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## “Eleventh Hour” Reached In Crete

### BRITISH HANG ON GRIMLY

#### Berlin Claims That Empire Troops Are Trapped

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LONDON, June 1.

The “Daily Mail’s” Cairo correspondent describes the fighting in Crete as “the eleventh hour.” The Empire troops are holding the gullies and rocky riverbeds, throwing up ramps of stones as they hastily construct machine-gun nests.

German troops, protected by screaming dive-bombers, continue to surge against them. The New Zealanders fight on almost automatically, their eyes red with watching and their ears half deafened with the constant bombing.

### Pilots Had No Chance

#### LUFTWAFFE’S STRENGTH

Amazing Risks Taken By R.A.F.

#### HEROIC BATTLES

(Received June 1, 10.5 p.m.)  
CAIRO, June 1.

Members of the R.A.F. returning from Crete give vivid pictures of the overwhelming strength of the Luftwaffe’s onslaught against the small British air force on the island.

“It was a man-sized job even to get our planes into the air,” said one. “The Luftwaffe machine-gunned our pilots and aerodromes so continuously that we made many fruitless attempts to get into the air. Then, when we got into the air, we were overwhelmed by enemy fighters and if we escaped to return to the aerodromes often found the runways bombed.

“One Hurricane pilot was last seen with 20 Messerschmitts on his tail. He had brought down many enemy planes before that but the odds were too great.

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“To maintain our fighters there would have meant total destruction.”

Pilots relate countless individual acts of heroism. A pilot who had never flown a Hurricane before took it up to fight off droves of Messerschmitts. He helped to bring down five before he lost his life.

### Freyberg With His Troops

#### ALIVE AND WELL

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### RESISTANCE AMAZED PARACHUTISTS

#### Simple Job Expected

### Brutal Treatment Of Wounded

#### HOSPITAL CAPTURED

#### Men Forced To Salute Swastika

#### HALF-HOUR ORDEAL

(Received June 1, 10.15 p.m.)  
CAIRO, June 1.

A New Zealander who was wounded in Crete, in an interview, said: “I was in a tent at a hospital camp on May 20 when 50 planes bombed and machine-gunned us for 90 minutes. Parachutists followed and captured the camp and ordered us out at the point of tommyguns, whether we were able to walk or not. They threw hand grenades into the tents to hurry us.

“They replaced the Union Jack with the swastika and ordered the patients to stand with arms raised in salute for half an hour. Many collapsed and a German officer intervened and ordered the patients to bed, but a superior officer swaggered up, cursing and threatening us with grenades. Another officer took photographs of us.

“A New Zealand battalion 400 yards away eventually recaptured the hospital. The Germans tried to escape, making 16 of our wounded men march ahead of them.

“A wounded paratrooper who was being treated in hospital exactly as the British volunteered to be the guard when the Germans captured it and he proved one of the most brutal.”

### Fire Sweeps Rail Terminal

#### FOOD DESTROYED

#### Flames Sprang Up At Six Places

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NEW YORK, June 1.

Fire swept Jersey City-Erie railroad terminal covering 35 acres on the waterfront, destroying an abattoir, two grain elevators, three piers and 15 barges loaded with thousands of tons of wheat and hundreds of head of cattle destined for Britain.

Witnesses said that it started at six places simultaneously.

### SIR HUGH WALPOLE DEAD

#### Successful Novelist

#### SERVED IN RUSSIA IN LAST WAR

#### Born In Auckland

LONDON, June 1.

The death has occurred of Sir Hugh Walpole, a writer who stood high among the important novelists of the day. He died at his home following a heart attack. He was aged 57.

Sir Hugh, who was knighted in 1937, was born at Auckland, New Zealand, and at the age of three was taken to England. He served in the Russian Army in the early stages of the last war and later held posts as a King’s Messenger and at the Foreign Office.

His most successful novels dealt with life in small cathedral towns of England but his “Rogue Herries” series of historical novels was also popular, while his experience in Russia stood him in good stead in a few of his earlier works.

### GERMANS MAKE SYRIA THEIR NEXT OBJECTIVE

#### Use Of Weygand’s Equipment Would Ease Task Of Transport

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LONDON, May 31.

“The German plans to sweep from Greece and Crete to the next objectives, Syria and Cyprus, are already well-advanced, according to reports from the Middle East,” says the “Daily Mail’s” Istanbul correspondent. “All power in Syria has now passed from the French to the Germans. Thousands of Frenchmen are working six four-hour shifts a day under German overseers constructing five new aerodromes for the Germans.

“The German Air Force already in Syria consists of 180 bombers.”

The “Daily Telegraph’s” Jerusalem correspondent points out that a German drive on Syria and Cyprus would not require initially much imported material except what can be flown in. General Weygand’s original Middle East Army is well equipped and all stores and arms are still serviceable. The Ger-

### Iraq Rebels Flee: Britain Grants An Armistice

#### FRANCE WILL ASSERT HER RIGHTS

#### DARLAN’S SPEECH

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LONDON, May 31.

The British United Press Beirut correspondent reports that the Mayor of Baghdad announced the completion of an armistice “on good terms.”

