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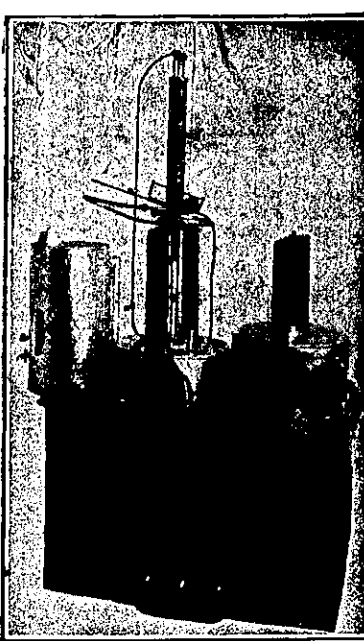
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ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MARCH 17 AND 18, 1915.

OFFICERS:

President: W. J. Towers, Esq. Vice-President: J. Clarkin, Esq. Treasurer: W. J. Ellis, Esq. Stewards: The Committee. Protest Committee: Messrs. Nathan, Bush, Clarkin, McGuire and Vuglar. Judge: Mr. H. R. Bush. Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor. Handicapper: Mr. R. Wynyard. Clerks of Scales: Messrs. E. Shaw and W. Neil. Clerk of Course: Mr. W. Marsh. Timekeeper: Mr. A. Wilson. Hon. Surgeons: Drs. Smith, Couzens and Hyde. Committee: Messrs. Nathan (Chairman), H. R. Bush, J. Clarkin, W. J. Ellis, E. Shaw, W. Towers, G. Dean, P. Grace, A. McGuire, W. Neil, P. Vuglar, H. J. Field. Secretary: H. Poland.

PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY,

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1915.

- 1. MAIDEN HANDICAP of 55sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes, and third horse 5sovs. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 25 sovs at the time of entry. Nomination 10s., acceptance 1s. Distance, six furlongs.
2. NETHERTON WELTER of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Lowest weight, 8.0. Nomination 10s., acceptance 1s. Distance, about seven furlongs.
3. HANDICAP HURDLES of 85sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 10s., acceptance 1s. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.
4. KARANGAHAKE HANDICAP of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes, and third horse 5sovs. Nomination 10s., acceptance 1s. Distance, five furlongs.
5. OHINEMURI CUP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 1s., acceptance 1s. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.
6. KOMATA HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 25sovs at the time of entry. Nomination 10s., acceptance 1s. Distance, six furlongs.
7. PAEROA STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 1s., acceptance 1s. Distance, about two miles and a-half.
8. ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 1s., acceptance 1s. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND DAY,

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1915.

- 1. HIKUTAIA HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Nomination 10s., acceptance 1s. Distance, six furlongs.
2. WAITEKAURI HANDICAP of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 10s., acceptance 1s. Distance, five furlongs.
3. SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 10s., acceptance 1s. Distance, one mile and a-half.
4. PAEROA HANDICAP of 120sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stakes. Winner of Waitekauri Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination 1s., acceptance 1s. Distance, one mile.
5. MINERS' HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race of the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Nomination 10s., acceptance 1s. Distance, six furlongs.
6. WAIKINO WELTER of 75sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Lowest weight, 8.0. Nomination 10s., acceptance 1s. Distance, about seven furlongs.
7. AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE of 110 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stakes. Nomination 1s., acceptance 1s. Distance, about three miles.
8. WAIHI HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Winner of the Waitekauri Handicap or Paeroa Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra, or both 10lb extra. Nomination 15s., acceptance 1s. Distance, six furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events close at 9 p.m. on SATURDAY February 20, 1915, with the Secretary, Paeroa.

WEIGHTS will appear for First Day's Races about MONDAY, March 1, 1915.

ACCEPTANCES for First Day's Races

close at 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, March 5, 1915.

WEIGHTS for Second Day's Races will be declared at 8 p.m. on the Evening of First Day's Races. ACCEPTANCES close at 9 p.m. on the same evening.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- 1. All entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Paeroa, and accompanied by the advertised amount of entrance money.
2. Name, age, pedigree, description and performance of horse and colours of rider to be sent with nomination.
3. All races to be under N.Z. Rules of Racing.
4. All stakes paid in full.
5. All winning horses, after declaration of weights, are subject to be re-handicapped.
6. Owners are responsible for all penalties and allowances.

H. POLAND, Secretary. Paeroa.

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Programme of AUTUMN MEETING.

To be held on the

MASTERTON RACECOURSE, OPAKI, ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, MARCH 18 AND 19, 1915.

PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY,

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1915.

- 1. MAIDEN HACK RACE (weight-for-age) of 85sovs; second horse 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stakes. Five furlongs. Entry 30s.
2. MARCH HANDICAP (Open) of 130 sovs; second horse 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stakes. Six furlongs. Nom. 20s., accept. 40s.
3. MASTERTON HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stakes. One mile. Nom. 20s., accept. 30s.
4. MASTERTON CUP HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse 50sovs, and third horse 30sovs from stake. One mile and a-quarter. Nom. 20s., accept. 80s.
5. RUAMAHUNGA HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stake. Six furlongs. Nom. 20s., accept. 30s.
6. LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP of 75sovs; bracelet valued 50sovs for first horse, bracelet valued 15sovs for second horse, and a bracelet valued 10sovs for third horse. Minimum weight, 11.0. Open to hacks only, and to be ridden by gentlemen riders. Nomination to be made in the name of a lady. One mile and a distance. Nom. 20s., acceptance 20s. NOTE.—A gold-mounted whip, donated by Mrs. C. F. Vallance, will be presented to the rider of the winning horse in this race.
7. OPAKI WELTER (Open) of 130sovs; second horse 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stakes. Minimum weight, 8.0. One mile. Nom. 20s., accept. 40s.
8. DASH HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stakes. Five furlongs. Nom. 20s., accept. 30s.

SECOND DAY,

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1915.

- 1. GRANDSTAND HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stakes. Seven furlongs. Nom. 20s., accept. 30s.
2. TELEPHONE HANDICAP (Open) of 130sovs; second horse 20sovs, third horse 10sovs from stakes. Five furlongs. Nom. 20s., accept. 40s.
3. HANDICAP HACK SCURRY of 85 sovs; second horse 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stakes. For horses that have not won an advertised race exceeding 25sovs in value at time of starting. Five furlongs. Nom. 20s., accept. 20s.
4. HIGH WEIGHT HACK HANDICAP of 90sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stakes. Minimum weight, 11.0. To be ridden by gentlemen riders. One mile. Nom. 20s., accept. 20s.
5. WAIPIPI HANDICAP (Open) of 200 sovs; second horse 30sovs, and third horse 20sovs from stakes. One mile. Nom. 20s., accept. 60s.
6. RAILWAY HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stakes. Six furlongs. Nom. 20s., accept. 30s.
7. FINAL WELTER (Open) of 130sovs; second horse 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stakes. Minimum weight, 7.7. Seven furlongs. Nom. 20s., accept. 40s.
8. ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stakes. Five furlongs. Nom. 20s., accept. 30s.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events (including entrance for Maiden Hack Race) close with the Secretary at his office, Queen Street, Masterton, on FRIDAY, February 26, 1915, at 10 p.m.

WEIGHTS for the First Day's races will be declared on FRIDAY, March 5, 1915, and for the Second Day's races at the Secretary's Office, Masterton, on THURSDAY, April 18, 1915, at 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day's races close with the Secretary at his Office, Queen Street, Masterton, on THURSDAY, March 11, 1915, at 10 p.m., and for the Second Day's races on THURSDAY, March 18, 1915, at 9 p.m.

A. HATHAWAY, Secretary.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING,

SATURDAY AND EASTER MONDAY,

APRIL 3 AND 5, 1915.

OFFICERS:

President: Hon. E. Mitchelson. Vice-President: Mr. H. T. Gorrie. Committee: Messrs. S. Bradley, Richard Duder, F. Earl, M. McLean, N. A. Nathan, O. Nicholson, H. O. Nolan, G. W. S. Patterson, E. A. Price, W. C. Somers. Stewards: The President and Vice-President (ex officio), and Messrs. C. Z. Clayton, F. Earl, J. D. Jones, M. M. McCallum, M. McLean, O. Nicholson, Chas. Ranson, G. A. Wynyard, Sir E. D. Sinclair Lockhart. Judge: Mr. R. B. Lusk. Hon Treasurer: Mr. H. T. Gorrie. Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor. Clerk of Scales: Mr. F. W. Marks. Clerk of Course: Mr. A. Selby. Auditors: Messrs. Percy Butler and A. J. Denniston. Handicapper: Mr. George Morse. Secretary: Mr. J. F. Hartland.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY,

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1915.

- TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP of 350sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. One mile and a-quarter.
BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE (Handicap) of 350sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Two miles.
PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 350sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Five furlongs.
GREAT NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 1000sovs; first horse to receive 600sovs, second horse 200 sovs, and third horse 100sovs out of the stake. The other 100sovs to go to the breeder of the winner, provided he be also the nominator. In the event of this condition not being fulfilled, the 100 sovs to go to the first horse. Colts, 8.10; fillies, 8.8; geldings, 8.7. By subscription of 10sovs each, unless forfeit of 1sov is declared and paid by 9 p.m. on General Entry Day, Autumn Meeting, 1915 (Friday, 12th March). All horses remaining in after that date must pay the subscription of 10sovs on Friday, 26th March, by 9 p.m. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Six furlongs.
EASTER HANDICAP of 1000sovs; second horse to receive 200sovs, and third horse 100sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race or flat races collectively after declaration of weights of the value of 250sovs to carry 3lb; of 500sovs, 5lb; of 750sovs, 7lb; of 1000sovs, 10lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 4sovs, and a final payment of 5sovs each. One mile.
ONSLow STAKES (Handicap) of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. For TWO-YEAR-OLDS that have never won a race of the value of 150sovs, or races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.
NELSON HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 150sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of nomination. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile.
EDEN HANDICAP of 350sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Seven furlongs.
SECOND DAY,
EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1915.
THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 350 sovs; second horse to receive 70 sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. One mile.
MANGERE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 150sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of nomination. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.
VICTORIA HANDICAP of 350sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Five furlongs.
GREAT NORTHERN OAKS of 400sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-old fillies, 8.10. By subscription of 5sovs each, unless forfeit of 1sov is declared and paid by 9 p.m. on General Entry Day, Autumn Meeting, 1915 (Friday, 12th March). All horses remaining in after that date must pay the sub-

scription of 5sovs on Friday, 26th March, by 9 p.m. The winner of any race or races (not a handicap) after 1st August, 1914, of the collective value of 300sovs to carry 5lb; of 500sovs, 7lb; of 1000sovs, 10lb extra. Maidens allowed 7lb. One mile and a-half.

ST. GEORGE'S HANDICAP of 1000sovs; second horse to receive 200sovs, and third horse 100sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 9sovs each. One mile and a-half.

AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap) of 400sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. About three miles.

HUIA HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Six furlongs.

AUCKLAND WELTER HANDICAP of 350sovs; second horse to receive 70 sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Minimum weight, 8.0. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. One mile.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1915.

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS.—Brighton Hurdles 1 sov, Easter Handicap 1sov, St. George's Handicap 1sov, Autumn Steeplechase 1sov.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12 (GENERAL ENTRY), by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Brighton Hurdles 3 sovs, Easter Handicap 4sovs, Autumn Steeplechase 3sovs.

NOMINATIONS.—Tradesmen's Handicap 1sov, President's Handicap 1sov, Onslow Stakes Handicap 1sov, Nelson Handicap 1sov, Eden Handicap 1sov, Stewards' Handicap 1sov, Mangere Handicap 1sov, Victoria Handicap 1sov, HuiA Handicap 1sov, Auckland Welter Handicap 1sov.

FIRST FORFEIT.—Great Northern Champagne Stakes 1sov, Great Northern Oaks 1sov.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Tradesmen's Handicap 3sovs, President's Handicap 3sovs, Onslow Stakes 1sov, Nelson Handicap 1sov, Eden Handicap 3sovs.

FINAL PAYMENTS.—Easter Handicap 5sovs, Great Northern Champagne Stakes (sub.) 10sovs, Great Northern Oaks (sub.) 5sovs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Stewards' Handicap 3sovs, Mangere Handicap 1sov, Victoria Handicap 3sovs, St. George's Handicap 3sovs, HuiA Handicap 3sovs, Auckland Welter Handicap 3sovs.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

MONDAY, MARCH 8.

Brighton Hurdles, Easter Handicap, Autumn Steeplechase.

MONDAY, MARCH 22.

Tradesmen's Handicap, President's Handicap, Onslow Stakes, Nelson Handicap, Eden Handicap.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, by 8 p.m.

Stewards' Handicap, Mangere Handicap, Victoria Handicap, St. George's Handicap, HuiA Handicap, Auckland Welter Handicap.

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AUTUMN MEETING.

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY,

APRIL 14 AND 17, 1915.

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PROGRAMME:

(Passed by the New Zealand Metropolitan District Committee.)

FIRST DAY,

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1915.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 130 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won a flat race of 150sovs in value, or flat races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of entry. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

JUVENILE APPRENTICE HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs out

of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. To be ridden by apprentices who have not previously won more than five races. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

OAKLEY HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, seven furlongs.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 130sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race of the value of 150sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of entry. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

AVONDALE HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

CHEVALIER STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, about three miles.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

TITIRANGI WELTER HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, one mile and one furlong.

SECOND DAY,

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1915.

WAIKUMETE HANDICAP HURDLES of 175sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, two miles.

DOMINION HANDICAP of 130sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile and one furlong.

MT. EDEN HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, about three miles.

WAITAKEREI HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

MOUNT ROSKILL HANDICAP of 130 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won a flat race of 150sovs in value or flat races with a collective value of 400sovs at time of entry. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, one mile and one furlong.

WELTER HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, seven furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES,

AUTUMN MEETING, 1915,

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.J.C.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1 (GENERAL ENTRY), BY 9 P.M.

NOMINATIONS.—Maiden Plate Handicap 1sov, Juvenile Handicap 1sov, Oakley Handicap 1sov, Handicap Maiden Hurdles 1sov, Avondale Handicap 1sov, Chevalier Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Railway Handicap 1sov, Titirangi Welter Handicap 1sov, Waikumete Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Dominion Handicap 1sov, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 1sov, Mount Eden Handicap Steeplechase 1sov, Waitakereti Handicap 1sov, Mount Roskill Handicap 1sov, Welter Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, BY 9 P.M.

ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Plate Handicap 1sov, Juvenile Handicap 1sov, Oakley Handicap 1sov, Handicap Maiden Hurdles 1sov, Avondale Handicap 3 sovs, Chevalier Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Railway Handicap 1sov, Titirangi Welter Handicap 1sov.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, BY 9 P.M.

ACCEPTANCES.—Waikumete Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Dominion Handicap 1sov, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 2sovs, Mount Eden Handicap Steeplechase 1sov, Waitakereti Handicap 1sov, Mount Roskill Handicap 1sov, Welter Handicap 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

ON OR ABOUT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7.

Maiden Plate Handicap, Juvenile Handicap, Oakley Handicap, Handicap

Maiden Hurdles, Avondale Handicap, Chevalier Steeplechase Handicap, Railway Handicap, Titirangi Welter Handicap.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15.

Waikumete Handicap Hurdles, Dominion Handicap, Nursery Handicap, Autumn Handicap, Mount Eden Handicap Steeplechase, Waitakereti Handicap, Mount Roskill Handicap, Welter Handicap.

HARRY H. HAYR,
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EASTER MEETING.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY,

APRIL 5 AND 6, 1915.

FIRST DAY,

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1915.

1. WAIATA HACK of 120sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third 10sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds and upwards that have never won a race exceeding 30sovs in value at time of starting. Weight, 8.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

2. MANGAONE STAKES (HANDICAP) of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third 20sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Six furlongs.

3. FEILDING CUP (HANDICAP) of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third 25sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 5sovs. One mile and a-half.

4. KAWA KAWA HURDLES (HANDICAP) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. About two miles, over eight flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height.

5. HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP), a gold cup value 100sovs, presented by Mr. E. Short, with 100sovs added; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. For Hunters duly qualified during season 1914, that have never won a stake over the value of 100sovs. Minimum weight, 10.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Two miles and a-quarter. To be run over such a course as the Stewards may decide.

6. ONEPUHI HACK WELTER (HANDICAP) of 120sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 7.11. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and 54 yards.

7. ONGO HACK (HANDICAP) of 120 sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs and third 10sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

8. HALCOMBE WELTER (HANDICAP) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third 15sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 7.11. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Seven furlongs.

SECOND DAY,

APRIL 6, 1915.

1. AWAHURI HACK WELTER (HANDICAP) of 120sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third 10sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Seven furlongs.

2. DENBIGH STAKES (HANDICAP) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Six furlongs.

3. KIMBOLTON HURDLES (HANDICAP) of 175sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. One mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height.

4. OROUA HACK HURDLES (HANDICAP) of 120sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third 10sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a-half, over six flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height.

5. EASTER SCURRY of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third 20sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

6. REWA HACK HANDICAP of 120 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third 10sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlongs.

7. MAIDEN SCURRY of 120sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third 10sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race exceeding 30sovs at time of starting. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Weight, 9.0. Five furlongs and a-half.

8. MAKINO WELTER (HANDICAP) of 175sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third 15sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. One mile and 54 yards.

PENALTIES.

FLAT RACES.—The winner of any flat race exceeding 30sovs in value after declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb, and of every additional race a further penalty of 6lb. Horses handicapped at 8.10 or over to carry only half the above penalties.

HURDLE RACES.—The winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb in the hurdle races, and for every additional race 7lb extra.

Owners are responsible for all penalties and allowances.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES,

With Amounts to be Transmitted therewith.

EASTER MEETING.

N.B.—All Entries, Nominations, and Acceptances close at the Secretary's Office, MacArthur Street, Feilding, at 8.30 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1915.

NOMINATIONS.—First Day—Waiata Hack, Mangaone Stakes, Feilding Cup, Kawa Kawa Hurdles, Hunters' Steeplechase, Onepuhi Hack Welter, Ongo Hack and Halcombe Welter 1sov each. Second Day—Awahuri Hack Welter, Denbigh Stakes, Kimbolton Hurdles, Oroua Hack Hurdles, Easter Handicap, Rewa Hack Handicap, Maiden Scurry, and Makino Welter 1sov each.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1915.

ACCEPTANCES.—First Day: Waiata Hack 1sov, Mangaone Stakes 3sovs, Feilding Cup 5sovs, Kawa Kawa Hurdles 2sovs, Hunters' Steeplechase 2sovs, Onepuhi Hack Welter 1sov, Ongo Hack 1sov, and Halcombe Welter 2sovs. Also for Maiden Scurry, to be run on Second Day, 1sov.

ACCEPTANCES for Second Day's Events as under will close on the night of the First Day's Races, with the Secretary, at his Office, Feilding, at 9 p.m.:—Awahuri Hack Welter 1sov, Denbigh Stakes 2sovs, Kimbolton Hurdles 2sovs, Oroua Hack Hurdles 1sov, Easter Handicap 4sovs, Rewa Hack Handicap 1sov, and Makino Welter 2sovs.

HANDICAPS will be declared as follows.—First Day, SATURDAY, March 20, 1915; Second Day, MONDAY, April 5, 1915.

N.B.—The Committee reserve the right to alter the dates of entry, acceptances, etc., prior to closing, also the dates on which handicaps appear, should they deem fit to do so.

EDMD. GOODBEHERE,

Secretary,

Box 45, Feilding.

Approved in accordance with the Rules of Racing, September 1, 1914.—

WM. HALL, Secretary Wanganui J.C.

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AUTUMN MEETING,

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY,

APRIL 7 AND 10, 1915.

FIRST DAY,

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1915.

IMPROVERS' TROT HANDICAP (Saddle) of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY. For horses that have not won at better than 2.35 to the mile. Limit, 4.6. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

MANGERE HANDICAP (Harness) of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. For horses that have not won at better than 2.30 to the mile. Limit, 3.58. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

CAMPBELL HANDICAP (Harness) of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4.48. Nomination 2½sovs, acceptance 4sovs. Distance, two miles.

EASTER HANDICAP (Harness) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. Limit, 5.3. Nomination 20s., acceptance 3sovs. Distance, two miles.

HOBSON HANDICAP (Harness) of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 3.43. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

STEWARDS' TROT HANDICAP (Harness) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10 sovs each from the stake. FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY. Limit, 3.50. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

CORNWALL HANDICAP (Harness) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.22. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 3sovs. Distance, one mile.

MARCONI HANDICAP (Saddle) of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.27. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1915.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP TROT (Harness) of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5 sovs each from the stake. For horses that have not won at better than 2.35 to the mile. Limit, 4.6. FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

MANUKAU HANDICAP (Saddle) of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. For horses that have not won at better than 2.30 to the mile. Limit, 3.58. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

LIVERPOOL HANDICAP (Harness) of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4.48. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 4sovs. Distance, two miles.

AUTUMN HANDICAP (Harness) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. Limit, 5.3. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Distance, two miles.

ADAMS' MEMORIAL HANDICAP (Harness) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10 sovs each from the stake. Limit, 3.43. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

HILL TROT HANDICAP (Harness) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY. Limit, 5.5. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Distance, two miles.

BARN HANDICAP (Harness) of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.58. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 3sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

FAREWELL HANDICAP (Saddle) of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.27. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2½sovs. Distance, one mile.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1915.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES AND HANDICAPS.

NOMINATIONS for all events close on FRIDAY, MARCH 26, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day close on FRIDAY, APRIL 2, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the Second Day close on THURSDAY, APRIL 8, at 9 p.m.

HANDICAPS for the First Day to appear on MARCH 29.

HANDICAPS for the Second Day to appear on APRIL 8.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

No competitor will be allowed to start unless colours, dress and gear are in good order and condition.

Before any horse can start the Provident Fund fee of 5s. must be paid, under a penalty of disqualification, vide Rules of Trotting.

No horse will be allowed to compete in hobbles in races for trotters only.

Rule 172 New Zealand Rules of Trotting.—By the entry of or endeavouring to enter a horse, every person having or subsequently acquiring any interest in such horse, shall be deemed to accept all the conditions and restrictions imposed or implied by these Rules, and to be barred from questioning the action of the Club or other body holding a sports meeting or any official of the Club or such other body in respect of such horses, or of any person connected therewith otherwise than is provided for in Part XXX. of the Rules.

Placed horses on any day may be entered for shorter limit races on the succeeding day, such entry or entries must be made before 7 p.m. on the day on which the horse was placed.

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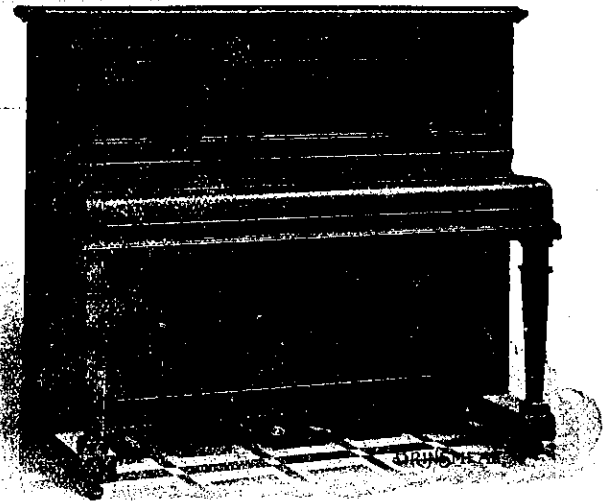
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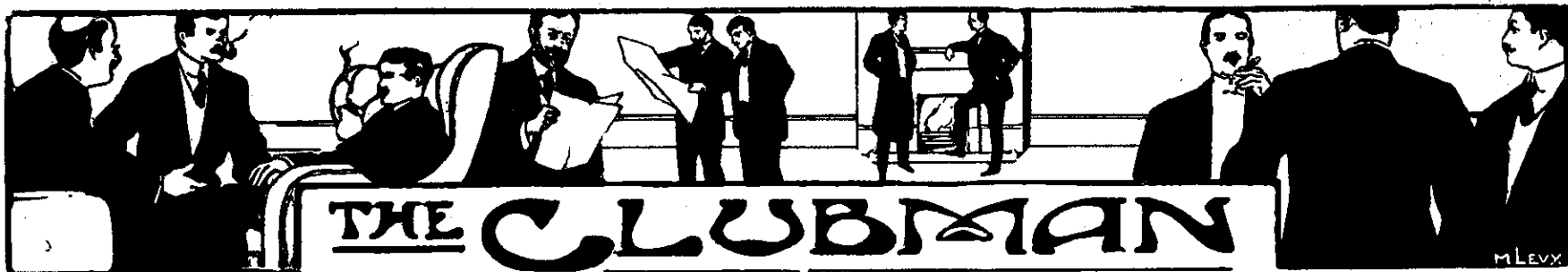
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MISS NELLIE STEWART IN HER FAMOUS CHARACTERISATION OF NELL GWYNN, IN "SWEET NELL OF OLD DRURY," TO BE PRESENTED AT HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE, AUCKLAND, ON THURSDAY.



The system of issuing complimentary tickets for race meetings to visitors, stewards and committeemen and prominent officials of kindred clubs, horse owners and others associated with the sport of racing, pertains all over New Zealand, and in that way some clubs have bought a good deal of popularity, while others, because they have not subscribed so freely to the same practice, have been characterised as mean. The extent to which the issue of free tickets goes is best known to the executives and secretaries of clubs, and no doubt were the information published would surprise even the regular recipients of favours of that kind. Giving evidence recently in a court case, the secretary of the Manawatu Racing Club, Mr. J. M. Johnston, stated that seven hundred and fifty complimentary tickets had been issued for that club's last meeting, and that he had had as many as two hundred applications by letter for free passes. This gives some idea of what is being done all over the Dominion, and entails a good deal of work and discrimination upon those responsible for the issuing of the passes. Recently we saw quite a large number of persons waiting at the gate of the stand and lawn enclosure at a meeting while friends besieged the secretary in his office under the stand for tickets for them at a time when his duties required his attention in another direction. This happens more or less at all country meetings with eleventh hour arrivals. It took the secretary some time before he had completed attention to all the requests, and we were not surprised to hear him remark when his task was finished, "We might as well throw the gates open altogether." This, of course, would not do, but it is astonishing what a lot of people want and get free admission to racecourses. Outside of those who have legitimate claims to free admission, there are scores who obtain passes who are better able to pay than many who don't seek or expect any favours at all.

