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Enemy's Appalling Losses

Dominion Casualties Are Relatively Slight

"TOO GOOD," SAY NAZIS

(From the Official War Correspondent with the N.Z.E.F. in Greece.)
(Per Cable and Wireless Ltd.)

ATHENS, April 21.

(From the Front, April 17.)

Fighting magnificently on the seaward end of the British line in northern Greece, all units of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force this week have written their names into history.

After the forward cavalry had joined the battle on the Salonika flats, the main New Zealand force met the German advance on the slopes of Mount Olympus and the mountains to the west, where the enemy suffered appalling casualties at the hands of our infantry and machine-gunners.

The New Zealand losses, thanks to their ideal defensive positions were relatively slight.

Withdrawing from the flats, the cavalry, with the engineers, blew up bridges, forcing the enemy to use pontoons to cross the broad Aliakmon River. Here our cavalry, with Vickers guns, took terrible toll. As the successive embarkations left the opposite shore they were swept with death at point-blank range.

For two hours the advance was held up. Pontoons after pontoons were sent drifting down the river heaped with the corpses of some of Hitler's finest attacking troops.

Two troops of New Zealand armoured cars, withdrawing from the outpost fighting, found themselves in a blind gully, the mouth of which the Germans had just reached. The New Zealanders shot their way out. Then, when the commanding sergeant saw the havoc they had wrought among the German infantry he turned the cars about, charged back into the gully, and came out again, thus smashing through the enemy the second and third times with all the guns blazing.

"Pumping Hell"
At another stage of this preliminary drawing-in of horns a Bren carrier troop missed the driver until they discovered him among the rocks with a spare Bren gun—"pumping hell into the blighters," as a comrade described it.

When snipers began annoying a radio operator who had been eighteen hours on duty continuously, a North Auckland mounted lieutenant shot the foremost with an anti-tank rifle. A trooper accounted for the others with a Vickers.

Withering Fire.
Meanwhile the infantry were entrenching and otherwise preparing the defences whence they presently poured down a withering fire.

Now, on the flats below, the enemy tanks, concentrations of troops and vehicles came under the punishing New Zealand artillery, whose marksmanship the infantry—themselves incomparable—cannot over-estimate.

In the course of the morning one battery of 25-pounders fired 100 rounds, of which only the first failed to register a vital hit.

The German grenadiers by comparison were poor and their rifle fire was erratic.

Grenades From Clouds.
Enemy motor-cyclists reaching the bluffs at the foot of the mountain, were confounded by showers of hand grenades coming apparently from the clouds.

Several further detachments arrived and suffered severe casualties before they realised that the grenades were coming over the precipice, above which hid a jubilant platoon of Wellington infantry, throwing the cricket ball for all they were worth.

With the aid of the engineers, who mined the mountainsides and support guns, the infantry held Olympus indefinitely.

"Three Times As Good."
Close-range fighting there and on the adjacent heights convinced a neutral observer that the new Anzacs, man for man, without machines, were three times better than the Germans.

Enemy prisoners express a similar view differently.
"Too good, too good," they say dejectedly.

Numerous prisoners have been taken, many by the Maoris, whose special job was mustering parachutists.

Although every enemy attempt to break through was brilliantly hurled back, the Olympus sector is now being evacuated in compliance with the general plan for straightening the line. The withdrawal is being carried out swiftly and in excellent order.

Rearguard Action.
Rearguards are constantly engaging the enemy and viciously counter-attacking.

The enemy, however, is harrying relentlessly from the air, inflicting casualties.



SWIFT AID FOR GREECE.—British air personnel disembarking at a Greek port.

POST MORTEM UNNECESSARY

FREE SPEECH OFTEN ABUSED

BRITON'S RIGHTS

Churchill Never Said: "I Told You So"

British Official Wireless (Received April 21, 7.35 p.m.)

RUGBY, April 20.

Criticisms of the abuse of free speech was made by Mr A. P. Herbert, M.P., in a broadcast on Sunday, Parliament, the Press and private individuals, said Mr Herbert had on the whole made a fine and fair use of the ration of free speech that the Government had wisely allowed them. "But," he said, "there are those who go about picking small holes in vast problems; there are those who express tremendous faith in their leaders or their country as long as all goes well but when anything goes wrong they will claim to have said all along that the move was mistaken. Each is abusing the privilege of free speech."

"It is the easiest thing in the world to pick holes but it is not always the best way to mend the situation. We can face the facts and still be fair. We can be hopeful and resolute without incurring the charge of complacency."

A Great Example
Mr Herbert concluded: "Let us try to follow the example of our great leader, Mr Churchill, who enjoys the greatest freedom of speech in this country. If ever in history a man was entitled to point on his banner a vast 'I told you so' it is he. But he has never said that and as far as I know he has never uttered a word of reproach for all those in every party who would not listen to him before."

Mr Churchill is as magnanimous in triumph as he is resolute in defeat. He has forgotten all that—or has put it aside. He says nothing but what is necessary for our one great purpose."

QUESTIONS EXPECTED IN HOUSE

War In Middle East

HOW DID GERMANS REACH LIBYA?

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RUGBY, April 20.

Although no arrangements have been announced for a debate on the war situation when Parliament re-assembles, so much has happened in the Middle East during the Easter recess it is felt in political circles that the Government will readily give time for members wishing for official enlightenment on such matters as the appearance of strong German mechanised forces in Libya.

The business already announced for the forthcoming sittings of Parliament includes motions in both Houses to approve the continuance in force of the proclamations under the Government of India Act. These are instruments making possible the carrying on of government in the seven provinces where the Governors have had to assume power.

The Secretary of India is expected to make a statement on the present political position in India.

GERMAN LOSSES AT TOBRUK

LONDON, April 20.

Latest reports on the result of the operations at Tobruk show that among the captures are 33 tanks and 1500 prisoners. Twenty-two planes have been shot down.

"The above news was received direct from 'Columbus' calibrated short-wave radio."

Dogged Resistance Inflicts Very Heavy Losses On Germans

British Official Wireless (Received April 21, 7.45 p.m.)

RUGBY, April 20.

The bitterness of the struggle in Greece is generally commented upon in the weekly Press. The "Sunday Times" says: "Battles so intense and continuous as those which have raged in the Balkans ever since Hitler launched his attack just a fortnight ago allow of little description during their progress. We can still form no picture of the day-to-day movements, but enough is known to show that the Greeks, British, Australians and New Zealanders have fought with the utmost determination."

"The German machine had nowhere previously encountered a more dogged and effective resistance. Disproportionate losses have been inflicted on its advancing troops, but the struggle has been very unequal. Yugoslavia was caught still unready and collapsed. Her rapid defeat permitted the Germans to mass the whole of their strength against the Anglo-Greek front. The weight of the attack has grown from one day to another and it has now assumed gigantic proportions."

"And here we may note a peculiarity which distinguishes the present from all previous wars. In rugged or fortified country where access is narrow it is impossible to throw more than a definite weight of ground troops against a nodal point and even artillery concentration has its limits. But to air pressure there are no limits. That is what has falsified the good doctrines of defence and has made an end of impregnable positions."

Hard Work Ahead
"Much suffering and hard work lie yet before us. We did not go into the Balkans expecting an easy time there. We knew too much of the German war machine for that."

"There will be a hard struggle before its menace comes to an end, but to break it we are determined since freedom and civilisation cannot co-exist with it on the earth."

The Greek midnight communiqué reports lively enemy air force activity over Albania, where they attempted to attack the Greek front line at two points but were chased back beyond their original positions, losing prisoners.

In Macedonia and Thessaly the enemy, despite violent air action, nowhere broke through the Greek positions, which have been adjusted according to plan. German planes attacked Piræus and Eleusis in waves, causing damage and casualties. They also bombed villages in Greece and Crete. Five were shot down.

"The Times" Athens correspondent says that despite the Allied retirement the Greeks are not downhearted. People in Athens staged a huge demonstration last night and cheered for victory. They nearly lynched two people caught spreading defeatist talk.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the Germans claim that the British are retreating south to Lamia. The Berlin Radio announced the capture of Volo.

Hell of Shot and Shell
"The Britons, New Zealanders, and Australians in Greece are facing the mounting German attacks with a grim determination to which no words of praise could do justice," says the "Daily Express" correspondent. "It is a case of fight, fight, fight night and day in a hell of shot and shell, with German dive-bombers constantly over them."

The military situation, the correspondent adds, is regarded as serious, although the British, with the Greeks on their left flank, are still withdrawing in orderly fashion and maintaining an unbroken line under heavy German pressure. Stories continue to pour in of the terrific German losses.

German Graveyard
A member of the Air Force who watched the battle on the slopes of Mount Olympus said: "I was in France, but I saw nothing like it there. Every valley was the graveyard of some unit of the German army. Their losses were incredible. It was not a case of a battlefield

WOLF OF ATLANTIC CAPTURED

SECOND U-BOAT ACE DEAD

TWO NAZI IDOLS Successful Operations In Atlantic

British Official Wireless (Received April 21, 6 p.m.)

RUGBY, April 20.

The Hon. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, when speaking at Tottenham on the Battle of the Atlantic, announced the destruction of a U-boat of which the commander was a famous German "ace." Mr Alexander had previously assured his hearers that neither the U-boats nor the German long-range aircraft were having it all their own way.

"We can continue," he said, "to take toll of both, and, as the strength of the co-operation of the Coastal Command of the R.A.F. increases and the number of escorting destroyers and corvettes expands, that toll will increase until the battle is won."

He continued: "About a fortnight ago we were able to announce that Otto Kretschmer, the captain of U-boat 99, was a prisoner of war in our hands, and his U-boat destroyed. Kretschmer was known and idolised in Germany as the Wolf of the Atlantic. He had the largest record of destruction of any U-boat captain."

"This afternoon, I can tell you that another German U-boat ace has ceased to operate against our shipping. Captain Schepke, of U-boat 100, is dead and his U-boat has gone to join U-boat 99 and many others which lie on the floor of the Atlantic."

Decorated by Hitler
"Both Schepke and Kretschmer had been decorated by Hitler with oak leaves—the highest decoration which Germany bestows on her under-sea pirates. There are only three German captains who have held this decoration, and now you know that two of them are out of commission. I think that the way in which these men are idolised in Germany shows to what a great extent the German U-boat service depended on the efforts of a very few 'aces,' and there is cause for gratification though without boasting, in the removal from the trade routes of scourges of this sort."

"Early this year, the German Press reported that Schepke and other German officers had addressed many meetings of the Germans for recruits for the U-boat service. We published the other day that now we had many hundreds of U-boat prisoners, but many more lie at the bottom of the ocean."

TEN ESCAPEES STILL AT LARGE

Blizzard Raging Danger Of Death

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WINNIPEG, April 20.

Ten of the German war prisoners who escaped are still at large. Eighteen have been captured. It is believed that those who are still free, unless they found shelter, are in danger of death from a blizzard. Four inches of snow fell on Sunday and the wind velocity was 40 miles an hour.

DOLLAR SECURITIES SOLD

Proceeds For Reinvestment In Britain

British Official Wireless (Received April 21, 7.45 p.m.)

RUGBY, April 20.

The Treasury announces that many further American securities have been transferred. No change has been made in the procedure previously followed. Special facilities, it is pointed out, are available for the reinvestment of the consideration money in current Government loans.

Defence Production To Be Pooled

CANADA AND AMERICA

New Agreement Should Mean Speed-Up In Output

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HYDE PARK, April 20.

The United States President (Mr Franklin D. Roosevelt) and the Canadian Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie-King) in a joint statement today announced that they had agreed to mobilise North American defence production resources, each country providing the other with those defence articles which it is best able to produce and, above all, quickly.

