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Two Aeroplane Crashes Near Blenheim

FOUR TRAINEES KILLED

Both Machines Hit Hills In Foggy Weather

(By Telegraph-Press Association) WELLINGTON, Jan. 20.

Four members of the Royal New Zealand Air Force lost their lives this morning when two aircraft of which they were occupants encountered foggy conditions while on training flights near Blenheim and crashed into the tops of hills.

The victims, all of whom were airman pilots under training at the Royal New Zealand Air Force station at Woodbourne were:

Leading Aircraftman Angus Victor MacLeod Gilmour; father, Mr W. Gilmour, 101 Mountain Road, Epsom, Auckland. Leading Aircraftman Guy Wilfrid Suisted; father, Mr C. H. Suisted, 46 Hobson Street, Wellington.

Leading Aircraftman William Frederick Reader; father Mr W. T. Reader, 32 Volga Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Leading Aircraftman Rodney Albert Llewellyn; mother Mrs J. W. Llewellyn, Ruawai, North Auckland.

Both the aircraft involved were Vincent V's. They left Woodbourne aerodrome at 8.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. respectively to undertake training flights. The first aircraft was being piloted by Suisted, with Gilmour as navigator, and the second was piloted by Reader, with Llewellyn as navigator.

The weather at Blenheim when the aircraft took off was satisfactory. Later in the morning a report was received that an aircraft had crashed near Seddon, in the vicinity of the Redwood Pass road. The report fixed the time of the crash at about 9.45 a.m.

A medical officer was immediately flown to near the scene of the accident. Investigations revealed that the aircraft had struck about 100 feet from the top of a hill 1000 feet in height. The fog had then extended in a thick blanket to a fairly low level. It is believed that the pilot came through this, thinking he was clear of the hills.

Killed Instantly The occupants of the aircraft, Suisted and Gilmour, had been killed instantly.

Apparently the same fog conditions were responsible for the crash of the second aircraft, which struck about 25 feet from the summit of a hill approximately 2000 feet in height in the vicinity of Welds Pass, also near Seddon. A search party was sent to investigate and reported that the crash had occurred at approximately 10.30 a.m. The aircraft was a total wreck, Reader and Llewellyn being killed instantly. The wreckage had caught fire on the ground.

Parachutes Worn All four airmen were equipped with parachutes, which had not been used.

Several other aircraft were engaged in similar air exercises from Woodbourne. These returned to the aerodrome when they encountered unfavourable weather in accordance with instructions issued to the pilots. Apparently the two aircraft involved in accidents endeavoured to complete the exercise and ran into the adverse conditions which developed. A Court of Inquiry will meet at Blenheim at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

CHARGES OF ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE

Altercation In Suva

THREE SOLDIERS SENT TO GAOL

Had Been Drinking

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Three New Zealand soldiers, Arthur Lawrence Astwood, aged 18, Maurice Hawker, aged 18, and James Patrick Bryant, aged 23, were charged in the Supreme Court with robbery with violence.

The police alleged that they attacked and robbed an Indian taxi-driver.

It was said that all the three accused made statements saying that they had been drinking and had had an altercation with the taxi-driver.

Bryant said he did not hit the taxi-driver.

Bryant was sentenced to five years' penal servitude and Hawker and Astwood to four years' penal servitude.

CAR CONVERSION BY TWO SOLDIERS

Fines Of £30 Imposed At Suva

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Two New Zealand soldiers, Denis Cecil Land and Roland Keith Hurran were recently fined £30, in default three months' imprisonment each, for converting a car on New Year's Eve. The vehicle was extensively damaged.

NO SURRENDER OF FLEET

FRANCE REBUFFS GERMANS

OFFICIAL ADVICE

Will Not Be Used Against Britain

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LONDON, Jan. 21. The British United Press correspondent at Vichy says it is officially stated that France has refused to surrender her fleet to Germany for use against Britain, and that it is perfectly understood that France is insisting upon the full observance of the armistice terms despite the reconciliation between Marshal Petain and M. Laval, which was done to curb the violent anti-Vichy Paris newspapers.

Guerillas Harry Italians

ERITREA RETREAT

Abyssinians Assist British

DANGEROUS COUNTRY

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LONDON, Jan. 21. "The Times" special correspondent at Cairo says: "The enemy retreat in Eritrea goes on over flat, sandy country with occasional rocky masses. The Italians are apparently making for Sabderat and Tessenet. British armoured units and tanks are forced to dodge between the rocks while Abyssinian guerillas armed with rifles and short knives strapped to their arms cut round to the hills behind."

"The Italians have only a few miles of easy going beyond Sabderat before entering the forests. Once there the Italians must take the winding 100-mile track to Agordat or attempt to establish a new line in the hundreds of foothills between Agordat and Massawa. The R.A.F. previously forced to fly twice as far."

Cheque For Anzac War Relief

NEW YORK HELPS

Sum Of £1544 For New Zealand

LIBYAN JOB PRAISED

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MELBOURNE, Jan. 20. The Lord Mayor (Mr Beaurepaire) to-day handed to Mr J. A. Malcolm, New Zealand Government representative in Victoria, a cheque for £1544. This is the New Zealand Patriotic Council's share of the 20,000 dollar gift made available by the British War Relief Society of New York to the Anzac War Relief Fund of New York for New Zealand and Australian patriotic funds in appreciation of the excellent work of the Anzacs in Libya.

Mr Malcolm will forward the cheque to the Prime Minister of New Zealand.

TWO NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADORS

Posts In The Argentine And France

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TOKYO, Jan. 21. The Foreign Minister (Mr Matsuo) has decided to appoint a former Minister to Canada (Mr Sotomatsu Kato) as Ambassador to France, and Baron Shu Tomii, also a former Minister to Canada, as Japan's first Ambassador to the Argentine.

NINE BRITISH SHIPS SUNK

"AMERICA ENDANGERING PEACE IN THE PACIFIC"

Japanese Foreign Minister Attacks Embargoes And Defence Measures

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TOKYO, Jan. 20. "The United States apparently believes that her first line of defence lies as far as China and the South Seas," said the Foreign Minister (Mr Matsuo) at the reopening of the Diet. "I frankly regret such an attitude for the sake of Japanese-American friendship and for the sake of peace in the Pacific and the world generally."

Referring to the American embargoes, he declared: "Japan must perfect herself as a State highly organised for national defence, not only in order to meet that pressure but also to secure our economic life, self-supply and self-sufficiency within East Asia."

Mr Matsuo, in emphasising the tripartite pact as the basis of Japan's policy, said that negotiations were at present progressing toward consolidating economic relations between Germany, Japan, China and Manchukuo.

Mussolini Gives No Help To His Troops At Tobruk

EARLY EXHAUSTION DISCUSSED

GOLD ASSETS

Marketable Securities And Investments

British Official Wireless (Received January 21, 7.45 p.m.)

RUGBY, Jan. 20. The "Economist" last week called attention anew to the importance of a distinction between Britain's available dollar balances in the United States, the exhaustion of which in the not far distant future have been much discussed lately, and the assets of the whole of the British Commonwealth which might be ultimately convertible into dollars.

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Shelterers Pick Their Hobbies

WARTIME AMUSEMENT

Evening Institutes Give Assistance

LECTURERS NEEDED

British Official Wireless (Received January 21, 8.45 p.m.)

RUGBY, Jan. 20. Londoners are making good use of their difficulties and London County Council officials are now finding out what is wanted by the people themselves, asking those in the shelters what kind of lectures they would like, what handicrafts they are interested in and what hobbies they would like to take up.

The whole weight of the L.C.C. Evening Institutes is behind this scheme. The authorities are searching for more lecturers to cope with the ever-increasing demands. Wherever possible the lectures are illustrated with films.

There are nearly 250 shelter classes operating now and the number is increasing every day.

In one or two of the bigger shelters Keep Fit classes have been started and in others debating societies and dramatic clubs have been formed.

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CHANGES IN CABINET ARE ANNOUNCED

The Full List Of Members With Their Complete Portfolios

(By Telegraph-Press Association) WELLINGTON, Jan. 21.

The Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) announced various Cabinet readjustments to-day.

The members of the new Cabinet, together with their complete portfolios and designations, are as follows:

The Rt. Hon. P. Fraser—Prime Minister, Minister in Charge of the Broadcasting, Government, Audit and High Commissioner's Departments.

The Hon. W. Nash—Minister of Finance, Minister of Customs, Minister of Stamp Duties, Minister in Charge of the Land and Income Tax, Public Service Superannuation, and Census and Statistics Departments.

The Hon. D. G. Sullivan—Minister of Industries and Commerce, Minister of Supply and Munitions, Minister in Charge of the Scientific and Industrial Research Department.

The Hon. H. G. R. Mason—Minister of Education, Attorney-General, Minister of Justice, Minister in Charge of the Prisons, Public Trust and Patents Offices.

The Hon. H. T. Armstrong—Minister of Public Works, Minister in Charge of Roads and Public Buildings, Minister in Charge of Housing and State Advances.

The Hon. R. Semple—Minister of Railways, Minister of Transport, Minister of National Service, Minister of Marine and Minister in Charge of the Inspection of Machinery.

The Hon. W. E. Parry—Minister of Internal Affairs, Minister of Social Security, Minister in Charge of the Registrar-General's Office.

The Hon. P. C. Webb—Minister of Labour, Minister of Mines, Postmaster-General and Minister of Telegraphs, Minister in Charge of the Printing and Stationery Department.

The Hon. F. Jones—Minister of Defence, Minister in Charge of War Pensions.

The Hon. F. Langstone—Minister of Lands, Commissioner of State Forests, Minister of External Affairs, Native Minister, Minister for the Cook Islands, Minister in Charge of the Native Trust and Valuation Departments, Land for Settlements, Scenery Preservation, and Tourist and Health Resorts.

The Hon. D. Wilson—Minister of Immigration, Minister in Charge of the Broadcasting, Government, Life Insurance, and State Fire Insurance Departments, Associate Minister of National Service.

