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Japanese Residents To Leave Indo-China

PRECARIOUS POSITION

Threatened Breakdown In Peace Negotiations

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LONDON, Feb. 27.

The Dome News Agency has reported that the Tokyo Government has instructed Baron Yasu Hayashi, Consul-General at Hanoi, to order the immediate evacuation of Japanese residents in Indo-China in view of the threatened breakdown in the Thailand-Indo-China peace negotiations.

It is believed that Tokyo has received the refusal from Vichy of Japan's mediation proposal.

The "Nichi Nichi Shimbun" said that Japan would not reconsider the "final" mediation plan reported to have been submitted to Thailand on Monday.

Japan was determined to make a settlement this week at the latest, because further delay "might considerably set back the realisation of lasting peace in East Asia."

The main points of the plan are described as—

(1) The return to Thailand of Luang, Prabang, Pakse and West Mekong.

(2) The return of the Western Cambodia district, including Siem Reap, Sisoan and Batiambang.

New Policy

An earlier message stated that Japan was increasing both her diplomatic and economic pressure on French Indo-China.

The Overseas Minister, Mr. Kyoshi Akita, told a committee of the Lower House that the Japanese Government had decided on a new policy in future economic relations with Thailand.

The Minister declined to reveal details, but all the leading Japanese newspapers give prominence to a report that the Government had submitted its final mediation plan to Indo-China and Thailand.

Meanwhile, the Japanese Prime Minister, Prince Konoye, has declared that Japan's policy does not aim at securing reparations or outright acquisition of territory from China or Indo-China, even though Indo-China has been compelled to grant Japan naval and air bases.

He says also that he is not pessimistic concerning the future of Japanese diplomacy towards the United States.

INVASION OF U.S. LESS LIKELY

HELPLESS PLIGHT LAST YEAR

EXPERT'S VIEW

Women Demonstrate At Washington

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.

General George Marshall, Chief-of-Staff of the United States Army, in a report presented to Congress today, states that he considers invasion less imminent than it was a year ago, when the United States would have been in a somewhat helpless plight.

Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, said that, while the transfer of more destroyers was inadvisable at the moment, the Government's hands should not be tied, because it was impossible to foresee what it would want to do to-morrow or the next day under the present world conditions.

Unusual precautions to protect the Capitol were taken to-day, partly as a result of demonstrations against the Lend-and-Lease Bill, mostly staged by elderly neurotic women.

Guards who were formerly on duty from 8 a.m. to midnight have now been placed at all entrances on a 24-hour basis.

Women Demonstrate

A group of 40 women to-day waved flags and signs bearing various inscriptions, including "Send Halifax home" and "Move over, Unknown Soldier."

Mr. Lowell Mellett, chief of the Government Reports Office, said today. "The Administration has absolutely no plans for the censorship of the Press or radio."

Mr. Mellett testified in support of a Bill to make his agency permanent and to authorise an annual payment of 1,500,000 dollars for its operation.

Mr. Mellett quoted a letter from President Roosevelt stating that the Government Reports Office was operating at moderate expense and was an essential part of the Presidential and Executive office.

The responsibility of the Chief Executive had become so heavy that, even in normal times, there should be an organisation to serve as a central clearing-house of information concerning Federal activities and reports on the opinions, needs, and desires of citizens.

The office should be sufficiently flexible and independent to meet changing conditions and deal with special problems.

VAST TRANSFER OF SUPPLIES

ROOSEVELT'S PLANS READY

AID FOR BRITAIN

Munitions Already Assembled

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NEW YORK, Feb. 26.

"The Times" Washington correspondent states that on the assurances of the Senate and House of Representatives leaders that the Lend and Lease Bill will be passed without further substantial amendment, President Roosevelt took steps to-day to transfer to Britain all possible war supplies from the present stores of the Army and Navy without crippling the American armed forces.

This followed a series of conferences at the White House between the President, Cabinet and other important advisers. It is believed that the first move will be to assemble existing war supplies, moving them in the direction of embarkation for England.

Administration sources revealed that the final inventories of British needs and existing American supplies were checked at White House conferences, Britain listing long-range guns, machine-guns, ammunition, etc. The opinion was expressed that 500,000,000 dollars' worth can be shipped as soon as Congress passes the Bill.

Finance Approved

The House Appropriations Committee has approved a 13-billion dollar Supplementary Defence Bill and sent it to the floor of the House, where Democrats conceded that many of the weapons provided in it might be transferred to Britain if the Aid Bill is passed. It includes funds to complete 55 destroyers, 189 big navy planes, 40 minesweepers and numerous other craft.

Congressman John Vorys asked whether the weapons would be subject to transfer to Britain, and Clifford Wodrum replied that he believed that as much as 50 per cent. might be transferred.

NEW YORK MARKET FIRM

Significant Rise In Australian Stocks

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NEW YORK, Feb. 26.

Stock Exchange bonds continued to improve to-day, some Australian stocks gaining two points.

12,000 STEEL WORKERS INVOLVED IN STRIKE

American Labour Trouble May Hamper Vital Defence Industries

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BUFFALO (New York), Feb. 26.

The C.I.O. Steelworkers' Organising Committee has declared a strike of 12,000 men at Bethlehem Steel's Lackawanna plant. Unionists predicted that similar strikes would follow quickly in other Bethlehem plants, tying up the production of a billion dollars' worth of defence orders, involving 60,000 workers.

The strike was called despite Washington efforts to halt it, for which reason it is considered to be a demonstration of the C.I.O.'s determination to organise all major industries. It has already obtained an agreement with the largest steel company, United States Steel, but has fought for many years a war with the Little Steel group of which Bethlehem is a principal member.

Bethlehem owns mines and shipyards, and if fought out it would be the biggest battle yet between Labour and Capital.

MR EDEN'S VISIT TO TURKEY

AXIS SHOWS SIGNS OF CONCERN

CHANGE OF TONE

Warm Welcome At Istanbul

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LONDON, Feb. 26.

The arrival of Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, and General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, has everywhere been welcomed in Turkey. The Turkish Press reaffirms the solidarity of the Allies.

Mr. Eden's programme yesterday consisted of calls on the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, the Prime Minister, M. Saydam, and the president of the National Assembly.

General Dill and the Chief of the Turkish General Staff, Marshal Chakmak, exchanged calls, and Mr. Eden placed wreaths on the tomb of Turkey's great national leader Kemal Ataturk.

Change of Views

Late last night, the German Foreign Office authorised the Berlin correspondent of a Zurich newspaper to telephone a statement to his paper flatly denying that the German Foreign Office regarded the Turkish and Bulgarian declarations of non-aggression as a success for Axis diplomacy.

This acknowledges in remarkable fashion that Britain has regained her influence in the Balkans, which Mr. Eden and General Dill are now consolidating at Ankara.

A statement attributed to a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman says: "The German Government has learned with surprise that circles abroad have stated that the Wilhelmstrasse commented on the declaration as a success for the Axis."

"Such a statement or expression of opinion was never made officially. Furthermore, the attitude of the Turkish Press now forces the German Foreign Office to show even greater reserve toward Turkey."

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PLEASANT PROMISES FROM GERMANY

South American Trade

WILL BUY GOODS AFTER WAR

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Torrential rain which has fallen in West Bulgaria in the past 24 hours is likely to waterlog Sofia's two airports, delaying the arrival of 100 German fighters which were promised for to-day, as protection against British and possibly Turkish raids, which the Bulgars have been told to expect.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Belgrade correspondent says that a considerable number of German naval ratings have arrived in Vienna, Linz and elsewhere in Austria. Their destinations are variously conjectured as the Danube, the Black Sea, and the Adriatic.

A Sofia message says that Cabinet met in emergency session after a conference between the Prime Minister, M. Filoff, the Foreign Minister, M. Popoff, and the Chief of Staff, M. Petkoff.

The International News Service Budapest Correspondent says that reports from Sofia state that 12,000 German troops have entered Bulgaria from Rumania, forming the vanguard of 120,000 soon to stream across the Danube for the purpose of confronting Greece.

Message From Duce

Mussolini has sent the following message to General Antonescu: "I warmly approve your attitude to Britain, and much appreciate your Government's straightforward action which neatly cut short all possible British manoeuvres."

Official circles in London believe that the German preparation for the occupation of Bulgaria are almost complete.

There is tense expectancy in Sofia relieved only by the knowledge that the weather is at present unfavourable for a German move.

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ITALIAN MORALE WEAKER

DUCE A PATHETIC FIGURE

WORLD OPINION

Utter Dependence On Germany

British Official Wireless (Received February 27, 8 p.m.)

RUGBY, Feb. 26.

Reports are accumulating of signs of a weakening of morale among the civilian population of Italy which may account for the issue of a decree from Rome making provision for the reinforcing of the Italian Public Security Police by a further 3000 men. Mussolini's speech on Sunday did little to cheer their drooping spirits.

"Silex," writing in the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," goes so far as to admit that the events of the last few months have driven the Italians to the limits of their will power. Italy's reaction to the increasing German grip on their country has yet to be revealed, but it is significant that according to a Zurich report leading Italian newspapers now make no secret of Germany's increasing dependence on Germany.

German Troop Concentrations

These papers find great encouragement in the announcement that German motorised troops are now concentrated in Southern Italy. The "Frankfurter Zeitung" declares that this has aroused intense enthusiasm throughout Italy, but a different impression has been created elsewhere.

The feature of Mussolini's speech which most impressed neutral countries is the frankness with which the Duce accepted his position of inferiority compared with Hitler.

"It is remarkable," says the Swedish "Handels Tidning Sergerstedt," "how the Italian dictator stood in the shadow of his German companion." American Press reaction is practically unanimous in regarding the Axis junior partner as a pathetic figure, as there are satirical references and not commiseration in many commenting editorials.

Pleased To Be Prisoners

Reports coming from the Italian frontier suggest that the depression at Italy's military prospect has reached such a low ebb that women regard it as a matter for congratulation when they learn that their menfolk have become British prisoners, feeling assured that they will at least be well treated.

Particularly humiliating has been the steady series of reversals suffered in Albania. According to latest reports from Athens the number of Italian prisoners in Greek hands now exceeds 23,000.

Diligent Workers

The diligence of the farming enthusiasts, states the Air Ministry News Service, can be gauged from the fact that 13 acres of rough ground round the aerodrome has been ploughed and potatoes, cabbages, peas, beans, turnips, cauliflower and other vegetables planted, with the result that the farm now yields a substantial annual profit on the outlay of about £160 a year, and it is hoped that 30 tons of potatoes will be gathered this season, besides substantial crops of green stuffs.

Green stuffs are also being produced, and a mushroom bed is to be laid down.

A pig farm is an equally striking example of the enthusiasm of a leading Aircraftman who for years had been a pig breeding expert. He is in sole charge of 80 pigs, which snort unconcernedly at the edge of the aerodrome while Army Co-operation aircraft continuously fly low above and around. The sale of pigs takes place regularly under a Ministry of Food licence in the nearest local market.

DOCTORS REFUSE SERVICE

SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRACTS

UNANIMOUS MOVE

Hawke's Bay Division Of B.M.A.

(A decision not to enter into a contract under the general practitioners' service was revealed by the Hawke's Bay Division of the British Medical Association at a meeting in Napier last night.)

After the meeting, the president of the Hawke's Bay Division (Dr. H. H. Barnett) issued the following statement:

"The Hawke's Bay Division of the British Medical Association to-night unanimously decided not to accept service under the Government's general practitioner scheme."

The service referred to by Dr. Barnett is provided for under the Social Security Act and is to come into force to-morrow.

"Full Support"

"We have the support of all the practitioners from Wairoa to Dannevirke, said Dr. Barnett, in commenting on the attitude of the medical profession to the scheme.

Similar action has been taken by the Gisborne doctors.

ITALIAN SEAPLANE BASE OCCUPIED

Strategic Island Of Castel Lorizo

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BUREAUCRATIC ACTIONS DELAY BRITISH VESSELS

New Minister Of Shipping Needed To "Ginger Up" Methods

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LONDON, Feb. 27.

In furtherance of its campaign for more efficient organisation of shipbuilding the "Daily Mail" in a leader quotes the Chamber of Shipping's complaint that bureaucracy has a stranglehold over the Mercantile Marine.

It adds that when shipmasters reach port they are plagued by a horde of officials from various Departments, and their vessels delayed by the leisurely process of the Civil Service.

"We must appoint a Minister of Shipping with a place in the War Cabinet—a man who knows shipping and who has the ruthless drive required for gingering up the whole organisation. He must immediately end such scandalous incidents as that at the Clydeside, when 500 shipyard workers were locked out for half a day because they arrived on the job two minutes late."

Bubonic Plague Reported

PACIFIC ISLAND

Remote Area Of New Caledonia

CALL FOR VACCINES

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NOUMEA, Feb. 27.

A few cases of bubonic plague have been reported from distant districts of New Caledonia. The districts affected have been isolated and all precautions taken.

A Sydney message says that the Chief Quarantine Officer, referring to the outbreak of bubonic plague in New Caledonia, said that his Department had received an urgent radio request for vaccines. These would be sent to Noumea as soon as possible.

The message revealed that the plague occurred in a native village on the south-east coast 130 miles from Noumea.

