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New Government Must State Its Policy

GERMANY IMPATIENT

Troops Move Towards The Yugoslav Frontier

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LONDON, March 27.

Germany is reported to have sent a Note to the Yugoslavian Government demanding an explanation of the speed-up in Yugoslavia's mobilisation. Germany urgently requested the new Government to indicate whether its foreign policy endorsed the Axis Pact.

The Sofia correspondent of the Associated Press says that German occupation forces in Bulgaria have started moving toward the Yugoslav frontier.

Yugoslav troops are also moving to the frontiers. This movement began shortly after the new Ministers had seen King Peter.

Officials at Berlin declared "Yugoslavia must know that the renunciation of the pact would be tantamount to giving Germany the signal to march into Yugoslavia."

A Washington message says that the Yugoslavian Minister (M. Fetich) conferred with the Assistant Secretary of State (Mr. Sumner Welles) and is believed to have discussed United States military aid in the event of an attack.

Desire For Peace
After the first meeting the new Yugoslavian Cabinet has issued a communique emphasising that Yugoslavia's independence, territorial integrity, and liberty have been maintained, and expressing the hope for peace with all her neighbours.

The authorities in Rome declared that Yugoslavia was not freed from the pact's obligations, and added that the German troops in Rumania, Hungary, and Bulgaria would move into Yugoslavia if necessary and enforce her adherence.

The German and Italian Ministers visited the new Government, which declared that it desired to maintain friendly relations with the Axis.

Related Announcement
The Germans were not informed by wireless of the events in Yugoslavia until 4.08 p.m., when the Berlin radio announced that a military coup d'etat took place at dawn in Belgrade and that the "under-age" King Peter took over full powers and entrusted General Simovitch with the construction of a new Government.

The Berlin news agency says that the Yugoslavs stopped a passenger train on the Hungarian frontier today, "providing a further interruption of communications to be reckoned with."

Indicating what Yugoslavia's adherence to the pact meant, a Wilhelmstrasse (German Foreign Office) spokesman yesterday stressed that the exchange of Notes accompanying Yugoslavia's signing of the pact in no way diminished its severity.

Irrevocable Pact
Yugoslavia was obliged to fulfil irrevocably all her obligations under the pact. The Notes were only a coincidence in no way connected with the obligations of the pact, which was an independent instrument, unalterable and without concessions of any kind.

Somewhat late, Prince Konoye, the Prime Minister of Japan, whose Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuo, is now in Berlin to see the German leaders, has sent a telegram to Hitler congratulating him on his diplomatic success in securing the signature of Yugoslavia to the Axis pact.

A DISTINGUISHED CAREER

New Prime Minister

SERVED IN GREAT WAR

British Official Wireless (Received March 28, 7.30 p.m.)
RUGBY, March 27.

General Dusan Simovitch, the new Yugoslav Prime Minister, is 58 years of age. A professional soldier, he saw service throughout the Great War, and in 1928 became Chief of the Air Force staff.

In 1938 he was promoted chief of the General Staff, later resigning this position owing to a disagreement with M. Nedich, then Minister of War. He was reappointed to the post in 1940.

General Simovitch is the author of several works on tactics.

STOCK EXCHANGE RALLIES

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NEW YORK, March 27.

The seizure of power in Yugoslavia by anti-Axis elements was reflected in a broad rally on the Stock Market. Gains ranged to more than two points, and the volume increased in the better grade issues.

In London the news of the Yugoslavian coup caused an impressive turnabout on the Stock Exchange, where after a lifeless opening prices spurted.

WHOLE SITUATION ALTERED

AXIS MUST REVISE PLANS

PRESS JUBILANT

Most Momentous Event Of War

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LONDON, March 28.

"The whole war situation is momentarily changed in our favour," says the "Daily Mail" in a leader. "The new Yugoslav Government is composed largely of men known to be more than passive supporters of the Allied cause. The inclusion of M. Matchek indicates that national unity has been preserved."

"General Simovitch is strongly pro-British and is a man of action. His appointment shows an animated revolt against the Nazis. Germany's reaction may be sharp, but whatever plans she has made she will now have to revise them in the knowledge that there is another nation in the Balkans who refuses to take German orders."

Not Another Inch.
Some Yugoslav leaders told the Associated Press that their foreign policy would be to conform with the Axis Pact, but not to yield another inch, the Army meantime maintaining full war strength in case of emergency.

The "Daily Telegraph," in a leader states that there has been no single event more significant in its influence on the ultimate issue of the war. It may well prove decisive.

Queen Marie of Yugoslavia has been in England since the outbreak of war, and her two sons are at a

GERMANY'S DEMANDS

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LONDON, March 28.

Germany expects to receive by noon from Belgrade a reply to her demand whether the Yugoslav Government supports the Axis.

Unofficial circles repeat that Germany's interest in the change of Government is limited to this point, and says that if the change represents a change of policy to the Axis, Germany will regard the position most seriously.

Four Croat members of the old Cabinet are retained—namely, M. Matchek, M. Andrija, M. Kulovic, and M. Borak. The Agrarian deputy M. Tachubriovitch also is retained as Minister of Agriculture.

First-Class Officer.
General Simovitch is a former Commander-in-Chief of the Air Force. Later he was Chief of the General Staff. He was given command of a corps after a brief retirement. He is reputed to be a first-class officer. He has hithe hitherto held aloof from politics.

One of the first actions of the new regime was the appointment of the general of the gendarmerie, General Milotin Stefanovich, to be Military Governor of Belgrade, with wide powers. He appealed to the people to unite at the army's side, and declared that the army was ready to defend Yugoslavia's independence and integrity.

M. Matchek, the Vice-President of the Council, who significantly did not accompany the party of Yugoslav Ministers to Vienna to sign the Axis Pact, has issued a statement saying that Yugoslavia is ready to defend the integrity and honour of the country.

Mistaken For German.
The Associated Press says that the Swedish Minister at Belgrade (M. Malmar) was dragged from his car and beaten up because he was speaking German and was mistaken for a German national. He is in a serious condition.

Several cars carrying swastikas were overturned and wrecked. The German Ambassador (Herr von Herren) visited the Foreign Office and angrily protested. The German Legation has warned all Germans to evacuate as soon as possible.

GREEKS TRIUMPH IN WAR OF WORDS
Latest Developments Silence Italians

(By Radio) LONDON, 1 a.m.

The Greeks' latest success on the Albanian front was achieved in the war of words.

For some time loudspeakers on the Italian side of the lines have been telling the Greek soldiers that their country was faced with the combined strength of Italy, Germany and Yugoslavia. Yesterday, the Greeks broadcast the news of the Yugoslavian coup d'etat, and the Italian loudspeakers were silenced.

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BRITISH VICTORIES IN AFRICA—Indian troops have played a magnificent part in the campaign which has culminated in the capture of Keren and Harar. Above is a member of the Camel Patrol attached to the Indian Infantry Brigade in Eritrea.

Oil Shortage in Germany; Position Growing Serious

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(Received March 28, 8.40 p.m.)

TORONTO, March 28.

The President of Abasand Oils Ltd. (Mr Max Ball) in a speech said that Germany's military machine in the next three to six months would face a petroleum shortage, forcing the Nazis to abandon blitzkrieg tactics and fall back on defensive warfare.

He said he had obtained data from the British Ministry of Information showing that the British blockade and the aerial destruction of oil supply centres would cause the Nazis to be short of from 4,000,000 to 7,000,000 barrels of oil a month, notwithstanding any increased supplies from Rumania or Bulgaria.

Russia was not living up to the 1939 agreement, and sent little oil to the Nazis, he added.

A message from Vichy says that the French Government has refused a German and Italian request for the delivery of 5,000 tons of petrol. There are at present large quantities of oil in Tunis and Morocco.

GREATEST AIR BATTLE

HOW BRITAIN WAS SAVED

FATEFUL DAYS

Full Story Is Now Revealed

British Official Wireless (Received March 28, 7.30 p.m.)

RUGBY, March 27.

The official story has now been published of the great days from August 8 to October 31 last year, when the German air arm attacked Britain in the greatest air battle in history.

"Nothing like it," states the official account, "has ever been fought in the history of mankind. The first decisive encounter between Britain and Germany took place in the air, and was fought three and four and five and sometimes more than six miles above the surface of the earth by some hundreds of aircraft, at speeds often over 300 miles an hour."

Results Examined.
"What did the Germans do during 84 days of almost continuous attack? At the outset they sank five ships and damaged five more sailing in our coastal convoys. They next did intermittent and sometimes severe damage to aerodromes."

"They scored hits on a number of factories, which caused production to slow down for a short time. In London they did considerable damage to docks and various famous buildings, including Buckingham Palace. They destroyed or damaged beyond repair some thousands of houses. They killed during the day 1700 people, nearly all civilians, and seriously wounded 3360 at night—12,581 persons were killed and 16,065 injured."

Victory for Fighters.
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Enemy Convoy Attacked

SUBMARINE'S SUCCESS

Transport And Large Tanker Hit

(By Radio)

LONDON, 1 a.m.

A British submarine has made a successful attack on an escorted convoy south of Italy, says an Admiralty communique.

A troopship or transport of about 6000 tons and a large tanker of about 10,000 tons were hit. The submarine had to take "violent evasive action" immediately afterwards, and was unable to confirm that the ships were sunk, but the sound of their engines stopped.

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

ABHORRENCE OF POISON GAS

WILL BE USED ONLY AS RETALIATION

BRITISH VIEW

May Be One Of Enemy's Weapons

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RUGBY, March 27.

The Home Secretary (Mr. Herbert Morrison) stated in the House of Commons that the use of gas was abhorrent to the British Government, and Britain would in no circumstances be the first to employ gas as a weapon.

Mr. Morrison said: "No attention need be paid to any attempt by the enemy to cast doubts on our attitude, or to suggest that our defensive measures imply some intention to take the initiative."

"Unhappily we cannot put any faith in the statements which the enemy has made that he will not use gas. On the contrary his whole past record shows that he will stop at nothing, and that if he conceives the use of gas to be of military advantage to him, he will use it. For that reason it is essential that Britain should be prepared."

SETTLEMENT MAY BE REACHED

STRIKE IN DEFENCE WORKS

MILWAUKEE PLANT

Employees To Hold Meeting

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MILWAUKEE, March 27.

C.I.O. workers have agreed to consider an appeal from the Allis Chalmers Company to resume work immediately, and the Union has called a mass meeting for 6.30 a.m. on Friday. Seventy maintenance men have entered the plant to prepare for the resumption of work.

A message from Pittsburg says that the United States Steel Corporation and the C.I.O. Steelworkers' Organising Committee have agreed to extend by one week the deadline for the new agreement, thus avoiding the suspension of steel production on April 1. Contracts affecting 281,000 employees expire on March 31.

The men have made nine demands including improved wages and conditions.

The Chalmers strike of 7500 employees has been in progress for ten weeks and the company has 40,000,000 dollars' worth of defence orders.

Danish Tankers Captured

CANADIAN PATROLS

Now Under British Flag

USEFUL PRIZE

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OTTAWA, March 27.

The Minister of the Navy, Mr. C. MacDonald, announced that Canadian patrol units had captured two Danish oil tankers in West Indian waters.

They were sent back to the West Indies with prize crews and added that the ships were now part of the British Merchant Marine.

ITALIANS' HEAVY LOSSES AT KEREN

Stronghold Captured After Many Unsuccessful Assaults

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LONDON, March 27.

British armoured units entered Keren at 7 a.m. today after an artillery barrage lasting an hour. Italians, streaming in the direction of Asmara are being heavily shelled and bombed, and are under fire from British infantry holding the encircling heights.

The Italian casualties at Keren run into thousands. They launched 12 counter-attacks during the 48 hours before the capture of the town.

They suffered heavily when they left the protection of prepared positions, scrambled over crags and stormed British positions held largely by Indians. The Indians beat back each attack, and many Italians fell into ravines and down precipices.

Perpendicular Cliffs
Indian and British troops forming the spearhead assault prepared the way by scaling perpendicular cliffs hundreds of feet high, then after a stiff fight reached points overlooking the Italians and hurled hand grenades at the gun positions. They had to subdue three formidable peaks before they could command the escarpment.

The final shelling completely shattered the Italian resistance, and armoured units crept unopposed past a deserted road block, then after entering the town split up. One formation pushed on the road to Asmara, and the other raced along the Mogarrah valley north-west of Keren, where they are now routing up the Italians opposing our left flank.

It is estimated that at least 1500 Italians were taken prisoner. Two smashing blows have been struck at the Italian East African Empire. The key fortress of Keren, in Eritrea, has fallen, and Harar, the second city of Abyssinia, has been captured.

Defended By Crack Troops
Keren has always been regarded by the Italians as an almost impregnable bastion. It was manned by crack Italian troops and the best artillery in the Italian Army.

Harar has special associations with the Emperor Haile Sellassie of Abyssinia, whose son is the Duke of Harar. The taking of the Mardia Pass, west of Jigjiga, earlier in the

operation played a very big part in the eventual capture of the town, and during the operations the South African Air Force played a very conspicuous part.

"The military and air forces of the Empire have co-operated in the capture of Keren, which, with its 10,000 inhabitants, of whom 1000 are Italians, lies in a rocky fastness 4000 feet above sea level.

"The country round Keren has been described by experienced Indian Army officers as worse than anything to be found on the North-West frontier of India.

"British and Indian troops, whose individual courage and tenacity alone made possible the first penetration, were able to take possession of important positions overlooking the town by scaling an almost perpendicular escarpment.

"They were met by hand-grenade and trench-mortar fire which the Italians, with the obvious advantage of occupying positions along the cliff edge, preferred to employ rather than the rifle or machine-gun.

Relentless Pressure
"Seven heavy counter-attacks were launched by the Italians during the many days of battle. They were all beaten off. Although the enemy losses were very severe, the Italians fought better at Keren than at any other stage of the African campaign. Their morale weakened, however, under continuous bombardment from the air and the relentless pressure of the military forces."

