# IN THE NEWS Around the World

Australia's Prime Minister. Mr. Curtin, told Parliament at Canberra:—New Zealand and Australia cannot defend their own frontiers. They look to Britain and the United States for co-operation.

Work is progressing in reconstructing the Stirling-Kaitangata railway, most of which was washed away by the Molyneux flood.

Among the Wellington City Council's plans for the future development of the capital is a scheme to tap the Hutt river for 11,000,000 gallons of water.

A Berne reporter states that the German Government has left Berlin for an unknown destination and that the Gestapo H.Q. has been shifted to Lake Constance.

At the NZ Athletic Chamionships the Teams' Shield was won by Auckland with 52 points Canterbury had 48 and Wellington 43. Haggitt won the 100 and 220 and Harris the 440 and 880,

#### DO YOU KNOW?

- 1 What was the NZ CROSS decoration.
- 2 What is an INTAGLIO.
- 3 What a Cooper does for a living.
- 4 Who the heroine was of Dicken's "Old Curiosity Shop."
- 5 What is AMNESIA.
- 6 If there is more land or water on the earth's surface.
- 7 What is the capital of FIN-LAND.
- 8 What is a CELESTE.
- 9 What is the science of Paleography.
- 10 What is the largest Planet.

# Aussies' Threat to Rabaul

Australian forces in the South Pacific continue to make good progress.

A recent advance constitutes a real threat to the port of Rabaul which is still held by a large Japanese garrison.

The Aussies have split the Japanese forces in the north of Bougainville and have gained one third of the island since taking over from American troops.

#### NZ MINISTERS IN LONDON

The Prime Minister, Mr. P. Fraser, the High Commissioner Mr. W. J. Jordan, and the NZ Minister for Washington, will represent New Zealand at the British Empire Conference in London.

Mr. Sid. Holland is also in London at present. His is to be a three month's visit, and among the matters he will discuss is the possibility of reasonable immigration.

Mr. Holland is to visit NZ troops in Italy and the Middle East,

#### IMPORTANT PART PLAYED

The British Commonwealth Air Training Scheme in Canada, by which hundreds of NZ airmen were trained, came to an end on April 1.

Mr. Churchill and others have paid tribute to the important part it has played in the Empire's war effort.

Over 100,000 trainees have been sent out to all the fronts of the world.

### CALLING ALL KIWIS!

Repeat performances of the shipboard concert are to be made on Tuesday and Wednesday at 14,00 hrs. in the men's recreation room. The entertainment committee is indebted to those who have obligingly filled gaps through the illness of several original artists.

### Lectures

TUESDAY: "Cheques, Bills of Exchange, and Promissory Note." by Lieut.-Col. Matthew Robb. at 15.30 hrs.

WEDNESDAY: "Sheep Licks," by Capt. Fallow, at 14.30 hrs.—Discussion invited.

THURSDAY: "Points on Picking," by Major P. Anderson,

FRIDAY : "Incubation," by Sgt. Jordon.

SATURDAY: "Experiences as a Prisoner of War," by Captain J. W. Carr.

## BOXING

An effort is being made to stage a series of exhibition boxing bouts. All those desiring to participate are requested to hand in their names to their group orderly room. Training facilities are available. For further information, contact Dick Baker, Sgts. quarters. Promenade deck.

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