofmann, director of horticultural research at the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, who announces the development of a fuzzless peach.

The new peach is not only as smooth and waxy as a plum, but also as large as standard varieties and just as delicious.

It is highly resistant to brown rot, and has a higher degree of frost resistance than the Elberta. Any standard variety can be made fuzzless.

The fuzzless peach, the fruit of nearly 40 years' research by Dr. Hofmann, will be distributed soon among American orchardists for planting, but probably will not reach the consumer for three to six years.

Dr. Hofmann has a patent on the peach, which he began developing in 1912, when he crossed standard varieties with a fuzzless type found among some Greensboro seedlings in Nebraska.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET DRAW

Napier And Hastings

GAMES IN ALL GRADES

King's Birthday Plans

The following matches will be played in the Hawke's Bay Cricket Association's senior grade and the Hastings Cricket Sub-Association's competitions on Saturday:—

Senior Grade

Hastings v Rugby, Cornwall Park No. 3.
United v Hastings H.S.O.B., Napier.
Technical Old Boys v Napier H.S.-O.B., Napier.

Reserve Grade

Whakatu-Mahora v Fruitworkers, Cornwall Park No. 1.
Rugby v Midland, Cornwall Park No. 2.

Junior A Grade

Havelock v Hastings, Havelock Domain.
Hastings H.S.O.B. v High School, School No. 1.
Midland v Whakatu-Mahora, Nelson Park No. 1.

Junior B Grade

Midland v Celtic, Cornwall Park No. 4.
High School B v Baptist, School No. 2.
Rugby wins by default from High School A.

The first-mentioned teams in each instance will supply gear.

Mystery Parcels

All players are reminded that donations to the mystery parcels appeal will close on Saturday and goods must be handed into the "Dug-out" on or before November 20.

Endeavours are being made to play two senior and two junior Hastings v Napier fixtures on the King's Birthday, November 25, and all players available should advise the respective selectors—E. Mitchell (senior) and C. Campbell (junior)—on Saturday. These games will begin at 10.30 a.m. with a senior and junior fixture in each town.

CANTEEN WORKER'S PROBLEM.

"Yes this morning I thought I'd have to 'phone that I couldn't come" . . . said the cheerful helper in charge. "I coughed till I was nearly ill . . . then Mrs I—— came in with a tin of Pulmonas. They stopped the cough!" Pulmonas always relieve coughs, 'flu, bronchitis, etc. Their antiseptic vapours penetrate and heal, and destroy cold germs. All chemists and stores. 1/1, 1/7 and 2/7. 2

Preparations For Greenmeadows

HASTINGS GALLOPS

Hunting Blood Appears To Be Improved

Most of the Hastings horses look improved by their racing at Greenmeadows last Saturday and the final gallops to-morrow morning should shed much light on the prospects for the final day of the meeting. The Hastings track was dead yesterday morning, but provided good galloping conditions and the course proper was becoming faster as the morning progressed.

Nora Gregor (J. Campbell) pleased in running her half mile in 51 3-5—a good effort.

Master Cyklon (C. Cameron) occupied 54 for his four furlongs.

The improving Aqueduct (H. Gilmer) and Crucible (G. Phelps) ran three in 38 3-5.

Burra Sahib and Carolina Bay sprinted up the straight.

Kalika (W. Lewis) had the measure of Greek Diana (J. Forsyth) over four in 53.

Hugme (Atkins) took 56 for her half mile.

Authoress (Lewis) ran an easy three in 40 3-5. She looks bright and well.

Better For Her Race

Waicony (S. Parramore), who looks all the better for her race, began ahead of Silver Hope (Atkins) from the five and finished in front in the smart time of 1.4 2-5, the first two in 24.

Valcony (Forsyth) easily beat Tamakaha (Lewis) over three in 39.

Lady Garvagh (L. Cullen) and Elminola (Forsyth) occupied 53 1-5 for their half mile.

Laughing Song (J. Rae) and Stolen Coat (Cullen) came home from the three in 39 1-5.

Collodion (Forsyth) was given a working gallop, coming home the last half mile in 54 3-5.

Hunting Blood (Forsyth) again pleased over five furlongs and looked as if he could have improved on his 1.5 for the distance.

Cherry Plum (A. E. Lord) gave a faultless exhibition over six of the schooling hurdles. He did not have a great deal of pace on, but fenced with confidence and is obviously improved by his race at Trentham.

Waikato Spring Meeting

SATURDAY'S FIELDS

Strong Class For All Events

By Telegraph—Press Association.
HAMILTON, Nov. 12.

The following are the acceptances for the first day of the Waikato Racing Club's spring meeting at Te Rapa on Saturday:

TRIAL STAKES.
Of £200; 6 furlongs.

African, Aetolia, Starbright, Royal Jay, Runanga, Kingcraft, Tea Drop, Face Value, Captain Bell, Vaals Mac, Cape Egmont, Marie's Choice, Laughing Fox Mingle, Loyal Musk, Miss Ridicule, Royal Sister, Avoir Bon, Bamboo, Craigonnet, Sporting Ace, Diagonal, Evan's Head, Bournemouth, Sealaw, Ascot Blue, Heroic Star, Rara Avis, Royal Pilot, Miss Eureka, Acquest, Gay Rosette, Kinvara, Foxmint, Foxwood, Lady Pay, Lady Bloater, Kalletopia.

WAIMAI HACK HURDLES.
Of £250; 1¾ miles.

Midland 12.0, General Ruse 10.13, Gaine's Choice 10.12, Saccone 10.12, Loombination 10.6, Cappy 10.2, Gael 9.12, Sunny Downs 9.11, Prince Rangi 9.9, Creole 9.3, Seaman 9.1, Brandon Hall 9.0, Te Rore 9.0, Jill 9.0, Rajanya 9.0, Well Away 9.0.

HAUTAPU HACK.
Of £300; 7 furlongs.

Glen Connell 9.2, Odtaa 8.9, Trig Station 8.7, Acreman 8.6, Rakanui 8.13, Gold Spot 8.3, Lord Waitangi 8.2, Raepata 8.2, Aguilo 8.0, Veritable 7.12, Gas Acre 7.7, Karatoki 7.7, Loch Acre 7.7, Dorset 7.7, Maxown 7.7.

WAIKATO CUP.
Of £700; 1 mile and 3 furlongs.

Golden Sheila 8.13, Clinch 8.7, Namara 8.7, Mazir 8.7, Our Jean 8.7, Lou Rosa 8.4, Winsome Lu 7.7, Anita Foe 7.2, Mintlaw 7.2, The Cardinal 7.1, Pern 7.0, Tooley Street 7.0, Wildore 7.0, Sunola 7.0.

TAMAHERE STAKES.
Of £250; 4 furlongs.

Soutane 8.11, Cambria 8.8, Miss Baffles 8.6, El Maadi 8.1, Appui d'Or 7.12, Prince Louis 7.12, Babrow 7.12, Powys 7.12, Peter Douglas 7.12, Panoni 7.10, Kotiri Pai 7.9, Tinkertoon 7.9, Josette 7.7, Declaim 7.2.

CLAUDELANDS HANDICAP.
Of £300; 1 mile.

Full Hand 9.0, The Dozer 8.12, Greek Queen 8.7, Besiege 8.6, Pocket Venus 8.3, Racecamp 7.13, Ivy Willonyx 7.10, Very Glad 7.9, Cornish 7.8, Coronation 7.8, Respectful 7.7, Forest Acre 7.7, Valerian 7.7, First Chapter 7.7.

CAMBRIDGE HANDICAP.
Of £400; 6 furlongs.

Llangollen 9.9, Arvakur 8.11, Farland 8.7, Marshall Hall 8.7, Lornacre 8.3, Maxam 8.0, Miss Te Koura 7.12, Gaymiss 7.9, Foxsen 7.3, Trilliarch 7.0, Town Section 7.0, Happicoat 7.0.

TAUPIRI HACK.
Of £300; 6 furlongs.

Hunter's Night 9.4, Star Vaals 9.3 Glen Connell 9.2, Chain Acre 8.13, Gold Money Song 8.7, Lord Ace 8.6, Foxola 8.6, Pasture 8.4, Te Haka 8.0, Forest Bridge 7.10, Flying Eagle 7.8, Joy Vaals 7.8 Ngawiri 7.7, Royal Melody 7.7, Hunting Chief 7.7, Sweet Nothing 7.7, Poutama 7.7, Casual 7.7.

WIFE SKATED WHILE HUSBAND WON

A Melbourne Cup Story

RACING DID NOT INTERFERE

Successful Jockey

(Daily Mail Special Service)
SYDNEY.

While her jockey husband was riding Old Rowley to victory at Flemington, Mrs Andy Knox was racing two lengths ahead of her children on a St. Kilda ice rink. They stopped to hear the result of the Melbourne Cup.

Mrs Knox said, "Oh, is that so," and went on with her skating. The children, Valda 11, and Fay 9, shared her unconcern and seemed more excited about the fun they had had on the ice than a mere Melbourne Cup. In fact, racing has not been allowed to interfere at all with the children's holiday.

When a Sydney "Sun" reporter called at the hotel Mrs Knox was busy dressing the children for a jaunt to the zoo. Last night it was the circus, and in fact, seeing that Val and Fay have a good time has been the main interest of this Sydney family.

Jockey's Success

It is a happy little family, too, and Mrs Knox takes great pride in her house and usually likes to be home in the evenings with her knitting or sewing. Knox has won two Caulfield Cups, two Derbies in Melbourne and one in Sydney.

Of these, Mrs Knox has only seen the last and in fact was rather hazy about even these facts till prompted by Val, who keeps herself up-to-date with racing knowledge, and has all the facts of her dad's career at her finger-tips.

Young, petite and charming, Mrs Knox is quiet and unassuming.

"I am not a very keen punter, I'm afraid," she said.

"I back a horse now and then if I think it is particularly good, but I haven't any superstitions. No, I didn't have anything on Old Rowley, worse luck."

PROGRAMMES ON THE AIR

1YA Auckland

6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 7.30: Weather report; breakfast session. 9.0: "Music As You Like It." 10.0: Devotional service. 10.15: "Grave and Gay." 11.0: Talk. 11.15: "Musical Highlights." 12.0: Lunch music. 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news.
2.0: "Music and Romance." 2.30: Classical music. 3.30: Sports results; "From Our Sample Box." 4.0: Weather report and light music. 4.30: Sports results.
5.0: Children's session. 5.45: Dinner music. 6.15: B.B.C. news. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News. 7.15: Talk: "There Always Was An England." 7.30: Sonata (Delius). 7.49: Gwenda Weir (soprano). 8.0: Poltronieri String Quartet. 8.16: Heinrich Schlusnus (baritone). 8.24: Andante in C Major, Mozart Sonata No. 2 in G Minor (Handel). 8.38: Parry Jones (tenor). 8.41: Instrumental Septet of Paris. 8.57: Weather report and station notices. 9.0: N.B.S. newsreel. 9.15: George Slocombe. 9.25: Evening prayer. 9.30: "Martin's Corner." 10.0: Music, mirth and melody. 11.0: B.B.C. news.

2YA Wellington

6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 7.30: Breakfast session. 9.0: Morning variety. 10.0: Weather report. 10.10: Devotional service. 10.25: Popular melodies. 10.45: Talk. 11.0: Music by popular composers. 11.20: Variety on the air. 12.0: Lunch music. 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news. 1.0: Weather report.
2.0: Classical hour. 3.0: Ballad singers. 3.30: Weather report. 3.32: Musical meanderings. 4.0: Sports results.
5.0: Children's session. 5.45: Dinner music. 6.15: B.B.C. news. 6.35: Weather report. 7.0: News. 7.15: "Britain Speaks." 7.30: Gardening talk. 7.45: Entertainment by New Zealand artists. 8.15: Programme by the Light Symphony Orchestra. 8.39: The Kentucky Minstrels. 8.50: Alfredo Campoli and his Orchestra. 8.57: Weather report and station notices. 9.0: N.B.S. newsreel. 9.15: George Slocombe. 9.25: Evening prayer. 9.30: "The First Great Churchill." 9.55: Harry Horlick and his Orchestra. 9.58: "The Woman In Black." 10.0: Dance Music. 11.0: B.B.C. news.

3YA Christchurch

6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 7.30: Breakfast session. 9.0: Morning melodies. 10.0: Classical programme. 10.30: Devotional service. 10.45: Hall of Fame. 11.0: Talks. 11.30: Popular hits of the day. 11.45: Relay from Riccarton of the Canterbury Jockey Club's meeting. 12.0: Lunch music. 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news.
2.0: Melody and rhythm. 2.30: Musical comedy. 3.0: Classical programme. 4.0: Weather forecast. 4.5: Rhythmic revels. 4.30: Sports results; Favourites old and new.
5.0: Children's session. 5.45: Dinner music. 6.15: B.B.C. news. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News. 7.20: Addington Stock Market report. 7.30: Dol Dauber and his Salon Orchestra. 7.35: Winter Course series. 8.0: Christchurch Male Voice Choir. 8.57: Weather report and station notices. 9.0: N.B.S. newsreel. 9.15: George Slocombe. 9.25: Evening prayer. 9.30: Sir Thomas Beecham and the London Philharmonic Orchestra. 10.0: Music, mirth and melody. 11.0: B.B.C. news.

4YA Dunedin

6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 7.30: Breakfast session. 10.0: Weather report. 10.15: Devotional service. 10.50: Talks. 11.15: Recordings. 12.0: Lunch music. 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news. 1.0: Weather report.
2.0: Recordings. 3.15: Talk. 3.30: Sports results; classical music. 4.0: Weather report. 4.45: Sports results.
5.0: Children's session. 5.45: Dinner music. 6.15: B.B.C. news. 6.55: Weather report. 7.0: News. 7.10: Burnside Stock Market report. 7.19: An interview with Miss M. Graham: "Across the World in a Thirty-five Footer." 7.30: The London Symphony Orchestra. 7.40: "The Buccaneers." 7.53: "The Hunchback of Ben Ali." 8.6: Variety by Roy Smeck and his Hawaiian Serenaders, Max Kester and some celebrities, the Merry Macs, and Victor Young and his Concert Orchestra. 8.31: "The Fourth Form at St. Percy's." 8.43: "Live, Love and Laugh": A drama set to music, with Dobrinski's Lyric Ensemble. 8.57: Weather report and station notices. 9.0: N.B.S. newsreel. 9.15: George Slocombe. 9.25: Evening prayer. 9.30: Cedric Sharpe Sextet. 9.34: "Soldier of Fortune." 10.0: Dick Jurgens and his Orchestra. 11.0: B.B.C. news.

2YH Napier

7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 7.30: Breakfast session.
11.0: Light music. 12.0-2.0 p.m.: Lunch music. 1.15: B.B.C. news.
5.0: Light music. 5.30: For the Children. 5.45: Light music. 6.0: "The Japanese Houseboy." 6.15: B.B.C. news. 6.45: Weather forecast; Hawke's Bay Stock Market reports. 7.0: After-dinner music. 7.30: "Soldier of Fortune." 8.0: "Edward Whymper," a mountaineering centennial. 8.10: Light music. 8.30: "Night Club": Kay Kyser and his Orchestra. 9.0: N.B.S. newsreel. 9.15: George Slocombe. 9.25: Evening prayer. 9.30: Lucrezia Bori (soprano). 9.34: London Philharmonic Orchestra.

B.B.C.

7.0 a.m.: "By the Way." 7.30: Stiles Allen (soprano) and the B.B.C. Northern Orchestra. 8.0: Joseph Conrad play, "The Shadow Line." 9.0: "Here Lies the Nazi," talk. 10.0: B.B.C. Salon Orchestra. 11.15: B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra.
12.15 p.m.: French Newsletter. 12.30: Sandy MacPherson (theatre organ). 12.45: Variety cartoon, "Dandy Lion." 1.15: Starlight. 1.30: Talk. "Britain Speaks." 1.45: News commentary by George Slocombe. 2.0: Orchestre Raymonde. 2.30: "Here Lies the Nazi." 2.45: Douglas Cameron ('cello). 3.0: "Within the Fortress," talk. 4.0: Music of Britain: Madrigals. 4.15: "Britain Speaks."
6.45: B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra. 7.30: Calling New Zealand. 7.45: Joseph Conrad play, "The Shadow Line." 8.30: News commentary by George Slocombe. 8.45: Music of Britain. 9.0: "Here Lies the Nazi," talk. 9.15: Harriet Cohen (piano). 11.30: "Carry On Variety," presented by Carroll Levis.

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"THE 39 STEPS" IS RE-RELEASED

Grand Adventure-Drama Stars Robert Donat

John Buchan's famous novel "The 39 Steps," dealing as it does with enemy espionage activities in England during the last war, has a particularly timely application at the present time and it is appropriate that the film from the novel should be re-released. "The 39 Steps" is now at the State Theatre, Hastings.

Robert Donat and Madeleine Carroll head the cast of the masterly adventure-drama, which relates the story of a young officer who becomes embroiled in the complications of a German attempt to get valuable information away from the British Isles. In a thrilling chase across Highland mountains and round coastal sea-ports, the attempt is foiled. Alfred Hitchcock, renowned for his dramatisations of the elements of mystery and suspense, here contributes one of his best directorial efforts.

Two youngsters meet, fall in love and get married on practically nothing a week in "Manhattan Heartbeat," the second feature. Their tender, human story, typical of that of thousands of other young couples, has been made into a grand picture. Robert Sterling is the boy who tries to listen to his head and Virginia Gilmore is the girl who makes him listen to his heart. How they find the answer to their problem is dramatic entertainment at its best. These two newcomers give excellent performances which promise great things to come.

Joan Davis provides the film's lighter touches with her madcap antics. Also featured in the strong supporting cast are Edmund MacDonald, Don Beddoe and Paul Harvey.

Regent

BRIEF RETURN FOR "THE CITADEL"

Striking Story Of A Doctor's Ambitions

Following upon the striking success of its first release, "The Citadel," film from A. J. Cronin's best-selling novel of the same name, will screen for a brief return season at the Regent Theatre, Hastings, commencing to-day.

Robert Donat and Rosalind Russell are each superb in characterisations at the head of an impressive cast. Donat plays to the full his role of the idealistic young doctor whose search for a cure for a deadly affliction affecting miners is sidetracked into a climb up the ladder of fortune when, on moving to London he discovers how easy it can be to make money as a society practitioner. Rosalind Russell plays the part of the young schoolmistress in the Welsh mining village which is Donat's first station; after their marriage it is she who eventually brings him to a realisation of the folly of his actions.

Ralph Richardson, too, contributes a fine performance as the brilliant, erratic "Denny," Donat's firm friend in his early attempts to bring health to the miners, and powerful influence in persuading the doctor to drop his easy "get-rich-quick" city life in favour of a continued struggle to aid humanity. Richardson's portrayal of both the comedy and the dramatic elements in his role could not be bettered. The work of the principals is ably supported by a large and more than competent cast, and "The Citadel" emerges as a striking example of worth-while entertainment.

