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France May Again Enter The War

WARNING BY PETAIN

Rumours That Nazis Have Made New Demands

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LONDON, Feb. 3.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Lisbon correspondent says it is authoritatively stated that the French Chief of State (Marshal Petain) told Hitler that the Fleet and the colonies would re-enter the war on the side of Britain if the Germans took over unoccupied France.

Marshal Petain's statement was in reply to a Note demanding:

- (1) The port of Bizerta, in Tunisia.
- (2) Passage for troops to Marseilles or to Toulon.
- (3) Transport of troops and war material to Bizerta in French ships.

A verbal warning threatened the occupation of unoccupied France in the event of rejection.

It is conjectured that Hitler may alternatively attempt to seize Bizerta, using all of Italy's available warships, covered by the Luftwaffe.

The rumours of German pressure on Marshal Petain take many forms. It is even suggested that he has received a 24-hour ultimatum. The most concrete expression is the threat to create an entirely new France—a Quisling France—beginning with the newly-formed Committee of Rassemblement National Populaire with Pierre Laval as head of the State in fact, if not by name. There is widespread popular suspicion that the puppet committee both in France and the colonies will probably restrain Hitler from openly moving in this direction.

The Lyons radio to-day declared that Rassemblement supporters comprised men who had ceaselessly opposed Petain's Government.

It is reported from Vichy that Admiral Darlan's conversations will produce a reshuffle, establishing the quadrumvirate of Laval, Baudouin, Admiral Darlan and General Huntziger under Marshal Petain.

GREAT MILITARY ACTIVITY

INVASION RUMOURS AGAIN

TIDES SUITABLE

Preparations May Have Begun

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LONDON, Feb. 4.

Reports from the correspondent of the "New York Times" at Vichy say that all eye-witnesses from northern France to Vichy in the south agree that the Germans are engaged in intense military activity, apparently in preparation for an early attempt at invasion.

The correspondent adds that in February the weather is most favourable for Channel currents.

SHORT VISIT TO EIRE

Mr Wendell Willkie

MUST SOON RETURN HOME

(By Radio)

Mr Wendell Willkie yesterday flew to Dublin on only a short visit as he soon must return to America, where he will give evidence before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the Lend Lease Bill.

Mr Willkie was accompanied to Eire by the High Commissioner in London (Mr Dulanty).

Most of Mr Willkie's time will be spent in an interview with the Prime Minister (Mr Eamon De Valera).

SABOTAGE WORK BY CZECHS

Defiance Of Gestapo

POLES CO-OPERATE IN WAR AIMS

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MONTREAL, Feb. 3.

Mr Frantisek Pavlasek, Czechoslovakian Consul-General, in a broadcast sponsored by the Polish and Czechoslovakian confederation on the post-war aim of the two exiled Governments, said that the soul of the people, even under the cruel Gestapo persecution, was with Britain.

The Czechs were carrying out sabotage in a nerve war against the Germans.

COLONEL DONOVAN GOES TO EGYPT

Tour By Roosevelt's Envoy

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LONDON, Feb. 2.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Ankara correspondent states that President Roosevelt's special envoy, Colonel Wilbur Donovan, has left for Egypt. He will visit England after going to Spain.

NEW SPITFIRE SHOTS DOWN RAIDER

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LONDON, Feb. 4.

One of the new cannon-equipped Spitfires shot down a German bomber in the Thames Estuary yesterday afternoon.

PLANES DIVERTED TO BRITAIN

CONGRESSMAN ASKS FOR DETAILS

AID BILL QUERY

Convoy Question Again Raised

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.

The public galleries were packed when the House of Representatives began its debate on the Lend-Lease Bill after approving a proposal for a three-day general debate. The people in the galleries were warned not to applaud nor express disapproval.

Representative Bloom started with an appeal for the passage of the Bill. He was followed by Representative Hamilton Fish for the Opposition, who described it as a "dictator, war, and bankruptcy Bill."

Representative Wheeler requested the President to reveal the extent of the aid he had proposed to give to Britain and the extent of the American arms production already diverted to Britain.

He asserted that he knew that five-sixths of the fighter planes produced in 1940 went to Britain.

The chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee (Mr S. Bloom) said that the Bill did not authorise the President to use American warships to convoy shipments of war materials. The President already had that power under the Constitution.

No Copper For Nazis

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LONDON, Feb. 3.

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The conversion of bauxite requires complicated machinery.

The new calls on aluminium also affect aircraft production.

EUROPEAN SHORTAGE

Aluminium Being Used Instead

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FORTY THOUSAND MEN

CANADA'S NEEDS FOR OVERSEAS

HEAVY OUTLAY

Commitments Made To Britain

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OTTAWA, Feb. 3.

The Minister of Defence (Colonel J. L. Ralston) announcing the expansion of the Canadian Army by the enlistment of between 40,000 and 80,000 men in the present year said that the outlay would be more than 100,000,000 dollars in the organisation and equipment of the new armoured forces.

He added that 40,000 would be the minimum requirements to make up the formations that Canada had undertaken to send overseas this year.

From One Month To Four

EXTENSIVE TRAINING

Young Canadians' Military Service

HELPING INDUSTRY

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received February 4, 10.15 p.m.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.

The Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie-King) announced today that military training for men aged 21 would be extended from one month to four.

He said that starting on March 15, 6,000 men would be called up a month. At the end of the first two months basic training men volunteering for the Navy or the Air Force will attend special schools. At the end of four months the remaining trainees will be posted to reserve units and will return to civil life.

The Prime Minister said he recognised earlier that the 30-day scheme was inadequate and also dislocated industry by taking 250,000 men from jobs for a month at a time.

The new scheme, he said, would mean that over 72,000 would have undergone four months' training at the end of the first year.

N.Z. FROZEN MEAT SITUATION

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CHRISTCHURCH, Feb. 4.

A statement on the frozen meat situation will be made before the end of this week by the Government.

This was the only information which the Minister of Marketing (the Hon. J. G. Barclay) was able to release when he was questioned today. The Minister was one of the Government's representatives at a conference with the freezing companies at Wellington last Wednesday.

Every phase of the financing necessary because of the holding back in New Zealand of meat supplies for Great Britain was discussed but the Government's decisions were withheld pending the return to Wellington of the Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash) who until recently conducted all negotiations with Britain. Those negotiations are reported to be continuing.

Announcing that the Government's attitude would be explained this week, Mr Barclay added that the Government was still advising farmers to keep production to the maximum.

EXPORT PROBLEM

Maximum Production Still Urgent

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CHRISTCHURCH, Feb. 4.

The officer said that General Milch found it necessary to explain to the German public that far from being able to give immunity from British bombers "the night-raiders are very difficult to find."

Speaking of the damage done by the R.A.F. attacks, the officer said that pilots' reports contain an accurate account, which is supported by subsequent photos and also by information received from independent sources.

He instanced the Mannerheim raid in December in which information received established that some nine direct hits had been obtained on railways, causing damage which took three weeks to repair, while 243 industrial premises were destroyed besides considerable damage to the inland port.

Railways Strained

The German railway communications were strained to capacity, he said, and any loss of time would never be made up. Although the weather had interfered with a great many raid programmes all the attacks conformed to a general plan, which was to concentrate the greatest force at the weak spots of the German war economy. At present the Achilles heel of Nazi war economy was synthetic oil production.

This officer stated that there was no doubt in his mind or in that of the commander-in-chief of the Bomber Command that the present inactivity of the Luftwaffe over Britain was entirely due to the unusually bad weather conditions, which have spread over the whole of north-eastern Europe.

TWO BOXING TITLES RETAINED

Flyweight Bout Stopped In Eighth Round

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LONDON, Feb. 3.

Jackie Patterson retained the Empire and British flyweight titles, defeating Paddy Ryan. The referee stopped the fight in the eighth round.

Not A Shot Fired But Greeks Win Further Victory

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LONDON, Jan. 4.

Local Greek surprise attacks in heavy rain on various sectors on the Albanian front resulted in the capture of new positions without a shot being fired.

It is reported from Struga that the Greeks have reached the shores of Valona Bay.

The Greek Radio stated that the Italians did not attack yesterday except against a single height beyond Klisura, where they launched 12 consecutive attacks, all of which were repulsed.

An official Greek statement summarises recent operations in the following communique: "Local operations were crowned with success. Some prisoners were captured."

According to a Press Ministry statement in Athens, however, a whole mountain range stretching for nine miles, with peaks rising to 6,000 feet, is now in Greek hands following the successful fighting of the past few days. The statement added that a new phase of the Greek advance across Albania had begun.

NORWAY'S CHURCH ALARMED

PROMISED FREEDOM AT STAKE

BISHOPS' REQUEST

Is State Bound By Moral Laws?

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STOCKHOLM, Feb. 3.

"The Times" Stockholm representative says that the seven Bishops of Norway have sent a joint letter to Stance, Quislingist Minister for the Church and Education, asking whether the State acknowledges itself bound by the law of morality contained in the Bible, also by the Confession, on which the Church's faith is based.

Since last April the Bishops have frequently instructed the clergy and congregations to respect the law under the belief that they would enjoy full religious freedom according to Hitler's order and also Terboven's promise that the Courts of Justice would remain independent.

The bishops now state that serious doubts have recent arisen whether the instructions to the clergy and congregations are still justified and they therefore ask for a clear statement on the issue.

More Than 300 'Planes

AMERICAN EXPORTS

Second Highest Since War Began

DECEMBER FIGURES

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.

It is officially stated that the export in December of 221 aeroplanes to Britain and 87 to Canada was the second highest since the outbreak of the war. It represented a 20 per cent. increase compared with November and made the 1940 total of aeronautical exports 312,000,000 dollars, which is a 165 per cent. increase over 1939 and 357 per cent. increase over 1938.

The value of December's aeronautical exports was 20,000,000 dollars to Britain, 5,000,000 dollars to Canada and 2,000,000 dollars to Australia.

PARIS POLICE ARRESTED BY GESTAPO

Cache Of Arms Found In City

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PARIS, Feb. 4.

The Gestapo have arrested 100 Paris policemen after the discovery of a cache of arms at the Arc de Triomphe.

ATTACK BY RUSSIA ON AMERICA VIA ALASKA

War Calendar Found In Mexico Is Believed To Be Authentic

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NEW YORK, Feb. 4.

A seemingly authentic war calendar has been seized from a Fascist organisation in Mexico which, according to the "New York Herald-Tribune," indicates that Russia is preparing to attack the United States by way of Alaska within the next nine months, coincident with Japanese and Nazi attacks on South America.

Naval and Military officials in Mexico, according to reports, take the documents seriously. Extracts from them have been sent to Washington.

AMERICA WILL NOT FIGHT

BRITAIN ADVISED TO MAKE PEACE

SENATOR'S VIEW

"Cannot Win Without U.S. Troops"

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.

"I doubt if the English, who have withstood the worst bombing in history and have been offered only American dollars for their blood and sweat will worry about America if and when what they think a reasonable peace offer comes their way," said Senator Philip La Follette in giving evidence before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

He added that Britain would be wise to make peace when she wants to since she could not win "without the help of an American expeditionary force and since no American spokesmen have suggested such aid."

Dangers Seen.

Senator La Follette said he felt that the Bill vested in President Roosevelt the power of peace or war, and issued this warning: "There is a danger that, once involved over our heads, thereby vastly increasing the British bargaining power, we may have another Hoare-Laval deal and suddenly find ourselves quite alone and at war with the world."

[The Hoare-Laval Plan was a compromise settlement suggested by Pierre Laval and Sir Samuel Hoare, then British Foreign Minister, when the crisis between Italy and Abyssinia was at its height in 1935. It proposed the cession of certain parts of Abyssinia to Italy. British public opinion overwhelmingly rejected the plan, and as a result Sir Samuel Hoare resigned.]

British Tories.

Senator La Follette proceeded: "We underestimate the large bloc of influential opinion, both in France and Britain, which feels closer to Germany—and I mean Nazi Germany—than it does to the United States."

He recalled the Dusseldorf Agreement of February, 1939, "which was entered into by British Tories. It provided specifically for collaboration with the United States."

"Remember, British industrialists," he said, "are merely postponing the operation of that agreement for the duration of the emergency."

INDIAN TECHNICIANS FOR BRITAIN

Fifty To Go

FINE RESPONSE TO APPEAL

Mr Bevin's Scheme

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BOMBAY, Feb. 4.

Employers and labour leaders today held a reception for 50 young Indian technicians who are the first batch going to England under the Hon. Ernest Bevin's scheme.

Mr M. S. A. Hydari said that the response to Mr Bevin's appeal had been most enthusiastic. Mr Hydari is the Government of India representative on the Eastern Group Supply Council.

GRAZIANI TAKES A "SHORT REST"

Said To Be Suffering From Dysentery

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DUTCH STAND BRANDED AS IMPERTINENT

Japanese Insist On Thrusting Prosperity On East Indies

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TOKYO, Feb. 4.

The "Teito Nichi Nichi Shimbun" says: "The Netherlands East Indies are taking such an audacious and impertinent attitude in rejecting participation in the Japanese-advocated East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere because Japan has not bombed Hong Kong and Singapore."

"If such drastic action is taken by Japan the Netherlands East Indies authorities will be unable to raise a finger."

The Japanese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs (Mr Ohashi) had earlier rejected representations by the Netherlands Minister, in which he declared the Netherlands East Indies would not participate in Japan's "New Order in East Asia."

Mr Ohashi said that Japan was concerned only with the economic and not the political aspects of Asiatic expansion; hence the Batavia parleys would be continued despite the objections of the Netherlands Government in London.