Italian troops who are fleeing towards Asmara, capital of Eritrea, are being heavily shelled.

In London, the tremendous importance of this victory is realised, but the campaign in Africa is not yet completed, though it is thought that the capture of the whole of Eritrea may be imminent.



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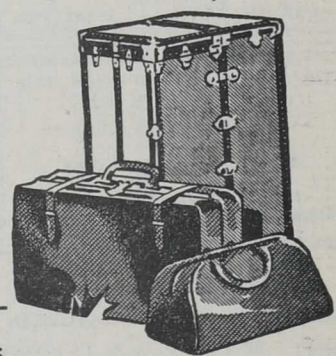
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THOUGH all our boys who are serving overseas speak favourably of the food prepared for them under the difficult circumstances which prevail, there is not one of them who would refuse a nice tin of home-made biscuits, and as these are so easy to make and may be sent so successfully it is surprising that more of the women-folk do not send them to their own relatives and friends or make them to be sent by the Patriotic Depot.

They have only to be carefully packed in airtight tins and they will arrive in good condition. There are, however, a few general hints to remember: (1) Biscuit mixture should be dry and stiff or biscuits will spread and lose their shape when cooking. (2) Prick small flat biscuits before cooking and this will prevent them from rising unevenly. (3) As a general rule biscuits are cooked slowly in moderate heat. The richer the mixture the hotter the oven for cooking as this sets the biscuit and prevents spreading. (4) When sending the biscuits a long distance cook them a little more than usual and they are sure to retain their crispness.

SHORTBREAD

Shortbread made from this recipe and sent to England in airtight tins arrived very crisp and with little broken. Take 4ozs. icing sugar, 8ozs. butter, 12 ozs. flour. Method: Cream together the butter and icing sugar with a pinch of salt and knead in the flour well. Roll out to the thickness of about 1/3rd. inch, prick with a fork and cook in a moderate oven.

COCOA BISCUITS

Take 4 tablespoons butter, 1 cupful sugar, 2 cupful milk, 1 egg, 2 cupful flour, 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder, 1 cupful cocoa. Method: Cream the butter and gradually add the sugar, add well-beaten egg, mix cocoa with milk and beat in. Lastly add sifted flour and baking powder. Bake in a medium oven for about 12 minutes.

GINGER BISCUITS

Take 1 cupful golden syrup, 1 cupful lard, 1 cupful butter, 1 teaspoonful salt, 3 1/2 cupfuls flour, 1 tablespoonful ginger, 1/2 teaspoonful soda. Method: Heat the golden syrup to boiling point and pour over the lard. Sift dry ingredients and add. Cool the mixture until it is stiff and then roll as thin as possible and cut into small rounds. Bake in a medium oven for 12 minutes.

CINNAMON BISCUITS

Take 1-3 cupful butter, 2-3 cupful brown sugar, 1 teaspoonful cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoonful nutmeg, 1 1/2 cupfuls flour, 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder, 1 cupful milk. Method: Cream the butter and sugar, sift dry ingredients and add alternately with the milk. Roll out thin, sprinkle with castor sugar cut into fingers and bake in a medium oven for about 12 minutes.

SEED BISCUITS

Take 1/2 cupful butter, 1 cupful sugar, 1 egg, 1/2 cupful water, 1 1/2 cupfuls flour, 1 teaspoonful baking powder, 1/2 teaspoonful caraway seeds, good pinch of salt. Method: Cream the butter and sugar, beat the egg with the water, sift flour, baking powder and salt, add seeds and mix all together thoroughly. Roll out thin, cut with a round cutter and bake 10 minutes in a medium oven.

COCONUT BISCUITS

Take 1/2 cupful butter, 1/2 cupful sugar, 1/2 cupful coconut, 1 egg, 2 tablespoonfuls milk, 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder. Method: Cream the butter and sugar, add well-beaten egg and add with 2ozs. coconut. Roll out and cut, brush the biscuits with milk and dip in the remainder of the coconut. Bake about 15 minutes in a moderate oven.

HONEY NUT BISCUITS

Take 1/2 cupful butter, 1oz. chocolate, 2 eggs, 1/2 teaspoonful vanilla essence, 1 cupful each of honey, sugar, flour and nuts. Method: Melt the chocolate and butter together, add beaten eggs, honey, sugar, flour, and chopped nuts. Drop on a cold greased tray and bake in a moderate oven about 17 minutes.

ALMOND FINGERS

Take 1 1/2 cupfuls flour, 1 1/2 teaspoonfuls baking powder, 4ozs. butter, 2ozs. sugar, 1 egg, 4ozs. chopped almonds. Method: Cream the butter and sugar, beat in egg yolk and sift dry ingredients and roll out thinly. Make icing with egg white and enough icing sugar to spread on top. Cover with chopped almonds, cut into fingers and bake about 15 minutes in a moderate oven.

MACAROONS

Take 4ozs. butter, 4ozs. castor sugar, 6ozs. flour, 1/2 teaspoonful baking powder, 1 egg yolk, a few drops orange. Method: Cream the butter and sugar, beat in the egg yolk, add sifted dry ingredients. Roll between the palms into small balls, place on oven tray, half an almond on top of each ball. Bake in a medium to hot oven for about 10 minutes.

ORANGE BISCUITS

Take 2 egg whites, 1/2 lb. almond, 1/2 lb. icing sugar, grated rind of an orange. Method: Blanch and chop the almonds finely. Beat the egg whites stiffly and add sugar, almonds and grated orange rind. Beat well and drop on paper sprinkled with sugar. Bake in a cool to medium oven for 30 minutes.

W.C.T.U. MEMBERS GATHER

Hastings Branch Meeting

MR MILNER THE SPEAKER

The monthly meeting of the Hastings branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union took place in the Methodist Sunday School. In the absence of the president, Mrs Chapman-Taylor, the chair was taken by Mrs Paul, who presided over a good attendance of members. After the business was disposed of the meeting was addressed by Mr Milner, secretary of the N.Z. Alliance. In the course of his address Mr Milner drew attention to the fact that at one of our military camps a feast was allowed of a wheaten and only six feet for a bar for soft drinks, milk shakes, etc., which he considered is not a fair deal for the men in training. Every facility had been given the men to obtain intoxicating and spirituous liquors, but there has been a sad lack of activity in placing before the men drinks which would augment and not retard their military training.

Referring to France, the speaker touched upon the anxiety felt by the leaders in the past few years with regard to the French nation's indulgence in alcoholic beverage to the hurt of themselves. Tuberculosis, mental disorders and syphilis had become increasingly rampant and in the hour of crisis she was not in a fit state to defend her country.

A study of the Greek peoples who are so much in the news to-day revealed that they were habitually moderate in their taking of fermented beverages. Judges in England, Scotland, America and our own New Zealand, when asked to give their opinion upon the part liquor took in encouraging crime, give us unanimously the fact that from 60 per cent. to 90 per cent. of crime in these countries is directly attributable to the taking of liquor by the criminal before committing the crime.

Mr Milner said that the church's duty was plain with regard to this foe of mankind. She knows the power of prayer and she should use more, remembering that truth had power all its own and truth would win.

Mrs Paul thanked the speaker for his able and instructive address. A letter was read from a mother who expressed deep anxiety at the quantity of liquor available to young men under 21 years of age in camp. Naturally, after consuming a quantity of beer they were unfit for duty with the result that mere children had been made criminals in the sight of military authorities.

SPLENDID WAR WORK ACHIEVED

Air Force Relations

HASTINGS BRANCH MEETING

The annual meeting of the Hastings branch of Air Force Relations was held in the Hawke's Bay Farmers' tearooms and Mrs E. W. Boys presided over the following members of the committee: Mesdames R. Bridge, R. D. Brown, H. Browning, J. H. Jeffery, R. St. Lawrence, Laing, A. C. A. Hyde, Kitt, G. Barron, and the Misses Gwen Fryer, Gladys Hardy, Marie Davies, J. Barker, M. Greenwood and Margaret Bell. Apologies were received from Mesdames T. O'Dowd, D. A. Bathgate, E. A. Barker, W. Harrison, R. Wright, Hellyer, Buck, and the Misses M. Jeffery and P. Williams.

A most satisfactory report for the first year's activities was read, extracts being as follows: The main object of Air Force Relations is to send knitted articles and tinned foodstuffs to headquarters in Wellington for New Zealand army men at home and abroad. Each month a parcel of work is received from Wellington but this at times has to be supplemented by wool bought locally from the branch funds. Altogether 863 articles have been sent away, these including 197 pullovers, 189 balaclavas, 10 scarves, 114 pairs gloves, 190 pairs mittens, 65 pairs socks. A special tribute with regard to this work was paid to Mrs R. Bridge who has charge of the wool and whose efforts have been untiring.

Contributions Made Each month tinned foodstuffs have been sent to Wellington and during the year 572 tins and five cases have been sent to the P. G. Fryer kindly lent his office as a depot for this and soldered all tins. The packing committee delivered all goods at Mr Rosenberg's office and he arranged for Newman Bros. to carry them to Wellington free of charge.

The sum of £4 was spent on honey to be sent overseas and eight large Christmas cakes for overseas army men were kindly made by Mesdames R. Wright, W. Boys, J. H. Jeffery, W. Harrison, Misses J. Barker, Handyside, McMillan and N. Bell.

On one occasion Air Force Relations took the members to produce and book stalls at the monthly patriotic shop which proved very successful and they received the first £100 of the money raised for their work.

Other activities during the year included a display at the Singing Show of all work done and a visit from Miss Morice, secretary at headquarters. A contribution was made to the supper at a Rongatal dance and £2 is sent each month to headquarters to supply a hamper to help them when they have their day in charge of the A.N.A.

At the meeting Mrs B. W. Boys was re-elected chairman and Miss Margaret Bell secretary. A letter was read from Lady Portal, the wife of the Air Chief Marshal in England, acknowledging foodstuffs sent from New Zealand and expressing sincere gratitude. It was decided to pack parcels for the local boys joining the Air Force.

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MAORI SINGERS' FINE PROGRAMME

Concert Given For The Air Force Queen

Another successful gathering on the programme of events for the Air Force Queen, Miss Heather Grant, was held in the Taradale Town Hall and was a concert staged by the Omaha Maoris assisted by some of Miss Helen Dykes's pupils and a comedy sketch "A Sister to Asher Her," by Mesdames McFarrow and Lowe.
The concert was opened by the Maoris, who gave a welcome to the Air Force Queen. As they sang the Queen, wearing her smart Air Force uniform walked down the centre of the hall to the stage and then stood on the stage until the conclusion of the song which was sung with the rhythm and swing of a true Maori welcome.
Maori action songs are always popular and one which must receive special mention was the one depicting the 6 rows of canoes. Solos were given also by that little Maori "Bobby Brown."
Miss Dykes's children gave very delightful solos and the playette received well merited applause.
The Rev. Father Rirdan acted as announcer and M.C. in a most efficient manner.
The Maori entertainers will again appear for the Air Force Queen in the concert to be held in the Napier Municipal Theatre on Wednesday evening in the combined Queens' Concert.



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Mr and Mrs A. J. Inglis, Ongaonga, are visiting Napier.
Miss E. Stewart is a Dannevirke visitor to Napier.
Mr and Mrs J. Loder, Tahape, are at present in Napier.
Mr and Mrs H. J. Buck are Auckland visitors to Napier.
Miss D. Barker and Miss A. Wilson, Raumatui, are spending a holiday in Napier.
Misses M. Mohi, M. Rangit, W. Hook, Hastings, left by express this morning for Wellington.
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" styled camel coats in soft blues and greens 18/6; all wool alpaca coats 8/6; attractive box and fitting coats with a military air, styled in Harris tweeds, lama cloth, velours in all shades, 5, 6 and 7/6; "Victor" Gowns, Hastings exclusive salon. Telephone 3076.

ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced of Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. L. Taylor, Burnside, Fraser-town, and Colin, third son of Mr and Mrs B. Farquharson, Havelock North.

PATRIOTIC EFFORT AT PORT

Women's Bowling Club Tournament

Patriotic funds will be swelled by at least £15 as a result of a bowls and croquet tournament organised by the women's section of the Port Ahuriri Bowling Club in aid of the Navy Queen. A bring-and-buy stall did a brisk business, as did the afternoon tea room under the capable management of Mesdames Hansen and Lockwood. The winners of the various competitions were: Cushion, Mrs G. Sowden; apron, Mrs G. Riddell; cake, Miss Hannah; cigarettes, Mrs Hardaker; putting, Mrs Moore; centre bowls, Mrs Hardaker; bowls drawing, Mrs Davey; bowls ladder, Miss Thompson; croquet ladder, Mrs Lowe; angles, Mrs Forster; trail, Mrs Hobbs 1, Mrs Lowe 2; golf croquet, Mrs Hobbs 1, Mrs Deakin 2.
At the conclusion of the afternoon the club president (Mrs R. V. McCarthy) introduced the Navy Queen, and thanked the supporters.

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HOW A BUSINESS PEER RUNS WORLD'S BIGGEST SHOP IN WARTIME

Lord Woolton's Interests Range From Caviare To Dog Biscuits

LORD Woolton, Britain's Minister of Food, is running the biggest shop in the world. He has roughly 45,000,000 customers and he alone buys for them £600,000,000 worth of food each year.

A nod from him can sweep an item from the shortened menus in mansion or cottage, or the restaurants of Piccadilly and the Strand.

His interests range from caviare to the meat that goes into the British bulldog's biscuits.

The nucleus of the Food Ministry existed as a humble department of the Board of Trade since December, 1936. A small band of experts under Henry French (now Sir Henry French, permanent Secretary of the Food Ministry), prepared for the necessary rationing of certain foods if war came. Approximately 80,000,000 ration books were printed with the dates left blank—to be filled in later. There still are blank pages in the ration books ready for what may be rationed later.

