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The Daily Mail

Yugoslav Troops Everywhere On The March

SKIES FULL OF 'PLANES

Menacing Moves By Germans Will Be Repulsed

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 17, 10.45 p.m.)

LONDON, March 16.

Military preparations in Yugoslavia continue on a grand scale. It is estimated that two-thirds of the front-line troops have now been called up. Their morale is excellent.

Troops are everywhere on the march and the skies are full of aeroplanes. The Army is requisitioning more and more buildings.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Belgrade correspondent says that Germany thrice made representations to Yugoslavia seeking her co-operation in the New Order but Yugoslavia merely offered to exclude "foreign influences" and to sign a non-aggression pact, which Germany refused.

The Associated Press Belgrade correspondent states that large numbers of German troops are reported to be moving up to the Russian-Rumanian frontier, the defence of which Germany a few weeks ago entrusted to Rumanian troops. Considerable German activity continues along the Greek-Bulgarian frontier.

Yugoslavia's position was clarified late last night during a surprise broadcast from the Belgrade radio in which the announcer read a statement which, though it was not claimed to be official, was apparently inspired. The statement referred to Yugoslavia's ideals of liberty, independence, and peace, to which, the announcer said, she remained faithful.

"It is the wish of Yugoslavia in this international conflict," the statement continued, "but she is determined to take up arms should the necessity arise, to defend her independence."

"That is the reason why we must continue to keep up the strength of our fighting forces ready for any eventuality. Those who are our real friends will realise that our armed forces are only kept under arms for the defence of the country. We wish others who are perhaps not so friendly to realise that any attempt to attack Yugoslavia will be met with armed force. Further, we wish to emphasise that we cannot be expected to sacrifice our independence for the benefit of foreign interests."

Hampered By Rain The weather provides the most cheerful week-end news about the Balkans. Heavy rain and snow are falling over a wide area and will substantially slow down German tank movements. Every day gained is worth something to the British and the Greeks.

The Ankara correspondent of "The Times" says that military circles in Ankara believe that the Germans would not venture to attack Greece without the use of the Vardar Valley and the Struma and Mesta Passes, but at present there is no indication that Germany will gain these facilities from Yugoslavia without fighting. Therefore, Germany so far has not made official demands to Yugoslavia but is still investigating what concession Yugoslavia is prepared to make.

A few weeks before the Germans marched into Bulgaria, the correspondent adds, Turkey asked Yugoslavia whether she was prepared to participate in a defensive arrangement. Yugoslavia then was unwilling to undertake more than the defence of her own frontiers, but she is probably showing a greater interest now.

Luftrwaffe Beaten By R.A.F.

LOSSES ASSESSED

Five To One In Favour Of Britain

FIGURES FOR WEEK

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 17, 6 p.m.)

LONDON, March 16.

During the week just ended, the comparative air loss figures show five to one in favour of the R.A.F. Enemy losses amounted to 110 machines, against 22 British machines, with some of the British pilots safe. Enemy losses were made up as follows:—

- Over Britain . . . . . 42 In Africa and Albania . . 60 Through naval action 2 Over enemy territory and in the Channel . . 6

In the two air actions over Albania last week, it is now officially stated, seven Italian 'planes were destroyed on Tuesday and not five, and 15 on Thursday, and not 14.

British "Weakness" A German radio announcer, asserting that the R.A.F. is at present using 40 types of bombers and reconnaissance 'planes and 20 types of fighters, says "The R.A.F. is bound to suffer in the long run from the multiplicity of types." He is of the opinion that this multiplicity of types represents a considerable weakness.

The announcer claims that Germany has an advantage in having only a few types of more or less uniform design.

CLEAR WARNING TO HITLER

ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH WELCOMED

AUSTRALIAN PRAISE

China Will Unfold Her Offensive

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 18, 1.10 a.m.)

SYDNEY, March 17.

The Australian Press featured President Roosevelt's speech, which has greatly heartened the people of the Commonwealth.

Editorials express the sentiment that never before in the memorable series of addresses whereby he had progressively educated the American people on the war issues has President Roosevelt spoken with such sureness and authority.

The "Sun" says: "The President's speech was a plain warning to the Germans that only a short step remains toward active hostilities."

China's Hostilities A message from Chungking reports that the "Takung Pao," in an editorial says: "Mutual aid to the democracies has become a fixed United States principle."

The "Kuomintang Pao" says: "President Roosevelt's promise to China will make the entire world realise that the United States is backing the anti-aggressionists in Europe and Asia. The speech has undoubtedly chilled Yosuke Matsuoka, who is en route to Berlin. We hope that American arms and munitions will come soon so that we shall be able to unfold the counter-offensive against the Japanese."

TURNING POINT OF THE WAR

Roosevelt's Speech

BALKANS MUCH IMPRESSED

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 17, 6 p.m.)

LONDON, March 16.

President Roosevelt's declaration was featured on the front pages of the Yugoslav Press, says the Belgrade correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company. The country was profoundly impressed. The opinion is generally expressed that the speech was the turning point of the war.

The Athens Radio says: "The President of the United States has irrevocably signed the death warrant of Hitler's 'New Order'." The Berlin Radio said: "No help given England will affect the issue. The German people are determined to defeat England and, finally, to destroy her."

SHIPPING LOSSES INQUIRY

100 Witnesses Examined In Six Weeks

(By Telegraph—Press Association.) WELLINGTON, March 17.

The commission appointed to inquire into the loss of certain ships by enemy action and possible leakages of information from New Zealand has been sitting continuously for six weeks. The personnel of the commission is: Mr Justice Callan (chairman), Mr T. F. Anderson, Captain F. A. Macindoe, the Hon. William Perry and Captain E. Rotherham, R.N.

The commission has not found it necessary to sit elsewhere than at Wellington and Auckland. Nearly 100 witnesses have been examined. The witnesses have included survivors from captured ships and persons who appeared able to indicate sources of a possible leakage and precautions against it. Many useful suggestions have been received in writing from members of the public in various parts of the Dominion.

It is anticipated that the commission will have completed its task by the end of this week.

BRISTOL GIVEN BLITZ ON SUNDAY NIGHT

Public Shelter Hit: Newspaper Office Damaged But News Is Published

(By Radio.) LONDON, 1 a.m.

Sunday night's raids were chiefly directed against Bristol, where explosive and fire bombs were dropped in large numbers. Fires were started but were soon brought under control. There were several casualties, some fatal. The worst feature was a direct hit on a public shelter.

A newspaper office was hit but it was still possible to publish the paper. Hits were also made on a public house and a music hall.

London was fairly quiet and on Monday morning the chief occupation was queuing up at mobile stations for the fitting and adjustment of gasmasks.

(The above news was received direct on a "Columbus" calibrated short-wave radio.)

Liner Bremen On Fire: Unable To Control Flames

(By Radio.) LONDON, 1 a.m.

It is officially admitted by the Germans that the famous transatlantic liner Bremen is on fire in a German port.

D.N.B., the official German News Agency, stated that fire broke out on the Bremen on Sunday and efforts to suppress it had not been successful. The cause of the fire, it was stated, had not been ascertained, but it will be recalled that on Thursday the Royal Air Force carried out a raid on Bremen, where the liner has been lying.

Earlier in the war this Nord-Deutcher liner, of 50,000 tons, passed within torpedo range of a British submarine German while off Norway on her way from New York to Germany via Murmansk. International law, however, prevented the Salmon from sinking her as she was not in a position to give her the necessary warning.

(The above news was received direct on a "Columbus" calibrated short-wave radio.)

Both Ships To Blame

SYDNEY COLLISION

U.S.S. Kairanga And Empire Star

LACK OF LOOK-OUT

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 18, 1.40 a.m.)

MELBOURNE, March 17.

The High Court in Admiralty Jurisdiction to-day found that the masters and crew of both the Union Company's Kairanga and the Empire Star were equally to blame for the collision in Sydney Harbour on the night of March 7, 1940.

The owners of the Empire Star, Frederick Leyland and Co. Ltd., claimed £25,000 damages and the Union Steam Ship Co. claimed £75,000.

The Court found that the Empire Star was on her wrong side and no proper look-out had been kept, while in the case of the Kairanga, which was extensively damaged, there was an insufficient look-out at the time of the collision and, in addition, she had ported her helm too soon. The collision was the outcome of a combination of faults on the part of the two ships.

The Court apportioned damages equally between the owners of the two ships. No order for costs was made.

Trade Based On Barter

POST-WAR POLICY

Wool Will Be Menaced

By Rayon

PLANS UNDER WAY

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 17, 6 p.m.)

LONDON, March 16.

Referring to post-war planning, a leading critic says that there is great satisfaction at the United States' willingness to co-operate with the United Kingdom and the Empire Government in putting that planning on a world basis. It is believed that a series of long-term purchase agreements based on barter will be essential.

The United Kingdom Government is now preparing machinery for the regulated disposal of surplus goods. The first step will be agreements within the Empire, which are expected to be of an historic character.

Wool Industry The London Textile Exchange is satisfied with the Government's attention to the difficulties which will confront the wool industry after the war. The establishment of a wool reserve in the United States is regarded as more than a wartime measure; it is expected to prove one of the most vital measures of post-war policy and to prevent a repetition of the disastrous slump which occurred after the last war owing to the lack of spot supplies.

The "Wool Review" says: "Not only the Empire but all the wool-producing countries will have to co-operate to prevent substitutes from replacing wool."

Rayon In Wartime Regarding this, the chairman of Courtauld's in a speech at the company's annual meeting, dealt cautiously with the prospects of the rayon industry in wartime, but indicated that synthetic fibres were expected to take a much more important part in the textile field after the war.

A message from Washington says that Senator Worth Clark, in a broadcast speech, said that available supplies of wool for 1941 in North and South America, with available stocks on hand, exceeded 1,000,000,000lb, which was adequate for all civilian plus military requirements during the year. Senator Clark pointed out that 250,000,000lb. of Australian wool was now stored in the United States, which reserve would meet any likely contingencies.

EVEN MUSSOLINI FAILED

REPEATED DEFEATS IN ALBANIA

50,000 CASUALTIES

Italian Prisoners Call It Butchery

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 17, 10.15 p.m.)

LONDON, March 16.

Yesterday and to-day were relatively quiet on the Albanian front. The Italians did not attempt to launch a serious offensive.

"The Times" Athens correspondent says: "The fourth Italian Commander-in-Chief—this time the Italian Empire's great Marshal Mussolini—left Albania badly beaten by the Greeks after six consecutive days of the bloodiest attacks, which infuriated Italian prisoners call butchery. They cost more than 50,000 casualties, and so many dead are lying on the battlefield that the air is polluted despite the snow and intense cold compelling the Greeks to take special sanitary measures."

The newspaper "Elefthonvima" reports that a British airman who baled out over No Man's Land came down safely near the Italian lines. The Italians prepared to capture him but the Greeks sprang from their positions and victoriously engaged the Italians, after which the Greeks triumphantly carried back the rescued airman.

Complete Check To Italy

GREEKS STAND FIRM

"Efforts Of Enemy Now Spent"

TROOPS PRAISED

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 17, 6 p.m.)

LONDON, March 16.

A semi-official statement issued in Athens says that the Italian offensive has been checked and that the enemy has failed to occupy a single yard of territory.

The statement reveals that, though the offensive raged principally in a sector 20 miles wide, the Italians threw their heaviest concentrations into action over a width of only two and a-half miles.

The Greeks, it adds, have taken more than 3000 prisoners, including several high officers, who state that one division suffered 40 to 50 per cent. of losses, that another was decimated and replaced, and that a third was completely smashed. The Blackshirts also suffered heavily.

Still Unshaken. General Papagos, the Greek Commander-in-Chief, in congratulating his army, said: "Six days' effort on the part of the enemy has left you unshaken. Moreover, for the four months since the attack against Greece was launched you have proved yourselves victorious and covered yourselves with unprecedented glory. The efforts of the enemy are now spent, and your determination remains as strong as ever. Your faith in victory has not wavered a hair's breadth."

SAFEGUARDING SWISS NEUTRALITY

Calling Up Of Reserves Announced

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 17, 6 p.m.)

LONDON, March 16.

The Swiss Radio announced to-day that the Government had called up an unspecified number of reservists. It is officially stated that the purpose is to safeguard Swiss neutrality in view of forthcoming developments in the war, though it is not expected that Switzerland will be threatened.

ADRIFT ON AN ICEFLOE

TRAGEDY FEARED IN MICHIGAN

ZERO WEATHER

Sudden Cold Wave With Gale

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 17, 10.45 p.m.)

NEW YORK, March 16.