The Hon. J. G. Barclay—Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Marketing.

The Hon. A. H. Nordmeyer—Minister of the Mental Hospitals, Friendly Societies, and National Provident Fund Departments.

Mr P. K. Palke—Member of the Executive Council representing the native race. (The Prime Minister's Statement—Page 5.)

Eighteen Days In Open Boat

STEAMER TORPEDOED

Fought Submarine With One Gun

BOUND FOR CANADA

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OTTAWA, Jan. 21. Four survivors of the torpedoed British steamer Carleton have arrived after 18 days in an open boat. Twelve others died as the lifeboat drifted in the cold of the western Atlantic.

The survivors had almost given up hope when they were sighted by a freighter bound for Canada.

The second lifeboat, commanded by the captain, is still unreported with its crew of 18.

The Carleton tried to fight off the submarine with one gun but was unable to evade the torpedo.

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Virginia Vale has the feminine romantic lead opposite the virile star.

Regent "ZORINA" IN "ON YOUR TOES"

Dancing And Comedy The Features

Two dance offerings are the eye-filling moments of "On Your Toes," the Warner Bros. musical which is now showing at the Regent Theatre, Hastings.

Main focal point for the cameramen during the two weeks of shooting was Zorina, with, of course, plenty of attention given to Eddie Albert, Charles LaSkey, Erik Rhodes and the girls and boys of the ensemble.

George Balanchine, the director, hopes like everything that the public won't get any preconceived notions about these dance numbers he did. They're not the stiff and arty ballet of the old traditions by a long shot.

This will be a lot of laughter, for one of the numbers, "Princess Zenobia," runs exactly seven and three-quarter minutes. The other, "Slaughter On Tenth Avenue," races along for about twelve; twenty minutes of rib-tickling amusement withal.

The "Zenobia" number is a burlesque of the old-time-worn Scherzade theme all mixed up by a block-face vaudeville tap dancer who eventually leads the way to victory over the savages.

Charles Bickford and Luli Deste

An exciting blend of adventure, mystery and romance, "South To Karanga," now showing at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings, is a genuinely entertaining melodrama.

Enacted by a capable cast, headed by Charles Bickford, James Craig, Luli Deste and John Sutton, the film depicts the harrowing events which befall a small group of whites in the African interior.

Highlights of the film depict attacks by African natives on a railway train and on the headquarters of a copper mine. A series of spectacular dynamite explosions reels the savages in the film's thrilling climax.

Bonita Granville gets her man again—two men in fact—and they are appropriately punished for their misdeeds in the latest episode of the adventures of the shrewd and intrepid Nancy Drew, entitled "Nancy Drew Trouble Shooter," which is the second feature.

The new Nancy Drew picture is the third of the series starring little Miss Granville. As in the first two pictures of the series, Frankie Thomas is again Nancy's boy friend, and her father is again played by John Littel.

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L. M. MONTGOMERY NOVEL

Anne Shirley in "Anne Of Windy Poplars"

In "Anne of Windy Poplars," which opens to-day at the State, Napier, Anne is grown up, engaged to marry young Dr Blythe and occupying her time until he can afford to marry by teaching school in the small town of Pringleton, on Prince Edward Island.

Arriving in Pringleton, she is met at the depot with the hostility of the powerful family of Pringles, dominated by tyrannical old Hester, who wants Anne's job for her adopted niece, and intends to make life so miserable on every hand for Anne that she will resign.

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Casualties Show Decrease

BLITZKRIEG RAIDS

Total Of 3793 Killed In December

MANY IN HOSPITAL

British Official Wireless (Received January 21, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, Jan. 20. It is announced that 3793 civilians were killed in Britain in December as a result of enemy air-raids, while 5044 were injured sufficiently seriously to warrant their detention in hospital.

An analysis of these figures published by the Ministry of Home Security shows that 1691 men, 1434 women, and 521 children under the age of 16 were killed and 2962 men, 1775 women, and 307 children injured. The remaining 147 persons killed are not classified.

The December air-raid casualties were the lowest monthly figure since the blitzkrieg started. Total casualties throughout the blitzkrieg are: 25,569 killed, 30,536 admitted to hospital. Of those killed, 2351 were children.

Shipping At The Port Of Napier

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Last Quarter Jan. 20 New Moon Jan. 27

THE SUN

Table with columns: Date, Rises, Sets. Rows for Jan 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27.

TIDES

Table with columns: Date, H.W., L.W., L.W., H.W., P.M., A.M., P.M., A.M. Rows for Jan 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS

Table with columns: Ship Name, From, To-day. Rows for Pukeko, Kopara, Wainui.

COASTWISE TRADE

PUKEKO: Is expected to arrive here to-day from Wellington. KOPARA: Cleared Auckland on Tuesday night and is expected to arrive here from Gisborne on Friday, sailing for Auckland the same day. WAINUI: Loading at east coast South Island ports for Napier and Gisborne via Wellington. Due here about January 25.

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Mr. F. Herries, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Herries, Moteo Station, Puketapu, and grandson of Mrs. A. Herries, Hastings, left by the express yesterday for Harewood, Christchurch, where he will enter the R.N.Z.A.F. as flight mechanic.

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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail Your Own Morning Paper

MINISTERIAL CHANGES

The retirement of Dr. McMillan and Mr Lee Martin from the Ministry has given the Prime Minister the opportunity of reconstructing his Cabinet and the rearrangement will be studied with interest.

Even if it is admitted that the reallocation of portfolios provides a more equitable distribution of duties and responsibilities, the public cannot be expected to regard the changes with much enthusiasm, because they do not share the Labour Party's belief in its capacity to carry on the war and run the country at the same time.

Mr Fraser's elaborate eulogy of the merits and achievements of his colleagues is made, no doubt, in all sincerity, and much of his praise may be well deserved, but it does nothing to disguise the fact that in the present emergency, the country needs the services of the best men on both sides of the House. In refusing to seek the collaboration of the Opposition in a National Coalition, the Labour leaders have failed to rise superior to purely party considerations, and have deprived the Dominion of the services of men who are better qualified to fill ministerial positions than some of those who are now occupying them.

If the reaction of the general public to the narrow view of their responsibility to the country is unfavourable in November, Mr Fraser and his friends will have only themselves to blame.

One of the most important changes Mr Fraser has made is in the transferring of the Marketing Department from Mr Nash to one of the new Ministers, and despite the Prime Minister's tribute to Mr Barclay's abilities, the general conclusion that will be drawn is that this Department will be more than ever in the control of officials.

Mr Nash, who has been steadily working himself to death for several years, is perhaps, well quit of it. What the producers will think is another matter.

Mr Semple has given up his beloved Public Works Department to become Minister of Railways and hands his bulldozers over to Mr Armstrong. The extent to which they will be employed in future to shift dirt from one place to another will depend mainly on the amount of stock purchased by investors in the National Development Loan. There is no indication yet as to how it is going off, but it is an easy guess that Mr Armstrong will have much less money to spend than Mr Semple had.

Mr Sullivan, who gives up the portfolio of Railways, to make a whole-time job of the Ministry of Supply, Industries and Commerce, and Scientific Research, is well weighted with responsibility, but he has great energy and a gift for securing the co-operation of business interests and Departmental officials which will serve him in good stead.

The appointment of Mr Nordmeyer to the Ministry of Health is a recognition of the part he took in endeavouring to put over the scheme for a State medical service. Possibly he may be able to succeed where his predecessor had failed in winning over the medical profession.

The other changes do not call for much comment. The Government has a substantial Parliamentary majority and has the power to monopolise public administration in wartime if it chooses to do so.

THE NEW BLITZ

There is nothing particularly startling about the suggestion that the dictators are plotting a new "blitz" against Great Britain. Germany, at least, has everything to lose by permitting the war to drag on while the Allied strength grows and the United States rearmament programme is brought into full operation.

Italy is in extremities as it is, but a full-scale attack by land, sea, and air against Great Britain might be expected to relieve the situation in Africa, where Italy's so-called empire is coming to bits, and in the Mediterranean, where the wheels of her war-machine have been irretrievably lost.

There is not the slightest doubt that the spring of 1941 will bring a crisis as dangerous as that which followed the French debacle. But this time Britain has had a long warning and her defences are fully prepared.

Personal

VICE-REGAL. His Excellency the Governor-General, attended by Captain Lord Dorney, A.D.C., returned to Wellington by the Limited Express on Monday morning.

MINISTERIAL. The Hon. D. G. McMillan, Minister of Marine, left Wellington on Monday night to take up his residence in Dunedin. He was accompanied by his family.

Mr. Justice Johnston will preside at the sessions of the Supreme Court, which open in Napier on February 17.

Mr. J. S. Macdonald, of the staff of the Napier Courthouse, has received advice of his transfer to the Hamilton Courthouse.

Paymaster-Lieutenant H. Twigg, of Napier, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Commander, according to a Gazette notice. Lieutenant-Commander Twigg is well-known in Hawke's Bay.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Smith, Mr. E. Butler, Mr. L. D. Hackett, Mr. A. W. Swap (Wellington), Mr. J. Buchanan, Mr. C. J. Hewitt (Palmerston North), Mr. L. A. Cornaga, Mr. A. R. Johnston, Miss Littlejohn (Auckland), Mrs. C. W. Pattison, Mrs. I. Kinder (Waipawa), Mr. J. Muggieridge (Nelson) are staying at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. I. McDonald (Palmerston North), Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Carter (New Plymouth), Dr. G. H. Cunningham, Mr. G. Taylor (Auckland), Mr. L. F. McCallum (Pukeko) are at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

WAIROA

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher (Ruakiri), Miss B. Goddard (Gisborne), Mr. A. Hutchins (Wellington), Mr. A. N. Elliott (Napier), Mr. E. Park, are staying at the Clyde Hotel, Wairoa.

Mr. Parker, Mr. Norton, Mr. Stevenson, Miss Francis, Mr. P. F. Cooney, are staying at the Wairoa Hotel, Wairoa.