Cosy

"WHAT A LIFE" AND "RANGE WAR"

Comedy And "Hopalong Cassidy" Story

A play that enjoyed a highly successful run of almost two years on Broadway has been made into a motion picture. It is "What a Life," is now at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings, and stars Jackie Cooper. The film tells the story of one Henry Aldrich, described by every teacher as the worst boy in the school. The amazing situations the troubled and bewildered Henry gets himself into provide a maximum of laughs and a certain amount of pathos. In the midst of all his troubles, however, it is discovered that Henry's true talents lie in the art of caricature. After being expelled from school and later clearing himself of a theft charge, Henry ultimately finds contentment in the pursuit of an art career. Also in the cast are John Howard, Vaughan Glaser, Hedda Hopper, Betty Field and Janice Logan.

"Range War," the newest "Hopalong Cassidy" outdoor film, brimming with action, thrills and romance, is the second feature. With William Boyd seen again as the hard-riding straight-shooting "Hopalang," and Russell Hayden as "Lucky," his saddle-mate of many a range adventure, the story deals with "Hopalong's" efforts to trap a wily, wealthy landowner who is trying to prevent ranchers from building a railroad spur which would make it unnecessary for them to pay tolls for their cattle to cross his property. Woven into the action of the story is a romance involving Russell Hayden and Betty Moran, cast as the daughter of the rancher who is in charge of the building of the railroad spur, and "Hopalong" has a new saddlemate in Britt "Speedy" Wood, harmonica-playing favourite.

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State

GEORGE O'BRIEN IN "PRAIRIE LAW"

With "Pop Always Pays," Hilarious Comedy

Affording him more than his usual amount of hard riding, exciting adventure and two-gun fighting, George O'Brien's current western thriller "Prairie Law," which is now screening at the State Theatre, Napier.

O'Brien is cast as a battling cattleman who, with other loyal ranchers, gets involved in a range feud with a group of nesters. Most of the latter are under the influence of Judge Curry, a crooked land shark who has established the town of Olympia by selling worthless lots on the promise of a future water-supply. O'Brien's determination to expose the swindler, and the latter's sinister efforts to run the ranchers out of the country, reach a climax when O'Brien's uncle is murdered by one of the promoter's right-hand men, following a raid on the rancher's cattle.

Contributing outstanding performances in support of O'Brien are Virginia Vale, the star's lovely blonde leading lady, Dick Hogan, as her wayward brother, and J. Farrell MacDonald, as O'Brien's uncle.

Sparkling with high-speed fun "Pop Always Pays," featuring Leon Errol, is the second feature. The tangled troubles of a pair of would-be newlyweds and of the girl's parents comprise the nucleus around which the plot spins at a furious pace. Forbidden to marry until the prospective groom can amass a savings account of a thousand dollars to prove his thrift, the young pair conspire with the girl's mother to raise the necessary sum by fair means or foul, and eventually find he has practically reached his goal.

Unfortunately, father can't make good. All his money is tied up in a real estate development and the bank has loaned him every cent it dare to. Desperately striving to get the money together and keep from losing face before his family, he gets into a jam with the police and the complications rise to hilarious heights before matters are finally straightened out.

Regent

"ADVENTURE IN DIAMONDS"

Thrilling Secret Service Story

George Brent and Isa Miranda are co-starred in "Adventure In Diamonds," a thrilling drama of diamond mines and secret service, which is now screening at the Regent Theatre, Napier.

A big liner steams slowly into the beautiful harbour of Cape Town, South Africa. On board is Colonel J. W. Lansfield, of the British Secret Service, whose furlough in England has been cut short because of the mounting thefts from the great diamond mines near Cape Town. On board also is a very beautiful woman, whose constant companion is a magnificent police dog. Every man on the ship, including Colonel Lansfield, has endeavoured to make the lady's acquaintance . . . with a signal lack of success.

Among the officials boarding the liner before she docks is Captain Stephen Dennett, a debonair, charming young man in the Royal Air Force, who is anxious to hear the news from home from his good friend Lansfield. In high spirits both men repair to the ship's bar, and there Dennett sees for the first time the beautiful woman whose name, Lansfield whispers, is Felice Falcon.

Dennett makes a bet with Lansfield that he will be on speaking terms with Felice within the half-hour that remains before the boat docks. His first two attempts are ludicrous failures. Then he hears Felice tell a passport official who asks her purpose in South Africa that she would very much like to go through the diamond mines. The official warns her she is doomed to disappointment. No one is allowed within the mines except persons who have business there.

The moment Felice is alone, Dennett approaches. He will be glad to take her through the mines if she will accept his escort. Felice proves surprisingly amenable to the suggestion.

So there begins a series of thrilling adventures, culminating in the exposure of a ruthless gang of diamond smugglers. It is fast-moving, gripping entertainment.

Speaker's Reply

When Mr S. G. Holland, M.P. for Christchurch North was praising the ability of the National Party candidate for the Waipawa seat (Mr C. G. E. Harker) at last night's meeting at Hastings, an interjector asked: "But what has he done?" Mr. Holland smartly replied: "I don't know what he has done, or you either. You may have done six months for all I know."

Mayfair

"SOPHIE LANG GOES WEST"

Bing Crosby In "Sing You Sinners"

Sophie Lang, the girl who steals diamonds and hearts with equal ease, turns Hollywood upside down in Paramount's new adventure-mystery film, "Sophie Lang Goes West," which is now showing at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier. It's a fast, furious, and often hilarious story of jewel thieves at odds, of a huge diamond, "The Star of the World," and of the stars and studios of Hollywood. Gertrude Michael and Lee Bowman play the leads, and the cast includes Sandra Storme, Larry Crabbe, C. Henry Gordon, Barlowe Borland.

When a woman who has become the most notorious jewel thief in the world wants to go straight, and when she encounters a huge diamond known as "The Star of the World" and the man she loves—all at the same time, there's bound to be trouble. There's another thief and a moving picture star and a detective mixed up in it, too, and the result is a wonderful adventure film.

For the first time in his long and colourful motion picture career, Bing Crosby fails to "get the girl" in his new comedy, Paramount's "Sing You Sinners," which is the associate feature. Instead, this is done by romantic Fred MacMurray, who will be seen as Bing's brother in this story of family life.

The fast-moving story is punctuated by a number of songs from some of Hollywood's foremost popular composers. They are: "Small Fry," a captivating novelty number, "I've Got a Pocket Full of Dreams," "Don't Let That Moon Get Away" and "Laugh and Call It Love."

WATERING CANS' USE RESTRICTED

Sydney Decision

BIG WASTAGE WAS ALLEGED

Action Intensified

(Daily Mail Special Service)
SYDNEY.

The Water Board has decided to restrict the use of watering-cans for garden purposes to five hours a day—from 6 to 8 in the morning and from 5 to 8 in the evening.

All watering-cans must now be fitted with "roses" and all hoses used by market gardeners must be equipped with nozzles.

This decision was made after the president had said that he wanted to cramp the style of "those gentlemen with large gardens and substantial financial resources" who were employing staffs of men to water their gardens with cans.

Answering fears that the new policy might create a "revolution," the president said that restriction of watering hours would not affect the householder who loved his garden. "The majority of these people are doing everything they can to help the board," he said.

People Who Would Not Help

"But there are a number of people who are not assisting. We have seen advertisements asking for men for garden watering, and we have had to take action to dissuade garden-owners from adopting such a policy.

"A woman in a hairdressing saloon recently overheard a conversation in an adjoining cubicle, in which another woman, protesting against the board's request for payment of rates on time, announced that she had been so incensed that she had let the tap run all day.

"In a time such as this, that attitude is not only childish and babyish—it is wicked.

Writing on the Wall

"We exceeded the adopted standard last month by 3,500,000 gallons a day, and the writing is on the wall that we shall not conform to the reduced standard of 76,500,000 gallons a day for this month unless we intensify restrictions." A tremendous amount of water was wasted through hot-water systems, it was said.

Another speaker maintained that the bulk of excess water was being used by the large market-gardeners. Water was being used illicitly, he said.

Many market-gardeners kept watchdogs, who either kept Water Board inspectors off the properties or gave warning of their approach.

RAILWAY LINE OPEN AGAIN

Express Services On Normal Route

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WANGANUI, Nov. 11.

The Wanganui-Main Trunk line, which has been closed to traffic north of Taihape since Friday night, because of the derailment of a goods train by a heavy boulder, was reopened to-day.

Express services, which were diverted through Aramoho and Stratford, have now resumed the normal route.

France's Morale Undermined

ACTION UNLIKELY

Widespread Sympathy For Britain

COUNTRY DIVIDED

The strength of the German troops now occupying France is generally estimated by French officials at 2,500,000. The London "Daily Telegraph's" former correspondent in Paris, Eustace Wareing, says that this information was given him by a highly competent Allied observer, on October 19, who has just returned to England from France, where he toured in the guise of a French peasant.

The army which France will be allowed to retain is expected, the observer says, to number 100,000 men and 4000 officers. These figures are retaliatory for those in the Versailles Treaty, which imposed on Germany a Reichswehr limit of 100,000.

Action Unlikely

The observer thinks it unlikely that the almost universal French desire for a British victory will be backed by action. As distinct from some other countries under the German heel, France as a nation is showing few signs at present of recovering her moral vigour.

The Germans are working hard to keep the country divided and apprehensive. There is a hidden German control over the civil administration, even in unoccupied territory.

France, says the observer, is honeycombed with military commissions, who watch over the demobilisation of the French Army and supervise the loading of trains which carry material of the French Army and Air Force in the occupied area for use against Britain.

In an article on "English—All Dressed Up," the organ of the Headmasters of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has some pleasant examples of how to make a little English go a long way when done up in the best official manner:—"More precipitation, less acceleration" ("more haste, less speed"); "Proceed to the due performance of your prescribed task" ("go to it"); "You are enjoined not to disseminate reports of indeterminate provenance having insufficient basis of authenticity and which by repetition tend to acquire cumulative inexactitude." ("Dont spread rumours")

Absolute In One Day

SPEEDY DIVORCE

Unusual Case Heard At Sydney

In the Divorce Court at Sydney Mr Justice Roper granted a decree nisi of divorce, to be made absolute in one day.

Mr J. K. Dixon (for the co-respondent, Private Sydney Alfred Lowe, A.I.F., stationed at Ingleburn) said Lowe was anxious to marry the respondent in the suit.

Lowe was expecting to be ordered overseas.

William McAllister, 52, superintendent of the Anzac Rifle Range, Liverpool, obtained the decree from Mrs Carrie Lillian McAllister (50), formerly Ward, of Reginald Street, Cremorne.

McAllister petitioned for divorce on the ground of his wife's adultery with Lowe.

He said his wife left home early last May. Later she and Lowe signed a confession that they were living together at an address in Reginald Street, Cremorne.

KEEPING UP AN OLD TRADITION

A GUY FAWKES DAY BIRTHDAY

Boys and girls who first saw light on Christmas Day have always been regarded by their playmates as singularly unfortunate in that they have to combine their birthdays with Christmas with consequently one set of presents instead of two.

Until recently no special significance had applied to Guy Fawkes' Day and birthdays, but the other morning brought a story of effective combination and youthful ingenuity to a Whangarei newspaper office.

Many years ago a delicate young woman, who had to watch her diet with the utmost care, became the mother of a son, who, as he grew in years, became cognisant of giving as well as receiving birthday presents.

To his delicate mother, who had to be so careful of her diet, he always made a birthday present on November 5 of one bottle of lemonade and a packet of fireworks.

Back to Giver

To her the lemonade was impossible of consumption, and so young son received back that part of the present for his own use.

With the advent of the event mother did not feel disposed to fire crackers while big young eyes looked on enviously, so they, too, were handed over.

For years these annual presents were made and returned until, in due course, the son married and made his mother a grandmother.

The grandson, too, kept up what had become a family tradition and ceremony until he reached man's estate.

On Guy Fawkes' Day from Whangarei, on behalf of his son, the grandson despatched the annual gift of a bottle of lemonade and crackers to the old lady, who was celebrating her 92nd birthday.

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The Air Raid Experiences Of A Newspaper Girl

These extracts are from the letter of an ex-New Zealand newspaper girl now in London. Writing to a relative in Hastings she describes the intensified blitz, and it is obvious that bombs haven't banished humour for even an incendiary through the roof didn't really spoil the night's sleep, and food cooked in the open fireplace, through lack of gas, still tempts the appetite, and after all an occasional Turkish bath makes up for the loss of many ordinary hot ones. Times have arrived when a night with a howling gale is considered quiet because no visitors came from over the Channel.

LONDON, Oct. 4.

"This is my first letter since the intensified blitz. Well, we're still all in one piece, though we've had some exciting nights. Several H.E.'s have fallen near enough to rock the house, and we have had an incendiary through the roof which fired the attic and burned merrily for a while. We held it with buckets of water and a stirrup pump till the fire brigade took over. When Paul came home in the morning he turned pea green at the sight of the broken glass and plaster all over the floor, but recovered on finding his family safe and sound in bed. A rafter had fallen down the stair well through the sky light and on to M's head, but it didn't dent her thick thatch. There was remarkably little damage when it was all swep' up.

'Paul survives miraculously in Fleet Street though it has taken a terrific plastering. "The Times," "Evening Standard," "Daily Herald" and "Sketch" have all stopped a bomb at different times, though all have continued publishing, but the "Daily Express" hasn't broken a pane of its black crystal palace. Paul doesn't get home till morning now, after the all clear. He finishes work about midnight, but can't find any place to sleep, because between the presses in the basement and the guns on the roof there isn't much peace and quiet, so he has joined the nightly poker school and tries to make his day-off meal money.

The Party Spirit Still There

"Naturally the blitz has put an end to most of the night life of the city. Not that the party spirit is lacking, but transport after the black-out is, and it's no pleasure to walk home through a shower of shrapnel. Ended also are the Straussy operetta scenes in restaurants and cabarets where the officers of all nations trod a pretty measure in their Merry Widow uniforms.

"The A.A. guns move round the town on large trailers attached to lorries and you never know when they are going to stop outside your door and let off a blistering barrage.

"Except for a complete lack of gas which provides the only heating and cooking facilities in Paul's household, we haven't suffered any great hardship. K— and M— labour heroically producing a meal from the open fire in the living room, and they always manage to turn out something pretty good, even if the fish turns to smoked cod in the process. We haven't had a hot bath for weeks, but M— and I have a date for a Turkish bath tomorrow.

"Many of the office folk are sleeping in the office shelters because of the difficulty of getting home of nights, but I prefer to go home to Paul's while I can.

"I am always more amazed by what is still standing in the morning, after all the wumps in the night, than by the amount of damage done. Most of the main shopping streets in the West End have been up at one time or another, and a bus ride is something of a mystery hike. You never know where it will take you till you get there. Most pathetic of all are the queues of East Enders, who have stood the worst of the bombing, waiting from early afternoon for places in the West End tube stations. London conveniently puts its East End out of mind till the proximity is forced upon them, and a bug or two on a respectable personage is better than columns of print for bringing home the need for social reform.

Many Bombs Whizz By

October 10.

"Gas pressure is restored so we are washed again. After a quiet night, which means such a howling gale that no 'plane could take off, we had a snorter; moon as bright as day so the bombs whizzed from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Round 9 and 9.30 our district always gets a little attention. There is a lull between 11 and 12 when one can get to sleep, and after that only the house falling would wake me.

"The way these old brick houses in London pancake has to be seen to be believed; there is no timbering and they are just built one brick on top of another like a child's castle. Needless to say there isn't one brick on top of another when they come down. The only place that seems to hold in a house is the staircase, rickety bit of timbering though it be—which shows how much life could be saved if there had been even some elementary building regulations.

"The whoo-oosh of a bomb falling is the most terrifying sound I have yet to kear. K— always flops automatically on her knees, not in prayer, but when paralysed with fright the knees give way first—which is probably the origin of religion.

"A stick of bombs fell quite near my office the other morning just before nine—if I say where I'll probably get censored. By an odd chance I took a bus that day instead of the usual tube, so I was just turning round Oxford Circus instead of coming up out of the station where it all happened. Everyone stood up in the bus when the wumps went off, but being very British, all sat down again as if nothing had happened. Expected to see Nelson riding one of his lions, but he was still perched on his lofty roost along with the slightly startled pigeons.

All Windows Blown Clean Out

October 11.

Well, a propitious move that was. Arrived this morning to find a crater clean across the road just outside our new window—or what was a window. Every piece of glass blown clean out, and steel filing cabinets across the room perforated and prickly with pieces of glass. The building is intact, as far as walls go, being a good solid hunk of ferro concrete, but our beautiful air raid shelter is completely flooded and there is three feet of water in the basement. Thank God I stayed at Paul's. The shelterers were turned out in their pyjamas and marched to a hotel and a nice pyjamed escort of officers, who nevertheless kept their hats and swagger sticks to lend an air to the proceedings. The gas mains are still burning in the street, and our roof top eyrie, which we left yesterday, is still intact. Fortunately I left a suitcase of new clothes upstairs instead of parking it in the basement as I intended, so it is intact too. Apparently no one was injured at all.

"People tell horror stories and miraculous escapes ad nauseum. When I hear K— groaning and gasping at the telephone, I know it is one of her old friends telling her with relish the number of bodies brought up from a particular wreck at their door, and the number grows with each telling.

"G— is confined to his boat for 14 days for taking French leave. His behaviour is still rather independent for the navy. He put up a spirited defence at his trial (as he's not an officer I suppose you can't call it a court martial) and managed to convince the Admiral that he had only gone into the pub to buy candles because it took so long via the red tape route to get any lighting for his boat, which was an urgent necessity.

A Delectable Meal At The Berkeley

October 15.

"Your letter via Pacific air mail arrived yesterday, having been— (that was a bomb, that was)— exactly a month en route, which isn't very fast for five shillings worth.

"Had a nice week-end lunch at the Berkeley which was full of baby faced officers—the type who go over the top singing the Eton boating song—and quite a comely selection of blondes. Had a very good meal—fish with a delectable cheese and mussel sauce (which you might try on the dog some time), a nice white wine, and a whacking great poire melba. Afterwards to the movies and home.

"Last night dined at the Cumberland. A couple of bombs fell mighty close; the grill is so well soundproofed that you can't even hear the big A.A. guns when they are right across the road, but we heard these all right. No one squeaked. A few got up to run, but didn't know where to run to; the band struck up immediately so everyone eased their nerves in slightly hysterical applause. Walked home from Marble Arch in moonlight as bright as day, and got a flea in the ear from K— for it, but there was no other way to get home. There was a nice autumn smell of dead leaves, and when a star popped up and went out you knew it was a shell. Soldiers and their sweeties stood in doorways all along the Edgeware road, regardless of an occasional whizzer, but none came near enough to make me spoil a pair of stockings by biting the dust—or my new American suit which I wore for the first time and looked damn nice in.