Immediately upon the outbreak of war, a separate Food Ministry was formed. Most of the Ministry has been moved to Wales, where illustrated charts on such subjects as "the principal cuts of beef, mutton and lamb" hang on the walls of the big hotels in a one-time popular seaside resort.

A small shadow Ministry remains with the Minister of London, officials maintaining communication with Wales by telephone or teleprinter, saying: "I want milk" or "give me meat" as they call for the advice of different sections.

Here are the main jobs of the Food Ministry must do:

1. Buy more than 90 per cent. of the nation's imported food. (What remains is imported through independent traders under Government licence.)
2. Eliminate competition between rival wholesalers and retailers and induce them to conclude "mutual assistance pacts" among themselves.
3. Teach the English housewife to exercise rigid economy in her kitchen.
4. Hold adequate food stocks in safety against any sudden wartime emergency which causes breakdown in the storing or transport systems.

Businessman's Problems

As a former Director of Lewies, one of the big Liverpool stores, Lord Woolton tackles his problems as a businessman.

"I have no political past and no political future," he is fond of saying in his quiet way. "I am just a businessman."

The question of storing food where it would be safe from enemy air attack was solved long before the heavy attacks of the Nazi Luftwaffe began.

Normally, food is stored at the docks, but now little remains in such vulnerable areas. Food is moved away to secret "buffer" depots well away from the coast. Some goods, such as sugar, can be stored almost indefinitely, but others, like bacon and butter, must be moved on quickly to consumers.

So far as possible, the transport of all these great stocks of food-stuffs is carried out by the existing trade organisations, trucks belonging to the big wholesalers trundling through the streets and out into country lane with big official labels on their windshields.

Emergency Depots

In addition, there are more than 800 smaller depots covering every corner of the country. Each draws its supplies from the bigger warehouses.

These smaller emergency depots can supply their own area with margarine, flour, sugar, fats and canned goods for a reasonable period in case any of the ports become cut off from their part of the country.

Wherever possible, grocers, butchers, dairymen, and bakers have been induced to sink their peacetime business differences and band together in face of the common enemy. They form co-operative groups—half a dozen or so together. If any one store in the group is bombed and knocked out of business, its customers are automatically transferred to the others. The blitzed shopkeeper can draw on the others for supplies, he keeps the goodwill of his customers—and the customers get their food.

Milk for the Cities

The problem of getting milk to London and the other big cities has been solved in a novel way. London alone takes one-fifth of the entire country's supply and this is brought in daily from over a wide area. If the railroads by which it is transported are bombed, the Food Ministry rushes special road-tankers with a mobile pumping plant to the scene and pumps the milk from the rail-tanks for transport by road.

If one of the London bottling depots is knocked out, the other depots share out the milk that would have come to the bombed one.

Smithfield, London's large meat market, has been decentralised into about 30 depots all round the me-

Drama Of R.A.F. Bombing Raids

SUCCESS DEPENDS LARGELY ON WORK OF WIRELESS OPERATOR

Preparation Is Careful And Strenuous; Duties Are Many

THE success of our bombing raids on Germany and Italy is no surprise. But one of the best features of our campaign in the air is the small number of British machines lost. In point of fact, although we carry out genuine large-scale raids night after night over distances of up to 2000 miles for the round trip, our losses, as officially announced by a scrupulously careful Air Ministry, are less than those of the Germans in their indiscriminate "tip and run" dashes. For this result, we are indebted very largely to the wireless operator-air gunner, says a writer in London "Picture Post."

The wireless operator is a picked man. In the first place, candidates for training, whether for ground work or flying duties, have to pass a stiff medical test and then satisfy a selection board.

The general course lasts for 10 weeks, during which time recruits learn the elements of their new job as applied to all branches of the R.A.F. wireless equipment. Then a further "weeding out" is done.

There comes the day when a man is "briefed" for his first raid. At many Bomber or Coastal Command stations they take the wireless

operator away during the afternoon for a special briefing by the station signals officer, who explains the particular system of recognition signals and other communications to be used that night.

On the way out, for obvious reasons, a complete wireless "silence" is maintained by the aircraft. During this time the wireless man maintains a ceaseless watching brief for last-moment instructions or information. After all, it doesn't matter if the Germans know that a certain shore station is sending messages, as long as those messages convey nothing to the enemy. Only by replying would the bomber give away its own position.

This, perhaps, is the W.O.'s hardest job. Even when attacked he must sit still in front of his dials, unswerving in his attention, forbidden, except in special circumstances, to get behind the sights of the nearby machine gun which he learned to use during a four-weeks' course at the end of his training.

Only if a bullet damaged the wireless equipment would he leave his post. In addition to his own elaborate instruments, he is responsible for emergency work on the "inter-communication" telephone which links all the members of the crew by means of earphones plugged into handy points.

Headed for Home.

When the aircraft is headed for home he becomes a busy man. During the four-or-five hours' outward trip the wind may have changed, so that the navigator would be far out in his calculations. A check is made by means of directional wireless. This introduces the familiar loop aerial seen on so many of our bombers.

Briefly, the principle is that when this loop is turned edge-on to the station radiating a signal, that signal is received at its maximum strength. When the loop is broad-side on a "minimum signal" is heard. Thus the exact compass bearing of any given station can be found, and by getting bearings on two stations, the aircraft's position can be plotted.

In practice, there is more to it than that. Allowance must be made for several sources of error. There is "light error"—the deflection of wireless waves downward through the action of certain electrified gases at night. The result is "blurred" signals. Again, because of a slight difference in the speed of wireless waves over water and over land, these waves "bend" near a



coastline, and if the aircraft is several miles from the shore the reading may be incorrect.

In very large all-metal aircraft the minimum signal becomes blurred if received from a station broad-side on; to counteract this, the machine is swung round through a right angle and a fresh "reading" taken, after which it resumes its old course.

Recognition Signals.

All this keeps the wireless operator busy taking readings and making his calculations. In addition, he may receive notice that the aircraft is to change course and make for another aerodrome owing to bad weather or some other cause. Finally, when fairly close to his own station he will send out recog-

inition signals to his home station so as to avoid attack by his friends.

This is the job of a wireless operator on a typical bomber raid. Several other items of equipment, such as the Aldis signalling lamp and the Verey pistol, are in his charge, but in the Bomber Command are little used. In Coastal Command machines, with their somewhat different duties, the Aldis lamp is used for making contact with ships, for the Royal Navy, no less than the R.A.F., keeps a strict wireless silence.

In some machines it is the W.O.'s job to release flares as and when ordered by his skipper; in others, this duty falls to the second pilot. In all, the duties of each man are carefully worked out so that confusion becomes impossible.

London Blackout Scenes

A MODERN CITY GOES MEDIAEVAL

How To Get Lost In Trafalgar Square

(Written for the "Daily Mail")

LIGHTS have been going out in New Zealand. Not many lights as yet, but enough to make people grumble about the dinginess of life without neon signs. In the cities and coastal towns this sort of thing is termed the Blackout. But it is nothing of the sort.

In England, for instance, when all the lights went out, familiar places became completely strange and unknown places became vast expanses of blackness. Following are some notes from more or less bitter experience.

The train ran smoothly into the cavern which in daylight was Waterloo Station. The only light in the whole vast expanse of the building and on the innumerable platforms came from dim blue electric bulbs far up in the roof, and the result was like one of the dark, unfathom'd caves of ocean in Gray's "Elegy." The misty blue atmosphere made everyone look pale green and drowned.

I threaded my way through the crowds that are always milling in Waterloo and gingerly negotiated the long flight of steps leading down to York Road. The rain was falling in torrents—persistent, hopeless rain on a raw November night. In Westminster Bridge Road the buses and the trams were rolling along as usual, but still there was no light to speak of. Every headlamp was screened and the interiors of the vehicles were barely visible as a dim blue haze. The destination signs were also faintly blue, so faint that it was often impossible to read them and prospective passengers had to scurry from one bus to the next, bawling inquiries to the conductors.

Ultimately I found a bus heading for the Strand and took it as far as Trafalgar Square. The conductor wanted to know whether I wanted the Whitehall side of the square or the Strand side. I said I wanted Northumberland Avenue, and when

the bus stopped somewhere between the National Gallery and St. Martin-in-the-Fields he pushed me off with the laconic direction to go on to the right until I came to it.

The bus went on and was immediately swallowed up in the wet darkness, and I blithely proceeded to the right. The distance was something less than 100 yards, and after I had been walking for an indefinite time I realised that I was going round and round in a circle with the Nelson Column as a pivot. At the moment I was in line with the Admiralty Arch, in the middle of the roadway, and three ghostly taxis appeared to be on the point of converging on the exact spot where I stood. It was a dramatic moment, but London taxi drivers are like cats in the dark and nothing happened.

Then there were foggy December days when darkness fell at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Official blackout time was then about 4 p.m. and for that one short hour the shops were fully lighted. There was all the warm cheerfulness of Christmas in the glowing streets, but just when you were beginning to appreciate it—when the lights and you began the old business again. Piles of sandbags suddenly rose up in the most unlikely places, and when you emerged from an Underground station every street led in the wrong direction.

At such times one becomes an animated question mark until one finds a stray passer-by who is not equally hazy as to his whereabouts.

Darkness in London

But in the early months of the war, before things became really busy, there were compensations for the blackout. Darkened London acquired new beauty and majesty. There were nights in that first winter when the snow lay deep on the roofs and a full moon shone from a clear sky. On such nights the sight of St. Paul's from Fleet Street, with the moonlight glittering on the snow-laden porticoes and on the great dome looming dark in the background, had all the qualities of mystery, beauty, and glamour that were lost when electricity and gas came to London. Buildings like the Law Courts in the Strand with their Gothic arches and gabled roofs became entirely mediaeval. There were places where you could walk back into the eighteenth century and find nothing to disturb the illusion.

Then I remember an evening in October. This time I was heading towards Waterloo Station by way of Westminster Bridge. A thin autumn mist lay on the Thames, and the rising moon flooded the towers and spires and pinnacles of the Houses of Parliament with silver light. There was nothing to spoil the Middle Ages effect beyond the fact that the present Palace of Westminster was built in the nineteenth century. A. It was then, with its incredible wealth of carved detail blurred by the filmy mist, Westminster seemed to have shed its impressive solidity and to have become etherealised and

dreamlike in a way which is never possible in ordinary times, when the bridge and the Embankment are ablaze with light.

Mishaps in Trains

In those early weeks of darkness, travelling by train was difficult in the extreme. All the trains were unlighted, and one would drift along the platform from carriage to carriage in quest of a seat. As likely as not one would discover an apparently empty compartment, stumble in, and sit down on an inoffensive earlier passenger amid a chorus of frantic apologies. Then the everlasting blue lights were installed until someone evolved an ingenious system by which the trains could be lighted normally except at stations, when the lights automatically went out to forestall any shafts that might illuminate the platforms when doors were opened.

This meant that when you reached your destination you had to listen for the chant of the guards before you knew whether you were there or not. As the guards always seem to speak obscure dialects with characteristic intonations, the results were often completely unilluminating.

Sinking Sensations

Lastly there came the somewhat appalling sensation of emerging from a strange station into a completely unknown city, country town or village where there always appeared to be a complete dearth of taxis. In such cases I always had visions of repeating the Trafalgar Square performance.

So much for the blackout in London. In the country some very peculiar things happened, but they must be left for another day.—S.

It Has Been Said Of Anxiety . . .

Do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight.—Franklin.

He is well on the road to perfect manhood who does not allow the thousand little worries of life to embitter his temper, or disturb his equanimity.

It is not the cares of to-day but the cares of to-morrow that weigh a man down. For the needs of to-day we have corresponding strength given. For the morrow we are told to trust. It is not yet ours.—G. Macdonald.

Let us be of good cheer, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those that never come.—James Russell Lowell.

Work is healthy but worry is just upon the blade. It is not movement that destroys machinery but friction.—Becher.

How much have cost us the evils that never happened!—Thomas Jefferson.

SUAVE NAZI OFFICIAL USES "MARTYR" POSE

Captain Weidemann, Consul-General, Weathers The Storm In San Francisco

ALTHOUGH dispatches from New York tell of stern-faced Nazi diplomats who pay little attention to the niceties of international custom and who drive hard bargains, many instances reveal that Nazis in the United States generally behave with complete correctness. This is the experience of San Franciscans who have had dealings with Capt. Fritz Weidemann, the Nazi Consul-General.

Even though Captain Weidemann's difficulties are increasing day by day, due frequently to his own activities as head of the "key" to Nazi diplomacy in South America, and sometimes due to the tenseness of the times, he succeeds in giving the public an appearance of sincerity, sometimes approaching martyrdom, which, it is agreed, seems to have been a successful diplomatic approach.

The success of the Consul's tactics can best be judged by the results. Until recently he and his family lived in Hillsborough, the millionaire settlement south of San Francisco. His son attended a fashionable school. He goes skiing at Yosemite with popular members of the San Francisco social set. The Captain himself is a member of the swank Olympia Club. The Weidemanns are prized guests in socially high quarters.

No stir was created, for instance, when Mr and Mrs Marshall Dill, the President of the 1940 Golden Gate International Exposition and also the Chairman of the San Francisco Housing Authority, and his wife entertained Captain and Mrs Weidemann aboard their yacht for a cruise about San Francisco Bay. Admiral Arthur Hepburn, Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, was also a guest. It was an intimate little party of 11.

The one adjective usually applied to this No. 1 Nazi in the United States is "debonair." Although he dresses in a fashion which to many Americans seems "loud," he has the attitude of a sportsman and has the knack, well-assisted by a generous Nazi Government expense account, of winning over the socially prominent and also the social climbers in San Francisco with his appearance of guilelessness. Newspapermen usually like this man, who was Adolf Hitler's World War Captain and who is still considered high man in the Nazi dictator's affections. Some San Francisco newspapermen like to tell of their closeness to the Consul approaching a relationship as "confidant."

