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### American Goods Still Going To Germany

#### REQUEST FOR STOPPAGE

### Hong Kong Censorship Discovers Leakage

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It is reliably stated that Britain has renewed her request to the United States further to restrict American trade reaching Germany via Japan and Russia following the censorship of recent American mails at Hong Kong, in which it is alleged was discovered evidence that Americans are transshipping goods at Shanghai, Tientsin, Yokohama, and Dairen to Vladivostok.

It is understood that American consular officials in the Far East are at present investigating the movement of American cargoes particularly transshipments, although strict enforcement of the export licensing system since January 1 has drastically reduced the shipment of many American products, especially metal.

### JAPAN DEMANDS TOO MUCH

#### PRICE FOR ACTING AS MEDIATOR

#### TALKS SUSPENDED

### British Said To Be Helping Indo-China

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received February 21, 6 p.m.) LONDON, Feb. 20.

Japan made such sweeping military and economic demands on Thailand and French Indo-China at the peace conference in Tokyo that the proceedings were brought to a standstill, says the Shanghai correspondent of the Associated Press.

It appears that the Japanese are now developing other means of pressure against Indo-China. Tokyo sources are accusing the French in Indo-China of pro-British and anti-Japanese activities.

The Domei News Agency declares that the British are aiding the French military preparations and have sent 200 planes to Saigon from Singapore. The British also are sending ammunition to China via Indo-China with the connivance of the French, it alleges.

### MEASURES AGAINST JAPAN

#### American Move

### APPOINTMENT FOR MR HOPKINS

#### A Significant Post

(Received February 21, 8.45 p.m.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.

Mr Harry Hopkins has been appointed a member of the Office of the Production Management's Planning Board, which deals with plans for short and long-term defence work.

It is believed that the appointment is related to early British-American collaboration to deprive the Japanese of vital war supplies.

The new post will give Mr Hopkins, who is reported to have brought back a British proposal for such measures against Japan, great influence on the distribution of war materials.

### ANTI-DEMOCRATIC PLOT

### RUSSIA BLUFFING FOR THE AXIS

#### AMERICAN CHARGE

### Ambassadors Said To Be Implicated

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The chairman of the Senate Committee investigating anti-American activities (Mr Martin Dies) announces that he possesses several boxes of documentary evidence proving that Russia is a "front" for the economic and political manoeuvres of the Axis.

Mr Dies said that several Ambassadors and Ambassadors were implicated in an anti-democratic plot. He said that one Ambassador had violated United States law and that Germany had sent agents to establish military organisations here.

### MORE HELP FOR GREEKS

#### TROOPS FREED IN AFRICA

#### MR EDEN'S VISIT

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received February 21, 11.45 p.m.) LONDON, Feb. 20.

The London "Daily Telegraph," commenting on the visit of the Foreign Minister (the Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden) to the Middle East, says: "Obviously General Sir Archibald Wavell now has at his disposal forces that are free for operations elsewhere. Mr Eden may well wish to know what further steps should be taken to reinforce the Greek resistance in the Balkans."

Mr Eden, who has now arrived at Cairo, is accompanied by General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

It is expected that Mr. Eden and Sir John Dill will confer with General Sir Archibald Wavell (British Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East) and other military leaders on the conduct of the war in the Middle East.

Brilliant Victories It is pointed out in London that the time is ripe for a full review of the military situation in Africa and the Middle East generally. Conscious of this fact and also of the importance of the brilliant victories of the Army of the Nile and the British forces in East Africa, the War Cabinet has seen fit to send the Foreign Secretary and the Chief of the Imperial General Staff to meet General Wavell and other leaders in the Middle East. Desiring to gain first-hand knowledge of the position, the War Cabinet has chosen for this mission Mr Eden, who has the advantage of having already visited the Middle East twice since the outbreak of war—once when, as Secretary for the Dominions, he welcomed the first Australian and New Zealand contingent at the beginning of last year, and on the other occasion when, as Secretary for War, he visited Egypt in September last.

New British Territories In the period since Mr Eden's last visit the Army of the Nile has carried out its victorious campaign in Libya and the Foreign Secretary during his present tour may now find time to visit the considerable territories which were until recently in Italian occupation.

Simultaneously with the visit to the Middle East of Mr Eden and Sir John Dill, the Australian Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies) has arrived in England at the invitation of the British Government to discuss matters of common interest in respect of the war situation.

### ETIQUETTE SAVES FRANCE FROM AN EMBARRASSMENT

#### Help For Italy's Fleeing Troops Gracefully Avoided

#### By Petain

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received February 21, 8.45 p.m.) LONDON, Feb. 20.

The British United Press Vichy correspondent, referring to the meeting of General Franco (Spain), Mussolini (Italy) and Marshal Petain (France) says that Petain refused an Italian request to use North Africa to enable Italian troops to escape from Libya.

Mussolini is reported to have asked Franco to permit the Italian forces in Libya to proceed to Spanish Morocco and then Petain's permission would be sought for their passage across Tunis.

Petain refused because, under international law, the "defeated" French would be obliged to disarm their "conquerors."

### IMPORTANT BASE CAPTURED

#### SIGNAL SUCCESS IN ABYSSINIA

#### ENJABARA FALLS

#### Fine Modern Road Now Available

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received February 22, 2.5 a.m.) LONDON, Feb. 21.

The reported fall of Enjabara, in Abyssinia, is regarded as of more vital importance than the capture of Danghla, as it compels the Italians to use a roundabout route for supplies over unmade roads or else to ferry them across Lake Tsana.

We now have at our disposal the magnificent motor road the Italians built in the past four years for moving mechanised troops and supplies to the escarpments. Furthermore, the R.A.F. now has a fine air base only 160 miles from the capital, Addis Ababa.

Three thousand Fascists fleeing to Burje are exposed to unceasing sniping by Patriots, who are also blocking the roads with trees.

### GARRISON POST SURRENDERS

#### SOUTH AFRICANS' SUCCESS

#### "HIT HARD" ORDER

#### Emulation of Successes In The North

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received February 21, 6 p.m.) LONDON, Feb. 20.

It is officially stated at Nairobi, Kenya, that the Italian garrison of Mega, in southern Abyssinia, has capitulated to South African troops. More than 600 prisoners, mostly Europeans, have been taken, and field guns and many machine-guns also have been captured.

Mega is an important post about 30 miles north of the Abyssinian boundary from Kenya and some 175 miles east of Lake Rudolf.

A striking order of the day was issued to the East African forces on the eve of the Somaliland operations recently by Lieut-General Sir A. G. Cunningham. The order read: "Hit them, hit them hard, and hit them again." This order was read to the troops prior to the attack which led up to the capture of Jubaland, which is now in British possession.

General Cunningham told his troops that they had a chance to emulate the achievements of Imperial forces in North Africa, and this latest success is proof that they have done so.

General Cunningham is a brother of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet.

### Enemy Positions Captured

#### GREEKS ADVANCE

#### Five Italian 'Planes Shot Down

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The Greek night communiqué says: "We occupied strong enemy positions to-day and took 200 prisoners, including officers. We captured much material."

"Five enemy planes were shot down in aerial fighting and one of ours made a forced landing in friendly territory; the crew were saved."

### Vast Resources Of India Tapped For War Effort

(British Official Wireless.) (Received February 21, 7.45 p.m.) RUGBY, Feb. 20.

As the "Father of the Indian Army," Field Marshal Lord Birdwood has sent greetings to his old comrades who have "ever fought so gallantly for the Empire and with whom I have been intimately associated during 46 years of active Indian service."

These greetings are contained in the foreword to a booklet by Sir George Dunbar on the Indian war effort, which is a valuable record of every kind of activity.

Recalling the Eastern Group Conference of Ministers at Delhi from various Dominions and Colonies with the object of making the whole of the eastern half of the Empire mutually self-supporting as regards war supplies, the booklet expresses the opinion that India is the focal point of the British Commonwealth of Nations east of Suez.

"Modern developments in aircraft performance have revolutionised grand strategy and this conquest of time and space has advanced India's strategic frontiers eastwards to Singapore and west to the Suez Canal," says the book.

Regarding the Army, the India Government is now engaged in providing as a first step and in a comparatively short time nearly 5,000,000 men of all arms, trained and equipped and mechanised in accordance with modern requirements. The large number of officers required is being obtained by widespread recruiting. The process of "Indianisation" is being speeded up and Indian officers will be posted to all Indian Army units instead of to specified formations only.

Shipbuilding Indian shipyards are building new armed minesweepers and anti-submarine patrol boats, Australian shipyards are helping with larger seagoing craft and modern sloops.

### GALLIPOLI BASE

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The British United Press Belgrade correspondent reports that British forces have landed at Lemnos, one of the largest islands in the north Aegean Sea, 40 miles west of the entrance to the Dardanelles.

They are said to be converting the island into a fortified naval and air base.

Lemnos was one of the islands used as bases during the Gallipoli campaign of 1915-1916.

built in Britain for the Royal Indian Navy will shortly be in commission. Schemes for the expansion of the Air Force were put into force at the start of the war and various service schools were immediately established. Air Force technical schools have been expanded to train 350 Indian airmen.

Expansion Schemes To-day India is estimated to be turning out 30 per cent. of our war requirements and when the expansion schemes are complete India should even be able to send surplus munitions overseas. India makes rifles, machine-guns, small arm ammunition, and up to six-inch gun; and howitzers, propellants of all kinds, saddlery, blankets and uniforms. She has recently been able to meet overseas orders, which include 10,000,000 rounds of small-arm ammunition, large quantities of explosives, millions of items of military equipment and clothing.

Army boots are being sent to Great Britain at the rate of 1500 pairs a month on an order of £750,000.

Aircraft construction is under consideration, the manufacture of armoured vehicles has already begun and one railway workshop is being adapted for the production of tanks and armoured cars.

### COMPENSATION FOR FIRE-WATCHERS

#### Injuries On Duty

#### INCLUSION IN CIVIL DEFENCE

#### New Arrangements

(British Official Wireless.) (Received February 21, 7.45 p.m.) RUGBY, Feb. 20.

The Minister of Pensions (Sir Walter Womersley) stated in the House of Commons that arrangements were being made for all fire-watchers, whether paid or unpaid, whole or part time, to be enrolled in an appropriate Civil Defence organisation under the personal injures to civilians scheme.

Persons so enrolled would be Civil Defence volunteers and would therefore be eligible for consideration for compensation in respect of injuries.

### Man Strolls In And Speaks To The Queen

#### Wanted Help In Joining Auxiliary Fire Service

#### Careful Plan

#### Her Majesty Listens for 10 Minutes to His Story

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received February 22, 1.10 a.m.) LONDON, Feb. 21.

The "Daily Mail" relates an astonishing incident in which the Queen suddenly found herself confronted in her private apartments by a man suffering from a grievance who had obtained a job in the Royal Household, and quickly familiarised himself with the Queen's apartments, which he entered one evening.

"What are you doing here?" the Queen asked the man, who then told his story. The Queen listened calmly for 10 minutes although she could easily have summoned aid, and promised to have the man's case examined.

Steps have since been taken to make a repetition of the incident impossible.

Later a young soldier told the "Daily Mirror" that he wanted the Queen to help him join the Auxiliary Fire Service.

"After deserting and starving for some weeks I went to a labour exchange in the district where their Majesties live," he said, "and got a job as fitter's mate at the Royal Household. I found out where the Queen's rooms were and made up my mind to see her. I strolled boldly to her room and knocked."

The man is now facing trial on a charge of desertion.

### DANUBE SHIPPING HALTED

#### PONTOON BRIDGES TESTED

#### NAZI EXPERIMENT

#### Lorries Cross Over To Bulgaria

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received Feb. 21, 11.55 p.m.) BUDAPEST, Feb. 20.