Japan's Lifeline

Mr Hoshino, president of the Cabinet Planning Board, told the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives that Japan was justified, under the prevailing circumstances, in utilising neutral resources in the South Seas. This was the only means of strengthening Japan's national power as soon as possible. The South Seas region was Japan's lifeline.

The Tokyo newspaper "Yomiuri Shimbun" issued a warning that the Netherlands Indies, by obstinate adherence to the British-American fold would forfeit its existence in Greater East Asia under a combined attack by all the Asiatic Powers.

The "Asahi Shimbun," commenting on the Dutch attitude, says: "This is not surprising, because the Dutch Government is located in London under British influence."

IN FULL RETREAT SOUTHWARD

ITALIAN DEFEAT IN ERITREA

FALL OF BARDIA

Soldiers Escape By "Bolthole"

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received Feb. 4, 11.30 p.m.)

CAIRO, Feb. 4.

The occupation of Barentu following the fall of Agordat means that the first Italian line of organised resistance in Eritrea is now completely broken.

Barentu was surrounded on three sides but most of the Italians escaped by a "bolthole" under the cover of darkness and are now in full retreat south-eastward along a narrow, winding mule track which joins the main Addis Ababa-Asmara Road some 40 miles southward of Asmara.

While attaching importance to the capture of Agordat, in Eritrea, the "de facto" railroad from the Red Sea port of Massawa, military circles in London are disinclined to regard the new British thrust in this part of Eritrea as an immediate threat to Massawa. The two towns, it is pointed out, are 180 miles apart, and the intervening terrain is extremely difficult. A study of the map supports the view that the Italians may offer stiffer resistance.

It is, however, thought probable that, in addition to the prisoners, guns, and mechanised transport officially stated to have been captured, a quantity of stores was left behind by the Italians withdrawing from Agordat.

Flank Protected.

The importance of the capture of Barentu, 50 miles south of Agordat, and just inside the Eritrean border, is due to the protection it affords the British right flank, since it has little communication northwards to Barentu.

The Italians are also thought to be in an unhappy position in the Wal Kait district in Abyssinia proper, where they have already had trouble with Abyssinian patriots.

In considering the East African campaign as a whole, it should not be overlooked that the successive British advances entail a lengthening of the lines of communication which are more than ever dependent on mechanical transport.

Thailand's Peace Mission

GOING BY PLANE

Instructions For Tokyo Conference

INDO-CHINA AFFAIR

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BANGKOK, Feb. 4.

It is officially stated that the peace mission is going to Tokyo aboard two Japanese planes on Tuesday.

Instructions were given to the mission during a special session of the Council of Ministers.

The Japanese military mission has cancelled the departure for Hanoi and has decided to remain indefinitely at Saigon in order to supervise the situation on the border regions of Thailand and French Indo-China.

Noon Raid Near London

HEAVY GUNFIRE

Nazi Hit When Chased By Spitfire

DAMAGE IN KENT

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LONDON, Feb. 3.

Heavy anti-aircraft gunfire was heard in the London area at noon today, when bombs damaged several houses and killed a child.

A raider diving from low cloud over the south-east coast, released a stick of bombs over a town and hit a Methodist church, which was wrecked. Several other buildings in the vicinity were damaged. Houses also were damaged. A woman and a boy were killed and a number of people injured. It is believed that the raider was hit as it was chased off by a Spitfire.

Single Raiders

During the morning and early afternoon to-day (says a British Official Wireless message), a number of raiders were made by enemy aircraft flying singly over the east and south-east coast. Bombs were dropped at several places in the London and surrounding districts and in East Anglia and Kent. Some damage was done. A small number of people were killed in a town on the coast of Kent. Elsewhere, little damage was done and the casualties were few.

An enemy bomber was brought down by British fighters off the Essex coast this afternoon.

T.U.C. CRITICISED IN INDIA

No Wartime Lead Given To Seamen

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CALCUTTA, Feb. 3.

The Indian Seamen's Union has decided as a whole, it should not be overlooked that the successive British advances entail a lengthening of the lines of communication which are more than ever dependent on mechanical transport.

WELL BELOW THE AVERAGE

Shipping Losses For The Week

(By Radio)

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A jolly young folks' fancy dress party was held at Mrs C. Thomsett's residence in Cameron Road, Napier, in honour of the birthday of Kathleen Thomson and of Patricia Solomon, who is leaving to attend Woodford House.

Tea was served in the garden, where games were enjoyed, and also the fancy costumes were judged by Mrs Bicknell and members of her tennis club, who awarded the prizes to Patricia Solomon and June Thomson.

The children present were Marjorie McCallum, Heather Cornish, Jean Cornish, Patricia Solomon, Patricia Bell, Merry Bowland, Beverley Batchelor, Janet McKenzie, Betty Thomson, Kathleen Thomson, Jacqueline Thomson, June Thomson, Rodney McCallum, Donald Wylie, John Wylie, Rae Condon, Brian Muggidge, Austin Clark, Alan Peak and Brian Cornish.

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WEDDING CEREMONY AT INVERCARGILL

Hatuma Bridegroom. MISS F. IRWIN AND MR C. WILSON. To Live in Hawke's Bay

A recent wedding of interest in Central Hawke's Bay took place at Invercargill when Frances Doreen, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. W. Irwin, "Lochiel", Southland, was married to Colin Christopher, second son of Mr and Mrs John Wilson, Hatuma, Hawke's Bay.

The ceremony was performed in the First Presbyterian Church, Invercargill, which was charmingly decorated with a profusion of flowers in shades of clover.

The Rev. Mr Newlands officiated and Mrs Manning played the wedding music and accompanied the hymn, "O Perfect Love." Mr R. S. Irwin sang "Because" during the singing of the register.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a trained bridal gown of white net and satin, with a spray of orange blossoms at the neckline. Her veil, arranged from a top-knot of white pink-tipped flow-

ers fell in soft folds to form a second train and she carried a sheaf of white pink-tipped gladioli.

Miss Josephine Irwin, Wellington, attended as bridesmaid. Her gown of clover nixon was fashioned with a very full skirt and ruffled at the waistline. The top-knot worn in her hair matched her bouquet of carnations shading from pink to clover.

Mr Vigil Wright, Hatuma, was best man. During the reception which was held at the Elmwood Garden, Invercargill, a solo was sung by Mr A. E. Cole.

The guests were received by Mr and Mrs Irwin, assisted by Mr and Mrs John Wilson.

Mr Irwin wore a black frock relieved with white under a black coat. Her small black hat was veiled in white and she wore a shoulder spray of clover flowers.

For travelling the bride wore a tailored suit of grey with a white georgette blouse having a pure coloured velvet bow at the neck. Her smart grey hat was trimmed with prune velvet and she wore prune coloured shoes and carried a bag in the same shade.

The future home of Mr and Mrs Wilson will be in Hatuma.

WOMEN'S MEETING IN HASTINGS

The first women's meeting for this year will be held at the Nelson Street Hall to-morrow as advertised in this issue. The speaker, Mrs A. McKenzie, of India, is a young missionary who has been engaged for some years in mission work in the great city of Delhi and the women of Hastings should not miss this opportunity of hearing this gifted speaker. Afternoon tea will be served and a hearty welcome is assured.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Sister May Gardner has returned to Nuhaka after her vacation.

Mrs S. Holden, Masterton, is spending a holiday in Hastings.

Miss A. B. Percy, Auckland, has returned home from Nuhaka where she was the guest of Mrs G. D. Tod.

Miss Gloria Barton has been transferred from Nuhaka to Manutahi School, Ruatoria.

Misses A. Norman and E. Halliwell have returned to Nuhaka to resume duties at the Nuhaka Schools.

Miss Betty Carr, Ongaonga, has left to commence her studies at the Wellington Training College.

Mrs J. C. Bidwell and Miss P. Bidwell are Featherston visitors to Napier.

Mrs G. McDowell, Christchurch, is spending a holiday in Hastings where she is the guest of her mother, Mrs M. H. Whittaker.

Mrs A. Church and small son, Barry, who have been visiting Nuhaka have returned to Hastings.

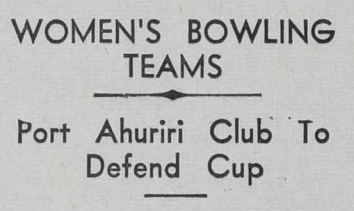
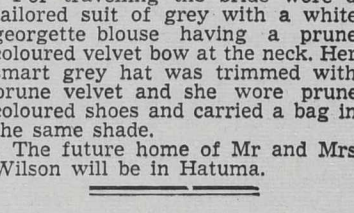
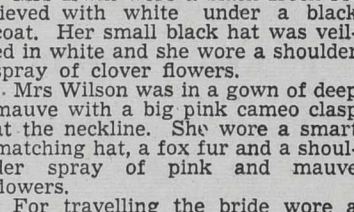
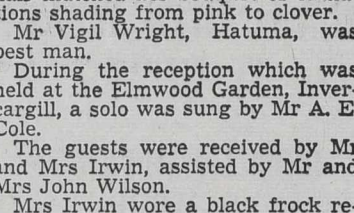
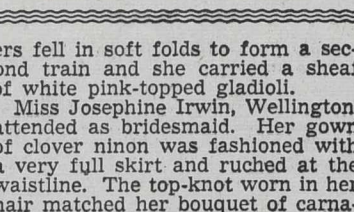
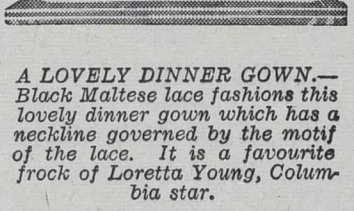
Mrs G. D. Tod is accompanying her son, Landale, to Hadlow, Masterton, where he is returning to school.

Mrs F. J. Hull, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs Furness, Blenheim, has returned to Hastings.

Miss Nelson and Mr R. Davis are taking up duties on the staff of the Nuhaka Native School and Miss Hannah Whaanga has been appointed junior assistant.

Mrs Frederick R. Smale, Mountain Road, Epsom, Auckland, is visiting Wanganui and will later stay with her mother, Mrs Williamson, Taradale.

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MAORI BOY'S DEATH AT WAIROA

Capsize Of Canoe In River

"Daily Mail" Special Service, WAIROA.

Evidence concerning the death of Apla Stevenson, a Maori boy, aged seven years, who was drowned in the Wairoa River on December 27 was heard before the Coroner, Mr V. E. Winter, on Tuesday.

Hohipa Whaitura, a Maori boy, said that he was playing with the boy Stevenson and Priscilla Thompson. A canoe was nearby and they went on the river. When they were about in the centre the canoe filled with water and sank. Witness could swim a little and managed to get to the shore. He then saw the girl holding a paddle and Stevenson try-

ing to catch hold of the canoe which had turned over.

Mokena Whaitura, a native labourer, said that when he was told by his son of what had happened he went to the river and saw the girl floating on the river about two chains from the bank. He swam out and brought her in but could find no trace of the boy.

The Coroner's verdict was accidental drowning.

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JANE WITHERS GOES TO "HIGH SCHOOL"

With Mystery, "Charlie Chan's Murder Cruise"

Fun, heart-thrills and thrills mark the entrance of Jane Withers into "High School," which is the title of her latest comedy now at the State Theatre, Hastings.

Always an audience favourite for her ability to get into uproarious scrapes, Jane still hasn't lost her penchant for mischief-making even though she's quite a grown-up young lady now. Jane herself has just entered secondary school out on the Coast, so there's a bit of realism in her latest film. However, it is hoped Jane's real career is less hectic than her film schooling, for in the screen school her "freshness" brings her plenty of trouble before she finally learns her lesson in "how to take it."

Along the moonlit decks of a gay luxury liner stroll a pair of happy lovers—while below there lurks the deadliest killer on the high seas. Charlie Chan is faced with his hardest assignment when he sets out to trap the killer who has strangled his best friend! "Charlie Chan's Murder Cruise," the second feature, with Sidney Toler in the title role, has a strong cast which features Marjorie Weaver, Lionel Atwill, Sen Yung, Robert Lowery and many others. Eugene Forde masterfully directed the film from a grand script by Robertson White and Lester Ziffren, which was based on the story "Charlie Chan Carries On," by Earl Derr Biggers. John Stone was associate producer.

Regent

"SUSAN AND GOD" IS FINE COMEDY

Joan Crawford And Fredric March

Rachel Crothers' stage hit, "Susan and God," which ran for eight months on Broadway before being taken on the road, emerges as an even greater hit in its screen version. The new picture, co-starring Joan Crawford and Fredric March, is now screening at the Regent Theatre, Hastings. As the rattle-brained and self-centred Susan who adopts a new social movement as a fad and tries to convert all her friends to it, only to see them antagonised and her own life develop into a seemingly hopeless tangle, Joan Crawford attains a dramatic assurance which her most devoted fans could have scarcely envisioned. Her performance gives her a new niche in filmdom. And as the inebricate husband, Barrie, who wins the final victory with himself and Susan, Fredric March makes a brilliant return to the screen which he temporarily deserted to star on the stage.

Throughout Director George Cukor has succeeded in eliciting sparkling performances. Ruth Hussey as Charlotte, friend of the family in love with Barrie, is warm and understanding. Rita Quigley is appealingly glamorous as the young actress, Leonora, in love with actor John Carroll but married to businessman Nigel Bruce. Rita Quigley as Blossom, a neglected daughter of Susan and Barrie; Rose Hobart as Irene, hostess at the house party where the action gets under way; Bruce Cabot as sportsman Mike O'Hara, in love with Irene; and Constance Collier as Lady Wigstaff, leader of the movement, all give "lift" to Hunt Stromberg's memorable production. The brilliant screen play by Anita Loos captures the entire spirit of the play while providing a much more complete picture of the characters involved.