When the Nazi Consul moved to San Francisco recently he took a large home on Vallejo Street, a very fashionable section of town. Not only does that make him immediately accessible to German "businessmen" who are constantly arriving by means of Japanese liners and who might want to call on the Consul, it also serves the doubly advantageous purpose of closeness to the Army's vast local military preparations in the Presidio of San Francisco, which guards the Golden Gate and closeness to the ritzy apartment and apartment-hotel section of the city. It is also possible to check on every ship that enters or leaves the harbour, including destroyers, battleships, and aircraft carriers from this swanky neighborhood.

Sailor and Flag

Although the incident at the German Consulate when a United States sailor ripped the proudly waving Nazi flag resulted in the cancellation of the Consulate's lease at 26 O'Farrell Street, the smooth businesslike operation of the office went on as usual.

The visitor who enters the Consulate by means of the elevator gets at once the sense of immense activity, very busy, to say the least, supposedly with the tourist trade to Germany. The hall is filled with tables on which are located many pamphlets telling of the tourist attractions of Germany. On the wall are those colourful posters, with the fascinating German characters, with which steamship offices were once decorated.

Ushered in the Consul's outer office, a young, dark-haired girl, who is very busy with a telephone every other minute, talks in German and tells you to wait just a minute. It is a businesslike office with German-marked files reading "personal" and "official." The secretary, true to Adolf Hitler's conception of women's place and dress, wears no makeup. Her hair is combed straight back, without any attempt at a beauty-shop curl. The dress is plain. One wonders if it is synthetic.

Captain Weidemann's office is light. It is a corner room, and the glare and also the stare from neighbouring offices is kept out by carefully gathered window curtains. The venetian blinds are pulled high. The desk is green, but not too fancy. The rug is green. The simplicity of the room serves to accentuate the powerful physical structure of the pugilist-like man one shakes hands with.

Captain Weidemann's directness, his gruffness, his thick black eyebrows and his bushy black hair are disarming. "A frank, forthright man of the world who would not play a trick on one," is the impression one gets. It is the impression one is supposed to get. For soon Captain Weidemann calls in the Vice-Chancellor of the Consulate, a pale, mild-mannered, professorial type of man, through whom he talks quite openly. The visitor knows this is something of a guise, for Captain Weidemann's broken English is not so broken. He understands questions in English exactly. He expresses himself in English clearly. His newspaper "confidants" never need an interpreter. However, with an interpreter it is possible for the Captain to develop that feeling that atmosphere of complete harmlessness, of complete innocence of any fifth-column activity, of complete martyrdom in a time of stress.

Riding Out the Storm

These are probably the reasons Adolf Hitler keeps his close personal friend in the United States. These are the reasons the "debonair" Consul has successfully outriden many storms in the last few months, notably the deportation difficulties of Princess Stephanie Hohenlohe-Waldenburg and the ripping to pieces of the Consulate's flag.

The case of the Princess is interesting. When she was finally confronted with her deportation order from the Justice Department, she proclaimed emotionally she was anti-Nazi, anti-Fascist, pro-British, pro-American. Her son even flew here from New York to convince authorities that his mother was British. Yet despite all these dramatic proclamations the Princess had been a house guest of the Weidemann family only a few weeks before.

The Captain eliminated himself from the controversy by declaring that Princess Stephanie was a Hungarian and that his Government was powerless to assist her.

In the case of the flag-ripping, however, international law was invoked—international law about which the Nazis have done so much in the last year, especially where Norway, The Netherlands, and Belgium were concerned.

POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU HOIST THE FLAG

In view of the misuse our flag is sometimes subjected to, the following "do's" and "don't's" of flag etiquette are of special interest.

Here are the ways to honour the flag:—

1. The flag should never be hoisted before sunrise, nor allowed to remain up after sunset.

2. The flag should never be used as a cover for a table, box, or desk, and nothing should be placed upon it.

3. In hoisting the flag, the broad white stripe of the Cross of St. Andrew should be next to the masthead; if reversed, it is a signal of distress.

4. The flag should always be carried upright and never allowed to touch the ground, except for a Royal salute.

5. When being placed at half-mast, the flag should first be raised to the masthead and then lowered.

6. For indoor decoration the flag may be caught up in many artistic fashions, and used for bunting, garlands, etc., but it should never be placed below a person sitting.

7. When the flag is used at the unveiling of a statue or tablet, it should not be allowed to fall to the ground, but should be raised and allowed to wave, forming a feature of the ceremony.

The Union Jack, the New Zealand Red and Blue Ensign, and the British Red Ensign may be flown by private individuals, but not the British Blue Ensign nor the White Ensign.

Woman Gets Snake On The Telephone

Mrs Winifred Williams found a brown snake coiled round the telephone in her home in Pittwater Road, Manly, Sydney.

The snake, 3ft. 6in. long, struck at her husband before he killed it with a poker.

Mrs Williams believes the snake was in a bag of wood which was delivered to her home half an hour before she found the snake on the telephone.

"It was the first snake I had ever seen," she said.

"I screamed and my husband ran in, grabbed the poker and aimed a blow at the snake.

"In his excitement he missed and knocked the mouthpiece off the telephone.

"The snake dropped to the floor and twice struck at my husband before he killed it."

(Answers on Page 7.)

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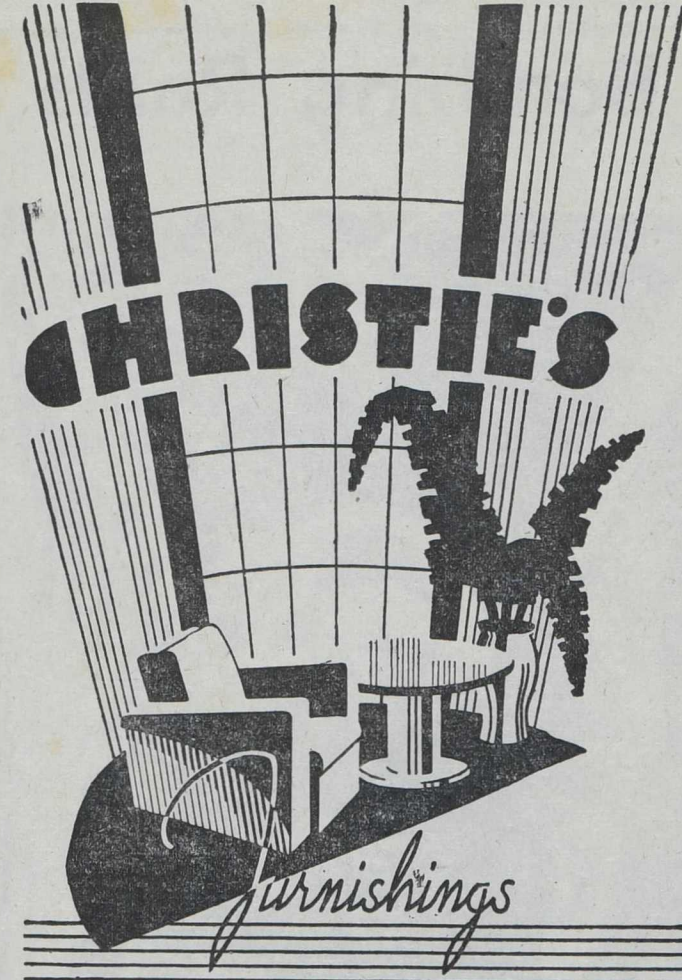
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SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1941.

THE BALKAN SCENE CHANGES

The London "Daily Mail," referring to the dramatic last-minute change of Government in Yugoslavia, says that "the whole war situation has changed momentarily in our favour."

From the point of view of Berlin a subservient and browbeaten Yugoslavia would be quite as useful as an active ally, but a bitterly hostile Yugoslavia must become a direct threat to German communications along one of the last remaining lifelines to the outer world—the Danube route to Bulgaria, Rumania, and the Black Sea.

It is reported that "some Yugoslav leaders" have said that the new foreign policy would conform to the Axis Pact but that Yugoslavia would not yield another inch. In the meantime the army will be maintained at full war strength.

This declaration of independence must be of little comfort to Germany. Facts with the Axis are seldom anything more or less than a flimsy diplomatic screen behind which the country concerned is occupied and disciplined to the advantage of Germany.

On the other hand, there are some very interesting possibilities. If Yugoslavia continues in her present course of friendship to the Allies, and if she receives active support from Great Britain and the United States, sooner or later Germany will find a pretext for an attack.

In the event of a German attack, it is probable that an attempt would be made to capture the Yugoslav key points along the Danube simultaneously with a drive to carry out the original plan of attacking Greece from Bulgaria.

On the Allied side, the defence of Salonika would be the first consideration, but after that there is the interesting possibility that northern Albania might be attacked from Yugoslavia—a move which would certainly rout the Italian defenders in quick time.

Leaving conjecture aside, one thing is certain. Yugoslavia has hit Germany hard. The loss of prestige at a time when British forces have won further resounding victories against the Italians in Africa must cause a slump in Axis stocks, and most Britons and Americans would give a great deal to know exactly how Hitler and Ribbentrop will explain everything away to Mr Matsuoika.

Diplomacy will have to be stretched to its utmost limits. The resignation of Mr D. H. Withers from the position of secretary of the Wairoa branch of the Farmers' Union, a position he has held for seven years, was mentioned by the president (Mr A. T. Carroll) at the annual meeting of the branch this week.

Personal

MINISTERIAL

The Minister of Public Works (the Hon. H. T. Armstrong) who stayed overnight at Napier, leaves this morning on a tour of inspection in the Wairoa and Gisborne districts, and will later travel to Cambridge.

Mr Charles H. Knight, representing J. C. Williamson Ltd., was in Hastings yesterday making arrangements for the appearance in Napier and Hastings on April 8, 9 and 10 of the "Great Levant," magician and conjurer.

Captain James Oliphant, M.C., area officer at Hamilton, has been promoted to the rank of major.

The Rev. Brother J. C. McCann, school inspector for Christian Brothers' colleges in Australia and New Zealand, has arrived in Auckland on a visit to St. Peter's College, Mount Albert Road, and will leave later for the south where he will visit the colleges at Oamaru and Dunedin.

Mr J. Quirk, who has been president of the Taihape Rugby Union for the past 18 years, did not seek re-election at the annual meeting. Mr Quirk has given long service to the Wanganui Rugby Union, having been president, council and committee member, and delegate to the New Zealand Rugby Union at various times.

The resignation of Mr D. H. Withers from the position of secretary of the Wairoa branch of the Farmers' Union, a position he has held for seven years, was mentioned by the president (Mr A. T. Carroll) at the annual meeting of the branch this week.

Mr N. O. Maitland, of the staff of the Wairoa branch of the Bank of New Zealand, will leave shortly on promotion to Petone. Mr Maitland, who has been in Wairoa for the past three years, has taken a prominent part both in the tennis and the golf club. His successor will be Mr J. Jolly, at present on the staff of the Bank of New Zealand at Marton.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr A. W. Rushbrook, Mr J. B. Niven, Mr and Mrs G. Dingwall, Mr L. Salt (Wellington), Mr J. M. James (Masterton), Mr H. A. Hall (Auckland), Mr A. R. Smith (Gisborne), Mr G. R. Toward (Mararotara), Mr and Mrs C. A. Gallagher (Oamaru), Mr and Mrs L. W. White (Porangahau) are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr E. White (Porangahau), Mr T. George (Trentham), Mr and Mrs Williams (Auckland), Mrs B. McKay, Mrs Riddiford (Masterton), Mr Montiehi (Waipukurau), Mr and Mrs Carter (Hamilton), Mr Gotten, Mr Hamper, Mr Parson, Mr Gotten, Mr and Mrs Sullivan (Waipukurau), Mr Broughton, Mr Tattersall (Palmerston North), Mr Dalton, Mr C. Thorburn (Wellington), Mr Hayes, Mr Cross (Christchurch) are at the Albert Hotel, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs J. H. V. Lowder (Tahape), Mr Chas. F. Knight, Mr and Mrs W. P. Russell (Auckland), Miss McHardy (Waipawa), Mr and Mrs D. M. Russell (Pukekohe), Hon. H. T. Armstrong, Mr W. L. Newnham, Mr J. W. Nissen, Mr E. G. McDonald, Mr F. Cullen (Wellington), Mr B. S. Frederickson (Christchurch), Mr T. E. Emmett (Malaya States), Mrs T. and Miss Z. Davey (Wairoa), Mr and Mrs A. J. Inglis (Onga Onga) are at the Central Hotel, Napier.

Mr W. F. Stillwell, S.M., Mr C. O. Bell, Mr A. Parlane, Mr D. Roundhill (Wellington), Mrs J. D. Williamson, Mrs E. C. Beale, Mr J. A. C. Meredith, Mr T. Paterson (Auckland), Mrs J. D. Ormond (Wallingford), Mr W. Morton, Mr J. Morton (Christchurch), Mr E. Fitzgerald (Gisborne), Miss J. Warren (Sydney) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr Burson, Mr J. D. O'Keefe (Napier), Mr J. N. Sturrock, Mr L. R. Smith, Mr and Mrs W. F. Brown (Auckland), Mr Bayliss (Hastings), Mr G. and Mrs Ormond (Mahia), Mr G. Hyde (Wellington) are staying at the Wairoa Hotel.

Mr W. D. Morley, Mr E. C. Evans, Mr T. R. Stinchbury (Gisborne), Mr W. Latham, Mr and Mrs B. W. Bennett, Mr D. B. Frame (Napier), Mr L. B. Rea (Auckland), Mr E. W. Luck, Mr S. F. McNeill, Mr L. F. Lowe (Wellington), Mr G. A. Maddison, Mr F. R. Field (Hastings) are at the Clyde Hotel, Wairoa.

Breakfast Table advertisement with a table illustration.

Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important. Few of us get dizzy from doing too many good turns.

Silence isn't always golden, sometimes it's just plain yellow. Give a politician a free hand and he is sure to put it in your pocket.

A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small parcel. Nobody has a bad memory for the things you wish they'd forget.