Breakfast Table

Avoid useless talk. Some conversation isn't worth a penny—except to the P. and T. Department. Willie: "What is the difference between capital and labour, Dad?" Dad: "Well, son, the money you represent is being spent—getting it back represents labour."

"Has your baby learned to talk yet?" "He has. We're teaching him to keep quiet now."

Roadside sign near Concord, U.S.A.: By order of the district board, cows grazing by the roadside riding bicycles on the sidewalk is hereby forbidden in this area.

Village loafer: Boy, what are you doing in this blacksmith shop? Shoing horses? Capital—shoing! Boy: No, sir, I shoo flies.

Oddments in end of season lines at 25c. pairs. Ladies' and girls' 7/11 ladies' white tennis and beach shorts 5/11; ladies' coloured shorts 3/11; ladies' coloured beach slacks 3/11; men's sun helmets 4/11; men's cotton underwear vests and trunks 1/4 each; summer weight collar attached sport shirts 4/6 & 5/6. Watch our window displays. Parkers.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Cornwell Cup. Steady rain and the absence of wind prevented the series of Cornwell Cup contests being continued at Wanganui yesterday. Reports from the back country suggest that a fresh in the Wanganui River may cause a further interruption.—Press Association.

Fifth Appraisal. "Although the wool appraisal dates for the whole of the North Island have been changed from time to time," said the secretary of the Hawke's Bay Woolgrowers' Association (Mr. A. M. Betsmeyer) last night, "the date for the fifth appraisal is not yet known, but it can be safely said that it will not take place before February 18."

Dangerous Level Crossing. Following on representations made to the ex-Minister of Railways (the Hon. D. G. Sullivan) by the Hon. W. E. Barnard in connection with the dangerous level crossing to the north of the Westshore station, an assurance has now been received to the effect that the department will make the fullest inquiry into the matter. The Minister has undertaken to forward further advice at a future date.

Net Covers Needed. An urgent appeal has been issued by the Napier Women's Patriotic Service corps for a supply of net covers for the mess table cups of the men in the Western Desert. The fact that the men appreciate the covers is borne out by a letter received by the secretary (Mrs. P. N. Fussell), expressing their gratitude for the covers already sent. Further supplies are needed and should be sent to the corps depot in Tennyson Street, Napier.

Home Guard Growth. "It is simply amazing where they all come from," said the Home Guard Area Commander (Lieutenant J. W. Snaddon) commenting on the number of men coming forward to join the movement. Lieutenant Snaddon said that the Porangahau Guard now numbers well over 70 men, while at Ashley Clinton there was a force of 60-odd men. The last month the movement has grown considerably, and the total strength is now over 3500 men," continued Lieutenant Snaddon. "The number of enlistments handed at the Guard's Napier recruiting office indicated the decision to reopen it," he said.

Tomoana Unit Formed HOME GUARD Protecting Freezing Works PLATOON ENROLLED. A Tomoana unit of the Home Guard was formed at a meeting of the staff held at the Tomoana Freezing Works. The unit has already sufficient volunteers to form one platoon, which will be attached to the Heretaunga Battalion.

The works' fire brigade and the St. John's Ambulance Division will co-operate with the Home Guard unit, and in the event of an emergency the entire personnel will report to the works immediately. It is considered that when fully trained the unit should prove a highly important one, as its personnel, which will be drawn largely from the permanent staff, will be fully conversant with the lay-out of the works and the most essential operations called for should an emergency eventuate.

Maraekakaho Unit. The Maraekakaho unit of the Home Guard held a parade on Saturday afternoon, between 40 and 50 members attending. In the absence of the unit commander, Mr. H. M. Glazebrook, the parade was taken by the second-in-command of the Heretaunga Battalion, Mr. W. A. Whitlock.

About three hours were spent in simple drill, exercises and instruction in the care of arms, visual training and elementary signalling. The men showed great interest and appear likely to develop into a most efficient unit.

MAIL NOTICES

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

OUTWARD OVERSEAS MAILS. Overseas mails will be dispatched as opportunity offers.

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

TRANS-PACIFIC AIR MAIL. THURSDAY, JANUARY 30. Trans-Pacific Air Mail—Postage rates.—Letters: Hawaii, 2/6 each 10z. United States of America and Canada (including air in America), 4/- each 10z. Great Britain 5/9 each 10z. Mails close 4 p.m. For further particulars apply to Post Office.

INLAND MAILS. Napier, Monday to Friday, 6 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m. Saturday, 6 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 8 p.m. Gisborne district, 4 p.m. Wairoa, 4 p.m. and 8 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. Monday and 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, Daily, 8 p.m. Opaia, Poukawa, Faki Paki and Pukehou, 8 p.m.

Commencing Monday, December 30, the following letter boxes will be cleared at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. from Monday to Friday (inclusive)—Saturday 10 a.m. only.

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

Christchurch, Oamaru, Dunedin and Invercargill, Monday to Thursday, 6 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m.

W. E. SWAP, Acting-Postmaster.

Accident at Twyford

A young man residing at Twyford, Mr. M. Hoyt, was admitted to the Hastings Memorial Hospital last night suffering from internal injuries, received as the result of an accident in which a motor-car and trailer were involved. His condition was reported to be satisfactory.

Horticulture Week

The new Minister of Agriculture (Mr. J. G. Barclay) will officially open National Horticulture Week, 1941, including the National Flower Show, at Oamaru on Thursday, February 4. As the Loder Cup, awarded annually for the most meritorious act in furthering the protection and cultivation of our native flora, is vested in the Minister of Agriculture, it is hoped to arrange for its presentation, immediately after the official opening, to Major P. H. Johnson, Raincliff, South Canterbury, winner of the 1939 award.

Home Guard Parade

In spite of the rain which fell early last night, the Napier unit of the Home Guard paraded at McLean Park according to arrangement. After completing platoon drill, the men went on to the grandstand and were lectured on the syllabus which the movement is to undertake now on. The members of the First Battalion will undergo extensive training in fieldcraft, while those of the Second Battalion will be instructed in first aid and road control when the Guard assembles at the old Napier aerodrome on Sunday morning.

Taradale Casualty

Leading Aircraftman T. Gray Smith, Guppy's Road, Taradale, has been injured in an accident "somewhere in England," and is a patient in a hospital, according to advice received by his parents, Mr and Mrs W. H. Smith. The injured man went to England in 1939, as one of the four radio operators commissioned to fly back a number of Wellington Bombers which had been ordered by the New Zealand Government. While in the Mother Country, his services were commandeered for the R.A.F. and he participated in numerous flights over Germany and the occupied territories.

Storms at Rarotonga

Heavy seas were experienced in Avarua, Rarotonga, on December 31 and January 1, writes the Rarotonga correspondent of the United Press Association. In view of the stormy weather conditions prevailing then in the Northern Group and the warning from the Apia Observatory that a cyclone was apparently travelling in a southerly direction and expected to recurve and pass near Rarotonga, every precaution under the Hurricane Emergency Scheme was taken. All boats were drawn up out of danger and medical supplies, together with materials for protection of property, were quickly distributed to every village. The organisation worked extremely smoothly and all messengers to carry special instructions stood by and extra help for the hospital was speedily arranged. Fortunately there was little or no wind and the seas near Rarotonga escaped the gales experienced by Penrhyn and Suwaru. There was no damage of any consequence at Rarotonga, but a few minor repairs to the wharf and foreshore at Avarua were necessary.

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HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR COOLER WEATHER

Winds: Moderate to fresh southerly. Weather: Cloudy and cool with intermittent rain. Seas: Moderate to rather rough.

NAPIER WEATHER

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DOMINION FORECAST

General Situation: The depression centred west of the Auckland Peninsula should have passed across the North Island last night. An anticyclone covers the Tasman sea and southern New Zealand.

Forecast—Winds: Moderate to strong southerlies prevailing from Wellington Province southwards and gradually extending over the remainder of the North Island.

Seas—New Zealand waters: Slight to moderate south of Farewell Spit. Elsewhere rather rough. Eastern Tasman Sea: Moderate to fresh southerly with moderate or rather rough seas.

Weather: Becoming fair and fine over the South Island. Showery in the western districts of the North Island with a gradual improvement from the south and west. Unsettled, however, in Hawke's Bay, with intermittent rain and some heavy falls. Temperatures cool.

WATER MUST BE CONSERVED

NAPIER'S PLIGHT STRESSED HILL'S SHORTAGE Mayor Says Supply May Be Restricted

A warning that the use of water may be restricted if householders do not voluntarily curtail the amount they have been drawing in the last few weeks, was given by the Mayor of Napier (Mr. T. W. Hercock) last night.

Mr. Hercock requested householders to confine the use of water to purely domestic requirements during the daytime. The excess use of water on the flats had created difficulties on the hill areas, where the pressure was low, and in the case of streets serviced by tributaries, the position had become so acute that there was no supply at all between 11 and 11.50 a.m.

Garden Hoses Running. During the very hot weather which has been experienced, numbers of citizens have been in the habit of leaving their garden hoses running all day in some cases all night in an endeavour to prevent growth from withering. This huge drain on the town's water supply is not felt by those on the flats who are using the water indiscriminately, but it is reflected on those who are not in a position to help themselves.

Fire Danger. Apart from the inconvenience caused, there is the potential danger of fire which would go unchecked because some people choose to abuse the Borough's regulation system. Some years ago, the Napier Borough Council constructed sufficient storage to meet the normal requirements of the borough, and only last year, brought the new Enfield Road reservoir into operation, so that there is ample water to meet the requirements of the town under ordinary circumstances, if the water is used with discretion.

"Wasting Time Of The Court"

KEROSENE STOLEN "Impudent Theft And Impudent Defence"

"You are wasting the time of the Court; you can't expect the Court to believe what you say," said the Magistrate (Mr. J. Miller, S.M.) when Gordon Arthur Scott, 36, charged with the theft of a drum of kerosene, was giving evidence in the Hastings Magistrate's Court yesterday. The kerosene, valued at £2, was the property of Arthur William Allen.