Between 30 and 37 persons, including two women, are in danger of freezing or drowning on an ice-floe which broke away and was swept into Lake Superior while they were fishing through ice-holes. Six were washed ashore on smaller pieces, indicating that the floe is breaking, increasing the peril of those remaining.

Twenty-five foot waves, ice and zero visibility have prevented the coastguard attempting a rescue.

Many Deaths Twenty-three persons were found dead to-day in eastern and north Dakota and western Minnesota as a result of a sudden cold wave in which the wind reached a velocity of 85 miles an hour. One hundred automobiles were stalled or in ditches along the highways.

Many of the victims apparently perished after leaving their cars and attempting to walk in the gale and bitter cold. The authorities are trying to locate a bus which broke down between Grand Forks and Larimore. It is believed that 10 persons spent the night in it.

Easy Gun Range Of Jiggiga

ETHIOPIAN WAR

Capitulation Expected In May

FINAL PHASE NEAR

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 17, 10.5 p.m.)

LONDON, March 16.

The British United Press Cairo correspondent says that the British are now within easy gun range of Jiggiga. The final phase of the Ethiopian offensive has begun and the capitulation of the Italians is foreseen early in April.

DRASTIC STEPS TO SECURE DOLLAR EXCHANGE

Big British Holdings In Courtaulds Silk Sold

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 17, 10.5 p.m.)

NEW YORK, March 16.

The British Treasury representative, Sir Edward Peacock, announced to-day that he had sold for 125,000,000 dollars the American Viscose Corporation (the United States subsidiary of Courtaulds, artificial silk manufacturers) to United States interests, thus completing the first step in the billion-dollar liquidation programme to finance the war.

The purchasing syndicate is headed by Morgan, Stanley, and Company, Dillon Reed, and 17 other firms, which will resell the properties to the public later.

The price is not disclosed, but it is stated that 40,000,000 dollars has already been paid on account.

The London "Daily Telegraph," commenting on the sale of the corporation says: "This is one of the most drastic steps Britain has yet taken to obtain dollar exchange by the direct sale of British assets. The Viscose Corporation was probably Britain's most valuable single holding in the United States."

The "Telegraph's" City correspondent adds: "It can now be taken for granted that the sale of several other British investments in the United States will follow. Among the most important holdings are Lever Brothers, of Massachusetts, belonging to the Lever group, the Royal Dutch Shell group, which is the controlling interest in the Shell Union, Imperial Chemical Industries' investments in General Motors and Dupont and also the American interests of Dunlop Rubber, Turner and Newall and Borax Consolidated. Britain's direct investments in America are estimated at £330,000,000."

BOMBS FALL INTO THE SEA

Enemy Raiders Miss At Malta

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 17, 9.45 p.m.)

MALTA, March 16.

Several enemy 'planes carried out individual attacks on Valetta on Saturday night. Many bombs were dropped but bad visibility hampered the raiders and most of the salvos fell into the sea.

ROOSEVELT ENVOY IN SPAIN

Colonel W. J. Donovan

QUESTION OF FOOD FOR EUROPE

Inquiries Made

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 17, 10.5 p.m.)

LISBON, March 16.

Colonel William J. Donovan, President Roosevelt's roving Ambassador, has left for America after an interview with the British Ambassador to Spain (Sir Samuel Hoare) who arrived from Madrid a couple of days ago.

It is understood that he visited Lisbon to discuss supplies to Spain, Portugal and unoccupied France.

NEW FRENCH AFRICAN RAILWAY

Construction Planned By Vichy

(United Press Association—Copyright.) (Received March 17, 7.10 p.m.)

VICHY, March 16.

The Vichy Cabinet has decided to construct a railway connecting North Africa and French West Africa.

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FOR Sale: O.S. Wool Georgette Coat from £3 10/-. Mademoiselle Bignon, 104 E Eastbourne Street.

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GARDEN PARTY AT ORMONDVILLE

Funds For Dr Barnado's Children's Home
A delightful garden party, in aid of Dr Barnado's Homes took place in the garden of Mrs F. Hosking's residence, Ormondville, on Saturday.

An Engagement Party

NORSEWOOD EVENING
Mr and Mrs T. Morgan entertained many young friends at their home in Arthur's Road, Norsewood, to celebrate the engagement of their son, Gunner Gordon Mohekey.

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Five o'Clock Gossip

Mrs R. E. Redward, with her three daughters, Tiratu, was a week-end visitor to Ormondville.

Mrs M. Coombs, Bulls, has been spending a few days in Makotuku with her parents, Mr and Mrs J. Palmer.

Sister E. E. Smith, who has been the guest of Mrs G. V. Gerard, Bishopsquart, Napier, has returned to Wellington.

Mrs W. Richmond and Mrs C. Haldane, who were Hastings visitors to Wellington for the races, have returned home.

Mr and Mrs Keith Whyte and their infant daughter, Norsewood, are spending a holiday with relatives at Havelock North and Napier.

Mrs Frank Herrick, Tautane, Herbertville, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs W. R. Birch, Hapua, Taueru, has returned home.

Mrs Hemmingsen, has been a Wellington visitor to Makotuku, where she was the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr and Mrs A. Englebreen.

Miss Verne Baines, of the Dannevirke hospital nursing staff, who has been staying in Te Uri with her parents, Mr and Mrs A. S. Baines, has now left for Hawera to visit her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Clarence Irvine.

Miss Allison Wilkinson, the daughter of Mr and Mrs C. G. Wilkinson, who is a student at the Dental Clinic, Wellington, has been successful in passing her final examination.

The Matron of the Napier Hospital, Miss L. M. Croft, has been elected to the executive of the N.Z. Registered Nurses' Association and Sister I. G. Owen, of the Hastings Memorial Hospital, has been appointed to represent the midwives and maternity nurses on the Nurses and Midwives Registered Board.

We are now showing a new collection of very smart autumn and winter coats, including country life tweeds, and shadow checks from 9/6; "rolex" style camel coats in soft blues and greens 12/6; all wool alpaca coats 9/6; attractive box and fitting coats in a variety of styles.

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A Wedding At Eskdale

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The wedding was solemnised at the Eskdale Memorial Church by the Rev. Mr Cameron of Thelma Ada, second daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Robertson, Bay View, and Arthur Albert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. Pickering.

The bride, who was escorted by her father, chose a model gown of ivory satin charnelaine fashioned with a V neckline and shirring at the shoulders of the long fitting sleeves. The full skirt swept into a long train. Her beautiful silk net veil fell from a halo of orange blossoms which had been lent by her sister-in-law, Mrs N. Robertson. She carried a sheaf of white and cream gladioli, dahlias and fern.

The two attendant maids were the bridegroom's sister, Miss Nellie Pickering, and the bride's niece, Miss Nancy Calder. Both wore gowns of cerise georgette mounted on cyclamen taffeta and fashioned with a V neckline, short sleeves and full skirts finished with a sash at the waist. Each maid carried a sheaf of gladioli and dahlias. These and the bride's sheaf were made by Mrs A. McHardy. The bridegroom's presents to the bridesmaids were pawa brooches.

Mr Robert Larrington was the best man. As the bride and bridegroom left the church the bride's niece, Miss Nancy Calder, presented them with a lucky horseshoe. At the reception at the Bay View Hall the guests numbering about 50 were received by the parents of the bride and the bridegroom. Mrs Robertson wore a tailored costume of a navy blue pin-striped tweed with a navy peach bloom hat. Mrs Pickering's navy model frock was worn with autumn tinted flowers, navy hat and coat.

The reception was a very happy one and the toast to the bridal couple was proposed by Mr B. McHardy. The hall was gaily decorated with pink, white and mauve asters.

For travelling the bride wore a smartly tailored blue frock with air force blue coat and navy hat and accessories.

Successful Dance At Tuai
About £34 Raised For Fund
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The effort of the Waikaremoana district for the £1,000,000 Appeal was made at a ball held in Tuai Hall on Friday, which proved an outstanding success, the sum of about £34 being added to the fund. Dancing to the perfect rhythm of Cyril Baker's dance band, the happy throng enjoyed themselves until the early hours.

The committee extends sincere thanks to the following for donations towards the fund: Tuai Co-op Store, Keehan's Ltd, Tuai Pictures, Mr D. Robertson, Mr McLeish, Mr Erickson, Osler's Ltd, Tuai Milk Club, Mr A. Gray, and Mr D. MacDonald.

The winners of the novelty dances were Mrs Roy and Mr Elvines and Mrs Brien and Mr B. Philpot. Competitions were run and the winners were Mrs Halliwell, Mr Nelson, Mr A. Dawson, Mr D. Willis. Special thanks are due to the secretary, Mrs Clark, and her committee for their efforts in conducting the ball.

Mr Chas. Prior was M.C.

Mrs H. R. W. Bestham, Lansdowne, Hastings, is spending a holiday in Hawke's Bay.

Miss Joan Donghi has returned to Hastings after spending a week in Ormondville.



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**Heretaunga Cup Handed Over**

WAIPIKURAU'S WIN

(Daily Mail Special Service)

WAIPIKURAU.

During the week-end members of the Heretaunga Bowling Club paid a return visit to the Waipukurau green, when the Heretaunga Cup was again competed for. When the Waipukurau Club visited Heretaunga on March 1 they suffered a substantial defeat, but over the week-end they reversed this position and were the winners by 23 points.

Before the visitors left, the cup was handed over by the president of the Heretaunga Club, who congratulated Waipukurau on its successes. Results of the various games played are as follows: Heretaunga players being mentioned first:-

Robinson, Tucker, Hurley, Evison, 14; Collier, Hart, Carpenter, Rivers, 17; Berry, Sawyer, Moulder, McBride, 16; Edgar, Hitchens, Mills, Bradley, 17; Haines, Keir, Powdrell, Giles, 17; Annand, Chambers, Richards, Ewen, 20; Griffin, Housell, Proffitt, Mahet, 18; Mager, Smart, Murphy, White, 22; Naughten, Payne, Burfield, Hickmott, 17; Skidmore, Ward, Butler, Clarkson, 34; Ferguson, Wells, Martin, Baillie, 23; Brien, W. Chambers, McVicar, Lourie, 18.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

FEW MATTERS FOR DEBATE

(Daily Mail Special Service)

WAIPIKURAU.

The monthly meeting of the Waipukurau Borough Council took place last night when another small order paper was tabled and business was concluded in a short time.

The Director of National Service advised that men holding responsible positions could not be enrolled in the Home Guard, as they are regarded as key men, and any such person so enrolled must be struck off the roll. He did not bar any member joining the Emergency Precautions Scheme.

During the month of February the centrifugal pump ran 257.93 hours, used 10,833 units of electricity and pumped 5,158,000 gallons of water compared with 6,986,000 gallons in February 1940.

The following licences have been issued and fees received: 37 heavy traffic licences, £299/2/6; 9 motor drivers' licences, £22/6; 2 foot licences, £2/10/.

**Yesterday On 'Change'**

Transaction List

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

**WELLINGTON EXCHANGE**

Sales Late Friday

Bank of N.Z.	2 1 9
Ditto	2 1 9
Yarra Falls	2 5 0
Ditto	2 7 3

Sales Yesterday

4% Stock, 1949 (2)	104 5 0
Ditto, 1955	105 5 0
Auckland City Council 4 1/2%	106 5 0
Bank of N.S.W.	29 0 0
Bank of N.Z.	2 1 9
Broken Hill (Rights)	0 17 8
Ditto	0 17 9
Woodwards Ltd. (2)	0 17 8
Felt Textiles (ord.)	2 0 0
Ditto (new issue)	1 17 6

**Death Of Mr G. A. Peake**

WELL-KNOWN NAPIER RESIDENT

After an illness lasting about six months, Mr George Alfred Peake died at his residence, Cameron Road, Napier, yesterday. Mr Peake, who was aged 59, had a wide circle of friends, made through his contacts with various organisations in Napier.

Born in Dunedin, he had lived in Napier for the past 24 years, during which he was employed by several firms, including Neal and Close, Ltd., as secretary for the owners of the Masonic Block, and for Cecil Louison, Ltd. At the time of his death he was secretary of the Master Bakers' Association.

Apart from his business activities, Mr Peake was a prominent member of the Savage Club, of which he was secretary for 16 years. He will also be remembered as the organiser of the Napier Male Voice Quartette.

He was keenly interested in educational affairs, and was chairman of the Napier Dental Clinic Committee until ill health necessitated his retirement some months ago. At the same time, the Central School lost a staunch friend, as Mr Peake had served on the school committee for many years.

