

Buyers Passed Litter of Bank Statements

Advertising Pays?

The National candidate Lyttelton (Mr. T. D. ... on Clifton Hill informing the people "Your Vote is Vital."

Now this has been taken down to make way for the second part of a vital message, presumably "Vote Flint."

But somehow two letters have become transposed and instead the Lyttelton electors are being asked now to "Veto Flint."

Raftsmen to Fly Home For Treatment

A. A. PIA, To-day.

Raftsmen William Willis and ... to fly to New York next week for medical treatment before continuing his journey to Australia.

This decision has been made on the advice of a surgeon specialist at Apia Government Hospital.

He found Willis suffering from bilateral reducible hernia, and recommended treatment before continuing the voyage.

Willis said that he ruptured himself while working over the stern on the tudders early in the trip.



Bank statements lie on the floor in the old Bank of New Zealand premises during a sale of fittings this morning.

South Africa Makes No Reply to U.N. Decision

N.Z.P.A.-A.P. NEW YORK, November 22.

THE United Nations Secretary-General (U Thant) said to-day South Africa had refused to reply to a resolution of the General Assembly calling on it to abandon the trial of eleven men charged with treason and to release all political prisoners.

In a report on the General Assembly resolution the Secretary-General said the permanent representative of South Africa informed him that "no reply can be expected to a resolution which the United Nations was clearly not entitled to adopt since it constitutes flagrant interference in South Africa's judiciary."

"Such resolution is entirely outside the jurisdiction of the United Nations," the South African added.

One Against

The resolution adopted on October 11 by 106 votes to one, that of South Africa, asked the Secretary-General to request the South African Government to tell him what steps were being taken to implement it.

The note from the chief South African delegate (Mr. Matthys Bonta) was dated November 14.

In a report which was addressed to the Security Council, U Thant also printed the replies of 26 Governments telling him of any action they had taken to put the resolution into effect.

The United States had last year "expressly made known its shock at the vague, sweeping terms of this new legislation for enforcement of the racial policies of South Africa."

"Subsequently, the United States has reaffirmed its disapproval and its uncompromising opposition to laws which, aimed at controlling political opposition, permit extended incarceration without hearing and without trial and put on the defendant the burden of proving himself innocent."

Baillie's Trip to Australia Off

P.A. AUCKLAND, To-day.

Bill Baillie, of Auckland, has turned down a trip to Melbourne to compete in the 5000 metres contest on Sunday, December 15.

He was given permission to go to Australia by the New Zealand Athletic Association's annual meeting in Wellington yesterday.

COPIES of individual and firms' bank statements as recent as early last month littered the floor of a room on the first floor of the Bank of New Zealand building in Hereford Street to-day.

Through this room and, indeed, through the whole building wandered barge hunters as Ryan Brothers the contractors who will demolish the massive stone structure to make way for a new bank building, conducted a sale of fittings, floor coverings, safes, light fittings and practically anything that could be removed.

When Mr. W. L. Travers, Christchurch manager of the bank, was told shortly after 9 a.m. that the copies of the statements could be seen by people passing through the room, he said he would have something done about it right away.

Later he said the accountants had visited the bank premises this morning and reported to him that there were a number of old statement forms, used by the ledger staff for practising lying on the floor.

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They were spoiled forms, and the information they gave had no relation to the state of the accounts.

The forms were among rubbish waiting to be burned, but apparently someone knocked over a box and the forms spilled out.

Used forms were always removed.

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Cash

Purchasers were expected to carry out any necessary dismantling work and to pay cash as they left the building.

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Beloved of children the world over, characters from well-known nursery rhymes and fairy tales paraded through the Streets of Christchurch in Hay's annual Christmas pageant this morning.

Above: Sing a Song of Sixpence with the realistic king and his blackbird pie. Right: Three dwarfs seem to have become separated from their Snow White.

THOUSANDS VISIT EXHIBITS

Every small boy usually sets his mind on being an engineer. And this fact was well in evidence to-day as thousands of youngsters swarmed over the numerous exhibits at the New Zealand Railways centenary exhibition in Moorhouse Avenue.

One of the most popular exhibits was No. 28. This was the first engine built in the Dominion.

Assembled in 1889, by New Zealand Railways, it was in constant use until being pensioned out of service only three years ago.

Both it and the little F class Peveril, with its gleaming coat of green paint, looked like something straight off Emmett's drawing-board.

Railway staff were still busily engaged in putting the finishing touch to the displays when the first few hundred children commenced their inspection early this morning.

Most of the rolling stock has been shunted on to 100ft of track laid specially for the exhibition.

However, an assortment of carriages, guards vans and two rail-cars are standing at the Nos. 1 and 2 platforms. The exhibits will remain on show until December 1.

Border with Mexico Closed

N.Z.P.A.-A.P. MEXICO CITY, November 22.

It was reported from Nuevo Laredo to-day that the United States-Mexican border was ordered closed following the assassination of President Kennedy.

An official of the Customs Service told reporters that the official order was issued by the United States Government.

Contest for Accordionists

The first annual contest of the Canterbury Accordion Association began in the Caledonian Hall this morning.

With 105 entries, it is the biggest contest of its kind to be held in the South Island.

There was a high standard, and good playing in the well-patronised sections was appreciated by the large audience.

Results from the morning sections were:

Section A
Class 1—Accordion Solo (under 10 years): Maree Sutherland, Jillian Soper, 2, Lorine Burt and Jennifer Manning class 3.