All shipping on the Danube was stopped to-day while the Germans threw pontoon bridges across the river from Giurgiu, on the Rumanian side, to Rustochuk, on the Bulgarian side.

The Germans afterwards tested the bridges by crossing in loaded lorries to Bulgaria, returning to Rumania before dark.

### Eire's Losses At Sea

#### NEAR THE COAST

#### Seven Attacks From The Air

#### TWENTY DEATHS

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received February 21, 7.30 p.m.) LONDON, Feb. 20.

Speaking in the Dail, the Prime Minister (Mr Eamon De Valera) said that since the outbreak of the war eight Irish vessels had been attacked and four sunk. Five others had been lost, three by mines. The total tonnage sunk was 14,205 and 20 lives had been lost.

Two ships had been lost within 20 or 30 miles of the Irish coast. There had been seven attacks from the air. With one exception all the attacking planes had been identified as German.

### ARMOURED AUXILIARY SHIP SUNK

(British Official Wireless.) (Received February 21, 7.45 p.m.) RUGBY, Feb. 20.

An Admiralty communiqué states that H.M.S. Crispin, an armoured auxiliary vessel, has been sunk.

### NEW UNITY WAS BORN AT DUNKIRK

#### Vanishing Of Western Front Gives Strength On Sea And Air

(British Official Wireless.) (Received February 21, 7.45 p.m.) RUGBY, Feb. 20.

A penetrating analysis of Mr Winston Churchill's realisation of the importance of naval supremacy in the present phase of the war has been made by a neutral commentator giving a broadcast from Boston, U.S.A.

"The very completeness of the German victories in the first half of last year enabled Mr Churchill to discard the line of strategy which Britain had followed during most of the campaign between 1914-1918 and which its leaders had clung to tenaciously in this war, until Mr Churchill took over the Government. The German occupation of France took away one of the most pernicious sources of defeat, the Western Front theory.

"What Mr Churchill, and Mr Lloyd George before him, had been struggling to get rid of for nearly a quarter of a century was effectively liquidated at Dunkirk. With the disappearance of the Western front myth Britain becomes united in strategic outlook and, although the loss of France and the Low Countries was a heavy price to pay, the new unity is an immense asset and is likely to take effect in future.

"Mr Churchill may have only a fraction of the men assembled on the Allied front in 1916-17, but everything he has is effective. He may have lost most of the Continent, but the Continent is a seething mass of discontent and incipient rebellion.

"So the German occupation is only partially effective. Moreover, if he does not control the land, he controls the sea and the air to cover the enemy's weak points with absolute sureness.

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### HISTORIC CATHEDRAL DAMAGED

#### Recent Air Raid At Southwark

(British Official Wireless.) (Received February 21, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, Feb. 20.

It is now revealed that Southwark Cathedral, in London, was damaged in a recent air-raid. The cathedral has nearly 900 years of tradition and many literary associations.

One of the stained-glass windows reported to be undamaged commemorates John Harvard, founder of the American university of that name, who was baptised in the church.

Widespread damage was done to stained-glass windows commemorating Shakespeare, Chaucer, Dr Johnson, and other great figures associated with Southwark.

### Babies Cry For Milk

#### LACK IN PARIS

#### Demonstrations Staged By Mothers

#### POLICE INTERVENE

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received February 21, 8.45 p.m.) LONDON, Feb. 20.

The first food demonstrations in Paris suburbs occurred yesterday, when women holding babies gathered simultaneously at various town halls and held up their children, demanding milk.

The police dispersed the crowds.

### DIVE-BOMBERS FOR PACIFIC

#### United States Ready For Anything

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received February 21, 3 p.m.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.

General George Marshall, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, said he would transfer some dive-bombers and other planes to the Navy to bring the aircraft-carriers of the Pacific Fleet to wartime strength immediately the Far Eastern situation dictated the move.

"The United States must be ready for anything," he stated.

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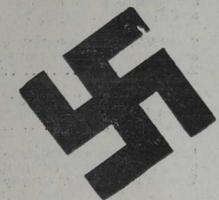
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 With Mystery, "Mr Moto On Danger Island"

Gayest of all Gracie Fields' gay comedies is "Shipyard Sally," now at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings. This time Gracie's the unexpected proprietor of a pub in Clydebank, the shipbuilding centre of Scotland. Unexpected, because until her oratorical father (played by Sydney Howard) invested all her savings in the tavern, he and Gracie had been barnstorming the isles as a music hall team. She soon becomes the fast friend of the shipbuilders, practically the blooming queen of the shipyards, and when Gracie gets up steam it's time for all good sailors to beware. She sings, she dances and she upsets matters generally! On the same programme is "Mr Moto On Danger Island," which once again casts plebeian Peter Lorre as the famous sleuth on the track of a sensational mystery. Lorre has earned widespread fame for his characterisation of the bland,

**PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS**  
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**WAIPIKURAU**

Arrangements for the annual primary schools' sports to be held next month were made at a recent meeting of the Central Hawke's Bay Primary School Sports Association. Friday, March 7, was chosen for the fixture and Waipukurau was fixed at the venue. The events will be very similar to those of previous years. The jumping for girls and the hop, step and jump and the 440 yards for the boys were deleted, while skipping races for the girls and a basketball relay were added to the programme.

smiling international detective, and in this latest success one of the most thrilling "Mr Moto" stories ever written "Danger Island" is indeed a dangerous island for Moto, as, faced by peril and threat of murder, he relentlessly tracks down a notorious criminal.

State  
**"I MARRIED A NAZI,"**  
 TENSE DRAMA

Joan Bennett Has A Fine Role

Featuring a brilliant and talented cast headed by lovely Joan Bennett, Francis Lederer, Lloyd Nolan and Anna Sten, a new and thrilling film, "I Married a Nazi," is now screening at the State Theatre, Hastings. Pointed, swiftly paced and charged with tensely dramatic situations, the film offers excellent entertainment.

When the picture opens Joan Bennett, art critic on one of New York's smartest magazines, is happily married to Francis Lederer. Trouble sets in when they decide to go abroad on a vacation with their little boy, Johnny Russell. Once in his native land, Lederer falls under the influence of his childhood sweetheart, played by exotic Anna Sten, and is overcome by her charm. Joan sees the husband she thought she knew being drawn from her. Later, Lederer attempts to wrest their son from Joan.

Desperate, Joan seeks the aid of a young American newspaper correspondent, played by Lloyd Nolan, who tells her the only way she can keep her son is to flee to America. Meanwhile Lederer's infatuation for Anna Sten becomes so great that he demands a divorce from Joan. In a violent, emotional scene during which the film gains great power, Lederer's father, portrayed by Otto Kruger, is so horrified by his son's plans that he denounces him. It is then that "I Married a Nazi" surges through to a thrilling and unforgettable climax. A really different picture, it is an experience that should not be missed by entertainment-seekers.

Regent  
**"THE DOCTOR TAKES A WIFE"**  
 Hilarious New Comedy Success

Infectious laughter is the delightful product of the contagious comedy to be found in "The Doctor Takes a Wife," hilarious, happy new hit at the Regent Theatre, Hastings to-day. With Loretta Young appearing in her first all comedy role—and appearing to greater advantage than ever before!—with Ray Milland as her dashing comrade, and a splendid supporting cast which includes Reginald Gardiner, Gail Patrick, Edmund Gwenn and Georges Metaxa, "The Doctor Takes a Wife" is a sure cure for the blues!

Important to this gay, new comedy is the delightful story which the players present under the accomplished baton of Alexander Hall, whose swift paced tempo made memorable such other fine films as "The Amazing Mr Williams" and "There's Always a Woman."

Miss Young's metamorphosis from ravishingly radiant leading lady to riotously unrestrained comedienne is a spectacular highlight in a spectacularly hectic hit. As a young author who writes books in praise of spinsterhood, Miss Young brings to the screen an entirely new conception of herself, as an actress and of career women in general. And fun results when the country's favourite spinster suddenly "marries" a young doctor to whom all women are poison, with the fond exception of his own fiancée!

Milland, as the young doctor, is forced by circumstances to bill and coo to public with the "wife" he has taken holding for more private moments the battles between them. As though this glowing picture of felicitous domesticity were insufficient in itself to evoke a new high in laughter, the comedy has additional complications, all of them delightful.

**Cosy**  
**"WORLD IN FLAMES,"**  
 A TRUE STORY

With "Mystery Sea Raider"

"World In Flames" now at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings, has been made into an astounding picture for all free people. The world events of the past decade have been put together to show each and all of us the undeniable apathy we have all had, and which has resulted in the events of to-day. The real people themselves in the scenes that make world history show us all how. The film is the true story of the development of conquest by force in the last few years, and clearly indicates the urgency for every free man and woman to throw their weight into the scales. "World In Flames" is a real picture with real world scenes taken just at the time they happened by 100 cameramen.

Filmgoers who like their screen thrills "dished up" without any fancy trimmings, and who like dramas of international intrigue, have to look no further than "Mystery Sea Raider" which is the second feature. Based on three major naval incidents in World War II, those of the Graf Spee, the Altmarek and the City of Flint, "Mystery Sea Raider" shows for the first time one story behind commerce raiding on the high seas in wartime.

Producer Eugene Zukor moved swiftly to revise the ending of the film to include the melodramatic recapture by the British of 300 Allied prisoners from the Altmarek. Recalling the City of Flint, "Mystery Sea Raider" tells a vivid story of what might have happened to that American vessel when it was boarded by a Nazi prize crew in the North Sea at the outset of the war. Had it not been for Norwegian intervention, it is very likely that the City of Flint would have been converted into a sea raider. A fine cast is headed by Carole Landis and Henry Wilcoxon.

The charge against Reginald Neil Thomsen in the Waipukurau Magistrate's Court on Thursday was of failure to give way to traffic on the right and not negligent driving, as was stated in the report of the case.

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"Daily Mail" Special Service.  
**DANNEVIRKE.**

For the second week in succession almost 100 recruits enrolled with the Dannevirke Home Guard at their weekly parade. On Wednesday night the number on parade was 320.

The commander (Major E. N. Hogben) was in charge of the parade which carried out some of the training on the parking area on Denmark Street.

Arrangements are being made for the floodlighting of a suitable area, probably at the outer Domain, as the drill hall is not large enough. Major Hogben is eager that en-

**DANNEVIRKE CRICKET**  
 (Daily Mail Special Service)  
**DANNEVIRKE.**

Matches in the Dannevirke cricket competition will be continued on Saturday. The following is the draw:

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State

**RADIO COMEDIAN AS FILM STAR**

"Charley's (Big-Hearted) Aunt"

So as to retain as much of the original play in the up-to-date film version as possible, Maurice Ostrer, in charge of production, and Edward Black, the producer, had the ingenious idea to include portions of the play in the actual film, "Charley's (Big-Hearted) Aunt," now screening at the State Theatre, Napier.

The result of this brainwave was sequences set in a theatre, ostensibly in Oxford, where the Under-graduates' Dramatic Society give a rip-roaring performance of the famous farce, with Arthur himself playing the name role of Charley's Aunt.

Especially did the crowd rise to the occasion when the start of the famous "Charley's Aunt" chase was filmed. Arthur Askey, with one eye on the Proctor (Felix Aylmer) in the first row of the stalls, and the other on the two University bullers (Wally Patch and Len Sharpe) in the wings of the stage, could see no means of escape.

Arthur, in a tight corner, suddenly interrupted the action of the play by jumping off the stage into the orchestra pit, landing inside the percussion instruments. The audience roared their approval. Scending the Bullers in his wake, Askey, with one leap, cleared the orchestra rails and ran for his life up the aisle, with the Bullers, "Stinker" and Albert in close pursuit.

That is how the famous chase starts. Where it ends, is another matter. Suffice it that the unfortunate Arthur wriggles out of every imaginable difficulty before the story reaches its unusual and hilarious climax.

