

IN this Christmas week, at the end of a year of individual prosperity, but of international strife, the "Record" wishes its thousands of readers a very happy Yuletide season, and ventures to express the hope that the New Year will herald a period of greater peace and greater understanding.

To our advertisers, too, who have shown their faith in the "Record" as a leader in the home magazine field in New Zealand, and have supported the paper with vigour, we extend our thanks and our Christmas greetings.

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If Nazis Go To South Africa! New Zealand Is Vitally Concerned In German Demand For Colonies

- "If Germany obtains control of South Africa, the key to the British Empire is lost. Australia, New Zealand and India will be at the mercy of any powerful naval force."
- This, while Germany agitates for the return of her South African colonies, is the view of the man in the street of Cape Town.
- Lloyd George's book, "The Truth About the Peace Treaties," just published in England, exposes the German dream.
- Lloyd George reveals that as far back as the last war, Emil Zimmermann, in a special report to the German Imperial Cabinet, said: "We shall never be able to exercise pressure upon Australia and India from a base in the South Seas; we might well do so from Mittel Afrika."
- Realising the importance to New Zealand of South Africa's attitude to the German colonial demands, the "Record" cabled Conrad Lighton, well-known "Cape Argus" newspaperman, for an exclusive article on South Africa's position. In his reply, he headed his story: "South Africa Will Defend Its Rights to the Utmost." Here is his story:

Africa?" and holding out a bill poster which a frisky south-east wind was blowing round his legs.

What significance that question mark holds for the people of Africa is plain from the news columns of the daily papers—reports of meetings of the Tanganyika League, Mandate Supporters and "Hands off Africa" clubs (all established since the Munich Pact), letters to the editor, cables from all the world centres.

This evening the posters on the news-vans are placarded,

"Riddle of the Colonies." That is the speculative answer to the question mark of this morning's poster. Solve the riddle and you know the destiny of many nations.

"Africa is the cockpit of European affairs," observes General Smuts, deputy Prime Minister of South Africa, and an unwilling signatory of the Treaty of Versailles.

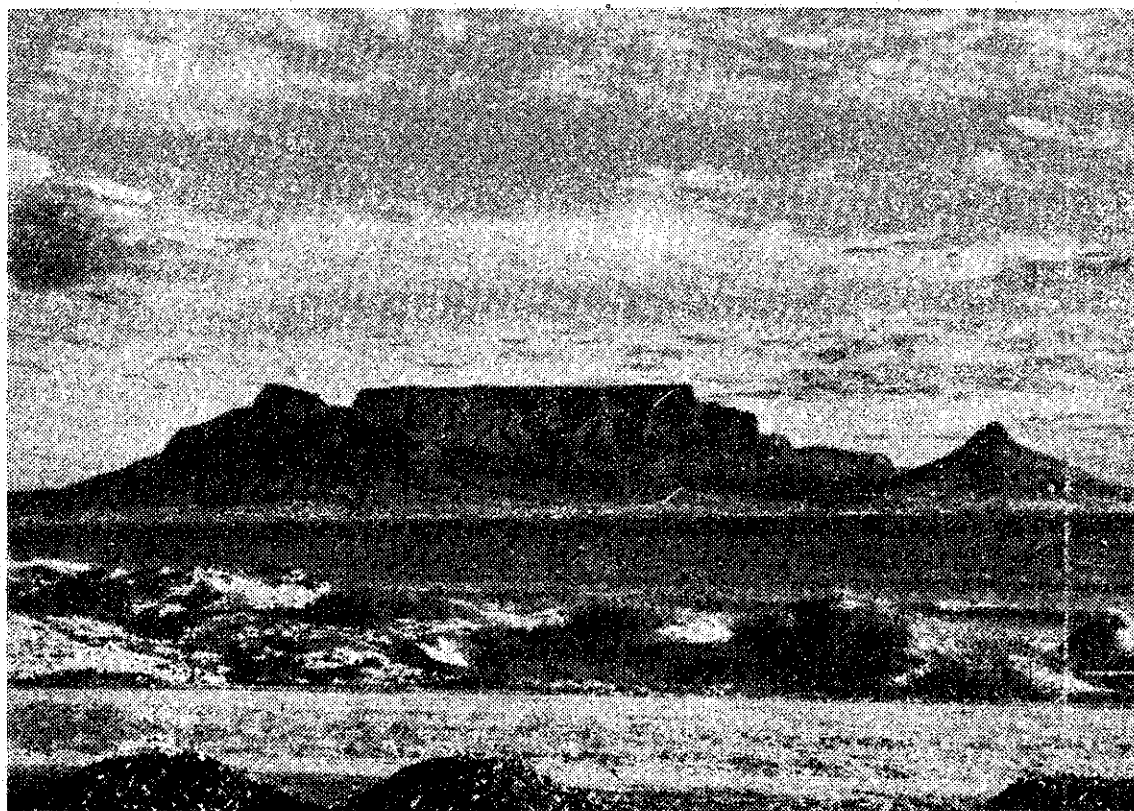
"Africa is the complementary continent to Europe," spoke Mussolini in a recent peroration, providing a para-

phrase of General Smuts's remark.

It is all too true, and the people of Africa know it. The South African Government realised the position early this year. Mr. Oswald Pirow, Minister of Defence (now on a much-debated visit to Germany) outlined South Africa's war plans in January.

To expedite South Africa's defence plans, Mr. Pirow has just visited England. General Smuts made the following official announcement:

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FAMOUS AS THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR.—Table Mountain, symbol of South Africa's grim determination, broods over Cape Town harbour, now being transformed into one of the greatest naval bases in the world.

Hot Shots

TWO eggs, each about three times the size of an ordinary egg, have been laid by a Southland hen. Too late for the elections, unfortunately.

"I WOULDN'T be seen in the latest bathing costume," modestly declared a young New Brighton beach beauty. Oh, wouldn't you?

AS the crooners make it sound: "She was a dear old sole, was Mother."

NEWSPAPER heading, "Wool Sale Proceeds," annoyed Nancy Nitwit because the report didn't say where the sale proceeded to.

SCIENTIST at New Guinea says there are fish which give out a musical note. Practising their scales.

NOCTURNE IN A FLAT.

Maybe the lodgers
Who live up there
Are Ginger Rogers
And Fred Astaire.

IT is reported that the black cat which hung around Downing Street during the Munich peace discussions is missing. Maybe it gave itself up to a rat.

THIS WEEK'S GREAT THOUGHT

"JEWS taught Germans to smoke tobacco in order to destroy the German nation."—Speech in Munich by Herr Streicher.

AN electric boot-black has been invented. An automatic digester would be more in keeping this time of the year.

HOWLERS:

Sir Galahad is a poem for ladies.
Past tense of "I want," is "I got."
Kind hearts are better than cornets.

SAFETY Week special in Dunedin. Advertiser in local paper stated he had a car for sale, and added "No further use."

POLITICAL spokesman at Berlin said Germany was very sensitive to speeches of British statesmen at home and abroad—Cable Item.
A sensitive plant in Berchtesgaden grew!

ON MY desk this morning lay a telegram from New Zealand. It asked: "What is Africa's reaction Hitler's colony demand also what steps combat possible Nazi invasion?"

Outside the office in St. George's Street, Cape Town's Street of Ink, a newsboy was shouting "World War in