

HITLER: WE FIGHT, NO MATTER WHERE, **TILL VICTORY Every fit man must** stake his life, even

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the sick must work **"WHOEVER STABS US IN** THE BACK WILL DIE"

HITLER, broadcasting to the German nation from his headquarters last night, said it was now more than ever necessary to strengthen their solemn determination to fight on, no matter where and no matter under what circumstances. until final victory crowned their efforts.

" I expect every fit German to stake his life and body in battle. I expect the sick and infirm to work to the last ounce of their strength."

And Hitler uttered this warning : "Whoever stabs us in the back will die an ignominious death."

In the East a gruesome fate was exterminating men in tens and hundreds of thousands, but despite all setbacks, and all grim trials the Germans would ward it off and master it

HIS 12 YEARS OF POWER

His speech, which lasted 21 minutes, was the shortest he has made on the anniversary of his coming into power.

He began with a review of the position in Germany during the 12 years since he became Chancellor of the Reich, when Germany had almost seven million unemployed and another seven millions working reduced hours.

Since January, 1933, only six years of peace had been granted to Germany, but in that time the German body politic had been put on a sound military basis, not in the first place by equipping it with material war-making power, but by imbuing it with the

Hitler—

HITLER'S voice sounded at the beginning rather sepulchral, but became more normal during the

And ghost voice News Chronicle Radio Listener

spiritual will of resistance

and self-assertiveness.

He continued :

Goose and the Fox There is no need to argue with those fatheads who believe that an undefended. Common would be



The latest picture of Hitler to reach London last night. It was not taken by his personal photographer Hoffmann, but is from a captured German film. Hitler, sad. faced and in sombre mood, hat in hand, is surveying the ruins of a German town, the name of which is not asclosed

40-mile columns of

Vast Soviet tank Into Siegfried onslaught heads Line, shoulder West, say Nazis

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1945

12 YEARS

THE formidable armies of Marshal Zhukov were last night on Berlin's admission 80 miles east of the Reich capital and were still advancing.

A broadcast report by the German High Command declared : "Soviet reconnaissance thrusts between the Oder and the Netze, as well as north of the Netze, have now become merged into one vast tank-borne onslaught heading west."

A military spokesman later spoke of a Soviet force driving west beyond the Meseritz-Zuellichau line and striving to fan out between Frankfurt-on-Oder and Kuestrin-that is to say, advancing within 80 miles of Berlin.

This morning the German News Agency reported that in the area "west of Poznan, where the position has deteriorated, Soviet spearheads have achieved a deep breach.'

Moscow, in its communique last night-there was no special Order from Marshal Stalin yesterday—announced the capture by Zhukov of more German towns. These included Stolzenberg, 83 miles east-north-east of Berlin; Betsche, 90 miles east ; Bomst, Unruhstadt and Tirschtiegel, all on the approaches to the Zuellichau railway.

Elsewhere the communique reported steady progress, particularly in the Carpathians.

Red Army officers take out their new maps From PAUL WINTERTON **News** Chronicle Correspondent

MOSCOW, Tuesday. HERE was a dramatic moment on the Central front west of Poznan a day or two ago when a group of Russian Staff officers took out a new set of maps and pasted them on to western margins of the old ones.

The new maps were of Pomerania and Brandenburg, and they included what is now universally referred to here as "the lair of the Fascist beast "-Berlin itself.

Some of these same officers, in the dark days when the tide of battle was going against them on the Don and in Stalingrad, had taken out these same maps and studied them and cheered themselves up in their dug-outs with the certain knowledge that one day they would be using them inside Germany. -or someone would-to wage war on German land.

PATIENCE IS REWARDED

to shoulder

WEDNESday

starts the day for thousands

LATE LONDON

From NORMAN CLARK **News Chronicle War Correspondent** OUR RIVER FRONT, Tuesday.

CHOULDER to shoulder, divisions of two armies have resumed the drive into Germany.

Without a day's pause to regroup or refit, the southern flank of the U.S. First Army under Gen. Hodges and the northern wing of Gen. Patton's Third Army are pressing steadily, on a broad front, towards and into the outer defences of the Siegfried Line. [Shaef reports state that six divisions are battling on a 30-mile front.]

VON RUNDSTEDT'S FAILURE

The Third Army moved to the offensive the moment the last German soldiers had been expelled from Belgium and Northern Luxemburg, bringing to an end von Rundstedt's forced withdrawal from the Ardennes salient.

The attack into Germany has developed from the failure of the German break-out towards the Meuse

It is the natural consequence of Mr. Churchill's promise to the Germans, in his recent review of the war, that the Western front, as well as the Eastern and Italian fronts, will "now be kept henceforward in constant flame until the climax is reached."

Further, it is proof that von Rundstedt's attempt to dislocate and delay the general advance of the armies from the west did not ucceed

Today Third Army infantry, supported by tanks and artillery, have broadened to four miles, and deepened to three-quarters of a mile, the bridgehead that they had secured across the Our

Deeper snow

Enemy attempts to counter this new lodgment inside Germany have been ineffectual so far. But

have been ineffectual so far. But the opposition is stiffening. Advances of half a mile from Steffhausen, six miles south-east of St. Vith, to Schieback, three and a half miles farther south, have been made during a heavy snowfall that has persisted all day and is deepening the seow-drifts. The hamlet of Welchen-hausen, eight and a half miles From Our Own Correspondent Stockholm, Tuesday night.— The former German Finance Minister Schacht has again been arrested and is in a Ber-lin prison, according to a re-liable source. hausen, eight and a half miles south of St. Vith, was cleared yesterday, and troops today reached a point three-quarters of a mile to the east and a mile

New to Third

LONDON DIM-OUT 6.17 p.m.-8.9 a.m.

LATE NEWS

AGAIN

rest of the speech.

New landing may outflank Manila A new Allied landing on the wost coast of Luzon, some 60 miles south of Lingayen Gulf, threatens to outflank Manila. The landing was made between San Narcisco and San Antonio, said Gen. MacArthur's communique These two places, five miles apart, lie just north-west of Bataan. The Japs were completely sur-prised. Allied troops landed with out loss and drove inland.

Indian leaders silenced

Patna, India, Tuesday, — The Government of Bihar Province has issued an Order prohibiting the publication without permission, of any statement or speech by any of the five Congressmen on whom internment orders were served last week-end.

disease. All the small European nations who capitulated, trusting in Allied guarantees, are heading for com-plete extermination. This fate is plete extermination. This fate is so inevitable that it does not matter in the least whether it materialises a little sooner or later. But Germany will never suffer that fate. So much is guaranteed

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German refugees

There is no need to argue with the full on the oblive that is harmed their strength of resistance we have the full or strength of resistance we have the their strength of resistance we have their strength of

Warsaw

Cracow

By his push to the north-west beyond captured Woldenberg, Zhukov's men are little more than 60 miles from Stettin, at the mouth of the Oder, and it is hardly neces-sary to emphasise the new danger of encirclement which may soon lie ahead of the German forces in the long north-easterly salient of Pomerania. It is not a dissimilar threat to that which will be created by Marshal Koniev to the Germans holding the long tongue of Silesia, if he can succeed in establishing and developing his bridgeheads west of the upper Oder. Marshal Zhukov has also com-pletely severed in many places the main railway from Berlin to Danzig, and is thereby lending useful aid to Rokossovsky's cam-paign in East Prussia and the border of the old Polish Corridor. In addition to those units of the First White Russian Army which have invaded Germany, a group of some size is still investing the large German force trapped in Poznan. The garrison of Poznan is not aware yet of the extent of the

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Czechs to recognise Lublin

By a Correspondent

By a Correspondent Within the next few days the London Czechoslovak Government will recognise the Lublin Pro-visional Government of Poland. Mr. Joseph Heiret, former Press Attaché at the Czechoslovak Legation in Warsaw, has been appointed Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Lublin Government. Mr. Heiret is editor of the London weekly "Czecho-slovak," the official organ of the London Czech Government.

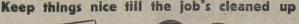
New to Third No new ground has been broken by the Allies in this new advance into Germany, but it is new terri-tory as far as the Third Army is concerned. Before von Rundstedt's attack began the line that bulged another four or five miles east of the frontier was held by the U.S. First Army, by divisions that took the full weight on the narrowest of full weight on the narrowest of the American divisions to hold that offensive before it reached States First and Third forces to resume the march into Germany without giving the enemy an hour's French nearer Colmar, Back Page. d

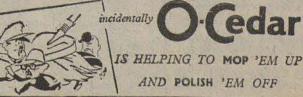




little O-Cedar (with very little rubbing) will see you through all the polishing, for O-Cedar is most economical. If at first you don't succeed in getting it, try, try again.