Sunday Roast Cooked In the Baker's Oven

"Gas has been temporarily disrupted again so our week-end roast was cooked in the local baker's oven. Butcher in despair at everyone cancelling their Sunday joints for a slice of cold ham, called up the neighbouring baker whose ovens are not used by the day, so M— went up and pushed our little meat tin in with a great long shovel and trundled home with it crisped to a turn.

"Well, if I don't get this off now I never will. Propose trying out the South African route as the North Atlantic air service has been suspended, and the half in half way doesn't seem much faster."

NAPIER REPERTORY PLAYERS

Studio Evening Held

A NOEL COWARD PLAY READ

Also A. A. Milne's 'Belinda'

A short sketch, "Wild Oats" by Noel Coward and a three act play "Belinda," by A. A. Milne provided excellent entertainment for an enthusiastic audience at the Napier Repertory Studio last evening. Both the sketch and play were produced by Mr and Mrs Eru Prentice and were very much enjoyed.

Those taking part in "Belinda" were: Belinda Tremayne, Freda O'Connell; Delia, her daughter, Laurie Swindell; Harold Baxter, Bromley Bennett; Claude Devinish, Ross Fenton; John Tremayne, Doug. Scott; Betty, Thelma Prentice.

"Wild Oats" was read by Margaret Cabot and Bromley Bennett. The stage was arranged as a living room with easy chairs and small tables, and bowls of flowers.

Supper concluded another enjoyable studio evening.

Among those present were:

Mr and Mrs E. Prentice, Mr and Mrs B. Bennett; Mesdames W. J. O'Connell, R. Cabot, L. Swindell, McNab, A. Fenton, H. M. Bennett; Misses P. Carton, Z. Apperley, J. Munro, K. Price; Messrs D. Scott, R. Fenton, Taylor, J. Fairclough.

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Five o'Clock Gossip

Miss M. Westcott, who has been spending a holiday in Napier and Hastings, has returned to her home in Feilding.

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Mrs A. Webster, Fordell, is spending a holiday in Napier.

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Miss Monica McVeagh, Auckland, is staying in Hastings with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr and Mrs F. Thomas Kelly, York Street.

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Sister M. Head has resigned her position as laboratory sister at the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, Hastings, after five and a-half years' service.

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Quiet Wedding Ceremony

HELD AT WAIPAWA

Bride Wears A Rust Ensemble

BRIGGS—MILLER

A quiet wedding took place last week at St. Peter's Church, Waipawa, when Emily Isabella, fifth daughter of Mr and the late Mrs J. T. Miller, Domain Road, Waipawa, was married to Richard, third son of Mr and Mrs W. Briggs, Wragby, Lincolnshire, England.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly frocked in a deep rust shaded gown embroidered in white, worn with a white turban, short veil and rust and white shoes. She carried a shower bouquet of white wisteria, roses and bronze azalea.

She was attended by her sister, Miss Mary Miller, who wore a gown of blue georgette, patterned in horizontal rows of dusky pink roses, with hat to match. She carried a posy of azaleas.

The reception was held at St. Peter's Hall, the guests being received by the bride's father and sister, Miss A. Miller.

When the happy couple left on their honeymoon, the bride wore a dark rust frock with green hat and coat. The future home of Mr and Mrs R. Briggs will be in Waipawa.

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RAGLAN INCIDENT

'Plane Watched By Home Guard

SAFE ARRIVAL

By Telegrapn—Press Association.
AUCKLAND, Nov. 12.

A Tiger Moth, piloted by pilot-officer J. McSkimming, which made a forced landing, owing to heavy weather, on Kopu Beach, Raglan, last evening when on the way from New Plymouth to the Whenuapai Air Base, Auckland, arrived at Whenuapai early this afternoon.

The Raglan Home Guard guarded the 'plane throughout the night. At 10.30 to-day a 'plane piloted by Squadron-Leader G. Lester, from Whenuapai, accompanied by a mechanic, arrived at Raglan. Both 'planes made a perfect take-off from the beach at 11.45 before interested crowds of residents and school children, and made a fast flight to Auckland.

Farmer Burned To Death

THAMES TRAGEDY

Fire In Separator Shed

INQUEST ADJOURNED

By Telegraph—Press Association.
THAMES, Nov. 12.

Walter Bernard Nash, married, aged 40, a farmer, of Thames, was burned to death in the engine-room of his cowshed this morning.

He and his wife left the house about 5.30 to do the milking. At approximately seven o'clock Mr Nash went to the engine-room to turn on the separator, and a few minutes later his wife, who was at the cow bails, heard her husband call out, "Turn the cows out—the place is on fire."

Mrs Nash did so. By that time the whole engine-room was a mass of flames.

The body was later found in a sitting position, terribly charred. A small benzine tin was found burst open. It was within eight inches of Mr Nash's foot.

An inquest was opened and adjourned.

GOLF CHAMPIONS AT TAKAPAU

RESULTS OF PLAY IN THREE GRADES

CLOSING DAY

Season Will End On Saturday

(Daily Mail Special Service)
TAKAPAU.

The Takapau Golf Club's season is drawing to a close and competitions were played over the week-end when good conditions prevailed.

Following are the results:—

Senior Championship

First round: T. Harvey beat T. Hanita, A. Fraser beat Father O'Shea, J. Smith beat J. Grant, G. S. White beat S. Ropata.

Semi-final: T. Harvey beat A. Fraser, J. Smith beat G. S. White.

Final: T. Harvey beat J. Smith.

Junior Championship

First round: T. Weston beat D. Pease, F. Morton beat R. Power, B. Hames beat W. H. Davies, H. Lawlor beat R. Jensen.

Semi-final: F. Morton beat T. Weston, B. Hames beat H. Lawlor.

Final: B. Hames beat F. Morton.

A'Deane Memorial Cup

First round: T. Hanita 3 beat S. Stevens 18; J. Lowes 12 beat I. Berkahn 12; M. McDonnell 17 beat H. Lawlor 19; J. Smith 10 beat J. Grant 9; A. Fraser 8 beat S. Ropata 8; F. Morton 18 beat B. Hames 18; E. F. Stubbs 15 beat R. Jenson 24; T. Harvey 7 beat T. Weston 24.

Second round: J. Lowes beat T. Hanita, J. Smith beat M. McDonnell, A. Fraser beat F. Morton, T. Harvey beat E. F. Stubbs.

Semi-final J. Lowes beat J. Smith, A. Fraser beat T. Harvey.

Final: A. Fraser beat J. Lowes.

D.C.L. Cup

First round: T. Hanita 3 beat J. Smith 10; T. Harvey 7 beat J. Lowes 12; T. Weston 18 beat G. S. 'White 14; B. Hames 18 beat E. F. Stubbs 15; H. Lawlor 19 beat B. Morton 18; A. Fraser 8 beat F. Morton 18; Father O'Shea 14 beat S. Ropata 8; I. Berkahn 12 beat J. Grant 9.

Second round: T. Hanita beat T. Harvey, T. Weston beat B. Hames, A. Fraser beat H. Lawlor, I. Berkahn beat Father O'Shea.

Semi-final: T. Weston beat T. Hanita, I. Berkahn beat A. Fraser.

Final: T. Weston beat I. Berkahn.

Closing day of season's play has been fixed for Saturday next.

Yesterday On 'Change

Transaction List

Following is a list of transactions on the New Zealand Stock Exchange:—

WELLINGTON EXCHANGE

Sales Late Monday.

Kauri Timber	1	2	0
G. J. Coles	3	10	0

SMALL YARDING OFFERED

STOCK SALE HELD AT WAIPUKURAU

COMPETITION POOR

Fat And Store Cattle Sell To Late Rates

(Daily Mail Special Service)
WAIPUKURAU.

Fat sheep comprised the main entry in a small yarding of stock at Waipukurau yesterday. Competition was quiet, with a further easing tendency. Only one pen of store sheep off the hill country, 2 and 4-tooth wethers, mostly 2-tooth, sold well at £1, with good competition. A fair entry of fat cattle, mostly cows of medium quality, sold well at previous rates. Store cattle, with very little offering, were on a par with last week.

Fat Sheep

Prime Down cross 2-tooth, showing quality, sold at 20/-; extra heavy ewes, averaging 70lb., sold at 16/4; heavy pen ewes, averaging 64lb., sold at 16/-; light finished ewes, averaging 54lb., brought 15/9 for patriotic funds; 11 heavy unshorn, well-woolled ewes, made 21/- for patriotic funds; an entry of wethers, medium order, made 21/6.

Fat Cattle

Four medium-framed Red Polled bullocks, quality ox beef, sold at £12; 3 dehorned Hereford cows, fair framed, of medium finish, sold at £7/9/-; 5 clean bred A.A. cows, medium framed, in medium order, brought £7/6/-; pen A.A. cows, better finished than above, averaging 600lb., sold at £8/3/-; 5 unfinished Hereford cows sold at £6 9/-; 2-year A.A. small heifers, fair order, passed at £4/5/-; 15 dehorned clean-bred Hereford steers, medium grown, good store condition, sold at £6/13/-; medium grown A.A. heifers, good condition, sold at £5/5/-; heavy milking purebred Red Poll cow, third calf at foot, by Royal champion bull, sold at £6.

BROKERS' REPORT ON VALUES

Waipukurau Sale

RESULT OF OFFERING YESTERDAY

Brokers report as follows on the stock sale at Waipukurau yesterday:

Williams and Kettle Ltd: 1 spr. Jer. cow £8 5/-; 1 mfd. cow and calf £6; 1 yearling Jer. heifer £5 1/-; 1 Jer. cow empty £3 10/-; 5 fat Hfd. cows and heifers £7 7/6; 3 Hfd steers £4; 3 fat Hfd. cows £7 9/-; 1 fat Hfd. heifer £5 17/6; 1 fat P.A. cow £7 18/-; 5 fat Hfd. cows £6 9/-; 1 fat Hfd. heifer £6 5/-; 7 P.A. heifers £5 5/-; 1 P.A. steer £6; 15 Hfd. steers £6 11/-; 2 P.A. heifers £3 1/-; 5 P.A. steers £3 13/-; 1 huntaway dog £1; 13 pigs 19/6; 2 pigs 18/-.

On account of Maori Queen, Waipukurau: 1 dog 5/-. On account of Patriotic Funds Waipukurau, 4 wether hoggets 28/-. On account of Ongaonga Patriotic Fund, 27 fat ewes 16/7; 5 wether hoggets 27/-.

Dalgety and Co. Ltd: 5 fat cows £7 4/-, 1 at £7 4/-; 5 fat cows £7 6/-; 5 fat cows £8 3/-; 4 fat wethers 21/6; 10 wethers 17/-; 112 2 and 4-th wethers 20/-; 9 fat wethers 26/3; 1 fat ewe 26/3; 11 fat ewes 21/-; 9 fat ewes 15/9; 3 fat ewes 15/9; 1 fat shorn wether 22/-; 2 fat ewes 16/-; I woolly hoggett 22/-; 1 ewe and lamb 22/6.

Loan and Mercantile Agency Co. Ltd: 1 fat woolly ewe at 18/9; 2 fat shorn ewes at 15/6; 6 ewes and lambs at 16/10; 1 ewe and lamb 2 at 7/-; 6 ewes and lambs at £1.

H.B. Farmers' Co-op. Assn. Ltd: 4 R.P. bullocks £12; 1 ylg. R.P. hfr. £2 5/-; 1 dairy cow with calf at foot £6; 1 fat wed. £2; 15 fat Downs 20/-; 1 ewe hgt. 20/-; 12 fat ewes 16/11, 15 at 15/9, 8 at 13/6, 30 at 15/9; 27 weds 18/-; 11 2-th weds 17/3; 24 weds 24/9; 20 ewe hoggets 35/-; 19 at 34/-; 1800 battens 26/- per 100.

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Two fat heifers £5/10/-, 1 fat cow £4, 1 fat steer £7, 1 stag £3/10/-, 1 S.H. bull 14½gns., 1 at 9gns., 1 at 7 gns., 1 stag £5, 1 steer £2.

STOCK SALE HELD AT NORSEWOOD

Brokers Report On Recent Realisations

Brokers report as follows on the stock sale held at Norsewood:

H.B. Farmers' Co-op. Assn. Ltd: They offered a small yarding of sheep, cattle and pigs. All lots sold on a par with recent sales. A total clearance was effected at prices ranging as follows: Wether hoggets £1 1/-, £1 6/- to £1 7/6; ewe hoggets £1 13/6; fat cows (light) £4 10/- to £5; store cows £2 10/- to £3 3/-; weaner heifers £2 16/-; Jersey bulls £5 10/- to £7; weaner pigs £1 4/- to £1 7/6.

Williams and Kettle Ltd.: They offered a small yarding of sheep, cattle and pigs to a fair attendance of buyers. They quote the following prices: F. and F. 2-th wethers 22/6; fat Jersey heifers £5 1/-; store Jersey cows £3 11/- to £4 1/-; yearling Jersey bulls £5 15/-; weaner pigs 23/-; slips 25/6.

GARDEN FETE AT OTANE

"Heart-To-Heart" Appeal Under Way

(Daily Mail Special Service)
OTANE.

In order to make arrangements for holding a shop and garden fete to raise funds for the Patriotic Appeal, Otane residents are requested to attend a meeting to be held in the Town Hall, at 8 p.m. on Friday evening.

It has been decided to begin a copper trail on Saturday, November 16, and a sheep has been donated for a weight-guessing competition on the same day.

Visitors to town for the by-election voting are reminded of these worthy efforts to help raise funds for our men on service.

Otane Knitters Kept Busy

WORK FOR SOLDIERS

Elderly Resident's Fine Effort

(Daily Mail Special Service)
OTANE.

The honorary secretary of the Otane branch of the Red Cross (Mrs J. Macdougall) reports that the branch forwarded to Napier this week the following goods: Six pullovers, six scarves, eight balaclavas, four pairs of sox, and one parcel of children's clothing.

One of Otane's oldest knitters, Mrs H. Sutherland, who is 82 years of age, has knitted no fewer than 56 pairs of sox to be included in the soldiers' parcels.

So far, Otane has forwarded one pair of sox to each of the local boys of all the echelons on active service, and is beginning again on the second round. This is in addition to the usual parcels of comforts.

Trucks And Cars For Transport

SURVEY UNDERTAKEN

Authorities Require Particulars

A survey in New Zealand of trucks and cars which would be suitable for army transport, should necessity arise, was begun some weeks ago. Many owners responded to the appeal for co-operation, but the number which may be required is large and a further public call has been made in the last few days.

The aim is to enable the authorities to list at once particulars of trucks and cars which may be readily available to the army, and thereby avoid possible later confusion and delay. Only by making such a survey can it be determined which trucks and cars can be withdrawn from civil use without interfering with the essential transport and business of the Dominion.

Inspections Arranged

The survey is to be made without delay, and car and truck owners interested should communicate with the Commissioner of Transport by November 20. Inspections will be made by the mechanical branches of the army, the Transport, and the Post and Telegraph Departments.

In addition to a possible emergency need, a substantial enlargement of the present army fleets is required for the training of the much larger numbers of men going into camp since the widening of the territorial system. Some vehicles may be taken over at once; others will be surveyed and listed, and will remain in a transport reserve, to be called upon at short notice if required.

Purchase Or Hire

Trucks and cars may be either bought outright or hired for a long or short period. As circumstances will differ widely, the terms of purchase or hire will be discussed with individual owners.

There are 50,000 trucks in New Zealand, and it is considered that a large number, preferably from 10 to 40cwt., can be made available for training and defence without serious interference with civil transport.

A much larger number of cars should be available, and, if it is possible, the selection will limit the makes of car taken over so that some degree of standardisation, with consequent economy in spares and maintenance, can be achieved.

Only vehicles in first-class condition will be considered as suitable for the purposes of the Government.

SPREAD OF WEEDS IN COUNTY

ACTION WANTED AT WAIPUKURAU

INQUIRIES ORDERED

Patangata County Council Meets

(Daily Mail Special Service)
WAIPUKURAU.

"Something must be done to check the rapid spread of noxious weeds on the good land. It would not be so bad if gorse was confined to the riverbed, but unfortunately it is spreading rapidly and soon will take charge of all the country," said Mr G. F. McHardy, when the subject of noxious weed inspection was under discussion at the Patangata County Council meeting yesterday. Other councillors agreed that some measure should be taken, and it was resolved to seek information from neighbouring counties as to the scheme upon which they propose to embark.

A resolution of sympathy with Mr and Mrs A. C. Holms, Waipukurau, in the loss of their son in England was passed, and a tribute was paid to the late Mr A. C. Russell by the chairman (Mr C. Patterson), who stated that the local bodies would be the worse off by the passing of such an esteemed gentleman.

Road Closed

The Waipukurau Borough Council advised that it had closed the road to the riverbed and rubbish dump and in future a charge of sixpence a yard would be levied on all metal carted through the borough property. In future, the letter continued, a key would have to be procured from the Town Clerk to gain access to the river.

The engineer (Mr J. C. McLauchlin) said that the county was not affected by the closing of the road.

The chairman intimated that it was more than a nuisance as stock must have water and drovers would have to use the bridge instead of the riverbed.

The engineer was instructed to make inquiries with the borough in an endeavour to secure access.

The county agreed to pay £2/10/-, representing its share of the installation cost of the direct telephone line from Waipawa to the Waipukurau Hospital.

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November 13 ..	4.29 a.m.	6.41 p.m.
November 14 ..	4.28 a.m.	6.42 p.m.
November 15 ..	4.27 a.m.	6.43 p.m.
November 16 ..	4.27 a.m.	6.44 p.m.
November 17 ..	4.26 a.m.	6.45 p.m.
November 18 ..	4.25 a.m.	6.46 p.m.
November 19 ..	4.25 a.m.	6.47 p.m.
November 20 ..	4.24 a.m.	6.49 p.m.
November 21 ..	4.23 a.m.	6.50 p.m.
November 22 ..	4.23 a.m.	6.51 p.m.
November 23 ..	4.22 a.m.	6.52 p.m.
November 24 ..	4.22 a.m.	6.53 p.m.
November 25 ..	4.21 a.m.	6.54 p.m.

(N.Z. Summer Time)

TIDES

		H.W. a.m.	H.W. p.m.	L.W. a.m.	L.W. p.m.
Nov. 13	Wed.	3.47	4.10	10.23	10.45
Nov. 14	Thu.	4.33	4.58	11.8	11.29
Nov. 15	Fri.	5.10	5.48	11.52	11.14
Nov. 16	Sat.	6.9	6.41	—	0.39
Nov. 17	Sun.	7.0	7.33	0.58	1.24
Nov. 18	Mon.	7.49	8.21	1.43	2.7
Nov. 19	Tue.	8.35	9.6	2.23	2 47
Nov. 20	Wed.	9.20	9.50	1.2	3.29

(N.Z. Summer Time)

EXPECTED ARRIVALS

Awahou, Gisborne .. .. Nov. 15
Pukeko, Gisborne .. .. Nov. 15
Wainui, Wellington .. .. .. Nov. 17
Poolta, Westport .. .. Nov. 23

COASTWISE TRADE

AWAHOU: Left Auckland last night for Napier via East Coast bays and Gisborne. She is due here on Friday morning.