"THE MUMMY'S HAND," ACTION DRAMA

Comedy, "I Can't Give You Anything But Love"

"The Mummy's Hand," which is now at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings, is a land of mystery and intrigue, as the setting for the production. Defying the curse of the Gods, which decree death to those who dare disturb the dead, a small expeditionary group goes into the desert to search for the tomb of an ancient princess. Their weird adventures, climaxed by an encounter with a 3000-year-old death-dealing mummy monster, provide a steady flow of spine-tingling action and suspense.

Dick Foran gives one of his best performances as the young archaeologist who leads the expedition. Peggy Moran is both decorative and capable as his romantic interest, and supporting roles are expertly played by Wallace Ford, Cecil Kellaway, Eduardo Ciannelli, George Zucco and Tom Tyler, who appears as the mummy.

Picturing the hilarious adventures of a music-writing gangster who uses strong-arm tactics to get one of his songs into the "hit parade" class, "I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby" is the second feature. Broderick Crawford, who scored in the Broadway stage success, "Of Mice and Men," before entering films, portrays the public enemy, Johnny Downs has the role of a bewildered young composer who is forced to write music for the gangster's song lyrics.

Peggy Moran shares romantic honours with Downs. Warren Hymer plays a rival gangster composer, and John Sutton enacts an underworld "Emily Post." Gertrude Michael has the role of a temperamental actress.

BAPTIST MINISTER WELCOMED

A welcome to the Rev. H. E. Etridge and Mrs Etridge was extended at a gathering at the Baptist Church, Hastings, last night, when addresses of welcome were given by Mrs Bewley, Mr G. Bellby, the Rev. P. Goldsmith, Napier, and the Rev. E. Nicholls, Wanganui, a former pastor of the Hastings Church.

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12.0: Lunch music. 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news. 2.0: Music and romance. 2.30: Classical music. 3.30: "From Our Sample Box." 4.0: Light music. 5.0: Children's session. 8.45: Dinner music. 6.15: B.B.C. news. 7.0: News.

7.30: Evening Programme: Felix Weingartner and the London Symphony Orchestra. 7.45: "Britain Speaks." Rena Edwards. 8.0: Studio recital by Ina Bosworth Quartet. 8.23: Lerner String Quartet with Olga Leiser-Lohoff. 8.53: Station notices. 9.0: N.B.S. news. 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary. 9.25: Evening prayer. 9.30: "Martin's Corner." 10.0: Music, mirth and melody. 11.0: B.B.C. news.

2YH Napier

7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 7.30: Breakfast session. 11.0: Light music.

12.0-2.0 p.m.: Lunch music. 1.15: B.B.C. news. 5.0: Light music. 5.30: For the children. 5.45: The London Palladium Orchestra. 6.0: "The Japanese." 6.30: Music by E. J. Moeran. 6.45: Hawke's Bay Stock Market Reports. 7.0: After-dinner music.

7.30: "Those We Love." 8.0: "The Mystery of Easter Island." 8.15: Organ and tenor selections. 8.30: Night Club. 9.0: N.B.S. news. 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary. 9.25: Evening prayer. 9.30: Music by German composers. 9.39: Kirsten Flagstad (soprano). 9.44: Jacqueline Blanchard (piano). 9.57: E.I.A.R. Symphony Orchestra.

COLOURFUL LIGHT OPERAS

Productions For Napier And Hastings

"The Gondoliers," "The Yeomen of the Guard" and "The Mikado" which are to be staged by J. C. Williamson's latest Gilbert and Sullivan Comic Opera company at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings, on Friday afternoon ("The Gondoliers"), Saturday afternoon ("The Yeomen of the Guard") and Saturday night ("The Mikado") are perfect theatre attractions because of their interesting and romantic stories, their joyous music, their colourful costumes and scenery and their clean and wholesome comedy, which exhibits Gilbert in his very best form. In "The Gondoliers" are the Duke of Plaza Toro with his comic staidness; his imperious Duchess; their beautiful daughter, who curiously enough loves the young king she was betrothed to in her babyhood; Don Alhambra, with his grand inquisitor's tear; the two merry gondoliers and their wives—all these are delightful people.

Ivan Menzies is assured of a hearty welcome when he appears as the Duke of Plaza Toro because he is particularly popular with local players. Other favourite artists who will be making their reappearance are Miss Evelyn Gardiner, Richard Watson, Gregory Stroud, Bernard Manning and Vincent McMurray. Of the newcomers it is said that two finer singers than Miss Viola Wilson (soprano) and Mr John Fullard (tenor) have never been previously heard in the Gilbert and Sullivan operas in New Zealand. Seats in central positions may be

4YA Dunedin

5.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 7.30: Breakfast session. 10.15: Devotional service. 10.40: A talk to women. 11.0: "For My Lady." 11.20: "Cooking by Electricity." 11.35: Tunes of the times.

12.0: Lunch music. 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news. 2.0: Rambling in Rhythm. 3.15: "Facing Up to the Future."

State

RICHARD DIX IN FLYING DRAMA

With Wendy Barrie, "Men Against The Sky"

Hailed as one of the most exciting dramas of modern flying to emerge from Hollywood in many years, "Men Against The Sky," now screening at the State Theatre, Napier, has as its background the behind-the-scenes activities of a modern aircraft plant engaged in filling government "plane orders. Draft rooms, assembly and construction lines, wind tunnels, testing fields—against all of these unfolds the gripping drama of three men and a girl.

Edmund Lowe is ideally cast as an aggressive aircraft manufacturer competing against other national companies in building a swift army "plane model for a foreign government. Playing his chief engineer, designer, and handsome Kent Taylor, Richard Dix portrays a discredited pilot and dare-devil. His only friend is Wendy Barrie, his loyal sister, herself a draftsman.

These four people's lives become linked together through a chain of unusual circumstances, in the gigantic task of building the super-shield. Wendy manages to get a job with the company, falls desperately in love with the good-looking engineer, Dix, striving hard to make a man of himself again, submits through his sister a radical idea on wing design which aids in the perfection of the mighty ship.

Dix's ruin of all their dreams by crashing the finished craft during test manoeuvres, the resultant break between his contrite sister and the man she loves, the frantic efforts of the fast-talking manufacturer to construct another model with additional finances, and Dix's final redemption by nobly sacrificing his life that the pursuit might pass the final test flight, highlight the vivid story.

Regent

DRAMA OF THE ROYAL NAVY

Clive Brook Stars In "Convoy"

No film in recent years has so gripped the imagination of the people as "Convoy," the motion picture of the moment now showing at the Regent Theatre, Napier, for a week.

With a canvas crammed with high-geared thrills, desperate adventures, astounding nautical encounters, pulsating acts of individual heroism, and adorned with the bluff, sardonic humour of the British bluejacket and men of the merchant service, this large-scale production unfolds up to the hilt every demand for a topical drama extolling Britain's command of the seas. Its direct, unadorned acting serves to throw into greater relief the reality of the subject matter, while a human story effectively serves to give the otherwise individual naval battles complete unity.

A flagship, expecting leave, is ordered to sea without a breathing space, to convey a fleet of merchantmen. Among the latter is a tough old skipper who thinks he can do better away from the convoy and takes his ship, packed with refugees, on a course of his own.

On the flagship, the captain (Clive Brook) is disconcerted to find the Admiralty have appointed as his lieutenant the man who ran away with his wife and left her stranded. The girl in question is on the refugee ship, which is soon in difficulties with a U-boat. The flagship captain ignores her S.O.S. lest he imperil the rest of his charges, but the lieutenant despatches a "plane" to his assistance, only to have it shot down. Though the captain's wife is saved, and explains away his bigoted misjudging of his younger colleague, the flagship has to engage single-handedly the German pocket-battleship "Deutschland."

MAYFAIR

COMEDY, "ANNABEL TAKES A TOUR"

Harry Carey "Law West Of Tombstone"

Hollywood turns the spotlight on itself in general, and on personal appearance tours in particular, in "Annabel Takes a Tour," the second in the series of Annabel stories co-starring Jack Oakie and Lucille Ball, now screening at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier.

The very opening in Hollywood where Annabel (Lucille Ball) a glamorous movie queen, is instructed by film producer Bradley Page to embark on a personal appearance tour in order to revive interest in her pictures. The often-forgotten Oakie is brought back as a press agent into the Wonder Studio fold and assigned to accompany the actress.

From this point on the action is fast and furious—champagne baths, famed arrests and a score of other hilarious stunts keeping Annabel's name on the front page, and herself on the verge of insanity.

The acme of hare-brained stunts is a phoney romance between Annabel and a foreign agent of noble birth who enters into the spirit of the scheme in order to boost the sale of his books. When the film queen starts believing her own publicity, and the arrival of the author's wife on the scene, provide the result in side-splitting comedy. Oakie's frantic efforts to break up the romance after it gets beyond control, and the arrival of the author's wife on the scene, provide ingredients for a whirlwind, uproarious climax.

The associate feature, "The Law West of Tombstone," starring Harry Carey as lovable old brag-gart whose bluffs are given weight by the fact that he is, despite his boasting, an expert with a six-gun. Tim Holt and Jean Rouverol have the romantic roles in the picture, with Evelyn Brent and Clarence Kolb completing the supporting cast in a piece of screen fare which will please everyone.

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KOPARA: Left Auckland for Napier via East Coast bays and Gisborne last night, being due here on Friday.

Inquest Opened
An inquest into the death of Mr Ranfurly Lucas, which occurred at Port Ahuriri on Monday night, was opened and adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on February 13 by the District Coroner (Mr J. Miller), after he had heard evidence of identification from Mr Lucas's brother, Mr George Lucas, last night.

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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail. Your Own Morning Paper.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1941. CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

The appeals for exemption from military service by members of a religious order calling themselves Open Brethren were before Number 4 Appeal Board in Wellington on Monday. The argument followed familiar lines and the appellants were given every opportunity to explain their curious conception of the right of the individual to refuse to perform duties required of him by the State.

It is always difficult to gauge accurately the sincerity of persons who profess "conscientious" objections to doing something which an overwhelming majority of their fellow citizens has endorsed as being essential to the security and well-being of the community as a whole.

In the United States, during the last war, the cases of several thousands of "conscientious" objectors were reviewed. About 450 failed to impress the tribunals with their bona fides and were sent to gaol; 1300 were assigned to non-combatant service, and about as many more were allowed to undertake alternative service. In this country there were objections to conscription on both political and religious grounds. By a curious turn of fate, men who opposed compulsory service in a manner that brought them within the scope of the law, lived to become Ministers of the Crown and responsible for the application of the very system of recruiting for the armed forces which they had formerly opposed.

The religious objector is in a rather different category. Thanks to the tolerance that prevails in a democracy, any man is free to place his own interpretation on the Scriptures and to start a new religion, if he becomes sufficiently obsessed of a "call" to do so. As a result, there are numerous variations of the Christian religion. The adherents usually possess one attribute in common, viz., a certainty that theirs is the right way to salvation. Under German rule the man who endeavours to be original to the extent of setting up a new religion would probably find himself in a concentration camp, and the more recalcitrant he proved, the more he would be brutally ill-used.

In the circumstances one might be excused for placing religious toleration amongst the things worth fighting for. It seems to be a poor sort of faith that justifies a man in delegating the duty of fighting for it to a fellow citizen who takes a broader view of his obligations to his race and country.

The modern State is organised on a basis which requires the observance by the individual of laws, regulations and provisions deemed to be in the interests of all. In return for this subordination of the individual to the State, the citizen enjoys liberty to believe, say and do what he pleases, provided the rights of his fellow man are respected. The "conscientious" objector who would be a law unto himself, and desires an exception to be made in his case which will release him from obligations which must be discharged by others in order to preserve the State from destruction by external agencies, forfeits his claim to citizenship, and cannot reasonably complain if a very harsh view is taken of his attitude.

It is a tribute to the spirit of tolerance that he is allowed to get away with it at all. There are, no doubt, genuine instances of men who have convinced themselves that they would be imperilling their immortal souls, by resisting a murderer by force, but there are probably a great many more who would profess "conscientious" objections, if by doing so it would enable them to avoid the inconvenience of conscription. It is the function of the appeal board to separate the sheep from the goats and none will envy them in the discharge of a very onerous public service.

Personal

The Rev. H. E. Nicholls, Wanganui, is visiting Hastings. He was formerly pastor of the Baptist Church at Hastings.

Flight-Lieutenant Walter Hammond, the former Test cricketer, has joined the Middle East Command, says a Cairo Press Association cable.

Messrs. A. D. Brown and I. B. Logan, directors of the Napier Gas Co., Ltd., were re-elected unopposed as were the auditors, Messrs. C. Douglas Wilson and H. Bell, at the annual meeting of the company, which was held in Napier yesterday. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Mr. A. D. Brown was re-elected chairman.

Mr. Robert Davidson Veitch has been appointed electrical engineer to the Timaru Borough Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. A. H. Watkins. There were 21 applicants. Mr. Veitch was at one time an engineer with the Otago Power Board and at present is engineer to the South Canterbury Power Board.—Press Association.

AT THE HOTELS

Mrs. S. Simms, Mr. G. Birch, Mr. and Mrs. H. Petit, Miss M. Petit, Mr. R. Alward, Mr. and Mrs. K. Rowe, Mr. L. Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. C. Burns (Wellington), Mrs. M. Hamilton (Bournemouth), Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bidwill, Miss Prudence Bidwill (Featherston), Miss P. O'Brien (Tasmania), Mr. H. Abbott (Hastings), Mr. and Mrs. S. Oggier (Singapore), Mr. J. A. Mackay (London), Mr. A. Greenfield (Dunedin), Mr. J. Flood, Mr. H. Ware (Palmerston North), Mrs. A. Theobald (Takapau), Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bason (Auckland), are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr. Frame, Mr. A. L. Brown (Wanganui), Miss Goulding, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Handyside, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Burns, Mr. Beswick, Mr. McNaughton (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. Maher (Dannevirke), Mr. and Mrs. Davey, Miss Davey (Wellington), Mrs. Galvin (Palmerston North), Mrs. Viles (Feilding), Mr. White, Mr. Robertson are at the Hotel Central, Napier.

