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Terrific Blow Believed Imminent
INVASION ATTEMPT

18,000 German 'Planes Said To Be Ready

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.

Advices reaching National Defence officials indicate that the most critical period for Britain can be expected within a few weeks, when Germany will attempt an all-out blow in a desperate effort to finish the war.

It is believed that German operations against Britain so far have been experimental, testing new destructive devices with which she will make a big attack unparalleled in world history.

American observers abroad believe that Germany has equipped more than 400,000 men for the invasion, which is expected to coincide with an attack by 18,000 'planes, with an equal number of reserves.

There is no reason to expect that Germany lacks either fuel or pilots.

According to the Berlin radio, the Nazi Foreign Minister (Joachim von Ribbentrop) has issued a statement saying that events in 1941 will bring final victory. Germany and Italy, united with Japan, will break Britain's dominance of the world, speed up the restoration of peace, and create a better world, he says.

Naval Supremacy
Admiral Raeder, Chief of the German Naval Staff, in an address to German dock workers, said: "The British Navy must be defeated at all costs."

He added: "England knows that she exists or falls by imports. Help from outside is too late to save her. The British losses so far have been 6,300,000 tons of mercantile shipping and 450,000 tons of naval shipping."

The final struggle will not be easy. The German Navy will attack the veins of England, and the Luftwaffe will destroy military objectives, factories, and harbours, making supplies impossible.

BALLOT NOT DUE IMMEDIATELY

SECOND OVERSEAS DRAW

REPORT DENIED

"Not Discussed," Says Mr Semple

By Telegraph—Press Association
CHRISTCHURCH, Jan. 29.

A denial of reports that the drawing of a second ballot for overseas services was to be made shortly was given in an interview to-day by the Minister of National Service (the Hon. R. Semple). The first overseas ballot was gazetted on December 4 and only a few of the men drawn have so far entered camp.

Replying to a question as to whether a second ballot was to be drawn soon, Mr Semple said that the subject had not been discussed by him with the Director of National Service (Mr J. S. Hunter) and no instructions had been issued by the Government that a ballot was to take place.

"A public announcement will be made in due course," Mr Semple said. "Due notice, well in advance, will be given to men called in the ballot that they will be required to go into camp."

ARRESTED BY THE SECRET POLICE

New Zealander's Plight

OFFENDED PANAMA AUTHORITIES

Anti-Italian Views

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BALBOA, Jan. 28.

Edward M. Scott, a New Zealander and managing editor of the newspaper "Panama American," escaped to American soil after his arrest by Panamanian secret police.

A later message says that Scott was handed over to the Panama authorities who are holding him for deportation to Jamaica or New Zealand.

Not Quite "Neutral"
Scott, a well-known New Zealand journalist, was recently warned by Arnulfo Arias, newly-elected President of Panama, that his conduct was not sufficiently "neutral" because he supplied the manager of a local beer garden with a news bulletin announcing an English victory over the Italian Navy. An Italian Minister who was in the beer garden at the time complained to the Panamanian Government.

Passengers And Crew Rescued

THREE MISSING

U.S. Army Transport On Rocks

LIFEBOAT CAPSIZES

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SEATTLE, Jan. 28.

The Navy gunboat Charleston has rescued 47 passengers and members of the crew from the Kvichak. Three persons are unaccounted for and believed lost, while 13 persons remained aboard the Kvichak.

An earlier San Francisco message said that the United States Army transport Kvichak, which struck Sister Rocks, midway between Seattle and Ketchikan (Alaska), is now announced to have settled aground on the rocky shoreline half-way up the coast of British Columbia. Passengers and most of the crew took to lifeboats, and it is reported that one boat capsized.

NEW ZEALANDER'S DISTINCTION

Now Air Commodore

SERVICE IN LAST WAR

Group Captain Carr

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LONDON, Jan. 28.

Eight new Air Commodores include a New Zealander, Group Captain C. E. Carr, who joined the Fleet Air Arm in 1915. He served in France and later in North Russia, where he gained the D.F.C. He was Flying Officer in Sir Ernest Shackleton's last expedition and broke the world's non-stop record in 1927.

British Drive In Eritrea

INDIANS PROMINENT

Attack At Bayonet Point

DIFFICULT COUNTRY

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LONDON, Jan. 28.

In a graphic dispatch sent by courier to a cable station from somewhere in Eritrea, the special correspondent of the British United Press describes the quick British penetration of Eritrea, particularly emphasising the effectiveness of the two-prong drive.

The British, he says, split into two forces after crossing the frontier, and met again at a point 35 miles from Agordat, near Bisha. All along the line the British are advancing inexorably, he adds. Indian troops with fixed bayonets are playing a prominent part, although the Italians have resisted at only three points.

IMPROVEMENT IN HEALTH

Mr R. G. Casey Expects To Leave Hospital

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.

The health of Mr. R. G. Casey, Australian Minister to Washington, has improved and he expects to leave hospital at the week-end.

GREEKS SMASH ATTACKS

FOUR TANKS SET ON FIRE

CENTRAL FRONT

Italians Forced To Give Ground

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LONDON, Jan. 29.

The Athens Radio reports that "Greeks smashed two big Italian attacks in the central sector. Greek artillery laid down a deadly barrage under which the Italians broke and fled, four tanks being destroyed."

It is now established that the Italians' desperate attempt to secure a tardy success in Albania completely failed, the Greeks using blankets soaked in petrol to stem surprise tank attacks. The Greeks hide behind rocks and bushes until the tanks are almost on top of them, then rush out and throw the blankets, which become entangled in the caterpillar tracks and set fire to the tanks.

Hospital Bombed
It is officially stated in Athens that Italian aircraft bombed a military hospital at Salonika on Tuesday, killing a member of the staff and injuring ten others, including four patients.

The Athens correspondent of "The Times" in an earlier message said that, with a slight improvement in the weather, operations on the Albanian front are losing their predominantly local character. The persistent Greek tactics of continually nibbling at the enemy heights are beginning to create excellent prospects from the viewpoint of general strategy.

This especially applies to the central sector. Although actions in this region remain formally local, yet the fact that they are chiefly centred on certain key points of wide strategic significance suggests that they will presently lead to results sufficiently important to be publicly revealed.

Greek Advance
The Italians to-day continued to counter-attack northward of Klisura on the central front in Albania but failed to check the Greek advance.

It is disclosed in Athens that three Italian warships shelled Pikerini, southward of Himara, on Sunday. They wrecked a church and seven houses.

The intensity of the local struggles on the Albanian front is reflected in a statement by the Greek Government spokesman that the Italian losses in the last two days have been proportionately the heaviest since the invasion of Greece. Positions captured by the Greeks are strewn with Italian dead.

Bogus Distress Message

LINER WAS IN PORT

Empress Of Australia "Torpedoed"

REPORTS DENIED

British Official Wireless
(Received January 29, 6 p.m.)

RUGBY, Jan. 28.

Radio messages picked up in Florida to-day stated that the 21,833-ton Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Australia had been torpedoed 200 miles off Dakar. In fact, the Empress failed to check the Greek advance.

According to a message from Miami, the first distress signal picked up read: "SOS. Torpedoed. Down by the bow. Position about 20° 10' N, 17° 10' W. Decks awash." Ten minutes later another message was picked up. It stated: "Being shelled again." Two minutes later only unintelligible dots and dashes could be heard.

It is believed that a German trick to ascertain the whereabouts of the Empress of Australia was behind the reports that she had sent an SOS. The liner was almost certainly in port when the attack is alleged to have been made.

MAJORITY FAVOUR AID TO BRITAIN

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NEW YORK, Jan. 29.

A Gallup poll in large urban centres show that 54 per cent favour the passage of the Aid to Britain Bill.

Mr Gallup points out that the vote from the smaller centres may greatly alter the percentages. He added: "About one person in six approving the Bill wants some sort of amendment, chiefly by time limitation and the provision that the President is forbidden to send troops or the Navy abroad."

GERMANY HAS 30,000 AEROPLANES

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.

An informed source has asserted that Germany now possesses 30,000 combat 'planes, of which half are active service machines and half are reserve.

Greece Loses Its Wartime Leader, General Metaxas

(By Radio)

General Metaxas, Prime Minister of Greece, died at Athens yesterday at the age of 70 years. He recently underwent a throat operation, and subsequently received a blood transfusion.

He will be succeeded by M. Alexander Corizis, aged 55 years, who has been Governor of the Bank of Greece since 1939 and who was Minister of Health in General Metaxas' Government.

General John Metaxas was responsible for the brilliant military strategy which led ultimately to Italy's defeat on Greek soil after being led on by apparent weaknesses in the defence.

He had a long and varied career in the politics of his nation. In 1926 he was Minister of Communications, and in 1935 was appointed Secretary of State. He had a hand in the return of King George II, who had been in exile from 1924 to 1935 in England.

Strange Position
Following the arrival of King George, the Grecian elections resulted in a curious position, the Venetozisists, together with some smaller parties, having 142 seats and their opponents 143.

M. Demerdjis formed a Cabinet, but within a month both M. Venetozis and M. Demerdjis were dead, and General Metaxas, then Minister of War, became Premier.

Early in August, 1936, martial law was proclaimed. The Chamber was dissolved and with the King's approval General Metaxas became a military dictator in Greece. He was ardently patriotic, and before the Italian invasion of Greece in October of last year had maintained strict neutrality.

Integrity Defended
It will be recalled that it was on Greece decided to defend her integrity in defiance of Mussolini's military might. The success of the Greek campaign in Albania is due chiefly to the measure to the inspiration provided by the beloved dictator.

Typical of the devotion and loyalty accorded Metaxas by his people was the comment of the Hawley's Bay Greek community when they learnt of his death last night. "Heaven help the Greeks" commented one of his countrymen who explained that under Metaxas' regime the nation had been united for the first time in its history.

\$51,000 IS IN DISPUTE

DEPARTMENT AND BOARD

ERROR OF LAW

Wellington Education Authority

By Telegraph—Press Association
WELLINGTON, Jan. 29.

The Wellington Education Board, at its monthly meeting today, received legal advice to the effect that the action of its officers in paying into the public account \$51,000 received from the Wellington City Council for the Mercer Street property was an error of law for which the officers responsible for the payment might possibly be held legally responsible to the board. The money would not be recoverable if the Education Department liked to make use of the technical defences open to it, it was said.

The matter was referred to the Finance Committee. On April 5, 1938, the board sold its Mercer Street property to the City Council for \$51,000, and the board paid the money into the public account on April 7 of that year. The bank receipt was posted to the Director of Education.

Request For Refund
At a meeting of the board in December last Colonel T. W. McDonald submitted that the board had also carried in hand over the \$51,000 to the Education Department, and moved that the board call on the Department to refund the amount, less the cost of a new office building, site and equipment in Abel Smith Street, and any moneys which the board had spent on technical education since the Legislation Act, 1928, was passed.

An amendment moved by Mr C. H. Nichols that the board obtain its solicitors' opinion on the matter was carried.

ENGINEERS TO WORK OVERTIME

Australian Union's Decision

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SYDNEY, Jan. 29.

The Commonwealth Council of the Amalgamated Engineering Union announced that it would impose an overtime ban as a protest against the Government's refusal to exempt overtime earnings from taxation.

The decision means that engineers in all metal trade shops throughout Australia, totalling about 35,000, will work overtime if asked to do so.

