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## GERMAN DRIVE ON BULGARIA LOOMS NEAR

## Nazi Military Preparations Have Reached Final Stage

## REPEATED "PROPOSALS" MADE Turkey Ready To Intervene Should Balkan Strife Begin

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LONDON, Feb. 5. "The Times" Sofia correspondent says that a German move through Bulgaria may now be considered as almost certain. Bulgaria's position has developed gradually from difficult and delicate to desperate and tragic. She is not expected to be able to retain her independence for more than a few weeks. Great diplomatic pressure is being exerted to induce her to sign a three-Power pact, the draft of which Colonel Draganoff, the Bulgarian Minister to Berlin, has delivered to Sofia. Since a German "proposal" means a demand, it is unlikely that Bulgaria will be able again to decline or postpone a decision. It is reliably reported in Bucharest and also in Bulgarian Danubian ports that German military preparations have reached a final phase. One hundred lorries are massed on roads leading to Bulgaria. Observers on the Bulgarian side of the southern Danube have seen the Germans preparing barges and pontoons. German "technicians" are installed in almost all the large Bulgarian towns and also in strategic points in northern Bulgaria. "Tourists" who are flooding the leading Bulgarian cities undoubtedly will take over control the moment Germany launches her Balkan blitz.

The Bulgarian tragedy will begin when Turkey officially declares that the passing of foreign troops across Bulgaria will be dangerous to Turkish interest. The Turkish Army may not wait until the Germans reach the Turkish-Bulgarian frontier. Thus Bulgaria may immediately become the centre of Balkan military operations, which certainly will be ruinous to the country. Bulgarian forces manning the Turkish-Bulgarian frontier may easily be dragged into operations, and it is unlikely that any Bulgarian commander would agree not to oppose the Turks, even if ordered to do so from Sofia.

This seems part of the German plan, because after clashes on the Turkish-Bulgarian frontier, Sofia's pro-German Government might seek German help against Turkish aggression.

On the contrary, strong opposition is developing among moderates and Communists, both of whom are requesting the Government to sign a Russian-Bulgarian pact of military assistance. But an army whose high officers are completely under German influence could not tolerate this, even were the Government willing.

The Bulgarian Minister of Agriculture (M. Bagrianoff) a staunch pro-German, has resigned. This is believed to be a result of a quarrel with the Prime Minister (M. Filoff) over the question of the passage of German troops. The resignation may lead to a serious crisis in the Ministry of Agriculture, which M. Filoff has taken over as second in importance to the Premiership.

## FLEW LUXURY 'PLANE TO ENGLAND

Frenchman's Escape Tired of Nazi Rule

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A young French air mechanic desirous of joining the R.A.F. seized a seven-passenger luxury cabin plane on an air-field in occupied France and flew to England and landed in a bumpy field on a farm in Cornwall. The Frenchman said that he was fed up with living under German rule.

## U.S. GOVERNORS URGE AID FOR BRITAIN

New Bill "Essential For Safety of Nation"

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The Governors of the States of Florida, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Virginia, and Alabama have telegraphed to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the passage of the Aid Bill is "essential for the safety of the nation."

## Stirring Adventures On High Seas

Awards Conferred On Ship's Captain And Able Seaman

## Sunk At Night

Great Hardships Endured During Ten Terrible Days

British Official Wireless (Received February 5, 9.5 p.m.) RUGBY, Feb. 4.

A stirring record of adventures on the high seas lie behind a series of awards announced to officers and men of the mercantile marine. The story of Captain Kippins, who has been appointed an officer of the Order of the British Empire and of Able Seaman Light, who received the George Medal, is typical but no more courageous than the many other deeds which have been recorded.

Captain Kippins's ship was torpedoed at night in the north Atlantic. With a strong gale blowing and a high and confused sea it was hard work launching the boats and keeping them from being stove in. After making a thorough search to see that no one was left behind, Captain Kippins took command of No. 2 boat with 26 men. During the night two men were seen in the water and were rescued only with the greatest difficulty.

Almost Overturned In heavy seas the boat was almost overturned. Four men who were thrown overboard were rescued but the mast, sails and several oars were lost and the boat was filled to the thwart. She was righted and two more men were picked up. The sea anchor was lost and all through the night the men had to work at the oars. Next day, as the sea went down, tired men made a sail from part of a boat cover and hoisted it, using a boat hook as a mast.

Ships Sighted Several ships were sighted as the boat sailed east, but they failed to see signals. Thereafter for 14 days, often in heavy seas, exhausted and running short of water, the boat's crew sailed and rowed in spite of weakness, cold and hardship.

At last a merchant vessel was sighted and the boat's crew was rescued. Throughout this heroic voyage Captain Kippins never faltered. His inspiring leadership heartened his men and brought them to safety after facing for many days what seemed to be certain death.

Another boat, of which Able Seaman Light had taken charge, got away from the ship. He stepped a mast and set sail. Some ships were sighted but they failed to see the long-lying boat.

Rain-Squalls. The weather became worse, and they had to shorten sail. Heavy rain squalls caused the exhausted crew great hardships. Seaman Light kept great hardships. Seaman Light kept great hardships.

A Dead Calm In the dead calm the men rowed all day till they were worn out. In the towed boat the men were giving up and Seaman Light went over into it and himself massaged two men and gave them his stockings and dressed their wounds. Later, in his own boat again, he massaged a deck boy who was in agony and bound his feet with strips of blankets.

After ten terrible days of privation, they sighted a British ship. She answered a flare from the boat and came to the rescue on a steep sea. The exhausted crews were with difficulty transferred to the steamer, where every care was given them.

## BRITAIN HAS MORE SHIPS THAN BEFORE THE WAR

2,744,000 Tons Lost: 3,006,000 Tons Added To The Merchant Marine

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.

Representative Jonkman referring in the House to the report of Admiral Harold Stark said that Britain's merchant marine at the end of December was 17,679,000 tons, 261,956 tons greater than before the war. He said that acquisitions during the war were 3,006,000 tons against losses of 2,744,000. Acquisitions included new building 1,185,000 tons, captures 410,000 tons, requisitioned Danish and French 698,000 tons and purchased 543,000 tons.

He said that these figures excluded Allied and Neutral tonnage under charter, and in addition excluded tonnage laid up for repairs, estimated at 130,000 tons in September.

## Crisis Between Hitler And Vichy Government

## LAVAL'S RE-APPOINTMENT

## Nazi Demands For New Bases And Other Concessions

(British Official Wireless.) (Received February 5, 7.30 p.m.) RUGBY, Feb. 4.

Although only the scantiest information, derived mainly from indirect sources, is available in London, little doubt is felt that the state of tension that exists between the Vichy Government and Hitler has reached a critical stage. Contradictory rumours have been current on all aspects of the latest developments, but reports which find general acceptance in the Press say that the Minister of the Navy (Admiral Darlan) at his meeting at Paris yesterday gave Hitler's personal ambassador (Otto Abetz) some indication of Marshal Petain's reply to Hitler's recent Note which has been described as curt and threatening.

"The Times" in a leader says: "Everything indicates that a crisis has been reached and that the strongest pressure is being brought to bear on Vichy to accept German demands, whose precise nature can still only be guessed. The re-appointment of Pierre Laval to a leading Cabinet position would be a personal humiliation to the Marshal, who dismissed him recently for more than sufficient reasons. It would be an affront to a large majority of the French people, whose opinion of this astute turncoat was not formed yesterday. "Eat what Hitler really wants from the Vichy Government is something far more concrete and far more important. Unless all omens are false, the principal point at issue is the possession of French Mediterranean bases and possibly of units of the French Fleet still congregated there."

Admiral Darlan on arrival at Vichy from Paris immediately saw Marshal Petain, says a United Press message. Pierre Flaudin and General Huntzinger joined the meeting lasting one and a half hours, after which Admiral Darlan again conferred with Marshal Petain alone. The British United Press Vichy correspondent stated that the latest attempt at rapprochement between Laval and Marshal Petain was not entirely successful.

Admiral Darlan consequently is soon to return to Paris to keep negotiations open in making an effort to bring Laval's ambitions within limits acceptable to Marshal Petain. A Vichy message says that M. Jean Marchand has been appointed to replace M. Langeron. The decree explains that the Germans are to prevent M. Darlan from exercising his functions. M. Langeron has been reported arrested on a serious charge.

## FAREWELL MESSAGE ISSUED

Lord Galway's Departure Temporary Administrator

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, Feb. 5.

A farewell message to the people of New Zealand was issued to-night on behalf of Lord Galway, who has now relinquished the office of Governor-General and has left the Dominion on his return to Great Britain. Simultaneously with his departure a proclamation was gazetted announcing that Chief Justice Myers had assumed the office of Administrator of New Zealand. He will act in this capacity till Lord Galway's successor, Sir Cyril Newall, has arrived in the Dominion, and is sworn in as Governor-General.

Sir Cyril was recently reported to have arrived in Canada on his way to New Zealand. In his farewell message Lord Galway expressed keen appreciation of the many kindnesses extended to his wife and himself during his six years of residence in the country.

## ITALIAN TRANSPORTS SUNK

Submarine Active BODIES WASHED ASHORE

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It is reported from Split, Dalmatia, that two Italian transports, the Vittorio Veneto and the Valeriani Cole, were sunk on Sunday by an unidentified submarine near Yis, a Yugoslav island in the Adriatic. The bodies of 60 Italian soldiers and sailors, including three from the Italian auxiliary warship Armator, have been washed ashore. The Bremen radio stated to-day that a lifeboat from an Italian merchantman containing the bodies of two sailors had been washed ashore in Yugoslavia.

## British Sweep On In Pursuit Of The Libyan Italians

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General Sir Archibald Wavell's forward troops are pushing on beyond Cyrene, which was Marshal Graziani's headquarters for the conquest of Egypt. Infantry and machine-guns are assumed to have taken El Gubba, 30 miles west from Derna and the last fortified town on the coastal route to Benghazi. El Gubba straddles 50 miles of main road from Derna to Cyrene. The latter is 1800 feet above sea level and 12 miles south-west of Apollonia, which is presumably cut off. The Italians apparently are withdrawing en masse along a parallel road from Cyrene to Barce.

After fighting their way from Derna under Italian artillery fire the British forces climbed the hillsides inland to the enemy's level and resumed their forward drive. The troops marched on foot with artillery and stores in the rear. A shot was fired on the way to El Gubba. The Italians preferred to rely on landmines, booby traps, dynamiting roads and blowing up bridges.

Capture of Cyrene. It was earlier stated that British forces in Libya have captured Cyrene, 50 miles beyond Derna. A communique issued from the British headquarters in Cairo. Correspondents say that some of the advanced units are believed to have pushed on beyond Cyrene. The capture of Cyrene means that the British troops have left 30 miles behind them the deep ravines where a few days ago the Italians were offering a stubborn resistance. In Eritrea, the British troops are nearing Keren, which is about 50 miles from the capital of the colony, Asmara. It was to Keren that the Italians retreated after the fall of Agordat. The British are pursuing the Italians in a south-easterly direction.

## JAPANESE MOVE BELIEVED NEAR

## BASE FOR ATTACK ON SINGAPORE

## INDIES THREAT

## South Pacific Expansion Plans Aided

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The likelihood of Japan gaining a naval base in Camranh Bay as a reward for mediation in the Thailand Indo-China dispute is causing concern in British, American and Chinese circles. The Chinese insist that Japan's moves presage an attack on Singapore. British and American diplomats admit that the moves mean that Japan has obtained an important jumping-off place for South Pacific expansion plans, of which the Dutch East Indies are at present the goal.

Resisting Attack Well-informed circles believe that the Dutch East Indies would be able to resist a Japanese attack for only two months. A Japanese militarist is convinced that the proper time to launch an offensive against the Indies will be at the time of Germany's expected all-out attack on Britain.

There is no belief that Japan can be made to surrender her East Asia policy either by threats or by mildly punitive actions like embargoes. Since the embargo and threat tactics have been evolved there has been a great intensification and "totalitarianisation" of Japan and the militarists are in complete control. The Tokyo newspaper "Kokumin Shimbun" says: "It is self-evident that Japan will go forward with her fixed policy. It will not matter what attitude the Dutch East Indies take toward Japan's request for cooperation."

## Wilkie's Tribute To Britain

## PARTING MESSAGE

## American Pilots See Him Leave

## UNITED PEOPLE

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Mr Wendell Wilkie left London just before midnight on the first stage of his journey back to America. Members of the Red Eagle Squadron of the R.A.F., which is composed of American pilots, were the last to see him go. In a London interview, Mr Wilkie said: "One thing very definitely I can say, and that is that anyone who is under the impression that the people of this country are not united is under a very complete illusion. I have met hundreds of people of all kinds and opinions, and without question the British are a great people."

The British people are also most fortunate in their leadership at the present time. I doubt whether in history any man more ideally suited for the task has been called upon to carry through than the Prime Minister of England.

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands to-day entertained Mr Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal envoy in London, at luncheon. Among those present were Prince Bernhard, consort of Princess Juliana, the Dutch Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, and Vice-Admiral Fuerstner, commanding the Netherlands naval forces in European waters.