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Yesterday On 'Change

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

WELLINGTON EXCHANGE
Sales Last Wednesday
Farmers' Fertiliser (pref.) 1 2 6

Bank of Australasia 8 16 0
Bank of N.S.W. 29 0 0
War Loan, 1/10/53 81 10 0

CHRISTCHURCH EXCHANGE
Sales Reported
Bank of N.S.W. 29 0 0
N.Z. Breweries 1 12 6

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING
Pukehou Members Have February Gathering

The president, Mrs Campbell, presided at the February meeting of the Pukehou Women's Institute and greeted members and one or two visitors.

After the usual business was completed a talk on Music was given by Mr T. Loten and was very much appreciated by everyone.

After a talk on Melanesia was given by the two Melanesian boys who are at Te Aute College and the talk was most interesting.

Nominations for the new committee was handed in and Mrs Turley, sen., was chosen to be the future president.

Forty-two garments were handed in for the refugees. Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs Turley, Mrs J. Turley and Mrs C. Bott.

The competition results were as follows: Vegetable bouquet, Mrs C. Bott, 1; Mrs Thompson 2; vegetable in jelly, Mrs E. Baldwin, Mrs Thompson 2, Miss J. Osborne 3; best bloom, gladioli, Mrs Caldwell.

W.C.T.U. MEMBERS AT WAIPAWA
Successful Garden Party Enjoyed

The Waipawa branch of the W.C.T.U. held its first meeting of the year with the usual garden-party, held on this occasion at the residence of Mr and Mrs Carson, Victoria Street.

The party, which was attended by a large number of members, was one of the most successful held by the Union in Waipawa.

Proceedings opened with a prayer led by the president, Mrs C. J. Ford, who then welcomed the members and their friends.

A bring-and-buy stall was well patronised, and several competitions were enjoyed, the winners of these being Mrs A. Annand, Mrs Robertson, Miss Bibby, and Mrs A. Mudge-way.

A delicious afternoon-tea was served by Mrs Carson, who had spared no effort to make the party the success it was. Afterwards Mrs Ford proposed a vote of thanks to Mr and Mrs Carson for their hospitality.

Breach of Awards.—The Inspector of Awards proceeded against Henry Berkham, Makotuku, and John Henry Gibbs, Mangatera, at the Magistrate's Court, Dannevirke, on Wednesday for employing persons not members of unions. In both cases accused were fined £1.

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TAKAPAU W.D.F.U. MEMBERS

Special Evening Held
TWO INTERESTING SPEAKERS
Col. and Mrs Noel Adams

On Tuesday night in the supper room of the Takapau Town Hall, Colonel Noel Adams and Mrs. Adams, Clevedon, were the guests of the Takapau branch of the Women's Division of the Farmers' Union. The proceedings were presided over by Mrs. F. de Stacpoolle with Mrs. W. Hobson (secretary).

Mrs. de Stacpoolle introduced Mrs. Adams, the Dominion president of the W.D.F.U., who gave a very instructive discourse detailing the activities of the Women's Division stressing the point that they should concentrate on helping to make things better for the soldiers and thus help to win the war.

Colonel Adams spoke of the many difficulties among the various kinds of producers and the task to make a united nation. Prior to the war this was undertaken by the various representatives of farmers with the hope of bringing unity but now they had to work harder to bring victory for the British Empire. He impressed his hearers that the union was non-political and did not oppose measures until they were understood.

Both speakers were heard with interest. Songs were given by Mr. E. G. Colin (Ashley Clinton), Mrs. A. Wilson playing his accompaniments. The Rev. A. Roxborough Wallace conducted community singing which proved most successful with Mrs. F. Mullan playing the accompaniment. Supper was provided by the ladies and the evening brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The first committee meeting for the year of the Takapau sub-centre of the Red Cross Society was recently held in the Plunket Rooms.

Mrs. Tennent (president) presided over the following: Mesdames Tiffin, Anderson, Maika, de Stacpoolle, Tilley, Karauria, Hobson, Poulton, Wylie (secretary) and Miss Bourne.

An apology was received from Mrs. Kelford. A lengthy file of correspondence was read and accounts amounting to £79/6 were passed for payment.

Since the last meeting, two calls had been received towards hospital equipment for soldiers, the second call having the addition of six pairs of pyjamas, the material being supplied by the Hawke's Bay branch and the sewing done by members of the Sewing Circle. Donations were received from Mrs. H. Hill towards this equipment.

Three parcels of knitted garments consisting of 65 articles in all, had been forwarded to the Navy League, all the wool for these garments had been purchased from moneys donated for this purpose, by the Rev. Blathway, Takapau Institute Gardening Circle, and Mrs. W. Ellis.

It was announced that the annual general meeting would be held on a date to be fixed by the secretary. Other donations received were from the following: Girl Guides, Boy Scout Troop, Mesdames Tilley and Schofield, Hawke's Bay Sub-Union, benefit match, and bankers' golf tournament.

NEARLY SENT BACK! "It'll be a cot case if this 'desert throat' doesn't clear up," groaned the New Zealander. "This sand 'n' Hullo! A parcel from home, monna. 'Hurrah! Just in time!' Pulmonas relieve throat and chest affections by Two-way Relief... inhalation through the air passages, and germ-destroying absorption through the blood-stream. Nothing like Pulmonas for coughs, colds, flu, etc. Pulmonas, 1/1, 1/4, and 2/1. All chemists and stores.

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A Sports Club Dance HELD AT TUTIRA

Many Dancers Enjoy The Evening
CUPS PRESENTED

A most successful dance was held at Tutira as a wind-up to the recent sports. Among the many dancers present were visitors from all surrounding districts and also from Napier and Hastings.

The hall was decorated with gaily coloured streamers. Excellent music was supplied by the Buff Orchestra, and Mr K. Anderson was the M.C.

After a delicious supper had been served the sports committee chairman, Mr W. R. Paterson, presented the cups and trophies won during the day.

Among those present were: Mrs A. Bullock, green striped silk; Mrs G. MacL. A. Chapman, black and white striped sheer; Mrs G. Young, georgette frock in orange tonings; Mrs J. Blair, bottle green crepe de chine; Mrs D. Riddell, black silk gown with pink spray; Mrs R. Scott, lemon georgette and lace; Mrs N. Harwood, violet crepe de chine; Mrs N. Dahm, navy georgette frock with white pin spots; Mrs J. McKay, light blue and white striped frock; Mrs R. Haycock, pink floral georgette; Mrs J. McGuinness, pink and blue floral taffeta; Mrs V. O'Rourke, pale pink cloque, flowers at neckline; Mrs A. Chapman, black cloque with diamond buttons at back; Mrs J. Lane, pale green lace; Mrs E. Turrey, green shot taffeta; Mrs E. Hyde, midnight blue velvet; Mrs C. Duncan, scarlet crepe de chine; Mrs Geoff. Young, black taffeta, pink spray at waistline; Mrs J. Watson, deep cyclamen taffeta; Mrs Pickett, pale mauve sheer; Mrs S. Osborne, green georgette with white fur collar; Mrs M. Renwick, scarlet cloque frock.

Miss M. Hyde, black sheer; Miss J. Scott, pink floral georgette; Miss J. McKay, navy and white floral silk; Miss M. Bartlett, floral stripes on black background; Mrs F. Belberly, navy sheer with white pin spots; Miss M. Harwood, green with fawn lace yoke and sleeves; Miss J. Bennett, black lace with white velvet collar; Miss J. Woodward, mauve satin with purple spray; Miss B. McKinnon, blue shot taffeta with bolero; Mrs Merle Harwood, black velvet trimmed with pink lace; Miss B. McIntosh, green satin, violet spray at neckline; Miss Joan Scott, scarlet crepe de chine, white collar; Miss B. McLean, pink georgette, gold braid trimming; Miss F.

Here is the K.S.C. list: 30 articles of clothing for children and adults; 13 blankets and bedcovers, 248 Red Cross bandages, 774 hospital theatre supplies, 10 large tins of sterilised dressings; 175 balacava, 91 pullovers, 23 pairs seaboot stockings, 147 pairs socks, 147 pairs mittens, 71 scarves, 8 pairs operation stockings, 24 pairs gloves, 62 pairs gloves and 84 miscellaneous.

The leader and organiser of this circle in whose home the afternoon meetings are held each week, deserves a special tribute, for, though she prefers to remain anonymous, her spirit inspires her workers and perhaps other women will feel they too could help along some similar gathering.

MacDonald, pink taffeta, diamond trimmings; Miss N. Moloney, salmon pink taffeta with bolero to match; Miss M. Fenwick, black taffeta frock; Miss S. Grant, white organdie with red sash.

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HASTINGS THEATRES

42,223 PEOPLE SAW IT IN ITS FIRST WEEK AT THE CAPITOL THEATRE, SYDNEY... NOW THRILLING N.Z. AUDIENCES. A POWERFUL DRAMATIC EPIC THAT WILL BRING YOU AN EXHILARATION YOU'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED IN A MOTION PICTURE BEFORE. TO-DAY AT 2 P.M. COSY TO-NIGHT AT 7.45 P.M. A BLITZBERG of Breathless Thrills - Breath-taking Adventure, Soul-bearing Excitement... THE MOST RECKLESS RENEGADES IN HISTORY! Ride Again - Plundering - Thundering - To Thrill You with Their Hot-Blooded Daring!

TO-DAY 2.15 & 8 P.M. STATE AT THEATRE PLANS PHONE 2674. HASTINGS LEADING THEATRE (Amalgamated Theatres Ltd.) LAUGHTER FROM THE "LEFT"! LAUGHTER FROM THE "RIGHT"! All the laughter you've been asking us to give you! She's the most gorgeous thing in the glamor belt, but "Comrade" to her Russian butler from Brooklyn... till her broke but brash boy friend spans her into line! Elsa Maxwell's PUBLIC DEB. No. 1 GEORGE MURPHY • BRENDA JOYCE • ELSA MAXWELL • MISCHA AUER • CHARLIE RUGGLES • RALPH BELLAMY • MAXIE ROSENBLUM • BERTON CHURCHILL • FRANKLIN PANGBORN (Recommended by the Censor for Adults.)

FREE LIST ENTIRELY SUSPENDED BOOKINGS WILL BE PHENOMENAL! Plans for the Entire Season now on view at Sutcliffe's - Phone 2822... JEANETTE MACDONALD NELSON EDDY In Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's Magical Musical "NEW MOON" TO-DAY at 2.15 & 8 P.M. (Approved for Universal Exhibition.) REGENT

TO-NIGHT AND TO-MORROW NIGHT - AT 7.45 P.M. All Stalls 1/3 All Circle 1/6 MUNICIPAL DON AMECHE THE RITZ BROTHERS BINNIE BARNES - GLORIA STUART "THE THREE MUSKETEERS" SECOND FEATURE The Greatest Suspense and Shock Mystery Story Ever Written - The Greatest of All of Sherlock Holmes' Outstanding Adventures SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE'S "THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES" With BASIL RATHBONE - RICHARD GREENE - WENDY BARRE

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Cosy "WHEN THE DALTONS RODE" Thrilling Adventure With Gay Comedy Packed with action, adventure and comedy, "When the Daltons Rode," which is now screening at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings, according to a Sydney writer, noteworthy for the fine work of the actors, who give colourful performances, especially Broderick Crawford as leader among the Daltons and his brothers Brian Donlevy, Stuart Erwin and Frank Albertson. Andy Devine as their pal in criminal activities is as great as he is bodily, but it is Crawford who is at the peak of his powers. The story is partly fictional, based on fact, for the Daltons really lived and rode, terrorising their community back in the '90s. They will gain sympathy because of the injustice to which they and others had been subjected by the "authorities." They are recorded by the magic of the camera in more thrilling scenes, such as boarding moving trains, fist fights as well as gun fights, and furiously dashing across country on their horses. Romantic leads are splendidly portrayed by Kay Francis and Randolph Scott, with Mary Gordon, highly sympathetic as the mother of the wild boys. Edgar Buchanan as a wheelwright is first-class, and George Bancroft, Harvey Stephens and others are very good in minor parts. Engaging performances by a well-selected cast, a story containing a number of amusing twists and humorous turns combine to make "I'm Nobody's Sweetheart Now" refreshing film fare. The romantic difficulties of four young lovers - portrayed by Dennis O'Keefe, Constance Moore, Helen Parrish and Lewis Howard - provide the story basis of the film. Efforts of the quartette to outsmart objecting parents result in several hilarious comedy sequences.

State "PUBLIC DEB. NO. 1" IS GAY COMEDY Hilarious Romantic Developments Boasting a brilliant cast in an hilarious story, "Elsa Maxwell's Public Deb. No. 1" is now at the State Theatre, Hastings. The new comedy romance is packed with laughs and the dialogue is the freshest the screen has offered in many a moon. Versatile George Murphy and lovely Brenda Joyce head the cast. Other merry-makers include Elsa Maxwell herself, Mischa Auer, Charlie Ruggles, Ralph Bellamy, Maxie Rosenbloom, Bertson Churchill and Franklin Pangborn. "Public Deb. No. 1" tells the story of an heiress who turns a gilded "Red" under the influence of her Russian butler and is smacked back into line by a "broke but brash" young man. Brenda Joyce is the deb, who receives an old-fashioned spanking from Mr. Murphy as the first step in their riotous romance. Established as one of the screen's most versatile light comedians and dancers, George Murphy has a role in "Public Deb. No. 1" which permits him to display both talents. As Brenda's penniless boy friend, who still believes America is God's country, he has a gay time smacking the lovely heiress back into line, and the pair engage in a dance marathon that's been called a comedy knock-out. Through a series of screamingly funny developments the story moves rapidly to its surprise climax. George Murphy and Brenda Joyce do grand work as the couple involved. Elsa Maxwell throws her most unusual party and Mischa Auer contributes top-notch fun as Comrade Grisha, the butler. Other fine performances are turned in by Ralph Bellamy, Maxie Rosenbloom, Bertson Churchill and Franklin Pangborn.