"While Canada has expanded her production capacity many times over since the beginning of the war there are still numerous defence articles which she must obtain from the United States," adds the statement. "On the other hand, there is an existing and potential capacity in Canada for the speedy production of certain munitions, strategic material, aluminium and ships which the United States urgently requires."

"While exact estimates cannot yet be made it is hoped that during the next 12 months Canada can supply the United States with between 200,000,000 and 300,000,000 dollars worth of such defence articles. The United States payment for these articles.

ment and munitions which Canada is producing for Britain, it was also agreed that Britain will obtain these parts under the Lease-and-Lend Act and forward them to Canada for inclusion in the finished articles."



NORTH AMERICAN LEADERS.—The President of the United States (left) and the Prime Minister of Canada (the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie-King.)

supplies will materially assist Canada in meeting part of the cost of Canadian defence purchases in the United States.

"Insofar as Canada's purchases in the United States consist of component parts to be used in equipment."

"The technical and financial details will be worked out as soon as possible in accordance with the general principles agreed upon between the President and the Prime Minister."

Malta Bombed Each Night

LARGE-SCALE RAIDS

Damage Surprisingly Small CASUALTIES FEW

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MALTA, April 20.

The Germans have attacked Malta each night for the past week, making large-scale bombing raids and machine-gunning indiscriminately in every direction.

The damage is not as extensive as could be expected and the death roll is fairly small.

WAR SAVINGS TOTAL GROWS

Impressive Sum In Britain

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RUGBY, April 20.

A total of £11,000,839 was raised in war savings last week, making a grand total of £712,038,855.

ONE THOUSAND HOMELESS

FOREST FIRE IN AMERICA

NO CASUALTIES

Five Thousand Soldiers Fight Flames

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NEW YORK, April 21.

It is estimated that 200 homes were destroyed in a forest fire which threatened the town of Lakewood. No deaths occurred but at least 1000 are homeless.

Another fire is sweeping the western section of Fort Dix Army Training Camp. Five thousand soldiers are fighting the flames.

FEW RAIDERS OVER BRITAIN

No Damage; Casualties Light

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LONDON, April 21.

An Air Ministry communiqué states that there was scarcely any enemy activity in the night. A few bombs fell on the east and south-west of England. There was no damage and few casualties.

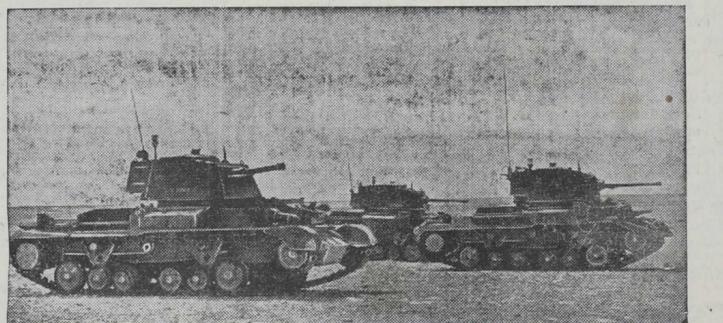
ENEMY TANKER SUNK

Loss To German Armies In Libya

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LONDON, April 21.

The Admiralty announces that a further loss has been inflicted on supplies intended for the enemy armies in Libya. H.M.S. Tetrarch sank a fully laden tanker en route to Libya.



WAR IN THE DESERT.—British heavy tanks set out on patrol

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In Napier a jolly afternoon party
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honour of her sister, Mrs J. D.
Williamson whose marriage to Mr
S. Macfarlane takes place this week.

In the drawing room where the
guests were entertained the flowers
were greatly admired. These were
in mauve and cyclamen shades with
dahlia, gerbera, lilies, carysanthemums
and scarlet oak leaves.

Similar flowers were arranged in
the dining room where a delicious
tea was served.

Mrs Wood wore a gown of sheer
tulle with tulle and the guest of
honour, Mrs Williamson, wore a
navy blue American crepe tailored
frock with a small tulle, the crown
being of velvet flowers in lighter
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Their mother, Mrs E. C. Beale,
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Trinity Methodist Church, Wanganui
made an active scene at the
evening wedding of Margaret
Jane, third daughter of Mr and Mrs
J. P. Moye, Wanganui, and Edward
John Callaghan, Hastings, elder son
of Mr and Mrs F. Callaghan, Dun-
edin. The Rev. E. B. Chambers
officiated.

The bride, who entered the church
with her father, wore a gown of
cream French cobweb lace with
chrysanthemums was carried. The
bridegroom wore a tulle suit with a
tiny pleated frill of cream net, as
was the hem of the skirt. The bodice
was softly draped into a high V
waistline, and the full sleeves, high
at the shoulder-line were gathered
at the wrist to form a frill. A
coronet of pleated tulle held to the
head her tulle veil. A sheaf of
cream carnations, lilies, roses and
chrysanthemums was carried.

On leaving the church the bride
was presented with a silver horse-
shoe by Nada Graham, Wellington.

The attendants were the bride's
sister, Miss Lorraine Moye and
Mrs. Page, who wore frocks of
delphinium blue and sunset pink
stiffened net respectively. The bou-
fant skirts and tiny boleros were
lightly dotted with tiny flowers,
pink on the blue frock and blue on
the pink. Their "pillbox" swansdown
hats, with velvet bows at the back,
were worn slightly to one side of the
head. Their bouquets were of pink
and blue flowers.

Mr George Thomson (Dunedin)
attended as best man, and Mr
Bunny Palmer (Hastings) as
groomsman. Messrs J. and R.
Spencer acted as ushers.

At the reception held at the
Savage Club Hall, the guests were
received by the bride's mother, who
wore an ensemble of black satin
backed crepe with touches of dusky
pink, black ring velvet hat and pink
accessories.

For going away the bride chose a
cornflower blue frock with panel
pockets and shoulders embroidered
with angora wool, a tailored blue
coat, hat and accessories in the new
shade of red.

Mr and Mrs Callaghan will reside
in Hastings.

JOLLY DANCE HELD
AT TE POHUE
Sheep Dog Trial Club

The annual ball of the Te Pohue
Sheep Dog Trial Club was held in
the Te Pohue Hall. The Buff Orch-
estra was in attendance and a great
crowd thronged the floor till dawn.

Mrs J. Loppell and willing helpers
dispensed the supper.

HASTINGS THEATRES

TO-DAY At 2.15 & 8.0 STATE HOME OF PRE-EMINENT ENTERTAINMENT PLANS AT THEATRE PHONE 2674 HASTINGS LEADING THEATRE (Amalgamated Theatres Ltd.) HE'S HERE AGAIN—THE INIMITABLE "CISCO KID" Back in a blaze of daring adventure, Cesar "Cisco" Romero rides again in "The Gay Caballero," which is now screening at the State Theatre, Hastings. Cisco's latest adventure begins with the false rumour of his death. Bad men in the wild and untamed Southwest are in terror until the Cisco Kid puts in an appearance to match wits with his most dangerous adversary—a widow who owns a million-acre ranch. Featured are Sheila Ryan, Robert Sterling, Chris-Pin Martin, Janet Beecher, Edmund MacDonald and Jacqueline Dalya. Lovely Sheila Ryan provides the romance in "The Gay Caballero." Portraying the daughter of a greenhorn Englishman, Sheila captivates the colourful Cisco with her striking beauty. Sabotage in the skies is the exciting background of "Charter Pilot," the second feature, with Lloyd Nolan starred and Lynn Bari opposite him at the head of a string of featured cast. Nolan's a daredevil aviator and Lynn is a radio queen whose programme dramatises his sensational exploits on the air. Filmed at a fast pace, a series of thrilling episodes in "Charter Pilot" is capped by a nerve-wracking climax during which the screen's scrappiest sweethearts battle saboteurs high over the Andes mountains. Others in the fine featured cast of "Charter Pilot" are Arleen Whelan and George Montgomery.

REGENT Theatre of Distinction LAST 2 DAYS To-day & To-morrow, 2.15 & 8. The GAYEST COMEDY HIT OF THE SEASON! 3 screeners in a madcap romp! With the stars of "The Gay Caballero" and "Charter Pilot" Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer presents LLOYD NOLAN LYNN BARI ARLEEN WHELAN GEORGE MONTGOMERY "PRIDE and PREJUDICE" Greer Garson and Laurence Olivier starring in "Pride and Prejudice" (Approved for Universal Exhibition.)

TO-DAY AT 2 P.M. COSY TO-NIGHT AT 7.45 P.M. THE SURPRISE PICTURE OF THE SEASON With the Greatest Cast of the Year in the Smashing, Flery, Action-filled Story Brought to the Screen in a Decade You Must Not Miss This Dramatic Thunderbolt! JOHN GARFIELD ANN SHERIDAN RECKLESS! RUTHLESS! ROMANTIC! LUSCIOUS! LANGUID! LONELY! Burgess Meredith — Pat O'Brien — John Litel In Warner Bros. Sensational Production "CASTLE ON THE HUDSON" DOUBLE THE LAUGHS! DOUBLE THE THRILLS! PenROD'S DOUBLE TROUBLE THE Mauch Twins [BILLY & BOBBY] DICK PURCELL-KATHLEEN LOCKHART-GENE LOCKHART Also Latest Overseas News. (Approved for Universal Exhibition.)

Golfers Meet At Ormondville METER RENDERED USELESS Power Board Problem At Wairoa OFFICERS ELECTED ORMONDVILLE The election of officers at the annual general meeting of the Ormondville Golf Club resulted as follows: Patron, Mr. F. J. Sands; president, Mr. H. K. Sands (re-elected); vice-presidents, Messrs G. Mangos, H. J. Newling, T. Pothergill; secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. E. Sands; trustees, Messrs F. E. Sands and C. C. Newling; captain, Mr. W. M. Kane; auditor, Mr. W. A. Newling; management committee, Messrs W. M. Kane, H. O. Baines, E. G. Port, F. B. Ellingham, C. C. Newling; match committee, Messrs W. Kane, F. E. Sands, E. G. Port, C. C. Newling; handicapper, Mr. F. B. Ellingham; grounds supervisor, Mr. F. E. Sands; lady captain, Mrs. M. Sampson; lady secretary, Miss M. Sampson. A vote of appreciation, with an honorarium of two guineas, was accorded the retiring secretary, Mr. C. C. Newling. The report and balance-sheet were considered very satisfactory. It was decided that in all handicaps shall be revised, and that, in view of some Grand activities, competitions may be played during the week instead of at the week-end only, competitors to notify the secretary before commencing their rounds.

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Cosy ROMANCE "CASTLE ON THE HUDSON" Starring John Garfield, Ann Sheridan and Pat O'Brien, "Castle on the Hudson" is now at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings. Garfield and Miss Sheridan, two of the outstanding new stars of the screen, are co-starred for the first time in a story, tailored to the measure of their personalities. Together they make a dynamic screen team, and "Castle on the Hudson" is an ideal vehicle for them. Telling of a young couple who risk death to be together, it is a fast-moving drama, full of suspense. Garfield portrays an egotistical young gangster, arrogant in his confidence that his luck will hold. But like most other strong characters, he has a weakness. That weakness is his love for Kay, the role played by Ann Sheridan. Beautiful and desirable, she is queen of the Cosy Theatre, but her love is all for Garfield. Separated when he is finally apprehended, they cannot stay apart. He comes to her when she needs him most, and she, in return, murders another man to save his life. It is this point on which the plot revolves. "Penrod's Double Trouble" starring the Mauch twins—Billy and Bobby—is the most adventurous film of their careers, is the second feature. "Penrod's Double Trouble" is the third picture of the series. With Booth Tarkington's immortal character of boyhood as its central character, and it is, like its predecessors, full of touches of homely humour and nostalgic charm, but spirited action is its keynote.