Regent  
**LORETTA YOUNG AND MELVYN DOUGLAS**  
 Star in Comedy, "He Stayed For Breakfast"

It would be impossible for anyone, no matter what state of mind they're in, to sit unmoved through "He Stayed For Breakfast," now showing at the Regent Theatre, Napier.

American Press critics have acclaimed it as the outstanding comedy of the season, and indeed it is one feast of uproarious gaiety from start to finish.

Melvyn Douglas and ravishing Loretta Young are co-starred, while Alexander Hall, responsible for such hits as "The Doctor Takes a Wife" and "The Amazing Mr Williams," directed.

Douglas is seen as a hot-headed young waiter who unwillingly falls in love with Loretta, estranged wife of the prosperous banker, Eugene Pallette. Loretta in her turn is at first intrigued and then a little interested and finally hopelessly in love with the erstwhile Mr Douglas. How she is forced to spend a night in her apartment in order to avoid the police provides the essence for some of the most daring comedy situations ever to come to the screen.

Miss Young is given plenty of quick sparkling dialogue, but Douglas is a good match for her with his sharp quips and diverting comebacks. Eugene Pallette is perfect as the rotund banker, while Alan Marshal, recently seen in "Irene, Duane," provides a lot more fun and complications in the role of another suitor. Una O'Connor also deserves much credit for her performance as Loretta's maid, who finds it hard to keep up with the speed of the modern generation.

In all "He Stayed For Breakfast" serves up a wonderful feast for the movie-palate.

Mayfair  
**ANDREWS SISTERS IN "ARGENTINE NIGHTS"**  
 Arleen Whelan, Gordon Oliver in "Sabotage"

Starring the Ritz Brothers and the Andrews Sisters, famed swing trio, Universal's musical force, "Argentine Nights," is now showing at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier.

Nine new songs are introduced in the film which presents the hilarious Ritzes as three fast-talking agents for a throng of beautiful entertainers touring South America. The Andrews Sisters, whose songs on phonograph records, stage and radio are known to millions, make their film debut in the picture.

Constance Moore has the romantic lead as the torch singer who takes her girl band into the pampas country and falls in love with a dashing gaucho played by George Reeves, recent screen discovery.

Colourful sequences are laid aboard ship and in the romantic land of the pampas. New songs in the picture include "Hit the Road," "The New Lick," "Oh, He Loves Me" and "Rhumbogie" sung by the Andrews Sisters.

The "Spirit of 77-B" and "Brooklynongra" are offered by the Ritz Brothers and Miss Moore sing "Hall of the Mountain Queen" and "Once Upon a Dream." Reeves and the gaucho chorus contribute "Amigo We Go Riding To-night."

The associate feature, "Sabotage," is a timely tale of espionage in a small town's aeroplane factory. Republic has built the drama around two sweethearts, Arleen Whelan and Gordon Oliver. Oliver is a mechanic in the factory; Arleen a show girl who comes to town and falls in love with him.

When Oliver is falsely accused of sabotaging the plans, Arleen and Charley Grapevine, Oliver's father, take the law into their own hands and break up the sabotage ring with the aid of Grapevine's Veterans' Home pals.

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IN CELEBRATION OF FOUNDERS' DAY ANNUAL LUNCHEON HELD

Gathering in Hastings

Beautiful red flowers in float bowls and vases were an effective and lovely decoration on the long luncheon table at the Hawke's Bay Farmers' Association, Hastings, yesterday, when the members of the Hawke's Bay branch of the Woodford House Old Girls' Association held their annual luncheon in celebration of Founders' Day.

The president, Mrs A. H. Hope, was prevented by illness from being present, and it was decided to send to her a special message telling her that she had been much missed. Her place was ably taken by the vice-president, Mrs J. L. Masterson, who proposed the toast to the King.

The toast to Miss Hodge and the founders of Woodford House is always proposed by one of last year's prefects at school, thus one of the youngest of the old girls, this year the honour fell to Miss Patricia M. Williams, who added to the value of the toast with these few words. She said:

"In proposing the toast to the founders of Woodford House I should like us to think of their aim in beginning our school. To-day New Zealand needs true leadership—people who are prepared to give and not get, and I am confident that the aim of the founders was to produce such leaders. Women can be the inspiration of the country. Our standards must be the highest with disciplined thinking and living, hard but glorious. With vision, determination and purpose we Woodford Old Girls could literally give that lead to New Zealand and our nation. It is for each one of us to give ourselves worthy of the heritage our founders have given us."

After luncheon, Miss Holland, the principal of Woodford House, took the opportunity to thank the Old Girls for the splendid help to the school at the patriotic garden fête last November. She said that it had been decided that for the duration of the war this be an annual event to raise funds to keep a continual supply of New Zealand money being sent to the Navy. She asked if the old girls were willing to give their support to this scheme and she was immediately assured of their enthusiastic help.

Havelock North Women

INSTITUTE MEETING

Mrs How-Martyn A Fine Speaker

A good muster of members met at the Havelock North Women's Institute monthly meeting, the first to be held after the mid-summer recess. Mrs H. M. Buck presided, and welcomed two new members.

Miss Cocks Johnston, F.R.H.S., who is travelling tutor to the country women of New Zealand in the subjects of cultivating and preserving of fruit and vegetables, spoke briefly, outlining the scheme of tuition. She suggested that classes might be formed when she returns to this district in May.

Mrs How-Martyn, when introducing Mrs How-Martyn's "Women's Franchise," said that she and other early enthusiasts in the suffrage movement had always been thrilled to think that there was at least one country in the British Empire where women had full political privileges. In England it had been necessary to struggle and suffer for those same privileges. She herself was one of those "dreadful women, those hooligans" and was to prison in company with a thousand other women. On the outbreak of war, however, all the women were released, the suffrage question was shelved, and within a week they were all deep in the "Franchise Bill" was passed, giving 6,000,000 women over thirty years of age the right to vote. It was not until 1928 that an unlimited franchise was granted to women.

Keep interest was evinced in such an inspiring and witty address, and Mrs How-Martyn was warmly thanked for it. Miss Elliott gained first place in the "Best Bloom" competition, with Mrs Bessell and Mrs Colvin second and third. Tea hostesses for the afternoon were Mesdames Bick, Fickling, Holmes and Lovell-Smith and Miss Clayton.

Mrs Jack Acland and her children have returned to their home, Mount Peel, Canterbury, after visiting Mrs Acland's parents, Mr and Mrs J. D. Ormond, Wallingford, Waipukurau.

Miss Ruth Herrick, Napier, is a visitor to Wellington to attend the Dominion Memorial Service for the late Lord Baden-Powell.

Mrs Howard Glazebrook, the Washpool, Hastings, who has been visiting Christchurch and staying with her sister, Mrs B. Morrow, Heretaunga, has returned home.

WARM APPRECIATION OF CLOTHES

Letters From England

A further communication from The Dowager Marchioness of Reading, chairman of the Women's Voluntary Services, London, has been received by the Headquarters of the Lady Galway Patriotic Guild, Wellington, regarding the arrival of shipments of clothing, footwear and bedding from New Zealand. The letter states:

"We have just received notification of a further shipment of refugee clothing, and I cannot tell you how very much your gifts are appreciated, but from the news you are receiving of the bombing which is taking place, you will be able to understand how every item of warm clothing of any suitable value today in one of the regions adjoining the London area, to which so many homeless people have been sent during the last few weeks, the news of the arrival of a consignment of such goods is a most welcome one. The Regional Commissioner immediately sent lorries to the docks to collect the cases which had been allocated to them.

Urgent Need Fulfilled "I think you will be interested to read an extract of a letter from one of our Regional Offices—"

"We are delighted with the consignments we have received of clothes from New Zealand. They are second hand but of such good quality. We filled the Utility Van with these clothes yesterday and sent it to an area where help was urgently needed after two bad air raids. The Centre telephoned this morning to say that the clothes are exactly what was needed."

Lady Reading also writes: "Before the official machinery can take care of people who have lost all their possessions, there is a short period during which they need of warm clothing, and it is to fulfil this need that the W.V.S. is spending so much of its energies. Gifts from the Lady Galway Patriotic Guild and from other sources make this possible. It is difficult to express our appreciation of your gifts."

High Commissioner's Letter A letter dated 29th October, 1940, has been received from Mr W. J. Jordan, High Commissioner for New Zealand in London, which reads: "Now that considerable shipments of refugee clothing have arrived and have been distributed I am able to give you a more complete account of how we deal with these consignments."

The distribution of these goods is being attended to by the Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence, which have a depot in London and others in most of the main centres throughout the country. In addition, this body works in co-operation with the Refugee National Committee and Save the Children's Committee of the British Red Cross Society, etc.

Method of Distribution "Each shipment is taken over by the Women's Voluntary Services at the port of discharge, and is distributed to the nearest centre which is in need of clothing. In one instance special lorries were sent to collect an allocation which was urgently required. "You may rest assured that the great work of the Lady Galway Patriotic Guild is helping to satisfy one of the greatest needs of our people here. The large consignments are a tribute to the patriotism of the people of the Dominion, and I can assure you there is no likelihood of a lack of grateful recipients."

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Five o'Clock Gossip

Mr and Mrs Eric Beamish and the Misses June and Patricia Beamish, Kohatunui, Hastings, are visiting Christchurch.

Miss Janet Aitken, Whenuahou, Waipawa, has returned from a visit to Palmerston North, where she was the guest of Miss Ngaire Hansel, Victoria Avenue.

Miss Peg Baker, of the Napier Hospital nursing staff, is spending her annual holidays with her mother, Mrs W. I. Baker, Derby Street, Feilding.

Mrs Lethem, Napier, is the guest of her sister, Mrs H. D. Thomson, Wadestown, Wellington.

Mrs G. McKenzie, Roxburgh Street, Wellington, accompanied by her two daughters, Mrs Howard Hutchinson and Miss N. McKenzie, is paying a long visit to Mrs C. M. Burne, Porangahau.

Mrs Tom Lowe, Eketauna, is the guest of Mrs George Tripe, Havelock North, and will later visit Miss Margaret Bell, also of Havelock North.

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The Letterbox

Genevieve, D.S.O., Whakatapu: I quite agree with you that the maize is delicious. Genevieve, but I have only had it boiled and never roasted. I expect your room looks much better for its spring clean. I am very sorry to hear that there is something the matter with the canaries and I do hope that no more of them will die.

Chris Austin, Whakatapu: I am so pleased that you are learning to make letters. Chris, I think I thought that those you sent to me were a very good try. It is a good idea because when you are old enough to go to school you will know what you told me to have to start right at the very beginning.

Sailor Boy, Hastings: Yes, I was very pleased indeed to hear from you again, Sailor Boy, and I hope you will write often. Will you tell me all about what you do at woodwork week? I am so interested in your expedition to know what your raffle is for and if it is anything that I might like I will buy a ticket from you. Please write and tell me.

Alice in Wonderland, Hastings: Now that you are in Standard 6 I am sure you must be kept very busy, Alice. I was most interested in your expedition to the peak and you told me about it splendidly so I shall hope to put it in our page next week as space is so short. I hope you will give your competition, it is a change and I'm sure the Playmates will like it.

Lillian Stanley, D.S.O., Hastings: Yes, Lillian, I should think your idea is quite good because to you are quite sure what you want to do you may as well begin your training. I think you were quite right with your marks and you now have 249 with put counting this week. I always hope your letter immediately by your day newspaper.

Tuatara, Mohaka: I was delighted to hear from you again, Tuatara, and yours was a splendid budget this week. I thought your song competition very clever and I hope you will win even because I think all the Playmates will like it and it is a change. I hope you will learn all that you try hard enough.

Jimmy Cricket, Whakatapu: What fun you must have had when your uncle had leave from camp, Jimmy Cricket, and I am so glad that you enjoyed it. I shall look forward to hearing lots about your combined schools sports meeting at Haumona and you will have good fun even if you do not win a race but you never know what may happen if you try hard enough.