Xour O-Cedar Mop (now so very difficult to replace) can be made to last longer if you shake it well each time after using and occasionally moisten the pad with a little O-Cedar Polish.







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MIDLAND BANK LIMITED ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREMOLDERS The Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Midland Bank Limited was held yesterday at the Head Office, Poultry, London, E.C.2. Mr. Stanley Christopherson (the Chairman) presided. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Lord Wigram (Director), the Meeting expressed its deepest sympathy with the relatives of those members of the Staff who, during the past year, whilst serving in H.M. Forces, had lost their lives or been posted as missing or become pri-soners, and of the civilian members who had also lost their lives or been posted as missing or become pri-soners, and of the civilian members who had also lost their lives or been post-war industrial finance com-panies, the formation of which was recently announced, Mr. C. T. A. Sadd (Vice-Chairman) said both the proposed institutions were con-cerned essentially with the provi-sion of middle- or long-term innds, and both therefore would cover parts of the field which could hardly be brought within the range of direct Bank dvances. We are confident, he said, that these schemes would do direct gupport to the proposals and ur continued co-operation in carrying them out; and we shall continue to give the most progressive and broad-minded consideration to all proposals coming to us for accommedation pro-periy to be provided by a commercial bank.

The Chairman referred to the change in the Governorship of the baryovided by a commercial bank. The Chairman referred to the change in the Governorship of the Bank of England. Lord Norman had filled this position of vast responsibility with a distinction that provided constant evidence of great character and power of intellect, and the meeting agreed to send him a message of hope that he would long enjoy the happiness in refirement he had so richly earned. The Chairman was also authorised to assure Lord Catto of the admiration felt for the outstanding qualities—not least the characteristic mixture of common sense and genius—that had brought him to this eminent position in the affairs of the nation, and of the firm confidence and warmth of goodwill with which the news of his appointment had been welcomed.

LIEBIG'S EXTRACT OF MEAT LARGER TURNOVER

The solth ordinary general meeting Liebig's Extract of Meat Company, milted, was held yesterday in ondon, Mr. Kenneth M. Carlisle hairman and managing director)

Chairman and managing director) presiding.
 The following is an extract from the chairman's statement circulated with the accounts:
 The figure of profit carried to Ap-propriation Account is £401.173, in comparison with £274.031 in the pre-vious year, and, after transfer of £105,000 to Taxation Provision Ac-count there remains a net balance of £206.173, with the attition of £108.499 brought forward from last year, elayes available for distribution a total of £384.672.
 After payment of the Preference interest and of the interim dividend paid in July last, it is proposed now to pay a final dividend free of income tax of 6s, per £5 unit of Ordinary Stock, which, together with the in-terim dividend, will make a total of 8s free of tax per unit, the same as in the previous year. At the same time the carry-forward will be raised to £199.672.

NEWS CHRONICLE MANCHESTER 8: Derby St., Cheetham Blackfriars 1101 (6 lines).

Liberalism on the March

ORGANISED Liberalism is on the march. The public appeal made today by the Liberal Party for an election fighting fund of £200,000 indicates the measure of the party's confidence in a great and growing cause and deserves a generous response from liberal-minded men and women everywhere.

It is no longer denied by experienced political observers in this country that Liberalism is a force which must be reckoned with seriously in the coming election. *

The historic Liberal Party has a matchless record of social progress.

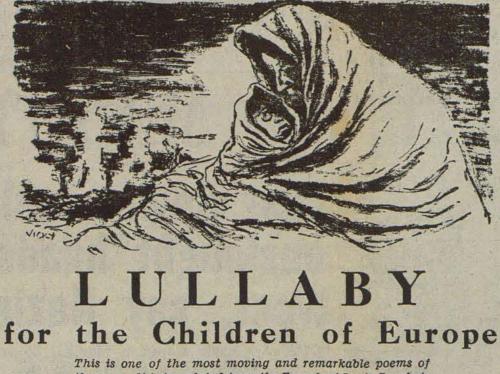
Even in the lean times that followed the first World War, Liberal re-search and Liberal pressure exercised a continuous and sometimes positive influence on British policy. But Parliamentary representation is the touchstone of political authority; and for nearly a quarter of a century it is the Conservative Party which, with two brief interruptions, has ruled the roost at Westminster.

Now there are abundant signs of a change. Millions of young men and women with no original party bias are looking forward ardently to a better and happier world and thinking about it in terms of an advanced Liberalism.

Such policies as are exemplified by Sir William Beveridge's great Reports have given a new impulse to the hopes of a new generation and identified its hopes with the Liberal Party. *

The appeal for a large fighting fund, therefore, seems fully justified by the new trends of political thought. It coincides with the annual Assembly of the party which meets this week in London. The delegates are presented

with a notable opportunity. On such great issues as social security, full employment, housing and the organisation for world peace, there will doubtless



the war. It is translated from the French of Louis Cauchois by BRUCE BLUNT, who read it in "France Libre." The translation appears by permission of "France Libre."

SLEEP in your hunger. Sleep in your

b tears.
Sleep on, my little child of fate,
Sleep with far battles in your ears.
Sleep, born too soon. Sleep, born too late.
Sleep for this lost and hapless age.
Sleep for the kings. Sleep for the scum.
For heaven where hell's omens rage;
For the sea's red delirium. tears. Sleep for the darkened dance and sad

Of cursed battalions wrapped in death. Well may you sleep. The world is mad. These are the words your mother saith.

SLEEP for the stupid bird who sings The lovely skies you never knew. The very stars are evil things. The age of crime has come anew. Sleep for the flowers which overrun

Sleep for the nowers which overrun Summer's horrific agonies. Sleep for that imbecile, the sun, Who smiles at everything he sees. Sleep for the snow, that pantomime Of corpses clothed in exquisite white. Sleep for the moon, that whore of time, Who takes new lovers every night.

SLEEP for my fingers split with cold; For the lost warmth of stoves that chill

For the long banqueting we hold With terror, as we gulp our swill, Sleep for the scraping of a tin,

This Coal Muddle

NOTICES in shop windows tory to find that Americans are said to be contemplating paying a subscription of 3d, per day for the luxury of having a choice of said "Coal . . . for those who can carry it away. . . Three chaotic queues formed at the coal dump, wireless entertainment free from advertisers' announce-That "quaint bit of British eccentricity," the B.B.C., suppress Englishmen with that service for less than 2¹/₂d. per week.

hundreds of people, from children of 10 to women of 70, encumbered with boxes on wheels, perambulators-some with babies in them-B. FOTHERGILL Beaconsfield. and even a couple of invalid chairs.

Everyone praised the efficiency of the men on the job, all Civil Defence

persons, one of them a child of 20 months. This is a little more

Fairlie, Ayrshire.

READERS might be interested saved our baby from possibly serious injury when our home was

damaged by a flying bomb some time ago. We had covered her cot with the fireguard to form a roof,

In Berlin Now They think of food, clothes, warmth -and the enemy at the gates

DEATH PENALTY

self be shot.

of silence.

MAKESHIFT

His back aches with toil, his head with grim reflection; his body is unwashed and smells, his feet are damp and cold. Yet this same Herr Schmidt, who has to be old or infirm or unfit to be out of the Army at all has now to

of the Army at all, has now to take a tommy-gun and stand in front of the advancing Stalin

anks somewhere on the dismal

Herr Schmidt's coal does not

STOCKHOLM, Tuesday. **T**ODAY is the twelfth anniversary of Hitler's seizure of power in Germany

-a fact which seems to have passed without mention in the Nazi Press. What is it like now in

Berlin on this sinister birthday with the Third Reich facing its last fight on the East and West ? From people who left there recently and have arrived in Sweden, but arrive, and if he complains he is lucky if he is laughed at. Men who must remain 'anonymous, the answer, at least have been gaoled or sent to the front for less. Greatly daring, in broad lines, can be given. front for less. Greatly daring, he steals lumps of wood from some demolished building under cover of night. But death is the penalty if he is caught. In his morning "Voelkischer Beobachter," now reduced to a single page according to the latest report, he reads side by side news that the Russian armies are within a two-hours' train journey of Berlin and advancing fast, and hints from Himmler that if he is not ready to die, gun in hand, to stave off defeat for Nazidom, he will him-self be shot. First and foremost, daily life is coloured and shaped by the events of the past two weeks upon the Eastern front, Bombs Berliners have had in plenty-Berliners have had in plenty— perhaps a third of the city is destroyed by high explosive or by fires—but the thing that has never been seen before and which strikes a chill into Ger-man hearts is the spectacle of streams of refugees driven back by enemy attacks on German soil.