Defended by Mr E. T. Gifford, Scott pleaded not guilty. He was convicted and fined £10 and ordered to pay witnesses' expenses.

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Official Report Of Departure Of Soldiers From The Dominion

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Jan. 21.

"You are proceeding overseas in defence of the Empire. I know you will fight with the determination and spirit which inspires all the forces of the Empire. I sincerely trust you will have a safe return before so very long. I can assure you that those of us who remain at home will not forget you, and we shall do everything possible for your welfare."

These were the words which His Excellency the Governor General (Lord Galway) addressed to members of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force who, it may now be revealed, are established in Fiji.

An expression of Godspeed and hope for an early as well as a safe return was also made by the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser), who associated in his message the other members of the War Cabinet.

Mr Fraser referred to Mr Anthony Eden's commendation of the New Zealand troops whom he had inspected in the Middle East, and said he had full confidence that the units, who were then on the point of sailing would live up to the high reputation of their countrymen. The hearty cheers of the men as they tendered their thanks to His Excellency and to Mr Fraser left no doubt of their own good spirits.

Prisoner On A Raider

CLIVE RESIDENT Was Passenger On Rangifane MR P. ALLAN

Apart from a brief message that his father was seen alive and well on a raider, nothing has been heard of Mr Peter Allan by his mother, Mrs D. M. Allan, who is residing with her sister-in-law, Mrs Lindsay Gordon Clive. Mr Peter Allan, 18, was a passenger on board the Rangifane.

His father, Squadron-Leader D. M. Allan, was killed in an air accident early last year and he and his mother went to Clive to live with Mrs Gordon. Mr Allan's elder son, Midshipman A. L. M. Allan, 20, is serving with the Royal Navy.

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Other members of the board also paid a tribute to the late Mr Smith. On the motion of the chairman, a message of sympathy is to be sent to Mr Smith's relatives.

TURKS WILL BAR THE WAY

NAZI ENTRY INTO BULGARIA UNCHANGED POLICY Completely Prepared For War

(United Press Association—Copyright. Received January 21, 6 p.m.) LONDON, Jan. 20.

The Turks are ready to march, says the Istanbul correspondent of the "Daily Mail." For the past 18 months, Turkey has been steadily preparing for war. She is ready as never before in her history.

Turkey will enter the war if Germany attacks Greece, the correspondent asserts. If German troops march through Bulgaria for that purpose, Turkish troops will march at the same time to bar their way, acting as Bulgaria's ally but, if need be, as her enemy.

SHIP WITH BROKEN HELM

Call For Help Heard MANILA INTERCEPTS S O S Stormy Weather

(United Press Association—Copyright. Received January 21, 9.5 p.m.) LONDON, Jan. 20.

The "Globe" newspaper to-day intercepted an S O S from the Agsia Phalassini, at 151 deg. east 29.2 deg. north, reporting bad weather and saying that the ship had been damaged and was partly flooded.

The vessel had broken her helm. (The position given is near the Ladrone Islands, east of the Philippines.)

ROOSEVELT'S FAITH IN DEMOCRACY

INAUGURAL SPEECH (United Press Association—Copyright. Received January 21, 6 p.m.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.

President Roosevelt was to-day inaugurated as President of the United States for a third term. He drove from the White House to Capitol in an open car escorted by four army scout cars equipped with heavy machine-guns.

A procession of official cars followed, while members of the Secret Service brought up the rear. Crowds cheered as the President waved his hat.

"Democracy is not dying," Mr Roosevelt declared. "We know it, because it is built on the unhampered initiative of individual men and women joined in a common enterprise undertaken and carried through by the free expression of a free majority. We know it because democracy alone, of all forms of government, enables the full force of men's enlightened will."

"We know it because democracy alone has constructed an unlimited civilisation capable of infinite progress in the improvement of human life; because, if we look below the surface, it is still spreading on every continent. It is the most human, the most advanced, and in the end the most unresponsible of all forms of human society."

WELL KNOWN NAPIER CITIZEN'S DEATH

Mr W. Scott Popular Bus Driver NO FIGURE FIXED FOR PATIENTS

The death of Mr William Scott, a well-known Napier resident, occurred at his home in Milton Road, yesterday morning. He was 58 years of age.

For the last 18 months ago Mr Scott acquired the Bluff Hill motor service and during the intervening time, became very popular with those who rode with him. For many years he was associated with the Napier Borough Council as a contractor.

Mr Scott had been suffering from ill-health for some time before his death. He is survived by his widow and adult family.

NO SHORTAGE OF FERTILISER

Minister's Assurance To Farmers (By Telegraph—Press Association. CHRISTCHURCH, Jan. 22.)

An assurance that farmers had no cause to be concerned with the possibility of a shortage of fertiliser supplies was given by the Minister of Finance the Hon. W. Nash in an interview to-day.

He said that steps were being taken to ensure an adequate supply in spite of the damage at Nauru Island.

RETIRING FROM POLITICS

DR. D. G. McMILLAN'S VIEWS HEALTH SCHEME Belief In Success Of Plan

(Daily Mail Special Service) DUNEDIN, January 21.

In an interview in Dunedin on his return from Wellington, Dr D. G. McMillan said that naturally he had been reluctant to give up national politics, but "one had to be guided by facts and common sense."

Dr McMillan said that he was fortunate in being in Parliament at one of the most interesting times in the history of New Zealand, and when he compared conditions in New Zealand in 1935 (when he was first elected) with those to-day, he could not but be impressed with the improvement that had been effected in the living conditions of the masses of the people.

"As most people are aware," said Dr McMillan, "the subject in which I have been most interested and, indeed, the one which led me to take an active part in national politics, is the Universal National Health Insurance Scheme, and I am very pleased indeed that it is now practically accomplished and completed."

The data and framework of the Public Hospital Out-Patient and Pharmaceutical Benefits are also in being and these benefits will doubtless follow very closely on the Family Doctor Service.

"I have no doubt indeed have I ever, had any doubt about the success of the Family Doctor Service, and indeed, 12 months after its inauguration everyone will be wondering why it was not started 50 years ago."

"I consider myself very fortunate, for to few people does there come the opportunity to envisage, to formulate and to assist to develop a proposal that will confer such great benefits on the masses of the people."

"When sorting my papers prior to my return home, I came upon the proposal that I had drafted in conference of the New Zealand Labour Party at Christchurch, at which I propounded the essential principles of the health scheme which I had drawn up. I well remember my delight when those principles were endorsed and adopted by that conference."

"Everything seemed far off and theoretical in those days, but in the space of five or six years it has been transformed into reality, and I retire from national politics content in the knowledge that one of my most treasured ideals has become a reality."

"I am delighted at the appointment as Minister of Health of the Hon. A. H. Nordmeyer, whose knowledge of social needs, whose enthusiasm and whose industry will bring results not only in the realms of Health Benefits but also in the other numerous and important ramifications of Health Department activities."

It is already quite clear that the work of organising and conducting the important work of providing munitions for the defence of New Zealand is assuming very large proportions, and the responsibility of the Minister of Munitions and Supply is so great that it requires the maximum time and effort to be devoted to it. For that reason only Mr Sullivan was asked to relinquish his portfolio of Railways, and he agreed to do so, in the circumstances, so that his whole energies could be concentrated on munitions production and supply, and the co-ordination of activities in the industries of commerce, and scientific and industrial research.

Mr Semple's record as Minister of Public Works requires no emphasis or embellishment. It speaks for itself all over the Dominion. In many fields of great public benefit carried out in an efficient and enterprising manner, his adoption of modern methods of construction marks a new era in the public works activities of the Dominion. In assuming the portfolios of Railways and Marine, together with that of Transport, which he formerly handled, he will have a great opportunity of co-ordinating the work of the various Departments of the Dominion. He will also continue to devote his great energy and driving force to the war effort of the country.

As Minister of National Service, Mr Armstrong mastered in record time the work of the Health and Mental Hospitals Departments and showed a keen interest in and intelligent grasp of the many important problems engaging the attention of these departments. I regret that at a time when he was making very substantial and satisfactory progress with the inauguration of the National General Practitioner Medical Scheme he should be called upon to take on the portfolio of Public Works, but in the transfer of portfolios this was inevitable, and the sound progress he has made will be continued by the new Minister of Health (the Hon. A. H. Nordmeyer).

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PRIME MINISTER REVIEWS CABINET READJUSTMENTS

Burden Of War Work Makes Portfolio Changes Necessary

(Daily Mail) Special Service WELLINGTON, Jan. 21.

The following statement on the Cabinet changes has been made by the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser):

The readjustment of ministerial responsibilities announced to-day were rendered necessary first, because of the admission to the Cabinet of three new Ministers, secondly because of the very great extra burden of work thrown upon certain Ministers owing to their immediate participation in the direction of the country's war effort, and thirdly the desirability of co-ordinating certain Government administrative activities, and particularly those relating to transport, during the war period.

The load of duties carried by the Minister of Finance (the Hon. Walter Nash) his close and continuous application to them and his efficient handling of every question with which he has dealt are general knowledge. The work of the War Cabinet, requiring much time for study and consideration of war problems, national and international, has added largely to Mr Nash's already very heavy load, and the relinquishing of some of it became a necessity.

Services Available. Although Mr Barclay will not take over the Marketing from him, Mr Nash's experience with the ways available while, of course, on the financial side of marketing as in regard to all Governmental financial questions, the Minister of Finance will be in regular consultation.

I would like to make it clear, in case some kindly-disposed person would try to draw a difference from the Cabinet changes, that Mr Nash has enjoyed and still retains the complete confidence of his Cabinet colleagues and the Government party in his administration of the Marketing Department, and his discharge of all his other responsibilities. The same comment applies with equal force to the other Cabinet changes.