DEADLY AERIAL TORPEDO

HOW RESULTS ARE ACHIEVED

EXPERT ANALYSIS

British Naval 'Planes Superior

British Official Wireless
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RUGBY, Jan. 28.

The British Admiralty had always put its faith in the torpedo as the primary weapon of naval aircraft, said a naval officer to-day in explaining the efforts over a long period of years to make naval aircraft a highly efficient striking force.

The torpedo attacks a ship in its most vulnerable part—below the water line—and it can effect considerably more vital damage than can a bomb. This policy was fully justified by the great victory at Taranto.

In many other instances aircraft torpedo attack proved its worth. The naval officer instanced the phenomenal success of the attack by three naval aircraft on Italian ships in the Cretan roadstead, when three torpedoes were fired and four enemy craft destroyed. One submarine and a destroyer were sunk, and a depot ship lying between the latter vessels was destroyed by the explosions on either side. The attack took place in broad daylight and there were no British casualties.

Success at Taranto.
The success of the Taranto attack might be mainly attributed to perfecting the technique over two decades. Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm had been ranged on deck in the darkness, take off and go into formation without lights and fly long distances over the dark sea. It was essential that each squadron

EVACUATIONS IN EIRE

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DUBLIN, Jan. 29.

Entire villages along the south-east coast of Eire have been evacuated because of the danger from drifting mines.

arrive at the right place at the right time, as any delay would spoil the element of surprise, and so high navigational skill was essential.

Dive-bombing is used by naval aircraft when the work is impossible and here again a long period of training was needed to develop this technique. The main reason for the naval use of dive-bombing is that the expectation of hits is greater than from high altitude bombing.

Formidable Craft.
All naval aircraft are designed as dive-bombers, and Skuas exclusively so, but Swordfish are also excellent for the purpose. The latter also carry a heavy load of bombs and their ease of manoeuvrability makes them almost equal to the Skuas.

All British naval dive-bombing types are superior to the German Stuka. Dive-bombing was carried out by Swordfish craft against German troops in the spring, and they recently obtained highly successful results against Italian aerodromes in Sardinia, Sicily and the Dodecanese.

He recalled that the first occasion in history when a major unit of an enemy fleet was destroyed by aircraft attacks was when Skuas gained a success against the German cruiser of the Konigsberg class at Bergen.

Britain Superior.
After an honest, careful analysis of statistics it was fair to say that British naval aircraft's dive-bombing was far ahead of the German. Speaking of future dive-bombing the naval officer said that although Britain had been very lucky in suffering few casualties as a whole when using this method as compared with the high Stuka losses, dive-bombing might become very expensive as a result of improved methods of defence and—although it seemed a long way off—it might become unprofitable in naval warfare.

Naval aircraft, however, were not relying upon it as the only alternative to torpedo attack, and were pressing forward with improving methods of high altitude bombing.

Japan Will Be There

ARMISTICE TALKS

Indo-China Negotiates With Thailand

WARSHIP TO BE USED

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TOKYO, Jan. 29.

The Cabinet Information Bureau has announced that an Indo-China-Thailand armistice conference will be held aboard an undisclosed Japanese warship off Saigon. The date is not mentioned.

Japan has notified both Governments that she is sending a Japanese delegation comprising Major-General Rainsiro Sumita and six others.

The Dornier Agency's Hanoi correspondent said that the conference will start at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Tokyo time.

Cabinet at an extraordinary meeting approved the draft of a Bill for the revision of the general mobilisation law in its original form prepared jointly by Cabinet's Planning and Legislative Bureaus.

Cost of War
The Finance Ministry has submitted to the House Budget Committee for reference a statement showing that extraordinary military expenditure since the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities totalled 17,450 million yen, including 1000 million yen in February and March of the current year.

Bonds issued in this connection totalled 14,485 million yen. The Japan Economic Federation and eight other leading organisations submitted representations to Cabinet relative to a "new economic structure" apparently encouraged by Prince Konoye's explanation to the Diet that the plan was not modelled on the Soviet's, and private profits will be recognised.

WAR MATERIAL FROM CANADA

Armaments Factories At Work

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OTTAWA, Jan. 28.

The Canadian Minister of Transport (Mr. C. D. Howe) announced that factories in six provinces had started work on naval guns, shells, torpedoes, and nautical instruments under a 17,500,000 dollar plant programme.

FURTHER WIDESPREAD ITALIAN REVOLTS

Strikers Clash With Guards At Milan Aircraft Factory

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NEW YORK, Jan. 28.

The "New York Times" Belgrade correspondent says that a traveller from Italy has reported additional serious disturbances at Milan and Turin. He said that a huge crowd demonstrated at the Milan railway station, where German guards were posted on January 25.

Another traveller from Italy confirmed the incident and said that the crowd was armed with knives and pistols. The militia blocked off adjacent streets and battered the demonstrators. It is understood that a similar crowd marched and demonstrated at a Milan aircraft factory at the same time.

Fascist militia fired on striking workmen who were demonstrating and caused casualties, continues the correspondent. According to high sources it was explained that the workmen refused to enter the factory in the morning, and shouted "Abasso Germania, abasso la guerra" (down with Germany, down with the war).

Workman Shot
One workman who ridiculed Mussolini and assumed the Duce's stance was shot down, at which his companions attacked the militiamen. One workman who escaped on a freight train to Yugoslavia revealed that the demonstration was quelled and many arrested.

It is unconfirmedly reported, adds the correspondent, that Yugoslav and German workmen were wounded in fights in several Yugoslav factories, due to the Yugoslav's disarmament of Hitler.

Casualties at Trieste
Numerous sources carry reports of rioting in Italy. The Fascist police are reported to have been forced to fire on demonstrators at Trieste, causing a number of casualties including two killed. The demonstrators are stated to have carried slogans demanding peace, denouncing the Fascist regime and condemning Germany.

Similar demonstrations are reported from many smaller towns in the Po valley. "The Times" Belgrade correspondent says that the rioting at Trieste was followed by the arrest of workers in the Lloyd and Triestino factories for anti-Fascist demonstrations. The "Daily Telegraph" Belgrade correspondent says that German intervention in Milan is reported to have caused much bitterness and anti-Mussolini feeling.

LULL IN AERIAL WARFARE

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LONDON, Jan. 29.

No operations by British aircraft were reported over Germany or enemy occupied territory last night. Single enemy aircraft were reported over Britain this morning.

Sirens were heard in London during the forenoon for the first time for several days, but "raiders" signals followed after a short interval.

RUMANIA STANDS BY AXIS

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BUCHAREST, Jan. 28.

The Rumanian Prime Minister, General Antonescu, in a statement to-day, reaffirmed that Rumania would "march without hesitation at the side of the great Führer and Duce. Rumania's loyalty to the Axis is not a political attitude but a state of conscience from which she cannot depart."

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Current Programme If you can spot the murderer before the final scene of "Inspector Hornleigh," the exciting mystery film which is now showing at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier, you should be winning Scotland Yard.

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Five o'Clock Gossip

Mrs J. Hawke is a Gisborne visitor to Napier.

Miss M. Williams, Wanganui, is on a holiday visit to Napier.

Mr and Mrs C. Martin, Wellington, are staying in Napier.

Mr and Mrs H. Hancock and Mr and Mrs V. Cook are Palmerston North visitors to Napier.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Symes, Havelock North, are visitors to Wairoa for the annual show.

Miss Hilary Couper, Havelock North, is the guest of Mrs. J. C. N. Thomas, Owen Road, Gisborne.

Miss Jean Brodie, Tomoana Road, Hastings, is staying in Wairoa for the Show.

Mrs. A. Russell Burn, Pongaroa, is spending a holiday in Napier.

Mrs. Berkahn, Hastings, was the guest of Mrs. W. S. Wilton, Palmerston North, for three weeks' holiday at Waitare Beach.

Misses E. O'Donoghue and M. McGregor have been appointed probationary assistants at Parkvale School, Hastings, for the current year.

Mrs A. Denholm and her daughter Margaret, Seapoint Road, Napier, have returned home after a visit to Mrs J. A. Nolan, Lower Hutt.

Sister Murray, Hastings Memorial Hospital, left yesterday for Papanui, prior to linking up with the New Zealand Nursing Service.

Mrs G. Wilson, Ongaonga, is spending a few days in Napier.

Dr and Mrs Debden-Wilkins, Wairoa, are staying in Napier.

Miss J. Clark, Palmerston North, is staying with her aunts, Misses E. and L. Clark, "The Chestnuts," Otane.

Miss J. Voyce, Otane, is visiting relatives in Wellington.

Sister M. K. Murray left Hastings yesterday morning to take up duty at Papanui, from where she will go overseas.

Mr and Mrs Lawson, Waipukurau, are on a holiday visit to relatives at Invercargill.

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GREY FLANNEL SHIRTS, 3-10 9/6 to 13/6
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Tomatoes Are Very Rich In Vitamin C

Careful Preservation Prevents Loss In Food Value

Bottling Method

Tomato Juice Substituted For Orange Juice For Babies

(Contributed by the Department of Health.)

Evidence proves that there is a close relation between general health, both bodily and mental, and diet, and that to a large extent "we are what we eat." In this question scientific observation and daily experience agree in giving fruit an important place in the dietary and in this connection tomatoes are of such a value that it is advisable to make as much use of them as possible. Their value lies not only in their fine flavour for forming the basis of soups, for drinks, for omelette and tomato dishes, for macaroni, etc., thus promoting digestion and indirectly affecting nutrition, but they also have an important direct nutritional value. They are rich sources of Vitamin C. This vitamin is supplied by raw fruits and vegetables, and is inclined to be in short supply in our New Zealand dietary, particularly in winter time.

For babies, tomato juice may be given as a substitute for orange juice, although it is advisable to give about twice the quantity of tomato juice compared with orange juice. And as with present shipping difficulties, we may find ourselves confronted by diminished supplies or by increased cost of oranges we should take every advantage of the supply of tomatoes grown in our own country by preserving them for winter use.

It is a fortunate circumstance that, although cooking generally causes considerable loss in the Vitamin C value of vegetables and fruits, it is possible to preserve tomatoes and tomato juice without serious loss, provided that the conditions laid down as follows are observed—to avoid the use of copper preserving pans for preserving orange juice (for copper hastens the destruction of this vitamin) and to shorten the time of heating.

A method given among the recipes in "Good Nutrition" retained by the department and which is now freely obtainable, has been tested out by the Nutrition Committee of the New Zealand Medical Research Council and has been found to retain a valuable quantity of the vitamin. On using this method it has been found that when the bottled tomatoes are a year old they still possess about half the value of an equivalent amount of fresh fruit. It is well known that tomatoes and tomato juice preserved by canning factories (provided that they use proper vats and adopt the vacuum packing method) retain a value of their vitamin value, so that tinned tomatoes and tomato juice put out by reputable firms are a valuable food for winter use. However, it is good news to know that we can home bottling without serious detriment to the nutritional value.

Here is the method:—

First clear your preserving jars and sterilise them by putting jars and lids into the oven for half an hour—Regule number 1 is a suitable heat, 260 deg. F. Pour boiling water over a few tomatoes at a time and remove their skins. When you have sufficient—and remember that if you do not have too many at a time, it will shorten the time of heating—put them into an aluminium pot or preserving pan and bring them to the boil. Add one teaspoon salt and one teaspoon to one tablespoon of sugar per quart. Boil for 6 minutes.