## Private Killed In Car Accident

## CASUALTY LIST

Wellington Airman Missing BELIEVED KILLED

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, Feb. 5.

The following casualty to the N.Z.E.F. is reported: Private William James Ashmore died of injuries as the result of a motor accident. His wife is Mrs. J. W. Ashmore, Wades town, Wellington.

Air Casualty Flying Officer Patrick Wilmot Horton, reported missing, believed killed. His father is Captain M. W. Horton, 333 The Terrace, Wellington.

## Great Batches Of Prisoners

## ERITREA SUCCESS

## British Guns Harass Tired Italians

## TREMENDOUS BARRAGE

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The British five miles west of Keren are gathering in as they press on great batches of prisoners and also masses of guns, lorries and ammunition which the Italians jettisoned.

British troops are harassing tired Italian guns with tremendous barrages. Already the Italian rear-guard is halved and has lost 70 per cent. of its material. The captors of Barentu took prisoner 1500 and 500 were killed. A large quantity of guns, ammunition and stores was captured.

On To Gondar The British forces pushing on to Gondar now are over 30 miles from the Sudanese frontier despite the Italians' determined and obstructive tactics.

Major Victory The magnitude of the Agordat victory deserves emphasis. Agordat was a centre of Italian civilisation in East Eritrea and has been a big military and air base since the invasion of Abyssinia. The defenders included the crack Second Italian Colonial Brigade with light medium artillery under the command of Colonel Lorenzini, regarded as among Italy's most brilliant soldiers.

Difficult Ground The British commander tried to push armoured units eastward to cut off Agordat from Asmara, but he was forced to admit that the ground was too difficult. A Scottish battalion reinforced by Indians therefore was sent to take Cochem Hill overlooking Agordat from the east. They endured 48 hours' inferno of fire, fighting four and a half Italian battalions. Constant heavy artillery fire made it difficult to supply them. The position looked bad when British armoured cars supported by a famous British regiment made a successful attack against the prepared defences running out from Cochem Hill.

Tank Force Defeated Later an Indian regiment with orders to take and hold their objectives to the last man stormed four smaller hills east of Agordat. Simultaneously the R.A.F. spotted a strong Italian column coming in from the east. British armoured units and infantry attacked and knocked out in a few minutes 11 force. The Italians then retired from the impregnable height.

At Laquetat, south from Agordat, a swift attempt was made to cut off the retreat of the Italians from Agordat, but the enemy was too quick and slipped out in the darkness over a secondary road to Asmara.

The British entered the town without resistance. The Italians suffered very heavy losses, killed and prisoners exceeded 2200. General Wavell recently visited the Eritrean front, where he witnessed a phase of the battle of Barentu.

In Abyssinia, the British advance east of Gallabat continues. A message from Nairobi, Kenya, says that good progress is being made all along the front from Kenya, where the British forces are more than a match for the Italians.

Many Casualties A Cairo headquarters communique received in London this evening, states: "In Libya, our advance westward continues. In Abyssinia, the capture of the frontier posts on the Dukaana front, referred to in yesterday's communique, resulted in the infliction of nearly 100 casualties, killed and captured, at slight cost to ourselves. One additional post in this neighbourhood has been captured. Intensive patrol activity continues in Italian Somaliland."

The R.A.F. continues to pound targets on all the African fronts. The heaviest attack recorded in today's communique was made on the aerodrome of Benghazi, in Libya, where large fires were started and much damage was done. A railway junction 50 miles east of Benghazi also was attacked, and 20 or 30 motor vehicles were destroyed. Six separate assaults were made on this target.



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## Five o'Clock Gossip

The many friends of Mr and Mrs J. A. Bark, Hastings, will be pleased to learn that their daughter, Florrie, has arrived safely in England after an uneventful voyage.

Mr and Mrs C. F. Duncan and their daughter, Jeanette, Frankton Junction, have returned home after spending a holiday with Mrs Duncan's father, Mr T. H. Barclay, Norsewood.

Miss M. Smith has returned to Palmerston North after spending a short holiday as the guest of her parents, Mr and Mrs J. Smith, Norsewood.

Mr and Mrs E. C. Stretton and family, Norsewood, returned home after spending a holiday as the guests of Mr Stretton's parents at Auckland.

Mr and Mrs H. Petit and Miss M. Petit, Wellington, are visiting Napier.

Miss P. O'Brien, Tasmania, is on a visit to Napier.

Mrs A. J. Riddell, Takapau, is spending a few days in Napier.

Mr and Mrs W. M. Bason are Auckland visitors to Napier.

Miss Milly Nepia, Nuhaka, has left for Wellington, where she will continue her studies at the Teachers' Training College.

Mrs Cecil Louison and family returned to their home in Morris Street, Napier, on Monday after spending six weeks at Bay View.

Mrs J. F. Begley and son, Rex, of Omana, Nuhaka, have returned from the south accompanied by Mrs M. J. Begley and her two daughters, Molly and Pauline, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs R. Fredrickson, formerly of Wanganui, have been the guests of Mr and Mrs Fredrickson, Norsewood, and have now left to reside in Palmerston North.

Mr and Mrs A. Hulena, Norsewood, have left to make their home at Palmerston North.

Mrs Ruth Andersen, Ngamoko Road, Norsewood, has been appointed to the staff of the Norsewood School.

Mr and Mrs A. Jefferies, Bunnythorpe, are spending a holiday in Napier.

Captain and Mrs L. Forde, Hastings, are visitors to Wanganui to take their son to the Wanganui Collegiate School.

Miss Dora Wild, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr and Mrs L. J. Wild, School House, Feilding, and with friends in Napier and Wellington, has returned to Hastings, where she is a member of the Queenswood School teaching staff.

Mrs H. H. Barnett, Nelson Crescent, Napier, with her two children, has returned home after a holiday spent at the Sounds and Dunedin.

Mrs A'Court and her daughter, Miss Joan A'Court, who have been spending a holiday with Mrs A'Court's mother, Mrs Robjohns, Coote Road, Napier, have returned to their home in Christchurch.

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## An Institute Meeting

AT ASHLEY CLINTON

Competitions And Games Enjoyed

GARDEN ADMIRED

The January meeting of the Ashley Clinton Women's Institute was held at the residence of Mrs C. Thomsen, there being only a small attendance of members.

Business was discussed and competitions were held inside. After tea games were held outside, where the garden was bright with summer flowers.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs Thomsen was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Results of competitions held during the afternoon were as follows: Cake competition, Mrs D. Howse 1, Miss J. Dampney 2; clock golf, Miss J. Pedersen; parts of the body, Miss R. Mills; croquet, Mrs R. Reid; knitting on matches, Mrs R. Reid.

## MONTHLY LUNCHEON IN NAPIER

Inner Wheel Members

FIRST GATHERING THIS SEASON

Mrs H. C. Gregory's Talk

The first gathering for this year of the Rotarians who belong to the Inner Wheel in Napier was held at the Masonic Hotel. Many members were present and a happy time was spent before luncheon greeting friends.

The newly-elected president, Mrs Harold Peters, received the guests in the lounge and extended a warm welcome to Mrs J. R. Ross, after her long absence.

After luncheon the guests adjourned to the sun verandah for the meeting. Mrs L. S. McClurg was appointed a delegate to the Women's War Auxiliary.

The speaker for the day was Mrs H. C. Gregory, who was presented with a lovely shoulder spray by Mrs F. W. Browne.

Mrs Gregory chose for her subject "Milestones in the Life of Noel Coward," and traced his career from the time he won a song and dance competition on the sands at Brighton until his command performance of "Cavalcade" at Drury Lane, when the Royal Family received the actor at the Royal box at the conclusion of the performance.

Mrs F. D. Logan proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker and the members sent the rest of the afternoon sewing for the Red Cross.

Mrs H. Hobson, Hatuma, is spending a holiday in Napier, while her daughter, Mrs E. B. Todd, Wai-pukurau and daughter-in-law, Mrs G. Hobson, Dannevirke, with their children have taken beach cottages at Westshore.

Wanganui visitors to Hawke's Bay who have returned home include Mrs Broadhead and Mrs Leatham Rutherford, Mrs M. Martin, who stayed in Napier, and Mrs. L. Wales, who was a visitor to Hastings.

## FLOWER SHOW AT HASTINGS

Proceeds For Patriotic Purposes

Arrangements for the dahlia and gladiolus show of the Hastings Horticultural Society which is being held on February 21 have been completed. The proceeds of the show are to be donated to the Mayor's patriotic fund and special efforts have been made by the committee to make the show an outstanding one. Special decorative displays will be a feature, and the Havelock North Women's Institute have undertaken to decorate the stage of the hall.

The classes for the show in addition to dahlias and gladiolus, comprise zinnias, asters, carnations, miscellaneous flowers and competitive decorative work. A new section which has been instituted at the request of many home gardeners. Judges for the various classes have been appointed as follows: Gladiolus—Mr R. G. Wilson. Dahlias—Mr Shailer. Miscellaneous—Mr J. G. McKenzie.

Decorative—Mrs A. B. Hurst. Vegetables—Mr D. H. Webb. Schedules are obtainable from seedsmen in Hastings or direct from the secretary.

## National Flower Show

OAMARU DISPLAY

Christchurch Wins First Prize

By Telegraph—Press Association OAMARU, Feb. 4.

The National Flower Show was officially opened by the Minister of Agriculture (the Hon. J. G. Barclay) at Oamaru this afternoon. It has proved, according to officials of the national organisation, one of the best floral exhibitions ever staged in the Dominion.

The first award for the most comprehensive display went to Christchurch.

The Minister presented the Loder Cup to Major F. H. Johnson, Rain-cliff, South Canterbury, to whom the trophy was awarded for his gift of 240 acres of native bush in South Canterbury to the nation. Subsequently Major Johnson intimated that he wished to give an adjoining area of native bush in addition.

**Annual Conference.**

The annual conference of superintendents of parks and reserves was commenced this morning.

The following office-bearers were elected: President, Mr G. A. Mitchell (Chairman of Reserves, Oamaru Borough Council); vice-president, Mr F. Bick (Palmerston North); secretary and treasurer, Mr D. Tannock (Dunedin); committee, Messrs T. Aldridge (Auckland), T. Horton (New Plymouth), J. G. McKenzie (Wellington), M. J. Barnett (Christchurch) and M. Skipworth (Dunedin).

**VICAR WRITES DANCE HIT**

The Vicar of St. Katherine's, Rotherhithe, London (the Rev. John Palmer), has invented a dance which he hopes will be the successor to the Lambeth Walk.

The "Rotherhithe Roll" had its world premiere in St. Katherine's Parish Hall the other week.

The vicar wrote the words and music.

The dance consists of strutting, thumbs stuck in armpits, much knee-bending, and slapping of partner at the end of each chorus.

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**A PAGE For The FARMER**

**A Small Beef Entry And Dear Rates**

**STORTFORD LODGE SALE**

**Firm Lamb Market Experienced Yesterday**

An abnormally small entry of beef cattle was largely responsible for a sharp rise in prices in this section at the Stortford Lodge stock sale yesterday. Fewer than 100 head came forward, and the result was a "false market," butchers who had not filled their requirements last week being compelled to pay dearly yesterday to meet their needs.

Some 12,000 store sheep were yarded, the majority being lambs, which met a ready inquiry at firm rates. A number of pens of ewes, principally five and six-year-olds, but with a sprinkling of younger lines, came up for sale and in the majority of cases met only moderate competition. Quality younger ewes, however, met a somewhat better inquiry and up to 26/6 was paid for two-tooths.

About 100 head of store cattle attracted little attention, the principal entry being a Rissington line of 18-months P.A. steers which sold at 26/2/6.

A number of vealers were included in the beef offering yesterday and these ranged from 38/- to 43/10/- according to quality. Top pens of heifers brought 10/3/6 to 11/18/6, with medium prime lines at 9/3/6 to 10/18/6. Small grown cows made 27/13/6 to 28/6/6, heavier lines bringing 29/6/6 to 30/13/6. Runners ranged from 24/5/6 to 27/1/6.

The tops of the lambs were sold late in the offering, bringing 19/- and 19/3 for pens on account of Messrs J. McKay, Putorino, and J. Adams, Waihou, respectively; Down cross lambs from Atua Station made 20/6, being in very forward order. Medium pens made 15/- to 16/10, light 12/6 upwards. Five and six year ewes, mouths ranging from only fair to quite sound, brought 11/- to 14/-; bad mouthed made 7/-.

Six-tooth and four-year-olds made 10/- and two-tooths brought 22/- to 26/6. Few wethers were penned, a line of 2, 4 and 6-tooths going at 17/-.

Some of the realisations yesterday were as follows—

**Fat Cattle**

In from Richmond Park, Longlands, on account of Mr F. M. Symes, 5 medium framed, prime finished Hereford heifers brought 19/18/6 to 21/0; a heavier draft of similarly bred heifers, another well finished, prime offering made 10/3/6 to 11/6/6.

A draft of two extra prime finished A.A. heifers, one well framed and in nice order, sold at 19/8/6 to 21/18/6. Two on account of Mr E. W. Symes made 11/11/6. The same vendor offered four prime quality A.A. cows which ranged from 18/16/6 to 20/6/6.