He who watches the clock will remain one of the hands. Index to international prestige, as recorded by American "Newsweek": Psychiatrists say fewer and fewer mentally unbalanced people now imagine themselves to be Mussolini. Hitler is still the favourite choice, but Churchill is coming up fast.

"Now, remember, Pat," said a sergeant to an Irish soldier, "the password is Saxe—after Marshal Saxe, you know." "Sure," said Pat, "O'ill never forget it. Wasn't my father a miller and my uncle a coalman?" Later in the day, the Irishman was challenged. "Bags," he replied.

To Black-out Warden—going spotting. It's cold to-day. May be colder to-morrow and wet. How are you going to like being out? Parkers have a selection of snugly protective clothes to add to your comfort and efficiency.

State Parliament Elections

Elections for the State Parliaments of Queensland and South Australia take place to-day. In Queensland the Labour Party has a majority of 24. In South Australia the Liberal-Country Party holds 16 seats, the Labour Party 9, and there are 13 Independents.

Parade Cancelled

The commanding officer of the Waimarama Home Guard (Major P. H. Parker) has been injured by a kick from a young horse, and the parade called for to-day has been cancelled. To-morrow, however, the parade will parade as usual at 10 a.m. Members are requested to bring their lunches.

War Work for Women

An organisation similar to the women's war service groups which are doing wonderful work in England, the Women's War Service Auxiliary offers an opportunity to women and girls over 16 years of age to enrol for services intended to fill the gap created by the demands of the Army on manpower. The duties include farm, canteen, emergency hospital, and transport work as well as mass cooking. Further classes are to be founded later to supplement those existing, such as physical culture, cycle corps, and a land girl corps.

The Axis Defied

Pointing out that the Yugoslav people were united against Germany and Italy, a prominent member of the community in Wellington, Mr Tony Marinovic, expressed the opinion yesterday that the action taken by the young ruler would be welcomed by Yugoslav patriots the world over. He could see in this new development, he said, the hands of the old army men. "They had been fighting for years and years," he said, "and you can understand that they are not going to allow well-fed politicians who have suffered no hardships in their country's cause to give away on a signed piece of paper what the people have been struggling for for centuries."

Car Raffle at Wairoa

The drawing of the Hillman Minx Car Raffle at Wairoa, run in conjunction with the £100,000 Heart-to-Heart appeal, will take place to-day (Saturday) in the Borough Council Chambers at 7.30 p.m. The chairman of the Patriotic Committee, Mr H. L. Hiker, will preside and the actual drawing will be done by the Boy Scouts. The committee are extremely pleased with the result of the raffle, and state that the appeal will be greatly aided by a detailed statement of the expenditure incurred in conducting the raffle, together with the result, will be published as soon as the balance sheet is completed.

MAY AID LABOUR SITUATION

FREEZING WORKERS RELEASED

REDUCED KILLINGS

Requirements "On The Land"

The position in Hawke's Bay concerning farm and orchard labour is still, as in every other locality throughout the Dominion, acute, but in Hastings yesterday an indication was gained that some small alleviation may be found in the availability of freezing workers to take up other seasonal occupations.

It was learned that as a result of the restrictions on killings the works are now employing fewer men than usual at this time of the year, although naturally reductions take place as the season tapers off.

The suggestion is that men so set free could be assimilated into orchards and at least temporary farm positions.

Experienced Men Lacking. In a review at Dannevirke at the beginning of the hearing of appeals at a sitting of the Armed Services Appeal Board the Napier Placement Officer (Mr N. C. Marriott) after giving figures of withdrawals of men from the farming industry, stated—

"The position now is that there are no suitable men on either Public Works or subsidised jobs to fill vacancies at present notified, or which may arise in the future. Various schemes have been evolved, but the position as I see it is that the greatest care should be exercised before releasing for overseas service such workers as managers, teamsters, shepherds, tractor-drivers or sharemilkers."

The most pressing need is for experienced men, but from what could be learned yesterday men such as freezing-workers released from their occupations could easily be made use of in various ways.

Employment of Land Girls. An idea which has yet to be developed here is that of employing numbers of land-girls, who in England at present are performing a multitude of farm duties. That there are possibilities in the scheme is evidenced by the fact that in Hawke's Bay one or two farmers have asked for girls to work on the land, while cases of girls themselves applying for this class of employment in preference to indoor work have been received publicly.

At Hastings provision has been made for girls who desire to do so to register with the Women's War Service Auxiliary, when they will be given the opportunity of taking up farm work as they are required. Applications are being received at the "Dugout," but so far the response has been limited to volunteers previously used to farm work who have expressed their willingness to take up this class of occupation in the event of an emergency.

Officers of the auxiliary consider, however, that considerable interest will be taken in the scheme once it is properly under way.

"Mussolini" Sold

The Havelock North Sub-Centre of the Red Cross Society acknowledged a donation of £2 from Mrs W. Philpotts, Havelock North, the result of the sale of a pet lamb, "Mussolini," at Wednesday's Stortford Lodge sale.

War Expenses Fund

Interest-free loans and donations to the War Expenses Fund, known as the "Dugout," which was inaugurated by the Hon. W. Nash last night include a gift of £888 14/3 from the New Zealand Workers' Union, Wellington. Last night's list of loans and gifts brings the total to £2,662,356.—Press Association.

A Fatal Bite

Two days after she had been bitten on the cheek by a rat a girl 14 years of age died in Sydney. A post mortem examination revealed the presence of a germ found in the mouths of rats. This is the first case of its kind in Australia, although similar fatalities have occurred in Europe and America.

Man Electrocuted

Robert Leslie Thompson, 44, married, was electrocuted yesterday afternoon while engaged with a Marlborough Power Board gang installing a new service at the end of the street in Blenheim in which he lived. The power had been shut off the line on which the men were engaged but Thompson's head touched a 33,000 volt high tension cable above him. Death was instantaneous.—Press Association.

Yugoslavs Excited

There is intense excitement among the Yugoslav community in Auckland over the broadcast from Belgrade announcing the coup. Listeners said that the King's message interspersed with the national anthem was repeated continuously for an hour on end on Thursday night. "We were delighted to hear the King's proclamation and also the announcement that the people, the navy and the army were behind his Majesty," said a Yugoslav club official. He added that his fellow countrymen were glad to see an indication that the country would not tolerate the Axis yoke.—Press Association.

Blue Mushrooms

While mushrooms are in the news at the present time few workers credit that such things as blue mushrooms exist. Four such mushrooms were discovered in the Kaimere ranges, some weeks ago, by two Cambridge tramping enthusiasts. One specimen was sent to the director of the Auckland Museum, Mr Gilbert Arcey, and his comments indicate that while blue mushrooms are not unknown to science, they are reasonably rare. They belong however to a variety which so far has not been classified. It is interesting to note that Dr Ferdinand von Hochstetter, the explorer of much of the interior of New Zealand and visited Maungataniwha 80 years ago found some specimens in the thickly-wooded country above the Waitere Falls, where the recent discovery was made. The geologist refers to them as "magnificent cobalt-blue mushrooms two and a half inches high," which exactly describes their appearance to-day. They are blue right through—stem, cap and gills.

To-day's Diary

NAPIER

Hawke's Bay Inter-Secondary School Sports, McLean Park.

The Theatres: "The Return of Frank James," State 2 and 8 p.m.

"Forty Thousand Horsemen," Regent, 2 and 8 p.m.

"Traitor Spy" and "Cheer, Boys, Cheer," Mayfair, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

HASTINGS

Race Meeting, Hastings Race-course, Greyhound Racing, Nelson Park, 8 p.m.

The Theatres: "All This, and Heaven Too," Regent, 2, 4.45 and 8 p.m.

"The Mark of Zorro," State, 2.15, 5 and 8 p.m.

"Law and Disorder" and "Ride, Tenderfoot, Ride," Cosy, 2 and 7.45 p.m.

"The Gipsy's All Here" and "Gone with the Dogs," Municipal, 7.45 p.m.

Westernman's Modern Store advertisement featuring autumn novelties, scarves, gloves, and shoes. Includes a list of items and prices.

THREAT TO MEAT INDUSTRY

CONFERENCE REPORT IS QUOTED

COMMITTEE'S VIEWS

Government Action Attacked

By Telegraph—Press Association, WELLINGTON, March 28. A report on the meat situation by the Dominion president of the Farmers' Union (Mr W. W. Mulholland) was submitted to the Dominion secretary (Mr A. P. O'Shea) at a meeting of the Makara-Hutt provincial executive of the union today.

Mr Mulholland said: "The report of the committee of the meat conference which was given to Parliament by the Hon. J. G. Barclay on Tuesday was only that part of the report which dealt with the remainder of the present season and did not contain any of the committee's recommendations in regard to the season now rapidly approaching."

"It will be seen by a study of the report that the Government's action did not conform to that recommended by the report."

No Stoppage
"The basis of the report was that there should be no stoppage of killing but that it should proceed in a normal way."

"The committee's recommendation was that the classes of meat specified should be killed but not frozen for export. The representative of the Farmers' Union insisted upon recording his reservation that this should apply only insofar as it was physically impossible to deal with the excluded meat in other ways."

"Opinion of Majority"
"His insistence on that reservation indicated the opinion of a majority of the committee that it was possible to continue killing normally with restrictions as the committee recommended them, and that at no time was it in the mind of the committee that there should be a stoppage in killing at the works."

"It was recognised that it would be necessary to ration work and to slow up killing to some extent to enable the meat to be dealt with in the way recommended instead of in the normal way."

Complete Prohibition
"The Government's complete prohibition of killing at the freezing works of various classes of meat indicated in the statement published on Monday is not in accord with the recommendation of the committee."

"Mr Barclay's statement, however, was most notable for what it did not say. Apparently, after three months of thinking, the Government has not yet arrived at any definite policy. In the meantime the actions which it is taking may or may not be right when the main principles of the policy have been determined."

"Avoiding Criticism"
"It appears obvious from Ministerial statements that the Government is more concerned with avoiding possible criticism."

"If it decided that it was necessary to convert meat into products other than those for direct human consumption I would point out that by forcing farmers to hold stock for which they have no need they are in many cases actually destroying this meat so far as human consumption is concerned, and much more completely than by taking the action recommended by the committee."

Meat Preserving Scheme

Extension of Work At Westfield

By Telegraph—Press Association, AUCKLAND, March 28.

With the object of making the fullest economic use of part at least of the meat which cannot be exported under the recent restrictions, proposals are in hand for an extension of meat preserving operations at two canneries in the Westfield district.

Steps have already been taken by one establishment to obtain the necessary additional labour to start a night shift, and the other is contemplating similar action.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT AWAITED

Meat Board Reviews Position

By Telegraph—Press Association, WELLINGTON, March 28.

At a special meeting of the New Zealand Meat Producers' Board today the board had a full discussion with the Hon. J. G. Barclay with a view to relieving the position regarding the killing of wethers and ewes.

A statement by the board says that the Minister is fully alive to the position. A statement from the Government is expected soon after the Minister's return from the South Island next week.

POPULAR TEACHER FAREWELLED

Maoris Gather At Bridge Pa

Mr. J. Jolley, teacher at the Pakipaki School, who is to leave the district shortly on transfer, was the guest at a farewell evening given by the Maoris of Bridge Pa last night.

Mr. Jolley was presented with a tiki, and Mrs. Jolley with a beautiful Maori kiekeie basket on behalf of the gathering. The principal speakers were Mr. Moraki and Mr. S. Crawford.

A number of vocal items were given by the Maori choir, and a most enjoyable evening resulted.

In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Jolley were met by a number of old pupils of Pakipaki school. Mr. Jolley received a leather attache case, Mrs. Jolley a vase, and their son Ian a wallet. Betty Gardner presented a bouquet to Mrs. Jolley.

ELECTRICITY RATIONING IS NOT EXPECTED NOW

Hon. H. T. Armstrong At Napier: Hawke's Bay Projects Outlined

Government Action Attacked

By Telegraph—Press Association, WELLINGTON, March 28.

"I do not think that electricity will have to be rationed this winter," said the Minister of Public Works (the Hon. H. T. Armstrong) in an interview with the "Daily Mail" in Napier last night.

"The Minister of Mines (the Hon. P. C. Webb) is of the opinion that he can produce all the coal necessary for industrial and domestic purposes," he added.

The Minister explained that most furnaces had been designed to consume a special type of fuel and that there had been an acute shortage of this coal. He understood, he said, that the situation had now been relieved. However, although coal was available, the Government would not tolerate waste.

"The rapid expansion of secondary industries has created a demand for electric power which has never been anticipated," said Mr. Armstrong. "For this reason alone, the hydro-electric works at Tuai and Cambridge will be pushed on."

The Minister said that the Cambridge project would utilise water harnessed from the Waikato, and when completed would relieve the heavy burden at present borne by Awapuni and the King's Wharf auxiliary generator at Auckland.

Progress at Tuai
As far as Tuai was concerned, he thought this scheme would make a valuable contribution to the progress of secondary industries, more particularly in the southern part of the North Island.

Only in the years to come, when the complete electrification of industry was an accomplished fact, would the wisdom of the Government's decision to continue the work be appreciated, he said.

East Coast Railway
Referring to the East Coast railway, the Minister said that this important link would be completed. The Government had profited from the experience of others, and would not wantonly allow plant and materials to rust away while lying idle.

There is no suggestion of abandoning the work now that so little remains to be done," said the Minister. He was unable to say when the work would be completed, but thought that it would be much sooner than most people had anticipated.

Public Works Policy
Discussing the Government's Public Works policy generally, the Minister said that only works of national importance would be pursued, and for this reason more might be concentrated on such schemes as would provide immediate benefits. There again manpower was the chief factor to be considered.

Poukawa Deviation
Questioned about the prospects of the Poukawa swamp deviation being completed in the near future, the Minister said that he was unable to express any opinion beyond reiterating that works of national importance must come first.

