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## British Rain Still Heavier Blows On Italians ACCELERATED RETREAT

### Merciless Lashing By Bullets And R.A.F. Bombs

(British Official Wireless.)  
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RUGBY, Feb. 5.  
The further crippling blows which were struck yesterday at the Italian forces in Libya, Eritrea, Italian Somaliland and Abyssinia recall the utterance by the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill) who, in a broadcast speech to the Italian people on December 23, declared: "Our armies are tearing and will tear your African Empire to shreds and tatters."  
The accelerated pace at which this is proceeding has made a deep impression throughout the Near East and the significance of the latest developments in Africa and Albania is becoming increasingly appreciated at Rome, where, according to the latest reports, between 30 and 40 more leading members of the Fascist hierarchy have been replaced for service at the front.

Mercilessly lashed by R.A.F. bombs and bullets, their communications constantly attacked, their planes shot from the skies and their landing grounds pounded, the Italians on all fronts in Africa to-day desperately speeded up their retreat regardless of loss of equipment and stragglers, says a Press Association cable.  
General Sir Archibald Wavell's men are pressing on despite lack of sleep, determined that the fleeing armies shall have no chance to rest and reform.  
The R.A.F. is violently carrying the offensive over and beyond all the battlefronts and the land forces



DUKE OF AOSTA  
have markedly quickened the tempo of their advance everywhere.  
There is no sign of stiffening in Cyrenaica, far less of counter-attacking.  
"The Times" military correspondent says: "The bold tactics, plus sniping by patriots in East Africa, are probably too much for the nerves of the Italian commanders and troops. The Duke of Aosta, the commander-in-chief, is a good soldier, but it is most unlikely that he can restore the situation, because the troops no longer possess the necessary spirit."

## A "STRIP-TEASE" ARTIST MUSSOLINI'S FILM ROLE

BRITISH JIBE  
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(Received Feb. 7, 2 a.m.)  
LONDON, Feb. 6.  
Mussolini stars in a new short British film as a "strip-tease" artist, a role which his own Propaganda Minister never consciously intended for him.  
The Ealing Studios, examining numerous newsreel shots of Il Duce, discovered the curious fact that he has an insatiable fondness for undressing in public.  
Filmgoers will see the pawky dictator peeling off his shirt in the strangest places—from the snowy slopes of the Alps downwards. One explanation of the tendency is that black shirts give an uneasy feeling. The film is entitled "Top Wop."

## CONVERT TO ROMAN CATHOLICISM

Pastor Neimoeller Still In Concentration Camp  
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(Received February 6, 7.30 p.m.)  
BASLE, Feb. 5.  
The "Basler Nachrichten's" Berlin correspondent says that Pastor Neimoeller has entered the Roman Catholic faith.  
He had recently been reported as sharing a cell with a Roman Catholic priest at the Oranienburg concentration camp where he had been sent because of his repeated criticisms of Nazism.

## REPORT ON MUNITIONS PROGRAMME

Minister Involved  
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(Received Feb. 6, 10.5 p.m.)  
TORONTO, Feb. 5.  
The "Financial Post" claims that a Cabinet shake-up is imminent as a result of a report criticising the munitions programme. It will probably involve the Minister of Defence (the Hon. C. D. Howe), although the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King will survive as Prime Minister.

## ILLUSTRIOUS SAFE AT ALEXANDRIA STEAMED UNDER OWN POWER

### RECENT STUKA RAID Survived Direct Hit By 1000lb. Bomb

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.  
The Navy Minister (Colonel Frank Knox) to-day told the Press Conference that the British aircraft carrier *Illustrious* was recently able to reach Malta and then Alexandria under her own power after a direct hit by a 1000lb. bomb during the recent mass attack by dive-bombers. Eighty men were killed and 20 planes destroyed. The explosion did not affect her power of navigability.

## Norway Now Part Of Germany

### HIMMLER'S CLAIM Arms Distributed To His Men

### GIFT FROM HITLER

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STOCKHOLM, Feb. 5.  
The Chief of the Gestapo (Heinrich Himmler), in a speech at Trosselheim about the Greater Germany, declared that this henceforth would include Norway as an integral part.  
Himmler distributed arms among his men as a present from Hitler.  
The new Secret Police have already arrested 100 anti-Quislingists in west Norway.

## WRECKED 'PLANE ON RIVER ICE

### Crash In Canada

### FLYERS MISSING TWO DAYS

### Both Australians

### AUSTRALIANS STORM ROCKY CRAGS

### Agile Advance

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## Turkey Carefully Watching German Plots In Bulgaria

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LONDON, Feb. 6.

The "Daily Mail's" Sofia correspondent says that King Boris and the Bulgarian Government are both attempting to evade war but they seem to be slowly losing control of the situation. M. Bagrianoff's resignation shows that the policy of neutrality is cracking.  
Three divisions of newly called up troops are being sent to the Greek frontier. The effect of this would be to draw off the Greek pressure on the Italians, for which reason the move is almost certainly the result of German influence.

## RED CROSS AGAIN ABUSED

### 'PLANE THAT CARRIED GUN PARTS

### ITALIAN OFFENCE

### Machine Forced Down By British Fighter

British Official Wireless  
(Received February 6, 7.45 p.m.)  
RUGBY, Feb. 5.  
A broadcast over the Italian radio against an alleged boast in a B.B.C. programme that an Italian Red Cross aircraft flying to Tobruk was shot down by a British fighter has been the subject of an inquiry.  
It was discovered that no such boast or claim had ever been made by the B.B.C. What actually happened was that a Red Cross machine was not shot down but was forced to land by a British fighter. When this Italian aircraft was examined it was found to contain correspondence and also ammunition, and spare parts for a Breda 20 m.m. gun.  
It will be remembered that Britain has already had cause to complain of the illegal use made of the Red Cross by Germany and a warning was given some time ago to both Germany and Italy that Red Cross aircraft or boats cannot be given immunity if they enter areas in which active operations are in progress.

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### FALLING BACK TO BENGHAZI

### THIRTY MILES A DAY

### Barce's Fate Will Soon Be Known

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LONDON, Feb. 6.  
The main groups of Marshal Graziani's forces are from 60 to 70 miles from Benghazi and, since the pace of the retreat is at present from 20 to 30 miles a day, it appears that the fate of Barce will become clear in a day or two.  
Hundreds of Italian settlers are also fleeing to Benghazi.  
Following the abandonment of Cirene, in Libya, it now appears that the Italians are not prepared to offer strong resistance on the rolling country and ravines east of Benghazi. The R.A.F. has heavily bombed the aerodromes at Barce and Benghazi, and has also attacked the railway at Benghazi.

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LONDON, Feb. 6.  
The Greek Ministry states that the Greeks are maintaining pressure all along the front. Greek artillery in the coastal and central sectors brought up recently captured positions and now are harassing the enemy.

## CHANGE IN YUGOSLAV CABINET

### Ministry Of Justice Changes Hands

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## BRITISH THRUST TOWARDS RED SEA

### Miserable Italians Harried In Eritrea And Abyssinia

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LONDON, Feb. 6.

Since the battle of Barentu the Italian withdrawal in Eritrea has become a rout. The remnants of Barentu's garrison are fleeing to Adiugri and British mechanised units and motorised infantry are doing their utmost to keep up with them. While the R.A.F. is heavily bombing columns of troop-laden lorries the Italian guns are maintaining only the most desultory fire. The British near Biacunda are also contacting Italians, who are believed to be remnants of the Ummhagar garrison.

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The British battering ram pounding into the foothills and uplands is now four miles from Keren. The Italians are apparently planning a delaying action and have already staged an encounter at the village of Sciabor.  
The troops, who have advanced 150 miles in a fortnight, have shown that they are capable of storming the most formidable positions. The British main advance has been along the smooth autostrada. The Italian rearguard from Agordat is struggling to escape along a parallel secondary road and is being constantly harried by patrols, which are mowing them down with machine guns and taking many prisoners.  
The R.A.F., which is spotting for our artillery, is also swooping down and machine gunning the miserable columns.  
Lining the path of our drive to the Red Sea are streams of prisoners, heaps of battered tanks and lorries, droves of mules, and piles of guns, rifles and equipment.  
Like the Libyan forces, General Platt's men are pressing into service all the possible captured material to assist their advance.