He is survived by his wife and three sons—Maurice, at present serving overseas, Douglas and Allan. A service will be held at St. Paul's Church at 11 o'clock this morning, and the funeral will leave Morris's mortuary, Wellington, at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

**CHRISTCHURCH EXCHANGE**

Bank of N.Z.	2 1 7
Broken Hill Pty (Rights)	0 17 6
Ditto (3)	0 17 6

Sales Reported

Broken Hill Pty. (late sale Friday)	2 1 6
Unlisted Stocks - Sales on 'Change'	2 1 6
Assn. Gold Dredges (11/- paid)	0 13 0

**BOWLING FINAL AT WAIROA**

(Daily Mail Special Service)

The final of the Hunter Brown Shield competition between teams skippered by P. Wilson and H. Roberts was played on the Wairoa Bowling Club greens during the week-end. The game was won by Roberts and was a very closely contested match. The biggest margin of difference in the score through the game was only four and the final result was 18-18.

The teams were as follows:-  
Bainbridge, Marshall, Craig, Robertson, Lange, Lunny, Patterson, Wilson 18.  
In the final of the championship singles R. Stewart defeated H. Roberts.

In the final of the intermediate singles championship Lunny beat Kelly, the winner showing good form in this competition by winning all his matches.

Further matches in the handicap singles resulted: Roberts beat Moore, Kelly beat Marshall, Bainbridge beat L. Ebbitt, Williams beat Craig, Gooding beat Williams, beat

Regent

**"THE WAY OF ALL FLESH"**

Akim Tamiroff In An Unusual Story

How a man whose entire life has been lived in rigid conformance with his own steadfast, almost fanatical belief in the highest moral standards in behaviourism, recklessly disregards these principles to revel in a mad round of self-indulgence, provides the basic theme for the vastly interesting and provocative drama, "The Way of All Flesh," which is now at the Regent Theatre, Hastings.

Here is an absorbing study in contrast—an intriguing adventure into the psychological. It propounds the ever-debatable question: Is there inherent in every average man the human weakness that makes him fair and easy prey for a pretty face and agreeable companionship, but which rarely discloses itself until temptation in some attractive form confronts him?

In the role of Paul Kriza, a small town bank cashier, deeply in love with his wife and four children, supremely contented with his life, his job and, perhaps, more importantly, with himself, Akim Tamiroff, who is featured in the picture with Gladys George, William Henry and Marjorie Angelus, gives one of his most vivid characterisations, out of a career that has been studded with artistic triumphs.

The role which Tamiroff was called upon to portray in "The Way of All Flesh" must have been one of the most exacting of his entire career. In the opening scenes he is a happy, home-loving husband and father, and the implied duties of a cashier of the local bank. Later he is the innocent dupe of a band of New York crooks who, with the assistance of a beautiful but ruthless adventuress, succeed in robbing him of 100,000 dollars worth of the bank's securities. In subsequent scenes he becomes a ragged, half-crazed derelict. Such a transition demands the most both in artistic and in make-up, and offers Tamiroff an opportunity to give one of his finest portrayals.

**Cosy**

'SMASHING THE MONEY RING'

Showing With "Military Academy"

Bringing Ronald Reagan back as the handsome and clever operative, "Smashing the Money Ring," now at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings, introduces a new screen discovery, pretty and talented Margot Stevenson.

Bristling with excitement and comedy, the plot, besides being a story of hazardous adventure, presents the opportunity to learn the methods of an American Government department which wages an unceasing war against counterfeiters.

Assigned to track down a counterfeit ring, Ronald Reagan finds himself aboard an off-shore gambling ship. There, after an exciting gunfight, he leads to the State penitentiary, where Reagan, disguised as a convict, gains the confidence and becomes one of the members of the counterfeit gang. After many thrilling moments, Reagan effects a break from prison with some of the members of the ring, so as to secure the clinching evidence.

The associate feature, "Military Academy," is an exciting story featuring Bobby Jordan and Tommy Kelly.

**State**

"MARYLAND" IS FINE ENTERTAINMENT

Technicolour Drama Of The Turf

The romance, beauty and traditions of the proud South, climaxed by the most spectacular steeplechase in America, the Maryland Hunt Cup race, are highlights of the Technicolour production of "Maryland," at the State Theatre, Hastings.

Said to be greater than the tremendously popular "Kentucky," "Maryland," which was directed by Henry King, promises to be rated as one of the best pictures of this or any entertainment season. Three leading members of the cast in "Maryland" have been awarded "Oscars." In addition, five members of the production staff have been honored. The superb list of prominent players is headed by Walter Brennan, the Academy Award-winning star of "Kentucky." The human, lovable role of the horse trainer in "Maryland" has been called another made-to-order part for him.

Brenda Joyce and John Payne, as the headstrong young lovers, torn by fierce family pride, share the romantic lead. Others prominently featured are Charlie Ruggles, Hattie McDaniel, who won an Academy Award for her portrayal of the lovable kerkieffed Mammy of "Gone With the Wind," and Marjorie Weaver, Ethel Hill and Jack Auer, who turned an original screen play for "Maryland."

**PROGRAMMES ON THE AIR**

1YA AUCKLAND

6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 7.30: Breakfast session. 9.0: Correspondence School Educational Session. 9.45: "Light and Shade." 10.45: "For My Lady." 10.45: "Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax." 11.0: "Morning Melodies."

12.0: Lunch music. 12.15 and 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news. 1.30: Educational session. 2.40: Classical music. 4.0: Light music. 5.0: Children's session. 5.45: Dinner music. 6.15: B.B.C. news. 7.0: News. 7.10: Talk by the Gardening Expert.

7.30: Evening Programme. 7.40: Hildegarde (light vocal). 7.46: Olive Groves and George Baker, with orchestra. 7.50: "The Polka-Bug." 8.0: Concert Party. 8.2: Eric Coates and Symphony Orchestra. 8.3: Studio recital by Thomas E. West (tenor). 8.20: Decca Light Symphony Orchestra. 8.26: "The First Great Church." 8.32: Debroy Somers (soprano). 8.35: "The Polka-Bug." 8.45: N.B.S. newscast. 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary. 9.25: Jack Payne and his Band. 9.30: Dance music. 11.0: B.B.C. news.

**2YA WELLINGTON**

6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 7.30: Breakfast session. 9.0: Correspondence School Educational Session. 10.10: Devotional service. 10.25: The opera lover. 10.45: "For My Lady." 11.0: "Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax." 11.15: Something new. 11.30: "Concussion and Compression."

12.0: Lunch music. 12.15 and 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news. 2.0: Classical hour. 3.0: Children's session. 5.45: Dinner music. 6.15: B.B.C. news. 7.0: News. 7.15: "Britain Speaks." 7.30: Reserved.

7.45: Evening Programme. 8.2: The Concert. 8.5: S.S. String Orchestra and the 2YA Concert Orchestra. 8.58: Station notices. 9.0: N.B.S. newscast. 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary. 9.25: Music, mirth and melody. 11.0: B.B.C. news.

**3YA CHRISTCHURCH**

6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 7.30: Breakfast session. 9.0: Correspondence School Educational Session. 9.45: Morning melodies. 10.0: "For My Lady." 10.30: Devotional service. 10.45: Billy Mayerl plays. 11.0: "Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax." 11.15: "Fashion." 11.30: Popular tunes.

12.0: Lunch music. 12.15 and 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news. 2.0: Piano, accordion and Hawaiian music. 3.0: Classical programme. 4.0: Musical Instrumental. 4.15: Report on Sheffield Ewe Fair. 5.0: Children's session. 5.45: Dinner music. 6.15: B.B.C. news. 7.0: News. 7.15: Book review.

7.30: Evening Programme. 7.38: "Dad and Dave." 7.50: London Palladium Orchestra. 7.59: "The Polka-Bug." 8.0: The Lyn Christies. 8.13: "A Gentleman Rider." 8.25: From the Studio. James Duff (tenor). 8.28: The Buccaneers of the Pirate Ship Venture. 8.35: Station notices. 8.45: N.B.S. newscast. 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary. 9.25: Musical comedy memories. 10.0: Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye. 11.0: B.B.C. news.

**4YA DUNEDIN**

6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 7.30: Breakfast session. 9.0: Correspondence School Educational Session. 10.15: Devotional service. 10.40: "Shoes and Ships and Sealing Wax." 11.0: "For My Lady." 11.30: Waltzes and Women.

12.0: Lunch music. 12.15 and 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news. 2.0: Harmony and humour. 4.30: Cafe music. 5.0: Children's session. 5.45: Dinner music. 6.15: B.B.C. news. 7.0: News. 7.15: "England Speaks Through Shakespeare."

7.30: Evening Programme. 7.35: Professor R. Lawson Duff (soprano). 7.38: From the Studio. St. Kilda Band and Mary Somerville (contralto). 8.58: Station notices. 9.0: N.B.S. newscast. 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary. 9.25: Giuseppe Bece and his Orchestra. 9.28: "Coronets of England." 9.34: The Tules Ruben Trio. 10.0: Music, mirth and melody. 11.0: B.B.C. news.

**2YH NAPIER**

6.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 7.30: Breakfast session. 9.0: Correspondence School Educational Session. 11.0: Light music.

12.0-2.0 p.m.: Lunch music. (12.15 and 1.15: B.B.C. news). 5.0: Light music. 5.30: For the Children. 5.35: Hawaiian instrumental harmonies. 6.0: "The Nigger Minstrels." 6.15: B.B.C. news. 6.45:

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**PROGRAMMES ON THE AIR**

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**"CHARLIE CHAN AT THE WAX MUSEUM"**

Clever Blending Of Screen Talent

Comedy thrills, and chills are skilfully blended to produce first-class entertainment in the splendid film, "Charlie Chan at the Wax Museum," which begins a season at the State Theatre, Napier, this afternoon.

Directed by Lynn Shores, the latest Chan mystery has a top-notch cast of carefully selected players supporting Sidney Toler, Sen Yung, Powers model, is a newspaper reporter and Tom Osborne, a crime league radio programme director.

For the settings in "Charlie Chan at the Wax Museum," 20th Century-Fox constructed a wax museum covering an entire sound stage. Most of the picture was filmed on this set. Included in the background were over 50 wax figures which lent an eerie atmosphere to the mystery. Clay Campbell, 20th Century-Fox make-up expert, made wax facsimiles of Sidney Toler as Chan and Marc Lawrence, featured player who portrays a gangster murderer in the film. It took him two weeks to complete the masks.

The story is laid in a chamber of horrors which has become a mystery. Chan faces death in the electric chair at the hands of a murderer who has been claimed dead for twelve years.

The other feature on the bill is "Grown on Resurrection," a story of daring and skill in the wartime Royal Navy.

**TUTIRA STOCK SALE YESTERDAY**

Messrs Murray, Roberts and Co., Ltd., report as follows on realisations at the Tutira stock sale yesterday:

Sixty-nine fat ewes 11/-; 115 weds lambs 6/-; 68 sm. weds 10/1; 36 ewe lambs 7/-; 32 weds lambs 5/-; 26 aged ewes 4/7; 61 2/4th weds. 18/7; 80 ewe lambs 14/8; 63 2/4th weds. 17/2.

Four lam. rams 11/0/-, 3 at 11/0/-, 4 at 10/-, 3 at 5/6.

"Silas Marner." 7.0: After-dinner music. 7.30: Band interlude. 7.45: Popular hits. 8.0: "Coronets of England." 8.30: Classical music. 9.0: N.B.S. newscast. 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary. 9.25: "Morrans." 9.49: Frank Luther and Zita Layman (vocal). 9.55: "Tin Pan Alley Medley."

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Directed by Lynn Shores, the latest Chan mystery has a top-notch cast of carefully selected players supporting Sidney Toler, Sen Yung, Powers model, is a newspaper reporter and Tom Osborne, a crime league radio programme director.

For the settings in "Charlie Chan at the Wax Museum," 20th Century-Fox constructed a wax museum covering an entire sound stage. Most of the picture was filmed on this set. Included in the background were over 50 wax figures which lent an eerie atmosphere to the mystery. Clay Campbell, 20th Century-Fox make-up expert, made wax facsimiles of Sidney Toler as Chan and Marc Lawrence, featured player who portrays a gangster murderer in the film. It took him two weeks to complete the masks.

The story is laid in a chamber of horrors which has become a mystery. Chan faces death in the electric chair at the hands of a murderer who has been claimed dead for twelve years.

The other feature on the bill is "Grown on Resurrection," a story of daring and skill in the wartime Royal Navy.