Freezing Charges Discussed

REDUCTION SOUGHT

Hatuma Branch Of Farmers' Union

Daily Mail Special Service, WAIPUKURAU.

At the annual meeting of the Hatuma branch of the Farmers' Union, held in the hall of the Government, a considerable discussion ensued on the subject of freezing charges, and it was agreed that the following resolution be forwarded to the Hawke's Bay executive of the union:

"In view of the profits made by the freezing companies over the past year, this branch of the Farmers' Union requests the executive to form a strong delegation of shareholders of the Whakatu Freezing Works to attend the annual meeting of the company and urge upon the directors the necessity for reducing the freezing charges."

Meat Position
During the meeting, which was attended by a large number of members, Mr C. R. Edgcombe, director and member of the New Zealand Meat Producers' Board gave a summary of the present meat position, his remarks being along similar lines to his address at the special farmers' meeting in Waipukurau on Tuesday.

The report and balance sheet disclosed that the branch had experienced a successful year, and that the finances were in a strong position. It was decided to open a National Savings account and deposit £20.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr V. W. Stratford; vice chairmen, Messrs C. B. Lowes, and G. F. Kennedy; secretary treasurer, Mr W. J. Matthews; delegates to the Hawke's Bay provincial executive, Messrs R. E. Stratford, and C. B. Lowes; emergency committee, Messrs J. A. Grant, R. A. Edgcombe, H. T. Wright and C. Schroder.

NO DANGER, SAYS MINISTER

Use Of O.B. Timber In Cool Store

The controversy between the Government and the Hastings Borough Council concerning the use of O.B. timber in the fruit cool-store at Hastings may be regarded as closed.

"I am assured that the technical officers of the Forestry Department and my own officers are fully conversant with the climatic conditions at Hastings and the danger of using O.B. matai," wrote the Minister of Public Works (the Hon. H. T. Armstrong) in a letter received by the Hastings Borough Council yesterday.

"In this case, however, conditions are artificially produced by refrigeration which preclude the growth of dry rot or attacks by borer, both of which require warmth and moisture for their development."

STATE HOUSING POLICY

MINISTER VISITS PROVINCE

WARTIME PROBLEM

Hon. H. T. Armstrong's Assurance

An assurance that the Government's policy in regard to State housing in Hastings would remain unaltered was given to the "Daily Mail" last night by the Minister in charge of Housing (the Hon. H. T. Armstrong).

The extension of the State housing scheme will be governed by the material and skilled artisans available said the Minister.

This does not mean that the Government will monopolise all the available materials, he said.

"On the contrary, the private builder will receive all possible encouragement from the Government."

Job to Provide Homes
"Our job is to provide homes for people, and until their requirements are met, the work will go on unless something of a more urgent character arises."

"The defence of the Dominion must necessarily take precedence over anything else, but other important work may appear on the surface."

"The extension of hospital facilities has always received the sympathetic consideration of the Government, because it has always recognised the vital importance of maintaining public health in time of war, more so than in peace," said the Minister.

Napier Development
"In Napier we have a few sections in the State housing block and these will be built upon as workmen and materials are available," he continued.

"Some time ago the Government inspected some land between the Napier Borough boundary and Awatoto, but the cost of development would have been prohibitive. There were no sewerage facilities, and the provision of other borough amenities to the standard of the housing block at Marewa would be out of the question at present."

"However," the Minister said, "homes are needed so that the problem would have to be solved sooner or later."

"Men and materials are the main consideration in the matter," he concluded.

Successful Shop At Hastings

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

Thanks Expressed To Helpers

After a day of brisk business the shop conducted in aid of the funds of the Hastings Division of the St. John Ambulance Association closed with a total of approximately £110 clear profit to its credit. This figure is considered a more than satisfactory return.

The organiser (Mrs. W. Richmond) last night expressed thanks to the organisations and all other assistants who in any way contributed to the success of the effort. The Hastings St. John Ambulance, it was stated, was fortunate in that so many public-spirited people had come forward to give their help.

Results of competitions conducted during the week are as follows: Theatre seats, No. 3, Mrs. W. T. Thompson, Eastbourne Street; "budgies," No. 17, Mrs. S. Baddley, Howard Street; live rooster, Miss Fisher, sweets, No. 12, Mrs. G. Baddley, Howard Street; trolley cover, No. 23, K. Butler, 510 St. Aubyn Street; hamper, No. 18, Mrs. Patterson, Te Aute Road, Havelock North; No. 2, hamper, No. 13, Mr. F. Field, P.O. Box 73, Havelock North; dinner, No. 176, Mrs. Richmond.

Winners who have not yet claimed their prizes can secure them by applying to Mrs. W. Richmond, King Street.

PARACHUTISTS LAND IN FRANCE

United Press Association—Copyright, (Received March 28, 6 p.m.) SAIGON, March 27.

French soldiers who have arrived at Saigon from France asserted today that British intelligence service men were being landed regularly in France by parachute nightly.

Friendship With Japan

N.Z. POLICY

Keeping War From Pacific

HOPE EXPRESSED

By Telegraph—Press Association, WELLINGTON, March 28.

When aggression and rufianism threatened the freedom of the world, the Powers responsible were doomed to failure, said the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) speaking at the annual dinner of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce to-night.

In welcoming the representative of Japan he referred to the good-will existing between this country and Japan and expressed the hope that no Pacific nations would be drawn into the conflict that had been forced on mankind.

"No one wishes to retain peace in the Pacific more sincerely than New Zealand," said Mr. Fraser. "Our friends know we are friendly and will remain friendly."

It would be a tragedy, he added, if any nations of the Pacific joined in the exploits of those Powers which were threatening world freedom.

Naval Bases For U.S.

HISTORY OF DEAL

Efforts Of Former Ambassador

EXCHANGE FOR SHIPS

British Official Wireless, (Received March 28, 7.30 p.m.) RUGBY, March 27.

The agreement to lease bases in the Pacific to the United States was made by an exchange of Notes on September 2 between the British Ambassador (Lord Lothian) and the Secretary of State (Mr Cordell Hull).

Lord Lothian offered on behalf of the British Government to secure for the United States bases and facilities in Newfoundland, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Antigua, St. Lucia, Trinidad and British Guiana. In the case of the last six territories these facilities were to be in exchange for naval and military equipment.

Mr Cordell Hull accepted the offer and announced the immediate transfer to the British Government of 50 United States destroyers.

Various questions arising from the leasing of the bases are now being discussed, and Newfoundland and the colonies especially concerned have been represented at those discussions. The signing of the agreement, which comes so soon after the passing of the Lend and Lease Act, makes one more stage in the development of the policy of "good neighbours and friendly co-operation" to which the two democracies in their common interests have devoted themselves.

Common Interests

As Mr Churchill said last August, it is certain that British interests no less than American, and the interests of the colonies themselves and of Canada and Newfoundland will be served by the arrangement, under which the fullest facilities possible should be given to the United States under that it may ensure what the Prime Minister described as security "against the unmeasured dangers of the future."

These dangers threaten not only the United States and the United Kingdom but the whole British Empire, including the populations of British territories in the western hemisphere. The leasing of the bases represents a further very real contribution to the Allied cause of defence against tyranny and an alien way of life.

Signed On Yacht

A cable from Miami said that President Roosevelt, aboard the yacht Potomac on a fishing vacation cruise, signed the 7,000,000-dollar Appropriation Act for British aid this morning.

It was announced from London that in the presence of the American Ambassador (Mr John G. Winant) and other United States officials whom the Premier received at No. 10 Downing Street this morning, Mr Churchill signed the measure leasing British bases in the Western Hemisphere to the United States.

EMERGENCY TRANSPORT PROBLEM IS REVIEWED

Increased Strain In Future, Says Minister: Urgency Of Situation

WELLINGTON, March 28.

"During the 18 months New Zealand has been at war, the necessity for making provision for emergency purposes has become increasingly pressing," said the Minister of National Service (the Hon. R. Semple) when referring to-night to the provision of emergency transport.

"Some work has already been done in various parts of New Zealand, but much more still remains to be done before the situation can be regarded as having been adequately provided for."

"In approving the plan now being put into operation by the transport industry, the Government has decided that the matter should be viewed from a national rather than from a local standpoint."

"The factors and requirements it was necessary to take into account are, briefly:

(1) The provision of a large number of vehicles to become the property of the Army for training and the defence of New Zealand;

(2) The provision of an emergency or auxiliary transport system entirely for the defence forces or alternatively on which the Army could, if required, have first call;

(3) The provision of transport of all kinds for E.P.S., Home Guard, or other similar organisations.

Saving Time
"On examination it became obvious that the solution of the problem could no longer be left to each of the organisations requiring transport as in many cases, judging by the rate of progress, considerable time would elapse before the arrangements would be completed."

"Further, from the point of view of the vehicles available it was evident that provision for all these schemes as separate entities was practically impossible without a conflict of interest arising."

Increasing Strain
"The strain of providing for all transport requirements will become increasingly great as time goes on and commercial transport fleets can only provide for emergency requirements in addition to their normal work if and when organised on the most effective basis possible."

"The plan to which I have referred is designed to accomplish this through the practical application of the principle of co-operation between Government departments, the emergency organisations, and the transport industry."

Need For Co-operation.
"I want to emphasise that it is not intended to undo the work of any existing E.P.S. Home Guard, or other organisations, but I wish to point out the necessity for the co-ordination of their requirements with those of the defence forces, which must claim priority."

"For this reason the Government looks to all concerned to meet this problem with a view to adjusting it amicably and in the wider national interests by practical and whole-hearted co-operation."

MR C. G. HARKER, M.P., NOMINATED

Nationalist Candidate

Daily Mail Special Service, WAIPAWA.

At the annual meeting of the Waipawa electorate of the National Party, held in Waipawa, Mr. C. G. Harker, M.P., was unanimously re-elected as the National Party candidate for the Waipawa seat at the Parliamentary elections at the end of the present year.

Mr. C. Pattison, of Waipawa, presided.

WHAKATU-MAHORA CRICKETERS

Whakatu-Mahora cricketers to play Fruitworkers at Cornwall Park, Hastings, to-day, are—Gardner, Moseley, Lowe, Davison, Poi, Trumper, Love, Carrington (2), Arthur (2).

Junior Trial

Members of the following junior teams, Havelock North, Whakatu-Mahora, Hastings H.S.O.B., Baptist and Clive are requested to attend at Cornwall Park No. 4 wicket to-day when teams will be selected for the A v. B junior trial match. Each team represented should supply gear.

ACCEPTANCES FOR RICCARTON

Great Easter And Autumn

GREAT EASTER HANDICAP, OF £1000; seven furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Odds. Includes entries like Sir Crusoe 9/0, Eruption 7/11, etc.

GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAP, OF £1000; one mile and a half.

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First Forfeits.

CHAMPAGNE STAKES, OF £500; six furlongs. Includes entries like Gay Genet, Gold Form, Willow Wood, etc.

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LATE SPORTING

The Wanganui Meeting

ACCEPTANCES

By Telegraph—Press Association, WANGANUI, March 28.

Following are the Wanganui Jockey Club acceptances for the meeting at Awapuni (single pool betting):

12.0—WESTMERE HACK HURDLES, of £150; one mile and three-quarters. Includes entries like Lady Furst, Mataroa, etc.

12.40 p.m.—SPRINGVALE JUVENILE HANDICAP, of £130; five furlongs and a half. Includes entries like Miss Phaleron, etc.

1.20—KAI IWI MAIDEN, of £120; six furlongs. Includes entries like Magnifier, etc.

2.0—VICTORY HACK HANDICAP, of £175; one mile and a quarter. Includes entries like The Monarch, etc.

2.45—WANGANUI CUP, of £350; one mile and a quarter. Includes entries like Gladynne, etc.

3.30—TAYFORTH HANDICAP, of £175; seven furlongs. Includes entries like Red Cat, etc.

4.15—PETRE HACK HANDICAP, of £150; six furlongs. Includes entries like Surveyor, etc.

5.0—FLYING HANDICAP, of £200; six furlongs. Includes entries like Royal Star, etc.

FIRST DAY'S RACING AT WHANGAREI

By Telegraph—Press Association, WHANGAREI, March 28.

Acceptances for the first day's racing are as follows:

PORTLAND HACK, of £140; five furlongs. Includes entries like Hunter's Rose, etc.

TRIAL STAKES, of £100; five furlongs. Includes entries like Voolouper, etc.

MCINNES MEMORIAL HANDICAP, of £350; one mile and a quarter. Includes entries like High Delight, etc.

NORTHLAND HURDLES, of £150; one mile and a half and 282 yards. Includes entries like Mintlaw, etc.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, of £200; six furlongs. Includes entries like Brazen Bold, etc.

SETTLERS' PLATE, of £100; six furlongs. Includes entries like Northlander, etc.

MAUNGATAPERE HANDICAP, of £140; seven furlongs and a half. Includes entries like Court Favourite, etc.

WAIPU HANDICAP, of £150; one mile. Includes entries like Brazen Bold, etc.

New Zealand Petroleum Report

By Telegraph—Press Association, GISBORNE, March 28.