Regent COMEDY, "PRIDE AND PREJUDICE" Greer Garson and Laurence Olivier picked up where they left off five years ago as reigning favourites of the London stage for their first co-starring film, the picturisation of Jane Austen's romantic comedy, "Pride and Prejudice," now at the Regent Theatre, Hastings. They form the perfect screen romantic team with Miss Garson playing the lovely but prejudiced Elizabeth Bennet and Olivier as the proud Darcy. The amusing story in which Miss Austen poked fun at the haughty society of the early nineteenth century is woven around the five unwedded Bennet daughters who live in a provincial English town. When two wealthy and aristocratic young gentlemen come to town in the persons of Mr Darcy and his friend, Mr Bingley, Mrs Bennet sets out to land them for her daughters. They are repelled by her lusty vulgarity, since she was a shopkeeper's daughter, but Darcy falls in love with Elizabeth despite her family and Bingley finds himself smitten by Jane. Darcy, caught between his pride of family and love for Elizabeth, finally decides that Elizabeth's love is the more important of the two and he nobly comes to the rescue when daughter Lydia creates a scandal by running away with an adventurer, Wickham. Hilarious comedy performances are given by Edmund Gwenn and Mary Boland as Mr and Mrs Bennett. Miss Garson's delightful sisters are played by Maureen O'Sullivan as Jane, Ann Rutherford as Lydia, Marsha Hunt as Mary and Heather Angel as Kitty.

ESTATES VALUED AT £737,570 Public Trust Business Estates of a value of £737,570 were reported and accepted for administration by the Public Trustee during March, 1941, the new business for the year being £2,964,479. Grants of administration made by the Court in favour of the Public Trustee numbered 113 for the month. During the month 629 new wills appointing the Public Trustee executor were prepared on behalf of testators and lodged for safe custody, and 404 existing wills were revised to provide for changes desired by testators. The total number of wills now held in the Public Trust Office on behalf of living persons is 105,079.

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Regent TO-NIGHT at 7.45 p.m. IT'S COMEDY WEEK! GEORGE FORMBY — in — "COME ON, GEORGE" DIANA CHURCHILL FRED EMMETT — JEAN MUIR — in — "JANE STEPS OUT" (Both Approved for Universal Exhibition.)

MAYFAIR DAILY 2 & 7.45 p.m. Plans at Theatre — Phone 3332. 9d. & 1/- — GUEST PRICES — 9d. & 1/- "HOUND OF BASKERVILLES" With RICHARD GREENE — BASIL RATHBONE WENDY BARRIE SHERLOCK HOLMES' TOUGHEST CASE! (Recommended by the Censor for Adults.) "EVERYBODY'S BABY" With JONES FAMILY (Approved for Universal Exhibition.)

PROGRAMMES Home Guard On ON THE AIR Parade COMBINED UNITS Impressive Gathering At Waipawa Daily Mail Special Service. WAIPAWA. The first parade of the Waipawa Battalion of the Home Guard was held on Saturday. The day was fine and a large number of spectators lined the streets to watch the march and attend the ceremony at Coronation Park. About 350 members of the units that form the battalion took part, these coming from Pukekohe, Otane, Elsthorpe, Omakere, Tikokino, Ongonga and Waipawa. Each of the three companies formed up at a selected locality and then proceeded to the grounds of the Waipawa Primary School, where they were drawn up in battalion formation. From there the men marched along High and Ruataniwha Streets to Coronation Park. The parade was headed by the Waipawa Municipal Band, which also supplied the music for the marching at the Park and for the National Anthem which concluded the ceremony. Salute Taken The battalion then marched past in column and also in platoon formation. The salute was taken by Lieutenant Snaddon, Area Commander of the Home Guard; also at the saluting base was the Mayor of Waipawa (Mr F. Eagle). After the companies had formed up and given the Royal Salute Lieutenant Snaddon, Briefly addressed the battalion, expressing his pleasure at being able to attend and saying how pleased he was not only with the marching and the bearing of those taking part but also at the number of guardsmen present. He urged the men to attend parades regularly and to get as many men as possible to join the Guard. It was announced that the officer commanding the Home Guard organisation, Major-General Sir Andrew Russell, would inspect the Waipawa battalion at Waipawa next Thursday evening. Dance tunes of yesterday. 5.30: "David and Davy." 5.45: Hawaiian harmonies. 6.0: "The Nigger Minstrel." 6.15: B.B.C. news. 6.45: "Sings Marnie." 7.0: After-dinner music. 7.30: Band interlude. 7.45: Popular hits. 8.0: "Correspondent of England: Henry VIII." 8.30: Classical music. 9.0: N.B.S. news. 9.15: B.B.C. news commentary. 9.25: "Milkmaid's Lullaby." 9.45: "The All-join in the Chorus."

3YA CHRISTCHURCH 6.0, 7.0, 8.45 a.m.: B.B.C. news. 7.30: Breakfast session. 9.0: Correspondence School Educational Session. 10.0: "The Nigger Minstrel." 10.15: "The Nigger Minstrel." 10.30: "The Nigger Minstrel." 10.45: "The Nigger Minstrel." 11.0: "The Nigger Minstrel." 11.15: "The Nigger Minstrel." 11.30: "The Nigger Minstrel." 12.0: Lunch music. 12.15 and 1.15 p.m.: B.B.C. news. 2.0: Light orchestral music. 2.15: "The Nigger Minstrel." 2.30: "The Nigger Minstrel." 2.45: "The Nigger Minstrel." 3.0: "The Nigger Minstrel." 3.15: "The Nigger Minstrel." 3.30: "The Nigger Minstrel." 3.45: "The Nigger Minstrel." 4.0: "The Nigger Minstrel." 4.15: "The Nigger Minstrel." 4.30: "The Nigger Minstrel." 4.45: "The Nigger Minstrel." 5.0: "The Nigger Minstrel." 5.15: "The Nigger Minstrel." 5.30: "The Nigger Minstrel." 5.45: "The Nigger Minstrel." 6.0: "The Nigger Minstrel." 6.15: "The Nigger Minstrel." 6.30: "The Nigger Minstrel." 6.45: "The Nigger Minstrel." 7.0: "The Nigger Minstrel." 7.15: "The 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PORT OF NAPIER April 22. Sun rises at 6.57 a.m. and sets at 5.42 p.m.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY. KIWITEA, 2843 tons, Evans, at 6 a.m. from New Plymouth, sailing to-day for Gisborne.

SAILED LAST NIGHT. PAKURA, 2843 tons, Coldcut, at 8 o'clock for Gisborne.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS. Gabriella, Wellington, to-day. Kopara, Auckland, April 25.

COASTWISE TRADE. GABRIELLA: Is due at this port to-day from Wellington.

Mail Notices

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

TRANSASIAN AIR MAIL. The Air Mail for Australia and The East will be despatched as opportunity offers.

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NORTH: Waioira 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. daily, Gisborne, 4 p.m. daily.

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

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FROM NAPIER FOR GISBORNE AND WELLINGTON: PAKURA loads Monday, April 28.

FROM AUCKLAND FOR NAPIER: KOPARA loads Wednesday, April 23.

FROM LYTELTON FOR NAPIER, GISBORNE AND WAIKOKOPI: PAKURA loads Thursday, May 1.

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1. BOYS' & YOUTHS' SUITS We have secured a line of Boys' Petone Navy Serge Suits, sizes 11 to 15 only. Usual price 55/6 to 63/- and we are offering them because slightly defective at Only 39/6 postage paid. Limited quantity.

2. LADIES' FROCKS Cotton and wool frocks, short sleeves in Blue, Green, Brown, 32/6 for 19/6.

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4. KAPOC QUILTS Kapoc Quilt, well filled: Single Bed 21/- each. Double Bed 29/6 each.

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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail

Your Own Morning Paper TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1941.

THE BRITISH IN IRAQ

The landing of British forces at Basra is a reassuring move in face of the Axis threat to the Empire's interests in the Persian Gulf. It is rather surprising that Berlin has not jumped at the opportunity of proclaiming that the presence of the British is a brutal and unwarranted assault on the independence, integrity and neutrality of a non-combatant State, but the truth of the matter is that Great Britain has done nothing which is not justified and covered by the Anglo-Iraq Treaty. That treaty, like the agreement which gave independence to Egypt, made provision for eventualities such as that which has cropped up recently, and it gave Great Britain the right to take measures for the protection both of the Empire in the strategically important region between Iran and Palestine, and of Iraq itself.

It was to be expected that when Germany started on her second journey towards world power or downfall the old dream of linking Berlin and Baghdad would be revived. This time, however, the way is not so clear. Turkey is no longer an ally of Germany and has no intention of backing the wrong horse again. The last war cost her some of her richest territories in Syria, Palestine and Iraq (which in those days was still called Mesopotamia). Further, there was never any question that although Turkey was dragged into the war by Germany and by pro-Germans in the Turkish Government, the nation at large was reluctant to break the traditional policy of friendship with Great Britain, which was later resumed.

In spite of all these discouragements, the Nazi Government has patiently and strenuously set itself again to lure Turkey away from Britain as a means of reaching out towards Asia and, above all, of securing control of the Iraq and Iranian oilfields.

The decision to secure Iraq against German intrigue and to preserve the vital oil supplies for the Empire is, therefore, a logical and necessary move.

ROME'S IMMUNITY

A correspondent this morning inquires why, in view of Italian participation in the air attacks of Great Britain, the R.A.F. has not retaliated by bombing Rome. There is no doubt that sooner or later Rome will become a front line city, but in view of the fact that the independent sovereign State of the Vatican City forms an integral part of the Italian capital, a British attack would raise many difficult diplomatic questions.

Within the last six months the great Italian cities of Naples, Milan, Turin and Venice have been subjected to British raids. In each case these cities are either vital naval or military centres or contain important armament factories. This is in accordance with the British policy of attacking industrial plants and communications instead of adopting wholesale bombing of civilian areas. There are, however, indications that the limit of British patience has been reached, and now that the R.A.F. is within sight of achieving equality in numbers with the Axis forces, it is probable that there will be major developments very soon. Last week, for instance, both Germany and Italy were warned that if either Athens or Cairo were attacked, Great Britain would not hesitate to bomb Rome.

It must be remembered, however, that the Vatican City is neutral and has committed no infringement of that neutrality. As the centre of the Roman Catholic faith throughout the world, the Holy See makes no differentiation between the Catholics of the British Empire and those of the enemy States. The Pope endeavoured to avert the war to the utmost of his power, and he has not hesitated to condemn the practices of those who have made and are making war on defenceless civilians. It is this, in all probability, which has induced the British Government to avoid all attacks which might very easily, if unintentionally, involve damage or loss of life in the Vatican City.

This being the case, the Italians in Rome have reason to congratulate themselves on the fact that they live in the shadow of the Vatican, but they have been bluntly warned that their immunity from attack cannot be expected to last indefinitely.

Personal

Mr E. F. Penty, Waioira, has left on his way to England to enter a training school for the Royal Navy.

Mrs J. S. Holm, Dannevirke, is gazetted as an honorary child welfare officer.

Mr William Rust is gazetted as a member of the Licensing Committee for the district of Waipawa. He replaces Mr C. H. Critchley, who resigned.

Mr Arthur Schaare, Makotuku, has entered Papakura camp and his brother, Mr Richard Schaare, has entered Trentham.

