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HITLER'S CUNNING MEETS PETAIN'S OBSTINACY

Need For French Fleet And Bases At Bottom Of Nazi Tactics

(British Official Wireless.) (Received February 7, 9.5 p.m.) RUGBY, Feb. 6. The German pressure on Vichy continues unabated but there is no definite information available in London as to the exchanges which are taking place or the circumstances in which they are being conducted.

The "Manchester Guardian" in a leading article, says: "Hitler is following his regular technique in his effort to capture Marshal Petain. He sets up his Fifth Column among the Marshal's colleagues; he turns on his Paris Press making it flatter one day and threaten the next; he plays on the fears of the public; he creates a party of his own which is in opposition in the full sense, for it may be regarded as an alternative Government."

AMERICA WARNS FRANCE FLEET MUST BE KEPT SAFE VITAL MATTER

(Received February 7, 11.15 p.m.) LONDON, Feb. 7. Among much comment of varying reliability on Marshal Petain's attempts to resist the German machinations personified in Pierre Laval, the correspondents of the "Daily Express" and the "Daily Mail" emphasize the American representation to Vichy of the United States concern as to the possibility of the French fleet being handed over to Germany.

DRAMA AT VICHY NOT YET PLAYED OUT

The "Mail's" correspondent says: "The drama at Vichy nears its climax. Admiral Darlan arrived in Paris on Thursday night bearing a compromise plan to Otto Abetz, the Nazi envoy. He will confer with Laval, after which it is expected that he will go to Vichy."