Two pens of six vealers on account of Mr G. Gunn, Fernhill, just off the mothers and in quite good order, sold between 12/6/6 and 13/10/6. A pen of three young runners from the same vendor brought 17/1/6 and 15/11/6.

A line of four nicely finished A.A. cows also offered on account of Mr G. Gunn, well framed and in useful order, sold at 10/11/6 to 10/13/6.

A draft of four medium grown A.A. heifer runners in medium order brought 14/5/6 to 15/11/6.

On account of Taurua Station a single medium framed, medium prime Hereford heifer brought 19/13/6; two similar cows sold at 19/6/6. Three more cows from this source, offered in similar order, brought 19/8/6 to 19/13/6. The final pen of Taurua cows, small grown dehorned Herefords, made 17/13/6 to 18/6/6.

From Te Mahanga on account of Mr D. Douglas five well framed and solidly finished dehorned Hereford heifers in prime order, quality beef, realised 10/18/6 to 11/11/6. Four P.A. heifers, medium grown and carrying a nice prime finish, made 19/13/6. The final pen in this consignment comprised four similarly bred heifers, again a prime quality draft, which made 19/16/6 for the tops and 19/3/6 for the lighter cut.

**Store Sheep**

From Whakarara on account of Taumaha Station 27 five and six-year ewes, the majority mounting well and the ewes themselves fairly framed and in quite good store order, made 13/6.

An Apley Station draft of 192 five year ewes, offered in good order with fairly sound mouths, sold at 13/8.

On account of Mr K. J. Harris, Waipunga, 194 fairly framed five year ewes in good order, medium and with fair mouths, were passed in at 11/-.

A further Apley Station line of 153 five year olds, described as "medium mouths" and fairly framed, sold at 11/-.

Another line of similarly aged ewes from Apley Station, mounting badly and a fattening proposition only, made 7/-.

Mr C. J. Williams 196 lambs showing a Ryeland cross and in good store order, being a well framed, healthy line, sold at 18/7.

On account of Te Waka Ltd., 212 medium sorts of wether lambs in only fair order met the market at 15/-.

A well framed and good conditioned line of 128 five year ewes, mounting fairly well, was passed in at 13/6.

On account of Mr Ian R. Gordon, 138 five-year ewes, well framed and in quite useful order, but with only fair mouths, sold at 13/6.

On account of Sir A. H. Russell, 195 wether lambs, small to medium grown and in medium store order, realised 16/10.

From Waipuna Station on account of Mr J. Nelson Lane, 215 small grown and light-conditioned wether lambs sold at 13/3.

A Ridgeman Station line of 213 wether lambs, well-grown, good-conditioned sheep in healthy order and should do well, brought 17/11.

On account of Te Waka Ltd., 208 wether lambs, small cut sorts in light order, sold at 12/6.

From Tangleo on account of Mr W. M. Orr, 160 Romney wether lambs, fairly grown for the most part and in light to medium condition, made a bid of 14/1.

In from Morea Station, 97 six-tooth and four-year ewes, nicely framed and in sound store order throughout, sold at 20/-.

On account of Mr C. Grindell,

**Yesterday On 'Change' Transaction List**

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

**WELLINGTON EXCHANGE**

Sales Late Tuesday	
Bank of N.Z. .... (2)	2 0 9
N.Z. Breweries .....	1 13 0
Broken Hill .....	2 6 0
Wednesday	
4% Stock, 1948 .....	103 10 0
Bank of N.S.W. ....	29 15 0
Bank of N.Z. ....	2 1 0
4% Stock, 1947 .....	104 15 0
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**CHRISTCHURCH EXCHANGE**

Sales Reported	
N.Z. Govt. 4% Stock, 1940-43 .....	102 0 0
4% Stock, 1940-43 .....	104 0 0
Union Bank of Australia .....	7 2 6
Baillie's Breweries (15/- pd.) .....	0 11 3
Broken Hill Pty. ....	2 6 0
D.I.C. (pre) (in sale yesterday) .....	1 3 3
Woolworths (South Africa) .....	0 15 0

**Value Of Pigs To Orchardists**

**USING WASTE FRUIT**

The value of pigs to orchardists at this season of the year was stressed by Mr Ivan H. Owttram, a representative of the Fairwairangi District Pig Council, who has concluded a visit to Hastings and left yesterday for Wairoa.

Store pigs could be bought at a reasonable price and used to clean up the unsaleable fruit, which with a reasonable ration of pig meal would produce a profitable baconer in the course of two or three months.

Mr Owttram's radio talk to pig farmers on February 13 will deal with the housing, feeding and general management of pigs. He will be able to reassure pig farmers on one important point. There will be no difficulty in regard to shipping. The Imperial authorities will provide transport for all the pig meat the farmer can produce for export.

**Stortford Lodge On The World's Values Markets**

**YESTERDAY'S SALE**

Brokers Report On Realisations

**WOOL OPERATIONS**

United States Has Been Active

**PRICES IN DETAIL**

**DISPOSAL OF CLIPS**

Brokers report as follows on their realisations at the Stortford Lodge stock sale yesterday—

**Dalgely and Co. Ltd.**

1 vealer £3, 1 vealer £2/17/6, 1 vealer £2/16/6, 1 vealer £2/10/-, 2 vealers £2/6/-, 1 vealer £3/1/-, 1 vealer £3/1/-, 1 vealer £3, 1 vealer £2 3/4, 1 vealer 2/9, 1 fat heifer £7/1/4, 1 fat heifer £7/1/4, 1 fat heifer £5/11/4, 2 fat cows £10/13/6, 2 fat cows £10/11/4, 15 15-month steers £3, 15 15-month heifers £2, 3 yearling steers £12/2/6, 2 shear Romney rams £2/2/-, 2 £1/1/-, 10 10/-, 1 fat ewe 12/6, 2 fat lambs 23/1, 1 15/-, 3 fat wethers 22/4, 2 S.D.-cross 2-th ewes 16/10, 4 fat ewes 13/10, 4 12/10, 1 17/7, 10 17/6, 10 14/10, 14 13/4, 2 S.D.-cross wethers 19/10, 2 fat wethers 21/10, 48 4-year ewes 14/3, 212 wether lambs 15/-, 207 12/6, 130 6/-, 63 5/-, 128 ewe lambs 16/6, 104 S.D.-cross lambs 13/-, 82 14/10, 100 wether lambs 9/6, 27 S.D.-cross lambs 11/-, 41 wether lambs 6/9, 40 4, 6, and 8th ewes 13/6, 35 ewe lambs 11/3, 13 11/3, 2 11/7, 10 17/6, 10 14/10, 14 13/4, 2 S.D.-cross wethers 19/10, 2 fat wethers 21/10, 48 4-year ewes 14/3, 212 wether lambs 15/-, 207 12/6, 130 6/-, 63 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EXPECTED ARRIVALS

Pukeko, Gisborne... Feb. 6. Kopara, Auckland... Feb. 7. Wainui, Wellington... Feb. 11.

COASTWISE TRADE

PUKEKO: Is expected to arrive here from Gisborne this morning and is scheduled to sail for Lyttelton at 5 p.m.

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FOR LYTTLETON (from Wellington): Maori: Feb. 6, 10, 12, 14, 7.45 p.m.

FOR NAPIER from Southern ports (cargo only): Wainui loads Oamaru Feb. 6, Timaru Feb. 7, Lyttelton Feb. 8, Wellington Feb. 10.

FROM NAPIER FOR LYTTLETON & WELLINGTON: PUKEKO loads Thursday, Feb. 6.

FROM AUCKLAND FOR NAPIER: KOPARA loads Tuesday, Feb. 11.

FROM LYTTLETON FOR NAPIER, GISBORNE AND WAIKOPU: PUKEKO loads Saturday, Feb. 8.

FROM NAPIER FOR AUCKLAND: KOPARA loads Friday, Feb. 7.

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

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THE CAMPAIGN IN AFRICA

The official acknowledgment by the British Government of the claim of the Emperor Haile Sellassie to the throne of an independent Abyssinia is an indication of the success of the drive against the Italian forces in East Africa.

As yet there has been no reference to the future control of the other territories—Eritrea and Italian Somaliland—which are now being invaded by British forces.

The British forces in Eritrea, Abyssinia and Somaliland are now in an increasingly difficult country, and although the Italians show little inclination to make an effective defence in any of these theatres, it will not be surprising, in view of the nature of the terrain, if the British advance slows down in the near future.

The same thing may be said of the campaign in Libya. Here, not only is the country growing more and more difficult as the Imperial Army advances, but the North African summer is approaching rapidly and this will further hinder operations.

The clearing of the Italians out of eastern Libya would constitute the greatest British victory of the eight months since Italy declared war, and we cannot reasonably look for more at the present stage of the campaign.

The new crisis which is developing between Germany and Vichy France is a logical sequel to the British successes in Africa. It is rather curious to find that Germany is now demanding the Tunisian base of Bizerta, a passage for German troops through unoccupied France to Toulon or Marseilles.

Breakfast Table Chinese Philosophy. You want credit; Me no give. You get more; Me no pay; Me get more.

Hitler has three courses open to him. He can order his troops to move through unoccupied France, he can attempt an expedition against the French African bases from Italy.

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.

Personal

Mr Ron Boyd, Nuhaka, son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Boyd, has joined the Air Force and has gone into camp for training.

Mr Maurice Begley, Nuhaka, is in training at the Harewood Air Force camp, Christchurch.

Mr R. Parsons has returned to Ruauval, North Auckland, after spending a holiday with his parents, Mr and Mrs C. Parsons, Norsewood.

Mr Ivan H. Owttram, representative of the Tairāwhiti Pig Council, has concluded a visit to Hastings and left yesterday for Wairoa.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr and Mrs N. Cole, Miss Cole, Mr R. A. Waters, Mr L. E. Smith (Auckland), Mr E. Goodwin (Palmerston North), Mr J. H. Thorp (Wellington), Mr A. Kennedy (Palmerston North), Mr Alan G. Jones (Christchurch), Mr W. A. Phillips, Mr J. Tietens (Hamilton), Mr H. E. Tweedie, Mr C. Mackie, Mr H. E. Burch, Mr J. M. Carroll, Mr L. Palmer, Mr I. Martin (Wellington), Mr D. M. Anderson (Masterton) are staying at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr L. Metcalfe, Mr J. P. Campbell (Auckland), Mr H. Allen (Masterton), Mr G. McNeil, Mr H. Farragher, Mr N. Harris, Mr H. Neigher, Mr A. Tolhurst (Gisborne), Mr C. McCarthy, Mr F. Bland, Mr A. Smith (New Plymouth), Mr T. Mitchell (Carterton), Mr F. Brown (Wairoa) are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

Mr J. Ellison (Auckland), Mr T. James (Palmerston North), Mr A. Marks, Mr O. Hopkirk, Mr H. Beazer (Wellington), Mr A. Lee (Auckland), Mr and Mrs H. Freeman (Hamilton), Mr Alfred Manning (Wanganui), Mr S. Helmstead, Mr W. M. O'Connor (Nelson), Mr and Mrs A. Anderson, Mr R. A. Anderson (Lower Hutt), Mr H. W. Duncan, Mr D. Muir (Wellington) are at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs W. Bason, Mr and Mrs T. W. Yates (Auckland), Mrs S. Simms, Mr R. Alward, Mr L. Taylor, Mr L. Monkman, Mr and Mrs W. A. Aitken, Miss Barbara Aitken, Mr and Mrs G. R. Partridge, Mr and Mrs P. Vergetti (Christchurch), Mrs M. Hamilton (Bourne-mouth), Mr and Mrs J. C. Blywell (Featherston), Miss P. O'Brien (Tasmania), Mr H. Abbott (Hastings), Mrs S. A. Robinson (Wai-pukurau), Mr A. Greenfield (Dunedin), Mr J. Flood (Palmerston North), Mr J. W. Mackay (Wanganui), Mr and Mrs W. W. Smith (Gisborne), Mr P. Graham (Wanganui), Mr and Mrs H. Hind (Pahiatua) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr. Filmer, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Klee, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Keane, Mr. Davies, Mr. Russell, Mr. King, Mr. Yongue, Mrs. Hill, Mr. Lewis, and Mrs. May, are staying at the Wairoa Hotel, Wairoa.

Mrs. J. R. Turnbull, Mrs. J. F. Hill, Mr. J. Jones (Napier), Mr. D. Davis, Mr. F. H. Lobb, Mr. A. G. Henderson (Wellington), Mr. J. Ellison, Mr. E. Waterhouse (Auckland), Mr. W. S. Currie, Mr. T. G. Burns (Palmerston North), Mr. J. Ross, Mr. Te. Muckey, Mr. R. M. Graham, Mr. J. Byford (Gisborne) are staying at the Clyde Hotel, Wairoa.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S AIDE

Captain Holland-Martin's Career

Captain C. J. Holland-Martin (Royal Fusiliers) is to accompany the Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Cyril Newall, Governor-General depute of New Zealand, to the Dominion as his aide-de-camp.

"Soldier": In view of the other correspondent's reply, there is no point in continuing the discussion.