Pollyanna, Te Awanga: I do think that you are a lucky girl to have a little baby sister, Pollyanna. I think babies six months old are lovely and they become more and more fun as they grow older. I don't think that you have ever told me where you go to school and I would like to learn about it.

Margaret Mackay, Hastings: Do you have a bicycle to ride to school on, Margaret, because three miles is quite a long way to go every day. I think that you will find standing in a very nice class to be in though I expect you will have to work quite hard to learn all that you will need to know.

Periwinkle, Mohaka: I'm glad that you had such a successful day in town, Periwinkle, and that you enjoyed the picture you saw. I think the Home Guard is splendid and I'm glad that yours is a success. I hope you will have a good day at your sports today.

CAN YOU GUESS THESE NAMES OF CARS?

This week Alice in Wonderland has sent in a competition which you will all like but I think that perhaps the boys will answer it best. These are the names of cars in jumbled letters and I hope you will all get 20 correct answers and receive two marks:

- 1. Snah. 2. Relectno. 3. Lngepraet. 4. Kibcu. 5. Nsutia. 6. Yicirre. 7. Ushohd. 8. Osmbelios. 9. Xuavhiau. 10. Mnhlah. 11. Coedd. 12. Rfyo. 13. Lmuyopht. 14. Esodot. 15. Drehmru. 16. Roery. 17. Niersg. 18. Rsrirmo. 19. Lseycsoir. 20. Oecrysoir.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO—

Ginger, Whakatapu, who will be 12 years old on Wednesday, February 26.

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S COMPETITIONS

The answers to the Island competition last week were: Canary, White, Jersey, Stewart, Thursday, Pearl, Kangaroo, Shell, land, Christmas, Easter, Isle of Man, Sandwich and Canton Islands.

This Week's Honours

- Bluebell, D.S.O., Hastings ..... 4 Shirley Hannah, D.S.O., Hastings ..... 4 Dafodil, Hastings ..... 4 Lillian Stanley, D.S.O., Hastings ..... 3 Robin Hood, D.S.O., Pakowhai ..... 2 Jimmy Cricket, Whakatapu ..... 2 Mop, Whakatapu ..... 2 Camel, Whakatapu ..... 2 Happy, D.S.O., Otane ..... 3 Inspector Scott, D.S.O., Hastings ..... 3 Busy Bee, D.S.O., Hastings ..... 3 Ginger, Whakatapu ..... 3 Professor, Whakatapu ..... 2 Shirley Foote, Hastings ..... 2 Genevieve, D.S.O., Whakatapu ..... 2 Mop, Whakatapu ..... 2 Chris Austin, Whakatapu ..... 2 Alice in Wonderland, Hastings ..... 6 Lillian Stanley, D.S.O., Hastings ..... 6 Photographer, P.N. ..... 4 Tuatara, Mohaka ..... 7 Pollyanna, Te Awanga ..... 2 Margaret Mackay, Hastings ..... 3 Blue Mask, D.S.O., Mohaka ..... 6 Periwinkle, Mohaka ..... 4

PLAYMATES' PAGE

Judy's Wonderful Christmas

The Christmas fair in Connel's shop was the best in town. The Christmas trees were covered with many and various toys. Indeed, there must have been thousands of toys—engines, dolls, trucks, everything. Judy was looking wistfully at the toys. "I wish I could have the one with the blue dress," was the leading thought in her mind. Inside a woman was buying a doll and Judy thought how lucky was the person to receive it. She wouldn't get any dolls, for Mummy and Daddy had not enough money. But she wouldn't cry. As the woman came out of the shop laden with parcels, Judy saw one drop off. She ran to pick it up and she could feel it. It was the doll. It was no use running after the owner because she had got on a bus, so Judy asked the shopman where the woman lived.

"One hundred and ten, Mayfair Street," he replied. "Shall I write it down?"

"Yes, please," answered Judy, brightening up.

"She didn't see how she could remember the address. Still, this man was writing it down."

"Do you know the woman?" enquired the man.

"No," answered Judy, "but I've got a parcel for her."

"Oh!" said the man shortly. "You're here you are," and he handed her the address, and he handed her the parcel for her."

When she arrived, she was shown in. The woman thanked her kindly and by questioning Judy, soon found out about how Judy wanted the doll with the blue dress, how Dad couldn't get a job, and how she had brought that doll back. Christmas Day arrived and Judy, much to her delight found a doll waiting for her at the end of the day and Mummy had a new pair of shoes and Dad a job for £6 a week.

—Blue Mask, Mohaka.

Pam's letter

Dear Girls and Boys: This week I'm going to make my letter very short because I don't want to take up any more space than I can help.

I am sorry that we have been so unlucky in only having such a very small Playmate Page lately, but I am hoping every week that it will be a whole page again. I shall just have to ask you to be very patient because I'm afraid I'm not and I get very angry when I'm told that we can't have our full page.

I have such a lot of excellent stories, verses, jokes and riddles that you have sent to me. Please don't stop sending them but just wait a little while and I will gradually publish them in our page and perhaps if we are very lucky—and I smile at everyone in charge, and some of them are very fierce—then we may have a whole page next week. I hope so.

Love from: Pam.

RIDDLES

What are full of water and yet you can't see it? Answer: Your eyes when you cry.

What is it that we can't live without? Answer: Air.

Why did the kitchen-fire? Answer: Because it saw the door-bolt.

What pets are found at the seaside? Answer: Limpets.

When is it wise to lose your temper? Answer: When it is a bad one.

When is a pie like a poet? Answer: When it's "browning."

THE MAN WHO LIKED CURRANTS

There once lived an old man who loved currants. Everyone knew this so every time they gave him something or other they put some currants in it. For instance, if they gave him some slippers there were always sure to be some currants in the toe.

Now Mr Jinks, for that was the man's name, had a fourteen-year-old son, and when Mr Jinks found that you could buy a loaf that had currants in it he at once sent his boy Billie to get him one.

But, alas! for Mr Jinks's Billie liked currants, too, so he got the loaf but did not bring it home to him. Instead he ate all the currants out of it, and threw the rest away. Reaching home he told his father that he had dropped the money and had searched everywhere but could not find it. But Billie made a mistake; he had forgotten to wipe the crumbs off his face!

Mr Jinks saw the truth in a flash and was in a great rage. "It was strange and all the village thought so, too, for neither father nor son liked currants again."

—Periwinkle, Mohaka.

LIMERICKS

There was once a young fellow of Leeds, Who swallowed a packet of seeds, And to his dismay, in a night and a day, He was studded all over with weeds. —Margold, Hastings.

There was an old man of Peru, Who dreamt he was eating his shoe, He woke in the night, In a terrible fright, And found it was perfectly true.

There was a young pilot of Devon, Who tried to fly right up to Heaven, He said "Wise me luck!" But the joystick, it stuck, And now he's in Ward No. Seven.

There was an old lady of Hyde, Who ate green apples and died. The apples fermented, Inside the lamented, And made cider inside her inside.

There was a young man of Pekin, Sat down very hard on a pin, He rose in the air, Not turning a hair, And said "Oh by gum that went in."

—Shirley Hannah, Hastings.

Jokes

Author: "When my play was produced, the public stormed the box office."

Friend: "Did they get their money back?"

"That's a good little boy" said the visitor, as Johnny picked up his scattered toys. "I suppose your mother has promised you something if you clean up your room."

"If I don't," he corrected her.

Doris (to friend who has been jilted): "Never mind, dear, there are plenty more fish in the sea."

Doris: "Yes, I know; but he was a goldfish."

The landlady ushered her new tenant up four flights of stairs and threw open a door.

"Well," she said brightly, "what do you think of it as a whole?"

He turned a gloomy face to her. "Well, I suppose it's all right as holes go," he said, "but it's a bedroom I wanted."

Brown: "Yes, I'm acquainted with your wife, old man. I knew her before you married her."

Smith: "Ah, that's where you had the advantage of me. I didn't."

He was a new and very nervous recruit, and dropped his rifle while at drill. The sergeant-major's eyes popped out of his head at the horrid sight, and for a few moments he gasped for breath. Then: "Hey, you!" he roared. "How long have you been in the Army?"

"P-p-please, sir," faltered the miserable youth, "all d-d-day, sir!" —Billabong, Matamau.

The Letterbox

Mop, Whakatapu: I think that it would be a splendid idea for you to send me a snap of yourselves next week. I am so interested in you. I would love you to do it. I will give your letters were in time and I am glad because I'm sure you must have been very busy while your uncle was staying with you.

Happy, D.S.O., Otane: Your story was very good, Happy, and I think it was quite an inspiration which gave me the idea. I am hoping you include it next week so that everyone will be able to read it—I hope you'll be happy. Then the next time I see all your swims must have been and do hope your excursion was a great success.

Inspector Scott, D.S.O., Hastings: I am sure that your expedition with your friends out to the Tukituki must have been good fun, Inspector Scott, and how lucky to find some canoes to play with even if they did leak a bit. I should think that your afternoon tea sounded quite good, too. How are you getting on? I hope you are on your bicycle.

Shirley Hannah, D.S.O., Hastings: I can quite see that every moment of your time will be precious now, Shirley, and I hope you will give me a few lines if I do not receive long contributions. I will just hope that you will find a few minutes to write me when I do hope that it will be fine on Sunday so that you and your friends can have a lovely picnic at Black Bridge.

Shirley Foote, Hastings: I am so pleased that you have a Playmate to sit next to at school, Shirley, and also that you like your teacher. I think the Playmate will be a great help to you. I'm so glad you did the competition and thank you for your riddles. You now have 46 marks without counting what you have earned this week.

Ginger, Whakatapu: I shall be longing to hear whether you were successful in swimming your 220 yards, Ginger, and I do hope you will gain your certificate. How lovely to swim every day, especially just lately when it has been so warm. I do hope you will have a very happy birthday and hope that you will tell me all about it later on.

Professor, Whakatapu: Your letter was very long, Professor, but you certainly told me lots of news in it. I am so interested in Cobber's training and think it must be such fun. What a shame about the canaries! I expect you are pleased that Boy Scouts have begun again. Will you be going to the church service tomorrow in memory of your late Chief Scout?

Pauline Jones, Clive: Will you try to write to me much earlier in the week, Pauline. Wednesday night is the very latest that I receive letters but this time I will just try to squeeze in a reply to yours and to tell you that I liked your poem and have given you two marks for it though it is too late to include the marks in the honours.

There was a young man of Pekin, Sat down very hard on a pin, He rose in the air, Not turning a hair, And said "Oh by gum that went in."

—Shirley Hannah, Hastings.

What has only one foot? Answer: A leg.

How can you make a tall nan short? Answer: Borrow £20 from him.

The Letterbox

Photographer, Palmerston North: You won't forget to send me the answer to the riddle-me-re, will you, Photographer, though I expect I shall guess it when I try. Yes I did see the picture you mentioned and thought that it was very good indeed. My letter box became smaller during the holidays but it is gradually growing again and I am so pleased. I am glad that your swimming is improving. You now have 13 marks in Bluebell's week so you will very soon earn your badge for 25 marks.

Bluebell, D.S.O., Hastings: I have been enjoying the jokes which you sent to me this week. Bluebell, and the verse, too. I'm glad that you had a night with no homework because I was pleased to hear from you. I think it is splendid that you are taken to the baths every day and am especially glad that you have learnt to dive.

Busy Bee, D.S.O., Hastings: Blackberry picking is certainly good fun but it does leave your hands all scratched and dirty looking doesn't it, Busy Bee? However, I am glad you were able to get some and I hope that your pie was very delicious. Do tell me if you were successful with your girl guide competition. I have tried waiting at a certain time but I find that I wake at intervals all night. I hope you were able to give yourself a sheath knife.