Mr L. A. Wright, Hastings Borough Council staff, left by the express yesterday on a visit to Wellington. He will be absent three days.

Leading Aircraftman Loach left Hastings by the express yesterday for Harewood after spending leave with his son, Mr P. E. Loach.

Mr D. P. Deere, Public Works Department, Napier, has received notice of his transfer on promotion to the department's district office at Auckland.

Dr. O. C. Moller, jun., Hastings, and Dr. A. S. Turner, Napier, are to proceed to camp on May 1 to participate in the field force exercises which will commence on that day, according to information tendered at the monthly meeting of the Hawke's Bay Hospital Board yesterday.

Mr H. G. Mahon, of the staff of the Hastings branch of the Commercial Bank of Australia, leaves to-day to enter camp at Trentham. He was met yesterday by members of the staff, when a presentation was made on their behalf by Mr F. D. Young.

Mr J. Jordan was welcomed as a new member by the chairman (Mr F. E. Smith) at last night's meeting of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce.

It was announced at Wellington yesterday that the following had been elected to the central executive of the New Zealand Labour Party: The Hon. T. Brindle, M.L.C., Messrs L. Eddy, J. O. Johnson, P. Dowse, Mrs R. Semple. Mr R. McKeen, M.P., was runner-up.

Notification of the reappointment of Messrs E. J. Horrick and L. Stephenson as Government nominees on the Napier Harbour Board was received at the monthly meeting of the board yesterday. In congratulating both members, the chairman (Mr Trevor M. Geddis) said that they had rendered the board long and faithful service during a period when the harbour development work had been brought to a stage where its successful conclusion was in sight.

The Rev. T. W. Armour, convener of the maintenance committee of the Presbyterian Church, is visiting Hawke's Bay in company with Mr J. B. McKinley, representing the laymen's executive of the church. The executive is organising to secure that the minimum stipend for this year will be £30 with corresponding improvement for home missionaries. Mr Armour will meet gatherings of office-bearers in Hawke's Bay.

AT THE HOTELS

Mr and Mrs H. Hands, Mr and Mrs B. Butters (Wellington), Mrs D. S. Donkin (Sydney), Mrs R. G. St. Hill-Warren (Porangahau), Mrs St. Hill (Takapau), Mr W. Knights (Palmerston North), Mr R. P. Fish (Wellington), Mr F. W. Horner, Miss Horner (Taranaki), Mr O. B. Grigg (Wellington), Mr G. C. Collier (Dunedin), Miss M. Whitaker, Mrs W. Craig (Wellington) are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs N. Walsh (Dannevirke), Mrs J. H. Morrison, Mrs B. Ballantyne (Makotuku), Mr J. Passey, Mr D. Prince (Auckland), Miss Bretherton (Waioira), Mr H. E. Napier, Mr and Mrs F. Kennedy, Mr C. T. Vickridge (Wellington), Mr and Mrs L. H. Matthews, Mr S. E. Bews (Hamilton) are at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

Mr T. Otter (Auckland), Mr Manning, Mr A. Stewart, Mr D. James, Mr N. Harris (Palmerston North), Mr J. Williamson (Wanganui), Mr and Mrs W. Hoggan (Taihape), Mr G. McRae (Waioira), Mr F. Wilkins (New Plymouth), Mr H. Carter (Masterton) are at the Carlton Club Hotel, Hastings.

Mr and Mrs J. King, Mr A. Kennedy (Palmerston North), Mr B. S. Heal, Mr R. Ostend (Wellington), Mr W. Lppard (Palmerston North), Mr J. Ward (Strathmore Park), and Mrs J. Chapman (Wellington), Miss A. J. Addinall, Miss E. Prestney (Christchurch), Mr E. Edwards (Eketaka), Mr C. H. Hanger (Wanganui), are at the Hotel Central, Napier.

Mr Campbell, Mr Osten (Wellington), Mr and Mrs Odlin (Wellington), Miss Mcintosh (Otago), Captain Henderson (Papakura), Mr and Mrs Packe (Gisborne), Mr and Mrs Jewles (Waioira), Mr and Mrs McCarthy (Mangaterangi), Mr and Mrs McKay-Tambuli (Wanganui), Professor Leitzler (Singapore), Mr Strang (Invercargill), Misses Skeet and Sawyer, Mrs Wooton are at the Criterion Hotel, Napier.

Mrs E. C. Beale, Mrs J. D. Williamson, Mr K. H. Robertson, Mr P. Mason (Auckland), Mr A. Herman, Mr and Mrs P. R. Baillie, Mrs M. A. Allan, Mr Ashby, Mr Major D. Howland, Mr and Mrs H. W. Kersley, Miss L. R. Kersley, Mr H. T. Kitto, Sir Charles Stratham, Mr John F. Lawson, Mr H. W. Bedell (Wellington), Miss L. T. Tennant (Lower Hut), Mr and Mrs J. H. Absalom (Rissington), Mr R. Hogg, Miss N. Nash, Mrs L. G. Millward (Palmerston North), Mr and Mrs E. T. Christ, Miss Philippa Christ (Gisborne) are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr and Mrs E. Hooper, Mr E. McPhail (Gisborne), Mr A. Hastings, Mr R. Armstrong (Kopuawhara), Mr and Mrs Walshe (Dannevirke), Mr R. Walker (Wellington), Mr J. Birnie (Napier) are staying at the Clyde Hotel, Waioira.

The Rev. and Mrs Armour (Christchurch), Mr and Mrs Edgar (Dannevirke), Mr Fitzgerald (Waipukurau), Mr Le Bai (Hastings) Mr and Mrs McDonald, (Wellington), Mr J. King (Gisborne), Mr Lane (Raikotiri) are at Waioira Hotel, Waioira.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Napier Theatre Times Unless it is specifically stated by advertisement, Napier theatres will commence evening programmes at 8 p.m. and not at 7.45 p.m. as previously stated.

New Brigade Members Three new members of the Hastings Fire Brigade replacing men gone overseas had a try-out with the full brigade last night. The big engine was taken out into Hastings Street and leads of hose were used. The active strength of the brigade is now 22.

Emergency Hospital Information to the effect that the Hawke's Bay Hospital Board had inspected the Napier Boys' High School and had selected it as an emergency hospital was received by the Napier Secondary Education Board last night. Should the circumstances arise the Hospital Board would take the building over as an auxiliary hospital.

Railcar Mishap The departure of the Wellington express from Napier was put back 17 minutes yesterday morning, the wait being occasioned by an accident to the Waioira railcar. The railcar struck a bullock on the line with such force that the cow-catcher was bent, making further progress impossible. The accident occurred near Waioira and the passengers were transferred to another railcar with only a slight delay.

Control of Homes On the motion of the chairman (Mr C. Lassen) the Hawke's Bay Chamber of Commerce decided to place its Old People's Homes under the control of the Napier Social Welfare Committee. Mr Lassen said that the homes would come under the personal supervision of Mr A. E. Bedford, who was fully conversant with the peculiar problems involved in their administration.

Export Policy That the Government should, as soon as possible, announce its policy regarding the export of meat was the opinion expressed at last night's meeting of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce. Members remarked that farming operations for next season had to be planned well in advance, and the farmers as well as the business community had a right to all available information on the important question of export prospects.

Shopping Hours The Shops and Offices Amendment Bill, which gives power to the Arbitration Court to make certain alterations in shopping hours, has been shelved until next session of Parliament, it was stated at last night's meeting of the Hastings Chamber of Commerce. The meeting decided to write to the M.P. for the district (Mr E. L. Cullen) asking him to follow the progress of the Bill if it is re-introduced, and to watch the interests of the business community of Hastings.

School Blackout "I am concerned with the question of the blackout," stated the monthly report of the headmaster of the Napier Boys' High School (Mr W. T. Foster) which was presented to the Napier Secondary Education Board last night. "So far we have done very well in meeting the Government's requirements. On Monday night particularly there is a considerable blaze of light along the whole school front. It seems to me that a good deal of expense will be involved in fixing the matter up to the satisfaction of the Government."

Bus Timetables The Hastings Chamber of Commerce has for some time been anxious to post in a prominent position in the centre of the town full information regarding bus services and timetables, for the information of visitors and local residents. A request to the Post and Telegraph Department to have such information displayed in the vestibule of the Post Office had been refused, it was stated at last night's meeting. It was agreed to make further attempts to find a suitable spot for the notice during the coming month, several possible localities being suggested.

Out-patient Treatment "I don't know what the public are going to do if they are required to make appointments for out-patient treatment," said the chairman of the Hawke's Bay Hospital Board (Mr C. Lassen) when a letter from the Director-General of Health (Dr. M. H. Watt) regarding hospital benefits for out-patients was under consideration. "From my own observations I should say that people roll up at any old time," he added. The secretary (Mr E. T. Rees), said the board always maintained a large staff to deal with emergencies and it was always kept busy.

Breakfast Table

"In Egypt there has been no lack of Hitlerite or Communist activity."—"Foreign Affairs."

Where Pharaoh had experience of several plagues, but no one of Nazi terms.

"The Weatherman says, for Hollywood and vicinity; clear skies Thursday night and Friday, slightly warmer Friday; balmy, variable winds."—"Hollywood Citizens-News."

That's Hollywood for you!

It was a Georgia youth who mailed his girl two letters a day during a long stay in Hollywood, returned to find her married to the postman.

Parkers suits have been made and sold for nearly fifty years and to-day are worn by most people in Hawke's Bay who care for their appearance. (Wellington) Mr J. King (Gisborne) Mr Lane (Raikotiri) are at Waioira Hotel, Waioira.

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

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Orphans' Club Year A profit of £22 6/5 is shown in the balance sheet of the Hastings Orphans' Club to be presented at the annual meeting. Donations to the Mayor's Fund, Red Cross and Spitfire Fund totalling £125 9/11 are notable items of expenditure. Income totalling £131 5/- was produced by 105 subscriptions at 25/-.

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ALLIED LINE IS UNBROKEN DEFENDERS FIGHTING LIKE LIONS ADVANCE DELAYED New Laurels Won On Mt. Olympus

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Along the whole front held by Imperial and Greek forces, the Germans are continuing to attack fiercely, but the Allied line, which has been modified at some points, remains unbroken, says the Greek Press Ministry in a statement issued today.

Today's communique from British General Headquarters at Cairo says: "Greek and Imperial troops are continuing their withdrawal, covering by their rearguards. By able handling and determined fighting, their rearguards have succeeded in delaying the German advance and have inflicted heavy casualties. Terrific pressure has been maintained by the enemy along the whole line, stretching from a point south of Mount Olympus to the Adriatic Sea. A Greek communique admits that the Germans have advanced some distance in the central area."

Nazi Reinforcements The enemy is bringing up more and more reinforcements in infantry, mechanised units, and aircraft, but, in spite of all their efforts, the British and Greek troops are fighting like lions and still holding their positions.

In the Kalabaka area, the Germans, advancing in waves, have attempted to force the passes, but have failed.

German reports that the Kalabaka Pass has been forced and Larissa occupied have not been confirmed. The Kalabaka Pass is one of the important roads leading to the plains of Thessaly, and command of it would threaten the rear of an army defending the passes to the south.

South of Mount Olympus, the Germans continue to sacrifice the lives of their soldiers by thousands without being able to break through.

New Heroic Legends King George of the Hellenes, in a broadcast, said: "The heroic exploits of our allies the Australians and New Zealanders are weaving new legends around the slopes of Mount Olympus."