MAIL NOTICES

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

TRANS-PACIFIC AIR MAIL. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13. Trans-Pacific Air Mail—Postage rates Letters: Hawaii, 2/6 each 1oz.

INLAND MAILS. Napier, Monday to Friday, 6 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m. Saturday, 6 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m.

AIR MAIL INLAND. Blenheim, Nelson, Westport, Grey-mouth and Hokitika, Monday to Friday, 3 p.m.; Saturday, 4 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Getting in Early

In spite of the fact that the Napier Competitions Society's annual festival will not take place until Easter, the secretary of the society (Mr S. P. Spiller) has already received inquiries as to the nature of the syllabus likely to be drawn up.

Increased Production Scheme

Two small crops of barley sown under the increased production scheme on either side of Kennedy Road, Napier, have now been threshed and have returned a fair yield.

Woman in Emergency

When a traffic inspector had to leave his home at the old Cloek Tower junction of Manchester and High Streets, Christchurch, to investigate a minor collision, a woman dismounted from her cycle, leaned it against a post, and mounted the vacant home.

Need for Workshops

The prospect of the Napier-Gisborne section of the East Coast railway being open to traffic in the near future has prompted the Mayor of Napier (Mr T. W. Hercock) to write to the Minister of Railways (the Hon. R. Semple) drawing his attention to the increased use of rolling stock which will occur.

Potatoes from Peel

An enthusiastic Dunedin amateur gardener recently forwarded the following to the "Otago Daily Times": In consequence of a conversation with my next-door neighbour last August about the Irish potato famine and the request to English people to save all peelings and send them to Ireland for planting, I took a piece of peel, about the size of a shilling, with me when on my limited trip, and planted it in soil mixed with a little leaf mould.

Praise for South

High praise for the productivity and potentialities of Otago and Southland was given by the Minister of Finance (the Hon. W. Nash) in an address at the Dunedin Town Hall. He said that he had been greatly impressed with his tour through the two provinces, and had noted the great possibilities of future development which they possessed.

River Disaster

A quiet row on the Avon ended disastrously for a mixed party recently (states the Christchurch "Star-Sun"). The female helmsman apparently did not know her ropes, and a violent collision with the bank saw all four on their feet trying to rectify the position.

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HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR ISOLATED SHOWERS

Following is the "Daily Mail's" special forecast for the Hawke's Bay area.

Winds: Moderate to strong southerly. Weather: Fair at first but with isolated showers developing. Temperatures moderate.

HASTINGS WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magistrate's Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows—

Dry bulb temp. 69.0deg. Wet bulb temp. 59.0deg. Maximum temp. 76.0deg. Minimum temp. 63.8deg.

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. 73.0deg. Wet bulb temp. 57.0deg. Maximum temp. 76.8deg. Minimum temp. 66.2deg.

DOMINION FORECAST

General situation: An anticyclone centred over Tasmania covers the Tasman Sea and New Zealand. A tropical cyclone is located north of Noumea.

To-day's Diary

HASTINGS. The Theatres: "Susan and God," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m.

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Amateur Athletic Meeting, McLean Park, 7.30 p.m. Patriotic Meeting, Westshore Public Hall, 8 p.m.

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FIRE ON SHIP AT WELLINGTON PALL OF SMOKE OVER WHARF OIL FUEL ABLAZE

Gallant Work Done By Officer

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, Feb. 5. Suffocating smoke from burning oil fuel on a steamer berthed at Wellington brought several fire engines to the spot. An attempt was made to smother the flames with a foam extinguisher, but the fire was deep seated and there was little chance of slackening, leading to more drastic methods being adopted. Three of the most powerful motor pumps at the brigade's disposal were backed against the edge of the wharf, hoses were dropped into the harbour and seven leads were taken aboard the ship. The Toia, the Harbour Board's tug, which is fully equipped for fire-quelling, also took a hand. Beacon For Curious Although no flames were seen at any stage from the wharf, the thick, pungent smoke which rose above the masts was a warning which drew many sightseers although the scene was well away from the heart of the city. Oxygen apparatus was used by the firemen, especially in the early stages of the outbreak and the ambulance stood by. Two brigades men were treated for the effects of smoke, but neither was sufficiently affected to require removal to hospital. The fire brigade officers later expressed appreciation of the gallant efforts of one of the ship's officers who, though he had been burned about the shoulders, carried on near the seat of the fire with his work of assisting the brigadesmen.

HIGH QUALITY AT SHOW OPENING OF FEILDING FIXTURE LIST OF CHAMPIONS

Large Attendance In Fine Weather

By Telegraph—Press Association. FEILDING, Feb. 5. The Feilding Show was held in fine weather before a large attendance to-day. The Show was officially opened by the British High Commissioner (Sir Harry Battersbee). Entries were not as numerous as previously owing to the war, but the quality of the stock was high. Following is a list of the champions:— Cattle—Jersey bull and cow; A. J. H. and Sons; Red Poll bull and cow; Feilding Agricultural High School. Friesians: Bull, H. R. Green; cow, A. Burgess. Milking Shorthorns: Bull and cow, W. J. Slack. Ayrshires: Cow, C. E. C. Webb. Herefords: Bull, E. W. Barnett; cow, Estate E. Short. Sheep—Romneys: Ram, A. Brown and Sons; ewe, A. L. Wheeler; natural condition, ram, J. Beard; ewe, J. H. Rutherford. Southdowns: Ram and ewe, J. Knight; natural condition, ram, W. Simpson; ewe, W. J. Slack. Ryelands: Ram, J. Ridd; ewe, Feilding Agricultural High School. Large Black: Sow, G. M. Whitlock.

Air Trainees' Death CORONER'S VERDICT

All Were Killed Instantly

TWO AIR CRASHES

By Telegraph—Press Association. BLENHEIM, Feb. 5. The inquest into two air crashes on January 21 in which four air trainees from the Woodbourne flying training school were killed followed strictly by the coroner. The victims of the accidents were Leading Aircraftmen A. V. M. Gilmour, aged 22, of Epsom, Auckland; G. W. Sulsted, aged 23, of Wellington; W. Reader, aged 22, of Island Bay, Wellington; and A. Lewellyn, aged 21, of Ruawai, Auckland. They were pilots and co-pilots of Vickers Vincent bombers which crashed in the hills between Blenheim and Seddon within three-quarters of an hour about half a mile from each other in thick weather. The evidence tendered to the coroner was limited to the testimony of Dr. N. H. North, medical officer at Woodbourne, who described the injuries of the victims and expressed the opinion that the deaths were instantaneous. The coroner returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

HALIFAX DEFENDED BY CORDELL HULL

Impropropriety Charge Refuted

623 AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

Battle Losses In The Near East

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received Feb. 5, 6 p.m.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. The Secretary of State (Mr. Cordell Hull) replying to the "America First" Committee, which described the meetings of the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, with Congressional leaders as "improper," defended Lord Halifax, stating: "His visits were formal courtesy calls. The State Department does not consider that such calls constitute a departure from established precedent."

WOMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER OF HUSBAND Evidence Of Man's Brutal Behaviour When Drunk

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Feb. 5.

The trial commenced in the Supreme Court of Jean Laurentine, aged 31, who was charged with the murder of her husband, Francis Norman Laurentine, aged 36, a watersider, on November 2. Mr Justice Johnston is presiding, and Dr Mazengarb, with Mr N. T. Gillespie, is defending. The Crown is calling 12 witnesses.

Outlining the case for the Crown, Mr Weston, K.C., recapitulated the events regarding the return of the couple from a trotting meeting at Hut Park, their being heard to be quarrelling and the accused subsequently appealing to a neighbour to get a doctor quickly as she had stabbed her husband. He said that accused was apparently very much under the influence of liquor and was very hysterical. He mentioned how she had accompanied Laurentine to the hospital, where he subsequently died.

Became Violent One of the witnesses, H. R. Avery, who was a neighbour of the Laurentines, under cross examination by Mr Mazengarb, said that Laurentine had been addicted to liquor and in recent months had been very drunk. Quite frequently he had brought liquor home and when he was drunk he was very careful in conversation with him as he became violent when displeased. In the last three months before the tragedy witness could hardly recall one occasion when he had seen Laurentine sober. He said that drinking bouts and frequently became ill as a result and in the following days his wife would stay home from work to see to his meals. Witness said that he gave Laurentine more attention than he deserved. Under the influence of liquor Laurentine had the rather nasty habit of showing spite. Towards the end of the trial he gave very little to show for their combined earnings but if there was any squandering of money it was done by Laurentine in his drinking bouts. Witness had been told that the accused had been saving money for the grave of their child who had died three years ago, but he believed that Laurentine found the money and used it for drink.

Witness could see no reason why a woman should stick to a man like Laurentine but the impression he gained was that she had the greatest affection for him. In opening the case for the defence Mr C. Mazengarb said that no killing was murder. At the other end of the chain there was justifiable homicide, as in the case of a soldier who kills an enemy. The defence also said that a killing is excusable homicide as in a case of death by accident. Self-protection was the first law of nature. This woman was trying to protect herself from unprovoked assault. Her husband was very drunk. He struck her, she was down twice, and in falling her head came in contact with the knife and she used it to ward off further blows. "You have to judge something

that happened in a few seconds," continued Mr Mazengarb, addressing the jury, "but you have to judge also by what happened in the next hour and what had happened throughout their married life." Witness Breaks Down Myrtle Dooley, of Ngaio, said that some years ago she and her husband kept a hotel at Nelson. A girl named Jean Clark worked for them as a housemaid. She was well spoken and well behaved. When she met this girl some years later she looked like an old woman and witness wanted her to come and live with her. At this stage witness broke down. "You would be prepared to look after her now?" said Mr Mazengarb. "Yes," responded the witness. Nora Reid said that the accused was a niece of hers by marriage and had been brought up by witness. The accused's husband seemed fond of her and she absolutely adored him. During the past eight months Laurentine had been drinking very heavily. His wife always made excuses for him and would not have a word said against him. Argumentative Rene Yianakis said that a few years ago she conducted an apartment house in Wellington. Mr and Mrs. Laurentine rented rooms in her house for a time. Laurentine, when drunk, used to become very argumentative and at times would ill-treat his wife. He used to hit his wife on the back of the neck, as he said, the bruises would not show. After the death of their boy, Laurentine's drinking habits became accentuated. He had never seen Mrs. Laurentine take any intoxicating liquor. When sober Laurentine was very nice and fascinating. Hugh McGillivray, a carpenter, said he was a uncle by marriage, of the accused. Laurentine when drunk, would be very argumentative and abusive. Frederick Miller, a seaman and waterside worker, said he had known Laurentine for 16 years, for the last five of which they had worked together on the Wellington waterfront. His average earnings would be about £7 a week. As a result of his drinking habits Laurentine was more than once penalised on the waterfront. He was drunk he was offensive and cantankerous and often did not know what he was doing. On one occasion he had disfigured his wife's face so badly that she could not go to work for some days. He was very remorseful after the occurrence. The hearing will be resumed to-morrow morning.

Nazi Boasts To French People

"Empire's Capitulation Inevitable"

DEFEAT OF BRITAIN

Must Obey Civil Law

INDIAN ASSAULTED BY WOMAN

Convicted Of Robbery With Violence

By Telegraph—Press Association. AUCKLAND, Feb. 5. The unusual occurrence of a woman being charged with robbery with violence took place in the Supreme Court, when a Maori, Matera Brown, aged 45, was charged with assaulting an Indian, Latherer Murali, Kalyan, and robbing him of £4. Through an interpreter the Indian said that the accused asked him into a house at Freeman's Bay and there assaulted him with a beer bottle and robbed him of a wallet and its contents. Evidence was given of finding the wallet in a restaurant where the accused had been sitting. The occupants of the house supported the Indian's story of the robbery. Mr Quartley addressed the court on the accused woman's behalf. The jury, after half an hour's consideration, found the woman guilty of robbery with violence. She was remanded for sentence.

ITALIAN PRISONERS KILLED

Bombed By Nazis

ATTACK ON SHIP OFF LIBYA

Captives Of British

British Official Wireless (Received Feb. 4, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, Feb. 3. An Admiralty communique issued to-day states: "It has been reported from the Mediterranean that a large number of Italian prisoners lost their lives as a result of an attack from the Libyan coast by two aircraft, believed to be German, on a ship transporting prisoners of war. The ship was hit and sustained some damage. A large number of casualties were caused among the Italian prisoners, many of which were fatal."