## ACRES COVERED BY PLANES

### AMERICAN OUTPUT IN TOP GEAR

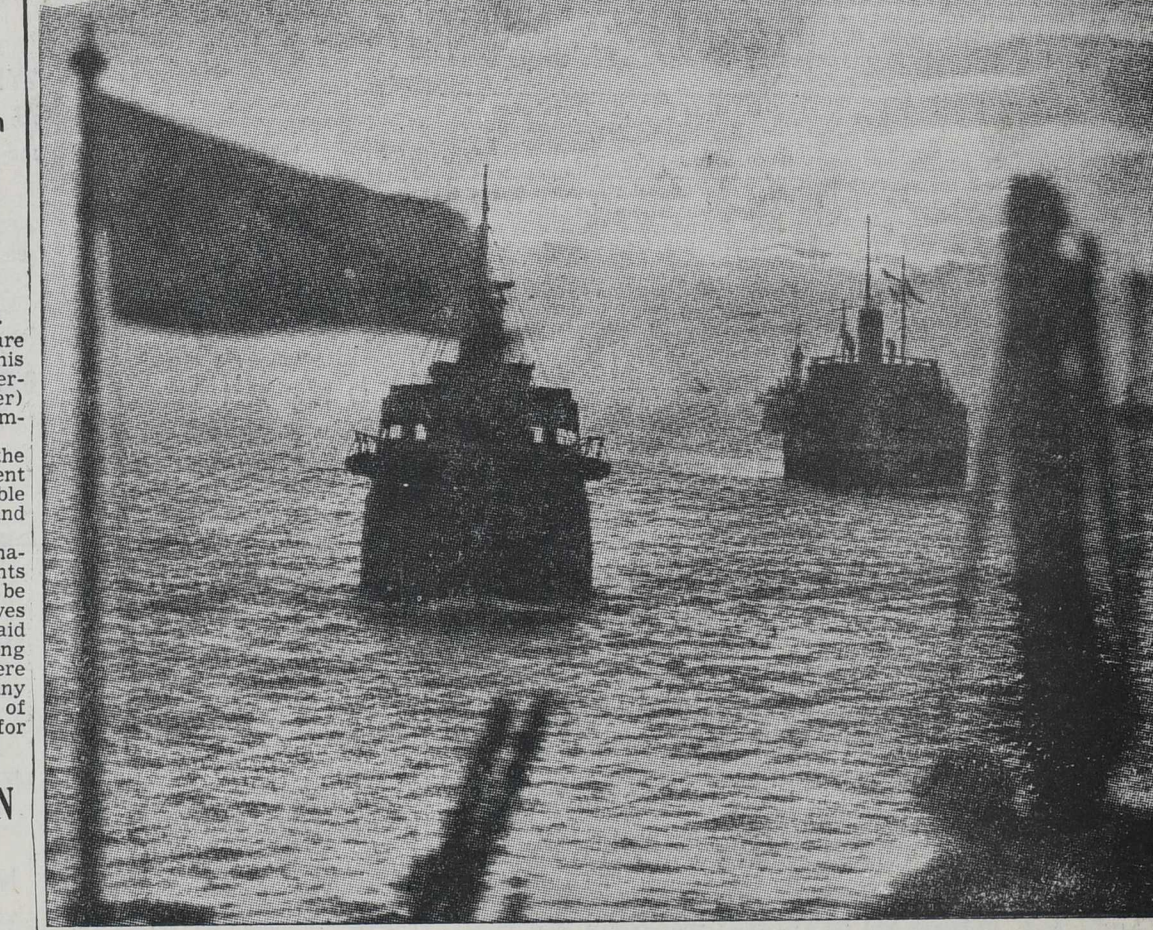
### AUSTRALIAN REPORT

### Vast Assembly Areas Visited

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MELBOURNE, Feb. 6.  
According to a letter received by the Air Force Public Relations Directorate from an Australian expert who has examined aircraft production plants in western America, the output of aircraft is now in top gear and as far as the eye could see there were lines of big modern warplanes covering acres. Some assembly areas are so vast that the executives use motor scooters to move from point to point.

## Evacuation of Abyssinia

A mass evacuation of Italian garrisons, civil administration officials from 5000 square miles of Abyssinia followed the British successes in Eritrea and the harrying by patriots. More and more natives, freed by the completion of harvesting, are taking up arms and the garrisons are faced with the desperate choice of retreat along an ambush-infested road or surrender.  
The evacuated area comprises the Walkait and Agade districts, bordering the Sudan, between the Setit and Atbara Rivers. Haile Selassie's regulars are chasing Italians and already they have established a temporary Anglo-Ethiopian civil administration.



## "Convoy"

The stress of these abnormal times calls for a clear recognition of the need for co-operation.  
In the strain and temporary disorganisation, let us show greater tolerance, each to the other. Let us remember that in the end our neighbours' problems are our problems, and ours are theirs.  
In our international relationships, through understanding, goodwill will be more lastingly strengthened. Thus the sacrifices of the conflict will not be in vain.

## PROPOSED LIMITS ON POWERS

### British Aid Bill

### STAYING PRESIDENT'S HAND

### Convoy Question

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.  
Following a meeting of the Democratic members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives to-day the Speaker of the House (Mr Sam Rayburn) announced that he was seriously considering further amendment of the Lend and Lease Bill.  
He was particularly giving attention to proposals to place a "ceiling" on the money that could be spent by the President under the programme and limit the time for contractual commitments.  
He was also considering writing in a clause stating that the measure neither authorised nor repealed any existing ban on the use of American ships to carry supplies to Britain.  
At the request of Senator Vandenberg, the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee decided to ask the State Department whether Britain had made definite commitments to the United States on the use of the British Fleet in return for American aid.

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The range of prices was as follows: Fat wethers made from 23/6 to 27/-; fat ewes, 16/-; two-tooth ewes, 17/3, 22/8, 23/6; maiden four-tooth ewes, 21/-; four and six-tooth and four-year ewes, 17/9; five-year ewes, 15/9; good wether lambs, 16/4 to 19/4; medium wether lambs, 13/9 to 16/3; smaller sorts, 8/- to 12/-; ewe lambs, 15/3 to 19/6; b.m. lambs, 14/3 to 15/9; smaller sorts, 8/6 to 9/3.

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Mart Report

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Thomas Hughes wrote "Tom Brown's School Days" to glorify the work of Dr. Thomas Arnold, the headmaster at Rugby when Tom Brown attended, and under whom Hughes studied.

Sir Cedric Hardwicke was the logical choice for the role of Dr. Arnold. Freddie Bartholomew is seen as East. Sixteen-year-old Jimmy Lydon has the vital Tom Brown title role.

Josephine Hutchinson is cast as Mrs. Arnold. Billy Halop, of Dead End kid fame, portrays Flashman.

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DICK FORAN, "THE MUMMY'S HAND"

"The Hit Parade" With Frances Langford

Universal, the studio which created such memorable horror dramas as "Dracula," "Frankenstein" and others, presents "The Mummy's Hand," at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier, opening to-day.

This latest venture into the realm of eerie entertainment is based on a legendary death-curse, said to have been handed down by the ancient gods of Egypt, on all who attempt to defile the tombs of Egyptian royalty.

"The Mummy's Hand" enters the wild adventures of an expeditionary group searching for the tomb of an Egyptian princess. Dick Foran and Peggy Moran appear in the romantic leads, with Wallace Ford, Cecil Kellaway appearing in chief supporting roles.

Surprise note of the film is the casting of Tyler, celebrated screen cowboy, in the part of "The Mummy." A fearsome giant is desired for the actor by Jack Pierce, Universal make-up chief famous for his "Frankenstein" and other movie monster creations.

In the associate feature, "The Hit Parade," the orchestras featured provide an interesting plot for the production, which revolves about the efforts of a young Press agent, portrayed by Phil Regan, to put across a new and unknown singer, played with unforgettable charm by Frances Langford.

Supporting players, coming from the ranks of radio aristocracy, include George Givot, Pick and Pat, Ed. Thorgersen, Molasses and January, the Tic Toc Girls, Al Pearce and His Gang, the Gentle Maniacs, Oscar and Elmer, and the Voice of Experience. All in all, "The Hit Parade" is a merry modern musical comedy romance set to the tempo of to-day.

TO-DAY AT 2 & 7.30 P.M. STATE

"THE BLUE BIRD" A GREAT FILM

Shirley Temple Has Fine Role

When 20th Century-Fox decided to bring Maurice Maeterlinck's "The Blue Bird" to the screen, Production Chief Darryl F. Zanuck determined to transform this beautiful and human story into one of the truly great and unforgettable motion pictures of all time.

No effort or expense was spared in preserving the charm and greatness of "The Blue Bird" or in developing the unusual production values of the story which lends itself so superbly to the breath-taking new Technicolour.

A brilliant cast was selected to bring the beloved roles to life, boasting a score of filmdom's favourite names, including Shirley Temple, Spring Byington, Nigel Bruce, Gale Sondergaard, Eddie Collins, Sybil Jason, Jessie Ralph, Helen Ericson, John Russell, Hilke, Cecilia Loftus, Al Shean and Gene Reynolds. Shirley has her greatest opportunity to date as Mytil, a choice which merited the enthusiastic approval of Maeterlinck himself.

Fifteen full sound stages were commandeered for the exclusive use of "The Blue Bird." And the sets erected on these stages took anywhere from two weeks to two months to design, build and decorate. The "Palace of Luxury" set, for example, used the services of 24 draughtsmen for four weeks before Zanuck and director Walter Lang approved it. Occupying all of Sound Stage 14 at the 20th Century-Fox Westwood Hills studio, this set, an example of baroque architecture, cost a small fortune to build and decorate.

"THE GONDOLIERS" AT HASTINGS

Gilbert And Sullivan Season

This evening at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings, beginning at 8 o'clock, C. Williamson Theatres will present their famous Gilbert and Sullivan Comic Opera Company in a brilliant production of the deliciously musical, picturesque and highly amusing romantic comic opera, "The Gondoliers," which has always been acknowledged as the best and most popular of the work of England's beloved collaborators.

Tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock the company will appear in a magnificent production of English opera "The Yeomen of the Guard," the music of which reaches the high standard of grand opera, and in which Ivan Menzies excels himself as Jack Point, the Jester. Tomorrow evening the season will close with a brilliant revival of the delightfully tuneful picturesque and amusing comic opera "The Mikado."

Although the booking is heavy there are still a number of seats in excellent positions which may be selected at the box office, or at the doors each evening.

"The Gondoliers" revolves round the character of that celebrated gentleman the Duke of Plaza Toro, and Ivan Menzies' brilliant portrayal of this role has won him a place second to none among the Gilbert and Sullivan comedians we have witnessed in New Zealand.