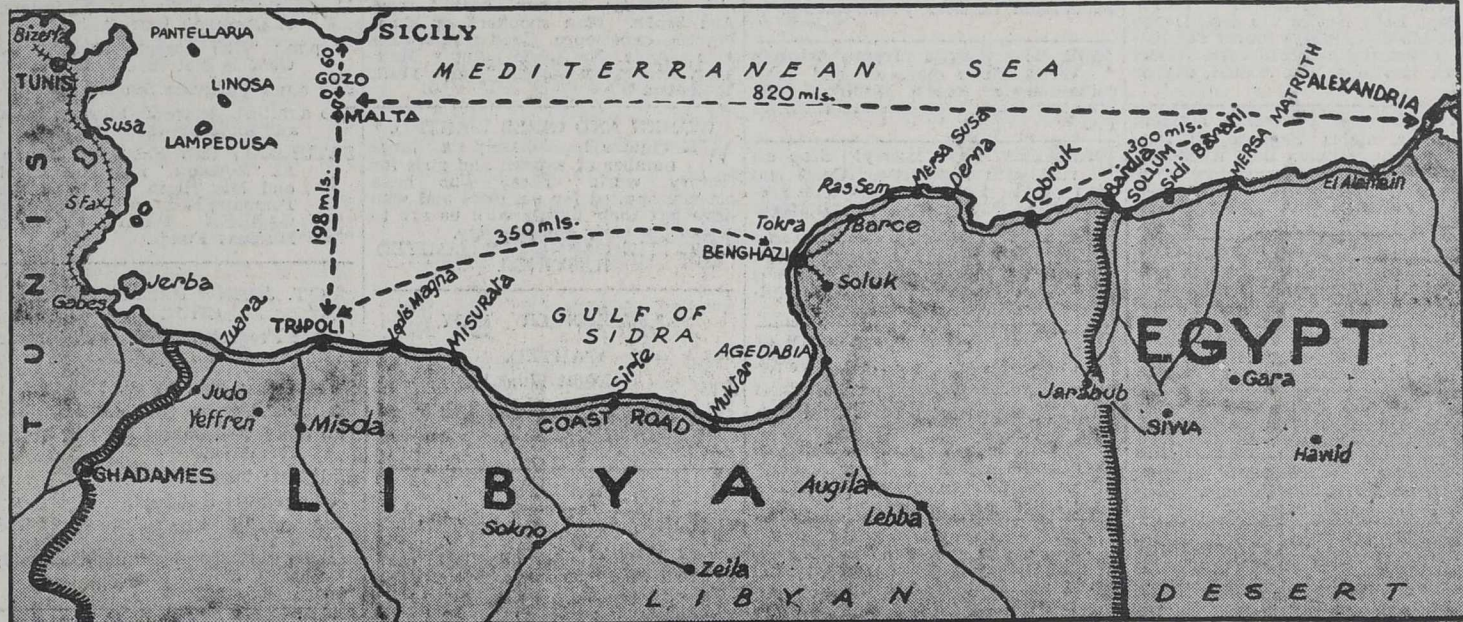
MUST NOT GO TO SYRIA

ORDERS FROM VICHY Rebuff For Roosevelt's Envoy FLIES TO PALESTINE

(Received February 7, 11.45 p.m.) ISTANBUL, Feb. 6. The French Embassy in Ankara, acting on instructions from Vichy, has cancelled the visa permitting Colonel William Donovan, President Roosevelt's envoy, to travel via Syria to Palestine.

GOVERNMENT POLICY AND B.B.C.

(Received February 7, 10.5 p.m.) LONDON, Feb. 6. The Minister of Information (the Hon. A. Duff Cooper) in the House of Commons announced the appointment of two advisers on home policy and foreign policy in order to improve liaison between the Government and the B.B.C., which is not as complete as he desired.



SITE OF NEW VICTORY.—Benghazi, the capture of which is officially reported, appears in the centre of this map of the North African coast. Other bases to which the Army of the Nile will now be driving are also shown.

CAPTURE OF BENGHAZI IMPORTANT ITALIAN BASE

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received February 7, 11.5 p.m.) LONDON, Feb. 6. Without waiting to collect the booty from the previous string of victories, the British to-night were closing in round Keren, which is strategically the most important town in Eritrea.

Ragged Rabble In Eritrea Surrenders To British Troops

(By Radio) It is officially stated that the Army of the Nile has captured Benghazi, Britain thus gaining virtual control of the whole of Cyrenaica. Benghazi is an important Italian base on the Libyan coast about 150 miles west of Derna.

DISLOYAL DUTCH ENVOY PROMISE TO BRITAIN BROKEN GONE TO HOLLAND

(Received February 7, 10.45 p.m.) LONDON, Feb. 6. Dirk Jan de Geer, despite solemn assurances to the contrary, has returned to Holland. In announcing with profound indignation de Geer's departure from Lisbon for Holland, the Royal Netherlands Government adds: "He formed the present Cabinet in June, 1939, and retained leadership until last September and then was head of the Government when the Germans invaded Holland."

FLYING FORTRESS CRASHES SUSPICIOUS ASPECT OF CASE MOUNTAIN HIT

(Received February 7, 2.0 a.m.) NEW YORK, Feb. 7. A message from Lovelock, Nevada, reports that an Army flying fortress loaded with secret equipment for research to reduce the hazards of Arctic flying, crashed on a mountain side, killing the crew of eight.

ITALIAN ATTACK BEATEN BACK BEYOND OLD BASE

Desperate Attempt To Break Greek Lines Leads To Disaster

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Enlistments in Army And Navy (Received February 7, 6 p.m.) VICHY, Feb. 6. Following the appeal from Lyons for young Frenchmen to serve in the French Navy, a radio announcer urged French youth to enlist in the army.

ITALY'S ONLY HOPE

The only base from which the Italian air force can launch a counter-attack is Tripoli, 400 miles away, and the long lines of communication render success improbable. In addition to being an important base Benghazi is an important commercial centre and the Italians had spent \$500,000 on improving the harbour.

THROUGH CYRENE

Earlier Press cables said that the British were streaming ten miles beyond Cyrene towards Barce. This phase then looked like a complete walkover for the Army of the Nile. Not a shot was fired all day. Fierce resistance was expected four miles beyond Guba but, despite anti-tank trenches and a double row of land mines, there was no sign of opposition.