Tribute to Ministers. I could not imagine any more able and efficient administrators in their respective spheres of Ministerial responsibility than the Hon. D. G. McMillan, the Hon. R. Semple, and the Hon. H. T. Armstrong. I can only express my highest appreciation and admiration for the thorough manner in which they have carried out the duties of Minister of Railways, Public Works, and Health respectively.

They have carried my full confidence in the work of those portfolios, as well as in their other Ministerial positions, and the changes are solely on the grounds explained at the beginning of this statement.

Railway Administration. Mr Sullivan's work as Minister of Railways will long be remembered for the keen insight and progressive viewpoint that he brought to the administration and expansion of this important State enterprise. However, the duties of Minister of Supply, and particularly his activities in connection with munitions—a branch which has had to be organised right from its foundations—made such a call upon his time and attention that it has been considered essential that he should devote himself to as great an extent as possible to this important department of New Zealand's war effort.

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PROGRESS OF N.Z. RAILWAYS

HON. D. G. SULLIVAN'S TRIBUTE FAREWELL REVIEW

Co-Operation Of Staff Members

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Jan. 21.

"In relinquishing the office of Minister of Railways, I desire to extend to my friend and colleague, the Hon. R. Semple, who is taking over the Railways portfolio my best wishes for a most successful term, and I assure him of the loyal support of the 24,000 members of the staff," said the Hon. D. G. Sullivan, in an interview this evening.

"In bidding an official 'au revoir' to the members of the railways service, I would like to place on record my deep appreciation of the loyalty and co-operation extended to me at all times by the General Manager (Mr E. Casey) the executive and district officers, and members generally in all branches of the service."

"One of my happiest recollections will be the unfailing courtesies extended to me during my term of office by members of railways staffs. Thanks Expressed

"To the officers and members of the staff organisations, with whom my relations have been cordial, I would like to express my thanks for their co-operation and assistance, and also my appreciation of the reasonable manner in which all requests have been considered and conducted by them during the time I have been in charge of the Department."

"There have been occasions when it was not practicable to grant requests which had been made, but the fact that the net revenue for the concessions to staff in the past five years amounted to £5,250,000, and the full value of concessions now in operation is estimated at £1,550,000, may be taken as evidence of the progress made in the pay and working conditions of the men and women in the Railways service during my period of office."

Finances Improved. "I am pleased to mention the improvement in the financial position during the past year. For the 40 weeks ended on January 4, the net revenue amounts to approximately £1,050,000, an increase of £550,000 more than that of the corresponding period of the previous year. It is estimated that the net revenue for the year ending on March 31, 1941, will be about £1,600,000, and it is hoped that it may even exceed the record earnings of £1,632,794 in 1928."

MR SEMPLE'S NEW PORTFOLIO

PUBLIC WORKS POST GIVEN UP NEW MINISTERS Swearing-In Ceremony Yesterday

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Jan. 21.

A number of Cabinet changes were announced by the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) to-day. Among the most important is that the Hon. R. Semple will take over the Railways portfolio from the Hon. D. G. Sullivan, and the Hon. H. T. Armstrong will be the new Minister of Public Works.

Mr Nordmeyer (Oamaru) will take the Health portfolio from Mr Armstrong, and Mr J. G. Barclay (Marsden) will be given the office of Minister of Agriculture, and will relieve the Hon. W. Nash of Marketing.

Mr Semple will also be Minister of Marine, and the Hon. D. Wilson, M.L.C., will take charge of broadcasting, which has been relinquished by Mr Fraser. Mr Sullivan will take over the Scientific and Industrial Research Ministry, and the Hon. H. G. R. Mason will be Minister in Charge of Prisons. Mr Nordmeyer is taking control of mental hospitals, friendly societies, and the National Provident Fund.

The two new Ministers, Messrs Barclay and Nordmeyer, and Mr P. K. Faika, who will be a member of the Executive Council representing the native race, were sworn in by the Governor-General (Lord Galway) this morning.

N.Z. University Senate DEGREES CONFERRED

(By Telegraph—Press Association) AUCKLAND, Jan. 21.

After meetings since Thursday, the Senate of the University of New Zealand completed its annual sessions to-day.

Approval of the insertion of Maori as an optional subject in the syllabus for the University Entrance Scholarship Examination was given. The Habens Prize for this year has been awarded to Miss A. H. McNeur, who is on the staff of St. Mary's College, Wellington. No award was made for the Bowen Prize, for which only one entry was received.

The following degrees were conferred by the Senate:— Bachelor of Arts (University of Otago); F. W. Craddock, Bachelor of Commerce (Auckland University); V. E. Jones (L.L.B.), Canterbury University; E. B. Dalmer (B.E.), University of Otago; S. C. Parker, Bachelor of Agricultural Science—Massey Agricultural College; W. J. Forrest, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery; L. Adams, N. C. Egge, A. D. G. Blain (B.Sc.), B. L. Bowker, G. L. Clark (B.Sc.), G. B. Courtis, J. F. Menzies, K. L. Park, V. T. Pearce, C. T. B. Pearson, J. Rich, L. P. Simmons, A. H. Stewart, M. Watt, P. M. Stewart.

Bachelor of Dental Surgery—University of Otago; E. H. Stephenson,

Two New Vessels For Coastal Traffic (By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Jan. 21.

The former United States Baltic Corporation steamers Baltanic (1793 tons) and Baltraffic (3297 tons) were acquired to carry frozen meat to main ports to assist in the quick turn-round of overseas liners, are now on commission, and the former left to-day for Picton, and the latter sailed on Thursday for Nelson.

LATE SPORTING ACCEPTANCES FOR PAHIATUA Select Fields MEETING TO OPEN SATURDAY

PAHIATUA, Jan. 21. Following are the acceptances received for the annual race meeting of the Pahiatua Racing Club to be held on Saturday and Monday next, January 26 and 27.

MAIDEN RACE Of 1100; 7 furlongs 55yds. Lady Garvas, E. Action, Orati, Manahau, March Easy, Locrin, Rondalina, Inform, Rhodes, Mentony, Yurilla, Elusory, Luath.

KONINI HACK HANDICAP Of 1110; 7 furlongs Augment 9.0, Authors 8.12, Collings 8.11, Counter 8.11, Goldburn 8.3, Royal Pageant 8.1, Pitmark 7.13, Army Girl 7.7, Dawn Parade 7.7, Inform 7.7, Little Mergot 7.7, Triple Crown 7.7.

BALLANCE HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP Of 1110; 1 mile and 110 yards De Friend 11.8, Kaiwaka 10.12, Golden Ridge 9.12, War Cloud 9.7, Red Chief 9.0, Gienas 8.12, Deben 9.0, Arachne 9.0, Half Castle 9.0, Name-sake 9.0, Moderate 9.0.

PAHIATUA CUP Of £200 (inc. £20 trophy); 1 1/2 miles De Friend 8.5, Hunting Cat 8.3, Gay Mistic 8.0, Kaiwaka 7.9, White Rajah 7.8, Arcas 7.4, Master Cyclon 7.3, Lindor 7.3, Grey Fox 7.3, Great Night 7.0, Piasire 7.0, Hokumai 7.0.

NURSERY HANDICAP Of 1110; 5 furlongs Soutane 9.0, Uganda 8.3, High Morale 7.7, Grey Spy 7.7, Sea Quex 7.5, Makarora 7.5, Quick Decision 7.2.

HAMUA HACK HANDICAP Of 1110; 1 mile and 100 yards Doctor Defoe 8.0, War Cloud 8.0, Steward 7.13, Hokumai 7.7, Arachne 7.12, The Montrose 7.11, Gold Card 7.9, Gold Craft 7.7, Renascer 7.7.

MAKURI HACK HANDICAP Of 1110; 6 furlongs and 55 yards Flying Spy 8.10, Mansura 8.5, Colerica 8.3, Etia 8.0, Star Zone 7.12, Hinerangi 7.11, Parlati 7.11, Black Forest 7.7, Wakarara 7.7, Coronado 7.7, First Road 7.7.

EKETAHUNA HANDICAP Of 1120; 6 furlongs and 55 yards Mittle 8.10, Kentucky 8.3, White Rajah 7.8, Harina 7.8, Black Robe 7.7, Cheerful Lady 7.0, Deham 7.0.

TRIAL STAKES AT ELLERSLIE

AUCKLAND, Jan. 21. Following are the divisions for the Trial Stakes at Ellerslie on Monday.

First Division: Cheval de Bataille, Kingcraft, Miss Ridicule, Miss Ureka, Tea Drop, Elise, March By, Land Mark, Empire, Rose Land, Court, Lucky Lady, Landsman, Lady Reynard, Wee Pat, Nalati, La Rosita, Lidarian.

Second Division: Rey Lu, Kaaloga, Heroic Star, Flying Vixen, King's Flight, Golden Bonnet, Justina, Voooruper, Hineiti, Thurunavals, Beacoup, British Mint, S.M.J. Warden, The Facist, Flylite, Surpass.

Man Ordered Out Of Court

"MERRY" DEFENDANT

"Put that man out of court; I think he is intoxicated," said the Magistrate (Mr. J. Miller, S.M.) indicating a man sitting in the public gallery at the rear of the Hastings Magistrate's Court yesterday morning. The Magistrate's direction to the constable who was on duty as Court orderly followed a series of interruptions caused by the onlooker talking loudly.

When two men were called to face charges of being on licensed premises after hours, one of the defendants was seen to be the man who had been ordered out of Court. "This man was ordered out of Court," said the Magistrate. "He should not be here."

Replying to the Magistrate's question, Sergeant P. Munro said that the defendant had been in the hotel since nine o'clock that morning, but he thought that he was in a fit state to plead. The Magistrate: "I don't think I can take his plea. Take him outside and get a constable to examine him to see if he is fit to appear."

1000 GUINEAS TOP PRICE AT N.Z. YEARLING SALES

Two Australian Purchases Head List At Annual Fixture

(By Telegraph-Press Association) WELLINGTON, Jan. 21. Top price at the National Yearling Sales, which were concluded at Trentham to-day, was 1000gns. for a brother to Sir Crusoe (Defoe-Hinewehi), bred by Mr N. Clout, Levin. He went to Australia.