Have the preserving jars ready—they need to cool a little so that they no longer sizzle when a little tomato juice is put in. Either fill the jars to overflowing, or fill nearly to top and cover with a layer of clean mutton fat which has been heated and cooled or hard paraffin. Have the rubber rings boiling in a pot of water, put them on the jars, put on the sterile lids, and screw down tight.

If you have a vegetable juicer, the whole procedure is made easier—you can put the tomatoes rapidly through the juicer and immediately boil the juice following the instructions as for tomato puree above. The bottles should be stood in a cool place away from the light. In using the tomato juice subsequently for cooking purposes, avoid heating for a longer time than is strictly necessary.

Remember: Tomatoes are a rich source of Vitamin C which is supplied by raw fruits and vegetables. Tomato juice may be given to babies as a substitute for orange juice. Preserved tomatoes retain a large measure of their nutritional value. So can what you can for the winter use.

The Ancient Art Of Knitting

Records Show It To Be Known In The Fifth Century

To-day women anxious to help their menfolk in their task of restoring peace and order to the world again are busy knitting socks and warm garments for the soldiers.

Looking back many centuries we find that knitting is a very old art, for it was known in the fifth century A.D.

A few years ago a child's sandal knitted in coloured wool by the same method as we employ today was found on the site of the town of Antinice in Egypt. Also found was a sample of fine knitting in cotton yarn in a diamond pattern worked in plain and purl, suitable for a fancy gauntlet or a glove.

Both articles now repose in the City of Leicester's Museum.

The first recorded mention of hand knitting is by Hermbstadt in "Crundis Technology," who states that knitting was known in Italy in the thirteenth century, as the hands of the corpse of Pope Innocent IV. were clothed in silk knitted gloves.

During King Henry IV's reign knitting was known to his subjects, and when the Normans invaded Britain the peasants of Scotland and England wore woven woollen caps.

These knitted caps came into general use among the poorer classes prior to the year 1488, later the price being fixed by an Act of Henry VII. at 2/8.

By the year 1530 the word "knit" was a common term in England, and many references may be found regarding the knitting of bonnets and hose, while in every home the practice of knitting became a domestic employment.

Knitting performed by machinery originated, it is said, through the romance of the Rev. William Lee, of St. John's College, Cambridge.

He was very much in love with a young woman who caused him much concern because she always seemed more interested in her knitting than himself.

So he determined to invent a machine that would eliminate hand knitting.

He accomplished his task about the year 1589, and taught his relatives how to work his machine, carrying on his work for some time at Calverton, England.

Eventually his invention was shown to Queen Elizabeth, who showed much interest, but was very disappointed that it could only produce coarse worsted stockings, and when a patent for Lee's invention was granted to Lord Lovell, Hunsdon, the Queen refused the request, because she thought it would cause too much unemployment among the poor.

Spurred on by the Queen's interest in his work, with the help of his brother, constructed a machine capable of producing silk stockings in 1598.

When Lee received no patent rights or money, despite his efforts towards that end, he accepted an invitation from Henry IV. of France to establish himself in that country.

But ill-luck had not yet deserted him, for, while waiting in Paris for a grant of privilege to manufacture at Rouen, the King was assassinated by Ravalliac, and thus ended his prospects.

In 1610 he died in that city in poverty.

But his work was not to be forgotten, for his brother brought his machines back to England and established an industry which to-day supplies millions all over the world with socks and stockings.

Renovating An Umbrella.—You can make a shabby umbrella waterproof again this way. Mix one tablespoonful of paraffin in 30 tablespoonfuls of petrol. Shake well until the paraffin has been dissolved by the petrol. Wash the umbrella (opened right out) with this solution with a small sponge, using a small quantity at a time. Be sure to apply the solution in the open air, and leave to dry slowly.

For Flavoursings.—Orange, lemon and grapefruit skins are useful for puddings and flavourings. First wash the fruit well before peeling. Then make a thick syrup of 1lb sugar to 3 pint water, put in the peel (half skins are best), and simmer gently till soft. Leave a little of the syrup in each half-skin, and dry in a hot oven.

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RED CROSS SOCIETY MEETING

Waipukurau Sub-Centre

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The members of the Waipukurau sub-centre of the Red Cross Society assembled in the Town Hall, Waipukurau, and the president, Mrs J. D. Ormond, presided over a representative gathering of town and country members.

Letters of appreciation and greetings for the New Year were received from Mr M. S. Spence, president of the Napier branch, and Miss E. M. King, vice-president. A letter of interest was received from Miss Hal, Egypt, who stated that some of the following articles would be most acceptable: Old linen, note paper, paper clips, books and magazines, white stockings for the nurses, pearl buttons, table cloths, torch bulbs. It was suggested that later a parcel be made up and forwarded to Egypt.

A letter of thanks was received from Mr Kidman, secretary of the Pukeora Sanatorium Social Committee. He suggested that new books for the library would be acceptable.

Mrs Ormond mentioned that when in Wellington recently she had discussed the matter with Mr Galway, secretary of the Red Cross, and she proposed that the Great War Committee and the Red Cross donate one new book on alternate months, the Red Cross also to donate a gramophone record each month. This was agreed to.

Mrs F. Hopkins, convener of the sewing committee, reported that the branch's quota for January was finished and had been forwarded to Napier and that the quota for February, comprising bandages, face cloths, pyjamas and bed sheets, was well on its way. Mrs S. A. Robinson, reporting for the bandage committee, stated that a great number of bandages and swabs, jug covers and other articles had been forwarded to Napier.

The Girls' Auxiliary reported that it had £26 in hand, which was to be spent in providing parcels for local men going overseas. In the meantime, they intended taking up V.A.D. and transport work. The Sanatorium committee reported that it had been in recess during January, and the work would be started again in February.

Well-known and detailed instructions were given by Mrs Ormond on the women's transport service. She stated that she had interviewed Mr J. Faton, who had kindly consented to be the instructor, and the following committee had been appointed: Convener, Mrs A. S. Wilder; committee, Mrs E. J. Turner, Mrs W. Turner, chairman, and secretary, Mrs G. F. Kennedy; six pull-overs, Mrs B. Johnson.

House Cleaning Tips

A VARIETY OF IDEAS TO HELP THE HOUSEWIFE

When washing windows on the inside, put a newspaper under the lower edge of the window sash. It will fall over and protect the wall paper from being spotted underneath. One can work faster and do a neater job as well when the paper is there. When the window is washed and polished, it takes only a second to take the paper out from under the sash.

Freshening Dark Woodwork

Dark woodwork often takes on a dull or spotted appearance when it is washed with soap and water or varnished. Chemists explain that the soap and water is inclined to destroy the finish. The spots become sealed in by the varnish.

To avoid this, go over the dark woodwork with a mixture of equal parts of turpentine and linseed oil—the kind painters use. Stir or shake the mixture and apply with either a cloth or a brush. This will both clean and dress the dark surface.

Paint the Radiators

A rusty, dingy-looking radiator gives a touch of unnecessary shabbiness to a room or a hallway. It doesn't take long or cost much to get even radiator paint, bronze, or silver, to coat the surface fresh and to give this heating unit an entirely different and improved appearance.

Hanging Pictures

When hanging pictures after house cleaning, the task is quickly and satisfactorily done if a measuring rule is used to get the exact spot where the molding hook should be placed. Then there will be no uncomfortable shifting about of the picture. The hook can be put over the molding where it belongs—if there is a molding. If the picture hangers which are out of sight behind the picture are used, exact measurement is important so that wall surfaces will not be punctured unnecessarily.

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The party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. Bailek, and time passed all too quickly with games, dancing, and community singing. Several vocal solos and elocutionary items were very much appreciated.

During suppertime, Mr. Christiansen presented his son with the traditional gold key, and a gold signet ring, and musical honours were enthusiastically accorded. Private Christiansen, as he rose to reply to the good wishes extended to him by all present, and also for their gifts.

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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1941.

AN UNOFFICIAL VISIT

The visit of Mr Wendell Willkie to Great Britain has set a historic precedent. The opponent of Mr Roosevelt in the presidential election has gone to Britain to see how the last great democracy in Europe is withstanding the full fury of totalitarian attack, and he has gone with the support and encouragement of the President.

During the election campaign Mr Willkie made no secret of his whole-hearted sympathy with Great Britain. He pledged the Republicans to the fullest possible measure of support—as usual, "short of war"—and he repeatedly accused President Roosevelt of niggardliness in the volume of assistance which the Democratic candidate proposed to give Britain in her struggle.

Mr Willkie's visit is a "gesture" in the fullest sense of that expressive and overworked word. Further, as the "Observer" pointed out the other day, there is a certain symbolism in the visit which has not been lost in Berlin.

There is no diplomatic intrigue about Mr Willkie's mission, but the welcome he has received from the British people makes it plain that the significance of his visit has not been overlooked. He represents the ordinary citizen of the United States, the man who is capable of seeing past the narrow isolationist theories to which a few—including a number in Mr Willkie's own party—still cling, and his arrival in England is regarded as a tangible demonstration of the essential unity of the English-speaking peoples in the face of a common danger.

There is no question of Mr Willkie's failing to be profoundly impressed by what he sees in Britain. Fortunately or unfortunately—it depends on the point of view—he has so far been spared an illustration of the highest manifestation of Nazi culture, the "total" air attack by night, but he can see the evidence of what has happened in Britain and what will most assuredly come to the United States if Britain should fall.

Mr Willkie's mission is the logical outcome of the demand of the American people for a speeding-up of American aid to Britain.

Months ago the United States began to realise that it could not live in a totalitarian world. Instinctively and immediately, when the surrender of France left Great Britain as the only surviving outpost of democracy in Europe, the American people knew that they must resist, but like the people of Britain in the years before the war, they have been more ready than their leaders to face the implications of full support for one of the belligerents in the European conflict. The re-election of President Roosevelt for a third term was a logical outcome of this wave of national determination, and Mr Roosevelt has set about the business without loss of time. In his own picturesque phraseology, the American people have realised that "there is now no world fire department, and when your neighbour's house is burning under such unfortunate circumstances you lend him the garden hose without worrying about a price or an exchange."

The President is following out his plan, and the enlistment of Mr Willkie in the common cause is a political masterstroke.

ITALIAN UNREST

Sooner or later a great upheaval must come in Italy. It may take the form of a popular movement to establish a constitutional monarchy, or it may be an out-and-out revolution brought about by a national reaction against the Fascist system which has led the Italian people to disaster. It is possible that it is yet too soon to look for any revolt on a national scale, but there can be little doubt that the outbreaks in Milan and Turin are the first signs of the storm that is coming. The reports that German troops are pouring into Italy are a plain enough indication that the situation, from the Axis viewpoint, is sufficiently desperate to warrant a virtual military occupation by Germany. This move may bolster up the Fascist system for a time, but it is difficult to see how Germany can save anything from the wreck of the Italian Empire in Africa. The position in Libya is hopeless, while in Eritrea, Italian Somaliland, and Abyssinia the complete collapse of the Italian defences is only a matter of time. On the other hand, while the transfer of considerable German forces to Italy may keep the Italians in check, it must not be forgotten that any further liabilities undertaken by Hitler must weaken his attack on the principal objective—Great Britain.

Personal

Mr C. D. Panckhurst, postmaster at Havelock North, who has been on an annual leave, has resumed duty.

Mr H. G. Jones, assistant town clerk in Hastings, resumed his duties yesterday after spending his annual leave at Haumoana.

Mr W. H. Anderson, clerk to the Havelock North Town Board, resumed duty yesterday after his annual vacation.