DUMPED DOWN

Wherever he goes he knows there is an S.S. machine-gun somewhere about, trained upon Nor has it escaped notice by the Berlin man-in-the-street by the Berlin man-in-the-street that these refugees—more than two million of them—have not all arrived normally by train, but have been dumped like so much merchandise from trucks and lorries wherever space could be found for them. The usual traffic and transport strategic street-corners ready to strategic street-corners ready to mow down any who should have the temerity to revolt. In his home there is sure to be a Gestapo spy to listen to his con-versation, spy upon his wife and accept whatever bribes Herr Schmidt can afford as the price of silence.

The usual traffic and transport services have become so dis-organised by overstrain of late that many Berlin workers can-not get home at all when their long day's toil in the factories is finished. Drastic restriction of tram and bus lines has slowed down the pulse of civic life to a snail's pace snail's pace.

And as they trudge painfully through the snow which no one has had time to clear from the streets and pavements, Ber-liners have time to think.

plains of Pomerania. He is told that in doing so he is fighting for his homeland and that if he doesn't he will be liquidated. Of what does Herr Schmidt or Of what does herr Schmidt or Herr Braun think as he stumbles wearily along, step-ping aside smartly to avoid an S.S. uniform or leaping from threatened death at the passing of a General Staff car rushing urgent dispatches to or from command centre? It is fairly evident that Herr Schmidt's thoughts as he walks through Berlin, to or from his work-bench, are far from happy

ones. Sometimes he has no time to walk at all and is obliged to doss down on the floor or on a rough couch at his place of work, or in the nearest shelter where he is in danger of catching pneu-monia or even queerer diseases Chiefly now, as earlier, say witnesses I have seen here, he thinks of food and clothes and rations and fuel and how he can get more or make last what little he has. monia or even queerer diseases.

AT A PRICE

AT A PRICE If he has a little money he can buy, or could recently, such warming, comforting things as extra coffee on the black market. Prices run from the equivalent of £5 of our money per pound to five times that sum according to circumstances. By exchanging a prized bottle of French wine or brandy, hoarded for years against Gestapo orders from the spoils of France, he can get a slice of smoked salmon or so, perhaps some tobacco. But he cannot get clothing, or boots, or

cannot get clothing, or boots, or bedclothes, or bread, or meat or

the railways, out of repair five

years ago and consistently overstrained since, are needed now more desperately than ever

BEYOND THE

HEADLINES

B^Y appointing a don to his Fuel (and Power) Advisory Council the popular and efficient Minis-ter concerned seems to be medi-

to pay. The

a terrific price.

By DENIS WEAVER

News Chronicle Special Correspondent

to carry refugees, evacuees,. Germans has practically ceased guns, tanks and provisions for to exist. Husbands and wives wretched soldiers themselves, who must be constantly rushed from point to point to parry some new and deadly thrust?

the Army's needs and the eat in communal kitchens, sleep in communal shelters, their children grow up how and best they can. Just now the railway station

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waiting rooms are crowded with extra homeless thousands, too numerous for immediate reevacuation or billeting, fed from time to time from field kitchens, without occupations, sanitary arrangements, warmth or hope.

WILD RUMOURS

Upon this dismal foundation rumours spread like wildfire. Tales of wholesale Russian massacres of East Prussian populations circulate from mouth to mouth. Reports that Hitler is dead, or that he has capitulated, frequently arise. The Russians, it is said, are cannibals. They boil and eat their prisoners. Each tale is more fantastic,

Each tale is more fantastic, more preposterous and gruesome than the last. Berliners seem to take some sort of twisted pleasure in inventing for them-selves legends of a horrific kind --perhaps to make their own lot less dull, less drab and pointless. Quite a lot of Germans seem unable to understand why the Allied armies should still be fighting the Germans on the West front, since it is clear that the Bolshevik hordes have already broken through and Germany can no longer stop Germany can no longer stop

them. These masses of muddled, weary people represent the Ger-man public as it is now after years of war, years of Hitler, years of Gestapo supervision and Goebbels's mental culture. On this anniversary they do not feel like glittering parades for the Fuerrer. Most of all they feel like sleep.

THE MACHINE

This does not mean, however, that millions will lay down their arms the moment the Russians have crossed the Oder or the Allies have swept into Cologne. All reliable information re-All reliable information re-ceived here goes to show that lots of Germans are ready for more punishment yet and will continue to take it—because they cannot do otherwise—as long as the machine they have been drilled and hypotised into working for still functions, or seems to function. But with that there is unquestionably a deep there is unquestionably a deep longing for the war to end, even if the future fire should prove in the end to be hotter than the

Wherever he goes, whatever he does, he is impressed with the overriding sense that every-thing is temporary and pro-visional—a makeshift life full of uncertainty which looks to him now like ending in defeat resent uncomfortable frying-Family life for millions of pan. and death.

A feather=light

Ad-free Radio I HAVE been much interested in Robert Waithman's article from America describing big changes in U.S. radio. As an Englishman it is highly satisfac-tor the the the the satisfac-tor the the the satisfac-tor the the the satisfac-tor the the the satisfac-tor the the satisfac-tor the the satisfac-tor the the satisfac-tor the satisf

And for my limbs with tatters hung,

SLEEP for a world without a sign, Sleep for the mills which never turn, For all the cellars without wine, For all the granaries that burn. Sleep for the lightless towns of doom, For empty shops where no one buys. Sleep for the dead without a tomb, And those for whom the seagull cries. Sleep for the trains whose where a se still

Sleep for the trains whose wheels are still, Sleep for the shores where no child calls.

SLEEP for your birth-bed where I lie And curse my wintry motherhood. All night I watch the traitors die, And all my dreams are steeped in blood,

And all my dreams are steeped in bloc When victory's grey fingers tap Icily on our window pane. I'll take you in my shrunken lap To see the heroes home again. Serene as pearl the dawn rides in But, before noonday draws its breath, Gigantic massacres begin. These are the work your mother said

These are the words your mother saith.

for the tortured on the grill,

And for the silent intervals.

LETTERS

For my grey face and wrinkled skin, And for the raving of my tongue.

And for the raving of my winger. I speak . . . but you, to sorrow born, Can understand no word I say, And yet the splendour of my scorn Shall wear the hated hours away.

than double my monthly pay. LUEUTENANT, R.N.

Cot-guard

the United Kingdom the year has

The the United Kingdom the year has again been favourable for trade in our proprietary products, and the volume of turnover, which has still further expanded, has been limited only by the availability of supplies. Conditions been rather less proprintus owing to a decline in the number of cattle available for slaughter, and the consequent increase in price which invariable for slaughter, and the consequent increase in price which invariable accompanies heavy demand upon a market deficient in supplies. Our farming companies have again enjoyed a prosperous year and have been wished, all the subsidiary companies and varieties of livestock; although physical conditions were not altogether as propitious as could have been wished, all the subsidiary companies engaged in livestock husbandry hister conditions were not altogether available and both subsidiary companies had a favourable year's trading to record. The setback to the Ranching Section of Rhodesia was arrested. The report was adopted

R. A. LISTER & CO.

MR. PERCY LISTER'S SPEECH

At the Annual Meeting of R. A ister and Co., Ltd., Mr. Percy Lister

At the Annual Meeting of R. A. Lister and Co., Ltd., Mr. Percy Lister, the chairman, said. From the consolidated profits state-ment of your company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries you will see the extent of your company's tax contri-bution to the Exchequer. Such taxa-tion can be borne in war-time, but it will have to be readjusted at an early date if the reconversion of our indus-tries from war to peace production is to be done efficiently and employees are to look forward with confidence to full employment. Your companies enjoyed in pre-war days a world-wide demand for their products, and it is on this account that we realise the extent of the dis-ruption created by our "total war" effort, in which orders for your com-panies' products have had to be filled by competitors so as to permit the largest possible number of Lister and Elackstone products heing available to meet the ever-growing demand for them by the Services. With the coming of peace we shall mare to effort to rebuild on the con-nections and experience obtained at very considerable cost over a long period of years. Given freedom from

nections and experience obtained at very considerable cost over a long period of years. Given freedom from bureaucratic controls and reasonable aids to trade by the Government, Brillish exporting industries will make the requisite efforts to resuscitate our export markets, in many of which the prestige of Britain and the demand for things British were never greater.

