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Australian Troops Have Left Greece: Task Nobly Done

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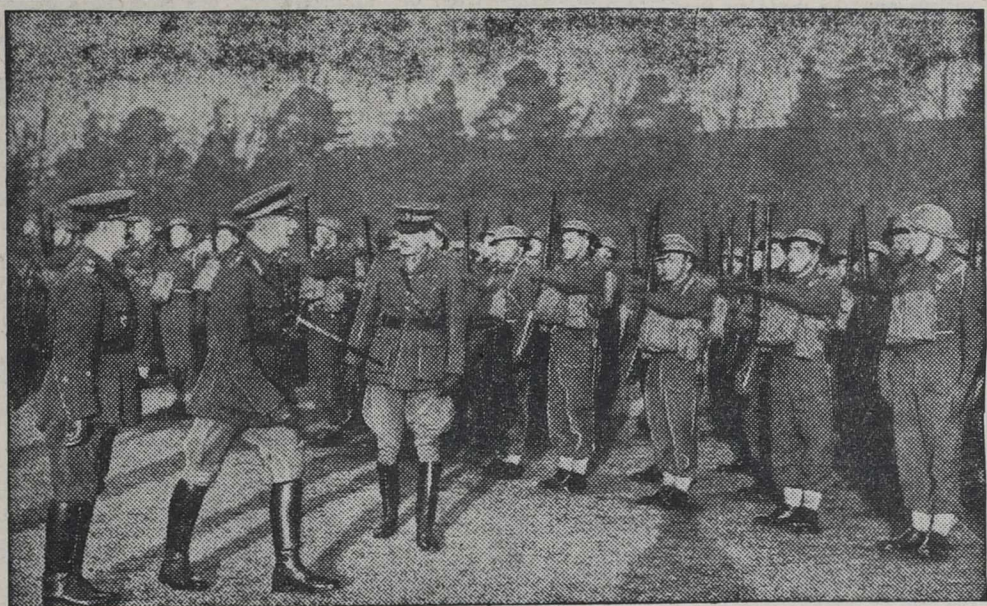
SYDNEY, April 29.

"Many of our troops have now left Greece after stubbornly contesting the enemy's advance even to the last few inches of Greek soil." This announcement was made by the acting Prime Minister (the Hon. A. W. Fadden) after a meeting of the Federal War Cabinet at Sydney today.

"Unfortunately," he added, "we cannot hope to avoid casualties and we must be prepared for them."

"The full story will be told as soon as possible. Until then I know this country will wait in courage and resolution."

Mr Fadden described the evacuation as "proceeding" and said that the task entrusted to our forces had been carried out with great fidelity.



ARMY CHIEF VISITS CZECH TROOPS.—General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, at a Czech camp in England. On his left is the Czech Commander, General Miroslav.

JAPAN PLAYS FOR SAFETY

PEACEFUL OVERTURE TO AMERICA

"UNOFFICIAL" MOVE

Non-Aggression Pact Proposed

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WASHINGTON, April 28.

Informed quarters regard as a trial balloon a Tokyo suggestion that the Foreign Minister (Mr Yosuke Matsuoka) visit the United States in an effort to conclude a non-aggression treaty.

The United States Secretary of State (Mr Cordell Hull) asked whether the Government would consider such overtures, said he had no information on the subject and would rather not discuss it.

Other quarters saw the proposal—which is advanced by a political expert, Mr Masanori Ito—as an officially inspired feeler reflecting Japanese anxiety over the Washington attitude if Japan pushes her programme of East Asia expansion.

These officials contended that so long as Japan is an aggressor actively linked to the Axis Mr Matsuoka would be an unwelcome visitor.

Visibility Fifty Yards

DESERT SANDSTORMS

Axis Forces Occupy Sollum

ADVANCE CHECKED

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CAIRO, April 29.

A sudden sandstorm in the Western Desert has temporarily checked the enemy forces thrusting to Egypt from Libya. Visibility in some places was reduced to 50 yards.

To-day's communique from British General Headquarters at Cairo says: "There is no change at Tobruk. In the Sollum area yesterday, enemy detachments which had penetrated five or six miles across the frontier the previous evening made little or no progress. Light elements of a well-known British armoured division are once again in contact with the enemy. Operations continue satisfactorily in all Abyssinian areas."

Germans and Italians occupied Sollum, a port a few miles inside the Egyptian border, last Saturday, according to military sources in Cairo, but harassing tactics by a British armoured division have so far prevented further penetration.

The R.A.F. continues to hammer the enemy's lines, destroying reinforcements and supplies, and the position is regarded as satisfactory.

ARMED VESSELS FROM AMERICA

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WASHINGTON, April 29.

The United States Coast Guard magazine, an unofficial publication, says that the further transfer of armed American vessels to Britain can be expected.

It said that 40 small cutters, which the Wheeler shipyard, New York, is at present building for the Coastguard, may go to Britain.

BOMBARDMENT OF DOVER

LONDON, April 28.

German guns on the French coast opened up the biggest bombardment of the year on Dover to-day. British artillery replied, at first with single shells but later with four and six salvoes. The duel continued for two hours. Later the Royal Air Force joined in, heavily raiding the enemy batteries at Cap Gris Nez.

The above news was received direct via a "Columbus" calibrated short-wave radio.

Night Raid On Plymouth

ATTACK IN WAVES

Ground Defences' Heavy Barrage

THREE PLANES DOWN

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LONDON, April 29.

Night raiders in waves heavily attacked Plymouth, dropping first incendiaries, followed by oil bombs and then high explosives, also many flares.

The ground defences put up an intensive barrage and three raiders are reported to have been shot down.

TRADE PACT WITH GERMANY

TURKEY AGREES TO BARTER

SMALL AMOUNTS

Political Implications Not Negligible

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LONDON, April 28.

"The Times" correspondent from the German frontier says that the Turkish-German trade agreement signed at the week-end envisages deliveries of additional goods to the value of 3,000,000 Turkish pounds each way.

The agreement is on a barter basis between private firms, supplementing the official clearing agreement, which is inadequate to meet Turkish import needs.

Attempts to increase imports from America have been disappointing owing to the inadequate Iraq railways. The Germans will supply pharmaceutical materials, chemicals, paper and machinery and the Turks will supply tobacco and agricultural products.

The deal is comparatively small, but the products have key importance and the political aspects are not negligible.

Turkey and Hungary have initiated an agreement to the value of 20,000,000 Turkish pounds, whereby Turkey will export cotton and wool in exchange for industrial products.

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BRITISH BLOCKADING DJIBUTI

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LONDON, April 29.

Vichy claims that British warships anchored off Djibuti are completely blockading the port.

WRISTLET RADIOS TO SAVE RAID VICTIMS

SOS Call From Beneath Debris Heard By Rescuers On Surface

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LONDON, April 28.

A lieutenant of the Polish Army and a Dunfermline engineer have devised a wristlet broadcasting set to help in the rescuing of those trapped in wreckage.

The Home Office is testing the device, which sends out oscillations on a fixed wavelength by slight pressure on a celluloid strip. The oscillations can be picked up on an ordinary portable radio and rescuers equipped with a direction-finding coil are able to locate the trapped person.

The broadcaster weighs six ounces and is three inches in diameter. It operates for 44 hours. The small dry battery can be mass-produced for 5/-.

SEARCH FOR FELIX VON LUCKNER

COMMANDER OF 12 RAIDERS

MANILA REPORT

Operating From Japanese Bases

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NEW YORK, April 28.

A broadcasting corporation correspondent in Manila has broadcast a report that British and Free Netherlands Navy units have been ordered to capture Count Felix von Luckner, who is reported to be commanding 12 armed merchant raiders in the South Pacific, which are alleged to be operating from Japanese bases in the Caroline and Marshall Islands.

PERSECUTION AGAIN BREAKS OUT

Polish Sufferings

MANY SENT TO GAOL

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TORONTO, April 28.

German persecution of the Poles has broken out anew, said the Polish Commander-in-Chief (General Sikorski) to-day. He had lately had very sad news from Poland of more Poles being executed and more being sent to concentration camps.

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EXPRESS TRAIN ON FIRE

Sons Of Belgian Premier Missing

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LONDON, April 28.

Six boys of Ampleforth College, Yorkshire, were killed and seven injured to-day when they jumped from a blazing carriage on the London-Newcastle express. The carriage contained 64 boys. The train pulled up, and the crew attacked the fire.

Two sons of the Belgian Prime Minister (M. Pierlot) are believed to have been in the fire. A third son was taken to hospital. The boys were returning to school after the Easter holidays.

Pincer Movement Against Asia May Be Next Axis Move

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OTTAWA, April 28.

The Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King) speaking in the Canadian House of Commons warned Canadians to be prepared for "an extension of the theatre of war on a vast scale."

He predicted that there might be a Nazi drive down the Gulf of Persia as the commencement of a huge pincer movement against the whole continent of Asia, accompanied simultaneously by attacks against Singapore, Gibraltar and Suez and an attempt to invade Britain.

"Now as never before we must view things in perspective," he declared. "It is important to realise that as long as British resistance continues the issue cannot be lost."

Referring to a suggestion that he go to England to join an Empire War Cabinet, he said he believed he would be of more service in Canada sitting in Cabinet and Parliament at Ottawa.

MORE MEN THAN CAN BE SENT

CANADA'S RECRUITING FIGURES

HOME DEFENCE

Seventy Thousand Soldiers Overseas

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OTTAWA, April 28.

The Defence Minister (Colonel J. N. Ralston) announces that Canada now has 70,000 troops overseas and another 118,000 have enlisted for service overseas. She also has a large home defence militia.

Colonel Ralston added that overseas recruiting had been slowed down because of the shortage of transport shipping.

GROWING MIGHT OF R.A.F.

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LONDON, April 28.

"The Bomber Command's increasing day offensives against Germany are a sign of the growing bomber strength which will lead eventually to a 24-hour air offensive, and the wrecking of the German war machine," says the "Daily Telegraph's" aeronautical correspondent.

In daylight yesterday, planes of the Bomber Command successfully bombed a factory west of Cologne and a military camp near Cologne, says an Air Ministry communique. Docks at IJmuiden and an aerodrome at Dekouy, Holland, also were attacked.

Off the coast of Brittany, an enemy patrol vessel was hit with bombs and left on fire and listing heavily.

In an offensive patrol over Holland yesterday, planes of the Fighter Command machine-gunned enemy positions and a supply train. None of our planes is missing.

HINDU-MOSLEM CLASH AT CAWNPORE

Ten Injured When Police Fire On Mob

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BOMBAY, April 28.

Moslems and Hindus clashed to-day at Cawnpore. The police fired on the mob and ten were injured. The situation is tense and curfew has been imposed.

The situation in Bombay has improved. Ten have been killed and 135 injured since the beginning of the riots there a week ago.

Pacific May Be Patrolled

WASHINGTON REPORT

Co-operation With Australia

RECENT DISCUSSION

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WASHINGTON, April 28.

The Australian Minister to Washington (the Hon. R. G. Casey) conferred with the Secretary of State (Mr Cordell Hull) to-day and conveyed assurances of unity within Australia and with Britain regarding the prosecution of the war. Mr Casey presented copies of the statements made by the Federal Labour leader (Mr J. Curtin) and the Acting Prime Minister (Mr A. W. Fadden) and Mr Hull expressed pleasure and satisfaction at these proofs of Australia's unity in the war effort.

Mr Casey and Mr Hull then lengthily discussed important and interesting long-range views about the Far East.

Pacific Policy
Mr Casey, when interviewed after the discussions said: "We explored a fairly wide field and discussed the influence of current American policy as regards the Pacific area, in which Australia is greatly interested."

Mr Casey declined to give details or to explain the meaning of this, but well-informed circles believe the subject was patrolled into the Pacific. In the light of President Roosevelt's recent statement, it is now considered most likely that the United States may shortly arrange neutrality patrols in the direction of Australia.

Mr Casey said that the admirably clear pronouncement by Mr Curtin and Mr Fadden had entirely cleared away all misapprehensions aroused in America last week by reports of disunity on the war in Australia.

OPEN SEALANES SPELL AXIS DEFEAT

American Assistance Must Be Great And Speedy

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DETROIT, April 28.

Mr Thomas Lamont, banker and financier, speaking at the Detroit Economic Club said: "Britain and China can win if the United States grants immense and speedy aid. America's determination not to surrender her sealanes in the Atlantic and the Pacific, thus backing the indomitable spirit of the British and the heroism of China, will spell ultimate defeat for the Axis."

Mr Lamont said that the Japanese in China were failing and did not know which way to turn, and added: "Japan's acute problem now is not how to finish the war with victory; but how to make some sort of composition to save her face."

Sir Gerald Campbell, British High Commissioner to Canada, in a speech to the Chamber of Commerce at Washington, said that Britain and the Allies would win the war if they got adequate help from the United States.

Though he did not mention Lindbergh by name, Sir Gerald branded as untrue Lindbergh's statement that the British had misinformed other European nations when she promised armed assistance that she could not send.

Sir Gerald said that the size of the British Expeditionary Force to France was fixed by the French General Staff. He rejected Lindbergh's contention that Britain still hopes to persuade the United States to send another army to Europe, pointing out that Mr Winston Churchill had emphasised that Britain does not want American manpower.

Coast To Coast Campaign

SHIPBUILDERS WANTED

Intensified Scheme In Canada

TRANSFER OF WORKERS

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OTTAWA, April 28.

The Labour Minister (the Hon. Norman McLarty) announced to-day that Canada would be combed from coast to coast for competent workers to man the shipyards for intensified building to assist Britain.

Mr McLarty said that the machinery of the National Register and the Unemployment Insurance Commission would be used in the campaign to transfer workers from less essential occupations to the shipyards.



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NO BLAME PUT ON BRITAIN

Eire's Difficulties

WAR CREATES NEW PROBLEMS

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LONDON, April 28.

The Eirean Minister of Supplies (Mr Sean Lemass) in a speech at Dublin said: "One meets people saying that Eire's shipping and supply difficulties have been created to force a change in policy or Government. Britain is not pulling the screw on Eire. Her difficulties are an inevitable outcome of the war and they will end only when the war ends."