PUKEKO: Is expected to arrive here from Auckland via East Coast bays and Gisborne, on Friday morning. The vessel will sail for Auckland the same afternoon.

WAINUI: Is due here about November 17 with a cargo from east coast South Island ports and Wellington.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1940.

"COLD REALISM" FROM AMERICA

Although the United States Ambassador to Great Britain (Mr Joseph P. Kennedy) has issued a qualification of the statements which he is reported to have made in an interview with the Boston "Globe," there is a good deal of sound "cold realism" in this review of the war situation, whether Mr. Kennedy really made it or not. Further, "cold realism" has been a favourite subject with the Ambassador for some time, and in spite of the fact that he denies having made the statements in the form in which the "Globe" has presented them, one is compelled to admit, whether one likes it or not, that a little more plain speaking, on the lines of the alleged interview, would do good both in the United States and in the British Empire.

In the original report of the interview, Mr Kennedy is alleged to have said that at the present time the United States is being sheltered by Great Britain; that the Americans will have to give the utmost support in the fight against totalitarianism, but at the same time must not expect anything back in the way of "war debts"; that the United States would find herself in a position of dangerous weakness if she were drawn into the conflict; and that although Great Britain would never be defeated by the blitzkrieg there was a very real peril in the possibility of Axis attacks through Spain and across the eastern Mediterranean.

All this may not be the official view of the American Ambassador, but there is a good deal of sense in it, and it is disquieting rather than reassuring. It is somewhat alarming when it is taken in conjunction with the statement of the Australian Prime Minister (Mr R. G. Menzies) that "we are in great peril, and too many of us cannot or will not realise it." And the urgency of both these warnings is increased by the view of the London correspondent of the "New York Times" that Great Britain "is facing an unprecedented crisis at sea."

In a remote country like New Zealand, it is fatally easy to take the pleasant view that everything must work out all right in the end, and this is the attitude of the majority of New Zealanders to-day. Throughout the Dominion's history she has been screened and protected by the strength of the Motherland, and the Colonel Blimp complex ("we always win the last battle") has flourished on the ground of the belief that Britain cannot be defeated. It is this attitude that must be neutralised to-day by "cold realism."

There is no question that New Zealand, like Australia, is in peril, and the people of the Dominion, like the Australians, cannot or will not realise it. Again like the Australians, "we have our pleasures, our profits, and our strikes." How many people in New Zealand realise that in the last few months the whole scope of the war has broadened? It is no longer a conflict between rival political systems; it is no longer even a battle between diametrically opposed "ideologies"; it has become a supreme effort, on one side to destroy, and on the other to preserve, what may be called British civilisation throughout the world. This civilisation goes deeper than the superficialities of such things as political systems. It is a greater thing than "democracy," although it is bound up with a belief in those liberties which England has established for herself and has handed on to others. It is an expression of the essential faith of the British race.

There is no point in concealing the fact that never before has British civilisation been faced with such an array of enemies as faces it to-day. Beyond the United States—which is not fighting on the side of the Empire however much help it may be giving in the conflict—there is not a single major Power which would regard the fall of the British Empire as a world disaster. The position is more critical than it was at any time during the war of 1914-1918, and the dangers are accentuated by the fact that the collapse of allies and the successes of Germany in the first year of the renewed struggle have to a large extent cancelled the initial strategic advantages held by Great Britain.

The picture, of course, is not entirely one of gloom. While the American newspapers may consider that they have good grounds for talking about the "unprecedented crisis at sea," there is little doubt that British sea power and British ingenuity will ultimately evolve means to counter the combined threat of submarines, raiders, and bombing aircraft. Germany has not yet introduced any form of attack which has not been met by an effective antidote. Nevertheless, there is nothing in the situation to justify easy optimism.

Personal

MINISTERIAL

The Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash) visited Hastings yesterday and spoke at Havelock North last night. He is to address a meeting at Waipukurau to-night.. Mr Nash is the guest of Mr and Mrs C. W. Nash, Thompson Road, Napier.

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Mr S. G. Holland, M.P. for Christchurch North, is to speak at Waipukurau to-morrow.

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Constable G. Murray, Clive, has resumed duty after his annual leave. Constable J. Grove, who has been relieving at Clive, has returned to Napier.

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Captain Felix Broche and Captain Francois Houssin, Free French officers at present in New Zealand, visited Hamilton during the weekend. They intended going to Rotorua.

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Mr C. Thurlow was among the batch of men who left Napier yesterday morning to join the Medical Corps.

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Mr R. W. Jenkins has been elected to the Horowhenua County Council as member for the Te Horo riding in place of Mr C. P. Jensen, who recently retired.

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The Rt. Rev. H. St. Barbe Holland, Bishop of Wellington, has been appointed vice-president of the New Zealand Association of Public Schools of Great Britain.

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The Rev. Stuart C. Francis left Napier yesterday morning for Palmerston North, where he will attend the meeting of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

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Mr A. B. Caverhill, who has been manager of the Gore branch of the Bank of Australasia for the last 11 years, has received notification of his transfer to the position of manager of the Marton branch of the bank. He will take up his new duties on November 20.

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Mr V. C. Jones, Y.M.C.A. representative with the First Echelon, who has taken up an appointment as staff captain in charge of the welfare work of the British command in Egypt, has resigned his position as general secretary of the Wellington Y.M.C.A.

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Mr F. R. Burnley, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Napier, and Mr J. P. Oakley, district land valuer in Hastings, have been appointed by the Department of Internal Affairs as the Commission to decide the proposed merger of a portion of Greenmeadows with the Taradale town district.

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Reference to the death of the chairman of the Central Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board (Mr A. C. Russell) and of Mr J. A. Miller, formerly Mayor of Hastings, was made by the chairman (Mr W. Harvey) at yesterday's meeting of the Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

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AT THE HOTELS

Captain and Mrs A. McIntosh, Mr and Mrs W. J. Dyment, Mr and Mrs R. E. Carter, Mr F. Thornton, Mr L. A. Golding, Miss P. Murray, Mr A. Thompson, Mr S. Jantke, Captain and Mrs Noal, Mr E. Wales, Mrs J. Cave (Wellington), Mr Richard Barker, Miss P. Barker (Gisborne), Mr R. Waterhouse (Whangarei), Mr R. Flewellyn (Auckland), Mr L. McLellan, Mr R. Butcher (Palmerston North), Miss S. Hayward (Sydney), Miss V. McMenamin (New South Wales), Mr and Mrs L. Cockerell (Gore) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

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Miss J. Bourne, Mr and Mrs Olden, Mr A. Johnstone, Mr and Mrs P. G. Wilkins (Auckland), Mr R. P. Black, Mr and Mrs A. Pascoe (Wellington), Mr C. H. Williamson, Mr J. Major (Palmerston North), Mr J. Gibb (Dunedin), Mr H. Andrews (Masterton), Mr R. Leahy (Gisborne), Mr H. Erek (New Plymouth), Mr G. Kallum (Hawera), Mr S. Shields, Mr T. Brown (Dannevirke), Mr A. Neilson (Carterton), Mr F. Munro (Levin) are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

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Mr H. McKendry, Mr H. H. Young, Mr C. J. Ralph, Mr H. Taylor, Mr A. Osborne, Mr P. Mackie, Mr and Mrs Fred Rothschild (Wellington), Mr W. S. Bussell, Mr G. H. Forsythe (Auckland), Mr A. Kennedy, Mr J. C. Howard (Palmerston North) are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

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Mr R. Devon, Mr E. Watson (Palmerston North), Mr L. E. Easterbrook, Mr P. J. Tulloch, Mr M. Graham (Auckland), Mr G. A. Skelton (Christchurch), Mr L. Hammell, Mr S. Scott, Mr L. S. F. Bell, Mr and Mrs A. N. Baker (Wellington) are at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

Breakfast Table

"My advice," says a magistrate, "is to put mischief-making letters straight into the fire." Burn the scandal at both ends, in fact.

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It is pointed out that careless talk in bars may lead to serious consequences. There was an instance recently of a Scot who absentmindedly said "No," when somebody asked him if he would have one.

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"You remember the Government beer of 1918?" asks a correspondent. "Well, I fell into a vat of it and was rescued." From a watery grave.

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Aliens interned in the Isle of Man are allowed alcoholic refreshments in reason. There are no T.T. events in the Isle of Man this year.

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A correspondent says he enjoys having afternoon-tea in his bath. With a sponge cake, we suppose, and a Bath bung.

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"Owls do their courting only when the weather is fine," says a nature note. When it's raining, of course, it's too-wet-to-woo.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Native Land Court

The Native Land Court is to begin its quarterly sitting at Hastings this morning. Judge G. P. Shepherd will preside.

Remand Granted

On the application of Senior-Sergeant P. C. Felton, George Henry Ellis, an electrician, was remanded to Hastings on November 26, when he appeared before Messrs A. E. Bedford and F. S. Tarrant J.P.'s in the Napier Police Court yesterday. Ellis is charged with the theft of three postal notes valued at £2 12/6, the property of Robert Garain.

Diesel Sets Sold

The sale of two diesel engines which have been included in the plant in the power house in Eastbourne Street, Hastings, was sanctioned yesterday by the Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board. It was stated that these engines, which have been sold to the Wairere Power Board, Te Kuiti, for £400, were part of the original equipment of the Hastings power house.

Napier Home Guard

A and B companies of the first battalion of the Napier Home Guard paraded at McLean Park last night when elementary training was carried out. To-night C and D companies will parade, and on Tuesday and Wednesday the second battalion will assemble for the first time. A class for prospective n.c.o.'s is to be held at the Artillery Barracks, Owen Street, at 7.30 p.m. on Monday. The class is open to all who wish to work for promotion.

Patriotic Effort

A handsome lunch basket, valued at £12 12/-, has been donated by Mr T. Parker, president of the Napier and East Coast Gun Club, for patriotic purposes. The basket, which is on view in the window of Parkers, Hastings Street, Napier, is a fine example of wickerwork, and contains a complete set of utensils and containers for four persons. It will be the prize at a clay-bird shoot to be held on Saturday week at the Monte Carlo grounds in aid of patriotic funds.

Transit of Mercury

Astronomers throughout the Dominion were interested yesterday in the transit of the planet Mercury across the sun, an event which will not occur again until 1953. The transit began at 8.49 a.m., continuing until 1.53 p.m. At the Hastings High School arrangements were made for pupils to view the planet through a telescope brought to the school by Mr Stevenson, organiser of the Hastings Astronomical Scoiety, who explained that although the planet appeared as a small spot it was actually the size of the moon.

Sound Investment

The need for creditors to prove debts in bankrupt estates was illustrated by the Official Assignee (Mr W. Harte), at a meeting of creditors held in Napier yesterday. Mr Harte said that some creditors had not bothered to furnish proof of debt when a bankrupt filed in 1922, with the result that the estate had recently paid 20/- in the £ and the proved creditors had been paid in full. In addtion they had been paid interest at the rate of six per cent. from the date that the bankrupt filed.

Farm v. Freezing Works

A statement in a recent broadcast speech by the Hon. W. Nash to the effect that freezing workers worked harder than farm labourers aroused a little resentment in a member of the audience at the Minister's meeting at Havelock last night. He asked for an explanation at the conclusion of the address. Mr Nash said that he did not question the working capacity of the man on the farm, but suggested that a slaughterman's occupation called for harder work than a farm hand's. The questioner, however, was not satisfied and voiced a protest on behalf of farm labourers.

Power Board Figures

An increase of 35 consumers during the past month, bringing the total to 9014, was reported by the secretary-manager (Mr H. H. Wylie) at yesterday's meeting of the Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board. Forty-two ranges and 39 hot-water systems were installed.

Tasman Air Service

After a fine-weather crossing of eight hours and a half, the Tasman Empire Airways flying boat Awarua commanded by Captain J. Burgess, arrived from Sydney at 2.30 p.m. yesterday with 17 passengers and 484lb. of freight. The Aotearoa will leave for Sydney to-morrow.—Press Association.

Waipawa By-election

The Post Office has issued the following statement: Absent voters of the Waipawa electorate are reminded that with the exception of the larger offices all post offices close at 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays. All persons intending to record their votes at post offices as absent voters next Saturday should accordingly do so in the morning.

Belgian Appreciation

The Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) has received a cablegram from the Belgian Prime Minister (M. Pierlot) expressing his and M. Spaak's gratification at Mr Fraser's message, and conveying to the New Zealand Government their deep appreciation and firm desire to work in the closest co-operation with all the Allied governments for the achievement of victory and the liberation of all oppressed peoples.—Press Association.

Motor-car Conversion

"This car conversion has got to be put down. It is getting to be a serious menace to the community, and I intend to deal with it very severely," said the magistrate (Mr J. L. Stout) at Wellington yesterday when Anthony Gray, aged 19, was before him for sentence on a conversion charge. "I have the Probation Officer's report upon you and it is not satisfactory. You have a car of your own and you go and convert another person's." Gray was ordered to be detained in the Borstal Institution for two years.—Press Association.

Disappointment Felt

A number of Hastings residents have expressed disappointment that the special art exhibition now on view in the Hawke's Bay Art Gallery at Napier is not open at night. A party which journeyed through on Saturday night was confronted with a notice to the effect that the exhibition had closed at 5 p.m., and thus they lost their only chance of viewing the Coronation picture and New Zealand paintings which comprise the display. It is felt that more people would be able to attend if the gallery were opened in the evenings, but the authorities consider that experience elsewhere justifies closing in the evening.

Naval Dockyard

Provision of adequate facilities for refitting ships, under the Government's plan for the reorganisation of the naval dockyard at Devonport, Auckland, had enabled this country to undertake major repairs and the refitting of cruisers, the Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones) told a Waipawa audience last night. Other work done there had included the conversion of a large ship into an armed vessel, the fitting out of minesweepers, the defensive equipment of 25 vessels and the construction of an oil tank with a capacity of 12,000 tons for the fuel replenishment of warships. In addition to this vital work, a number of highly necessary buildings had been erected at the dock.

MAIL NOTICES

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

OUTWARD OVERSEAS MAILS.
CHRISTMAS MAILS.

America, November (last week); East (including Egypt), mid-October; Australia, mid-December. Early posting is recommended in view of the uncertainty of transit time.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

Australian States and Countries via Australia. Mails close 6 p.m.; parcels 4 p.m.
Other oversea mails will be dispatched as opportunity offers.

TRANS-TASMAN AIR SERVICE.
TO AUSTRALIA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

Trans-Tasman Air Service: Mails for despatch by this service close at 4 p.m.

TRANS-PACIFIC AIR MAIL.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

Trans-Pacific Air Mail.—Postage rates—Letters:Hawaii, 2/6 each ½oz., United States of America and Canada (including air in America), 4/- each ½oz. Great Britain 5/9 each ½oz. Mails close noon. For further particulars apply at Post Office.

INLAND MAILS.

Napier, Monday to Friday, 6 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. Saturday, 6 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m. Gisborne District, 4 p.m. Wairoa, 6.30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Auckland, Main Trunk and Waikato districts, 8.5 a.m. and (letters only), 4 p.m. Saturdays only, 1.15 p.m. (letters only).
Manawatu, Wairarapa, Dannevirke and Taranaki Districts, 8.5 a.m., 4 p.m. and Monday to Friday, letters only, 6 p.m.
Wellington, 8.5 a.m., 4 p.m. Monday to Friday (letters only), 6 p.m., Saturday only 1.15 p.m.
Waipawa, 8.5 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Waipukurau and south of Waipukurau, Monday to Friday, 8.5 a.m., 4 p.m. Saturday, 8.5 a.m.
Otane, Monday to Friday, 6.30 a.m., 4 p.m. Saturday, 6.30 a.m.
Opapa, Poukawa, Paki Paki and Pukehou, 6.30 a.m.

AIR MAIL INLAND.

Blenheim, Nelson, Westport, Greymouth and Hokitika, Monday to Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 4 p.m. Auckland and Auckland and New Plymouth, Monday to Friday, 6 p.m.
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HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

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

Following is the "Daily's Mail's" special forecast for Hawke's Bay:—

Winds: Light to moderate and variable.

Weather: Fine and warm.

Seas: Slight.

NAPIER WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. at Napier by the Government recorder (Miss G. Hutton) are as follows:—

Dry bulb temp.	60.6deg.
Wet bulb temp.	56.8deg.
Maximum temp.	66.6deg.
Minimum temp.	60.5deg.
1ft. underground	61.5deg.
3ft. underground	60.0deg.
Grass	46.6deg.
Sun	10hrs.
Rain	Nil
Cloud	5
Wind	N.E.2
Visibility	8
Humidity	76 p.c.

HASTINGS WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows:—

Dry bulb temp.	62.0deg.
Wet bulb temp.	59.0deg.
Maximum temp.	72.0deg.
Minimum temp.	50.0deg.
Grass	46.0deg.
1ft. underground	61.0deg.
Wind	N.2
Cloud	4
Rain	Nil
Rain for month	7.18ins.

DOMINION FORECAST

General situation: An anticyclone is centred to the north-west of New Zealand and a series of westerly depressions has been passing in the south. Pressure is low over New South Wales and Tasmania.

Forecast.—Winds: Over the North Island light to fresh and rather variable in direction from Cook Strait southward; northerlies prevailing and becoming strong to-morrow in exposed positions.

Seas.—New Zealand waters: Slight or moderate generally but later rising about Cook Strait and south of Cape Egmont. Eastern Tasman Sea: Light variable winds and slight seas in the northern portion; moderate to strong northerly winds and rather rough to rough seas in the southern portion.

Weather: For the most part fair to fine; some morning fogs, however, and cloud increasing in western areas; especially of the South Island with rain developing in the far south-west. Temperatures mild to warm.

To-day's Diary

NAPIER

The Theatres:
"Prairie Law," and "Pop Always Pays," State, 2 and 8 p.m.
"Adventure in Diamonds," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m.
"Sing You Sinners" and "Sophie Lang Goes West," Mayfair, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

HASTINGS

Stock Sale, Stortford Lodge, 10 a.m.
Hastings Orchestral Society's Concert, Assembly Hall, 8 p.m.
Fruitgrowers' General Meeting, addressed by the Hon. W. Nash, Assembly Hall, 10 a.m.

The Theatres:
"The Citadel," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m.
"The 39 Steps," and "Manhattan Heartbeat," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m.
"What a Life" and "Range War," Cosy, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

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LABOUR GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVES DETAILED

Hon. W. Nash Reviews Work Of Party In Address At Havelock North

A review of the work of the Labour Government since it came into office in 1935 was given by the Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash) at a meeting at Havelock North last night. Mr H. R. von Dadelszen was in the chair.