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(Received February 7, 6 p.m.) SYDNEY, Feb. 7. The State Government has decided to introduce legislation which will require petrol distributors to mix benzol or power alcohol with petrol in order to reduce imports of fuel supplies.

TRANS-CANADIAN AIRLINE TRAGEDY

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AGRIAN TRIBUTE

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ENEMY MIKEFIELDS

"Good progress is being made in the British advance along the Gondar road in Abyssinia, despite numerous minefields left by the enemy to cover their retreat. In Italian Somaliland, our penetration in all sectors across the enemy frontier is daily becoming deeper. So far, the enemy have sustained casualties disproportionate to our own, which have been negligible."

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AIR-WAVE WARFARE NOW A VITAL FACTOR

Technique Of Lies Being Beaten By British Propaganda Of Truth

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Take several carrots, 2 table-spoonfuls brown sugar, 1 table-spoonful butter, a little grated nutmeg.

Scrape the carrots and cut them into slices 1/2 inch in thickness. Par-boil for 3 minutes. Drain and place in a buttered casserole...

CARROT SALAD

Take 1 breakfast cupful of grated raw carrot, 1 cupful chopped onion, 1 cupful chopped radish, 1 head of lettuce, 1 table-spoonful lemon juice, mayonnaise.

Mix the carrot, onion and radish together and add the lemon juice. Mix well, and arrange on lettuce leaves...

CARROT PANCAKES

Take 1 cupful cooked mashed carrots, batter made as follows: Sift 1 small cupful of self-raising flour with 1/2 teaspoonful salt...

Mix the carrots with about 1oz. melted butter. Add to the batter and cook in the frying pan like pancakes.

CARROT PRESERVE

An excellent idea for varying the meat course is to serve with it carrot preserve made by this Old Country recipe.

Take 1 lb. carrots, 1 lb. apples (weighed after having been peeled, cored and sliced), 1 lb. sugar and 1 lemon.

Wash the carrots and cut into dice 1/2-inch thick. Boil in 1 pint water till tender. Strain, make up the liquor to 1 pint with water and cook the apples in it.

CARROT MARMALADE

Scrape the carrots and cut them into small pieces. Boil these for an hour, then press through a sieve.

Put all into a saucepan, and boil for 20 to 30 minutes until thick. Before it is potted add a little almond essence and some blanched shelled almonds.

CREAMED CARROTS

Cut the carrots into very small dice and cook in a minimum amount of water. When cooked take out the carrots and reduce the liquid by fast boiling.

Have some little croquettes of bread cut as near as possible the size of the carrot dice, and fry them in clean fat.

CARROT SOUP

Take 2 pints stock, 4 carrots, 1 small onion, 1 turnip, 2 potatoes, 1 oz. fat, 1 oz. flour, 1/2 teaspoonful sugar, chopped parsley, salt, cayenne, pepper.

Wash and scrape the carrots, and cut them into slices. Peel the turnips and the onion and cut into slices, also the potato.

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IDEAS WITH CARROTS

Carrots a la maitre d'hotel are done by cooking them in boiling water, pouring off all the water, and thoroughly mixing in with the sugar, salt and butter.

An unusual way to cook carrots is to slice them into match-like sticks and shred in a cloth, chopage. The carrots should be cooked a short time before adding the cabbage.

If a little butter is added to the water strained from the cabbage and carrots it makes a nutritious soup.

CARROT CROQUETTES

Take 4 large carrots and boil until tender. Season with salt and pepper to taste and add a teaspoonful of finely chopped parsley.

Have ready a breakfast cupful of very thick white sauce. Blend this thoroughly with the carrots and leave to cool. Then shape into croquettes with breadcrumbs and fry.

A COUNTRY METHOD

Place a lump of butter in a saucepan with two table-spoonfuls of flour, salt and pepper, and mix with a wooden spoon.

Scrape the carrots and cut into small dice and cook in a minimum amount of water. When cooked take out the carrots and reduce the liquid by fast boiling.

SEASON OF COMIC OPERA

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An Institute Meeting

Mrs H. M. Keir presided over a large attendance of members and friends at the February meeting of the Waipukurau Women's Institute.