The buyers of thoroughbred stock in England could not have gone upon the market at a better time than since the outbreak of the war, and no doubt the recent importations to New Zealand cost less—very much less indeed—than they would have done had Continental buyers been in the field. The recent arrivals, to which reference was made last week, are not only referred to as good-looking individuals and have satisfied the expectations of their importers, who were represented by agents, but are bred on the most approved lines, and should make a name for themselves in the studs to which they have gone. The sires will get some good opportunities and will at least have equal chances, if not really better, than some of their predecessors, and the mares should be great acquisitions. It is to be regretted that we do not get more female stock. The chance for stud masters to build up their studs with good strains may not come again, or at least not such a favourable one. Some of the importations during the year

have not been of such promise as could have been expected, and no doubt were sold because of being wanting in class. In the early days of settlement in New Zealand good horses could be purchased cheaply, and horses imported from the Old Land to the colonies were well selected in a majority of instances, and exporters were careful not to send out inferior stock if they could avoid it. Within the last decade prices have been prohibitive for the top class, but nevertheless some of the horses imported were secured at reasonable prices and have done good service, and there must always be regret that we did not have a horse like Charlemagne II, Varco, Vasco, Downshire, and such a promising horse as Kilbroney longer. Lack of appreciation while some good horses were at the service of breeders kept them in the background. It is pleasing that some of our breeders have been launching out and have been fortunate in landing their purchases safely.

While on the subject of imported stock we may mention that the colt by Myram, son of Flying Fox and the Oaks winner Airs and Graces, from Conceit by Missel Thrush from Dunera, by Donovan from Sweet Lavender, by Hampton from Sweetest, by Parmesan from Sweet Briar, by Stockwell, purchased in England by Messrs. McLeod and Molloy on October 16th last, is being put into steady work at Ellerslie. He was two years old on the 26th January, and his breeder thought him good enough to engage in a lot of important events. As a matter of fact he had ten engagements, extending to 1917, and forfeits amounting to 26sovs. had to be paid to get him out. One of the races was the Derby, of 6500sovs., and another the Atlantic Stakes, of 3000sovs., at Liverpool, which is sufficient to show that he was regarded as a colt of promise. The extended pedigree of the colt shows that he has come from the best of winning strains on both sides, and when his racing career is finished should be useful as a stud horse when properly mated. It will be remembered that he met with an accident while at exercise on the roads about Ellerslie, which necessitated his being laid up for repairs, but he is thoroughly all right now, and his trainer, D. Moraghan, has had him on the tracks of late, and though only the mildest tasks are to be set him for some time he has already shown himself to be a nice mover.

We have so often referred to the fact of so many horses having had to carry overweight in their races because of a shortage of riders that can go to scale at a light weight. The fact grows more and more apparent as meeting succeeds meeting, and it is, moreover, a fact that a lot of the bumping that takes place in our races is largely due to the incompetency, for one thing, getting boys to do men's work, and the crouch seat. When in fields of from half a dozen to twenty we find boys riding overweight—sometimes quite half the number—it shows the straits owners and

trainers are reduced to when they have to engage riders. The time has come when the minimum weight should be fixed, if not at metropolitan meetings at all country meetings, at seven stone, and it will pay clubs to adopt races with 7.7 and 8.0 minimums so that men can be got to ride instead of very small boys. Handicappers will keep the weights down unless obliged to follow instructions to the contrary, and while that is so we may look for lots of bumping tactics and overweights, and reversals of form when riders are changed, as they so often are during a meeting or rounds of meetings. Another matter we must here call attention to. Certain clubs must give apprentices a chance by fixing races for them to ride in. At Wanganui the race selected for the apprentices to ride in, to our mind, was the last one they should have been expected to figure in. The race referred to was the Juvenile Stakes, for two and three-year-olds. The two three-year-olds, with more experience than the two-year-olds, came in first and second, but it was quite evident that the light weight riders, or baby riders and baby horses, were not seen to advantage. Juvenile races with apprentice riders will not become popular, and should not be persisted in. By all means let us give apprentices opportunities of having races amongst themselves, in order that they may learn their business, but while giving them those opportunities don't make their tasks hard by putting them on the backs of young thoroughbreds that require education.

The Manawatu Racing Club's autumn programme contains the Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes on the first day and the Manawatu Stakes on the second day, each run over six furlongs and with penalty and allowance conditions. The first of these events is for two-year-olds only, and the other for horses of all ages, and they are races that have been established some years. As a matter of fact, the first of these races has been in existence for seven years and the other for eleven years, and have been well supported by breeders and owners from the time they were added to the Club's programme. Now we have before us further evidence on the part of the Club to encourage the ownership and the competition of good horses. A race called the Awapuni Gold Cup, a weight-for-age event, to be run over a mile and a quarter, has been added to the programme, and is worth 575sovs.—a gold cup valued at 100sovs. and 475sovs. in specie, 100sovs. going to the second horse, 50sovs. to the third, and 25sovs. to the Manawatu and West Coast Agricultural and Pastoral Association to supplement prizes for events calculated to improve the breed of horses. This race should take well, and clubs that are doing their best to cater for the good horses as well as the moderates should be encouraged by receiving good support.

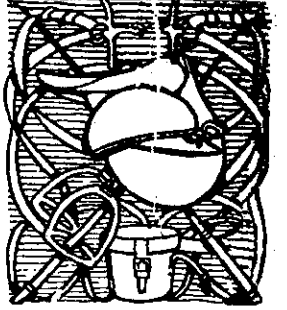
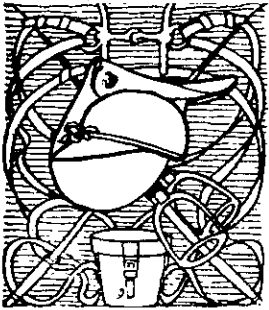
The totalisator when introduced into New Zealand was described as an instrument like Salem Scudder's photographing apparatus, that never lied, but some of them have lied

grievously, or at least were wont to do so at one time and failed to register correctly. Even now we hear of some of the not up to date and out of date ones that "jump," and there are few indeed at the closing down stage that have not to be checked to see that everything is in order. The totalisators are becoming more perfect, or at any rate are satisfying the demands made upon them better nowadays than did the totes of years ago. The majority now are registering machines pure and simple, and serve their purpose well enough, but there are some that are not satisfactory. It is a rare thing for dividends to be made up wrong, but that has happened on some courses. Clubs have paid out larger dividends than they should, and have paid out smaller amounts, too, not always the fault of the totalisators. A short time since some forged tickets were presented and paid at Woodville. At the Wanganui Racing Club's meeting on the first day, or after the first day, it leaked out that someone had got away with money that did not belong to them, and it was rumoured that something of the sort had occurred at the trotting meeting held on the same course the day following. Now comes word from Dannevirke that a job was worked on the proprietors of the totalisator that manage the business for the Dannevirke Racing Club. All this is very bad business, but we have not heard of half the jobs that have been perpetrated on totalisator workers at various times, upon whom faked tickets have been palmed off. Some of the clubs and the contractors could unfold tales, but they prefer to suffer in silence. Occasionally they make a little through lost tickets, and sometimes have made a good deal through people, under a misapprehension, tearing up and throwing away their tickets on horses which have come in as dividend payers through horses that have finished in front of them being disqualified. Some day men who have duped the totalisator clerks will be bowled out and made an example of. The sooner the better.

Sportsmen throughout the colonies and in England have contributed in numbers to the ranks of men at the war, yet there is an impression where racing is still being carried on vigorously that the proportion of racing men and racegoers who have taken service is not so large as it should be. Racing being the leading attraction of all outdoor sports large crowds of men are to be seen at every meeting of note, and there is little doubt that the majority of those who frequent the racecourse are fitted for military service and would experience no difficulty in passing the necessary physical test. At the same time it is absurd to surmise on account of the large number of men that congregate at race meetings that racing enthusiasts have not enrolled in large numbers in the various contingents which have left New Zealand, as a substantial percentage of the men with the Expeditionary Forces abroad are keen followers of the "Sport of Kings."



THE FINISH OF THE PETRE HACK HANDICAP (SIX FURLONGS) AT WANGANUI—AVON PARK (O. Mc CARTEN) WINS FROM NEW YORK (C. PRICE) AND MARIMBA (H. GRIFFITHS).



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RACING CALENDAR.

FIXTURES.

- March 3, 4—Dannevirke R.C.
- March 6—Akaroa County R.C.
- March 6, 8—Te Aroha J.C.
- March 10, 11—Nelson J.C.
- March 10, 11—Gore R.C.
- March 12, 13—Napier Park R.C.
- March 17—Opunake R.C.
- March 17, 18—Ohinemuri J.C.
- March 18—Waimate R.C.
- March 18, 19—Masterton R.C.
- March 24, 25—Southland R.C.
- March 24, 25—Rangitikei R.C.
- April 3—Tuakape County J.C.
- April 3, 5—Auckland R.C.
- April 3, 5—Wairarapa R.C.
- April 5—Beaumont J.C.
- April 5—Waipukurau J.C.
- April 5—Kumara R.C.
- April 5, 6—Canterbury J.C.
- April 5, 6—Feilding J.C.
- April 5, 6—Riverton R.C.
- April 7—Westland R.C.
- April 14—Reefton J.C.
- April 14, 17—Avondale J.C.
- April 14, 17—Wellington R.C.
- April 15, 17—South Canterbury J.C.
- April 21, 22—Manawatu R.C.
- April 30, May 1—Hawke's Bay J.C.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

For the autumn meeting of the Westland Racing Club nominations close on March 26th for all events, including trotting races.

Nominations for the Waipukurau Jockey Club's annual meeting close on March 8.

On March 8th nominations are due for the Waipukurau annual meeting.

On March 15th nominations for the Wairarapa J.C. meeting must be attended to.

On March 12th first forfeits fall due for the Great Northern Champagne Stakes and Great Northern Oaks, and at the same time acceptances for the Easter Handicap, Brighton Hurdles and Autumn Steeplechase.

Australian J.C. autumn Doncaster Handicap and Sydney Cup forfeits are due on the 15th March.

Final payments for the Auckland R.C. Easter Handicap, Great Northern Champagne Stakes and Great Northern Oaks are due on the 26th.

Nominations for events to be decided at the Feilding J.C. Easter meeting close with the secretary, Mr. Edmd. Goodbehere, on Friday, March 12th.

Nominations for the Manawatu Racing Club's autumn meeting close on Tuesday, March 30th.

Nominations for all events of the Wellington Racing Club's autumn meeting close on March 26th, and first forfeits for the New Zealand St. Leger and second forfeits for the North Island Stakes on the same date.

Acceptances for first day's events in connection with the Masterton Racing Club's autumn meeting close with the secretary, Mr. A. Hathaway, Masterton, on Thursday next, March 11, at 10 p.m., and for the second day's races on Thursday, March 18, at 9 p.m.

According to a London cable France has commandeered racehorses in the vicinity of Paris which, it is estimated, were worth £40,000 to their owners. These horses are to be used for cavalry purposes.

LAND OF SONG.

This young horse, who beat Di Gama in the Essendon Stakes on Saturday is thus referred to by "Milroy" in a recent issue of the Sydney "Mail":—Land of Song was bred in Ireland by Major Wise, who raced him, and he opened his account in great style at Ascot as a two-year-old by winning the Windsor Castle Stakes. Next season he won the Irish Derby and the Wiltshire Stakes, and was considered well up in the second class, but his owner, who was very ill and bed-ridden, could not get out to see him run, and decided to sell. Fortunately this resolve came to Mr. Lionel Robinson's ears, and at the time he was looking out for a good horse for Mr. Falkiner. The sale was completed a few days after the colt won the Wiltshire Stakes. The price was over £4000.

and was defeated by half a length. The stewards asked McLachlan to explain his riding, and censured him for riding a bad race. As McLachlan is the premier jockey of Australia, and has ridden Mountain Knight in all his engagements, he, I fancy, should know more about the peculiarities of the colt, and how to ride him, than the stewards. I have received a telegraph message from an excellent authority which asserts the best horse won, and that there was no reason for the inquiry, and the criticism of the stewards was both unjust and uncalled for. The other starters behind the four named above were Naxberry, Newberry, and Wishing Cap, who were together, and Eubulus was last of the party.

Sir Solo was lame a few days before the V.A.T.C. meeting in Australia, and did not compete thereat.

Cortigan's Pride won six races, and Ilston (now running) scored five. In 1889 a chaser named Sir Herbert won seven events in succession, but one was a walk-over, and spoiled the series. He instances another horse named Southam, who in 1891 won 13 steeplechases in 18 attempts. A dozen of his races were secured off the reel, and included only one w.o. The majority of his successes were, however, achieved in steeplechases for hunters, or for half-breds, to which class he belonged. So far the Australian chaser Swedish Lad holds the record with a sequence of seven.

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB.

The weights were issued for the Ohinemuri meeting on Tuesday last by Mr. R. Wynyard. Having advertised that they were to appear, the club could not well postpone the date



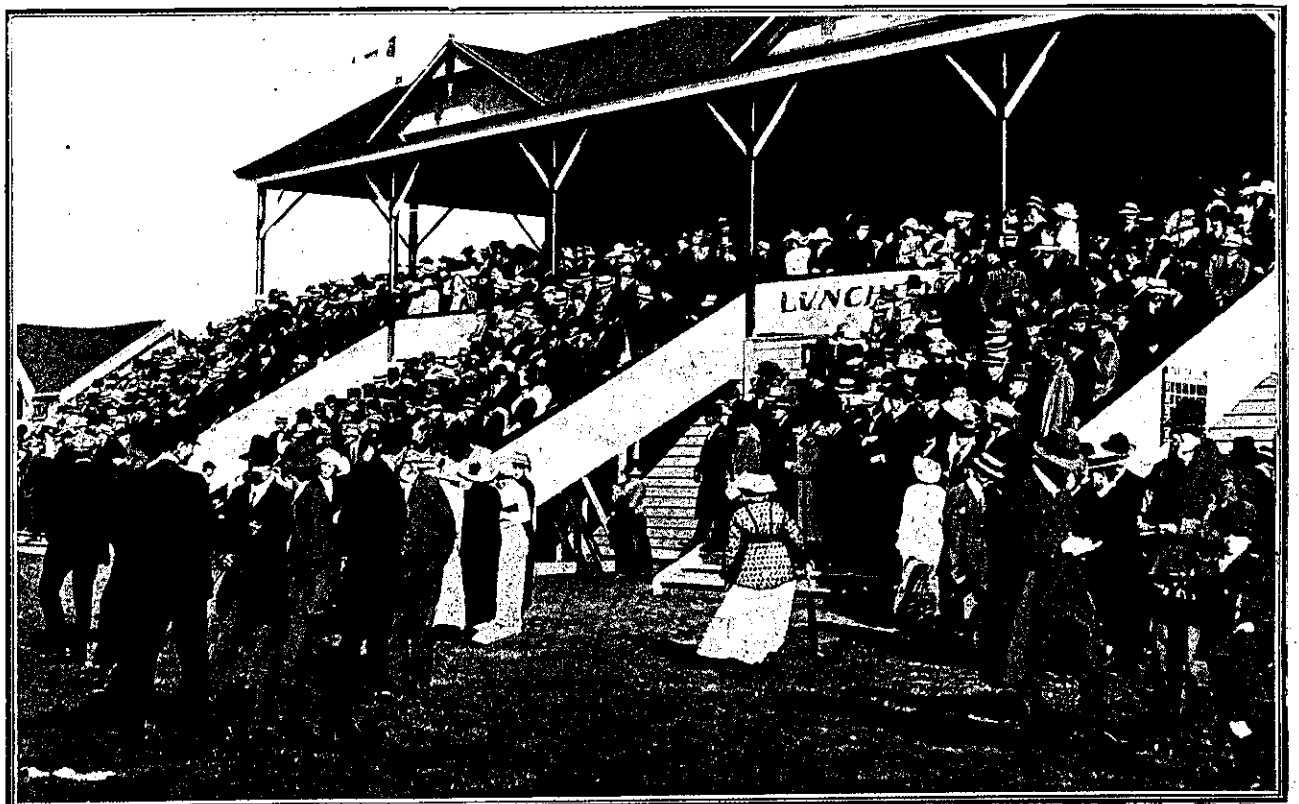
THE FINISH OF THE TE AROHA CUP (1/4 MILES).—LADY PENURY (C. Brown) has an easy victory from TANGIWA (Robinson), with Salsvia (L. Brown) third.

Land of Song is inbred to Gallinule's family. After giving full details about his pedigree, "Milroy" adds: There is satisfaction in the reflection that he is not a "false alarm," but a valuable acquisition and true to label. As Land of Song has not been long in the country he probably is not yet acclimatized, but he won the V.A.T.C. St. George Stakes (9f.) attractively, beating the Derby winner, Mountain Knight, who was a length in front of such a flyer as Traquette has proved herself to be; then came Jolly Beggar, who has a W.A.T.C. Derby, Perth Cup, A.J.C. Doncaster Handicap, and All-aged Stakes to his credit. Jolly Beggar I know was greatly fancied by his astute owner, Mr. P. A. Connolly. Mountain Knight (2 to 1) was a better favourite than Land of Song (7 to 2),

STEEPLECHASING FEATS.

The Australian record of seven consecutive successes in cross-country racing, put up by Swedish Lad, has set "Vigilant," of the London "Sportsman," hunting up turf calendars in search of a similar feat. Midshipmite, who won 32 events over fences during his racing career, scored five in succession, but four of them were in hunters' flat races; Gamecock, who had won the Grand National, 1887, secured half a dozen races off the reel, but the Grand National, 1890, prevented a further sequence. Lottery, the first winner of the Grand National in 1839, had two sequences of four steeplechases to his credit; Frigate (Grand National, 1899), won five in succession, as did the grey champion, but one of his series was a walk-over;

until after the Te Aroha meeting, but that would have been the better course to adopt from an all-round point of view. Taking the acceptances on Friday before the Te Aroha meeting left owners no opportunity of deciding on the form shown there, but the racing at Te Aroha will have satisfied a good many owners of the hopelessness of the prospects of their horses on the first day at least at the Ohinemuri meeting. The penalty or re-handicapping system is only advisable when handicaps cannot be delayed to allow the weight adjusters to see the latest form. The acceptances are satisfactory taken as a whole, and the Goldfields meeting should be supported from all parts of the province, as other meetings have been this season, notwithstanding that the meetings within the past two months in the



THE TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING—THE NEW GRANDSTAND SHOWING PATRONS WATCHING THE START OF A RACE.

province have been somewhat congested. It seems a great pity that the clubs do not arrange to have their dates covering a longer period. Soon there will be long intervals between the meetings remaining on the calendar, and a lot of horses that have had too much travelling and racing during a few weeks will have little to do.

There are a few horses engaged that have not raced recently, or at all, but most of the horses set down to compete have been racing round the meetings held in the province during the past few weeks, and some of the placed horses look likely to repeat their form next week. Nicomar, Don Castor and Glucian will come in for good support in the Maiden Handicap. Semolina, who has not raced for some time, may race well in the Netherton Welter, and Glenspire will have friends if started. The three top-

second place with. Expect has been given quite his full share in being placed so near Ventura. Two of the best treated in the race are Downham and Bimeter, the last-named possibly under the assumption that he may not stay a mile and the other presumably as certain not to do so. Placing Downham and Balboa below Mullingar seems a strange bit of work, and stranger still Bedford's treatment through them over this distance. King Lupin, too, is treated as a non-stayer. On some form Colonel Soult, Royal Irish, Sir Moseley, Beldame, Prince Soult and a few more, such as Munster, Tete-a-tete and El Gallo, horses of possibilities, could be considered nicely treated through many of the horses. It will surprise some people to see Tinopal giving 6lb. to Bedford and as much as 10lb. to Lady Penury, and being placed within 4lb. of Merry Roe, a mare of her own age. There

will be time enough to deal with the jumping races then. At first bluish Tragedy King reads as well as any in the Hurdle Race and Vestal in the Steeplechase.

CARLITA, THE CHAMPION STAKES WINNER.

The victory of a New Zealand-bred filly in the Champion Stakes, which has been run for some years in Australia at Flemington, is interesting indeed, and particularly of one who it was believed would not stay, because she was got by Chariemagne II, a horse bred to stay, but whose progeny have not all displayed the same liking for a distance of ground. The cry was first taken up in the South, and echoed in the North, and even now we may hear that it does not necessarily follow that the winner of a champion race must be a stayer.

and show what a descendant of a New Zealand-bred mare can do when pitted against such a high-priced horse as Land of Song, who was bred in the Old Land, and against such a first-class performer as Di Gama, who was also bred in New Zealand from English imported parents. Carlita's consistency has been her strong point, and her winnings at two and three years old must place her pretty well up the list of winners of her sex and age in Australia.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

One of the leading autumn fixtures in the North Island is the Manawatu Racing Club's meeting, which takes place on April 21 and 22. This autumn carnival has become widely popular with sportsmen, a representative gathering of whom will assuredly be in evidence at the Awapuni race-course to witness the two days' racing of this enterprising club. On the opening day one of the leading classical events in the Dominion will be decided, viz., the Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (Seventeenth), of 600sovs., over a six-furlong course, and it is anticipated that some of the best two-year-olds will be on hand to contest this important race. The Autumn Handicap, of 300sovs., one mile and a furlong, will also come up for decision on the opening day, and an excellent response should be forthcoming from owners and trainers of handicap horses on the day that entries fall due. The big handicap race on the first day, however, is the Awapuni Gold Cup, of 575sovs., one mile and a quarter, and many of the leading horses in the Dominion will doubtless be nominated for this event. The sprint event, Telegraph Handicap, of 300sovs., six furlongs, Karere Hurdles Handicap, of 150sovs., 1 1/4 miles, Linton Hack Welter Handicap, of 120sovs., one mile and a distance, and the Woodhey Hack Handicap, of 120sovs., six furlongs, complete an attractive first day's programme.

The principal event on the second day is the Manawatu Stakes (Eleventh), of 500sovs., six furlongs, for two-year-olds and upwards. The Longburn Handicap, of 400sovs., one mile and a quarter, should attract a good entry, while the second leg of the double is the Borough Handicap, of 250sovs., six furlongs. Other events to be decided on the concluding day are the Kairanga Hurdles Handicap, of 150sovs., one mile and a-half; Cloverlea Hack Handicap, of 120sovs., five furlongs; Ava Hack Welter Handicap, of 120sovs., one mile and 55 yards; Hack Flying Handicap, of 120sovs., six furlongs; and Stonyhurst Welter Handicap, of 150sovs., seven furlongs.

Nominations close with the secretary, at the office of the Manawatu Racing Club, 11 Cuba Street, Palmerston North, on Tuesday, March 30, at 10 p.m.



THE SERVIAN ARMY IN THE FIELD. The Servians are, as a result of their effective work, regarded as the conquerors of Austria. The picture shows a Servian transport on the move, the heavy guns being drawn by oxen.

weights in the Hurdle Race will find support. Sir Stroud should prove useful at the jumping business with experience. Eminent, Blue Garment and Glenspring will be fancied for the Karangahake Handicap, but with so many sprinters engaged the race should prove a good betting one. Selection and Phosphorus, of recent runners, will have followers for the Ohinemuri Cup, but many will befriend Domingo if he looks at all ready after his long spell. Don Castor, Glucian, Nicomar, Surrey Park and Gluepot will all be in the public eye for the Komata Handicap. Barbwire may be given a spin over the Paeroa country, and at his weight may run well, but it is a good deal to expect from him for a beginner over the big obstacles. The race looks open. Salvia may have most friends for the St. Patrick's Handicap if not started in the Cup, the distance of which is probably just a little too far for her. With train and steamer conveniences there is sure to be a big attendance from all parts of the province.

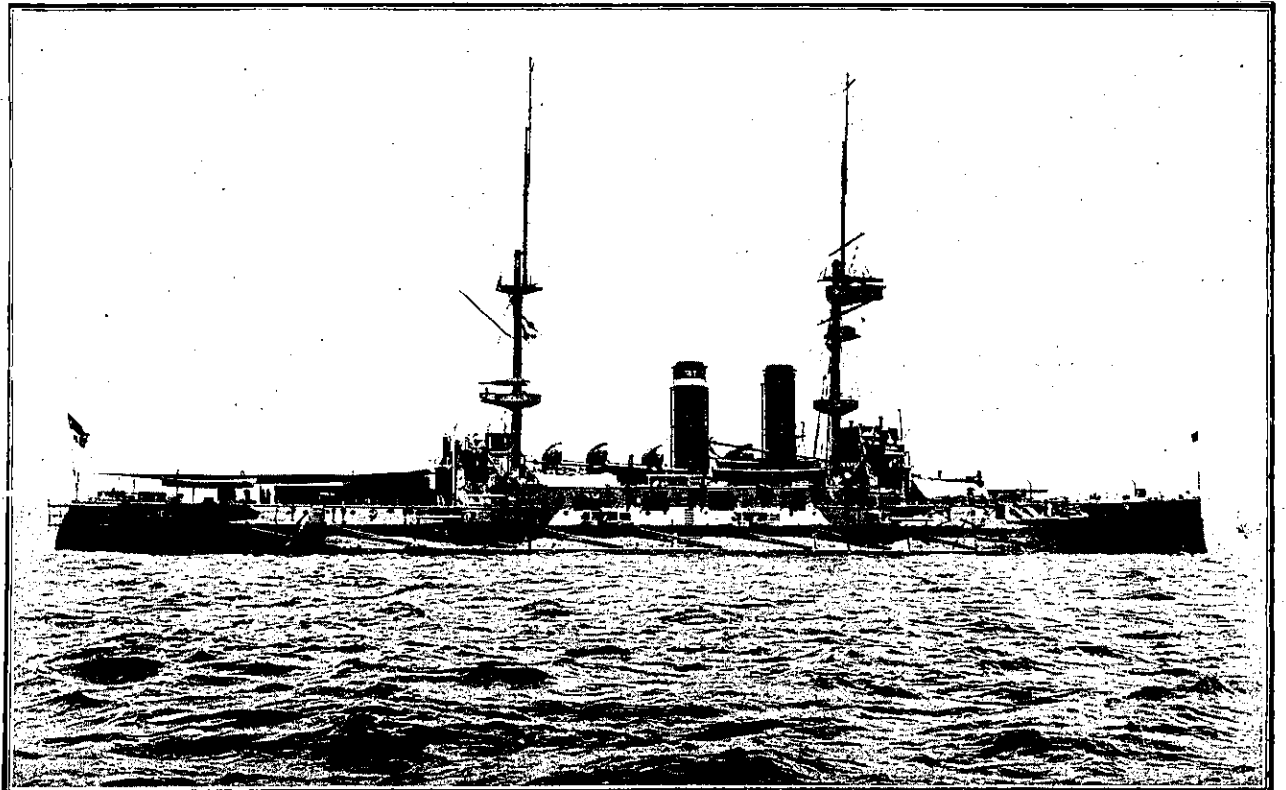
AUCKLAND R.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

SOME OF THE HANDICAPS.