Mr B. G. Goodwin, district superintendent of the Horticultural Division, Department of Agriculture, who has been visiting Hastings, left yesterday for his headquarters at Palmerston North.

Mr D. Finlay, stationmaster at Hastings, has received word of his transfer to a similar position at Napier, rendered vacant by the departure of Mr W. A. Finlayson some weeks ago. Mr Thompson, stationmaster at Dannevirke, will be transferred to Hastings to replace Mr Finlay.

Mr Jack Russell, Waipukurau, who was discharged from the hospital early last week, has found it necessary to enter the institution for further treatment.

Mr R. Stabler, who recently underwent an operation in the Waipukurau Public Hospital, is making good progress towards recovery.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr J. V. Simes, Mr A. L. Taylor (Christchurch), Mr C. G. Porter, Mr G. Cloake, Mr W. Barrett, Mr G. H. Shepherdson, Mr J. M. Carroll (Wellington), Miss M. Williams (Christchurch), Miss J. E. Askew, Mr S. B. Hopkinson (Auckland), Mrs J. C. Hill (Gisborne), Mrs S. S. Viles, Mrs J. D. Galvin, Mr A. E. Wilson, Mr T. E. Wilson are at the Central Hotel, Napier.

Mrs A. Burton, Mrs J. D. Williamson, Mrs E. C. Beale (Auckland), Mr and Mrs A. Olin, Mr and Mrs Grimwood, Mr and Mrs E. G. Martin, Mr B. J. O'Donnell, Mr J. Dynes, Mr and Mrs N. J. Suckling, Mrs S. Simms, Mr and Mrs C. R. Edmond, Mr P. R. Edmond, Mrs M. Fleming, Mr S. E. Kennard (Wellington), Mr P. Graham (Wanganui), Mr H. Abbott (Hastings), Mr and Mrs Debbden-Wilkins (Wairoa), Mr J. P. Archibald, Mr T. A. Archibald (Christchurch), Miss J. E. Busby (Tokomaru Bay), Miss K. Beale (Te Puia Springs), Mr P. G. Bremer (Waverley), Mrs J. H. McCrea (Wairarapa), Mrs F. Holmes (San Francisco), Mr F. W. Gortall, (Wellington), Miss B. Hogg (Halcomb), Mr A. McDonald (Masterton), Mrs A. Wilder, Miss Connolly (Waipukurau), Mr G. Ellis (London), Mrs M. Hamilton (Bournemouth), Mrs G. Wilson (Ongaonga), Mr C. Cameron, Mr F. W. Lee, Mr J. W. Knights, Mr and Mrs W. Cook, Mr G. Stevens (Palmerston North) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr Scott (Wellington), Mr and Mrs Forlong, Mr and Mrs Young, Mr Rowe, Mr Huston, Mrs Baker, Mr and Mrs Smith, Mr Hall, Mr Anderson, Mr T. H. E. Swain, Mr R. M. Stewart, Mrs Bone (Palmerston North), Mrs McFarlane (Auckland), Mr Newdick (Palmerston North), Mr Cate (Wellington) are staying at the Albert Hotel, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs H. E. Henson, Miss N. Henson (Feilding), Mr J. G. Buchanan (Palmerston North), Mr and Mrs S. Douglas (Auckland), Miss M. Wheeler, Miss T. Page, Mr V. Cook (Wellington), Miss N. Cochran (Karori), Mr R. L. Gibson (Marton), Mr D. Ross (Rapanui), Mr J. Nugent (Gisborne), Mr T. M. Stirling (Feilding), Mr A. H. H. Swain, Mr H. B. Burch, Mr H. Witherington, Mr B. L. Claydon, Mr W. Stewart, Mr A. F. Blackburn (Wellington) are staying at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr K. Cuddy, Mr A. Palmer, Mr G. Bleakley (Wellington), Mr A. F. H. Henson (Feilding), Mr A. Allen, Mr E. Campbell, Mr R. Campbell (Masterton), Mr R. L. Monteith (Carterton), Mr H. Soler (Gisborne), Mr R. Nilsson, Mr E. Clark, Mr and Mrs H. Hancock (Palmerston North), Mr and Mrs J. Sutherland, Mr and Mrs H. Hughes, Mr J. Mcintosh, Mr T. Moffitt (Auckland) are staying at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

Dr W. S. R. Dick (Marton), Mr K. R. McLeod (Martonborough), Mr H. W. W. Wainwright (Wairarapa), Miss G. Henderson, Miss N. Masters (Wanganui), Mr W. J. Gray, Mr A. Agar (Waipukurau), Mr J. Barrett (Palmerston North), Mr A. Clarke (Weatherston), Mr G. G. Henderson (Wellington), Mr T. Davison (Mata-mata), Mr G. R. Coleman (Martonborough), Mr R. A. Donald, Mr K. Wilfen, Mr R. D. Eglinton (Feilding), Mr F. O. Stack, Mr R. Stack (Feilding), Mr R. L. McDonald, Mr J. Clarke (Dannevirke), Mr A. Nielsen (Palmerston North), Mr J. Henderson (Marton), Mr D. Walker (Palmerston North), Mr D. Henderson (Palmerston North), Mr E. B. McLean, Mr J. McLean, Mr E. F. Davis (Porangahau) are staying at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

WAIROA

Mr Lock, Mr C. McLean (Napier), Mr E. Green, Mr N. Craig (Hastings), Mr and Mrs W. H. Gaisford (Dannevirke), Mr Gay, Mr A. Kyle (Auckland), Mr W. L. Ross (Te Puke), Mr R. S. West, Miss Barrett (Wellington), Mr and Mrs P. F. Wall (Hatuma), Mr F. W. Dobbie (Gisborne), Mr and Mrs J. Jones (Masterton), Mr and Mrs A. E. Florence (Tairāpapa), Miss A. and M. Williams (Raikouriki) are staying at the Clyde Hotel, Wairoa.

Mr Little, Mr Thompson, Mr Carroll (Napier), Mrs E. Dunn, Mr Manning, Mr Thurkill (Wellington), Mr J. G. Barr (Hastings), Miss G. Twiss (Greenmeadows), Mr Sherwin (Tairāpapa), Mrs Ballie, Mr Redfern, Mr Telford, Mr and Mrs Coop, Mr McKenzie (Gisborne), Mr M. D. Murray (Woodville), Mr Donovan (Maraekakaho), Mr Redding, Miss Prestige, Miss Race, are staying at the Wairoa Hotel.

Record Temperatures

The temperature at Marble Bar, Western Australia, for the past 102 days has exceeded 102 degrees, and Australia's hottest town may break its 18 year old record of 106 days at more than 100 degrees, says a "Daily Mail" special service message from Sydney dated January 24. The temperature at noon on January 23 was 109 degrees. The highest temperature ever recorded in Marble Bar is 120.5 degrees.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Transport Appeals

Although, under the Transport Act the Minister of Transport ranks as the sole appeal authority, it is not the Hon. R. Semple's intention to act in that capacity any longer in any appeals in which the Railway Department is concerned, in view of the fact that he has now taken over the portfolio of Railways. He will, however, continue to determine appeals as between road operators. He said yesterday that a change in the procedure would require an amendment to the Act.—Press Association.

New House Name

Maori names are given to many houses in New Zealand, but some of them are most unsuitable when translated into English. Happily, most of the householders who proudly mis-name their homes are ignorant of the errors they commit. In Forfar Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, a resident has run no risks with the Maori tongue, and has evolved an original name—"Emoh". Anyone who has heard the tale of the hotel guest in Wales who asked the meaning of the "Welsh" inscription "tam hab" on the bathroom floor, will soon translate the house's name.

Broadcasting Test

"Broadcasting has given public men a new opportunity and a new test," said Professor L. G. Pocock at the civic reception in honour of Mr Noel Coward in Christchurch, when referring to Mr Coward's proven success as a radio speaker. "Broadcasting gives public men an opportunity to use the spoken word well and effectively, and the spoken word is a weapon which will always be of great importance," he said. "The test it imposes on them is that in broadcasting they expose themselves on more or less familiar terms, and if they fail to meet the test they give themselves away sadly. We can all call examples to mind."

Cricket Fixtures

It is probable that several Hawke's Bay representative cricket fixtures will be arranged for both senior and junior teams in the future. The Poverty Bay Association has suggested a match for the Kirk Cup for the senior representatives, the present holders of the cup, and a visit by both junior and senior teams is possible. The Wairarapa Association has been invited to send either a senior team to Napier, or falling short, teams from Wellington or Maswatu will be invited. The date has yet been fixed, and it has been left to the manager of the team which was to have visited Wairoa (Mr H. F. Forster) to arrange the date for the fixture.

A Mother's Care

The manner in which a letter written with the best of intentions may be rendered ludicrous by the conditions under which it is read are described by a New Zealand soldier now serving in England. "It was raining very hard," he writes. "We were sleeping out under the trees, and everyone was very wet. The New Zealand mail had just arrived. One of my chaps was sitting under a tree with a ground sheet round his shoulders and the rain dripping from his hat. He reads out aloud to us that his dear old mother is sending him a nice warm pair of pyjamas, but he is to be sure and seeing that they are properly aired each night. So sad," he comments, "but it had its humour."

Gift to Mr Coward

A caller on Mr Noel Coward at his hotel at Christchurch was Mr E. R. Rowe, 26 Collingwood Street, New Brighton, one of the older generation of musicians, who, in recent years, has been occupying his time in making violins. In order to show his appreciation of Mr Coward's efforts on behalf of the national cause, and generally his appreciation of an opportunity of hearing and seeing Mr Coward, Mr Rowe presented to Mr Coward a violin made by himself, largely of New Zealand wood, reawakened Mr. Rowe, who once played in some of the famous orchestras in England, demonstrated the violin to Mr. Coward, who expressed himself as very highly pleased with its tone and construction, and said he would treasure the gift in memory of his stay in New Zealand.

Breakfast Table

The late-comer to a London concert hall, who imagined he was visiting a variety entertainment, arrived in time to hear a performance not at all to his taste. He nudged the man next to him. "I say," he asked, "what's this stuff we're getting?" "Hush," came the shocked reply; "this is Beethoven's Ninth Symphony." "Well," muttered the non-musical man, "if the other eight were like this, thank goodness I was late!" "I've been trying to think of a word for two weeks." "How about a fortnight?"

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Ratana Maoris' Loyalty

A pledge to support the war effort of the Government and also to support the Home Guard movement was given by Ratana Maoris after they had been addressed by the Hon. P. K. Paika, the representative of the Maori race on the Executive Council, during his first official visit to Ratana.—Press Association.

Heavy Sheep Traffic

The commencement of Hawke's Bay ram and ewe fairs has been reflected in the busy time experienced at the Hastings railway station. Destined to be offered at today's fair at Tomoana, rams have been arriving for days past from as far afield as the Manawatu and Wairarapa districts. It is possible that later in the season a shortage of stock wagons may develop, but in the meantime the supply is equal to the demand.

Cricket Alteration

Cricketers in the reserve grade are advised of an alteration in the draw for Saturday's games in Hastings, the teams affected being Whakatu-Mahora v Rugby, and Fruitworkers v Midland. The game between the first-mentioned teams will be played on No. 1 ground Nelson Park, not Cornwall Park as announced in the draw, while the latter teams' ground is changed from Nelson Park No. 1 to Cornwall Park No. 1.