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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail Your Own Morning Paper TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1941. MOBILISATION FOR INDUSTRY

The announcement that Great Britain will shortly commence the registration of men in the 40-45 age group and of women in the 20-21 group, which was contained in a late radio message in yesterday's "Daily Mail," gives an excellent indication of the thoroughness with which the nation is being organised industrially as well as militarily.

The idea of bringing women under the national conscription scheme, while it may seem revolutionary for an essentially conservative race like the British, is by no means new. As long ago as 1939, when peacetime conscription for the armed forces was introduced for the first time in British history, women's organisations were agitating for a place in the national defence plan, and when war broke out this agitation was intensified.

On January 21, 1941, the British Labour Minister (Mr Ernest Bevin) informed the House of Commons that the Government had finally decided to register working men and women throughout the country with a view to drafting them into war industries. He reported that British production was steadily increasing, in spite of the German air attacks, but said that the country "had now reached a stage where it will be necessary to take industrial registration by age groups."

This somewhat sensational pronouncement aroused virtually no opposition. The statement was regarded as being only a natural development of the drastic Emergency Powers Act of May 22, 1940, which gave the Government power to draft men and women from other occupations or from unemployment into essential war industries. Incidentally, the Act also gave power to draft capital, but Mr Bevin made no mention of this in his announcement to Parliament.

The object of the drafting, said the Minister, was "to create a permanent mobile labour force," and he added that "there will be no exception of rank or anything else." He said that besides men, the nation would have to call into munitions and aircraft factories many women who, in normal circumstances, would not take employment. This meant that industry would have to absorb a far greater proportion of women than it has been doing and also that the State would have to make provision for the care of children in cases where mothers undertook national service.

It will be seen from this that Great Britain, with an energy which is peculiarly characteristic of the British people when they find themselves in an unexpectedly tight corner, has adopted and improved on the German principle of the total organisation of the entire nation for a single purpose. The difference in the two systems lies chiefly in the fact that for six years of peace Germany was organised for war, while the full impact of war had struck Great Britain before she was driven to the point of regimenting her people for the sole purpose of self-preservation.

Another significant fact is that the British people have accepted the drastic measures with equanimity. Mr Bevin, as a trade union official, risked the disapproval of his main political backers, the 5,000,000 members of the Trades Union Congress, in announcing the conscription policy. A year or two ago the proposals would undoubtedly have precipitated a first-class political crisis, but at the present time nothing of the sort is in the least likely to happen.

How far the conscription plan will be carried depends, of course, on the needs of the war industries. At the present time the situation appears to be extremely satisfactory. The number of British munitions workers is substantially greater than in 1918, when war production was at its peak, and on another occasion in the House of Commons Mr Bevin assured the nation that "if I were at liberty to reveal the rate at which we now are able to equip a division with guns and machine-guns it would give a great measure of encouragement." He added that the speed-up in the aircraft industry had been even more remarkable.

One of the most interesting features of this British activity is the indication it gives of the nation's determination to depend as far as possible on its own resources without relying too much on American aid. It is not likely that the full weight of American assistance will be felt before the end of the present year. By that time it is possible that British industrial output will have reached the point where, combined with transatlantic aid, it will ensure a safe margin of superiority over the productive capacity of Germany and her allies.

Personal VICE-REGAL

His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir Cyril Newall, has been advised to remain at Government House for the time being, because of a slight indisposition.

Mr. A. C. Thomson, the new stationmaster at Hastings, was welcomed at last night's meeting of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce.

Messrs G. Duncan, J. C. Gordon, and Gill and Fenton, Ltd., were elected members of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce at last night's meeting.

Dr. Julius Stone, professor of law at the Auckland University College, has been admitted by Mr Justice Blair as a barrister of the Supreme Court of New Zealand on the motion of Mr. A. H. Johnstone, K.C.

Major-General Sir Andrew Russell, Inspector-General of the New Zealand Military Forces, and Brigadier O. H. Mead, Officer Commanding the Southern Military District, last week watched the manoeuvres being carried out in Mid-Canterbury and South Canterbury by members of the Territorial Force.

Mr M. E. Lyons has consented to place himself before the National Party organisation as the party's candidate for the Hurunui seat at the general election. Mr Lyons was a candidate for Christchurch South seat made vacant by the death of the late Mr E. J. Howard and he also contested the Christchurch South seat at earlier elections.

Dr. Antony Reeves, who has been appointed to the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant-Surgeon, was yesterday granted indefinite leave of absence from the visiting staff of the Hastings Memorial Hospital by the Hawke's Bay Hospital Board. Dr. Reeves is expected to take up his appointment on March 25.

Constable P. J. O'Brien, who has been in charge of the St. John's Police Station since 1924, died in the Wanganui Hospital last night. Before coming to New Zealand in 1910, Constable O'Brien was a member of the Royal Irish Constabulary, and was one of the special body-guard when King Edward visited Ireland in 1903. He joined the New Zealand police in Wellington in 1910, later being transferred to Pongsonby, and then to Wanganui. Constables C. O'Brien, of Auckland, and D. O'Brien, of Wellington, are sons.

The election of Dr. H. M. Wilson, Hastings, as president of the New Zealand Division of the British Medical Association, previously announced in the "Daily Mail" was mentioned by the chairman of the Hawke's Bay Hospital Board (Mr. C. Lassen) at yesterday's meeting of the board. "No more suitable person could have been selected to guide the duties of the medical profession now that the medical benefits of the Social Security scheme are coming into operation," said Mr. Lassen. Dr. Wilson is to receive a letter of congratulation from the board.

AT THE HOTELS Mrs F. D. Martin (Matapiro), Mr and Mrs C. H. Bosworth (Dannevirke), Mr J. H. Parker, Mr J. M. Carroll, Mr H. B. Coster, Mr R. E. Wellington, Mr B. K. Thompson (Palmerston North), Mr T. Parnell (Palmerston North), Mr P. Graham (Wanganui), Mr D. G. Brown (Auckland) are staying at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr J. T. Mandeno, Mr A. Powell, Mr R. Kelly (Wellington), Mr E. Clarke (Palmerston North), Mr R. Nelson (Auckland), Mr R. Williamson (Wanganui), Mr A. Lyall (Wellington), Mr E. Thompson (New Plymouth), Mr T. Andrews (Wairoa), Mr A. Harvey (Carterton) are staying at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs J. Knight (Felling), Mr and Mrs F. Foster (Hastings), Mr and Mrs I. J. Corn (Gisborne), Mr A. C. Harris (Palmerston North), Mr Lew. Miss Tiso, Mrs M. M. Roberts, Mr J. Collett, Mr Cameron (Wellington), Miss E. Smith (Gisborne), J. L. Sommerville, Mr K. Smith, Miss J. McConachie (Auckland) are at the Central Hotel, Napier.

Mr G. Taylor, Mr and Mrs M. Pizer, Miss S. Peter, Mr J. Stacey, Mr T. Bloom, Mr E. Chapman, Mr W. Percival, Mr M. Lubronsky, Miss M. Stewart, Mr A. Herman (Wellington), Mr E. C. Beale, Mrs J. D. Williamson, Miss Frieppender, Mrs E. Reid, Mr H. Hill, Mr and Mrs A. Warren, Mr D. Falconer (Auckland), Mr F. Foskey (Sydney), Mr and Mrs J. Alexander (Wanganui), Mrs M. Hamilton (Bournemouth), Mrs E. Taylor, Miss G. Chevalier (Wanganui), Mrs B. Maunsell (Masterton), Mr R. Barker (Gisborne), are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr N. Davis (Rapunga), Mr H. Le Ba, Mr L. F. Nicholson (Gisborne), Mr H. M. Williams (Christchurch), Mrs East (Wellington) are staying at the Clyde Hotel, Wairoa.

Mr Hallwright (Wellington), Mr Jones (Tuai), Mr Lucas are guests at the Wairoa Hotel, Wairoa.

Emergency Precautions "With the aid of senior members of the staff a thorough plan for the quick evacuation of the school has been prepared," stated the report of the headmaster of the Napier Boys' High School (Mr W. T. Foster) which was tabled at last night's meeting of the Napier Secondary Education Board. Mr Foster told members that an old brickwork building, which would be used as a gong, would be heard all over the school grounds and that it was hoped to have a trial in the near future.

Calling Up Territorials To fill territorial force requirements, a list of men in two of the ballot groups outlined in Saturday's "Daily Mail" will be gazetted on March 26. The groups concerned are single men between 19 and 20, medically graded as I, Ia, or II, and single men with the same medical gradings but between the ages of 21 and 40, who have been exempted from overseas service and ordered by appeal boards to render alternative service in the Territorial Forces. These men will be medically examined as soon as possible, and military districts have been instructed to arrange for recruits to be dispatched to camp in monthly drafts. The period of training is to be 16 weeks.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Hutt Men at Work

Work was resumed on a normal basis at the Woburn Railway Workshops, Lower Hutt, yesterday in accordance with the Government's terms, announced on Friday, for the return of the men involved in the stoppage of work.—Press Association.

Farmers to Pay

A decision that any extra costs involved would be passed on to those concerned, was reached at yesterday's meeting of the Napier Harbour Board when the board received notification of the application of the co-operative system to the working of the waterfront at the Breakwater.

Fire Prevention

Some time ago, fire destroyed a quantity of used boxing timber stored at the end of the Napier Harbour Board's shunting yard and at yesterday's meeting of the board it was decided to request the Napier Borough Council to instal two extra hydrants between the foot of Coote Road and the Breakwater.

Camp Postponed

Unfavourable weather conditions necessitated the postponement until next Saturday of the annual camp of members of the Hastings division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, which was originally intended to have been held during the week-end. The camp is set down to be held at the Haumoana camping grounds.

Eskdale Guardsmen

Tactical exercises were engaged in on Sunday, when 62 members of the Eskdale Home Guard paraded for fortnightly training. A route march from the parade ground was followed by guerrilla training in the neighbourhood of the Bay View Railway Station. The next activity of the group will be Church Parade on March 23, followed by a further parade on March 30.

Charges of Theft

A remand until to-day was granted by Mr J. E. Sutcliffe, J.P., when Thomas Perry, 50, a labourer, appeared before him in the Hastings Police Court yesterday. The defendant was charged with the theft of a suitcase and contents and an overcoat valued at £5, the property of G. L. K. Rowe, and the theft of three blankets and one eiderdown valued at £2, the property of W. V. Harris.

Emergency Hospitals

Notification that Sister Guffie's and the Langside private hospitals at Napier, and Royston and Eversleigh in Hastings, would be made available to the Hawke's Bay Hospital Board in the event of an emergency was received at the monthly meeting of the board yesterday afternoon. On the motion of the chairman (Mr C. Lassen) it was decided to thank the owners for their offers and to advise them that they would be notified if and when the buildings were required.

111th Birthday

Mr Patrick Lucas Hamilton, who lives near Pleasant Point, 12 miles from Timaru, yesterday celebrated what he claims is his 111th birthday. Mr Hamilton still enjoys good health, but he is not now able to read. On his 100th birthday, his family presented him with an easy chair, and yesterday he sat in the chair for three hours. Mr Hamilton was the recipient of many congratulations. He was born in County Donegal, Ireland, on St. Patrick's Day in the reign of King William IV. He came to New Zealand in 1870.—Press Association.

Assisting the Mail Room

The mail room staff at the Hastings Post Office is now considerably depleted by war conditions, and the Postmaster (Mr L. A. Burns) requests the business community to assist by posting letters as early as possible, thus avoiding the last-minute rush to dispatch mails. Many firms which hold all letters until after 5 p.m. could probably post a number in the middle of the afternoon and assist to relieve the congestion, while those dispatching large quantities of mail can help by tying letters in bundles, if necessary, passing them over the counter.

Breakfast Table

Husband: "You must think cars grow on trees." Wife: "Silly! Everybody knows they come from plants." I have a war-time problem: it seems singular to me Why The plural of Barrage Balloon Balloon Barrage should be.

Sergeant (after war game): "Private, didn't you realise you were exposing yourself to an imaginary enemy only 250 yards away?" Private: "That's all right, Sergeant, I was standing behind an imaginary rock 25ft. high."

The disappearance of the running board from the motor-car gives rise to a problem: On what does the speed cap deposit a foot heavily while asking directions to the fire?

While examining a class in grammar the inspector wrote a sentence on the blackboard and asked if any boy could see anything peculiar about it.

"After a long pause, one small boy put up his hand slowly." "Yes," said the inspector encouragingly, "what do you see remarkably about it?" "Please sir, the bad writing, sir," replied the youngster.

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 booties will be much in demand. For those who have just opened the door of Twin sets for Ladies—Beautiful garments in the latest shades and made expressly for them."