Weights for the Easter Handicap, Autumn Steeplechase and Brighton Hurdles are before us, issued a day later than expected, no doubt to give the handicapper a chance to learn the form of the hurdlers at the Te Aroha meeting. We cannot go into an extended review. We quite expected to see Ventura at the top of the list in the Easter Handicap, and the weights started on a higher scale with her. She won this race last year with 8.13, and beat Merry Roe, who she conceded 9lb., and Jack Delaval, who carried 9.3, and sixteen others, including Pavlova, who carried 8.4. She is well handicapped at being placed on the same mark as Pavlova, who we hardly expected to see giving 6lb. to Merry Roe, or quite so much to Emperor, who was beaten at weight for age by Merry Roe at Taranaki and was entitled to make the last-named more than the 1lb. allowance which she does. Jack Delaval is nicely treated with 4lb. less than he got into

are many comparisons that could be made. Bedford, after beating Tinopal and others at Takapuna, bulked largely in Mr. Morse's eye when he re-handicapped him for Taranaki. Tinopal's winning form at Rotorua, Te Kuiti and South Auckland, which he did not witness, impressed more. To pick out one that appears to have got more than his deserts we would single out Mummer. The first acceptance is on Friday, and we can refer to the reduced list after that, and it

Carlita, the filly referred to, has more than once given evidence of staying form, and the time in which the Champion Stakes was run indicates that there was no loitering on the way. She made her own pace, and if she cannot stay, according to the accepted ideas of some people, how about the horses she beat? In these days, when the superiority of the horse bred on good old British soil is being so much talked of, it is quite refreshing for a Carlita to come along



H.M.S. FORMIDABLE, which was recently sunk in the English Channel at half-past two one morning. It is considered that this British warship was struck by two torpedoes fired by German submarines. The shock sent a violent shudder through the battleship. The ship's company needed no other intimation that it was "Save who can." The watertight doors were instantly closed, and as the seas poured into the engine-room directions were given for the engine-room hands and the stokers to hurry on deck, after drawing the fires from the furnaces to prevent an explosion occurring in the boilers. The warship had taken a heavy list to starboard before the men had scaled the iron ladders from the dark depths. Perfect discipline prevailed, and under instructions from their officers, the crews launched the boats, but the furious gale that was in evidence hampered operations, with the result that fully three-quarters of the crew perished in the angry deep.

TURF TOPICS.

Sea Pink has been nominated for the Rosehill Cup.

Mr. Maitland, handicapper to the V.A.T.C., has resigned.

The chaser Tim Doolan has arrived in Sydney.

The fine rainfall experienced at Ellerslie during Wednesday night was much appreciated by all and sundry.

Mr. J. Love, the local owner at Te Aroha, has two horses in training, Pupura and Vallambrosa.

Reports from the South state that Master Lupin, winner of the Wanganui Cup, is to be tried over fences in the winter.

The Ellerslie trainer Fred. Stenning was present at the Te Aroha meeting. Stenning saw great changes, as he had not been at Te Aroha since he went there last to bring to Ellerslie the famous sprinter Hohora, nearly 25 years ago.

When referring last week to the result of the V.R.C. St. Leger, we confounded the Positano—Our Queen colt Naxbery with the Positano—Indian Queen colt Newbery, both of which were bred by Mr. Sol Green, near Melbourne, at his Shipley Stud.

Blue Garment is held under lease by Mr. H. P. Smith, late mine host of the Rising Sun Hotel, Auckland, and has been doing well. Since going into that owner's hands he has brought a change of luck. The old horse has shown a glimpse of his old-time form.

Blackall, a son of All Black from the dam of Noctuniform, Nightfall and Midnight Sun, had a win to his credit at Dannevirke. The progeny of the Gallinule horse includes a few fair performers other than Desert Gold, the best to date.

Mr. J. Wren, who runs the Ascot, Richmond and Fitzroy suburban meetings, near Melbourne, has received the thanks of owners and trainers for deciding to forego acceptance fees for the minor races at those meetings, while horse feed is so dear.

Sundridge, sire of Mr. Geo. Currie's recently imported horse Absurd, headed the list of winning sires in Great Britain for the season ending 1914, and was closely followed by Cicero, the sire of the young mare that Mr. Currie imported at the same time.

ently quite a stone below the best Australian form, taking a line through D. Gama, who ran a good fourth carrying top weight in that event. It is a pity Sir Solo went amiss, as we were thus deprived the opportunity of seeing how he would race over the long journey.

Rather an interesting decision was given a few weeks ago by London Tattersall's Club committee. El d'Ecosse came in first for the Maiden Hurdle Race, but was disqualified on an objection by Captain Fetherstonhaugh, on the ground that the Belgian horse carried wrong weight, and the race was awarded to Yellow Chat. Subsequently Captain Fetherstonhaugh informed the stewards of the meeting that a partnership which existed in Yellow Chat had not been registered under National Hunt rules, and they thereupon disqualified the horse, and awarded the race to Mark Minor, who came in third. It was decided by Tattersall's committee that the backers of Mark Minor receive and the backers of Yellow Chat lose their money. In commenting on the decision London Sportsman says: "Although originally a comedy of errors, it has a tragical side that in relation to bets so far as some of the ready money bookmakers are concerned. For, in accordance with the decision arrived at by the committee of Tattersall's backers of Mark Minor must receive, and those that have drawn over Yellow Chat must now refund their winnings, and pay their stakes as well. Many of the course backers will get back little of the ready paid over tickets bets to backers of Yellow Chat—especially in view of the recent pronouncement by the Racecourse Bookmakers' Association, that its members would settle on the hoisting of the weighed-in flag, and that no subsequent alteration of the placings by objection or otherwise would affect such settlement."

TELFORD'S PATENT BRIDLE.

This is a device for restraining hard pullers, and was thought out by Mr. Telford while in hospital quarters, and has been fully tested by a number of horsemasters and trainers of thoroughbreds and riders of trotting horses. Orders have been received from trainers who have been impressed with its value. Whether it will be used in galloping races is doubtful, but in the hands of experienced horsemen and lads riding exercise gallops on horses given to pulling hard and doing more than required of them it can be made an efficient check, entailing less strength on the part of the rider, and will make the pullers and fighters who knock themselves about in trying to get beyond control amenable to the will of their riders; in short, it has many apparent advantages, and there are no end of horsemen, and particularly trotting horsemen, who will welcome its introduction to their stables, as it will lighten their work and enable them to do with the powerful pullers, who are prone to let their ambition run away with them, what they have not been able to accomplish with other devices, with less expenditure of their strength.



SERVIAN SOLDIERS ENCAMPED NEAR THE FIGHTING LINE.—The oxen shown are used by the Servians for transporting their artillery.

Mr. Ruben Parr, who has been clerk of the course at Te Aroha close on thirty years, still retains that honorary office with credit.

Surrey Park, by Loch Rawza from a Carbineer mare, is a likely-looking sort that may come useful over timber, having plenty of size and shape.

Apellon and Selection were absentees from the Te Aroha meeting. The former was sore and the latter was kicked just before the gathering.

The horses entrained at Newmarket on Thursday at 6 a.m. did not reach their destination, Te Aroha, till 5.20 p.m.—a long trip, surely.

A large number of Aucklanders journeyed to Te Aroha for the annual meeting, which was held on Saturday and Monday.

Mr. Harry Keesing has a yearling colt by St. Amans from Fraulein, by Seaton Delaval—Lady Rose—a promising sort. The mare is in foal again to St. Amans.

Mr. Charlie Walker had Rosea, which is a most difficult mare to train, in good trim for the Te Aroha gathering. Charlie has been presented with the aged gelding Luperin.

Quite a number of the boys hurried back from Dannevirke to assist at the Te Aroha annual meeting, J. Deerey, S. Reid, F. Flynn and Skip Ryan amongst the number.

J. Deerey had a fall with Order in the race that Composed broke his neck. Deerey has been taking the Te Aroha baths, and feels much better, being relieved of his soreness.

After the South Auckland meeting the promising young hurdler Spalperon was sold to Mr. F. Hand, of the Waikato Hotel, Hamilton. The price did not transpire.

Syd. Walter, the Te Aroha trainer, has both St. Amans and Miss Amans in good condition. He is severely handicapped with the former, as he has to do most of his toil on the plough track. The Soult—Lottie horse is none too sound.

The Te Aroha sportsman Mr. Harry Keesing has had to turn out his useful St. Amans—Legs gelding Signature. The horse was suffering from muscular rheumatism.

Altogether there are about a dozen horses in full training on the Te Aroha racecourse—Waimai, Pukurau, St. Amans, Miss Amans, Lismore, Surrey Park, Sir Rosa, Peer Rosa, Carlton, Pupura and Vallambrosa. St. Amans and Surrey Park ran best of these on the opening day.

Friends of Sir Jas. Carroll were pleased to read of the double success of the Penury colt Want at the Dannevirke meeting. Though the stakes were small, they would in a measure compensate for some previous disappointments.

Mr. J. C. Lloyd, of Tauranga, who sold his Carbine horse Firearm before the season started last year to Mr. Bruce Christie, of Oamaru, where he was mated with some good mares, has some nice stock by that horse. A colt out of his Phoebe Appello—Bangle mare is said to be a very promising two-year-old.

Bon Ton always showed staying form, and though not quite master of the weights he received in most of his engagements before he left New Zealand for the other side, ran some good races. His third in the Australian Cup to the well-named American-bred Lempriere, son of The Scribe, and to the English-bred Wishing Cap, was creditable, as he was giving away weight, but he is appar-



A REST FOR THE HORSES—FIELD ARTILLERY IN BIVOUAC ON THE CONTINENT.

HANDICAPS.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB.

Mr. H. Coyle has declared the following weights for the first day of the Napier Park Racing Club's autumn meeting, which takes place on March 12 and 13:—

OMARANUI HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.—Sir Donald 11.13, Chatmos 10.3, Birkful 10.0, Monologue 10.0, Glouria 9.13, Caher Davon 9.6, Rock Ferry 9.2, Eiya 9.0, Con 9.0, Ormold 9.0.

ESK HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Rupahu 9.0, Multiplicity 8.10, Allan Doone 8.6, Powder Fox 8.6, Black Heart 8.4, Raumanuhuri 8.1, Falstone 7.7, Sea Lord 7.7, Royal Mary 7.4, Hymen 7.3, Watchful 7.2, Mandoline 7.2, King's Host 7.2, Anguish 7.2, Blacking 7.0, Hima 7.0, Potentiality 7.0, Admiral Beatty 6.10, Sensative 6.10, Crestfallen 6.10, Dasher Boy 6.7, Ormesby 6.7, St. Omer 6.7, True Gun 6.7, Lady Teazle 6.7, Tragedienne 6.7, Purseform 6.7.

NAPIER CUP, one mile and a quarter.—Ladoga 9.6, Rewi Poto 8.13, Multiply 8.10, Indigo 8.8, Despatch Carrier 8.7, Birkline 8.7, Byron 8.3, Bertrada 7.11, Raupani 7.10, Fair Rosamond 7.9, Beldame 7.8, Marshal McDonald 7.7, Hyettus 7.4, Kimbombi 7.2, Sir Alba 7.1, Gem 7.0, Midnight Star 6.10, Hiwituapu 6.9, St. Elmn 6.7, Perhaps 6.7.

WELTER HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Sir Alba 9.12, Marshal McDonald 9.12, Blackall 9.9, Multikoff 9.9, Birkful 9.9, Settler 9.6, Golden Sky 9.4, Vi 9.4, Kaminoh 8.12, Perceler 8.12, Caher Davon 8.7, Rock Ferry 8.7, Hima 8.7.

SAPLING STAKES, five furlongs.—Desert Gold 9.11, Gold Foll 8.9, Dribble 8.5, Loreto 8.5, Eligible 7.9, Carlysian 7.9, Hyganis 7.6, Gold Shot 7.6, Finistere 7.6, Maniara 7.6, Helsingfors 7.6, Queen's Fleet 7.6, Canella 7.0, Hyetussa 7.0, Sicily 6.12, Tornea 6.12, Spain 6.10, Marcia 6.10, Carillon 6.7.

INTERPROVINCIAL.

WELLINGTON.

Merry Gain Pleasing in Her Track Work—Lady Moutoa Lost Form—Notes on Competitors at Dannevirke Meeting—Masterton R.C.'s Adjustments—Fancied Candidates at Masterton Gathering—Moutoa Girl to be Tried Over Fences—Rangitikei R.C.'s Excellent Nominations.

(From our own correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Since going into F. Higgott's stable at Otaki, Sir J. Carroll's colt Want has won three races, and if a line is to be taken through his efforts at Dannevirke the son of Penury should yet win more races for his Gisborne owner before the present season draws to a close.

Mr. P. F. Wall's b g Suratura, who was recently removed from G. Neich's stable at Clareville to the training establishment of J. Sceats at Woodville, succeeded in capturing a race at Dannevirke last week. The Hatuma sportsman has been long overdue for a win, and it is hoped that the recent success will prove the forerunner of

forward, and it would occasion no surprise if Mr. D. Donald's galloper got amongst the winners during the next few weeks.

A large contingent of North Island sportsmen left for Nelson to-day for the purpose of attending the Nelson Jockey Club's annual meeting, which takes place on Wednesday and Thursday next. With large fields competing the gathering promises to be the most successful yet held at Richmond Park.

Lady Moutoa has trained right off, and it would occasion no surprise if the brown daughter of Soult was not persevered further with. The mare has proved very profitable to Mr. F. S. Easton during her racing career, and should make an ideal stud matron.

Rongaro, owned by a popular ex-boniface in Mr. J. O'Meara, and trained by Joe Scott at Trentham, figured on the winning list at Dannevirke, and judging by her latest efforts the mare is assured of a prosperous career on the turf.

Merry Guy was well fancied for his hurdle engagements at Dannevirke, but the best the gelding could manage

Tatham some useful service at the Masterton meeting.

Martyress (Hymettus—Martyrium), belonging to Mr. H. Gaisford, at Dannevirke, is doing famously under J. H. Prosser's guidance at Porirua, and is now improved out of all knowledge. The filly is assured of many admirers when next she sports silk, which will probably be at the Masterton meeting.

Mr. C. F. Vallance, the popular president of the Masterton Racing Club, will pilot Amber and White in the Ladies' Bracelet at Masterton next week. The horse named should keep its opponents busy during the running of the mile and a distance.

Salado reads well in at Masterton, and it would occasion no surprise if this descendant of Sir Laddo got amongst the winners at Opaki.

Powder Fox will be "hard" in the March Handicap at Masterton, while Orleans may find the Cup to his liking. Both horses are reported to be in the pink of condition.

Sartovna may do Mr. "Lance Wood" some useful service at the Masterton meeting. The mare has come on well of late, and a win for the popular Wellington owner and M.P. would be appreciated in sporting circles.

Moutoa Girl is to be tried over the small sticks, and provided the mare goes on the right way she should make a decent hurdler.

Capital nominations have been received for the annual meeting of the Rangitikei Racing Club, which is set down for decision on March 24th and 25th. All well-wishers of this old-time popular racing institution will unite in wishing them an enjoyable and prosperous gathering.

J. Cameron has The Diver well forward, and there is every prospect of the grey son of Captain Webb doing Mr. W. J. Phillips, the Sandon owner, a good turn at the Rangitikei meeting.

J. Hathaway, the Awapuni trainer, is looking forward to Imarose making a bold display in the Rangitikei Cup. A win is overdue on the part of Mr. H. L. Jackson's gelding, and his turn may come at Bulls.

"Jack" Goodwin, at Hawera, tells me he is bringing Avon Park to the Rangitikei fixture. The chestnut mare has improved out of all knowledge since her appearance at the recent Wanganui meeting.

R. Barlow anticipates picking up a stake in the near future with Boldstroke (San Francisco—Brave Heart), who was purchased recently by Mr. D. Barry, of Taranaki, from Sir Geo. Clifford. The filly will be seen in action at the Rangitikei meeting.

W. H. McKay, who was associated with the riding of the late Mr. S. Messena's horses, has been granted a jockey's license for three months by the Wellington Racing Club, and as he can go to scale at a handy weight his services should be in keen demand during the Easter racing campaign.

The Licensing Committee of the Wellington Racing Club had before them last week an application from R. Hatch for a renewal of his license, which has been cancelled for twelve months, but after giving the matter some consideration the question of a license was held over for a future occasion.

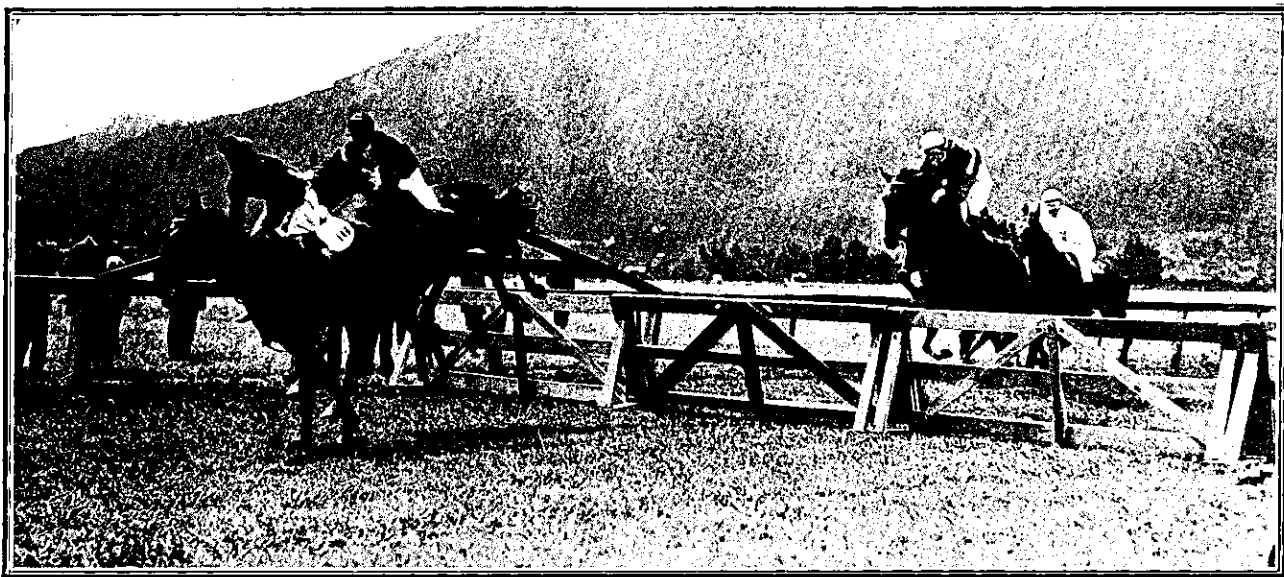
SOUTHLAND.

Southland Candidates in Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps—Southland and Winton Trotting Clubs' Forthcoming Meetings—Ill-luck Descends on Bay View Stud—Accident to Veteran Trotting Trainer.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

INVERCARGILL, March 5.

Mr. L. C. Hazlett, of Dunedin, whose horses Palisade and Sister Radius are now in Victoria, returned



STARKET (Harvey) leading LADY SABRETACHE (Adolph) and MERRY DAN (Tilsley) in the Ruakaka Handicap Hurdles on the Opening Day of the Te Aroha Jockey Club's Annual Meeting.

REDCLIFFE HACK WELTER, one mile.—Perhaps 9.5, Multifal 9.1, Trieze 8.13, General Webb 8.3, Multiano 8.2, Bodenham 8.1, Munje 8.1, Whakahoki 8.0, Field Force 8.0, Discussion 7.11, Grand Idea 7.9, Royal Favourite 7.7, Bayhar 7.7, King's Guard 7.7.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Chortle 9.8, Croesus 9.4, Beldame 8.4, Red Book 8.1, Raupani 8.1, Tete-a-tete 7.11, Shaki 7.2, Evadne 7.2, Golden Sky 7.0, Husheen 7.0, Instep 6.7, Watchful 6.7, Dasher Boy 6.7.

MASTERTON RACING CLUB.

Weights for the first day of the Masterton Racing Club's meeting, which takes place on March 18 and 19, are as follows:—

LADIES' BRACELET, one mile and a distance.—Melodist 12.5, Miriam 12.4, Amber and White 12.2, General Webb 11.10, Tangihau 11.9, Keynote 11.2, Otakura 11.1, Overheard 11.0, Jet d'Eau 11.0.

MASTERTON HACK HANDICAP, one mile and a distance.—Want 9.6, Banksia 9.6, Prince Laddo 8.7, Merry Gain 8.6, Janitor 8.4, Arlington 8.4, Nightshade 8.2, Ruatangata 8.2, Rerehau 7.11, Martyress 7.11, Tangihau 7.11, Camulus 7.10, Sylvan Dale 7.9, Hap Dha 7.9, Lady Nolan 7.7, Elopement 7.2, Otter 7.0, Ulysses 7.0, Doon 7.0.

RUAMAHANGA HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Multiplicity 9.6, Suratura 8.12, George 8.12, Moutoa 8.11, Lubriline 8.10, Ladogeur 8.9, Improve 8.7, Whisperer 8.5, Nightshade 8.4, Melodist 8.4, Amber and White 7.13, Martyress 8.12, Casco 7.12, Haumakaka 7.12, Rerehau 7.12, Rongora 7.6, Alby 7.4, Salado 7.1, Killaloo 7.1, Kiltie Lass 7.0, No Idea 7.0, Conziska 7.0, Jean Laddo 7.0, St. Omer 7.0, Waipohi 7.0.

DASH HACK HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Multiplicity 9.7, Powder Fox 8.12, Ladogeur 8.10, Martlet 8.9, Improve 8.8, Whisperer 8.6, Tirana 8.4, Miraculous 8.3, Royal Sleeves 8.4, Saxtile 8.0, The Diver 7.13, Veroneal 7.10, Martingale 7.9, Rongora 7.7, Miss Trumps 7.4, Lady Daylesford 7.3, Gold Necklace 7.2, Elopement 7.2, Killaloo 7.2, Lady Teazle 7.1, Diplomat 7.0, Goldbearing 7.0, Belgian Lass 7.0, Kiltie Lass 7.0, Marsinah 7.0, Rockabye 7.0, Multoe 7.0.

MARCH HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Chortle 9.9, Mummer 8.9, Blue Lake 8.7, Raupani 8.6, Zeus 8.4, Simple Sam 8.1, Goldstream 7.10, Powder Fox 7.5, Chakwana 7.5, Ararat 7.6, Mowbray 7.3, Marimba 6.10, Miss Kelly 6.10, Sartovna 6.7.

MASTERTON CUP, one mile and a quarter.—Multiply 9.5, Sir Knox 8.13, Byron 8.10, Leonta 8.10, Sunbird 8.8, Mummer 8.7, Gold Soult 8.4, Rene 8.4, Raupani 8.4, Orleans 8.2, Banksia 7.11, Sir Alba 7.11, Kimbombi 7.9, Sir Donald 7.5, Plunder 7.2, Immer 6.12, Prince Laddo 6.10, Camulus 6.7.

OPAKI WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Gold Soult 9.11, Multikoff 9.9, Sir Donald 9.4, Monologue 9.1, Kina 8.10, Austin 8.10, Merry Gain 8.4, Caher Davon 8.1, Sartovna 8.0.

many more. Certainly Suratura appears to have made some amends since joining Sceats' training quarters.

Marton possesses two sporting butchers in Mr. G. Morris, owner of Combustion, and Mr. A. Anderson, who owns Grey Renown. Combustion has fared fairly well this season, while the latter is training on satisfactorily under T. Lloyd's tuition, and gives promise of developing into a useful galloper.

Merrie Gain is hitting out in right good style, and should be in readiness to give a good account of herself at the Wairarapa Easter meeting. The prospects of the daughter of Merrie England certainly appear very bright for the future.

T. A. McCann's team at Opaki, which includes Conziska and Saxtile, are fast getting into racing trim for the Easter campaign. The two horses named should be getting on the winning list in the near future.

Goldbearing (Gold Reef—Lady Delaval), a member of J. Sceats' Woodville team, is coming on nicely, and should soon be breaking his maiden status. The three-year-old is on the improve, and should be accounting for a race in the near future.

H. Pritchard has Miss Trumps well

was to run two seconds. The hard going may have accounted for the indifferent display, but later on Merry Guy can be depended upon to make some amends for his recent failures.

Thanks to the great care bestowed upon Sutura by veterinary surgeon F. Crossley and trainer J. Scott, there is every probability of the colt being saved by Mr. G. D. Greenwood for stud purposes.

Mr. G. Morse had a difficult proposition to deal with in connection with framing the handicaps for the Masterton Racing Club's autumn meeting, but he appears to have done his work well. The adjustments appear to be framed on equitable lines, and it will probably be found that when acceptances close the entries will have exceeded all expectations. The meeting, which takes place on March 18th and 19th, promises to prove the most successful in the history of the club.

