

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Coffey, now boxing in Sydney, is a full-blooded Red Indian.

Golf opens at Karori, Wellington, on the 20th.

Melbourne Art Society hopes to be able to send £500 to the Red Cross Society.

It is proposed to revive the Wellington Amateur Orchestral Society.

Mr. Charles Macmahon has sold the New Theatre in Wellington to Mr. R. J. Paul.

Eighty-two English cricketers and ex-cricketers have fallen at the front.

The "Tipperary" song has sold close on three million copies in America.

Mr. P. R. Smyrk, well-known in Napier athletic circles, is going to the front.

Paderewski, the famous pianist, has lost his brother, who fell fighting in Poland.

The Wellington Choral Society has established a roll of honour for members who enlist.

A punter can back his fancy for first, second or third place in Egypt.

The girls of Palmerston North have formed a miniature rifle association.

The daughter of Madame Stirling, the well-known singer, is to marry a Melbourne doctor shortly.

Bosanquet, the well-known English cricketer, has been seriously ill, but hopes are entertained of recovery.

The Miramar Golf Club have decided to proceed with their new club house at an early date.

Miss Lily Dampier, well-known to all old stallites, is dead. Her chief parts were "Rosalind" and "Lady Macbeth."

The membership of the Christchurch Golf Club is two hundred and thirty-three.

According to "The London Sporting Life" Frank Wootton may take out a license to ride over hurdles.

The Waiwetu Golf Club, Wellington, has eleven members with the Expeditionary Forces.

A. W. Dunlop, international tennis player, is serving in the National Defence League, Melbourne.

It is hoped to arrange a sculling match between R. Ford and S. Kemp for £50 a-side.

Doust, well-known Victorian tennis player, is driving a commissariat wagon at the front.

C. Grimmitt, the ex-Wellington rep. in cricket, has just made his appearance in Sydney senior cricket.

Kahanamoku, the champion swimmer, gave a private exhibition to the college boys in Wellington.

Nearly 1600 set of boxing gloves have been presented to the men on the fighting line.

The Invercargill rowing clubs held a fete to raise funds for the Trentham base hospital.

Cinematograph actors at Home earn roughly five shilling to seven-and-six a day, and find their own clothes.

The London salaries paid in melodrama do not riot with riches. The average is £4 a week and find the wardrobe.

Herb McCoy is probably the thriftiest of Australian boxers. He puts his faith in real estate. He is well on his way to becoming an independent man.

Nearly all the horses running on the Cairo racecourses are Arab stallions, and seventy-five per cent. are grey in colour.

The Christchurch Golf Club has decided to reduce the number of competitions this season because so many members have enlisted.

The race for officers' mounts at Cairo was won by the New Zealander Hinemoa from the Australian-bred Boom.

Lieutenant H. O. Joyce, R.N., well-known in Canterbury, has earned the D.S.C. He was wounded in the bombardment of Dunkirk.

The Greater J. D. Williams Amusement Company, of Sydney, shows a credit balance of £16,876 on a year's working. There is money yet in the film.

Wellington's Choral Society paid out £91 in fees to soloists at a recent Belgian Relief Concert. The relief must have been on the part of the soloists.

Zangwill, who wrote that splendid dramatic study, "The Melting Pot," has written a play called "Plaster Saints." It treats of life in a style of caustic wit.

Jones, who is to fight Coffey in New South Wales, was a real estate agent before he found out the roped ring grew more dollars than a quarter-acre section.

Mr. H. Bloy, well-known formerly in Auckland, has been again appointed conductor to the Choral Society, Wellington. There was a breeze. It was desired by some members to appoint Mr. Page, city organist, to the position.

It is the intention of the Canterbury Lawn Tennis Association to lay down 10 asphalt Courts, near Stanmore Bridge, if property is available.

A well known Dunedin Tennis player, Mr Frank Lewis, was presented with a dressing case before he left to join the re-inforcements camp.

F. Wilson, of Tasmania, won a purse of £200, at Gisborne in a chopping competition. His time was 1 min. 7.55sec. a 15in standing white pine log was used.

That part of the Mexican Republic which owns Carranza as its head, has refused to allow Johnson to enter Mexico to box at Jaurez.

It is computed that the boxer, who wins the world's heavy weight or light weight belt, gathers up then and after half a million dollars.

Football cost Harvard University £4000 last year. They paid a coach £2000 but netted £35,400 for the nine games played.

New Zealand soldiers paid five shillings adm'ssion and five pence a race book, at the recent Cairo meeting.

If a cinematograph actor or actress can swim or ride, they can earn up to 10s. 6d. a day. If they can only walk on in small parts they earn 3s. a day with light meals provided.

Mr H. S. Chilcott, who has joined the Naval Flying Corps in England, is the well known racehorse owner. If's thoroughbreds are turned out.

The German heroes of the spotlight have fallen on evil times. Nearly 7200 have lost their jobs and only 3000 found another—carrying a gun. Nearly 3000 are living on charity and others are selling papers.

Frank's Birtles, white man and wheel man gins, is to the road again. He contemplates traversing the wilds of Australia once more awheel, with a moving camera as companion.

The idea of big salaries behind the footlights is rather exploded by the researches of the women's suffragette societies. A leading soubrette part in a West End production on tour earns £3 10s. a week and has to find dresses, hats and other accessories.

The Sydney health authorities are hot on the trail of the theatrical microbe. All theatres are to be disinfected once a week, sprayed thoroughly once a month. The need is not confined to Australia.

Sir J. M. Barrie's new play, "The Day," depicts the Emperor, in the undress uniform of a Prussian General, asleep at his desk. Here the Chancellor, a military advisor, and Culture, appear to him, and scenes from ravaged Belgium pass before him. English critics state the play falls below Barrie's best.

ROWING.

(From Our Wanganui Correspondent.)

Something like a deadlock has been reached in the negotiations for a match between W. Webb and Paddy Hannan. The latter some time ago challenged Webb to row for £200 aside and the championship of New Zealand, and placed a deposit in the hands of the editor of the Dominion. The challenge was accepted by Webb, and £50 lodged with the Hera'd, Wanganui, to bind the match, word being sent to Hannan to the effect that Webb's backers wanted a deposit of £50 to be put up by Hannan before proceeding to draw up articles. Though Hannan has written to say he would agree to these terms and the suggestion that the money should be lodged with the Herald at Wanganui, where the proposed race would eventuate, so far the money has not come to hand from the challenger. In the circumstances the Webb party are not disposed to go any further in the matter, and unless Hannan's party comply with the request within a few days the Wanganui man's friends will not take any further notice of the challenge. Apparently Hannan himself means business, as he is said to be training hard on the Wairau River in view of the match, but the Wanganui man does not intend to start training until the match is placed on a definite footing. Webb is at present in Gisborne superintending the work of fitting some pipes on a big contract over there. It will be a pity if the pair do not meet after all the talked indulged in, but Hannan's friends have only to agree to put up the necessary deposit to get a match, as Webb is willing enough to row.

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