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Alexander Korda's "The Four Feathers," now showing at the State Theatre, Hastings, is a film that will live long in your memory. Like "The Drum," a previous Korda success, it inscribes on the screen another stirring chapter of Empire history. This time the scene is the Sudan, where beneath the hot sun Gordon met a martyr's death and Kitchener fought through to victory and enduring fame at Omdurman. You will thrill to the sight of these historic incidents re-lived on the screen; the solid British square—broken, it is said, only once by the grandfathers of these self-same Fuzzie-Wuzzies that you see hurtling fearlessly across the screen—a bulwark against fanaticism and terror; the wheeling vultures, ominous specks against a clear blue sky; the hauling of Kitchener's army across the raging Nile cataracts, a feat without parallel in military history... these, and many more, are scenes that will not be forgotten easily.

Faversham, as so convincingly portrayed by John Clements, a rising young player, comes to the screen with the sympathy which the author endowed him. The ill-fated Captain Durrance provides Ralph Richardson with an excellent opportunity for another of those excellent character studies that have placed him in the top flight of screen actors. In addition we have C. Aubrey Smith playing in inimitable style one of his crusty old gentlemen heroes as the father of Miss Duprez, a new Korda starlet who is clearly set on her course to fame.

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"DISPUTED PASSAGE" FILMED

There is excitement in the private life of a doctor and human drama behind hospital doors that make medical and scientific stories ideal for translation onto the screen. The latest is the Lloyd Douglas best-seller, "Disputed Passage," a picture in the tradition of such hits as "Pasteur," "Men in White" and "The Citadel." It is now at the Regent Theatre, Hastings, with Dorothy Lamour, Akim Tamiroff and John Howard heading a brilliant cast. In the picture, Akim Tamiroff plays the role of a doctor who believes in the stern dedication of the physician's life to science, with no room for human emotion. William Collier, sen., plays the role of a doctor to whom the human side is as important as the scientific. Caught between these two attitudes are John Howard and Dorothy Lamour, his sweetheart.

Miss Lamour is seen in the role of an American girl, brought up in China, who has returned to the Orient when Tamiroff says her marriage to Howard, his most promising student, will ruin the latter's career. Howard finds out what has happened and sets out across the battle-fronts of medicine to rescue his fiancée. One day, while attempting to rescue a wounded Chinese, he himself is dangerously hurt. A dramatic turn of events gives Miss Lamour the chance to show what love can do and Douglas his chance to prove his stirring thesis—that science can go only part of the way; the soul must do the rest.

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SECOND FEATURE

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"MEET THE MISSUS"

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Cosy

"HITLER—BEAST OF BERLIN"

The most hated man in the world to-day is Adolf Hitler, power-crazed dictator, and that hate is not confined to countries outside the iron rule of his dictatorship. For in Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Germany and other countries under Nazism there are organised groups of men and women of all religions and political faiths, fighting Hitlerism with every weapon their ingenuity and meagre resources can command. Hidden behind a black veil of censorship rigidly enforced by members of the brutal Gestapo, these courageous people are fighting a battle for right against tremendous odds. "Hitler—Beast of Berlin," now screening at the Cosy Theatre, Hastings, and described as the most sensational picture ever produced, tells the uncensored truth of these people. Eventually, despite every precaution, they fall into the clutches of the dreaded Gestapo concentration camp. "Hitler—Beast of Berlin," is indeed a frank, fearless expose of Nazism, based on actual happenings and enacted by the specially selected cast of international players, headed by Roland Drew, Steff Duna and Allan Ladd. And the picture stresses the fact that Hitlerism and all that it stands for, must be crushed—forever.

On the same programme will be screened a gay comedy, "Meet the Missus," with popular Roscoe Karns in one of his inimitable characterisations.

MESSBOY ALONE IN ATLANTIC

On Torpedoed Ship

LEFT BEHIND BY MISTAKE

Rescued By Tugboat

Living Standard Lowered

JAPANESE ECONOMY

Totalitarian Dictum Followed

HIGHER PRODUCTION

A 17-year-old Glasgow mess boy who woke up in the middle of the night to find himself alone in the Atlantic in a sinking ship arrived home recently. His name is Donald Morrison. The crew of his ship were landed at a British port earlier. They reported that there was one casualty—Donald Morrison.

The lad was believed to have been killed by the explosion of a torpedo, but young Donald had calmly gone back to his cabin and fallen asleep. He had been told that the ship was in no immediate danger of sinking.

After arriving home he said: "I was awakened by a terrible bang. I made my way to the deck and the ship was listing so badly that I had to cling to an iron stanchion to keep on my feet. I could not see another soul on the ship. I shouted and there was no reply. I realised I was alone.

From Raft to Raft

"I soon realised that the ship was sinking rapidly. There was nothing else for it but to dive overboard, and as I did so I had a glimpse of three lifeboats in the distance. I grazed my head on a derrick as I dived," he added, "and I was just about finished when I found a raft.

"Here I rested, as I saw a lifeboat which appeared to be empty. It was a long way off, but there were a lot of rafts floating between me and the boat."

Donald described how he swam from raft to raft until he could swim no more and the lifeboat seemed as far away as ever. So he decided to stay on a raft, and with some pieces of wood he built a small screen to keep off the biting wind. Cold and exhaustion made the boy fall asleep.

When he awakened the light was stronger, and after two hours he saw the smoke of a rescue tug. Tying his life-jacket to a long piece of wood, he waved, and within 10 minutes a signal from the rescue tug showed him that his ordeal was at an end. He was landed at a British port.

"Japan is now committed to the 'guns instead of butter' theory of national economy," says a correspondent in "The Times," London. The characteristic feature of totalitarian economy—reduced standard of living and intensively increased production by the heavy and munition industries—is in full development.

Consumption of so-called luxury goods has been effectively checked, and the people's savings, which continue to mount, are flowing steadily into the Treasury. Colossal budget follows colossal budget; the Government issues bonds which the people buy with money the Government pays capitalists and munition workers, and with their savings they buy bonds.

More Work—Less Pay

The process seems to resemble perpetual motion, but it continues to function. The essential feature of this economy is that already described: plainer living and higher production; in other words, more work for less pay. That aspect is concealed by higher monetary wages. The fact that those wages can no longer procure the same amount of goods is explained and excused by wartime necessities.

Under the stress of war there is no agitation for better conditions. The living requirements of the common men are small, and the innate patriotism of the race disposes the people to accept and even exult in privations. Impoverishment for years to come will be the inevitable result, but this prospect is hidden by visions of the great "co-prosperity sphere of Greater East Asia" toward which the present hardships are leading an able and ambitious nation. The Government takes care never to allow the hardship to become unbearable, and hitherto it has succeeded.

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— With —

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(Both Recommended by the Censor for Adults.)

Iceland Becomes A Fortress

NINE MONTHS' WORK

Mobile Warfare Training For Troops

home. Training in mobile warfare is a feature.

Snow-lad peaks towered up on three sides. No trees of any kind relieved the bare landscape. The sole vegetation was a kind of brown dead grass, cut here and there by a frozen stream. A searing wind came down from the hills. Protection against such conditions is provided by Nissen huts, which the men find comfortable. The majority have electric light although this is impossible in isolated places.

The health of officers and men is excellent. They are getting full rations of good food, much of it bought locally. The sickness rate has been "remarkably low."

Special equipment, including "Arctic coats," has been issued on a generous scale. Skis have been supplied by the Army authorities. Our soldiers are now proficient in their use. The principal recreations are skating and Association football—when conditions allow.

Reykjavik boasts two excellent cinemas, which are supplemented by film shows arranged by the troops themselves. More serious pastimes include lectures given in the recreational huts, and tramps to the island's beauty spots.

Local leave is often used to know Iceland better. The men form small parties and, equipped with rations and camping gear, tour waterfalls, hot springs and the other sights. Use is made by the troops of the natural hot water baths in various towns. Near one camp I watched some Icelandic girls busily washing British soldiers' clothing in water that gushed, nearly boiling, from a natural hot spring.

Mail from home arrives punctually. The men are grateful, too, for the supplies of comforts reaching them. Beer in the English style is now being brewed specially for the troops by an Icelandic brewing firm.

Britain has now consolidated her most northerly military outpost, Iceland, to such good effect that no attempt by Germany to oust her would have the slightest chance of success. So I was assured when I visited the headquarters here of the British forces (reports a Reuter special correspondent in the "Evening Standard," London).

What I saw of the work accomplished in the nine months since they occupied this remote island just south of the Arctic Circle shows that no time has been wasted in converting it into a fortress. Permanent camps have been laid out, roads built and defences constructed. Lorries dash about the roads moving men and materials for further work.

Training manoeuvres, involving a mock invasion, were about to be held when I arrived, the correspondent adds. Relations between the High Command and the Icelandic Government are excellent. One high officer paid tribute to the troops who have come here.

Fine Training Areas

"Our men have been extremely good," he said. "They have done considerably more and better training, in much finer training areas, than would have been possible at

State

"PIER 13" IS AMUSING COMEDY-DRAMA

"Pier 13," now showing at the State Theatre, is thrilling and amusing screen fare with a fine featured cast including Lynn Bari, Lloyd Nolan, Joan Valerie and Douglas Fowley.

New York's exciting waterfront is the background for the picture which is based on a sparkling story providing tense thrills and a good share of laughter.

Showing the real drama behind the thrills of football and the roaring crowds, "Yesterday's Heroes" tells the story of a college hero and his girl—who showed him that there's more to life than headlines and cheers. Jean Rogers is the girl and Robert Sterling portrays the football star. Others featured with them in a strong cast are Ted North, Katharine Aldridge and Russell Gleason.

Regent

"MEIN KAMPF" REVEALS NAZI HORRORS

"Mein Kampf" was a book that avowed to the world at large just what Hitler intended to do. Now comes a film—"My Crimes," now showing at the Regent Theatre, Napier, which shows how he did it.

Happenings which were headlines, the murders of Roehm and von Schleicher, Dolfus lying in agony for hours while his killers try vainly to his agreement to a Nazi successor become a reality through this amazing film instead of something one reads about in newspapers. There is a fascination in this picture, born of actually witnessing events whose significance is thrown into ghastly relief by the war.

Mayfair

COMEDY, "THE DAY THE BOOKIES WEPT"

"The Day the Bookies Wept," now showing at Mayfair Theatre, Napier, presents the noted comic Joe Penner, as a taxi-driver. Devoted to his flock of pigeons and to his fiancée, Betty Grable, Penner hasn't much interest in anything else until the other fellow gets together in a bright scheme and buy a horse to make a killing at the expense of the bookmakers, with Joe as the trainer.

In "Pacific Liner" Dr Jim Craig (Chester Morris) takes the post of ship's physician on the S.S. Arcturus to be near Ann Grayson, ship's nurse (Wendy Barrie). Chief Engineer, Crusher McKay, also is interested in her which brings him into immediate conflict with Craig. From this point the film moves on to a thrilling climax, as mutiny threatens on board.

WOMAN'S DEATH ON ISLAND

By Telegraph-Press Association INVERCARGILL, April 29.

At 12.30 o'clock this morning the launch Manurewa arrived at Bluff with the body of Mrs George Fife. She had been one of a party of mutton-birders on Big Island, on the east coast of Stewart Island. She collapsed and died yesterday morning.

Smoke signals were seen, by a strange coincidence, by the dead woman's nephew, George Fife, on the Manurewa at one o'clock. The boat left Big Island at four o'clock for Bluff, which was reached just after midnight.

An inquest is being held.

AUDIENCE FINED FOR JEERING

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The Germans have fined the French city of Dieppe £60,000 because a cinema audience greeted a film of the Italian and German air forces with shouts of "Down with Hitler and Mussolini!"

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Half the fun of a good holiday is the daily bathe. Yet it is surprising the number of girls who will not venture near the water because they are afraid that they will not appear at their best.

Sometimes they are quite right, but that is only because they will not spend a few minutes in making the most of their appearance.

If you feel that you simply dare not face the public without your make-up, that is not the slightest reason why you should forego your bathe. Surely you know that in these days it is possible to procure cosmetics which are as near to waterproof as is possible.

There are liquid waterproof powders, rouges, and lipsticks. And, although these cosmetics will not adhere to the skin for hours in the water, they will at least stand up to your dip in the water, and when you again appear on the beach your face will not be streaked and running.

If your legs are fat, do not draw attention to them by wearing brightly-colored bathing shoes, and, if they are rather hairy, remember that most of the hairs can be rubbed away with a little elbow grease and pumice stone.

If you have a very sensitive skin, and find that the salt water stings and dries it, then you must see that it receives special attention. Before venturing into the water, massage either a little vanishing cream or a little glycerine and rosewater well into the face and neck. Never use a greasy cream.

SIMPLE PRECAUTIONS

Of course, it is equally as important to remove all traces of salt water from the skin after a bathe. As it is not always possible to procure fresh water on the beach, and as some country centres have bore water which is distinctly hard, it is a wise precaution, unless you have previous knowledge of the district you are visiting, to take a bottle of fresh water with you, so that you will at least be able to keep the skin of your face in good condition.

Every time you go indoors you should wipe your face with a rag which has been dampened in fresh water. Whether you have been in salt water or just lying on the beach, you will find that the salt in the air has lodged on the skin, and if sensitiveness is to be prevented it must instantly be removed.

A RICE TREATMENT

If, while you are away, or after you have arrived back home, you notice that your skin is playing up, give it a series of rice treatments. All that is necessary is that you place a teaspoonful of rice in a pint of rain water (or distilled water) and allow it to simmer for about 30 minutes. Then, after it has cooled, strain it through fine muslin or mosquito net and bottle.

As you start to use each new bottle of the rice water add one teaspoonful of lemon juice and two drops of simple tincture of benzoin to each ounce of the rice water. Before using first wash the face for a minute in warm water, then, after the skin has been thoroughly wet, dry it lightly on a soft towel, and finally bathe the face with the rice water lotion for five minutes.