Coats in Angora, plain and novelty checks and stripes. Military, swing and semi-fitting styles, with high neck-line or fitting collars.

Lovely display of Autumn Military featuring Military, Breton, and wide brimmed shapes. Shades Wood Moss, Vineyard, Gorse Gold, Soldier Blue, Teal, Navy, Black, College Grey, Pixie Brown.

Two Piece Suits in feather weight wool materials, belted and fitting styles, coats of fingertip length with built up shoulder and pleated skirts. Shades Soldier Blue, Copper Rose, Firth, Haze Green, Red Clay, Clipper Blue, Black and Navy.

Frocks in Jerseylaine, angora and fancy woven materials showing the novelty stripes and designs, with swing and pleated skirts, styles including the new buttoned fronts.

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HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR GALE AND RAIN

The following is the "Daily Mail's" special forecast for the Hawke's Bay area as follows: Winds: Strong northerly possibly reaching gale force in places and later tending to westerly. Weather: Dull with further rain and some heavy falls. Temperatures mild. Seas: Rough.

NAPIER WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. at Napier by the automatic recorder (Miss G. Hutton) are as follows: Dry bulb temp. . . . . 66.0deg. Wet bulb temp. . . . . 66.0deg. Maximum temp. . . . . 68.5deg. Minimum temp. . . . . 64.5deg. Grass . . . . . 62.0deg. 1ft. underground . . . . . 71.2deg. 3ft. underground . . . . . 70.0deg. Sun . . . . . Nil Rain . . . . . 1.45in. Clouds . . . . . 10 Wind . . . . . N.E.8 Visibility . . . . . 2 Humidity . . . . . 100 p.c.

HASTINGS WEATHER

Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 p.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows: Dry bulb temp. . . . . 65.0deg. Wet bulb temp. . . . . 65.0deg. Maximum temp. . . . . 70.0deg. Minimum temp. . . . . 62.0deg. Grass . . . . . 61.0deg. 1ft. underground . . . . . 70.0deg. Wind . . . . . S.E.6 Cloud . . . . . 10 Rain . . . . . 1.18in

DOMINION FORECAST

General situation: An extensive cyclonic disturbance is centred near Auckland and is moving in a southerly direction. Forecast: Winds: From Taranaki and East Cape southwards strong from an easterly quarter, reaching gale force in exposed positions. Strong winds from a westerly quarter in the north and extending slowly southward over most of the North Island.

Seas (N.Z. waters): Rough south of East Cape. Elsewhere moderate, but rising about Cook Strait and north of Farewell Spit. Eastern Tasman Sea: North-easterly winds at first in the northern portion, otherwise strong winds from a southerly quarter and rather rough to rough seas.

Weather: Dull and unsettled generally with widespread rain, especially east of the main ranges, where some heavy falls are likely. Temperatures mild in the north and moderate in the south.

To-day's Diary

NAPIER The Theatres: "Sergeant, Murphy" and "Crime School," Mayfair, 2 and 7.45 p.m. "Angels Over Broadway," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m. "Brown On Resolution" and "Charlie Chan in the Wax Museum," State, 2 and 8 p.m.

HASTINGS The Theatres: "Smashing the Money Ring" and "Military Academy," Cosy, 2 and 7.45 p.m. "The Way of All Flesh," Regent, 2.15 and 8 p.m. "Maryland," State, 2.15 and 8.

MOST GLORIOUS FASHIONS New Autumn Styles Westernman's are displaying a glorious range of new season's fashions which all have a brand new look. See them all in Westernman's various departments. Lovely display of Autumn Military featuring Military, Breton, and wide brimmed shapes. Shades Wood Moss, Vineyard, Gorse Gold, Soldier Blue, Teal, Navy, Black, College Grey, Pixie Brown. Two Piece Suits in feather weight wool materials, belted and fitting styles, coats of fingertip length with built up shoulder and pleated skirts. Shades Soldier Blue, Copper Rose, Firth, Haze Green, Red Clay, Clipper Blue, Black and Navy. Frocks in Jerseylaine, angora and fancy woven materials showing the novelty stripes and designs, with swing and pleated skirts, styles including the new buttoned fronts. Westernman's MODERN STORE HERETAUNGA ST. HASTINGS

AMERICAN SQUADRON BERTHS AT AUCKLAND

Hundreds Of Men On Shore Leave Enjoy Hospitality Of The City

(By Telegraph-Press Association.) AUCKLAND, March 17. Symbolising the new tie of common purpose which binds the United States and the British Commonwealth, a tie made all the stronger by President Roosevelt's historic speech of two days ago, a squadron of six American warships entered Auckland harbour this afternoon to the thunder of saluting guns, for a brief visit embracing two complete days.

The squadron comprises two ultra-modern cruisers, the Brooklyn (flagship) and the Savannah and the 6th Destroyer Division, consisting of the destroyers Case, Cummings, Tucker and Shaw. It is commanded by Captain Ellis S. Stone, of the Brooklyn, and the total complement of the six ships is approximately 2300.

The cruisers berthed at King's Wharf and the destroyers at the Western Wharf. Formal calls were exchanged by Captain Stone with representatives of the Government, the fighting services and local authorities, and shore leave was granted to a large proportion of the ship's companies. The people of Auckland will have an opportunity to greet the visitors collectively at midday to-morrow, when there will be a ceremonial march up Queen Street to a civic welcome outside the Town Hall. A State dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel at night. Two parties of 500 officers and men will visit Rotorua to-morrow and on Wednesday as the guests of the Government, and two parties of 250 each will be taken on sight-seeing trips near the city. Dances are to be held in the Town Hall to-morrow night and on Wednesday night. The squadron will leave port on Thursday.

Salute Fired Under a grey sky the American warships made a fine sight as they rounded North Head one by one and made their way across the calm waters of the Hauraki Gulf to the berths allotted them. The first to appear, a few minutes after 3 p.m., was the flagship Brooklyn. She had not long been in view when a cloud of white smoke followed by a faint thud of a gun showed that she was saluting the country. Continuing on her way and slowly turning to starboard, she fired 17 guns altogether. The saluting battery on North Head replied, the smoke rising over the neck of the land, but no sound reached the official party waiting on the deck of King's Wharf where the two cruisers were to berth.

As she drew nearer, escorted by two tugs, the Brooklyn loomed a formidable fighting machine with her triple turrets and lofty fore and aft fire-control towers. Hundreds of bluejackets drawn up along her rails struck a dark note against the mauve-grey of her paintwork. Welcoming Party On the wharf, in readiness for her arrival, were the American Consul (Mr J. G. Groeningen), Commander J. P. Olding, U.S.N., naval observer, and a Government group headed by the Under-Secretary of Internal Affairs (Mr J. W. Heenan). Two parties of seamen from H.M.S. Philomet under an officer of the guard were on the berth to handle the ship.

Flitted skilfully in, the Brooklyn was berthed with the quiet efficiency that marks American and British naval practice in contrast with that of some foreign navies whose ships have called at Auckland. All the hundreds of men along her decks looked bronzed and particularly fit. Numbers were perched on the upper works and faces even looked out of the windows of the

pinnae on the davits. One sailor stationed at the rail amidships was conspicuous in steel helmet and rubber boots with a telephone instrument fastened on his chest.

First Ashore In due course shrill pipes saluted the Consul as he went aboard followed by the rest of the official party. The party first to go ashore was a detachment of about 20 ship's police distinguished by arm badges and khaki leggings, who departed with a local sergeant as a guide. After an interval hundreds of liberty men arrived in unoccupied France and North Africa, provided the food allowed to watch goods traffic from unoccupied occupied France.

Secondly, that the distribution is supervised by the American Red Cross, which is also entitled to watch goods traffic from unoccupied occupied France. Thirdly, that Italians and Germans no longer requisition cargoes arriving in unoccupied France from the French colonial empire. Fourthly, that Vichy undertakes to call an immediate halt to German infiltration in North Africa.

The quality of food allowed to enter unoccupied France under this plan would be determined, as in the case of Spain and Portugal, in relation to the normal food-importing requirements of unoccupied France after taking into account local food production and also the population.

Germany Benefits Indirectly this system would benefit Germany, because occupied France, which is the granary of unoccupied France, would no longer be asked to supply Vichy's needs. The most important condition is that no more Germans will be allowed to enter North Africa to plan U-boat and air bases from which to attack our shipping.

Informal Dinner. Later the Mayor entertained Captain Stone and some of his officers at an informal dinner at the Grand Hotel to give them an opportunity to meet the New Zealand Chiefs of Staff. In the evening a number of officers from the ships attended a sherry party at the Officers' Club.

In spite of the blackout the men on leave appeared to find their night ashore thoroughly enjoyable. Many of them were to be seen parading Queen Street or conversing with New Zealand sailors and young people of both sexes. Numbers took advantage of the free admission to picture theatres. Arrangements had been made to provide sleeping accommodation and breakfast for them at the Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army People's Palace, the Carrie Hostel and other establishments. These facilities proved most welcome and were fully utilised.

In spite of the fact that the American dollar is worth 6/- in Auckland a number of cases were disclosed where some of the visiting American sailors were given as low as 4/- for their money. For numbers the rates were given between 5/- and 6/-. A representative of the Bank of New Zealand is to travel on the special train to Rotorua and during the journey he will change the visitors' money into New Zealand currency. Representatives of the bank will also attend at both wharves and will change the dollars into New Zealand currency at the official rate of exchange.

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ACTION WANTED IN AFRICA

HITLER'S REQUEST TO FRANCE POSITION EXPLAINED

Not Active Participation Against Britain

(Received March 17, 6 p.m.) LONDON, March 16. "At no time has Hitler demanded active French help against Britain," declared M. Fernand de Brinon, the Vichy Government's representative in Paris, in an interview to-day with the Paris correspondent of the Associated Press of Great Britain.

To this proposal, Marshal Petain at their recent Montreuil meeting: "I do not ask for it, because you could not do it; but I do ask you to help me to shorten the war by opposing Britain's enterprises in your African Empire. In return for this, France will find in the new Europe the place it used to have." The quip, which Marshal Petain had agreed, said M. de Brinon.

Food For France The "Sunday Times" understands that the British Government, after consultations with the United States, has decided not to oppose food ships being sent to unoccupied France and North Africa, provided the food allowed to watch goods traffic from unoccupied occupied France.

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STRONG TIES BETWEEN U.S. AND THE EMPIRE COUNTRIES

Warm Greeting Expressed By Commander Of Squadron

(By Telegraph-Press Association.) AUCKLAND, March 17.

"When we Americans look westward we think of you in New Zealand and Australia," said Captain Ellis S. Stone, officer commanding the United States naval squadron, in a brief interview aboard the cruiser Brooklyn after she had berthed.

"The ties of blood and common interest could not be stronger than they are at this time between us in the United States and you in these southern Pacific countries."

Captain Stone expressed regret that orders forbade him to say anything about the squadron's present cruise except that his ships were in Auckland and would depart on Thursday.

The Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) to-day sent to Captain Stone the following message:—"On behalf of the Government and the people of New Zealand, I extend to you, your officers and your ships' companies the warmest of welcomes to New Zealand."

"We are looking forward to meeting representatives of that great and powerful nation which is doing so much for us in our struggle for freedom and democracy."

"We hope your stay with us will be enjoyable and fruitful."

Commander's Reply. Captain Stone replied as follows:—"The commander, officers and men of this squadron acknowledge with the deepest appreciation your most cordial message of welcome. Bound as our two peoples are by ties of common blood and common interest, we are most grateful for the opportunity to visit the country whose armed forces are daily adding to the laurels of their glorious past."

"Your hospitality is traditional in my service. We who are now here feel privileged indeed to pay our respects to you and through you to the people of New Zealand."

Four Expensive Failures ITALIAN ATTEMPTS TO ADVANCE LACK OF MORALE

Repeated Victories For Greeks

British Official Wireless (Received March 17, 6 p.m.) RUGBY, March 16.

Messages from war correspondents with the Greek Army on the Albanian front state that the Italian forces thrown into the offensive launched on Mussolini's orders six days ago are put at 120,000, operating on a front of about 20 miles. Mussolini's campaign, state, lost several of his closest collaborators, including six members of the Fascist Grand Council, of whom some, like Professor Fellegini, were taken prisoner, and others, like Barbellini, were killed. The Italian losses are estimated at some 50,000 killed, wounded, and captured.

The debacle is attributed by correspondents to the accuracy of the Greek artillery, the skill and ability of the machine-gunners, and the alertness of the infantry, as well as to the lack of morale of the Italian troops.

Mown Down by Guns. Whole Italian regiments, it is stated, have been flung against positions held by only small Greek detachments, only to be mown down by shellfire when they were still 500 yards from their objective.