There is no confirmation in London of the reported kidnapping of the boy King.

The armistice does not mean that no more German aeroplanes and personnel will be able to go into action against Britain, but it does mean that Iraq participation is at an end. The German and Italian Ministers have fled to Iran. British forces are reported to have reached the outskirts of Baghdad, penetrating the suburbs.

According to an Ankara report, disturbances broke out at Baghdad and there was widespread looting.

### BOMBS DROPPED ON DUBLIN

#### EIGHTEEN PERSONS KILLED

#### FIRES STARTED

#### Germans Try To Blame Britain

(United Press Association—Copyright.)  
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NEW YORK, June 1.

At least 18 were killed, about 40 seriously injured and about 60 others injured during an air raid on Dublin on Friday night. A number of fires were started and the gas mask was used.

The aircraft are believed to have been identified as German.

A bomb fell in Phoenix Park and broke some glass in the residence of the President (Dr. Douglas Hyde), but no person was injured.

A bomb in North Strand, which fell on the roadway, did most damage to property and it was here that most of the casualties occurred.

The British United Press Berlin correspondent says that German officials declared that they had no confirmation of reports that Dublin had been bombed.

“We can only recall our statement when this occurred before that it was an attempt by Winston Churchill to create a new Athena case,” said the officials. “When the British bomb Irish territory we can see with what intent.”

The raid was comparable with some raids on frontline British towns. Between 30 and 40 were killed, states a later message. More than 100 were injured. There was widespread damage to property.

The raid began shortly after one a.m. and planes dived over the city for a considerable time.

### EX-KAISER GRAVELY ILL

#### Little Hope Held Of Recovery

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AMSTERDAM, June 1.

The ex-Kaiser is in a serious condition with an intestinal ailment. He is being fed artificially.

It was earlier reported that there was little hope of his recovery, but to-day a slight improvement was noted, though his condition is still critical.

He is 82 years of age.

### GERMAN ADMIRAL’S SUICIDE

#### Linked With Hess Case

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LONDON, June 1.

The Norwegian Telegraph Agency learns that Admiral Boehm, German naval commander-in-chief in Norway, committed suicide at Oslo, reportedly owing to his friendship with Rudolf Hess, who is now held in Britain following his flight and parachute landing.

It is thought that the suicide is connected with Himmler’s recent visit to Norway.

Admiral Boehm was appointed Chief of Naval Staff in 1938.

### BITTER ATTACK ON BRITAIN

#### FRANCE WILL ASSERT HER RIGHTS

#### DARLAN’S SPEECH

(United Press Association—Copyright.)  
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VICHY, June 1.

Admiral Darlan, in a statement to the Press of occupied France bitterly attacked Britain.

“After the R.A.F. bombing of Sfax I am more than ever determined to secure respect for France’s rights to dispose freely of her ports and lines of communication,” he said.

“France is still strong enough not to put up with any violation of her territory or insult to her flag.”

Summing up what he described as British acts of piracy against France, he said: “Ninety French ships totalling 370,000 tons have been seized since last July. Ten ships totalling 36,000 tons have been appropriated in French colonial territories and 33 ships totalling 158,000 tons have been captured at sea. Since last June 13 ships totalling 142,000 tons have been impounded in America under British orders. Twenty-one ships totalling 86,000 tons have been lost since last July as a result of bombing, torpedoing or scuttling in the face of British threats.”

**Possessions Seized.**

“This represents a total value of 120,000,000 francs.

“The British have also seized the French possession of New Caledonia.”

Admiral Darlan added that Britain accused France of sending Germany and Italy supplies and transporting arms, but Britain aimed only to destroy French sea power and to separate France from her colonial empire.

“I shall see that France takes the position of a great Power in Europe and the World. This means that she must take her share in the construction of the New Order,” he declared.

### Sank With Guns Blazing

#### NIGHTMARE ON HOOD

#### Whole Ship Enveloped In Flame

#### TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

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LONDON, June 1.

“H.M.S. Hood’s end was an almost unbelievable nightmare,” says an eyewitness aboard another warship. “She went down with guns still blazing.

“Shells began hitting her soon after the engagement opened and a few minutes later there was a bright sheet of flame and the ship blew up.

“Early on May 24 in the sombre light of dawn the Bismarck and an escorting cruiser appeared. Our ships sped on to shorten the range and the Germans turned in towards the pursuers.

“The world’s greatest battleships were thundering towards one another at top speed then ‘open fire’ was ordered and the Hood’s forward guns belched flame.

**On They Raced**

“Puffs of smoke came from the Bismarck within three seconds. The Prince of Wales then began firing. The Hood continued to race forward until she was hit by a shell or shells which appeared to strike just ahead of one of her after 15-inch gun-turrets. A large fire broke out but the Hood raced on.

“What happened next was a sickening sight. There was a terrific explosion and the whole ship was enveloped in a flash of flame, smoke rising high in the air. Section of the funnels, masts and other parts hurtled hundreds of feet, the Hood’s bows tilted vertically and all that remained of the four minutes later was a flicker of smoke on the surface.

“A destroyer managed to pick up one midshipman and two seamen.