TRY A POTATO PACK

If your face has become very red, you may find that a potato pack is good. First bathe the face in warm water for three minutes. Lightly pat dry, and then, after peeling a potato, cut it in halves and gently massage the skin in a circular motion with one of the halves of potato. Carry out this massage treatment for three or four minutes, taking care to see that all the movements are light and that the skin is in no way harshly rubbed. Then allow the juice to dry into the skin and go off to bed.

In the morning, wash your face as usual, first adding a few drops of witch-hazel to the water in the wash bowl. Carry out this treatment each night for a week, and you will discover that all the harshness, caused by your holiday, will have left the skin, and it will once again be its old normal self.

EGG-WHITE IN SHAMPOO

Since salt water also has a ruinous effect on your hair, it may also need a little attention. A trace of egg-white added to your shampooing water will help keep the hair soft and lustrous, but, if it has become badly sun-bleached and is stringy and lank, you will then have to resort to your hairdresser for a course of vitamin hair reconditioning treatments. Most hairdressers now have these vitamin creams, and you will discover that, even after that most of the hair on your head is in a much better condition.

And remember that, when you are on the beach, you are not only bather in the world, and that what you think are major imperfections other people will not even notice.

April Institute Meetings

Presiding over a good attendance at the April meeting of the Ormondville Women's Institute, Mrs H. R. Benbow gave as the thought for the month "I shall pass through this world but once, and good thing that I can do or any kindness that I can show any human being, let me do it now and not defer it, for I shall not pass this way again."

A letter of thanks was received from a soldier in Suva for one of the parcels sent out by the institute for Christmas and a very inspiring letter was read from the institute's link in England, telling of the great gratitude felt in Britain for the help given to them by New Zealand and the other colonies.

A very comprehensive report was given by Mrs H. O. Baines, of the annual federation meeting at Dannevirke. The meeting was unanimously in favour of holding a Dominion Conference next year and of deferring the Institute Drama Festival from July to September.

A smart competition arranged by the hostesses, Mrs Hosking and Miss F. Hosking, was won by Mrs C. T. Leggett. The monthly competitions resulted as follows: Mittens, Mrs G. S. Chapman 1, Mrs J. C. Packer 2, Mrs W. A. Trigg 3; best bloom, Mrs A. Hutcheson, Mrs G. Hill 2, Mrs G. S. Chapman 3.

At the Tual Women's Institute meeting held in Tual Hall the president, Mrs Godman, presided over a good attendance of members. A competition was won by Mrs Blair. One new member joined.

Members are working for the Lady Galway Patriotic Guild and also knitting is being done for the forces and soldiers' parcels are being sent overseas.

The competition results were as follows: Handwork, coloured fancy-work table-centre, Mrs C. Dawson 1, Mrs Nicol 2; cooking shortbread to be sent to soldiers overseas, Mrs Lough 1, Mrs Stoupe and Mrs Peaberg equal 2, Mrs Nicol 3; bowl of autumn flowers, Mrs Nicol 1, Mrs Bumstead 2.

After supper the meeting closed.

Boys of the Hawke's Bay Children's Home have gone overseas to fight for their country and the girls are busy with patriotic knitting and are spending their few odd pennies to buy wool for peggy squares to make into quilts. Surely such children are worthy of our strongest support.

There are now almost 100 children in the Home and it will be realised that a considerable sum of money is needed to maintain such a number. For 49 years the people of Hawke's Bay have provided the necessary funds to carry out this fine work and it is earnestly hoped that they will continue to do this although it is realised that this is a time for constant calls for assistance.

The annual appeal for this purpose takes place this week. On Friday next, May 2, there will be in Hastings a street collection and also a shop. It is hoped that all people will give generously as it is possible to help the collection and that everyone will be keenly interested in the shop. Many will have some contribution to make towards the various stalls, others will find plenty to purchase.

The cake stall in particular, which is organised by the Hastings Women's Community Club, promises to be particularly tempting and the men's stall will be another great attraction. The shop will be situated next to the Cosy Theatre.

Keeping Fit In Winter

CLASS ON SATURDAYS

Women's War Service Auxiliary

Women and girls who are busy all the week have an excellent opportunity of keeping fit and healthy by attending the physical culture class which will start on Saturday at the Drill Hall, Hastings, under the auspices of the Women's War Service Auxiliary.

To be really useful a girl or woman must be fit and well. It is wonderful how much benefit can come from gently exercising the body. Tiredness is lessened and the person feels so much better and happier that work is far less difficult. All who are wanting to get out of a groove and who desire to give practical outlet to their patriotic feelings should attend the drill hall on Saturday next and hear all about the plans for the Hastings members and would-be members of the W.W.S.A. Mrs E. S. Craven, who is an experienced teacher of physical culture, will take the class.

It will be a most interesting afternoon and mothers and daughters should make a point of attending and adding their help to that already enrolled.

Besides this, there are all sorts of activities in which women can participate. Miss Leck will organise a Bicycling Corps. This will appeal to all who enjoy cycling and who would like to be efficient in all pertaining to their machine. With a bicycle no benzine is needed and much valuable work can be done at small cost. Signalling may be taught and a demonstration will be given on Saturday.

In other parts of the Dominion Plunket nurses and those of the Free Kindergarten are holding lectures and classes for women interested in caring for children. These classes will be a future work for the W.W.S.A., but have not yet been started here.

It will be seen clearly that both young and older women can help their country by each giving of their best in any way which would help the district and country to rise above any confusion should an emergency arise. Let us be prepared even if we are working quietly now. To unite, and to record our names, means that organisation is far more efficient and easy. All who have the welfare at heart of the boys overseas will put tidily aside and follow the lead given by our men in the Home Guard in organising and getting healthy fit.

Five o'Clock Gossip

Mrs R. K. Murphy, Muriwai, is spending a holiday in Hawke's Bay.

Miss Ruth Herrick, Napier, Dominion commissioner of Girl Guides, is the guest of Mrs Sutherland Ross, Dunedin.

Mrs Douglas, who has been staying with Mrs Francis Clark, Havelock North, has returned to her home, in Canterbury.

Mrs Leonard Wright, who has been visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs Melville Bell, Havelock North, has returned to her home in Dunedin.

Mr and Mrs Laurence Stone, Epsom, Auckland, are at present holidaying in Napier and are guests of Mr and Mrs N. Solomon, Masonic Hotel.

We are now showing a new collection of very smart autumn and winter coats, including country tweeds, and shadow checks from 9/6; "rolex" styled camel coats in soft blues and greens; 12-gauge wool blazers; coats 8/6; attractive box and fitting coats with a military air, styled in Harris tweeds; lama and velours in fur shades, 5/6 and 7/6; "Victor" Gowns, Hastings exclusive salon. Telephone 3076.

WRAPPING PAPER AND HOW BEST TO SAVE IT

The official decision to ration paper will provide the drapery and allied trades in England with yet another problem, says "The Drapery Record." Will this be done? First eliminate waste. It is no exaggeration to say that two out of every three parcels are wrapped in larger sheets of paper than necessary.

If your assistants habitually use 36 x 45 sheets when 36 x 40 would do, you can go a long way towards the fifty per cent mark, and reduce expenses at the same time, by providing the right size for the job and make some person responsible for seeing it is used.

That form of waste is due to thoughtlessness or indifference. What about the wrapping paper taken from incoming parcels? Waste merchants know the value of this, especially now. A sheet of kraft brown of moderate size and weight is worth a copper or two.

Yet in shops and warehouses innumerable parcels are unpacked, the goods placed on counters, and on the floor go the wrappings, to be walked on, soiled and crumpled, until finally they are gathered up and deposited with the shop sweepings.

It is assistants took a hint from those who collect silver paper for hospitals, and in like manner straightened and stacked the wrappings, rationing worries would vanish and another saving be effected. Before re-use, remove other firms' labels, of course.

These two methods of preventing waste can be supplemented by a systematic overhaul of packing and parceling arrangements.

Are you buying heavier paper than is required? One large concern was using 120-kraft manilla. It was found that 60 or 70 would do the job quite satisfactorily.

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But a man is irreparably hurt once his enthusiasm, like a neglected fire, has been allowed to die to cold embers.

Armed with enthusiasm, on the other hand, one man can convince and dominate where wealth will go unheeded. For enthusiasm tramples down prejudices and ill-founded opposition, spurs inaction, storms the citadel for its object, like an ever-growing avalanche, over-whelms and engulfs all obstacles.

It is a swelling, stirring battery rallying all to its cause, irresistibly.

And so, I repeat, guard and nurture your enthusiasm, fan its flames to the white heat of driving relentless action . . .

Pass it on to others, to your friends, your staff. Even to the perfect stranger who happens to come within your acquaintance. For it is a gift—an asset—you will profitably share.

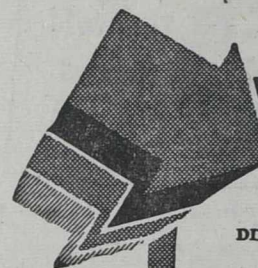
So long as you have enthusiasm, so long as those about you share your enthusiasm, the world may deny you anything but it cannot keep you down.

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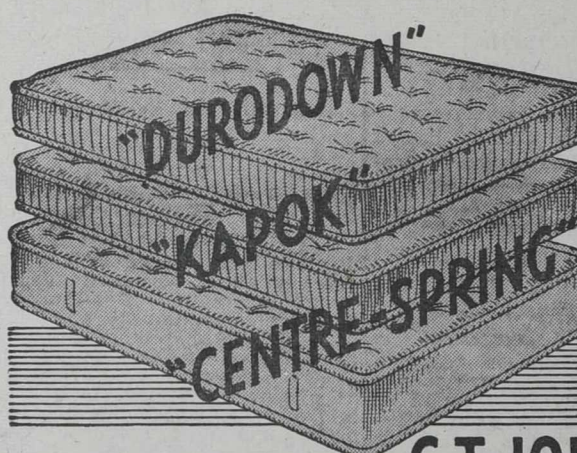
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DIFFICULT DAYS FOR INDUSTRY CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FRUIT EXPORT BOARD Effect Of Outbreak Of War

"The outbreak of war in September, 1939, interrupted the normal functioning of the board. It was then quickly obvious that the fruit industry faced a major crisis and that something of an unusual nature would have to be done to protect the industry through the difficult days that lay ahead," states the annual report of the chairman of the Fruit Export Control Board (Mr H. E. Stephens, Nelson).

"An endeavour was made to secure Government assistance for the Board to continue its usual export functions and for a growers' organisation to organise the local marketing through a central control with the Government guaranteeing to the grower a net return sufficient to cover average production costs. The Government held that to undertake the responsibility of such a guarantee it was essential that the Government had full control of both export and local fruit marketing. Because of this view, both organisations requested the Government to take the necessary control and give to growers an assurance of a net return sufficient to cover the average cost of production, plus a fair standard of living."

Board's Recent Position The report continues with details of the prices paid, and the increase granted for the 1941 crop to cover the increased cost of production. Concerning the present status of the board, the chairman states: "As has been explained the advent of war led to the Government purchase agreement and in turn this prevented the board continuing its normal functions. The status of the board, however, remained unaltered and its legislative authority still exists. In no way has the Government interfered with the board's status as a marketing organisation under normal conditions. In fact when the continuity of the board was endangered, through emergency conditions rendering inoperative the regulations whereby Board members are elected, the Government, through Order-in-Council dated August 28, 1940, conserved the board's status.

"Meanwhile, under the authority of Emergency Regulations the Minister has appointed board members to act as an Advisory Committee to the Internal Marketing Division for the operation of the Apple and Pear Marketing Scheme. Co-operative Effort "As a committee, board members are associated with the Director of the Division and his officers and there is gradually evolving a basis whereby the industry can co-operate more and more in this important work. In addition to the Central Committee there are selected sub-committees in most fruit districts to assist the marketing division in its duties. These sub-committees consist of officials of the Marketing Division and Horticultural Division, plus local Federation Director and Fruit Board members. Although neither the board members nor Federation Directors have any executive authority on any of these committees, the final authority in all instances resting with the marketing officer, the industry's representatives hope that by the whole-hearted co-operation of all parties the best possible result will be obtained from the present conditions.

Financial Statement "When considering the balance sheet of March 31, 1940, the board resolved to return to the exporters of the 1939 season the level that they had contributed during that year. This meant a refund of £4380 which was paid to these exporters during last July. Of the remaining capital, £12,000 has been placed on fixed deposit with the Bank of New Zealand and this provides an annual interest income of £300, less Government tax.

"At present the capital of the board is held in cash and amounts to £4,295. To resume marketing functions at least £2000 would be required for equipment in the London and Wellington offices, and this would leave a balance no more than the essential minimum required for working capital. The future disposal of these funds will be again considered at the termination of the present investment period, namely April 30, 1942."

SATURDAY'S RUGBY AT HASTINGS Referees And Grounds Announced

Hastings Rugby fixtures and referees for Saturday are as follows: Senior Celtic v. Havelock North, Nelson Park, No. 1, 3 p.m. (Mr W. Scott). Hastings v. H.S.O.B., Nelson Park No. 2, 3 p.m. (Mr E. Singleton).

Junior High School v. M.A.C., Nelson Park No. 1, 1.30 p.m. (Mr H. Davidson). H.S.O.B. v. Havelock North, Havelock North, 2.30 p.m. (Mr A. Kirkpatrick).

Third Grade H.S.O.B. v. Hastings, School No. 3, 2.45 p.m. (Mr J. Drummond). School v. Schooner B, School No. 2, 1.30 p.m. (Mr G. Bainbridge). Celtic v. St. John's, Nelson Park No. 2, 1.30 p.m. (Mr G. Thoillill).

Fourth Grade H.S.O.B. v. St. John A, School No. 3, 1.30 p.m. (Mr R. Whitworth). School A v. Havelock North, School No. 4, 1.30 p.m. (Mr N. Hingston).

St. John's B v. School C, School No. 5, 1.30 p.m. (Mr L. Patrick). Hastings v. School B, School No. 4, 2.45 p.m. (Mr C. Kemp).