A welcome was extended to the following new members, Mesdames S. Annand, B. Jones, F. Sayliss and Bixley. The motto for the day was "May good gifts be showered on you this New Year."

An interesting letter was received from Lieutenant Livingston, acknowledging gift parcels sent from the Institute.

A delightful and instructive talk was given by Miss N. Wilson on English poets. Miss Wilson started from 1837 and told of the poets down through the ages, mentioning Chaucer, Shakespeare, Marlow, Milton, Pope, Byron, Shelley, Keats and many others.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Mr and Mrs A. Hammond are Auckland visitors to Napier.

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

Miss M. Robinson, Waipukurau, is on a visit to Napier.

Mr and Mrs A. Anderson, Lower Hutt, are at present in Napier.

Mr and Mrs C. W. Rickard are Wellington visitors to Napier.

Mrs Gwen Pool arrived in Hastings from Feilding last evening, and will commence her duties as Director of the Hastings Free Kindergarten on Tuesday.

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MEMBERS OF THE TARADALE-GREENMEADOWS LADIES' AUXILIARY PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE HELD THEIR MONTHLY MEETING ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON IN THE TARADALE HALL. IN OPENING THE MEETING Mrs L. H. SCOTT (chairman) welcomed several new members and mentioned a letter received from Private J. J. Martin, serving with the 2nd NZ Exp. in Egypt, in which he thanked the local ladies for Christmas parcels received by him and companions.

During the afternoon the shop day which is to be held to-day (Saturday) in Taradale was fully discussed and the public are asked to let the committee have any saleable goods they have to offer. Forty parcels are to be packed this coming month and one-pound baking powder tins and flour bags are urgently needed.

"I DO NOT LEAD A RACKETY LIFE" Woman Centenarian's Birthday By Telegraph—Press Association HAWERA, Feb. 7. To-day Miss Sophia Ginger, Hawera, attained her 102nd birthday. She is amazingly and active. She still reads and writes and plays cards three nights a week. Though she does not rise until noon, she stays up till 10 p.m. She has spent 90 years in the Taranaki province, and can recount thrilling pioneering incidents. Asked to what she attributed her great age, she replied: "I do not lead a rackety life, which might be the reason."

"Mobilising For Mercy" RED CROSS FILM Havelock North Sub-Centre TIMELY PRODUCTION A film, "Mobilising for Mercy," donated by the American Red Cross to New Zealand headquarters, is to be shown in the Havelock North Village Hall next Wednesday, under the auspices of the Havelock North Sub-Centre. The film, which will only occupy a quarter of an hour of the programme, is an inspiration to all workers in the cause of humanity. The various activities of the Red Cross organisation will be movingly portrayed, the voluntary aid nursing, the transport section, the assistance given to refugees, the sewing guilds, the teaching of the blind and the preparation of Braille manuscript, the organisation for flood and fire emergency, the coffee stalls, the food depots, etc. All should make an effort in this war-stricken hour to see this film. Selection of Films. Mr. W. A. Greer has generously consented to operate, and is attending to all stage arrangements. In addition he is showing films of his own making which include (1) Finland fights in the bombing of Europe; (2) Pinus Insignis Paper Making in New Zealand; (3) Maori Life in the Thermal Regions and the Maori Performances at the Hastings Centennial Celebrations; (4) Cruising in the South Seas; (5) Bobby Jones at the Havelock North Golf Club; (6) Hawke's Bay Scenes, including the Gannets, Waikoko, Westshore, Taurua Garden Party, etc.; (7) The Coronation. A silver collection will be made to defray expenses, and to augment the funds of the Sub-Centre. On Saturday, February 15, by courtesy of the respective principals, the entertainment will be repeated to the pupils of Woodford House, Iona and Hereworth Schools.