Other popular artists who have previously appeared here are Miss Evelyn Gardiner, who will appear as the Duchess of Plaza Toro, Mr Gregory Stroud, who will again delight us with his singing and artistry as Giuseppe, Mr Richard Wat, who is irresistible as the Grand Inquisitor, and Vincent McMurray who will appear as Antonio. Outstanding among the new comers are Miss Viola Wilson, a brilliant young English soprano, who has sung in grand opera at Covent Garden, and who will appear as Casilda; Mr John Fullard, a young London tenor who also has sung at Covent Garden and who will take the role of Marco, to which is attached the famous solo "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes," his singing of which created a furore in England at Auckland; Miss Sara Gregory, a charming young Australian soprano, who will appear as Tessa; Miss Phyllis Curnow, a delightful

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COLOUR-BLIND AIR RECRUITS

GOOD "SPOTTERS" SYDNEY.

Colour-blind youths, now barred from the R.A.A.F., may be admitted as "spotters" from the air of camouflaged gun positions, if efforts being made by a former member of the R.P.C. on behalf of his son, a North Sydney youth, are successful.

The young man's father, who saw service in the last war in the Royal Flying Corps and Royal Air Force, said that his son had been exceptionally keen to join the R.A.A.F., but had been rejected six months ago because he was colour-blind.

His son had renewed his attempts to enlist, without success. The father, who is in close contact with aviation and aircraft production abroad, then saw an announcement in a bulletin of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors, Ltd., that has resulted in fresh efforts on behalf of the youth.

It is said that the United States Army Air Corps was understood to favour the training of colour-blind men as observers on aircraft. Colour-blind men were claimed to be much more capable of "seeing through" camouflaged artillery from the air than were men whose colour perception was perfect.

Tests, added the announcement, had shown that in America colour-blind men had spotted 40 camouflaged guns out of 40, while men with perfect perception had averaged 10. The father has approached the R.A.A.F. authorities in Melbourne, who are understood to be interested in the statements, then saw an announcement in a bulletin of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors, Ltd., that has resulted in fresh efforts on behalf of the youth.

It may affect not only my son," said the father, "but hundreds of other youths whose colour-blindness has prevented their acceptances for the Air Force."

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Although in themselves these figures are impressive and bear witness to the great work being done by the womenfolk for the armed forces, they do not give the whole picture. Apart from the fact that many of the New Zealand soldiers took away knitted goods with them and they will not all need to be supplied from the stocks sent to Colonel Waite, there are the knitted articles the Air Force Relations organisation has supplied to the personnel of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, and those which have been given through the Navy Department and the Navy League to the naval men.

Air Force Relations for instance has had 2334 balaclavas from the store, 1155 pairs of gloves, 77 pairs of socks, 2065 pairs of mittens, 1428 scarves, and 322 pullovers. They have drawn on stocks held at the board's store to augment those provided through their own organisations.

For Navy Personnel A wonderful quantity and variety of knitted comforts have been distributed by the New Zealand Navy League War Council and the Navy Office, Wellington. The Navy League War Council has sent to London a number of consignments of warm comforts for the men on the minesweepers in the North Sea and also the Merchant Navy, and with them have gone other comforts as well.

Handy Bags Presented Fine work, too, has been done by the girls of the Navy Office in their limited spare time. To each boy who has left New Zealand to join the Royal Navy or the Fleet Air Arm they have presented a handy blue bag, containing a hussit, socks, balaclava, scarf and mittens.

HAUMOANA SOLDIERS' FAREWELL SOCIETY Plans Made At Recent Gathering

A meeting of the Haumoana Soldiers' Farewell Society was held at the residence of Mrs McCarthy, there being an attendance of 12 members. Mr J. Bank presided. Several letters were received from overseas soldiers, who wrote in appreciation of the parcels forwarded to them by the society last September.



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W.D.F.U. MEMBERS MEET

Central H.B. Branch NEW MEMBERS ELECTED

Visit From President Mr and Mrs J. W. Douglas, of Clive, announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Eleanor, to William Boyes (Bud), elder son of Mr and Mrs R. W. Hannaford, George's Drive, Napier.

METHODIST LADIES' GUILD Monthly Meeting Held

HASTINGS MEMBERS BEGIN NEW YEAR Address By Rev. C. H. Olds

At the Methodist Ladies' Guild monthly meeting Mrs P. E. Loach presided and welcomed the members and expressed good wishes for 1941.

DEATH AFTER LONG ILLNESS Mrs J. Double, An Old Napier Resident

After a long illness Mrs J. Double, a well-known resident of Napier for many years, has died at the Napier Hospital at the age of 85.

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SCHOOL EXCURSIONS TO NAPIER

Several Arranged For This Month

Napier is due for several excursion visits in the next few weeks, starting to-day with the Parkville School excursion, in which 400 pupils and 100 adults will take part.

On February 14 the Waipukurau District High School excursion will be held, while on February 25, the schools of Makaretu, Maharekeke, Hatuma, and Takapau will combine for their visit to Napier.

The Thirty Thousand Club is offering the usual facilities, and in addition it has been arranged for the children to wait until midday before surf-bathing, when the Napier "Twelve O'clockers" will be able to patrol the beach.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Mr Alf. Fellow, Postmaster at Wanganui and formerly in Hastings and Napier, with Mrs Fellow is visiting Hastings. They are the guests of Mr and Mrs H. J. Grieve, Nelson Street.

Mr and Mrs W. A. Aitken and Miss Barbara Aitken, Wellington, are on a holiday visit to Napier.

Mr and Mrs G. R. Partridge are Wellington visitors to Napier.

Mr and Mrs T. A. Heath who have been visiting Napier returned to Taupo yesterday afternoon.

Miss Dorothy Hosking, who has been staying in Ormondville, with her mother, Mrs F. Hosking, has gone to Hamilton, having accepted a position on the teaching staff at the Waikato Diocesan School for girls.

Nr D. Bullivant has returned to Napier after visiting her aunt, Miss E. Gannaway, Ormondville.

Mrs E. McLean and family, Whetukura, have returned home from a holiday at Westshore.

Mr and Mrs H. Hind, Pahiatua, are on a visit to Napier.

Mrs H. B. Bock, Napier, is visiting Wellington.

Mr and Mrs W. M. Castles, with their daughter, Bette, are Ormondville visitors to the beach at Poure-ere.

Mrs S. W. Ellingham and her young family have returned to Whetukura after a holiday at their Westshore residence.

Mrs Alfred Jonasen, Ormondville, was a recent visitor to Hastings.

Miss A. Baines, who has been on relieving duty at the Pahiatua hospital, is staying with her father, Mr C. T. Baines, Makotuku.

Mr and Mrs W. Baird and Miss Gwendolyn Baird have returned to Napier after spending a few days with Mrs Everton, Purcell Street, Foxton.

Mrs C. M. Horrax, Hadfield Terrace, Wellington, is visiting Hawke's Bay for the wedding of Miss Margaret Denton and Mr Hamish Scott.

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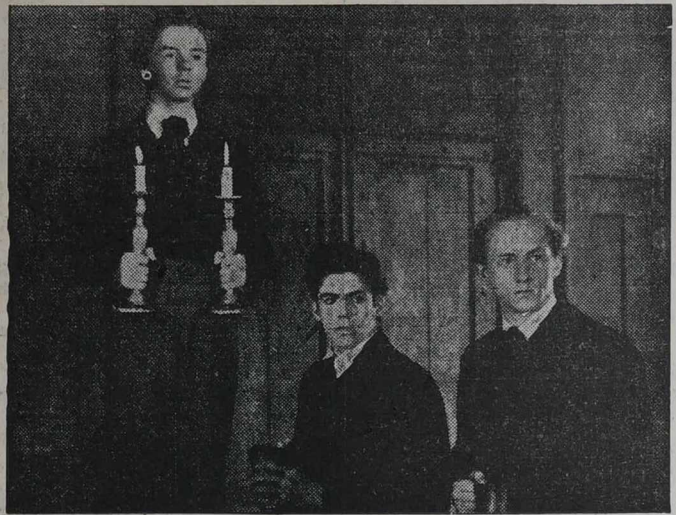
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### DIRECTOR SIGNS UP AGAIN

Gregory La Cava, who once made history for Universal Pictures with "My Man Godfrey," has again put his signature to a Universal contract. La Cava will personally direct and produce Irene Dunne's next picture for Universal, with Bruce Manning as associate producer. The story is an original, with details to be announced shortly. La Cava is already at Universal City and Miss Dunne will report when the actual shooting is scheduled to start. The Universal production will mark the first association of Miss Dunne and La Cava since RKO's "Symphony of Six Million" in 1932.

Butch, 9-year-old bass violinist of the Butch and Buddy team, whose real name is Billy Lenhart, is still known as "Bullfiddle Bill" in his home State, Oklahoma.



Sir Cedric Hardwicke and Jimmy Lydon in a tense moment from "Tom Brown's School Days," fine production now at the State Theatre, Hastings.

## CURRENT PRODUCTIONS

**HASTINGS**  
**STATE THEATRE**—Now showing to Monday: "Tom Brown's School Days" (Freddie Bartholomew, Sir Cedric Hardwicke). Tuesday to Thursday: "Anne of Windy Poplars" (Anne Shirley, James Ellison). Next Friday: "Four Sons" (Don Ameche, Mary Beth Hughes).  
**REGENT THEATRE**—Now showing to Thursday: "Florian" (Robert Young, Helen Gilbert). Next Friday: "Night Train to Munich" (Rex Harrison, Margaret Lockwood).  
**COSY THEATRE**—Now showing to Monday: "Gaucho Serenade" (Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette) and "The Crooked Road" (Edmund Lowe, Irene Harvey). Tuesday to Thursday: "Off the Record" (Joan Blondell, Pat O'Brien) and "Love Takes Flight" (Bruce Cabot, Beatrice Roberts). Next Friday: "The Dead End Kids on Dress Parade" and "Sh! The Octopus" (Hugh Herbert, Allen Jenkins).  
**MUNICIPAL THEATRE**—To-night and to-morrow: Gilbert and Sullivan Operas on Stage. Next Friday: "Submarine B" (Pat O'Brien, George Brent), and "Heart of the North."