League of Nations Union

The annual conference of the New Zealand League of Nations Union was opened at Wellington yesterday by the Bishop of Wellington. The president (Mr T. C. Brash) said that lasting peace could be established only if there were a desire for it. He believed there was a sincere desire that destruction, suffering, bitterness and hate should cease. To be successful a League of Nations would have to be backed by public opinion. Some form of league would have to be evolved in the future and because they believed that they were keeping their organisation alive.—Press Association.

Auckland Anniversary

The anniversary of Auckland Province was celebrated yesterday in occasional scattered showers, with frequent bursts of sunshine. The annual regatta on Watermark Harbour provided picturesque yachting scenes. The sailing craft made fast times before a stiff westerly breeze. The popular beaches were crowded with picnickers. Ellerslie racecourse was thronged for the concluding day of the midsummer meeting. The Auckland lawn tennis championships were continued, despite the early showers, and the bowling clubs held open and club tournaments. A large number travelled to Hamilton for the regatta and carnival, and to Papakura and Ngarawhia military camps, both of which were open to visitors.—Press Association.

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST

IS: FAIR TO FINE
Following is the "Daily Mail's" special forecast for the Hawke's Bay area.
Wind: South-westerly to westerly, strong at times in the south, otherwise moderate.
Weather: Fair to fine, with moderate temperatures.
Seas: Slight to moderate.

HASTINGS WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows:
Dry bulb temp. 63.0deg.
Wet bulb temp. 70.0deg.
Maximum temp. 78.0deg.
Minimum temp. 63.0deg.
Grass temp. 55.2deg.
1ft. underground 70.4deg.
3ft. underground 69.8deg.
Sun 42hrs.
Rain 0.0ins.
Wind S.E.4.
Cloud 9.
Rain for month 4.18 ins.

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. 60.5deg.
Wet bulb temp. 58.0deg.
Maximum temp. 72.2deg.
Minimum temp. 63.5deg.
Grass temp. 59.3deg.
1ft. underground 72.0deg.
3ft. underground 69.8deg.
Sun 42hrs.
Rain 0.0ins.
Wind S.E.4.
Cloud 10.
Visibility 5.
Humidity 88 p.c.

DOMINION FORECAST

General situation: An anti-cyclone is centred over south-eastern Australia and extends across the Tasman Sea on to New Zealand. Pressure is low south of the Chatham Islands.
Forecast—Winds: South-westerlies prevailing; force, strong at times in the western districts, but slowly decreasing; elsewhere moderate.
Seas—New Zealand waters: Slight in the Bay of Plenty and moderating between East Cape and Nugget Point. Elsewhere rough. Eastern Tasman Sea: Fresh to strong, but gradually decreasing south-westerly winds. Sea rather rough with considerable swell. Weather: Becoming fine east of the main ranges. Elsewhere cloudy with scattered showers chiefly on the coast and in the high country.
Temperatures: Cool, but rising in the western districts.

To-day's Diary

HASTINGS

The Theatres: "Convoy," Regent 2.15 and 8 p.m. "Rebecca," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "Flight Angels," and "The Adventure of Jane Arden," Cosy, 2.0 and 7.45 p.m.

NAPIER

Athletic Sports, McLean Park, at 7.30 p.m.
The Theatres: "Inspector Hornleigh" and "Safety in Numbers," Mayfair, 2 and 7.45 p.m. "One crowded Night," State, 2 and 8 p.m. "Rhythm on the River," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m.

Mr W. B. Guerri, Waipawa, who has been accepted for service with the Royal New Zealand Air Force as a leading aircraftman, has left for Ohakea.



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PUBLIC WORKS IN DOMINION

RESTRICTED SCHEME TO GO ON MR SEMPLE'S VIEW

Hydro-Electricity And Railways

Under the change made in the administration of Public Works resulting from the transfer of the portfolio of Public Works from the Hon. R. Semple, who had held it since Labour's accession to power in 1935, to the Hon. H. T. Armstrong, the restricted programme put into operation by Mr. Semple after the outbreak of war will be continued.

This is confined to essential works. It includes hydro-electrical development, irrigation and the continuation of railway construction on lines nearing completion.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING

Under One Control URGENT NEEDS TO BE FILLED

Minister's Statement

Homes for the people and additional hospital beds are regarded by the Minister of Housing (the Hon. H. T. Armstrong) as the Dominion's most essential building needs.

Explaining the linking of the portfolios of Housing and Public Works, Mr. Armstrong said to-day that the Government had to control building.

Registration Of Youths

OBLIGATORY AT 19 Provision Made In Regulations

NATIONAL RESERVE

"Every youth resident in New Zealand must register under the National Service Regulations as soon as he attains the age of nineteen," said the Minister of National Service (the Hon. R. Semple) to-day.

It is specifically provided in the regulations that any person who becomes a member of an enrolled class of the Reserve must forthwith apply for enrolment (that is, he must furnish a duly completed registration form) if he does not, within 28 days of becoming a member, receive a certificate of enrolment from the Director of National Service.

AMERICANS LOOK AT DOMINION

Journalists Tour Of Country

The American journalists, Messrs Carroll Binder and Wensley W. Waymack, who arrived at Auckland by air from Sydney on Sunday, have arrived in Wellington by motor. They called at Rotorua and Wairakei en route, and were accompanied by a representative of the Government.

CENSORSHIP ANOMALIES STRONGLY CRITICISED

Quotations From London Press Held From Overseas Readers

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LONDON, Jan. 29. The annual report of the Council of the Empire Press Union, to be presented on February 11, deals largely with the Press censorship code.

In the case of the home Press, for which it is voluntary, it differs constantly from the corresponding usage of the same principles followed by official censors to which the overseas Press compulsorily submits its news cables from the London Press. Messages are frequently stopped or delayed until they are useless, although the matter to which objection is taken could not reasonably be considered to touch national security.

Censors sometimes objected to political comments, to quotations from the London Press, and to statements of fact, on the baseless assumption of their inaccuracy, also reports from correspondents in neutral countries, and even on one occasion to the wording of a Greek official communiqué.

Messages also delayed because of objections to their "general tone," and others delayed while the B.B.C. broadcast the same material to the Empire.

Expressions of Regret The Union conferred with successive Ministers of Information and with the censorship authorities, who often expressed regret and acknowledged mistakes, but the difficulties continue.

The report states that concern is felt regarding the B.B.C. in relation to the Press. Theoretically the B.B.C. is on an exactly equal footing with the Press so far as the issue and censoring of news is concerned, but in practice the B.B.C. has an advantage. It has immediate access to the senior censors, who often pass matter which subordinate censors in the cable offices question and delay.

There are complaints of preferential treatment of the B.B.C., especially by service departments, including the timing of the communiques to coincide with news broadcasting hours. This affects both the Home and the overseas Press, and vigorous protests have been made by the newspaper and periodical emergency council, supported by the Press Union.

It is readily conceded that the broadcasting of British news in present circumstances must be given wide scope, but because of the immense time advantage of radio transmission it is maintained that scrupulous equality of official treatment should be accorded to the Press. This B.B.C. advantage is in addition to the benefit of the instantaneous transmissions of news by radio into the homes of overseas newspaper readers without the normal time lag due to cabling, sub-editing, etc.

The report comments on the lack of consideration between the censor and other Government Departments. It relates that Empire correspondents were invited to Bristol last August to verify the absence of air raid damage at the port, which the Germans described as "put practically out of action."

Empire and American correspondents were satisfied that practically no damage had been done but found that the name of the port must not be mentioned in cabled dispatches.

FINANCING THE WAR

HON. W. NASH GIVES DETAILS PUBLIC HELP 56,000 Men Out Of Production

The war expenses account for the last nine months was commented upon by the Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash) in an address last night. He said that so far £15,380,000 had been spent, while revenue amounted to about £18,000,000. Of the latter figure, £9,000,000 had been lent to the Government interest free, and of this £1,400,000 has been converted into long-term loans.

Equipping Forces. "Great Britain told us she would find all the money to equip our men overseas," the Minister continued, "but we will find as much of the money as possible. The equipping of our forces cost £19,750,000 in the first year, and every month we spend £31/3/ on every man outside the Dominion.

Railways Policy Outlined

GREATER EFFICIENCY Mr Semple Takes Over Portfolio MEN COMPLIMENTED

By Telegraph—Press Association CHRISTCHURCH, Jan. 29.

An early investigation into the operation of the Railway Department will be made by the new Minister (the Hon. R. Semple).

"I am not taking over the portfolio," said Mr. Semple, "if any are found, I shall not hesitate to do my duty as a Minister of the Crown irrespective of individuals.

"We will face the facts squarely," continued Mr. Semple. "Our most sacred possession—liberty—is at stake. We will have to work for its preservation as much as we have to fight for it. There can be no slacking on the job. This is not the time for taking things easy. We want service up to the maximum.

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CO-ORDINATION NEEDED

TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN DOMINION MINISTER'S VIEW

By Telegraph—Press Association CHRISTCHURCH, Jan. 29.

The real job, as visualised by the Hon. R. Semple, who now holds the portfolios of Railways, Transport and Unemployment, is to secure a measure of co-ordination necessary to give the highest degree of efficiency in the transport system.

After he had made this declaration in an interview to-day, the Minister reaffirmed that it was not his intention to socialise the transport industry, and he gave an emphatic disavowal that socialisation had ever been contemplated by the Government.

The principle of co-ordination for service had prompted the Prime Minister to bring the transport systems of the Dominion under one control, Mr. Semple said.

"As soon as I can gather up threads and bits, and have time to have a really good look at things, the necessary steps will be taken.

"The commonsense thing to do is to stop needless running, overlapping and waste of every description. A reduction of petrol consumption should appeal to every businessman at a time like this, unless he has a mind full of political prejudice and unwarranted superficial fears. Our motto at a time like this should be, 'save all that we can save,' and, whatever our politics, we should be as one on that.

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PRECAUTIONS TAKEN BY BROADCASTING SERVICE

Deputy-Controller Is Convinced That Information Leakage Is Now Impossible

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Jan. 29.

Precautions taken to prevent the National Commercial Broadcasting Service from being used to convey information to the enemy were explained to-day by the deputy-controller of the Service (Mr. B. Shiel).

Mr. Shiel said he was convinced that these precautions made such use of the service impossible. No casual advertisements were broadcast until the form in which they were written was altered.

"You can't come in, say that you are Jones, a tailor, present an advertisement and have it put on the air as it stands," said Mr. Shiel. "The advertisement would be rewritten by our own staff and submitted to you. If you did not approve it in that form it would be declined."

Mr. Shiel was asked how long this procedure had been in operation. He replied: "In varying stages and at varying times."

Permanent Advertising. Permanent contract advertising was not rewritten. "Copy for the big national advertisers prepared six months in advance and cannot contain any information of value to the enemy," said Mr. Shiel.

The broadcast of personal messages, such as birthday greetings, had been stopped. How long ago? Mr. Shiel was asked. He replied: "A month to six weeks ago."

Announcements about missing cars were accepted only from the police. This had been so for at least four years.

Titles and Numbers. "Would it be possible for a person in the service to use the titles of records or their serial numbers to convey information to the enemy by any means other than a certain order?" Mr. Shiel was asked. He replied that this was extremely unlikely.

"Collaboration between at least three persons in the preparation of programme manager, transcription officer, and announcer—would be necessary," he said. No announcer knew in advance what records were to be played or the order in which they were to be played. Scripts of all broadcast matter were prepared in advance and censored. Once passed, they could not be departed from.