According to official Press information from Athens, the Australian and New Zealand forces that had been resisting stubbornly in the region of Mount Olympus were withdrawn before the enemy occupied these positions. Greek communique indicate that the enemy has failed to break up the Greek forces withdrawing to a shorter line.

In several instances, heroic attacks by the Italians were thrown back with severe losses to the attackers. The R.A.F. continues its support in bombing supply columns and fighting off the-bombing attacks on the front. In two days, without loss to ourselves, ten planes have been shot down, and many more damaged.

Agency messages state that the streets in Athens area were machine-gunned by 30 German planes.

CIVIL WAR NEAR IN RUMANIA Iron Guard Plotting THREATS AGAINST NEIGHBOURS Territory Coveted

(Received April 21, 6 p.m.) LONDON, April 20.

A message from Budapest says that the situation in Rumania is very tense and that inflammatory leaflets are being distributed throughout the country.

The message says there can be no doubt that Rumania is once again about to pass through a grave crisis.

It is understood that the Rumanian Chief of State (General Antonescu) recently turned down an offer of collaboration with the Iron Guard, the pro-Nazi Fascist organisation.

In some districts the frontiers have been closed, and troops are firing at point-blank range on anyone approaching the frontier.

General Antonescu is reported to have said that Rumania was ready to erase the blot of 1940, when parts of her territory were ceded to Hungary and Bulgaria.

Hungary Opposes The Hungarian Press, in referring to General Antonescu's statement, says: "General Antonescu's attitude indicates the ienna arbitration by armed force."

The situation in Rumania is dangerously near a new civil outbreak, says the correspondent of the Associated Press of Great Britain in Budapest. All traffic is reported to have been halted along the frontier of Rumania and Hungary and shooting can be heard by day and by night from the Rumanian side of the frontier. Thousands of Rumanians are distributing inflammatory leaflets similar to pamphlets of the Iron Guard.

TAXI-DRIVER HEAVILY FINED Motor-Spirit Regulations Broken

By Telegraph—Press Association PALMERSTON N., April 21.

Fines totalling £200 were imposed by Mr H. P. Lawry, S.M., on Frederick Mills McMillan, a taxi-driver, on five charges of making sales of motor spirit which were not in accordance with the regulations. The quantity involved aggregated 723 gallons.

Detective-Sergeant Meiklejohn said that defendant had petrol jumps as part of his business and issued quantities in excess of his tax licence. He had previously been before the court on a similar matter. The magistrate said that the law had been deliberately flouted.

OUT IN THE DESERT.—British troops cook dinner beside their tank.

Youngster Fights The Blitz

COOL COURAGE Four-Foot Message Boy's Heroism

WARDEN'S TRIBUTE

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

Among many Press reports of courage and coolness on the part of London's civil population in last night's and Wednesday night's incendiary raids on the capital is one describing how a 16-year-old messenger boy, Michael O'Connor, four feet high, helped not only by carrying messages at the height of the blitz, but also in fighting fires.

The warden of a casualty-clearing post said that "Mickey" could not do enough. Seven times last night he walked from the scene of a fire to the local fire station with messages. He also helped to fight a fire at a church, which was saved from serious damage. He assisted a casualty to a first aid post and carried out other duties throughout the raid.

This was O'Connor's second baptism of fire, for he had previously carried out invaluable work on Wednesday night.

A study of reports from centres throughout London shows that London civilians of either sex and of any age are co-operating to the fullest degree in the work of fighting the savage attacks on London's morale—attacks which, it should have become clear last autumn to the heads of the Luftwaffe, were doomed to failure.

R.A.F. Seeks Out Enemy

MANY DESTROYED

Pilot Tells Of Thrilling Experiences

JUNKERS BEATEN

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Operations in Greece last Friday, in which ten German aircraft were destroyed and many other serious damages were inflicted by the Air Ministry news service.

Fighter pilots of the R.A.F. sought out and destroyed enemy aircraft in a number of offensive patrols. One Hurricane squadron ran into ten Junkers 87's escorted by a large formation of Messerschmitt 109's. Against odds of something like four to one, the British fighters went in to battle. When the British squadron, bullet-scarred but still at full strength, returned to its base, a young pilot-officer gave a brief description of his part in the encounter.

Crash On Hillside "We arrived over the Pharsala area to find a lot of German fighters escorting Junkers 87's which were dive-bombing an army convoy," he said. "One seemed intent on his dive, but when I got on his tail he altered his mind and tried to slip away. My first burst set him on fire. The German air gunner opened fire on me, but I got in another burst. After that the bomber dived straight to earth and crashed on a hillside.

The next instant, I caught sight of another Junkers 87 and got underneath and fired into his radiator. My second burst, from astern, sent the bomber nose down, and there was black smoke pouring from the engine.

Attacks On Troops In Greece yesterday and the previous day there was considerable successful R.A.F. activity, says an R.A.F. Middle East communique. German dive-bombers, escorted by fighter troops at attack and shipping at Chalkis were intercepted by our fighter patrols. During the day, without loss to ourselves, our fighters shot down three Junkers 87's, two Junkers 88's, our Messerschmitt 109's and one Heinkel 126 and severely damaged many others. Yesterday, several other S 79's were seriously damaged by our fighters over Melos.

TWO MEN INJURED IN CROSSING SMASH

Train Hits Service Truck

By Telegraph—Press Association. AUCKLAND, April 21.

Two men were injured, one of them seriously, in a level crossing accident near the Henderson railway station this morning.

The train was a Waitamata Electric Power Board service truck which was hit at the South Road crossing by a train due to arrive at Henderson from Auckland shortly before 10.30 a.m.

The injured men were R. Proctor, 26, married, of Henderson, who suffered concussion and head injuries (condition serious), and J. C. MacKenzie, 36, married, of St. Heliers, who suffered concussion (condition not serious).

Both the men were employees of the Waitamata Power Board. The train was hit on the driver's side and was then carried over a cattle-stop and along the line for about 30 yards before being flung clear.

EPIC OF JERVIS BAY

DEFENCELESS SHIPS SHELLED CONVOY ATTACK

"Massacre," Says A Spectator

"I will never forget Tuesday, November 5, 1940, as long as I live," said Mr S. Williams, who was on the liner Rangitiki in a convoy of 38 ships, which was attacked on that day in the Atlantic by strong enemy forces, and in which the majority of the gallant crew of the Jervis Bay, under the command of Captain E. S. Fogarty Fegen, R.N., V.C., went down with their guns blazing to save the convoy.

A vivid description of that encounter which must find a prominent place when the history of this war is written was told by Mr Williams in an interview.

Salvo of Shells "It was one of those bright days, with good vision and a calm sea, and we were in convoy with 38 ships escorted by H.M.S. Jervis Bay which, in peacetime, traded between Australia and England," he said. "At mid-day smoke was seen on the horizon on the port side and there was speculation as to what sort of ship it was, and so it remained until late afternoon, when a ship came into view still on the port side. From then on things began to move swiftly. The ship kept the same position all the time until 8 p.m., when suddenly a salvo of three shells was fired from the Jervis Bay and the Rangitiki.

"We all thought the ship was an armed raider at the sound of the gun fire, but as she was 12 miles away and the shells were from triple guns, it was judged to be a German battleship and such proved to be the case. Knowing full well that he stood no chance against such a ship, Captain Fegen, of the Jervis Bay, gave orders for the convoy to flag and started to turn to port to engage the enemy in battle, while the rest of the convoy tried to get away from the action. When the Jervis Bay was firing another salvo of shells was fired with deadly effect. The Jervis Bay returned the fire but was outranged, her six guns being no match for the battleship.

Mass of Flames "The third salvo from the enemy ship struck the Jervis Bay on the well deck in front of the bridge, where she had her six guns placed. A few seconds later another salvo from her starboard side, followed by a salvo striking her aft of the funnel. Soon the Jervis Bay was a raging mass of flames and terror was added to the scene when a salvo struck the ammunition store, which caused a deafening explosion.

"The British flag was still flaunting defiance and guns from the Bay were still firing and she went down with them blazing. The Rangitiki, at the time, was only 800 yards away from the Jervis Bay, and the whole action took place in less than five minutes. The German battleship could still be seen on the horizon.

"We were the only large ship left after the Jervis Bay went down and at 5.30 it was our turn. Other vessels in the convoy were kept firing, but it was in vain. The German guns trained on the Rangitiki and a salvo just fell short of its mark.

The German battleship just stood off and fired at us, one by one. It was likely to be a heavy gun. One liner in the convoy endeavoured to assist the Jervis Bay as that gallant vessel was going down, but she was unable to do so. In one tanker in the convoy was hit and the sea became a blazing furnace.

Terrific Explosion "Three ships were now out of action. The next vessel to receive the attention of the raider's guns was carrying ammunition and it was not long before there was a terrific explosion. The Rangitiki again came under fire, but that only lasted for a quarter of an hour or so, and we were then getting out of range of the enemy. Five ships went down in a few hours.

"The coolness with which the battleship picked up each ship in turn made me feel sick. It was plain, cold-blooded murder. By 9 p.m. we could see the blaze and hear the gunfire away on the horizon. The German ship began sending up flames and a terrific flare of gunfire would be heard. You could see the flashes of the guns, then hear the thunder of them.

"Next day proved a godsend for us. The weather turned out rough and foggy and the remaining ships were well scattered. The enemy was then looking for us. Everybody aboard our ship was on edge probably because we felt that next time we heard guns firing at us we would not be so lucky. A two-funnel ship was sighted astern and we wondered what ship it was. Then it disappeared in the fog. It came into view again a short while later, then was lost to view. At 6 p.m. we received an S.O.S. from a ship saying she was sinking.

"Port was reached safely on November 13, after a number of very tense days. All of us know that we owe our lives to the gallant Jervis Bay. It is the one recollection we have of the incident which in any way makes a thrill of pride—the fighting spirit of a British ship against odds which made hers a forlorn task from the beginning."

GERMANS HOPE TO CLOSE MEDITERRANEAN

Danger Seen To Gibraltar If Spain Loses Control Of Morocco

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"In the last few weeks German propaganda has changed its tune, saying less about the total destruction of Britain and breaking up the British Empire and instead stressing Germany's determination to organise the New Europe politically and economically," says the London "Daily Telegraph." "A new bloc is being formed, including all Europe, also the Mediterranean.

"The propaganda argument asserts that, apart from strategic considerations, it is difficult to see how, ideologically and politically, Germany is able to leave any country out. The only two countries at present not surrounded or not controlled by Germany are Spain and Portugal. A German move into Spain could hardly be effected without the occupation of unoccupied France, which would fundamentally change the position of French North Africa.

"The French pronouncements ignore and the French people are liable to forget that France has merely an armistice and no idea of Germany's peace terms.

Morocco Needed "A threat to the Iberian Peninsula, also a German attempt to close the western end of the Mediterranean must be reckoned with. This is imperative since the control of Spanish Morocco."

"The Times" says: "There are many signs that Germany is making a fresh bid for Spanish co-operation. She aims to secure greater control of the western Mediterranean by tricky ways while trying to obtain control of the eastern Mediterranean by force."

Passengers And Crew Safe LINER PORT HOBART Messages Refer To A French Prison CABLED ADVICE

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 21.

The manager of the Port Line has received a cable from his London office to the effect that messages have been received by relatives in the United Kingdom from an assistant cook of the liner Port Hobart, stating that all the passengers and crew were safe in a prison camp in France.

The Port Hobart was outward bound to New Zealand, and the passengers to land at New Zealand ports as their destination or to proceed to the United Kingdom.