**NAPIER**  
**STATE THEATRE**—Now showing to Monday: "The Bluebird" (Shirley Temple, Johnny Russell). Tuesday to Thursday: "Triple Justice" (George O'Brien, Peggy Shannon) and "The Bride Wore Crutches" (Lynn Roberts, Ted North). Next Friday: "Tom Brown's School Days" (Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Freddie Bartholomew).  
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**REGENT THEATRE**—Now showing to Monday: "The Doctor Takes a Wife" (Ray Milland, Loretta Young). Tuesday to Thursday: "I Married Adventure."

### Again A Villain On The Screen

George Sanders is a menace again. A might menace, in fact, for he is appearing as a villainous dictator in Edward Small's "The Son of Monte Cristo" which is a United Artists release. Sanders, who in real life is a mild mannered gentleman, has been cast mostly as a heavy ever since he enacted a villainous role in his first picture, "Lloyds of London." He had a respite from screen villainy, however, when he was given the role of a semi-romantic figure, a suave newspaper reporter in Walter Wanger's "Foreign Correspondent." The vacation was over soon, however, and Sanders was pressed back into service of dark deeds. He was awarded one of the three stellar roles in "The Son of Monte Cristo," sharing billing honours with Louis Hayward and Joan Bennett.

### Artistry On The Screen

The consensus of critical opinion among the leading New York reviewers is that "THE LONG VOYAGE HOME" is not only one of the year's outstanding pictures but an important milestone among all great pictures. The following extract from the review published by the "Herald-Tribune" is a typical one: "The Long Voyage Home" is a great motion picture. John Ford and his collaborating craftsmen have made a masterpiece. It has passion and compassion. It has eloquence and visual beauty. Ford in his masterly direction, Dudley Nichols in his knowing and sensitive script, Wanger in his valiant production, and the whole company of players have made an unforgettable photograph. Here is a motion picture where there is never a let-down of dramatic power and emotional suspense. "The Long Voyage Home" is Ford's particular triumph. In addition to that, it is a very real triumph of the whole art of the motion picture."

### Profile v. Profile!

The two most famous profiles in Hollywood are now busily engaged in making pictures at Universal studios. The pair are John Barrymore and W. C. Fields. Barrymore is starring in "THE INVISIBLE WOMAN" while Fields is busy in "THE BANK DICK". As to which of the two has the greatest profile is a moot question—with Fields, at least. "I'll match my schnozzella with Barrymore's any day," Fields challenges. "And I've got more profile than he has," he continues. "I'll throw in my embonpoint and win hands down."

### Five-Year Contract

Increasing popularity of Hugh Herbert and his Universal starring pictures have won a new long-term contract for the comedian. Herbert has affixed his signature to a five-year Universal contract. The comedian's latest starring picture, "WHO'S WACKY NOW?" will be released soon.

### Popular Stage Actor

Bernard Manning is unquestionably one of the best and most popular of the Gilbert and Sullivan operatic artists ever to have visited New Zealand, and his reappearance with J. C. Williamson's latest London company will be welcomed by playgoers. Lately he has been in Melbourne directing G. and S. production for the amateur societies. Among productions he has staged are "Trial By Jury," "H.M.S. Pinafore," "The Pirates of Penzance" and "The Mikado." A brilliant character actor, Mr Manning has played no less than 25 parts in Gilbert and Sullivan. His repertoire includes three roles in each opera which is surely a record.

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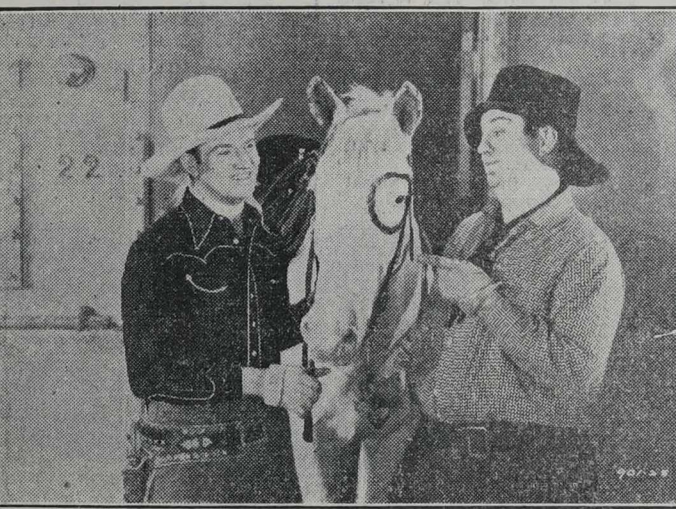
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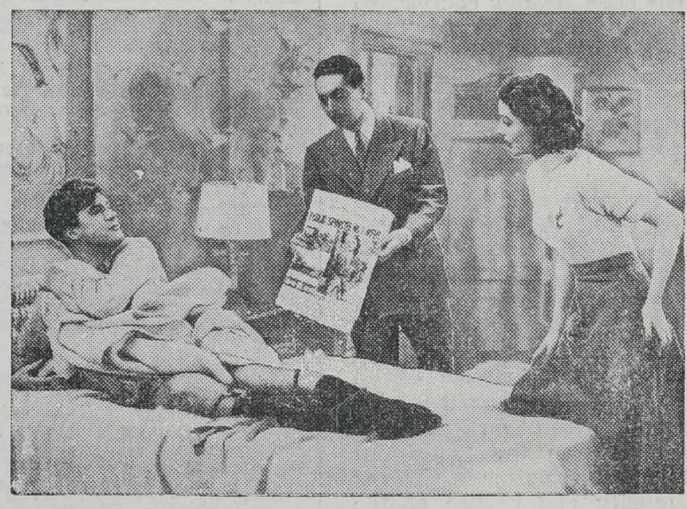
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The appointment of Dr C. B. Gilbert, Hamilton, to the post of Assistant Medical Superintendent at the Auckland Hospital Board at a special meeting, The new assistant superintendent, who is 39 years of age, has had broad experience both on the practical and administrative side of medicine since his graduation in 1925.

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The sea was calm, and the captain decided it would be good time to satisfy the cabin boy's desire to take the helm. He pointed out the North Star to the boy, and gave him explicit directions to steer toward it all the time.

A theatre one evening a man seated in the stalls fell asleep while the curtain-raiser was being played. When the main piece came on, his daughter nudged him and whispered, "Charley's Aunt."

"Bless me, so it is!" cried the man, as he rose and shook hands vigorously with a demure old lady who happened at the moment to be passing in front of him. "How do you do, Aunt? And how is Charley?"

At a fancy dress dance for children a policeman stationed at the door was instructed not to admit any adult. An excited woman came running up to the door and demanded admission.

"I'm sorry, ma'am," replied the policeman, "but I can't let anyone in but children."

"But my child is in there as a butterfly," exclaimed the woman, "and has forgotten her wings!"

"Can't help it," replied the policeman, "orders is orders. You'll have to let her represent a caterpillar!"

Hitler is said to have looted Michelangelo's Moses from the Louvre, and carried it off to Berchtesgaden.

When asked by his associates why he had stolen this particular treasure he replied, "Oh, it is a great piece of art, you know."

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Personal

Mr F. B. Ellingham is an Ormondville visitor to Dunedin. Mr Joseph Roulston, Tauranga, is spending a holiday in Ormondville as the guest of his sister, Mrs E. A. Wilson.

The appointment of Dr C. B. Gilbert, Hamilton, to the post of Assistant Medical Superintendent at the Auckland Hospital Board at a special meeting, The new assistant superintendent, who is 39 years of age, has had broad experience both on the practical and administrative side of medicine since his graduation in 1925.

Mr and Mrs J. C. Maher (Dannevirke), Mr and Mrs G. S. Auzard (Wellington), Mr and Mrs W. W. Smith, Master and Miss Jill Smith (Gisborne), Mr W. S. Currie (Palmerston North), Mrs R. Westmacott, Miss B. Westmacott (Takapau), Mr H. Beazer (Wellington), Mr and Mrs Harold Cummings, Miss Mavis Cummings (Marton), Mr R. W. Simington (Nelson) are at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

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NEW ZEALANDERS IN FIJI MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REVIEW SETTling DOWN

Excellent Standard Of Health

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, Feb. 6. Good reports of the health of the New Zealand troops in Fiji and the increasingly good conditions they are living under now that new camps are nearing completion were brought back by the Director-General of Medical Services (Brigadier F. T. Bowerbank), who has returned from a brief visit to the Islands.

Interviewed, he said that because the troops had to be sent to Fiji during the rainy season and before permanent camps could be prepared for them, a certain amount of discomfort had been unavoidable, but all difficulties of that nature were being rapidly attended to, and from now on the men should have little cause for complaint about the program made for their health, comfort and recreation.

Hot, Wet Season. "The troops arrived in Suva during the hottest and wettest part of the year," said Brigadier Bowerbank, "and because it had not been possible to prepare hut accommodations for them in advance a certain amount of inconvenience and discomfort in those circumstances was unavoidable. However, the men appear to realise fully that they are on active service and they have taken these temporary inconveniences in good part.