More than 200 were present, and Mr Nash was given an attentive and enthusiastic hearing. There were few interjections, and at the conclusion of his address the Minister answered only two questions from members of the audience.

Discussing the Government's objectives and policy, Mr Nash said that the first and immediate aim of the Government on taking office in December, 1935, was to lift standards of living generally in the quickest possible time, so that all who had been compelled to go short of the necessities of life during the preceding five years should be able to satisfy their reasonable needs to the fullest extent that those needs could be met from the resources available.

Summed up, the major objective of the Government, he said, might best be described as the securing for every man, woman and child in the Dominion of those amenities and modest comforts which go to make up a "home" and "home life" in the best sense of those terms. To this end, all the Government's subsequent activities and efforts had been directly or indirectly related.

The first task had been to afford prompt relief to those upon whom the deprivation of the depression period had fallen most severely. A Christmas bonus was therefore paid to the unemployed, sustenance rates were increased, and the cuts in wages, pensions and social services were restored.

Revival of Industry

"The next task," said Mr Nash, "was to bring about conditions conducive to a rapid revival of industry and the fullest utilisation of existing productive resources. Steps taken to this end had been mainly directed to the lifting of wages, salaries and incomes generally and to the promotion of full-time employment for those competent to work at award rates of pay." As evidence of the extent to which the living conditions had improved the Minister said that from 1935 to 1939 wages and salaries paid increased by 54 per cent. from £72,500,000 to £112,000,000. Other income, including pensions and company income, had increased by more than 80 per cent.

When the Government came to office, said Mr Nash, it had lost no time in organising a vigorous programme of public works. This activity, the Minister maintained, had had an immediate beneficial effect on New Zealand industry as a whole. Public works expenditure which had amounted to only £3,000,000 for the year ended March 31, 1935, rose rapidly to a peak figure of £24,000,000 in 1939. Although this expenditure had been subjected to much criticism, the Government was of the opinion that a vigorous public works programme was the logical and sensible policy to pursue in the circumstances which prevailed up until 1939.

A further measure which had served to revitalise industry had been the Government's housing construction scheme, under which nearly 9000 houses have already been completed, with a further 3000 in the course of construction. The Minister expressed the view that if there was one thing to the credit of the Government more than any other it was that it had started the present housing scheme.

Having achieved its immediate objective of raising living standards, the Government's next task, said Mr Nash, was so to organise the Dominion's economy as to ensure the regulated and efficient expansion of trade and industry—primary and secondary—in order that the higher standards achieved might be more permanently secure. The Government was of the opinion that the first essential step in this direction was to take control of the monetary and credit policy and, to this end, the private shareholders of the Reserve Bank had been bought out and the constitution of the bank altered so that it would be required to give effect to the monetary policy of the Government as communicated to the Minister of Finance.

Development of Industries

Reference was also made to the Government's achievements in connection with the extension and development of New Zealand industries.

The foundation of this policy had been laid with the passing of the Industrial Efficiency Act, 1936. Since then industrial expansion had proceeded at a rapid rate and the Government had been successful to a major degree in building up a more balanced and diversified economy. Factory employment, salary and wages paid, value and volume of output, had all reached record figures in 1938-1939.

The Minister drew attention, however, to the necessarily limited scope for further expansion in the meantime. All the secondary industries were dependent to a varying degree on imported raw materials and difficulties occasioned by the war in connection with supply and lack of skilled labour and the necessity of conserving overseas funds would limit the rate of future expansion.

Nevertheless, he said, the Government would continue its policy of encouraging and building up local manufacturing activity to the fullest possible extent.

Dominion Credit Overseas

THREE CRISES FACED

Hon. W. Nash Refutes An Allegation

FINANCES SOUND

A contradiction of the allegation that the Labour Government had "ruined New Zealand's credit overseas" was given by the Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash), in the course of his address at Havelock North last night.

New Zealand 5 per cent. securities, Mr Nash said, were selling in London for £109 10/-, as compared with similar securities of a sister Dominion which were quoted at only £103 8/9.

When war broke out in September, 1939, the Government was engaged in overcoming three serious crises. By the early part of this year, however, these crises had been successfully dealt with and the Dominion to-day was in as strong and sound a financial and economic position as it had ever been, the Minister claimed.

Sterling Decline

In April, 1938, the Government had perceived that the Post Office Savings Bank and the Dominion's sterling funds in London were being used in such a way as to cause serious difficulties, said Mr Nash.

"From May to December, 1938, sterling funds declined rapidly from £28.6 million to £6.7 million. On the evidence, from £10,000,000 to £15,000,000 was transferred from the country during this period in excess of the sums which were normally transferred in payment of imports and other ordinary commitments."

This flight of capital, said Mr Nash, had been due partly to the impression that the exchange rate would alter, and partly to fear that investors would lose some of their money if the Labour Government went on its way.

By December 1938 there was only one alternative other than default, and the present policy of exchange control and import selection was accordingly introduced.

"Run" On Bank

The Dominion was now through the crisis so far as sterling funds were concerned, said Mr Nash, although war conditions made impossible any relaxation of existing restrictions.

"Simultaneously with the drop in overseas funds, a run was engineered on the Post Office Savings Bank," he said. Between August 1938 and December 1939, more than £9,000,000 was withdrawn in excess of the sum deposited. This run, however, had also been arrested.

"The third crisis the Government had to meet," Mr Nash continued, "arose in connection with the falling due of a £17,000,000 loan in London on January 1 of this year—the largest sum which any Government had been required to pay at one particular time.

Unfavourable Conditions

"Conditions for converting this sum could not have been more unfavourable. The British Government at this time was endeavouring to borrow for rearmament purposes a sum in excess of the total amount saved in the United Kingdom in the course of a year."

After a great deal of strenuous negotiation, however, satisfactory arrangements were made involving immediate repayment of £1,172,000 and the conversion of the balance subject to rather onerous repayment conditions, Mr Nash said. The balance of £16,000,000, however, was renewed at the very low rate of 3½ per cent. in spite of the fact that New Zealand securities at the time were showing a return of more than 5 per cent. A total of £2,000,000 was to be repaid during 1940 and £3,500,000 in each succeeding year.

Instalment Met

The first half-yearly instalment of £1,000,000 was met on due date, the Minister said, and the stock has already been purchased on the London market for repayment of the second instalment due on January 1. 1941. Provision had also been made for the £3,500,000 due next year in allocating the sterling funds which were estimated to accrue to New Zealand during the next 12 months.

In addition, £890,000 worth of the short-term loan has been voluntarily converted by holders into long-term securities yielding slightly more than 3½ per cent. The Government had also repaid £2,000,000 sterling which was borrowed from the trading banks to tide over the period of acute difficulty.

"The British Government has asked that all local body debts maturing during the war should be repaid and more than £2,000,000 has accordingly been met in full in the present year," Mr Nash added.

CAPACITY HOUSE FOR NATIONALIST SPEAKER

Mr S. G. Holland Well Received By Sympathetic Audience At Hastings

An indication of the increasing interest being taken in political affairs in New Zealand was given by an attendance which filled the Assembly Hall when Mr S. G. Holland, M.P. for Christchurch North, spoke in support of the National Party candidate in the Waipawa by-election (Mr C. G. E. Harker) at Hastings last night.

Mr Holland was given an excellent reception, and a solitary interjector at the back of the hall provided the speaker with some excellent opportunities for sallies.

The chairman (Mr C. A. Maddison) introducing Mr Holland mentioned him as the prospective new leader of the National Party.

Mr Holland said he did not subscribe to the view that the National Party would be easily returned in the Waipawa electorate because it had been a National seat.

"But I do suggest that if the Government was in earnest about its 'all-in' policy the Waipawa seat would have presented a grand opportunity to put this into practice," added Mr Holland.

"I have not come here merely for the purpose of criticising the Labour Government," said Mr Holland. In the past the people of the Dominion had judged political parties in terms of who could give them the most for nothing. The people of to-day were awakening and new political parties would be measured in terms of how they could organise the production of the country to return most.

"I have not come here for the purpose of tearing anyone to pieces," said Mr Holland. "I have come to discuss political questions with you as sensible men and women, and do not want to participate in any mud-slinging. I am here for the purpose of reasoning things out."

New Zealand's Prosperity

He did not say that everything that the Labour Government had done was wrong, continued Mr Holland, but he felt entitled to state that although New Zealand enjoyed wonderful prosperity from 1935 to 1939, he felt that it was only fair to comment that all other nations in the British Commonwealth had enjoyed similar prosperity, although they had all been under different Governments. This prosperity was due to world conditions rather than the work of the Governments.

"We seek to become the Government of the day and we will some day—mark my words," declared Mr Holland.

A voice: The tide's coming in.

Another voice: But there's John Lee.

"Yes, and John Lee will help us to get there," continued Mr Holland. "We believe that under the system of private ownership and the removal of socialisation New Zealanders will be a happier people.

More Money And Fewer Goods

"Is there a person in New Zealand outside of a mental hospital who will say that a pensioner on 30/- a week is on the same level as he was 18 months ago?" continued Mr Holland. "What is the use of giving the people more money to spend if we have not got the goods?"

The Government spent £7,500,000 on relief of unemployment in 1938-39, said Mr Holland, and at the present time half of the total population was dependent on the State. Was it any wonder that there were import restrictions and a new record taxation for the world, he asked.

Although in the past three years the railways acquired no more locomotives, 3232 men were added to the locomotive staff. In 1935 there were 16,000 employees in the railway department, while in 1940 this figure had increased to 25,000. "And can you see any improvement in the service?" said Mr Holland amid laughter. "They are a little more independent because they have wiped out private competition."

Rise in Railway Fares

Mr Holland advised his listeners to purchase their railway tickets at an early date if they were contemplating travelling by rail, for he prophesied an early increase in railway fares and tariffs.

After three years' socialisation of the dairy industry, the Dairy Conference condemned the man who had introduced the guaranteed price, said Mr Holland. He produced figures to show that in the past two years the operations of the Dairy Department had resulted in a loss of £2,000,000.

Fruit Marketing Criticised

Referring to the Government's scheme of socialisation of fruit marketing and the appointment of a director of marketing at a salary of £2000 a year, Mr Holland produced three bananas which he said he had bought in Hastings for 6d. He exhibited an orange which he described as "a bit like a burnt pigeon's egg." He had paid fourpence for it in Waipawa, he said.

Dealing with the overseas funds, Mr Holland said that when the present Government came into office these were in a buoyant state, but to-day they were in a shocking condition. "They are so bad that a New Zealand soldier overseas can be sent only 1/- a day, while Australians can get up to £6 a week," he said.

Mr Nash revealed a short time ago to the Labour Conference that the Government had over-spent to the extent of £28,000,000, said Mr Holland.

There were no questions. On the motion of the chairman of the Havelock North branch of the National Party (Mr A. J. C. Runciman) a vote of thanks was passed to Mr Holland and carried with no dissenting voices.

Royal Commission Would Be Accepted

"The Minister offered a Royal Commission the other day," said Mr S. G. Holland, M.P., speaking at Hastings last night. "I wish he had offered it to me; I would have taken it like a shot to find out what State houses cost and why rents are so high."

"GREAT RESERVOIR OF STRENGTH"

WAR EFFORT OF THE PRODUCERS

MINISTER'S PRAISE

Support For Armed Forces

Describing the war effort of the producers of New Zealand as "a great reservoir of strength in support of our armed forces," the Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones) speaking at Waipawa last night on behalf of the Labour candidate for the seat, declared that the response of the farmers and industrialists to the Government's appeal for increased production had been splendid. "The results," he said, "have been real and substantial."

Mr Jones went on to give figures to support his statement.

Total production for the 1939-1940 period was estimated at £144,000,000. This was £8,700,000 higher than the previous year's total. "To illustrate the value of this great increase," said the Minister, "let me recall the fact that in the last year before the present Government assumed office the total value of production was only £97,000,000."

"Factory production for 1939-1940 was estimated at £34,000,000—an increase of £3,500,000 over the previous year. In 1934-1935 the figure was £20,700,000. This was a remarkable gain in five years.

"I do not wish to dazzle you with an array of comparative figures," said Mr Jones. "Enough to say that our woollen mills in the past two years have increased their production to a remarkable extent. They have used 2,700,000 lbs. more of greasy wool and they have produced more tweeds and cloth, flannel, blankets and yarn on a vast scale.

More Workers

"The boot and shoe industry has exceeded the previous record of 3,200,000 pairs by over 800,000 pairs. There has been a 21 per cent. increase in the number of workers. The value of factory products has increased more than £500,000 in 12 months. I mention these facts incidentally to show that the industrialists of New Zealand are contributing splendidly to war effort, and are proving their ability to meet abnormal conditions and special needs.

"Factory returns for the past year have not yet been completed, but the latest available tabulation indicates that production for the 1939-40 year will not be less than £34,000,000—an increase of £3,500,000.

More Wages

"It is worth while mentioning the development of factory production in comparison with the position during the 1914-18 war. Establishments have almost doubled; workers have increased from 48,000 to 102,000 in round numbers; wages and salaries have increased from £5,792,000 to £22,270,000; cost of materials from £30,000,000 to £75,000,000; value of output from £43,000,000 to £114,000,000; added value from £12,000,000 to £39,000,000; and value of land, buildings, plant and machinery from £19,000,000 to £76,000,000.

"These facts and figures show that the sinews of war in New Zealand are strong and resourceful."

40-HOUR WEEK CONDEMNED

"MAKES MY BLOOD BOIL"

NATIONAL VIEW

"Let us ask ourselves: It is possible for us to give to the maximum under the 40-hour week?" asked Mr S. G. Holland, M.P. for Christchurch North, speaking at Hastings last night. "It is not possible. Here is the Mother country fighting for the very right to live while we are fiddling away with two days a week holiday."

"Will anyone say it is right, carpenters receiving £10 to £13 a week building hutments for 7/- a day soldiers?" said Mr Holland. "Ninety-five per cent of these men do not want any overtime. New Zealand is not ruled by a Government, but by the trade union bosses who say 'no overtime'."

Watersiders' Pay

Mr Holland said that on the Napier waterfront the watersiders had received £10 for 24 hours' work. "It makes my blood boil when I realise what England is going through and what we in this country are doing," he declared.—"Two days' holiday a week."

"Honest men want to work in the factories on Saturdays and Sundays to provide very necessary foodstuffs but this little band of trade union bosses says 'no!'" said Mr Holland. He quoted a case in which the employees of a firm of agricultural implement makers had to apply to the Government for a permit to work overtime at ordinary rates.

"This is what the Government seems incapable of being able to appreciate," said Mr Holland. "While men work two-sevenths of the week, is primary production reduced by that amount? Has anyone ever suggested that the dairy-farmer should be getting double time for the production of butter-fat on Sunday? The carpenter does."

Mr Holland stated that in the past he had supported the 40-hour week, but that was in time of peace, and now when the war was on it was a different matter altogether.

SMALLER AREA IN CULTIVATION

Production Decline

DRIFT OF MEN TO THE TOWNS

"What are we talking about when we say maximum war effort?" said Mr S. G. Holland, M.P., at his meeting at Hastings last night. "It is high time that we took stock of ourselves; we will find that we are slipping." Mr Holland quoted figures to show that in the past few years more than 250,000 acres of useful land in New Zealand had been allowed to return to second growth.

He said that reductions in production from 1936 to 1939 were as follow: Wheat 59,000 acres, oats 84,000 acres, potatoes, turnips and mangolds 65,000 acres, and grasslands 43,000 acres.

Because labour was not available in this period there was a decline of 5796 dairy suppliers; there were 49 fewer factories and nearly 400 less workers.

"This drift of workers from the country to the town must be stopped" declared Mr Holland. "There is no hope for this country if we are going to keep on slipping downhill in this way."

The National Party's policy for the future was going to be private enterprise and hard work, continued Mr Holland.

MR CHAMBERLAIN'S WORK

Tribute By Minister Of Finance

"There was never any doubt of his desire and determination to avoid war," said the Hon. W. Nash at Havelock North last night in a brief tribute to the late Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain. "No man desired to maintain peace more than Mr Chamberlain," he said.

Mr Chamberlain had come from an English city (Birmingham) where he himself had lived for many years.

Of the late Mr A. E. Jull, Mr Nash said that he was a great fighter in the House of Representatives. All who knew him bore testimony to his willingness to help others over difficulties, and although their political beliefs were diametrically opposed, he paid Mr Jull a willing and honest tribute for his sincerity of purpose.

At the conclusion of his address last night the Minister was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the motion of Mr D. S. McLeod.

GOVERNMENT PREPARED FOR "FAIR CRITICISM"

Minister Of Defence Replies To Attacks At Waipawa Meeting

Asserting that the Government did not mind criticism that was fair and justified, the Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones) at Waipawa last night, said that some of the criticism that had been levelled at the Government was not warranted because it was not true.

He devoted almost the whole of his speech to a spirited defence of the Government's policy as it affected the armed forces and his own administration.

Dealing first with the Navy, the Minister said that when he took office he found that although plans had been drawn up for the reorganisation of the Naval Base at Devonport, Auckland, very little had been done and his first job was to get those plans put into operation. This was done with the result that at Devonport to-day this country now had a re-fitting base that had no superior in the Southern Hemisphere. At that base they had been able to refit the Achilles after her action against the Graf Spee, and he thought the Government was entitled to credit for having decided long before the war to bring the base up to a standard equal to actual war demands upon it.

More Trainees

The Government had also adopted a scheme to provide an increase in the number of New Zealand naval ratings and trainees, so that eventually ships would be manned in the main by New Zealanders. This policy was being extended to cover commissioned officers and next January the first entrants would begin their training as cadets.

Turning to the land forces, the Minister said that when he became Minister of Defence, he found that very little interest was being taken in the Territorial forces. This was no reflection on the Army staff, but was due to the fact that there had been a lack of political interest and activity. He set about the remedying of this state of affairs and he thought that the methods of development had been on the right lines.

More Interest

First the Government improved the conditions and a greater interest in defence was stimulated. It was decided to increase the Territorials by 6000 men, thus bringing their strength up to 16,000 men. To meet the demand for instructors, an Army School and schools of instruction were established with the result that the development of the force was both rapid and effective.

Immediately war broke out the Government made an appeal for volunteers for service overseas. There was a magnificent response and up to July 24 last over 65,000 men had registered. "Surely," said the Minister, "that reflects great credit on the young men of New Zealand. Their mettle is as good as that of their forbears; their patriotism is as quick and real."

Flow of Men

Over 20,000 men had proceeded overseas and the flow would be unbroken while it was required. "Our fighting forces in the active war zones will be fully supported to the end," said Mr Jones.

Mr Jones referred to what was being done for the dependants of soldiers through the Soldiers' Assistance Board and to the preparations for their rehabilitation when they returned from the war. "Nothing," he said, "must be left to chance o even good intention."