Disposal of War Stores Overseas

Disposal of war stores Overseas The world-wide nature of the war will make the disposal of these sur-plus stores and equipment abroad a more important factor than the more easily controlled disposals at home, and it is to be hoped that, with the Dominions and our American Friends, a co-ordinated solution to this im-portant problem may be found which will embrace and protect future em-ployment as the predominating consideration.

Vin embrace and protect ruture em-alogement as the predomination consideration. The report and accounts wer-dopted, and the payment of a fina-lividend on the Ordinary shares of per cent, plus a bonus of 6 pe-ent, making, with the interim divi-iend of 5 per cent already paid. I ber cent for the year less tay was er cent. for the year, less tax, was



be candid debates in which many different shades of opinion will be revealed.

What is important is that in all these vital matters the Assembly should take a thoroughly radical line, seeking to direct as well as to reflect popular thought in our national affairs.

Much will depend on the tone and character of this conference. Much, too, will depend on the properly co-ordinated energy of the whole Liberal movement if Liberals are to achieve a commanding position in our post-war Parliament.

Wise Move

done well in deciding to establish its new Ministry of Social Insurance at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Bomb damage has made the problem of office accommodation in London one of exceptional difficulty. But, in any case, there is everything to be said for the decentralisation of clerical work.

There is another good balanced population.

workers. You simply bought your coal tickets—6d, for 14lb., individual limit 2s. worth—handed them to the man at the scales and went away with your coal. But nearly everyone in the queue knew someone who would get no coal because they could not carry a load

away. They pointed to the Civil

They pointed to the Civil Defence transport parked around the massive coal dumps, and asked : "If trans-port is one of the main reasons for the coal supply hold-up, why not employ some of these trucks?" The answer is that the vehicles are standing by for emergencies.

emergencies. But a few miles from the dump where we stood with our sacks a large number of Civil Defence vehicles are laid up. "Why not use those lorries?" the people asked.

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Someone suggested that there might not be enough drivers to man such a fleet of delivery vans. One man in the queue declared that a call for volumer drivers to deliver

queue declared that a call for volunteer drivers to deliver coal on Saturdays would fetch an immediate response. "And if Cardiff can pay people to clear the streets of snow, couldn't part-time coal heavers be employed to deliver coal?" General opinion of the people who waited patiently at this coal depot was, "We don't mind hardship, but there must be a better way of organising this coal distribution; some of the most needy cases are un-able to take advantage of it." If the answer is transport, there are plenty of vehicles-and lots of men would be glad to get behind a steering wheel again-if only on a temporary coal truck.

Ronald Camp

coal truck.

THE Government has

reason for choosing Tyneside. This is one of those areas where too many people are dependent on a narrow range of employments. To instal one of the new Ministries there will help to give it a more NOT only commons, but hun-dreds of thousands of acres of other types of land, some of it public, some private, but all of concern to the nation, are seriously threatened by the new Requisitioned Land Bill. This Bill have down procedure

Requisitioned land

This Bill lays down procedure of a semi-secret character, and as the measure has been drafted from the point of view of the Treasury and the Service and Supply Ministries, one fears that some of the loveliest parts of England will be left derelict or

England will be left derelict or sold to speculators. Why has the Government ignored the Scott Report and left the Ministries of Agriculture and Town and Country Planning out in the cold? L. E. MORRIS Hon. Sec., The Ramblers' Association Abergele, North Wales.

Peace

THIS time, may it be a peace that passeth all misunder-standing. GWYN WILLIAMS Petts Wood, Kent.

In England now

OH, not to be in England Now that winter's there. For whoever wakes in England Sees some morning, unaware, That the tap is dry, the water's off, The tank has frozen in the loft; The pipes as well, without a doubt, In England—now. LLEWELLYN RHYS Wallasey

Sharks

SHUFFS T is with interest that I have made to popularise the Clyde coast as an attractive holiday area after the war. It is a wasted effort as far as naval officers are concerned, since the treatment meted out by landlords, landladies and hotel proprietors on the Clyde coast imbues them with a desire never to set eyes on the place again. Less than a month ago I re-

Less than a month ago I re-turned from service abroad to an appointment which would enable me to have my wife and baby daughter close at hand. During a search for accommoda-tion in the Largs area I received

a terrific price. To keep warm is Herr or Frau Schmidt's next concern. If we find coal hard to get in England, how much harder must it be in a country where and as a result she was uninjured when heavy pieces of plaster fell from the wall above her bed on to the guard. This simple precau-tion might save other babies from hurt. F. M. ALDERSLEY Southern England.

Saw V2 flights

I WITNESSED the flight of a rocket one morning recently. This makes the fourth I have seen. The sig-zag vapour did not appear at first. It shot straight into the sky like a long, thin golden searchlight. After a few seconds it began to zig-zag, and a few seconds after it had dis-appeared altogether.

On the other occasions I saw only the zig-zagging trail, which appears after the rocket has been fired some few seconds. I would add that I live on part tating a new blood-and-iron policy on the Power side, for dons are notoriously ruthless. of the highest ground in Norfolk and 40 miles inland as the crow

"Sir, there is a mob outside, whining about coal." "What do you advise?" "Sir, I advise a paralysing dis-play of Absolute Power. I should sjambok 'em." flies (Mrs.) ERNEST GOODERHAM Diss, Norfolk.

Rural crafts

A MONG the many suggestions put forward for training boys to become skilled workers, there is one I would like to make. is one I would like to make. Rural and agricultural crafts could be passed on to the rising generation by granting a form of apprenticeship exhibition for one or two years to cover cost of living for boys leaving school; and blacksmiths, hedge-layers, drainers, wheelwrights, carpen-ters could be asked to take one apprentice at least, for which the Government should pay them a small annual fee. RUTH A. WINNINGTON

Contretemps

"I can't find Smoky Joe's and Mother Midnight's and all the other Bath dives you mention in any story by Jane Austen" (Reader's whine.)

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(Reader's whine.) You've got the later or expur-gated edition. Pressure was brought to bear (as the actress said when the fat man fell down the Zoo bearpit) on Miss Austen by local advertisers. With a sailorly oath the ex-gunner's mate agreed to delete, but she couldn't help calling the publicity boys a pack of Pump Room sissies. Then, hoisting her slacks and rolling down Milsom Street, (Continued on Page Fifteen) (Continued on Page Fifteen)

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Omelette every time!

soap, however much he is willing **Follow these** simple directions simple necessities of life (outside the small official ration) are almost unobtain-able. Only luxuries, which are now less welcome than they once were, are to be had and at and you can make omelettes like an expert I

water and mix thoroughly till quite smooth.

(lard, preferably) heating in the frying-pan. When

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quite smooth. Then add rest of water and stir thoroughly again. Now beat well and season. Mean-while, have half an ounce of fat (ard newfersphu)

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Anyone can make de-licious omelettes with dried eggs by following these directions carefully: Allow 4 or 5 level table-

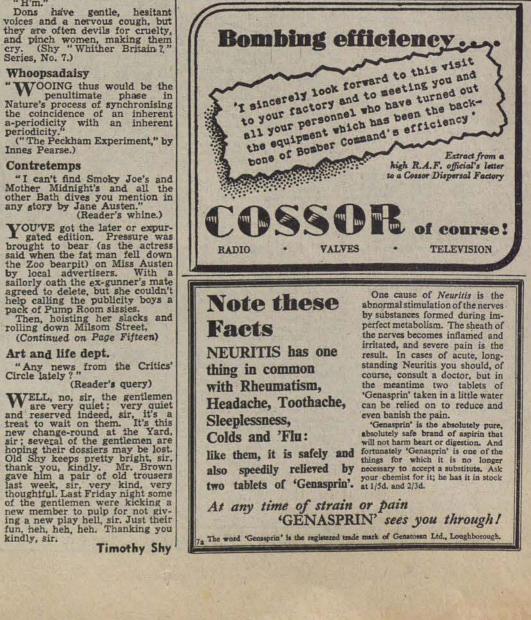
spoons dried eggs for two people. Reconstitute the spoons dried eggs for two people. Reconstitute the eggs, and here's the best way to do this: Measure the dried eggs very carefully — one level tablespoonful to two tablespoonfuis of water. A heaped tablespoon gives you far too much dried egg for the amount of water and results in a " leathery" omelette. Best out all hums first (of you have

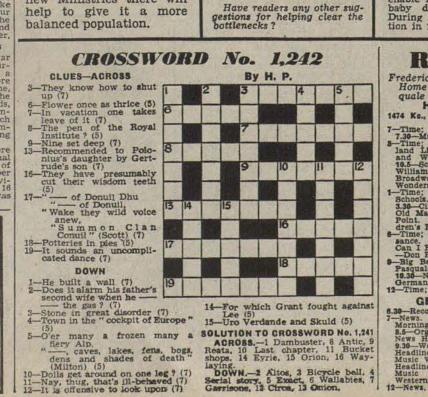
it is very hot — and not till then — pour in the eggs quickly. The omelette should cook in about a minute. Lift the edges with a knife as it cooks and when just set, roll over on to a hot plate. Made this way, you'll have an Beat out all lumps first. (If you have a wire strainer, press the dried eggs through this.) Then add half the omelette that tastes absolutely delicious !