The next best price was 925gns. for a colt by Foxbridge from Gay Sheila (Gay Shield-Lady Marie), he also went to Australia. Both were bought by the Randwick trainer and ex-New Zealander, J. T. Jamieson. The Defoe colt was purchased for his patron, Mr George Tancred, who recently gave 1500gns. for Sir Amyas.

The highest price for a filly was 450 guineas fetched by two lots. Mr C. Boyle, the ex-Hawke's Bay sportsman, operating for Mr E. J. Watt, Sydney, secured a chestnut bred by Mr T. H. Lowry, by Tiderace from Fintry (Chief Ruler-Desert Gold) at that figure, as did Mr J. R. McKenzie for a chestnut by Mr Standfast from Legality.

The other classes were well represented by Mr Standfast, Foxbridge, and Tiderace was a feature of the sales and there was no doubt about their outstanding quality. The Vermeers also entered the sale ring in excellent shape. New Zealanders were not backward in bidding for the best lots.

High-Priced Colt. Mr J. R. McKenzie bid up to 750 guineas for the highest-priced colt and the battle with J. T. Jamieson was subsequently taken up by a Wellington syndicate.

Mr Norman Barlow, Christchurch, paid 500 guineas for a bay colt by Foxbridge from the Chief Ruler mare Regalia, and Mr T. H. Lowry paid the same for a black colt by Foxbridge from the Romeo mare, Flying Juliet. The highest price paid locally, however, was 60gns. by Mr Ralph Stewart for a brown colt by Phalaron Bay from Martial Lady. This was a grand colt bred by Mr J. Jamieson, Masterton. He is out of a half-sister to Beau Vite, hence the interest of his eventual purchaser.

Mr Standfast Colts. Mr T. Impey, Auckland, also went to 600gns. for a colt by Mr Standfast out of Ithaca, the daughter of a three-quarter sister to Thespian. A colt by Mr Standfast from the Day Comet mare, Administration, bred by Mr A. H. Storey, Te Awamutu, was bought at 525gns. by Mr H. H. Green, Wellington.

The Te Rapa trainer, A. Winder, paid 500gns. for a brown colt by Foxbridge from Arava Rose, also bred at Te Awamutu, by Mr W. Alexander, Messrs. Inglis and Son, Sydney, paid 450gns. for a brown colt by Tiderace-Yarballo.

Another Yearling. J. T. Jamieson's only other yearling purchase was a bay filly by Man's Pal, out of a half-sister to the New Zealand Cup winner, Cerne Abbas (out of Monoxide) for 425 guineas.

The weather was unfavourable. Light rain fell early and later settled into a steady fall which continued almost without interruption throughout the day. Temporary arrangements for shelter were made by erecting tarpaulins over the seating accommodation.

Sales at 1000 guineas or more are: Gns. b.f. by Crouper-Flying Mist; J. Mull, agent ... 100 Account J. W. & L. W. Story, Christchurch ... 100 b.f. by Solicitor-General-Sky Song; F. Smith, Tamini ... 100 b.f. by Solicitor-General-Lady Zephyr; A. Chisholm, Southland ... 200 Account F. B. Donnelly, Hastings ... 200 g.r.c. by Theo-Galmit; J. Mitchell, Studholme Junction ... 115 b.f. by Theo-Jenny Diver; H. D. Greenwood, Teviotdale ... 210 b.c. by Lord Quex-Squeeze; Dr Simpson, Wellington ... 220 b.c. by Lord Quex-Seamstress; J. Holmes, Biscarton ... 130 Account J. N. Lane, Hastings; g.r.c. by Theo-Lady Artful; F. C. Christie, Orari ... 225 Account G. F. Moore, Kai Iwi; b.c. by Gynerium-Lady Baraback; E. L. Morrison, Masterton ... 310 Account W. R. Stead, Hastings; b.f. by Gynerium-Desirable; L. S. Otway, Cambridge ... 240 Account J. D. Ormond, Karamu; b.c. by Bulandshar-Leith; H. D. Greenwood, Teviotdale ... 140 Account T. H. Lowry, Okawa; ch.c. by Tiderace-Courtesy; M. Geary, Sydney ... 200 b.f. by Tiderace-Cornelia; A. F. M. Symes, Hastings ... 180 ch.f. by Tiderace-Fintry; G. Boyle, Palmerston North ... 450 b.c. by Tiderace-Symbolo; Wm. Inglis and Son, Sydney ... 450 Account Trelawney Stud, Cambridge ... 450 b.c. by Foxbridge-Pelagia; N. Barlow, Christchurch ... 300 b.f. by Foxbridge-Flying Juliet; T. H. Lowry, Okawa ... 500 b.c. by Vermeer-Dignified; B. Webster, Wellington ... 200 Account G. Courtney, Ngatea; b.c. by Foxbridge-Gay Sheila; J. T. Jamieson, Sydney ... 950 Account Mrs R. T. Reid, Hamilton; ch.f. by Mr Standfast-Legality; J. R. McKenzie, Christchurch ... 450 ch.c. by Tiderace-Du Barry; D. H. Chaplin, Wellington ... 170 On Account H. Hassall, Hastings; b.c. by Leighton-Hark Forrad; A. Cook, Awamutu ... 115 b.f. by Bulandshar-Love of Silver; D. Wallace, Te Awamutu ... 165 b.c. by Phalaron Bay-Martial Lady; Ralph Stewart, Wellington ... 600 Account R. B. Hines, Te Aroha; ch.c. by Musketoon-Elope; F. Elbe, Wellington ... 250 Account A. B. Mair, Feilding; b.f. by Colossus-Tripping; J. H. Jeffery, Ngatarawa ... 270 Account F. J. Savage, Waimata; ch.c. by Standfast-Ithaca; T. Impey, Auckland ... 900 b.f. by Jay-Lady March; Miss McGregor ... 150 Account A. W. Melkie, Hastings; g.r.c. by Theo-Laquer; J. H. Grigg, Longbeach ... 250 b.f. by Bulandshar-Charles; Trelawney Stud, Cambridge ... 300 g.c. by Mr Standfast-Mint Sauce; R. A. Wattie, Hastings ... 140 b.c. by Mr Standfast-Fairy Gold; Pyne Gould, Guinness ... 200 Account N. Clout, Levin; ch.f. by Defoe-Hine Wehi; J. T. Jamieson, Sydney ... 1000

CIVIL CASES HEARD AT HASTINGS

Judgment for plaintiffs in default of defendants was entered by Mr J. Miller, S.M., in the following debt cases dealt with in the Magistrate's Court Hastings, yesterday:—W. Heynes v. F. S. Banks £14 5/3, costs £3 16/-; Chas. Read Motors v. R. H. Reils £19/-, costs £3 16/-; J. S. Fanning v. Groceries Ltd., v. A. James £4 18/4, costs £1 7/6; Commissioner of Taxes v. H. P. McAviney £7 16/-, costs 15/-; Roachs (1931), Ltd. v. Joe Mataira £2 6/2, costs £1 11/6; Guy E. Milne v. Rangitikei Whero, £9/-, costs 13/-; F. Kelly v. Taranaki Railways £5 12/-, costs £1 19/6; Charlton's Ltd. v. W. McGreevey £7 13/-, costs £1 14/6; Noel Wilson v. P. Wilson 13/-, costs 8/-; Garry Ryan v. Mary Lloyd 19/11, costs 9/-.

Judgment summonses: T. Raihanua was ordered to pay Holt and Sons, Ltd. £4 8/9 forthwith, in default five days' imprisonment; P. S. Fanning to pay Wireless Service Co., Ltd. £5 16/4 forthwith, in default seven days' imprisonment; Joe Taylor to pay W. Dunningham £4 6/11 forthwith, in default five days' imprisonment; James Hapuku to pay E. D. Jeffery, Ltd. £5 4/2 forthwith, in default six days' imprisonment.

RUAKITURI HOME GUARD

First Parade Arranged For Sunday "Daily Mail" Special Service. RUAKITURI. The Ruakituri Unit of the Home Guard was formed at a well-attended meeting, Captain Turnbull, Napier, and Major Scott, Wairoa, explained the aims and objects of the organisation and the obligations involved by membership.

Forty enrolments were made and Mr H. Evans, appointed local officer commanding. The first parade is to be held on the Ruakituri golf course on Sunday at 10 a.m., and thereafter on alternate Sundays.

Memoranda

Owners of dogs should take notice of the Napier Borough Council's advertisement in to-day's issue that their dogs must now be registered for the current year. Unregistered dogs are liable to be impounded and the owners of same are liable to a fine of £5.

A reminder is given of the Here-taunga Swimming Club's weekly carnival, to be held this evening at the Madison Baths, Hastings. A large number of well-known swimmers are expected to compete. On Saturday night there will be a Grand Open Carnival, with visitors attending from the Wairarapa, Dannevirke and Napier as well as Hastings and district.

The Napier Secondary Education Board notifies that only a few vacancies are now available at the hostels attached to the Napier Boys' and Girls' High Schools. Excellent accommodation is available at each hostel, while the fees, having regard to present conditions, are very reasonable. The Girls' Hostel is the most modern of its type in New Zealand. Parents who desire to enrol their children at the hostels for the current year should make early application to the Secretary, Napier Secondary Education Board, Education Office, Napier, from whom full particulars can be obtained.

GOOD SALE FOR LAMBS

LARGE YARDING AT WAIPUKURAU HIGH QUALITY

Breeding Ewes In Little Demand (Daily Mail Special Service) WAIPUKURAU. There was a steady sale for lambs at the weekly stock sale held in Waipukuru yesterday with a slight easing tendency on recent rates for top lines. Medium and second class lots showed little change.

The yarding included some entries in splendid order, showing size, condition and breeding. Little interest was taken for wethers, most of which were passed in. Breeding ewes were difficult to trade. Quality in these, however, was not a feature. Extra forward we grew Down cross lambs made 19/6, others also forward made 18/4; medium grown and forward 16/10 to 17/4.