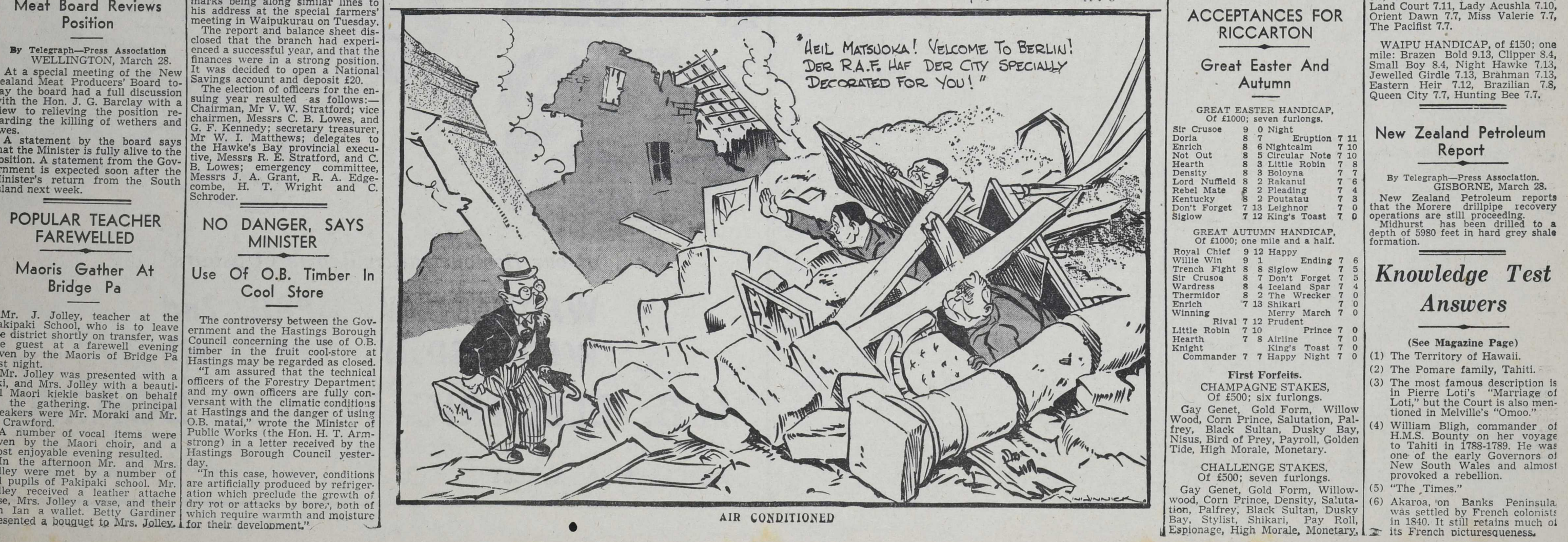
New Zealand Petroleum reports that the more extensive recovery operations are still proceeding.

Midhurst has been drilled to a depth of 5980 feet in hard grey shale formation.

Knowledge Test Answers

(See Magazine Page)

- (1) The Territory of Hawaii. (2) The Pomare family, Tahiti. (3) The most famous description is in Pierre Loti's 'Marriage of Loti' but the Court is also mentioned in Melville's 'Omoo'. (4) William Bligh, commander of H.M.S. Bounty on her voyage to Tahiti in 1788-1789. He was one of the early Governors of New South Wales and almost provoked a rebellion. (5) 'The Times'. (6) Akaroa, on Banks Peninsula was settled by French colonists in 1840. It still retains much of its French picturesque.



OVERSEAS SERVICE APPEALS

FURTHER WARNING ISSUED

NAPIER CASES

Ballotees Examined By Board

Further appeals against military service overseas were heard by the No. 4 Armed Forces Appeal Board in Napier yesterday.

Only one appeal was allowed, the others were either dismissed, withdrawn, or adjourned sine die.

The chairman (Mr W. F. Stilwell, S.M.), again reminded appellants that an adjournment sine die did not mean that a ballotee was exempted from service.

Associated with the chairman on the Bench were Messrs A. Farlane and J. W. G. Brodie.

An appeal on the grounds of undue hardship lodged by Mrs H. Medcalf in respect of her son, Jethro Eric Medcalf, was withdrawn by the ballotee who had since been accepted by the Air Force.

Baker's Difficulties Decisions of considerable importance were given when appeals lodged on behalf of Dudley Charles Grouden and Charles McCombie Durward McManus, by Thomas McLeod and their respective mothers came before the board.

"I am up to my ears in trouble with the Labour Department," said McLeod, who explained that his men were prepared to co-operate with him by starting earlier in the morning.

In answer to Mr Stilwell, the appellant said that the Napier bakers had contemplated some arrangement whereby more economical working would be brought about with a consequent saving of manpower.

"Although there is an apparent shortage of bakers, there does not seem to have been a survey throughout the Dominion, so the position is not definitely known," commented Mr Stilwell.

"The use of drinking water which is above suspicion. The artesian water of Hawke's Bay is such water, and can be used with impunity; doubtful waters should be boiled or chlorinated."

"The consumption of milk which is safe from infection is necessary and this can be easily attained either by pasteurising milk or by the use of sterilised milk."

"The number of flies can be decreased by traps and by fly papers, and their breeding places are discovered they can be controlled at the source."

"The exercise of rigid precautions in known cases of bacillary dysentery is requisite but is inadequate as a safeguard against the ever-present risk of infection from concealed sources."

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DISCLOSURE OF EPIDEMIC; HEALTH OFFICER REPLIES

Measures For Prevention Of "Summer Sickness" Are Described

As a direct result of the "Daily Mail's" disclosure of an epidemic of a form of dysentery, commonly known as "summer sickness," in northern Hawke's Bay, a statement from the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Duncan Cook) Palmerston North, has been issued by the Health Department in Napier.

From the information available last night, it was learnt that Dr. Cook was engaged in combating the disease in another district and that he would come to Napier on Monday for the same purpose.

The statement is as follows:—"Dysentery is an acute infectious disease, characterised by an acute onset, fever, pain and diarrhoea," writes Dr. Cook.

"The cause of the disease is the dysentery bacillus of which there are several varieties, the organism or germ gaining entrance to the human being by the mouth on food contaminated in various ways now to be described."

"The most common source of infection for each and all of us is the bowel discharges of infected persons, and it has to be remembered in particular that mild and walking cases as well as nursing personnel, who are naturally confined to bed, may be the spreaders of infection to others."

"These mild and walking cases, which are really very numerous during an epidemic, make the control of the disease difficult, as they neither come under the care of their medical practitioner, nor the Health Department. These cases often continue in their usual occupations and are particularly dangerous when they are engaged in handling foodstuffs."

"The control of dysentery in the light of the preceding facts resolves itself into certain specific and general measures. The specific measures include the isolation of cases without danger to others as long as they are in an infectious condition. This can be done only in a hospital by skilled nursing and nursing personnel. The family contacts are kept under observation by the Health Department, and advised of their possible danger to themselves and to others."

"Patients are isolated as long as dysentery bacilli are found in the excreta. Infested excreta should be disposed of in a sanitary manner, and articles which have been soiled require to be disinfected."

General measures of control are as follows:—"The use of drinking water which is above suspicion. The artesian water of Hawke's Bay is such water, and can be used with impunity; doubtful waters should be boiled or chlorinated."

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MUST NOT LEAVE JOBS

MEN IN RESERVED OCCUPATIONS WARNING ISSUED

Over-Anxious To Join Forces

The Manpower Committee has had before it in some instances cases of appeals lodged by the recruit, or his employer, or by the committee itself on behalf of the director, for men in essential reserved occupations for which no appeal has been lodged by the ballotee, volunteer or employer," said the chairman of the No. 7 Area Manpower Committee (Mr G. A. Maddison) at a sitting of the committee in Wairoa yesterday.

Some people would not appeal at all, and the committee's duty was to keep the balance between the fighting forces and the economy of the country, said Mr Maddison.

Where men volunteered and been held up by the committee, some of them had left their jobs, sold up and made themselves ready for camp. While that spirit was admirable, it created a position which could not be recognised.

The committee is paramount in these matters and the Army, the Navy, or the Air Force cannot accept any person until he has been released by the committee. A man leaving his job will not be doing so, he is being volunteered and must not leave his job until he has been released by the committee," said Mr Maddison.

The following appeals were dealt with the committee comprising Mr Maddison (chairman) and Messrs F. R. Field and F. J. Steel:—

Volunteer cases: M. C. Spence, Wairoa, shepherd, adjourned to Napier; R. S. W. Smith, Tual, power station operator, adjourned sine die; E. F. Penty, Wairoa, shepherd, released for service; J. R. Lancaster, North Clyde, yardman (Swifits) released for service; H. J. Kirkman, Wairoa, driver, released for service on May 1; D. C. P. Home Douglas, Nuhaka, sheep station manager, adjourned till October 20; F. A. Hitchiner, North Clyde, dairy farm labourer, released May 1; A. H. Hickling, Nuhaka, farmer, adjourned till October 20; H. N. Devary, Awamote, musterer and drover, adjourned till next sitting; F. Cameron, Wairoa, driver, released for service on May 1; P. Byrnie, Wairoa, sheepfarmer, adjourned to October 20; D. G. Pryde, Wairoa, farmer, released July 1.

Territorial: A. V. Ysabeth, Mahia, ploughman, adjourned to October 20.

Air Force: R. F. Grimmer, Wairoa, fitter and turner (J. J. Niven and Company) adjourned to October 20.

Ballot case: V. H. Martin, Wairoa, painter (S. F. Cawston) adjourned till June 1.

Lamb prices were well up to late rates, but the demand for ewes was slightly easier. The outstanding entry was a line of 220 ewe lambs offered on the R. O. Christophers, Te Mangahua Station. These lambs on breeding and quality were the best yarded this season, and realised a good price of 24/6.

They quote the following prices: Fat lambs 20/8, good ewe lambs 20/- to 24/6, medium ewe lambs 18/8 to 19/6, small ewe lambs 16/6 to 17/6, wether lambs 10/6 to 13/10, small wether lambs 6/9 to 7/3, small b.f. lambs 8/6 to 11/6, b.f. lambs 15/6 to 20/6, 2 to 24/5, 4 and 6th, ewes 15/6 to 17/4, S.D. rams 2/6 to 3/6, 23-yr. P.A. steers 10/6, 18mths. P.A. steers 14 10/6, weaner P.A. steers 13 18/6.

The Hawke's Bay Farmers' Coop. Assn. Ltd. report that they offered a small yarding of local sheep. The recent announcements about the meat position did not appear to affect the market to any great extent, and a total clearance was made at the following range of prices:

Ewe lambs (small) 9/6 to 13/3, ewe lambs (medium) 14/- to 16/-, ewe lambs (good) 19/- to 22/6, woolly wethers (small) 6/6 to 10/-, (medium) 11/- to 13/6, (good) 15/- to 18/6, S.D. lambs (medium) 12/6 to 15/-, S.D. rams 2/6 to 3/6.

This week's sale at the Dannevirke yards attracted a good entry of sheep and only a small yarding of cattle. Included in the sheep offered were several quality pens of ewe and wether lambs.

The attendance was small, but buyers were interested in the better class lambs and they report a very satisfactory sale. Inferior and medium lots of lambs faced an easing market. The ewes yarded were only in small lots and the quality was mixed. Sales were hard to make. No wethers were offered.

The following is a summary of prices: Good class ewe lambs 24/6, others 18/8 to 20/8, small ewe lambs 12/6, good medium lines 12/6 to 14/-, medium down cross lambs 14/- to 16/-, small 8/6 to 10/3; 4/8/8-h. ewes 17/6. The offering of cattle was practically nil. Three small 23-year P.A. steers offered in the beef section were passed at 16/-. Yearling P.A. steers 18/6, dairy cows (springing) received no offer.

A dance will be held at the Westshore Hall this evening in aid of the Air Force Queen. Great novelties and many prizes are advertised.

A reminder is given of the tennis party and other attractions sponsored by the hospital nurses, which is to be held in the Napier hospital grounds to-day at 2.30 p.m. in aid of the Nurses' Queen, Miss Betty Fenwick. Help those who help you.

Read, mark, and learn the wise sayings of the Army Queen, advertised elsewhere in this issue. They begin to rival the sayings of Confucius.

Hope for this troubled world is contained in the address in the United Hall, Lyndon Road, Hastings, to-morrow night at 7 o'clock. The subject is: "The Second Coming of Christ—the only hope for this troubled world."

The Maraenui Ladies' Golf Club will hold a medal round (with sealed holes in conjunction) at the Maraenui Golf Course to-morrow, for the Navy Queen (Miss Pat Kingston). Ladies from other clubs are welcome. Post entry two shillings, and play will commence at 1.30 p.m. All proceeds to the Navy Queen.

WOMEN'S GOLF AT WAIROA

Annual Meeting BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR SEASON

Opening On April 5

The annual meeting of the Wairoa Ladies' Golf Club was held this week.

The president (Mrs C. R. Sainsbury), in reporting on the activities of the club during the past season thanked the members for their support of the Red Cross matches and hoped they would continue that support this season. To Mrs Watson thanks were given for her offer of a trophy for this competition. Mention was also made by the president of the outstanding success of the open tournament.

A number of new members were welcomed, prospects for the coming season being considered excellent.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs C. R. Sainsbury; vice-president, Mrs W. Watson; secretary, Mrs Ryan; club captain, Mrs Gengary; handicapper, Mrs McCrea and Mrs Gengary; committee, Mrs Crichton, Miss N. Nolan and Mrs G. O. K. Sainsbury.

The opening of the season is set down for April 5.

WAIPUKURAU CLUB MEETS

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Waipukurau Ladies' Golf Club, Mrs A. L. McCormick presiding. The annual report and balance sheet disclosed that the club had come through a successful season.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss M. Riddell; vice-presidents, Mesdames E. Broad, J. Hunter, A. L. McCormick and Miss M. Johnston; captain, Mrs C. Schroder; committee, Mesdames F. Hewitt, E. Elliot, H. E. Coats, Miss E. Hobson, Miss N. Dunning; handicapper, Mrs G. Wilson; secretary, Mrs D. Urquhart.

Mrs McCormick, who did not seek re-election as president, thanked the committee for their co-operation during her three years terms of office. In discussing the annual tournament, it was decided that if possible a two day fixture be held, the final decision to be left to the committee.

Mrs Broad was congratulated on being made a life member of the club. A vote of thanks was tendered to outgoing officers, donors of trophies and to Mrs G. McColl for placing her home at the disposal of players.

SENTENCES ARE IMPOSED ON FIVE SHOP MANAGERS

Chain-Store Employees Charged With Theft Or Receiving At Wellington

The spirit of the age is to help yourself if you can, as long as you don't get found out.