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RUTH A. WINNINGTON Barford, near Warwick. News Headlines: Works Band, 1,15-Fly Away Paula 1, 1,30-David Java. 2-News, 2,10-Home, News, 2,15-News, Headlines; Newsreel, 3,15-Top Ten, 3,46-In s Sentimental Mood, -News, 4,15-War Review, 4,25-B.B.C. Orchestra, 5-Scottish Half-Hour, 6,39-Intermission. -News, 6,15-Forces Favorities, 7-Stanley Black, 7,44 Sportsmen's Corner, 5-World and Eloce News; News from Candada, 815-Revi, News Halls, 845-Stall, A. Faber, News Headlines, 16-Ceral, 16,39-Munic While You Work, 10,55-News Head-lines.

Hour. 11.1.—News. **SOVIET BROADCASTS IN ENGLISH** 7.30 am. '38.72 metres 12 noon. 25.36, 19.32, 12.20 p.m.: 94.47, 12.40 p.m.; 19.32, 25.36, 25.79, 28.72. 120 p.m., 19.32, 25.36, 4 p.m.; 24.47, 6, 7 and 8 p.m.; 41.10, 48.15. 9 p.m.; 41.10, 10 p.m.; 41.10, 46.15, 11 p.m.; 41.10, 10 p.m.; 41.10, 44.30, 12.15 a.m.; 19.32, 25.11, 25.36, 41.10, 42.98, 44.30, 48.15. 1 and 2 s.m.; 25.11; 31.65, 41.10,

Art and life dept.

"Any news from the Critics' Circle lately ?" (Reader's query)

(Reader's query) WELL, no, sir, the genilemen are very quiet; very quiet and reserved indeed, sir, it's a treat to wait on them. It's this new change-round at the Yard, sir; several of the genilemen are hoping their dossiers may be lost. Old Shy keeps pretty bright, sir, thank you, kindly. Mr. Brown gave him a pair of old trousers last week, sir, very kind, very thoughtful Last Friday night some of the gentlemen were kicking a

of the gentlemen were kicking a new member to pulp for not giv-ing a new play hell, sir. Just their fun, heh, heh, heh. Thanking you kindly, sir.

LOTS OF COAL BUT NO LORRIES Train 10 hours late, twins just slept ARRIVED TO CARRY IT Women in

gaol may get their lipstick

News Chronicle Reporter WOMEN may soon be able to use cosmetics in to use cosmetics in prison.

.... S CHRONICLE Wednesday, January 31. .: 40

The Prison Commissioners took quick notice yesterday of the hint dropped by Viscount Calde-cote, Lord Chief Justice, that women in prison need cosmetics. They will take up the matter as soon as the war is over. There is hardly time to deal with it until then, it is felt.

Warm support came from those who understand the young and have their welfare at heart.

Mr. John Watson, magistrate of Southwark Juvenile Court, who was responsible for the recent investigation of the Hammersmith home, said to the News Chronicle: "The social attitude about cosmetics has changed since 30 years ago. Cosmetics are in universal use today, and many girls have come to asso-ciate them with self-respect. Take these things from them and you take away that self-respect.

Vital for morale

"I like to see social workers generally, and especially those who deal with these girls, wearing at-tractive frocks, doing their hair nicely, and I do not mind a bit of lipstick as well. It has a good effect on the girls." Dr. Dorfs Odlum, Harley Street consultant and honorary secretary of the Provisional National Council for Mental Health, believes it vital for morale that women prisoners

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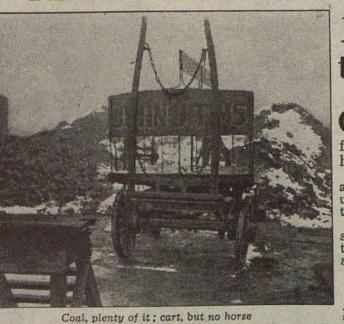
should keep their make-up outfits. "The modern girl will go with-out sleep and food but not without make-up," she said. "Her idea of herself is all tied up with make-up. Take it away and you humiliate and degrade her, thereby lowering her standards of conduct. Prison authorities should try to heighten, not diminish, personality.

When men made up

"Cosmetics have always in past time had profound psychological importance. In the eighteenth century, when men used cosmetics as well as women, Marlborough before the Battle of Blenheim had to issue an order to keep his officers from taking their cosmetic boxes with them into the front line."
Ministry's new home officers officers from taking their cosmetic boxes with them into the front line."
Women entering prison must give up all their personal possessions except their wedding ring Due to shortage, they are at the moment also allowed to keep their own hair comb. While in prison, they use prison outfit, down to the prison toothbrush.
They have been known to save their faces, and to damp the red edges of prison Bibles to colour their lips.
Mrs. Wardrop Himedrately Soft a transmission of the same the fact from the top of coccoa for their faces, and to damp the red edges of prison Bibles to colour their lips. "Cosmetics have always in past

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SITUATIONS VACANT-MEN



LIBERALS LAUNCH £200,000 FUND

By the Political Correspondent

THE Liberals mean business at the next general election. To enable them to put between 400 and 500 candidates in the field they launched a public appeal last night for an election fighting fund of £200,000.

EIGHT DEAD IN

GAS-FILLED

HOUSE

Of the candidates already adopted, 128 are serving in the Forces. One of them, a

chief officer in the W.R.N.S., Miss Hilda Buckmaster, is the only Service woman candidate yet to be selected by any political party.

Up to date the Liberals have chosen almost twice as many candidates from the Forces as any other single party.

Fighting chance

RETURNING to her home at Easington Road, Banbury, Oxon, yesterday after spending the night with a neighbour, Mrs. Dorothy Wardrop found her six children, her married sister and her for how dead—asthywiated her nephew dead-asphyxiated

Fighting chance The appeal was launched at the National Liberal Club, London, oy Mr. D. O. Evans, M.P. for Cardi-gan, who stated that young people were coming forward in large numbers eager to be candidates, and it was hoped, with the aid of the fund, to give them a fighting chance at the election. Tifty members of the Liberal Council had each guaranteed £100 to establish the fund. Mr. E. H. Gilpin, chairman of the Party Executive Committee, is chairman of the Fighting Fund Committee. The Chief Whip is represented by Gen. W. H. Grey, father of Capt. Grey, the brilliant young Liberal M.P. for Berwick-on-Tweed, who was killed in action last year. her hephew dead—asphyriated by gas. The gas is said to have escaped from a broken meter which had fallen from its shelf. A neighbour said last night that Mrs. Wardrop immediately sent a telegram to her husband, who is in the Forces: "Come at once. Everyone in house dead except me."

First time

The honorary organisers are Lady Rhys-Williams, Liberal can-didate for Ilford, and Mr. David Goldblatt, Liberal candidate for Finchlar.

125 Army trucks due today not enough says a merchant NEWS CHRONICLE REPORTER

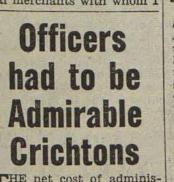
ON a wharf loaded with hundreds of tons of coal a few coal merchants waited in vain yesterday for the arrival of Army lorries to assist in house-tohouse distribution in London.

The lorries (125 should have started work yesterday according to the Minister of Fuel) did not reach London until last night. They will be used today, with 850 soldiers to help load and carry the coal.

Transport, still the most important problem to be solved in the great coal shortage in London, was the one topic of conversation among coal merchants with whom I spoke yesterday.