Dafodil, Hastings: I was so interested to read all about the visit to Napier, Dafodil, and I think that it must have been a lovely day with paddling, swimming, picnic lunch and a shopping trip. I am glad you were able to go in comfort in your car because the trains are hot and sticky when the weather is warm. I am pleased you were able to buy yourself a sheath knife.

Margaret Ward, Ormondville: I'm so glad that your new teacher has arrived at last and I hope that you will all have a very successful year. Fancy having so many aeroplanes over your house in one day. I am so pleased to hear about your new flower garden and I hope your plants will do well though it is so hot and dry it may not be very good just at first. Thank you for the riddle which you sent to me.

Robin Hood, D.S.O., Pakowhai: I'm glad your prize reached you safely Robin Hood, and I shall be interested to know how you spent it. Thank you again for the lovely fruit. I guessed right. I'm glad you have got your bicycle and I hope you are looking forward to hearing all about your sports. I hope you will be successful in lots of events.

Camel, Whakatapu: Fifty yards is a very good beginning for a swimmer, Camel, and I am very pleased that you will all have a very successful year. It is certainly the first step to swimming 800 yards and one day you may even swim twice that amount and that will be a very big achievement. I hope you will sell the dogs alright because it will be good to be able to buy your own bicycle tyres and your father is quite hard on you. I hope you will be successful in lots of events.

Blue Mask, D.S.O., Mohaka: Today will be the day of your sports so I expect you will hardly have time to read the Playmate Page, Blue Mask. However, I shall be thinking about you and wondering how all the races are progressing and how many you have won. I will want to know all about it in your next letter, and whether you over ate at the haangi. Your little poem was splendid and I wondered if you wrote it yourself. I'm afraid I didn't see the pictures you mentioned but they may come back again.

A FISHING POEM

There were big fish in the sea, And small fish in the river, But the fisherman sat fishing Till he caught a shiver.

He said unto himself, Oh, what a fool I am; I'll go home immediately And sup upon some ham.

—Blue Mask, Mohaka.

# WOMEN WHO HELD THE REINS IN FRANCE

## Glamorous Figures Behind The Republic In Its Last Days

WHEN France's war leaders come filing in for trial—that is, if they ever do; the trial has been postponed again—the whole courtroom will surely sense the presence of the spirits of a dozen or so beautiful, witty Frenchwomen.

They were the women behind France's leaders; women who, in the salons, played such an important role in French politics.

They were the modern counterparts of the Pompadour, Du Barry, Maintenon, Mme. de Stael, La Grande Mademoiselle, Mme. Tallien, Mlle. George, Marie Walewska, Cora Pearl, Gaby Deslys, and Cleo de Merode.

Strange how women have swayed the destiny of this all-but-dead Republic.

Before 1914 Governments rose and fell in the salons of Mme. de Luynes, Mme. Menard-Dorian, Mme. Pouquet, or Mme. Armand de Caillevet.

After 1918, there were those women whom Robert de Flers and Francis de Croisset called les precieuses of Geneva, who flitted around the League of Nations.

There were plenty in the eventful 'thirties who wished to follow in their footsteps.

Mme. Domonica Paul Guillaume, pretty widow of an art dealer, conspired with Albert Sarraut.

In the living-room of Mary Marquet, superb star of the Comedie Francaise, Tardieu held court. And his photograph on the table with the words: "A ma louchou, son tyran" ("to my little one, my tyrant") was tangible proof of their relationship.

At Countess Marthe de Fels' home, one could hear Alexis Leger, General Secretary of Foreign Affairs, express his ideas on foreign policy with the talent and charm of a poet.

### White Satin Salons

In the white satin salons of Countess Madeleine de Montgomery, one met the greatest of the great: directors of the biggest newspapers, Ministers, and Ambassadors.

Even the most serious did not resist this wave of feminine influence. The cold Mandel, with his shrilly voice, his high stiff collars and his black silk stockings, succumbed to the blonde charms of chubby Beatrice Beatty of the Comedie Francaise.

Another Comedie Francaise artiste, dark-haired Germaine Rouer of the statuesque profile, put ambitious ideas into the head of Yvon Delbos, Minister of Foreign Affairs under the Popular Front Government.

Camille Chautemps, the prudent ex-Premier and seemingly everlasting Vice-Premier, was being turned around the little finger of the smiling pianist, Mme. Durand-Texte.

Although already a grandfather, Chautemps divorced his wife and also obtained a divorce for the lady of his dreams who was married to his assistant in his law office.

And on May 16, the fateful date of the German advance, Chautemps called the French newspaper editors:—

"Gentlemen, good news! I am still powerful. My new wife has just given me a son."

And let us not forget Paul Boncour, permanent French delegate to the League of Nations, protector of Mlle. Marie Ventura, of the Comedie Francaise. She had been the mistress of Mussolini, and fired at M. Charles de Chambrun, French Ambassador to Rome, whom she accused of having interfered with her affair with the Duke.

### Roles in the Tragedy

But foremost among the ambitious young women of the 'thirties were Countess Helene de Portes and the Marquise de Crusol. They will go down in history as having played a large part in the catastrophe in which France almost perished.

The first was born in the midst of soap boxes, and the second among cans of sardines, bourgeois daughters of rich industrialists.

Helene was a brunette, not very tall, rather plump, with lips always half open through which one could see the square and prominent teeth, common to the ambitious. The sparkle of her lovely brown eyes was extraordinarily bright.

She toyed with the idea of marrying the Marquis de Crusol, but married Count Jean de Portes instead. By inheritance he might one day have become a duke.

Her rival married the Marquis. The Marquise de Crusol is pleasant, less vivacious than Helene, colder but more distinguished. She wanted a salon.

While Count de Portes and the Marquis de Crusol played cards together at the Jockey Club, the Marquise received the Leftists and the League of Nations in her salon. Daladier seemed to appeal to her more than the others.

He became enamoured of this woman who took care of his health, commented on his clothing, worried about his future, and who quietly imbued him with ambitions which he would never have dared to admit, even to himself.

She was behind him until he was forced by the Russian default—and then to give way to Reynaud—And her rival Countess Helene de Portes. Back in 1930, when she first opened her salon, Helene had been interested in Laval, Flaminio, and de Monzie.

She knew Reynaud, too, but she

did not put much faith in his star until Marshal Lyautey said one day: "That man will go far."

Helene was then in her prime; Reynaud was 52.

**Reynaud and the Law**

Nine years later, in 1939, the two lived together in the Place du Palais Bourbon, opposite the Chamber of Deputies.

Reynaud was married, and his wife, from whom he had separated, would not divorce him. And in those days in France you had to be separated for three years before you could remarry.

The only man who could change the law was Reynaud himself—and that would have been too scandalous.

So Helene, through the Marquise, induced Daladier to give him another portfolio, had Bonnet made Minister of Justice, and had him alter the law.

She was with Reynaud in the fateful days of his Premiership. Reynaud wanted de Gaulle as head of his War Council; Helene opposed it and got, instead, de Villelume, a man famous in the salons, a defeatist.

She had Leger replaced by Baudouin, who was strongly anti-British.

She supported the call to Petain and Weygand; she advised Reynaud to give his place to Petain.

He was to have been Ambassador to the United States, but the nomination was annulled soon afterwards.

**Fatal Motor Smash**

Five days after the Armistice was signed, she and Reynaud, both very depressed, drove their car into a telephone post. Helene was killed; Reynaud seriously injured.

Thus ended the incredible adventure of the woman who has already been given the name in France of Notre Dame of the Debacle ("Our Lady of Catastrophe").

What has become of the others? For the time being, they remain in seclusion. All we know is that Betty, still faithfully devoted to Mandel, stays at Riom and goes to see the ex-Minister in prison when she can get permission.

There she meets General Gamelin. There she meets General Gamelin.

As for the Marquise de Crusol, she does not go to see Daladier.

**IT COULDN'T BE A COCKTAIL, COULD IT?**

**Question About A Hottentot**

1) Answer to a correspondent. No, a Hottentot is not a cocktail. It is a dark-skinned native of Australia, North America, South Africa, South America, West Indies.

2) Two old salts were talking the other day and I happened to hear one of them remark: "Yes, I like my hubble-bubble, too, especially when it has onions in it. I was surprised, for I knew that a hubble-bubble was a rare tropical flower, a pipe, a piece of pottery, a scientific instrument, a globe.

3) Lightning Calculator. If you buy an article for a pound and are given 75 per cent on it, the article costs you only 15/-, 12/6, 18/6, 19/41, 17/6.

4) Had you been a ship owner in the days when ships were pot-bellied and carried sails with pictures on them and a cargo of gold and spices, you would have known Byzantium. But on the other hand, say you were a pot-bellied ship-owner with a fleet of tramp steamers and the fear of torpedoes, you would know Byzantium as

Istanbul, Gibraltar, Glasgow, Constantinople, Singapore, Leningrad.

5) The last leap year was 1940, 1939, this year, 1938.

6) Everyone I know seems to think that Mr. A. over there is an uxorious man, meaning that he is very sensitive, lends money at high interest, is submissive to the missus, revels in his food, is a spendthrift.

7) And now to prove how easy all this is. All you have to do is to pick the words grouped with their correct plurals:

Mouse, mouses; house, hices; crisis, crises; trout, trite; deer, darlings.

(Answers on Page 7.)

# DRAMA BEHIND ITALIAN DEBACLE

## BROKEN MEN SEE LIFE'S WORK WASTED

### Story Of Two Generals Who Were Captured In Desert

IN all the praise given to the brilliant British strategy which has routed the Italians in the Western Desert, none has impressed me more than that of two Italian generals, Divisional General Cerio and General Mazzetti, who, with their staff of four officers travelled as prisoners of war with me in one of Britain's most modern destroyers, says W. F. Martin in the "Sunday Dispatch."

Our decks, he adds, were lined with hundreds of their men—a mere fraction of those still awaiting evacuation from places such as Mersa Matruh and Sidi Barrani, where, in the words of one British sailor, "They still seem to be gushing like swarms of locusts."

Most of the Italian prisoners are in a deplorable condition, their uniforms bedraggled, their boots split in every seam, their dark, unshaven faces pinched with hunger and privation. With a pitiful eagerness those who had blankets, or even a couple of socks, cherished them as their sole protection against the cold desert night.

Mazzetti complained to me as he sipped a glass of sherry in the destroyer's ward-room that he and his staff were taken so completely by surprise by the rush of our troops that he lost all his personal belongings and had now only the clothes in which he stood. Mazzetti, swarthy, scowling, his breast scintillating with medal ribbons and Fascist insignia, was obviously a party man.

Near him sat Cerio with tears coursing silently down the furrows



VANISHED IMPERIALISM.—These representatives of Italy's vast colony of Libya are seen parading for an official opening. To-day the imperial pomp of Italy is a memory.

engraved on his face by many years of Libyan sun and sand. He shivered with the age of coastal fever. I was glad to be able to get him a glass of brandy.

### Life's Work Wasted

There was little one could do to comfort him in his agony of mind—"He has aged 10 years in the last three days. During that time we have been cut off from water and food supplies. Even so, none of us had any inkling of the disaster that hung over us. We simply thought the water pipeline and the road had been temporarily cut by a British raiding force."

At lunch General Cerio took some rice from the curry, which was the hot dish on the wardroom menu, and mixed it with cold bully beef. He expressed himself delighted with the food—the first he had eaten in four days. Even more did he appreciate the coffee, which had been unknown in Libya for many months.

"It was a brilliantly conceived operation by your Army," he said. "Moreover, it was carried out with faultless precision. Until an hour or

two before being surrounded we had no idea of the extent of the manoeuvre.

"We were 10 miles south-east of Sidi Barrani in one of the perimeter camps. All our artillery and most of our mechanised stuff was in Sidi Barrani itself. When your tanks rolled up firing heavily on our lines we were prepared to fall back to stronger positions, covered by our artillery, but suddenly we were attacked from the rear.