What enthusiasm these unfortunate troops had when they started soon evaporated. Their formations were broken up and thrown into a state of confusion. Officers tried vainly to restore some sort of order at revolver point, but few of them lived to return to their starting-point.

A Greek communique covering Saturday's fighting says: "Enemy offensive activities of restricted intensity at various hours of the day on different parts of the front were all repulsed with heavy Italian losses."

Disappearing Camps. With these factors operating to reduce the number of men on the pay-roll of the railway job, it has become uneconomic to maintain all the camps along the line. Wharakaiko was the first of the main camps to disappear, when the completion of the Waikura tunnel, of 76 chains, caused the transfer of a large number of men elsewhere early last year. Tikiwhata is the second big camp to go on the Gisborne end of the line, and its residents will regret the breaking-up of a community which, though remote from the main highway, had many attractions.

The two remaining camps on the Gisborne end are those at Bartlett where headquarters of the whole construction job were established at the outset; and the smaller community known as Torries, where well-equipped workshops have handled a great deal of the fitting and engineering work entailed in the maintenance of equipment.

Such work as remains to be done in the Tikiwhata Valley—mainly the erection of steel and concrete bridges and the completion of plate-laying and ballasting—will be done from one or other of the remaining camps if it now possible to travel from Gisborne right to the Tikiwhata camp site by works train, and transportation of workers from the other camps at this end is therefore a simple matter.

Torries experienced a longer downpour. Watertables flooded at a number of street intersections, and many footpaths were impassable from the afternoon until late in the evening. A high wind made conditions unpleasant in the afternoon, but this dropped in the evening. There were some brilliant flashes of sheet lightning. Minor power interruptions were reported.

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HITLER'S HOPE

Talk To Heroes In Berlin

(Received March 17, 6 p.m.) LONDON, March 16. Greatly-increased support for Italy was forecast by Hitler to-day in a speech in Berlin in commemoration of Heroes' Day. Hitler said that, during the winter months, Germany's Italian allies had had to bear the full brunt of the weight of the enemy. "Now the German Army will fully share the burden," he added. "The German Army is enormously strengthened and is determined to fulfil what it began in 1940."

"Providence," said Hitler, "will let nobody be victorious who, by the depth of his gold-bags, seeks to dominate the world. No power, no support in the world will change anything. Britain will fall. Churchill began from the air to destroy the German nation, but he will destroy himself and Britain."

Germany's Future "No matter on what territory or in which sea or air space this war is decided, upon it rests the future of the German nation," Hitler asserted. "The statement of the American General Woods to a United States Senate Committee that Churchill declared in 1936 that Germany was getting too powerful and would have to be destroyed in a new war has thrown light on the true responsibility for the present developments."

Britain and France wanted war—not so much the people, but small political and financial circles among them acting as the motive force of international Jewry and its world conspirators, democracy and Freemasonry."

Tormenting Rain In Province ELECTRICAL STORM Streets Flooded In Towns LIGHTNING DISPLAY

An electrical storm, accompanied by wind and torrential rain, which swept Hawke's Bay yesterday afternoon and evening caused a great deal of inconvenience, but so far as could be ascertained last night, little serious damage resulted.

In Napier and Hastings the channels overflowed on to the footpaths in many streets, and for a time the thoroughfares presented a Venetian appearance. Passing cars sent over the bonnet of his car in order to reach the driver's seat.

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ENEMY ALIEN PROBLEM IS AGAIN UNDER DISCUSSION

Hospital Board Debates Right Of Foreign Doctors To Practise In N.Z.

A discussion which revealed a conflict of opinion on the Government's policy in regard to the internment of enemy aliens took place at the monthly meeting of the Hawke's Bay Hospital Board yesterday afternoon.

The subject was introduced by the chairman (Mr C. Lassen) after the board had discussed a number of minor staffing matters brought about by war conditions.

"This question of allowing enemy aliens the right to practise while our own medical men are away serving their country is one to which this board should give serious consideration," said Mr Lassen.

"The Government has allowed 30 of these enemy aliens to qualify at the Otago University Medical School and 11 have been registered and permitted to practise," Mr Lassen said.

He moved the following resolution, which was carried with one dissent: "That this board propose allowing enemy alien doctors to practise in this district while our own medical men are away on military service."

In the discussion that ensued, the chairman explained that the doctors referred to were not naturalised and could not be naturalised during the war.

Replying to Mr J. Williamson, Mr Lassen said that he did not know what attitude the other boards were adopting.

"I am opposed to the resolution," said Mr H. E. Edgley. "Some years ago we offered a sanctuary to some of these men, and if they have graduated at Otago they must have been here before the war."

Limited Energy. Mr Edgley maintained that doctors who went to serve their country did so as an act of patriotism. He recalled the conditions of the last war and said that there was a shortage of medical men, with the result that patients could not always be treated. A doctor could do only a certain amount of work.

Friendly enemy alien doctors should not be prevented from earning a living in the field for which they had prepared, he said. He did not suggest that anybody should be allowed to practise and relied on the Attorney-General's assurance that the Government knew what every alien was doing.

"We have had first-hand experience in these matters," said Mr Lassen. "Mr Lassen said that Dr. Corrie, Hastings, who was now on active service, had heard a whisper to the effect that another doctor had taken over his practice and had had to advertise that this was not so. He regretted that enemy aliens seemed to be getting a footing in the district."

"That is the German method," said Mr R. Harding. "They said that they would work their way in to any country they desired."

"The gloves are off and this is a war to the finish," declared Mr J. E. Barry. "We are not fighting the war with guns—we are fighting the

invited trouble. Mr W. E. Bate: I sympathise with Mr Edgley's attitude. We did invite these people to come to this country, but I think that we are now better acquainted with the thoroughness of German ways. If we cease to care for the welfare of goods which they were permitted to export,"

Code For Troops Overseas

CENSORSHIP EVASION Loyalty Of Defendants Not Questioned

Details of a scheme to satisfy the curiosity of friends and relatives of soldiers serving overseas were disclosed by Senior-Detective H. Nuttall in the Napier Magistrate's Court yesterday...

Both the defendants entered a plea of guilty through counsel. 'Brough must have seen that it was a serious matter to try to evade the regulations,' said Mr Miller in entering a conviction against both the defendants...

Code Explained 'In November last Brough went to Swales and had a number of cards printed. They consisted of the names of countries and towns, together with corresponding numbers,' said Senior-Detective Nuttall...

The plan was conceived by soldiers in the defendant's billiard room. The idea was that soldiers going overseas would take one card with them while another would be left at home, so that it would be quite easy to check-up on soldiers on a given date...

Points For Consideration When the case was called, Sir Michael Myers said that there were two matters before the court: (1) matters raised by Mr Justice Northcroft pertaining to the conviction itself; (2) the appeal against the sentence imposed on them...

Objection Made Ostler objected to this statement, alleging that Mr Donnelly had not in fact made this alleged statement at the time he was in the prison...

Mr V. J. Langley said that it was admitted that the printer's name should have been on the cards. On the face of it, the cards appeared to be some sort of game, so that no questions were asked...

Loyalty Not Questioned 'There is no doubt as to the loyalty of either Brough or Swales, but unfortunately the offence was committed at a time when we are fighting for our lives,' said the Senior-Detective...

'Intensely Patriotic' 'Brough is intensely patriotic, having lost two of his own brothers in the last war. He himself is suffering from a disability that prevents him from offering his services,' Mr Nash continued...

'Difficulties in Defence.' Christie asked that their appeals be heard patiently and attentively. He said they made the appeals because of the manner in which the prosecutions developed from the beginning and the difficulties that faced them in their defence...

Attorney-General's Consent. As to their first point—that the consent of the Attorney-General, which eventually was obtained, did not extend to the charge on which they were convicted...

Charge at Trial. They were arrested, he said, and charged with publishing a subversive statement, and on that charge alone were committed for trial. After the consent of the Attorney-General had been obtained to that particular charge, three further charges were added by the Crown in the Supreme Court...

Alleged Hampering. As to their allegation that they had been hampered in their defence by the fact that the indictment did not state the passage on which the Crown relied, he reiterated that it was not until Mr. Donnelly added, dressed the court that they knew of those passages and he contended that it was impossible to prepare adequately for their defence...

Possession of Papers. He submitted finally that the mere fact that copies of the 'People's Voice' were found in their possession did not establish an attempt to publish those documents. Ostler, addressing the Court, said that last Monday, when the fixture for hearing the appeal was made, the Court had said that the prison-

OSTLER AND CHRISTIE APPEAL CASE OPENED

Plea For Leniency; Questions Raised Regarding Alleged Subversive Activities

WELLINGTON, March 17. The appeals of Harold Alexander Ostler and Travers Bunnell Christopher Christie from the conviction recorded against them at Christchurch on February 13 of attempting to publish a subversive statement and the sentence of 12 months' hard labour imposed by Mr Justice Northcroft on each of them were commenced in the Court of Appeal to-day.

The Court consists of the Chief Justice (Sir Michael Myers) and Mr Justice Smith, Mr Justice Johnston and Mr Justice Fair. Mr C. H. Taylor, Crown Solicitor, is appearing for the Crown, and the prisoners are conducting their own case.

The case stated and submitted to the Court of Appeal by Mr Justice Northcroft discloses that at the trial the prisoners objected to the indictment so far as the charge on which they were convicted and concerned in that the consent of the Attorney-General, which was given to the prosecution on October 1, 1940, did not extend to that particular charge.

Further, they objected that the information was laid before the written consent of the Attorney-General, that in fact obtained, and finally, that the indictment did not state the subversive statement intended to be relied on by the Crown. The case stated asks for the opinion of the Court of Appeal on these objections.

Provision Explicit The provision in the regulations under review was explicit, and as the consent of the Attorney-General was in fact obtained to the charge of 'attempting to publish,' the conviction could not stand.

Turning to the appeals against the sentences imposed on them, Ostler submitted that in a country such as this, which was fighting for the principles of democracy, publication of any opinion, however incorrect it may be thought to be, ought not to be punishable. He asserted that Christie and he should not have been punished as ordinary criminals, but merely prevented from doing or continuing to do what they believed to be right but which the regulations said was illegal.

That could have been done by admitting them to probation on certain terms. 'Honesty and Sincerity' 'We submit,' he said, 'that honesty and sincerity of purpose should be taken into account in fixing the penalty, and if that is done the sentence imposed must be considered excessive.'

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Breach Of Alien Regulations

DANE IS CHARGED Cases Before Napier Court

There is no excuse in your case. You knew full well what is required of you,' said Mr. Miller, S.M., addressing Peter Anderson, alias Hagerman, a native of Denmark, who appeared before him in the Napier Magistrate's Court charged with failing to notify his change of address.

Anderson was convicted and fined £12. Senior-Sergeant Felton, who conducted the case for the police, told the Court that the defendant had travelled about the country and that the police had lost sight of him. He was staying at the Havek North Hotel but had disappeared and was arrested in Wairoa on another matter for which he was serving a term of imprisonment.

He was working about the same district,' explained Anderson. Offer Refused. 'The defendant drank from a bottle of beer which Constable Kenny was interviewing him on another matter,' declared Senior-Sergeant Felton, when James Alfred Allan was charged with a breach of his prohibition order requiring the constable to collect some money from Allan and when he went inside to issue a receipt, the defendant drank from a bottle and then asked the officer to have a drink,' said the Senior-Sergeant. 'This was naturally declined,' he added. The defendant was convicted and fined £2, costs 10/-. 'Enough Warnings.'

'There have been enough warnings about this offence,' said Mr. Miller, when William Joseph Brown appeared before him and pleaded guilty to a charge of having liquor in the vicinity of a dance hall. He was convicted and fined £3, costs 10/-. Senior-Sergeant Felton explained that the defendant had driven his car about 500 yards from the dance hall and that a constable had found a bottle of beer under a rug in the vehicle.

Maoris and Liquor. The sequel to a little trouble at Eskdale was related by Senior-Sergeant Felton, when Johnson Moa and Walkato Mohi (Mr. T. H. R. Gifford), pleaded guilty to counselling the commission of an offence, namely, supplying liquor to a Maori. Senior-Sergeant Felton said that as a result of a complaint received, Constable Walden, Bay View, went to the second defendant's home and found some liquor. He said that a Maori woman in the house at that time showed signs of having had liquor.

Both the defendants were convicted. Moa being fined £4, costs 15/., and Mohi £4, costs 17/-. On a further charge of supplying liquor to a Native for consumption off licensed premises, Moa was ordered to pay costs. Traffic Offences.