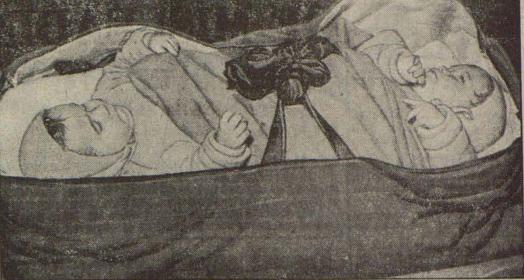
Horses useless

"We shall be delighted to see Army trucks, but 125 will not be sufficient to get this bottleneck opened up," one said. "For two weeks my firm has been unable to make a delivery. All our transport is horse-drawn and use-less on iow roads." "We have tried to hire lorries, but prices are too high. Some merchants who have hired trucks have been delivering coal 'for



have been delivering coal love '-because the truck hire costs have taken most of the profits. THE net cost of adminis-tering territories occu-tering territories occuon this wharf we have enough "On this wharf we have enough coal to help all our hundreds of regular customers. Given half a dozen trucks, we could serve have anough dozen trucks, we could serve have anough tering territories occu pied by the British armies in Africa, including Madagas-car, from 1941 to 1943, was nearly f34 millions, reports a

Problem of permits "I would put another lorry on the road tomorrow, but I could not get the necessary permits to run it. As far as I am concerned, it is not a question of getting lorries, but of obtaining permits to run them." Strict financial control has kept expenditure low, in spite of damage, unemployment arising from the cessation of ambitious Italian public works and tribal disorders attendant on unsettled



S LEEPING peacefully in their Moses basket are James and Edward Oakes, sixmonth-old twins. Their mother has gone to look for a taxi after the Scottish express from Glas-gow had arrived 10 hours late at Euston yesterday afternoon after a nineteen hours' journey.

The express was only one of the four Scottish trains to Euston running well behind schedule yesterday. Indicator board (below) at 4 p.m. tells its own story.

Conditions improved, long-distance trains to all the main London stations were running better last night.

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Steel chief approves **State direction**

SIR ALEXANDER DUNBAR, chairman of English Steel Corporation, Ltd., spoke in Sheffield last night of the inevitability of Government intervention in industry.

He said nothing but national efficiency would see the steel industry through after the war. To obtain it some form of central direction would be

necessary. They were Whatever shade of Government we had its duty would compel it burnt to

to intervene in the affairs of industry to a greater extent than ever before.

Their own pockets

VOLUNTEERS in the burns That he regarded as inevitable and no one should resent it. It was perfectly proper, and people who screamed about letting in-dustry run its own affairs un-Glasgow, submitted to slow burning in an experiment. Twenty-four experimental fettered by any form of Govern-ment supervision were thinking only of their own pockets and not human burns were caused by a flat-bottomed copper tube through which water at temperaof the country as a whole. tures of 55 and 60 degrees Centi-

The said he was not veering towards nationalisation. Most people were in business primarily for the money they got out of it and if the profit motive was re-moved, as would be the case under State ownership, it would remove the most important incentive to technical progress and efficiency. If they were allowed, within the limits of national policy, to run their own affairs they must have a structure which would satisfy the Government and the public that they were competent to do so, with due regard to their obligations as a basic supplying industry, to their employees and to those people who invested their money in the industry. **Cartels** grade was circulating. Light pressure with this tube on Light pressure with this tube on the forearm for 45-50 seconds gave a fairly uniform, manageable, second-degree burn, which was more painful than burns caused by higher temperatures for a shorter named period

Cartels

Sir Alexander said of cartels that he had no doubt that inter-national arrangements of some kind were absolutely necessary to the future of world trade. Trade agreements between Govern ments in pre-war days were not nearly so beneficial to this country as international cartels, such as the steel cartels, arranged between industrialists.

The experiment is described by three scientists in the Medical Research Council's Studies of Burns and Scalds, published today.

Burns and Scalds, published today. They advise that small accessible burns should be covered with a freshly laundered towel or sterile cloth. Extensive burns, however, should not be first-aided at all, but the patient removed to hospital. For superficial burns treated at home, or when severe burns cannot be fully treated without considerable delay, the burnt area and the area around should be freely smeared with a water-soluble cream containing 1 per cent, of cetyl trimethyl ammonium bromide and 3 per cent. sul-phanilamide applied with a sterile knife.

Treatment of burns

aid science

unit of the Royal Infirmary.

A Kiss that Began in Her Mirror She was in despair when she looked in the mirror. Day dreams never come true for girls with patchy



them. **"We just sit around "** "The question of drivers could be settled, because there are plenty of men around here who can drive and for whom we could quickly obtain driving licences. Meanwhile we just sit around waiting for better weather." One coal merchant, who with an assortment of newly recruited labour was loading a single lorry, told me: "I have five horses which have been laid up for nearly two weeks. "The lorry I am using now is serving many of my customers, but it took me six months to get a permit to run it. **Problem of nermits**

them." All over London yesterday, at 175 coal dumps in 72 boroughs, the "cash-and-carry" system con-tinued, people carting half-hundred-weights of coal home on any kind of push-cart. At Streatham officers and staff sergeants attached to the local Home Guard, after shoveiling and weighing coal, extended the local Home Guard, after shoveiling and weighing coal, extended the local transport to carry coal for old and infirm residents. disorders attendant on unsettled sovereignty. Their duties have extended from the inspection of sewage systems and the control of locust plagues to the provision of clean milk and the publication of Arab news-papers. Time has even been found to look after the local antiquities. In Ethiopia

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nor, INOTYPE Operator (T.A.) required im-mediately: permanency for right man. it and Sussex Courier, Tunbridge Wells.



Chasing the land at North Heaton. Alderman Clydesdale, chairman of Newcastle Town Planning Com-mittee, said there would be tem-porary quarters to be succeeded later by permanent buildings. Litte of the succeeded later by permanent buildings. Litte of the succeeded atter by permanent buildings. Litte of the succeeded mark with knowleds of each at works. Complex the succeeded mark with knowleds of each at works and wite wanted to manage news book mark with knowleds of each at works and wite wanted to manage news to be succeeded to manage news to be succeeded to the succeeded by the succe ALFRED'S MISSED TEA

News Chronicle Reporter

TWO boys, aged 12 and 13, pupils at King Alfred's School, Wantage, broke bounds and went to an American air-

field to watch the flying. Their pleas prevailed upon one of the pilots, who agreed to give them a short "flip" in a U.S. Army plane and bring them back in time for tea.

icle Reporter pupils at King Alfred's School, and went to an American air-n one of the pilots, who agreed n a U.S. Army plane and bring **20 keys in socks** Twenty skeleton keys were found in the socks of a man when the car in which he was travelling with two other men was stopped by the police, it was stated at South-western magistrate's court yester-day. Pieces of celluloid, a jemmy and torches were found in the back of the car. On a piece of paper were written the names of blocks of flats, the occupants and their telephone numbers. paradise containing a jumble of races—the British had to deal with the legacy of a notoriously corrupt Administration and on e-sided economic development. Here frontier brigandage and camel-stealing were old-established professions. In the key Assab area a local Sultan provided unexpected and valuable help. He has been presented with a testimonial and an torches were found in the back of the car. On a piece of paper were written the names of blocks of flats, the occupants and their telephone humbers. But bad visibility prevented them landing and the boys missed both tea and roll-call. Back at school, they made a clean breast of their escapade and each was given a caning.

Parents agreed

"But it was a most discreditable performance and the boys had caused a lot of worry to us. Their parents—the father of one of them is in the R.A.F.—agreed that a beating was the best thing for them. Boxing champion the sole

and many other noted feathers, is now sports and P.T. organiser at a French naval camp in the South of In the civilian residence and business premises sections is today.
A person will be automatically registered for the constituency containing the address stated on his identity card today. The latest date for application for any person who wishes to be included in the business premises register is February 23, and persons will be not be allowed.
Convict's three hours allowed.
Convict's three hours of liberty.
A Dartmoor convict who escaped from a working party near the prison was recaptured last night after less than three hours of the two of his pals by a British destroyer.
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The convict, John Alec Walpole (37) of Reading, was wearing fivilian clothes which he had taken from a warder's house just outside the gaol.
 He was caught by a Devon County policeman a few miles along the road' to Plymouth. He is serving a four years' sentence for larceny:
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Tour war garuch As the weeks go by jobs under become more pressing. So clean and have to give longer service these servaive, and allow time for fit to try before attempting to sow. Make up compost and keep fit moden labels. Other indoor jobs moden labels. Other indoor jobs those with a file. And don't forget to so the source the source of the source of the source of the source of the token shafts of spades or forks can be finded into useful dibuers. MENERT CURIE (31/1/45).

ALBERT GURIE (31/1/45).

survivor of his ship

Wilson, who beat Emile Pladner

Legacy of corruption In Eritrea—a real ethnologist's paradise containing a jumble of races—the British had to deal with

NEWS IN BRIEF

SIXTH World Jamboree of boy Scouts, which should have taken place in France in 1941, will be held near Paris within six months of the end of the war Europe

in Europe. Soya flour is not to be used in pork sausage meat after March 31. Tommy Handley being still un-well, a recording of an old Itma will be broadcast tomorrow. Liberals of Lancaster have adopted Capt. E. S. T. Johnson as prospective candidate. Coden wedding.--Mr. and Mrs.