The Air Force

Next Mr Jones dealt with the Air Force, the development of which he declared to have been a task of considerable magnitude. In 1935, when he took office, the personnel totalled 111 and the aircraft numbered 29, many being obsolete machines. Such was the position that the Government decided to obtain the best advice available and consequently asked the British authorities to send someone out. This was done and the Air Force was reorganised on modern lines, the total cost of the expansion programme being £4,390,000.

The contribution of New Zealand in the war effort in providing personnel for the R.A.F. had been most valuable and greatly appreciated by the British people. Their exploits and well-earned honours were highly creditable to themselves and to the people of this Dominion.

Due to the work of the organisation for National Security, which had been set up by the Government, not only in the preparation of the War Book, but also in the preparation of the many regulations that had to be issued on the outbreak of war, everything had been done smoothly and effectively. One of the committees set up under the organisation for National Security comprised the chiefs of staff, and this committee had been responsible for some reports and recommendations that had been most valuable.

Co-operation With Australia.

Close co-operation had been maintained between this country and Australia on questions of defence and the recent conference at Delhi would serve to strengthen still further New Zealand's contacts and associations with other parts of the Empire.

In conclusion the Minister said that he thought he had proved conclusively that the Government had done everything possible to provide an adequate defence force for the Dominion. Much remained to be done, but with the assistance and co-operation of all sections of the community this country's war effort would be further enhanced and victory be achieved over the violent disturbers of international peace and the enemies of progress.

MEETING COST OF THE WAR

BURDEN WHICH MUST BE SHARED

TAXATION IN N.Z.

"Rich Cannot Pay All"

"To call this an imperialistic war is worse than humbug—it is the most deceitful statement which could be made," declared the Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash) speaking at Havelock North last night.

The Dominion had responded well, said Mr Nash, referring to payment of war expenses. He emphasised that it was impossible to take everything from the rich. Even if all incomes in excess of £500 a year were taken by the Government this would not yield sufficient for immediate purposes. In consequence, it was necessary to fall back on those below this wage level.

"War Concerns All"

"We're done if we are not willing to give all we have to help the war effort," said Mr Nash. "We have not yet realised what is at stake in this war, the dangers being faced, or what we stand to lose. We ought to glory in paying for it. This war concerns everybody, and all must be prepared to make some appreciable contribution."

Gifts to the war fund had totalled £58,000, he said. Loans free of interest had reached £2,600,000, which was a magnificent effort for a country of New Zealand's size. "Still we want more," said Mr Nash, "as we must conserve our purchasing power and pay the cost of the war overseas."

Mr Nash stated that the total amount to be raised by way of taxation during this year was £54,000,000, of which £14,000,000 represented war taxation. It had been claimed that ordinary civil expenditure was unnecessarily extravagant and should be curtailed. It was impossible, however, to see in what particular directions further economies could be made, the major items of expenditure covering permanent debt charges, social services and assistance to primary and secondary industries.

Income Tax Rates

In 1915 a person having an income of £10,000 a year paid £1,293 in income tax," said Mr Nash. In 1940 he would pay altogether £6,593.

The Minister referred also to the excess profits tax and to the provisions of the Compulsory War Loan, as evidence of the Government's sincerity in conscripting wealth as well as manpower.

After referring to the establishment of the War Expenses Account and the imposition of special war taxation estimated to yield £14,120,000 during the current financial year the Minister emphasised the extent to which internal war expenditure was being met from revenue.

The estimates for the present year, he said, provided for a total war expenditure of £37,500,000, of which £17,750,000 would be expended in New Zealand and £19,750,000 overseas. Expenditure in New Zealand was being met mainly by taxation and to a small extent by local loans. Overseas expenditure would be financed under an arrangement with the British Government, or from savings out of the Dominion's overseas funds.

Social Security In Review

MINISTER'S ADDRESS

Pensions And Benefits Outlined

GOVERNMENT'S WORK

"Behind the Social Security scheme lies the essential principle that if any individual, through no fault of his own, is unable to work, or maintain himself in a reasonable state of comfort, it becomes the responsibility of the community as a whole to ensure that such an individual receives sufficient to enable him to obtain at least the necessities of life," said the Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash) at his address in Havelock North last night.

Improvements

Illustrating the improvements that had been brought about, the Minister mentioned that in November, 1935, 83,000 persons were receiving pensions to a total value of £3,700,000. In March, 1940, there were 154,000 social security beneficiaries drawing benefits amounting to £10,500,000, and by March, 1941, it was estimated that the cost would have increased to well over £12,000,000.

Principle To Be Maintained

"The view of the Government towards social services is that such expenditure constitutes a first charge upon the national income," said Mr Nash. While the Government would prosecute the war with the utmost vigour, it was equally determined to resist any permanent breaking down of economic and social reforms achieved during the last four years.

MR C. G. E. HARKER AT WAIMARAMA

The National Party candidate in the Waipawa by-election, Mr C. G. E. Harker, was given an attentive hearing by a large attendance at Waimarama last night. Mr J. A. McNeill presided.

On the motion of Mr J. Macintosh a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker.

DOMINION EXPORTS TO BRITAIN

This Year's Schedule In Brief

An outline of produce agreements between New Zealand and the United Kingdom Government with regard to the provision of primary products was given by the Hon. W. Nash at Havelock North last night.

All major agreements were now completed, with the exception of the meat contract, in respect of which final quantities had not yet been determined, although it had been agreed between the two Governments that the prices in the main should remain unchanged.

Dairy Produce

"The Dairy Produce Agreement now covers a total of 120,000 tons as against 115,000 tons included in the agreement last year," said Mr Nash. "In the case of cheese, the figures are 107,000 tons in this year's agreement as compared with 84,000 tons in the previous year's."

Mr Nash instanced the remarkable response of the cheese producers in increasing their production by 60 per cent. in six months. The wool growers had also responded excellently, he said.

Last year was a record production season for the meat industry, with a total of 350,000 tons of meat products valued at £19,500,000 (New Zealand currency).

The same marketing procedure would, in the main, be adopted this year, said Mr Nash.

Nothing In Road Of Victory

NATIONAL PLEDGE

Co-operating Fully With Government

MR FRASER'S PRAISE

"A great deal has been said about New Zealand's war effort," said Mr S. G. Holland, M.P. for Christchurch North, speaking at Hastings last night. "Let me say as emphatically as I can that I agree with all the other side has said. New Zealand's contribution has been magnificent; we on the other side have done all in our power, and Mr Fraser has always praised the co-operation of his opponents."

"There is nothing that can be done that won't be done—as far as the Opposition is concerned," said Mr Holland. "That state of affairs has existed from the first day of the war. We have always given of our best.

"We are not going to allow party politics to stand in the road of victory," continued Mr Holland. "We will co-operate with anybody until final victory is achieved."

When the War Cabinet was formed it was stipulated that the Opposition would be consulted on all questions, but they had been completely ignored in a number of instances, said Mr Holland. One of these was the war loan. A great many regulations recently gazetted had never been before the War Cabinet, and the first that the Opposition knew of them was when they read them in the newspapers.

"SPOTLESSLY CLEAN CAMPAIGN"

Mr C. G. E. Harker Praised By Mr Holland

"Mr Harker is the type of man we need in Parliament," said Mr S. G. Holland, M.P. for Christchurch North, speaking at Hastings last night. "He is a good sport and has all the qualities that would allow him to represent the district with distinction to himself and satisfaction to the electors.

"Mr Harker is conducting a spotlessly clean campaign, and I am proud to be associated with him for that reason," continued Mr Holland. "It is interesting to note that Mr Christie has made the claim that if you only elect him you will be able to get almost anything," he added.

The National benches had given four of their best men to the military forces, said Mr Holland, and he mentioned Brigadier J. Hargest, Major John Allen, Captain A. Grigg and Lieut. Thomas McDonald.

"We have sent four out of 25, and so we make a special plea to you to return Mr Harker so that he can help fill the gaps in the ranks," said the speaker.

Mr H. M. Christie Praised

MINISTER'S COMMENT

Labour Candidate For Waipawa Seat

HON. F. JONES SPEAKS

"To-day conditions are too serious to justify any elector making this electoral contest a party one," declared the Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones) speaking at Waipawa last night. "Neither party claims nor individualism count for anything at the present time, when the task of a young nation is to do everything possible in helping the British Empire to fight and defeat the German and Italian onslaught on the cherished principles of democracy."

"Proved His Worth"

Mr Jones contended that that fact must be accepted, and in accepting it the people were bound to support and seek tried and true men in Parliamentary affairs and the war effort. Mr Christie had already proved his worth in Parliament. By every Parliamentary test and standard he had proved his merit as an effective debater, as a fair-minded man, and as a representative keenly interested in the welfare of his own electorate and electors, irrespective of party preferences and political views.

"His character is above reproach, his service for his country and the Empire has been demonstrated on battlefields and in political activities. I have known him for many years and can say that his aim at all times and in all circumstances has been the helping of his fellow men."

TERRITORIAL STRENGTH MAINTAINED

44,000 Available For Home Defence

In spite of the withdrawal of men for the second N.Z.E.F., the strength of the Territorial force remained at approximately 17,000, the Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones) said in an address at Waipawa last night. This total was now being raised to a war establishment of 25,985 men.

With the formation of new units this number would be increased to well over 35,000, all of whom, by the end of the training year, would have undergone three months' intensive training. Later, although relatively soon, the total, with the inclusion of the National Military Reserve units, would be over 44,000 men available for the defence of New Zealand.

Those who have seen the lads after three months' training would agree that they would prove efficient for home defence and capable of serving overseas.

MINISTER'S TRIBUTE TO THE NAVY

"Proved Their Mettle"

HON. F. JONES AT WAIPAWA

New Zealand Division

High praise for the work of the men of the New Zealand Navy was voiced by the Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones) when he addressed a large audience at Waipawa last night in connection with the by-election campaign. "I feel sure that you will all agree with me," he said, "when I say that our lads of the Navy have proved worthy of encouragement in the way of advancement.

"They proved their mettle at the River Plate battle in which the German battleship could only avoid honourable destruction by dishonourable scuttling. The Germans do not like fighting until their flag sinks beneath the waves. The Italians believe 'that those who fight and run away will live to fight another day.' Thank God, the Royal Navy, which includes our Naval Division, has a higher standard of courage and fights to the very end.

"We have every reason to be proud of the New Zealand Navy. The Achilles takes rank with the warships of the past in maintaining the highest traditions of British sailors throughout a long period of notable history. When the war-service of the Leander can be told, New Zealand people will be equally proud of her exploits and the good work of her men." (Applause.)

Mr Menzies Urges Unity

AUSTRALIA'S PERIL

Appeal To Unionists For Co-operation

STRIKES MUST END

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MELBOURNE, Nov. 12.

The Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies), in a speech to-day, said: "We are in great peril, and too many of us cannot or will not realise it.

"Are we to leave Britain smiling bravely among her bomb-wrecked ruins to pay the last farthing while we have our pleasures, our profits, and our strikes?" he asked.

Mr Menzies was appealing to loyal unionists to make their influence felt. He said that those who declared war on their job at a time like this declared war on Australia.

DE-REGISTRATION OF UNION DECIDED BY GOVERNMENT

Tobacco Factory Workers On Strike Following Alleged Victimisation

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, Nov. 12.

In a statement this evening about a strike in the factory of W. D. and H. O. Wills, Petone, the Minister of Labour (the Hon. P. C. Webb) said:—

"On receipt of information that a stop-work meeting had been held consequent upon the dismissal of a worker named Matthews, I immediately contacted the secretary of the union, and strongly advised him to endeavour to prevail on the members to resume work. I promised that whatever grievance they had would be thoroughly investigated."

"The same afternoon (Wednesday) the president and secretary of the union met me," continued Mr Webb. "I pointed out the Government's attitude towards any hold-up in production and strongly recommended them to place the matter in the hands of the Federation of Labour in order that any trouble might be avoided.

Union's Refusal

"On Friday the Assistant-Secretary of Labour (Mr E. B. Taylor) telephoned the secretary of the union and was advised that the workers refused to hand the case over to the Trades and Labour Council or the Federation of Labour. At 11 a.m. on the same day a deputation of six from the union waited upon Mr Taylor and asked that arrangements be made for the liaison officer to go out to the factory and inquire into the dispute. Mr Taylor informed them that it would be necessary for them first to return to work. If they did this arrangements would be made for the liaison officer to investigate the position on his return from Auckland. However, they still persisted in their decision not to resume work.

"On my return from the West Coast on Sunday morning I immediately communicated with the secretary of the union and officials of the Labour Department to ascertain the position. I was then informed that there was no change.

"I discussed the matter fully with Mr Fraser and my colleagues and it was decided that unless work was resumed on Monday morning the union would be de-registered. I advised Mr Tucker accordingly. He reported this to a meeting and the meeting asked if I would receive a deputation. This I agreed to and the deputation waited on me on Monday afternoon.

"Victimisation"

"They said the workers had not received a fair deal at the hands of the company and they were convinced that Matthews had been victimised because of his advocacy of their rights.

"I told them the Government was against any form of victimisation, and if it could be established that Matthews had been victimised the Government would stand by him.

"The delegation then agreed to go back to the union and advise them strongly to resume work the following morning and allow the matters in dispute to be submitted to the Industrial Disputes Committee. To my surprise this proposition was not accepted.

"On being advised by the secretary that owing to short notice many members were not present, I agreed to hold over the de-registration of the union in order that the meeting to-day might have the opportunity of fully considering it.

"On receiving advice to-day that the proposal was again turned down, I submitted the whole matter to Cabinet, which agreed that the union should be de-registered forthwith."

"INQUEST ALMOST UNNECESSARY"

Mr J. A. Miller's Death At Hastings

A verdict that death was due to injuries accidentally received when the victim fell down a staircase at his own home was returned by the district coroner (Mr Geo. Ebbett, J.P.) at an inquest yesterday into the death of Mr John Anderson Miller, who died in the Memorial Hospital, Hastings, on Sunday. "This is one of those cases where there are no suspicious circumstances whatever, and an inquest was almost unnecessary," commented the coroner.

The inquest was conducted by Sergeant P. Munro.

Son's Evidence

Maxwell Miller, son of the late Mr Miller, said that he had seen his father at the hospital shortly after his admission. He was then conscious and told witness that he was carrying some books down stairs at his home when he fell, but he could remember nothing after that.

The opinion that death was due to shock as a result of the injuries he had received, was expressed by Dr K. R. Archer, medical officer at the Memorial Hospital.

Vivian N. Hawke, superintendent of the Colonial Mutual Assurance Co., said that he had found Mr Miller lying at the foot of the stairs, with some books and a pipe on the floor.

FUNERAL OF MR J. MILLER

A Large Gathering Attends

A tribute to the memory of Mr J. A. Miller, formerly Mayor of Hastings, who died on Sunday, was paid yesterday when a large gathering, including representatives of local bodies and the farming community attended the funeral.

A brief service was conducted at the mortuary chapel by Captain H. Sutcliffe, of the Church Army, who later officiated at the graveside in the Napier Cemetery.

The pall-bearers were Messrs G. Roach, S. Freeman, J. Hildreth, E. Commin, J. Peddy and E. H. Langley.

A very large number of wreaths showed the esteem in which the late Mr Miller was held.

Two Challenges To Opponent

STATE HOUSING

Mr Christie's Address At Havelock

LEAFLET PRODUCED

"We are told that the Government is building houses, but not houses for working people," said Mr H. M. Christie, Labour Party candidate in the Waipawa by-election, in a brief address at a meeting in Havelock North last night. "I challenge my opponent to name a single person occupying a State house, who is not eligible to do so."

Producing a brochure which, he said, was presumably produced by Mr C. G. E. Harker, Mr Christie said that there was not a single constructive word in it. All was criticism. "Let us have some plain facts," he added.

Soldiers' Names

Reading a list of names in the leaflet of distinguished soldiers to which, the brochure claimed, the Waipawa electorate needed a worthy successor, Mr Christie said that the inference was obvious. He challenged his opponent to state when and where he had served against the enemy.

"I am sorry to have to do so," said Mr Christie, "but when other people use such methods it becomes necessary for me to do so too. My record isn't wonderful, but I think everyone knows it.

"I believe that I am going to be elected," Mr Christie added, amid applause, "and I promise that if that is the case I will represent everyone no matter who they are, in the electorate."

Stout Defender Of Democracy

ROOSEVELT SPEAKS

Dictators Will Meet Their Doom

PEOPLE WILL REBEL

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.

President Roosevelt, after placing a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery to-day, Armistice Day, declared: "I for one do not believe that the era of democracy can or will be snuffed out in our lifetime. I do not believe that mere force will be successful.

"I do not believe," Mr Roosevelt added, "that the world can revert either to a modern form of ancient slavery or to controls vested in modern emperors, modern dictators, or modern oligarchs. The very people under their iron heel will rebel."

At Manilla, in the Philippines, the Governor (Mr Sayre) as well as United States Army and Navy officials, attended an armistice gathering at which Mr Sayre described the war as "Europe's struggle to determine whether democracy can survive."

He said: "The United States's power and resources can turn the balance without the United States entering the struggle."

He issued a warning that the United States could never again become isolationist.

UNION JACK CUT DOWN

FLAG SLASHED TO RIBBONS

VANDALS BUSY

Irresponsible Youths Held To Blame

The wanton destruction of a Union Jack at the patriotic "dug-out" at Hastings by some person or persons has aroused strong feeling in the community. When the patriotic helpers arrived at the depot yesterday morning they found that one of the Union Jacks had been torn down from the staff beside the building and cut to pieces.

At a time when the Empire is engaged in a life-and-death struggle this is regarded as a particularly serious act of vandalism, and many have expressed a desire to meet those responsible for the flag's destruction. It is thought that it may be the work of irresponsible youths.

Several sandbags at the depot were slashed and the contents strewn around the forecourt, but this is a less serious aspect of the affair.

CRISIS FOR BRITAIN AT SEA

"MUCH WORSE THAN IN 1916"

LACK OF SHIPS

Americans Concerned At Position

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NEW YORK, Nov. 10.

The American Press is seriously concerned over the menace to British shipping from German submarines, raiders and bombing aircraft. The correspondent in London of the "New York Times" has advised his paper that "the British are facing an unprecedented crisis at sea."

He adds: "The general prospect for the coming winter is much worse than in 1916 for the following reasons:—

"1. The Germans are just beginning to take full advantage of their new submarine bases in France and Norway.

"2. The British Admiralty has nothing like the number of destroyers and other craft it possessed during the last war, while the vessels available have to do three times more work.

"3. The Allied merchant fleet, which also has three times more work to do, is far below the standard of the Allied fleet of 1917.

"4. The technical development of the submarine, plus the co-operation of the German Air Force in spotting for targets, has made the U-boat a much more efficient weapon."

Few Escorts

The correspondent further points out that, during the last war, it was nothing for the Allies to use 15 destroyers around a big convoy. It is now admitted that convoys of 60 ships are sometimes spread over 50 miles of ocean and often are unaccompanied except for a couple of escorting craft.