ASSAULT AND THREATS

Verdict Of Guilty Returned

DUNEDIN CASE

Affair At Meeting Of Jehovah's Witnesses

By Telegraph—Press Association. DUNEDIN, Feb. 5. In the trial on a charge of attempted murder laid against William Meehan, a carpenter, a verdict was returned after an hour's retirement of assault committed by threatening with a loaded rifle and firing a shot. This was the last of a series of eight charges ranging from alleged attempted murder. The affair took place at a meeting of Jehovah's Witnesses. Meehan is defended by Mr C. S. Thomas, Christchurch, and Mr Farrell, Oamaru. Evidence was given this morning by George Herbert Christensen, Oamaru, a Jehovah's Witness, who stated that six records of a lecture had been put through when he heard a shot. Cross-examined, witness said that prior to the meeting he gave a man some literature but he couldn't recall whether that man was the accused. He denied having told this man that any fellow who went to fight in this war was a murderer. David Jackman, retired linesman, said he gave Meehan about 20 rounds of ammunition for pig shooting eight years ago. Constable Buchanan stated that following the shot, McAuley fell forward. He saw Edwards and Ridley holding Meehan down. The latter gave Meehan about 20 but was quite sober. Meehan said: "I know what I'm doing. They're Fifth Columnists. That's the way to get rid of them." On the way to the police station Meehan said he had lost his head but he would do it again. He repeated this at the station and added: "That is how France and Belgium went under." The accused also said that the rifle was a merchant vessel for the British Government. There were some 40 shipbuilding and repairing establishments in the Dominion, and ever before the war about 4000 permanent workers were employed. In 1938, repair work was done to the value of over £3,000,000. "Although South Africa has not a shipbuilding industry," the Minister added, "large-scale repairs can be carried out at Durban where there are well-equipped repair yards and a dry dock. Canada, which before the war had about 1,250,000 tons on the shipbuilding yards at Vancouver, Montreal, and Halifax. A large number of merchant ships were now on the stocks, and it had been announced recently that Canada was to build 100 merchant vessels for the British Government. There were some 40 shipbuilding and repairing establishments in the Dominion, and ever before the war about 4000 permanent workers were employed. In 1938, repair work was done to the value of over £3,000,000. "Australia built only a small number of vessels before the war, but has since greatly enlarged her shipbuilding capacity. A yard is to be established at Durban where there are to build merchant ships up to 12,000 tons, and Mr W. M. Hughes, Minister of the Navy, has declared that shipbuilding must become one of the great national industries of Australia. Orders amounting to £250,000 for engines and machinery have been placed in Queensland. Speaking of the strain on British shipping, Mr Cross said: "I should like to tell you of the extraordinary variety of troop movements which have been carried out by the Merchant Navy. We have carried Canadian troops from Canada to this country, to Iceland, and to the West Indies; Newfoundlanders to this country for the Army, the Navy, and for log-cutting; Australians and New Zealanders to the Middle East and to British and South African ports; to East Africa, Egypt, and India. In addition, we have moved Gold Coast, Nigerian, Palestine, and Cypriot troops. "We have carried troops from this country to such a variety of places that I will not detail them to you, for they cover the world from Bermuda to Singapore, from Iceland to Hongkong."

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New Ships For Britain

Empire Active

Shipyards Hard At Work

REPLACING LOSSES

British Official Wireless (Received February 5, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, Feb. 4. Commenting to-day on Britain's merchant shipping position, the Minister of Shipping (the Hon. Ronald Cross) said it was not only in the shipyards of the United Kingdom that new construction was going forward: "Embracing shipbuilding yards and providing new tonnage, were helping Britain to defeat the U-boat menace. Canada, which before the war had about 1,250,000 tons on the shipbuilding yards at Vancouver, Montreal, and Halifax. A large number of merchant ships were now on the stocks, and it had been announced recently that Canada was to build 100 merchant vessels for the British Government. There were some 40 shipbuilding and repairing establishments in the Dominion, and ever before the war about 4000 permanent workers were employed. In 1938, repair work was done to the value of over £3,000,000. "Although South Africa has not a shipbuilding industry," the Minister added, "large-scale repairs can be carried out at Durban where there are well-equipped repair yards and a dry dock. Canada, which before the war had about 1,250,000 tons on the shipbuilding yards at Vancouver, Montreal, and Halifax. A large number of merchant ships were now on the stocks, and it had been announced recently that Canada was to build 100 merchant vessels for the British Government. There were some 40 shipbuilding and repairing establishments in the Dominion, and ever before the war about 4000 permanent workers were employed. In 1938, repair work was done to the value of over £3,000,000. "Australia built only a small number of vessels before the war, but has since greatly enlarged her shipbuilding capacity. A yard is to be established at Durban where there are to build merchant ships up to 12,000 tons, and Mr W. M. Hughes, Minister of the Navy, has declared that shipbuilding must become one of the great national industries of Australia. Orders amounting to £250,000 for engines and machinery have been placed in Queensland. Speaking of the strain on British shipping, Mr Cross said: "I should like to tell you of the extraordinary variety of troop movements which have been carried out by the Merchant Navy. We have carried Canadian troops from Canada to this country, to Iceland, and to the West Indies; Newfoundlanders to this country for the Army, the Navy, and for log-cutting; Australians and New Zealanders to the Middle East and to British and South African ports; to East Africa, Egypt, and India. In addition, we have moved Gold Coast, Nigerian, Palestine, and Cypriot troops. "We have carried troops from this country to such a variety of places that I will not detail them to you, for they cover the world from Bermuda to Singapore, from Iceland to Hongkong."

Lone Raider's Attack

SEVERE DAMAGE

British Coastal Town Bombed

SWIFT RETRIBUTION

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received February 5, 6 p.m.) LONDON, Feb. 4. An east coast town suffered its worst damage of the war this morning when a lone raider aircraft attempted to destroy, dived from the clouds and dropped a line of about 20 bombs, which straddled the town. British fighters shot down the plane and turned towards the sea. A lifeboat raised and used to save the members of the crew, while in the town, through which the raider left a line of devastation, rescue squads toiled to dig out civilians buried under the wreckage. The town's casualties are not yet known. Four Nazi Planes Down The destruction to-day of four German aeroplanes without British loss is reported in an Air Ministry "an" Ministry of Home Security communique. The communique says: "This morning a single enemy bomber dropped bombs on a town on the east coast. Some damage was done to houses and to utility services, and the town was started by a bomb soon put out. There were a small number of casualties. "A bomber was shot down into the sea off the Suffolk coast by our fighters. "There has been little other enemy activity over this country to-day. A few bombs have been dropped in Kent, but little damage and no serious casualties have been reported. "This afternoon our fighters, without loss to themselves, shot down two enemy fighter-bombers and an enemy fighter. "Details of the destruction of the four aeroplanes during an other day of hit-and-run raids directed at convoys, aerodromes, and towns in the south-east and east of Britain are given by the Air Ministry news service. "The first aircraft which bombed an East Anglian town this morning was chased out to sea and shot down by two Hurricane pilots of the Burma Squadron. Three of the four members of the crew were seen swimming from the wreckage. The pilots saw the bomber trying to sneak through the clouds at 3000 feet and closed in on either side. Both pilots, worrying the Dornier like terriers, scored hits which sent him crashing into the sea after jettisoning the rest of his bombs. "Blown to Pieces "Two Spitfire pilots were flying off the south-east coast at about 2000 feet this afternoon when two Messerschmitt-109's dived down in front. One Spitfire, piloted by a sergeant who won the D.P.M. a month ago, got in several bursts at one and blew it to pieces. He was able to damage the other before it sped into the clouds. "Two Messerschmitt-110's were destroyed by Hurricanes near the Thames Estuary. "An Air Ministry communique dealing with last night's activity states: "Single enemy planes dropped incendiary bombs on the London area last night. Fires were quickly extinguished, and no serious damage was done. The enemy elsewhere operated only intermittently, and no serious attacks developed. "A Spitfire equipped with cannon shot down a German bomber in the Thames Estuary yesterday afternoon. "The Middlesex Hospital and National Temperance Hospital were among London buildings damaged in recent air-raids.

FOUR PRISONERS APPEAR ON SERIOUS CHARGES

Crown Prosecutor Reviews The Evidence That Will Be Tendered

(By Telegraph—Press Association) AUCKLAND, Feb. 5.

Liberal use of the right to challenge jurors was exercised by the prisoners, who were charged in the Supreme Court to-day before Mr Justice Blair, that on October 1 they escaped from the Auckland gaol by violent means and that they rendered three warders incapable of resistance. The accused included John Henry Silva, against whom there had been a charge of attempted murder of a warder, but on the suggestion of the judge, the Grand Jury had thrown out the attempted murder charge. Silva pleaded guilty to the two remaining charges. The other accused, Allan Roy Duff, Bryan James Oehner, Randall Smith and David Watson pleaded not guilty. Duff was represented by counsel, Mr W. Noble. Smith exercised the right to challenge jurors to the number of six, Watson challenged five and Duff challenged two, every second jurymen called being challenged. Before the hearing commenced, the jury, counsel and the judge visited the gaol to view the cells and layout of the buildings at the point of the alleged escape. When the trial of the four men, who had pleaded not guilty, was resumed in the afternoon, Mr Meredith said that two counts related to two quite distinct offences. The accuracy of the acts done by any of the others. When they were made their plans of escape they knew they had to get possession of the keys and that necessarily involved violence to the warders. There were used in the process of escape, he said, three weapons—two hammers with wristlet things and a weight with a leather handle, a particularly dangerous form of weapon. It would appear that the intention was that after the three warders at the central dome had been got rid of to deal with the fourth warder at the front door, but by the accidental use of the wrong key they were unable to get access to that part and they had to find some other way out. Counsel described the movement of the three warders, Burgess, Schollum and Crawford. Burgess was bending over the table doing clerical work when he was struck on the head from behind and knocked out. Schollum came to see what was wrong with Burgess, when he too was struck on the head and his skull injured. "Bleeding and Helpless." The warders, bleeding and helpless, were taken and thrown into a cell. Crawford suffered worst of all and it was not until five weeks later that he recovered consciousness. The attack on him was a particularly violent and savage one and the medical evidence would be that he was ruined for life and was a complete wreck. The accused made their way to the padlocked grille leading to the yard and, by using their weight together, they burst the chain holding it. They smashed the padlocks which held the doors and put one of them against the wall. The warder, Carson, who lived just outside the prison walls, saw the prisoners escaping over the wall and when he went in pursuit he caught sight of them coming from behind. He was with a baton he had taken from a warder. Burgess and Carson overpowered Duff and took him back to the gaol. Mr Meredith read a statement given by Duff in which he described their plans for escape and said they had decided to knock the warders on the head with something. He also read statements made by the other accused. The hearing was adjourned.

WIFE CALLED BY PROSECUTION

UNUSUAL FEATURE TO CASE

MURDER CHARGE

Death of Man Near Hamilton

By Telegraph—Press Association. HAMILTON, Feb. 5.

The trial of Charles Harold Longley, aged 39, an invalid pensioner, of Manunui, on a charge of murdering Jeremiah O'Sullivan, on September 22, 1940, was commenced in the Supreme Court at Hamilton to-day, before Mr Justice Smith. Messrs H. T. Gillies and J. R. Fitzgerald appeared for the Crown, Longley being represented by Mr W. J. King and Mr D. H. Hall. The starting point of the tragedy, said Mr Gillies, in his address to the jury, was January 31, 1940, when Longley took up the occupancy of O'Sullivan's cottage. Relations between landlord and tenant were cordial until the O'Sullivan's received notice to vacate their house. They in turn had put on the Longleys, to gain the occupancy of their own house. The Longleys made a request to have the house repaired before they would leave. On September 22, notice to quit had already been served. Longley wanted to see the rabbits, while O'Sullivan was working on the property. The Longleys kept their car in the shed and while the family was away looking for another house, O'Sullivan came and put battens across the doorway of the garage. Longley, feeling that his rights were infringed, knocked the battens away and put the car into the shed. O'Sullivan then came to the door of the cottage and shouted out, "Hey, Mrs Longley." "You Mongrel" After some slight dispute with Mrs Longley, O'Sullivan said, "You mongrel," Longley wanted to see the recess and picked up a pea rifle. There was a plop and O'Sullivan was shot through the eye, the bullet flattening itself against the skull. Death was instantaneous. Mrs Longley was at the door, afterwards said she could not see what had happened. Longley, after replacing the rifle, went to a neighbour's place to ring for the police. Longley was in the neighbourhood when the neighbour, Longley, collapsed in a faint. When he recovered he remarked, "I did not mean to hurt him." The rifle was an old one, and what told against Longley was that he was a good shot. The question to be decided was whether Longley intended to kill O'Sullivan. Medical Evidence Dr. A. B. Sturtevant, of Taumaranui, stated in evidence that the accused had suffered abdominal injuries following a blasting accident three or four years ago. Since then he had complained of pains and inability to sleep. He was highly neurotic and would sit and gaze at nothing. He would start at the least thing. In answer to a question from his Honor, witness said that Longley was not insane, but in a state of serious neurosis. He was highly strung and would easily be aroused at the slightest provocation. Dr. Sturtevant stated under cross examination that Longley was a highly strung, emotional man and was easily upset. He would react strongly to any annoyance. Constable George Edwards, Manunui, said that on the tragedy the accused said to him, "I did not know it was loaded. I only intended to frighten him." The witness said that Mrs Longley had complained on September 20 that O'Sullivan had been molesting them and had threatened to burn their cottage. Wife Called When the wife of the prisoner, Mrs Mabel Longley, was called by Mr Gillies, his Honour said it was extremely unusual for the wife of an accused to be called as a witness for the Crown, and for the prisoner to waive all his privileges. His Honour considered that the fact that the accused's wife had been called at the accused's request should be recorded. Mrs Longley then gave evidence that O'Sullivan saw her on September 21 and told her that if she and her family were not out of the house within a week he would burn it down. When she asked him not to worry her husband, he was angry. O'Sullivan replied that he would smash him. O'Sullivan called at the back door on September 22 and a discussion took place with regard to the use of the car shed. Called Her a Mongrel Witness continued that when she told him that they had the right to the shed, he called her a mongrel and raised his right hand to her face. She stepped back and his hand grazed her cheek. Witness said she then heard a report and saw O'Sullivan fall. Her husband had never threatened O'Sullivan. The case was adjourned until to-morrow.

