

NEW ZEALAND ATHLETES

CLOSING PERFORMANCES IN ENGLAND.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

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To cast doubts on the correctness of the finding when G. W. Smith ran 120 yards over hurdles in 15 1/5 would be, of course, to bring down on my devoted head a shower of angry remonstrance, but with- out aspersing the watches or watch- holders on the occasion in question I may at least be permitted to say that Mr Smith has never exhibited any form of Home that would lead us to believe in his ability to live with the American wonder, Kraenzlin. One climate of course, tells on importations from Australasia more than on those from the States, and Smith's failure to reproduce his best Antipodean form or get anywhere near it is doubtless due to this factor. People are now saying that he is lucky to gain the championship, even though he did 16 dead without being hand pressed. This is simply because he failed at Birmingham last Saturday to give three yards to the American, E. Jones, in the 120 hurdles. Smith, owing 16 yards, won his heat comfortably in 18sec, and in the final had to meet Jones (owes 13), E. W. Gould of Newport (owes 13), and A. Trafford, Birmingham. Smith, owing 16 yards, gave Smith a look-in, and won in handsome style by four yards in 17 1/5-sec from the New Zealander, who beat Trafford a yard and a-half for second honours. On this showing Jones should be good enough to do 35 3/4 for the 120 yards at his best. That he was in form at the championship meeting Jones's high jump of 6ft 3in showed.

Smith afterwards turned out for the quarter-mile and a half race and qualified for the final by running second in heat 1 to E. McLachlan of the Herne Hill Harriers, to whom he was giving 15 yards. In the final these two were opposed by G. W. Orton, Radnor, 1/2 yards; and T. Paddock, Harborne, 1/2 yards. From the start it appeared certain that Smith could not give 15 yards to McLachlan, but he made a grand effort and got within 1/2 yards of his man, who won in dash- ing style in 55 4/5-sec, the New Zealander doing 57 4/5-sec, and beating Orton three yards for second honours. Smith came in for a splendid reception from the crowd, who greatly admired the vigorous fashion in which he ran his stern chase right through to the tape.

W. F. Simpson was also competing, and chose the mile for his effort. He was virtual scratch at the 50 yards mark in a field over 60 strong, and for three laps made but little impression on his rivals. In the last quarter, however, he got well among his men, and an electric sprint in the last hundred carried him fifth past the post. T. Poole of Small Heath (142 yards) winning a desperate race on C. Bullock of the same club (173 yards) by a yard, barely two feet separating the latter from Mills of Harborne Heath (142 yards), who was barely a yard in front of Simpson, several others finishing in a bunch. The winner's time was 4min 28sec, so Simpson was doing about 4min 28sec for the full distance. Had he made his effort a little earlier he would have been "among the prizes."

From Birmingham Smith went on to Stourbridge in Worcestershire to compete in the Cricket and Football Club sports. So did Jones, who once again proved too good for the New Zealander in the hurdles, the pair once again set to owe 13 yards and 16 yards respectively. Smith won his heat easily, but he was a little Jones and Gould of Newport, who also owed 13, but in the final the American without strenuous exertion beat Smith by 2 yards in 17 1/5-sec.

Smith also competed in the 220 yards flat handicap, and off the 12 yards mark won the fourth heat comfortably in 22 1/5 sec, but he failed to get place in the final, which was won by Hinton of Small Heath (17 yards) in 21 4/5-sec.

The correspondence method of instruction appears to have attained much success in the case of the Electrical Engineer Institute of Instruction, New York, an advertisement of which appears in this issue. In a small book forwarded us, the methods of the institute are set forth in detail; and the opinions of leading men in the United States and Great Britain, which are published, give the institute great credit for the work it is doing. It is claimed for this new undertaking that anyone, in any part of the world, may, by taking advantage of the correspondence system, rapidly attain, at a comparatively small cost, to such a thorough knowledge in all branches of electrical engineering as will fit him for a responsible position. And to the justice of this claim scores and hundreds of successful students bear grateful testimony.

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News of the Week.



CABLE ITEMS.