Mr L. P. D. Lockie, Auckland; Misses E. A. M. Harcourt, Wellington; Miss P. M. Acland, Lyttelton, and Mrs. A. L. Beales, Auckland and Wellington; and Mrs. J. C. Whitshire, Sydney.

The liners Port Brisbane and Port Wellington which were homeward bound from Australia, had passengers for the United Kingdom, and word has been received by relatives and conveyed to Wellington by cable from the London office of the Port Line that information had been received to the effect that the passengers and crews of both vessels were safe and were now in a prison camp near Bordeaux.

Young Pupils' Fine Effort COPPER TRAIL Taradale School To Greenmeadows £59 RAISED

Daily Mail Special Service. TARADALE. With the completion of the Queen Carnival in Napier, interesting figures are forthcoming of the fine children's effort in Taradale and Greenmeadows.

To aid the Air Force Queen, the Taradale School and the side school at Greenmeadows arranged a copper trail from school to school, and with six weeks to go, the children set to work with a will. When the funds collected on Saturday the schools had collected the fine total of £59 0/10.

The Taradale school's share of this amount was £38 7/6, while the Greenmeadows side school collected £20 13/4.

When it is remembered that the combined schools have a roll of about 300 and the greater proportion of children are in the primers and lower classes, the schools must be congratulated upon a really fine patriotic effort.

REMBRANDT ETCHING LOST Ship Sunk By Enemy VALUABLE STUDY GOES Australian Purchase

Daily Mail Special Service. SYDNEY. One of the rarest Rembrandt etchings has been lost to the National Gallery of Victoria. The ship on which it had been brought to Australia has been sunk by enemy action.

The etching, Rembrandt's largest, was a fourth state of the "Three Crosses," the study of Christ crucified between the two thieves. It was bought in England in October for £680 sterling, with Felton Bequest funds, on the recommendation of Sir Lionel Lindsay. It measured 15 1/2 by 13 1/2 inches, and in 1755 only 26 proofs of it were catalogued as having come on the market. It was one of Rembrandt's finest, and the fourth state was regarded as one of the plate's best.

The loss was announced at the monthly meeting of the gallery trustees. On the same vessel were books valued at £120 at the Public Library. The books and the etching were insured.

"The first state of the plate of an etching is when the first proofs of it are pulled. Any subsequent work on the plate—even the addition of a single line—constitutes a new state,"

£1000 DONATION FOR PATRIOTIC FUND

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 21.

The National Patriotic Fund Board has received from the Bank of New Zealand a cheque for £1000 towards the All Purposes Appeal. The donation was authorised by the board of directors at Wellington on Friday.

In accordance with the directors' wishes, the amount is to be allocated to the provincial councils in proportion to the respective quotas. The Wellington allocation is for the Bank's Princess fund in the Queen



POST MORTEM.—British pilots inspecting the wreck of a German Junkers bomber.

"WOULD BE ONLY REPETITION"

PROPOSED ECONOMIC CONFERENCE PLAN CRITICISED

Mr W. W. Mulholland's View

By Telegraph—Press Association. CHRISTCHURCH, April 21.

"The Economic Stabilisation Conference, which gave a unanimous report to the Government last year, represented 90 per cent of the people of the Dominion, and it seems like making the thing a laughing-stock when the Government was several months ago in the Labour Party Conference, representing perhaps 30 per cent of the people, decides to act," said Mr W. W. Mulholland, president of the New Zealand Farmers' Union, in an interview to-night.

Mr Mulholland represented the Farmers' Union at the Stabilisation Conference.

The suggestion of the Prime Minister that another conference of representative interests might be called formed the subject of a question to Mr Mulholland. He was asked if he thought another Economic Conference was necessary.

Specific Action "If it were given the job of taking specific action it could go into detail, but I cannot for a moment visualise the Government surrendering its powers to the extent of doing that, and I do not think it right that it should," Mr Mulholland replied.

Earlier Mr Mulholland had said there was a need for everybody to study the economic situation, but there was no good in calling a conference unless it had power to act.

"Would Be a Repetition" He was afraid, he said, that the conference now proposed by the Prime Minister would be a repetition of the Economic Stabilisation Conference. Some findings would be brought down; the Government would tell the representatives what good boys they had been; the delegates would hear expressions of disapproval of our economic problems as badly needed, but there is no good in assembling a number of persons, who are busy enough as it is, just to yawn about stabilisation.

"Must Have Powers" "Any conference must be given some powers or it must be definite that the Government is going to accept the recommendations."

From members on both sides of the House—Labour and Opposition—their hearty expressions of disapproval to the Government had not acted on the recommendations of the Economic Stabilisation Committee, Mr Mulholland concluded.

Summer Sickness Epidemic STARTED IN HASTINGS

Allegations Denied By Hospital Authority CONTAMINATED FOOD

Allegations that the recent "summer sickness epidemic originated in Hastings, near Hastings Hospital, were denied by the Medical Superintendent (Dr J. J. Foley), at the monthly meeting of the Hawke's Bay Hospital Board yesterday afternoon.

Dr Foley said that the Medical Officer for Health had paid a visit to the Napier Hospital and had expressed his satisfaction with the technical adoption of the epidemic.

Relating the history of the epidemic Dr Foley said that the first case in this district was reported from Hastings on January 13. Prior to that there had been dozens of cases on the East Coast. The next case was reported from Haumoana followed by another at Greenmeadows after which three were reported from Napier. There was no question of the infection having originated in the Napier Hospital.

Confession Made "I want to make a confession," said Dr Foley. "There was an outbreak in the hospital, but this was not caused by cross-infection because there was no other case of the disease in the hospital."

The Medical Superintendent said that he subsequently discovered that the disease had been introduced into the hospital by contaminated food which had been given to patients by their friends.

In answer to Mr J. Williamson, Dr Foley said that the situation was not serious now.

THREE-YEAR-OLD GIRL KILLED

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 21.

Patricia Rose Waldron, the three-year-old daughter of Mr and Mrs S. J. Waldron, of Ngatae, fell from a car driven by her father on the main highway on Saturday, and was killed instantly, death resulting from lacerations of the neck.

Tanks Knocked Out At Tobruk

ATTACK REPELLED No Infantry Support Sent LACK OF MEN

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

A further enemy attack against the defences of Tobruk, in Libya, was successfully repulsed, says today's communique from British General Headquarters at Cairo. Twelve German tanks penetrated the outer defences, but were driven off after four had been knocked out. "In the Sollum area," the communique says, "the remarkable advance in Soviet conditions since his last visit in 1933.

He said that as a result of his conversations with Hitler and Mussolini, the three-Power Pact has been tightened, and he declared that the Soviet, German, and Italy were making full preparation with the firm resolution to combat the unprecedentedly aggravated world situation.

There was evidence everywhere in Germany and Italy that the peoples of those countries would tend to share a common destiny with Japan.

More Troops For Trentham OVERSEAS RECRUITS To Go Into Camp On April 30 LATEST LIST

An additional draft of troops who are to proceed to Trentham on April 30 for overseas training was released by the Area Staff Officer at Napier last night.

Gisborne men will leave at 2.30 a.m. and will join the men from Waioa at 5.35 a.m., arriving at Napier at 7.45 a.m. They will then travel by the ordinary Napier-Wellington express. Napier and Hastings men will join the same train at their respective stations.

The men affected are as follows: NAPIER: Laurence, I. D.; Robinson, D. H.; West, A. G. HASTINGS: Eisenman, J. T.; Birch, R. B.; Davis, B.; Heald, B. J.; Humphreys, F. E.; Johnson, R. K.; Manning, E. J.; Taylor, T. L.; Ward, K. E. J. GIBORNE: James, A. W.; Croker, G. W.; Bartlett, R. M.; Beets, F. Cox, F. W. P.; Knight, J. W.; Macintosh, J.; Maxwell, T. H.; Olliver, J. I.; Ture, C. H.; Thompson, R. H.; Wyle, A.; Malcolm, F. T.; De Denne, R. L.; Bellerby, W. S.; Stafford, F. H.; Box, K. J.

Indoor Shelters Perfected ENGLISH DESIGN

Describing the new indoor raid shelter in the House of Commons recently, the Minister of Home Security, Mr Herbert Morrison, said: "Experience of the effect of bombing in a house brought down by a bomb exploding near it. We have reached a stage where I am justified in informing the House that we have succeeded in achieving a satisfactory design for a shelter of this kind. It is designed for installation on the lowest floor of a house of two or three storeys, and will accommodate two adults and one child or two younger children."

The new shelter is built of steel, and is the height and shape of a table, 5ft 6in long and 4ft wide. The top is a stout sheet of steel, the floor is sprung to make a comfortable base for a mattress. The sides, of steel mesh, are easily detachable, and when they are removed the top of the structure can be used as a table.

The new design is not proof against a direct hit, but is excellent cover from the debris of a two or three-storey house. The shelter has been tested by dropping a heavy weight on it and also by a swinging blow like that of a collapsing floor, because sleeping indoors nearly as safe as sleeping in an Anderson shelter.

Appeal For Doctors. President Roosevelt said on Sunday that the British Red Cross had appealed for 1000 doctors. He appealed to young American doctors to volunteer for service with "our British friends."

Battle Over Malta.—Thousands of people on Sunday watched an air battle when British fighters tackled raiders consisting of a small formation of Savoias escorted by Capronis and Messerschmitts. Three Capronis were shot down. The raiders' bombs fell into the sea.—U.P.A.

Death of Korizis.—While Berlin fantastically suggests that the late Prime Minister of Greece, M. Korizis, was murdered at the instigation of the British for refusing to carry out the British demands, Rome is of the opinion that he committed suicide because he was unable to bear his burdens.—U.P.A.

MR W. R. McKEAN, S.M., TO RETIRE

By Telegraph—Press Association. AUCKLAND, April 21.

The retirement of the eminent April of Mr W. R. McKean, Auckland's principal Stipendiary Magistrate, is announced.

Mr McKean was appointed to the Bench in 1919, coming to Auckland the following year. He became principal Stipendiary Magistrate three years ago.

DISPERSAL SALE AT SYDNEY

By Telegraph—Press Association. SYDNEY, April 21.

At the dispersal sale of bloodstock from the late W. Booth's stud, a bay colt Velvare, by Melford from a bay foal, was purchased by Mr T. Burke, owner of Hope, for 1150 guineas. The Billy Two's Company, by Denis Boy from Honeycomb, was bought by H. Lamond, for 650 guineas.

"Menace On The Road"

DRUNKENNESS CASE
Truck Driver Pleads Guilty
NAPIER COURT

"There is no doubt that the defendant and his vehicle are menaces on the road," said Mr. J. Miller, S.M., when Joe Komene, 57, a Maori waterside worker, appeared before him in the Napier Police Court and pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk in charge of a motor truck at Port Ahuriri. Komene also pleaded guilty to operating the truck without efficient brakes.

Sergeant W. O'Donnell, who appeared for the police, said that a constable saw the accused come out of a hotel and climb into the vehicle. When accosted and asked if he intended to drive the truck, the defendant replied, "Sure." Komene was taken to the Port Police station and later certified.

"The defendant is a source of danger to the public," declared the sergeant. "He drives an old truck which should not be on the road and which was involved in a fatal accident at Port Ahuriri."

Sergeant O'Donnell said that Komene had been about the Port for some months and alleged that he was frequently intoxicated. When interviewed the defendant produced a current warrant of fitness but the brakes on the truck were unusable.

Mr C. W. Nash, who appeared for Komene, made a plea in mitigation that his client was a "great source of danger." Counsel said that it was unfair to infer that the defendant had been the cause of a man's death.