ITALIAN STAND LIKELY

FORMIDABLE DEFENCE POSITION

BRITISH ADVANCE

Guns And Men On The Move

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received February 5, 6 p.m.) LONDON, Feb. 4. The British forces in Eritrea are daily inflicting new blows on the Italians. Troops from Agordat are approaching the gates of Keren, one of the important rail centres of Eritrea. The R.A.F. has heavily pounded the station, which tops the cliff-like escarpment of 6000-foot uplands. The Italians, unless they are completely demoralised, are likely to attempt a big stand in this heaven-sent defence position. Sudanese armoured forces form the spearhead of the British drive, while heavier forces are mopping up isolated centres of opposition. The road from Agordat is thick with guns, armoured units, and lorries of troops protected by British fighters and anti-aircraft guns. The forces from Barentu are advancing steadily. One enemy post manned by natives stoutly held out until surrounded, but the main body of Italians are retreating. Abyssinian soldiers are deserting to the British.

ADRIATIC ISLAND SEIZED

LAIR OF ITALIAN SUBMARINES

THREE HARBOURS

Successful Battles In Albania

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received February 5, 6 p.m.) LONDON, Feb. 4. It is reported from Yugoslavia, but without confirmation, that the British have occupied Lagosta Island, which dominates the Central Adriatic, where British and Greek submarines are preying on Italian supply ships. Lagosta is Italian territory. Many Italian freighters are reported to be taking refuge in Yugoslav ports, the commanders refusing to come out unless naval escort is provided. Lagosta contains three harbours and an aerodrome. In Albania, fog and snow have reduced visibility to nil in the central sector near an important base of the Italians, where the objects of the Italian resistance appears to be simply to facilitate the movement of troops retiring from the Trebisina heights, which run approximately 100 miles north-westward from the Tepelini-Klisura Road and also their withdrawal from the western defiles of the Klisura region. Notwithstanding the bad visibility, the Greeks penetrated the Italian lines, destroyed telephone cables, and brought back prisoners and machine-guns. Fires At Tepelini The Greek Press Ministry stated to-day that big fires at Tepelini indicated that the Italians were destroying their stores and preparing to evacuate the town. The successful action of the Greek forces was unabated despite very bad weather, the Ministry added. In the coastal area beyond Himara, the Greeks, after a determined assault, occupied a high mountain pass which the Italians had converted into a powerful stronghold. The Italians obviously intended to use the position as a base for mechanised counter-attacks and even undertook considerable road-building, but all their plans were upset. The Greeks used the enemy's road to bring them closer to victory. Greek artillery beyond Klisura was hammering at the Italian positions, and fierce artillery exchanges were also proceeding in the Pograde region, on the northern front, the Minister stated. Difficulties Ahead "The Athens correspondent of 'The Times' says that Italian counter-attacks henceforward will be certain to encounter far greater difficulties, thanks to the big improvement in the Greek positions. The enemy command used all available prestige to impress the troops with the importance of the recent counter-attacks. Even the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, according to prisoners' statements, assisted General Cavallero in arranging the dispositions. It is revealed that two battalions of fanatical blackshirts who recently arrived from Italy defended the Zog line of defences, which the Greeks penetrated, resulting in the capture of 800 prisoners. Earlier local Greek surprise attacks in heavy rain on various sectors of the Albanian front resulted in the capture of new positions without a shot being fired.

MINE CAUGHT ON FISHING LINE

Victorian Fisherman's Novel "Catch"

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received February 5, 6 p.m.) MELBOURNE, Feb. 4. Navy Office officials were informed to-day that a fisherman off the Victorian coast, feeling a tug on his line, jerked vigorously and brought a mine to the surface a few feet from his boat. The man notified other fishermen nearby, and all sailed their boats towards the shore. The mine also floated ashore. Navy officials said that the mine had apparently broken adrift in the recent bad weather from a minefield the position of which was known. There was no cause for alarm, they added.

NEWSPAPERS AND CENSORSHIP

Voluntary System In Operation

(Daily Mail Special Service) CHRISTCHURCH, Feb. 4. "Except for matters relating to shipping, aviation, or military affairs, the censorship of newspapers in New Zealand operates entirely on a voluntary basis, exercised by the newspapers themselves." This statement was made yesterday by Mr G. Burns, sub-editor of the Christchurch "Star-Sun," in a luncheon address to the Christchurch Businessmen's Club. Mr. Burns said that because it was voluntary, this censorship was probably more strict, as regards local news, than it would be if all matters were referred to the censor for permission. The newspapers, however, had undertaken to limit the news they published, and in so doing they had gained a great measure of confidence from the authorities. RELEASE OF SHIPS FOR BRITAIN U.S. Consideration

IDLE FOREIGN VESSELS

Solution Soon

£1,600,000,000 MORE FOR WAR COSTS

Supplementary Estimates In White Paper

British Official Wireless (Received February 5, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, Feb. 4. Supplementary estimates for £600,000,000 for expenditure arising out of the war were issued this afternoon in the form of a White Paper. A further vote of credit for £1,000,000,000 towards defraying expenses which may be incurred in connection with the war for the year ending on March 31, 1942, was also issued and will be discussed at an early sitting of the House of Commons.



SPRIGGS CUP AT STAKE

BOWLING MATCH ON SATURDAY

TEAMS PICKED

Bluff Hill And Napier Clubs

The following teams will represent the Bluff Hill Bowling Club, in their annual match for the Spriggs Cup which will be played against the Napier Club on Saturday—

At home: Cox, Bird, Elliott, Cooper; Buckley, Fleming, Cunningham, Holt; Emerson, Edwards, Letham, Barr; Bedford, Robinson, W. Dunn, Newton; Walker, Melhuus, Wood; Johnson; Anderson, Gifford, McGlashan, Bull.

Away: Sanders, Brown, Henderson, Surgeon; Scheele, Wallis, Pacey, Steele; Young, Pridham, Barlow, Davis; Williams, McAlister, McAlister; Tweedie, Spence, Douglas, Russell; Pollock, Hyde, McKenzie, Henry.

Championship Fours. E. H. T. Dunn (lead), Somerset-Smith, Lomas, McLennan.

Napier Team

The following are the Napier Bowling Club's teams: Away: Findlay, Colley, Houseman, Fowler; W. Fulford, Dockery, McNiven, T. Williams; C. Williams, Harland, Oliver, Sweetapple; Armitage, Dykes, Gifford, Beer; Maidens, Timms, Rowe, A. W. Pirie; Zorn, Peel, Ireland, Daily.

BOWLING TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

Kia Toa And Havelock Clubs

The following Kia Toa Bowling Club teams will visit the Hastings Club and Mr Nicolls green on Saturday—

Hastings.—Begley, Griffiths, Atkinson, Head; D. Campbell, Ashcroft, Emmerson, W. Ross; Pidgeon, Ritchie, Somevill, Beauchamp; Hendry, Holliver, Graham, Rixon; Barr, Loach, Michaelson, Burge.

Nicolls' green.—Stanton, Roe, Paul, Doak; Dashner, Sigley, Palmer, Brinsley, Bart, Frame, Cowie, brick, Nicoll; West, W. Parkhill, E. Beale, Ingram; Haggart, Tabley, Aberley, Parkin; Cooke, Charles, L. Deale, M. Parkhill.

Havelock North Teams

The following teams will represent the Havelock North Bowling Club in the annual match for the Johnston Cup against the Port Arthur Club, to be played on Saturday next on the home-and-away principle.

At home.—E. Joll, Ferguson, Panekhurst, Wilson; Aherhart, Clarkston, Hay, J. H. Joll; Thompson, Paynter, Bygum, Anderson, Awaia, Davis, Hewitt, Flanders, Cummins; Oakley, McHardy, Leicester, Bissell; Coombe, Brooks, Tucker, Smith.

The champion four team is as follows: Lilley, Heenan, Crombie, Hall.

School Class At Hospital

TEACHER APPOINTED

Will Be Available Half Of Each Day

MISS GRIGOR'S DUTIES

"Daily Mail" Special Service.

WAIPUKURAU

With school open again, Miss M. Grigor, who is attached to the Waipukurau staff, will be free half of each day to conduct classes for children in the District Hospital. She will teach in the children's ward, and no doubt parents will welcome the decision, which will be an important one, particularly if they have been in hospital any length of time.

In 1939, before the war started, a similar arrangement was tried with success. At that time the Waipukurau School had a teacher who could be spared some hours of each day, and the committee arranged with the Education Board at the request of the hospital authorities, to permit the classes to be conducted at the hospital. Then war broke out, bringing a shortage of teachers.

However, the Hospital Board and the School Committee shared the belief that the work is an important one, with the result that the Education Department, at the request of the board, has now placed an extra teacher on the staff of the school to permit Miss Grigor to be in half of each day at the hospital.

How much tobacco do you smoke a week? The quantity used varies a lot with the smoker. Some can do with an ounce a week; others there are who smoke an ounce a day. Doctors, parsons, lawyers, authors, artists, inventors and brain-workers generally are heavy smokers. Undoubtedly good tobacco stimulates the mental faculties, and often provides a source of inspiration. The marked preference for American tobacco in various countries outside of America formerly extended to New Zealand, but this is no longer the case. "Toasted" may be said to have revolutionised taste to a large extent in this country and now many thousands of Maori-landers swear by the famous "toasted brands"—Cut Plug No. 10 (Bullshead), Navy Cut No. 3 (Bulldog), Cavendish, Riverhead Gold, and Desert Gold. Nor is this surprising, because only the finest tobacco enters into the composition of these brands, every one of which is subjected to the manufacturer's exclusive toasting process which largely eliminates the nicotine in the tobacco, leaving it pure, sweet, fragrant, comforting—and harmless. Don't accept substitutes. There's no substitute for genuine toasted.

CARPENTER TO STAND TRIAL ON ALLEGATION OF THEFT

Counsel For Accused Questions Admissibility Of Certain Evidence

At the conclusion of the police case in which Clarence William Jensen, a carpenter of Napier, appeared before Mr J. Miller, S.M., in the Napier Magistrate's Court charged with stealing a motor-car jack valued at £3 from Harry William Thompson, the accused, who had pleaded not guilty, was committed to the Supreme Court for trial.

Objections to the admissibility of certain evidence, raised by counsel for the accused (Mr C. W. Nash) were noted.

Detective K. W. Mills, who conducted the prosecution, called Harry William Thompson, who said he was the proprietor of the Gaiety Theatre. The witness described how it was his practice to park his motor car in the Hawke's Bay Motor Co. Ltd.'s garage while he was engaged at his place of business.

On the night of the alleged theft, he left his car at the garage between 6.50 and 7 p.m. and returned for it between 10.45 and 11 p.m. The witness said that he found that the door of the car was open, and that the dashlights were switched on. Just at that moment, the foreman walked out of the workshop and as a result of inquiry made he examined the car thoroughly and found that the majority of the tools were missing from under the front seat in addition to a tyre gauge removed from the pocket of the car.

Property Identified. The witness identified a jack produced by Detective Mills, as his property, and admitted that he did not know the accused.

Called examined by Mr. Nash, Mr. Thompson maintained that the jack produced was owned by him, although it had no private marks on it. The witness said that the jack was outside the workshop and that it was there when he returned to the garage.

Charles Hogg, the night watchman at the Hawke's Bay Motor Co. Ltd., on the night of the alleged theft, said that two men, one of which was Jensen, called in at the garage in a car shortly before 8 p.m.

They asked the witness for the loan of a jack and some tools to change a tyre as they had had a puncture. Hogg said that he told the visitors that he could not lend them anything, but finally gave way when they showed him a jack from the garage. The driver asked the witness if he could use the 'phone to ring for his tools as he had painted his car that afternoon and had left them out of the car. Hogg said that he accompanied the driver of the car back to the office and remained there because the Wairoa and Taupo cars had arrived. The witness said that after the driver had rung for his tools he waited at the gate. While engaged on the phone one of the two young women who were waiting outside the office spoke to the driver and he went outside, where he waited for 20 minutes.

The witness was away from the garage about 30 minutes and when he returned the accused, who had a bottle of beer, offered himself and the three drivers a drink. Hogg said that the accused was the worse for liquor and that he refused the invitation, telling the accused all he (Hogg) wanted him to do was to get into the car and get out of the garage.

Counsel Objects. It was at this stage that Mr. Nash objected to the nature of the evidence being led.

During the time that he was away with the driver of the car the accused was left sitting alone on the running board of the car. When the witness returned to the garage, Mr. Slade, the foreman, was working on a big car at the other end of the garage. While the complainant's car was in the garage, it was approximately 12 feet from the one in which the accused arrived.