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O.B. MATAI TIMBER Use In Government Cool-store

The opinion that O.B. timber was quite unsuitable for use in the Hastings district was expressed yesterday by Mr. C. O. Carrell, borough building inspector, referring to the Government's decision to use O.B. matai in the flooring of the cool-store being erected by the Internal Marketing Department at Hastings.

The Hastings Borough Council recently wrote inquiring why this inferior timber was being used in the cool-store, and the Minister of Public Works (the Hon. H. T. Armstrong) replied that its use was approved by the Timber Controller on account of the difficulty of obtaining dry rimu.

The matai was being used for lining the cool-store behind cork insulation, and departmental officers considered it quite satisfactory for the purpose. Reason For By-Law. In a special report Mr Carrell, commenting on the reply, said that the use of O.B. timber was prohibited in 1920, and the by-law was reaffirmed in 1933.

It was found that owing to the climatic conditions the wood became permeated with borer, and would not last five years. He could vouch for this fact from his own experience, but evidently the experts of the Forestry and Public Works Department did not consult anyone with local experience in preparing their report.

OVERSEAS SERVICE APPEALS Hawke's Bay And Gisborne Sittings

The hearing of appeals against overseas service by Hawke's Bay appellants will be started by the Wellington Armed Forces Appeal Board next week. The board will sit at Dannevirke, Waipukurau, Hastings, Napier, Wairoa and Gisborne, the circuit taking a fortnight to complete.

The sitting of the Native Land Board at Hastings has caused an alteration in dates, and the board will now sit at Napier on March 27 and 28 and at Hastings on April 3 and 4. The board comprises Mr Stilwell, S.M. (chairman), Mr A. Parlane, and Mr J. W. G. Brodie, with Mr C. O. Bell, Crown Solicitor, and Mr D. Roundhill, secretary.

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MAN IS DEBARRED FROM MEMBERSHIP OF UNIONS

Wellington Seaman's Appeal Heard At Arbitration Court Sitting

If he deems it 'necessary or expedient in the interests of public safety, the effective prosecution of the war, and the maintenance of essential industries,' the Attorney-General has power, under the Public Safety Emergency Regulations, to debar persons from union membership.

On February 3 the Attorney-General issued a notice under the regulations debarring Maurice Wall, a Wellington seaman, from membership in the Auckland, Dunedin, or Wellington Federated Seamen's Industrial Unions of Workers from that date.

In the Arbitration Court to-day, Wall appealed against the decision. Mr Justice Tyndall presided and associated with him were Messrs A. L. Monteith and W. Cecil Prime. Dr. N. A. Foden appeared for the Attorney-General. The appellant was represented by Mr R. Hardie Boys.

Dr. Foden said his first submission was that the Court, in a time of national crisis during the war, on the ground of general principle should support the administrative decisions of any Minister of the State unless an overwhelmingly clear case was made out that the decision was made in error of law or fact.

Secondly, the fact of that particular decision having been made under the War Regulations, should induce the Court to adopt as its background war psychology in that respect. The third submission was that Paragraph 7C of the regulations provided that no decision should be reversed unless the Court was satisfied that the acts which the decision was intended to prevent were not likely to be committed. Whether or not the acts were likely to be committed in the present case would depend on the tendencies and disposition of the man, and to form an

opinion of those his past history was the only reliable guide. The fourth submission was that the appellant had proved a trouble-maker, a disturbing influence, and a generally disaffected person in the ships in particular in which he had been. Cecil Sharpe, master in the employ of the Union Steam Ship Co., said that in 1926 he was chief officer of the Maheno. Wall was an able seaman in the ship during part of that period.

From his knowledge of Wall, the witness said he did not engage him in any ship in wartime or any other time. Discharges From Ship. The witness was cross-examined by Mr Boys about Wall's discharges from the Maheno, all of which were endorsed 'very good' for conduct, ability, and sobriety. He said that had he had the signing of the discharges some of the endorsements would have been different. To Dr. Foden the witness said the endorsements on a discharge were not necessarily conclusive as to conduct, ability and sobriety. In some instances a man who 'played up' was given a good discharge to get rid of him. The hearing will be continued to-morrow.

Fertiliser Works In Province Possible Solutions Reviewed

The minds of Hawke's Bay farmers have been exercised for some time as to the advisability of establishing fertiliser works in the province, and at one stage discussion had proceeded to a debate on the most suitable site. Lengthy discussion in committee at last week's meeting of the Central Hawke's Bay executive of the Farmers' Union in Waipukurau resulted in a reiteration of the opinion that the works should be established, and it has now been left to the union's secretaries in this province to go further into the question.

A shortage of manure is an established fact. The problem is to dispose of available supplies to the best advantage. Granted even that the plan for a Hawke's Bay works were accepted and carried out, a considerable time must elapse before the plant could be erected, and in the meantime two possibilities remain. The first is rationing, which authorities consider, would be difficult to carry out satisfactorily. In this connection a cut in deliveries resulted in suggestions at a Hastings meeting of the Farmers' Union that farmers in this province were not receiving their due quota of fertilisers. A reply from the Dominion secretary (Mr. A. P. O'Shea) pointed out that the cut was based entirely on last year's figures and was intended merely as a temporary measure before putting into operation of a definite plan.

Reduce Acid Content. The other suggestion is a reduction in the phosphoric acid content of the fertiliser. In this event, to obtain a result with the manure of lower phosphoric rating comparable with that from the higher content, the use of a reverted super such as 'serpentine super' would be necessary. This, it is considered, would at least obviate the difficulty of rationing, and at the same time give a satisfactory return. In addition to information concerning the works establishment, at the Waipukurau meeting the opinion was expressed that all information possible concerning reverted or serpentine super should be obtained, so that developments in this connection are awaited.

PATRIOTIC DONATIONS AT HASTINGS The Hastings funds of the £1,000,000 patriotic appeal is steadily approaching the objective for the zone. Latest contributions bring the amount to £14,455 19/10, or less than £550 off the objective. The following contributions are acknowledged—Hastings Horticultural Society £12 8/-, anonymous £1, Municipal, Cosy and Regent Theatres £4 13/9, Combined Dance Bands £23 3/5, Central School pupils £1 0/6.

'FULL APPROVAL FOR MERGER' Statement By Former President

By TELEGRAPH—Press Association. WELLINGTON, March 17. 'In completing the negotiations for the merger of the People's Movement with the National Party I acted with the unanimous approval of the Dominion executive,' Mr E. R. Toop, late president of the movement, who arranged the merger with the leader of the National Party (Mr S. G. Holland) said to-day. 'I am, moreover, convinced that the arrangement concluded has the overwhelming support of our members and supporters.

'Mr Holland's advocacy of a National Government after the election is fully in keeping with the unification ideals of the People's Movement and for less party in government. If any members cannot accept the position they are fully entitled to take what action they like, but I fail to see how any further disruption can achieve the unity for which we were working.'

PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT Dominion Executive Meets

Repudiation Of Merger

The recent statement by the Auckland Division of the People's Movement repudiating what was termed the alleged merger with the National Party was unanimously supported at a meeting of the Dominion executive and representatives of committees in Wellington.

In a statement to the Press the chairman (Mr James Crisp, Auckland) stated that all sections of the movement with one exception were represented at the meeting. It was decided that, 'in view of the unsatisfactory conditions obtaining in the country during the present critical period, there was not only an absolute necessity for the movement to continue, but also that it should conduct an immediate and intensive campaign throughout the Dominion. All electorates in the Dominion will therefore be visited and branches of the movement established.'

A Wellington committee was set up to take the place of the committee which has joined the National Party. The headquarters of the movement will remain in Wellington. A Dominion secretary was appointed and Mr A. E. Davy is continuing as the Dominion organiser. Mr J. Crisp was elected Dominion chairman.

System of Party Control 'The members of the movement,' stated Mr Crisp, 'were unanimous that the present system of control exercised over both the Parliamentary parties by their respective organisations was responsible for much of the present disunity and party bickering. 'The recent manoeuvring over the question of a National Government and a general election, this year shows clearly that party expediency was the chief consideration. Such tactics surely are conducive to an obstruction and a weakening of our war efforts.

'Both parties seem to be in agreement that they should cease, but both desire a gambler's throw at an early election. Whatever the result of an election, one party would be numerically stronger than the other, or there would be the same disastrous result as occurred at the recent Australian elections.'

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## Juveniles Disappoint At Trentham PREMATURE AN EXCEPTION Spring Will See Kindergarten In Australia

(By THE BARB.)

Previous to the Wellington Racing Club's autumn meeting Kindergarten enjoyed the reputation of being a high-class staying three-year-old, but the easy manner in which he accounted for the North Island Challenge Stakes stamped him as an outstanding individual and, good as he has already proved himself, the best has yet to be revealed. There is no knowing to what heights he may attain but one thing is certain, he is undoubtedly of champion class.

The juveniles racing at this same fixture were, with one exception, disappointing. Taking the general form as a criterion, the two-year-olds of this season, are below the average. When it is said "as two-year-olds" it must be remembered that last season Kindergarten was of that age and he was only ordinary, so may be there is a "Kindergarten" among those now dubbed disappointing. The exception referred to was the Wanganui-owned and Awapuni-trained Pouterly-Impetuous filly, Premature, who was the outstanding figure among the juveniles last week at Trentham.

The handicap, middle distance and sprint performers were up to our standard but in neither class was a new star discovered. Among the hacks there were at least four promising young horses that should make the higher grade without difficulty.

Kindergarten has been described as an outstanding three-year-old. Having won the Wellington Cup, a race that Beau Vite failed in last year, the question rises: Is he as good as or better than Mr. Robb's high-class Beau Pere horse? Beau Vite, among Australia's best last spring, showed himself to be a real top-topper; in fact, some of his admirers placed him on the same pedestal as the mighty Carbine and Phar Lap.

H. N. Wiggins has hidden Kindergarten in practically all his races this season and this well-known horseman says that Kindergarten is a better galloper than Beau Vite and next spring, when the Gisborne-owned gelding goes to Randwick and Flemington, he will prove it. This meeting would be a wonderful draw in Australia, and it is a pity that New Zealand racing cannot furnish an attraction for these two turf marvels.

### NEW JUVENILE STAR

Premature was easily the best juvenile seen out at Trentham last week. Both her victories were meritorious and now she goes on for the Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes next Saturday as the decided favourite. No juvenile, on Wellington form, has a chance against this fiery filly whose meeting with Route March on Easter Monday at Ellerslie, in the Champagne Stakes, should be a highlight of that fixture. She is just one more good one from the English brood mare Eulogy.

### Foreign Coin did the best of the two-year-olds in the Challenge (Premature was not a starter) but he was light in condition so that that race must have got to the bottom of him, as on Saturday he finished good, loose and showing much spirited galloping powers.

**CARRYING TOO MUCH FLESH**  
The Hastings colt, Burra Sahib, who so easily won the Wellington Stakes last January at Trentham was, on that form, considered by many who had not seen him since that latter date, as the hardest to beat among those of his age, but in the interim Burra Sahib had put on too much flesh and, in consequence, was far above his January condition. Unfortunately he and the rest of the team he is a member of, had an easy time on the training tracks and it was then that this colt put on the extra weight. Just when he was being wound up for his Challenge Stakes contest his trainer, L. Grey, met with an accident, so that he never had a "fair go" in his preparation. When he left here last week for Trentham he looked like a colt that wanted to shed his sweaters on, at least a couple of times, to get him down anywhere near "fighting weight."

### JUST A MIDDIOCRE LOT

The balance of the juveniles raced at Trentham were just a mediocre lot. However, there is always the chance of youngsters not coming into their own at this age, but developing class later. As said previously, Kindergarten is an instance of this. Pay Roll and other two-year-olds failed to live up to earlier promise, the loose going is no excuse, as all had to gallop on the same track. In the case of the long stringing juveniles, or other horses too loose or holding going, retards their galloping ability, but Premature was the only one of her age to show anything like a high standard last week.

### IN FAVOUR OF AUGMENT

Augment is being branded lucky inasmuch as it rained on the morning of the races and made things easy for him in the Thompson Handicap. His win was clear cut and decisive so that the inflated gelding's victory was well merited. This race saw everything having chances to win if good enough, but they were not.

A report in the "Daily Mail," Kathbella, when leaving here last Sunday week, was not herself, just having got over colic, which perhaps caused the slight lameness. She looked brighter on Saturday in the bridgeway than she did when going out to compete in the Thompson and ran a better race too, which suggests she will soon be back to her best. May be she will be one of the hard ones in next week's Hawke's Bay's Cup race.