Mr. G. Cloake, Mr. J. P. Campbell (Wellington), Mr. G. McNeil, J. G. Harris, H. Neighbour (Palmerston North), Mr. T. Smith (Auckland), Mr. H. Farrar (Wanganui), Mr. T. Chambers (New Plymouth), are staying at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs N. Yates (Auckland) Miss M. Morgan (Christchurch), Mr A. Lee (Auckland), Mr. W. Hopkirk, Mr and Mrs M. Murphy, Miss E. Murphy, Master T. Murphy, Mr A. Marks, Mr H. Beazer (Wellington) Mr C. A. Anderson (Palmerston North) are at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

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WAIROA Mr. N. Fippard (Hastings), Mr. B. J. O'Connell, Mr. H. J. Dynes, Mr. D. E. Barnes, Mr. K. E. Barnes (Wellington), Mr. A. M. D. Stevenson (Tua), Mr. E. H. Dansey (Napier), Mr. P. W. Berrill (Rotorua), are staying at the Clyde Hotel, Wairoa.

Mr. J. D. O'Keefe, Mr. F. O'Keefe, Mr. Klee, Mr. Laing (Napier), Mr. Whittaker, Mr. Shepherd (Wellington), Mrs. Stoker, Mr. Filmer, Mr. Cowley, are staying at the Wairoa Hotel, Wairoa.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

War Relief Reviewed

Receipts and payments for the past two months were under consideration at a meeting of the Napier branch of the Hawke's Bay War Relief Association. Mr. H. Steele presided. The payments and receipts for December and January were £108 10/8 and £78 5/8, and £87 15/7 and £65 5/- respectively.

U.S. Observer

The Consular Corps and representatives of shipping, airways and other interests, assembled at the American Consulate at Auckland yesterday to meet Commander J. P. O'Neil, who was recently appointed naval observer to the Consulate. His appointment is the first of the kind in the Dominion, following closely on similar appointments at Cape Town, Sydney and Singapore.

Kennedy Road Works

"Work has been proceeding on Kennedy Road extension with the object of raising the road with a view to surfacing it with bitumen," said the Mayor of Napier, Mr. T. W. Lockwood, yesterday. "But the work will not go on until after the summer." Dust has caused a good deal of discomfort to residents and a water cart has been necessary to ease the situation.

Vast Improvement

"I am told that there has been such an improvement at the works that I would go blind again if I could only see it," commented Mr. T. Barry, a former employee of the Napier Gas Co., Ltd., who lost his sight a few years ago, at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the company at Napier yesterday. Mr. Barry congratulated the engineer and general manager (Mr. A. W. Wright), on the manner in which the company's plant and premises were being maintained.

Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor must be written on one side of the paper only, and in ink. The correspondent's name and residential address must be given even if the letter is to be published anonymously.

Electricity Supply

Sir,—Would it not be possible to cut out the lighting of shops and business premises in the evenings, and especially on Sunday evenings. Surely shoppers have 51 days in the week to see windows and do shopping. I think that would be a big saving to the Electric Power Board. In the good old days, and even in the days before the war, many shops in Scotland pulled down the blinds on Saturday afternoons or evenings. It used to be only the Italian ice-cream shops that were lit on Sundays. I think a taste of the blackout here in New Zealand would help us to realise what the people in Great Britain are up against.—I am, etc. M. P. BLICK, Havelock North.

Lord's Prayer In Schools

POSITION REVIEWED The New Zealand Bible in Schools League's standing committee recently reviewed the position arising from differences of opinion among educational authorities as to the use of the Lord's Prayer in New Zealand primary schools. While not directly implicated in this special matter the committee, and the various Education Boards may be viewed, it can be stated that no objection has been raised by the department to the weekly half-hour of religious instruction on the short daily period or devotional observances which have been so widely adopted.

Source of Authority "The authority for this is gained first, by the exercise by the Education Board of its power to reduce the time of compulsory secular instruction, and second, by the action of the school committees in making the necessary arrangements for religious activities during the time thus deducted. Such provision harmonises both with the statements of the Director of Education and with decisions made by various Education Boards.

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Breakfast Table

Stranger: "Well, how are things around here?" Native: "They must be improving, stranger. All the farmers wish they could get government jobs and all the government men seem to wish they could be farmers."

"Hello, where have you been?" "Just got back from a camping trip."

"Toughing it, eh?" "I'll say so! Why, one day our portable dynamo failed us, and we had no hot water, electric lights, ice, or radio for almost two hours!" At the service of the Services. Uniforms may not make good soldiers, but every officer knows it is impossible to be a smart soldier without a good uniform. We have made it our business during the past year to adopt, and improve our production to the making of the best possible uniform at the most reasonable prices.—Parkers.

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR PASSING SHOWERS. Following is the "Daily Mail's" special forecast for the Hawke's Bay area.

Winds: Strong westerly changing to fresh south-westerlies. Weather: Cloudy and changeable with passing showers. Temperatures cooler. Seas: Rough offshore.

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. 75.5 deg. Wet bulb temp. 64.0 deg. Maximum temp. 82.8 deg. Minimum temp. 73.2 deg. Grass 81.0 deg. 1ft. underground 72.0 deg. 3ft. underground 70.0 deg. Sun 62.8 deg. Rain Nil Wind N.W.4. N.W.4. Visibility 6 hrs. Humidity 56 p.c.

HASTINGS WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows: Dry bulb temp. 77.0 deg. Wet bulb temp. 67.0 deg. Maximum temp. 83.8 deg. Minimum temp. 71.0 deg. Grass 55.0 deg. 1ft. underground 72.0 deg. Sun Nil Wind W.2. Cloud 7.

DOMINION FORECAST

General situation—A low pressure trough extends to the north-west and south-east of Cook Strait. Pressure has risen over south-eastern Australia. Winds—Fresh or strong north-westerlies at first over the North Island. Elsewhere fresh south-westerly to southerly, and southerlies becoming general by Thursday. Seas—New Zealand waters: Slight or moderate inshore north of Napier. Elsewhere rough at times. Eastern Tasman Sea: Fresh south-westerly winds soon prevailing. Sea rather rough. Weather: Cool, changeable and showery over most of the South Island but conditions improving rapidly over the southern half. Elsewhere cloudy to overcast with rain at times and with falling temperatures. Some heavy falls in the central provinces.

To-day's Diary

NAPIER The Theatres: "Men Against the Sky," State, 2 and 8 p.m. "Convoy," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m. "Annabel Takes a Tour," and "Law West of Tombstone," Mayfair, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

HASTINGS The Theatres: "Susan and God," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "Charlie Chan's Murder Cruise," also "High School," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "The Mummy's Hand" also "I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby," Cosy, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

Balloons on Parade Approximately 100 men drawn in the first overseas ballot were medically examined at the Napier Garrison Hall last night.

WESTERMAN'S MODERN STORE. BACK TO SCHOOL SPECIALS at WESTERMAN'S. FIRST IN VALUE SCHOOL UNIFORMS. FIRST IN QUALITY SCHOOL UNIFORM CLOTHES. HASTINGS. PROVE OUR VALUES BY MENTAL ARITHMETIC.

PRODUCTION OF TANKS

BRITISH OFFICIAL IN DOMINION FORTNIGHT'S VISIT Will Confer With N.Z. Government

By Telegraph—Press Association AUCKLAND, Feb. 4. To advise and collaborate with the New Zealand Government in the production of tanks and other fighting vehicles, Mr. H. Heath, a member of the British Ministry of Supply, arrived from Sydney by the Awarua.

Mr. Heath was a member of the British delegation to the Empire Economic Conference at Delhi last October, and since then has spent a considerable time in Australia conferring with officials.

"Britain wants everything she can get," said Mr. Heath, when asked what was particularly required of New Zealand in the way of war material.

Questions of Production He said that tanks and other fighting vehicles were his special interest, and he would discuss questions of production with Government officials and others. He would also endeavour to assist in solving any problems that had already arisen in the sphere of armament manufacture.

Mr. Heath will spend nearly a fortnight in New Zealand before leaving for America by the Pan American Clipper.

In the United States he will confer with the British Purchasing Commission at Washington. He hopes to return to Britain by the middle of March.

On his arrival Mr. Heath was met by the Government Reception Officer and subsequently left for the south. He will make Wellington his headquarters in the Dominion.

Ten Witnesses Heard

DUNEDIN TRIAL Attempted Murder Charge CASE ADJOURNED

By Telegraph—Press Association DUNEDIN, Feb. 4. The quarterly criminal session commenced with eight cases, including charges of attempted murder, robbery with violence, assault, indecent assault and theft.

Mr. Justice Kennedy, in his charge to the Grand Jury, said that the attempted murder charge arose out of a set of circumstances at Oamaru when a group of people calling themselves witnesses gathered at a meeting at which a man appeared with a loaded rifle and a bayonet fixed. "You may judge the man's state of mind by what he says and what he does. A peaceful meeting is no place to take a loaded rifle," said his Honour.

True Bill Returned. The Grand Jury returned a true bill on the charge against William Mearns, Oamaru, who is defended by Mr. C. S. Thomas, A. Stuchurch, and Mr. Farrell, Oamaru. The major charges were the attempted murder of George Robert Edwards and Frederick Henry McCauley, and committing bodily harm with a rifle.

After ten witnesses had been heard, the case was adjourned until to-morrow.

R.A.F. ASSISTS AT DERNA

BENHAZI ROAD BOMBED ATTACK ON TRIPOLI Pilots Report Direct Hits On Airfields

British Official Wireless (Received February 4, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, Feb. 3.

A Royal Air Force communiqué issued to-night states that a heavy and successful attack was made on an important Italian air-base near Tripoli. Several tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped and at least seven enemy aircraft on the ground were destroyed. Pilots, on their return, stated that direct hits were scored on hangars, vehicles and aircraft and that much damage was done.

"Activity by R.A.F. fighters and bombers continued in Libya yesterday, particularly on the roads between Derna and Benghazi," the communiqué adds. "At Slonta, 25 miles south-west of Apollonia, troops and lorries were machine-gunned. Thirteen lorries were destroyed, and heavy casualties were inflicted among troops. Other machine-gun and bombing attacks were made on motor transport at Maraua and on the road between there and Gubba."

"At Apollonia, fighters attacked the aerodrome and destroyed three Ghiblis and a CA-310. They also machine-gunned transport and troops, causing many casualties. At Cirene, ten miles south-west of Apollonia, a CR-42 was shot down by our fighters."

BEHEADED FOR HIGH TREASON

German Woman And Elderly Man

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Ruth Schubert, aged 20, and Karl Schapper, aged 62, were convicted recently for high treason and beheaded.

SHIPPING LOSS INQUIRY TO BE HELD IN CAMERA

Chairman Stresses Dangers Of Information Reaching The Enemy

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Feb. 4.

The Commission of Inquiry set up by the Government to investigate the alleged leakage of information regarding shipping movements and the circumstances surrounding the loss of the Holmwood, Rangitane, Vinni and Komata began its sitting in Wellington to-day.

Mr Justice Callan is chairman, and the other members are Messrs T. F. Anderson (secretary of the Seamen's Union, Auckland), Captain F. A. Macindoe (secretary of the New Zealand Merchant Service Guild), the Hon. William Perry, M.L.C., and Captain E. Rotherham, R.N.

After hearing representations by Mr. H. H. Cornish, Solicitor-General, who with Mr. Foden, of the Crown Law Office, is assisting the commission and by Mr. W. Walsh, national president of the Seamen's Union, the Commission decided that henceforth all public interest lay in holding the proceedings in camera.

Mr. Cornish, in addressing the Commission, said that as he understood the position, the duty of the Commission was, after having examined all the circumstances of shipping losses, to determine whether those circumstances disclosed that there had been a leakage of information, whether inadvisedly or deliberately, from New Zealand for the benefit of raiders. His own function was not to appear for any party, but simply to assist the Commission with the evidence that became available.

Gaps in Evidence. There would be certain gaps in the evidence to be presented before the inquiry, said Mr. Cornish. There was one person who was referred to some time ago as a very high judicial officer, and on whose behalf starting revelations were promised.

Mr. Cornish added that he was bound to say that the high judicial officer who, he believed, was a judge in Tonga, was given every opportunity to make a statement in New Zealand. He did so, as did his wife, but the statements would give the commission very little assistance. They fell far short of what the public had been led to believe they would be, and indeed it was not fair to add, on questioning in Auckland, he disclaimed having said in Australia much of what had been attributed to him.

Statements Available. His Honour: Where are those people now? Mr. Cornish: I believe they went to South America.

His Honour: But you have, or somebody else has, written, signed statements? Mr. Cornish: Yes, and of course they will be made available. What this inquiry is primarily about is, of course, a question for the Commission to decide. I am bound to say that the statements will be no more than statements or reports of what certain personnel on the raiding ships are supposed to have said. There will be some evidence of what a raider captain or members of the personnel of the raider ship or ships said. The Commission, no doubt, ascertain exactly what was said.

Seamen's Union Request. The National President of the New Zealand Seamen's Union (Mr. W. Walsh) said that the question of inquiry into the loss of shipping was regarded very seriously by his organisation. "I say advisedly that there have been a lot of loose statements by the Government and the Government and Government Ministers in the past, and I am satisfied that the investigation will show that statements that have been published were unwarranted and unsupported by evidence," said Mr. Walsh. "I submit that in fairness to the men who go down to the sea and to the Government, portions of the inquiry should be held openly. If not, I feel that the public will feel that they are being deceived, and I am fully aware that there is no." Mr. Walsh asked that his organisation be given representation at the inquiry in order to protect the interests of its members and to help in preventing further shipping losses.