"The new camps are now nearing completion and most of them are already occupied. Some of the camps are completely hatted and in all of them the troops should be very comfortable.

Settling Down Well. "When I left Fiji, the troops were settling down well into their new camps. The huts are well-built, airy and well ventilated. Over each man's bed is a mosquito net.

"Considering that Fiji is a tropical country and that the New Zealanders have been there during the worst part of the year, their health is very good indeed and there has been very little sickness. The health of the men as a whole is very little different from that of the troops in the mobilisation camps in New Zealand. There have been a few cases of measles and mumps, which the men took with them from this country, and a certain amount of simple alimentary disease, but none of it has been severe or epidemic.

Too Many Pineapples. "No doubt many people will be amused to learn that some of the men had to make a brief appearance at sick parades because of a weakness for pineapples. When the pineapple season was in full swing the fruit was very cheap and one soldier who paraded sick admitted that he had eaten eight pineapples in one day.

Cricket was being played while I was there, but the full development of the sports programme had been partly delayed pending the completion of playing fields. Bathing parties had been organised, but the shark danger prevented the troops from having as much swimming as they would like.

The European women of Fiji have done splendid work assisting with the entertainment of all ranks during off-duty hours. They are comparatively few in number and their voluntary duty in the canteens alone has involved a great deal of hard work. Incidentally, a number of them to whom I spoke had a high opinion of the New Zealanders' behaviour.

Food Complaints. "During the early stage of the New Zealanders' stay on the island there were some justifiable complaints about food, but all that has now been rectified. The fault was partly due to the Army cooks' lack of knowledge of some of the native fruits and dishes, and to the curious likes and dislikes of the men.

"For instance, paw-paw, which is looked upon as a delicacy by most Europeans, is not liked by the troops."

LAVAL DEMANDS POWER PETAIN STILL PLAYING FOR TIME TALKS AT VICHY

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While the French Minister of Marine (Admiral Darlan) was reporting to the Vichy Government today on his recent conversations with German representatives in Paris, the German wireless was saying that Vichy had missed its chance. "The French people should remember that there is only an armistice between France and Germany," it said. "No peace has yet been established."

Laval's Demand. The Vichy correspondent of the British United Press says that Pierre Laval has demanded the Premiership and the right to name his own Government. An extraordinary meeting of the Vichy Cabinet, to which even under-secretaries have been summoned, is being held tonight and Marshal Petain is expected to broadcast to the nation. It is claimed in Berlin says this correspondent that Laval, whom Marshal Petain dismissed from the post of Foreign Minister a few months ago, will shortly resume active control of the Vichy Government with far more power than hitherto, but it is stated that Marshal Petain is still holding out and playing for time.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY DRAWS PUBLIC APPLAUSE

Trial Of Wellington Woman On Charge Of Murdering Her Husband

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Feb. 6.

A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury in the case of Jean Laurentine, 31, whose trial on a charge of murdering her husband, Francis Norman Laurentine, a waterside worker in Wellington on November 2 last was concluded in the Supreme Court this afternoon.

A burst of applause from the public gallery when the foreman of the jury announced the verdict was promptly suppressed by the Court officials.

The defence was that Mrs Laurentine was provoked by her husband, who twice knocked her down, that she picked up a knife in self-defence and that the death of her husband was an accident brought about by her act of self-protection. The jury was in retirement for 65 minutes.

Mr Justice Johnston was on the bench. The accused was very distressed in the witness box. She denied any intention to murder or even to hurt, asserting that her only intention had been to protect herself. She said that up to the time her husband went to sea again he had been very good to her. He used to drink then but not nearly so much as he did after their child died.

The Day's Happenings. Describing what happened on the day of the tragedy, the accused said that there had been an argument coming back from a trotting meeting. Laurentine liked his own way and became very nasty because he wanted to accept an invitation to a party and she thought he had had enough to drink for one day. When they arrived home she started to prepare tea. Laurentine was out in the passage playing with a neighbour's child and "making row" and she told him to come in and not to make a nuisance of himself. He came in, closed the door and wanted to know if there was any beer. She had allowed £2 for the day, hiding the rest.

"He Carried On." He started to swear and to call her names, using foul language which he did not normally use. He shouted, yelled and carried on and she answered back. "You were getting tea. I can't tell you exactly what he said, but he was saying words and I turned round like this. I didn't expect it. He said 'I'm sick and tired' and just struck me. He sent me flying. I hit my back on a window sill and saw stars. I felt awful—half dazed.

"I was getting up and took hold of something. It might have been a frying pan or anything, only I had the knife for preparing the tea. I didn't realise I was terrified. I was frightened, and I didn't mean to hurt Laurie. You know, I only tried to protect myself and warn him off. If God strikes me dead on this Bible, I didn't murder my husband.

"My idea was to get away from him. I was frightened. He was fighting the man's way—he was standing over me right to the end. He was as surprised as I was when he was hurt. He was over me ready to lose at me, and the next I knew he went back and said, 'Jean, you silly—you have cut me.' Then he sat on the table. I said, 'Laurie, I am not a doctor and ambulance.'"

Efforts to Help Husband. The accused then described her efforts to help her husband. To Dr. O. C. Mazengarb (for the defence) the accused said that when her husband was standing over her he looked very savage. He was fed up with her. He had said, "I'm sick and tired of your moaning and groaning."

The accused added, "I was only trying to protect myself, only trying to ward him off." Dr. Mazengarb: Had you ever seen Laurentine as angry and fierce as that before?—No. "Did Not Mean It" The accused denied that she had told a detective that she had stabbed her husband and had meant it. She did not mean to stab him. Her husband was as surprised as she was when he was hurt.

Cross-examined by Mr C. H. Weston, K.C. (for the Crown) the accused said that her husband had been annoyed because she would not let him get a supply of beer in the morning. He struck her with his fist. It was not a push. It was just unlucky that she had been preparing tea and that the knife was there.

Mr Weston: Are you a quick-tempered person? The Accused: Of course I'm not. I can stand a great deal to some people. I think I have more patience than the average. Dr S. D. Rhind, who examined the accused, said he found a large bruise on the left side of the head. He said that the fact that all the wounds in Laurentine were horizontal to the surface of the body was significant. If the knife had been held in a stabbing position, the cut would have been at an angle. The wounds were consistent with the accused's having pushed out the knife to ward her husband off.

Defence Outlined. Addressing the jury, Dr Mazengarb said the defence was provocation by the husband, self protection by the accused, and an accident occurring as a result of that self-protection. Had the accused stayed on the floor after the second blow, she might have been kicked and injured, and if she had not attempted to ward off his blows the husband might have been in the dock in answer to some charge of violence.

The whole attitude of the accused after the tragedy was consistent with her having been the unintentional cause of an accident. Nothing could have been further from her mind than to injure the man she loved, the man she wanted to support and with whom she was trying to reform.

Judge's Summing Up. His Honour traversed the main portions of the evidence and pointed out that if the jury accepted the accused's story that she used the knife to protect herself, the accident would be a result of that degree the accused's life or safety was in peril. What might not be reasonable conduct in the case of a man might, in the jury's opinion, be reasonable in the case of a woman.

The jury might readily think that the woman, having been attacked by the man, would be more likely to exhibit signs of fear and not know what was going to happen. That was a point the jury would have to take into consideration and also whether the wife, under such circumstances, might be provoked to some insane anger than would a man.

His Honour's summing up occupied an hour and 10 minutes.

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WAR FRONT IN MALAYA

NEW DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED JAPAN'S MOVES

Britain Strengthening Defences

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Travellers reaching Bangkok from Malaya state that the British have strengthened the defences on the Thailand-Malaya frontier. Authoritative circles at Saigon, the great French Naval base in Southern Indo-China, said today that Japanese troops would be landing there within a fortnight, ostensibly to enforce the armistice terms on Indo-China and Thailand.

Press dispatches from Berlin declare that the European war is likely to develop on a third front—towards Malaya. They add that Britain's efforts to strengthen the Singapore defences are only moderately formidable, and that Britain is temporarily prepared to entrust the defence of her Far Eastern interests to America.

Lulling America. The Tokyo correspondent of "The Times" says that the Japanese Foreign Minister (Mr Matsuoka) actually indicated the line Japan was pursuing when he told the Diet that the southward policy might cause grave friction with the United States, but that he would endeavour to make it clear that Japan's expansion was not inconsistent with American interests.

Part in Last War. He was a keen student of Eastern politics, and travelled widely. After leaving Cambridge he studied Eastern affairs. In 1910 he became a member of Parliament, and was one of the first M.P.'s to join up in the last war, serving in Egypt, Mesopotamia and Iraq. He was mentioned in dispatches six times. Lord Lloyd was Governor of Bombay from 1915 to 1923. In 1925 he was appointed High Commissioner for Egypt and the Sudan. He was a keen airman, and at the age of 58 gained his wings. He wrote a number of books.

Dominion Coal Supplies. Output increasing, says official. Huge demand. No importations from Australia.

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, Feb. 6. Coal supplies from New Zealand mines were increasing, not decreasing, said the secretary of the New Zealand Coalmine Owners' Association today, and he pointed out that the trouble in obtaining sufficient coal was due to the heavily increased demand for the New Zealand product.

Mr Bishop's attention was drawn to the statements made at Auckland recently that the Auckland Electric Power Board, in common with other power boards, was short of coal and that the shortage might result in restrictions in the use of electricity.