Very little competition was shown for a small yarding of fat sheep, fat wethers making 22/1, fat ewes 12/6, Down cross lambs 13/ to 15/9.

On account of Mr C. B. Heatley, Wallingford, 183 Down cross lambs, good condition, handling well, being a good rape proposition sold at 18/4. From Te Uri, old hard country, 188 Down cross lambs, well grown, appearance being spilt with seed realised 16/5.

On account of Te Awa Station, 204 lambs, good condition, handling well, being in very light condition and backward, sold at 8/7. On account of Wallingford Station, 139 well grown, white faced wethers, handling well, very forward sold at 18/7.

On account of Mr R. E. Tully, Porangahau, 159 small to medium grown W.F. wether lambs, a week on rape, sold at 12/- to 19/6. An entry of 150 medium to fairly grown cross lambs, forward condition, ready for finishing on rape, realised 13/4.

From Otane, 116 fairly grown well boned, wether lambs, forward order, and very bright, sold at 16/2. From Mangaroa, 130 small and fine boned mixed two-tooth ewes, an inferior lot, made 21/9.

On account of Mr W. D. Flemming, 152 medium grown Down cross wether lambs, in good order for putting on rape, made 17/ for 200, the remainder making 16/10.

On account of Mr A. Houseman, Mangaroa, an entry of two-tooth ewes, little mixed in size, wool in good order, much superior to a pen offered earlier, realised 26/-. An entry of 111 woolly w.f. wether lambs, medium grown, good order, sold at 15/11.

On account of Mr T. O'Connor, Porangahau, an entry of well grown and very forward Down cross lambs made 15/6. On account of the same vendor, 65 extra well grown, early shorn W.F. wether lambs, forward condition, being in unusually good lot and the size of two-tooths, sold at 13/9.

On account of Mr J. Goring Johnston, a pen of forward wethers mixed in size, made 19/3. An offering of well framed, roomy, sound mouthed five-year ewes were passed at 14/6.

An offering of fairly framed two-tooth ewes carrying too much condition were passed at 27/-. An entry of well framed four-tooth ewes, in very forward condition were passed at 21/6.

NORSEWOOD STOCK SALE

Reports By Brokers VALUES MAINLY STEADY

Williams and Kettle Ltd. report having held their weekly Norsewood Stock Sale on Monday, when they offered a good yarding of sheep and cattle to a good attendance of buyers. Sheep prices were firm on late rates with good competition for ewe lambs and young wether lambs. Cattle also sold well.

They quote as follows:—Good 2-th ewers 25/6; small 2-th ewes 15/-; good wether lambs 17/6; medium wether lambs 9/3 to 10/9; small wether lambs 7/10 to 8/-; ewe lambs 13/3 to 13/9; 2-th lambs 16/6; fat ewes, cows and heifers 44/9/- to 46/1/-; store Jer. cows and heifers 22/ to 23/17/-; weaner Jer. heifers 15/- to 12/7/-; 2-yr P.A. steers 16/.

Hawke's Bay Farmers The Hawke's Bay Farmers' Co-op Assn. Ltd. report having offered a good yarding of all classes of lambs at the Norsewood Sale. The attendance was good and prices were fully maintained with recent sales. A total clearance was effected at values ranging as follows:— Small 2-th ewes 22/-; S.D. lambs (medium) 14/- to 15/6; ewe lambs 13/7 to 13/8; wether lambs (medium) 10/1 to 14/-; wether lambs (small) 6/6 to 9/-; fat cows 14 to 14 19/-; store Jer. cows 15/- to 12/7/-; 2-yr P.A. steers 16/.

Dalgety and Co. Dalgety and Co. Ltd. report that the weekly stock sale held at Norsewood Yards attracted a very good attendance of local farmers. The yarding of sheep was good, but comprised mostly small lots of lambs, and two of the pens of 2-th ewes. The demand was good, all lots maintaining recent good prices.

In the cattle section mostly Jersey cross cattle were yarded, and here again a good clearance was made. The following is a summary of prices:— Medium 2-th ewes 22/6 to 25/6; good Romney cross woolly lambs 15/9 to 16/7; medium lines 12/6 to 13/9; Down cross lambs 12/6 to 15/6; woolly ewe lambs (small) 16/-; shorn ewe lambs 12/6.

Cattle—Fat Jersey cows 44 1/- to 44 15/-; fat and forward cows 25 15/- to 43 15/-; Jersey weaner heifers 22/- to 43 4/-; Jersey heifers n.w. bulls 44 17/6.

WELLINGTON EXCHANGE

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IMPORTATION OF PLANT AND FRUIT DISEASES

Orchardists Told That A "Quarantine" Will Be Imposed

With a view to checking the introduction of plant and fruit diseases from overseas countries a Bill is to be brought before the next session of Parliament to control the importation of plants by nurserymen and others.

This information was given by Dr G. H. Cunningham, of the Plant Diseases Division of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, in the course of an address at a field day held at the Research Orchard, Havelock North, yesterday afternoon.

"On an average between five and eight new plant diseases are imported into this country each year," said Dr Cunningham. "They might be termed undesirable aliens, and I could name at least 400 more that are just waiting their opportunity to get in."

Tomato Mite As an instance of the devastating effect of some imported diseases, he quoted the tomato mite, which appeared likely to ruin the hot-house tomato business in Auckland a few seasons ago. By urgent research a method of controlling the pest was found.

The citrus canker was another example of a disease that had been the cause of heavy loss to fruit-growers. It was unintentionally imported from Australia by a nurseryman some years ago, and no method of controlling it other than the destruction of affected trees had been discovered.

Plants From Japan Every year between 30,000 and 40,000 plants come to New Zealand from Japan, the main reason being that they could be produced more cheaply there than in this country.

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WOOL APPRAISAL AT PORT Analysis Of Hawke's Bay Clip Having completed their catalogues Hawke's Bay woolbrokers are offering a total of 31,718 bales to the North Island appraisers, who are at present engaged at the Port Ahuriri stores. The Hawke's Bay clip is being offered by the various brokers as follows: Bales H.B. Farmers' Co-op Assn. ... 9138 Williams and Kettle Ltd. ... 8792 Dalgety and Co. Ltd. ... 4795 Murray, Roberts and Co. Ltd. ... 3918 de Feliche, McLeod and Co. Ltd. ... 3031 N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co. Ltd. ... 2044 Total ... 31,718

Plant Diseases Division, described in detail experiments designed to find the most effective orchard sprays for different purposes and for use in different localities. He expressed the opinion that complete control could be secured with a weaker mixture than was generally employed by orchardists, provided the coverage of the trees was thorough.

Lime Necessary In answer to a question the visitors expressed the opinion that a high proportion of lime to lead arsenate should be used in sprays in this district, as the hardness of the water neutralised a certain amount of lime. A proportion of 1 1/2 lead, 3 lime to 100 water was probably most suitable for Hawke's Bay.

The president of the Fruit-growers' Association (Mr J. H. Milne) presided, and on his motion votes of thanks were accorded the visitors and all the ladies' committee, headed by Mrs A. L. Baumgart, who provided afternoon tea.

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Colincamps will have a truck "made to his order." Counter is only fair with All Quiet reading a better proposition. Colerica has not raced since winning at Woodville and, being out of a Merry Moment pace, will not mind a "bit of mud". Ela and Pitmark might be the best of the remainder. There should be support for

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HASTINGS GARAGES NAPIER

WET CONDITIONS LIKELY

GAY FOX FANCIED IN BIG RACE

Ashhurst-Pohangina Meeting

(By THE BARB)

Weather conditions may be unsettled for to-morrow's Ashhurst-Pohangina Racing Club's Golden Jubilee meeting, and unless it clears up early this morning the indications promise a heavy track. This is unfortunate as the club's executive had gone to a great deal of trouble to celebrate the occasion. Only two participants at the original meeting are alive today, Mr Fred Roberts, Ashhurst, and Mr F. Quinnivan, Hastings. Unfortunately, Mr Quinnivan will be unable to be present.

From a racing point of view this meeting has every appearance of being tip-top, as the class of horse engaged is just below the best grade.

The single pool betting system will be in operation. Following is a review of the eight events:—

12.0—HACK HURDLES. Of £150; 14 miles. Kaitiaki 13 Moradab 9 2 Great Quax 11 1 Royal Zone 9 0 Hanover 10 9 Parekura 9 0 War Lap 10 4 Glen Donal 9 0 Selkirk 9 0 Prinhia 9 4

Kaitiaki is a solid gelding so he should be able to handle 11.13. He is good in soft going. In the right temperament Great Quax is more than useful, but being erratic at times, is apt to let his supporters down. That finished fencer, Hanover, is reported to be in forward condition.

War Lap, with racing condition on his side, is just the type to handle this turning track to perfection. Selkirk is said to be improving in his jumping so that on his second to Great Quax at Marton, he enters calculations. Prinhia has a little form offering, while Old Bill's sister, Moradab, is reported to be in particularly fine shape. There is no form offering from the remaining trio. Machine speculators may patronise

KAIWAKA SELKIRK GREAT QUAX

12.40—NOVICE STAKES. Of £100; 6 furlongs. Inform 8 7 Israe 8 7 Wenewene 8 7 Arachne 8 7 Nina 8 7 March Easy 8 7 Support 8 7 Gallarda 8 7 Menahau 8 7 Empire Action 8 7 Civilian 8 7 Sir Fox 7 12

There is very little public form available to help speculators surmise this field up. Inform was second to Ringcraft at Marton while Empire Action has one third to his credit. Civilian and Sir Fox have not yet started and the remainder engaged have never once been in the money. There is not a great deal of inducement to speculate here, but what there is points to

INFORM ISRAEL EMPIRE ACTION

1.20—KOMAKO HACK. Of £150; 6 furlongs. Scandal 9 0 Lindrum 7 7 Dark Eagle 8 12 Lord 7 7

The two top-weights, Scandal and Dark Eagle, failed at Wellington, but back to a grade lower may make some atonement. Miss Leighton will find the turning track and short straight much more to her liking than Trentham.