Golden wedding.--Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hurford, Holloway Street, Minehead.

Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, returned from America by air.

Boer War V.C., Brig.-Gen. E. J. Phipps - Hornby, celebrates his golden wedding today.



SOCCER STARS ON INDIA TOUR

The sports circus which is to tour India and Ceylon and adjacent fighting fronts may include Stanley Matthews, Jack Dodds and Tom Lawton. Application, at any rate, has been made for their services, as well as for a Scottish international goalkeeper. Application, Tommy Walker (Hearts). Harper (Barnsley). Birkett (Hearts). Buchan's pools forecast

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Their visit to Aldershot West Ham For their visit to Aldershot West Ham ering from influenza. Crystal Palace has decided to move fudgeil from right-haif to left-back, in arthership with Mountford, for their

visit to Southampton. With Scott playing for England Arsenal will have Moody. Grimsby full-

By J. F. Horrabin THE ARKUBS YOU'D REALLY BE SAFER IF YOU HAD A HAIR-CUT, Y'INIOW! YOU'D BETTER LET ME HELP YOU CROSS and a 6749



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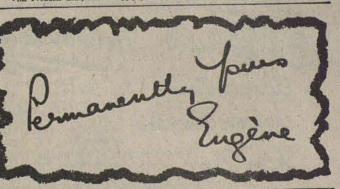
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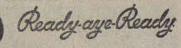
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ACLAND ACCUSES PREMIER THE PRINCESSES' 1890 BALLET BOW GREEK T.U. OF MISLEADING M.P.S POLLS IN Storm over Greece renewed **FEBRUARY**

ATHENS, Tuesday

E LECTIONS will be held by 20 Greek trade unions before February 15 with a T.U.C. representative sitting on each of the three-member boards which will supervise the polls.

Sir Walter Citrine announced this today on the eve of his de-parture for London.

parture for London. The elections are to be held in Athens and the Piræus area. An agreement providing for them has been signed by members of the T.U.C. delegation visiting Greece and representatives of the Provisional Committee of the Greek General Confederation of Labour, a body set up by Gen. Plastiras. Plastiras

Plastras. Representatives of the former executive of the Greek General Confederation of Labour who are now associated with Eam refused to sign the agreement.

" Atmosphere of fear "

Surveying the results of the in-vestigation by the T.U.C. delega-tion. Sir Walter Citrine said the widespread unemployment and the count:y-wide disorganisation were tantamount to living on a powder magazine. It was difficult to see how any Government could bring about tranquillity unless something was done to improve economic conditions.

By the Parliamentary Correspondent

FEELING was aroused in the House of Commons last night when Sir Richard Acland (C.W., Barnstaple) suggested that Mr. Churchill

and Mr. Eden had deliberately misled the country about events in Greece.

of hostages a day or two before, but that knowledge was withheld from the world.

named had never been in any sort of way even local leaders of the Socialist Party.

Fascist says **Duce** always blamed him

From Our Own Correspondent

today by Francesco Jacomoni, iota of evidence. one of the eight men accused terrible lies.



It was known now, said Sir Richard, that at the moment the Prime Minister was

speaking in the last debate on Greece he knew that Elas had begun a systematic release

Sir Richard also alleged that when Mr. Eden spoke he knew that the four Greeks he

Minister protests

Mr. George Hall (Under-Secretary, Foreign Office) jumped up to protest. The hon. member, he said, had questioned the integrity and honesty of the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary.

The information given by both Ministers was sent to them from Greece. Nothing that had happened since had in any way questioned that information.

Mr. Quintin Hogg (Con, Oxford) protested against Sir WHY Mussolini decided giving any notice to those concerned, and Major Proctor (Con., Accrington) asked whether it told in the High Court here member to make such terrible charges without giving one

Mr. T. Driberg (Ind., Maldon) : People should not tell

NAVY BUSY **OFF DUTCH**

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French within rifle

Java.

From Front Page HITLER'S

driven to within 13 miles west of the great Burmese city of

Advancing along the Shwebo-Sagaing road, these troops have pushed to the village of Kyaukse, only three miles north of Irra-waddy bank and about ten miles north-north-west of Sagaing. The Japanese withdrew after-Allied troops had fired the

Java target hit

According to Tokio, 36 Super-Forts raided Northern Luzon yes-terday. Tokio also reported a U.S. raid—the first—on the Jap island of Hachijo, 155 miles south of the mainland. Anstralian - manned Liberators. flying nearly 1,000 miles, have made the longest R.A.A.F. heavy bomber raid in the South Pacific, wrecking the Mendalin-Sinan power station, 48 miles south of Sourabaya, in Java.

Often it was alleged that I was dead. Always my death was longed for. Yet in the end I came out on top.

Hopkins on **Big Three** meeting

From ELISABETH MACKENZIE News Chronicle Correspondent

ROME, Tuesday. MR. HARRY HOPKINS, President Roosevelt's roving representative, today saw the Pope, and had a long talk with him on, it is assumed, the coming Big Three meeting.

In a talk with American cor-respondents here yesterday, Mr. Hopkins, reports the B.U.P., said that Marshal Stalin would have to hurry back from the forth-coming Big Three talks, since he is actually the director of the whole Russian strategy.

Anxious to finish

Analysis to inish ously anxious to finish off the war, but added that it was not known in either Britain or America how powerful the Russian offensive is, or whether the Germans can halt it. After talks with Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden, said Mr. Hopkins, he believed that complete agree-ment could easily be reached be-tween Britain and the U.S. regard-ing plans for the war against Japan

ing plans for the war against Japan Asked if Russia would declare war on Japan, Mr. Hopkins merely said that British and American plans to beat Japan were based on the assumption that only British and American military resources were available. Although it was previously thought that the most important thing was winning the war mili-tarily, while leaving the political questions until after the war, it has now been realised that this is im-possible, as political problems are continually arising while the war is going on, he said.

U.S. public's view

U.S. public's view He also recalled the British rejection of Count Sforza and the fight against the Elas in Greece. The U.S. public, he said, cannot see any sense in fighting to liberate countries and then allowing them to fall under a new dictatorship of a totalitarian nature. IGerman radio yesterday trans-mitted a Geneva report that a personality "believed to be Mr. Anthony Eden" had passed through Paris on his way to Rome by air, and that it is thought he is flying to the place in the Near or Middle East where the Big Three are to meet.]

Princess Elizabeth's gown was of pale pink with cascades of white lace; her hat, a saucy little yellow leghorn with a bouquet of flowers. 35 years gaol for **U.S.** Army officer Princess Margaret as Lucinda Fairfax wore a Vic-torian costume of muslin and lace with frill upon frill and an underskirt of blue.

From Our Own Correspondent

Paris, Tuesday.—Sentence of 35 years' hard labour and dishonour-able discharge from the U.S. Army was passed by an American court-martial here today on Sec.-Lt. John

martial here today on Sec.-Lt. John Springer. Although he did not take an active part in train-looting or steal cigarette rations himself, he was charged with and found guilty of "conspiracy to defraud the U.S. Government through pillaging in a division of spoils and wrongful conversion of military supplies during a critical combat period."

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DRAWS AWAYS

DRINCESS ELIZABETH

taking a bow during the per-formance of their fourth annual pantomime, pictures of which were released last night.

The curtain was at the end of a ballet of the 1890s. Princess Elizabeth as she bowed raised her right hand,

Princess Margaret curtsied, also in Victorian fashion. A beau raised his boater straw hat and bowed stiffly.

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and Princess Margaret

THE British Navy is now busy in operations among the islands north of Walcheren, the assault on which turned the key to the Port of Antwerp. This was disclosed today at a Press conference by Admiral Sir Harold Martin Burrough, Allied

ISLANDS

PARIS, Tuesday.

Harold Martin Burrough, Allied Naval C.-in-C. "You will have seen German claims to have repulsed attempted landings," said Admiral Burrough. "These claims are untrue. But, although I do not propose to inform the enemy of our objec-tives, I can tell you that a naval force, commanded by Capt. A. F. Pugsley, who was in command of the assault on Walcheren, is busily engaged in small-scale operations against the enemy."

Eyes on great ports The operations now going on have been in progress for about a month.

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SPEARHEADS 13 MILES FROM MANDALAY CENTRAL spearheads of Gen. Slim's Fourteenth Army have

Mandalay, yesterday's Seac com-munique reported.

village, the communique said.