Regent "NEW MOON," A FINE MUSICAL Jeanette MacDonald And Nelson Eddy Together for the sixth time, Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy add prestige as the screen's favourite romantic team in "New Moon," now at the Regent Theatre, Hastings. Set against the colourful background of 1780 New Orleans, the plot sketches the story of a lady of noble French birth and a man who, masquerading as a bondsman, manages to elude the guillotine by dropping his official title as the Duc de Villiers. His dream of a republican form of government is realised when, cast upon the shores of an island remote from shipping calls, he sets up a community with the members of his shipwrecked crew and the passengers of the boat, "New Moon," which he and his men seized on the high sea. The action moves from New Orleans to the island and is replete with many romantic as well as comedy situations. The varied musical score by Sigmond Romberg is one of the finest ever presented in a MacDonald-Eddy musical. Miss MacDonald's solos include the famous "Lover Come Back To Me," "One Kiss," "Paree," and "Rondlet." Together with Eddy she sings "Wanting You," while the "Largo" number is sung by Miss MacDonald with a choir. Eddy's songs include "Softly As In a Morning Sunrise," "Stout Hearted Men" and "Shoe Shine Song," a male quartette renders the lilting "Marianne." A cast of more than fifty speaking roles is seen in support of the co-stars, with Mary Boland giving another riotous comedy characterisation, and prominent roles filled by George Zucco, H. B. Warner and Grant Mitchell. Buntly Cutler, a new screen find, makes her debut as Julie, Miss MacDonald's maid.

Educational Affairs Discussed - Before leaving Dannevirke on Wednesday, Mr D. Forsyth, president of the N.Z. Educational Institute, and Mr G. Ashbridge, general secretary, called on the principal of the high school, Mr E. N. Hogben, who is president of the N.Z. Secondary Schools' Association. The two presidents discussed several matters of interest to both branches of the education services, and the visitors were afterwards entertained at morning tea by the staff of the high school.

NAPIER THEATRES MAYFAIR DAILY AT 2- & 7.45 P.M. Plans at Theatre - Phone 3332. TO-DAY AT 2- & 7.45 P.M. WAYNE MORRIS JANE WYMAN GILBERT ROLAND "GAMBLING ON THE HIGH SEAS" Thrills with America's slickest crime reporter tracking down a Murder and Gambling Syndicate... "THREE FACES WEST" Real people fighting for the right to live... (Both Approved for Universal Exhibition.) PLUS "JUNIOR G-MEN" - With - DEAD END KIDS LITTLE TOUGH GUYS. Chapter One of the most Thrilling Serial you've ever seen... HELP WIN THE WAR - JOIN THE NATIONAL SAVINGS MOVEMENT

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Regent TO-DAY ALL THE WORLD LOVES A LOVER... AND EVERY BODY LOVES A LAUGH! The Lady in Question Rita Hayworth in "The Lady in Question" RITA HAYWORTH with GLEN FORD - IRENE RICH - GEORGE COLOURNIH Screen Play by Lewis Meltzer Directed by CHARLES Vidor A COLUMBIA PICTURE (Recommended by the Censor for Adults.) ALSO SCREENING COLOURED CARTOON - TRAVELOGUE - SPORTS THRILL LATEST NEWS, ETC. HELP WIN THE WAR - JOIN THE NATIONAL SAVINGS MOVEMENT

Municipal "THREE MUSKETEERS" GAY MUSICAL With "Hound Of The Baskervilles" With Don Ameche, as a singing, loving, fighting D'Artagnan, and The Ritz Brothers, as phoney musketeers more at home with a carving knife than a sword, the musical comedy version of "The Three Musketeers" now at the Municipal Theatre, Hastings, has found a new way of presenting the Alexandre Dumas story which has captivated and enchanted audiences and readers from the day it was conceived almost a century ago. With a brilliant cast of supporting players, the film is hailed as one of the happiest entertainment ideas since the movies began to move. Swordplay alternates with horseplay, royal romance and secret intrigue vie for interest with the antics of three buffoons, and through it all rousing songs ring out. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Hound of the Baskervilles" one of literature's most thrilling mystery stories and the greatest of all of Sherlock Holmes' astounding adventures, has at last been transcribed to the screen. Tall, spare, hawklike Basil Rathbone, in the perfect fitting role of the great detective, is co-featured with Richard Greene and Wendy Barrie in the production which is the second feature. In this great story the master of a thousand mysteries pits his cunning against the giant unearthly beast that roams the fog shrouded English moor, terrorizing the countryside, striking

Tribute To The King By Telegraph-Press Association WELLINGTON, Feb. 27. In accordance with the wish expressed by the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) on the occasion of the civic welcome to the Governor-General (Sir Cyril Newall) and Lady Newall on Monday, his Excellency dispatched the following message to the King: "The peoples of New Zealand desire to express their admiration and appreciation for the part your Majesty and the Queen are playing in Great Britain at the present time and of your Majesties' courage, kind thoughts, kindly actions and bravery in the present hours of trial, which have touched the hearts of the people of this country as they have touched the hearts of all decent people in the world." Sir Cyril has received the following reply: "Please express to Mr Fraser the warm thanks of the Queen and myself for the kind message from the peoples of New Zealand contained in your telegram. We greatly appreciate the generous sentiments to which it gives expression. GEORGE, R.I."

Mayfair "GAMBLING ON THE HIGH SEAS" Adventure, With "Three Faces West" First feature now at the Mayfair Theatre, Napier, is "Gambling On The High Seas," featuring Wayne Morris and Jane Wyman. The locale of the greater part of this intriguing story provides possibilities galore for situations packed full of the kind of action which one naturally expects to see in a film of this type. Wayne Morris is a newspaper reporter and Jane Wyman a pretty but comparatively unsophisticated secretary to Gilbert Roland, as "Greg Morella," owner of the gambling ship, Sylvalia. "Morella" has his various devices rigged up with mechanical and electrical gadgets so that the only way he can lose is for something to go wrong with "the works." The dramatic and sometimes amusing story of how Wayne and Jane bring about his eventual downfall makes for plenty of excitement. In "Three Faces West," the other feature, Dr. Karl Braun, eminent Viennese surgeon of pre-Nazi days, arrives in America with his beautiful daughter, Leni - political refugee, penniless and homeless. Through "We The People" broadcast, a home is found for them in the heart of Dust Bowl, in a community without a doctor and anxious to provide shelter for any physician willing to undergo the hardships of the locale. The night they arrive in Asheville, North Carolina, they visit many of the poor homes, and Leni feels that even the persecution of her native land was preferable to this continual dust and the hopeless attitude of the alling people, whose once rich land has been denuded by the repeated dust storms. The changes the doctor makes in their condition form the theme of this dramatic film.

State "FOUR SONS," A FINE DRAMA Brilliant Cast In Forceful Story "Four Sons," unanimously hailed by previewers as an emotional masterpiece, splendidly convincing, is now showing at the State Theatre, Napier. Its compelling power and the force of the emotional drama label it in advance as "a picture that must be seen." Outstanding players including Don Ameche, Eugenie Leontovich, Mary Beth Hughes, Alan Curtis, George Ernest, Robert Lowery, and many others are featured. Surpassing anything he has ever done, Don Ameche heads the brilliant cast. Said to be the most powerfully dramatic role of them all, the character of the mother is enacted by Miss Leontovich. By her portrayal in "Four Sons" previewers agree that she "promises to be a new screen sensation." She was persuaded to perform in her first screen role after starring on the stage for fifteen years in New York, Paris and London. Alan Curtis is splendidly convincing in his role. He has a part which calls for strength, force and determination. His portrayal should add greatly to his reputation for fine performances. As a reward for the excellent work she did in recent pictures, Mary Beth Hughes was selected to play the leading romantic part in "Four Sons" opposite Don Ameche. She takes a long step forward with a beautiful performance which is said to prove conclusively her potentialities as a major screen personality. As the two other brothers in the story, George Ernest and Robert Lowery have turned in splendid performances. Lionel Royce and Sig Rumann are also featured in the cast.

Regent DELIGHTFUL COMEDY ROMANCE Rita Hayworth in "The Lady In Question" In what has been hailed as one of the most delightful comedy romances of the season, Brian Aherne and Rita Hayworth are co-starring in "The Lady In Question," now showing at the Regent Theatre, Napier. The new film has been hailed as refreshingly different not only for its ingenious and ingenuously narrative but also for the manner in which the co-stars perform. Aherne, one of the handsomest leading men on the screen to-day, departs from custom to appear in his first straight character role, that of a beetle-browed, walrus-moustached shopkeeper with a heart big enough to hold the world. Miss Hayworth, one of the screen's

most glamorous stars, similarly descends her glamour role to appear as an attractive, albeit plainly-dressed young woman who is the centre of a terrific domestic storm. Accused of murder, she is acquitted by a jury after she wins the sympathy of the middle-aged bicycle shop proprietor. In a generous moment, he asks her to call upon him if she ever needs help... and she does! The girl winds up helping in the shop, living with the family, falling in love with the son and unwittingly stealing from the daughter her own boy friend. In addition to these several complications, she is suspected by the shopkeepers' own wife. Through it all, her warm-hearted benefactor moves with increased stupefaction, unable to understand how and why his good turn should create so much of a furore.

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MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT WAIROA

SEVERAL CHARGES OF THEFT

TRAFFIC CASES

Dairy Company Fined £10

(Daily Mail Special Service)

PLEADING NOT GUILTY to the charge of stealing a felt hat valued at 12/6, the property of Peter Gemmill, and guilty to the charge of a breach of prohibition, Dick Raru, 23, Maori, appeared before Mr J. Miller, S.M., at the Magistrate's Court, Wairoa.

Mr M. H. Tomkinson appeared for the defendant in the first case, and Sergeant L. T. Moore conducted the case for the police.

Peter James Gemmill, a labourer, said that he purchased a hat valued at 12/6, and went into the hotel to have a drink. Raru came in shortly afterwards, said Gemmill, seized the hat and ran out of the hotel.

When he went out shortly afterwards Raru could not be seen. The Magistrate said he did not think it was a case of theft, but of wanton mischief. The first charge was dismissed and the second charge was adjourned for two months.

Alleged Theft

Matia Smith was charged with stealing clothing valued at £2 12/6, the property of Jury Sullivan, and he was also charged with the theft of a felt hat valued at 29/6, the property of Ivan Ryder.

To the first charge the accused pleaded not guilty and he pleaded guilty to the second charge.

Sergeant Moore told the court that Smith admitted stealing the hat from Ryder, and that it had been given away but it was later learned that the hat had been sold for 15/-.

Jury Sullivan stated that the defendant stayed with him for two or three months without paying any board, and after he left it was discovered that some clothing was missing. Since then the witness had not seen the defendant.

In a statement to the police Smith admitted having taken the clothing. He was convicted and released on probation for 12 months.

Fine Imposed

The Nuhaka Co-operative Dairy Company Limited was charged on the information of the Inspector of Factories with failing to furnish particulars to the Government Statistician.

The defence was represented by Mr F. H. Jones, and pleaded guilty.

Jones explained that the company was only small and had to deal with a great number of small suppliers which entailed quite a lot of work for the secretary, who was the only one doing clerical work, and that the work, while not enough for two, was too much for one man to do. The particulars required would take about 5 hours of uninterrupted time to complete, which was impossible owing to the other work which had to be attended to.

A fine of £10 was imposed.

No Licence (Mr A. Kean) Wano Hema was charged with fishing for trout without a licence and with failing to give his correct name to the ranger.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the two charges.

H. Frame, ranger for the Wairoa district, stated that he saw the defendant fishing near Piripaua and he approached him and asked him for his licence, but the defendant could not produce one, saying that he had left it in his fly book further up the river.

The ranger asked the defendant his name. He gave another name and said that the licence was purchased in Wairoa.

The ranger checked upon the licence and found that no licence had been issued in Wairoa under the name given.

Later it was found that the licence had been issued at Tui, not to the defendant, but to another man.

Hema denied being out fishing on the night in question, and said that the ranger had "got the wrong man."

The Magistrate said he was quite sure that no mistake had been made and convicted the defendant, imposing a fine of £4 on the first charge and £1 on the second.

Electric Wiring

For undertaking electrical wiring work at Morere motor camp without first giving notice to the authority, David Houston was fined 30/- and costs.

William Milne was convicted of commencing electrical wiring work without permission, and fined £3 and costs.

John Upton, for connecting up electrically without permission, was fined £3 and costs.

Charles David Chesley, charged with being on the licensed premises of the Morere Hotel after hours, was convicted and fined £1 10/- and costs.

Morgan Whatuirua for allowing stock to wander on the Ruataniwha Road was fined 30/- and costs.