Sea Link has not been in the money in her last seven attempts. Mansura won at both Taranaki and Stratford so may be a source of annoyance to the top weights. Ringcraft entered the winning list by winning a double at Marton. Silver Shekel, Star Zone and Rhodes have won, but their form is not attractive. Favouritism may be disputed by

MISS LEIGHTON VALIANT LADY MANSURA

2.0—ASHHURST CUP. Of £200; 11 miles. Dynasty 9 0 Lindrum 7 7 Dark Eagle 8 12 Lord 7 7

Awapuni form gives both Dynasty and Dark Eagle good chances. Hunting Cat does not care for a soft track and no more does the long striding Ruatiti. Notium has yet to score this season. White Rajah will be at Trentham while Kaitiaki may contest the hurdles, but if he is served for the Cup, would have a chance. Lindrum is not fancied.

Lord Cavendish may surprise but Gay Fox, winner of the Douro Cup last Saturday, is a distinct possibility. Laughing Song will not be there and Plastron at the minimum, is not without a fair chance. The betting order may read

GAV FOX LORD CAVENDISH DARK EAGLE

2.45—RAUMATI HACK. Of £150; 7 furlongs. Colincamps 9 0 Waimutu 7 11 Counter 8 11 Viracious 7 7 All Quiet 8 4 Army Girl 7 7 Colerica 8 2 Riotous 7 7 Pitmark 8 0 Little Margot 7 7

Colincamps will have a track "made to his order." Counter is only fair with All Quiet reading a better proposition. Colerica has not raced since winning at Woodville and, being out of a Merry Moment pace for merrily five furlongs and so can the Tractor mare, Wakarara. Kinariki, on Waipukurau form, is a possibility. Star Mark won the Stratford maiden. Well drawn at the barrier, most investments may be carried by

CURTALL COLINCAMPS COLERICA

3.1—SIBERIA HACK. Of £150; 7 furlongs. Valiant Lady 9 6 Wakarara 7 11 Sunny Knight 8 10 Miss Hallomet 7 10 Golden Dawn 8 9 Kinariki 7 9 Silver Shekel 8 3 Empire Action 7 7 Star Mark 8 1 Coronado 7 7 Cheetah 7 13 Sporting Luck 7 7 Fariato 7 11 Squeers 7 7

Valiant Lady is smart over five. Sunny Knight might, but is hardly at his best. Cheetah can muster up pace for a merry five furlongs and so can the Tractor mare, Wakarara. Kinariki, on Waipukurau form, is a possibility. Star Mark won the Stratford maiden. Well drawn at the barrier, most investments may be carried by

WAKARARA VALIANT LADY CHEETAH

At his first attempt this season, Marton, Saxon Tor won, but not

The Concluding Day At Trentham

WET TRACK EXPECTED

Altered Conditions May Yet Upset Calculations

(By THE BARB)

Racing should be of a high order for the concluding day of the Wellington summer meeting with the Summer Handicap, second in importance to the Cup, a big attraction. However, if rain continues there is a big chance of calculations being upset.

With a change in the order of the events the concluding day's programme now opens with the

12.12—KELBURN HANDICAP: of £370, 11 furlongs.—Last Acre 8.13, Laughing Song 8.8, Iceland Spar 8.6, Kalka 8.5, Titte 7.5, Martene 7.5, The Monarch 7.7, Gay Thread 7.7.

Last Acre, during the last few meetings, has been a consistent hack performer, and with 8.13 must enter calculations with the next best. Laughing Song is another hack which has been racing honestly. She was unplaced in the two open handicaps at the Marton New Year meeting and again in the Apprentices' Plate last Thursday, but previous to that had collected prize money seven times in succession (2 firsts, 5 seconds). As she stays well she must be one to consider today.

The Australian-bred gelding, Iceland Spar, has raced below expectations in his Trentham engagements and his recent performances to date are nothing to enthuse over, but, on account of her racing fitness she will not be without admirers—maybe a case of the survival of the fittest. In a recent form, she is passed over in favour of Martene, the next on the list. The Monarch must appeal strongly on last Thursday's and Saturday's showing. Gay Thread is no more than a possibility. Ruling favourites may be

THE MONARCH LAUGHING SONG LAST ACRE

12.54—WALLACEVILLE HIGH-WEIGHT: of £350, 1 mile.—Esperance Bay 11.5, Black Musk 11.1, Great Night 10.1, Hapay and 9.12, Twenty Grand 9.7, Rustem 9.5, Boatson 9.3, War Cloud 9.3, Doctor Defoe 9.2, Arable 9.0, Moderate 9.0, Namesake 9.0, Thrasos 9.0.

Esperance Bay can be described as one of the finest horses in competition. Last season he was saddled up on twenty occasions and already this season has gone to the post a dozen times, in cups, highweights, hack races and hurdle events, being only twice out of the money. He has gone up 9lbs for Saturday's win but now the distance is three furlongs shorter.

Black Musk must be very hard on his two big days' good showings. Good Night might, but his running last week hardly justified the monetary confidence placed in him. So well did he win last Thursday that Happy Ending is sure to be well supported. Rustem has only started twice this season—out of the money each time—and has not won a race for over eighteen months.

Of the four light-weights, Arable, Moderate, Namesake and Thrasos, the first may run most prominently. Doctor Defoe is also engaged. Three that should appeal are

HAPPY ENDING BLACK MUSK

1.27—HOPEFUL STAKES: of £500, 5 furlongs.—Buck Spar 9.2, Cambria 9.0, Corn Prince 8.9, Golden Moon 8.4, Bird of Prey 8.2, Prince Plato 8.2, Gunyah 8.1, Lady Arachne 7.8, Gay Mimir 7.5, Willow Wood 7.2, Acqueduct 7.0, Fleche d'Or 7.0, Kevin 7.0, Nightward 7.0, Ring Chief 7.0, Sir Reynard 7.0, Sports Flash 7.0.

For two-year-olds, so decisively did Burra Sahib win last week that he is now the logical favourite. Cambria is a smart youngster as out of his six starts he has twice won and once come second. This is his first appearance at Trentham. He hails from the same stable as Route March, the Dominion's premier juvenile so far this term.

Corn Prince won at Auckland and so is not without credentials, although he was well beaten in the Wellington Stakes. Golden Moon is

since, Night Eruption and White Rajah will be at Wellington. Harina appears to have gone off. A trio that will welcome the change of going is Screen Lord, Hunting Blood and Diana Tetric. Lost form of late has fallen to Black Robe and Tuatara. Huil reads the best of the others. Three that appeal

HUNTING BLOOD DIANA TETRICK SCREEN LORD

4.18—HACK CUP HANDICAP. Of £200; 9 furlongs. Athores 9 0 Gold Card 7 11 Colincamps 8 12 Arabic 7 10 Miss Leighton 8 11 Tauru 7 9 Counter 8 9 Star Zone 7 9 Goldburn 8 3 Segra 7 9 Curtall 8 2 Rose Acre 7 9 Hunting Cat 8 12 Wavelength 7 7 Hokumal 8 0 Little Margot 7 7 Colerica 8 0

Athores, on past performances, should be at a disadvantage on the turning track and soft going. Colincamps reserved for this event would be fancied but not so Miss Leighton. Golden Dawn has a track to beat in the century and a half. Curtall's Marton win entitles him to respect. The others have either previous engagements or no form. Providing they go to the post the fancies may be

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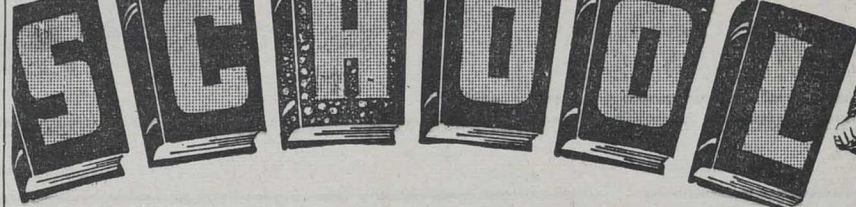
5.1—SIBERIA HACK. Of £150; 7 furlongs. Valiant Lady 9 6 Wakarara 7 11 Sunny Knight 8 10 Miss Hallomet 7 10 Golden Dawn 8 9 Kinariki 7 9 Silver Shekel 8 3 Empire Action 7 7 Star Mark 8 1 Coronado 7 7 Cheetah 7 13 Sporting Luck 7 7 Fariato 7 11 Squeers 7 7

Valiant Lady is smart over five. Sunny Knight might, but is hardly at his best. Cheetah can muster up pace for a merry five furlongs and so can the Tractor mare, Wakarara. Kinariki, on Waipukurau form, is a possibility. Star Mark won the Stratford maiden. Well drawn at the barrier, most investments may be carried by

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All Quiet, bearing an improved appearance, strode solidly over half a mile on the course proper, and came in from the three-furlong peg in 33secs. She is to be stepped out in the Raunui Hack (8.4). Colerica, Pitmark and Waimutu figure in the same race, and as they are well forward in condition, it looks as if some stake money will come Awapuni's way.

Manahau and Civilian were restricted to five furlongs on the plough, which were covered resolutely. Goldburn, under restraint, went six furlongs on the plough, and was kept to increase the pace. She will contest the Manawatu Gorge Hack Cup (8.3).

Useful Work Given. Other horses engaged at Ashhurst were given useful exercise. Among those that claimed attention were Star Zone, Selkirk, Great Quax, Hanover, Inform, Wenewene, Silver Shekel, Tau-uru, March Easy, Co-

libri, and Lady Grey. The last named, who is now in charge of E. W. Watson, is rapidly making headway. She is a four-year-old, by Lord Quex—Sylvanum, and will race in the colours of Mr. R. Pearson, Ohakune.

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