Touch Judges: No. 1, Messrs W. Thurlow, J. Geenty; No. 2, Messrs E. Spooner, T. Kilner.

Patriotic Work At Otane ANNUAL MEETINGS Review Of Year's Operations RED CROSS ACTIVITIES

(Daily Mail Special Service) OTANE. Mr R. H. White presided over a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Otane sub-branch of the Red Cross and the Otane-Pukekohe Patriotic Society, held in the Town Hall on Monday evening.

The financial report was adopted, the position showing a satisfactory state of affairs. Mr White gave a resume of the year's work, during which 32 soldiers had been given a farewell social.

The election of officers resulted in Mr White being re-elected chairman, Mr J. Macdougall re-elected secretary, and the committee to consist of all those present at the meeting, with an executive committee consisting of Messrs White, Macdougall and Large. Mrs A. B. Collins was re-elected convener for the social entertainments on farewell evenings, Mr and Mrs Voyce and Mrs Macdougall agreeing to assist. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr J. Stevens for his energetic help also to the honorary secretary (Mr J. Macdougall), for his devotion to duty.

It was announced that the concert recently held in aid of the patriotic funds brought in £11 5/5d.

This closed the Patriotic Society meeting and the Red Cross annual meeting followed. Mrs R. H. White, president, gave the annual report in which it was stated that the Otane share of the shipping for the loss of ships had been 53 seriettes, 75 face cloths, 14 trays cloths, six pairs deck shoes, two dozen handkerchiefs. Also donated to the Merchant Marine and fishing trawler men were 17 pairs socks, 33 balaclavas, 5 scarves and 5 pairs mittens. To the Napier Red Cross were sent a number of garments, and articles made up from wool supplied by the Napier Headmaster, Mrs J. Balaclava, 33 pairs socks, 11 pairs mittens, 22 scarves, 30 pullovers and 6 pairs pyjamas.

Six have also been sent to all Otane boys overseas and several articles are on hand for future use.

Knitters Thanked Thanks were expressed to the elderly ladies who had done so much knitting for the society, and to the honorary secretary, Mrs Macdougall for her untiring assistance during the year, also to Mr Turner, honorary auditor.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr R. H. White; president, Mrs R. H. White; honorary secretary, Mrs J. Macdougall, re-elected. The 15 vice-presidents were also re-elected. Sewing committee, Mrs Stafford, entertainment committee, Mrs Collins, Mrs Crawley, Mrs Tod, Mr and Mrs Voyce; finance committee, Messrs White, Black, W. Tod; auditor, Mr W. F. Turner.

SOCIAL SECURITY IS DUE IN MAY Registration Fee NATIONAL SECURITY CHARGE Details Of Payments

In this issue appears an intimation from the Commissioner of Taxes that an instalment of the Social Security registration fee becomes payable on May 1, and that on the same date there also falls due the first instalment of the Social Security National Security Charge on income other than salary or wages derived during the year ended March 31, 1941. Payment may be tendered at any Money-order Office.

All male and female persons, including Natives, sixteen years of age or over must pay the registration fee or establish a right to exemption in respect of each instalment. All persons entitled to exemption, including persons in receipt of an age benefit from the Social Security fund and who are not in receipt of any other income, are reminded that they may be held liable for payment of the instalment unless a claim for exemption is completed and presented together with the coupon-book at a Money-order Office within 7 days after the last day for payment of that instalment. Failure to pay renders defaulters liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of £5. In addition, a penalty of sixpence a month with a maximum penalty of 2/6 for each instalment automatically accrues if payment is not made within one month of the due date.

Income Other Than Wages All male and female persons (including Natives) sixteen years of age or over, companies not specifically exempted, and trustees who derived trustees' income which no beneficiary is entitled to receive during the income year, are required during the month of May, to furnish in respect of the year ended March 31, 1941, declarations of income other than salary or wages ("nil" or otherwise), and to pay the Social Security Charge and National Security Tax at the rate of 2/ in the £ on such income. A penalty of 10 per cent is payable on any amount of the charge not paid within one month of the due date. The income derived by a person in receipt of a war pension in respect of total disability is exempt from the Social Security Charge. Monetary benefits from the Social Security Fund are also exempt.

Employers also have certain obligations under the Social Security Act, and are responsible for deduction of the wages charge at the time of payment of all salaries or wages paid to employees, including the value of any benefits in kind, such as food, lodging or free house provided and must also inspect the coupon-books of employees to ensure that payment is duly effected of all due instalments of the Registration Fee.

PRICES ADVANCE A SHILLING EWE LAMBS AT WAIPUKURAU KEEN DEMAND Attractive Entries On Offer

(Daily Mail Special Service) WAIPUKURAU. Ewe lambs made up the main lines in the sheep section at the weekly stock sale held in Waipukurau yesterday. There was a keen demand for most lines and the selling was firm and active with prices showing an advance of fully 1/- a head. Quality was well featured, all main entries being attractive.

The top price of 21/3 was realised for an early shorn draft showing breeding, on account of Omakere Station. Other good shorn pens made 18/9 to 19/-, smaller grown 16/9, very small light and unshorn 12/-. Wethers again made good buying, well framed and fully forward making 18/9 to 19/1. An improvement was shown for good quality young in-lamb ewes. Quality two-tooths being very attractive made 24/10, two and four-tooths 21/6. Little interest was shown for a small offering of fat sheep. Ewes ranged from 3/- to 9/-, light wethers 19/-, lambs 21/3.

Only one head of cattle, half of which was beef, was yarded. Small young bullocks averaged close on schedule.

SHEEP. On account Mr A. Barlow, Waka-rara, 200 shorn ewe lambs, fairly grown and doing well, being sound bright and healthy, started at 16/- to be passed at 19/-.

On account Bullock Hill Station, Te Kaha, 18 24 medium-slip ewes, well framed wethers in very forward condition being useful for the winter trade sold at 19/-.

On account Mr A. S. Aldridge, Makaratu, 19 shorn wethers in much the same order as the previous pen were sold at 19/1.

A second cut out of Mr A. Barlow's draft of ewe lambs, smaller grown and in lighter order were passed at 16/9.

On account Omakere Station, 331 very early shorn ewe lambs fairly grown in bright fresh order having been done well and should develop into quality two-tooths started at 18/-, sold in the line at 21/3.

On account Estate J. S. McLeod, Elsthorpe, 221 very early shorn ewe lambs slightly smaller grown than the previous pen but in good condition, some being killable brought 18/9.

On account of Mr D. Clark, Wainstead, 47 extra well woolled, well-grown ewe lambs all in killable order sold at 22/7.

An entry of 62 low-set well-slip two and four-tooth ewes in first class order sold at 18/6.

A pen of 71 fair framed four and six-tooth ewes in medium slip and good order made 19/-.

The second cut out of the Omakere Station draft of ewe lambs was passed at 18/3.

A pen of 67 fairly-framed two and four-tooth ewes late shorn and in good condition made 20/10.

On account of Mr R. G. Willis, Porangahau, 125 medium to fairly grown Down cross lambs and in good order, not previously drafted sold at 18/6.

An entry of 60 woolly ewe lambs very small grown and light but bright and healthy sold at 13/-.

An entry of 116 well-framed fairly slip ewes in splendid order being an attractive line realised 24/10.

On account Mr J. Schaffer, Porangahau, 150 well-woolled, medium grown wether lambs a little mixed in condition sold at 14/3.

An entry of 113 medium-slip four and six-tooth wethers in forward condition made 18/5.

CATTLE. On account Mr H. Parsons, Wallingford, 12 clean-bred dehorned young bullocks, in good order and averaging about 550lbs sold at £11.

Off the same property, 8 young A.A. bullocks, similarly grown to the previous pen, also nicely finished, made better buying at £10 17/-.

Out of the same draft, 8 A.A. cows and heifers, medium framed and in good order made £7 11/-.

A pen of fairly-grown two-off A.A. steers showing quality being quality young beef sold at £8 3/-.

A pen of 25 Jersey and Short-horn cross two-off steers being very mixed in size and condition were passed at £4 15/-.

Offered by Mr Williams, Clairinch Station, in aid of the funds of the Waipawa and Omakere Home Guard units, 2 imported Hereford cows, medium framed and fairly finished, sold at £7. Two A.A. Hereford steers donated to the same funds made £9 2/-.

BROKERS' REPORT ON VALUES Waipukurau Sale

STOCK ON OFFER YESTERDAY Brokers report as follows on the Waipukurau stock sale yesterday: De Felchet, McLeod & Co. Ltd. Three fat ewes 12/9, 10 8/5, 330 shorn ewe lambs 21/3, 219 18/9, 113 1/-, and 16/3, 2 fat wethers 19/6, 3 fat ewes 16/3, 29 10/3.

N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Co. Ltd. One fat lamb 27/9, 125 f. and f. S.D. lambs 18/7.

Dalgety and Co. Ltd. Sixty small wether ewe hoggets 13/-, 12 medium woolly wether hoggets 12/1, 11/7/6, 2 fat wethers 19/6, 3 fat ewes 16/3.

Williams and Kettle Ltd. £11, 2 fat cows £7, 2 fat bullocks £9/2/-, 8 fat cows and heifers £7/11/-, 8 fat bullocks £10/17/-, 8 fat heifers £4/10/-, 2 steers £4/18/-, 21 fat ewes 8/2/-, 234 f. and f. wethers 19/6, 119 19/9, 116 2/4, ewes 24/10, 2 S.D. rams 24/10, 71 4 and 5-th. ewes 18/-, 1 ram 18/-, 67 2 and 4-th. ewes 20/10, 1 ram 20/10, 47 ewe lambs 22/7, 39 2 and 4-th. ewes 17/6, 1 S.D. ram 17/6, 36 2, 4 and 6-th. ewes 17/3, 1 S.D. ram 17/3, 19 lambs 14/4, 4 ram lambs 7/6, 11 b.f. lambs 17/1, 11 1/-, 12 wether lambs 17/10, 2 ewes 2/6.

H.B. Farmers' Co-op. Assn. Ltd. Two fat lambs 22/3, 5 fat ewes 9/8, 18 10/1, 9 10 8/4, 15 10 8/4, 15 10 8/4, 200 shorn ewe lambs 19/6, 186 16/6, 26 ewe lambs 15/6, 15 wethers 14/3, 4 12/1, 5 7/6, 9 9/6, 18 18/7, 21 S.D. lambs 16/1, 62 2/4-th. ewes 21/6, 34 ewes 8 1/2, 7 8, 1 2-th. ewe 15/-, 12 store ewes 4/-, 16 1 and f. ewes 5/10, 16 7/4, 21 11 4/6, 28 6/10, 28 3/6, 2 bags pumpkins 6/6, 1 5/6.

Restrictions On Killings EFFECT CLEARLY SEEN Official Statistics Compared

Export killings at the Dominion's freezing works from October 1 to April 12 last, show a total of 9,349,914 freight carcasses, which, according to the official statement of the New Zealand Meat Producers' Board, is 579,325 in excess of killings in the corresponding period of the previous season to the nearest comparable date.

Restrictions on export killings, operative from March 24, subject to several modifications since that date, are now showing their effects when comparisons are made with the previous season's statistics to the same approximate date. North Island production was 6,410,141 freight carcasses, compared with 6,220,846 and South Island 2,939,773, compared with 2,549,743 in the previous season, to April 13, 1940.

More Lambs: Fewer Ewes Lamb killings have reached a total of 9,067,502 or 788,316 carcasses above that of the previous season. Ewe killings now show a decrease of 13,815 carcasses compared with the previous season, the current total being 1,294,216. Wethers have declined by 484,861, the killings this season totalling 497,301.

Details of lamb and mutton production to April 12 with the corresponding figures for the previous season (to April 13) in parentheses are as follows:—

North Island: Wether Mutton (C/cs.) 444,613 (303,178); Ewe Mutton (C/cs.) 898,745 (892,772); Lamb (C/cs.) 4,969,991 (4,629,406). South Island: Wether Mutton (C/cs.) 52,688 (78,984); Ewe Mutton (C/cs.) 425,471 (315,259); Lamb (C/cs.) 4,097,511 (3,649,780).

Frozen beef production has reached 343,143 quarters compared with 212,922.

Porkers Still Up Porker killings (105,739 in the North Island, and 3,976 in the South) total 109,715, showing an increase of 73,314 carcasses. Baconer killings were as follows: North Island 275,527 (compared with 254,403); South Island 8804 (9484) an increase this season of 20,444 carcases. Killings of choppers total 10,286, an increase of 1268.

Killings of other classes of meat expressed in 60lb. freight carcasses were as follows, with the figures for the previous season to approximately the same date shown in parentheses: Boneless beef 307,900 (409,231); boneless bobby veal 86,745 (65,634); sundries 315,378 (280,625).

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Yesterday On 'Change Transaction List

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

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Sales Yesterday 4% Stock, 1948... 104 5 0 War Loan, 1/10/53... (2) 82 0 0 Bank of N.S.W. 28 0 0

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UNYIELDING TO THE END AUSTRALIAN LABOUR DECLARATION UNITED EFFORTS Oversea Critics Answered

United Press Association—Copyright. SYDNEY, April 27. In an outspoken statement to-day, Mr J. Curtin, Federal Labour leader, assured the world that the Australian Labour movement was wholeheartedly behind the war effort.

"To-day," he said, "I have been advised in a most authoritative way that, in Japan and the United States, a controversy set going last week in Australia has been capitalised by the enemy to the fullest extent, to the great detriment of our cause and even our security.

United Front "In the United States," Mr Curtin added, "what was published in Australia is causing speculation whether Australia is pulling out of the war. It was reprehensible that this should have happened. There never has been, nor should there be, any doubt about Australia.

"As leader of the Australian Labour Party, I say to Germany and Japan that Australia and its workers are united in their determination to give their all in the war that has been forced upon us. We are pledged to devote the entire resources of the nation to this end, to bear willingly any burden imposed, to preserve our security, and to demonstrate to the Empire and its allies that we shall not be found wanting in this crucial struggle for human liberty.