Liquor Procured

Henry Hodges and David Munro were each charged with procuring liquor while a prohibition order was in force against them. Both pleaded guilty. Hodges being fined £2 and costs, and Munro £10 and costs. On a similar charge Poki Teatu Raro was fined 20/- and costs.

Raro was charged with that being a person excluded from the racecourse he was on the course while it was being used by the Wairoa Racing Club for a race meeting, and was convicted and fined £4 and costs.

Charged on the information of the Transport Department Inspector, Mr R. McKeefe, Frederick Roberts Smith, who permitted an employee to drive a motor vehicle for more than 5 1/2 hours continuously (four charges), pleaded guilty to all charges and was fined 10/- in each case.

Joseph McKain charged with driving a car without a licence, or a warrant of fitness was convicted and fined £2 on each charge.

Visit to Bakery.—An innovation in school routine took place this week in Ormondville, when the children were marched to the bakery and given a demonstration of bread and sponge-sandwich-making, by the baker, Mr E. W. Hyde.

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Ellen Drew, John Howard and Basil Rathbone in "A Date With Destiny," the story of a neurotic killer. It will open next Friday at the Regent Theatre, Napier.

MISCHA AUER WINS PREVIEW POLL

Mischa Auer won "best incident performance" of the month in the Hollywood Reporter Preview Poll. The Universal comedian was honored for his portrayal of the pocket picking magician in "SEVEN SINNERS," starring Marlene Dietrich.

Auer is said to have given another outstanding performance in Universal's current frontier epic "TRAIL OF THE VIGILANTES." In the big Western he enacts the role of a Russian cowboy.

Charlie Ruggles observed his 12th successive year in Hollywood with his new role in Universal's "THE INVISIBLE WOMAN."

Cooper and Madeleine Carroll co-starred in the principal leads, supported by Paulette Goddard, Preston Foster, Robert Preston, Akim Tamiroff, Lynne Overman, George Bancroft, Lon Chaney, Jr., Montagu Love and Walter Hampden. For his first Technicolor production, DeMille selected a subject with more beauty and colour than it seems possible to get into one scenario—the beautiful Canadian Rocky Mountains and the red-coated Mounted Police of Canada. Critics call the production the perfect Technicolor film.

Chorus Boy To Hollywood Star

Chorus boy to vaudeville to movie stardom is the seven-year "success" story by James Cagney, one of the most popular stars of the Hollywood firmament. Jimmy started his career in a New York department store at \$2 10/- per week, but a \$5 job as a chorus boy lured him from a future of merchandising.

Young Cagney took his place before the public very seriously, and soon was known as a versatile actor—so versatile, in fact, that he filled in for almost every ailing or missing actor at the slightest provocation. He could sing, dance—and act.

The vaudeville stage brought to him the first—and present wife—Miss Frances Vernon. They appeared in a dramatic sketch together and finished before the altar. When the Shuberts inaugurated their short-lived vaudeville circuit, Jimmy and wife joined a troupe headed by Lew Fields.

From thence to Broadway and finally to Hollywood—where his latest screen appearance is made in "The Roaring Twenties"—briefly completes his eventful career.

Roy Del Ruth has been signed to direct Hal Roach's "TOPPER RETURNS," in which Roland Young, Billie Burke and Patsy Kelly will have leading roles. Incidentally, Miss Kelly has been placed under long term contract by Roach.

CURRENT PRODUCTIONS

HASTINGS. STATE THEATRE—Now showing to Monday: "Public Deb. No. 1" (George Murphy, Brenda Joyce). Tuesday to Thursday: "Charlie Chan at the Wax Museum" (Sydney Toler) and "The Bride Wore Crutches" (Nex). Friday: "The Ramparts We Watch" (March of Time) feature, with "Bone Trouble" (Disney cartoon). REGENT THEATRE—Now showing to Thursday: "New Moon" (Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Eddy). Next Friday: "I Take This Woman" (Hedy Lamarr, Spencer Tracy). COSY THEATRE—Now showing to Monday: "When the Daltons Rode" (Randolph Scott, Kay Francis), and "I'm Nobody's Sweetheart Now" (Dennis O'Keefe, Constance Moore). Tuesday to Thursday: "Gambling on the High Seas" (Wayne Morris, Jane Wyman), and "The Leather Pushers" (Richard Arlen, Andy Devine). Next Friday: "The Roaring Twenties" (James Cagney, Priscilla Lane), and "Man From Sundown" (chapter 1 of serial "Junior G-Men" Dead End Kids and Little Tough Guys). MUNICIPAL THEATRE—To-night and to-morrow: "Hound of the Baskervilles" (Richard Greene, Basil Rathbone), and "The Three Musketeers" (Don Ameche, the Riz Brothers). Next Friday: "Tales of Constance" (Bennett, Alice Faye) and "Submarine Patrol" (Richard Greene, Nancy Kelly).

ODD POINTS OF INTEREST IN BRIEF

Before John Justin, handsome young star of Alexander Korda's "THE RETURN OF BAGDAD," the technical spectacle, left Hollywood to return to his native London, he was presented with several solid gold medals to wear around his neck to ward off danger from the skies. The medals were presented by the pretty señoritas of Oliver Street, picturesque Mexican centre of Los Angeles, where Justin became a prime favourite during his short Hollywood stay.

Six of the ten Best Pictures of 1940 chosen by the National Board of Review in America on the basis of "artistic merit and importance" were United Artists releases: "The Great Dictator," "Of Mice and Men," "Our Town," "The Long Voyage Home," "Foreign Correspondent," and "Rebecca."

Thomas Mitchell, one of the principal players in John Ford's Argosy production of Eugene O'Neill's sea classic, "THE LONG VOYAGE HOME," hates to read letters and makes it a practice never to open any mail. "If people want you bad enough, they'll send you a wire or get you on the phone," he says, "even the income tax men."

Adding another top name to the list of box-office stars set for the screen version of "SKYLARK," Paramount has signed the talented British actress, Binnie Barnes, for the role of Mrs. Valentine. The blonde star reported to the Paramount studios on January 6th to begin work in the picture, which stars Claudette Colbert and Ray Milland under the supervision of Producer-director Mark Sandrich.

Six men more than six feet two inches tall are members of the cast of John Ford's new Argosy drama, "THE LONG VOYAGE HOME," starring John Wayne.

John Wayne is six feet three inches tall; Cyril McLaglen and Harry Tenbrook, one of the shorter Ward Bond and Harry Penick are six feet two and a half inches, and Constantine Romanoff, a quarter of an inch shorter. Ian Hunter, Arthur Shields, Don Perry and Wilfrid Lawson are all six footers.

Filming of Hal Roach's "ROAD SHOW" has been completed under the direction of Mr Roach. Paramount has headed by Adolphe Menjou, Carole Landis, John Hubbard, Patsy Kelly, Charles Butterworth, George E. Stone, Polly Ann Young, Margaret Roach and James Arthur. The picture, which is being made by artists, make their screen debut with a group of Hoagy Carmichael tunes especially written for the picture.

Johnny Mack Brown, Universal's Western star, is on a hunting trip to the California Sierras prior to starting his next picture.

COMMENT ON THE FILMS

A debutante heiress with Communist leanings is reformed by a democratic waiter in the laughable comedy "PUBLIC DEB. NO. 1," which features George Murphy as the heiress, George Murphy as the waiter, and Mischa Auer as the "leftist" influence on the debutante.

Produced by the makers of "The March of Time," their first full length feature, "THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH," more than lives up to the standard set by its shorter predecessors. It gives an impressive picture of typical events of world significance.

Romance, adventure and action, to say nothing of the glorious music, form the attractions in "NEW MOON," latest Jeanette MacDonald-Nelson Eddy starring success. Its lead story relates the tangled course of a romance between an exiled duke and a French beauty.

Spencer Tracy in a typically fine characterization, and endeavour to defeat Lamarr are starred in "I TAKE THIS WOMAN," which relates the friendship and marriage of a brilliant doctor and the girl he has saved from suicide.

Colourful story of a family driven into outlawry by injustice and suspicion, "WHEN THE DALTONS RODE" has a splendid cast of character actors, headed by Randolph Scott and Kay Francis. It is outdoor adventure at its best.

The romantic difficulties of four young lovers who endeavour to defeat objecting parents, are told to the accompaniment of many amusing twists and tuneful songs in the gay musical comedy, "I'M NOBODY'S SWEETHEART NOW," with Dennis O'Keefe and Constance Moore featured.

A gambling ship kept just outside the three mile limit off the coast of the United States is the scene of action in "GAMBLING ON THE HIGH SEAS," with Wayne Morris and Jane Wyman in leading roles.

"THE LEATHER PUSHERS" in the film of that name are Richard Arlen and Andy Devine, who share adventures both dramatic and amusing in their battle to bring the former to the top rank in the boxing world.

James Cagney and Priscilla Lane are together in "THE ROARING TWENTIES," action-filled drama of the prohibition days in America, and of the bootlegging rackets which sprang up overnight to dominate whole cities.

"FOUR SONS" is the tragic story of a mother who sees her sons turn against each other as war breaks out. Don Ameche, Eugenie Leontovich, and Mary Beth Hughes head the cast.

Daphne Du Maurier's famous novel "Rebecca" comes to the screen losing nothing of its tenseness and drama, cast is headed by the shy heroine whose life is overshadowed by the influence of Rebecca, the dead wife of Max de Winter, played by Laurence Olivier.

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Forty Thousand Horsemen

The glorious story of the epic achievements of the Australian Light Horse during the last war, told with drama, comedy, action and romance, "FORTY THOUSAND HORSEMEN" has been filmed in Australia with realism which has seldom been captured on the screen. Due for early provincial release, the production is now meeting with success in the main centres of the Dominion.

Concerned principally with the drama of the Light Horse campaign in Palestine "Forty Thousand Horsemen," centres upon three pals, "Red," Jim, and Larry, and upon the romance between "Red" and Julie, a fascinating daughter of the desert. Action comes quickly with the order to march onward, and with resulting fierce desert warfare in which the loyalty of the friends is put to the test.

Rugged and vigorous, a real-life type of a fighting picture, Grant Taylor plays "Red"; Chips Rafferty and Pat Twibill provide much of the comedy and Jim and Larry respectively, and newcomer Betty Bryant, in her first leading role, shows decided promise as Julie, the only woman in the cast.

Expected to make the beginning of world-class film production in Australia, "Forty Thousand Horsemen" is virile entertainment which challenges in merit the best of overseas productions.

John Quesem, in the cast of "THE LONG VOYAGE HOME," is a flutist of note. In the picture, he plays the instrument he used when he was with a symphony orchestra in the east.

Inspired by the popular song, "RANCHO GRANDE," starring Gene Autry, deals with the saving of a ranch faced with fore-closure. Smiley Burnette and Patsy Lee head a strong cast.

"THREE FACES WEST" is the story of an emigrant doctor and his daughter who regain faith in democracy in America. John Wayne and Sigrid Gurie are cast as doctor and daughter.



Oscar Natzke, New Zealand bass, whose singing has caused his elevation to the front rank of his profession. With Kenneth Neate, Australian tenor, he will appear at the Municipal Theatre, Napier, on Saturday, March 8, and at the Hastings Municipal Theatre on Monday, March 10.

shop-keeper in "THE LADY IN QUESTION," who sets out to free a girl accused of murder, Rita Hayworth, who in turn moves in on his family with disastrous results.

"Dad and Dave" need no introduction to film fans and "DAD AND DAVE COME TO TOWN" is as hilarious as any of the previous "Snake Gully" comedies.

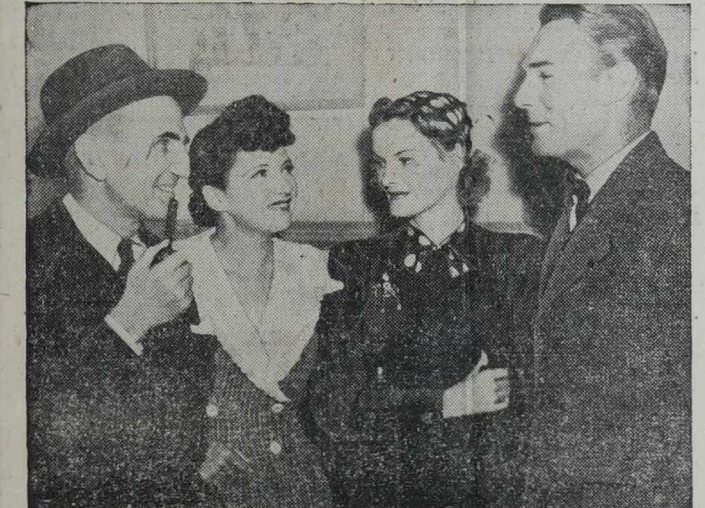
In "A DATE WITH DESTINY" Basil Rathbone plays a maniacal killer who is irresistible to women. Ellen Drew and John Howard are starred with Rathbone in this dramatic story.

Phil Regan, is cast as Spinner Magee in "FLIGHT AT MIDNIGHT," appearing as a dare-devil pilot who sets out to raise money to save a small airport.

"SWIFT VENGEANCE" tells the story of the use of dogs in detection, and "Ace," an Alsatian, is starred with Tim Holt and Virginia Weilder.



Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy score yet another impressive success in their latest musical romance, "New Moon," opening at the Regent Theatre, Hastings, to-day.



Doris Duke, American heiress, scats with director George Marshall, Kay Francis and Randolph Scott on the set of "When the Daltons Rode," adventure-drama now screening at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings.