In answer to Mr. Nash, Hogg said that he gauged the time by the arrival of the service cars. It would be approximately three-quarters of an hour from the time when he first saw the accused, until he left. He did not know how the tools arrived at the garage, but saw the driver carrying a sack back to the car. That might have been 10 to 15 minutes before he followed the driver. The witness resumed his work. In the meantime, the car which he had been washing, had been removed to the other end of the garage.

Principal Police Witness. The principal police witness, Leonard Murrow, told the Court that he met the accused on the night of the alleged theft, and that they had some drinks together. Murrow said that he then drove the accused to his home. During a second visit to town, they had more liquor and were about to return to the accused's home when he discovered that he had a puncture. He suggested that they should get another tyre from the Farmers' garage, which was closed.

Together they drove to the Motor Co. where the witness thought that he had a friend who might be able to assist them. They arrived at the garage between 7 and 7.30 p.m.—it might have been earlier. At that time the accused was under the influence of liquor.

Borrowed Tools. Murrow asked the night watchman for the loan of some tools and drove away. Murrow alleged that Jensen had said: "I put a jack in your car."

"I said: 'What did you do that for? Where did you get it?'" said Murrow, who further alleged that Jensen had stumbled a reply, "By that time the liquor was beginning to take effect," he added.

When they arrived at the accused's home, he got out of the car and went inside but did not take a jack or anything with him.

Finding of Jack Described. Next morning, the witness found the jack which was produced, in his car. Murrow said that he did not make any inquiries as to the ownership of the jack, because he thought that the accused would return to collect it. The witness thought that the accused might have borrowed or taken it.

Later he informed one of the Motor Co. drivers that he had the missing jack in his possession. Cross-examined by Mr. Nash, the witness said that he and the accused were together from 3.30 until 5.30 p.m. They had a couple of rounds.

Mr. Miller: What does that mean multiplied? Murrow: About six drinks each. Counsel: You were at the hotel for about two and a half hours and had six drinks in that time?—Yes. Murrow said that his friend was not at the Motor Co. and that he had not seen the accused since he first met him on the day of the alleged theft.

He was quite definite in his impression that Jensen was about to leave the garage, when he (Jensen) thought that he had been left behind. On the way to Jensen's home, there was no conversation about a jack, except that the witness asked the accused about it. Murrow said that he had forgotten all about the matter until about two weeks after the alleged theft.

Accused's Room Searched. Detective Mills told the Court that in response to a complaint received, he located the missing jack in the possession of Leonard Murrow. On the same day, he attempted to locate the accused Jensen, but he happened to be out of Napier. With the consent of the accused's mother, he searched Jensen's room but failed to discover any of the property allegedly stolen from the Motor Co.

The accused called at the detective office, and after being shown the jack and told that it had been recovered from Murrow, who alleged that it had been placed in his (Murrow's) car by the accused, he denied all knowledge of the matter. Jensen also denied that there had been any conversation about a jack on the way to his home. He admitted that he had spent the afternoon with Murrow, and that they had had a fair quantity of liquor.

The accused was later arrested and charged with the theft of the jack. Counsel submitted that the case was not one which should go on to the Supreme Court. The evidence of a conversation between the accused and the driver of the car was not sufficient to substantiate a charge of theft.

In committing Jensen to the Supreme Court, Mr. Miller said that it would be improper for him to comment on the evidence, tendered in the way of his defence. He considered that there was a case to answer.

JUDGING OF FAT STOCK SHOW COMPETITION AT WAIROA HIGH QUALITY Overweight

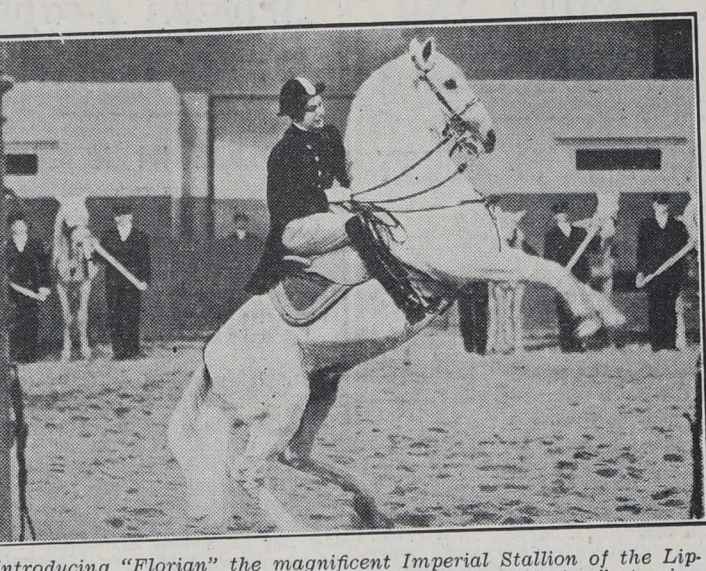
(Daily Mail Special Service) WAIROA. The Wairoa A. and P. Society's fat sheep, lambs and baconers competition judged at Swift (N.Z.) Ltd.'s works by Mr J. M. Barr, senior grader for the New Zealand Meat Board, on January 30 are as follows: Three fat wethers, suitable for English market.—In the pens: Riviera Station 1, H. Bayly 2, R. E. Jefferson 3. On the hooks: T. Davey 1, K. Stewart 2, R. E. Jefferson 3.

Three crossbred lambs, most suitable for English market.—In the pens: H. Bayly 1 and 2, P. Beattie 3. On the hooks: H. Bayly 1, R. C. Goldstone 2.

The judge remarked that the "in the pens" weight was against most entries as they were too fat and wasteful for the English market. With regard to "on the hooks" he stated that they were of a very fine quality and well finished, the fault again being overweight.

Pigs. Bacon pig, most suitable for English market (live weight not over 170 and not more than 207lb in the pen.—In the pens: A. L. Gordon Ltd. 1 and 3, J. Gordon Ltd. 2, J. Small 3. The judge said that these were a fine type of baconer, well finished, good hams and with fair length of rib.

Cattle. Bullock suitable for chilled beef (not to exceed 750lb).—In the pens: H. Bayly 1, J. Brownlie 2 and 4, D. McKenzie 3. On the hook: J. Brownlie 1 and 3, F. C. Powdrell 2, Mrs. C. M. Black 4, Norman Joblin 5.



Introducing "Florian" the magnificent Imperial Stallion of the Lipizian Stables. The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer feature "Florian," starring Robert Young and Helen Gilbert commences a season at the Regent Theatre, Hastings, to-morrow, February 7. This picture has been the surprise film of the new season.

Death Of Trainer Of Beaulivre Club Swimming At Hastings

MR S. J. REID HERETAUNGA EVENT

Well-Known Figure Of The Turf MANY SUCCESSES

The death occurred yesterday in a Wellington hospital of Mr Sidney John Reid, aged 53, for many years prominently associated with the Turf.

Mr Reid, who was born in Wairarapa, enjoyed many successes as an apprentice jockey, and developed into one of the Dominion's best known horsemen.

As trainer of Beaulivre for Mr E. Harnett he was most successful, and the many victories enjoyed by this horse were attributed to his care and knowledge.

One of Mr Reid's more recent successes was the victory of Burra Sahib in the Wellington Stakes at the last Trentham meeting.

At the time of Mr Reid's death, Kathbella and Yogi were training in his stable. He was private trainer for Mr F. Ormond.

Mr Reid married Miss Bessie Blake, Hastings. There are left two sons, Messrs Phil and G. Reid, and a daughter, Miss P. Reid, all of Hastings.

The funeral will take place at the Hastings cemetery to-morrow at 2.30 p.m.

Hastings Man Is Injured HOSPITAL BOMBED

Sergeant T. T. H. Pryce, In England

While stationed at a base hospital in England, Sergeant T. T. H. Pryce, son of Mr and Mrs M. Pryce, Hastings, was injured and three other soldiers were killed when a bomb scored a direct hit on the building.

A letter from Sergeant Pryce stating that he had been in hospital for some weeks and would be out in a few days has been received by his relatives.

No official advice of their son's injury has been received by Mr and Mrs Pryce, and their first intimation of the incident was contained in his letter. He was struck by bomb splinters.

Sergeant Pryce had been stationed at the hospital for several weeks and was to rejoin his unit within a few days when he was injured.

Mr and Mrs Pryce have five sons serving in the armed forces, four of them overseas. Two are in England, one is in Egypt, one is training under the Empire Air scheme in Canada and another is stationed at Fort Dorset.

NAPIER DEFENCE RIFLE CLUB Handicaps Declared For Saturday

On Saturday next, the members of the Napier Defence Rifle Club will fire at Roy's Hill the second practice of the fourth series.

This practice carries Mr. J. Snaddon's trophy and completes the fourth series; the aggregate of the two practices carries the A. McGlashan Cup.

The handicaps are as follows: J. W. Olphert, J. Munro, F. H. James, H. Pedersen, L. Proffitt, R. Nicholson, H. C. Russell (scr); G. Gordon (2); R. Gollup, C. Deverell, R. Mundy, A. Hyde, C. E. Maney (3); and J. Manssen (4).

The shoot on February 15 will be the final for the club championship, 10 shots at 900 yards.

HIGH STANDARD OF MUSIC A 100 Per Cent. Pass

(Daily Mail Special Service) DANNEVIRKE. Candidates presented by the Dannevirke High School achieved excellent results in the annual Theory of Music examinations conducted by the Trinity College of Music, one candidate gaining 100 per cent.

The following is the detailed list: Junior Division: Constance Obrist 100, honours; Esther Allardice, 97, honours; Anne Foster 96, honours; K. Thompson 80, merit; Patricia Donaldson, 67.

Advanced Junior: Iris Cammock 76, merit.

THREE NEW ZEALANDERS AWARDED THE D.F.C.

Wellington, Hamilton And Nelson Airmen Win Honours Abroad

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Feb. 5.

According to advice received by Air Headquarters this afternoon three more New Zealanders serving with the Royal Air Force have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

They are: Acting Flight Lieutenant John James McKay, Nelson; Flying Officer George Keith Larney, Hamilton; Flying Officer Kenneth William Tait, Wellington.

These bring the total of Distinguished Flying Crosses awarded to New Zealanders to 55, including two with bars, and the total of all awards to 71 since the outbreak of the war.

McKay was born in Nelson and is 24. He was educated at Nelson College and was prominent in many branches of sport, particularly football and cricket. He was selected for a short-service commission in the Royal Air Force in 1937 and left in the latter half of that year.

Larney was born in Wellington and is 28. He was educated at the Hamilton Technical High School. He was a flying member of the Wellington Aero Club. He was trained by the Royal New Zealand Air Force and in the middle of 1939 was selected for a short-service commission in the Royal Air Force.

Tait was born at Wellington and is 22. He was educated at Wellington College and was a member of the college first fifteen. He was selected for a short-service commission in the Royal Air Force in 1937 and left New Zealand late in that year.

New Enrolments At Dannevirke HOME GUARD PARADE

Commander Impressed By Steadiness ELEMENTARY DRILL

(Daily Mail Special Service) DANNEVIRKE. More than 150, including over 30 new enrolments, were on parade at the first parade of the Home Guard for the year. The commander of the unit (Major E. N. Hogben) was in charge.

The parade was organised into special platoons and the modern formation in three interested the returned soldiers who form a good proportion of the members.

Major Hogben expressed gratification at the high standard of steadiness achieved after some practice in elementary drill.

A parade will be held every Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m. New enrolments will be taken at these times and it is hoped to build the force up to battalion strength.

SCHOOL PREFECTS ELECTED Choice At Otane REPORT MADE TO COMMITTEE

(Daily Mail Special Service) OTANE. Mr A. E. Black presided over a full attendance of members at the Otane School Prefects' meeting.

Mr Quigley, headmaster, reported that the attendance for the first day of school was 127, with a roll number of 162. There were six new admissions and eight withdrawals.

Miss M. Black has been duty as assistant in place of Miss M. Bartlett, who has been appointed to a school in the Gisborne district. A small concert organised by some of the children in aid of the local patriotic fund had resulted in a sum of £2 3/7 being handed to the honorary secretary of that fund.

The following school prefects have been elected by the pupils: Senior: Joy Rumbal and Stan Neagle; and Mollie Nealon, Barbara Pate, Peter Joyce and Haevea Pene.

Correspondence dealing with dental clinic matters was received from the senior dentist (Mr A. D. Price) who commented on the satisfactory work being done at the Otane clinic.

The committee accepted the offer made by Mr P. G. Waddy to maintain the school water pump at a small annual charge.

The question of holding the annual school excursion to Napier this year is to be discussed this week at the Waipawa committee meeting, as Otane and Waipawa combine for this outing.

The secretary was instructed to endeavour to obtain a site for the teachers' room, as it was felt that this was a necessity, especially in the case of temporary indisposition of a pupil.

JUNIOR CRICKET AT HASTINGS Draw For Saturday's Games

Following are the fixtures in the Hastings junior cricket competitions to be played on Saturday: Junior A Grade. Whakatu, Mahora v. Hastings. Nelson Park No. 2, Havelock. Hastings H.S.O.B. v. Havelock Domain; High School v. bye.

Junior B Grade. Rugby v. Celtic, Cornwall Park No. 4; Midland v. Baptist, Nelson Park No. 3; High School A v. High School B, School No. 1.