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Hawke's Bay Daily Mail

Your Own Morning Paper WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1941.

THE FRENCH IN AFRICA

A declaration of support for General de Gaulle from the French forces in Somaliland would clear up a somewhat awkward situation. From the period of the defeat of France to the British victories in east Africa, French Somaliland was almost surrounded by Italian territory, and the Italian occupation of British Somaliland completed the encirclement.

To-day, however, the positions are reversed. The corner of French territory round Djibuti is like an oasis of semi-neutrality in the midst of Italian colonies now in British hands. With the fall of Dessye in Abyssinia, the Duke of Aosta's forces are left in a hopeless position, and a retreat across the French frontier is the only feasible course of escape other than complete surrender.

There is no doubt that the Axis and the subservient Government at Vichy will endeavour to retain some sort of hold on Somaliland, but the presence of Free French forces on the frontiers may be expected to influence any decision made at Djibuti.

Following the occupation of the Balkans, it may be assumed that every new move by the Axis will be planned with a view to the conquest of Egypt and the seizing of the Suez Canal. The pressure on Spain is being intensified and Turkey is subjected to a new war of nerves, probably as a preliminary to activity in both the western and eastern Mediterranean.

The Canadian Prime Minister (Mr W. L. Mackenzie King) has indicated the possibility of attacks on Gibraltar, Suez, and Singapore, with an attempted invasion of Great Britain, as part of the world-wide Axis plan. If this plan is put into operation it will be on the assumption that Britain will be unable to maintain campaigns in widely-separated areas. But this disadvantage would apply equally to the Axis which, in its campaign in Poland, Norway, France and the Balkans, has been working on inside lines of communication.

A German assault on Gibraltar would be practicable with the connivance of Spain, and an attack on Turkey may be regarded as inevitable, but once outside Europe, Germany would be faced with difficulties such as she has not encountered in the first 20 months of war.

AFTER THE BALKANS

The United States Supreme Court has ruled that negroes are entitled to first-class services and accommodation in Pullman cars, but it is a question whether this or any other legal move to lower the colour bar will have any effect unless the American mentality undergoes a profound change.

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A good soldier is one who works hard at any job which he is unable to get out of doing. According to a Berlin newspaper the book-publishing business in the German capital is flourishing. There is a keen public demand for best sellers.

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Personal

Mr A. Christie, Gisborne, is visiting Hastings. Mr H. F. Forster, Napier, is away on three weeks' annual leave. Quartermaster-Sergeant K. C. K. Hopkins, who has been invalided home, will arrive at Hastings to-day.

The Hon. W. E. Barnard is absent from Napier and is expected to return at the end of the week. Mr A. Helps, Akaroa, who is on a visit to Hastings, is staying with his brother, Mr E. Helps, of Townshend Street.

Mr H. E. Edgley, Napier, who has been a patient in a Napier private hospital for some weeks following an operation, is reported to be making good progress toward recovery.

Count K. Wodzicki, the first Polish Consul-General to New Zealand, has left Auckland for Wellington accompanied by his wife and family.

Lieutenant-Colonel V. G. Jervis, N.Z.S.C., Deputy Adjutant-General, has been appointed to act as Adjutant-General and Second Member of the Army Board, in addition to his present duties, during the absence from the Dominion of Colonel A. E. Conway, O.B.E., N.Z.S.C.

The Ven. Archdeacon W. Butterfield, Waioa, has received word that his eldest son, Cyril, who left New Zealand with the Expeditionary Force as a lieutenant, has been promoted to the rank of captain. The youngest son, Dr R. Butterfield, is in charge of a hospital in one of the bombed towns in England.

The death occurred suddenly yesterday of Mr Samuel Gottlieb August at the age of 60. For many years he had been a well-known figure in the literary life of Invercargill, especially in connection with his work for the W.E.A. He was organiser of the movement in Invercargill for 28 years.—Press Association.

Advice has been received in Auckland of the promotion of several Royal Navy officers who are well known in New Zealand. In each case promotion has been effective since the beginning of the year. Commander D. M. L. Neame, who was decorated with the Distinguished Service Order following the Battle of the River Plate, when he was executive officer of H.M.S. Achilles, has been promoted to the rank of captain. Lieutenant Commander Dawson, M.V.O., who also came to the New Zealand Squadron in H.M.S. Achilles, has been promoted commander. (His wife, Lady Angela Dawson, is a sister of the Duchess of Gloucester. Another promotion is that of Paymaster Lieutenant Commander J. K. Highton to the rank of paymaster commander. He served in New Zealand for several years as secretary to Rear Admiral the Hon. E. R. Drummond, then commanding the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy.—Press Association.

Mr P. N. Wigglesworth, Mr F. M. Wigglesworth, Mr R. A. Oldfield (Marton), Mr W. Ratcliffe (Palmerston North), Captain Henderson, Mr Campbell (Wellington), are at the Criterion Hotel, Napier.

Mr and Mrs Cauton (Marton), Mr A. Cederer, Mr I. Stenberg (Wellington), Mr P. B. Weldon (Palmerston North) are at the Hotel Central, Napier.

Mr and Mrs F. W. Dawson, Mrs Graham Dawson, Mr and Mrs H. W. Kersley, Miss L. Kersley, Mr A. D. Manderson, Mrs S. C. Hartridge, Miss D. Kersley, Mrs L. Finley, Mr K. G. Woods (Wellington), Miss D. Haywood (Auckland), Mr and Mrs H. Essex, Miss M. Essex (Palmerston North), Mrs G. Williams, Mrs Collins (Masterton), Mr and Mrs Clarke, Mr and Mrs S. S. Sanku (Wanganui), Mr and Mrs Warburton (Felding), Mr and Mrs Barraclough (Melbourne), Mr B. Harding (Waipukurau), Mrs Scott, Mr Scott, Gisborne, are at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr and Mrs J. A. Pinnington, Mrs Ina Allan, Miss Joy Allan, Mr C. Shide-Jones, Mr J. H. Thorp, Mr G. W. H. Longley, Mr J. Carroll, Mr M. Lubransky, Mr W. Osborne (Wellington), Mr and Mrs Noel Cole, Mrs M. Read, Mr Ron Waters, Mr L. E. Smith, Mr F. Mullen, Mr B. Johnston (Auckland), Mr W. Royal, Mrs H. Whitaker, Mr T. Parnell, Mr T. Ward (Palmerston North) are at the Grand Hotel, Hastings.

Mrs A. Humphries, Miss H. Forde (Wellington), Mr and Mrs J. G. Sim (Gisborne), Mr J. G. McDonald, Mr D. Prince (Auckland), Mr E. J. Willis, Mr E. G. Dobson (Palmerston North), Mr H. Longley, Mr J. Carroll, Mr L. A. Fisher (Cambridge), Mr M. Symington (New Plymouth), Mr J. Bretherton (Waioa), Mr O. Cheer (Elsthorpe) are at the Pacific Hotel, Hastings.

Mr F. W. Dobbie, Mr G. Murodock (Gisborne), Mr D. H. Dinne, Mr Payne, Mr Sandman, Mr I. Coulam (Napier), Mr L. C. McMeikle, Mr A. K. Paterson (Wellington), Mr P. H. Mason, Mr Mackie (Palmerston North) are staying at the Clyde Hotel, Waioa.

Mr Scott, Mr Thirhill, Mr Horne, Mr Stinberg are staying at the Waioa Hotel.

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Local & General

Medical Board. Some 50-odd men, comprising ballottees drawn in the last territorial ballot, will parade before the Medical Board which will sit in the Drill Hall, Cooze Road, Napier, to-night.

Hastings Athletes Win. Competing at the Cairo athletic championships on March 29 and 30, Lieutenant P. F. Sharpley, Hastings, won 11 medals, making his high-jump event, His time, 18-10secs, was not fast for a cinder track, but Sharpley had only one week to prepare himself for the meeting.

Wounded Waipawa Man. According to cabled advice received by his wife, Mrs L. Crawley, Waipawa, Sergeant L. Crawley has suffered a fractured ankle. His condition is not regarded as serious. It was announced earlier this week that Sergeant Crawley had been wounded in action.

Hearing Concluded. At the conclusion of a lengthy hearing with the taking of concluding evidence at Hastings yesterday, Judge J. Miller reserved his decision in the case in which John Beaton Fletcher, a butcher and racehorse owner, and Mrs M. E. Fletcher were sued by William H. Corlett, horse-trainer. Fletcher brought a counter-claim against Corlett. In a separate action brought by J. B. Fletcher Ltd. against Corlett and Mrs H. Corlett judgment was also reserved. Both the claimants were recalled yesterday.

Teachers' Pay. A Press Association message from New Plymouth on April 24 contained a summary of a departmental memorandum concerning leave pay for teachers on Territorial service. The Education Department states that this message made it appear that the department had approved of teachers receiving child pay in full for the first three months of training. It points out, however, that the approval given referred to pay for school holidays falling within this period.—Press Association.

Firemen Honoured. Honours bestowed on firemen in the Napier district during the past year and approved by the Napier Fire Board at its annual meeting last night are as follows: Fireman W. Palmer (Central Brigade), 25 years' Gold Star; Fireman C. Robinson (Central Brigade), two years' Gold Bar (31 years' service); Foreman F. Thompson, two years' silver bar (15 years' service); Foreman R. Riddell (Port Brigade), 25 years' Gold Star; and Motorman M. Downing, two years' Silver Bar (21 years' service).

Physical Culture. Films dealing with physical culture were shown in the Municipal Theatre at Hastings last night, before an attendance of some hundreds of members of the Home Guard, National Military Reserve and women's organisations. The films dealt with all aspects of physical training and were followed with a great deal of interest. During the evening it was announced that physical culture classes were to be instituted for members of the Home Guard and reserve auxiliary, commencing on Saturday afternoon, and that enrolments were being taken at the Dugout.

Sportsmen's Memorial. "Before long I would like to see the various sports bodies in Napier erect some sort of war memorial to sportsmen who are serving the Empire overseas," said Mr N. A. McKenzie at the annual meeting of the Napier Harrier Club last night. Mr McKenzie said that there were many sports organisations without permanent homes and it was desirable that they should have a place to keep the records of members who paid the supreme sacrifice. He suggested some small building which would not be in the way of erected at McLean Park. "Unless an effort is made to keep a check on men while the war is on the task will be very difficult later," said Mr McKenzie. "We all know what happened after the last war," he added.

Advanced Instruction. Officers and n.c.o.'s of the Home Guard are to undergo a refresher course at the District School of Instruction to be held at Palmerston North next month, according to an announcement made by the Area Commander (Lieutenant J. W. Snaddon) last night. The Area Commander said that there would actually be five schools and that the course would begin on May 17. All men attending the schools would go through an intensified period of training lasting 14 days. Lieutenant Snaddon said that considerable experience had been gained at Foxton last year and as a result of the lessons learned there he felt that movement would receive a considerable benefit from the ambitious programme which had been prepared. It was also mentioned that the schools would be conducted by officers drawn from the Dominion's Territorial forces.

Death of Waioa Resident. (Daily Mail Special Service) WAIROA. The death occurred at the Waioa Hospital on Tuesday night of Mrs Marjory Clemas, a well-known resident of Waioa, at the age of 83. Mrs Clemas was born at Warminster, England, and came to New Zealand 29 years ago. Her husband, Mr James L. Clemas, predeceased her three years ago. Mrs Clemas leaves seven children: Mrs R. A. Payne (Waioa), Mr W. L. Clemas (Waioa), Mrs R. H. Ingoe (Waioa), Mrs L. Goodyer (Taradale), Mrs A. Flynn (Cary), Mrs G. Gould (Cheltenham, England), and Mrs A. Morris, (Hastings).

The funeral took place on Wednesday.

HAWKE'S BAY WEATHER

"DAILY MAIL'S" SPECIAL FORECAST IS FOR SCATTERED RAIN. Following is the Daily Mail's special forecast for the Hawke's Bay area: Winds: Moderate east to north-east winds predominating.

Weather: Cloudy with scattered mist and drizzle. Temperatures moderate. Seas: Slight to moderate.

NAPIER WEATHER. Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5.30 p.m. at Napier by the Government recorder (Miss G. Hutton) are as follows: Dry bulb temp. 58.5 deg. Wet bulb temp. 55.0 deg. Maximum temp. 62.2 deg. Minimum temp. 58.0 deg. 1ft. underground 58.5 deg. 5ft. underground 62.8 deg. Sun bulb temp. 8. Cloud 8. Wind 8.3. Grass 52.5 deg. Rain Nil. Visibility 6. Humidity 79 p.c.

HASTINGS WEATHER. Meteorological readings taken yesterday at 5 a.m. at the Hastings Magnetic Observatory, Cornwall Park, were as follows: Dry bulb temp. 64.0 deg. Maximum temp. 65.0 deg. Minimum temp. 45.2 deg. 1ft. underground 58.0 deg. Grass 58.0 deg. Rain Nil. Cloud 8.3. Wind 8.3. Humidity 79 p.c.

DOMINION FORECAST. Winds: Easterly directions predominating, fresh at times over the northern half of the North Island, otherwise moderate.

Seas: New Zealand waters: Rather rough at times north of East Cape. Otherwise slight or moderate. Eastern Taranaki Sea: Fresh north-easterly winds and rather rough seas in the northern portion, moderate to fresh in the southern portion.

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"AMAZING..." Said Visitors from Wellington. Visitors from Wellington have been really amazed not only at the variety in fabrics which Westerners are offering, but also at the low prices which are ruling in this popular store. "Hastings people are lucky," they say, "that such values are obtainable these days!" WESTERNERS are proud of their famous low prices. When next you visit our store we will be pleased to show you that we can still offer you the best values in the district. MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY OF WINTER FABRICS. NEW ANGORA—54in. wide in tans, cherry, navy, browns, greens. All English products. BORDER TWEEDS—54in. wide, in fawns, tans, browns, sage, royal. English products. CAMEL AND LLAMA COATINGS—54in. wide. In Natural, fawn and mustard. English products. SHEPHERD'S PLAIDS—54in. wide in navy, white, black/white, brown/white. English worsteds. ALFALAINA—All wool English products. Rose, grey, black, sage and scarlet. SOFT MILLED WORSTEDS—54in. wide. Check stripes and 3/4x3/4 stripes. All English products. SELF ANGORA CHECKED COATINGS—54in. wide. In Petrol, brown and wine. Super English goods. Westerners' Modern Store HASTINGS

WAR COUNCIL SUPPORTS GOVERNMENT'S DECISION

Prime Minister Gives Reasons For Sending Troops To Greece

(By Telegraph-Press Association.)