Several houses in Hongkong collapsed, killing twenty people.

The American troops are renewing the campaign against the troublesome Moros, in the Philippines.

Cholera is spreading alarmingly along the railway in Manchuria, and also in Southern Korea.

Mr. Schaub is retiring from the presidency of the American Steel Trust on account of his health.

Twenty members of the Eighth New Zealand Contingent have joined the South African Constabulary.

Military movements in the Soudan indicate that preparations are being made for another military campaign.

The Canadian Government is arming the militia with the new Metford-Ross rifles.

Miss Agnes Logan, an Australian, has been killed in a motor car accident in Rentrewhshire.

The heavy rains in France are seriously affecting the grape and beet- root crops.

A renewed epidemic of cholera has occurred in Egypt, and great mortality is reported.

The rainfall in New South Wales is insufficient, and the outlook for stock-owners is very gloomy.

In a racial riot at Tupelo, Mississippi, U.S.A., four white people and eight negroes have been killed.

Dr. Lang, Suffragan-Bishop of Stepney, has declined the offer of the Melbourne Bishopric.

Imperial troops have killed a thousand rebels in the Szechuan province, including their ringleaders.

The Bishopric of Melbourne has been offered to Dr. Lang, the suffragan Bishop of Stepney.

Great Britain will be officially represented in the education and art sections at the St. Louis (U.S.A.) Exhibition in 1904.

Three of the newest and fastest steamers of the Russian volunteer fleet have been added to the naval reserve cruisers.

The Limerick corporation, according to a London cable to-day, intends to bestow the freedom of the city on the Boer generals.

Sydney's water supply is running short, and the city authorities are adopting more stringent measures to keep down the consumption.

Good rains in Western India have saved the crops, averting an immediate famine. Some rain has also fallen in the central provinces.

A phonographic record of the Fiji Coronation Contingent singing "Home, Sweet Home," has been sent to the King.

Great floods have occurred in the Kwangsi province, in the south of China. Thousands of people were drowned.

The Maharajah of Gwalior has presented the King with the sum of £10,000, which His Majesty has handed to the King's Hospital Fund.

The funeral of the late General Lucas Meyer has been postponed for two months. The remains may possibly be interred in South Africa.

Fowl tick has become so serious in Victoria that the importation of live birds from the adjoining States has been stopped.

All hope for the missing steamer Quinring (which left Newcastle for Dunedin, coal-laden, 63 days ago) has been abandoned in Sydney.

A public meeting at Pretoria resolved to urge the Government to introduce State control of the liquor traffic.

Sir E. Barton and party, on their way back to Australia, will visit New York, Washington, and the principal Canadian cities.

A Royal charter has been granted to the British Academy for the promotion of Historical and Philosophical Studies.

The United States, Great Britain, France and Germany declare the blockade of Venezuelan ports by Colombia inefficient.

The Sirdar of Egypt, Major-General Sir Francis Wingate, shortened his holiday in England, and has returned to Cairo, en route to Khartoum.

The inhabitants of Devon presented Colonel Kekewich with a sword in recognition of his heroic defence of Kimberley in the Boer War.

The Minister of Marine has ordered that materials of Russian origin must be exclusively used in the construction of all ships built in Russia.

The warehouse of Messrs. Dyer and Dyer, general merchants, East London, Cape Colony, has been destroyed by fire. The damage is estimated at £120,000.

A hundred police evicted four families from Lord Dreyfuss's estate in Connaught. One family resisted desperately, using pitchforks and boiling strabout.

The death of the widow of Mr Bowen, at one time Speaker of the Canterbury Provincial Council (New Zealand), is announced, aged 100 years.

The British War Office is making experiments with a new 18-pounder field gun, which promises to be superior to anything of the kind possessed by the other Powers.

There is a recrudescence of cholera in Egypt. Every province except Keneh is infected. Three thousand cases have occurred, most of them proving fatal.

Kruger is said to be bitterly disappointed at the determination of the Boer generals to become faithful subjects of the King.

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The latest type of British submarine boat has been severely tested at Harrow. The craft maintained a speed of fifteen knots an hour under the water.