Class 2—Accordion Solo (10 and under 12 years): Trevor Moore 1, Linda Smith 2, Helen Nettleton 3.

Dispute Halts Killing Till Monday

All killing ceased at the Belfast works of Thomas Borthwick and Son, Ltd., at noon yesterday, but it is expected that normal work will resume on Monday morning.

Mr S. Arns, secretary of the Canterbury Freezing Workers' Union, said to-day that at a meeting held at the works yesterday morning the workers decided to go home as a protest against the employers' action in refusing to allow them to work the previous day.

A statement by the management gave the reason for not allowing killing to start on the one saving the company expense, Mr Arns said.

The union claimed that the company had no right to withhold stock when it was there to be killed, and that the workers would not be allowed to work yesterday afternoon as a protest measure adopted by the union.

STORY BOOK CHARACTERS CAME TO LIFE

A LONG-TOOTHED grey wolf stalked the banks of the Avon this morning, but not one of the hundreds of children gathered there turned a hair.

It was with similar aplomb that the youngsters greeted the appearance of huge roosters, swash-buckling pirates and a green-faced witch who was obviously up to no good.

A mammoth clown casually walked by on his hands, feet waving gently in the air.

Glittering fairies, princesses and story-book characters mingled with the waiting crowds, putting last-minute touches to their attire.

Then, with the shrill of a steamboat whistle, all jumped into their places and

Hay's annual Christmas procession was under way.

"When you grow up, you should be a pirate," bellowed a sinister-looking Captain Hook from aboard his ship, the Peter Pan and Wendy.

"It's a good life," he added.

Stretching close to one mile and a half in length, the procession took nearly two hours to complete its circuit around the central part of the city.

Youngsters—with parents in tow—were gathering for the annual event as early as 8 a.m. this morning.

Highlight

Any Christmas procession would not be complete without an appearance by Father Christmas—and sure enough, there he was right at the end of it all.

In fur-trimmed red suit, he made a trial run over the roof tops to make certain he would be in trim for Christmas Eve.

'Miracle' Heart Operation

P.A. SYDNEY, To-day.

A team of sixty doctors and nurses at Prince Henry Hospital has saved the life of a 17-year-old girl in a "miracle" operation.

When Rhonda Ward, of the Sydney suburb of Drummond, was admitted to the hospital two months ago, specialists found her heart was three times the normal size and had several holes in it.

The heart wall was torn, part of a valve was destroyed and the pulmonary artery was badly swollen.

Normal Life

To-day, Rhonda is 100 per cent fit and can expect to lead a completely normal life.

A nine-hour operation, which included replacing the damaged valve with a plastic one, restored her heart to normal strength and capacity.

Sitting up in bed to-day and looking forward to going home in a few days, Rhonda said: "My mother calls me her miracle girl, but all I know is that I feel wonderful and I realise what a lucky girl I am."

Still on Shore

P.A. BLENHEIM, To-day.

The stranded Wellington trawler Hautapu is still sitting on the sandy beach at Flaxbourne where she settled after grounding there three weeks ago.

UNIONISTS FEEL THEY WERE MISLED ON ISSUE

WHILE they had nothing to do with the leader in the "Christchurch Star" on Wednesday discussing the issue of transferring the New Year's late shopping night back to December 17, "we think it had more truth in it than many are prepared to acknowledge."

This comment was contained in a statement issued to-day by Messrs K. Neumege, A. Grigor, and D. W. Donnelly, members of the Canterbury Amalgamated Shop Assistants' Union, referring to comment by the union secretary (Mr P. M. Velvin), published in the "Christchurch Star" on Thursday.

The statement discussed a reference by Mr Velvin "that accurate information was supplied to a duly constituted meeting of members of the union."

Messrs Neumege, Grigor and Donnelly said that the meeting Mr Velvin referred to was the half-yearly meeting of the Canterbury Amalgamated Shop Assistants' Union.

"We feel that we were misled by the circular put out by the union in that we were under the impression we were going to vote on this matter in or out."

"As a result of the union's action, the company was left with 3000 lambs in the yards and the men deprived themselves of still further earnings."

N.Z. Yacht in Ninth Place

P.A. HOBART, To-day.

Denmark's White Lady, sailed by O. L. E. Bernsten, won the third heat of the English Speaking Union Cup for Dragon class yachts on the Derwent River to-day.

White Lady now leads on progress points for the international trophy.

The New Zealand entry, Moana, sailed by R. B. Pooke, finished ninth.

TO-DAY'S BEST FROM EUROPE



Denmark fiber, Bjerregard

When Mr Blake comes tell him that I'm out—but be doing your knitting so that he'll not suspect anything.

Pay Increase For Printing Trade Workers

Weekly increases ranging from 6s 8d a week to 9s 2d a week are included in the provisions of a new award for New Zealand printing trades employees.

The top minimum award rate for operators now bears a weekly increase of 6s 8d, other rates ranging down to £12 13s 3d for general hands whose increase is 6s 8d.

The top rate also applies to compositors and stonehands, mechanics, machinists, stereotypers and electrotypers.

Night operators now receive an additional £1 5s 2d a week instead of 16s 6d formerly.

Full-time workers in publishing departments receive a weekly increase of 6s 8d, bringing the minimum rate to £12 17s 10d. Casual workers are to get 6s 4d an hour, representing an hourly increase of 2d.

All workers who have been in continuous employment will get an extra week's annual holiday—a provision which previously applied only to workers in daily newspapers.

The award, which includes an unequalled preference clause, is regarded as having come into force on September 23 last.