WELLINGTON, April 29. "A meeting of the War Council was held yesterday," said the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. P. Fraser) in a statement to-night. "It was attended by members of the War Cabinet, other Ministers of the Crown, Messrs. L. G. Lowry, M.P., H. Atmore, M.P., E. T. Tirikatene, R. Eddy, A. McLagan, C. C. Davis (Christchurch), W. W. Mulholland and the Hon. W. Perry."

A statement of the circumstances leading up to the Government's decision to despatch the New Zealand Division to Greece in company with Australian and British troops was made to the council by the Prime Minister.

The following resolution was passed unanimously: "That this council, having heard the statement of the Prime Minister detailing the events which led up to the Government's agreeing to our troops taking part in the operations in Greece, expresses its full support of the decision of the Government, which was arrived at after a very able and accurate appreciation of the situation."

"That the War Council welcomes the agreement reached with the representatives of the motor industry, industrial, agricultural and other interested organisations referred to by the Minister of Supply in his statement of April 28 regarding the necessity in the national interest of further reducing the consumption of petrol."

"In view of the need for economy in petrol usage in the interests of national safety and defence, as indicated in the Minister's statement, the War Council strongly urges all State and local body services and all other sections of the motoring public, both commercial and private, to provide for the maximum conservation and the minimum use of petrol as a means of assisting in doing this."

"The War Council invites the commercial and industrial community so to organise the use of transport as to avoid unnecessary duplication and waste of petrol."

The council also discussed the provision of a convalescent hospital for soldiers returning from service abroad and certain matters in connection with the Home Guard.

These two topics are to be further discussed by the Defence and Military Affairs Committee at its next meeting.

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MEN FOR HOME DEFENCE

SMALL TERRITORIAL BALLOT

NAPIER DISTRICT

Hawke's Bay-Gisborne Men Draw

The names of men on the register who since the last Territorial ballot have either attained the age of 19 and thus become liable for Territorial service, or else attained the age of 41 and thus ceased to be liable for overseas service are contained in an extraordinary Gazette published last night. Men in the Hawke's Bay-Gisborne area affected by the ballot are: ALLEN, Andrew Aubrey, Gisborne.

BAIRD, James Aitken, Hastings. Beauchamp, Alford, Hastings. Begley, Bernard James, Hastings. Bell, Donald Stuart, Wairoa.

BISHOP, Leonard Raymond, Havelock N. Bishop, Leon Eric Gordon, Dannevirke. Bonica, Anthony Guy, Port Ahuriri. Burchett, Edward Raymond, Otane.

CASTLES, Bryan John, Dannevirke. Cleaver, William Thomas, Gisborne. Comp, Harold Robert, Hastings. Cooper, Lionel Charles, Wairoa. Crane, Eric George Regis, Hastings. Crose, Geoffrey Parker, Gisborne.

DAVIS, Ronald Alexander, Gisborne. Deane, David Henry, Napier. Dickinson, Wilmore Harold, Gisborne. Dodd, Robert Ernest, Woodville. Doherty, Robert Edgar, Napier. Duignan, Edward Robert, Ekaflaka.

EAGLE, Frank Albert, Wairoa. Eddy, John Joseph, Napier. FANNIN, Henry John, Hastings. Farrel, Edward, Hastings. Fell, John Henry, Dannevirke. Franklin, Clifford Walter, Dannevirke. Furlford, Gordon George, Havelock N.

GIBBS, Ivan Gordon, Napier. Giespie, Andrew Bruce, Hastings. Gilchrist, James, Napier. HEASMAN, Edgar, Waipukurau. Hill, Geoffrey, Havelock N. Hitchings, Albert Ernest, Gisborne. JOHNSTON, Bruce, Ormondville.

LEAH, Dudley Alexander, Napier. Lougher, David Henry, Gisborne. Lucas, James Moncrieff, Gisborne. McDONALD, Lawrence A. Hastings. McGrath, Richard Gilbert, Wairoa. McGregor, Duncan Peter, Hastings. McKinn, George Henry, Hastings.

McLeod, Gordon Alexander, Gisborne. McLernon, John Somers, Gisborne. Manson, Arthur George, Gisborne. Mollgaard, Douglas B., Dannevirke. Morton, Keith Malcolm, Waipukurau. NEILL, Joseph Arnold, Napier. Newrick, Gordon Collins, Hastings. O'CONNOR, Thomas, Woodville.

PATTON, Ernest Alfred, Napier. Pagram, Arthur Morris, Napier. Pritchard, William Alex., Gisborne. ROBINSON, James Keith, Napier. SCOTT, Lewis Clive, Napier. Small, Leslie Thomas Wm., Gisborne. Smith, Arthur, Hastings. Stevens, Neil Frank, Napier. Stevenson, Nolan, Taradale. Stowe, Brian, Hastings. Sudfeldt, Geoffrey, Hastings. Sullivan, Edward Raymond, Woodville.

TAYLOR, Henry Rankin, Gisborne. Timmo, Maurice Keith, Dannevirke. Thomson, Ernest, Hastings. Timmo, Alfred, Napier. TUNE, Harold Dennis, Mangapapa. WADDELL, Colin Alex., S. Napier. Weedon, William Henry, Waipawa. Woods, John Percival, Napier.

Napier Harrier Club Meets

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FRENCH SOMALILAND MOVE.—Vichy claims that British warships are blockading the important port of Djibuti, French Somaliland. Earlier reports stated that there is a French activity in the colony, which provides the last possible line of retreat for the defeated Italians in Abyssinia.

Revolt Rumoured At Djibuti

FREE FRENCH FORCES Have Long Favoured De Gaulle

REPORTS FROM VICHY

Headquarters of the Free French forces in London states that it has no knowledge of attacks which, according to rumours circulated by Vichy, are being made by the Free French supported by British units against the French colony of Djibuti, French Somaliland.

It is suggested that this information should be viewed with the greatest reserve, that it has every appearance of being news of a spontaneous movement in the midst of the French garrison itself at Djibuti, which, together with the civil population, has long been in a long time to have cherished a very favourable feeling towards Free France.

Call For Resistance

The statement recalls that, following the armistice, Djibuti was one of the first French possessions to send out a call for continued resistance.

According to a message from Vichy, official advice has been received there from Djibuti that a Free French column, supported by British troops, has been at the interior of French Somaliland and Daouaneh, on the Addis Ababa-Djibuti railway.

Earlier, the Vichy Government announced that it had received reports from British mechanised units, were massed along the southern border of French Somaliland. The Ministry for the Colonies, it stated, had given necessary instructions to the Governor of French Somaliland to prevent the colony from going over to General de Gaulle. It added that Free French troops were concentrated at a point on the Djibuti-Addis Ababa railway and that other forces had disembarked at Zella, in British Somaliland.

The Free French forces, says Vichy, distributed pamphlets by aeroplane over all military posts in the interior of French Somaliland calling on the troops to go to Daouaneh or Zella with their arms.

The Vichy News Agency says that, although no notice is possible regarding the transport of food and the evacuation of wounded along the Addis Ababa-Djibuti railway, there can be no question of French troops leaving the colony with the disident French.

Troops Return Home

N.Z.E.F. CASUALTIES

By Telegraph-Press Association WELLINGTON, April 29. Two hundred and forty members of the Second Expeditionary Force landed from H.M. hospital ship Somersetshire to-day, 84 being members of the second echelon from Britain and the rest from the Middle East. The majority of the latter were picked up at Suez, but some at Sydney from another ship. The men are from all parts of New Zealand.

The Somersetshire which is a former Bibby Line troopship, is under Lieutenant-Colonel J. W. Hirst, who has with him a number of members of the R.A.M.C., Matron E. Townsend, and 13 nursing sisters, all of the R.A.M.C.

A few of the returning soldiers were wounded in bombing. One is a shellshock case, but the majority are in excellent health and were motor-cycling.

A man returning from England said they received thorough training at Aldershot before going to the Channel coast to meet any attempt at a German invasion. London had been out of bounds to them, but several had paid unofficial visits.

East End Suffers

One man said that, while the damage to London was great, it was not as extensive as most people thought. The bombing was largely confined to the East End.

Another who had visited London commented that some of the destruction would do good, because it had removed buildings that should have been replaced before.

PLANE DAMAGED IN CRASH

PILOT ESCAPES UNINJURED

OVERSHOT 'DROME

Machine Overturns At Rongotai

By Telegraph-Press Association WELLINGTON, April 29. Severe damage was caused to an Oxford training aircraft when it crashed at Rongotai this afternoon, but the pilot, Leading Aircraftman J. J. Fox, the only occupant, was not injured.

The pilot was on a routine flight from Ohakea to Blenheim when he was compelled to land at Rongotai, because the weather made it unsafe to cross to the South Island.

In doing so he overshot the aerodrome. He crashed through a boundary fence and the machine overturned.

Promotion For Airman

DOMINION OFFICER

Wing-Commander R. G. R. Buckley

NOTABLE CAREER

By Telegraph-Press Association AUCKLAND, April 29. News of the promotion of their elder son, Squadron-Leader R. G. R. Buckley, to the rank of Wing-Commander has been received by Captain G. Buckley and Mrs Buckley, Auckland.

Wing-Commander Buckley is only 30. He is an old boy of Wanganui Technical College and later attended Canterbury University College, where he obtained the degrees of Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Science.

After leaving the University he was granted a commission in the Royal Air Force and left for England in 1935. He is at present engaged in important administrative work.

A younger brother is Pilot-Officer Jack Buckley, formerly well-known as a pianist in Auckland. Just prior to the outbreak of war, Pilot-Officer Buckley was studying music in Berlin and Leipzig.

Wing-Commander M. W. Buckley, M.B.E., who has been in charge of the New Zealand Bomber Squadron in England, is also a brother.

Captain Buckley is the Dominion's senior bandmaster, and after 55 years in the military forces is still doing duty as bandmaster at Papanui military camp.

D.F.C. FOR WANGANUI AIRMAN

Action While On A Bombing Mission

By Telegraph-Press Association WELLINGTON, April 29. Advice has been received by Air Headquarters, Wellington, that the Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to acting Flying-Officer William Davenport, a son of Mr W. R. Brown, 23 Gonville Avenue, Wanganui.

The official citation states: "On a night in March, 1941, as rear gunner of an aircraft returning from a bombing mission, acting Flying-Officer William Davenport Brown sighted a Messerschmitt 110 some 300ft. below his aircraft.

"Despite bad visibility, he kept the enemy aircraft in sight. After a few minutes it climbed to the attack, but by excellent judgment and marksmanship, Flying-Officer Brown fired three short bursts and the enemy fighter was seen to dive straight into the sea.

"On a previous occasion, when he identified an approaching aircraft as hostile, his instructions to the pilot enabled him to manoeuvre his aircraft so that the ensuing fire went under the tail. Flying-Officer Brown then used his fire to drive off the enemy aircraft, which was left in a damaged condition."

Flying-Officer Brown was born at Wanganui in 1918 and was educated at Wanganui Technical College.

TWO AIR FORCE CASUALTIES

By Telegraph-Press Association WELLINGTON, April 29. The following air force casualties were announced to-day: Sergeant Frederick Simpson Hobden, R.N.Z.A.F., killed in a flying accident. His mother is Mrs Hobden, Harefield, Sussex.

PLEA FOR WORKERS' UNITY IN STRUGGLE FOR VICTORY

British T.U.C. Representative Speaks To Employees At Lower Hutt

(By Telegraph-Press Association.)

WELLINGTON, April 29.

A plea for an even greater output and better co-operation from the workers of New Zealand in order to help rapidly to defeat the Nazi tyranny was made by Mr W. Holmes, representative of the British Trades Union Congress, in an address to the Hutt Valley railway workshop employees to-day.

Mr Holmes said that this war was a workers' war. Above all, he said, everybody must remain democratic and loyally support the Government elected by the people, leaving petty grievances for settlement when the war is over.

"London is not so bad as is thought," said Mr Holmes, describing conditions in England. "We laugh at invasion because of the work of the men in the factories in the last eight months."

The one thing which saved England in the May crisis was the repair and engineering shops, the German air attack on Warsaw was avenged in a manner which will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it. Here is the thrilling story as related by Captain H. C. Baird, R.A.F., in the "New York Times."

"That this meeting of public servants engaged in the Hutt Workshops who are members of the trade union movement in New Zealand, thank Mr Holmes for his inspiring message of goodwill from the British workmen. We ask him, in the name of trade unionists in this country, to convey to the British workers on his return fraternal greetings, and to express our united determination to pull our weight and play our part with the British workmen in their titanic struggle for liberty."

Freedom at Stake "This year the workers' freedom is at stake. The workers have saved the workers' freedom in the war, and therefore, on behalf of the British Trades Union Congress, I ask you workers to be with us till the end to win liberty and then, when the war is over, to see that there is no more war."

The Minister of National Service (the Hon. R. Semple) thanked Mr Holmes for his inspiring speech. The following motion was carried: "That this meeting of public servants engaged in the Hutt Workshops who are members of the trade union movement in New Zealand, thank Mr Holmes for his inspiring message of goodwill from the British workmen. We ask him, in the name of trade unionists in this country, to convey to the British workers on his return fraternal greetings, and to express our united determination to pull our weight and play our part with the British workmen in their titanic struggle for liberty."

Courage and Fortitude "Their cause is our cause; their fight is our fight, and their victory is our victory. We express our admiration for the courage and fortitude of the people of Britain who, through their grim determination and indescribable suffering, are upholding democracy. We represent the rights of the people to be masters of their own destiny and captains of their own souls.