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Breakfast Table

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Mother: "To a surprise party."

Harold: "Can't I go too—and can't we take Bobby and Susie along?"

Mother: "No you weren't invited."

Harold: "Well, don't you think they'd be lots more surprised if you took us?"

The invention of an electrically operated machine to clean vacuum cleaners has been constructed by an American. At first thought, it sounds something like a puppy dog chasing his tail; but further reflection convinces us this man has something alright here. When his new machine gets dirty, he can use the vacuum cleaner on it.

News that the first machine in the United States for making bassoons has been placed in operation irresistibly brings to mind that classic definition of a bassoon—an ill wind that nobody blows good.

The new Daylight saving idea, if carried out through the winter, will have us out of bed in the half light, and off to our various duties a good deal earlier. To provide against the chilly morning air, smart warm woollies will be much in demand. Parkers have just opened the first lot of Twin sets for Ladies—Beautiful garments in all shades and made expressly for them.

MOVES IN THE BALKANS

American commentators have not failed to draw emphatic conclusions from the German moves in the Balkans, and a leader-writer in the "Christian Science Monitor" recently suggested that the present German campaign constituted an Axis race against time: German advance against Italian defeat.

It is suggested that the British victories in Africa, the Greek success in repelling the Italian onslaught, and the dramatic swing of American opinion towards the fullest support for Great Britain have all resulted in a serious problem for the Axis strategists, who are already seriously alarmed by the failure of Germany to win the allegiance of the occupied countries in Europe. Then there are other factors, such as the British blockade which, the writer states, has "caused Spain to think twice before going hungry with Hitler," and the cumulative effect of the massing of the English-speaking peoples against the Axis.

All these things have left Germany with the prospect of either cutting her losses as far as Italy is concerned or of attempting to save the Mediterranean situation by a drive through the Balkans. The increasing pile of evidence that the occupation of Bulgaria is in view indicates that Hitler is staking a good deal on his Balkan adventure.

Personal

VICE-REGAL

His Excellency the Governor-General (Sir Cyril Newall) yesterday paid a formal visit to the R.N.Z.A.F. station at Rongotai, where there are more than 60 trainees at the present time. Attended by Air Commodore H. W. L. Saunders, Sir Cyril Newall was received on the main parade ground by Wing Commander T. W. White, Commanding Officer at Rongotai. After a formal inspection of the guard of honour and the R.N.Z.A.F. Band, His Excellency visited all the sections of the training station.—Press Association.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

N.Z. Sprint Champion

The national sprint title-holder, J. Sutherland, commenced training at McLean Park last night immediately on leaving the express. He put in an hour and a quarter in preparation for his record attempt.

Military Band

Negotiations with the Trentham Military Band, consisting of 32 players, under the conductorship of Captain C. Pike have been concluded and the band will attend the Westshore Beach Carnival tomorrow as well as the ceremony to be held in the Municipal Theatre to introduce the four Queen Carnival candidates.

Accountants' Offer

The Council of the New Zealand Society of Accountants has decided to cable leading accountancy bodies in England offering to take care of a number of members' children in New Zealand during the war, and asking whether there are any other ways in which the New Zealand Society could express its sympathy practically.—Press Association.

Meat Producers' Conference

The majority of the delegates who attended the last annual meeting of the New Zealand Meat Producers' Board attended a special conference at Wellington yesterday at which important matters in connection with the frozen meat trade were discussed. The conference was not open to the Press.—Press Association.

Otago Drought

Dunedin and the northern portion of Otago is suffering from a drought. The city's water storage is now less than half the 140,000,000 gallons available with full reservoirs. The country position is most acute in the area between Waitaiti and the Waitaki River and inland to the Maniototo Plain. A shortage of winter feed is inevitable unless a big rain eventuates in March.—Press Association.

Cyclist Injured

As a result of an accident at the intersection of Heretaunga Street and Karamu Road, Hastings, yesterday, about midday, a Hastings cyclist, Mr John A. Smith, Jervis Street, received treatment for minor injuries as an outpatient at the Hastings Memorial Hospital. The accident occurred when a truck coming from Karamu Road, and driven by Mr H. Osborne, Omaha Road, Fernhill, came into collision with the rear of the bicycle.

Domestic Remanded

A remand until this morning, was granted by Mr J. Miller, S.M., when Emily Margaret Weaver, a 60-year-old domestic, appeared before him in the Napier Magistrate's Court yesterday charged with the unlawful conversion of a bicycle at Port Ahuriri on Wednesday. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and explained that she had taken the cycle from a number of others by mistake. The Magistrate expressed the opinion that the accused's plea amounted to one of not guilty and remanded her accordingly.

Objector's Appeal

Before the Armed Forces Appeal Board at Ashburton yesterday Clifton Charles, a school teacher in the country, and a member of the Christian Assemblies, said that taking the oath of allegiance would be against his conscience. He would assist the wounded as a civilian, but would not join an ambulance. He conceded that the State was in a necessity of defending itself, but he would not help. He would be against any military work even if ordered at the point of the bayonet or being placed under a firing squad. Decision was reserved.—Press Association.

MEN CALLED UP FOR SERVICE

105 Men Required To Report

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, Feb. 27.

A notice is published in to-night's Gazette by the Adjutant-General (Colonel A. E. Conway) requiring a number of men who have been called up for service with the armed forces to report under Regulation 19 of the National Service Emergency Regulations.

The list contains a total of 105 names and includes ten who are required in the No. 1 Area at Rutland Street Drill Hall, Auckland; 79 in the No. 5 Area, who will report at Buckie Street Drill Hall, Wellington; six in the No. 6 Area who will report at the Empire Hall, Palmerston North; one in the No. 7 Area who will report at the Drill Hall, Napier; and nine in the No. 9 Area who will report at the Foresters' Hall, Nelson.

MAIL NOTICES

POST OFFICE, HASTINGS. (Napier Mails close one hour earlier) OVERSEAS MAILS.

Mails for overseas are dispatched as opportunity offers.

TRANS-TASMAN AIR MAIL. The Air Mail for Australia is dispatched thrice fortnightly and the closing time is 4 p.m.

TRANS-PACIFIC AIR MAIL. Friday, February 28th, at 4 p.m.

INLAND MAILS. NORTH: Wairoa 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. daily. Gisborne, 4 p.m. daily. Auckland 5 a.m. and 11 a.m. (letters only), 4 p.m. Saturday (letters only), 1.15 p.m.

SOUTH: Wellington, Taranaki and Intermediate towns, 8.5 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. Monday to Fridays (letters only), 6 p.m.

LETTER BOXES. Clearance of street letter boxes are made at 10 a.m. daily, and at 2 p.m. daily, except Saturday.

INLAND AIR MAILS. For Auckland and New Plymouth, Monday to Friday, 6 p.m. For Christchurch and further south, Monday to Thursday, 6 p.m.; Saturday 4 p.m. For Blenheim, Nelson, and South Island West Coast, Monday to Friday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m.

L. A. BURNS, Postmaster.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Gisborne Doctors

A statement issued yesterday and signed by every medical practitioner in Gisborne states that, pending elucidation of certain vital points in the scheme, none of the doctors in Gisborne will enter into contracts under the Government's general practitioner service.—Press Association.

Fatal Accident

The death occurred in the Waikato Hospital yesterday of Mr William Readhead, 55, a Wairoa farmer, who was seriously injured when a car he was driving on Tuesday collided with a train at Te Aroha. His 13-year-old son, who was with him, is still in a serious condition.—Press Association.

State Housing

The Minister of Housing (the Hon. H. T. Armstrong) announced yesterday that more than 10,106 State houses are now completed and occupied. Up till February 21 of this year tenders had been called for a total of 13,778, and of this number 13,278 tenders had been let or the houses erected. The number of men now employed on State houses was about 4500, compared with about 6000 last June, the reduction being chiefly attributable to war service.—Press Association.

Medical Benefits

Two notices appearing in last night's Gazette are of interest as affecting the Social Security Act. One of these fixes the fifteenth day of each calendar month as from tomorrow as the accounting period for the purpose of computing the amount payable from the Social Security Fund to medical practitioners by way of capitation fees. A second Gazette notice states that medical benefits, in accordance with the Act, will be available throughout New Zealand on and after tomorrow.—Press Association.

Railway Revenue

The approximate returns of the Railway Department's operations for the four-weekly period ended February 1 were referred to yesterday by the Minister of Railways (the Hon. R. Semple), who said that there was a net revenue for the period amounting to approximately £191,963, an increase of £9079 on the surplus recorded for the corresponding period of last year. He said: "We have to produce during the remaining eight weeks of the present year a net revenue of only £410,103 to equal the record surplus which the year 1925-26 yielded. It is quite evident from present indications that the closing balance at March will eclipse the record by a considerable amount."—Press Association.

Hospital Abused

In spite of the fact that most of the Dominion's hospitals have been overcrowded for some months, there are at least some people who have scant regard for those who really require medical treatment necessitating their confinement. According to a leading medical practitioner in Napier, a man and woman recently

National Savings Movement

FLAG COMPETITION Few Changes Are Shown

DOMINION REVIEW

(Daily Mail Special Service) WELLINGTON, Feb. 27. The National Savings flag competition...

For the third fortnightly period of the flag competition, the leading towns for the preceding period, with three exceptions, have retained their positions.

The changes in the lead are in the New Plymouth district, where Awakino replaces Eltham; the Palmerston North district, where Weber replaces Glen Oroua; and the Westport district, where the Westport Chief Post Office replaces Millerton.

Alfredon's Record The leadership for the Dominion is still held by Alfredon (a small country settlement in the Waikato) with the splendid record of 80.2 per cent of national savings depositors to population.

Waikato, in the Invercargill district, retains second place with 68 per cent, while third place is held by Te Anau, in the Hamilton district, with 62 per cent.

The Leaders The leading towns, all of which show an increased percentage in comparison with the preceding period, are as follows:

- Auckland district—Whitford. Blenheim district—Havelock. Christchurch district—Akaroa. Dunedin district—Owaka. Gisborne district—Te Araroa. Greymouth district—Fata. Hamilton district—Te Anau. Invercargill district—Waikato. Napier district—Porangahau. Nelson district—Murchison. New Plymouth district—Awakino. Oamaru district—Kurow. Palmerston North district—Weber. Thames district—Whakatane. Timaru district—Geraldine. Wanganui district—Fata. Wellington district—Alfredon. Westport district—Westport.

Unclaimed Goods On Wharves

WAR CONDITIONS Chambers Of Commerce Active

AIDING IMPORTERS Advice has been received by the Hastings Chamber of Commerce from the Associated Chambers of Commerce of New Zealand that, owing to war conditions, goods from overseas frequently arrive before the shipping documents, and in some cases the goods remain unclaimed in the Harbour Board sheds at the port of discharge for long periods before the owner is aware of their arrival.

The Chambers of Commerce in the four main centres have made arrangements with the Harbour Boards to notify them of goods unclaimed for more than 10 days, and this information will be passed on to the importers concerned; but it is not always possible to do this, especially where the marks on the goods do not give a clear indication of the ownership or final destination, and where such goods are consigned to "order".

Request to Importers Importers are therefore requested to advise their agents, and/or the Harbour Board, at whichever of the four main ports the goods are to be landed, of the marking of the goods, and the ownership is not thereby clearly indicated. No assurance can of course be given that notification of arrival of goods will be received by the consignee before the expiry of the 15 days' insurance cover; and importers are advised to arrange for an extension of this period if such extension is likely to be necessary.

Further information on the subject is obtainable from the secretary, Mr V. A. Thomson, Hastings.

MID-WEEK BOWLING AT HASTINGS

Conditions Were Ideal CLUBS ASSEMBLE FOR PLAY

Interesting Games Conditions were splendid for bowling when players assembled on the Hastings Club's greens from Kia Toa, Hereitanga and National Service Clubs for their mid-weekly meeting.

Results of play were as follows: Pigeon, Neilson, Webber, Burge, 20 v. Burfield, Mansfield, Park, 17 v. 18.

Bates, Harris, Watts, Tonkin 19 v. Brunsten, Torr, Northern, McBride 12.

Chadwick, Dixon, Parkin, Bennett 20 v. Ward, Haggart, Kruse, Crawford 16.

Rose, Mitchell, Keast, Smith 14 v. West, Campbell, Hawkins, Stewart 18.

Taylor, Johnson, E. Joll, Hall 13 v. H. Burfield, Douthwaite, Marken, Duff 17.

Charles, Robinson, Davies, Simpson 16 v. Doyle, Paul, Emmerson, Hampton 21.

In a competition yesterday at Hastings between Waipawa and Hastings for a trophy—a sketch called "Old Bill"—Hastings won 27-4.

The links were: Waipawa: J. Hodge, J. Walker, B. Ireland, O. Patterson. Hastings: E. Boyle, A. Christie, F. Tonkin, W. D. Bennett.

EMERGENCY PLAN

Domination Precautions Are To Follow British Model: Blackout Scheme

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Feb. 27.

In a statement issued to-night the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) gives further particulars of the measures taken by the Government in connection with the emergency precautions.

"The regulations dealing with the general control of lighting have now been gazetted," said Mr Fraser, "and comprehensive instructions have been issued to the local organisations concerned indicating the steps that should be taken by them to have all lights showing seaward extinguished or obscured and to eliminate the sky glow resulting from concentrated lighting in urban areas.