Actually, said Mr Bishop, New Zealand mines were producing more coal than in former years, but the Auckland Power Board was now the consumer of a very much greater quantity of coal than it had ever required before because of the inability of the hydro-electric plants to cope with the demand for power.

Demand by Railways. The railways, said Mr Bishop, were also making extra demands on the New Zealand coal mines, one of the reasons being the inability to import Australian coal, and another the increased freight loads due to military requirements. Petrol restrictions also made for greater coal consumption.

The New Zealand Collieries had been called upon to supply extra coal for power, railways and gas, and this had affected other consumers. There was no doubt that the utmost resources of the coal mines, particularly in the North Island, would be taxed in the current year.

Death Of A Great Administrator

LORD LLOYD Man Of Fearless Decision

WORK FOR EMPIRE

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The death occurred last night of Lord Lloyd, Secretary of State for the Colonies and Leader of the House of Lords since the appointment of Lord Halifax as Ambassador to the United States. Lord Lloyd died peacefully in his sleep at midnight. He was 61 years of age.

Soldier, politician, and administrator, Lord Lloyd served in the Near East in the last war and won the D.S.O. His Parliamentary career was interrupted when he became Governor of Bombay, and again when he became High Commissioner of Egypt and the Sudan. He was created a peer on this appointment.

Empire Debates. On returning to England, he took a leading part in House of Lords debates on Empire affairs. He was keenly interested in the work of the British Council for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, of which he was the first president. He inaugurated branches in several European capitals.

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AIR FORCE COURT-MARTIAL ENDED AT NEW PLYMOUTH

Decision Reserved On Serious Charges Preferred Against A Flying-Officer

(By Telegraph—Press Association) NEW PLYMOUTH, Feb. 6.

The Air Force court-martial sitting at the New Plymouth Training School, reserved its decision on the serious charges preferred against Flying-Officer R. Parker, arising from the death on December 6 of Leading-Aircraftman M. S. Best who was apparently struck by the undercarriage of a descending plane near the east boundary of the landing ground.

Flying-Officer Parker was instructor to a pupil in the plane and is charged with neglect in flying causing loss of life, and alternatively, with an act of flying causing loss of life and also causing damage to aircraft.

For the prosecution, Flying-Officer Jackson explained that the accused could be guilty of one but not of both alternative charges. He suggested that the evidence tended to guilt on the first count. A third charge, automatically following the test of negligence, was what a reasonably skilled pilot would have done under the circumstances of the landing. He suggested on the weight of evidence that a reasonably skilled procedure was not practised.

Events Before Accident. Tracing the events contributing to the fatality, Flying Officer Jackson said it was established that the plane had been handed over by the pupil to Parker for landing. He came down too low from a side-slip. Witnesses said they could see only the upper wing at a certain spot and it was obvious that the plane at the moment was very near the ground, if not touching. Another witness said that it touched and rose again.

The bulk of the evidence showed that the plane either skimmed or actually touched the ground. Marks in the vicinity were attributed to the tail skid. The trainee with Best did not see the accident or notice the plane touch because he lay flat on the ground.

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The inmate ward, Joseph Graydon Crawford, 62, who spoke with some diffidence, said he remembered going upstairs after letting one prisoner out, and then he was felled. He remembered no more until he woke up in hospital five days later.

At O'Hehir's request, Warders Burgess and Schollum were recalled. Both admitted that their attackers could have done them more harm than they did. A prisoner replied, "He has fallen down."

"Everything Went Blank." "I ticked off the names, and I am afraid that is about all I can say," said witness. I must have received a blow on the back of the head. I have a very hazy recollection of struggling with someone and being in a cell with Warder Schollum.

Another warder, Joseph Wenzel Schollum, said that after unlocking the prisoners in one of the wings, he saw Warder Burgess lying on the floor of the dome with two prisoners bending over him. Coming to the grille, witness asked, "What is going on?" and a prisoner replied, "He has fallen down."

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"CHINS" SAYS MR WILLKIE PARTING WORDS TO BRITAIN HATES AGGRESSION

Word Of Warning Uttered To Germany

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received February 6, 6 p.m.) LONDON, Feb. 5. Before leaving England, Mr. Wendell Willkie issued the following statement for transmission to Germany: "I am surely of German descent. My family name is Willkie. My grandparents left Germany 90 years ago because they protested against autocracy and demanded the right to live as free men. I, too, claim that right. "I am proud of my German blood," Mr. Willkie added, "but I hate aggression and tyranny. I believe the German people that my convictions are fully shared by an overwhelming majority of Americans of German descent. They, too, believe in freedom and human rights. "We German-Americans reject and hate the aggression and lust for power of the present German Government. "Before he left an airport in the west of England for Lisbon on his way to America, Mr. Willkie said: "Anything I can do in America to help Britain in her fight for freedom I certainly shall do. The British people's courage is magnificent. Keep up your chins."

TWO MONTHS' HARD LABOUR Meehan Sentenced At Dunedin

By Telegraph—Press Association DUNEDIN, Feb. 6. William Meehan, who was acquitted yesterday on the major charge of attempted murder but was found guilty of assault, was sentenced today to two months' hard labour. Mr. Justice Kennedy took into consideration the fact that the accused had already spent four months in gaol.

FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE Outbuildings Saved By Helpers

An outbreak of fire which occurred shortly before 8.30 last night, completely destroyed a five-roomed residence in Lyndhurst Road, Hastings, owned by Mr. J. Hogg. A band of helpers prevented the blaze from reaching the outbuildings, which were threatened until 11.45 p.m. Mr. Hogg said that he discovered the fire behind an electric stove and at that time it had secured a good hold. In an endeavour to subdue the blaze he brought a small pump into operation, but a fuse "blew," rendering it useless.

RICHARDS WILL NOT FIGHT Bout With Strickland Refused

United Press Association—Copyright. (Received February 6, 6 p.m.) SYDNEY, Feb. 6. Commenting on an Auckland report that the New Zealand boxer Maurice Strickland may come to Australia for a match with Ron Richards, the latter's manager (Mr. Munro) stated last night that, although Richards had announced his retirement from the ring on Monday, his friends were sanguine that he could be induced to carry on with a series of matches awaiting him. These matches include another with Fred Henneberry. It is also reported that the American promoter, who is still interested in a match in Australia between Strickland and Richards, but the latter declares that he will not fight Strickland—apparently owing to the discrepancy in their weights.

TAXATION MAINLY RESPONSIBLE Sorting Men Out Into Platoons

"Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIPUKURAU. In the last fortnight more than 20 men have joined the Waipukurau Company of the Home Guard, bringing the total well on toward the numbers required to form a second company. It is now intended to intensify recruiting efforts with the objective of completing the strength of the second company within the next fortnight or three weeks, so that there will not be too wide a gap in the training of the newer recruits and those who joined earlier. Next Sunday, there is to be a half-day parade, at which it is the intention of the unit commander (Captain J. Taylor) to make a start in sorting his men out into permanent platoons and into groups qualified to undertake more specialised training in certain aspects of the Guard's work. At the weekly parade last evening there was again a good attendance. Semaphore and first aid training was continued as well as further study of the preparation of defensive positions. A group of signallers from the Waipukurau Company will attend a special signalling parade which is planned to take place at Waipawa at the end of next week, and a selected group went through some extra signal training last night.

B GRADE CROQUET PENNANT Omarunui Winners For 1940-41 Season

The competition for the Hawke's Bay Croquet Association's B grade pennant has just finished for the 1940-41 season with Omarunui the winners. Results:—Omarunui 930 points, Napier No. 1 883, Havelock North 887, Hastings No. 2 829, Napier No. 2 821, United 808, Port Albert 804, Kia Toa No. 1 833, Kia Toa No. 2 768, Hastings No. 1 735, Hastings Central 720.

HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL ROLL DECLINES SHARPLY War Resulting In Attractive Employment For Boys And Girls

Many lucrative positions are offering for boys and girls in their teens as a result of men entering camp, and this is reflected in a sharp decline in the roll of the Hastings High School this year. Last year's record roll number of 526 has fallen to 444, but new enrolments are being received at the school and the total attendance will be in the vicinity of 450. "The war is resulting in employment being offered to young people, and many of them not only find it attractive but they feel it their duty to go to work," said the headmaster (Mr W. A. G. Penlington) in an interview yesterday. "Numbers of youths on farms and in businesses where their fathers and brothers have left for camp, feel that they should work instead of continuing at school."

NO N.Z. CHURCH IN LONDON CANCELLATION OF SERVICE

The High Commissioner for New Zealand in London (Mr. W. J. Johnston), said that although there were thousands of people from the Dominion in London, their losses in raids had been small. It was unfortunate that New Zealand Day could not be celebrated with a divine service in St. Lawrence Jewry which has long been recognised as the "New Zealand Church" in London. The church was one of the eight famous Wren churches destroyed during the German attempt to set fire to the City in December. Built by Wren in 1761-80, St. Lawrence Jewry stands on a corner of Guildhall Yard. It was set on fire by incendiary bombs, and shortly afterwards the roof and clock tower crashed down. Masses of sparks and pieces of burning wood were blown on to the roof of the Great Hall of Guildhall a few yards away and quickly set it alight. St. Lawrence Jewry was the church of the Corporation of London, and on certain occasions its services were attended by the Lord Mayor. New Zealanders held a service there every year on New Zealand Day, February 6. The church also possessed several other intimate links with the Empire, and the flags of Canada, South Africa, as well as New Zealand, hung above special pews set apart for visitors from these countries.