**Slight Damage**

“The Prince of Wales did not cease pouring shells at the Bismarck. The Prince of Wales was hit earlier but the damage was slight. Then the Bismarck turned away and the final chase ending in her destruction began.”

Admiralty communication states that in the action his Majesty’s ships, apart from the Hood, sustained casualties of 25 killed and 13 wounded.

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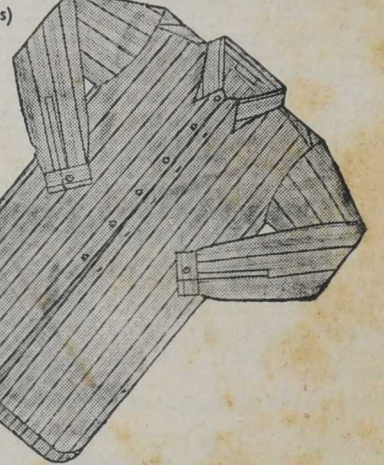
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NAPIER HARRIERS' ROAD RACE

Course Around The Town ... Commencing at the Sound Shell, the Napier Harrier Club's annual road race which will be held this morning, will follow a course down Emerson Street and Carlyle Street, along George's Drive to Latham Street, up Sale Street and back along the Marine Parade.

INCIDENT AT BRIDGE PARTY ... "Two diamonds", "Two spades", "Three diamonds", "A Taylor", "Take Pulmonas for that cold," advised the hostess.

PLANS ON VIEW AT THE THEATRE. Seats Are Still Available for To-night at 2/3 and 2/10 Reserved. (Approved for Universal Exhibition.)

State CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN BRILLIANT COMEDY ... Charlie Chaplin is back. After two years of incredible confusion of rumours as to whether he would make "The Great Dictator" or not the news is that the first Charlie Chaplin comedy since "Modern Times," now showing at the State Theatre, Napier.

CHRISTIE'S furnishings ... Illustration of a dining room with a table, chairs, and a lamp.

WINTER BOWLING AT HASTINGS ... Taking advantage of the fact that the Heretaunga Bowling Club have greens open for winter play when the weather permits, members of various clubs visited the greens and same interesting games were played in perfect sunny weather.

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Napier Park Racing Club's Winter Meeting

OPENS SENSATIONALLY

Cherry Plum Shows Class When Winning

(By THE BARB) The Napier Park winter meeting opened somewhat sensationally at Greenmeadows on Saturday when, in the first race, at the second hurdle, and in front of the main stand, Siegall unseated her rider.

Nine went to the post in the opening event of the day. The Motek Hurdles, but the event was robbed of a lot of interest when at the second fence Siegall dismounted her rider after making an indifferent leap and brought down Malacca, Royal Stuart and Whetu.

CLASS PREVAILS Although Vin D'Honneur, the favorite for the Maiden Scurry, was drawn wide out, she was quickly into her stride and in a twinkling rider Marsh had her in front and on the rails.

Singapore also has no excuses as he was the favorite for the Mares Handicap, but he was drawn wide out and was quickly into his stride and in a twinkling rider Marsh had her in front and on the rails.

Gold Craft was a favorite for the Maiden Scurry, but he was drawn wide out and was quickly into his stride and in a twinkling rider Marsh had her in front and on the rails.

Down the back the last time Lucullus Boy, unwisely ran up alongside of Cherry Plum and took him on at the next two fences but this was his undoing, as otherwise he would have been second. Cherry Plum out-jumped Lucullus Boy at the fences down the back and then went on again untroubled to win as though he was having a school on his own.

The four starters in the Ladies' Handicap ran in pairs for the first half mile with Misurina and Pretty Lass in front and Anini and Makaka two or three lengths back.

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NAPIER PARK WINTER MEETING FIRST RACE 11 A.M. Good Fields Have Accepted

(By 'THE BARB') The Napier Park Racing Club concludes its winter meeting at Greenmeadows to-day and the prospects are bright and the form horses may prove to be—

WAGGANUI HURDLES: Rollicker, Whetu, Misurina.

GREENMEADOWS HACK: Khurja, Support, Cherry Hunter.

TRIAL HANDICAP: Cartoons, Knightsbridge, Loach Moigh.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP: Black, Thread 10, Personality 8, 2.

WANGANUI WINTER MEETING Single Pool

CONCLUSION TO-DAY AT AWAPUNI Prime Fancies

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WANGANUI WINTER MEETING BLACK ROBE WINS Connolly Annexed By The Monarch

By Telegraph-Press Association PALMERSTON N., May 31. The Wanganui Jockey Club's winter meeting opened in brilliantly fine weather after a frost and the Awapuni course was in grand order.

PURUA HURDLES: Of £150; one mile and a half. 8—TRAVAIL, car. 9.6 (L. Jarvis) 1

MAIDEN RACE: Of £130; six furlongs. 6—SANDY BAY, car. (P. Stewart) 1

TRIAL HANDICAP: Of £85; six furlongs. Cartoons 8, Knightsbridge 8, Loach Moigh 8, Grey Sny 8, Nallo 8, Tealord 8, Whackie 8.

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