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GREEK QUEEN IS READY

ROTORUA ANNUAL MEETING

DUVACH'S CHANCE

Bevace Will Have Admirers

(By THE BARB)

The two-day annual race meeting of the Rotorua Racing Club opens on Arawa Park this afternoon and will be concluded on Monday. The acceptances show the growing popularity of this club which now offers a £250 cup and the lowest nomination and acceptance fees...

12.15—POHUTU HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP. Of £200; one mile and 160 yards. Acreman 10.12, Happy Ending 10.3, War Cloud 9.12, Little Ruse 9.10, Devon 8.8, Baxow 9.2, Breeze Emerald 9.2, Miss Bridge 9.0, Goldstone 9.0, Parekura 9.0, Marchy 9.0, Te Monoplane 9.0, General Riskie 9.0, Worthy King 9.0, Tea Drop 9.0, Surmise 9.0, Sylonx 9.0, Surpal 9.0.

12.55—WAIMANGU STAKES. Of £160; six furlongs. Winning Tray 9.0, Crestman 9.0, Royal Jay 9.0, Starbright 9.0, Natal 9.0, Bevac 9.0, Gay Leslie 8.11, Royal Melody 8.11, Hauwiti 8.11, Sporting Ace 8.11, Sylonx 8.7, Laughing Fox 8.7, Prudent 8.7, Lass 8.4, Beaucoup 8.4, Lady Vixen 8.4.

For maidens. Out of this field of sixteen only four have yet weighed in this season. Natal, a full brother to Our Jean, has been fourth twice and is said to have improved with racing experience. Bevac has the best recent form and for that reason may touch favouritism. Tea Lass has a second to her credit. With the others possessing no visible form they may not solicit a great deal of machine patronage...

1.35—MOKOIA HACK HANDICAP. Of £180; six furlongs. Biddy Girl 9.0, Glen Connell 8.12, Dutch Ace 8.5, Penance 8.4, Ohma ha 8.3, Hunters Rose 8.3, Bronze Ora 7.13, Court Favourite 7.10, Paymaster 7.10, Vitemet 7.7, Royal Son 7.7, Fairfield 7.7, Miss Valerie 7.7.

2.20—ROTORUA CUP. Of £525; one mile and a quarter and 160 yards. Greek Queen 8.2, The Dozer 7.11, Foxsen 7.9, Forest Ace 7.5, Black Musk 7.0, Pocket Venus 7.0, Rarotonga 7.0, Erick 7.0, Te Hai 7.0, Very Glad 7.0, Pern 7.0, Eastern Heir 7.0, Queen City 7.0, High Delight 7.0.

On recent performances, Greek Queen, a non-starter in last week's Matamata Cup, being reserved for this race under discussion, should go very close to being elected No. 1 in the betting order. The Dozer, favourite last week in the Matamata Cup beat all but Pern. Foxsen failed at the Auckland mid-summer meeting but to do no better than third in the Ralph Handicap. Forest Ace is running consistently. Black Musk appears a little out of his class here. Of the light weights Erick and Pern, on paper, have easily the best chances of success. In a good betting pool most tickets may be asked for on the chances of GREEK QUEEN FOXSEN ERICK.

3.15—HOT SPRINGS HANDICAP. Of £160; six furlongs. Hunter's Rose 8.7, Bambury Cross 8.4, Bronze Ora 8.3, Trouville 7.13, Starbright 7.11, Kadina 7.11, Auburn Lu 7.7, Snow White 7.7, Sharmin 7.7. Hunter's Rose won this race last season with exactly the same impost she is set to-day. Bambury Cross cannot but appeal. Bronze Ora is engaged earlier. Trouville is making his first appearance of the season. Sharmin and Kadina possess better qualifications than the others. The betting order may read BAMBURY CROSS BRONZE ORA HUNTER'S ROSE.

3.45—GEYSER HACK HANDICAP. Of £185; one mile and 160 yards. Happy Ending 9.0, War Cloud 8.9, Karatoki 8.9, Gold Spot 8.8, Glenbevan 8.6, Mendelssohn 8.1, Lady Acushla 8.1, Maxown 7.13, Raepata 7.7, General Riskie 7.7, Snow White 7.7. Happy Ending and War Cloud claim engagement in the opening event of the day. Karatoki won last week-end and Gold Spot at Thames. Lady Acushla more than any of the lighter weighted acceptors. Should Happy Ending start in the high-weight public, in this race, may lean towards KARATOKI GOLD SPOT LADY ACUSHLA.