R. Knox is bustling Otter along at Opaki, in view of its approaching engagements. The daughter of Kitcheran and Platypus may be seen in a favourable light at the Masterton meeting.

Jean Laddo is a much improved galloper, and this half-sister to Orleans may do trainer-owner S. W.



BLACK NORTHERN (A. J. McFlynn) wins the Ruakaka Handicap Hurdles (1½ miles) from BARBWIRE (Tooman), with CLOUDY DAWN (S. Reid) third at Te Aroha.

from Melbourne on Wednesday, but will cross the Tasman Sea again after attending to some business demands. He reports that Palisade is well, although he has not yet carried silk in Australia.

Mr. W. T. Hazlett, president of the Southland Racing Club, has engaged the Invercargill-trained mare Martian Maid in both the Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps, the daughter of Martian having recovered from the bruised heel which prevented her racing at the Dunedin Jockey Club's autumn meeting. In addition to Martian Maid, three other Southlanders, in Obsono, Magdala and Soldiers' Chorus have been nominated for the Great Easter Handicap. So far as Soldiers' Chorus is concerned, he is working along safely, and will probably be produced at the Gore Racing Club's meeting next week.

Great disappointment was experienced in the south when it became evident that the Commission now investigating the claims of trotting, racing and hunting clubs to totalisator permits would not conclude its labours in time to permit of the Southland and Winton Trotting Clubs receiving the benefit of the machine this season. In the meantime, the Southland Trotting Club have drawn up a programme of seven events for a non-totalisator fixture on Easter Saturday with stakes amounting to £255. The Winton Trotting Club will give away £130 in May, but in the event of a permit materialising in the interim will place £500 in prize money at the disposal of owners. It is understood that permission to use the mechanical betting agent will quickly bring the Invercargill trotting body into the field with a similar or even enhanced offer.

Before these lines appear in print, entries for the Southland Racing Club's autumn fixture, to be held on March 24 and 25, will have been totalled up, and present indications are that the gathering is going to command very extensive support from owners in Otago and Southland.

Wharfinger is still suffering from his injured foot, and he is not likely to trouble the starter at the Gore Racing Club's meeting.

The Pilgrim's Progress gelding Wild Pilgrim is to be tested over a distance of ground in open company in the near future, and it is quite on the cards that he will be found to stay well. Trainer Hogan thinks that he will do so, and has the past history of many of the progeny of Wild Pilgrim's sires to support this contention.

Quite apart from its racing merit, the Gore Racing Club's meeting will provide another source of attraction to the racing public in that it will mark the introduction of the ten shilling totalisator to the province. The club have invested in a new 30-horse totalisator, constructed by Mr. W. F. James, of Dunedin, and the machine is already in position in readiness for next week.

The local sportsman Mr. E. Russell has had equine misfortunes piled upon him thick and fast of late, with the result that his three racing candidates are now on the retired list. The American-bred mare Eager Eyes has been in sick bay for some time, then, on Monday last, Master Ranald, by Canrobert—Lady Ranal, developed bog spavin just as it looked as if he might win a race at the Gore Racing Club's gathering, while the other evening the heaviest trouble of all descended upon the Bay View stud. The American-bred colt Mohawk, by Mexican—Maxine Elliott, broke through the manuka rails of his exercise yard and in endeavouring to kick a challenging horse through a fence, became entangled in barbed wire. This bane of the thoroughbred race coiled round the colt's hind legs and threw him and before he could be released he had received injuries which may put him out of court as a racehorse for all time.

The Birkenhead horse Vocation has freshened up well since he arrived in Invercargill, and anyone from the North Island previously acquainted with him would now have to admit that the rigorous climate of the south and the best of feed provided for him by his owner-trainer, Mr. T. Kett, have worked wonders. However, he has yet to be seen in serious action on one of our courses, when it will be time enough to judge as to his present racing abilities.

Prior to the receipt of the acceptances for the Gore Cup, John Barleycorn and Ladrone have come into warm favour, but little Directorate has many friends, and it is safe to say that she will run a good race, as she has done well since racing promin-

ently over a similar distance of ten furlongs in the Dunedin Jockey Club Handicap behind First Glance, Ladrone and Specialform at Wingatui last month.

The Patriotic Fund established by the Southland Racing Club among members now stands at £350, less £150 cabled to England recently on behalf of the Belgian Fund. The list is being quietly added to as occasion offers, which is only another instance of the generosity of sportsmen, than whom there is no more sought after body of men in the world when it comes to charitable needs, and seldom do they fail to respond.

One of the veterans of the Otago and Southland trotting world in the local trainer and reinsman M. McLaren was thrown from a young horse which he was exercising in saddle with the straps on Wednesday night. He was admitted to the Southland Hospital in an unconscious state suffering from severe injuries to his head and face. Although over sixty years of age, Mr. McLaren can ride a vigorous saddle race and invariably finds his way to the winning list as the seasons pass by.

Sir George Clifford's and Mr. G. D. Greenwood's teams that raced in the North Island arrived back in good order. After a few days' spell they have all been put into commission again.

The Christchurch sportsman Mr. C. Machell recently purchased from Mr. Wise, of Oamaru, the Charlemagne mare Charlotte, a very useful performer over short courses. She will prove a welcome addition to W. MacDonald's team, for she can be depended on always to do her best. Mr. Machell denies the report that he intends taking up his residence in Auckland.

Since returning from Dunedin Warstep has been having an easy time of it, and has put on condition fast. Aynsley is now sending her along again, and she shows the retention of all her brilliancy in the sprint tasks apportioned her.

Reval is throwing off the lameness that troubled him after the Dunedin meeting, and should the tracks not be too hard he may be taken down to the Waimate meeting.

The speedy filly Floweret, a member of the Chokebore stable, is so

well-earned spell. On being taken up again he will go into R. Longley's stable. That trainer has recently had an addition to his team in a two-year-old gelding by Count Witte from Edna May, a rather promising cut of a juvenile.

It is quite probable that R. J. Mason will take Banksia and Camulus up to the Masterton meeting. Both are in very forward condition, and they are not over weighted in the Masterton Cup.

Sir George Clifford's English-bred stallion Sanquhar, who was at Riccarton for a few days, has been sent on to Stonyhurst. He is a very handsome horse, and will be given every opportunity with the fine collection of mares at Sir George Clifford's stud.

M. Hobbs has broken in the four yearlings by Kilbroney that were sent up from North Otago by Mr. J. B. Reid. They are a promising batch, of whom the Aral te Uru colt looks the pick.

The Racing Commission arrived from the North last week, and immediately inspected the Canterbury Park racecourse on behalf of the Christchurch Racing Club, and Riccarton on behalf of the Christchurch Hunt Club. Subsequently they journeyed out to Rangiora and Ohoka, and afterwards visited Cheviot and Kalkoura. This week they are to look up the tracks at Rakata, Methven, Mount Somers and Washdyke. Their next move will be to Otago, where a large number of courses are to be inspected.

Mr. L. Hazlett, the owner of Sister Radius and Palisade, passed through Christchurch on his way from Australia last week. He is strongly of the opinion that the totalisator must come into vogue in New South Wales and Victoria, but admits that the golden influence of bookmakers will prove a strong stumbling block for some time.

It is understood that the owner of Ngataruanui has been informed by the Canterbury Jockey Club that nominations for the horse will not be accepted for future events at Riccarton.



NEW ZEALAND BOYS IN SAMOA.—THE LEADING CRICKET TEAM.

CANTERBURY.

Charlemagne Mare Charlotte Changes Hands—Warstep Resumes Work on Riccarton Tracks—Tannhauser Being Prepared for C.J.C. Easter Meeting—Gnome Being Treated to Spell—Racing Commission's Canterbury Visit.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

A heavy downpour on Thursday evening put the tracks at Riccarton in splendid order, and they will do alright now till the Easter meeting is got through.

nervous that she cannot be induced to show anything like her best form when galloping in company. She is seldom exercised when there are other horses about, and I am afraid her trainer will have a job to get a race out of her. In the early spring she showed just as much pace as Battle Eve.

Tannhauser is being got ready for the Canterbury Jockey Club's Easter meeting, but he is still backward and one of his legs does not look like standing much hard work.

The hurdler White Cockade has been blistered. He is still being given light tasks, but may break down at any time.

Gnome has been turned out for a



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LATER.

Honesty Resumes Work—Stargazer Changes Hands—Grand Slam to be Shipped to Egypt as a Remount—Akaroa County Racing Club's Meeting—Chrysotis' Easy Cup Victory.

Honesty has resumed work after a short spell, and looks all the better for her let-up. This filly is one of the most brilliant track workers at Riccarton, but will seldom do her best in a race.

Word has been received locally that Croesus is an almost certain visitor to the C.J.C. autumn meeting, his mission being the Great Easter Handicap and Challenge Stakes.

R. Ellis has turned Owhetoro and Mumura out for a short spell, but both will be recommissioned in time for the late autumn meetings.

Stargazer, who let her party down badly at the Akaroa meeting, has changed hands, and will in future be trained by C. Stratford.

R. J. Mason informs me that after recently inspecting Sutala he has little hope of the colt racing for at least a couple of seasons, and he would not be surprised if he never sports silk again.

It was quite intended to start Nightwatch in the Peninsula Cup, but the wretched morning was responsible for his not making the trip. As the race was run Treadmill's son would have had a rare task in front of him to concede Chrysotis, who had an apprentice allowance of 5lb, two stone and a-half, especially as she cut the journey out in the smart time of 2min 8 3-5sec.

W. Pine has had an addition to his team in a filly by Royal Fusilier from Stepping Stone. She is well grown, and looks like coming to hand early.

The one-time well-known performer Grand Slam was sold a few days ago, and is to be shipped to Egypt as a remount.

R. J. Mason is breaking in a yearling filly (English time) by St. Amant—Remission. She is a chestnut, and is a very well grown youngster.

Flora MacDonald is to be shipped to Australia for the Easter sales along with some of Mr. Friedlander's other horses.

Amongst the prominent visitors at the Akaroa meeting on Saturday were Messrs. G. Hunter, M.P., and Armstrong, owner of The Spaniard and Morning.

After Chrysotis had won the Peninsula Cup the trophy attached to that event was presented to Mr. G. M. Aynsley by Mr. Hunter, who is a member of the Racing Commission. Chrysotis' victory in the Peninsula Cup was one of the easiest ever witnessed in a flat race in Canterbury. She took charge four furlongs from home, and, clearing right away from her two opponents, Mulum in Parvo and Ladrona, passed the post quite 50 yards to the good. Seeing that the course was dead as the result of early morning rain her achievement of getting to the end of the mile and a-quarter in 2min 8 3-5sec was full of merit. Chrysotis has done most of her work in company with Warstep, and in Saturday's race must have thought she had the champion behind her.

Daylight Bill was the only one of the half dozen starters in the hurdle race at the Akaroa meeting to jump at all cleanly, the displays of the others being decidedly mediocre.

Athenic, who won the Maiden Plate at the Akaroa meeting, is one of the biggest horses ever raced in Canterbury. He is owned by Mr. D. Rutherford, who will probably give the son of Charlemagne and Seashell a chance to earn distinction over hurdles next winter.

Glenowl was made a very strong order for the Kinloch Welter at the Akaroa meeting on Saturday, and he was in front from start to finish. Another very easy win was that of Derby Day in the Terawera Hack Handicap, the Stronghold gelding getting such a break on his field in the early stages as to make the task of his opponents quite hopeless.

WANGANUI.

Denise Orme on Easy List—Tree Lucerne's Great Easter Engagement—Fordell Stable's Representatives in Masterton Cup—Faked Tote Tickets at Wanganui Meeting—Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Club's Fixture.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MONDAY, March 8.

W. Rayner will take Sweet Van to Bulls for the welter events there, and the Sweet Simon mare ought to run well, as the company will not be particularly good. This mare got out of hacks through winning the Stratford

then has not done anything, and unless she shows some improvement at Bulls will probably be turned out.

A. Hall turned Denise Orme out after she won at Woodville, and the mare is still in the paddock, so that it does not look as if she would be a starter at Feilding at Easter, although it should not take long to get her ready again if so desired. It is strange that Denise Orme was not seen out in the Flying at Wanganui, as she would not have had more than about 8.0, a weight under which she would probably have gone very near winning, as she is one of the fastest sprinters on the Coast.

Tree Lucerne promises to be one of the early favourites for the Great Easter Handicap, for which it is said he is to be kept. On recent form the son of Lupin stands out as one of the finest sprinters in the Dominion, and he should cut out a very fast seven furlongs.

Draft is now an inmate of W. Rayner's stable. The Maniapoto gelding ran well at the recent Wanganui meeting, but appeared to tire at the end of each race. He is being given a spell, which should freshen him up, and might pick up one of the short distance events at Bulls, where he will be a starter, all going well.

Mahlstick, another of Rayner's charges, will be seen out at Bulls in the hack flat events. If the big Maniapoto gelding does no good in these events he will probably be put to the jumping game, at which he should do well if he keeps sound.

There has been little or nothing doing on the local tracks since the Cup meeting, but with the Rangitikei and Feilding meetings so near at hand things should liven up in a few days. However, except for Denise Orme there is nothing of any note being trained here now. At Fordell, Tilley has a big string in work, and his stable will be strongly represented both at Rangitikei and Feilding.

F. Tilley has two horses engaged in the Masterton Cup, one mile and a quarter, Leonta and Sunbird. The former has 8.10 and Sunbird 2lb. less. Sunbird's fine running at Dannevirke will probably cause her to be made favourite if she starts, but it may be that the stable will rely on Leonta. The latter ran fairly well at the Wanganui meeting, and with the improvement he will have made by the 18th he should be about at his best form again. The distance is one which suits him, and he may be depended upon to make a bold bid for victory if he goes to the post.

Tilley will also take Ararat and Austin to the meeting. The former is engaged in the March Handicap, of six furlongs, and on her showing in the Harrison Hack event here the daughter of Advance—Ballarat will keep the others very busy. Austin is in the Opaki Welter, one mile, in which he has 8.10. He is a good horse when at his best, but hardly seems as consistent as he might have been. He has run some fine races, but at other times his form has disappointed his connections.

Taking her running here as a guide, Banksia is likely to be hard to beat in whatever she starts at Masterton. The Achilles filly has 8.6 in the Masterton Hack and 7.11 in the Cup, one mile and a quarter. Whichever event she starts in she will be well backed.

It transpires that the loss sustained by the Wanganui Jockey Club owing to "faked" tote tickets being presented at the recent meeting was limited to about £200, and did not amount to anything like £400, as was at first reported. It is understood that a scrutiny of the tickets disclosed that 20 extra tickets had been presented in the Cup race on Master Lupin, but so far as can be discovered there were no other cases in which more were realised on than had been sold.

An examination of the tote tickets used at the trotting meeting, it is said, does not bear out the report that that club had been victimised, though it was at first believed it had been swindled to the extent of a couple of hundred pounds. Apparently the same gang of swindlers tried their hand at Dannevirke, but their plans went astray there. It is a pity that the perpetrators of the fraud were not caught red-handed, but as it is probably the fright they got will keep them quiet for some time. In the meantime we may depend that the racing clubs will find some means of making it much more difficult, if not impossible, for such swindlers to be worked.

It is pleasing to know that the Rangitikei Racing Club received good entries for its annual meeting on the 24th and 25th inst., and there is every prospect of the gathering being one of the best seen at Bulls.

RACING REVIEWED.

DANNEVIRKE RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

MULTIPLY ANNEXES CUP.

(From Our Napier Correspondent.)

This country club had a mixed assortment of weather for their annual autumn gathering last week, for on the opening afternoon (Wednesday) the sun was hot enough to split the stones, while on Thursday there was a heavy downpour early in the morning, and though it cleared up for a bit before noon, during the whole of the afternoon there were a number of keen, copious showers. Notwithstanding this drawback, the attendance was more than fair on the concluding day, and on Wednesday it was quite up to the usual good standard attained in previous years. Money was plentiful, an increase of £2535 being recorded in the totalisator investments as compared with the 1914 fixture, the respective figures reading: 1914, £29,595; 1915, £32,130. In no case were the dividends up to a two-figure grade, though had some of the runners-up been able to have changed places with the winners their supporters would have got out of the financial unit grade. Of the highly-fancied contestants half a dozen realised the opinions of those who backed them, and upon a similar number of occasions they occupied the positions of number two in the judge's placings.

In very many instances the starting was not of equitable brand, and consequently the prospects of several of the contestants were blotted out at the barrier. Blacking, the half-sister by All Black to Tatterley, was most enquired for amongst the fourteen starters for the Maiden Plate, Goldbearing being the next in demand with Rongora third favourite. The first choice was easily settled by one of the outside pack in Irish Fusilier, a good-looking five-year-old son of Royal Fusilier and Sleepwell, owned by Mr. J. B. A'Deane, and trained by Croesus' educator, J. S. O'Neill. His party were not greatly enamoured of his chances and did not in a great way support him, with the result that he returned the largest dividend of the meeting.

Seven got under weigh for the Tahoraite Hack Welter, Want, Lubri-line and Whakahoki being backed in that order of favouritism. Danger Signal, who was not in any demand whatever, piloted the way to the turn for home, where the favourite threaded his way with Cherry Blossom at his girths. A rattling set-to between the pair saw Want prevail by a long neck from the San Fran mare. Lubri-line secured third berth, two lengths astern. Whakahoki was never dangerous at any stage of the test, and the best he could do was to run a bad fourth.

Dribble, a plain-appeared full-sister to Football, was located as the right way out of the Nursery Handicap puzzle, and the attention paid to her number on the machine soon had the effect of installing her an odds-on favourite, second place in the betting being held by the topweight Loreto, with Sicily third favourite. After a lot of backing and filling at the post, the tapes went up to a go-as-you-please start, and the favourite, attended by Sicily, were quickly out in the van, and the pair had the argument to themselves, Dribble scoring with a bit to spare by a length from Sicily,

The annual meeting of the Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Club was held at Waverley on Tuesday evening. Mr. O. Symes presided over a large attendance of members. The chairman said he believed the club would later on get a permit to hold a race meeting, and expressed the hope that members' subscriptions and not incur any more expense than necessary, so as to assist the club as much as possible. Mr. Higgle said he felt sure the club would get a permit to hold a race meeting. He referred to the fact that members had done much in subscribing money and giving horses for the Patriotic Fund. It was unanimously decided to hunt this season. Mr. J. Kennedy was elected president.

Aruake has thrown off the soreness which recently troubled him, and is going along all right now, though only doing easy work. He will be got ready for the Feilding Easter meeting. As the tracks are now likely to be softer he should stand up to his work under the watchful eye of W. Rayner, who is one of the most careful and painstaking of trainers.

with Loreto a poor third, and Flying Spur, a good moulded son of Advance and Daisy Clipper, an indifferent fourth.

Rewi Poto, Jem, Leapuki and Lady Moutoa were missing from the slide when the starters were elevated for the Dannevirke Cup. Sunbird commanded most attention from backers, with Multiply and Imarose supported in that order. Imarose led for a furlong and was then displaced by Sunbird, who soon put daylight between herself and the balance of the runners. At the home bend she was first round, with Multiply, Kimbombi and Imarose bunched, a length away. Half-way up the running Deeley asked Multiply for his best, and the son of Multifid and Lady Augusta responded generously to the call went on and held Sunbird, capturing at the finish from her by a good length. Kimbombi, who put in a great spur inside the distance, got to within a head of the favourite as the mark was crossed. Imarose was fourth. Had Kimbombi been made more use of in the first stage of the contest it certainly appeared as if he would have proved more troublesome, for at the conclusion he was going faster than either the winner or Sunbird.

There were only four acceptors for the Hack Handicap Hurdles, all of which went to the post. The topweight, Merry Guy, was made hot and strong in the betting market, having within four of two hundred more invested on his number than did Ascalon, the second choice. At the third hurdle Composed and Golden Water both came to grief through the fault of the former, and the mishap proved fatal for Composed, who broke his back. Golden Water was extremely lucky, for he got off without damage. J. O'Connell, who was up on Composed, broke his collarbone. Ascalon easily held Merry Guy, and at the finish prevailed by a clear length.

Of the eight starters in the Electric Hack, Multiplicity had invested on her number nearly twice as much as that registered against any other contestant. The topweight, Miss Kelly, was next in request, with Improve third selection. Multiplicity was always on the scene, and eventually captured comfortably from The Nile by a clear half-length. The latter, who was the absolute outsider of the field, ran one of her best races, for she never wavered during her vigorous response to R. Hunt's calls upon her, and finished two lengths ahead of Lady Dalesford. Lady Teazole was fourth and St. Omer fifth.

Jem led Despatch Carrier by £10 for the position of first choice, Blackall being third in estimation, in connection with the betting transactions over the Tamaki Welter. Perhaps made the pace at an extra speedy gait from Monologue and Blackall to the home bend, where the half-brother to Noc-tuiform and Co. got to her, and in a desperate finish just beat her by a head. Monologue was a bare length away, third, Lady Moutoa being fourth and Despatch Carrier fifth. Jem ran indifferently, for he was never at any time within striking distance of the leaders, and the same may be said of Despatch Carrier, who was toiling along without displaying any dash during the journey.

There were but five starters in the Makirikiri Hack Handicap, which brought the day's sport to a conclusion in that order. S. neck, from sion. Nightshade, Want and Suratura were backed in that order, and backers were not very wide in their estimates, for Want scored cleverly by a long neck from Nightshade, Suratura being third. Want put up a penalty of 10lb. for his win in the Tahoraite Hack, which brought his impost up to 9st., which made him the top weight of the quintette, and the way that he shouldered his burden stamps him as one that can carry weight and gallop fast into the bargain. Suratura was prominent for the major portion of the trip, but gave way to Want and Nightshade a furlong from the deciding point, and this pair fought out a strenuous duel to the end.

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CONCLUDING DAY.

SUNBIRD CAPTURES BIG EVENT.

Patrons again rolled up in strong force on the concluding day of the gathering. Business commenced with the Hack Scurry, seven weighing out for the contest. Backers came for Admiral Beatty in a solid style, and the partisans of Rongora also liberally supported her, both being installed odds-on favourites, the rest of the field not being supported to any extent. When the barrier went up Admiral Beatty, who was on the rails, was half screwed around and consequently he was chopped out of his place, and when the field had got into their swing he was running fourth, Rongora assuming control. Running across the bottom Admiral Beatty ran into second position behind Rongora, but although Deeley used his best exertions to reach the leader he failed to overthrow her, and she conquered by a bare couple of lengths from the favourite. Holywell was six lengths in the rear, third.

Janitor was selected as the correct thing for the Mangatera Hack, His Eminence being second choice and Want third favourite. The estimate of the majority of backers was at fault, for Suratura, the fourth favourite, beat one of the least fancied lots in Discussion for first place and dividend. His Eminence battled hard to silence Discussion, and he only suffered defeat by the barest of heads for second honours. Suratura did not win out of her turn, and she must have proved an expensive lot to her owner, Mr. P. F. Wall.

a good deal above himself, last.

Merry Guy had most support accorded in the Second Hack Hurdles, Ascalon being next in favour. Caher Davon was third favourite. At the third fence Advancement tipped out and brought Glouria down with him. At this stage Ascalon, going well, was in the lean, and although the favourite made several attempts to get up-sides with him, his attempts were fruitless, for Ascalon just went on in an easy fashion and secured the stake by a clear three lengths. Caher Davon was six lengths away third. The stipendiary stewards had the trainer and rider of Merry Guy before them to explain the running of the favourite, and after taking evidence accepted the explanation as satisfactory.

Multiplicity was a strong order for the Telephone Hack, the next in favour being Lady Dalesford and The Nile. In the initial stages of the contest Rongora, Hushabye and The Nile were in the van, and on entering the straight Hushabye got to Rongora, and putting in some telling strides soon got her measure, and a little further on both The Nile and Multiplicity both got the better of her. The former challenged Hushabye vigorously inside the distance, and a rousing set-to between the brace saw the latter just get there. Multiplicity was a length and a-half away, third, and Rongora fourth.

Of the five starters in the Kaitoke Welter, Monologue was the best supported, Blackall and Zeus being next in favour. The favourite always seemed to be in difficulties, and was running well in the rear for the

TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

LADY PENURY WINS THE CUP.

The Te Aroha Jockey Club opened their gates on Saturday and had the bags flying gaily for the annual race meeting, with only a shower at 11 o'clock, the rest of the day being beautifully fine. Business at the totalisators was particularly brisk and the sum of £15,747 was passed through, as against £11,473 last year.

No fewer than 15 out of the 16 carded on the official race book faced Mr. C. O'Connor for the Ruakaka Hurdles, and the bulk of the starters fenced faultlessly. Only a few horses were at all well supported, and Back Northern and Cloudy Dawn carried the most money. In the concluding stages of the race Black Northern, who had waited on the leaders, Lady Sabretache and Barbwire, till the last hurdle was reached, came on and won easily. Barbwire ran one of the best races he has done for some time.