"Details of the action taken in various localities will, of course, be announced by the Emergency Precautions organisations through the chairman of the executives from time to time.

"Closely associated with the restriction of lighting is the system of warnings. Considerable attention has been given to the formulation of measures to give immediate warning to the community should an emergency arise.

British Method Followed "The methods adopted by the Government are practically identical with the system in operation in Great Britain, and it is obvious that it could not do better than follow the practice which has been so successful under the worst conditions.

"Details of these warning signals are also being circulated to all local organisations for immediate application.

Sirens or Whistles "A state of emergency will be indicated by a succession of blasts on sirens or whistles of 10 seconds' duration, to be separated by periods of five seconds, the whole signal to have a total duration of two minutes.

"For the all-clear, a continuous blast of two minutes will be sounded.

"Besides acting as a direction to the whole of the emergency organisations to mobilise for duty, steps are being taken to make it obligatory on every person in the area to extinguish or obscure all lights on the sounding of the general alarm.

Use of Telephone "Naturally, measures of this kind require the utmost care in their application, and the fullest use will be made of the 24-hour telephone service to convey information relating to emergencies to the proper authorities with a complete and accurate record of where it is possible to give notice of impending danger will be given, but the system provides for immediate action by properly authorised persons should an emergency arise without warning.

"It will be obvious that some steps will be necessary to apply the same measure of safety with regard to the use of the telephone during the hours of darkness compatible, of course, with reasonable safety.

Motor-Car Lights "It would be idle, however, to extinguish street lights showing seaward if complete freedom were given to motorists to use their vehicles in such areas with unrestricted lighting. This aspect is engaging the attention of the Lighting Controller and the transport authorities. The steps found necessary will be indicated by a sign.

"It will be clear from my remarks that the sounding of a general warning will necessitate a complete blackout and that even before that stage is reached a considerable precautionary restriction will be imposed in respect of lights showing seaward.

Blackout Preparations "Institutions such as hospitals, emergency headquarters, and the like, which must carry on under such conditions, should proceed immediately to equip their buildings with blackout material to the extent necessary.

"Householders should do the same in respect of rooms in which it is desired to have the use of lights should an emergency arise, but it must be emphasised again that the use of such facilities should be taken of neglect on the part of any person promptly to comply with the requirements to extinguish or obscure lights.

"Do Not Use Telephone" "Experience has shown that in an emergency people are likely to attempt to make use of the telephone for contacting relatives and friends or in an endeavour to ascertain the nature of the emergency that has arisen. In the event of warning signals being sounded, the public are expressly asked not to use the telephone except for reasons of the utmost urgency. To do so may impede its efficiency and thus seriously embarrass the necessary action.

"Those in charge of operations will see to it that all necessary information is immediately broadcast by the various means of public communication, and can be kept fully a praised of the general position and all they may be called upon to do.

Far-reaching Step "It will be seen, therefore, that far-reaching steps are being taken by the Government as precautionary measures.

"Citizens throughout the Dominion will be kept advised of their responsibilities by their local Emergency Precautions organisations and the Government.

"I have no doubt that everyone will co-operate in full measure to ensure that everything possible is done to guard against danger."

PARLIAMENTARIANS "DO THEIR BIT"

282 Members On Active Service (Received February 27, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, Feb. 26.

A White Paper shows that 266 members of the House of Lords and 116 of the House of Commons are serving in the forces.

Nineteen members of the House of Lords are in the Navy, 138 in the Army, and nine in the R.A.F. Twelve members of the House of Commons are in the Navy, 87 in the Army, Sir Richard Acland (Liberal member for Barnstaple) serving as private, and 17 are in the R.A.F.

BLACKOUT IN PROVINCE

NAPIER AREA AND HASTINGS TRIAL MEASURE

Some Residents Fail To Co-operate

In spite of the lack of notice given to residents in the blackout area last night, the experiment should provide a good basis for any measure of lighting restriction that the Controller (Mr. H. H. Wylie) should deem necessary.

A complete absence of moonlight made the conditions good for a trial.

Whether because they were unaware of the experiment or for other reasons, some residents on the Napier hills did not take care in screening the lights in their houses as requested by the authorities.

Visible From Awatoto The result of this was that isolated clusters of lights were clearly visible from Awatoto, a distance of three and a half miles away.

Many people remained in the centre of Napier and Hastings until the lights were returned to normal at 10 p.m.

Although Mr Wylie and the Napier Electrical Engineer (Mr D. H. Hastie) spent some time at sea in order to study the effect of the trial, the result of their observation was not made known last night.

In Hastings most of the street lights and a number of advertising signs were switched off merely to ascertain the degree of vertical glare.

CHAOS AMONGST ITALIANS

SCENE AFTER BATTLE OF KLISURA

GREEK VICTORY

Rout of Enemy After Fierce Fighting

The scene after the battle of Klisura, the Italian stronghold on the Albanian central front, which the Greeks captured last week, was one of horrible chaos (writes the Sydney Morning Herald's correspondent).

I climbed 2000 feet along a narrow mule-track, in places knee-deep in mud, which is typical of the "roads" of the Balkans.

Behind a heavy machine-gun in a trench, the Greeks bring up supplies and reinforcements, to visit the hill where previously I had seen the Greeks drive out the Italians at bayonet-point in some of the fiercest fighting of the war.

High-explosive shells had torn great craters in the earth, had blasted stunted fir trees, and had blasted rocks to fragments.

Among the ruins of their barbed wire entanglements and in shattered trenches and dugouts lay green-uniformed Italian dead men of the crack Julia Division, which the Greeks' swift, fierce thrusts had routed. Many, who had been caught by shell-bursts, lay twisted grotesquely on the tortured earth.

Others, with bullet wounds in the head and breast, sprawled on their backs, bayoneted rifles still clutched in their stiffened hands.

Behind a heavy machine-gun in a hastily-constructed stone dug-out, a gunner sat in the stillness of death. He was one of the Italian rearguard, who, desperately, but unavailingly, tried to cover the retreat.

I saw one young lieutenant, his head roughly bandaged, leaning back against a rock with a smile on his face. In the mud beside him, where it had fallen from his hand when he died, there was a photograph of a girl, inscribed to "my soldier-lover."

These men, who were accounted the flower of the Duce's army, fought hard, but when they broke, there were no half-measures about it. They had abandoned everything. Rifles had been flung away. Mess kits, personal belongings, and even letters and wallets were scattered about everywhere. There also were machine-guns, mortars and boxes of ammunition.

It was dangerous moving about, because hundreds of bright, red unexploded hand grenades, deceptively innocent to look at, but sudden death if incautiously kicked, lay everywhere.

Later I saw hundreds of Italian prisoners, moving in long, shambling columns back from the front. They looked weary and utterly dispirited. Greek soldiers who a few hours before, had helped to storm their positions, tossed them cigarettes from their own scanty store, as they moved past. They were rewarded with cries of "Gracias, Gracias."

I counted 500 prisoners in one column, and there were such columns moving past all day, while a big force of Italians was still being rounded up in the neighbourhood of the village of Klisura.

MARINE INSURANCE RISKS

Providing Cover For Australian Ships

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War risk insurance for all Australian ships trading between Australian ports, islands or territories is to be provided by a board whose personnel was announced by the Commonwealth Government to-day. It will be known as the Commonwealth Marine War Risks Insurance Board.

Dominion's Egg Industry

APPEAL REPEATED Minister Sticks To His Guns

"ABNORMAL DEMAND"

(By Telegraph—Press Association) WELLINGTON, Feb. 27.

"I am glad to see that my statement concerning egg prices and supplies has created so much interest, but I am surprised to note the remark emanating from Mr. T. S. Dove, Christchurch, who takes particular exception to the appeal I made for housewives to buy fewer eggs and more meat. It was also suggested that my statement of the position was not in accordance with the facts," said the Minister of Marketing (the Hon. J. G. Barclay) to-night.

"Abnormal Demand" "Retracting my previous remarks, I would point out that egg prices are falling off in accordance with seasonal conditions, and there is at present an abnormal wartime demand.

"These facts cannot be disputed and are ample justification for my appeal to housewives to be satisfied for the time being with fewer eggs and to use more meat and other local produce in plentiful supply.

"I would like to explain that there have been continuous requests from district egg committees for increased prices on the grounds that these increases were necessary to meet the public demand more in relation with the seasonal limitation of supply.

"My appeal was not made with the idea of reducing the income of the poultry producer, as the prices he is already receiving are, if anything, above the average for this time of the year."

"NOT IN HAWKE'S BAY" Poultry Farm Owner Is Emphatic

"Not in Hawke's Bay," was the terse comment of the owner of a large poultry farm who telephoned the Hawke's Bay office of the Press Association, when he was asked to sell them at a reasonably fair price.

"The principal war effort of the Hillsdale tradesmen is centred at the moment on the manufacture of three-inch mortars and in performing machine work in connection with others which will be completed by a private firm.

Intricate Work "The making of these mortars involves a considerable amount of skill in the production and assembly of a score or more intricate minor parts.

"Both these well-equipped railway workshops in the South Island, while carrying out the important regular work of the department, are also busily employed in completing a variety of work for various firms handling a large amount of the munitions programme."

Australian Aero Engines PRODUCTION BEGUN

Suitable For Wooden Aircraft "Daily Mail" Special Service. SYDNEY.

Engines suitable for installation in aircraft of wooden construction are being produced in Australia for the Federal Government, claims the Aeronautical Branch of the Institution of Chartered Engineers.

In reply to an enquiry by a statement by the Minister for Air (Mr McEwen) that, while he appreciated the possibilities of Australian woods for aircraft construction, engines were the limiting factor in aircraft production in Australia.

Members of the institution said that the engines suitable for wooden planes were the Pratt and Whitney single row and twin row types, and the Gipsy Major engine was already being made at Fishermen's Bend by the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation and the Gipsy Major engine in Melbourne by General Motors-Holdens Workmen would start at the New South Wales twin row engine factory in February.

"Bottleneck" Problem The engine "bottleneck" problem was also being tackled overseas. The Packard Co. would be building 20 Rolls Royce Merlins a day by July, and 40 a day six months later. General Motors-Holdens in the U.S.A. planned 1000 Allison engines a month by September. Hawke's Bay had called for 10,000 mechanics to build Pratt and Whitney engines, and the Lycoming Company had speeded its production greatly and had new types.

In reply to the Minister's statement that there had been no shortage of metal air frames, members said that six months ago Mr J. Storey, of the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation, had announced that Australian production of Bristol Beaufort bombers depended entirely on last-minute efforts to secure supplies of duralumin sheets from the United States.

CRICKET TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW

Whakatu-Mahora And Midland

Whakatu-Mahora Cricket Club's team to play Midland at Nelson Park No. 1, is as follows: H. Gardner, J. Moseley, J. Christison, Carlington (2), G. Arthur, H. Davison, C. Pell, P. Lowe, R. Love.

Midland Reserve—v Whakatu-Mahora, at Nelson Park No. 1: L. MacDonald (captain), L. Driver, L. Davidson, E. Keong, J. Goodger, R. Greer, W. Wallis, W. Bentley, D. Tilling, J. Wilcox, H. MacDonald.

Junior B—v High School B, at School No. 2: S. Vinoo (captain), E. Deslandes, I. Mayo, L. Mayo, H. Linyard, P. Cullinane, D. Driver, P. Revell, A. Boyce, J. Ferguson, A. Tunncliffe, B. Walsh, H. Curry.

Following is the Whakatu-Mahora team to play Havelock at Havelock to-morrow: B. Johnson, R. Love, J. Drummond, H. Stubbs (capt.), E. Miller, C. Lowe, E. Crane, D. Barry, E. Edwards, L. Lowe, A. Shuker, P. Christison.

LATE SPORTING

Zonda Will Run In Newmarket

AUSTRALIAN RACES

Final Trials At Mentone HIGH TITLE PLEASURES

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L. Robertson stated that Zonda was greatly improved and now that she had drawn so favourably a barrier position was a sure runner in the Newmarket Handicap on Saturday.

New Zealand acceptors in minor events at Flemington on Saturday are— Flemington Handicap: Wilson, Tidal Wave, Brunswick Stakes: Nightbeam. All Well pleased in the final trial at Mentone to-day, and did half a mile in 48sec. High Title displayed amazing speed and covered three furlongs in 35sec.

Pandora is a surprise absentee in the St. Leger, but will probably be reserved for the Sydney Cup and Leger.

BANKS PENINSULA ACCEPTANCES

Mixed Programme TO-MORROW'S RACE MEETING

Class Cup Entrants

(By Telegraph—Press Association) CHRISTCHURCH, Feb. 27.

Following are the entries for the one day spring meeting of the Bank's Peninsula Racing Club to be held at Motukarara Racecourse to-morrow (Saturday):

MOTUKARARA JUVENILE STAKES OF £100: six furlongs—Ann Mis 8.7, Arctic Dawn 8.7, Avenal 8.7, Bloss 8.7, Bright Lad 8.7, Citizen 8.7, Haughty Lad 8.7, My Abbey 8.7, Pride of Cambridge 8.7, Rawhiti 8.7, Red Ace 8.7, Roman Son 8.7, Bascule 7.1.1, Blue Bouquet 7.1.1, Lindus 7.1.1, Miss Saona 7.1.1, Sir Grey 7.1.1, Willow Wood 7.1.1.