Commission's Reply. After a short retirement by the Commission, his Honour said he had carefully considered the matters raised by Messrs Cornish and Walsh. Under Section 9 of the regulations, it was necessary or expedient in the interests of public safety, the defence of New Zealand, the efficient prosecution of any war in which His Majesty was engaged, or the maintenance of supplies and services essential to the life of the community the commission might order that the whole or any part of the inquiry be held in camera. That was a very grave trust to be placed in the Commission, said his Honour, and the fact that he had that power undoubtedly imposed upon them the serious duty of considering which way it was to be exercised in a proper regard for the public interest.

Wide Public Interest. "We are perfectly well aware that there is a widespread and perfectly legitimate public interest and curiosity on the topics which we have been set up to inquire into, because they so intimately affect interests of everybody in this country," said his Honour. "They affect in some degree or other the whole of the public, and suggestions that have been made and have found their way into the Press have naturally excited great public interest. The public are entitled to know and to feel that the matters are being taken seriously."

Dangers of Publication. "The other and obvious consideration is that from the nature of the topics that have to be inquired into, there is no doubt whatever that a considerable portion of the inquiry ought, in the public interest, to be in camera. Great mischief would obviously be done in the way of publication abroad and possibly to the detriment of our own defence if kept private. If that were not done, there is also the consideration that some evidence may be got if we sit in camera, the benefit of which we would not have otherwise."

Again, it is possible, with due regard to the public interest, to have an inquiry sometimes public and sometimes in camera. We have come to the conclusion that, with due regard to the public interest, the whole thing must be in camera.

"Our view is that you never can tell by looking at a sort of preview or some rough summary or written statement. It may appear to the commission that a particular witness or a particular topic can be taken publicly without any risk of damage to the public interest, but our view is that we may go wrong. When we have a witness here, some sudden development may take place and mischief could be done before it could be recalled."

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Blackout On Two Coasts

WEEK-END TRIAL South Island Areas Darkened

ALARMIST RUMOURS

(Daily Mail Special Service) CHRISTCHURCH, Feb. 3.

There was a partial blackout in Canterbury and West Coast coastal towns and districts on Saturday night, and again in some places on the coast last night.

Those controlling neon signs in Christchurch were telephoned on Saturday night and asked to switch them off. Late in the evening most of them were switched off, and the customary glow over the city had disappeared. Street lights were not turned off.

New Brighton, Lyttelton, and Sumner were largely in darkness. The authorities explained that advice had been received from the Government that a blackout should be effected.

All West Coast coastal towns and scattered residential and industrial areas along the coastline observed a blackout on Saturday night, and again last night.

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GAOL SENTENCE IS IMPOSED

Sold Liquor Without Licence

By Telegraph—Press Association TIMARU, Feb. 4.

In the Supreme Court to-day, Archibald John Templeton, Ashburton, pleaded guilty to five charges of selling liquor without a licence. The case had been set down for trial, but the accused altered his plea.

He was sentenced to three months' imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to be cumulative.

Negligent Driving. A fine of £10 and disqualification from obtaining a driver's licence for a period of five years was imposed on Anthony John Johns, a tractor-driver, Ashburton, who had pleaded guilty and appeared for sentence on a charge of negligently driving a car, thereby causing death.

MR J. H. FIELDHOUSE NOT STANDING

Napier Mayoralty Contest

"I have not the slightest intention of standing," said Mr J. H. Fieldhouse, when questioned as to the prospect of his contesting the Napier Mayoralty, at the local body elections.

Although speculation is rife, the only candidate who has so far advanced his intention of going to the polls is the sitting Mayor (Mr T. W. Hercock), who has consented to allow his name to go forward.

TROUBLE BREAKS IN CUBA

TWO DEFENCE CHIEFS ARRESTED SUDDEN ACTION

President Denies Any Disturbances

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General Batista left the Presidential palace to-day and took over personal command of the army and suspended constitutional guarantees for 15 days following the resignations of the army chief (Jose Pedraza), the navy chief (Aurelio Gonzalez) and the National Police Chief (Bernardo Garcia) which are reported to be due to a political dispute between departmental heads.

Pedraza and Gonzalez have been arrested. The palace is heavily guarded with machine-guns and submachine-guns. Journalists have been ejected and Army leave has been cancelled.

General Batista, in a telephone interview from Army headquarters said: "I am in complete command of the armed forces in order that peace may reign over the nation. There are no disturbances anywhere."

SURPRISE LANDING AT DAWN

JAPANESE NEAR WAICHOV A VITAL ROAD

Chungking's Supplies In Danger

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The "Nichi Nichi Shimbum's" Canton correspondent says that Japanese troops, under a warship's protection, effected a surprise landing at dawn south-east of Waichow in order to cut off the Hong Kong-Shaopang road, on which Chungking is depending heavily for supplies.

The Chungking High Command says that the Japanese offensive in south Hunan, which since January 23 has resulted in the capture of all towns on the Pinghan south and west, is now halted. Counter-attacks resulted in 20,000 Japanese casualties on the route of the spearhead troops, which were intentionally permitted to penetrate deeply.

REALISTIC BATTLE PRACTICE

MOCK BOMBING OF NEW ZEALANDERS

DESERT EXERCISES

Capture Of Port By Night

(From Official War Correspondent with the N.Z.E.F. in Egypt) CAIRO, Feb. 3.

Training in resistance to dive-bombing and tank attacks and in night operations were features of further realistic battle exercises just completed by a full N.Z.E.Z. infantry brigade.

In a day's march 17 miles across rough desert country, three battalions were subjected to mock attacks by low-flying R.A.F. machines, putting their knowledge of defensive measures to the test.

The next day, the men marched a further eight miles to a point from where they effected the capture by night of a supposed port, which two battalions took after carrying all their fighting equipment and dragging anti-tank guns by hand across a wide stretch of desert. The third battalion fought its way along an imaginary coastline through an imaginary enemy force consisting of the light tanks and Bren carriers of a cavalry regiment.

Continually harassed by the "enemy," the brigade marched home by night.

BOY SCOUTS' FINE GESTURE

National Savings Investment

Church Of England Leads

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The Presbyterian Church has five columns (about 350 names), the Roman Catholic Church six columns (about 400 names), Methodist Church four and a half columns (about 300 names), Baptist Church about a column (about 70 names), Salvation Army a column and a half (about 100 names) and a half (about 100 names) bodies are represented in the lists, some of the lesser-known religions being "The Church of the Golden Light," with one woman minister, "Star of Hope Mission of New Zealand," two ministers; "Israel Peoples Mission," one minister; "Waltham Acclesia of Christadelphians," one minister; "Church of The Koori Rikirangi," one minister; and "Liberal Catholic Church," eight ministers.

RADIO MEN ARE NEEDED FOR MERCANTILE MARINE

Overseas Ships Must Carry Three Operators; New Training Scheme

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Feb. 4.

An appeal to youths between the ages of eighteen and twenty, and to men under thirty who are not fit for military service to join the Mercantile Marine as radio operators is made in a statement issued by the Minister of Marine (the Hon. R. Semple) and the Minister of Defence (the Hon. F. Jones).

It was explained by the Ministers that in the interests of the safety of shipping it was necessary for all overseas ships to carry three radio operators, and that coastal vessels, in which the duty of radio operator was at present carried out by the mate, should carry at least one operator. That would require the services of nearly 100 additional radio operators.

To provide these men the Union Steam Ship Co. of New Zealand, Ltd., had undertaken to train candidates in its wireless school in Wellington. The course would last about two months, although candidates who already possessed some knowledge of radio or Morse would probably be passed as qualified in a shorter period.

Service in Ships. At the end of the course qualified operators would take service in merchant ships in the ordinary way. The certificates to be granted to these operators would be provisional, and would be issued for the duration of the war only. Candidates would receive the wages laid down in the existing award after being signed on.

The Ministers said that the men who undertook this work would know they were performing a war service as important as the men in the fighting services. Candidates should write to the manager of the Union Steam Ship Co., Wellington, giving full names and addresses, age, and stating whether they possess any radio or Morse qualifications.

HALIFAX MEETS CRITICISM

VISIT TO CONGRESS COMMITTEEMEN

"IMPROPER" ACT

Conduct Raises Demand For Inquiry

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In the House of Representatives Mr Dirksen demanded an explanation of Lord Halifax's visits to Mr S. Bloom and Senator George, chairman of the House and Senate Foreign Affairs Committee respectively, stating that if Lord Halifax made any disclosures Congress should be informed.

"Didn't Sneak In." Mr Bloom replied sharply: "Lord Halifax called at my office; he did not sneak in. Everybody knew about it. We had a nice talk, the main subject of which was the exhibit of Magna Carta during the World Fair."

He added that Lord Halifax inquired regarding the time-table and Congressional procedure on the Lease-or-Lend Bill.

Republicans gawfixed at Mr Bloom's explanation, after which Mr Dirksen said: "It is undeniable that it is extraordinarily unusual for an Ambassador to contact the chairman of a committee for the purpose of discussing a time-table."

Mr Roy Howard's "World Telegram" publishes on its front page a story from its Washington correspondent under the headlines, "Presence on Congress resented. Indiscretions by Halifax will lose most votes for Lease-or-Lend Bill." It describes Lord Halifax's visits to Mr Bloom and Senator George "as lobbying resented by Congress."

This follows criticism by the isolationist, "America First" Committee, which contended that Lord Halifax's meetings with Mr Bloom and Senator George were highly improper and telegraphed the Secretary for State (Mr Cordell Hull) requesting him to investigate the Ambassador's conduct and make his findings public.

The "World Telegram" opposes the Bill.

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Heretaunga Club Events

TONIGHT'S SWIMMING Teams For Provincial Championships

HANDICAPS DECLARED

An inter-firms relay race is to be held to-night's carnival of the Heretaunga Swimming Club, and excellent entries have been received for the event.

Handicap Backstroke, H.B. Tyre Builders Ltd. No. 1, 3sec. Service stations 4, Woolworths 7, Clifton Beach team 8, Thompson Motors 9, Williams and Little Office 10, Union Bank 12, H.B. Tyre Builders Ltd. No. 2, 14, Accountants 15, Ross, Dyrast and McCleod, Roaches 16, Bon Marche 18, Christie's Furnishers 18, Bon Marche 18, McIntyre 19, Parcells 18, McLeod and Gardner 22. These teams are to be handicapped: Omaha Shingle Co., Tourist Motor Co., Bank of New Zealand, Harvey, Fulton and Hill, Dalgetys, de Pellichet and McCleod, Roaches 16, Williams and Kettle, D'Sokosy.

Any other firms wishing to take part must put in their entry at the baths before 7.30 p.m.

Handicaps Declared. Handicaps for other events are: Junior Boys' 50 yards: T. Wrightson 3, B. Baldwin 3, A. Blakey 3sec. H. Bartley 2, A. Thompson 2, Misses M. Thompson 2, P. Parkes 3, R. Faragher 3, McIvor 4, G. McCormick 4.

Junior Girls' 25 yards: Misses J. Farrington 2, G. Greig 2, T. Instone 1, F. Cameron 2, P. Young 3, N. Thompson 4, N. Cameron 4, M. Kay 5, M. Rainey 5. Intermediate Girls' 50 yards: Misses M. Thompson 3, P. Hunt 3sec. P. Young 2, C. Thompson 3, H. Lowe 2, J. Lucas 3, N. Cameron 4, L. Stanley 5, M. McCormick 5. Intermediate Boys' 50 yards: M. Mason 3, Knowles 3sec. D. Drummond 3, King 3, N. Lane 3, R. McKay 3, W. Lucas 3, R. Lomas 3, E. Bishop 3, C. McKenzie 3, N. Carter 7.

50 yards: H. Bodie 3sec. K. Wrightson 3, R. Treacher 3sec. J. O'Connell 3, J. Downey 4. 100 yards: H. Bodie 3sec. H. Orrell 3, R. Drummond 3sec. H. Bodie 2, T. Wrightson 2, M. Thompson 4, J. Greig 4, H. Lowe 4sec. P. Young 4, 3, Cameron 3, J. Lucas 3, J. Faragher 3.

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM. The Heretaunga team to contest the Napier on February 15 and 16 has been selected as follows: Schoolgirls Under 12 Years. 25 yards Freestyle Championship: M. McCormick (Central), D. Hickson (Central), Y. Franklin (Parkvale), X. McCormick (Parkvale). 50 yards Freestyle Championship: E. Orrell (Central), D. Hickson (Central), Y. Franklin (Parkvale). 100 yards Freestyle Championship: J. Greig (Central), T. Instone (Parkvale).

Schoolboys Under 12 Years. 25 yards Freestyle: T. Walkere (Convent), G. McCormick, A. Deakin, G. Overend (Central). 50 yards Freestyle: T. Walkere (Convent), G. McCormick, A. Deakin, G. Overend (Central). 100 yards Freestyle: J. Greig (Central), T. Instone (Parkvale).

Schoolboys Under 14 Years. 25 yards Freestyle: T. Walkere (Convent), G. McCormick, A. Deakin, G. Overend (Central). 50 yards Freestyle: M. Mason, D. Drummond, J. Knowles. 100 yards Freestyle: M. Mason, D. Drummond, J. Knowles.

Senior Women's. 100 yards Backstroke: J. H. Orrell. 150 yards Backstroke: Misses M. Thompson, H. Bodie. 200 yards Freestyle: J. H. Orrell, H. M. Bodie. 400 yards Freestyle: J. H. Orrell, H. M. Bodie. Flying Squadron, 400 yards: Bodie, Orrell, Mason, Wrightson, R. Drummond, D. Drummond.