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

Night Athletic Meeting EXCELLENT ENTRIES

Varied Programme Arranged HANDICAPS DECLARED

An excellent programme has been arranged by the Napier Amateur Athletic and Cycling Club for their meeting, which will be held on McLean Park, Napier, to-night. Entries for the various events are very good and patrons are assured of a good evening's entertainment.

The handicaps are as follows: Men's Events. 100 yards handicap: R. Phillips lvd., O. Banks 5, K. Riggs 8, J. Cumming 9, V. McCutcheon 9, E. Greaney 10, K. Orman 12, D. Tweedie 12.

220 yards handicap: R. Phillips 7yds., O. Banks 14, D. Butler 20, K. Riggs 20, J. Cumming 21, V. McCutcheon 21, E. Greaney 22, D. Tweedie 27, K. Orman 28.

880 yards handicap: D. Butler 16 yds., P. Collett 25, John McIntosh 45, R. Gollup 60, W. Tully 90, A. White 130.

One mile handicap: John McIntosh 125yds., P. Collett 150, R. Gollup 160, W. Tully 185, R. Smith 240, A. White 260.

Women's Races. 75 yards handicap (Trixie Cup): First heat: Misses G. Symes scr., J. Elliott 3yds., E. Franklin 6, J. Roberts 7, E. Manning 20yds., G. Hunt 50. Second heat: Misses I. Corby 3yds., L. Climo 6, C. Greaney 6, J. Medcalf 8, B. Matthews 10, B. Berry 12.

100 yards handicap—First heat: Misses G. Symes scr., I. Corby 4 yds., L. Climo 7, J. Greaney 10, J. Roberts 11, C. Beale 14, B. Berry 16. Second heat: Misses J. Elliott 3yds., E. Franklin 8, C. Greaney 8, J. Medcalf 10, B. Matthews 11, H. Pink 16.

Cycling Handicaps. Three laps.—First heat: W. Williams scr., G. Symes 25yds., R. Miller 60, I. Newrick 100, M. Hunt 100. Second heat: E. Manning 20yds., G. Hunt 50, B. McEwan 70, D. Colleto 100, I. McInerney 100.

Six laps.—W. Williams scr., E. Manning 40yds., G. Symes 70, G. Hunt 100, R. Miller 150, B. McEwan 180, I. Newrick 200, C. Beale 200, M. Hunt 220, I. McInerney 220.

Prisoner Seeks Treatment TERM ON ISLAND

"Things Can't Go On Like This" PROBATION OFFENDER

"I realise that things can't go on like this," declares Vivian George Henry Wirk, a sales manager and now an inmate of the Napier Gaol, when he appeared before Mr J. Miller, S.M., in the Napier Magistrate's Court, yesterday, charged with failing to comply with terms of his probation order.

Wirk asked that he be voluntarily committed to Rotorua Island. He said that he had given the matter serious consideration during the past week, and thought that it might be the turning point in his life.

Mr Miller adjourned the case for one week, and said that he would entertain the application.

Sergeant J. Gracey, who conducted the case for the police, told the Court that Wirk was at present serving one month's imprisonment. The defendant had failed to make restitution of a sum as ordered in the terms of a probationary licence issued in Auckland. He had also failed to report.

Difficulties Encountered. "I find it very difficult to get the money, having been in prison," said Wirk.

"On two occasions I tried to pay the amount. I called on the police at Waipukurau, and saw Constable Sutton, who referred me to the constable at Porangahau," he continued.

"I asked my employer to lend me a horse to go to the settlement, but the man had just arrived, and he drew me aside and told me that I had been in prison. He said that he would have to put me off.

"I collected my money which was not much and left," said Wirk. "Why didn't you tell this to the police?" asked Mr Miller.

Advertisement for Knight's Castile soap, featuring a woman's face and the text: "... and they both have a beautiful skin. Knight's Castile IS THEIR FAMILY SOAP. The favourite soap with all the family—Knight's Castile! So bland that it's the loveliest complexion care. So generous with its lather that a bath with Knight's is the most refreshing in the world. The big tablet lasts for ages—quite an item these days!



FRIESLAND FANCIED IN CUP Open Contests EGMONT SUMMER MEETING

Fields Surveyed (By 'THE BARB') Very good fields have paid up in the first day's races at Egmont, and they promise to furnish interesting competition.

Aussie Ra is only an average hurdler at best, so will have his work cut out to win with 11.6. However they are not exactly National class opposed to him.

War Lap's form is not consistent but cannot be disregarded. Rollicker is just the type to make good in this, his new department.

AUSSIE RA KAIWAKA ROLLICKER

12.40— FLYING HANDICAP, Of £175; six furlongs.

Gold Dale 9 0 Colincamps 7 3 Screen Star 7 10 Cheval de Tuatara 7 10 Bataille 7 3 Veldette 7 10 Air Flight 7 0 Valiant Lady 7 6

Gold Dale is brilliant and when racing in the hack grade proved his ability to carry weight.

CHEVAL DE BATAILLE AIR FLIGHT GOLD DALE

1.30— TRIAL HANDICAP, Of £130; five furlongs.

Miss Halomet 9 0 Vincaloe 8 7 Valtour 8 7 Ruapehu 8 7 Captain Bligh 8 7 Ocean Breeze 8 7 Bright Gleam 8 7 Naterie 8 7 Night Ray 8 7

There is hardly any form guide offering among the novices.

1.15— EGMONT CUP, Of £500; one mile and a quarter.

Friesland 9 0 Clinch 8 0 The Ring 8 5 Ruatiti 7 8 Dark Eagle 8 4 Homily 7 8 Cheval de Notium 7 2 Voice 8 3 Plastrer 7 1 Hunting Cat 8 0 Mountain Fox 7 0

Friesland's form this season has been good making his chances of succeeding very fair despite his 9st. The Ring is due to strike winning form any day now and may be worth watching on the Egmont-Waikato trip.

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District Owners Purchase New Blood THIS WEEK'S RACING Four Meetings Will Come Up For Decision

(By THE BARB) Hawke's Bay owners have recently purchased many fine young thoroughbreds to introduce new blood into the district.

The Poverty Bay Turf Club holds its summer meeting on Saturday and Monday next, which, on the accounts should be quite successful.

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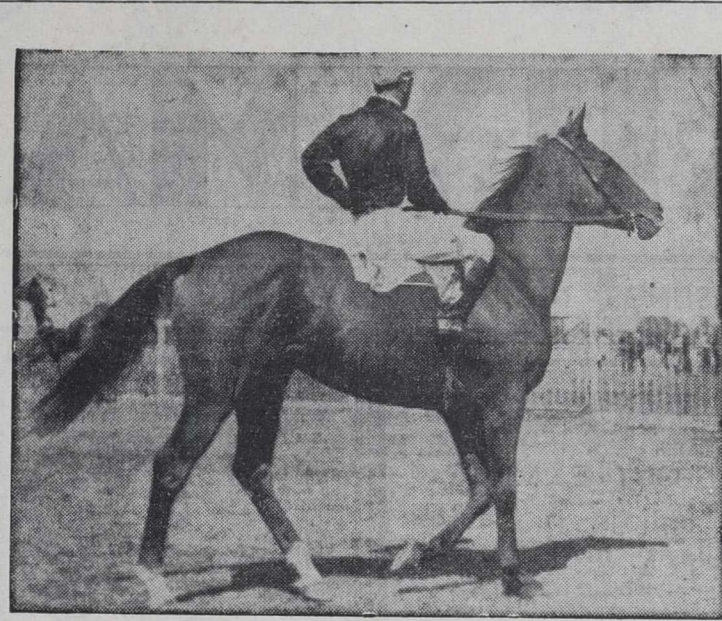
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EGMONT CONTESTANT.—Mr Demys Douglas's The Ring, winner of the last Hawke's Bay Cup, is this district's sole representative at the Egmont meeting which opens at Hawera today.

Foxbridge colt was not bought from under the hammer, falling to reach the owner's price, but was acquired by the reserve, Hazelman purchased the colt privately for his client, who is understood to be Mr Howard Glazebrook, Washpool, a well-known and successful sheep farmer.

Destinations Not Known. The writer has heard since their purchase that the yearlings purchased by Mrs Seaby and Mr G. H. Gilmer, both of Napier, but no doubt they will be placed in work under the charge of a Greenmeadows trainer.

The Thelo-Mint Belle filly which Mr J. B. Fletcher bought for 85gns. will no doubt later be placed under the tuition of W. D. Young, Hastings, while the Waia two-year-old, another recent purchase of Mr Fletcher's, has been sent to S. McGreal, Hawera, so it is understood.

Mr J. Berrigan, owner-trainer of Roon, will naturally control the racing of the filly he brought back from the sales.

Aristocrat Claimed. Mrs M. R. Campbell has claimed the name Aristocrat for the three-year-old gelding by Lord Quex-Court Lady (dam of Gold Court). He is under the charge of W. C. Griffith, Hastings, but as yet has not gone beyond half-pace in his training.

Gold Court, who has improved since running out in the paddock, will be sent to the track, when the steeplechase will be schooled over hurdles, a department of racing for which he was originally purchased.

Proud Fox For Sydney. The nominations for the important Australian steeplechase are out and the only New Zealand horse entered is Proud Fox although there are many Dominion-bred ones figuring in the lists, as well as a few who are still owned in this land but trained across the pond, including the last Caulfield Cup winner Beaulieu. Proud Fox is a fine galloper who has not yet come into his own, but should very soon win a handicap or two, so why not a Sydney cup.

Promising Maiden. A very promising maiden up north is Sharmin, who is expected to break his maiden status in the immediate future. By Bulandshar, this three-year-old was bred by Mr H. Hassall at his Soutra Stud, Hastings.

Nom de Culture. With so many young thoroughbreds soon going into training, racing names will have to be claimed. Fortunately many owners go to a young stock, while others think it clever to call their "shandy-gaff" appellations—half the name of the sire and the dam. Others spell either their own names or the youngsters' sire backwards.

Mr C. Haldane's New Purchase. Mention was made recently in the "Daily Mail" that Mr C. Haldane's broken resolution that he would not purchase at this year's National Yearling sales. This writer was yesterday taken to see the reason of this sportsman not adhering to his decision and quickly understood why. Mr Haldane went back on his word.

At ninety guineas the Captain Bunsby-Golden Bride chestnut colt appears a sale ring bargain, possessing all the qualifications of a prospective high class performer and had been by the successful and fashionable Foxbridge, his price would have been in the vicinity of four figures.

His sire, Captain Bunsby is by the Eism Derby winner, Captain Cutie, and has been represented on the turf, particularly in Australia, by some smart gallopers, while Mr Haldane's colt's dam, Golden Bride (imp.), by Bay d'Or by Bayardo, led a winner in England before being imported to the Dominion, so there is no reason why this colt (the "Daily Mail" suggests the name "Resolution") should not prove right up to his good looks.

The same owner is placing back into active commission this week with trainer J. T. Ryan his Kincardine mare, Kinkajou.

Only Just In Time. Gold Craft, who races in Mrs C. Haldane's colours, until the recent Pahiatua fixture, had been having little luck, so that it was decided she be turned in her work before being retired to the stud. However, she had a burst of fortune at Pahiatua in winning the concluding race, so will remain in training.

Both Mr and Mrs Haldane were present at the Pahiatua races, but were anxious to be home in Hastings before dark so they did not wait for the last race. Gold Craft's dividend, of close on half a hundred, was not shared by either Mr or Mrs Haldane.

Yearling Purchases. In a few months time many yearlings purchased by Hawke's Bay sportsmen will be items of interest on the Hastings tracks when being put through the initial stages of their education.

The Lord Quex-Extravagant yearling colt was purchased by the Auckland sportsman Mr H. C. Guppy, but has been entrusted to the care of W. H. Corlett, Hastings. Lord Quex has proved himself a wonderful sire, while the dam of this colt, Extravagant, is a half sister by Tea Tray to Defaulter from Expense by Paper Money-Lady Jean II (dam of Sion, winner of both the New Zealand and Auckland Cups in the one season and trained by T. F. Quinlivan).

Besides Mr T. H. Lowry's own bred rising two-year-olds the Hastings trainer, C. J. Stowe, will have as his charges the Foxbridge-Flying colt and the Ringmaster-Draw colt. This private trainer should have a strong team of youngsters to commence operations with next season.

F. Hazelman is another fortunate Hastings trainer to have a Foxbridge youngster in his charge. Hazelman went to the sales but the

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WOODVILLE JOCKEY CLUB Nominations Close On Monday In the forefront for quality and enjoyment Owners and trainers are reminded that nominations for all events at the Woodville District Jockey Club's autumn meeting, to be held on February 22 and 24, close with the secretary, Mr W. A. Lyon, on Monday next, February 10, at 8 p.m.

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**HENDERSON**—On February 5, 1941, at Sister Cooper's, to Edith, wife of John C. Henderson—a daughter, Both well.

### DEATH

**REID**—On February 5, 1941, at Wellington, Sidney John, beloved husband of Bessie Reid, of "Martindale," Karamu Road South, Hastings, aged 53 years.

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