"Your mechanised columns which had cut the coast road and our water pipeline had divided east and west. It was the eastward sweep which had overwhelmed our defensive positions one after the other to take us in the rear. One hour before we were compelled to surrender I had no idea Sidi Barrani had fallen.

**The Italian Mistake**

"Ah, my friend," added the general, "what a mistake it was for us ever to have gone toward that. We should have been prepared to march straight through to Alexandria last summer—or else not moved at all.

"Sidi Barrani! What is it? First we bombarded it and then you bombarded it. And all that was left was a handful of brick-dust in the desert of sand. It was the most vulnerable position. We knew it and you knew it—but what we did not know was the incredible degree of mechanisation your Forces had attained.

"Where did it come from? And when you tell me 'through the Med-

iterranean' I am still surprised, for yours is not the only fleet in the Mediterranean. Still, there your tanks were." He sighed before he continued:

### Futile Plans

"Always we have had marvellous plans for mechanisation and re-equipment, but, alas! those plans are never fully realised. It has been the same story again and again. Now here is another defeat to blench the record of an army to which I, like many others, have given all my life and energies."

The old general's emotion overcame him again. He trembled as he walked back from the table to an easy chair. His khaki drill tunic hung loosely about his ague-stricken frame. He brightened considerably, however, when a message came from the captain inviting him to the bridge.

### Ignorance of Greece

All the Italian staff were completely ignorant of what had happened in Greece, adds the correspondent. They were much more prepared to talk about Badoglio's resignation, though they did so with many headshakes.

They said that Admiral Cavagnari's resignation was a logical sequel, since Badoglio was his chief. "Indeed," said one of them, "if you British had not attacked so suddenly we were fully anticipating Graziani's resignation. He, of course, is Badoglio's man also."

## What is the Duke of Bedford Up To?—A London Journalist Wants to Know

Some say that the worst mistake a man can make is to be born of poor parents. By their exertions—or their good fortunes—his ancestors spared the Duke of Bedford this folly, writes Peter Haverd in the London "Sunday Express."

Dukes are not famous for their poverty. And of all dukes in this kingdom the Duke of Bedford is probably the richest.

He owns land and castles and houses. Much of his property is in London, now the target of Hitler's bombers.

What is his Grace the Duke up to? Here is an odd angle of his present activities. A friend of mine wrote a letter to the Press. In this letter my friend drew attention to what he regarded as a weakness in the Purchase Tax.

My friend was surprised to receive, a few days later, a note from the Duke of Bedford (living in Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire), signed by the duke himself, congratulating him on his letter to the Press and enclosing for his attention a bundle of printed literature.

**Some Extracts**

Here are a few extracts from a document the Duke of Bedford sent my friend:—"It may be possible and desirable to have a negotiated peace, in which neither side gives in. . . Seeing what the German people have now suffered in this war, and remembering that they gave Mr Chamberlain an enthusiastic welcome when he came to Munich, as they believed, on a mission of peace, Hitler would hardly dare to refuse peace terms fair to other countries, if they were fair to Germany and Italy as well. . . If peace were concluded on terms fair to Germany and Italy as well as to other nations, it is surely incredible that Hitler, during his lifetime, would ever be able to gain the support of his people for another war on an unjust issue. Therefore, what does it matter whether he personally be trustworthy or not?"

Finally:—"Is the extremely remote chance of another war in a few years' time a greater evil than the one we are already having? And, to put it mildly, would our chances of victory in such a war be so much poorer that it would be a pity to cease hostilities now?"

**Methods of Convincing**

"Well, the way I figure it—you don't have to punch a fellow's face or shoot him through the belly to convince him you're right

## What Will Peace Bring?

### A PILOT TALKS OF WAR AIMS

### He Wants A Fair "Break" For All, And No Poverty

"At least, that's the way I figured it when I joined the Air Force. "I was a bit hazy about the whole thing—even when I shot down a couple of Jerries. "I still thought there was nothing to stop us from becoming friends. Then I got leave—and had a look at London. "When I saw all those little houses down—when I heard the stories about people trapped in the shelters—then I got to hate the Jerries. Honestly, I got to thinking they were nothing but a bunch of murderers. "Then I came back to the station and went up and shot down another Jerry. "It was then I got around to thinking I was nothing but a murderer myself. "He's a murderer and I'm a murderer. "Why, we are all—Jerries and ourselves—in the grip of something we can't stop. "We don't want to stop it now. But the sooner it is over, the better. Then we'll get down to some sort of sanity. "The sort of sanity where we will all get a fair break. "A fair break when we are kids, for instance.

**Education and Money.**

"I'd like to see every kid, no matter how much dough his parents have, get the same education for the same length of time. "There should be no chucking him out of school at 14 just because his parents are poor. "There should be no 'games and languages' for rich kids, and 'maths and woodwork' for poor ones. "I'd like to stop all this business of some people owning all the ground and lots of other people, like myself, being chucked off because we're hikin', or picknickin' on private property. "I'd like to think it would be possible to get some unification in factories. "We've got to get unity in factories in some way so that all the fellows who work in factories would have as much interest in the job as people who get interest on their money. "I'd like to think I am fighting for something better than the old sort of scrambling for jobs my dad went through, and I went through in a small way. "The Jerry Idea. "The way I look at it I'm not fighting the Jerries—I'm fighting the Jerry idea. "The only way fellows like us can fight the Jerry idea properly is to have better ideas ourselves. "Well, this kind of thing is the better idea I'm talking about. "People work for other reasons than for profits. "I'm not very clear about economics and how you'd run business in any other way, but I feel sure, looking round at the fellows here and the fellows I went to school with and worked beside, that people do work for other reasons. "A sadly-buzzled man

"They like their jobs or feel they've got something useful to do, or just because they like to think they have a stake in something. "The Poles, Czechs, Dutch and Belgians—we've got to think up something for them, otherwise how can they believe in us or what we're fighting for? "Offer Them More. "The best way to beat Jerry is to get the fellows Jerry has licked to come on our side. The way to do that is to offer them something better than what they had before. "I'd offer them a stake in the new Europe which, through the happiness of human beings, is more important than frontiers and Customs barriers. "It would be a new Europe that would keep what you'd call their cultures, their art, their literatures, and their music. "The new Europe would keep the Jews, Belgians, and so forth, but would make them something bigger—Europeans. "That is what we all want to be—Europeans. We want to be Europeans—and to hell with all this nationalism!"

**Watermelons And Shakespeare In The Garden**

(Written for the "Daily Mail")

To cut or not to cut; that is the question. Whether we should cut it now and find it is too green to eat, or whether we should leave the thing and let it grow, and thereby whet our appetite still further, puzzles us all, and makes us rather pluck the fruit we know, than try this other that we know nothing of.

The eating of this melon is a consummation devoutly to be wished. And yet we hesitate to cut the fruit from off the vine.

"Tis true it may be ripe, but then how shall we know? The signs we have been told to try have all been tried. In vain we tap and listen. "Tis hollow; 'tis hollow!" we cry. "It must be ripe!"

To prove us wrong, our nasty wife taps the littlest melon. "But this is hollow, too!"

This gives us pause. And then our wonder grows. For we can buy a melon from a shop and find it ripe!

There must be one who knows the time to cut. If such there be, will he not send a sign to us that we may read and reading learn? Then we will also know. And he will earn the blessings of

Home

Neal, who was then at Oberg, was afterwards manager of Longlands. He was a good all-round athlete. He was troubled by men on horses with greyhounds coming on Sundays to course the hares, and he could not catch the men.

One Sunday he lay in wait in a plantation. At last they turned up and tied their horses to the road fence. Neal, half a mile away, showed himself too soon and there was a race for the horses, Neal winning by a neck. He waved his coat and every horse broke his bridle and went off home.

"What did you do?" I asked as he told me this story. "Nothing. It was a hot day for the walk back to Hastings."

From Oberg, Carlyons' Guavas

**AFTER THE CAPTURE OF BARDIA**

After passing across the battlefield one is apt to realise how cruel it all is.

The desert is strewn with all the implements of war, everywhere are seen stacks of guns and ammunition, of all types and sizes, from heavy field guns to rifles. The road is strewn with lorries—derelict. Some of it is hard to recognise as such. Their parts are scattered over a radius of a hundred yards. They were carrying ammunition, no doubt.

There are small villages, just a heap of stones, over which desert sand is rapidly mounting, until in a short time it will cover the remnants.

By the road which the Italians built, are dozens of steam-rollers, shovels and wheel-barrows, spades and rakes for road-making. Here and there, coats which, having been taken off, for working, were not donned again, but just left where they were put. Horses and mules are just wandering about, not having been rounded up yet.

There are machine-gun nests, in which the belts are only half used. The desert is white with paper, chiefly letters, many of which will never reach their destination.

I picked one up, and with my slight knowledge of the language, was able to make out a word here and there. It was from a lass who was counting the days when she would be meeting her boy again.

I wondered where he was, and hoped that he was a prisoner, for at least he would have some chance of seeing her later.

# LOOKING BACK: MORE MEMORIES OF HAWKE'S BAY 50 YEARS AGO

## People And Places Along The Road From Hastings To Tikokino

A long ride is before us, from Hastings to Tikokino, which was called Hampden in the old days. On that long road there were but four homesteads: Starting from Longlands (Scrubby was then manager) there were the E. J. Watt Estate (Mr Watt was then a boy at school) next Maraekakaho, R. D. D. McLean's big holding, managed by Archie and his brother Donald McLean.

A good accommodation house was there and here one saw Burgess and Rigger's bullock teams that hauled the wool for miles, besides many, many thousands of totara posts from the Kereru.

General Russell told me that all the posts on that station were hauled from Kereru and laid on the fence lines at £5 a hundred. Where there is now a bridge through the Crownthorpe settlement was Canning's crossing, named after a bullocky.

Living far back, we at times crossed every river in Hawke's Bay, and the crossing of the Ngaruroro at this ford was the crossing that put the wind up me. It altered at every fresh and there was a deal of quicksand.

I'm no swimmer, and my brother made it his business to get me, I think, about the best swimming hole in Hawke's Bay, as safe as a lifeboat.

At the Matapiro crossings, the bullockies, if they were about, could tell you how the crossing was.

**Swimming the Sheep**

The homesteads of McLean and Oberg were not many miles apart. With poor lambing on the Mohaka every year or so we bought a mob of Merino wethers, taking the last bred at Oberg and later the last from Robert Johnson's. From that station their sheep swam every river in Hawke's Bay.

A bad crossing for sheep at any time was the Shrimpton ford, and the set of the river was always at the Maraekakaho bank. You always had a rope on your saddle. You caught a sheep, tied the rope to the horn and towed him across, tying him to a boulder. If he knew his business he would bleat and the mob would start crossing.

We had to put them over in cuts as sheep, when crossing will if possible take the water each below the other, walking out on the same side if you don't watch.

I remember a man who met us at the Mohaka crossing. He fell in and said, "Now I'm so wet I'll have a bath." "When did you have the last?" asked by brother. "Oh, after I fell into Ben's dip—that was three years ago."

**A Long Walk Home**

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**Dog's Courage Under Fire**

After 60 days of quarantine in Sydney, the only dog in Australia which has experienced the terrors of German dive-bombing has rejoined his master in Melbourne.

He is "Mr. Hook," bull-terrier pet of the Second Naval Member (Commodore J. W. Durnford).

Commodore Durnford acquired him at Malta from an officer of the Army Medical Corps, who owned his mother. His father was a sea-going dog attached to a cruiser of the Mediterranean Fleet.

When Commodore Durnford returned to England in 1939, "Mr. Hook" returned too, and emerged from quarantine just in time to join the cruiser of which his master had been appointed commander. Then came the war, and with it the bombing.