4.10—ARAWA PARK STAKES. Of £165; five and a half furlongs. Teacyon 9.7, Babrow 8.0, Bronze Bird 8.0, High Spy 8.0, Kadina 8.0. The six race programme opens with the FIRST HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP. Of £95; one mile and a quarter. Queen's Chablis 9.0, Dream 10.13 Helios 9.0, Boatson 9.2 12 Royal Stuart 9.0 Whetu 9.5.

Many Dual Engagements To-day POVERTY BAY MEETING

Native Song's Hardest Task Of Career

(By THE BARB)

On the Makaraka racecourse this afternoon the Poverty Bay Turf Club opens its summer meeting, which will be concluded on Monday. Many horses with dual engagements figure in the acceptances. However, the card has filled so well that even with a few scratchings the fields will be larger than they have been for some time up the East Coast.

Native Song has been set a hard task in the Sunderland Stakes and his effort will be eagerly watched.

The Hack Cup in a convincing manner. If the "Daily Mail" readers wish to know her prospects "The Barb's" advice is "Ask Shani".

Indian Sun has already been commented upon, but this is the race his connection might select for him. Ashaboy might, but not so well as he has done in recent performances. Chablis is not likely to be saddled up again after contesting the highweight.

The manner in which Katesbridge finished on strongly to finish second to Shani in the Cup makes her a strong suggestion now, particularly if a strong boy is obtained to ride her. Young Winata was inclined to allow her to run about a little and had there been a stronger boy on too she might have taken the major honours from Shani. This should be another good betting race with the favoured ones—

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MONA'S SONG FOR THE CUP

MIXED PROGRAMME AT GORE

WIN-AND-PLACE Sprint Field Very Open

(By "The Barb.")

The Gore Racing Club opens its summer meeting to-day with a programme of six galloping and two trotting races. However, what interest there is in Hawke's Bay will no doubt be centred in the former class races.

Proceedings open with the Gore Highweight, a race poor in quality and quantity. Combat and Heidelberg have not been displaying winning form of late, but Aspire has made one or two fair efforts although over shorter courses. Atua Rere is to improve while Sir Denis reads a likely one. SIR DENIS, ATUA RERE and ASPIRE may carry the money.

Kippen may find it difficult to concede weight to a few below him in the Longford Handicap, in which Withdrawal will need to improve on recent showings to win. Three like-ly sorts who must appeal to form adherents are Green Gables, Southern Sail and Phillibun, but a dangerous light-weight in Dolita may pop up. If recent form is reliable the public fancies may be on GREEN GABLES, PHILLBUN and SOUTHERN SAIL.

Only half a dozen have been accepted in the Racing Club Handicap. Down the far south, this season, nothing has been racing better than Mona's Song and, at 9st., is by no means weighted above her form or class. Peony Rose won her last start, in weaker company and over a mile. Doubleback is 20 ways a dangerous contender when the class is of this grade. Sparkle has not yet shown a return to last season's form. Hanlon, 8.4, reads a better proposition than Sir Hugh at 7.1. Favouritism may be disputed by MONA'S SONG and PEONY ROSE.

Most of the runners in the Novice have done little racing while few have much to offer as regards form. However, a trio that will be expected to make a bold showing are ROYAL CHORUS, TOPSPIN and SILVER LIGHT.

The Croydon Handicap (open sprinters) looks like furnishing the best race on to-day's card. When right, Spendthrift can go the limit. Fleet Street won at his last attempt. Nightcall is not encouraging, while Norseman can hardly be recommended. Craigie has hardly been out of a place this term. Eolyna is managing to make the grade. Of the lighter weighted division Phalanx, Blissful Lady, Bold Flight and Royal Lancer may do best, but better skyrena produce her track form would be hard to beat. What will carry more money than CRAIGIE, SPENDTHRIFT or FLEET STREET?