"If you get found out there is probably a good chance of getting probation or the leniency of the Court extended to you," said Mr J. H. Luxford, S.M., in the Magistrate's Court to-day when imposing sentences on five managers of the Self Help Stores and three other employees of that or an associated firm, who admitted charges of theft or receiving.

The Magistrate said he was not at all impressed with what counsel had said about the slackness or looseness of the system employed being responsible for their clients' acts. Every time there was a serious wave of dishonesty in wholesale or retail houses or offices the excuse was made that the system was loose and that that was the cause of the trouble.

The accused T. W. Cameron worked in a bulk store of National Distributors and some time ago commenced a system of stealing. At the bulk store the storeman stacked on the side of the loading dock various orders for different shops and these were checked by some responsible members of the staff. It often happened, however, that some time elapsed before the orders were actually loaded, and Cameron would place cases of stores alongside the checked order to be loaded with other goods.

In accordance with arrangements made with the managers of the particular shops where goods were sent, Cameron then would call on a manager and obtain groceries, etc., or cash to the amount of about half the value of the goods sent.

When the goods arrived at the shop the manager would put them into stock and after paying out the groceries or money to Cameron to about half the value would be left free to deal with the other half of the stock as he pleased.

Detective Sergeant Compton described in detail the part each defendant had played in the affair.

James McLuskie, lorry driver, and James Douglas Fearon, lorry driver, each pleaded guilty to one charge of theft and each was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

Herbert Jackson, timber worker, who pleaded guilty to one charge of theft, and Roy Nicholson Willis, storeman, who pleaded guilty to one charge of theft, had their cases adjourned for 12 months, the Magistrate saying that if they were of good behaviour he would not enter convictions.

Alexander Westland, storeman and shop manager, was convicted and fined £2 on a charge of theft.

Douglas Ernest Cameron, driver, who pleaded guilty to one charge of theft, was admitted to probation for 12 months.

The offenders were all employees of the Self-Help Co-op. or of National Distributors, said Detective Ser-

CHESS CLUB MEETS AT WAIPUKURAU

Year Reviewed MEMBERSHIP HAS DECLINED

The annual meeting of the Waipukurau Chess Club was held this week. Mr. J. Huntley Walker presiding over a good attendance. The annual report disclosed that the past season had been most successful and that the finances of the club were in good order.

"Owing to the war and other causes," the president's report stated, "our membership has been reduced to an effective 11, but these have been keen enough to make our weekly meetings worth while. The annual championship was won by Mr. A. Mintoff, and Mr. D. W. Neild is the holder for this year of the silver cup donated by Mr. A. L. Bayliss for the winner of the handicapped tournament. A telegraphic match was again played against the Woodville Club, and was won by us."

"Thanks are due to Mr. H. Little for acting as secretary, to Mr. A. Bayliss for donating a silver cup, to our captain (Mr. G. Stapleton) and others who have helped."

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Subscriptions for the year were fixed at 10/- for seniors and 5/- for juniors. The opening date was arranged for May 1.

Messrs. H. Little and F. Mintoff were appointed delegates to attend the Hastings congress at Easter.

Does smoking shorten life? Tobacco-haters say "yes." But the deaths of centenarian smokers, so frequently chronicled in the papers, tell another story. So does the fact that many doctors are heavy smokers. The harmfulness or otherwise of smoking depends entirely on the tobacco. Some brands are deadly if you smoke them regularly. Full of nicotine! Most imported tobaccos are like that. Our New Zealand brands, on the other hand, are almost free from nicotine. You can smoke them all day, and every day, with impunity. They are the product of the National Tobacco Company Ltd. (pioneers of the New Zealand tobacco industry), and are the only toasted tobaccos, which process absorbs most of the nicotine, and thus purified, sweeter, cooler, or more fragrant tobacco money cannot buy. They never "bite," and burn to the last particle. There are various brands. Special favourites: Cut Plug No. 10 (rich, dark and full-flavoured), Cavendish (sporting mixture), Navy Cut No. 3 (a very choice blend, medium), Riverhead Gold (a mellow aromatic) and Desert Gold. All toasted and, therefore, safe.

FEILDING STOCK SALE

Prices for stock were fair at the sale to-day with small yardings in each department. The stock offered was not of first class quality, and bidding was quiet throughout.

Range of Prices: Fat wethers: Best offers 21/4, average 19/-; fat ewes, prime 12/7, good 10/4; lambs, prime 23/10; store sheep, two-tooth ewes 27/-; fat ewes from 8/9 to 11/6, ewe lambs 17/6 to 18/6; wether lambs, good to 13/4, others from 6/7.

Short-horn bullocks 11 2/6; fat cows, light 15 7/6 to 16 12/6; heifers unlighted 15 7/6 to 17 17/6; run cattle, P.A. steers 18 18/- to 18 7/6; young steers 15 15/-; dairy weaner heifers 12 7/- to 13 11/-.

SPECIAL! ELECTRIC COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS BREAD AND HOT CROSS BUNS at our Demonstration Rooms (Upstairs) WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2nd WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th H.B. ELECTRIC POWER BOARD SHOWROOMS AND OFFICES HERETAUNGA STREET HASTINGS

HAWKE'S BAY MEETING WILL CONCLUDE TO-DAY

Strong And Even Team Will Contest The Hack Cup

(By The Barb)

To-day the Hawke's Bay autumn race meeting will be concluded. The fields in six of the races are good, but in the two sprints, the hack and the open, only five are engaged in each. However, the other races have drawn fields that will give ample scope and material for betting, and with nothing outstanding speculation should be spirited.

The Hastings Hack Cup is attracting no little attention, and should furnish a thrilling race. The Te Mahanga Handicap, too, should result in an interesting contest, while the Juvenile should see the three topweights providing a real good race as Burra Sahib, Gay Genet and St. Bill are "babies" above the average.

Win and place betting will again be in operation, and the public are again warned to "back up" and speculate, and not wait until the last minute as on Thursday and so make the task harder for the totalisator staff.

The opening event will see Lady Furst making her debut as a hurdler. In her schooling she has been brilliant with a lady rider in the saddle, and has only to run up to the form to be hard to dispose of. Queen's Dream was not very impressive on opening day but the extra quarter of a mile will be in her favour. Malacca won so easily on Thursday that he must go out to favour again. Opoti should benefit by the race, but he did not appear as being at his best form prior to

the Riverslea Hurdles the other day. The favourites look like being MALACCA, LADY FURST, DOZIE BOY.

Only five runners, but not an easy solidly on Thursday. Sunny Knight weakened at the finish of the Autumn Hack, but this time it might pay his apprentice rider not to make so much use of him in the early stages. Ashbooy and Isis will not improve on their attempts the other day, while that race should prove beneficial to Khurja. There will be a second dividend in this race if they all start. The two best backed may be

SUNNY KNIGHT, BATTLE GAIN.

TE MAHANGA HANDICAP, Of £250; one mile and a quarter. Native Song 8 12 Hunting Cat 7 9, Kathbell 8 10 White Bull 7 7, Colonel Bogey 8 8 Authority 8 7, Little Robin 8 8 Boldstep 7 2, Plastre 8 3 Charing Cross 7 2, Lambour 7 12 Cyclon 7 0.

Native Song never showed any of his dash in the Hack Flying the height of a full-grown tree. It was on a hot sultry day in the middle of summer when a party of men and women, apparently tourists, came past in a motor-car. Several of them were smoking, and one, a very careless person, dropped his match, which quickly set alight some dry bushes nearby. He didn't notice at the time that they were burning. Suddenly one of the women looked back, catching sight of the flames which were creeping nearer and nearer to her. I was terrified at the thought of being burned!

THE STORY OF A FIR TREE

When a careless person many years ago, trod upon a little fir cone he little realised that he had started the growth of a magnificent tree. This was the birth of myself for I am the fir tree.

Soon I became a little plant and slowly, year in, year out, I grew bigger and stronger until I reached the height of a full-grown tree. It was then that I had some narrow escapes. Surrounding my tall, upright form were many other fir trees who were connected with some of my hairbreadth escapes. We were growing in the country miles away from civilisation. Now and then a few human beings came past, but for the rest of the time we saw very little of any life except perhaps, the birds who came flying about.

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MESSRS HARVEY, FULTON AND HILL, under instructions from MRS. E. M. CURTIS (who is leaving Hastings) will sell—

Two Single Rm Bedsteads, 1 Chest of Drawers, Occ. Tables, Bed Lamp, Cane Chair, Wall Cabinet, 2 Hospital Beds, Double Rm Bedstead, Rm Wardrobe with Mirror, Double and Single Mattresses, 2 Light Rm Duchesses, Dark Rm Duchesse, Pedestal, Linoleum Curtains, Seagrass Chairs, Watter, Chesterfield in Moquette, Rm Stool, 2 Fire Side Chairs, Seagrass Stool, Fire Screen, Dining Table, 6 Dining Chairs, 1 Broadcast Courier, 6 Valve Mantle Radio in perfect condition. Books, Bins, Kurb, Axme Winger, Crockery, Glassware, Clothes Basket, Whip, Medicine Chest, Knight Vacuum Cleaner in perfect order, Coal Scuttle, Jam, Jam Jars, Pantry Utensils, Scales and Weights, Boiler, Buckets, Gum Boots, Spray Pump, Carpenters' Bench, Massport Mower, practically new, Onions, Wood, Log Kettle, Spade, Hoe, Rake, Scythe, Shovel, Forks, Hedge Clippers, and Sundries.

NOTE—We have pleasure in advising clients to attend the above sale. The whole of the entry is in first class condition and for sale without any reserve.

W. E. TAYLOR,
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SATURDAY MORNING SALE.
At 10 a.m.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1941.

Sale will commence at 10.30 a.m. with cattle followed by fat and store sheep. Sale of sheep will commence not later than 12 noon.

1940 SHEEP, Comprising—
300 Woolly Ewe & Wether Lambs. 1640 2/4/6-th. Wethers.
334 CATTLE, Comprising—
102 Fat and Forward Bullocks. 1 Jersey Bull. 1 Dairy Cow in profit and calf. 30 3-yr. Steers (F.A.). 200 1/2-yr. Steers.

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HASTINGS SCOTS SOCIETY
Monthly Ingleisle.
MONDAY, 31st MARCH, 1941
At 8 o'clock sharp.
Oddfellows' Hall, Market Street.

PARKVALE Townswomen's Guild.
Thursday next, in St. Barnabas Hall, at 2.15 p.m. Travel Talk: Mrs. Hedley Harvey. Competition: Best Bloom, Shoulder Spray.

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GRAND RACE NIGHT
SATURDAY, MARCH 29th.
ASSEMBLY HALL HASTINGS
Bunny Otene's Specialty Dance Band. Gents, 2/6. Ladies, 2/-.
Men in Uniform Free.

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AT LONGLANDS,
TO-MORROW, March 30, at 1.30 p.m.
A SPECIAL Clay Bird Match Day arranged in aid of funds for the Poukawa Home Guard.

All shooters and friends invited to attend.
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STORTFORD LODGE YARDS.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1941.

The sale will commence at 10 a.m. with fat cattle. No stock will be yarded before 5.30 a.m. until further notice.

The times for commencing selling will be as follows: Beef Cattle 10 a.m. Store Sheep 11 a.m. Fat Sheep at 30 minutes after completion of fat cattle or at 12 noon if fat cattle are finished before that hour. Store Cattle not earlier than 12 noon.

700 SHEEP, Comprising—
200 2-th. Ewes. 200 2/4/6-th. Wethers. 300 4-5-yr. Ewes.

397 CATTLE, Comprising—
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Takings divided equally amongst the Four Queen Candidates.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

HASTINGS RATEPAYERS' CANDIDATES will address Parkvale Electors at St. Barnabas Hall, Seiwood Road, on MONDAY, 31st March, at 7.45 p.m.

HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL.
PUBLIC RESERVES—SPORTS BODIES.

SPORTS BODIES requiring grounds for winter sports in any of the Public Reserves of the Borough are requested to submit their requirements in writing to the undersigned by 4 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 2nd April, 1941.

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ONGAGONGA YARDS
MONDAY, APRIL 7th, 1941.
At 11.30 a.m.

SALES FOR APRIL.
Waipukurau: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.
Stortford Lodge: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.
Ongagonga: 7, 21.
Takapau: 18.

SALES FOR MAY:
Waipukurau: 6, 13, 20, 27.
Stortford Lodge: 7, 14, 21, 28.
Ongagonga: 19.

PROFESSIONAL NOTICES

THE BARRIE STUDIO
CHILDREN'S CLASSES WILL RE-OPEN

Wednesday, March 26th, 3.30 p.m. and Saturday, March 29th, 10 a.m.
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NAVY QUEEN CAMPAIGN.

ON SUNDAY NEXT, a medal round (with sealed holes in conjunction) will be played at the Maraenui Course. Ladies from other Clubs welcome. Post entry 2/-. Play commences 1.30 p.m.

Proceeds to Navy Queen.

ESTATE JOSEPH TRUMAN.

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If corrugated pear strawboards are unobtainable please use corrugated apple strawboards.

HAVELOCK NORTH GOLF CLUB (Incorporated.)

ALTHOUGH the official opening does not take place until Saturday, 12th April, the course is now in first class condition and open for play.

W. H. MAITLAND,
Secretary.

COMPETITION Winners at St. John Ambulance Shop yesterday: Theatre seats: No. 3, Mr. W. P. Thompson, Eastbourne Street. Budgets: No. 17, Mrs. S. Baddley, Howard Street. Trolley Cover: No. 23, K. Butler, 210 St. Aubyn Street. Dinner: No. 176, Mrs. Richmond, Hamper: No. 18 Mrs. Patterson, Te Aute Road, Havelock. Sweets: No. 12, Mrs. G. Baddley, Howard Street. No. 2, Hammer: No. 13, Mr. F. Field, P.O. Box 73, Havelock North. Live Rooster: Miss Fisher.

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