An inquest Dr. Waterworth suggested that Komene should undergo a careful examination before being issued with a driver's licence, said Mr. J. Miller, S.M., who was presiding. The coroner's inquest was adjourned until the next week, when the coroner will issue a licence in the ordinary way.

In regard to the second charge, counsel said that the defendant had taken every step to ensure that his brakes were in good working order. The present charge was not the result of an accident, he said.

In convicting Komene, Mr. Miller said that it was very fortunate that he was not involved in an accident. On the first charge the defendant was fined £10 and he was disqualified from holding a driver's licence for a period of three months. He was also fined the sum of £1 on the second charge.

Other Cases

On the application of Sergeant W. O'Donnell, Edward Haronga, 17, a Maori, was remanded until next Monday. Haronga was charged with concealing a car valued at £50, the property of Asa Swales.

For failing to keep to the left, E. Williams was convicted and fined £1. On the information of the Napier Borough Traffic Inspector (Mr. A. G. Oliver), Ernest Baukman was convicted and fined 10/-, costs 10/- for not possessing a current warrant of fitness.

A fine of 10/-, costs 10/-, was imposed on H. J. Wallis for allowing his chimney to be a nuisance.

Small Debts Court. Judgment for plaintiffs in default of defendants was given in the following civil actions: H. A. Burling, £53 6/-, costs 15/6; Blythes Ltd. v. M. T. Mullen, £2 16/6; Crown Lands v. John Montgomery, £20 19/9, costs 14/6; William Kelly v. J. Tait, £10, costs 10/-; Napier Secondary Education Board v. J. McCullough, £66 4/6, costs 15/5; McCruers (Napier) v. J. Tait, £18 6/-, costs 18/6; P. J. Howell Ltd. v. F. Frederickson, £15 2/-, costs 12/4; Thompson Bros. v. R. Rowe, £25, costs 18/6; Groceries v. W. Rowe, £1 8/4, costs 9/-.

On a judgment summons, P. O'Sullivan was ordered to pay £10 to the Sons Ltd. the sum of £13 14/6 forthwith, in default two days imprisonment.

Foresters Meet At Napier

DIFFICULT TIMES
Friendly Societies' Problems
HEALTHY FINANCES

The annual meeting of the Hawke's Bay District of the Ancient Order of Foresters, held in Napier, was attended by delegates from all parts of the province.

NAPIER HARBOUR WORK IS NOW NEARING COMPLETION

Progress Reviewed By Board; Conclusion Of Programme Is Already In Sight

An indication of the progress of the Napier deep sea harbour development works was given by the chairman of the Napier Harbour Board (Mr T. M. Geddis) at the monthly meeting of the board at Napier yesterday.

Mr Geddis said that the dredging programme had reached a stage when the harbourmaster was prepared to handle vessels drawing up to 28ft. As a result of the discussion that ensued, the chairman was authorised to declare Napier a 28ft. port.

The Works Committee of the Board recommended that full information and charts be sent to the Marine Department, shipping firms and others interested.

"The first objective is to complete the dredging programme to minimum depths of 30ft. at low water," Mr Geddis said. "We now have minimum low water depths of 26ft. but considerable areas of the fairway and swinging basin are already down to the final 30ft."

"The remaining dredging will be completed by next January or February and the general dredging position is improving so satisfactorily that within a few weeks we expect to declare Napier a 28ft. port, which means that vessels drawing up to 28ft. will be able to work the new Breakwater facilities."

"The next important objective is the completion of No. 4 wharf, for which all essential materials are in hand or on order. All the required steel has been ordered and construction work on this wharf has reached an advanced stage. Pile driving has been completed to the extent of 44 piers, leaving only four more piers to be driven and 260ft. of superstructure has been completed."

Nearing Completion
"Contracts for the cargo sheds and overhead cranes have been let and all major parts of the work, including the balance of railway construction, road formation and the final stages of completion and must be pushed ahead and finished without delay in order to retain the full value of the work already accomplished."

"The point of cost 85 per cent. of the job is done and the remaining 15 per cent. must be completed expeditiously in order that the whole scheme may be brought into full and effective use and the resultant savings and benefits realised at the earliest possible date."

Effects of the War
"It is true that war conditions and continued increases in costs constitute a serious handicap to our progress and constantly add to our costs and difficulties. Nevertheless, it is imperative to push the work ahead to completion without delay and our policy must be to accelerate the pace of the work by every means in our power. By doing this we will not only bring the financial benefits of the scheme nearer, but we may also escape some of the effects of further inevitable increases in costs."

No Financial Strain
"An addition, he should, by postponing certain items of capital expenditure budgeted for in this year's estimates and by utilising our over-extended resources, experience no great difficulty in financing the works to completion."

Maintaining Dredging
In reply, Mr Brown said that he was concerned particularly with the suspension of No. 4 Wharf, but wanted to be certain that dredging would not be curtailed. Shipping companies had evaded using the port by saying that they preferred the safety of the outside harbour.

"I do not think the board requires anything more than 28ft," said Mr E. J. Herrick. "There is no possibility of a number of ships drawing greater depths calling at Napier suddenly."

On being put to the meeting, the motion was lost.

Government Harbour Board Nominees
The following have been gazetted as Government representatives on harbour boards for a term of three years from April 30:

Edward Jasper Herrick (Napier), Patrick Joseph O'Kane (Waikato), William Rowe Clark (Gisborne).

HOME GUARDSMEN'S EXPENSES
Council Discussion
ONUS IS ON THE GOVERNMENT
Requests For Grants

The opinion that the Government should bear the responsibility for expenses incurred by Home Guard units was expressed by members of the Hawke's Bay County Council yesterday when a number of district companies sought grants towards travelling and other expenses.

GOOD CREDIT SHOW

COUNTY'S FINANCIAL YEAR
REASONS GIVEN
Programme Of New Works Deferred

"The balance-sheet shows a very satisfactory financial position, all but two ridings being in credit, and it may be possible next year to afford ratepayers some relief," said the chairman (Mr R. Harding) at yesterday's meeting of the Hawke's Bay County Council.

"The credit balance of £20,276 may seem large, but it is not excessive, largely accounted for by the fact that maintenance costs have been low, due to the good weather, that sealing programmes have been deferred, and that the Dartmoor and Waipunga bridges have not been erected. The bridging work alone would have meant an expenditure of at least £8000."

Reduction Possible
Mr C. Lassen suggested that it might be possible to reduce the rates next year, and the chairman agreed that it would probably be difficult to do so in view of the difficulties faced by the farming community.

The accounts were deferred for discussion at the next meeting of the council.

Noxious Weeds Problem

TIME FOR ACTION
Hawke's Bay Council Concerned
"TREATED AS JOKE"

"War or no war, it is time something was done about the noxious weeds problem," said the chairman (Mr R. Harding) at yesterday's meeting of the Hawke's Bay County Council.

The Department of Agriculture had been requested to take action, but had absolutely refused, continued the chairman. The department stated that they had instituted prosecutions in other places, but had met with too much opposition, and had decided that local bodies would have to act on their own account.

Formidable Task
Mr S. M. Palmer said that notices to farmers to clear weeds were treated as a joke, since no prosecutions followed. The work was far too extensive for the council's inspector, and to cover the country properly they would need several inspectors. In any case no good would result unless the council was prepared to prosecute.

"Since this is our last meeting we can scarcely bind the incoming council in this matter," said the chairman.

It was decided to recommend the new council to take action.

FOSTERING TRADE ACROSS TASMAN

Export Group Formed
AUSTRALIAN MOVE DISCUSSED
Hastings Meeting

With the object of saving time and inconvenience for importers, the Sydney Chamber of Commerce and the Export Development Group, stated a letter received by the Hastings Chamber of Commerce at its meeting last night.

The letter pointed out that with such difficulties a New Zealand importer might have to write to a number of firms before being able to place an order, but that if his inquiries were directed to one firm, he could be passed on to the appropriate manufacturer.

Several speakers agreed that the idea was a sound one, although import trade is not dealt with by restriction at the present time.

It was decided to reply congratulating the Sydney Chamber, and to suggest to the Associated Chambers that a similar organisation be set up in New Zealand.

"The time may come when we will have to import more from Australia than from anywhere else," said Mr G. R. Baillie.

New Engineer At Hastings

BOROUGH OFFICE
Mr R. P. Fish Is Appointed
WIDE EXPERIENCE

The appointment of Mr R. P. Fish, assistant engineer of the Invercargill City Corporation as engineer to Hastings borough was confirmed at a special meeting of the Hastings Borough Council last night. Mr Fish was selected from 34 applicants.

An exhaustive inquiry of the qualifications of every applicant was made by the council before a decision was made, said the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison). Mr Fish was unanimously selected, and will take up his new duties in approximately a month.

With wide experience gained in dealing with a range of local body work, Mr Fish is well suited to a position of this nature. Educated at the Christchurch Grammar School and Canterbury University College, he was first employed by the Public Works Department as assistant on the trial survey for the South Island Main Trunk Railway near Kaikoura. This consisted of all branches of surveying, levelling and general field work dealing with railway location, the selection of bridge sites, the control of rivers and works for river protection and the preparation of plans and estimates.

Engineer at Wellington
Following this Mr Fish was engaged with a firm of engineers and road contractors who were carrying out contracts in various parts of the Dominion. He was works engineer in charge of contracts for road and footpath preparation and surfacings of all kinds. When the company ceased to operate Mr Fish joined the staff of the Wellington City Corporation as an assistant engineer and held this position for 11 years.

During his first year with the Corporation Mr Fish was attached to the constructional department in the preparation of working plans and drawings for street works and street widening contracts. He was also in charge of the design of structures in timber, steel and both plain and reinforced concrete. He was transferred to the waterworks and drainage department, where he was in charge of the stormwater drainage at Miramar, the largest scheme of its kind carried out in Wellington.

Work in Napier
Immediately following the Hawke's Bay earthquake Mr Fish was transferred to Napier for about a month and then to the time of the appointment of Government commissioners had charge of the work of restoration of the drainage and waterworks services.

In 1928 Mr Fish became assistant city engineer to the Invercargill City Corporation. Comprehensive loan works including the construction of sewers, stormwater drains, water reticulation, new roads and footpaths and land reclamation and drainage have been supervised by him. He has also been officer in charge of the parks and reserves department since the superintendent of reserves left for overseas service.

The following professional qualifications are held by Mr Fish—Associate Member of the Institution of Municipal Engineers (England), Member of the Institute of Municipal Engineers (England), Member of the New Zealand Town Planning Institute. Mr Fish is married, with two children.

He will replace Mr C. E. Evans, who tendered his resignation because of ill-health.

Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor must be written on one side of the paper only, and in ink. The correspondent's name and residential address must be given even if the letter is to be published anonymously.

Should Rome Be Bombed?

Sir, I am wondering if, per medium of your paper, you can give me an answer to a question I wish to ask you—a question to which, in my view of thinking, I cannot find a sane and reasonable answer.

During the early bombing of London, Italian planes took part, smashing to destruction anything and everything in their path, and bringing Britain to her knees. The onslaught was broadcast from Rome and also reported in our papers.

Any action taken by our enemy to win should be taken by us. On the other hand, I believe that even now, there are some highly-placed people who are not aware of our dangerous position or for some reasons don't wish to see Rome included in the list of cities to be bombed as London has—I am, etc.

AN EYE FOR AN EYE.
[This letter is referred to editorially.]