The six runners in the Summer Hack are not a very bright lot when old Green Boa is awarded pride of place in the handicap. The promising NOKO may be the favourite with SEA LADY next in demand.

The Acceptances. GORE HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP, of £120; eight furlongs and a half.—Combat 11.2, Heidelberg 10.13, Aspire 10.3, Atua Rere 9.12, Sir Denis 9.2, Very Happy 9.0.

LONGFORD HANDICAP, of £120; six furlongs.—Kippen 9.4, Withdrawal 9.0, Green Gables 8.9, Phillibun 8.7, Colonel Rouge 8.9, Southern Sail 8.2, Great Legion 7.13, Ackemba 7.13, Secret Flight 7.13, Dolita 7.11, Gnohill 7.10, Gold Rose 7.8, Shantymen 7.7, Green Locket 7.7.

ELECTRIC TROT, of £125; 3.43 class; one mile and a-half.—Bright Lass, Burnham, Cathy, Come Away, Great Wold, Keesian, Loch-calculation, Monac, Silk Bonnet, Sir Deighton, Southern Change, Southern Wrack, Sunny Dale, Trevathan, Two Crowns, Undaunted scr., Gay-la 24yds., Polling Day 36yds., Silve Donard 48yds., Play Safe 60yds.

RACING CLUB HANDICAP, of £210; one mile and a-quarter.—Mona's Song 9.0, Peony Rose 8.7, Doubleback 8.6, Sparkle 8.6, Hanlon 8.4, Sir Hugh 7.1.

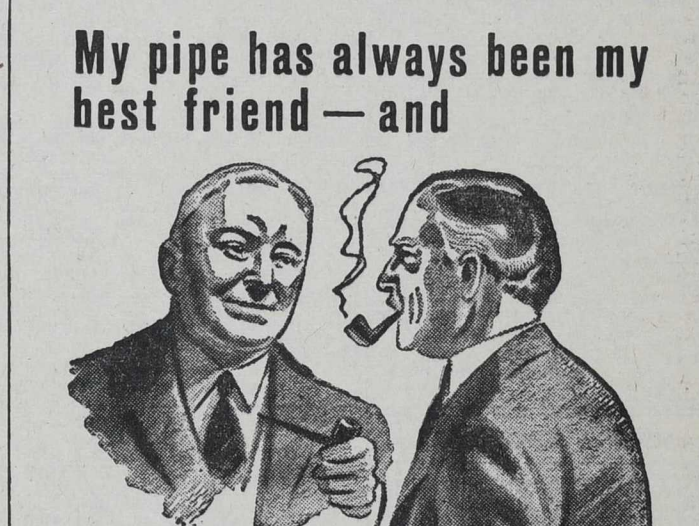
NOVICE HANDICAP, of £120; six furlongs.—Royal Money 8.6, Central Star, Topspin, Valcron, Royal Chorus 8.2, Astral Flame, Ballygan, Bantias, Crinkle, Eastern Song, Lake Mist, Pariance, Sally Sage, Silver Light 8.0.

CROYDON HANDICAP, of £160; six furlongs.—Spendthrift 9.0, Fleet Street 8.2, Nightcall 8.5, Norseman 8.3, Craigie 8.2, Bolyant 7.12, Phalanx 7.8, Blissful Lady 7.8, Skyrena, Royal Lancer, Good Flight 7.7, Boaforn 7.0.

PROGRESSIVE TROT, of £135; 3.39 class; one mile and a-half.—Blue Spot, Bright Lass, Fenella, June Tide, Nancy Guy, Parole scr., Aldus 12yds., Bellon 12yds., Embargo 12yds., Loyalist 12yds., Melrose 12yds., Oregon 12yds., Peter Young 12yds., Rey Chimes 12yds., Debor 24yds., Happy Erin 24yds., Jarricks 24yds., Princes Charles 36yds.



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