"We have won the admiration of the world and we are with them in every phase of the struggle. We pledge to them our loyalty, all the strength we possess and all the resources at our command in order that they, along with us, will come victoriously out of this titanic struggle that has been forced on us against our will."

Believed Chance Would Come

He had a strange belief—almost a mania. He said that a certain Major von Epp was in charge of the German bombers that had pitilessly smashed Warsaw, systematically flying to and fro over it. He said he would know this man by the way he handled his aircraft in attack, and he had a plan to meet the German planes in air battle.

His personal "bag" was 16 enemy machines when, during the early evening, at the beginning of a recent raid on London, his section took the air. They were the best mass fighter with scores of Heinkels and Messerschmitts, and from the beginning it was obvious that the Pole had picked out one for himself, apparently the best of the lot.

No doubt about it, the German could fly. It seemed at times as if the main battle stood still to watch the whirling of those two machines, and when the edges of the clouds they had plenty of sky-room. The German, flying a big Heinkel bomber, accepted the challenge right from the start. In spite of his ground, and more. Every one of his gun-nests flamed as the fighter wheeled about him.

Twice the Pole tried to ram, and failed by inches. Both Machines Crash "Each machine had been hit several times, but the Heinkel's fuel tanks were found riddled like a colander, and one wing had fifty-four bullet holes. A shell from the German hit the tip of the British machine's wing and tore away his enemy's automatic, leaving naked ribs. Early in the fight the Pole was wounded in the left shoulder.

The end came with startling suddenness. Another of those savage attempts to ram caught the Heinkel just as it tried to turn, sheared away its port wing close to the body, buckled up the attacker like a kicked can, and sent the both rolling over and over into the abyss. They came down within 20 yards of each other, and from among the debris of the black bomber one figure painfully clambered, limping frightfully, with one leg dragging. It took a hop or two toward the smashed fighter that had done the damage.

Then, from the fighter's cockpit came the harsh chatter of an automatic. The limping German stopped, crumpled slowly and fell. The Pole was still alive when they got to him. "That is—von—Epp," he gasped. "You can know him—duelling cut across—his left cheek."

And he closed his eyes and went to sleep comfortably, for the last time. He was smiling, but the dreadful truth was that all gone out of it.

There was an old duelling scar across the German's cheek, and, apart from wounds got in the sky combat, he had eight bullets in his chest from his enemy's automatic. Letters and personal items on the body showed that the name was Karl von Epp.

Land Speculation

The comparatively light taxation on unimproved land encouraged wild speculation. For example, land values in Chicago increased from 2,000,000,000 dollars to 5,000,000,000 dollars between 1923 and 1928 and fell back to 2,000,000,000 by 1933. Nearly 100 banks in Chicago alone failed on that account during the depression.

Since 1930 tens of thousands of buildings in Canada and the United States had been torn down by their owners to escape the taxation on them.

Candidates For Election

FURTHER NOMINEES

HAWKE'S BAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Heretaunga Riding. CHRISTIAN LASSEN (Messrs T. Mitchell, E. C. McDermott, E. Wall and D. G. Begley). Okawa Riding. ERIC HAMILTON BEAMISH (Messrs W. Kinross White and W. L. Nelson).

Waikare Riding. FREDERICK KRAEFT WILKIE (Messrs C. R. Lee and C. A. Sigversen).

Waimarama Riding. SELBY MILES PALMER (Messrs H. C. Chambers and M. S. C. Gordon).

H.B. ELECTRIC POWER BOARD. MAURICE STIRLING CHAMBERS (Messrs F. B. Logan and E. J. Herrick).

WILLIAM HARVEY (Messrs J. H. Oldham and L. T. Bissan).

JOHN JOSEPH NIMON (Messrs Sydney A. Estagah and John Treman).

RIVERS BOARD. No. 1 Ward. J. H. SHEATH (Mr E. S. West and Miss M. A. Hedges).

No. 4 Ward. R. E. TALBOT (Messrs D. J. Boyle and A. Struthers).

No. 5 Ward. H. I. SIMON (Messrs A. Lowe and J. Hefferman).

H.B. HOSPITAL BOARD. CHRISTIAN LASSEN (Messrs T. Mitchell, D. G. Edgley, E. Wall and E. C. McDermott).

ROBERT HARDING (Messrs W. Tucker and E. H. Beamish).

NAPIER HARBOUR BOARD. JOHN BARKER (Messrs E. H. Beamish and A. Hobson).

HAVELOCK NORTH TOWN BOARD. JOHN JOSEPH NIMON (Messrs Sydney A. Estagah and John Treman).

HERBERT ERIC PHILLIPS (Messrs William Nimon and John Duncan).

GIFT PARCELS FOR SOLDIERS

By Telegraph-Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 29. Three main dispatches of un-addressed gift parcels received through the Provincial Patriotic Councils of the Dominion have now been sent overseas for the New Zealand forces by the National Patriotic Fund Board.

In all the number of these parcels sent to date is nearly 100,000. The scheme was introduced by the board to ensure that all members of the Dominion's fighting services would receive a parcel from home at intervals and it has been an unqualified success.

Hastings Court Yesterday

TRAFFIC OFFENDERS
Cases Heard Before Magistrate
LIQUOR TO NATIVES

Several traffic offenders appeared on various charges before Mr. J. Miller, S.M., at Hastings yesterday. For failing to produce a driver's licence, Dun Manahi Waikat was fined £1, costs 10/.

Charged with driving at a dangerous speed Bruce Nathaniel Edwards, (Mr. E. V. Simpson) who pleaded guilty, was fined £5, costs 10/. In addition an order was made for the cancellation of his driving licence for a period of six months.

Dennis Vincent Barry, pleading guilty by letter to a charge of failing to give way to the right, was fined £3, costs 10/.

Supplying Liquor
Charged with assisting in the supply of liquor to a Native for consumption off licensed premises within the Tamatea Proclaimed District, Niko Kupa was fined £3, costs totalling 17/.

For supplying liquor to a Native Samuel Westrupp, who pleaded guilty, was fined £5, costs 12/.

Time Books Not Kept
Failure to keep time books in respect of every person employed on their vehicles under the goods service held by them resulted in a charge brought by the Transport Department Inspector J. W. Codrington against the Minor Parcel Service, Ltd.

The defendants wrote explaining that as they were working regular hours and their licence did not permit long trips they had not realised the necessity for keeping the books. The Magistrate imposed a fine of £1, costs 10/.

Debt Cases
Judgment for plaintiffs in default of defendants was entered in the following debt cases:

C. Barclay v. John Hesketh £12 19/-, R. A. Wilkie £71/-, costs £1/4/6; A. Hampton v. Tom Donogh £5/5/-, costs £1/15/6; Hallenstein Bros., Ltd. v. J. Rossiter £6/7/-, costs £1/10/6; J. D. Ryan v. L. H. Jackson £2/17/-, costs £1/3/6; Shinnick v. W. Airie £1/16/-, costs 9/-; H.B. Publishing Co., Ltd. v. T. H. Lloyd £6/5/3, costs £1/10/6; same v. A. Hawley £5/17/6, costs £1/10/6; same v. Captain Walker £4/4/-, costs £1/10/6; H.B. Newspapers Ltd. v. P. Martin £3/8/2, costs £1/12/6.

Judgment summonses: J. Edwards was ordered to pay S. Fox £9/15/- forthwith, in default 11 days' imprisonment; I. Parkinson to pay A. E. King £1/7/- forthwith, in default two days' imprisonment; Cyril Crowley to pay M. G. Hargrave £23 2/6 at the rate of 10/- a week, in default 25 days' imprisonment.

NO CHATHAM CUP MATCHES

Football Association Meets

By Telegraph—Press Association WELLINGTON, April 29.

Because of the difficulties teams would be faced with concerning travel and securing leave for players, the council of the New Zealand Football Association decided today not to proceed with the Chatham Cup matches for the present season.

It was agreed to carry on with other trophy matches and that the pooling system adopted last year again operate.

It was also decided to carry on with the Brown Shield (no subsidy) and Peter Dawson Cup matches.

The question of schools tournaments was left in the hands of the districts concerned, consideration to be given to them when the applications to hold them are received.

Affiliation fees for the season were placed at £5 6/- for major associations and £2 2/- for minor associations.

NEGROES' RIGHTS IN AMERICA

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MEAT EXPORT PROBLEM

SUGGESTED SOLUTION AT WAIPUKURAU UNION MEETING

Charges For Transport Debated

Daily Mail Special Service. WAIPUKURAU.

At a meeting in Waipukurau yesterday, the president of the Waipukurau branch of the New Zealand Farmers' Union (Mr. E. S. Elliot) stressed the need for sustained and intensified interest by all members. At present, conditions were such that there should be no slackening of efforts as the war created a special problem, especially for farmers and their marketing interests.

Mr. Clive Cassidy, Hawke's Bay representative of the Transport Alliance, addressed the meeting, urging the appointment of a farmers' representative to the Motor Vehicles Impressionment Board, gave a detailed outline of the procedure for such impressionment and answered many questions. After considerable discussion Mr. A. F. Cook was nominated and the chairman of other branches are asked to co-operate and to communicate with him if the occasion is warranted.

Meat Export
Declaring that the meat question constituted the most serious problem confronting the farmers' community to-day, the chairman stated that it would be much worse during the coming season. He thought that remits should be brought forward now for presentation to the Dominion Conference.

After a lengthy discussion upon which all members spoke, Mr. F. Hewitt placed before the meeting the following motion: "In view of the anticipated shortage of freezing space for the 1941-1942 season and the consequent possibility of producers' inability to dispose of the whole of their normally surplus stock, this representative meeting of the Waipukurau branch of the Farmers' Union is of the opinion that consideration be given to the advisability of instituting a quota system."

"We suggest as a basis for this system, taking the average killings for the past two or three seasons of all classes of each producer's stock, be brought to a lamb unit basis, suggesting that each sheep represent two lambs and each cattle beast represent two lambs. A percentage of such average to be allotted to each producer." This was seconded by Mr. A. F. Cook.

Transport Charges
Attention was drawn to transport charges by Mr. W. Rathbone, who stated that the cartage on farmers' produce was too high. In comparison he quoted the prices of a few years ago as to the cartage of lambs to the works which was 4/6, to-day it is 11/6 plus 7/6 per cent, making the charge over 17/6. This is excessive, continued the speaker, and he disclosed that at a recent ewe fair a carrier with a fleet of trucks made £400 in two hours.

Mr. E. Hewitt said that it was impossible to make a business pay today at the old rate of 4/6, but maintained that the present day prices were a high one, that he would like to see a uniform rate. If cut-throat prices were allowed some carriers would go out of business leaving the field of activity to two or three and the position would be as acute then as it is now. It was resolved, therefore, that the attention of the Executive Committee be drawn to the allegation of excessive charges.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. E. S. Elliot; vice-presidents, Messrs L. M. Monckton and F. R. McWilliam; secretary, Mr. D. J. Coughlan; assistant secretary, Mr. A. Rathbone; representatives of the Hawke's Bay Executive, Messrs F. Hewitt, E. S. Elliot, D. J. Coughlan, A. Rathbone and F. R. McWilliam.

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Shooting Season Approaches

GAME PLENTIFUL Prospects In Hawke's Bay PROTECTED CLASSES

By Telegraph—Press Association. WELLINGTON, April 29.

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Major J. G. Leach (Wanganui), Captain C. F. Thomas (Whakatane), Lieutenant A. H. L. Bardsell (Gore), Lieutenant M. W. Wilson (Whangarei), Lieutenant W. H. Carter, Lieutenant J. K. F. Watson (Auckland), Second Lieutenant J. H. Corlett (Hamilton), Second Lieutenant H. L. Thomson (Auckland).

Sister H. M. Scott (Havelock North), Staff Nurse V. Cartwright (Napier).

Sergeant F. Adamson (Wellington), B. Aiding (Amaru), Lance-Corporal R. J. Alexander (Wellington), Sapper J. Oamaru (Wellington), Sapper F. E. Anderson (Wellington), Gunner D. M. Andrews (Palmerston North), H. R. Armstrong (Dunedin), G. A. Arthur (Invercargill), J. E. Ash (Waikato), Driver L. M. Barr (Auckland), H. E. Bassenand (Wellington), W. A. Beach (Napier), J. E. Beacham (Onehunga), I. J. Bell (Auckland), Lance-Corporal P. A. Belye (Auckland), Signalman W. Bennett (Kaitangata), Sapper T. G. Bidolph (Inangahua Junction), C. V. Blomfield (Waikato, Thames Line), C. T. Blucher (Waipohu), R. K. Bones (Hamilton).

Gunner F. H. S. Booth (Wellington), Signalman H. K. Braddock (Nelson), S. J. L. Bramble (Paeroa), Gunner J. Brennan (Timaru), C. S. Brown (Te Rapa), R. E. Buck (Auckland), C. E. Burke (Tauranga), G. B. Buxton (Timaru), T. F. S. Callan (Wellington), Corporal J. H. Campbell (Hornby), Sapper H. C. Campbell (Napier), Corporal R. C. Crawford (Dunedin), Regimental Sergeant-Major F. Crompton (Nelson), Driver J. R. Cross (Auckland), Lance-Corporal D. J. Curtis (Christchurch), G. M. Dale (Onehunga), T. E. Davies (Paekakariki).

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INGLESIDE HELD AT HASTINGS

Scots Society Meets

PATRIOTIC WORK DESCRIBED

One of the best attended and most enjoyable Inglesides held for some time took place in the Oddfellows' Hall, Hastings, last evening.

The stage was decorated with flowers and the Scottish standard.

Chief F. P. Mackay, who presided, extended a hearty welcome to the members of the society for their presence and Chief and Mrs. A. Duncan and Mr. Reid, of the Wellington Scottish Social Society, and Mr. and Miss Buchanan, of St. Andrew's Burns Club, Wellington, and Mrs. Boyd.