12 years ago. Whatever our enemies may plot, whatever suffering they may in-flict on German towns, country-side, and especially human beings, it pales by comparison with the irremediable misery and calamity which would be our lot if ever the conspiracies of the plutocrats and Bolshevists proved victorious. It is therefore, on this twelfth anniversary of our rise to power, more than ever necessary to fortify our hearts and strengthen our solemn determination to fight on, no matter where and no matter under what circumstances, until final victory crowns our efforts. Today, however, I should like to

Today, however, I should like to leave you in no doubt whatever about one thing: in the teeth of a hostile world I chose my way at a time when I was an unknown. I went on, still unknown, until I went on, still unkno reached final success.

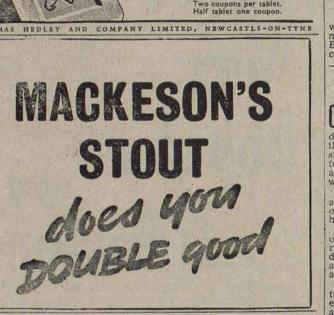
That bomb

On July 20 when a bomb exploded within five feet of me, it

CALL TO GERMANS by the victory we gained at home 12 years ago.



I MAKE A CLEAN



RIZGA news Bulletin

Cigarette machines

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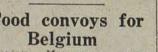
Cigarette Papers Stin a bit scarce owin' to wartime difficulties

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machine with a new band. price ld from most

tobacconists.

Mr. L. P. Lord, vice-chairman, Austin Motor Company, told dealers at Birmingham yesterday, when new models were on show: "If we have two or three weeks" notice of the end of the war, and can presume a hypothetical zero hour and can get hold of the materials, we want we could pro-duce 10,000 vehicles by the end of 12 weeks." Sir Richard started to read from a telegram sent to the Regent by leaders of the Communist, Socialist and other parties in Greece to the effect that they continued to asso-ciate themselves with Eam when the House, time being up, had to rise and Sir Richard had to stop. 12 weeks.



Food convoys for Belgium Queen's Messenger convoys which were used here to supply meals after air raids are going to Belgium for food relief work. Each convoy comprises 12 vehicles.

French troops are closing from three sides on Cernay.—Reuter.

range of Colmar

Delattre de Tassigny's troops, fighting through thigh-deep snow, have crossed one of the two main roads running east to the Rhine bridges from threatened Colmar, fortress city in the northern sector of the Germans' Rhine Docket. The fact that on that day the Almighty protected me I regard as a confirmation of the mission entrusted to me.

entrusted to me. In this hour I appeal to the whole German people, and, above all, to my old comrades, and to all soldiers, to arm themselves with an even greater and tougher spirit of resistance until the day when we, as we did once before, shall place on our cenotaph a wreath with rib-bons bearing the inscription: "Yours are the laurels in spite of everything." They have established a bridge-head just under two miles long and just over a mile deep on the bank of the Colmar Canal, east of he city. German guns are shelling the canal bridgehead heavily in an attempt to stop its expansion. They are also shelling the ad-

vancing troops, now within rifle range of Colmar.

I expect every German to do his duty to the last. I want them to bear every sacrifice that is, and will be, demanded of them.

I expect every fit German to stake his life and body in battle.

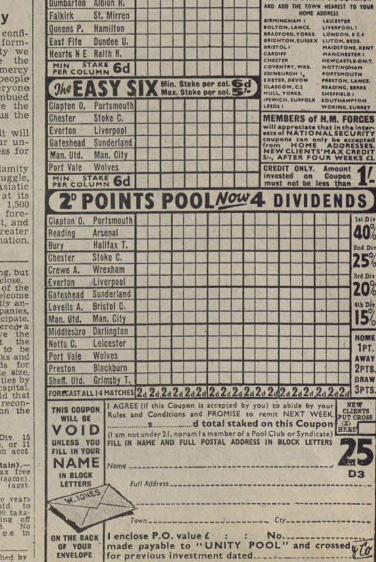
From Front Page () that the River Oder was the mini-mum Russian objective, and the the centre by German arms, and still hopes, without the least in this great push along all its foundation in fact, that somehone and somewhere a relief column will break through. Fierce battles are going on day and night in the streets and sources of the centre by German arms, and still hopes. Without the least and somewhere a relief column will break through. Fierce battles are going on day and night in the streets and sources of the column will break through. Fierce battles are going on day many similar battles, the operations strength. trapped in the province have gathered together almost all their available strength and hurled themselves at the flank of Rokos-sovsky's wedge in a desperate and formidable effort to minimise the disaster by a costly break-out. Here the the ball of the soldiers and workers the disaster by a costly break-out.

-Reuter.

Rokossovsky has been widening his wedge to meet this dangerous "drang nach westen," but its present limits are cloaked in a security black-out. I expect all women and grins to support the struggle with the utmost fanaticism. Sworn community I appeal with particular confi-Grang hach westen, out has present limits are cloaked in a security black-out.
 Today's reports are satisfactory. —Soviet infantry, tanks, and particularly artillery have put up an obliterating curtain of fire and in counter-assaults are checking the enemy's pressure and grinding down his strength.
 German losses in men—about 4,000 in a single day—and tanks have been very severe.
 HECTOR SAYS:

 "Our local revolution of a fire and in looking for a flat. Expect he'd prefer one a bomb's throw from the station."





"WE ARE OUT FOR BERLIN"

is near.

Tough job

will break through. Fierce battles are going on day and night in the streets and squares of the city, with a great deal of bend-to-hand fighting. Around Poznan, which was one of the bastions of the defence quad-rangle which the Germans un-dcubtedly intended to hold, there are ample signs of German haste and confusion.

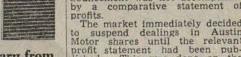
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 With the enemy scattered on the central sector of the front, even on his chosen defence lines and his reserves being dispersed like sand dropped into a fast stream, it is not surprising that the word "Berlin" is on the lips of every Red Army soldier, now attacking with greater impetuosity than ever.
 On all Russian tanks, lorries and guns one slogan is chalked or painted. Translated it means something tike We are out to Berlin."
 On every road junction signposts encouragingly measure off the diminishing distance which still has to be covered.
 Even so, a little caution is called

Even so, a little caution is called As was no doubt expected, since

Filter Tipo NO SHORTAGE AT PRESENT A packet of 100 saves enough tobacco to make 24 Cigarettes for 4d. Get some TO-DAY Retailers ask your Wholesaler for supplies THE Stock Exchange yesterday morning began to scent another serious infringement of

its rules Overnight the Austin Motor Company had announced the pay-nent of a 10 per cent. dividend and Company

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OSCAR R. HOBSON, City Editor Overnight the Austin Motor Company had announced the pay-ment of a 10 per cent. dividend and 10 per cent. cash bonus for the year to July 31 last, or double the dis-tribution for the previous year. In complete disregard of the long-standing instructions of the Stock Exchange, recently reiterated after the Celanese "aftair," this an-nouncement was not accompanied by a comparative statement of profits. The market immediately decided to suspend dealings in Austin Motor shares until the relevant profits. The market immediately decided to suspend dealings in Austin Motor shares until the relevant profits. The market immediately decided to suspend dealings in Austin Motor shares until the relevant previous year. The the profits ataised that the groups and as to 35, 9d, and they closed at 35, 9d, and they closed at 35, 9d, and they closed through the Company, and by these reported for last year. Markets on the whole were slow and the volume of business small. This ava have been largely with the attivation of the standard profits, or approximately those reported for last year. Markets on the whole were slow and the volume of business small. This ava have been largely with the attivation the treatened process are still at their pre-ware the volume of business small. This ava have been largely with the attivation the treatened process are still at their pre-ware the committee. At the same time, urgent representations were made through the Company, and by NEWS CHRONICLE incorporating The Dally News. The Dally Chronicle. Wegiminster Gazette and Monuting Leader. Printed by The Daily 2000 and 2000

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fell 12s, 6d. to £15 in the morning, but had recovered to £15 5s. by the close. At the shareholders' meeting of the Midland Bank yesterday a welcome was extended to the two recently an-nounced industrial finance companies, in which the banks will participate. Mr. Clarence Sadd, who answered a question on this subject, gave the interesting information that the smaller institution, which is to be owned and financed by the banks and is intended to provide funds for undertakings of more moderate size, may in some cases give its facilities by way of subscriptions to share capital. Of the larger institution, he said that it is "designed for industrial recon-struction and rehabilitation on the grand scale." Austin dealings hitch