



# THINGS TO COME—



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**W**E understand that a prolific New Zealand author has a new book in the press: It is to be called: "My Climbs in the Caucuses."

**SUGGESTED** colours for the flag of a United States of Europe—Black and Blue.—*Dublin Opinion.*

**Y**ES, Gracie, we, too, hope that when we take our ARP to a party, no one will ask us to play.

**A** CERTAIN golfer, after a day's golf, partook of too much refreshment, and arriving home very late, was confronted by his angry wife. When he meekly submitted that he had been playing golf, she stormed. "Playing golf! Are you trying to tell me you can play golf in the dark?" "Oh, yes, that's easy my dear," came the quick response, "You see, we were using the night clubs"

**"T**HE last time I was on St. Helena," says a traveller, "the buildings all looked as if they could do with a coat of paint." Well, if by the end of the war the hand of the Fuehrer hasn't lost its cunning—

**A** MAN who was convicted of attempting to obtain two hundred pounds from an Army officer by means of a confidence trick, said it was his first attempt to defraud anybody. A case of beginner's pluck.

**T**HE employee of a fishmonger's shop was charged with taking home boxes of filleted fish. He certainly had no right to bone the stock like that.

**A** NORWEGIAN scientist is asking for financial assistance to enable him to perfect a new form of depth-charge. What one might call a Sinking Fund.

**A**CCORDING to a writer in the women's page of a daily paper, a lot of time and trouble may be saved by having one's meals from a dinner waggon. Or "a la cart," as the French would say.

**D**OROTHY PARKER is reported to have said once that if all the debts at a Yale Prom were laid end to end—she wouldn't be at all surprised.

**B**LANCMANGE powder is now rationed in Germany. The food position there is becoming very shaky.

**A**PRIL 23 is a day of famous anniversaries. It is not only St. George's Day; but it is England's Day, Shakespeare's Day, Zeebrugge Day, Boy Scouts' Day in England, and the Name Day of the King. Its commemoration in New Zealand, apart from the closing of the banks, is not very general, but since 1936 the various English County Societies in Wellington have united to observe their national Day under the title of the English Folk Association. They assemble annually, and this year are to have a distinguished speaker in the person of the Prime Minister, the Hon. Peter Fraser. Station 2YC will relay part of the celebrations, including Mr. Fraser's address on England. The relay will begin at 9 p.m. on Tuesday April 23.

### The Shadow Lengthens

As this paragraph is being written, the shadow of the swastika is lengthening through Scandinavia. No finer dramatised version of the growth of the Nazi power has been made than "The Shadow of the Swastika," which will be broadcast at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, from 2YA Wellington. Since this play began, NBS officials have had many letters remarking on the extraordinary resemblance between the voice of the actor playing Hitler



and Hitler's voice itself. When the play was produced, dozens of actor were tried for the role. The likeliest were recorded and their records played over and compared with records of Hitler speaking. The actor who now plays the part is Marius Goring, and he has indeed achieved a remarkable imitation of *Der Fuehrer*. The episode on Tuesday is "The Reichstag Fire"; and our artist visualises that dramatic moment when, as the flames leapt high, the shadow of the swastika fell ever more blackly over Berlin.

### Celebrity Concert

Heddle Nash (tenor), Isobel Baillie (soprano), Gladys Ripley (contralto), and Oscar Natzke (bass), will make their first public appearance with Andersen Tyrer and the National Centennial Festival Symphony Orchestra in Wellington Town Hall on Saturday, April 27. The first three artists, as we announced last week, have been brought from England, as the leading concert artists of their time, to reinforce the talent assembled for the Centennial Festival. Oscar Natzke will be making his first public appearance since he returned to New Zealand after outstanding successes overseas. The concert will be relayed by 2YA and 2YC. Proceeds are to go to the National Patriotic Fund Board.

### Europe Overflows

The Winter Course Talks at 3YA are to include a series of 12 talks by local experts on the effects of European emigration to the new lands, especially to New Zealand. The series will be called "Microphone Round the Table: Europe Overflows," and will include a candid consideration of what has been the effect on this country of such things as the use and abuse of natural resources. At the end, participants will consider what the prospects are for New Zealand in culture and in character. There is a panel of six speakers, all of them teachers in university institutions or secondary schools. They are: Kenneth Cumberland, acting-head of the department of geography at Canterbury College; Professor E. Percival, professor of biology at Canterbury College; L. W. McCaskill, M.Ag. Sc., Christchurch Training College; L. Morrison, B.Sc., Lincoln College; Robert G. Bowman, of the U.S.A., visiting lecturer in geography; and G. T. J. Wilson, assistant lecturer in history at Canterbury College. Mr. Cumberland will be chairman of the discussions and the speakers, numbering from two to four, will be drawn from this panel. The first discussion will be broadcast at 7.35 p.m. on April 24.

### From Over the Sea

A view of New Zealand from Australia will be presented in two items broadcast on April 25 and May 2 by 3LO Melbourne. The broadcaster will be H. D. Flannagan, a retired public servant of Victoria. He was recently in New Zealand, partly holidaying, and partly interesting himself in special New Zealand conditions. The organisation of the State Advances Corporation was placed at his disposal while he investigated our work in