Houses Are Still In Demand Agents Meet Steady Flow Of Inquiries RENT AND PURCHASE

Inquiries made yesterday suggest that Hastings has still a housing shortage problem. According to agents there is a steady flow of applicants for both rental houses and buying propositions. The most heartening note for the housing agent was that a steady flow of inquiries for houses to be purchased on a small deposit. He instanced the case of one woman who had entered his office earlier in the day holding the cash for her deposit, apparently in the belief that a house was all that was necessary to secure a house. Medium-priced houses wanted. "So far as houses for sale are concerned, I have found a demand for medium-priced bungalows, but I have also noticed that the high-priced type of home seems to 'hang fire' to some extent. Most of the inquiry seems to be for working men's houses, and this continues despite the erection of State houses, although these temporarily relieve the pressure," he added. He pointed out that with the fruit season and the freezing works in full swing there had tended to be a need for accommodation for seasonal workers, who needed rooms in some cases and in other instances required houses. That the problem is not one confronting Hastings alone is indicated by inquiries made by this agent on a recent visit to several other centres. He said that the shortage seemed to be general. He had been told in more than one instance that the demand for housing was a pressing one.

Men Overseas One curious feature is that although so many soldiers have left New Zealand this does not seem to have eased the situation to any marked extent. One suggestion is that in many cases men have married before entering the fighting services, and have left their wives in settled homes, thereby leaving no more accommodation available than before.

SECOND COMPANY IN SIGHT WAIPUKURAU HOME GUARD

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MORE TROOPS FOR TRENTHAM MEN FROM No. 7 AREA To Augment The Fifth Reinforcement LEAVING TO-DAY

A further draft of recruits from the No. 7 Area will go into camp at Trentham to-day, to join the Fifth Reinforcement unit in training for active service overseas. The quota comprises 23 men from Gisborne, three from Waikato, three from Napier, and one each from Hastings, Waipawa, and Waipukurau. The Gisborne and Waikato men will arrive in Napier by the ordinary rail-car, and will join the Napier-Wellington express which leaves Napier at 8.28 a.m. The other soldiers will join the train at their respective stations. The complete list is as follows:—BEALE, DESMOND ORMOND. BOX, ALAN FREDERICK. BRIGGS, GEORGE EDWARD. CASSIDY, WALTER NORMAN. CORBETT, CLIFFORD GEORGE. COULSON, JAMES HARDY. DUNCAN, JAMES LANCELOT. DRUMMOND, DUDLEY LAURANCE. HALL, IAN DAVID. HATCH, ERIC SEYMOUR. JOHN, RONALD EDWARD. JOHNSTON, GEORGE THOMAS. LINDCOLN, ARTHUR MASON. LIDDINGTON, LESLIE JOHN. MILLER, ARCHIBALD HARVEY. MORSE, KENNETH CLIVE. MCKENNA, JOHN. MCKEEN, JAMES. MCMILLAN, HAROLD ALEXANDER. NAIHS, WILLIAM HAROLD. O'CONNELL, JECATOR. ORSLER, GEORGE WILLIAM. PAINTER, JAMES VINCENT. PAYNE, REGINALD CHARLES. PRICE, RHYD DAVID. RANSLY, ELLIS LIONEL. THOMAS, ERIC SEYMOUR. THOMSON, ALLAN BANKS. TOLMIE, HUGH ALEXANDER. WALTER, RALPH BENNER. WARRINGTON, ARTHUR BASIL WATT, DAVID. YATES, EGERTON PERCY.

Preparation For WESTSHORE BEACH CARNIVAL SCHEME ASSUMES FORM NEED EXPLAINED

In spite of the lack of numbers at the meeting of Westshore residents in the Public Hall last night to further the district's beach carnival scheme, the gathering displayed an enthusiasm that augurs well for the success of the proposal. "We have the beach," said the chairman (Mr. Cassar), "All we require is the energy." Mr. F. Cashmore expressed regret that the people of Westshore had not given the proposal greater support in its preliminary stages. He understood that the object of the scheme was to assist Napier with its quota of £14,500 in the £1,000,000 Appeal, and to give the township a boost. In view of the confusion existing among some people, the chairman of the Napier Patriotic Appeal committee (Mr. F. W. Browne), outlined the proposal as previously reported in "The Daily Mail."

Appreciation Is Expressed Clothing Sent From Hastings

Appreciation of clothing sent to distressed families in England by the Christian Science Sewing Circle, Hastings, is expressed in a letter received from the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, London. The letter states: "We have received the most lovely contribution of clothes to our clothing depot here and we are sending you our most grateful thanks. It is indeed heartening to us in our work here to be remembered and helped by you. "Our work is the welfare of the dependants of the men of the three fighting forces. It is a very urgent matter, especially just now, when so many soldiers' families are homeless and have lost all their belongings in air raids. The Government does all in its power for them, but we can give the personal care which is so valuable. We could not do this without the help we receive from kind friends such as yourselves. "The recipients of the clothing will feel doubly grateful when they know the garments come from you and that you have taken so much thought for them."

AMPLE STATIONERY AVAILABLE Letter From Minister Of Defence

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MR SIDNEY JOHN REID

Severe Loss To Dominion Racing

(By THE BARB)

The announcement of the death of Mr S. J. Reid, one of the most popular sporting gentlemen that ever entered a racecourse, came as a great shock to his many friends.

The loss to racing in New Zealand is a most severe one, as it was such as he who materially helped to prove to those outside racing the honesty and cleanliness that does exist in the sport.

The Great Reaper these last five or six years has taken a heavy toll of Hawke's Bay sportsmen and now the latest is Mr Reid. The expression was once passed by the late Sir Geo. Clifford, president of the New Zealand Racing Conference and one of the biggest owners and breeders of the Dominion: "Reid is a gentleman in thought, word and deed, a credit to his profession and an example for all young men to follow."

Mr Reid was born in Carterton 53 years ago and after finishing his education he entered the racing stable conducted by Mr J. J. Grave-Stock, to whom he was indentured.

Early Riding Career

As an apprentice he showed outstanding skill in the saddle early in his riding career, as within twelve months he was recognised as one of the premier lightweights in New Zealand. As an apprentice, he was the first of that grade to head the Dominion jockeys' winning list.

At the termination of his time many demands were made by leading owners to retain Mr Reid's services of first horseman, the late Mr W. E. Bidwell being the fortunate one to have his request granted.

For this Wairarapa owner he won many important races on Elevation, Provocation, Gravitation, Tribulation and others. The first-named colt gave Mr Reid a winning ride in the N.Z. Derby, a race for which, last season, he trained the winner, Beauivre. This is a record few professionals can lay claim to—have ridden and also trained a winner of the blue riband race.

Increased weight limited Mr Reid's activities to some extent, but this did not prevent him winning many important races and so highly were his capabilities rated that owners thought nothing of a few pounds over-weight to obtain his services.

As a hurdle horseman he was not keen. However, he rode winners between the flags, but twice in the Grand National Hurdles looked as though he was going to take the major honours, only to have his mount topple at the last obstacle.

As a lightweight apprentice he won the first Wellington Cup, on the Sexton Delaval gelding Ropa. Another distinction he held was that of having ridden the last published dividend winner in the Dominion. At the latter stages of his career, as a rider, in 1917, he came to reside in Hawke's Bay for the first time, having accepted a retainer to ride for Mr H. Jeffery's Wairarapa racing establishment, for whom he collected many winners, including that fine galloper Chortle.



The Chief Ruler—Saxon Saint gelding Kaiwaka, winner of yesterday's hurdle race at Egmont with 115 in the saddle.

When Mr Reid, during the depression, ceased racing Mr Reid for a while entered the hotel business in Wellington, but soon accepted the position of private trainer to the Hawke's Bay sportsman, Mr Frank Ormond, and he returned to Martindale.

He retained his ability to win many races for his new patron with Thala, Halley, Burra Sahib, Kath-bella, Ivar, Yogi, Nora Gregor and company.

While here he also prepared horses for two of his old friends. The first was Mr P. Ryan's Brun-hilde, winner of the N.Z. Oaks, etc., the other Mr Ted Harnett's Beauivre, winner of the Wanganui Guineas, N.Z. Derby and other races last season.

Lover of Rugby Mr Reid was a personal friend of Mr Reid for 30 years but never during that friendship did I learn which was his greatest sport—love, racing or Rugby. In his mind, he would often refuse a race late on the programme as he wished to attend a club Rugby game while, if it was a provincial match, he might have to play. No matter what the weather was, all club Saturdays saw him in attendance at either Hastings or Napier.

Mr Reid was proud of the Rugby prowess of his son, Paul Reid, one of New Zealand's best Rugby inside backs in the Dominion to-day, but he was the first to criticise his son for some blemish.

Riding School Tutor When the New Zealand Racing Conference decided to provide apprentice riding schools in racing centres it was a foregone conclusion that the honorary tutor in Hawke's Bay would be Mr Reid, and so it was.

This school was not popular at first but in no time a full muster every Monday evening, was soon attained. The lads placed under the tuition of Mr Reid soon recognised in him a friend, well-wisher, tutor and even father. He took a great interest in their welfare, both on the training track and off, and improved their riding and their social standing.

One has only to see the big improvement in the Hastings apprentices' horsemanship to know the value of the tuition received these last 18 months. Never has there been so many successful and promising young riders at the one time in Hawke's Bay, as there are today. Not because each week the late Mr Reid, out of his own purse, provided his "children" with coffee, pies etc., but for his wonderful help and fatherly kindness will the young riders here miss their late tutor and friend.

At the Egmont races on Thursday the riders wore black arm bands out of respect for the late Mr S. J. Reid.

