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how to eat; yes, he'd agree with the statement for wartime, but not for peacetime.

"Of course I didn't eat a beef-steak for three months before I left the States," he said. "The reason's easy. It's simpler to ship beef from Kansas City to London than to New York City."

No beef-steak, no fight, someone sug-

gested.

"Oh, I can do without the beef-steak." Commander Tunney assured us. "Don't worry about that. We have our daily pint of canned orange juice or grape-fruit juice and plenty of vegetables and cereals."
"Orange juice!" someone murmured,

looking at the ceiling. "Six months since we saw any!"

"YOU are reported to have given a course of lectures on Shakespeare at Yale University. Do you mind saying along what lines you spoke?" I asked.
"Not at all, I took him as the writer

about the athlete."

"Which particular play did you deal with?"

"Well, now," he said, "You might be surprised. Maybe you haven't heard of it or read it. I chose Troilus and Cressida, and I chose it because it was one they hadn't done before." And he outlined that story of struggle in the Trojan wars. He said he lectured also on Macbeth; but there was no time for more, no time to ask him his opinion of the duel in Hamlet, the wrestling bout in As You Like It, or even to ask if he had had time—and liking—for the less stern plays and the sonnets; in 10 minutes he had to be at the Town Hall to lecture to a boxing association, and we had to go, I, regretfully, and with the feeling that perhaps I had missed gaining, through lack of minutes, a new view of Shakespeare—the poet of the

## "A PRAYER FOR LITTLE CHILDREN"

RECORDING of "A Prayer for Little Children," which is the work of two young Melbourne writers, Vera Howe and Derrick Warren, has been made by Uncle Tom, of 1ZB, Auckland, and the Friendly Road Adult Choir of 50 voices, with Nancy Hill as soloist (her photograph is on page 24). It will be broadcast by all ZB stations at 9.0 p.m. this Sunday (December 5), immediately following the 9.0 o'clock Silent Prayer period, not at 9.0 a.m. as shown in the programmes last week.

Here are the words of the "Prayer," which has already made a deep impression in Australia:

 $D^{\it EAR}$  Lord who suffered little children to cling around Thy knee, We pray Thee now deliver them from blood and misery. Lord, shield their little bodies that never should know pain,

LET every living creature in humbleness and fear. Pray now for little children most innocent and dear. Cry bells from every steeple Kneel down, kneel down good people Who never prayed before, And pray for little children, For helpless little children,

Say a prayer for little children in the war.

And in Thy mercy build for them their childish world again.



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