TARAWERA HIGHWEIGHT HACK HANDICAP, of £100: one mile—Streamline 10.8, Blue Arrow 10.5, Greenbank 9.10, Princess Minerva 9.5, Great Bramble 9.7, Blue Abbey 9.6, Nightbird 9.6, Drooped Catch 9.5, Good Health 9.1, Atlas 9.0, Chit Chat 9.0.

PENINSULA CUP HANDICAP, of £350: one mile and a quarter—Wardress 8.10, Doria 8.8, Winning Rival 7.13, Enigma 7.9, Blue Abbey 7.12, Star Wink 7.9, Kurawhi 7.7, Master Flash 7.7, Palo Alto 7.7, Swiftcourse 7.7.

AHURIRI HACK HANDICAP, of £165: six furlongs—King Gustavo 9.9, Millidays 10.0, Lord Midas 8.6, Nightbird 9.6, Drooped Catch 9.5, Good Health 9.1, Atlas 9.0, Chit Chat 9.0.

WAIREWA HANDICAP TROT, of £160: 3.5 class; one mile and a quarter—Admiral Pucus 8.7, A.G. 8.7, Canadian Prince 8.7, Dan's Pride 8.7, Dawn Gratton 8.7, Direct Bingen 8.7, Dunkirk 8.7, Estival 8.7, Gladies 8.7, Mervyn Derby 8.7, Narvik 8.7, Night Beam 8.7, Portfolio 8.7, Prince Travis 8.7, Rens 8.7, Royal Cymric 8.7, Star Wink 7.9, Kurawhi 7.7, Master Flash 7.7, Palo Alto 7.7, Swiftcourse 7.7.

WAIHORA PARK HANDICAP TROT, of £170: 3.5 class; one mile and a half—Anford 8.7, Cinchona 8.7, Direct Bingen 8.7, Nightbird 8.7, Shady Glen 8.7, Silver Flash 8.7, Southland 8.7, True Guide 8.7, Falaise 8.7, H. B. 8.7, 24, Statuette 24, Shadow Boy 24, Statuette 24, Takak 24, Surprise Potts 24.

HOME GUARD PARADE AT TAKAPAU

Temporary Promotions

SERIOUS WORK BEGUN

Course Of Training

(Daily Mail Special Service) TAKAPAU.

The usual weekly evening parade of the Takapau Home Guard was held at the school, Takapau, on Wednesday evening, when 91 members of the unit paraded. Three more members were enrolled, bringing the total strength to 126. The unit commander, Lieutenant H. C. Tennant, announced the following temporary promotions: No. 1 Platoon: Corporals A. O. Le Lieve, C. C. Jennings, E. J. Patterson; Lance Corporals W. Hanita, A. J. Allen.

No. 2 Platoon: Corporals G. S. White, V. Byrne, E. James; Lance Corporals W. Asher, M. Scott.

No. 3 Platoon: Corporals H. C. Lawlor, W. H. Davies; Lance Corporals W. Storey, W. Clayton.

The first parade of the Home Guard was occupied in platoon drill and the remaining periods were occupied with instruction in semaphore signalling, first aid, fieldcraft, and the platoon in attack. The signalling section operated separately and carried out practice in Morse signalling.

It was decided to hold a n.c.o.'s class each week, in addition to the usual weekly evening parade of the unit. The next daylight parade will be held on Sunday, commencing at 1 a.m.

Members are showing great keenness, and now that it has been decided that the fortnightly daylight parades shall be for a period of four hours instead of two hours, more intensive training will be given which should result in improvement in the efficiency of the unit.

Napier Hospital Extensions

NEW FACILITIES

St. Mary's Home To Be Opened Shortly

CONGESTION RELIEVED

St. Mary's Home, Napier, which has been acquired from the Diocese of Waiapu, by the Hawke's Bay Hospital Board and which has now been converted into a subsidiary hospital, complete with living accommodation for the nursing staff will be opened on Monday, according to information released by the managing-secretary of the board (Mr E. T. Rees), last night.

Mr Rees said that the additional accommodation at St. Mary's would in some measure alleviate the congestion which had been experienced by the Napier hospital, in common with those of other centres during the past few months.

It is understood that St. Mary's has been completely renovated to make provision for 20 beds, which will be filled by women from both the Margaret and No. 4 wards. This rearrangement is expected to create more accommodation in Stoke's and other wards by concentrating a number of male patients in No. 4 Ward, which stands on the site occupied by the Isolation Ward before the earthquake.

"But for the coming and going of nursing staffs, the accommodation might have been available much sooner," said Mr Rees.

SCHOOL COMMITTEES MUST CO-OPERATE

Collection Of Fees

DENTAL CLINIC AT HASTINGS

Financial Position

A statement that unless the committee was able to receive all the revenue which it was entitled to, it would have to curtail its services, close up, was made by the chairman (Mr G. W. B. McCormick) at a meeting of the Hastings Dental Committee.

The position the clinic committee finds itself in is that it is receiving about £175 a year, but is giving a service that is costing £220. Quite obviously it is in a financial straits.

A few hours after the publication of an article discussing the plan, a stream of inquiries began at Victoria Barracks.

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Members present stressed the need for closer co-operation between school committees and parents in the collection of clinic fees. The chairman said it had been recommended that this year the fee be increased by 6d to 3/-, and if all school committees met their obligations the clinic committee would be assured of the £220 required to run the clinic.

The half-yearly statement of the senior dental officer, Mr D. Brice, showed that in Hastings there were 1524 children officially receiving treatment and the estimated number of children up to Standard 4 was 2524. That means that 1000 children who should have been eligible were not. The number of new entrants for 1940 was shown at 459, yet the number of parents who consented to the children receiving dental treatment was only 290.

Opportunity Not Taken The total number of children under treatment represented 60 per cent of the school rolls up to Std. 4, continued the report, while the number of new entrants for 1940 whose parents consented to treatment represented 63 per cent of the total new entrants.

"These figures indicate that the parents of the district are not taking full advantage of the service, and it is suggested that the respective school committees should be requested to give the position their serious consideration," stated Mr Brice.

GREETINGS FROM THE KING

Sir R. Heaton Rhodes's Birthday

(By Telegraph—Press Association) CHRISTCHURCH, Feb. 27.

The Hon. Sir R. Heaton Rhodes, M.L.C., to-day celebrated his eightieth birthday.

Among many messages of congratulation received from all parts of the Dominion and from overseas was one from the King, which reads: "The Queen and I send you our warm congratulations on your eightieth birthday. We have recollections of the time when you accompanied us during our visit to New Zealand, and we send you our best wishes for your future health and happiness." (Signed) G.E.R.L.

YOUNG MAN IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN TARRED

Sensational Story Of Early Morning Incident At Meeanee

Sensational allegations of a "tarring" incident which is alleged to have occurred at Meeanee at 3.30 a.m. on Monday have reached the "Daily Mail."

It is alleged that a young man was called from his bed at Port Ahuriri on the pretext that a fishing launch, of which he is a member of the crew, was sinking. After hurriedly dressing, the young man concerned was escorted to a waiting motor and bundled unceremoniously into the back after a rope had been slipped over his head.

The assailants then drove off to Meeanee, where the victim was taken out of the car and given a merciless beating before his body was anointed with tar.

The victim was later returned to his home. It is understood that the matter is now in the hands of the Napier Police.

Rainbow Shield To Havelock

SWIMMING CONTEST Hastings Events Are Concluded

FINAL RESULTS

To the applause of a crowded grandstand, the Havelock North swimming club representatives last night won the coveted Rainbow Shield in the final competition of the series, held at Mahora Baths, Hastings.

In presenting the trophy the donor, Mr. A. L. Rainbow, deputy Mayor of Hastings, expressed his appreciation of the interest shown in the competition, and of the keenness with which it was contested.

Support for this opinion was expressed by Mr. H. W. C. Baird, in presenting the Baird Pennants for the various competitions.

"You will all agree that to teach our children to swim soundly and well is a national necessity," he said, "and to these men and women the credit is due."

The points for the whole Rainbow Shield contest were as follows: Havelock North, 105; Mahora, 103; Here-taunga, 89.

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CROQUET TOURNAY AT DANNEVIRKE

Yesterday's Play STEADY PROGRESS MADE Showers In Morning

"Daily Mail" Special Service. DANNEVIRKE. The Southern Hawke's Bay croquet tournament was continued yesterday. Despite rain showers, competitors commenced play at 8.30 a.m. and were rewarded when the weather cleared during the morning.

Further results are as follows:— Open Championship Singles First Life.—Mrs Bingham beat Miss Millichamp 26-18; Mrs Bryant beat Mrs Lampshire 26-16; Mrs Lange beat Mrs Halpin 26-6; Mrs Second Life.—Mrs Bingham beat Mrs Galvin 26-17; Mrs Bagnie beat Mrs Robertson 26-17.

Handicap Singles Section 1.—Mrs Wright beat Mrs Neilsen 26-17; Mrs Flanders beat Mrs Gandell 26-17; Miss Millichamp beat Mrs Kinghorn 26-21.

Championship Doubles Mrs Kinghorn and Mrs Sharpley beat Mrs Mudgey and Mrs Fine 26-7; Mrs Wright and Mrs Miller beat Mrs Flanders and Mrs Watkins 26-10.

Handicap Doubles Mrs Allan and Mrs Gibson beat Mrs Bryant and Mrs Gadd 26-14; Mrs Robertson and Mrs Oldfield beat Mrs Lange and Mrs Watkins 26-4; Mrs Glass and Mrs Browning beat Mrs McCarthy and Mrs Smith 26-11.

HONOURING MEN ON LEAVE Waipawa Gathering On Tuesday

(Daily Mail Special Service) WAIPAWA A combined Borough Council and Returned Soldiers' Association meeting was held in Waipawa last night to make arrangements for honouring the members of the forces at present home on leave. It was decided that the gathering take the form of a concert to be held in the Municipal Theatre, Waipawa, on Tuesday next.

The Movie Camera Club has generously agreed to postpone its screening in aid of the Home Guard funds from Tuesday till Thursday, March 6.

COMEDY AT HASTINGS STATE Popular Players In The Current Attraction

Deftly blending the talents of a fine cast with a smart, merry story, "Public Deb. No. 1," which is now at the State Theatre, Hastings, is one of the high spots of the entertainment season.

The romantic team of George Murphy and Brenda Joyce heads a brilliant cast of well-known screen names including Elsa Maxwell, Mischa Auer, Charlie Ruggles, Ralph Bellamy, Maxie Rosenbloom, Bertone Churchill and Franklin Pangborn.

Brenda Joyce, as a spoiled debutante, goes "Leftist" only to be spanked into line by her penniless boy friend. With their romance off to a good start, the film speeds on a wave of entertaining hilarity.

Results in Detail In the results abbreviations are as follows: P Parkvale, HN Havelock North, W West, M Mahora, Cent Central, Here Hereworth, Con Convent.

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Athletic Club Meeting

COLLETT WINS MILE J. Sutherland Starts In 100 Yards NAPIER RESULTS

The Napier Athletic Club's meeting at McLean Park last night provided no sensations, as most of the prominent performers were resting prior to the centre championship to-morrow.

The New Zealand sprint champion, J. Sutherland, started in the 100 yards event, and from scratch ran into second place in the fast time of 10sec, which augurs well for his attempt on the New Zealand 100 yard record.

Another good effort was that of Collett in winning the mile in 4min 20sec off 150 yards handicap. Results:—

100yds Women's Parker Trophy.—Miss G. Symes 1, Miss J. Elliott 2, Miss C. Greaney 3. Time, 12sec. 120yds Women's Parker Trophy.—Miss G. Symes 1, Miss J. Elliott 2, Miss C. Greaney 3.

80 Metres Women's Hurdles.—Miss J. Roberts 1, Miss Metcalfe 2, Miss C. Beale 3. Time, 16sec. 50yds Junior Girls.—Miss Pierce 1, Miss A. Trude 2, Miss J. Skittrup 3. Time, 7sec.

100yds Men's Handicap.—E. Greaney 1, J. Sutherland 2, V. McCutcheon 3. Time, 10sec. 220yds Hurdles (junior men).—J. Cumming 1, G. Goodwin 2. Time, 29 4-5sec.

220yds Senior Hurdles.—V. McCutcheon 1, Dr McDonald 2. Time, 29sec. 440yds Men's Cook of the North.—E. Greaney 1. Time, 55sec. Men's One Mile Handicap.—P. Collett 1, R. Gollop 2, Foulds 3. Time, 4min 20sec.

880yds Men's Handicap.—R. White 1, R. Smith 2, Sutton 3. Time, 1min 59sec.

Field Events Discus Throw.—Hardgreaves 1, Wells 2, E. Greaney 3. Distance 114 ft. 3in.

Javelin Throw.—Hardgreaves 1, E. Shuker 2, P. Collett 3. Distance 11ft.

Cycle Events Lap Dash Cycle.—Colelo 1, McInerney 2, M. Hunt 3. Time, 32 4-5sec.

Three Mile Cycle.—Colelo 1, McEwan 2, Miller 3. Time 8min 30sec.

Title-Holder To Compete MISS G. SYMES Athletic Meeting At Napier

Miss G. Symes, holder of three national women's athletic titles will compete at the Hawke's Bay-Poverty Bay Centre Championships at McLean Park to-morrow.