South Auckland form was again reproduced when the Trial Handicap came up for decision, in which there were 18 starters. Don Castor was made favourite on his A.R.C. summer form, but had to strike his colours to Zulupin, the second favourite, who was always mistress of the situation when it came to business in the home stretch. Red Pine, also well backed, was never dangerous at any stage. Tararu Jack did not get into prominence either. Manurere got into third place. It was thus early apparent that the course was fast, and if there had only been something

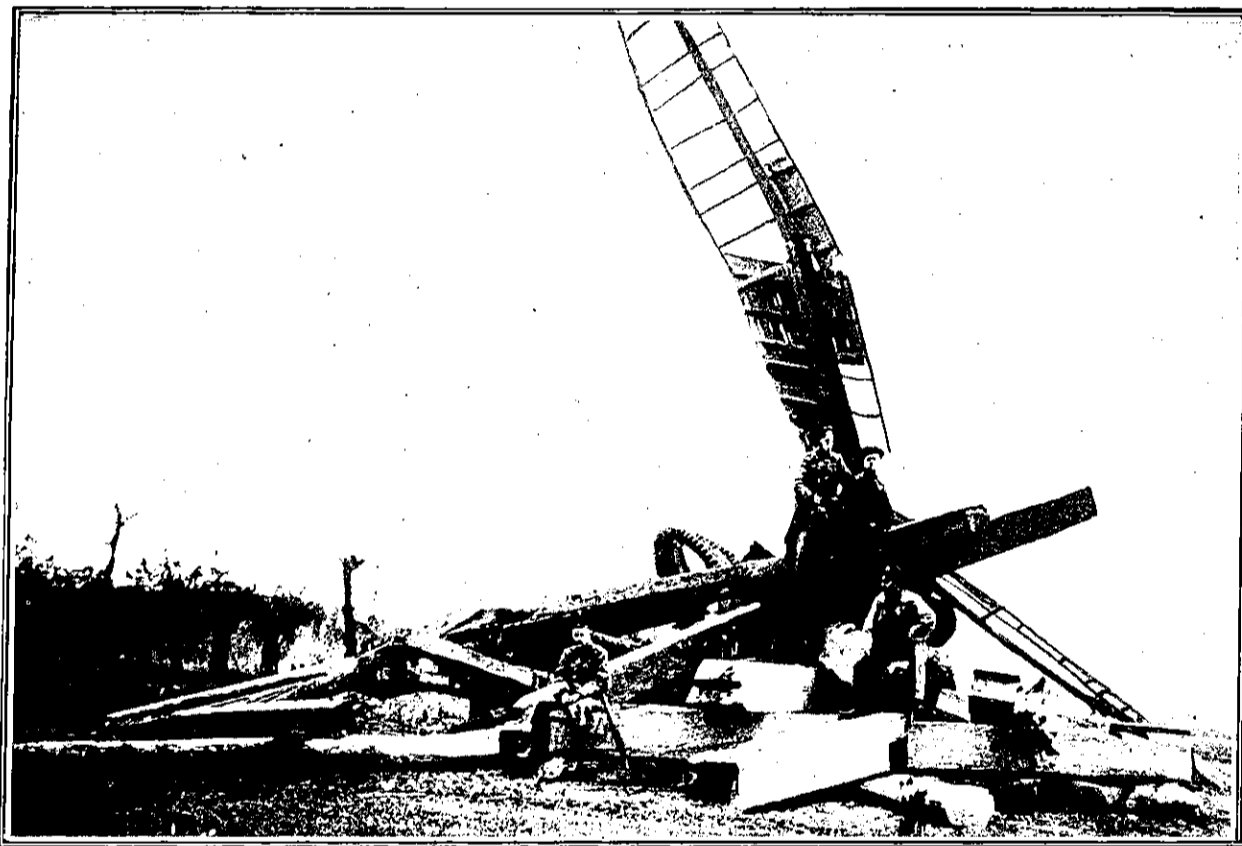
Gordon Hack Handicap, with Don Castor again carrying a lot of money. Nicomar, who was the third selection, led the big field home after catching Hamlet near the post and beating him by three-parts of a length, Kauri King a good third, Surrey Park, who had 10lb over weight, and Gluepot, who had 4lb over his allotted weight, being fourth and fifth respectively.

Worcester was a very decided favourite for the Waitoa Welter Handicap, Gallupin being next in demand, but Glenspire and Gold Fran were the dividend payers after being led for the greater part of the distance by the Soult stud horse St. Amans, who was not quite ready and was particularly well treated remembering his best deeds. Worcester is racing a long way below form, like his sister, Jolie Fille. The well treated Lady Middleton won the Tourists' Handicap only by a narrow margin from Rosea, who carried nearly as much weight, but had heads been the other way C. Brown would have been uncomfortable, as he could hardly have expected the unlucky chestnut to finish as she did.

SECOND DAY.

The last in weather was again with the club, but the record attendance of the first day, which was between three and four thousand, fell short by probably a thousand people. The dust was very unpleasant for those who went by car and other conveyances from the Te Aroha railway station and the siding nearest the course, and the many who had to foot it for want of sufficient conveyances. Fortunately the wind was the right way for people on the stands and because the ground was too low, very little inconvenience once on the course. The sum of £15,535 was put through the totalisators, making £31,282 for the two days, as against £22,537 10s. last year. The club have thus received their reward for spending money to increase the conveniences and comfort of the public. They have yet a good deal to do, and one thing they must attend to and that is to prevent people from climbing on the fences and obscuring the view of the people in the saddling paddock, who could not see the finishes mainly for that reason.

Barbwire had a narrow margin win over Spalperion in the Manawaru Handicap Hurdles, which was a good race, Cloudy Dawn, who was a little better favourite than Spalperion, being handy. The distance proved too far for Lady Sabretache, who made most of the running. Tararu Jack was served up warm for the Maiden Plate Handicap, Don Castor and Zulupin being next in order of betting. Vallambrosa, who was coupled with Pupura, was probably lucky to beat Tararu Jack, who finished fast and only suffered defeat though his run being delayed. Christmas Rose was a better favourite for the Waitoa Handicap than Achilles, and, nicely treated, she made no mistake, going right away over the last two furlongs, Worcester being second after a good gap of daylight. Salvia, similarly treated the favourite, Cheddar, and second favourite, Tangiwal, in the Jockey Club Handicap, Jolie Fille again finishing up well beaten off. Ovation bled as he did at South Auckland and was pulled up. Glad Tidings had an overdue win in the Electric Handicap, in which he was second favourite, but it was only after a good race with Ihapuna, the favourite, and Cordite, who needs racing. Mangatete carried 14lb over-weight and some of the other runners lesser over poundage, but Signo claimed a 5lb apprentice's allowance, and then ran nearly last, form too bad to be considered, as she has had influenza troubles and has lost her dash, let us hope not for long. Kauri King, in a field of 19, was made a pronounced favourite for the Piako Hack Handicap, and after a lot of delay the field was got away. He led shortly after the tapes were raised, and from the lead established it looked as though he would win by some lengths. Slowing down, however, the outsider Gluepot, who was purchased very cheaply by Mr. W. H. Windsor, his trainer, a few weeks ago, bore down on him and only suffered a neck defeat, paying a dividend of over a-quarter of a century, Glucian another outsider, being third, Nicomar fourth. Achilles had a head win over Gallupin in the Aroha Welter, in which he was favourite, Glenspire being third and Gold Fran next. Lady Middleton and Rosea, the two best supported in the Farewell Handicap, had the race to themselves and finished in order.



THE CAMPAIGN IN POLAND—A WRECKED WINDMILL, DESTROYED DURING HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN THE RUSSIAN AND GERMAN FORCES.

Loreto and Sicily were the only two backed for money in the Juvenile Handicap, they ranking respectively first and second favourites, with Flying Spur next in demand. The favourite was quickly out, and was always handy to the entrance to the straight, when she went on and won by the best part of two lengths from Carillon, the outsider of the bunch. Spain was third. When going well the rider of Flying Spur, H. Young, had the bad luck to break one of his stirrup irons, and therefore could not give assistance to his mount.

Hiwitapu and Despatch Carrier were struck out of the Autumn Handicap, eight proceeding to the post to contest the event. Sunbird was the elect of the major portion of backers, Sir Alba, who looked in great buckle, being second choice, with Imarose the next best supported. Different tactics were resorted to with Sunbird, for when the barrier rose she did not jump into her stride and pilot the field, but was steadied and was pulled in behind several other horses. Lady Moutoa was rushed to the front, and remained there for a couple of furlongs. When the entrance to the straight was reached Sunbird had assumed control, with Sir Alba and Midnight Star in close attendance. The leader held her own comfortably all the way down the running, winning with a bit to spare by two lengths from Midnight Star, who mastered Sir Alba half a furlong from the deciding line, finishing a long neck to the good from him in second berth. Imarose was fourth and Birkline, who looked

greater part of the journey. As the field swung into the homeward run Sir Donald, Blackall and Zeus were out clear of the field, and a great race to the post saw Blackall beat off Sir Donald, half a length splitting the pair. Zeus, who had the confidence of his party, was two lengths behind Sir Donald, with the favourite fourth.

The final event, the Tapuata Hack, attracted the whole of the acceptors, five in number, the favourite being Melodist, with Cherry Blossom next in demand. The favourite was a bit nervy at the barrier, but Deeley got her well out, and she strode along in good style throughout the run, landing the stake by a couple of lengths from Perhaps, a similar distance separating Cherry Blossom from her in third position. Ringey, who made the pace in the early stages, was fourth.

Deeley was an easy first amongst the successful horsemen, for he was astride of six winners, L. Wilson following with three victorious rides. A. Ward had the leg up on Ascalon in his dual victory, and W. Ryan increased his winning total by a couple of additional scores. W. O'Halloran, H. Young, and W. Bell each rode a winner apiece.

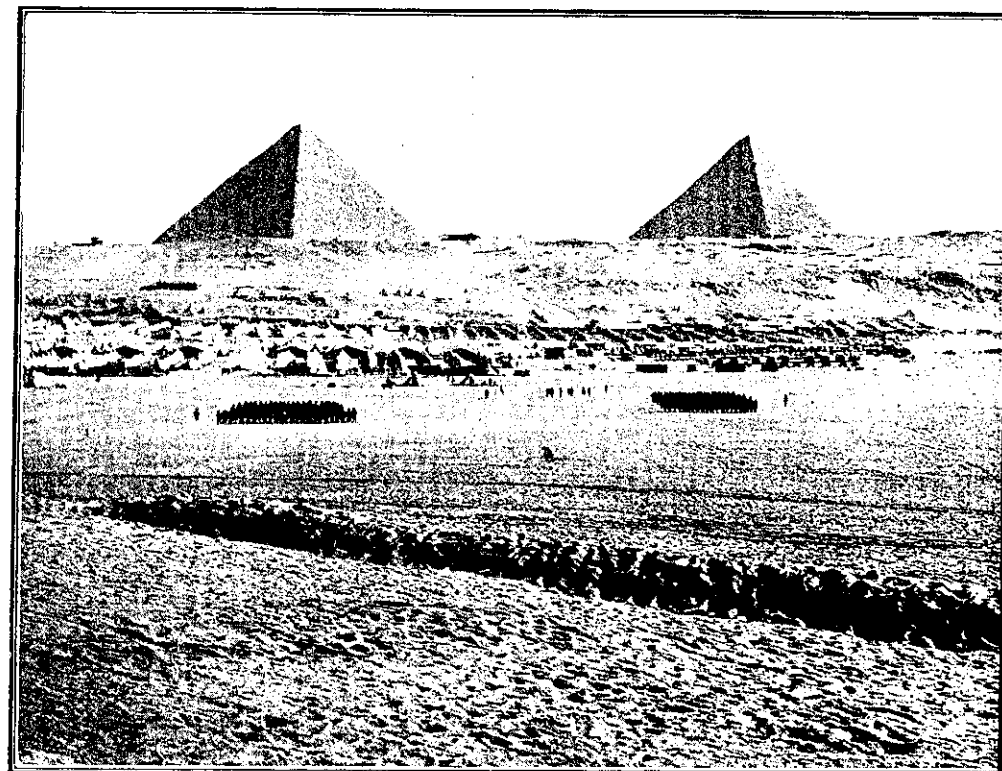
Holiday excursion tickets, including admission to regatta, will be issued to Ngaruawahia from Auckland, Onehunga, Manapachi, Cambridge, Thames, Waihi, Rotorua and intermediate stations on March 17, available for return on day of issue only. Details are advertised elsewhere.

like a good fall of rain for a few days it would have been much better. Mr. O'Connor had other big fields to start, and plenty of raw material and some barrier shy, race and track sick ones also to deal with, and it was to be expected that some would get left or be slow off the mark. Under the circumstances his work was very satisfactory. The Domain Handicap saw Cheddar go out best supported, with Christmas Rose next in favour and Achilles third fancy. Three was some excuse for Christmas Rose, who got run out by Achilles, who had not raced right-handed at least for some time. Blue Garment's task was made easier through the contretemps. The aged son of Bluelight is just now very well. When the Te Aroha Cup Handicap came up for decision Lady Penury was made a strong order, and being kept handy came away when the straight was reached and won as she liked from Tangiwal, the third favourite. Old Jolie Fille, who was second selection, finished last, and was apparently quite run down. Salvia reproduced her Hamilton and Te Kuiti form and got third. Glad Tidings, in brushing boots, moved sore, but was made favourite for the Flying Handicap, with Ihapuna second in request, but after a good race so far as they were concerned they could not get to Manurere, who made the running and lasted long enough to win by a length and a-half, though she was stopping as they neared home. The win was long overdue. Kauri King was first choice for the

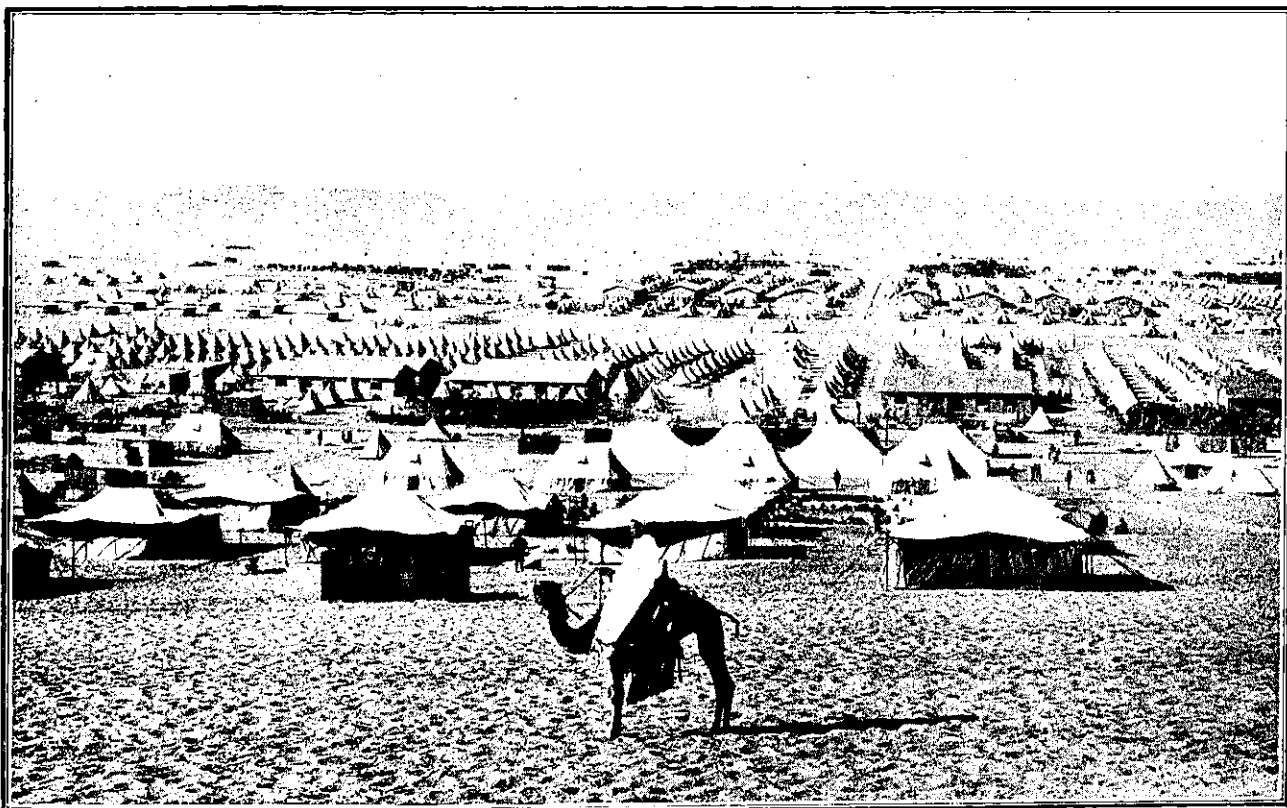
WHERE THE AUSTRALASIAN TROOPS ARE QUARTERED.—THE DESERT CAMP AT MENA, EGYPT.



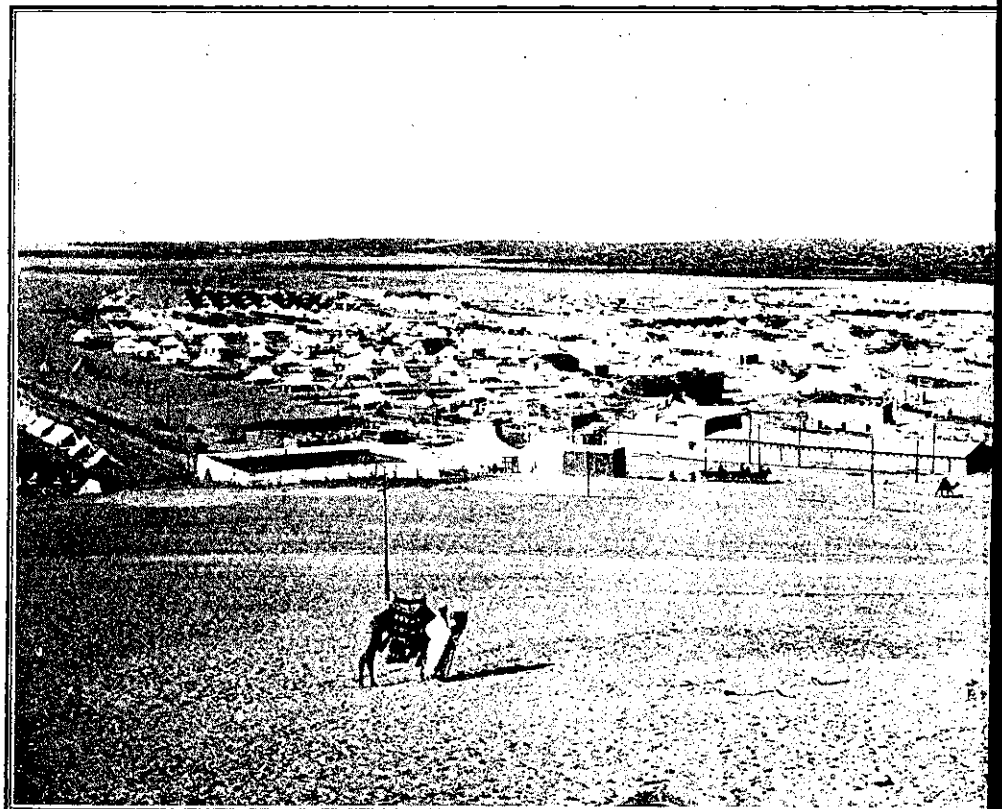
A SCENE OF ACTIVITY—PORTION OF THE CAMP SHOWING THE HORSE LINES.



ANOTHER VIEW OF PART OF THE CAMP, WITH PYRAMIDS IN BACKGROUND.



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TURF RESULTS.

DANNEVIRKE RACING CLUB.

MULTIPLY WINS CUP.

The Dannevirke Racing Club's autumn meeting was opened on Wednesday in brilliant weather. The course was on the hard side, and this accounted for a fair number of scratchings throughout the day. The sum of £5,367 was put through the machines, compared with £15,063 for the first day of the corresponding meeting last year. The results were:—

MAIDEN PLATE of 75sovs. Weight, 8.0. Five furlongs.

- 5—B. A'Deane's Irish Fusilier (W. Ryan)
- 1—Blacking
- 3—Rongora

TAMAKI WELTER (Open) of 150sovs. One mile and 50 yards.

- 3—E. J. Watt's Blackall, 7.3 (L. Wilson)
- 6—Perhaps, 7.11
- 5—Monologue, 8.13

Perhaps showed the way to Monologue to the straight, where Blackall forged to the front and won by a head. Half a length separated second and third. Time, 1min 46sec.

MAKIRIKIRI HACK HANDICAP of 110sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 2—Sir Jas. Carroll's Want, 8.4 (B. Deeley)
- 1—Nightshade, 7.13
- 3—Suratura, 8.5

In an exciting finish Want won by a neck, with half a length between second and third. Time, 1min 29½sec.

two lengths, with a nose between second and third. Time, 1min 31sec.

JUVENILE HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs.

- 1—N. Gray's Loreto, 8.9 (B. Deeley)
- 6—Carillon, 6.9
- 6—Spain, 7.2

Won easily by two lengths, a neck dividing second and third. Time, 1min 31-5sec.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 200sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 1—A. Alexander's Sunbird, 8.1 (H. Young)
- 8—Midnight Star, 7.5
- 2—Sir Alba, 7.11

A good despatch was effected, and, passing the stand, Invader occupied the leading position, closely attended by Imarose, Midnight Star, Lady Moutoa, and Sunbird bunched. Going along the back Lady Moutoa shot to the front, and remained there for a couple of furlongs. Rounding the bend Sunbird displaced her, and was followed by Midnight Star and Sir Alba. Sunbird had the race well in hand, and had no difficulty in beating Midnight Star by over two lengths. Sir Alba was a length away third, Imarose fourth, and Invader fifth. Time, 2min 9 3-5sec.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 2—P. W. Scally's Ascalon, 10.11 (A. Ward)
- 1—Merrie Guy, 10.3
- 3—Caher Davon, 10.1

Also started: 4 Glouria 10.5, 6 Golden Walter 10.0, 5 Advancement 9.0.

Glouria and Advancement fell. Ascalon won easily by three lengths. Caher Davon was six lengths away. Time, 2min 55 2-5sec. An explanation advanced at an inquiry into Merrie Guy's running at the meeting was deemed satisfactory.

TELEPHONE HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Six furlongs.

- 5—W. H. Bowden's Hushabye, 7.4 (W. Bell)
- 3—The Nile, 7.7
- 1—Multiplicity, 9.0

Also started: 2 Lady Daylesford 7.5, 6 Lady Teazle 7.2, 4 Rongora 6.12, 7 Lord Laddo 6.7, 8 Gold Bearing 6.7, 6 St. Omer 6.7, 9 Purseform 6.7.

Hushabye rushed to the front on entering the straight, and won by a short head, with three lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 17sec.

KAITOKE WELTER of 130sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 2—E. J. Watt's Blackall, 9.0 (L. Wilson)
- 4—Sir Donald, 9.2
- 3—Zeus, 9.9

Also started: 1 Monologue 9.4, 5 Instep 7.7.

Instep led to the turn. In a splendid race to the post Blackall won by half a length, with two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 32 sec.

TAPUATA HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. One mile and 50 yards.

- 1—H. McManaway's Melodist, 7.11 (B. Deeley)
- 3—Perhaps
- 2—Cherry Blossom, 8.1

Also started: 4 Ringey 7.7, 5 Tangihou 8.9.

Won comfortably by two lengths. A neck separated second and third. Time, 1min 50sec.

At a meeting in Cairo in December a pari-mutual on each race was open and horses could be backed straight cut and for a place. Arab jockeys were in a majority, but English horsemen and gentlemen riders were most in evidence on the winners.

OPOTIKI JOCKEY CLUB.

The Opotiki Jockey Club held their annual meeting on Friday, February 26, in fine weather. There was an excellent attendance, and with good fields engaged in the various events some interesting racing was witnessed. The results were as follows:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Blunderbuss 1, Manono 2, Te Kaha 3.

WAIKEKE STAKES, five furlongs.—Maharajah 1, Captain Scott 2, Connie Deen 3.

SCURRY HANDICAP, four furlongs.—Upshot 1, Nap 2, Mahuta 3.

OPOTIKI CUP, one mile and a-half.—Kaiwhakahaie 1, Amelia 2, Firelock 3.

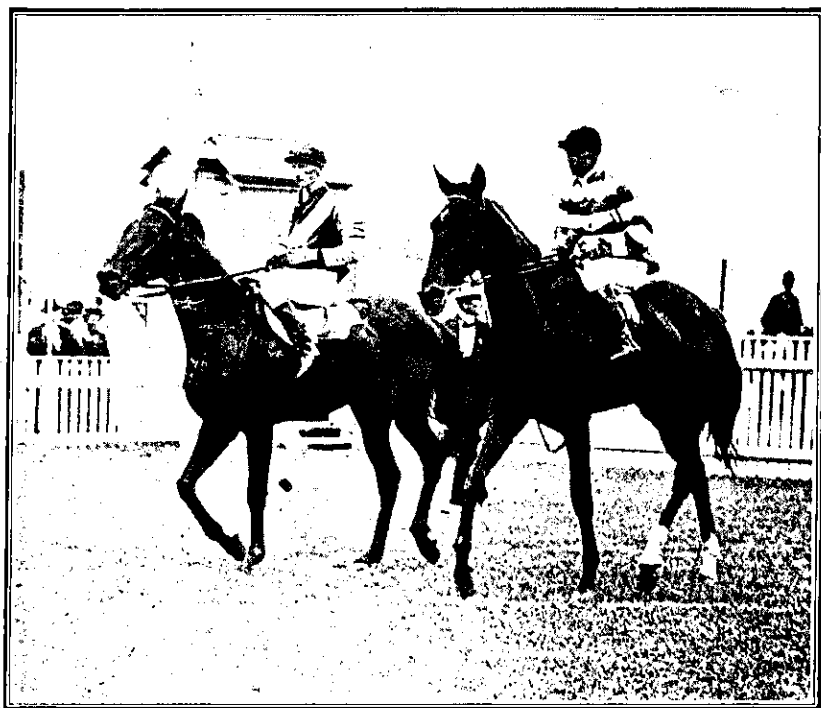
SHORTS HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Scorch 1, Sepoy 2, Manono 3.

HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and a-half.—Ambergris 1, Thompson 2, Te-puna 3.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Scorch 1, Firelock 2, Lady Belgium 3.

FORCED HANDICAP, one mile.—Kai-whawahaie 1, Amelia 2, Haku 3.

The Cup winner, Kaiwhakahaie, by Conductor—Pohutakawa, is a nice stamp of horse and the easy manner in which he annexed both the principal handicap and the Forced Handicap augurs well for his future at country meetings. His owner-trainer, George Leggett, had his charge in splendid condition, and was the recipient of many congratulations on the double victory achieved.



RETURNING TO SCALE AFTER THE MATARAWA HACK HANDICAP (SIX FURLONGS) AT WANGANUI—GOLDSTREAM (McDonald), the winner, and BLACKHEART (L. Wilson), who finished second.

SECOND DAY.

SUNBIRD ANNEXES BIG EVENT.