The British in 1918, he says, had 527 destroyers, compared with not more than 200 at present.

The correspondent ends his message thus: "The outlook is definitely bleak. British officials realise its seriousness, but the people do not."

The "New York Herald-Tribune" commenting editorially, says that America should increase all possible aid that can be given Britain. Mentioning Britain's need for shipping, the paper says that 1,000,000 tons of shipping lying idle in American ports should be made available for use by Britain. It is just as much in American interests that Atlantic trade should be kept going as it is in Britain's, the "Herald-Tribune" declares.

AMERICA WILL NOT BE INTIMIDATED

Navy Head's Speech

HONOUR WILL BE GUARDED

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.

The Secretary of the Navy (Colonel Frank Knox), in an Armistice Day speech, said that America was willing to keep out of the war, but not at the price of cowardice and dishonour.

"America cannot be intimidated and cannot be scared into a peace-at any-price attitude," he declared.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN REACHES PORT

Slightly Damaged By Bomb Splinters

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LONDON, Nov. 11.

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan, which was reported yesterday to have been bombed by an enemy aircraft, has reached port safely. Only slight damage was done to the ship by splinters when a bomb exploded fairly close. There were no casualties.

WANGANUI AIRMAN A PRISONER

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Nov. 12.

The following is an official Air Force announcement:—

Pilot-Officer John Charles Mallon, previously reported missing, is now reported by the International Red Cross to be a prisoner of war, and wounded. His father is Mr A. Mallon, Bell Block, New Plymouth.

HASTINGS BOWLING CLUB TEAMS

The following Hastings Bowling Club teams have been selected to play on Saturday:

At Port.—Davies, Douthwaite, Millward, Bennett.

Wairere Away.—Rickard, Greenwood, Kruse, Hampton; Taylor, Common, Garland, Hall; A. Wilson, Candy, W. Wilson, Bewley.

At Home.—Rose, Davidson, T. Wilson, Tonkin, Allen, Aitken, Watters, Duff, Bates, Quayle, Atkins, Esson.

Any member unable to play is to notify the secretary.

Memoranda

In a notice in this issue the Hawke's Bay County Council gives particulars regarding the gathering of grass seed from county roads.

Mr C. W. Clift, Dominion President of the British Israel World Federation, whose forthcoming visit to Hawke's Bay was announced recently, will address meetings in the Assembly Hall, Hastings, on Monday, the 18th, and Wednesday, the 20th of November, and in the Foresters' Hall, Napier, on Tuesday, 19th, and Thursday, 21st of November. The subjects of the addresses will be announced later.

Major Abel's Post Is Unsalaried

REPLY TO RUMOURS

"Fifth Column" Stories Disproved

PERSONAL SACRIFICES

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Nov. 12.

"A Fifth Column is at work not only in regard to our war effort but also in regard to our patriotic effort," said Mr G. A. Hayden, secretary of the National Patriotic Fund Board, to-day. He had had several instances, the latest being, he said, a statement that Major Abel was receiving a remuneration at the rate of £1500 a year for the job he had undertaken of organising the Dominion in connection with the £1,000,000 All-Purposes Patriotic Appeal.

Nothing was further from the truth. Major Abel was not receiving a penny piece from the board for his services or from the 11 patriotic councils. He was in point of fact making a very great personal sacrifice. Not only was he giving daily the greater part of his own time and energy to organising work, but he was also using his own paid staff to assist him in various ways.

"I think it only fair, when an attack of this kind is made on a man who is doing wonderful work in the interests of the men of our forces, that the facts should be made clear to the public," said Mr Hayden, "though I regret that the circumstances should have arisen to make this necessary."

Drugs Not Yet Recovered

NAPIER MYSTERY

Information Sought By Police

POTENTIAL DANGER

Potent drugs were still missing late last night in spite of intensive efforts to locate them. The drugs were those stolen from Dr Thomas Gilray's car, which was parked at the rear of the "Daily Mail's" Napier office on Saturday night.

Information which may lead to the recovery of the missing property should be reported to the nearest police station without delay. Any information supplied to the offices of the "Daily Mail" in Napier or Hastings will be given to the authorities immediately it is received.

News In Brief

Still Going Strong

A slip made by the Mayor of Hastings (Mr G. A. Maddison) when introducing the speaker, Mr S. G. Holland, M.P. for Christchurch North, at last night's meeting at Hastings provided a laugh for the audience. "You unwittingly referred to my father as the 'late' Mr Holland," said Mr Holland when he rose to speak. "I can assure you that at 81 he is still going strong."

The Fruit Industry

Reference to the wartime situation of the fruit industry was made by the Hon. W. Nash at Havelock North last night. Last season, he said, an estimated loss of perhaps £150,000 on the Government purchase had been materially assisted by an export of 580,000 cases of fruit as a result of which he believed that the loss would be little, if anything. Discussions were now under way with the Fruit Board as to the price to be paid this year. "Like the dairyfarmer, they want a little bit more," said the Minister.

War Cabinet

A question referring to the National Party's association with the Government on the War Council was answered by the Hon. W. Nash at Havelock North last night. At first the National Party had refused to join the council, he said, but later Messrs. J. G. Coates and A. Hamilton had represented the Opposition and had worked single-mindedly for the war effort.

The Farm Worker

"In trying to make the speech," protested the Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash) when, at his meeting in Havelock North last night, a verbal entanglement followed the putting of a question at the conclusion of his address. Question and answer, which concerned the reason why farm workers did not benefit from the 5 per cent wage increase, became confused, but the Minister eventually won clear to suggest that farm workers should unite to secure an award—a pronouncement with which his questioner was entirely in accord.

Mr Christie's Work

The Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash) referred at the conclusion of his address at Havelock North last night to the work carried out both as a Member of Parliament and outside the House by the Labour candidate for the Waipawa by-election (Mr H. M. Christie). Mr Christie's farming knowledge and his promotion of the marketing of wool and other commodities had on more than one occasion in the past year been of the utmost value, he said.

Main Trunk Clear

The Main Trunk line has been cleared for traffic. A close watch is being kept and every precaution taken to ensure safe running where the boulder came down, with a very strict speed limit over the area affected. The derailed engine had not been hoisted back to the track yesterday and a breakdown gang was still at work.—Press Association.

DANZIG BOMBED BY R.A.F.

THOUSAND-MILE FLIGHT TO TARGET

WIDESPREAD RAIDS

From Bay Of Biscay To The Baltic

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LONDON, Nov. 11.

The R.A.F. bombed Danzig for the first time on Sunday night. Danzig is a 1000-miles flight from Britain, and the trip was undertaken despite storms and icy conditions. This is further proof of the growing power of Britain's air strength.

Many other targets, extending from the Baltic to the Bay of Biscay, were also bombed. There were further raids on Krupp's and the naval base at Kiel.

An Air Ministry communique says: "Though hampered by severe electrical storms and icing conditions, aircraft of the Bomber Command on Sunday night attacked targets ranging from the Bay of Biscay to the Baltic. They included oil plants at Gelsenkirchen, Ruhrland, and Bremen; Krupp's works at Essen; the Fokker works at Amsterdam; factories at Mannheim and Dresden; docks and shipping at Kiel and Duisberg; the seaports of Lorient, Cherbourg, Le Havre, Dunkirk, and Flushing; railway junctions at Danzig, Dessau, Munster, Mannheim and Dresden; and 14 aerodromes in Germany and occupied territory.

Five 'Planes Missing

During daylight operations on Sunday, shipping was attacked at Boulogne and Calais.

"Five of our aircraft are missing."

The heaviest raid was directed against an oil refinery near Dresden, which was showered with incendiary bombs from the first raiders. The resultant fires guided the following raiders. High-explosive bombs hit refinery buildings, resulting in great fires.

Dresden itself was bombed for the first time, the targets including gas, water, and electricity installations. Large fires broke out in one of the city's main railway junctions.

Low clouds hampered the raiders over north-east Germany. A large railway junction near Danzig was attacked.

The R.A.F. made a prolonged attack on an important oil refinery at Gelsenkirchen, repeatedly scoring direct hits and starting fires.

Other raiders started a large fire at the Duisberg wharves, and bombed a railway junction and sorting-yard at Mannheim, the Fokker aircraft factory at Amsterdam, a railway junction at Dessau, and docks at Kiel and Antwerp.

The raids against Lorient lasted nearly three hours. Many sticks of heavy bombs were dropped on the submarine base, which is believed to have been considerably damaged.

Other bombers hit a 2000-ton vessel lying at Le Havre, and the docksides at Flushing, despite a snowstorm.

The 15 aerodromes attacked in Germany and the occupied territories included those at Amiens and Lille, where heavy bombs burst amidst the aerodrome buildings, and Emdem, where fires were started in sheds and hangars.

COMBINED HASTINGS DANCE BANDS

Grand Patriotic Dance On Thursday

The offer of the combined Hastings dance bands to play for the patriotic dance at the Assembly Hall on Thursday assures all dancers of excellent music. In fact, it is safe to say that the combined orchestras have guaranteed the success of the dance. The dance programme committee is arranging an excellent old and modern programme while the waltz and foxtrot competitions offer the opportunity to all amateur couples to win the handsome trophies which have been presented by a Hastings jeweller.

Dancing will begin at 8.15 p.m. and will continue until after midnight. A cafetaria supper and ice drinks will be available. The admission charge is moderate.

"HI-JINKS," THE NEW RADIO REVUE

At Hastings On Tuesday

The "Dug-out" at the Clock Tower is to be the booking office for "Uncle Ed's" radio revue, "Hi-Jinks," which is to be staged in the Hastings Municipal Theatre on Tuesday next in aid of the "Heart-to-Heart" appeal, and for sixpence and a gift, or the cash admission charge of 2/- and 1/- plus sixpence, patrons will be able to reserve seats at this office.

"Hi-Jinks" is the successor to "The Music Store," which raised over £700 for various organisations.

Those who are intending to offer gifts for admission are asked to make them at least the equivalent in value, so that the goods can be sold in the stalls at the shops and fair, or used in the mystery parcels.

"I began to smoke when I was 13," said a speaker at a Canterbury "send off" to a departing townsman, "and one day father caught me smoking a cigarette on the strict Q.T. in the fowlhouse. (Laughter.) Did he storm? Not he! He knew a better way. He smilingly invited me to smoke a cigar with him after dinner. Picture my pride! (Laughter.) The cigar was as black as a coal, and fearfully strong. I soon had enough. But I wouldn't give in—till I had to. Then I bolted, and was very unwell. (Laughter.) I didn't smoke again for years. Then I took to a pipe. No more cigars! (Laughter.) And now?—well, give me my pipe and a pouch of New Zealand Cavendish and I'm as happy as a King!—happier a lot than some Kings." (Laughter and applause.) The speaker alluded to one of the five popular New Zealand brands, the others being Cut Plug No. 10 (Bullshead), Riverhead Gold, Desert Gold and Navy Cut No. 3 (Bulldog). They are toasted (no others are) and therefore harmless. And talk about flavour and aroma!*

Officer's Work Eulogised

CAPTAIN H. SUTCLIFFE

Child Welfare At Hastings

DECREASE IN CRIME

A tribute to Captain H. Sutcliffe of the Church Army, honorary child welfare officer at Hastings who is to leave shortly on transfer to Auckland, was paid yesterday by the child welfare officer for Hawke's Bay (Mr G. B. Young) in an interview with the "Daily Mail."

"Captain Sutcliffe in a recent interview said that the decrease in juvenile crime at Hastings was due to the alertness and good work of the police," said Mr Young. "I happen to know that the decrease was due entirely to the tremendous work Captain Sutcliffe has done in Hastings."

"He has been honorary officer here for several years, and he has earned for himself the respect and admiration of the people of this town," continued Mr Young.

Difficult to Replace

"I feel quite sure that my friends in the police force will endorse all that I have said about the decrease in juvenile crime being due to Captain Sutcliffe's efforts," said Mr Young. "News of his departure has filled me with anxiety, and it is going to be a most difficult task to find a successor for him."

"The people of Hastings will not realise the value of this man until after he goes. He has been outstanding as a worker among boys and the best honorary officer I have ever known," concluded Mr Young.

Promotion For Airman

FORMER NAPIER MAN

Wing-Commander H. D. McGregor

DUNKIRK ADVENTURE

Squadron-Leader H. D. McGregor, formerly of Napier, has now been promoted to the rank of Wing-Commander, according to private advice received in Napier. He was a former pupil of the Napier Boys' High School.

Referring to recent air raids over Britain, Wing-Commander McGregor writes: "We have had some extraordinary good news—I don't think that it is giving anything away to say that in eleven days at one period we got 54 of the enemy for sure, not counting others which were damaged and would probably not get home. A couple of mine were 'flamers'—a most astounding sight as one is not expecting flames and then, suddenly they appear.

"Altogether I got six—three Junkers 88's, two Messerschmitt 109's and one Messerschmitt 110." Wing-Commander McGregor was shot down at Dunkirk and had to bale out in his parachute.

MEDICAL UNITS FOR CAMP

Napier And Hastings Men Leave

The following men left Napier and Hastings yesterday for Trentham, where they will train with the Medical Corps for overseas service:

Douglas Arthur Davies, Gisborne; Ivan Vivian Duncan, Gisborne; Trevor Henry Gibbs, Napier; Thomas Edwin Lang, Hastings; Allan Lewis Morrison, Gisborne; Albert Ivan George Redshaw, Napier; Colin Aubrey Thurlow, Napier; and William Bernard Watson, Hastings.

Staff-Nurses Tucker, Mangateretere, and O. Lowe, of Napier, have been instructed to report to Auckland headquarters.

Members of the Mechanical Company will leave from the No. 7 Military Area on Friday for Trentham, where they will receive training for overseas service. Approximately 20 will enter camp from this area.

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL PARTY.
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MR C. G. E. HARKER
Will Address Electors as follows:

TO-NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13:
Wanstead School, 7 p.m.
Wallingford Hall, 8.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, NOV. 14: Pukeora Sanatorium, 1.30 p.m.; Municipal Theatre, Waipukurau, with Mr S. G. Holland, M.P. (Ch.Ch. North), 8 p.m. Municipal Theatre, Waipawa, with Mr W. J. Broadfoot, M.P. (Waitomo), 8 p.m.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15—
PUKEHOU SCHOOL, 6.45 p.m.
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AFTER-CARE OF SOLDIERS IS FIRST CONSIDERATION

Napier R.S.A. Opposes Further Appeals To Public For "Comforts" Fund

The opinion that no further appeals should now go before the public other than for the after-care of soldiers was expressed at a meeting of the Napier branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association. From experience gained in the last war, members considered this aspect the most important of all.

Sports gear and comforts could be supplied to soldiers on active service from regimental funds, built up from the profits from canteens, it was said.

"Due recognition was given to all those women and patriotic committees who have been, and still are, so loyally doing such great work in the collecting of moneys and comforts, and the soldiers of the last war take second place to none in appreciating these efforts," said an official of the association yesterday.

"At the same time we felt it our bounden duty to sound a note of warning and care in regard to war appeals," he said.

"Comforts' Not Urgent

The discussion brought forward many speakers, all of whom were most emphatic on the point that "Comforts for Soldiers" was very decidedly a secondary consideration to the "after-care" of the returned men, and members were of the opinion that no more appeals should now go before the public other than for the after-care of the soldier.

One speaker pointed out that if the same number of men was sent overseas as in 1914-1918 then the sum of £400,000 would be required for the Hawke's Bay province alone.

Finally it was suggested that donors should be requested to earmark their contributions for "rehabilitation and after-care," and a motion was carried to the effect that the R.S.A. do everything in its power to place its views before the general public and wherever possible enlighten them on this most important side of the war effort.

Farmers' Stock Values

LAND UNDER £3000

Union And Taxation System

By Telegraph—Press Association.
WELLINGTON, Nov. 12.

The union had been disputing with the Commissioner of Taxes over his action in requiring farmers whose land was under £3000 in value to alter their stock values, said the Dominion secretary of the Farmers' Union (Mr A. P. O'Shea) in an interview to-day.

The commissioner was requiring these farmers in many cases to write up their values at the end of the year.

The Farmers' Union had had considerable correspondence with the commissioner, but no satisfactory reply had been received to the last enquiry. This union was therefore urging farmers in the meantime to use the same values for their opening and closing stock, preferably those values which they had previously been using.

Misfortunes Of Contractor

BANKRUPTCY RESULTS

Explanation Satisfies Creditors

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"Sometimes bankruptcy is only the act of an honest man, and this is one of those cases," said the Official Assignee (Mr W. Harte) at a meeting of creditors in the bankrupt estate of Harry Stanton Sherbrooke, a building inspector of Napier.

After hearing an explanation from the bankrupt, creditors expressed the opinion that he had been the victim of circumstances. They considered that he had taken every reasonable and proper step to safeguard their interests. A tentative offer by the bankrupt to pay 5/- in the £ was accepted.

Personal Statement

In his personal statement the bankrupt said that his total debts amounted to £380 11/4, while assets amounted to £100, leaving a deficiency of £280 11/4.

The bankrupt said that while in Wellington he applied for a position as a building inspector, but was unsuccessful. In the meantime he had successfully tendered for the erection of three houses. Subsequently he was offered work with the State Housing Department at £6 5/- a week. He accepted the offer and was given three weeks in which to adjust his contracts.

In transferring the contracts the bankrupt was required to give a guarantee to his successor in respect of two of the houses. He had been able to meet a small liability on the third. The bankrupt attributed his present financial position to the fact that he had been compelled to fulfil his obligations under the guarantees, the unsecured debts in the estate being the result of the guarantees.

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Answer To Correspondents

"Interested," Hastings: Lady Nolan, who was bred in 1908, is a chestnut mare by Camp Fire from Sister Francis, by Seaton Delaval from Agatha, by Nelson from Sister Agnes (imp.), by Rosicrucian.

"Punter," Napier: £7 3s and £2 16s 6d.

"Interested 2," Hastings: £41 3s 6d and £5 18s 6d.

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'LADIES' DAY' AT RICCARTON

BELLE CANE'S LIEN ON THE OAKS

SMALLER FIELDS

Globe Trotter May Win Again

By "Moturoa"

The exceptionally hard tracks have been the primary cause of the thinning out of the fields at Riccarton to-day and it is most disappointing to find the Canterbury Cup, a time-honoured event, reduced to a field of three. But Royal Chief and The Buzzer were troubled by the track conditions in the N.Z. Cup and the going to-day will not improve their chances. Their only rival is the Hastings colt Lambourn, who ran quite a good race in the N.Z. Derby on Monday. The w.f.a. scale favours the younger horse, but it may be against him that he will probably have to make the running.