Microphones were always guarded. "What steps, if any, are taken to check the bona fides of members of the service who may be announcing, arranging programmes, censoring scripts, or rewriting copy?" Mr. Shiel was asked.

"The answer to that," he said, "is that all members of the staff are Public Service employees under the Public Service Commissioner. If you ask whether you can trust them you might as well ask whether you can trust the men who are guarding the petrol tanks."

"Hysterical Talk" There had been a lot of hysterical talk, Mr. Shiel said. Expressions of alarm and investigation, well always coincided with the release in those towns of a recent film in which broadcasting was used to convey information to enemy ships and submarines.

The Director of Broadcasting (Professor J. Shelley) was also asked for details of the censorship and the precautions taken to prevent a leakage of news through the national service.

"Stringent Precautions" "All these questions," he said, "were the subject of careful consideration and investigation well before the war. Stringent precautions are taken to prevent a leakage of information. The bona fides of all members of the staff are thoroughly examined. I feel convinced that there is no possibility of that news being disseminated through the New Zealand National Service."

Professor Shelley declined to give details of the measures taken.

Heavy Losses Of Petrol Rations Explained

SALES NOW NORMAL

Coupons For January And February FORGERS ACTIVE

The fact that the 25 per cent. increase in the petrol allowance originally granted for November and December now extends over January and February does not appear to have been fully appreciated by many Hawke's Bay motorists, judging by the experience of petrol retailers.

It has surprised such motorists that any of the coupons for the two months numbered 17 to 25 (both inclusive) can be used in either month. The actual allowance for the two months is 10 gallons for small cars, 15 gallons for medium-sized cars, and 20 gallons for large models.

Saved For February Sales lagged in November and were heavy in December, as people had saved coupons for holiday trips, but apparently many holidays will be taken in February, for purchases for January are so far normal for this month.

But 10 per cent. use of the full value of a coupon when purchasing supplies. Those who do not, and require a coupon representing the unexpended portion of the allowance, are generally those who have their cars parked in the streets at night and are alive to the risk of petrol thefts.

Clever Forgery Attempts to defraud by altering the numbers of coupons are still being experienced. One of the most carefully executed was to cut the figure "one" from an unexpended coupon and paste it in front of the figure "nine" of another unused coupon. The craftsmanship was so exact that the forgery would have passed had not the addition made a difference in the spacing.

FREE FRENCH IN ACTION

LIBYA ATTACKED FROM SOUTH A NEW FRONT

Aerodrome And 'Planes Wrecked

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received January 29, 6 p.m.) LONDON, Jan. 28.

In a dramatic dash across the desert, a flying column of Free French forces delivered a surprise sword thrust into yet another Italian front. Consisting of some hundreds of French troops from Equatorial Africa, the column set out some time ago on a 300-mile drive to Murzuk, a strongly-held Italian position in the far south of Libya.

The column consisted of light tanks and motorised units, and it moved swiftly across the desert to Murzuk, which is one of the oases in the Fezzan area.

After travelling 100 miles a day, carrying complete supplies, the column reached its objective under cover of darkness.

Havoc At Aerodrome At dawn the following day, the Italians were taken completely by surprise in a sudden attack, and withdrew to fortified positions, leaving a large aerodrome unprotected. The Free French forces swept in and, until nightfall, wrought havoc among the Italian aeroplanes and hangars, many of which were left in flames.

Shortly before the force withdrew, the leader fell to a sniper's bullet. The Free French troops suffered only small casualties, and returned from their enterprise with a score of prisoners.

The French force was drawn from a crack camel corps, which has been partly mechanised. Although greatly outnumbered, the French forced Italians numbering 500 to retreat to the fort.

The French leader, Lieutenant-Colonel Dornano, was killed.

Seaplane Base Raided HAVOC AT BOMBA

Threat To Shipping Removed SMASHING ATTACK

British Official Wireless (Received January 29, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, Jan. 28.

The graves of a few Italian pilots, the burnt-out wreckage of seven seaplanes, and the twisted gliders of two destroyed workshops are all that remain of the Italian seaplane base of Bomba, states the Air Ministry news service.

Two of the triple-engine aircraft are lying in shallow water bullet-riddled at their moorings, just as they were destroyed a short while ago by R.A.F. bombers.

Bomba was the most important seaplane base on the Cyrenaica coast, and had been a constant threat to British shipping.

The decisive manner in which R.A.F. bombers eliminated this threat is seen from the craters on the coast, and had been a constant threat to British shipping.

The base lies at the extreme end of a narrow promontory, and there is scarcely a square yard that has not been torn by aerial bombardment.

AVERAGE SHIPPING LOSSES 58,000 Tons For Week

ELEVEN VESSELS SUNK German Claims Down

British Official Wireless (Received January 29, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, Jan. 28.

Mercantile shipping losses due to enemy action in the week ended on January 19-20 were 58,212 tons, a total tonnage of 58,212, comprising five British, totalling 34,772 tons, and six Allied, 23,440 tons.

This figure is higher than those of recent weeks.

It is noted that the practice of announcing the total German claims week by week alongside the losses actually sustained has led to a progressive reduction in the claims made by the German High Command.

During the week under review, Germany claimed a total of 41,600 tons sunk.

DEATH OF MR GUY JOHNSTON Prominent Wellington Businessman

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, Jan. 29.

The death occurred to-night of Mr. Guy Johnston, well-known in Wellington as a businessman and a member of a prominent New Zealand family.

Born in Wellington in 1872, Mr. Johnston was the second son of the late Sir Charles Johnston, Speaker of the Legislative Council. He completed his school career at Stonyhurst, a well-known Roman Catholic College in England.

On returning to New Zealand, Mr. Johnston joined the staff of Johnston and Co., Ltd., founded by his grandfather, the Hon. John Johnston, and carried on by his uncle, the Hon. W. W. Johnston, and his father.

On the death of his father in 1918, he became managing director of a position he retained till his death. Mr. Johnston was also a director of the Wellington Publishing Co., Ltd., proprietors of the "Dominion." Mr. Justice Johnston is a brother.

Final Night Of Swimming

N.Z. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Southland Team's Success CONCLUDING EVENTS

By Telegraph—Press Association NEW PLYMOUTH, Jan. 29.

Miss B. Casey, a Southland girl, was the outstanding swimmer at the final night of the national swimming championships, outclassing her opponents to win the junior girls' 100 yards in faster time than the winner of the intermediate girls' event.

Southland (57) won the War Memorial Shield for juniors and intermediates.

Otago were runners up with 51. Results— 50 yards women's invitation scratch race: K. Grey (Auckland) 1, C. Garvin (Bay of Plenty) 2, C. Alexander (Wellington) 3. Time, 30sec.

200 metres women's backstroke: J. MacDonald (Southland) 1, R. Stagpole (Auckland) 2, B. Logan (Taranaki) 3. Time, 3:3-5.

Women's diving: Y. Rix (Southland) 84.85 points, J. MacDonald (South Auckland) 64.17 points, R. Smith (Otago) 61.49 points, 3.

North Island Win Polo In the polo game North Island beat South Island by four goals to two.

Junior boys' diving: D. Doaks (Southland) 24.9 points, 1, M. McGregor (Otago) 24.47 points, 2, G. Anderson (Auckland) 22.13 points, 3.

220 yards intermediate boys: J. Gardner (Otago) 2, D. Kirkland (Southland) 3. Time, 2min. 38sec. Second heat: C. Sell (Otago) 1, F. Higginson (Bay of Plenty) 2, J. C. Nielson (Auckland) 3. Time, 2min. 34.1-sec. Third heat: Binnie (Wellington) 1, V. Moyes (Auckland) 2, Brewster (Southland) 3. Time, 2min. 43.5-sec. Fourth heat: E. Egan (Auckland) 1, M. Lofley (Bay of Plenty) 2, W. Chalmers (Southland) 3. Time, 2min. 39.3-sec.

Final: J. Watt 1, M. Lofley 2, C. Sell 3. Time, 2min. 34.2-sec. 100 yards intermediate girls: J. Watt (Wellington) 1, M. Lofley (Bay of Plenty) 2, C. Sell (Otago) 3. Time, 2min. 34.2-sec.

50 yards junior girls' breaststroke: B. Stewart (Otago) 1, S. Harrison (Otago) 2, D. Evans (Bay of Plenty) 3. Time, 41.4-sec. Intermediate Girls' Diving: J. Carpenter (Nelson) 1, M. Strong (Otago) 2, M. A. Montalk (Hawke's Bay) 3.

220 Yards Women's Breaststroke—W. Dunn (Otago) 1, M. Dixon (Auckland) 2, R. King (Hawke's Bay) 3. Time, 3min 34sec.

100 Yards Intermediate Girls—First heat: B. Westery (Southland) 1, L. Bridson (Auckland) 2, J. Carpenter (Nelson) 3. Time, 1min 9.3-sec. Second heat: O. Hobson (Canterbury) 1, M. Stewart (Otago) 2, P. Cummings and E. O'Brien (Bay of Plenty) equal, 3. Time, 1min 10.3-sec. Third heat: B. Ewart (Bay of Plenty) 1, J. Dow (Otago) 2, B. Hurst (Auckland) 3. Time, 1min 13.3-sec. Final: B. Westery (Otago) 1, O. Hobson 2, L. Bridson 3. Time, 70.2-sec.

100 Yards Junior Girls—First heat: B. Casey (Wellington) 1, J. de la Perelle (Southland) 2, V. Gardner (Auckland) 3. Time, 1min 2.3-sec. Second heat: K. McMillan (South Canterbury) 1, H. Smith (Nelson) 2, O. King (Auckland) 3. Time, 1min 1.5-sec. Third heat: M. Gerrard (Southland) 1, M. Stenbridge (Auckland) 2, B. Simeon (Bay of Plenty) 3. Time, 1min 13sec. Final: B. Casey 1, M. Gerrard 2, J. de la Perelle 3. Time, 70.1-sec.

100 Yards Women—C. Yorven (Bay of Plenty) 1, L. Purdie (Otago) 2, K. Grey (Auckland) 3. Time, 66sec.

Wairoa's County Carnival Race Meeting

TO-DAY'S FIELDS REVIEWED

Racing Of Metropolitan Class Anticipated

(By THE BARB)

The stage is all set for one of the best meetings ever staged by the Wairoa County Racing Club.

Acceptances constitute practically a record in number and a certain record in class, and with the racing track in exceptionally good order it is anticipated that racing right up to metropolitan standard will be witnessed to-day and Saturday. The single pool betting system will be in operation.

The secretary of the Wairoa Racing Club notifies the "Daily Mail" that everything is in readiness for a record meeting, as all the events have filled exceptionally well with a better class of horse engaged than has ever been seen on a Wairoa racecourse, proof positive of the continued and growing popularity of this country club.

Recent rains have been most beneficial to the racing tracks, lawns and surroundings.

Transport arrangements have been made to the utmost convenience of racing patrons. To-day a rail car leaves Hastings at 8.15 a.m. and Napier at 8.45, arriving at Wairoa at 10.55. On return the rail car this evening leaves Wairoa at 7.45. Refreshments are available on the course on arrival of the train also before its departure. However, the late race starting this afternoon there will be ample time to go into Wairoa for a brush-up and care for the inner man before departing.

The first race each day starts at 12.45 p.m.

Following is a review of the seven carded events commencing with the

TRIAL HANDICAP.
Of £100; six furlongs.