Aboard ship he was given the honorary rank of leading seaman, and, to protect him from the intense North Sea cold, a blue coat bearing a leading seaman's anchor.

**Ribbon and Bars.**

To mark his "courage under fire" during the bombing and "other incidents" in the theatre of operations, the ship's company decorated him with a medal, to the blue ribbon of which four bars were subsequently added.

So popular was he on board that his photograph on postcards sold at the canteen raised a substantial sum for the fund for the dependants of members of the ship's company killed in action.

After 10 months at sea, "Mr. Hook" returned to England and lived quietly until October last, when Commodore Durnford was ordered to Australia to succeed Commodore M. W. S. Boucher as Second Naval Member.

water, food and cigarettes. The majority of them were, like ourselves, volunteers, whose views were swayed by a megalomania and so they have come to this.

—Extract from a letter written on January 25 by E.K.O.

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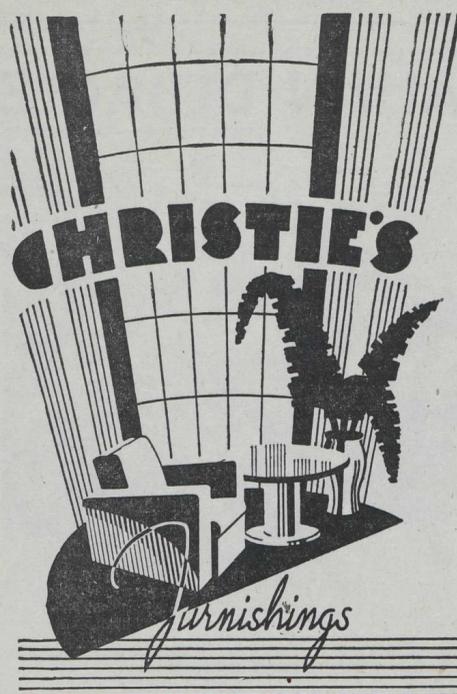
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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail 'Your Own Morning Paper' SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1941.

MR EDEN'S MISSION There is no point as yet in speculating as to the reasons for the visit to Egypt of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr R. A. Eden) and the Chief of the Imperial General Staff (Sir John Dill), but it may at least be taken as an indication that the Imperial Government believes that the war in Africa has reached a decisive stage.

It is peculiarly fitting that Mr Eden should be in Egypt at the present time, when the resounding British triumphs are so fully justifying his policy.

Right from the Italian declaration of war, Mr Eden, as War Secretary, was the foremost advocate among British politicians of swift and ruthless action against the Italian Empire in northern Africa.

And now, as Foreign Secretary, Mr Eden is back in Egypt for the third time since the outbreak of war. If the repercussions of his previous visits may be taken as a guide, things are likely to go on happening as far as the Italians are concerned.

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

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Personal

Ministerial The Minister of Agriculture (the Hon. J. G. Barclay) who was a member of the Soldiers' Financial Assistance Board, Wellington, has resigned that position consequent on his appointment to Cabinet rank.

Mr E. L. Cullen, M.P., arrived at Hastings by the mail train from Wellington last night.

Mr Roy McKay, son of Mr and Mrs N. J. McKay, of Waipawa, has been on a visit to his parents.

Lieutenant-Colonel B. Smart and Mrs Smart, South Taranaki, are visiting Napier and are the guests of Mr and Mrs M. O. Lock.

Mr Justice Johnston, who has been presiding at the sessions of the Supreme Court at Napier, leaves this morning for Gisborne, where he will preside over the sessions commencing on Monday.

Mr G. A. Maddison, chairman of the Hawke's Bay Education Board, was granted leave of absence at yesterday's meeting of the board, owing to illness.

Mr R. Roythorne, Taradale, has arrived at the R.N.Z.A.F. station at Harewood for training as a flight mechanic. He was a volunteer for overseas service.

Leading Aircraftman H. R. Beale, who has been spending ten days' leave at his home in Greenmeadows, has returned to Ohakea.

Mr E. C. Stretton, Headmaster of the Norsewood School, has been transferred to the Patea Public School. He commences duties early next month.

Miss Janet Nordbye, Norsewood, is the guest of Mr and Mrs E. Mather, Napier.

Mrs White, Ohakune, is spending a holiday at Norsewood as the guest of Mrs M. Rosacker.

AT THE HOTELS Mr J. Major (Wellington), Miss K. Maberly (Auckland), Miss S. Bruene (Woodville), Mr M. S. Hill, Mr C. Porter (Carterton), Mr J. Musgrove (Gisborne) are at the Central Hotel, Napier.

Mr and Mrs H. J. Barnett, Mr J. D. McLeod (Wellington), Mr C. Lacey, Mr G. Kingston (Palmerston North), Miss Besse Magill, Mr F. T. Magill (Crownthorpe), Mr E. H. McDonald (Auckland), Mr E. B. Volkerling (Ohakea), Mr and Mrs J. Mason (Felding) are staying at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs M. M. Pizer, Miss S. Pizer, Mr Justice Johnston, Mr A. B. Conway, Miss Healey, Mrs Ramsay, Mr L. W. Gilbert, Mr and Mrs J. Payne, Mrs E. O'Neill, Mrs D. Roberts, Mr H. S. Beaumont, Mr E. Chapman (Wellington), Mrs E. C. Beale, Mrs J. D. Williams (Auckland), Dr and Mrs Brewster (New Plymouth), Mrs M. Hamilton (Bournemouth), Mrs Quentin Donald (Featherston), Miss Jane Hall (London) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

WAIROA Mr Currie, Mr Manning, Mr Cooper, Mr Carter (Hastings), Mr Walker, Mr Griffin, Mr Evans, Mr Filmer, Miss Batt, Mr Teague (Wellington), Mr A. Kelly, Mr Holland (Napier), Mr and Mrs Baynam (Wairarapa), Mr Selkirk, Mr Craig, Mrs Webb (Auckland) are staying at the Wairoa Hotel.

Mr W. H. Edwards, Mr E. Daniell (Napier), Mr and Mrs Gladden, Mr P. Thompson, Mr T. Carey, Mr G. Thompson (Auckland), Mr J. S. Jessop (Hastings), Mr D. T. Egan (Hamilton), Mr N. Robinson (Wellington), Mr L. G. Beere (Tual), Mr and Mrs I. G. Brighurst (The Awangas) are staying at the Clyde Hotel.

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Local & General

Hastings Man's Success Several prizes were won by a Hastings exhibitor, Mr E. Voghter, who, in the poultry section of the Masterton show, secured the following awards: First for Black Pekin hen or pullet; special for best bantam other than game; first for Black Pekin cock or cockerel; first for Buff Pekin hen or pullet.

Cars in Collision A spectacular collision which did not result in any personal injury occurred at the intersection of Southland Road and Southampton Street, Hastings, yesterday morning.

Large "Family" "How many does he subscribe to?" inquired Mr Justice Johnston in the Napier Supreme Court yesterday, when counsel for a petitioner drawing Social Security benefits sought to obtain a decree absolute without undertaking to pay the costs, told his Honour that his client had 11 children of his marriage and another seven later.

Civilisation! "I believe that we lynched only four of our black citizens last year," said the Editor-in-Chief of the Columbia Broadcasting Service (Mr E. C. Murrow), discussing American civilisation from the period of the Pilgrim Fathers, in the first of a new series of talks entitled "Meet Uncle Sam," broadcast from London early this morning.

Bankruptcy Matters H. Kay, Hastings (Mr C. W. Nash), and A. M. Schultz, Auckland (Mr H. Russell Moss), were granted discharges from bankruptcy by the Hon. Justice Johnston in the Napier Supreme Court yesterday.

Evening Classes An announcement appears in the advertising columns to-day with regard to the commencement of evening technical and continuation classes at the Napier Boys' and Girls' High Schools.

More Urgent Needs As a result of representations made to the Railway Department by the Waipawa School Committee it has been revealed that there are numerous crossings which are considered to require automatic alarms more urgently than the Victoria Street level crossing at Waipawa, according to information given at yesterday's meeting of the Hawke's Bay Education Board.

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NATIONAL PARTY AT HASTINGS HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

Recent Meetings MUCH INTEREST SHOWN Increased Membership

Several very enthusiastic meetings of the Hastings branch of the National Party have been held recently at the party's rooms in Market Street, Hastings, and each has been well attended by old members and an ever growing number of new adherents to the party.

Cost of Living One matter which caused much discussion was the ever increasing rise in the cost of living, and the fact that the workers and others in the receipt of small incomes are finding conditions more and more difficult.

The increased interest being taken by members in the party's activities is most gratifying to party executives, especially in view of the fact that this is election year, and it is desired to select a candidate in the near future.

The annual meeting of the electorate is to be held shortly, and the attention of members is drawn to an advertisement in this issue advising that annual subscriptions are now due and may be paid to the secretary-organiser of the party's club rooms in Market Street (above the Bank of Australasia), Hastings.

School Baths Proposal PORT AHURIRI PLANS Board To Seek A Subsidy REGULATION ALTERED

Strong criticism of the Department of Education's allegedly unfair treatment of the Port Ahuriri School swimming baths scheme was voiced at yesterday's meeting of the Hawke's Bay Education Board.

The secretary (Mr W. L. Dunn) said that the hard-working committee at Port Ahuriri had raised funds in the belief that the subsidy would be granted. The board had not received notice of the department's intention to alter its system of baths' approval.

Criticising the limitation of the dimensions of school baths to 15ft. wide and 3ft. deep the department said that while children might learn to swim in a learners' pool, they would never possess confidence in their ability.

It was eventually decided to write to the department explaining the board's attitude and seeking a subsidy of £200.

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR FAIR TO FINE WEATHER The following is the "Daily Mail's" special forecast for the Hawke's Bay area:

Winds: Moderate south-east winds. Weather: Fair to fine with moderate temperatures.

SEAS: Slight to moderate.

HASTINGS WEATHER Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park. Dry bulb temp. 64.0deg. Wet bulb temp. 58.0deg. Maximum temp. 70.0deg. Minimum temp. 52.2deg. Grass 47.5deg. 1ft. underground 70.0deg. 3ft. underground 70.0deg. Cloud 10. S.E. 10. Rain for month 51ins.

NAPIER WEATHER Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. at Napier by the Government recorder (Miss G. Hutson) are as follows: Dry bulb temp. 63.5deg. Wet bulb temp. 57.0deg. Maximum temp. 65.0deg. Minimum temp. 50.0deg. Grass 47.5deg. 1ft. underground 70.0deg. 3ft. underground 70.0deg. Sun 1.5hrs. Rain 0.2ins. Wind S.E. 4. Cloud 8. Visibility 5. Humidity 66 p.c.

DOMINION FORECAST General situation: An anti-cyclone covers the Tasman Sea and New Zealand, while a tropical cyclone located south-west of Fiji is moving towards the south-east.

Forecast.—Winds: Moderate south-easterlies to easterlies over the northern half of the North Island, later becoming strong in the extreme north. Elsewhere light to moderate and variable breezes.

Seas.—New Zealand waters: Slight to moderate but later rising somewhat north of East Cape. Eastern Tasman: Light to moderate winds with easterly directions predominating in the north and westerlies in the south. Sea slight to moderate.

Weather: Fair to fine generally with rising temperatures. Prospects of settled weather continuing over the week-end except in the Auckland Peninsula, where drizzle and possibly strong winds are likely on Sunday.

To-day's Diary HASTINGS

The Theatres: "The Doctor Takes a Wife," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "I Married a Nazi," State, 2.15 and 8 p.m.

"World in Flames," and "Mystery Sea Raider," Cosy, 2 and 7.45 p.m. "Shipyard Sally," and "Mr Moto on Danger Island," Municipal, 7.45 p.m.