Ten remain in the N.Z. Oaks, and, while Belle Cane dominates this field, there should be a very interesting race for the minor placings. Oragon has been finishing on in her races and is bred to stay, while Cherry Bay, who showed good form last season, will for the first time have a strong rider in the saddle. I look to her to show a big improvement on her form this season. Nightglass is a stoutly-bred filly from whom can be expected a good

Other Racing on Page 2

race. Rue impresses as being a staying type, but the brilliant Doria may have difficulty in seeing out ten furlongs.

The Jockey Club Handicap has dwindled down to a field of six, and Globe Trotter, who won over nine furlongs on Saturday with 8.7 and over a mile on Monday with 8.5, is not overburdened on the score of weight. He is right back to his best form. The hard tracks will not improve the chances of Sly Fox, but Nigger Boy has 5lb. less than he carried over this distance on Monday. Second Innings might have a chance in this event.

Nigger Boy also appears in the Avon Handicap, but Boswell and Strip are both in winning form and Kentucky scored in solid fashion on Monday. Rakahanga is liable to make things interesting for she likes the track. Gold Flight ran a good race in the Stewards.

The following are the form horses for to-day:—

Port Cooper Hurdles: Sir Frederick, Jewish Lad.

Spring Nursery: Silver Lily, Varuna, Par Avion.

N.Z. Oaks Stakes: Belle Cane, Cherry Bay, Nightglass.

Jockey Club Handicap: Globe Trotter, Nigger Boy.

Canterbury Cup: Royal Chief.

Ashley Hack Handicap: Leighnor, Blandisher, Stylist.

Otaio Hack Handicap: Gayest Son, Ferriby, Augment.

Avon Handicap: Strip, Kentucky, Nigger Boy (or Rakahanga).

The following are the acceptances:

TO-DAY'S FIELDS

By Telegraph—Press Association.
CHRISTCHURCH, Nov. 12.

Following are the acceptances for the third day of the Canterbury Jockey Club's meeting:—

12.2—
PORT COOPER HURDLES,
Of £300, 1¼ miles.

Recollection	11	4	Dorado	10	1
Jewish Lad	11	4	Milford	9	9
Sir Frederick	11	1	Donadea	9	0
Master Dingle	10	5			

12.42—
SPRING NURSERY,
Of £350, 5 furlongs.

Par Avion	9	9	As Required	7	7
Silver Lily	8	11	Renarde	7	2
Full Pitch	7	11	Miss Jessica	7	2
Divorced	7	11	Verlagia	7	0
Varuna	7	9			

1.27—
OAKS STAKES,
Of £600, 1½ miles.

Oragon	8	10	Erambie	8	10
Belle Cane	8	10	Inform	8	10
Cherry Bay	8	10	Night Glass	8	10
Courting	8	10	Phyto	8	10
Doria	8	10	Rue	8	10

2.7—
JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP,
Of £600, 1 mile.

Globe Trotter	9	5	Second Innings	7	12
Sly Fox	9	0			
Nigger Boy	8	10	Windsor Chief	7	0
Norseman	8	0			

2.47—
CANTERBURY CUP,
Of £700 (w.f.a.), 1¼ miles.

Royal Chief	9	5	Lambourn	7	9
The Buzzer	9	5			

3.22—
ASHLEY HANDICAP,
Of £250, 6 furlongs.

Withdrawal	8	12	Wild Coon	7	9
Blandisher	8	8	Lord Midas	7	7
Leighnor	8	8	Dispense	7	7
Colonel Rouge	8	5	Blue Coat	7	7
Grey Night	8	4	Stylist	7	7
Craiglea	8	3	Stylosa	7	0
Retrogression	8	1	Star Wink	7	7
Gold Don	8	0	Bright Lad	7	7
Synthetic	7	13	Rawhamai	7	7
Sham Boy	7	11	Stock Exchange	7	7
Big Joe	7	10			
Metric	7	10	Citizen	7	7

4.17—
OTAIO HANDICAP,
Of £500, 1¼ miles.

Gayest Son	9	4	Great Night	8	7
Boloyna	8	13	Airline	8	5
Schoolgirl	8	12	Augment	8	4
Iceland Spar	8	10	Sir Amyas	8	2
Gay Fox	8	8	Dividend	8	0
Ferriby	8	7	Muffler	7	12
Auto Sweep	8	7	Lockheed	7	0

5.2—
AVON HANDICAP,
Of £350, 6 furlongs.

Nigger Boy	9	5	Rakahanga	8	1
Rebel Mate	8	13	Shikari	7	10
Boswell	8	12	Gold Flight	7	7
Strip	8	10	Skyrena	7	7
Kentucky	8	4	Raceaway	7	7

Nightmarch is the first New Zealand Cup winner to sire a winner of the Riccarton two-miler.

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Silver Scorn in 1932 won the C.J.C. Spring Plate, Derby and Oaks. Belle Cane, winner of this year's Spring Plate was unlucky in the Derby on Monday.

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Foreign Coin and Flying Spray collided at the start of the Welcome Stakes.

Marlene Patched Up To Win The Cup

TRIUMPH AT ADDINGTON

Dusky Sound Just Fails In A Great Finish

"Daily Mail" Special Service
CHRISTCHURCH, Nov. 12.

A doubtful starter right up until the eleventh hour as the result of a recent accident to her foot, Marlene showed her undoubted quality to win the 1940 New Zealand Trotting Cup after a gruelling battle with Dusky Sound over the last quarter of a mile. It was a gallant performance, for the mare pulled up very lame and her chances of racing again at the meeting look very remote.

It was not a particularly fast-run race in the early stages, but Dusky Sound pulled to the front a mile and a quarter from home and he made a valiant attempt to lead over the remaining portion of the journey. When Marlene tackled him as they crossed the top he responded well and half way down the running it looked as if he would come away again. However, Marlene stuck to him tenaciously and worried him out of the big prize in the last stride.

Colonel Grattan was unlucky in the Cup for the second year in succession. Twelve months ago he raced away to the lead five furlongs from home and looked like going away to an easy win, but his driver collapsed in the sulky and died within a few minutes. On this occasion Colonel Grattan was travelling well going out of the straight the last time when he appeared to strike some trouble which caused him to break. This cost him many yards and he did remarkably well to come again to take third from the outsider, Renown's Best.

Fine Art's backers were on good terms with themselves when he ranged up on the outer of Dusky Sound and Marlene on the turn, but he was beaten half a furlong off the post and stopped to a walk in the last 50 yards.

BAYARD broke up hopelessly at the start and Great Jewel also went up into the air, losing so much ground that the chances of the backers of the triple bracket were made almost negligible.

Horsepower immediately took over and he piloted the field over the first half-mile, his nearest attendants being Plutus, Marlene, Dusky Sound, Colonel Grattan, Southern Chief, Fine Art and Renown's Best, Pot Luck and Parisienne being at the tail of the field with Great Jewel. Dusky Sound gradually improved his position and he ran up to Horsepower in the next furlong.

At the mile and a quarter Dusky Sound had taken charge and he was clear at the end of the first mile from Horsepower and Plutus, with Marlene, Colonel Grattan and Fine Art following. Dusky Sound increased his lead slightly as they went out of the straight, but Marlene and Fine Art went up fast at the half mile to put in their first challenges to the leader.

Renown's Best made up a lot of ground to finish fourth, but Horsepower and Southern Chief failed to run on.

Trotted Evenly

Parrish Guide was about the only one of the eight starters to trot evenly in the Spring Handicap. He took over from Hatrack a mile from home and thereafter held a winning margin, though Biworthy added interest with a strong run from the three furlongs. However, Parrish Guide had plenty in reserve to come away again in the straight.

Biworthy made a bad skip at the start and lost about 36yds. That undoubtedly cost him the race for he trotted very solidly after that mistake. Reception was well enough placed throughout to have won had he been good enough, but he weakened into third place when pressure was applied.

The back-marker Blue Logan made up ground early and looked dangerous starting on the final circuit, but he could make no impression from that stage and was only a fair fourth. Hatrack, who led early, was making another run at the half mile when he tangled. Dark Hazard broke up badly at the start.

Favourite's Bad Luck

Ned Worthy recorded a really fine performance to lead throughout in the Victoria Handicap and then keep Zincali at bay after being hotly challenged over the last three furlongs. However, his task was made all the easier by the fact that the hot favourite Chatmos broke up badly at the start and then had to be pulled up almost to a walk five furlongs from home when Waitaki Power fell, bringing down Subsidy. However, Ned Worthy, who likes Addington, is better than generally realised.

Zincali went a good race throughout. He was in the middle of the field to the six furlongs and, when Palomar started to drift, set off after the pacemaker, being lucky to move just before the Waitaki Power-Subsidy mix-up. Zincali did not begin well, but he soon settled down.

Ringtrue paced along well from the rear and, skirting the mix-up he came home strongly for third, being clear of Worthy Need.

Novice Three-year-olds.

Whatever chance Surprise Potts had in the Riccarton Stakes was spoiled by a slow start and Ronald Logan, beginning smartly, was never really in danger of defeat. Ronald Logan set a strong pace and, at the final stages, was running on better than anything else in the race.

Gallant Maid, Diamond Jim, Ronaki and Gold Chief were prominent behind the leader over the first circuit, but Gold Chief was the only one to look like making a race of it with the winner. He was third entering the back stretch but could make no impression on Ronald Logan.

Statuette, who had been one of the last to leave the mark, put in a very fast run over the last half mile and di well to get third money from Mighty, who finished on better than Gallant Maid and Diamond Jim.

Surprise Potts had improved to about sixth position at the half mile and made a short-lived run on the outside of the field. However, he could not sustain the effort.

Nelson Eddy Easily

Driven a patient race in the Canterbury Handicap, Nelson Eddy waited on the pace-maker, Peter Smith, until three furlongs from home. He then joined the leader at the straight entrance and put the issue beyond doubt almost as soon as heads were turned for home.

There was a great race for the minor placings. Lady Milne, who had gone up very fast from the five furlongs, was with Nelson Eddy and Peter Smith as they straightened up and then Great Divide put in his claims, the last-named gaining second money on the post from Peter Smith, with Lady Milne right up with them.

Harold Guy led for half a mile and then Peter Smith, who had been slow off the mark, rushed through into a clear lead with his stable mate Roan Duke, the pair setting a strong pace from Harold Guy, Red Ranger, Accountant, Nelson Eddy, Bill B., and Lady Milne, Cruiser having broken up badly at the start.

Roan Duke dropped out five furlongs from home, while Harold Guy who had the run of the race, failed to stay.

Tan John All The Way

Beginning better than anything else in the race, Tan John was never headed in the Dominion Trotting Handicap, though he was eased up in the last 100 yards, and his bracket mate, Captain Holt, nearly caught him. Tan John trotted better than anything else in the race and could have won by a big margin had he been required.

Captain Bolt put in several skips early and was still well back commencing the final round, but he then settled down and came through fast to follow Tan John over the remainder of the journey. Lament trotted solidly for third money, but the favourite, Jenny Guy, looked rather unlucky for she lost about 60 yards at the start. She was finishing on well for fourth from Manna's Son, who was always prominent. Jenny Guy should improve with her race.

Millisle was going well until he broke six furlongs from home, while Mohican went into a tangle when moving up near the half mile. Timworthy was handy at that stage, but did not stay.

Willowbank Narrowly

Having the run of the race throughout the Empire Handicap the win favourite Willowbank tackled the pacemaker Coquette half a mile from home and reached the front in the next furlong. He was clear into the straight, but he was then hotly challenged by Trireme (wide out) and Old Faithful, with Great Blaze putting in a brilliant run from a hopeless position. In a great finish Willowbank lasted just long enough to beat Great Blaze and Trireme, while Battlevale came home strongly to take fourth place off Old Faithful.

Willowbank was perfectly handled and that was the main factor in his success, but Great Blaze looked unlucky as he could not improve on his position in seventh place until an opening presented itself about three furlongs from home.

Black Surprise was never dangerous and Lady Vasclyne stopped after being prominent for a mile and a half. Jovial and Coquette also failed to stay.

NAPIER ACCEPTANCES TO-NIGHT

HAWKE'S BAY owners and trainers are given a final reminder that acceptances for all events on the second day of the Napier Park Racing Club's spring meeting at Greenmeadows on Saturday next close with the secretary, Miss I. I. Fippard, Napier, at 8 o'clock to-night (Wednesday). Splendid fields have been weighted for the second day and, as the track has never been in better racing order than at present, indications are that the acceptance list will be a big one.

NEVER OUT OF TROUBLE

BELLE CANE was never out of trouble in the N.Z. Derby on Monday, and, but for her series of misfortunes, it looked as if she must have taken part in the finish. The Beau Pere filly nearly came down going out of the straight and that cost her more than half a dozen lengths. She made up her ground gradually and was just in behind the leaders at the straight entrance. Twice she made an effort to get through on the rails, but the opening closed on each occasion. Belle Cane was undoubtedly unlucky to last the Derby so backers will have no alternative but to "go for evens" in the N.Z. Oaks this afternoon.

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The Metropolitan Trotting Club's spring meeting opened at Addington yesterday before a very large attendance. The track was very fast.

The following are the results:—

SPRING HANDICAP,
Of £300 (unhoppled trotters; 3.50 class), 13 furlongs.

7-7—**PARRISH GUIDE**, 24yds. (R. B. Berry) 1
6-6—BIWORTHY, 24yds. (S. A. Eagen) 2
1-1—RECEPTION, 36yds. (J. Pringle) 3

Also started: Hatrack, scr.; Amonos, 24yds.; Shadeland, 24yds.; Dark Hazard, 36yds.; Blue Logan, 48yds.

Two lengths; three. Blue Logan was fourth. Time, 3.37 1-5.

VICTORIA HANDICAP,
Of £300 (4.35 class), 2 miles.

3-3—**NED WORTHY**, 12yds. (R. Townley, jun.) 1
1-1—ZINCALI, 12yds. .... (L. Frost) 2
2-2—RINGTRUE, 36yds. (R. Berry) 3

Also started: Chatmos, 12yds.; Mankind, 12yds.; Smile Again, 12yds.; Waitaki Power, 12yds. (fell); Worthy Need, 12yds.; Palomar, 24yds. (bracketed with Zincali); Regal, 24yds. (bracketed with Ned Worthy); Subsidy, 24yds.

Three-quarters of a length; eight. Worthy Need was fourth. Time, 4.22.

RICCARTON STAKES,
Of £300 (maiden three-year-olds), 1¼ miles.

1-1—**RONALD LOGAN** (R. Townley, jun.) 1
3-3—GOLD CHIEF ..... (——) 2
6-5—STATUETTE ..... (J. Pringle) 3

Also started: Ronaki; Mickey Rooney; Betty Parrish (bracketed with Gold Chief); My Lady Luck and Diamond Jim (bracketed); Mighty; Jill; Salisbury; Joan Potts; Surprise Potts; Festivity; Gallant Maid.

Mighty was fourth. Time, 2.47.

N.Z. TROTTING CUP,
Of £2600 (4.26 class), 2 miles.

4-4—**MARLENE**, scr. .. (R. Donald) 1
3-3—DUSKY SOUND, scr. (R. Townley, jun.) 2
5-5—COLONEL GRATTAN, scr. (M. Stewart) 3
—RENOWN'S BEST, scr. (A. Holmes) 4

Also started: Horsepower, scr. (J. Fraser jun.); Bayard, scr. (A. Broughton); Plutus, scr. (J. Bryce, jun.), bracketed with the winner; 1-1 Southern Chief, 12yds. (T. Gallagher); Great Jewel, 12yds. (R. Berry), and Parisienne, 36yds. (O. E. Hooper), bracketed; 2-2 Fine Art, 24yds. (M. McTigue); Blair Athol, 36yds. (D. C. Watts); Pot Luck, 48yds. (M. Holmes).

A head; a length. Time, 4.18 3-5.

CANTERBURY HANDICAP,
Of £500 (4.31 class), 2 miles.

1-2—**NELSON EDDY**, scr. (L. A. Thomas) 1
3-3—GREAT DIVIDE, 24yds (——) 2
2-1—PETER SMITH, scr. (L. Maidens) 3

Also started: Cruiser, scr.; Harold Guy, scr.; Roan Duke, scr. (bracketed with Peter Smith); Wee Potts, scr.; Accountant, 12yds.; Bill B., 12yds.; Red Ranger, 12yds.; Lady Milne, 24yds.; Neil Grattan, 36yds.

Two lengths; a head. Lady Milne was fourth. Time, 4.22 2-5.

DOMINION HANDICAP,
Of £650 (unhoppled trotters; 4.38 class), 2 miles.

3-2—**TAN JOHN**, scr. (R. Donald) 1
3-2—CAPTAIN BOLT, 48yds. (G. Smith) 2
4-5—LAMENT, 48yds. .. (W. Doyle) 3

First and second horses were bracketed.

Also started: Manna's Son, scr.; Millisle, scr.; Mohican, scr.; Timworthy, 24yds.; Gerfalcon, 36yds.; Jenny Guy, 36yds.

A head; four lengths. Jenny Guy was fourth. Time, 4.31 1-5.

EMPIRE HANDICAP,
Of £300 (4.39 class), 2 miles.

1-2—**WILLOWBANK**, 12yds. (D. C. Watts) 1
3-3—GREAT BLAZE, scr. (B. Kidd) 2
5-5—TRIREME, 12yds. .. (L. Frost) 3

Also started: Coquette, scr.; Jovial, scr.; Lady Vasclyene, scr.; Mendel, scr.; Battlevale, 12yds. (bracketed with Trireme); Black Surprise, 12yds.; Old Faithful, 12yds.; Ochiltree, 36yds.; Philarioa, 36yds. (bracketed with Great Blaze); Stormtost, 36yds.

Battlevale was fourth. Time, 4.27 3-5.

HAGLEY HANDICAP,
Of £300 (2.46 class), 1¼ miles.

8-8—**NAVY BLUE**, scr. (M. Holmes) 1
6-6—DONALD DHU, scr. (D. C. Watts) 2
3-3—LIGHTNING LADY, 24yds. (Patterson) 3

Also started: Frisco Boy, scr.; Jesse Owens, scr.; Kenworthy, scr.; Renown's Best, scr.; Waipahi, scr.; Southern Chief, 12yds.

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The promising Nightmarch four-year-old Coup d'Etat broke a fetlock at Riccarton on Saturday morning and was destroyed.

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Milford was going when he hit a hurdle six furlongs from home at Riccarton on Saturday. He is reported to have been sore afterwards.

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T. R. George, the trainer of Serenata, won the New Zealand Cup in 1935 with Cuddle.

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Oragon, who is an Oaks candidate, finished well for fifth in the Apprentices' Plate on Saturday.

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Gayest Son should win a race before the Cup meeting is over.

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Ruatiti was having his first race since the Wellington winter meeting, when he won the Epsom Handicap.

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All Night, who finished a close fourth to Pleading on Saturday, broke down in the concluding stages of that race.

SALEVE (15)

(IMP.)

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50 Breeding Ewes (Lambs at foot).
300 2-th Ewes.
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