The meeting was concluded on Thursday in showery weather which made the track appreciably softer than on the opening day. The attendance was again large and the fields good. The sum of £15,763 was put through the machine, making a total of £32,130 for the meeting, as compared with £29,595 for the corresponding meeting last year. The results were:—

HACK SCURRY of 70sovs. Six furlongs.

- 2—J. O'Meara's Rongora, 8.10 (W. Ryan)
- 1—Admiral Beatty, 8.10
- 6—Holywell, 8.10

Won with ease by a length and a-half, six lengths separating second and third. Time, 1min 16sec.

MANGATERA HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 4—P. E. Wall's Suratura, 8.3 (O'Halloran)
- 6—Discussion, 6.7
- 3—His Eminence, 7.4

Also started: 1 Want 9.11, 2 Janitor 8.9, 5 Tangihou 8.3, 7 Sir Moutoa 6.7. Sir Moutoa led into the straight, but Suratura then moved up and won by

Also started: 12 Lord Laddo, 8 Holywell, 9 Purseform, 6 Shora, 4 Admiral Beatty, 7 Tragedienne, 10 Cherry and Black, 11 Kawarau, 2 Goldbearing, 11 Mobilisation, 13 Bonny Jem. Won by half a length. Time, 1min 2-5sec.

TAHORAITI HACK WELTER of 100 sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 1—Sir Jas. Carroll's Want, 8.8 (B. Deeley)
- 4—Cherry Blossom, 8.12
- 2—Lubriline, 9.3

Danger Signal led the field most of the way. In the run home Want got to the front, and won by a long neck. Two lengths divided second and third. Time, 1min 29sec.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 120sovs. Four furlongs and a-half.

- 1—E. J. Watt's Dribble, 7.12 (L. Wilson)
- 3—Sicily, 7.4
- 2—Loreto, 8.6

Dribble and Sicily had the race to themselves, the former winning by a length, with two lengths between second and third. Time, 55sec.

DANNEVIRKE CUP (Open) of 250sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 2—A. B. Williams' Multiply, 8.3 (B. Deeley)
- 1—Sunbird, 7.5
- 7—Kimbombi, 7.7

Also started: 5 Midnight Star 8.3, 3 Imarose 7.8, 6 Hiwitapu 6.13, 4 Invader 6.7.

The despatch was not a good one, Imarose getting the best of the deal. Passing the stand Sunbird led the field by about four lengths, his closest attendants being Multiply, Kimbombi and Imarose. The positions remained unchanged until the home turn was reached. Sunbird was then gradually overhauled, and in the run to the post Multiply forged ahead and won by a length, Sunbird just beating Kimbombi, who finished very fast. Imarose was fourth. Time, 2min 34½sec.

HACK HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

- 2—P. W. Scally's Ascalon, 9.11 (A. Ward)
- 1—Merry Guy, 10.9

Also started: 4 Golden Water 10.6, 3 Composed 9.13.

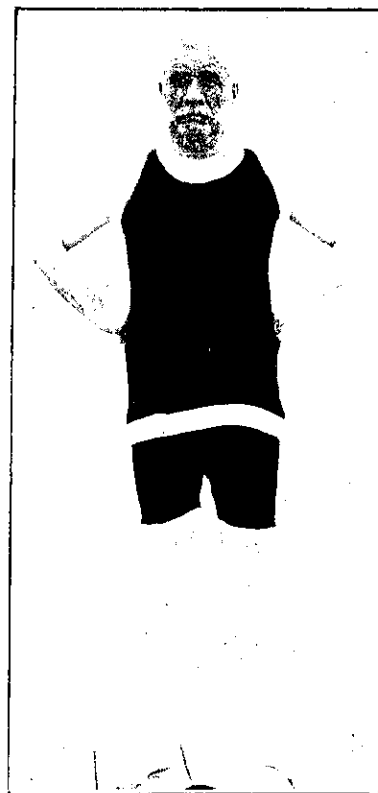
At the third hurdle Golden Water fell, bringing down Composed. Ascalon won by a length. Time, 3min 22sec. J. O'Connell, rider of Composed, sustained a broken collarbone and was removed from the course in the ambulance. Composed broke his back and died.

ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Six furlongs.

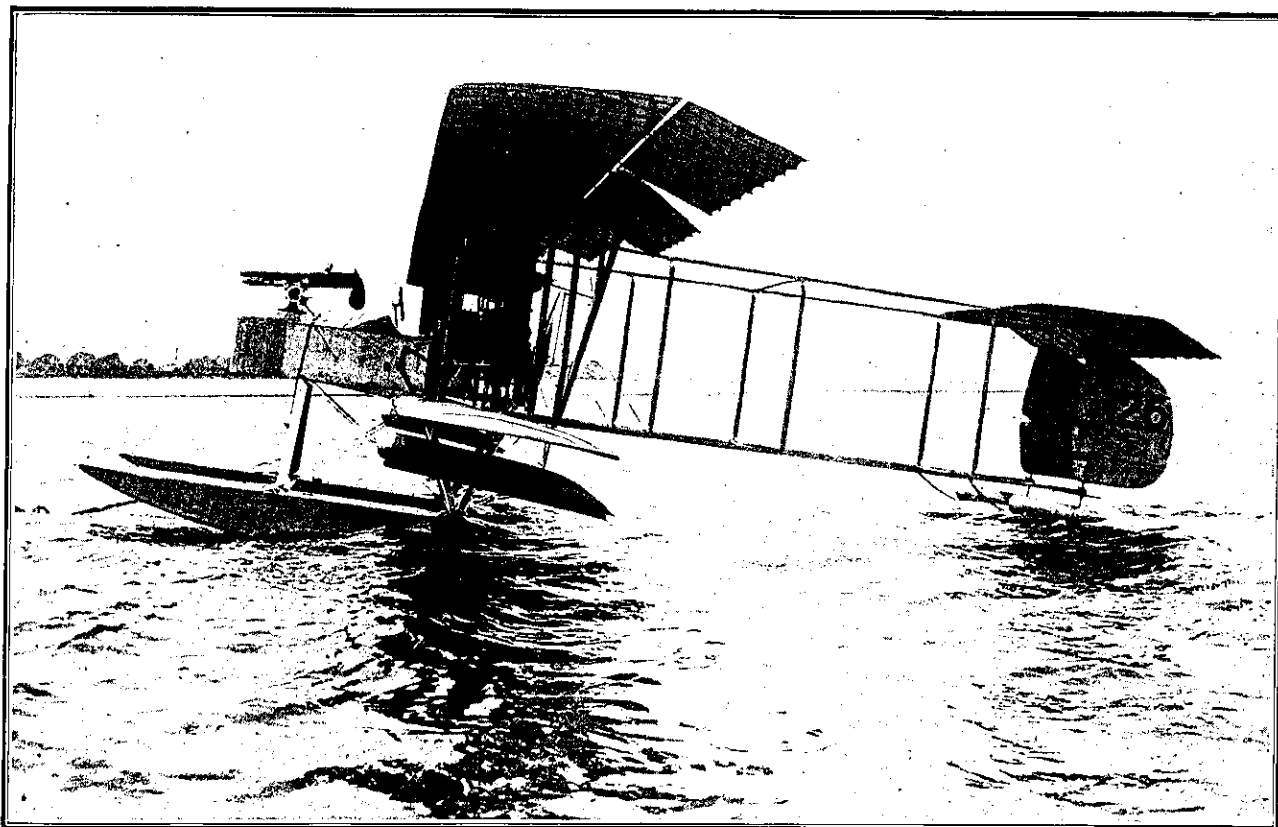
- 1—K. S. Williams' Multiplicity, 8.5 (B. Deeley)
- 8—The Nile, 7.0
- 4—Lady Daylesford, 7.4

Also started: Miss Kelly 9.3, 6 Sir Moutoa 7.0, St. Omer 7.0.

Multiplicity, who was always handy, moved up in the straight and won comfortably by half a length. Two lengths separated second and third. Time, 1min 14½sec.



MR. J. VIGOR BROWN, Mayor of Napier, who, after declaring the recent N.Z. Amateur Swimming Championship meeting at the Municipal Baths open, announced that a visiting "sport" had offered to give £5 to the Hospital if he (His Worship) would dive off the board and swim a length. "Here goes for the fiver," concluded Mr. Brown, as he dived in amidst applause. When he completed the length the applause was even greater.



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TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Te Aroha Jockey Club was commenced on Saturday. There was a record attendance, and good fields. The sum of £15,747 was passed through the totalisators. Results:—

RUAKAKA HANDICAP HURDLES of 100sovs; second 15sovs, third 10sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 1—J. Williamson's blk g Black Northern, by Salvadan—Asthore, aged, 11 7 (McFlynn) 1
7—T. Tooman's b g Barbwire, aged, 10 7 (Owner) 2
2—J. I. N. McKenzie's ch g Cloudy Dawn, 6yrs, 11 7 (S. Reid) 3
Also started: 3 Lady Sabretache 9 8 (Adolph), 5 Coronade 9 5 (Flynn), 10 Waingaro 9 4 (Collins), 4 Merry Dan 9 3 (Tillsley), 11 Golden Glow 9 2 (Anderson), 12 Starwood 9 2 (Waine), 8 Revelation 9 2 (Cox), 13 Pairere 9 0 (Henderson), 15 Red Hill 9 0 (Hall), 14 Overdale 9 0 (Martin), 6 Dunrobin 9 0 (Tutchen), 9 Starket 9 0 (Harvey).
Black Northern waited on the leaders and then came and won easily. Time, 2min 55 3-5sec.

TRIAL HANDICAP of 75sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. Five furlongs.

- 2—R. Hannon's b m Zulupin, 4yrs, by Lupin—Zulieka, 7 12 (Robinson) 1
1—T. B. Stewart's b g Don Castor, 4yrs, 7 10 (A. McFlynn) 2
4—T. Wilson's br m Manurere, aged, 7 12 (Stockley) 3
Also started: 5 Vallambrosa 8 4 (Tapp) and Pupura 8 3 (McDevitt), 11 Blue Rose 8 0 (Jennings), 14 Harenoa 8 0 (W. Ryan), 13 Glucian 7 13 (Chaplin), 8 Flying Feather 7 12 (Rice), 6 Monodon 7 12 (C. Brown), 7 Tararu Jack 7 11 (Conquest), 10 Otaraia 7 10 (Morris), 15 Mason Bee 7 10 (Henderson), 16 Maid of Orleans 7 9 (L. Brown), 12 The Whip 7 9 (P. Brady), 3 Red Pine 7 9 (McMillan), 17 Rine Lupin 7 9 (Mullins), 9 Catharina 7 7 (R. Brown).
Won by two lengths, same distance between second and third. Time, 1min 3 3-5sec.

DOMAIN HANDICAP of 85sovs; second 15sovs, third 10sovs. Six furlongs.

- 4—H. P. Smith's blk g Blue Garment, by Blueflight—Scamstress, aged, 8 10 (R. E. Brown) 1
1—Colin McLaren's br g Cheddar, aged, 8 13 (P. Brady) 2
3—W. J. McInnes' ch g Achilles, 5yrs, 9 8 (Tapp) 3
Also started: 2 Christmas Rose 8 3 (C. Brown), 5 Master Wairiki 7 12 (J. Conquest).
Won handily by a length, Achilles running wide and taking Christmas Rose out nearing home. Time, 1min 17sec.

TE AROHA CUP HANDICAP of 175sovs; second 20sovs, third 15sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 1—H. R. McKenzie's ch f Lady Penury, by Penury—Lady Gwen, 3yrs (C. Brown) 1
2—Mrs. Lennard's ch m Tangiwal, aged, 7 0 (H. Robinson) 2
6—M. B. Lusk's ch m Salvia, 6yrs, 6 12 (L. Brown) 3
Also started: 2 Jolie Fille 7 13 (Mc-

Millan), 4 Admiral Soult 7 5 (R. E. Brown), 5 Gloy 7 3 (Conquest).
Lady Penury was always near the head of affairs, and came away and won easily from Tangiwal, Salvia, Admiral Soult, Gloy and Jolie Fille finishing in order. Time, 2min 9sec.

FLYING HANDICAP of 70sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. Four furlongs and a-half.

- 5—T. Wilson's br m Manurere, by Musketry—Repetition, aged, 6 12 (Stockley) 1
1—C. Dawson's ch g Glad Tidings, 6yrs, 7 10 (Chaplin) 2
2—A. McArthur's ch m Ihapuna, 4yrs, 7 3 (Robinson) 3
Also started: 4 Genevieve 7 10 (Morris), 6 Bogey 7 8 (R. E. Brown), 3 Positive 7 7 (C. Brown), 7 Vallambrosa 7 0 (L. Brown), 9 Excavator 6 12 (Mullins), 8 Cordite 6 10 (Rice), 10 Acid Drop 6 7 (Jennings).

Won by a length and a-half, Glad Tidings faltering in the last half furlong, Ihapuna half a length away. Time, 57sec.

GORDON HACK HANDICAP of 70sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. Six furlongs.

- 2—W. Robinson's ch g Nicomar, by Spalpeen—Natafor mare, 6yrs, 8 6 (Morris) 1
6—J. Bettley's blk g Hamlet, aged, 9 2 (P. Brady) 2
1—Mr. Angus' br g Kauri King, 4yrs, 8 6 (McMillan) 3
Also started: 7 Hoppe 8 4 (Mullins), 8 Wairangi 7 13 (J. T. Brady), 10 Surrey Park 7 12 (Tapp), 16 Carlton 7 12 (Warner), 15 Peer Rosa 7 12 (J. Ross), 7 Pakarau 7 12 (McDevitt), 14 Sir Rosa 7 12 (Rice), 11 Brown Loch 7 12 (C. Brown), 12 Gluepot 7 10 (Oliver), 13 Silver Lupin 7 10 (Henderson), 2 Don Castor 7 10 (McFlynn), 4 Glenopal 7 10 (Robinson), 18 Maid of Orleans 7 9 (L. Brown), 19 Lisimore 7 7 (Stockley), 9 Glendina 7 7 (Kennedy), 5 Embers 7 5 (Conquest).

Hamlet led into the straight and after a good finish was beaten less than a length by Nicomar, Kauri King four lengths away third, Surrey Park fourth. Time, 1min 18sec.

WAITOA WELTER HANDICAP of 75sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 3—R. E. Wright's br g Glenspire, by Glenapp—Remorse, aged, 7 13 (L. Morris) 1
5—Mrs. Doleman's blk g Gold Fran, 4yrs, 7 9 (L. Brown) 2
8—R. B. Hine's b h St. Amans, aged, 7 12 (P. Brady) 3
Also started: 1 Worcester 8 5 (Conquest), 4 Parawai 7 10 (A. J. McFlynn), 7 Maui Nina 7 10 (C. Brown), 2 Gallupin 7 9 (H. Robinson), 9 Valentine 7 7 (R. E. Brown), 6 Ovation 7 7 (Chaplin).
Glenspire beat Gold Fran by a neck, St. Amans, who made the early running three lengths away, with Gallupin fourth. Time, 1min 30 1-5sec.

TOURISTS' HANDICAP of 70sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. Five furlongs.

- 1—J. Hartley's blk m Lady Middleton, by Glutea—Lady Minnie, 5yrs, 7 5 (C. Brown) 1
5—C. Walker's ch m Rosea, 4yrs, 7 3, inc. 10lb over (Conquest) 2
2—H. P. Smith's blk g Blue Garment, aged, 9 5, inc. 9lb rehan-

dicap (R. E. Brown) 3
Also started: 6 Positive 7 7 (L. Brown), 3 Ihapuna 7 3 (H. Robinson), 4 Signo 7 2 (Rice), 8 Pairere 6 7 (McDevitt), 7 Egotist 6 9 (Oliver).
Lady Middleton and Rosea had the finish down the straight to themselves, Lady Middleton winning by a neck, Blue Garment two lengths away third. Time, 1min 4sec.

SECOND DAY.

The weather was fine and the attendance was again large on Monday. The sum of £15,535 was handled at the totalisators, as against £11,064 10s on the second day last year, making a total for the two days of £31,282, compared with £22,537 10s. for the previous meeting. Results:—

MANAWARI HANDICAP HURDLES of 105sovs; second 15sovs, third 10sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

- 3—T. Tooman's b g Barbwire, aged, by Glutea—Chiara, 11 0 (Owner) 1
2—F. C. Hand's ch g Spalperion, 6yrs, 11 12 (Deerey) 2
1—J. I. N. McKenzie's ch g Cloudy Dawn, 6yrs, 11 10 (S. Reid) 3
Also started: 6 Lady Sabretache 9 5 (Adolph), 5 Merry Dan 9 4 (Tillsley), 4 Coronade 9 3 (Tutchen), 7 Waingaro 9 2 (Collins), 8 Golden Glow 9 0 (Anderson), 10 Starwood 9 0 (Warner), 9 Red Hill 9 0 (Hall).

Lady Sabretache was done with at the end of a mile and three furlongs, and Barbwire stayed just long enough to beat Spalperion a neck, Cloudy Dawn two lengths away. Time, 3min 22 2-5 sec.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 75sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 6—J. Love's b g Vallambrosa, by Extractor—Vieux Rose, 8 2 (C. Brown) 1
1—A. Wrightson's b g Tararu Jack, 5yrs, 7 9 (Conquest) 2
2—T. B. Stewart's b g Don Castor, 4yrs, 8 1 (McFlynn) 3
Also started: 3 Zulupin 8 12 (Robinson), 6 Pupura 8 8, inc. 5lb over (Ryan), coupled with the winner, 6 Sir Stroud 9 3, inc. 15lb over (Tapp), 5 Hoppe 8 1 (McMillan), 7 Otaraia 7 10 (Chaplin), 8 Waimui 7 9 (Stockley).
Won by a length, half a length between second and third, the others strung out. Time, 1min 29 3-5sec.

WAIHOU HANDICAP of 55sovs; second 15sovs, third 10sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—Mrs. Leonard's and G. Absolum's blk m Christmas Rose, by Soult—Vieux Rose, aged, 8 0 (Robinson) 1
4—W. Handley's br g Worcester, aged, 7 11 (Conquest) 2
2—W. J. McInnes' ch g Achilles, 5yrs, 9 8 (Tapp) 3
Also started: 3 Blue Garment 9 3 (R. E. Brown).
Won by three lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 1min 16 1-5sec.

JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 110sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. One mile.

- 4—M. B. Lusk's ch m Salvia, by Salvadan—Moira Macree, 6 13 1/2, inc. 1 1/2 lb over (L. Brown) 1
1—Colin McLaren's br g Cheddar,

aged, 8 6 (Brady) 2
2—Mrs. Lennard's ch m Tangiwal, aged, 7 7 (H. Robinson) 3
Also started: 3 Jolie Fille 8 2 (Conquest), 5 Gloy 7 0 (Chaaffe), 6 Ovation 6 9 1/2, inc. 2 1/2 lb over.
Won by two lengths, Tangiwal two lengths away third. Time, 1min 41 4-5 sec.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 70sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. Four furlongs.

- 2—C. Dawson's ch g Glad Tidings, by Gladstone—St. Mary, 6yrs, 7 12 (Chaplin) 1
1—A. McArthur's ch m Ihapuna, 4yrs, 7 3 (H. Robinson) 2
7—W. Dawson's b h Cordite 5yrs, 7 1 1/2, inc. 5 1/2 lb over (Martin) 3
Also started: 3 Manurere 7 12 (Stockley), 4 Genevieve 8 1, inc. 6lb over (McFlynn), 10 Bogey 7 5 (R. Brown), 5 Lady Thorn 7 4 (Conquest), 8 Signo 6 9, 5lb allow. (Rice), 13 Excavator 6 10 (Mullins), 9 Mangatete 7 10, inc. 14lb over (New), 14 Egotist 6 9 (Kennedy), 12 Monodon 6 7, 6 Bernie 6 7 (L. Brown).
Won by a neck, a length between second and third. Time, 50 2-5sec.

PIAKO HACK HANDICAP of 70sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. Five furlongs.

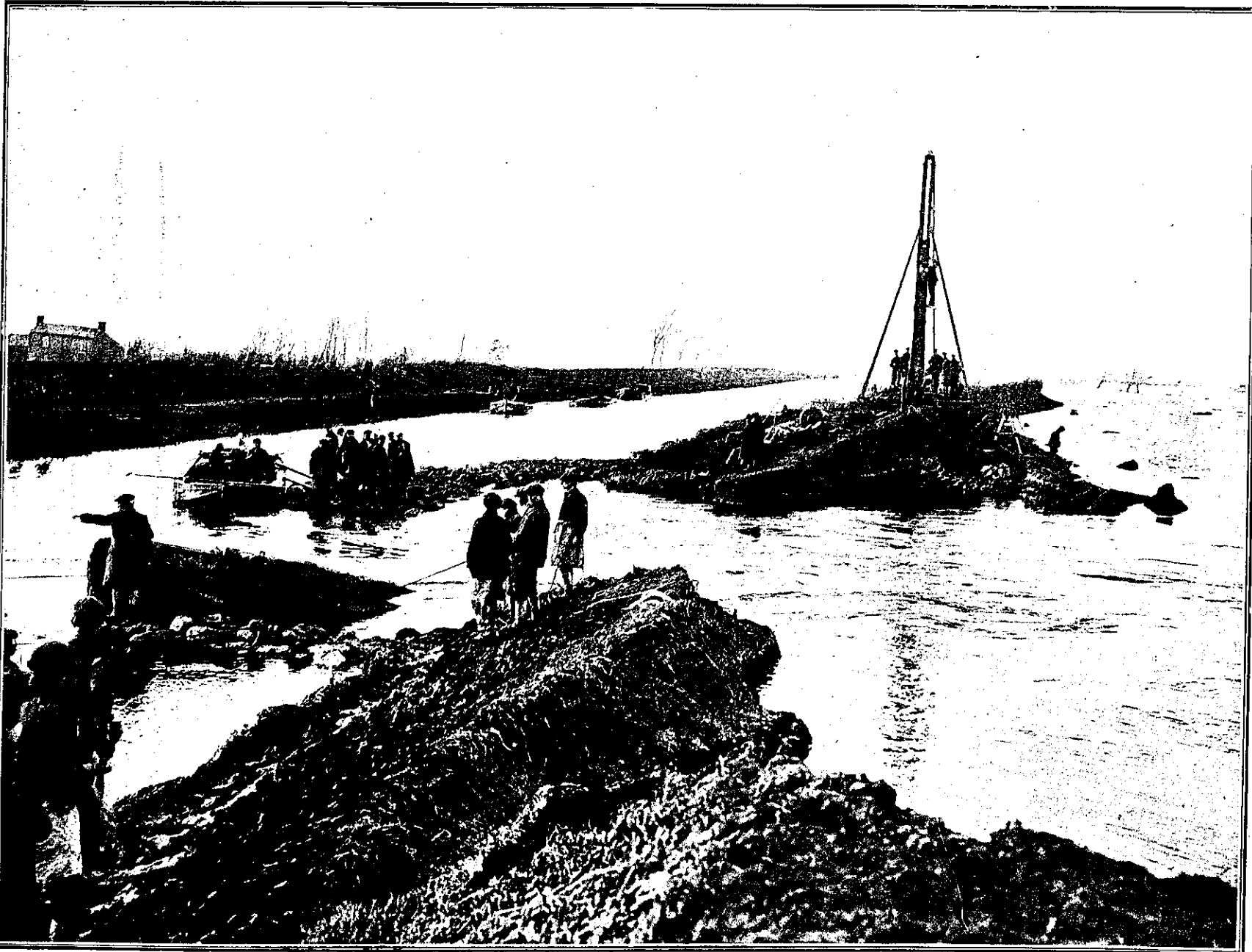
- 1—Mr. Angus' br g Kauri King, by Soult—Sawdust, 4yrs, 8 10 (McMillan) 1
13—W. H. Windsor's ch g Gluepot, 5yrs, 7 10 (Kelly) 2
10—J. J. Barrett's br g Glucian, 4yrs, 7 12 (Chaaffe) 3
Also started: 3 Hamlet 9 6 (Brady), 6 Nicomar 9 3 (Morris), 11 Starket 8 6 (Tapp), 9 Surrey Park 8 3 (Coleman), 4 Don Castor 8 6 (McFlynn), 2 Blueform 7 13 (Ryan), 17 Pakarau 7 12 (McDevitt), 18 Sir Rosa 7 12 (L. Brown), 7 Brown Loch 7 10 (C. Brown), 19 Peef Rosa 7 10 (Ross), 5 Glenspal 7 10 (Robinson), 15 Wairangi 7 10 (Brady), 16 Silver Lupin 7 10 (Henderson), 14 Lisimore 7 7 (Stockley), 8 Embers 7 7 (Conquest), 12 Catharina 7 7 (R. E. Brown).
Kauri King led all the way, but Gluepot came from a long way back and was beaten only a neck, Glucian and Nicomar next. Brown Loch fifth. Time, 1min 4 2-5sec.

TE AROHA WELTER of 75sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. Seven furlongs.

- W. J. McInnes' Achilles, 9 8 (Tapp) 1
B. Brewer's Gallupin, 7 9 (Robinson) 2
R. E. Wright's Glenspire, 8 12 (Morris) 3
Also started: Worcester 8 5 (Conquest), Admiral Soult 8 4 (R. Brown), Gold Fran 8 0 (A. McFlynn), Parawai 7 10 (Reed), Vallambrosa 8 0 (C. Brown), Valentine 7 7 (L. Brown).
Achilles was favourite.
Won by a head, Glenspire a length and a-half off, Gold Fran fourth. Time, 1min 30sec.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 70sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. Five furlongs.

- 1—J. Hartley's Lady Middleton, by Glutea—Lady Minnie, 8 3 (C. Brown) 1
2—C. Walker's Rosea, 6 10 (Chaplin) 2
N. Brown's Egotist, 6 9 (Mullins) 3
Also started: Manurere 7 12 (Stockley), Lady Thorn 7 4 (Conquest), Harenoa 6 9.
Won by a length, Egotist third, Manurere fourth. Time, 1min 3sec.