Senior Men. 220 yards Backstroke: J. H. Orrell. 100 yards Freestyle: H. M. Bodie. 100 yards Freestyle: H. M. Bodie. 220 yards Freestyle: J. H. Orrell, H. M. Bodie. 400 yards Freestyle: J. H. Orrell, H. M. Bodie. Flying Squadron, 400 yards: Bodie, Orrell, Mason, Wrightson, R. Drummond, D. Drummond.

Napier Swimmers Beat Havelock

Club Championship Results

Conditions were ideal at the Napier Baths last night when the Napier team successfully defended the Henry Williams Polo Cup against a team from the Havelock North Club. The Napier team won the cup by a margin of one stroke after recovering Havelock's 3-1 lead in the final race. The final score was: Napier 4, Havelock 3.

Further races were swum off for the various club championships and some exciting finishes resulted, particularly in the men's 100 yards where only a touch separated the first four placed competitors. Results: 100 Yards Junior Girls' Championship (Panica Cup)—Miss M. Tanner 1, Miss V. Craven 2, Time, 77.4-5sec. 66.2 Yards Junior Boys' Championship (Acme Cup)—First division: S. Hawkins 1, K. Boardman 2, H. Prebble 3. Second division: J. Hart 1, A. Crowhurst 2, P. Ganson 3, Time, 55sec.

220 Yards Intermediate Girls' Club (Bryant Cup)—Miss J. Redshaw 1, Miss P. Gregory 2, Miss J. Mist 3, Time, 3min 29sec. 100 Yards Intermediate Boys' Handicap (Bryant Cup)—L. Jones 1, A. Howse 2, S. Bull 3, Time, 3min 13-2sec.

25 Yards Men's Handicap (Stevenson Cup)—J. Gilroy 1, S. Boardman 2, G. Coultis 3, Time, 67.1-5sec. 100 Yards Women's Handicap (Hedley Cup)—Miss N. Johnstone 1, Miss L. Browning 2, Miss R. King 3, Time, 89sec.

150 Yards Men's Breaststroke Handicap (Seymour Memorial Cup)—G. Shadron 1, R. Moorcock 2, Time, 2min 15-5sec. 100 Yards Intermediate Boys' Breaststroke Handicap (Harvey Cup)—C. Austin 1, A. Howse 2, Time, 2min. 100 Yards Women's Handicap (Hedley Cup)—Miss N. Johnstone 1, Miss L. Browning 2, Miss R. King 3, Time, 51-1sec. Water Polo—Napier 4, Havelock North 3.

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SALES OF GAS MAINTAINED

DIFFICULT TRADING PERIOD

ANNUAL REPORT

Napier Co.'s Position Reviewed

Shareholders will recollect that the sales of gas for the year ended December 31, 1939, were a record in the history of the company's operations, and your directors are pleased to report that the sales of gas for the year ended December 31, 1940, were well maintained at 128,553,000 cubic feet, being only 49,000 cubic feet less than for the record year of 1939.

No Change In Dividend

Question Of State Houses

ACTION PROPOSED

In spite of the difficult trading period which the Napier Gas Co. Ltd. has just experienced, the directors have declared a final dividend of 21 per cent. on both classes of shares, on the register. This will absorb £2755 which, in addition to the interim payment of 21 per cent. made in August, makes a total distribution of 5 per cent. for the period under review, according to the report presented to the annual general meeting of the Napier Gas Co. Ltd., which was held in Napier yesterday.

The balance at the credit of the profit and loss account stood at £6667 18/6, so that after deducting the final pay-out there was a balance of £3192 18/6 to be carried forward as compared with £6291 17/6 brought into the books for the year ended December 31, 1940.

Commenting on the statement of accounts, Mr P. Ashcroft said that the company had been faced with a difficult year, but had come through with flying colours.

On account of Mr J. D. Davidson, Porangahau, 157 early shorn, fairly framed wethers in forward condition, met the market at 21/.

On account of Mr G. L. Jamieson, 137 well grown woolly wethers, lambs in very light condition realised 10/7.

An entry of 185 sound-mouthed, fairly framed ewes in light to medium condition, were slow to start at 5/ to pass at 9/6.

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On account of Mr C. Giblin, Waipukurau, 433 woolly lambs, medium to fairly grown, handling fairly well and looking in good order being sound and dipped, sold at 18/3 for 200, the remainder making 17/7.

On account of Mr A. W. Elliott, Waipukurau, 179 medium grown woolly wether lambs in light to medium order, and on rape for a fortnight, sold at 18/3.

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An offering of 154 back-country late shorn light framed four-tooth wethers in light shorn condition, sold at 18/.

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On account of Mr D. A. Preston, Waikarara, 385 medium grown down cross lambs in good order for feeding on rape, brought 17/.

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YARDING OF 4000 SHEEP

QUALITY LINES AT WAIPUKURAU

WETHERS WANTED

Top Lines Command Good Prices

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIPUKURAU. Several good quality lines were on offer among the yarding of 4000 sheep at yesterday's stock sale in Waipukurau and the top lines commanded a strong market.

Well-grown shorn white-faced wether lambs on account of Mr W. Stoddart topped the market at 18/6. Another good line on account of Mr H. E. Wall made 18/3. Smaller grown shorn brought to 16/6, good woolly lambs made from 17/7 to 18/3, medium grown off high country and in sound order made 16/3.

Very forward four-tooth wethers brought 22/7, others making 20/11 and 21/. Very light sorts off back country brought 18/. Late shorn four and five-year ewes, mouths low, but even, were passed in from 10/6 to 11/. Sound mouthed ewes in light order made 9/6. Medium two-tooth ewes realised 26/6.

Little competition was shown for the small entry of fat sheep. Wethers brought from 20/ to 22/ and ewes from 12/ to 14/9.

The cattle entry was negligible, consisting of four pens of 16-month A.A. steers and heifers in poor order.

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On account of Mr Ian McLeod, Wilder Settlement, an entry of early shorn medium grown two-tooth ewes made 26/3.

On account of Mr W. E. Stoddart, 100 late shorn, well grown w.f. wether lambs in very forward order brought 18/6, the second cut being smaller framed, selling at 16/6.

Brokers Report

On Values

WAIPIKURAU SALE

Review Of Yesterday's Offering

Brokers report as follows on the stock sale yesterday at Waipukurau: MURRAY, ROBERTS & CO. LTD. 8 fat ewes 13/6, 14 13/6, 15 12/6, 11 12/6; 1 prime ewe 14/; 13 fat ewes 14/9, 1 at 14/; 41 at 12/10; 165 6-yr ewes 12/; 149 4 and 5-yr ewes 11/6; 196 woolly wether lambs 16/9; 263 lambs 16/3; 100 fat and forward lambs 18/6; 120 shorn lambs 14/5; 82 4 and 5-yr ewes 11/6; 82 fat and forward lambs 19/; 61 woolly wether lambs 12/7; 70 Southdown lambs 17/10; 22 lambs 9/; 9 at 11/9.

20 fat maiden ewes 15/; 4 at 14/6; 388 Down lambs 17/; 155 4-th wethers 18/; 41 2-th wethers 17/1; 1 4-yr ewe 11/6. N.Z. LOAN & MERCANTILE CO., LTD. 180 shorn Romney wether lambs 18/3. DALGETY & CO. LTD. 26 16-months heifers £2 12/; 4 heifers £3 12/6; 2 steer £1 2/6; 17 16-months steers £3 1/2; 17 16-months wether lambs 11/3; 46 wether lambs 9/7; 92 ewe lambs 14/; 21 mixed sex lambs 8/9.

WILLIAMS & KETTLE LTD. 7 fat ewes 13/6; 4 light fat ewes 11/; 1 fat wether 22/; 1 fat lamb 22/; 150 wethers 17/10; 160 at 21/; 200 at 18/3; 233 at 17/7; 255 medium weth. lambs 13/6; 55 small weth. lambs 10/; 91 medium ewe lambs 17/; 78 2-th ewes 26/6; 27 small M.S. 7/1; 2 wethers 17/.

Special entry of hucks and cobs, broken to lead on account of P. Hunter Esq., Porangahau: 1 grey filly 3yrs. £15 15/; 1 brown gelding 4yrs. £13 5/; 1 grey gelding 4yrs. £12 15/; 1 grey filly 4yrs. £13 5/; 1 grey gelding 4yrs. £13 5/; 1 black filly 3yrs. £9 15/; 1 grey gelding 4yrs. £9 5/; 1 grey gelding 4yrs. £7 15/; 1 grey filly 4yrs. £7 5/; 1 grey filly 3yrs. £7 10/; 1 grey gelding 3yrs. £7; 1 bay filly 4yrs. £7; 1 chestnut gelding 3yrs. £6 10/; 1 medium draught mare 5yrs. £16.

H.B. FARMERS' CO-OP. ASSN. LTD. 30 fat weds. 20/; 2 at 20/3, 1 at 22/; 6 at 21/; 9 fat ewes 14/4; 157 fat and f. weds 21/; 256 at 22/7, 102 at 21/; 3 at 21/; 179 weds. £13 9/; 76 at 18/1, 5 at 17/5, £33 at 17/7, 43 at 17/; 60 at 16/4, 40 at 13/3, 32 at 15/; 30 at 9/3; 109 sh. weth. lambs 16/; 52 at 15/8; 52 4.5-yr ewes 15/; 13 ewes 6/; 1 at 15/; 2 at 15/; 13 weds. 18/3. 1 sh S.D. ram 41gns. 2 at 4gns. 1 at 1gn; 2 sh S.D. rams 51gns. 1 at 3gns. 2 at 1gns. 1 at 1gn; 3 sh S.D. rams 31gns. 2 at 21gns. 1 at 1gn.

Following is a list of transactions on the New Zealand Stock Exchange: WELLINGTON EXCHANGE Sales Late Monday South British Insurance 2 210 6 Southland Frozen Meat 1 115 0 Queensland Brewery 1 3 9

CHRISTCHURCH EXCHANGE Sales Reported N.Z. Govt. 3 1/2 Inscribed Stock, 1941-52 104 0 0 Broken Hill Pty. (3) 0 4 6 N.Z. Farm Fertilizer (2) 1 3 0 N.Z. Breweries (2) 1 13 0

UNDEFENDED CIVIL CLAIMS

Hastings Magistrate's Court

Judgment by default was entered by Mr J. Miller, S.M., in the following undefended civil cases heard in the Hastings Magistrate's Court yesterday: Ross, Dyrart and McLean Ltd. v. N. and J. O'Connell, £3 4/4; Donovan and Co. v. A. M. McCalman £1 10/3, costs 8/; E. C. McDermott v. J. Courtney £8, costs £1 10/6; G. Deakin v. A. Aston £4 13/6, costs £1 10/6; J. B. Fletcher Ltd. v. H. Phillips £8 19/5, costs £1 10/6; H.B. Demolition Co. v. H. A. Smith 12/6, costs 10/; Radio Centre Ltd. v. L. H. Pyne £5 15/; costs £1 10/6; Rees, Ramsden, Ltd. v. H. Halsstead £3 10/; costs £1 3/6; Rees, Ramsden, Ltd. v. V. M. Gerbes £5 9/; costs £1 10/6; E. J. Flynn v. R. H. Scott £2 9/; costs £1 14/6.

Judgment summonses: J. Walker was ordered to pay Gill and Penton £36 1/6 forthwith, in default 38 days' imprisonment; W. O'Shannessy was ordered to pay Roach's (1931) Ltd £16 4/4 forthwith, in default two days' imprisonment.

"Wild Oats," the attractive title of a book by Eric Murrat, is good reading. Amongst his adventures was a trip round the Horn, before the mast, in one of the old "wind-jammers." Half-way Home the ship ran out of tobacco and conservatism reigned in the fo'castle. One day the bosun, rummaging in his old sea chest, found a long-forgotten packet of cigarettes and offered each to his shipmates at sixpence each! They were snapped up before you could say "wink!" Another time (when ashore) Eric had to go without tobacco for several weeks. Picture his joy when he had his first smoke after that! Stay-at-homes who have never had to go without tobacco for a single day don't realise the luck! Here in New Zealand you can get the finest tobacco manufactured—Cut Plug No. 10 (Bullshead), Navy Cut No. 3 (Bullshead), Cavendish, Riverhead Gold and Gold Leaf, and the "Hawke's Bay" tobacco shop, and they're not only famed for flavour and aroma, but practically free from nicotine because they're toasted. There's enjoyment in every whiff!

OBSTRUCTION OF SERGEANT

CHARGE BROUGHT AT HASTINGS

LICENSEE'S SON

An allegation that the son of the licensee of the Albert Hotel, Hastings, was frequently stationed at the door to watch for the approach of the police, made by Senior Sergeant E. Quayle in the course of a case at the Hastings Magistrate's Court yesterday, when Harold Robert Connop, an 18-year-old clerk employed at the "Glenmore Freezing Works," was charged with wilfully obstructing Sergeant Munro in the execution of his duty.

In the case for the police, Senior Sergeant Quayle stated that, having reason to believe that after-hours trading was in progress at the Albert Hotel, Sergeant Munro and Constable Martin had visited it after the pictures on the night in question. They saw the defendant standing outside the hotel.

When the defendant saw the police he ran inside and slammed the door. The sergeant knocked at the door and demanded that it be opened, but the defendant had done after some unnecessary fumbling with the lock. Constable Boote, stationed at the side of the hotel, had heard noises as of men running inside.

Keeping Watch. It was common knowledge the defendant, who was the son of the licensee, was frequently stationed at the door to watch for the approach of the police, said the senior-sergeant.