"Twenty cigarettes day"
launched the tobaccoist. "That's nothing! Why, some of my regulars smoke twice as many, and one of 'em smokes a hundred!" The customer, "Well, a hundred's plenty," admitted the tobaccoist, "but a whole lot depends on the tobacco—even twenty a day's too many if you smoke the wrong type. I smoke cigarettes myself—bags of 'em—but they don't hurt me worth a cent, because my favourite's the Riverhead Gold, and as that's toasted, with hardly any nicotine in it, I'm as right as rain." It's toasting that cleans up the nicotine. "Isn't there another toasted cigarette tobacco?" queried the customer. "There is," said the tobaccoist, "Desert Gold—an airy sort—are the three other toasted brands: Cut Plug No. 10 (Bull's-head), Cavendish, and Navy Cut No. 3 (Bulldog). But they're for pipe smokers. Cigarettes are jolly different more particular than they used to be. Must have the best now—and they find it in toasters. So that's how one more conventional toaster was made."

REDUCED LIGHTING PLAN FOR THE HASTINGS AREA

Sky-Glow Problem: Mercury Vapour Lamps May Be Disconnected

A scheme for the reduction of lighting in the Hastings district was adopted by the Hastings Reduced Lighting Committee at a meeting yesterday morning and has been submitted to the Emergency Precautions Committee. The main provisions of the scheme are:

- (1) All neon lights on the outside of buildings and in shop windows to be disconnected.
(2) All gaseous discharge mercury vapour lamps in streets to be disconnected.
(3) All 200 watt street lights to be replaced by lamps not exceeding 100 watt capacity.

After these restrictions have been imposed, it may still be found that the sky glow has not been eliminated and further restrictions may be required.

Considerable Sky-glow
It is known that the sky-glow from Hastings is considerable, especially on nights when a low fog is over the town.

In addition to the observations of the Reduced Lighting Committee, consideration has been given to the problem of mercury vapour lamps. The scheme affects the borough of Hastings and the district of the Havelock North Town Board and the county ridings of Okawa, Maraekakaho, Poukawa, Teituaunga, Havelock, Waimarama and Clive, south of the river.

"We realise that it is necessary to eliminate any undue sky-glow. Nevertheless, it was pointed out that the provisions of the scheme are not excessive," said the Mayor (Mr G. A. Maddison).

A committee comprising Messrs A. Rainbow, S. Ashcroft and Maddison has been set up to confer with the Reduced Lighting Committee.

Hospital Costs Rise

INCREASE IN LEVIES?
Discussion Invited By Board
GESTURE WELCOMED

As the result of a decision reached at the monthly meeting of the Hawke's Bay Hospital Board yesterday afternoon, representatives of the various contributing local bodies are in future to be invited to meet the board to discuss estimates and receive explanations of proposals.

In opening the discussion the chairman (Mr C. Lassen) said that the levies on contributing bodies meet more of the hospital's expenses out of the Social Security fund.

Members expressed the opinion that it was time the board took a stand and asked the Government to meet more of the hospital's expenses out of the Social Security fund.

Mr Harding, who is chairman of the Hawke's Bay County Council, said that the local bodies should not be asked to bear any more of the cost. The Government should bear at least 7/6 a bed, or alternatively half the cost.

"Foot's Paradise"
"We are living in a fool's paradise," said Mr W. E. Bate. "We have to see this and free that, when in effect nothing is really free." He did not suggest that the board should approach the Government for any fixed sum but thought that something should be done.

"The contributing local bodies are complaining that the Hospital Board merely spends the money while they have to collect it," said Mr Bate. He thought it was fair that the local bodies should be given an opportunity to study the board's estimates and needs. If the board did not make such information available it was liable to be criticised afterwards.

"Those bodies which are doing the paying should have some measure of control," said Mr Bate. "The County Council has some power in this respect, but all bodies should be invited to discuss the matters."

Gesture Supported
Mr Harding gave his support to the gesture. He said that rates would have to be increased, but he would not see how they were going to be collected because no produce was being shipped overseas.

"It is always more satisfactory to have things debated and then people understand why moneys are spent," said Mr H. Hoadley.

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Approach of Steeplechase Season

HORSES IN PREPARATION Few Class Jumpers In Training In Hawke's Bay

(By The Barb)

With the flat racing season practically closed the steeplechase season will open shortly as nominations for the Poverty Bay and the Egmont Steeplechase are being closed yesterday.

TRAINED ON THE BEACH

Contact is trained at Waimarama Beach and is reported to be going great guns. He was brought into Hastings for the hurdle races at the recent Hawke's Bay Cup meeting.

THIS YEAR'S TEAM

So far there is not a big number of jumpers in work at Hastings and Greenmeadows and only a few are being trained.

ANOTHER FOR ELLERSLIE

Dozie Boy is also to be afforded a nomination at Ellerslie for the Great Northern Steeplechase.

ANOTHER IMPROVED GELDING

Ido is a greatly improved gelding. At one time this Tractor gelding was very light fleshed, but since being gelded and trained by W. Young.

CHERRY PLUM IS WELL

Cherry Plum, like Iddo and Dozie Boy, is greatly improved. This last few months this gelding has put on a great deal of weight.

SON AND HEIR FORWARD

The Greenmeadows trainer W. McKinnon has the Siegfried gelding Son and Heir coming to hand and satisfied.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP TO FLAME QUEEN

Roy Bun Surprises GREYMOUTH RACE MEETING

St. Cloud A Winner

By Telegraph—Press Association GREYMOUTH, April 21.

The Greymouth Turf Club's races concluded in overcast weather with a good attendance and the track was soft.

TRIAL HANDICAP

1-CITIZEN, car. 8.13 (C. T. Wilson) 1. 5-FRENCH COAT, 8.1 (C. Stokes) 1. 8-REBEL LADY, 7.6 (C. Mackie) 2.

RAILWAY HANDICAP

1-SIR FREDERICK, 8.4 (B. H. Brodie) 1. 5-MISS WAITERERE, 8.2 (C. Fox) 1.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP

4-FLAME QUEEN, 8.2 (Wilson) 1. 1-LIANE, 8.5 (L. J. Ellis) 1. 3-CYMRIC, 10.5 (A. E. Ellis) 1.

RUNANGA HANDICAP

1-ST. CLOUD, 9.12 (A. Stokes) 1. 3-ADINA, 8.6 (Stokes) 1. 4-REBEL CHIEF, 9.1 (M. Kinnon) 1.

OMOTO TROT

5-TALAK, 2yds. (R. Young) 1. 4-WELCOME STRANGER, 36 yds. (Williams) 1.

FAREWELL HANDICAP

7-ROY BUN, 8.5 (V. Barrington) 1. 2-AGGRAVATE, 8.10 (A. Stokes) 2. 5-ADINA, 8.0 (Fox) 2.

RACING FIXTURES

April 19, 21—Avondale J.C. April 19, 21—Greymouth J.C. April 20—South Canterbury J.C.

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CLIPPER SCORES IN AUTUMN AVONDALE MEETING CONCLUDES

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(By Telegraph—Press Association AUCKLAND, April 21.)

The weather was fine but overcast for the second day of the Avondale Jockey Club's autumn meeting.

RESULTS: AVONDALE HURDLES. Of £300; one mile and three-quarters. 2-3-PRIVAL, car. 9.1 (J. Ferguson) 1.

DOMINION HANDICAP. Of £200; six furlongs. 7-7-WEE SAL, car. 7.1 (E. A. Keating) 1.

Also started: 3-5 Inness Lad 10.12, 4-2 Glen Abb 10.5, 9-9 Knight of Australia 10.1, 7-4 Rector 9.4, 8-7 Hackenschmidt 9.8, 8-8 Hot Shot 9.0.

WAITAKERE HANDICAP. Of £250; six furlongs. 1-1-KINYARA, car. 8.5 (McKenzie) 1.

Also started: 8-9 Mayfair 9.2, 10-11 Kadina 11.1, 9-9 Classic 8.10, 4-4 Lady Victoria 8.5, 10-2 Royal 8.0, 16-16 Roy Pilot 7.13, 7-7 Joy Vaals 7.13, 5-6 Rara Avis 7.1, 8-5 Royal Son 7.11, 2-2-3 Sweet Nothing 7.7, 3-2 Bronzo car. 7.8, 11-14 Golden Bonnet 7.7.

AUTUMN HANDICAP

Of £500; one mile and a quarter. 2-3-CLIPPER, 8.6 (H. N. Wiggins) 1. 3-5-GOLD VAALS, 8.0 (R. W. McTavish) 2.

Also started: 7-7 Arceman 7.4, 12-11 King Roy 8.6, 18-12 Royal Appellant 8.4, 11-3 Brown 7.2, 5-6 Homey 7.11, 15-15 High Delight 7.8, 9-9 Cheval de Voice 7.4, 6-5 British Talent 7.2, 4-4 Ascot Bloom 7.0, 16-16 Hunting Beg 7.0, 8-8 Kaspian car. 7.2, 14-14 Chain Ace car. 7.8, 17-17 Korotangi car. 7.8.

NURSERY HANDICAP

Of £200; six furlongs. 1-2-REGAL WALK, 8.2 (E. A. Keating) 1. 7-5-BRIGHT LADY, 8.7 (V. Gollip) 2.

Also started: 6-8 Cambria 9.6, 3-3 Pannonia 9.15, 10-10 Bannock 9.5, 11-11 Miss Gay 8.5, 2-1 Mala Vain 7.12, 8-6 Hogarth 7.11, 11-11 Bettman 7.3, 12-12 Kawarua 7.8, 13-13 Homey 7.11, 15-15 La Roche 7.8, 14-14 Dependable 7.0, 13-13 Fanny 7.4, 6-5 Royal Son 7.11, 2-2-3 Sweet Nothing 7.7, 3-2 Bronzo car. 7.8.

MR MEIKLE'S TWO MARES

Mr Arthur Meikle has two young mares that he has recently placed to huddle, Chery and Chery. The former is a neat fencer and not unlike in action her full sister, Charade.

COMING HURDLERS

There are a few being schooled here that have not yet raced over fences, including Arak, who is an improving young hurdler.

Another that may be placed at huddling in the near future is Catnach, half-brother, by Kincaidine, to the Hawke's Bay Hurdles winner Royal Banquet, who, however, although winning hurdle events as well as steeplechases, was never a good fencer.

It will be seen that in the above list of jumpers there is not a great deal of material in the district at present, but as the season progresses there will be others no doubt added.

INSTRUCTION FOR MEMBERS

Home Guard Course SIGNALING AT DANNEVIRKE

Inspection Arranged

(Daily Mail Special Service) DANNEVIRKE.

A school of instruction for Home Guard signalling specialists was held at Dannevirke during the week-end.

Mr A. Kittow, president of the Patangata Golf Club, extended a hearty welcome to a good attendance of club members and also to visiting players from Waipawa, Waipukurua and Parkvale at the official opening during the week-end.

The mixed Canadian foursome was won by Miss J. Stephenson and Turtle, 95, 27 1/2—67 1/2, with Miss H. Stephenson and Windle second, 88, 20—82.

Other scores were: Miss Ryan and King, 91, 22 1/2—68 1/2; Miss Sutherland and R. Clark, 85, 13—72; Mrs M. August and Bothaway, 99, 27—72; Miss B. Tod and C. Wedd, 93, 14—83; Mrs W. Kittow and Bryce, 95, 15—79; Mrs A. Logan and J. Clark, 104, 24—80; Mrs Turner and White, 110, 30—80; Miss Dillon and Barrie, 106, 22—84; Mrs Strang and Strang, 117, 30—87.

Medal Round

In the medal round, the winner was C. J. August, 89, 16—73. At the conclusion of play the president, assisted by Miss J. Sutherland, ladies' captain, presented the trophies won during the day.

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