The late sportsman's brother, Stan Reid, a successful horseman in the Dominion before going to Melbourne, also attained high honours both as a rider and trainer. In the latter capacity he prepared The Trump, winner a few seasons back of that great spring double, the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups.

Messages of condolence from all over New Zealand and Australia have been received by Mr Reid's wife and family.

Old Bill On The Tracks Again

AWAPUNI NOTES

Catalogue Not To Retire

L. PINE'S TEAM

"Daily Mail" Special Service. PALMERSTON N., Feb. 6.

During the past fortnight there has been very little work of interest accomplished on the local tracks, most of the horses being restricted to pace work. As the Woodville, Manawatu, Waikato and Rangitikei meetings are looming up there will be more activity from now on.

There is one horse in the right tittle to give her best. Her latest effort, on the course proper, was over seven furlongs, being picked up at the five by Colibri. They were not out to make time, but Dainty Sue easily held her companion. She is being raced at the Egmont meeting, where her efforts will be watched with interest.

Last Acre and Tavuni are well forward in condition, and are likely to be seen to advantage at the coming meetings. They were partners over seven furlongs, the former having most in reserve at the finish.

The rivalry between Amorang and Great Step at the finish of three furlongs. They were not bested.

It will not be for the want of condition if Waimutu does not race to advantage in nearby engagements. He had Rose Acre as a partner over six furlongs. They were under restraint throughout, both being kept to put some dash into their work.

Goldburn goes through the daily routine satisfactorily and should be capable of taking a prominent part in future hack races.

A Proficient Fencer Despite the fact that Riotous failed to get into the money in recent engagements, his latest track work has been most encouraging. He had 10.13 to carry in the Ohawe Hurdles, but the son of Birkdale is more at home over the big obstacles, and providing he stands up to a solid preparation it is in that department that he will make good. He is one of the most proficient jumpers in commission.

The veteran 'chaser, Clarion Call, looking robust and healthy, is being prepared for racing later in the season.

Catalogue Not Retired Catalogue, who broke down in the off foreleg while contesting the Wellington Cup, is not to quit the turf for good. The injured member has yielded to treatment splendidly, and it is quite on the cards that he will be seen out under the colours later in the season.

Half Crown was running on more solidly than civilian over five furlongs, on the course proper, in a shade over 1.9. The former is steady on the upgrade.

March Easy and Lady Grey went well over half a mile, the final three in 40.

Myaron and Aberdovey bowled along very freely over seven furlongs, the former in particularly pleasing style.

Old Bill Freshens Up Old Bill has freshened as the result of a let-up, and has again made his mark in the local races. He will not be required to do anything outside of pacework for some time.

Another inmate of L. Wilson's stable in Golden Moon is on the easy list. Her form at Wellington was disappointing. She is still growing, and it is Wilson's intention not to overtax her. There is a good future ahead of the daughter of Tiderace with age.

Among the horses given pacework were Mantel, Colonel Borgey, Old Surrey, Tolaga, Foxiana, Hunting Lore, Kotua, Corroborie, Jumna and Thrasos. Len Pine deserves commendation for the way he has persevered with Selkirk, for after making an uncertain commencement in the hurdle branch, the son of Defoe has developed into a very fair jumper. Three wins and several placings in recent engagements, and more success will come his way shortly. Pine has also Newbury Queen well advanced in condition and judiciously placed, will race prominently in coming engagements.

The other inmates of this stable are Half Crown (Inflation-La Crown), Meriac (a three-year-old filly by Lackham-Mercian Queen), a filly-sister to Newbury Queen, and a three-year-old filly by Ringmaster.

Sporting Luck Schooled Sporting Luck (Colossus-Shufflen) plotted by M. Lowden, was schooled over three hurdles, and considering her limited experience shaped satisfactorily. Jeanne (Lockham-Jean Ladlos) accomplished a similar task, and in most of her lessons has shown aptitude for the jumping game.

Sweet Anne has resumed her place in E. W. Watson's stable. She has freshened nicely by her two months' rest, and is carrying the right condition to commence another preparation. The other inmates of Watson's stable are Greek Idol (The Greek-Acredit), Lady Grey (Lord Quex-Sylvanum), Pitmark and a four-year-old gelding by Inflation.

ACCEPTANCES FOR THE ORR STAKES

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RACING FIXTURES

- February 6, 8.—Egmont R.C.
February 8, 10.—Rotorua R.C.
February 8, 10.—Poverty Bay Turf.
February 8, 10.—Gore R.C.
February 13.—Otago R.C.
February 14, 15.—Winton J.C.
February 15.—Tolaga Bay J.C.
February 15.—Otago R.C.
February 15, 17.—Waikato R.C.
February 20, 22.—Dunedin J.C.
February 22.—Wanganui R.C.
February 22, 24.—Te Aroha J.C.
February 22, 24.—Woodville District J.C.
March 1.—Franklin R.C.
March 1.—Rangitikei R.C.
March 1.—Banks Peninsula R.C.
March 7, 8.—Cromwell J.C.
March 8.—Carterton R.C.

EGMONT CUP WON BY PIASTRE

KAIWAKA HURDLE WINNER

MISHAP IN RACE

Red Cat Scores In Whareroa

By Telegraph—Press Association HAWERA, Feb. 6.

The first day of the Egmont summer meeting was held in fine weather with the track in great order and before a large attendance. The totalisator handled £20,275, compared with £12,288 10/- on the opening day last year, which was wet. Results:

- OHAWE HURDLES. Of £150; one mile and a-half.
1-1-KAIWAKA, Messrs L. O'Neill's and L. Buckenham's b.g., aged (Chief Ruler-Saxon Saint) 11.5.
7-7-DEBRETTS, 9.0.
2-2-WAR LAP, 9.10.
Half a length; three. Time, 2.46 2-5.
Scatched: Lady Jim, Resingold.

FLYING HANDICAP. Of £175; six furlongs.

- 4-VELDETTE, Mr A. Apple-yard's b.m., 4yrs (Vaals-Golden Rod), 7.10.
1-GOLD DALE, 9.0.
3-SCREEN STAR, 7.10.
One length and a-quarter; four. Time, 1.14 3-5.
Scatched: Tuatara, Colincamps, Cheval de Bataille, Air Flight.

TRIAL HANDICAP. Of £130; five furlongs.

- 6-6-NIGHTRAY, Mr T. Ash's jun. b.l., 3yrs (Nightly-Lady Ex), 8.7.
2-2-MINVAAL, 8.7.
5-5-VALTOUR, 8.7.
Half a head; length. Time, 1.32 2-5.
Scatched: Bright Gleam, Naterie.

WOODVILLE JOCKEY CLUB

Nominations Close On Monday

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 3 p.m.

EGMONT CUP

- Of £500; one mile and a-quarter.
2-2-PIASTRE, Mr J. L. Cheeseman's b.g., 4yrs. (Talmagund-Love Lake), 7.10.
1-1-FRIESLAND, 9.0.
7-7-HOMLILY, 7.3.
Half a head each way. Time, 2.8.
Scatched: The Ring.

JUVENILE HANDICAP

- Of £130; five furlongs.
2-3-STAR MARK, Mr J. L. Bremer's b.l., 3yrs (Hallmark-Stellar), 8.5.
1-1-AIR FLIGHT, 9.7.
3-2-BARRY BOY, 8.0.
Head; four lengths. Time, 1.32 2-5.
Scatched: Miss Hallomet, High Tone, Park Light, Ngamatea.

TOKAORA HACK

- Of £150; six furlongs.
2-1-SCANDAL, Mr W. McA. Duncan's b.g., 4yrs. (Buland-shar-April Fool), 8.9.
3-4-MAHAINA, 7.7.
8-7-LE MARQUIS, 7.7.
Length; two. Time, 1.16 1-5.
Scatched: Valiant Lady, Empire Action, Waimutu, Callope.

WHAREROA HANDICAP

- Of £160; seven furlongs.
1-1-RED CAT, Mr W. McA. Duncan's b.m., 6yrs (Buland-shar-Black Cat), 8.13.
7-8-SPORTING GIFT, 7.13.
3-4-COLINCAMPS, 7.0.
Half a length; head. Time, 1.28 3-5.
Scatched: Olympus, Notium, Viracous, Rusem.

WAIPAPA HANDICAP

- Of £150; eight and a-half furlongs.
1-3-SANCTION, Mr E. Sullivan's b.m., 5yrs. (Phylamor-Consultation), 7.11.
8-8-MISS LEIGHON, 8.3.
5-6-BODEN PARK, 8.0.
Four lengths; half a neck. Time, 1.47 3-5.
Scatched: Venture, Autosweep, Southern Blood.

A private message was received in Hastings saying that Hunting Cat fell in the Egmont Cup and that his rider, H. Callahan, had been admitted to hospital.—The Barb

Term Reduced On Appeal

JOCKEY HOWELL'S

Rider Added To The Verdict

NOT FINALISED

The Wellington District Committee on Wednesday heard the appeal lodged by J. H. Jeffery on behalf of the apprentice jockey R. G. Howell, against the two months' suspension imposed on Howell by the judicial committee of the Wellington Racing Club on January 18. The ground for the suspension was careless riding of the horse Rakahanga in the Telegraph Handicap, in the opinion of the committee, too severe, and that it be reduced to suspension for one month from January 18, 1941.

The district committee added a rider to its verdict expressing to Jeffery the opinion that Rakahanga

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was not a fit horse to be handled by an apprentice and that in future an experienced horseman should be employed. R. G. Howell has appealed to the New Zealand Racing Conference against the verdict of the Wellington District Committee.



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