Pleiteous	9	0	Support	7	7
Lady Ex	8	12	Final	7	7
Dusky Morn	8	11	Rivertide	7	7
Centennial	8	5	Walcoy	7	7
Catanach	8	5	Versatile	7	7
No Wonder	8	0	Black Frost	7	7

No. 1 on the card is the five-year-old Commandant horse, Pleiteous, who won this same race last year. He races well fresh, so looks like being a source of annoyance again this afternoon. Lady Ex has given promise of making a better grade than "hack." Third at her last attempt in good class hack company, Mr Arthur Melkie's Lord Qu' marc with B. H. Morris in the saddle should be one of the fancied candidates. Dusky Morn races in the same colours as Kindergarten and is by the same sire. His performances to date are only average, but he is said to have made a vast improvement since last raced. When winning last November at Greenmeadows Centennial made a very favourable impression. His track work of late has been such to draw marked attention to his prospects in this race. Catanach has yet to win a race, but his last three efforts resulted in as many seconds so a win would just reward him for this consistency.

No Wonder has only one race to her credit. However, she always races creditably which gives her an average chance of succeeding. Wairoa is a new-comer, being a five-year-old mare by Hunting Song from an unnamed Finland mare—no performances here to give a guide. Support, on her second at Ashurst, enters calculations with a reasonable chance of winning—she has improved with recent experience. Final is being reserved for the District event. Rivertide, on form, cannot be recommended with any confidence. On her third to Hugme, early this month, Walcoy is entitled to respect here, more so as she appears to have improved since that outing. Versatile, although wanting a race, is not without possibilities. Black Frost looks like being the outsider of the field. The best backed may be

LADY EX
DUSKY MORN
CENTENNIAL

DISTRICT HACK HANDICAP.
Of £100; six furlongs.

Opho	8	6	Silver Bat	7	10
River Tide	8	6	Carburettor	7	7
Kincaroie	8	1	Royal Wave	7	7
Jungle King	8	0	Dunvegan	7	7
Hillside	7	13	Final	7	7
Helios	7	10	Katesbridge	7	7

Opho has proved himself a fair galloper, but six furlongs may be a little too short, therefore his chances on Saturday, over seven furlongs, are better. River Tide is one that will receive a fair amount of attention, so there is a big possibility that public opinion will make her the totalisator favourite. Kincaroie has received a special preparation for this event and will have her number hoisted in one of the places for the judge. Hillside, two years back won a maiden at Wairopukurua. The remainder of this field, Carburettor, Royal Wave, Dunvegan, Final and Katesbridge are non-winners and of this quintette, the latter may do best. The weight of Wairoa money may make the favourites

RIVERTIDE
SILVER BAT
KINCAROIE

WAIROA CUP.
Of £100; one mile and a-quarter.

Gay Mimic	9	1	Master Cykion	7	9
Hunting Cat	8	11	Queen's	7	7
De Friend	8	8	Dream	7	7
Bold Step	8	3	Boat Song	7	0
Diana Tetrax	7	10	Whetu	7	0

Gay Mimic heads the list with 9.1. He won the mile Anniversary Handicap at Wellington from a strong field, but at Pahiatua appeared as if he had trained off. Hunting Cat has this month a win and a dead-hat standing to his credit, and must be hard again. De friend broke down at Pahiatua, which now leaves Mr. E. N. Fitzgerald with but one string to his bow. Queen's Dream, who may hardly be brilliant enough to win, but reads nicely placed, and on his Wairarapa showing should race prominently. Diana Tetrax must be considered, but the writer is in doubt as regards her ability to run out a solid ten furlongs. Master Cykion ran two first-class races at Pahiatua to give him now excellent

STARTING TIMES AT WAIROA

Race starting times for Wairoa to-day:—

12.45—Trial Handicap.
1.30—District Hack.
2.15—Wairoa Cup.
3.00—Te Kupenga Hack.
3.45—Malden Stakes.
4.30—Ormond Memorial.
5.15—Rauwa Hack.

chances to notch one more victory to his list. He will have a track exactly to his liking. His very close second at Wellington gives Fogat some recognition as a potential lightweight winner of this Cup race. The hurdler, Whetu, must have been showing improvement on the flat to be afforded a nomination in the Wairoa Cup. This should be a good betting pool with most investments on the numerals carried by

MASTER CYKLON
BOLD STEP
BOATSONG

TE KUPENGA HACK HANDICAP.
Of £110; one mile.

Queen's	Dream	9	6	Opho	7	11
Shanl	8	4	El Minolia	7	7	
Doctor Defoe	8	1	Chablis	7	7	
Catanach	7	13	Whetu	7	7	
Arabic	7	13				

A preliminary, or dress rehearsal, for Saturday's Hack Cup, Queen's Dream in all probability may start in the previous race, but if reserved for this mile hack will be a quarter of a mile in front of her. Opho, if saddled up again, would have to be considered. The Ashaboy-Whetu bracket is a consideration without being a recommendation. Elminolia is not making the trip, while Chablis is understood, starting in the next race. Failing the starting of Queen's Dream public opinion may be divided between

ARABIC
OPHO
SHANI

MAIDEN PLATE.
Of £100; five furlongs.

Acra's Beauty	Lady Quintette
Big Wonder	Loch Molg
Black Saint	Myrna Loy
Cartoonist	Nalla
Cartoonist	Princess Baffles
Chablis	Royal Melton
Cyprine	Royal Wave
Fiddlers Green	Skyette
Jackwe	Walcoy
Katesbridge	Fairlie Song
Kinariki	

Acra's Beauty has speed, but there is a doubt about her running out the full distance. Big Wonder has but little form to recommend his winning chance on Black Saint (Kincaroie-Black Fringe) is an tried entrant, about as Calcarine (Kincaroie-Birdcall), Cartoonist (Mimetic-Hipdall), is another that has yet to have racing experience. Chablis has shown sufficient promise to give her a fair chance here. In fact, with B. H. Morris in the saddle, Chablis should be one of the fancied candidates. Cyprine has been scratched, while her bracket, Katesbridge, may only start to-day in the District event. Valla is passed over in favour of others. Jackwe is not exactly a "purple" pedigree, being by an inferior sire, but she is a tribulation mare. Kinariki might make amends here, but she has been disappointing. Lady Quintette, on Hastings track form, is not fancied. Loch Melton is certainly an upgrade, but may require a little more experience before being a No. 1 betting proposition. On her second to Isis at Hastings, Myrna Loy should be one of the favourites this afternoon. Royal Wave and Skyette show speed, with the latter the best proposition. Walcoy is another that enters calculations with place form on her Fairly Song (Mimetic-Even Song), Fiddlers Green (Tiderace-Slackline) and Princess Baffles (Baffles-Princess Elizabeth) are well bred, but untried. Royal Melton has been withdrawn. This is perhaps the best field of maidens ever seen out at the one time at Wairoa. Three that may appeal

MYRNA LOY
SKYEITE
WAICOY

G. C. ORMOND HANDICAP.
Of £120; seven furlongs.

Native Song	9	9	Golden Ridge	7	0
Endorsement	8	11	Boat Song	7	0
Diana Tetrax	8	2	Hui	7	0
Roon	7	2	Solaria	7	0
Kobi	7	2	Battlegain	7	0

Native Song may fail at the "town hall" meetings but is a regular champion at the smaller ones. Over seven furlongs 9st 9lb should not prove a prohibitive weight. Endorsement is a useful mare that is always a consideration in any company, so will attract attention here for sure. Possibly Diana Tetrax will be reserved for this race and, if so, her prospects would read better than in the Cup. Roon's owner's present intention is to start this filly in the next race. Kobi may be better over a longer course, but this is not to say he is without a reasonable show of success in this race. Golden Ridge is racing poorly. Boatsong is booked for the Cup race. Hui won this race last year, on Endorsement (8.8) when on the same weight-mark as now, So-

Pirate King's Fine Effort

KRONOS SCORES
Concluding Day At Auckland
CORNISH EARNS WIN

(By THE BARB)

The Auckland Racing Club's Midsummer meeting concluded in showery weather, making the course rather slow. The totalisator for the day handled £136,107 against £60,592 last year, an increase of £15,514 10/-. For the meeting the grand total amounted to £122,467 10/- against £110,420, an increase of £12,047 10/-. The attendance for the day was 14,500, the same as last year.

MOANA HANDICAP
Of £300; six furlongs

44—GOLDEN BONNET, 8.5	(Cameron)	1
1-3—EMPIRE ROSE, 8.5	(Broughton)	1
17-16—MISS EUREKA, 8.5	(Hain)	3

Also started: 11-10 Rey Lu (car. 8.7), 3-1 Landcourt (car. 8.6), 14-11 Kaalooa (car. 8.5), 8-9 Tea Drop 8.7, 2-2 Natal 8.7, 7-8 Elise 8.7, 11-7 Money Spinner 8.7, 5-5 Justina 8.7, 19-20 Last Survey (car. 7.13), 10-7 Auburn Lad 8.5, 13-14 Prudent 8.5, 9-6 Lady Reynard 8.5, 15-13 Beau-coup 8.5, 18-18 Marchby (car. 7.12), 12-14 British Mint (car. 8.0), 20-18 Red Warden 8.5, 22-22 La Rosita 8.5, 6-12 Lady Vixen 8.5, 21-21 Maori Star 8.5.

Two lengths; one and a half; Time, 1:16 2-5.

WAIWERA HURDLES
Of £350; two miles

1-1—BAROTONGA, 11.1	(Chaplin)	1
7-7—BALDRIC, 9.0	(Walters)	2
2-2—AGOG, 9.10	(Mana)	3

Also started: 5-5 Knight of Australia 10.4, Celtic Lad 9.10, 4-4 Hawk 9.0, 6-6 Son of the Soil 9.0. Three and a half lengths; half a length. Time, 3:52.

SUBURBAN HANDICAP
Of £350; seven furlongs

5-4—SOFTLY, 8.5	(Horne)	1
2-2—LANDVEYOR, 8.0	(Messervy)	2
12-12—MISS VALERIE, 7.7	(Waddell)	3

Also started: 9-9 Glen Connell (car. 8.9), 11-11 Calula Boy 8.11, 4-5 Veritable 8.9, 1-1 Kinvara 8.8, 6-6 Princess Val 8.8, 3-3 Miss Jose 8.5, 14-14 Estro 8.5, 7-7 Beeswing (car. 7.9), 10-10 Maloro 7.7, 8-8 First Gold Money 7.7, 13-13 Royal Fawkes (car. 7.9).

Neck; three-quarters of a length. Time, 1:29 2-5.

RALPH HANDICAP
Of £750; one mile and a quarter

3-2—CORNISH, 8.4	(Waddell)	1	
10-10—BRITISH TALENT	(car. 7.2)	(Messervy)	2
5-5—FOXSEN, 7.9	(Brown)	3	

Also started: 2-3 Lou Rosa 8.13, 6-8 Cheval De Viole 8.4, 1-1 Greek Queen 8.2, 8-6 Mintlaw 7.13, 7-9 Arvakur 7.13, 4-4 Gay Rosette 7.13, 9-7 Clipper 7.4.

Neck each way. Time, 2:8.