### SPRINTING LIGHTWEIGHTS

The open sprints saw the lightweights both days doing the best. There was not much difference between Autolight, Poutatou and Kentucky, but the trio Poutatou was not quite as racing fit on account of having not raced for some time, but in any immediate engagement this trio may again contest, Poutatou might be more favoured.

Hearth was perhaps the biggest disappointment at Trentham among the short-distance horses, but it only bears out what the writer was told—that Hearth is not a solid performer as more than once in the past she has let her supporters down.

Gold Dale, Leighnor and Cheerful Lady were three that also proved costly to their supporters over Wellington. In the latter's case it is possible that she has trained off, or has gone stale, as she has been asked to stand up to a lot of racing this last three or four months.

### SOME SMART HACKS

There were some smart hacks out last week at Trentham, but foolishly let themselves when taking on the higher grade. Among these are Rakanui, Ever England, Circular Note and Wild Fox. Perhaps Surveyor General and Withdrawal could be added, too.

Under his big weight Rakanui ran a creditable race the first day when badly in need of a rousing gallop. That pipe-opener allowed him to come out in the Champion Hack Plate on Saturday over eleven furlongs carrying 93 and to win decisively. That win half-marked him as a racehorse, and one that will reach the top grade.

Now that this horse has proved himself, quite a few consider that they could have bought him some twelve months ago, but foolishly let the good thing slip. That may be so as the "Daily Mail" is well aware that he was on the open market, but never at hack price. Mr. R. J. ("Bob") Jeffares, of Napier, deserves the success, as he was the one that took the risk of him being worth the price asked. Hunting Song was mated with many well-bred brood mares, but never a better one than Rakanui's dam.

### FIRST START, FIRST WIN

The Foxbridge three-year-old Ever England showed that he was a horse with a future as in his first race he came out and beat a very smart field of trial Platers. He ran green from barrier, rise to finish and even if C. T. Wilson on the Wild Fox did not see him at the finish, that performance stamps Ever England as above the average.

Wild Fox perhaps should have won the Trial Plate, but "his" count for nothing when the deed is over. However, Wild Fox is a first-class filly and the way she won on Saturday when obliged to come from the rear of the field, and on the outside, to win suggests that this Foxbridge three-year-old filly is no dud.

Circular Note carried his nine stone odd to victory the first day had a good "up" and then, promoted to open company on Saturday, beat all but the winner, White Rajah, a stable mate of Augment's. Circular Note in the latter race was such a winner as Sir Crusoe, Amigo, Kathbella, Siglow, and Don't Forget.

Surveyor General also ran two slashing races and, although he was one of the last in his hack sprint on Saturday, he got a run through on the rails, whereas Wild Fox was obliged to come out on the outside. Withdrawal and Sunny Knight have only to become racing fit to win in open company.

### NO WAIPUKURAU MEETING

### RACING FIXTURE CANCELLED

### RESULT OF FIRE

Change To Hastings Not Approved

(Daily Mail Special Service)

### WAIPUKURAU.

An emergency meeting of the committee of the Waipukurau Jockey Club was held yesterday afternoon to consider the position of the Easter Monday fixture.

Following the complete loss of the main stand dining rooms and kitchen by fire and extensive damage to other buildings, a deputation from the club was sent to Wellington late last week in an endeavour to obtain the necessary consent to a change of venue to Hastings.

This deputation reported that it had been unsuccessful and that the Easter meeting if proceeded with would have to be held on the club's own course.

It was the unanimous opinion that in the short time at their disposal it would be impossible to bring the buildings and other appointments up to the standard necessary to cater for patrons and those connected with the meeting. The committee, therefore, reluctantly decided to abandon the fixture.

### QUALITY FIELDS ENTERED HAWKE'S BAY CUP MEETING

### NEXT WEEK'S RACES

Hack Cup Field  
Excellent

Strong in quality and quantity are the nominations received for the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's autumn meeting to be held at Hastings on Thursday and Saturday of next week, March 27 and 29.

The strongest Hawke's Bay Cup field entered is revealed in the list which includes two previous Hawke's Bay Cup winners in Dainty Sue and the Ring, Diana Tetrix (Wanganui and Woodville Cups), Lady Furs (W.R.C. Handicap), Gladnev (second to Beau-livre in this season's Caulfield Cup), Masec (Wanganui Cup), Hunting Cat (Manawatu Cup), Kathbella (Thompson Handicap), Windsor Chief (Gloucester Cup), Gay Fox (Ashhurst and Rangitikei Cups), Rakanui (Champion Hack Plate) and other important handicap winners in little Royal, Masec, Colonel Bogy, Lambourn, Bold Step, White Rajah, Lindrum (second in last season's Hawke's Bay Cup) and others.

The Hastings Hack Cup run on the second day has drawn an entry right up to expectations as included in the 25 nominations are some of the best middle-distance hacks of this island. The other events have also brought a generous response, and the racing which points to a high-class race meeting being staged next week.

### Following is the nomination list:

**First Day.**  
RIVERSLEA HURDLES, of £140; about one and a-half miles: Hullo, Royal Stuart, Great Night, Queen's Dream, Hyderabad, Opho, Limbohm, Moradabad, Lady Stella, Malacca, Dehban, Contact.

**AUTUMN HANDICAP, of £120; six furlongs:** Flying Spy, Ashaboy, River-tide, Smiling Personality, Sunny Knight, Lady Furs, Isis, Knurra, Pretty Lass, Kinnef, Hinerangi, Black Majesty, Rocon, Battlegain, Ringling, Grand Chase.

**POUKAWA MAIDEN, of £100; five and a-half furlongs:** Walcony, Acre's Beauty, Siegal, Myra Lov, Chequers, Support, Singapore, Loch Moigh, Tractor-Repay & Co., Kinsley, Lady Garagh, Tashi Lama, Nalla, Catanach, Lady Quinette, Wildfire, Versatile, Vane Love, Waterfront.

**HAWKE'S BAY CUP, of £500; one and a-quarter miles:** Little Robin, Diana Tetrix, Lady Furs, Native Song, Dainty Sue, Gladnev, The Ring, Colonel Bogy, Master Cyclon, Lambourn, Hunting Cat, Boldstep, Authress, Kathbella, Shan, Lindrum, Windsor Chief, Happy Ending, White Rajah, Gay Fox, Rakanui, Bostonsah, White Rajah.

**NURSERY HANDICAP, of £130; five and a-half furlongs:** Gay Rona, Uganda, The Whipper, St. Bill, Aristocrat, Royal Stuart, Recompense, Golden Moon, Captain Star, Vin d'Honneur, Condole, Proven, Dusky Bay, Greek Dancer, Royal Melton.

**TE MAHANGA HANDICAP, of £120; one mile and one furlong:** Arabie, Phyo, Chablis, Pinocholo, Goldcraft, Kalka, All Quiet, Oregon, Dunmanway, Indian Sun, Dainty Dell, Hokumai, Bostonsah.

**HAVELOCK FLYING, of £200; six furlongs:** Proclamation, Alunga, Hui, Native Chief, Native Song, Smiling Personality, Charing Cross, Poutatou, Jeanne, Night Eruption, Grand Chase, White Rajah.

**OREKA HANDICAP, of £120; six furlongs:** Ashaboy, Native Chief, Kalka, City Song, Centennial, Katesbridge, Dark Water, Callcardine, Queen Cardine, Dainty Dell, Rocon, Rosie, Royal Paganet, Mansura, Blandisher, No Wonder.

**Second Day.**  
KARAMU HURDLES, of £140; about one and three-quarter miles: Felice, Royal Stuart, Recompense, Lady Furs, Queen's Dream, Chequers, Hyderabad, Opho, Limbohm, Moradabad, Lady Stella, Dozie Bay, Malacca, Dehban, Contact.

**TWYFORD HANDICAP, of £120; six furlongs:** Ashaboy, River-tide, Smiling Personality, Sunny Knight, Lady Furs, Isis, Knurra, Pretty Lass, Kinnef, Black Majesty, Battlegain, Ringling, Grand Chase.

**TOMOANA ELECTRIC HANDICAP, of £100; six furlongs:** Walcony, Siegal, Royal Stuart, Recompense, Bunsby, Holiday Pay, Kind Song, Loch Moigh, Tractor-Repay & Co., Kinsley, Lady Garagh, Tashi Lama, Nalla, Catanach, Lady Quinette, Wildfire, Versatile, Vane Love, Waterfront.

**TE MAHANGA HANDICAP, of £250; one and a-quarter miles:** Little Robin, Diana Tetrix, Lady Furs, Native Song, Charing Cross, Dainty Sue, Gladnev, Colonel Bogy, The Ring, Master Cyclon, Lambourn, Bold Step, Hunting Cat, Authress, Kathbella, Shan, Lindrum, Windsor Chief, Happy Ending, White Rajah, Gay Fox, Rakanui, Bostonsah, White Rajah.

**JUVENILE HANDICAP, of £130; five and a-half furlongs:** Grey Spy, Gay Rona, Uganda, The Whipper, St. Bill, Aristocrat, Siyana, Recompense, Gay Genet, Golden Moon, Gurry, Captain Star, Condole, Proven, Burra Sahib, Dusky Bay, Greek Dancer, Royal Melton, Walcony, Bulandshahr, Sahara & Co.

**HASTINGS HACK CUP, of £200; one and a-quarter miles:** Arabie, River-tide, Siegal, Phyo, Native Chief, Pinocholo, Lady Furs, Opho, Kalka, Goldcraft, City Song, All Quiet, Centennial, Fairy Song, Katesbridge, Oregon, Dark Water, The Monarch, Dunmanway, Authress, Indian Sun, Dainty Dell, Hokumai, Mansura, No Wonder.

**OKAWA HANDICAP, of £175; six furlongs:** Proclamation, Diana Tetrix, Alunga, Hui, Smiling Personality, Native Chief, Native Song, Poutatou, Night Eruption, Black Majesty, Grand Chase, White Rajah.

**AKITIO HANDICAP, of £120; six furlongs:** 200 yards: Flying Spy, Ashaboy, Arabie, Ido, Native Chief, Myra Lov, Tashi Lama, Nalla, Catanach, Queen Cardine, Hinerangi, Queen Cardine, Dainty Dell, Rocon, Catanach, Royal Paganet, Mansura, Blandisher.

Weights for the first day will be published in next Monday's (March 24) paper and acceptances close at the following day, Tuesday, March 25, at 8 p.m.

### GREYHOUND RACING AT NAPIER

### Appreciative Audience Sees Good Sport

In order not to disappoint dog-owners and the public by a postponement, the Northern Greyhound Association decided to carry on in spite of the threatening weather on Saturday. There was an appreciative audience, which witnessed great racing. The officials carried out their work in their usual excellent manner without a hitch.

Results:  
Novice Hurdles: W. Basher's Nigger Boy 1, H. McKinley's Red Shadow 2, L. McCutcheon's Irish Comet 3. Time, 28 sec.  
Electric Stake—First division (440 yards): H. North's Black Comedy 1, J. J. E. Parson's Betty's Pride 2, L. C. Head's Dorado Pride 3. Time, 24.4-sec.  
Second division (525 yards): H. McKinley's Red Shadow 1, H. North's Miss Parrel 2, G. W. Hildred's Smokey Joe 3. Time, 33-sec.  
Third division: J. E. Parson's

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March 25—Birchwood R.C.  
April 3, 5—Wanganui J.C. (at Awapuni)  
April 4, 5—Wanganui R.C.

Betty Pride 1, H. McKinley's Red Shadow 2, G. P. Webb's 3. Time, 24.4-sec.  
Final: Black Comedy 1, Betty's Pride 2, Red Shadow 3. Time, 24.1-sec.  
Encourage Stake (440 yards)—First division: A. H. Jan's Our Laddie 1, E. Bauckham's 2, L. McCutcheon's 3. Time, 28-sec.  
Second division: E. Bauckham's Combat 2, H. North's Pat Slam 3. Time, 28-sec.  
Final: Our Laddie 1, Combat 2.  
President's Stake (525 yards): H. R. Grant's Social Gift 1, J. Woodhill's Betty Miclawber 2, P. Madden's Fresh Footsteps 3. Time, 32-sec.  
Open hurdles (525 yards): J. Woodhill's Bon Ton 1, L. McCutcheon's Black Spy 2, Mrs. J. Seal's Lass 3. Time, 33-sec.  
Progressive Stake (440 yards)—D. Smith's Gary Boy and A. McDonald's Sarakos (dead heat) 1, E. Bauckham's Peter Parrel 3. Time, 28-sec.

Ribbons were presented to the following: Black Comedy, Nigger Boy, Social Gift, Bon Ton, Our Laddie and Gary Boy.

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