After giving corroborative evidence as to the events of that night, Sergeant Munro stated that after the door had been slammed he and Constable Boote went into the hotel, and in the fraction of time before the door closed he had caught a glimpse of the defendant running. The door had been opened four minutes later when he had seen the defendant.

Asked why he had slammed the door, the defendant replied: "I saw doing, but how was I to know you were coming into the hotel?" Sergeant Munro pointed out that before the door was slammed he was hard on the defendant's heels.

Apparently you have made up your mind that the boy was put there for the purpose of spying on the police, and consequently will take every action of his as suspicious, said Senior Sergeant E. O'Dowd, who conducted the case for the defence. Sergeant Munro: No.

A person standing in the shelter of the macrocarpa shrubs fronting the hotel, said the witness, was a very small portion of Heretaunga Street, Mr. O'Dowd said.

"Not from where the defendant was," replied Sergeant Munro. Evidence in support of the police case was given by Constables E. Martin and B. Boate.

No Connection with Hotel. "I am in the unique position of defending a youth who was only 17 years of age at the time of the alleged offence, although he has since turned 18," said Mr. O'Dowd. "His family, whom I propose to call, will tell you that he has never at any time been involved in the running of the hotel, and his parents do not wish him to take it up as his occupation."

"Since he has been at Tomoana he has done a proportion of night work, which has not left him much time to be seen standing outside the entrance. On the night in question he came home from the pictures, talked for a while to two friends who had accompanied him, then went inside and closed the door."

Counsel contended that the statements of the sergeant and the constable as to the exact position of the defendant were at variance, and he had not the time to be seen standing outside the entrance. The defendant, when called, outlined his movements and denied the obstruction.

Harold Ernest Connop, father of the youth and licensee of the hotel, admitted that Sergeant Munro had previously mentioned to him the matter of his son's watching for the police, but denied that he had ever instructed his son to do so.

Corroborative evidence was given by Constable Boote, the manager, Arthur Harris. Evidence was also heard as to the necessity for slamming the door, and the difficulty of opening it.

Magistrate's Verdict. Summing up, his Worship expressed the opinion that a variation in the evidence of the sergeant and the constable as to the position of the defendant was excusable under the circumstances.

He could not altogether accept the boy's evidence, but was satisfied with the sergeant's statement as to what took place. There was no direct evidence as to whether the boy had been instructed by his parents to watch and he might have slammed the door on the spur of the moment. In view of all the circumstances of the case, however, the boy must be convicted.

Obstruction of a serious case, and had the defendant been older, the maximum penalty must have been imposed. In view of his age, however, he would decide on a fine of £3.

Hastings Police Court

YESTERDAY'S SITTING

Miscellaneous Cases Heard

TRAFFIC OFFENCES

In the Hastings Court yesterday the Hastings Borough Council Traffic Inspector, Mr H. A. Green, brought a charge of driving in a dangerous manner against Cecil Leslie Krebs.

Inspector Green stated that the defendant had struck a car left parked against the kerb after an accident earlier in the evening.

Krebs, who pleaded guilty, stated that visibility was bad at the time of the accident and that he had been dazzled by the lights of oncoming traffic.

Mr J. Miller, S.M., imposed a fine of £2, costs 12/.

Ronald Henry Sandilands, for failing to produce a warrant of fitness, was fined £1, costs 10/; this being his third offence.

Jack B. Allen was charged with failing to produce a warrant of fitness, was fined £1, costs 10/; this being his third offence.

For failing to keep to the left in Southampton Street Alan Albert Boyd was fined 10/; costs 10/.

Inspector Green stated that there had been trouble recently with trade vehicles parking on the wrong side of the road, and he had circulated owners and drivers of this class of vehicle, pointing out the dangers of the practice. Boyd had been warned previously for this offence.

The defendant wrote in explanation, pleading guilty, but stating that as he had a big daily run he had swung across the road to save time in order to serve a client.

Thomas Greig was fined 15/; costs 10/; for driving a truck without a licence. Kenneth Sidney William Everard was convicted and discharged. The defendant wrote to the effect that he had been passed in a military driving test before the offence in question, and had believed that this entitled him to civilian driving.

No Warrant of Fitness. Failure to produce a warrant of fitness when requested to do so was responsible for a charge against Jessie Maude McLagen, who wrote pleading guilty and stating that her car had been in a garage that day, and that pending a minor adjustment, which would enable the granting of a warrant, she had driven the vehicle home, a distance of 20 miles. She had no other means of transport.

On this count she was convicted and ordered to pay 10/; costs.

Unregistered Dog. On a charge of owning a dog over six months old without registering it, George Wilson, Te Hauke, was fined 10/; costs 10/.

The charge was brought on the evidence of the county inspector (Mr G. R. Beauchamp).

A similar charge against Tom Simpson, Waipatu, resulted in a fine of 15/; costs 12/.

For riding a lightless bicycle at night Albert Arthur Aston was fined 15/; costs 10/.

PERVERSION OF PLANES TO BRUTAL WAR USES

Air-Marshals Regrets That They Are Used To Knock People About

Air Marshal Sir Philip Joubert, speaking to the Royal Empire Society in London, commented on the use of aeroplanes in warfare.

"It seems so senseless," he said. "You have a really useful method of getting to know your neighbour, and all you do is to use it to knock him about and to knock his house about."

"Where are we tending? Is the future always to be like this? When this war comes to an end and we have peace on our own terms, are we going on with aviation as this most brutal and unpleasant weapon?"

"There seem to be two methods of escape. Either we have got to abolish aviation altogether or we have got to see that it is never put to the same use again."

"A lot of people in the last war had similar ideas, and we have seen how ineffective they were. We were neither able to abolish aviation nor were we able to stop its being misused."

"Most English people would say that if the air weapon were kept in our own hands, we should be able to make peace, and we should be able to stop its being misused."

"I am not sure. I think we might get some jingoist people in this country trying to use their power."

"But it is in the hands of the people, and I hope also of the United States of America and those redeeming countries of Europe, that will lie the future."

When Peace Comes. "It is up to us, I think, to prepare our minds very carefully so as to be sure that when peace comes we put the right people into the job of making peace, and keeping them there."

"And that we do not have any second-raters—people who do not even know their geography—sailing a peace into which is written vindictive terms not possible of fulfilment. We must use the air as it was meant to be used, as a blessing rather than as a curse."

Sir Philip admitted that in his fits of exasperation he thought there was only one way to deal with Germany, to break her up into small bits, giving parts to Austria, parts to Russia and other countries, so that she could never combine again in Europe.

"That is the easy way out," he said. "But I have not reached the age of 53 without realising that the easy way out is a fallacious one."

Open Brethren's Appeal Against Service. Citing Bible passages to support their belief that they should not bear arms, 11 members of the Open Brethren appealed against armed service on the ground of conscientious objection before the No. 4 Armed Forces Appeal Board in Wellington on Monday. Mr J. S. Burt, Auckland, represented them.

Two expressed willingness to serve in a medical or other non-combatant military unit and their appeals were adjourned sine die till suitable non-combatant service was arranged for them. The others said they would accept non-combatant service in any civil capacity. Decision in their cases was reserved.

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KEEN DEMAND AT AKITIO SALE

Large Entry Of Ewes In Good Condition

The Hawke's Bay Farmers' Co-op. Assn. Ltd. report on the annual Akitio sale held on Monday in "Ora" yards led for the occasion by Mr Brian Armstrong.

Their yarding consisted of a large entry of first-class ewes offered on behalf of various East Coast clients. The ewes came forward in excellent condition and were keenly competed for by buyers representing West Coast, Waikato, Hawke's Bay and local districts. They quote:

On account of Mr F. Armstrong "Akitio" Station 2th. ewes 29/ to 24/1; on account Mr B. D. Armstrong, "Ora" m.a. ewes 20/; 6yr. ewes 13/10; on account Mr R. Stewart, 2th. ewes 27/1, 5yr. ewes 17/1 and 11/6; on account Mr R. O. Christophers, 2th. ewes 23/; on account Mr F. J. Williams, 2th. ewes 21/9, 5yr. ewes 19/3, m.a. ewes 12/; on account Mr A. L. Stewart, 2th. ewes 24/; 5yr. ewes 13/; 6yr. ewes 12/8, 5 to 6yr. 10/7; on account Mr L. Ransom, m.a. ewes 10/6.

HOME GUARD AT MOHAKA

"Daily Mail" Special Service. MOHAKA. The first parade of the Home Guard took place at Mohaka with an attendance of 40. Major Scott, Sgt.-Major Loudon, of the Napier Battalion, and Mr Thompson, of the St. John Ambulance, were present, and gave instructions in preliminary squad drill, signalling, and first aid work.

Members are all keen and showed great promise of being an excellent platoon.

Degree Examination Successes

The following Hawke's Bay names appear in the results of the University of Canterbury degree examinations held last November: Latin III, final B.A.: Winifred S. M. von Dalselzen; G. L. Cawkwell. Conflict of laws, Barristers: J. C. Hare.

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Family Proven (By The Barb).

Lady Furst at Greenmeadows has been receiving her initial education as a hurdler and is said to be showing exceptional promise in this department.

Her owner-trainer, Mr. H. H. Neagle, is a thoroughly experienced trainer, having been connected with horses all his life and with the training and racing of the thoroughbred for over thirty years, during which time many important winners have hailed from his stables.

The first horse the writer remembers carrying Mr. Neagle's racing livery was the Seaton-Deval gelding King's Lynn and after him the Cour de Lion chestnut Bravest, who won quite a few hurdle races but was never in the same grade as his brother, Coronation.

It was a jumper that first brought Mr. Neagle into promise as a master in the training profession, in the Boniform—Dreamer gelding, Bon Reve.

As a four-year-old at the Wellington spring meeting, she was impressive when accounting for the Wellington Handicap, eleven furlongs, from start to finish. Her preparation then came for the New Zealand Cup in which she led for one mile and a half but then weakened and finished well back.

Her sire, Siegfried, was represented by the winner, Chat, of the last Wellington Steeplechase and as her dam, Vigilance, foaled Argos, a useful hurdler in the north, who will say that Lady Furst will not one day prove another Bon Reve to carry Mr. Neagle's colours.

Still Hope For Padishah

FAIR PROSPECT
May Make Complete Recovery
TIME WILL TELL (By THE BARB)

Last August Mr. J. A. Hennah's champion jumper, Padishah, was taken south to compete in the New Zealand Grand National Hurdles and Grand National Steeplechase—a double in which he made Dominion Turf history in 1939 by winning. He was ridden in the latter event by Mr. George G. Beaton, the first amateur rider to win the big steeplechase for more than 50 years.

Padishah, after running second in the last Homeby Steeplechase at the Christchurch Hunt, was considered able to win the Grand National Steeplechase but, unfortunately, went off colour and then in the National Hurdles he fell early in the running and had to be pulled up.

After the race he was in a bad way, veterinary aid was summoned and later he had to be propped up in his box for some weeks before being sufficiently recovered even to hobble about.

Eventually he was shipped back to Hastings and taken out to Mr. J. A. Hennah's farm. The Chief Ruler gelding was the better and in his paddock was able to get along only with great difficulty. But now the champion jumper is galloping round with only a slight impediment in his action, bringing forth the inquiry, "Will Padishah ever race again?"

This will bring back to the memory of the older school of racing, Liberator, who shares with Padishah the honour of being the greatest all-rounder ever to race in the Dominion.

Competing once in a Wellington steeplechase, Liberator had a heavy fall to be injured, as everyone thought, beyond recovery. Free Holmes, still active with trotters and gallopers in Canterbury, telegraphed Liberator's owner that the gelding was in such a bad way that his destruction had been ordered.

Back came the reply, "Do not destroy. Arriving next steamer, Liberator recovered and won many more races, including the Great North Hurdle, Wisborough, and hepea itself in the case of Padishah? If so it would be a coincidence seldom met with in the racing world for two champions to be designated fatally injured and then recover and make further racing history.

WEIGHTS DECLARED FOR WAIKATO
First Day's Events
MEETING OPENS ON FEBRUARY 15
The handicapper, Mr. W. P. Russell, has announced the following weights for the first day of the Waikato Turf Club's meeting, to be held on February 15 and 17:

FRANKTON HURDLES, of £250; one mile and a-half.—Rarotonga 12.6, Manand 11.10, Night Hawk 10.7, Inver 10.0, Glen Abt 10.0, Siglow 9.2, Cappy 9.12, Boy Lu 9.11, Little Ruse 9.10, Floodlight 9.9, First Chapter 9.8, Devon 9.6, Southern Blood 9.5, Son of the Soil 9.5, Cloonee 9.2, Fleur de Or 9.1, Captain Bell 9.1, Prince Rang 9.0, Seaman 9.0, Hutana 9.0, General Risk 9.0, LeTurc 9.0, Digger Jim 9.0, Sabu 9.0.

JUVENILE HANDICAP, of £250; five furlongs.—Cambria 9.0, Panoni 8.10, Peter Douglas 8.8, Lady Acora 8.6, Manand 8.10, Edna's Birthday 8.1, Miss Gay 8.0, Kaimanawa 7.1, Babrow 7.10, Autocore 7.7, Balblair 7.7, Pukahu 7.7, Raihi Nui 7.7, Blue Fox 7.7, Tellyou 7.7, Bramble Song 7.7, Tinkertoon 7.6, Willie Fay 7.6, Mala Wings 7.6, Silent Maid 7.4, Apipi d'Or 7.4, June Tide 7.4, Betterman 7.4, Regal Fox 7.2, Opuatui 7.0, Camilla 7.0, Prince Louis 7.0, Josette 7.0, Amerangi 7.0, Tagille 7.0, River Plate 7.0.