CHELSEA HANDICAP
Of £400; six furlongs

2-1—KRONOS, 8.8	(Gollup)	1
1-2—TRANSMITTER, 8.0	(Wiggins)	2
3-4—MINKO, 8.3	(Broughton)	3

Also started: 4-3 Panoni 8.11, 6-6 Miss Gay 8.2, 5-5 Borak 8.1, 10-11 Our Gold 7.8, 11-9 Honeywood (car. 8.6), 8-8 Golden Pay (car. 7.3), 9-10 Camilla 7.11, 7-7 Regal Fox (car. 7.4), 12-12 Tagalle (car. 7.2).

Half a head; length. Time, 1:15.

HAURAKI PLATE
Of £500; one mile

7-8—CHEVAL DE BATAILLE, 8.5	(James)	1
9-8—MYSITO, 7.9	(Footrot)	2
5-5—MONTE CRISTO, 8.5	(C. G. Goulsbro)	3

Also started: 3-3 Sir General 8.12, 2-2 Venture 8.12, 1-1 Kraal 8.7, 4-4 Acreman 8.5, 11-10 Lady Aucushla 8.5, 10-11 Waalstar 8.5, 8-7 Wildore 8.5, 6-6 Volfox 8.9, 12-12 Hot Shot 7.9.

Neck; head. Time, 1:40.

DEVONPORT HANDICAP
Of £500; six furlongs

2-2—PIRATE KING, 10.11	(McTavish)	1
1-1—BROWNEN, 9.2	(Wiggins)	2
7-7—ORATE, 7.8	(Ensor)	3

Also started: 5-5 Sulleman 9.6, 6-6 Grandora (car. 7.13), 3-3 Aero King 7.12, 4-4 Queen City 7.0.

Neck each way. Time, 1:14 3-5.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP
Of £400; seven furlongs

2-2—TEA GONG, 8.2	(Wiggins)	1
1-1—TELSOM, 8.4	(Waddell)	2
4-5—JOAN PELL, 8.0	(Horne)	3

Also started: 3-3 Full Hand 8.11, 5-4 Royal Message 7.11, 6-6 Noitaro 7.7.

Nose; head. Time, 1:27 3-5.

laria and Battlegain are doubtful starters. Favouritism may be shared by

HUI
NATIVE SONG
ENDORSEMENT

RAUWA HACK HANDICAP.
Of £100; six furlongs.

Smiling	Battlegain	8	1		
Personality	9	8	1		
Roon	9	2	Indian Sun	7	13
Flying Spy	8	10	Silver Bat	7	7
Proclamation	8	5	No Wonder	7	7
Pleiteous	8	5	Ashaboy	7	7
Lady Ex	8	4	Black Frost	7	7
Quilp	8	2			

When right, Smiling Personality is a smart hack sprinter, so despite her 8st 5lb will have to be considered as the track will be to her liking. Roon 9st 2lb left here a very fit mare, a factor that will materially help her to win through. Flying Spy will not be without support, the same applying to Pleiteous. Proclamation on track but not public form has a chance. Lady Ex is starting in the first race on the programme. Quilp has not raced for 18 months but is just the kind to pop up and surprise. Battlegain returned from Wellington sore, so may not start. Should he contest this race he will have solid backing as he will be suited with the sting out of the going. Isis has been scratched, while Indian Sun may want a race, but that is not to count him out of the probabilities for a place in this race. Silver Bat, No Wonder and Ashaboy have previous engagements, while Black Frost has been withdrawn. In the absence of Battlegain the three that might dispute favouritism are

ROEON
SMILING PERSONALITY
FLYING SPY

Hutt Park Trots To-day

WIN AND PLACE
Gold Bar Selected In Big Race
MUTE FOR THE ARMY

(By THE BARB)

The Wellington Trotting Club opens its summer meeting this afternoon at Hutt Park in promising fine weather. Even fields with good class makes the suggestion of high-class racing. Win-and-place is the bet of the system.

Following may be the fancies:—
Preliminary Handicap: Chateau, Expensive Lady, Allie Audobon.
Gracefield Handicap: All Gallant, Swagger Jack, Drift Wave.
Hutt Handicap: Full Hand, Single Star, Oxford Scholar.
Airforce Handicap: Gold Bar, Mongolian, Tocceite.
Army Handicap: Mute, Tan John, Parrish Guide.
Eastbourne Handicap: Statuette, Channel Fleet, Scapa Flow.
Dispatch Handicap: Popeye, Blue Diamond, Kid Wolf.
Kia Ora Handicap: Gold Pot, Coquette, Pamelus.

The Acceptances

The acceptances:—
PRELIMINARY HANDICAP, of £200; trotters; 3.43 class. One mile and a half.

Chateau scr, Gipey Lee scr, Helen Scott scr, Highrate scr, Wally Worby Audubon scr, Anzie Guy 12, Allie Audubon 12, Expensive Lady 60.

GRACEFIELD HANDICAP, of £175; 3.5 class. One mile and a quarter.
All Gallant scr, Castella del Oro scr, Burt Scott scr, Channel Fleet scr, Falaise scr, Kallula scr, Positive scr, Shannon Lass scr, Spencer Volo scr, Swagger Jack scr, Drift Wave 12, Surprise Potts 12, Lough Derg 48.

HUTT HANDICAP, of £225; 3.84 class. One mile and a half.
Grattanite scr, Starace scr, Single Star 12, Full Hand 24, Labour Day 24, Oxford Scholar 24.

AIR FORCE HANDICAP, of £500; 4.34 class. Two miles.
Fremont scr, Gold Bar scr, Huguenot scr, Saloman scr, Smile Again scr, Tocceite 12, Three Tens 12, Mongolian 24, Zinzal 24, Cruiser 36.

ARMY HANDICAP, of £350; trotters; 3.27 class. One mile and a half.
Guy Hugo scr, Channel Fleet scr, Furligh Guide scr, Reception scr, Gracie Fields 12, Tan John 12, Franz Derby 24, Mute 24, Dark Hazard 36.

EASTBOURNE HANDICAP, of £200; 3.38 class. One mile and a half.
Scott scr, Channel Fleet scr, Don Walla scr, Gold Flight scr, Lough Derg scr, Spencer Volo scr, Mullard 12, Guy Hugo scr, Channel Fleet 12, Statuette 12, Starace 36, Heroic Prince 60.

DISPATCH HANDICAP, of £250; 2.54 class. One mile and a quarter.
Blue Diamond scr, Cloverdale scr, Sir Julien scr, 12, Brighton Boy scr, Apshear 12, Kid Wolf 12, Little Derby 12, Distributor 24, Popeye 24.

KIA ORA HANDICAP, of £275; 3.27 class. One mile and a half.
Class. One mile and a half.
Burt Scott scr, Chateau scr, Lady Carol scr, Mazaire scr, Pamelus scr, Special Edition scr, Connona 12, Gold Pot 12, Cruiser 60.

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SMALL STAKES
(By THE BARB)

In a private letter to the well known Hastings trainer, W. H. Corlett, a former Hastings professional horseman has some interesting observations to impart in racing where he is now garrisoned "somewhere-on-an-island-in-the-Pacific."

The meeting he attended on New Year's Day was held on a right-handed racecourse known as Brighton. The correspondent himself participated in one race, the conditions being bareback.

A former well known New Zealand lightweight jockey is in the same "crowd" as the writer of the letter and at the Brighton Park races he won no less than four of the six events, defeating the champion native horseman on each occasion. Knowing what a quiet student man he is, The Barb can well imagine the manner in which he would receive the plaudits of the crowd, particularly that of his brother soldiers. Yes, it would be a shame indeed to let "Little Eric" perch on a barrel relating how he won the Auckland Cup on Tenades and the many winners he rode when in Canada.

A Classy Field
The race in which the former Hastings rider rode was the Visitors' Special (bareback) of 15 run over seven furlongs, and it contained a very "classy" field. Here are the runners: Beau Vite, Beau-livre, Catalogue, Royal Chef, Saccone, Old Rowley, Malkai and Tidal Wave. The previously mentioned lightweight won on Catalogue while the correspondent's mount, Malkai, also started.

Other results were Encourage Stakes of 15, four furlongs: Silver Queen 1, Lorna Doone 2. Flying Handicap of 15, four furlongs: Gipsy 1, Bob 2. Farewell Handicap of 15, five furlongs: Lorna Doone 1, Silver Queen 2.

A plan of the racecourse shows a duck-egg shaped track about seven furlongs round, while the length of the straight run home appears to The Barb to be under a furlong.

The admission charges read: Troops and horses free. All others 2/3.

A notice in the "correct card" says that the club is run under the Australian Jockey Club rules as far as is applicable.

RACING FIXTURES

January 30, February 1.—Wairoa R.C.
February 1.—Canterbury R.C.
February 1.—Tapanui R.C.
February 1.—Matamata R.C.

HEAVY IMPOST ON BLACK THREAD

SUMMER MEETING AT POVERTY BAY
WEIGHTS FRAMED
Tinsley's Stable Tops Four Races

In the list of weights framed for the first day of the Poverty Bay Turf Club's summer meeting it will be noted that Black Thread has been awarded 10.7 in the Sunderland Stakes, and also that out of five handicap events members of Trainer J. Tinsley's stable have been awarded tops in four.

Following are the handicaps:
FIRST HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP, of 100 one mile and a-quarter: Small Boy 12.3, De Friend 11.10, Queen's Dream 10.15, Golden Ridge 9.12, Boatsong 8.12, Doctor Defoe 9.10, Dusky Morn 9.10, Whetu 9.5, Hyderabad 9.3, Cartoonist 9.0, Native Chief 8.0, Master Cykion 9.0.

TELEGRAPH HACK HANDICAP, of 100; six furlongs: Native Chief 9.11, Smiling Personality 9.8, Lady Ex 8.4, Dusky Morn 8.3, River Tide 7.12, Indian Sun 7.11, Centennial 7.10, Taharakau 7.9, Jungle King 7.9, Walkawa 7.8, Loch Molg, Red Hunting, Big Wonder, Lady Quintette, Rivertide, No Wonder, Cyprine, Myrna Loy, Skyette, Katesbridge, Silver Bat, Ashaboy, Callardine, Kinariki 7.7.

SUNDERLAND STAKES HANDICAP, of 120; seven furlongs: Black Thread 10.7, Native Song 9.9, Gay Mimic 9.0, De Friend 8.10, Diana Tetrax 8.2, Bold Step 8.1, Native Chief 8.0, Master Cykion 8.0, Boatsong 7.3, Hui 7.0, Golden Ridge 7.0.

SUMMER HACK HANDICAP, of 100; one mile: Native Chief 9.5, Queen's Dream 9.0, Shanl 7.12, Dusky Morn 7.10, Quilp 7.9, Doctor Defoe 7.9, Battlegain 7.8, Catanach 7.7, Arabie 7.7, Indian Sun 7.5, Centennial 7.4, Ashaboy, Whetu, Helios, Loch Molg, Chablis, Katesbridge, Elminolia 7.0.

MAIDEN SCURRY, of 80; five furlongs: Queen Moth, Royal Stuart, Vain Crop, Acra's Beauty, Callardine, Big Wonder, Chablis, Final, Fairlie Song, Jackwe, Skyette, Sporting Sister, Kincaroie-Acting 6, Katesbridge, Cyprine, Royal Wave, Black Saint, Cartoonist, Myerrick, Myrna Loy, Lady Quintette, Queen Cardine, Kinariki, Nalla 8.7, Many Stitches 8.0, Kincaroie-Coming Home 1, 8.0, Kincaroie-Our Bonnie 8.0.

HARBOUR HACK HANDICAP, of 100; six furlongs: Native Chief 9.

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TO-DAY—At 11.

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