

he was once a foremost conductor. Very early in his career he was assistant-conductor at Beyruth, and later on he conducted the first performance in Paris of "The Twilight of the Gods." Unlike some famous executants, he is a real musician; he has taught at the Conservatoire, and he has long been known for his close association with the Ecole Normale de Musique. Cortot not only has interpreted the composers through the medium of the piano and the symphony orchestra, but by his gifted pen he has given us some penetrating essays on the piano works of Debussy, Franck, Faure, Chabrier, Dukas, Ravel, d'Indy and Saint Saens. The exceptional combination of solidity and subtlety puts Cortot high among

the musicians' pianists. He will be heard from 2YA on Monday, August 3.

Lucky Stars

IN giving a horoscope of Evelyn Laye, whose birthday fell on July 10, Naylor said last year that she had "a many-sided baffling personality." Pleasingly versatile, always bright (in working hours), she finds life full of interest. She has a curious faculty of pre-vision—she will sense coming events. Better still she will be able often to turn that gift to practical advantage. Her most

cherished ambition is probably to go round and round the world seeing everything and everybody. (This sounds good to New Zealanders!) A strong sense of dignity is hers; very sensitive—she feels things deeply. She talks freely, but conceals a marked reserve underneath. She always feels grateful for the appreciation which is undoubtedly due to her. The child of lucky stars, all will be well with and for her. The year 1944 will see her even more famous than now.

I DO not claim to be a superman.—
Sir Thomas Inskip.

PUZZLE PIE **MUST BE WON**

£100 1st £35 2nd £150 3rd £10 4th £5

PRIZES FOR ALL

CAN YOU SOLVE THIS SIMPLE PUZZLE?

Don't miss this splendid one-week competition! It is just a short and easily-worded paragraph about A VOLCANO, which appeared in a New Zealand newspaper some time ago and has now been put into puzzle form by our artist. The opening words, "Thousands of . . ." will tell you what it is all about—and for the rest, the wording is simple and the sense of the sentence will help you. Each picture or sign may mean part of a word, one, two or three words, but not more than three. Errors are calculated on the basis of the number of words wrong.

Solve the puzzle carefully and write your solution IN INK on one side of a sheet of paper. Sign your name and residential address and post entry to:—

"PUZZLE PIE" NO. 157R,
BOX 950, G.P.O., CHRISTCHURCH.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

All entries must be postmarked not later than Tuesday, August 4.

The First Prize of £100 will be awarded to the competitor whose solution of the paragraph is correct or most nearly correct, and the other prizes in order of merit. In the case of ties, any or all of the prizes may be added together and divided, but the full amount will be paid. No competitor may win more than one prize or share of a prize in any one competition.

Sealed solution and £150 Prize-money is deposited with "Truth" (N.Z.), Ltd. A postal note for 1/- must accompany each initial entry and 6d each additional entry. Penny stamps (1/1) accepted if postal note unobtainable. Any number of attempts may be sent on plain paper. Alternatives in single entries will be disqualified. Post Office addresses not accepted. Results will be published on Friday, August 14.

RESULT OF "PUZZLE PIE" NO. 155.

In this contest six competitors submitted solutions containing only one error, and therefore share the **FIRST PRIZE OF £100 in Cash**. Each will receive £16/13/4. Their names are:—Mrs. M. C. Thomas, 84 Niblett Street, Wanganui. Mrs. R. R. Clarkson, Gordon Street, Dargaville. Mrs. E. J. Traynor, Wyndham. Mrs. W. Beisham, 8 Victoria Street, Lr. Hutt. Mrs.

M. Blachynden, 45 Marjoribanks Street, Wellington. Mr. H. Barton, 57 Ellice Street, Wellington.

173 competitors submitted solutions containing two errors, so the second, third and fourth prizes will be added together and the £50 DIVIDED between them. Each will receive 5/8. Full list of names is on view at the office of this paper. Prize money will be posted on Monday, August 10.

SOLUTION TO "PUZZLE PIE" NO. 155.

"Recently at a tea given at a popular hotel, a pretty Parisienne was remarked by her complete Japanese array, even to appearing without a hat in the afternoon."

£150 WON