STOREY MEMORIAL, of £700; one mile and three furlongs.—Orelio 9.1, Proud Fox 8.13, Lou Rosa 8.10, Geddis 8.10, Que Jean 8.9, Beau Leon 8.0, Greek Queen 7.13, Clinch 7.11, Namara 7.11, The Ring 7.11, Mintlaw 7.9, Foxsen 7.8, Gay Rosette 7.8, Pern 7.8, Flying Acre 7.3, Forest Ace 7.2, Racecamp 7.0.

LINLEY HACK, of £250; six furlongs.—Monte Cristo 9.4, Star Vaal 8.12, Mysito 8.12, Veritable 8.8, Ngawiri 8.8, Kinvara 8.7, Corot 8.6, Hunto 8.6, Miss Jose 8.4, Bamboory Cross 8.2, Dutch Ace 8.2, Royal Pilot 8.1, Kakarere 8.0, Bronze Ora 7.13, Royal Sister 7.12, Joy Vaal 7.10, Sweet Nothing 7.8, Land Court 7.8, Royal Son 7.7, Vaalsmae 7.7, Lady Pay 7.7, Vitement 7.7, School Song 7.7, Loch Acre 7.7, The Pacific 7.7, Tea Blossom 7.7, Miss Eureka 7.7, Fairfield 7.7.

PUKETAHA HANDICAP, of £250; one mile.—Clipper 9.0, Merry Vaals 8.12, Full Hand 8.10, Telsom 8.8, Bradman 8.3, Erlick 8.3, Siglow 8.3, Mackenzie 8.1, August 7.1, Dainty Sue 7.11, Pocket Venus 7.10, Eastern Heir 7.8, Noitaro 7.8, Queen City 7.7, Coronation 7.7, Town Section 7.7, Respectful 7.7, Barrister 7.7, Martene 7.7.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP, of £400; six furlongs.—Farland 9.5, Suleiman 9.3, Corato 9.1, Lianglong 9.1, Gold Vaals 8.7, Marshall Hall 7.11, Orate 7.9, Palustris 7.9, Duvach 7.7, Llandaff 7.6, Gay Miss 7.6, Trilliarth 7.0, Rex Maitland 7.0.

BEERESCOURT HACK, of £250; seven furlongs.—Kraal 9.4, Acreman 9.1, Calula Boy 8.10, Karatoki 8.10, Valdene 8.9, Sir General 8.8, Kinvara 8.6, Tolv Survey 8.6, Happy Ending 8.5, Volffox 8.5, Landford 8.4, Penzance 8.3, Foxwood 8.3, Princes Vn 8.2, Glenbevan 8.1, Lord Ace 8.0, Night Pilot 8.0, First Gold Money 7.2, Devon 7.11, Horeke 7.10, Trouville 7.9, Mahina 7.8, Rose Ace 7.7, Marimoto 7.7, Marchy 7.7, Red Warden 7.7, Flylite 7.7.

YEARLING BOUGHT PRIVATELY

VIGILANCE COLT SOLD
PRICE COMPARISONS
Report On Aftermath To Sales

Since the National Sales many yearlings have been disposed of privately by the auctioneers, Messrs Wright, Stephenson and Co., Ltd., and Fyne-Gould-Guinness, Ltd., including the following: Brown filly, by Glycerium-Kaimiro, to Mr. J. A. Mitchell, Longburn, 200 guineas; bay colt, Pender-Tudor Wench, Mr. A. G. Hodder, Wellington, 150 guineas; bay colt, Baffles-Veloc, Mr. M. J. Bradley, Pleasant Point, 75 guineas; bay colt, Solicitor-General-Fortunio, Mr. D. G. Casey, Edendale, Taihape, 100 guineas; bay colt, The Greek-Rosetana, Mrs. E. Brough, Tauherenikau, 50 guineas; bay filly, Mr. Standfast-Wee Agnes, Mr. D. W. Tait, 1.5 guineas; bay colt, Foxbridge-Love Story, Messrs Pyne, Gould, Guinness Ltd., agents, 280 guineas; bay colt, Foxbridge-Wywhind, a Sydney client, 400 guineas.

Overseas Purchases
The total number of purchases for overseas was 16 lots. Of these two were bought by Messrs Wright, Stephenson and Co., Ltd., for Indian clients. The Spiral-Genesta colt was bought for 800 guineas on behalf of Mr. A. Svamur, who has been racing his half-brother, Tall Story, by Postery, in India with success. Mr. F. H. Stakes at Rosehill, Sydney, a number of the purchases are remaining in New Zealand to be broken in. The remainder will be shipped to Australia in due course along with two Bulandshar colts owned by Mr. E. J. Watt. These were bred by the owner concerned from two of his mares which he sent over from Australia.

Private Disposal
In addition Mr. George Price has secured privately the brown colt by Phaleron Bay from the late owner, which is a brother to Final Victory, with which he won the MacArthur Stakes at Rosehill last season. A number of the purchases are remaining in New Zealand to be broken in. The remainder will be shipped to Australia in due course along with two Bulandshar colts owned by Mr. E. J. Watt. These were bred by the owner concerned from two of his mares which he sent over from Australia.

It will thus be seen that although the purchases are lower than usual a considerable number of New Zealand-bred horses should again figure on the Australian turf next season. Among them are the two top priced colts purchased by Mr. J. T. Jamieson at 950 and 1,000 guineas. In addition to the black colt, by Foxbridge from Flying Juliet which was bought for 500 guineas, Mr. T. H. Lowry, Hawke's Bay, secured the gelding named a half-brother to Dynasty. The Nightmarch-Praise colt, a brother to Serenata, and the quarter brother to Fearless Fox, purchased on behalf of Mr. W. S. Gooseman, of Morrinsville. Mr. Gooseman also secured the three-year-old gelding Laughing Fox.

For the Stud
It is unlikely that the Beau Pere horse, Beau Repaire, which was purchased by Mr. M. J. Nash, Tangitira, will again be seen on the racecourse. Although only a four-year-old, it is Mr. Nash's intention to retire Beau Repaire to the stud.

Beau Repaire, who should furnish his owner with a high quality stallion, while undoubtedly a high class handicapper performed rather unluckily as he was only beaten in races like the Mitchell Cup, A.R. Sumner Cup and Avondale Cup by heads. He registered a very high class performance when he defeated his half-brother Royal Chief a year ago for the Wellington Handicap, £1,000.

Another Retirement
Royal Chief, who may also be retired to the stud at the end of the present season, has won over 15,000 in stakes. The dam, Modiste II, was imported to the Dominion by Mr. John Donald, Waimere. She was by Franklin from Vogue, by Tracery from Charmeuse, by St. Frusquin from King, that successful sire of Australia who was also by Martagon. He is closely related to Fairy Martin. Beau Repaire is from the same family as Coronach.

Market Improves
Although the bidding and competition on the first day of the National Sales was rather disappointing, the keenness for the best lots on the second day put quite a different complexion on the whole market. The total amount under the hammer for £27,391, whereas last year 133 lots were sold for £28,810. This year's average was 194 guineas as against 213 guineas a year ago. The two totals mentioned have only been exceeded in 1938 and 1939, so the result of the year's sale indicates that the market can now absorb more than 50 per cent. additional yearlings than it was capable of doing six years ago.

Prices were at their lowest ebb in 1932 when the average was 117 guineas for 283 lots. Since the Sales were established 32 lots have realised four figure prices and five lots have realised three figures. The Limond-Homage colt realised 2300 guineas in 1928 and in 1929 and 1930 this record was increased to 2400 when colts by Limond from Water Wings and August Song from Oratrix realised that price. It was not until 1935 that this figure was again approached. In that year the Limond-Vail colt realised 2100 guineas.

Price Comparisons
Last year the Bulandshar colt from Teatattle mare 2000 guineas, Limond topped the sales on eight different occasions, Beau Pere twice. Absurd once and Tolerance and Bulandshar once each. This year's sale topped colt at 1000 guineas was sired by Defoe.

Sires' Averages
The averages for the different sires is very interesting. Foxbridge was on top this year when six of his year-

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By Telegraph—Press Association
AUCKLAND, Feb. 4.
Following are the acceptances received for the Auckland Trotting Club's midsummer meeting to be held at Epsom on Saturday.

TRIAL HANDICAP
Of £200; trotters, limit 3.49; one mile and a half
Gateway scr., Golden Journey scr., Kaipaki Bill scr., Northern Surprise scr., Rara Avis scr., Singing Bird scr., Tenacity scr., Totara Park scr., Baby Triumph 12, Worthy Lu 12, Silver Countess 36, Bunrana 48, Bournemouth 96.

WAIHEKE HANDICAP
Of £280; limit 3.5; one mile and a quarter
Anthony's Gift scr., Blushworthy scr., Bold Boy scr., Calla Lily scr., Cam Derby scr., Cyone Girl scr., Erna Peter scr., Escobar scr., Exporter scr., Flashlight scr., Franco scr., Guide Peter scr., Guiding Light scr., Honey Pot scr., Joseadale Dawn scr., Josette scr., Kallula scr., Karytombsa scr., Marningsa scr., Parrish Boy scr., Parrish Lad scr., Parrish Queen scr., Pearloro scr., Rama Direct scr., Rockfel scr., Sonja Henie scr., Sparkling Pointer scr., Storem scr., Tasker Queen scr., Tenedo King scr., Tui's Son scr., Vanscr., Auto Bing 12, Portadown 12, Press Gang 12, Sir Echo 12, Marlua 24, Northern Smile 24, Durato 36, Mandalay 36, Kia Kaha 48, Magic Task 48.

GREAT NORTHERN TROTTING DERBY
Of £2500; one mile and a half
Miss Lala, Peter's Find, Portadown, Guiding Light, Cyone Girl, Pearloro, Diamond Trust, Jewel Pointer—Guy Great mare f.

OTAHUHU HANDICAP
Of £500; limit 3.24; one mile and a half
Bronze Queen scr., Llanvabon scr., Star Pronto scr., Adversity 12, Atain 12, Noble Prince 12, Our Jewel 12, Mongolian 24, Our War 24, Three Bells 24, Bold Venture 24, Kenworthy 36, Our Peggy 36, Uenuku 36, Bayard 72.

MOUNT ALBERT HANDICAP
Of £250; limit 3.38; one mile and a half
Ayrshire Scott scr., Barbara Scott scr., Bingen's Best scr., Katoomba scr., Kia Kaha scr., Magic Task scr., Reyola scr., Sir Echo scr., Wishful scr., Alcazar 12, Radio Queen 12, Silk Lady 12, Peter Travis 24, Royal Palm 36, Tumble 36, Davey Day 60.

FEBRUARY HANDICAP
Of £275; trotters; limit 4.57; two miles
Bunrana scr., Gold Kip scr., Dick Redmond 12, Bon Haven 24, Esther 24, Worthy Treasure 24, Modest Maid 36, Worthy Belwin 38, Exporter 48, Lady 60, Modern Lady 60, Sir Tony 72, Mah Jong 84.

RAILWAY HANDICAP
Of £300; limit 4.44; two miles
Forest Jewel scr., John's Last scr., Moana Tama scr., Monty Chimes scr., Silver Watch scr., Cloverdale 12, Club King 12, Swift Lady 12, Bedford 24, Kewpie's Queen 24, Lynn Rey 24, Fettle Jewel 24, Bill Bear 36, Kete Kura 36, Betty Boop 48, Katene 48, Popeye 48, Stargum 48, Princess Linnett 60, Proletarian 72.

PAPAKURA HANDICAP
Of £275; limit 2.58; one mile and a quarter
Double Peter scr., Intrigue scr., Royal Palm scr., Tumble scr., Cavalry Mar 12, Cymle 12, Inl Inl 12, Star Guide 12, Winning Post 12, Contender 24, Young Party 24.

ings averaged 488 guineas with a top price of 950 guineas. The new sire, Mr. Standfast, was in second place with eight yearlings averaging 330 guineas, top price 600 guineas; Defoe came third with four yearlings averaging 324 guineas, top price 1000 guineas; then followed Tolerance, four averaging 320 guineas, top price 450 guineas; Brofret, seven averaging 263 guineas, top price 500 guineas; Vermeer, two averaging 262 guineas, top price 325 guineas; Vaals, two averaging 257 guineas, top price 325 guineas; Phaleron Bay, five averaging 226 guineas, top price 600 guineas; Glycerium, four averaging 224 guineas, top price 310 guineas; Nightmarch, six averaging 218 guineas, top price 525 guineas; Ringmaster, seven averaging 189 guineas, top price 350 guineas; Spiral, five averaging 178 guineas, top price 300 guineas; Lord Quex, four averaging 177 guineas, top price 230 guineas; Bulandshar, four averaging 170 guineas, top price 300 guineas; Solicitor General, four averaging 165 guineas, top price 240 guineas; Phaleron Bay, 10 averaging 156 guineas, top price 425 guineas; Theo, six averaging 154 guineas, top price 250 guineas; Leighton, two averaging 110 guineas, top price 115 guineas; Siegfried, two averaging 108 guineas, top price 150 guineas.

With Contingency
The Hastings owner-breeder, Mr. C. H. Slater, failed to dispose of his Siegfried-Vigilance yearling colt by public auction at the sales, the highest bid being 100 guineas, not being up to the reserve, by half Mr. Slater decided to race his colt but this week accepted a substantial cash deposit plus a three-hundred-guinea contingency. It is understood that the colt has been purchased by the well known Victorian sportsman, Mr. John W. W. who last year bought for 2000 guineas the locally bred Bulandshar-Tea Tattle colt, the latter, now named "Murmuring," is due to have his first start in Melbourne this Saturday.

Mr. C. E. Robertson, blood stock agent for Messrs Wright, Stephenson and Company, Ltd., forwarded the "Daily Mail" the above information.

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