The Tahiti authorities are urging the French Government to subsidise the extension of the Marseilles-Sydney steam line to San Francisco, via Tahiti.

Heavy rain is considerably damaging the standing corn in Great Britain. The hop and fruit crops in Kent are also much injured.

The Duke and Duchess of Argyll witnessed a Maori war-dance, performed by the New Zealand Native Contingent, under Captain Taranaki Te Ua, at Alex. alva Park.

A fire, which occurred in a public-house in London at daybreak, isolated nine barmaids and servants on the upper floors. Intense excitement prevailed until fire escapes arrived, when all the women were rescued, attended only in their night dresses.

The Duke of Bedford has contributed £3000 towards the cancer research fund, which is to encourage the close study of cancer, with a view to the discovery of a cure.

The N.S.W. Treasurer declares that owing to the serious falling off in revenue through the drought and other causes, systematic retrenchment in all departments is absolutely necessary. It is believed that one-fourth of the present reduction of civil service salaries.

It is possible that Canada, the Australian Commonwealth, and New Zealand will co-operate in a great steam line across the Pacific, if Great Britain joins in the scheme.

Dennis Kilbride, a prominent Irish Nationalist, has been charged at Athlone with inciting Westmeath Nationalists to murder a landlord. The Magistrates disagreed. Kilbride was admitted to bail.

At the suggestion of Sir Edward Poynter, President of the Royal Academy, Academicians are enthusiastically subscribing to rebuild the Campanile of St. Mark's, Venice, which recently collapsed. The public are invited to co-operate.

"Truth" declares that the Archbishop of Canterbury's infirmities are increasing, and that he resigns at the end of the year, the Bishop of Winchester succeeding him.

A preliminary meeting of employers have been held with a view to forming a federation to fight against democratic legislation on similar lines to that of New Zealand.

The question of the suspension of the fodder duties was again discussed in the Federal Parliament. Mr. Deakin said it rested with the States to take action; the Federal Government would take none.

Shoering-smith A. Ford, of the Royal Horse Artillery, has been awarded the Victoria Cross for serving a gun under heavy fire in the Tallekop fight, South Africa, after the rest of the gun team had been killed.

In reply to English criticisms the Transvaal Political Association declares that its chief objects are to support Lord Milner and to bring the British and Dutch together, and co-operate in evolving a united nation.

The British cruiser Phaeton has been sent to Buena Vista, owing to the Colombian Government endeavouring to compel the British steamer Ecuador to convey troops to Panama.

M. Leroy Beaulieu, the well-known publicist, expresses alarm at the continued decline of French revenue, and anticipates a deficit of over 200,000,000 francs for the present year.

It is reported that the late Mr Cecil Rhodes left the Countess of Warwick lands in South Africa worth £200,000. Lady Warwick denies having received the bequest alleged to have been made to her by Mr Cecil Rhodes.

A severe eruption occurred at Mount Pelee at Martinique on Thursday. The heavy dust showers caused total darkness for twenty minutes, extending seawards a distance of five miles.

The tide overlooked and drowned five little girls who were paddling on Fife's Beach, despite the frantic efforts of their mothers to rescue them. The elder girls held the younger children in their arms till they were overwhelmed.

The office of Quong Tart, the well-known Sydney merchant, in the heart of the city, was entered by a man at noon, who felled Tart with an iron bar, inflicting severe wounds on the head. The robber stole £20 and escaped.

De Wet's staff-officer states that about 500 Irishmen and 500 Americans fought on the side of the Boers. One commando, numbering 300, included men of thirteen different nationalities.

"Truth" states that the King's cruise includes Ireland, and that he will visit the Cork Exhibition. He arrives at Aberdeen at the end of the month, and thence goes to Balmoral.

In spite of official secrecy it has leaked out that a terrible catastrophe occurred to a squadron of Russian cavalry during the recent army manoeuvres in the neighbourhood of St. Petersburg. The squadron was ordered to plunge into a river. The cavalrymen obeyed the order, and as a result fifty of them were drowned.