NAPIER The Theatres: "He Stayed for Breakfast," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "Argentine Nights," and "Sabotage," Mayfair, 2 and 7.45 p.m. "Charley's (Big-Hearted) Aunt," State, 2 and 8 p.m.

Home Guard Parade Members of the No. 1 battalion of the Home Guard will parade through the main streets of Napier to-morrow night. The unit will assemble at the Courthouse at 6.30 p.m.

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TE AROHA ANNUAL MEETING

WIN AND PLACE

Merry Vaals' Turn Likely

(By The Barb)

Quality and quantity are fully represented at the Te Aroha annual meeting which opens this afternoon and will be continued on Monday.

Following may be the best backed:

- Waltos Handicap: Sweet Nothing, Lady Vixen, Runanga.
Baukaka Hurdles: Kaiwaka, Glen Ab, Silver Eagle.
Juvenile Handicap: Mala Wings, Kaimanawa, Miss Gay.
Herries Memorial: Gold Vaals, Lou Rosa, Cillas.
Wathou Handicap: Suleiman, Dinky Di, Bronwen.
Champion Hack Cup: Mahiana, Happy Ending, Night Pilot.
Hot Spring Handicap: Merry Vaals, August, Siglow.
Shaftsbury Hack: Biddy Girl, Paymaster, Hum-a-Song.

The Acceptances
11.50—RUAKAKA HURDLES, of £900; about one mile and a half—Small Boy 12.6, Kaiwaka 11.0, Riotous 10.5, Looimabation 10.4, Silver Eagle 10.3.

EXCELLENT SPORT PREDICATED

WOODVILLE AUTUMN MEETING

WIN AND PLACE Homily Form Horse In Cup

(By 'THE BARB') Prospects are bright for the opening of the autumn meeting at the Woodville District Jockey Club this afternoon.

12.0—MAIDEN PLATE. Of £100; five furlongs. Half Crown, Flying Hawk, Takake, Oregon, Pinocchio, Trethella, Royal Zone, Junna, Manahau, Fox Tower, Miss Wierko, Metonymy, Vineyard, Fly-by-Night, Wildfire, Tristan, Lady Garvagh, Loch Molg, Yurilla, Royal Vision, Myrna Loy, all 8.11.

12.40—ORINGI HIGHWEIGHT. Of £140; one mile and a quarter. Mataroa 10.10, Malacca 10.0, Golden Ridge 9.9, Hokomal 9.8, Southern Blood 9.5, Great Quex 9.5, Lorrian, Filbert, Deham, Moradabad, 9.0.

1.25—WOODVILLE CUP HANDICAP. Of £300; one mile and a quarter. Olympus 8.8, Lady Furst 8.6, Homily 8.0, Gay Fox 7.12, Diana Tetrax 7.10, Ruatiti 7.4, Colonel Bogey 7.3, Master Cykion 7.3, Authores, Dainty Sue, 7.0.

2.10—SAPLING STAKES. Of £140; five furlongs and a half. Golden Moon 8.13, Gay Genet 8.4, Drake's Drum 7.13, Fleche d'Or 7.13, Daljaro 7.9, Nightward 7.9, Royal Melton, Silver Ball, Sports Flash, Greek Step, Silver One, Moutoa Bond, Green, Makarara, Aqueduct, Stairway 7.7.

2.35—RUAHINE HANDICAP. Of £200; six furlongs. Kathbella 9.0, Mittle 8.4, White Rajah 8.3, Cheerful Lady 7.13, Tuatara 7.9, Screen Star 7.4, Galteemore 7.4, Counter, Cherry Bay, Scandal, Proclamation, Stencil, 7.0.

3.40—CHAMPION HACK CUP, of £370; one mile and a quarter. Happy Ending 9.2, Venture 9.0, Acreman 8.13, Mysito 8.11, Night Pilot 8.10, Finkerton 8.9, Kaspian 8.9, Gold Card 8.1, Corot 8.0, Mahiana 7.12, Miss Bridge 7.9, Lady Acushla 7.7, Te Haka 7.7, Maioro 7.7, Bronze Emerald 7.7, Raepata 7.7, Royal Jay 7.7, Parchment 7.7, Koural Eka 7.7, Marchby 7.7, Shar-jore 7.7, Rose Acre 7.7, Horeke 7.7, Foxwood 7.7.

4.25—HOT SPRINGS HANDICAP, of £300; one mile and a quarter. Fox 9.3, Merry Vaals 9.2, Flying Ace 8.12, August 8.11, Full Hand 8.10, Joan Peel 8.4, Night Hawk 7.10, Wil-jore 7.9, Ascot Bloom 7.7, Barrister 7.7.

5.10—SHAFTSBURY HACK HANDICAP, of £275; six furlongs. Hum-a-Song 9.2, Sir General 9.0, Biddy Girl 8.13, Paymaster 8.12, Hunter's Night 8.12, Hunto 8.6, Radiant Vaals 8.5, Volfox 8.1, Dutch Ace 8.1, Kakarere 7.13, Kadina 7.12, Beveac 7.10, Golden Bonnet 7.7, Vitement 7.7, Flying Eagle 7.7, Loch Acre 7.7.

English Winning Sires' List

HYPERION PREDOMINATES

Gynerium's Lineage Appears Extensively

(By THE BARB.) Despite the war, racing in England last season was carried on as much as possible and, as usual, breeding statistics were published for last season, which ended in November, 1940.

These statistics are interesting to Hawke's Bay breeders, particularly so to Mr A. F. M. Symes, owner of Gynerium (by Phalaris from a mare by Son-in-law from a Chaucer mare), Mr T. H. Lowry, owner of Tiderace (by Fairway by Phalaris) and to all breeders and brood mare owners who are students of the breeding of the English thoroughbred.

In the list of the leading 22 sires, Gynerium's lineage is prominent, as eight times the Phalaris blood is to the fore, while the Phalaris-Chaucer combination figures no less than five times out of the 22 most successful sires.

Furthermore, Phalaris was the leading sire of dams of winners, so that Gynerium should in days to come have a wonderful effect on breeding in Hawke's Bay.

Coup de Lyon by Winalot—Sundry . . . . . 2,211 Pharian by Pharos—Waldia Knight of the Garter by Son-in-Law from Castellum . . . . . 2,076 Blenheim (U.S.A.) by Blandford—Malva . . . . . 2,011 Pharos by Phalaris—Scapa Flow by Chaucer . . . . . 2,010

Leading Maternal Sires The following were some of the most successful sires of dams of winners:— Phalaris by Polymelus—Bromus by Sainfoin . . . . . 10,467 Gay Crusader by Bayardo . . . . . 7,026 Gay Laura by Beppo . . . . . 6,643 Hurryon by Marcovi—Tout Sult by Sainfoin . . . . . 6,643 In the previous season this particular list was headed by Hurry On £31,726.

DUNEDIN MEETING TO CONCLUDE

Good Fields The Dunedin Cup meeting will conclude on the Wingatui racecourse to-day when the favourites may be: Hurdles: Donadea, Spendthrift, Combat.

Novice Stakes: Lady Derby, Kurawhi, Kohara. Flying Handicap: Pleading, Spanish Lad, Nightcalm. Jockey Club Handicap: Iceland Spar, Trench Flight, Schoolgirl.

Abbotsford Hack: Queen Beth, Withdrawal, King Gustavo. Hopeful Stakes: Desert Maid, Bird of Prey, Dash o' Dublin. Hazlett Gold Cup: Winning Rival, Royal Chief.

Waihola Handicap: Anglo-Irish, Air-line, Foxette.

TO-DAY'S FIELDS

12.30—OWHIRO HURDLES, of £175, one mile and a half—Araba 11.6, Combat 11.0, Spendthrift 10.8, Fligman 10.1, Supereux 10.0, Song Boy 9.11, Roseman 8.9, Donadea 8.8, Master Hotspur 8.1, Viking 8.0, Night Scot 8.0.

1.8—NOVICE HANDICAP, of £120, six furlongs—Lady Derby 9.0, Kurawhi 8.7, Legis 8.4, Georgia 8.3, Kohara 8.2, Lady Laid 8.1, Gipsy Minstrel 8.1, Maxima 8.1, Tripaloon 8.0, Paladeo 8.0, Golden Star 8.0, Light Cavalry 8.0, Tattling 7.13, Dark Olga 7.13, Jacksonville 7.13, Tripaloon and Light Cavalry are bracketed.

1.46—FLYING HANDICAP, of £200, seven furlongs—Lord Nuffield 8.13, Silver Streak 8.10, Spanish Lad 8.9, Night-calm 8.8, Thermidor 8.5, Swordstick 8.0, Pleading 7.13, Royal Lancer 7.13, Boloy-na 7.8, Leighnor 7.5, Craigie 7.4, Cymric 7.2, Skyrena 7.0.

2.24—JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP, of £200, one mile two and a half furlongs—Trench Flight 9.0, Wardress 8.12, Mona's Song 8.8, Doubleback 8.5, Schoolgirl 8.1, Wild Career 7.12, Straightdel 7.10, Iceland Spar 7.7, Knight of the Garter 7.1, The Wrecker 7.3, Sir Hugh 7.0, Green Sea 7.0.

3.2—ABBOTSFORD HANDICAP, of £175, six furlongs—King Gustavo 9.10, Withdrawal 9.2, Phillip 8.11, Secret Flight 8.7, Lord Midas 8.6, Queen Beth 8.5, Islay Downs 8.0, Astaire 7.13, Irish Lass 7.12, Lawford Lass 7.11, Big Joe 7.10, Gold Nugget 7.7, Valcron 7.7, Central Star 7.7, Lord Midas and Gold Nugget are bracketed.

3.40—HOPEFUL STAKES, of £200, five furlongs—Bird of Prey 8.8, Desert Maid 8.7, Silver Lily 8.5, Dash o' Dublin 7.9, Espionage 7.7, Solerity 7.0.

4.18—JAMES HAZLETT GOLD CUP, of £500, one mile—Royal Chief 8.11, Lord Nuffield 8.6, Schoolgirl 9.5, Gay Parade 9.1, Winning Rival 8.11, Dorla 8.0, and the others are bracketed.

4.56—WAIHOLA HANDICAP, of £300, one mile two and a half furlongs—Anglo-Irish 8.6, Raroa 8.6, Foxette 8.1, Lord Midas 8.1, Airline 7.12, Prince of Peace 7.0, Bur Abbas 7.8, My Song 7.7, Parlane 7.7, The Joker 7.7.

RIDERS ENGAGED FOR WOODVILLE

Following are some of the riders' mounts this afternoon:—W. L. Aitken, White Rajah, Proven, Master Cykion, Loch Molg, Sanction, P. Atkins; Kathbella, Kobi, Isla, S. Parame; Proclamation, Silver Ball, N. Cavenev; Malacca, L. Cullen; Lady Garvagh, R. Marsh; Diana Tetrax, W. Lewis; Authores, J. Williamson; Colonel Bogey, War Zone, E. Temperton; Royal Zone, S. Anderson; Drake's Drum, Moradabad, Lady Ex, G. R. Tattersall; Talenta, Junna, Fleche d'Or, Newbury Queen, Ringcraft, E. H. Morris; Pinocchio, Mittle, Last Ace, Golden Moon, P. Burgess; Oragon, W. M. Thomson; Kriemhild, Kobi, Loch Molg, Sanction, P. Atkins and S. Parame being unable to ride to-day on account of their transfer from the late S. Reid not yet being confirmed by the Racing Conference.

THE RING RECOVERED

(By The Barb) Mr D. Douglas has received advice from trainer J. M. Cameron that The Ring has fully recovered from injuries suffered when galloped on last Monday when contesting the Vercoe Handicap.

She was galloped yesterday morning on the Te Aroha track but did not appear to handle the right-handed course very satisfactorily. However, she is in fine fettle to contest the Herries Memorial Cup this afternoon.

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