A WELL-KNOWN ENGLISH RIVER BURSTS ITS BANKS, CAUSING A SERIOUS INUNDATION—Through the bursting of the banks of the Little Ouse at Hockwold, Norfolk, many miles of country were recently flooded and sixty families driven from their homes. The above illustration shows the pile drivers trying to repair the breach.

HANDICAPS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The following weights have been declared by Mr. G. Morse for events to be run at the Auckland Racing Club's autumn meeting, which takes place on April 3 and 5:

EASTER HANDICAP, one mile—Pavlova 9.5, Ventura 9.6, Expect 9.4, Chortle 9.2, Emperador 9.0, Merry Roe 9.0, Jack Delaval 8.13, Rewi Poto 8.13, Tinopal 8.10, Kilvain 8.8, Bon Reve 8.8, Bedford 8.4, Mullingar 8.4, Colonel Soult 8.4, Goldsize 8.3, Downham 8.3, Prince Merriwee 8.2, Balboa 8.2, Lady Penury 8.0, Toreador 8.0, King Lupin 8.0, Mummer 8.0, Bertrada 8.0, Royal Irish 7.13, Monojack 7.12, Allegation 7.10, Blue-stone 7.10, Belasco 7.9, Beldame 7.7, Tact 7.6, Prince Soult 7.6, Bimeter 7.6, Red Book 7.5, Hyettus 7.5, Sir Mosley 7.2, Soultane 7.0, Tete-a-tete 7.0, Castalla 7.0, Achilles 7.0, Munster 7.0, Selection 6.12, Self 6.10, Pionnuala 6.7, El Gall 6.7, Salvia 6.7.

AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE, three miles—Captain Jack 11.13, The Chief 10.12, Black Northern 10.10, Vestal 10.8, Te Onga 10.7, Webfoot 10.2, Hauera 10.0, Scots Guard 10.0, Coronade 9.12, Sportsman 9.12, Waterworks 9.12, Sphinx 9.8, Ngatoa 9.7, Nat Lupin 9.7, Earwire 9.7, Lady Sabretache 9.7, Fireaway 9.7, Moehau 9.7.

BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE, two miles—Admiral Soult 12.5, Merrimax 11.9, Black Northern 11.3, Te Onga 10.9, Spaerlin 10.8, Cloudy Dawn 10.8, Tragedy King 10.7, Barbwire 9.10, St. Lewis 9.5, Monologue 9.5, Sphinx 9.4, G1 y 9.4, Lady Sabretache 9.2, El Gallo 9.1, Dandy Breeze 9.0, The Celt 9.0, Takanini 9.0.

ACCEPTANCES.

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB.

The following acceptances have been received for the first day of the Ohinemuri Jockey Club's annual meeting, which takes place on March 17 and 18:

MAIDEN HANDICAP six furlongs—Nicomar 8.8, Lady Lynette 7.12, Glucian 7.12, Blue arm 7.12, Glendina 7.12, Hoppe 7.10, Glenopal 7.10, Wairangi 7.10, Lady Soult 7.6, Don Castor 7.5, Brookfield 7.5, Bluepeter 7.3, Mangutee 7.5, Sir Rosa 7.3, Flying Feather 7.3, Lupin—futa colt 7.3, St. Jack 7.2, Silver Lupin 7.2, Lismore 7.1, Rexona 7.1, Mason Bee 7.0.

NETHERTON WELTER, about seven furlongs—Glenspire 9.6, Semolina 9.3, Master Wairiki 8.12, Parawai 8.12, Hamlet 8.12, Celebrity 8.9, Maui Nina 8.5, Matakana 8.4, Pupura 8.3, Sir Rupert 8.2, Blue Rose 8.2, Moreshore 8.0.

HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters—Cloudy Dawn 11.6, Pip 10.13, Dogger Bank 10.2, Golden Glow 9.2, Dunrobin 9.2, Starket 9.2, Merry Dan 9.2, Sir Stroud 9.1, Nimblefoot 9.0, Starwood 9.0, Stargaze 9.0, Pea Rifle 9.0, Dunskillen 9.0, Revelation 9.0.

KARANGAHAKE HANDICAP, five furlongs—Glenspire 9.8, Blue Garment 8.6, Hint 8.2, Eminent 8.0, Glad Tidings 7.13, Lady Middleton 7.10, Genevieve 7.10, Ihapuna 7.8, Lady Thorn 7.8, Positive 7.7, Kauri King 7.7, Bogy 7.6, Apellon 7.6, Vallambrosa 6.12, Arawa 6.10, Manurewa 6.9, Zennie 6.7, Dandy Breeze 6.7.

OHINEMURI CUP, one mile and a quarter—Phosphorus 8.5, Jolie Fille 8.5, Domino 8.1, Admiral Soult 7.9, St. Amans 7.4, Tangwai 7.4, Selection 7.3, Worcester 7.3, Gloy 7.1, Salvia 6.10, Goldmount 6.7.

KOMATA HANDICAP, six furlongs—Nicomar 8.8, Lady Lynette 7.12, Glucian 7.12, Glendina 7.12, Hoppe 7.11, Acid Drop 7.9, Wairangi 7.9, Don Castor 7.5, Brookfield 7.5, Sir Rosa 7.3, Peer Rosa 7.3, Carbiness 7.3, Flying Feather 7.3, Surrey Park 7.2, Catharine 7.2, Gluepot 7.2, Lenemoor 7.0, Wairangi 7.0, Brown Loch 7.0, Automatic 7.0, Muri 7.0, Sandy Lupin 7.0, Mason Bee 7.0.

PAEROA STEEPLECHASE, about two miles and a-half—Vestal 11.1, Ngatoa 10.13, Scots Guard 10.13, Coronade 10.4, Webfoot 10.1, Golden Glow 9.11, Barbwire 9.10, Miss Curtis 9.7, Wairangi 9.7, Nimblefoot 9.7.

ST. PATRICK'S HANDICAP, six furlongs—Achilles 9.7, Munster 9.1, Cheddar 9.0, Blue Garment 8.5, Glad Tidings 7.10, Lady Middleton 7.8, Kauri King 7.5, Salvia 6.10, Gallupin 6.10, Carbiness 6.7.

Holiday excursion tickets will be issued by rail in connection with the Paeroa races on March 17 and 18. Full particulars appear in our advertisement pages.

Auckland golfers are already availing themselves of the opportunity of brushing up their swing at F. G. Hood's Golf School in Smeeton's Buildings, Queen Street.

TURF TOPICS.

Lady Sabretache may stay better over country than over hurdles, but a mile and a-half over the little sticks is the limit of her tether just now.

Mr. C. C. Connor handled 93 horses on the opening day of the Te Aroha meeting and 77 on the second day at the barriers.

Lady Penury and Lady Middleton were odds-on winners in the races they won at Te Aroha.

The Te Aroha Jockey Club intend to keep on improving their track, and although they have put nearly 700 loads of black soil on the course proper, intend top-dressing the few bare spots.

Messrs. Lou Harris, Maxwell and P. Jones ran out as far as Mr. F. Marshall's place at Morrinsville, where Mr. Harris has an Elysian three-year-old being broken in. P. Jones also has a fine Bunyan juvenile being educated there.

Robinson spent a very pleasant afternoon among congenial surroundings there.

F. Tonge, at Ngaruawahia, has a couple of beautiful foals out of the little Soult mare Waihanu by Joe Chamberlain and Marble Arch, and the mare is in foal to Wauchope.

The Campfire gelding Embers, who is well named, may some day emerge from his seclusion in the back division of his fields, or rise Phoenix-like from his ashes, and reward some of those who have been spending their money on him on the off chance of some day getting a good dividend.

The sensation among the dividend payers at the Te Aroha meeting happened on the second day, when Gluepot, a half-brother to Cloudy Dawn, returned his lucky supporters nearly £30 when he ran second. The inevitable Chinaman presented his vouchers (£5) across the pay-out window, and a local popular medico had a like amount on "Billy" Windsor's gelding, out of the £16 invested.



REV. F. SINCLAIRE, M.A., who has been appointed to the "Lectureship of Classics," Melbourne University. Mr. Sinclair was educated at the Auckland Grammar School, and was a graduate of the New Zealand University, where he took first-class honours. He afterwards at Oxford won the Martineau Prize and the Williams Scholarship open to the graduates of all Universities.

The secretarial element was strongly represented at the Te Aroha annual meeting. Messrs. H. H. Hayr, R. Wynyard, C. F. Mark, F. D. Yonge, W. I. Conradi, E. Dye, E. Dyson and E. C. Nash were some that were present.

Falcon Lodge claimed a small quota of the sporting visitors who were present at the Te Aroha fixture. They inspected some very fine matrons and juveniles with the Soult blood, and were made welcome by Mr. and Mrs. John Lennard. Mr. and Mrs. Geo.

DUKE PAOA KAHANAMOKU.

FASTEST 100YDS. SWIMMER IN THE WORLD.

AN IMPRESSION.

(From Our Dunedin Correspondent.)

"Duke is the best surf rider in the Islands," says Mahele, and Mahele knows, for Mahele and Kahola are two of the best surfers in Hawaii, where surf riding is an art and the Hawaiians pre-eminent. "The best in the world are here,"

says Mahele. "Duke is wonderful; Kahola slower, not so graceful."

Duke, stretched out on the massage table, crooning as he enjoys the massage, lifts his head and smiles in my direction, while Cunha, awaiting his turn, nods in acquiescence. "Yes, Duke is wonderful."

"If he is as brilliant a surf rider as he is a swimmer," I ventured to remark, "he is indeed wonderful."

"More brilliant," says Cunha, and Cunha and Mahele know.

I gaze down at the athletic figure on the massage table—six feet of beautiful development, with not a muscle showing, as betokens the athlete in repose. Duke Kahanamoku is a perfect specimen of his race, which is noted the world over for its symmetrical proportions.

The rubbing down process finished, Duke dons a bath robe and loafs round waiting for the next race, while Cunha takes his place on the massage table.

"Yes; they get the same attention. It's easy to keep them fit this way, and their swimming does the rest. No, Duke does not train specially; naturally fit and healthy, his competition swimming keeps him in form and there is no fear of his going stale. Cunha goes in for more training, but he, too, is easily kept in form."

As he imparts the last touches to Cunha's preparation the manager rolls down his sleeves and coming to where I am sitting cheerily remarks, "Now that I am finished with the boys we can have a chat."

"Ready for the 100 yards!"

Duke unwinds himself from the bath robe and strolls to the entrance where Cunha has preceded him. It is as hot as a Turkish bath, but Duke shivers and runs playfully back to the massage room to return again in an instant. This time to line up with Cunha and the other starters.

A burst of cheering greets Duke, who smiles and bends down to dip his towel in the water and place it half over the glazed tiles at the starting end.

"What's he doing that for?" asks the Lady who went to see "the Duke" with me.

"I don't know; I'll ask Duke, but I expect it's to keep him from slipping at the 'take-off'."

"What's the 'take-off'?"

"The take-off—"

But my reply was drowned by the starter's stentorian "Go!" and Cunha's plunge as he duck-dived after the leaders, who had already got a 25yds. start and were nearing the first turn.

"The Duke," two seconds behind Cunha, poised for an instant, and at the word "Go!" hopped into the water much as a duck dives, taking the line of least resistance in order to get his stroke in quicker.

The leaders had dashed over the first lap, 33 1-3 yards, and turned before the Duke left the mark.

"He'll never do it," breathed the lady who went to see the Duke with me. I thought so, too, as I measured the distance with my eye and noted the big pull the leaders had, and that "the Duke," though tearing through the water at rare pace, had not started to swim yet.

"Wait till he starts to swim," I replied, my voice trembling with excitement.

"Hasn't he started yet?" innocently asked the Lady.

My reply was bitten off short as a brown arm shot out, touched, and a bronze-grey body with a black head just showing above the foaming water turned in a flash and, with shark-like swiftness dashed after the leaders, who were half-way down the home stretch.

It was "the Duke" who had just loosened out prior to starting to swim. Cunha was two strokes ahead of the Duke with only 15 yards to go, and the limit man a stroke ahead of the little Hawaiian.

"Cunha wins! Cunha wins!" roared the excited crowd, and at that instant the Duke started to swim!

The long brown arms extended to the full dived down with incredible swiftness, tearing great armfuls out of the water at every stroke, while the long brown legs, working from the hips in a rotary motion, thrashed the water into foam, leaving a wake 20 yards long, which hadn't closed when the Duke flashed past Cunha and touched a good length in front of his brother Hawaiian!

"Fifty-five seconds!" shouted the megaphonist; "a New Zealand record."

"He did win after all," said the Lady who went to see "the Duke" with me.



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TROTTING.

CANTERBURY NOTES.

(By Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent.)

F. Holmes has disposed of the trotting mare Miss Peggy to an Australian sportsman.

The success attending J. Bryce's visit to the Otahuhu T.C.'s meeting may induce other Canterbury trainers to pay visits to Auckland when there are no local meetings about.

At the last meeting of the New Zealand Trotting Association a letter was received from J. R. Corrigan, threatening to take action against the Board for £100, as the outcome of their refusal to transfer the horse Childstone.

The decision arrived at by the New Zealand Trotting Association last week

What is probably the last of the season's foalings to be recorded is that of the American mare Gardenia, who a few days ago foaled a colt to Bon Homme. The juvenile boasts of a very attractive pedigree, being standard bred on the side of both sire and dam.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The next meeting to engage the attention of trotting owners and trainers in the Auckland province will be the autumn fixture of the Auckland Trotting Club, which is set down for decision on Wednesday and Saturday, April 7 and 10. This gathering is liberally endowed with stake money, and is certain to attract a large number of visiting horses from the South. The principal event on the opening day is the Campbell Handicap (two

ern handicap horses to make the trip to Auckland, while the valuable stakes with which other events on both days are endowed will doubtless result in record entries being received for the gathering. Nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark, on Friday, March 26, at 9 p.m.

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of 6sovs, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows: 1sov if struck out by Friday, November 6, 1914, 2sovs if struck out by Friday, February 26, 1915. All horses remaining in after that date must pay their total subscription of 6 sovs on Tuesday, April 13, 1915. Winners after August 1, 1914, of any race or races collectively of the value of 100sovs to carry 3lb; of 300sovs, 7lb; of 500sovs, 10lb; of 1000sovs, 14lb extra. Maidens allowed 5lb. Progeny of mares that have not produced a winner at time of the closing of entries allowed 5lb in addition to maiden allowance, provided such allowance is claimed at time of entry. Nominations closed. Six furlongs.

5. LINTON HACK WELTER HANDICAP of 120sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and the third 10sovs out of stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a distance.

6. AWAPUNI GOLD CUP of 575sovs (a cup value 100sovs, and 475sovs in specie); second horse to receive 100 sovs, and the third 50sovs out of stake, and a further 25sovs to be deducted from the stake and to go to the Manawatu and West Coast Agricultural and Pastoral Association to supplement prizes for events calculated to improve the breed of horses. Weight-for-age. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 5sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

7. WOODHEY HACK HANDICAP of 120sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and the third 10sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlongs.

8. TELEGRAPH HANDICAP of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and the third 25sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY,

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1915.

To start at 11.45 a.m.

1. KAIRANGA HURDLES HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and the third 15sovs out of stake. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a-half.
2. STONYHURST WELTER HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and the third 15sovs out of stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Seven furlongs.
3. CLOVERLEA HACK HANDICAP of 120sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and the third 10sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Five furlongs.
4. MANAWATU STAKES (ELEVENTH) of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and the third 50sovs out of stake. For two-year-olds and upwards. Weight-for-age, with penalties and allowances. Winners after August 1, 1914, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250sovs to carry 3lb; of 500sovs, 5lb; of 750sovs, 7lb; of 1000sovs, 10lb extra. Maiden four-year-olds and upwards at time of starting allowed 10lb; three-year-olds, 7lb; two-year-olds, 5lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows, namely: 1sov if struck out by Friday, November 6, 1914, 2sovs if struck out by Friday, February 26, 1915. All horses remaining in after that date must pay their total subscription of 5sovs on Tuesday, April 13, 1915. Nominations closed. Six furlongs.
5. AVA HACK WELTER HANDICAP of 120sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and the third 10sovs out of stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and 55 yards.
6. LONGBURN HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs and the third 40sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
7. HACK FLYING HANDICAP of 120 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and the third 10sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlongs.
8. BOROUGH HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and the third 15sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Six furlongs.

PENALTIES.

HURDLE RACES.—The winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb, and for every additional race 7lb extra.

FLAT RACES.—In any race except Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (7th), Manawatu Stakes (11th), and Awapuni Gold Cup, the winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb, and for every additional race a further penalty of 6lb extra. Horses handicapped at \$10 and over to carry only half the above penalties.

Owners are responsible for all penalties and allowances.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS will close with the Secretary, at the Office of the Manawatu Racing Club, 11, Cuba Street, Palmerston North, on TUESDAY, March 30, 1915, at 10 p.m.

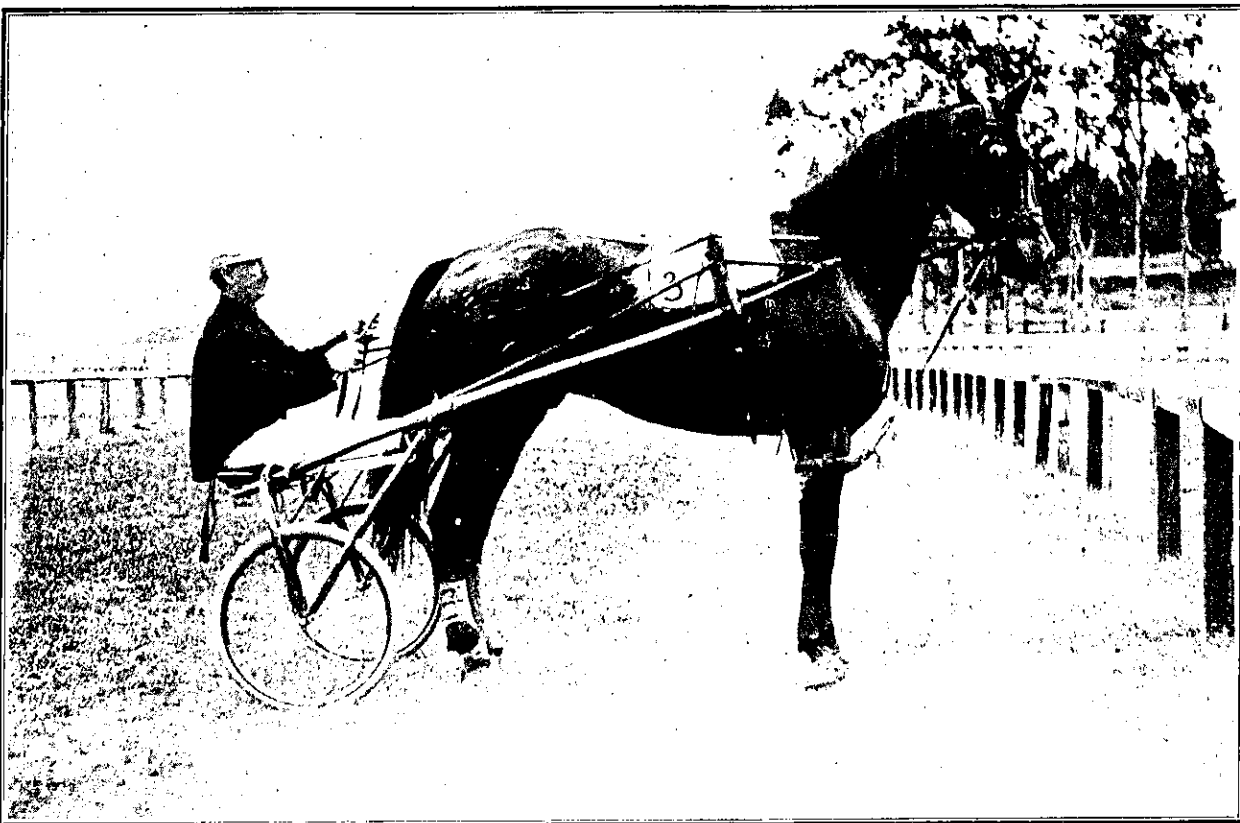
WEIGHTS for First Day's Races will be declared on or about THURSDAY, April 8, 1915.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day's Races and Final Payments for the Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (7th), and Manawatu Stakes (11th) will close with the Secretary, at the office of the Manawatu Racing Club, 11, Cuba Street, Palmerston North on TUESDAY, April 13, 1915, at 10 p.m.

WEIGHTS for Second Day's Races will be declared on WEDNESDAY, April 21, 1915, at about 8.30 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for Second Day's Races will close with the Secretary, at the office of the Manawatu Racing Club, 11, Cuba Street, Palmerston North, on WEDNESDAY, April 21, at 10 p.m.

Address: **THE SECRETARY,**
P.O. Box 52, Palmerston North.
Approved in accordance with the Rules of Racing this 5th day of February, 1915.—WM. HALL, Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club.
Telephone 105.



Mr. J. Meirose's b g TREASURE SEEKER, aged, by Rothschild—Flora, winner of the Farewell Handicap (one mile and a distance) on the concluding day of the Wanganui T.C.'s Annual Meeting.

in regard to licenses being held under assumed names will make it compulsory in future that all holders of licenses shall train and drive in their proper names.

miles), of 300sovs., for harness horses, while the Liverpool Handicap (two miles), of 250sovs., will be decided on the second day. These two events should induce some of the best South-

MANAWATU RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1915.

To be held at Awapuni Racecourse, Palmerston North, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, APRIL 21 AND 22, 1915.

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PROGRAMME:

FIRST DAY,

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1915.

To start at 11.45 a.m.

1. KARERE HURDLES HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and the third 15sovs out of stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and three-quarters.
2. MAIDEN PLATE of 100sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and the third 10sovs out of stake. For two-year-olds and upwards that have never won a race at time of starting. Two-year-olds, 6.12; three-year-olds and upwards, 7.11. To be ridden by apprentices who have not won six races. Apprentices who have not won a race allowed 5lb. Entrance 2sovs. Non-starters must scratch half an hour before starting time. Seven furlongs.
3. AUTUMN HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and the third 25sovs out of stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile and a furlong.
4. MANAWATU SIRE'S PRODUCE STAKES (SEVENTH) of 600sovs; first horse 400sovs, second horse 75 sovs, third 25sovs, and the nominator of the sire of the winning horse 75sovs, and the nominator of the sire of the second horse 25sovs out of stake. For two-year-olds. Weight 8.0. Geldings allowed 3lb. fillies 3lb; with penalties and allowances. The nominator of each stallion entered to pay 5sovs at time of nomination (Friday, August 8, 1913, at 10 p.m.). By subscription

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1. The natives take a keen interest in the New Zealanders' field kitchen. 2. The whares in which many of the members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force are quartered in their desert camp. 3. Parade of the First Brigade of the New Zealand Contingent on its arrival at the camp in Egypt. 4. Some of the men having their early morning shave. 5. Members of the machine-gun section of N.Z. Expeditionary Force at practice.



(By "Mid-On.")

The re-draw of the senior championship fixtures advanced another stage last Saturday, when the second series of matches came to a conclusion. It was really the semi-final in connection with the "unwritten" first section, and as it happened last season the premiership resolves into a struggle between Eden A, last year's winners, and Ponsonby, runners-up. Now that the selectors of the Eden Club have called up reinforcements from the B's, the final should provide a most keen and interesting contest. Some exception is taken to Eden for drawing upon the B team at such a stage. Needless to state, the Edenites are fully justified in calling up their very strongest eleven to uphold the honour of the district. Any objection to this method should be in allowing a district to pack teams so that the B team may be sufficiently strong, with the aid of two or three top notchers and a spice of good fortune, to upset the chances of a team, and perhaps put the A team into a good position for championship honours. On these grounds alone an objection might be made. In the case of Eden they did not benefit one iota in this manner; in fact, according to results they suffered, as Ponsonby gained an extra point against the B's, while Eden A had to be content with two points only.

The rain that fell during the morning did not affect the wicket to any extent, a strong wind doing the necessary drying, but during the afternoon the latter proved troublesome in instances where it was blowing across the wickets. In the matches in the first division of the senior contest the scoring was exceedingly low, only 320 runs being registered for the loss of a couple of dozen wickets, giving an average of barely fourteen runs per wicket—by no means a satisfactory performance. In the minor division the run-getting was in striking contrast to the "big guns," no less than 660 runs being the total for 14 wickets, or nearly fifty runs for each wicket.

At Eden Park the home A team, with a total of 292, had little difficulty in dismissing Grafton (62 and 137) again and scoring a three-pointer. On the same ground Ponsonby (242) easily vanquished North Shore (170 and 118), and had a three-point victory well within their grasp, but refused to take advantage on account of it making no difference to their prospects for championship honours. Eden B (404) gave Waitemata (144) another afternoon's leather hunting, and also secured an overwhelming first innings' victory by 260 runs at Victoria Park. Across the water University (330 for five wickets) accomplished a good performance against Parnell (251), and after an interval of four matches once more tasted the sweets of victory.

Two centuries were registered during the afternoon, Sauverin (Eden B), 138, and Taylor (University), 100, claiming the coveted honours. Other scores of note were registered by Graham (University) 78, Mason (Ponsonby) 70, Airey (University) 62, Bennett (Eden B) 56, and Beale (Eden B) 51. It will be noticed, with the exception of Mason—and his score was only taken from 46 to 70 last Saturday—that only the batsmen of Eden B and University figured in scores of note. Among the trundlers two excellent performances were achieved, Howden (North Shore) capturing eight wickets for 81, and Cummings (Eden A) being responsible for five for 37.

The following table shows the positions of the four teams in the higher division:—

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Ponsonby	9	7	2	12
Eden A	9	7	2	11
North Shore	9	5	4	3
Grafton	9	5	4	2

Eden A v. Grafton.

The weather, though cold, was delightful for the continuation of the match Eden A-Grafton. Requiring 230 runs to save the innings defeat, Grafton opened their second innings with McCormick and E. Horspool. The wicket was again somewhat erratic, but apart from this the batting was distinctly uncertain, Horspool giving a couple of chances early in the inn-

ings, while McCormick also showed some weakness on the leg side, where the ball frequently kicked in an awkward manner.