Sympathy was expressed with the relatives of the late Mrs. Bergman, better known to the members of the society as Miss Zita Spink.

Letters were read from the Lord Provost of Aberdeen and Mr. Reid, secretary of the Scottish Comforts Society, thanking the women of the society for goods knitted for the men on the trawlers and minesweepers.

The chief made an appeal on behalf of the Patriotic Circle of the Towns, and urged for old clothing, particularly woollen, to be made up into clothing for women and children in the sphere and who had been bombed out of their homes. It was pointed out that a large number of these garments were being made up and sent to the front.

A Presentation
During the evening the Chief made a presentation on behalf of the members of the society for many years, asking a prominent part in the teaching of Scottish national dancing, he said.

An enjoyable programme was presented, as follows:—Recitation, Mr. A. Sherwin; dance, Miss Miss Ramsay; vocal, choir; song in costume, Miss V. McCombe; character dance, Miss A. Polhara; items by Pipe Band, song, Miss R. Schofield; musical monologue, Miss Polhara; dance, Irish reel, Miss Ramsay and Knuckey; sketch, Miss McCombe; song, Mr. Bentley.

Pipers Butler and Watts played for the dancers. Mrs. Bell was the accompanist and McKay Orchestra supplied the dance music. Mr. Guthrie was M.C. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a happy evening to a close.

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WHY NOT A MAXIMUM?

Preparations For Forthcoming Meetings

(By THE BARB)

Some few years back the Canterbury Jockey Club introduced a maximum weight clause in connection with the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase and later applied the same condition to the New Zealand Cup Handicap. Since then the Wellington Racing Club has followed suit with a similar clause attached to the Wellington Steeplechase Handicap.

These introductions have met with the approval of owners and trainers as well as the weight-adjusters. It is a little surprising that some enterprising club, or even the New Zealand Racing Conference, has not considered applying a maximum clause to all two-year-old handicap races.

Many instances could be quoted during the last two or three decades of excessive imposts on good class juveniles when entered for handicap events, with the intention, no doubt of giving the riff-raff a chance or to make the handicap appear as if it had been correctly framed, to give every entrant an equal chance with the other on performances.

The Barb is not suggesting that such adjustments, up to a point, on form were not correct, but why "cruel" a good youngster, for ever perhaps, in order to give the poorer horse a chance which he might not be able to accept even if the majority were handicapped about 10 stone?

THE BRILLIANT EPITAPH

It is 20 years since the racing track first knew Mr. A. B. Williams's brilliant Absurd filly Epitaph, who won the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes and the Great Northern Foal Stakes, among other races, from an early spring to early summer. It was just after the latter victory that she was weighted at 10st. at the Auckland summer meeting, was started and won, too, which in a way justified the handicapper's estimate of her capabilities. In this event she was opposed by Mr. A. F. M. Symes's Ad Astra, also by Absurd, who had this breed's brilliant record, and won, too, which in a way justified the handicapper's estimate of her capabilities. In this event she was opposed by Mr. A. F. M. Symes's Ad Astra, also by Absurd, who had this breed's brilliant record, and won, too, which in a way justified the handicapper's estimate of her capabilities.

THE HEAVY A TOLL

It is only common sense to admit the heavy toll these big weights take on the strength and vitality of a young thoroughbred and the effect it must have on their later careers. Owners, of course, have their own remedy in not starting youngsters with big weights, but the clubs wish to see the best in action and so do the racing public.

One day on the Hastings racecourse in conversation with the late Mr. R. J. Mason, I put the question to that racing "wizard" and Mr. Mason replied that he did not know, but possibly it was that a two-year-old had a wonderful store of vitality and that if it had been correctly weighted, it would have a beneficial result on the future of many a promising young thoroughbred. Surely if the aged steeplechaser or handicap horse is entitled to consideration why not the youngster?

PERHAPS FOR KEES

Fossicker, who has twice gone amiss, has again gone lame, this time with tendon trouble, and as J. W. Price does not believe hanging on to hopeless cases he will probably be returned home to Gisborne this week which means he has finished with racing.

The Pink Coat-lan's March (Imp.) yearling filly that was recently broken-in by G. W. B. Greene has been turned out to a white and her owner says that it is not likely that she will be trained seriously until the autumn, and even then he may not be busy with her.

KATHBELLA BACK

It was anticipated that Kathbella might be retired to the stud after his loss of form, but she was back on the Hastings racecourse yesterday morning. The few days' spell had done her little good and she still looked a little weary.

The Infation-Mon Mint two-year-old is now a member of P. Hazleman's string, having been purchased by a patron of that stable, Mr. C. Hart, Te Aute. Mynet looks as though he may furnish into something worth while but it is going to be difficult to get him there.

AN EARLY WINNER

Hunting Blood continues to go on the right way and, although he has not raced since the beginning of January, will not be long before he strikes his best form.

CURRENT RUMOUR

There is a rumour going the rounds that the engaging by Mr. Frank Ormond of B. H. Morris has not been finalised and that Morris, after all, will not be taking up his residence as a professional trainer in the district.

A SOLID ONCE ROUND

Kinkajou (H. Callahan) and Gayest Son (S. Paramore) were responsible for a solid once round in 147, which is equivalent to a 145 at a mile on the inside grass which, perhaps, is the fastest track at present at Hastings.

Cherry Hunter (W. J. Mudford), now carrying half a hundredweight more than he did formerly, was given a couple of rounds, brushing home the last three the second time in 41sec. against the bit.

THE JUMPERS

Master Cykion (C. Cameron), having his initial introduction to hurdling, was schooled twice over the hurdle in the middle of the course. He gave a most impressive and fast display for a novice, in fact was one of the best seen here for some time. On this one essay it is predicted that Master Cykion may develop into a tip-top hurdler and will need little schooling before he is ready to win a race or two.

Siegall (J. Rae) was given her first school on the track but has had a little tuition at home. This Siegfried mare also went pleasingly and as a jumper should make the grade with little difficulty as she has the essentials.

Dia Bando (S. Paramore) in a school over the country revealed he has little to learn as a fence-fearer the experience gained in the hunting field. This big Psychology gelding should be a handy Hunt Cup candidate this season and by next jumping season will have qualified to take on the open grade.

ROYAL STUART PLEASES

Royal Stuart (J. Rae) was schooled over the double first but

DECLARATION OF WEIGHTS

EGMONT WINTER MEETING

EXCELLENT FIELDS

Many Hastings Horses Engaged

By Telegraph—Press Association HAWERA, April 29.

Handicaps for the first day of the Egmont Race Club winter meeting, to be held at Hawera on May 8 and 10, have been declared as follows:—

TWO-MILE HURDLES of 100 lbs. one mile and a half—Aussie Ra 11.4, Tidewater 11.0, Matauroa 10.6, Segra 10.5, Collicott 10.1, Hunting King 9.12, Parekura 9.12, Raana 9.7, Southern Road 9.4, Mia Acrea 9.2, Selkirk 9.1, Enderment 8.9, Waverley, Natal, St. George, Royal Talkie, Eupatrid, Sanguine King, all 8.0.

TELEGRAPH HACK HANDICAP of £150, six furlongs—Battlegain 9.0, Ringling 8.11, Valiant Lady 8.9, Tavoy 8.8, Kriemhild 8.7, Katesbridge 8.4, Miss Clipper 8.1, Night Ray 8.0, Mivva 8.0, Captain Gale, Lu Chang, Lucky Lulu, Ocean Breeze, La Rosita, Desert Tide, Earlscourt, Weneveng, Tauru, Sunfire, Brendre, all 7.13.

HAWERA HANDICAP of £200, seven furlongs—Amigo 9.2, Sir Crusoe 9.1, Fox Dale 8.13, Ringling 8.7, Noble Fox 8.6, Du Maurier 8.5, Minority 8.0, Night Rupture 8.1, Circular Note 8.0, No. 10 7.11, Surveyor-General 7.10, Enderment 7.9, Alexella 7.9, Hagen 7.8, Ringling 7.7, Long Gully 7.4, Veldette 7.4, Grandora 7.4, Notium 7.3, Davilla 7.2, Valerian, Sporting Gift, War Cloud, Air Flight, Boden Park, Harina, all 7.0.

EGMONT STEEPLECHASE of £400, two miles and a half—Kawaka 10.11, Aussie Ra 10.8, Bridgeway 10.5, Chat 10.1, Rotorua 10.2, Iddo 10.2, High Feet 9.11, Dozie Boy 9.11, Disturbed 9.4, Glen-vane 9.0, Southern Blood 9.2, Tigretter, Mia Acrea, Vesty, Padnos, Ruling Star, Car Leaf, all 9.0.

HACK SCURRY HANDICAP of £150, five furlongs—Parlato 9.0, Sea Link 8.11, Star 8.10, Verulam 8.9, Sunny Knight 8.9, Tavoy 8.7, Valiant Lady 8.7, Golden Park 8.6, Kriemhild 8.5, Barry Boy 8.2, Fly-by-Night 7.12, Valtour 7.12, Mivva 7.11, Miss Wetherlo 7.9, Taitama 7.9, Earlscourt 7.8, Captain Gale, Salvatone, Sly Gip, La Rosita, Desert Tide, St. George, Royal Talkie, Canox, Miss Hallmore, Tease, Lady Founa, Calliope, Ha Rena, Golden Waitie, Red Myosotis, Hinchou, Squeres, Illumnacre, all 7.7.

McRAE CUP HANDICAP of £400, one mile and a quarter—Amigo 9.0, Sir Crusoe 8.13, Friesland 8.6, Royal Star II 8.5, Lambourn 8.4, Tidewater 7.11, Little Robin 7.9, Faso Rholes 7.8, Kena 7.7, Alexella 7.7, Surveyor-General 7.6, French 7.6, Gold Card 7.3, Platine 7.2, Gay Fox 7.2, Notium 7.2, Lord Cavendish 7.1, Aurora's Star 7.1, Authorise 7.1, Hunting Bee, Beau Cullen, Pearl of Asia, Elbert, Boden Park, Venture, Last Acre, Windsor Chief, all 7.0.

TAWHITI HACK HANDICAP of £175, seven furlongs—Sanction 9.0, Sir Crusoe 8.11, Auto Sweep 8.7, Gold Craft 8.6, Phlyto 8.5, Hokimal 8.4, Mountain King 8.4, Talents 8.2, Val Pava 8.2, War Cloud 8.1, Le Marquis 8.1, Arabic 7.13, Rob 7.13, Gold Card 7.13, Catnach 7.13, Miss Clipper 7.12, Valtour 7.12, French 7.8, Natal 7.8, Goldburn, Vin Rouge, Gitana Laska, Israel, all 7.7.

ACCEPTANCES RECEIVED FOR AMBERLEY

Average Fields
NEXT SATURDAY'S MEETING
Mixed Programme

By Telegraph—Press Association CHRISTCHURCH, April 29.

The following are the acceptances for the Amberley Racing Club's meeting on May 3:—

11.45—NOVICE STAKES of £100; six furlongs—Acquaintance, Ballerina, Blue Silk, Camphor, Dusk, Force, Frontiersman, Haughty Lad, Hurry Gid, My Abbey, Portoven, Snow Elk, Thorald, Trench Coat, 8.7; Arabian Night, Espionage, Guardress, Lady Voltava, Lunaria, Plumbeago, Sir Grey, Square Cut, 7.2.

12.20—BRACKENSFIELD HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP of £100; seven furlongs—Merry March 10.5, Liane 9.13, Streamline 9.5, Donadea 9.3, Sir Frederick, Ruis, Waka, Courage, Streach, Slasher, Scarteen, 9.0.

12.55—TEVIOTDALE TROT HANDICAP of £104; 3.43 class, one mile and a half—Confagrate, Narvarino, Native Man, Nuella, Robinette, Sollicor, Vera de Oro, Young Rey, scr., Silver Flash 48yds bhd.

1.40—GLASNEVIN HANDICAP of £100; seven furlongs—Don't Forget 9.3, Paper Note 8.2, Mungatong 7.10, Stabilise 7.7, Sham Boy 7.7.

2.15—G. B. STARKY MEMORIAL of £100, one mile and a quarter—Muffer 9.3, Finches, Minerva 7.1, Greenbank 7.10, Hail, Good Health, Gay Thread, Lockheed, Benevolent 7.7.

2.50—SEADOWN HANDICAP of £100, six furlongs—Military Maid 9.0, Eulogist, Rawhamal 8.12, Gullder 8.9, Nightjals 8.6, Treasurer 8.5, Lady Darby, Retegossion 8.3, Dispense 7.3, Ann Mie, Slasher 7.7.

3.25—AMBERLEY HANDICAP of £120; nine furlongs—Cymric 9.0, Knight Commander 8.8, Prudent Prince 8.6, The Wrecker 8.3, Merry March 7.13, Liane, Stabilise, Rebel Star, Ferriby 7.6.

4.0—KOWAI TROT HANDICAP of £104; 3.5 class; nine furlongs—Canadian Prince, Confagrate, Montress, Native Man, Narvarino, Nuella, Prospector, Robinette, Sultan's Prize, True Metal, Vera de Oro, Walkair Chief, Wee Jack, Wee Truman, Young Rey scr., Loyal Betty 48yds bhd., Silver Flash 48.

POVERTY BAY WINTER MEETING
Acceptances Close On Monday Next

Good nominations have been received for the Poverty Bay Turf Club's steeplechase meeting to be held on the Makaraka racecourse on Saturday and Monday, May 10 and 12.

Every event has drawn an increased entry on last year's figures, pointing to an interesting race meeting eventuating.

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Acceptances for all events close with the secretary, Mr. G. H. Sceats, Gisborne, on Monday next, May 5, at 8 p.m.

Answer To Correspondent

"Murt" Hastings: (1) Silver Scorn (Riccarton) is the present holder of the Dominion six-furlong record—min. 92.5sec. (2) The Hawk's 1.93.5 has been erased from the records since the re-survey of the Trentham racing track. (3) Great Flight is not credited with a six-furlong record for New Zealand, the previous holder to the Hawk registering 1.93.5 was Chimera's 1.10—The Barb.

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