The following week she will defend her national titles at the New Zealand championships at Wanganui.

"Daily Mail" Cup for the individual points competition will be very close, as the committee has been forced to extend the junior and women's events to cover the deletion of senior men's events from the programme.

The Gisborne Club will be represented as follows: B. Quinn, 100yds, 220yds, 440yds; T. Carrington, 100yds, 220yds; A. Kane, 100yds, 220yds, 880yds; S. Gribben 100yds, 220yds, and field events; T. Turley 100yds, jumps and javelin; L. Grey, high jump, poles vault, hurdles and jumps; P. Goddard, junior field events; P. Bayram, 100yds, 220yds, 440yds; A. Wilson, 880yds, 1 mile junior; T. Gribben, 100yds, 220yds, junior; E. Griffen, 1 mile and 3 mile. Misses Scott, Lloyd, O'Connor, Peaveal and Wilson (women's events). S. Parker and L. Baty (cycle events).

WAIPUKURAU TENNIS CLUB'S DRAW

First Championship Round "Daily Mail" Special Service. WAIPUKURAU. The following is the draw for the first round of the Waipukurau Lawn Tennis Club's annual championship. The first and second rounds will be played to-morrow, but where possible, players may play the initial round earlier. Those in the draw and unable to play to-morrow are asked to ring phone 152.

Men.—L. Moorhead v. B. Scherf, R. Beaton v. A. Barnaby, R. Fraser v. E. Haldane, D. Swainsbury v. T. Wallace, J. Spencer v. P. Atkins, I. McCaskill v. J. Monteith, F. Hewitt v. N. Davidson, S. Peacock v. C. Cook.

Women.—Mrs J. D. Ormond v. Miss J. Thornton, Miss I. Sharpin v. Mrs Barnaby, Miss I. Chambers v. Miss B. McKenzie, Mrs L. Chambers v. Miss E. Hobson, Miss N. Ward v. Miss M. Wheelch, Miss D. Ormond v. Miss E. Archdall, Miss M. Goodwin v. Miss J. Smyrk, Miss M. Redwood v. Miss I. Butler.

Senior Boys' 25yds. Freestyle First heat: P. Clark Here 1, R. Joll W 2, S. Reid Con 3. Time 16 1-5. Second heat: W. Kingl Cent 1, J. Arrell M 2, I. Newland P 3. Time 16. Final: W. Kingl Cent 1, I. Newland P 2, J. Arrell M 3. Time

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HIGH CLASS PERFORMERS

Application For Beaulivre's Entry Refused

(By THE BARB.)

Hardly a day goes by that some important race in the Dominion or Australia is not won by a horse that is not in the General Stud Book, while some not included in the Australian or New Zealand Stud Books nevertheless must be as well bred as any carrying a Bruce Lowe numeral in brackets on the end of their names.

The Bruce Lowe numerals run to 1 to 39, and taken all round his theory was quite sound, but many mares in the Southern Hemisphere, or elsewhere, who do not carry one of these numbers have been robbed of them only through misadventure or carelessness on someone's part. In the Dominion and in Australia many un-numbered mares have gradually been entered as "Colonial Mares" whose pedigrees are not traceable to an imported taproot under these headings: Adeline, Belhari (ancestress of Skirmisher and Scotland by Wallace), Betty, Black Bess, Black Swan, Blink Bonny, Caribo, Cutty Sark, Decoy, Dinah, Duchess, Fanny, Fair Helen, Flower of the Forest, The Gardener's Mare, Gedley, Gipsy (from whom descended Calumny, Cour de Lion, Forester, St. Crispin, etc.), and others including The Arab mares (which numbered sixteen in all of which Miss Rowe, and Spray were the most successful), Josephine, Moth, Princess, Sapho, Shorkee, Slander, The Steeltrap mare, Woodstock and Yatterina.

The latest unfashionably bred horse to win an important handicap is last week's Dunedin Cup winner, Doubleback.

Doubleback, winner of the Dunedin Cup last Thursday, like the Woodville Cup winner, Diana Tetric, claims as his dam a mare that is not in the Stud Book.

Doubleback is by Balboa from Morse Signal, dam of Waitoru and Trebleack, who hails from a family that has been successful this last three decades, but who originally came from Hawke's Bay.

Many years ago a consignment of bloodstock from the North Island was auctioned in Invercargill, and Mr F. A. Price, owner of many useful horses including Rorke's Drift, purchased Miss Signal for 45 guineas. Miss Signal was by the Clanranald horse, Signalman, who did service for many years at the late Mr S. H. Gollan's Mangaterata Stud, Waipukurau, from Miss Stent (by Randwick) who, during her breeding career, produced nothing of note as far as track performers were concerned. However, from her has descended the recent Cup winners (Multiform-Rattler) who, at the 1911 Canterbury Jockey Club spring meeting, won the New Zealand Cup, Canterbury Cup and the C.J.C. Metropolitan Handicap, Miss Signal produced Morse Signal, whose stock include winners in Trebleack, Waitoru, Ackemka and last Thursday's Dunedin Cup winner, Doubleback, as already mentioned.

Miss Fleetham (Fleetham-Miss Signal) was the dam of the C.J.C. Great Autumn winner, the Smuggler. Another useful one out of Miss Signal was Signaller, by Balboa.

High Class Winners Not Eligible

There have been high class winners in Australia and the Dominion who have not been eligible for the stud book, not because they are not thoroughbred, but on account of the carelessness or negligence of some blood-mare owner who did not enter his mare, or mares, in the stud book, and who only when descendants began to distinguish themselves on the turf that such entry was applied for, but on account of the lapse of time and evidence being available the old "farm mare," thoroughbred though she was, is not admitted into the "purple."

A case in point is Beaulivre, winner of one of the best races in Australia and the Dominion, including the New Zealand Derby and Victorian Amateur Turf Club's Caulfield Cup last October. Mr E. Hansen, owner of Beaulivre, since going to Australia has made application, substantiated by what he considered paramount evidence, for his horse's dam, Passbook, to be entered in the Australian Stud Book, but received advice from the keeper of that book that the application was rejected, but no reason was given.

Officers Blood Stock Remounts

In the early days of New Zealand and Australia English military officers brought out with them their own remounts purchased in England prior to departure. Among these were thoroughbred mares, but these military gentlemen had neglected to obtain the pedigrees of the mares and perhaps some who did, lost the records.

It was from these mares that many of our racehorses have descended, but as far as possessing a Bruce Lowe numeral or an accepted taproot there is no substantiated evidence, hence the refusal of entry into even our own stud books, let alone the English Stud Register.

Americans Suffer, Too

American owners have suffered in exactly the same manner, for many wealthy owners make special trips to practically buy entry into the stud book, but all in vain.

Some, to strengthen their claim, have taken high class performers, with no recognised taproot, to England to win important races with the idea that then their blood stock would prove its claim of entry, but little did they know English ways and methods.

To-day buyers at the big yearling sales do not pay a great deal of notice to youngsters whose twentieth generation back was only "a mare." However, all do shy clear of a youngster whose pedigree can only be traced three or four removes back.

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TRACK WORK AT HASTINGS

SANDY BAY SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

SUNNY KNIGHT FOR RANGITIKEI

(By "THE BARB")

Most of the work being conducted on the Hastings tracks at the present time is of the ordinary training routine order, with an odd gallop or two to break the monotony.

Yesterday morning there were a few who were sent out against the weather and who were not specified in the under-mentioned used the plough.

Tashi Lama (G. Phelps), Condole (W. L. Aitken) and Mynet (J. Galvin) were sent out over three furlongs on No. 3 inside grass against the bit to register 41 1/2.

Australian Star (J. Forsyth) and Lambourn (E. Stowe) kept up to his work as he loafs otherwise, recorded 53sec. for half a mile.

Support (W. L. Aitken) was sent at a working gallop to run five furlongs alone in breeze, when she showed no signs whatever of her recent spint trouble.

Siegal did a couple of rounds on the plough at strong pace work. She is building up into a solid mare and by the time she is wanted should be in fine trim.

On the course proper Burrah Sahib (W. L. Aitken) and Dusky Bay (Lunn) were responsible for a very fair effort when recording 49 1/2sec. for half a mile. The pair were together way with little to choose passing the final peg, thus confirming the "Daily Mail's" assumption of last week that Dusky Bay was an obviously improved filly.

Vin D'Honneur (E. Stowe) and the big Bulandhar-Sahara colt (G. Stowe) were under restraint when running half a mile in 53.

City Sun (Lunn) was restricted to a couple of rounds of pace work. It is understood this mare has reverted to the ownership of her breeder, Mrs L. E. Connon.

Nominations Are Heavy

GREYHOUND RACING

Good Fields To-morrow At Hastings

DANNEVIRKE DOGS

With the greyhound nominations more numerous than ever, to-morrow night's meeting at Hastings promises to be a huge success. The acceptances include six well performed dogs from Dannevirke and they should make the racing more interesting.

Maiden Stake—There are some smart young dogs engaged here with Beau Geste and Sovereign Lass, recent winners but I should say that over the 440yds, the winner appears to be well conceded.

Clive Limit Stake—Here we have a "classy" field of 11 and this race should be one of the highlights of the evening and a very close finish should eventuate with Young Boston, Tamate, Hite Off and Billy the Kid filling the placings.

Edward Challenge Cup—With twenty-one dogs engaged in this race the issue appears to be very open but the favourites are likely to be Orui Lass, Miss Synip, Foreign Lad and Khyber Lad or See Red.

In the Nelson Park Open Royal Desire and White Tracer speak for themselves, but Lady Luna and Miss Beverley are on the up-grade and a good close finish should eventuate.

Albert Open Hurdles—Some clever jumpers will be seen in action here, and the public can be assured that a thrilling race, with Lochiel and Old Pal. The two Dannevirke dogs are new comers and the result appears to be very open.

Stortford Lodge Hurdles—Lochiel looks a likely winner here with Gipsland and Lucky Gold well fancied. Black Royal was a good performer before coming to Hastings but so far has not struck form.

The Acceptances

The acceptances are as follows: Hastings Maiden Stake (440yds.)—Winner £2, second 15/-, third 5/- First heat: Gold Worry, Mrs. G. Murray, Hastings; Anna's Choice, D. Price, Hastings; Gold Lass, L. Taylor, Hastings; Breeding Home, L. Bishop, Hastings; Beau Geste, H. Wilson, Whakatu.

Second heat: Coastguard, R. Croft, Hastings; Black Art, W. Gilmore, Dannevirke; Top Hat, T. B. Noonan Pakowhai; Aussie Pa, Mrs. J. Kay, Hastings; Black Worry, H. Wilson, Whakatu.

Third heat: Prince Rangitikei, H. Kay, Hastings; Mull of Ord, H. Wilson and D. Gledhill, Whakatu; Sovereign Lass, L. Patrick, Hastings, N.S.; White Bat, Alleen Wall, Hastings; Pure Gold, L. Bishop.

Clive Limit Stake (440yds.)

First heat: Tamate, H. Skews and W. Tobin, Hastings; Sparkling Footsteps, F. Dunn, Hastings; Boston, H. Skews, Hastings; Billy the Kid, S. Drinkwater, Dannevirke; Young Boston, H. Fannin, Hastings.

Second heat: Erin's Flight, R. Manning, Hastings; Tukia, Mrs. G. Murray, Hastings; Hite Off, T. B. Noonan, Pakowhai; Flood Tide, G. Heslop, Napier; Bronze Moth, J. M. Bassett, Dannevirke.

Edwards Challenge Cup (440yds.)

First heat: Billie the Kid, S. Drinkwater, Dannevirke; Loppalong, W. Hunter, Hastings; The Judge, R. Croft, Fernhill; Royal Artillery, S. Swanson, Westshore; Orui Lass, Mrs. G. Hall, Hastings; Sovereign Lass, L. Patrick, Hastings.

Second heat: Master Parell, H. E. Connon, Hastings; Miss Synip, Mrs. E. B. Watson, Hastings; Lucky Gold Mr O'Brien, Whakatu, N.S.; Beau Geste, H. Wilson, Whakatu; See Red M. R. Murphy, Gisborne.

Third heat: Wangahana, Mrs. U. Laking, Raupare; Cappy Boston, Mrs. E. B. Watson, Hastings; Security, Mrs. M. Sullivan, Hastings; Kyber Lad, J. Collins, Hastings; Don Salvo, D. Gledhill, Whakatu.

Fourth heat: Wings of Morning, J. M. Bassett, Dannevirke; Foreign Lad, Mrs. H. Fannin, Hastings; Lady Ann, Mrs. M. Sullivan, Hastings; Synip Again, Mrs. E. B. Watson, Hastings; Black Art, W. Gilmore, Dannevirke.

Nelson Park Open Stake

Lady Luna, Mrs. U. Laking, Hastings; White Tracer, Miss A. Perry, Taradale; Royal Desire, G. Wall, Hastings; Miss Beverley, K. Place, Hastings.

Albert Open Hurdles

Brideway, Mrs. M. Huntley, Dannevirke; Royal Escape, Mrs. M. J. Sullivan, Dannevirke; Lochiel, P. C. Bourgeois, Hastings; Old Pal, Mrs. U. Laking, Hastings.

Stortford Lodge Hurdles (440yds.)

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