With the total at 61, Cummings came on in place of Taylor at the pavilion end, and the change was almost immediately effective. Horspool played all round a ball, which came back slightly from the off and found his timbers. The Grafton skipper is evidently feeling the want of practice, and is not batting with that confidence which marked his displays last year. Horspool registered five boundaries in his total.

W. Horspool joined McCormick, only to see the Grafton average holder succumb to Cummings. The ball came through quickly, and claimed the off pin. McCormick's best scoring strokes produced three chalk-line hits, but altogether the batsman failed to produce that form which gained him his numerous centuries earlier in the season. The batsman appears to be sacrificing his defence to the development of hitting shots. W. Horspool was never comfortable, Cummings claiming his third successive victim. Sloman followed a little later, Honeycombe getting his wicket with a swerving shooter which upset the off stump.

Baker and Stenson then became associated, the veteran treating Cummings' deliveries with little respect, hitting two sixes and two four in one over. Stenson showed considerable freedom, and after Baker's dismissal helped Haresnape to carry the total to the 120 mark. His dismissal came at the hands of Gilmour, who rattled down some fast stuff from the Kingsland end. Another moderate stand was made by A Sloman and Haresnape, but the former seemed unable to time accurately, Gilmour beating him with a fast one. The innings closed for 137, or 93 short of the required number.

The match calls for little comment. The Grafton batting was of the feeblest description, and at no stage of the game did they look like making a fight with the greatly strengthened Eden A combination. The wisdom of the association in acquiescing to the promotion or rather transferring of the "eyes of the B" team to the A eleven is, to say the least, open to question. The Eden A players would have certainly made an excellent showing without the assistance of such players as Honeycombe, Blair and Sale, the eleven being a distinctly formidable one, including as it did such players of note as Hemus, Brooke-Smith, Cummings, Taylor and Rowntree, all Auckland reps.

Had the Edenites won the championship with the original team they would have been the recipients of many congratulations, but the "late in the day policy" of weakening the B section has certainly estranged many of the club's supporters and has made cricketers in general look upon the whole business as not in the best interests of sport. It would certainly appear advisable in the future to make clubs declare early in the season the players constituting each team where two teams are entered from the one club.

Ponsonby v. North Shore.

With 177 on the slate for three wickets the westerners resumed batting, Wilson and Mason opening to Howden and Coleman. Wilson destroyed his sequence of big scores by failing to register double figures. Howden caught him in two minds and clean bowled him. With the addition of one run Taylor and Kavanagh each retired for the dreaded "duck." Howden was bowling in great form, the three wickets falling to him for one run.

The Ponsonby batting suffered in comparison with that of the previous week, Mason being the only batsman to show anything like freedom. Osborne (10 not out) was extremely lucky, the Shore skipper maintaining too good a length for him. McMATH, promoted in the batting list, snicked a single off Howden, and then landed a magnificent boundary straight over the wicket. In attempting a similar hit he was splendidly caught by Rankin on the outfield.

Mason's time had now come, Howden getting him l.b.w. The batsman played a crisp, accurate innings, perhaps not so brilliant as the exhibition against Grafton a fortnight before, but, nevertheless, brimful of merit. It is not often a player after a season or two's absence can return to form again, but Mason has proved the happy exception. His displays for Ponsonby this year have been particularly brilliant, and he should finish well up in the batting averages if he maintains his present form. Mason hit a splendid six across the leg boundary, together with the six

of the previous Saturday (two plus four for an overthrow) and nine fours.

Robinson defied Howden for many overs, the Shore trundler eventually closing the innings by getting Snedden's wicket. Howden (eight for 81) bowled in exceptional form, and kept the batsmen thinking throughout. He maintained a perfect length, while the cross wind made the flight of the ball difficult to follow.

In a minority of 72 runs, Shore opened their second venture with Rankin and Howie, McMATH and Mason being entrusted with the attack. McMATH early captured Rankin's wicket with a swerving yorker, which struck the batsman's foot. Howie was partnered by Dacre, who seemed to experience much difficulty in negotiating the Ponsonby swerve bowler. After registering a boundary and a brace, Dacre was clean bowled by a fast ball which kept low. Tattersall and Howie livened up the rate of scoring, Mason giving way to Kavanagh, and Wilson coming on at the Kingsland end with a special brand of slows. Howie almost immediately gave his wicket away by poking a ball, wide of the batsman, into Taylor's hands at point. Howie collected four boundaries in his quota.

Tattersall (26) showed good form, but when well set made a gift of his wicket to Ponsonby. Prime played the ball, which turned to leg a couple of yards. Tattersall called for an impossible run, Robinson throwing the wicket down. Prime's innings, though cramped in style, was extremely safe; his best scoring stroke was a late cut which twice brought the boundary. In attempting to pull a straight one (short pitched) from Kavanagh he gave an easy chance to Brinsden on the on-side. Prime hit four boundaries.

Coleman failed to score, Wilson tempting him to hit one to Worker, who made a good catch on the leg side. Howden (13) was uncomfortable to Wilson, the latter at last badly beating and bowling him. The remaining wickets fell cheaply, and the innings closed for 118.

Although they required only 47 runs and 40 minutes to play, the Ponsonby players rested content with their two-point win, as the extra point would not affect the result of the match with Eden A next week.

Cricketers are just now looking forward to the Easter vacation and the usual round of country matches, and already several visits have been arranged.

University v. Parnell.

In reply to Parnell's total of 257, University had a proposition of no mean order to overcome, and the manner in which they accomplished their task was much to their credit. Starting the day with 25 runs on the slate Airey and Caradus succeeded in taking the total to 96 before a separation was effected. Caradus (39) had batted steadily throughout, and in his score was only one boundary. Airey (62) gave a freer exhibition, making some fine strokes and hitting seven boundaries. He was missed at second slip half-way through his innings. The most prolific partnership was when Graham and Taylor became associated. Coming together at 127, the pair raised the total to 295 before the University skipper was caught by Slater. Graham (78) evidently meant business, as he was anxious about the rubber for the handle of his bat before the game started. It was successful as he was very enterprising and collected his runs quickly. Among his score were eight fours.

Taylor (100) played free and attractive cricket, making some excellent off strokes, although playing freely all round the wicket. He was smartly stumped just after reaching the coveted century. Included in his score were thirteen fours.

Parnell's bowling talent was severely taxed, no less than eight trundlers being tried and frequent changes were made. It was Stephen's (three for 54) slows that were most successful.

Eden B v. Waitemata.

As was expected after Waitemata's poor first innings effort at Victoria Park on Saturday last, Eden B's task of overhauling 144 was not a difficult one, the substantial total of 404 resulting. Beale and Bennett had opened prominently on the first day, putting on 69, so that Eden B on Saturday last ran up 335 runs in about two and a-half hours, the game being concluded on a first innings result well before closing time (6 p.m.).

Waitemata were again not at full strength, their bowling department being weak, wickets falling to the

promoted juniors, Metge and Cross, while the trundling was below senior form and without much sting. Waitemata's fielding was particularly weak, chance after chance being missed, the bowlers receiving practically no support in their uphill task.

Waitemata's weaknesses were availed of to the full by Eden's batsmen, of whom none more so than Sauverin, who, in compiling 138, was dropped time and again. Of course, correct batting under the circumstances was not the order of the day, but spectators were compensated by displays of vigorous and reckless hitting, and such appeared to be appreciated by the few onlookers.

Beale and Bennett, continuing their innings from the previous Saturday, still further improved Eden's prospects before dismissal. Shepherd (32) and Burton (14) made certain their team's win on the first innings. Sauverin's vigorous compilation of 138, though not of great value so far as the result was concerned, was characterised by aggressive play bordering on the reckless throughout. The batsman smote hard and often, his fireworks display being, if not orthodox and unblemished, at least spectacular and disheartening to the bowlers. Metge eventually beat him.

Con. Robinson's 43 and Somervell's 35 assisted in bringing up the final total of 404, both batsmen hitting out confidently. Waitemata were thus hopelessly in arrears on the first innings, and a two-point win was recorded to Eden B.

The young boy cricketer Charlie Dacre has performed brilliantly in cricket this season for Devonport School, Devonport C.C. (senior team) and Auckland representative team. He has played 31 innings and been "not out" on 12 occasions; his aggregate of runs is 1999 and average 105. He has knocked up 11 centuries, and in 10 of them he carried his bat. The centuries are as follows, all not out except last score:—140, 143, 108, 140, 114, 105, 107, 139, 107, 196, 188. "Charlie" requires one run only to have scored 2000 runs off his own bat this season—a result every cricketer aspires to, but very few attain.

ATHLETICS.

(From Cur Wanganui Correspondent.)

Henry Martis, the present New Zealand champion amateur sprinter, is running in great style just now, and it is confidently predicted that the Wanganui athlete will have little difficulty in again winning the 100yds. and 220yds. events at Wellington next Saturday. He has done some exceptionally fine trials, and his admirers claim that he is as near an "even" timer for the 100 as New Zealand has seen for some time, while he can run a great 220yds. Over those two distances he is nearly, if not quite, as good as Ronald Opie was at his best, and his friends expect him to show that he can also run the quarter at a great bat next Saturday. There is no doubt he is remarkably well, and is staying on better than ever, so that Wilton will have his work cut out to beat him over the 440yds.

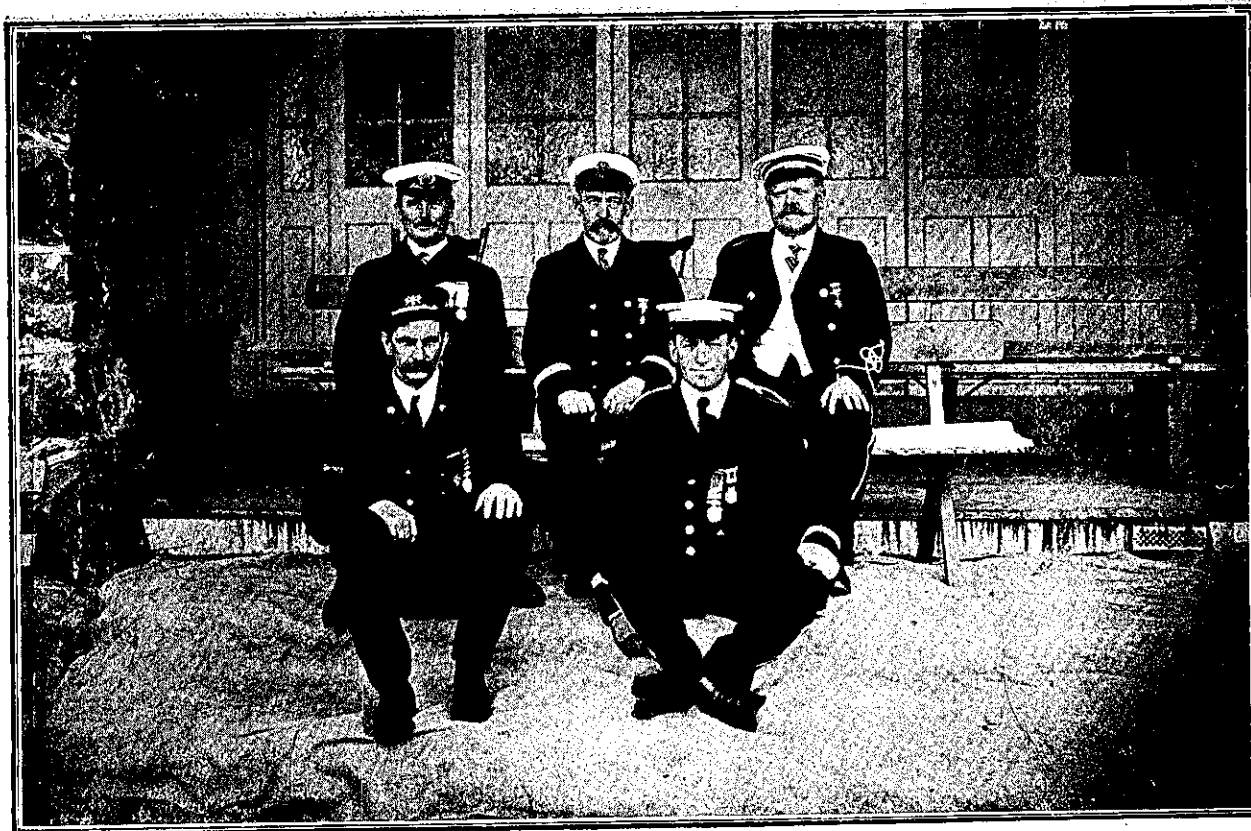
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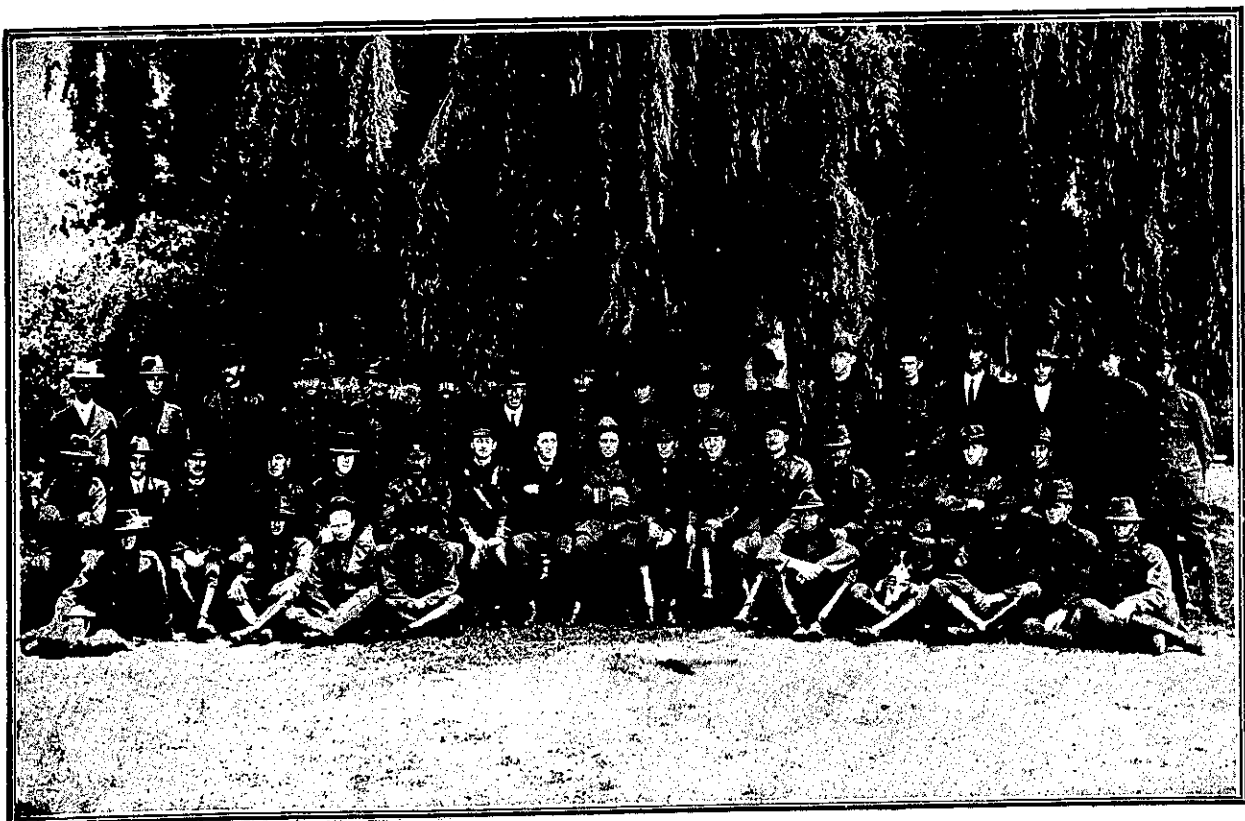
F. G. Hood intends fitting up a room specially for local golfers to practice in at Smeeton's Buildings, Auckland, introducing American indoor golf, the special feature of which is the putting green.



THE GREYTOWN FIRE BRIGADE COMPETING IN THE MANUAL EVENT AT THE FIRE BRIGADE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL DEMONSTRATION AT TIMARU.



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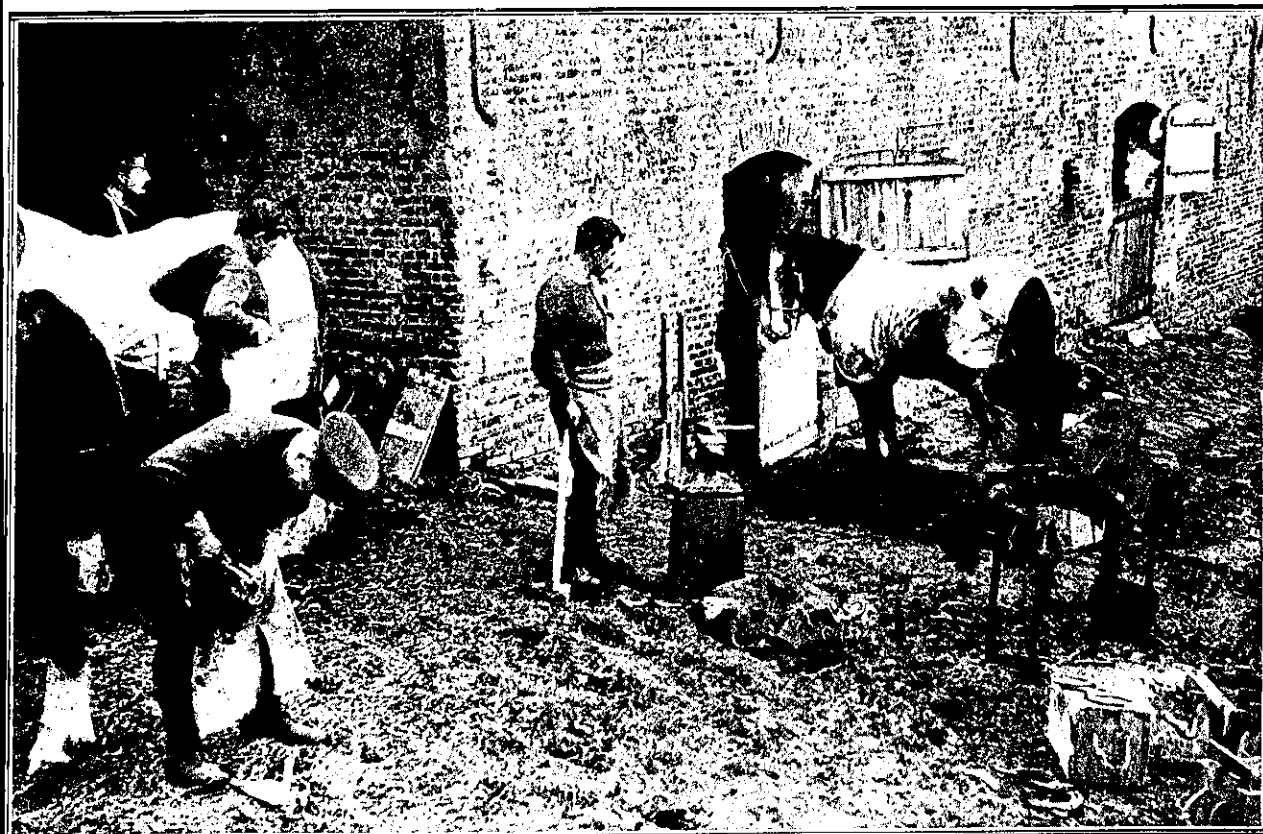
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BRITISH SOLDIERS ENJOYING THEMSELVES DURING A RESPIRE IN HOSTILITIES ON THE CONTINENT ON CHRISTMAS DAY.—A CAPTURED GUN UNDER THE MISTLETOE.



AUSTRALIAN TROOPS IN EGYPT—THE MEN MAKING THINGS SECURE FOR THE NIGHT ON ARRIVAL AT THEIR DESERT CAMP.



PREPARING ARTILLERY HORSES FOR THEIR HAZARDOUS DUTIES—BRITISH FARRIERS AT WORK ON THE CONTINENT.

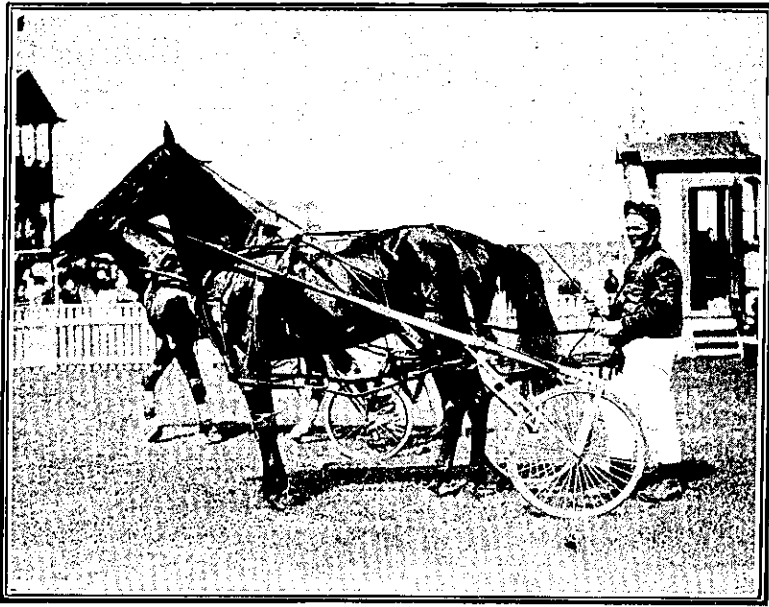


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THE SOCIAL WORLD



Mr. Joseph I. Brittain, Consul-General for the United States in New Zealand, has been appointed Consul-General at Sydney, in succession to Mr. John T. Bray.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brett, of Auckland, are on a visit to Christchurch.

Mr. George Innes has been appointed manager of the Bank of New Zealand in Gisborne, in succession to Mr. Vincent Pyke, who is retiring.

Mrs. Russell, who has been on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford, of Mendip Hills, Canterbury, has returned to Australia.

The Wanganui Jockey Club's meeting attracted a large number of feminine enthusiasts, many of them donning their new winter toilettes. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Howard Christie, Mrs. Izard, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Corliss, Mrs. and Miss Kerr, Mrs. W. H. Barnicoat, Mrs. Maurice Earle, Mrs. Robbins (Tauranga), Mrs. Harold, Mrs. Hope Gibbons, Mrs. and Miss Comyns, Misses Hindmarsh (Napier), Miss Cohen, Mrs. Arthur Lewis, Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Eric Riddiford (Wellington), Mrs. Reg. Collins, Mrs. J. R. Foster.

The marriage took place in the Presbyterian Church, Elsternwick, on February 10, of Mr. Charles Lowther Duigan, of Wanganui, to Miss Christie Neilson M'Coll, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M'Coll, Balshagray Avenue, Partrick, Glasgow.

Mr. D. Mills, manager of the Sydney branch of the Union Steamship Company, and brother of Sir Jas. Mills, arrived in Auckland last week on a visit. He was accompanied by Mrs. Mills and their daughter. They are the guests of Mr. Cariton Hay.

The engagement is announced in the "N.Z. Times" of Miss L. Goodman, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Goodman, of Cottle's Lane, Lower Hutt, to Mr. H. W. Le Comte, of the Royal New Zealand Artillery.

Dr. S. T. Champtaloup, professor of bacteriology at the Otago University, and Mrs. Champtaloup have returned South after a visit to Auckland.

Miss Ella MacNeil, M.A., who has been secretary of the Y.W.C.A. in Christchurch for some years, leaves shortly to pursue association work in China.

Dr. Barclay, the new superintendent of the Wellington Hospital, was the guest of honour at a reception given by the Pioneer Club. Dr. Platts-Mills was hostess.

Mr. C. E. Adams, New Zealand Government Astronomer, who is in residence at the Lick Observatory, Mount Hamilton, California, for a year, has had the degree of Doctor of Science conferred on him by the University of New Zealand for his thesis on "The Harmonic Analysis of the Tides."

A ward to the memory of Lord Roberts is to be attached to the Home for Crippled Children in London.

The engagement is announced in the "Otago Witness" of Miss Dorothy Tinewell, of Birkdale, Auckland, to Mr. John Johnson, late of Otago University.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Jellicoe, formerly of Wellington, returned to New Zealand last week after some years' residence in England.

The death of Mrs. A. G. Holland, wife of Judge Holland, of the Native Land Court, occurred on March 3 at Remuera. Mrs. Holland was the eldest daughter of Mrs. St. Paul, Parnell.

Mrs. J. Hannah and Miss Maxwell, of Wellington, gave a children's party in honour of little Cecil Haines and her associates of the "Seven Little Australians" Company. The guests had a right royal time, a treasure hunt affording heaps of merriment.

Mr. Allan Baker, of the Bank of New Zealand, Reefton, son of Mr. W. Baker, mine manager, Thames, was married on February 23 to Miss Elizabeth Loubere, daughter of Mrs. Loubere, Reefton. Miss Ethel Loubere was bridesmaid and Mr. H. J. Baker best man. Mr. and Mrs. Baker left for Christchurch after the ceremony, en route for Wellington. They will reside at Inglewood, where Mr. Baker has been transferred.

Dr. Agnes Bennett, Wellington, intends leaving for England at the end of the month. She will join the French Red Cross for service during the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Alister Clark, of Melbourne, are the guests of the Hon. R. Heaton Rhodes, at Otahuna.

Miss Nixon, matron in charge of the Waikato Sanatorium, has been accepted as one of the 50 New Zealand nurses who are to go to the front.

Mr. H. T. Ferrar, M.A., F.G.S., arrived in New Zealand last week from Egypt, where he has been in the Egyptian Geological Survey. He was geologist with the first Scott Antarctic expedition, and joined the Egyptian staff on his return.

The Auckland Patriotic League has granted £287 towards the relief works for the improvement of Grey Lynn Park. It is proposed to lay out three acres for a children's playground.

Christchurch is organising a "Cafe Chantant," for two nights this month, in aid of the Belgians.

The nurses of the Wellington Hospital have undertaken to give one day, and in some cases two days' salary per month for six months to the British and Belgian fund.

Christchurch "Sun" announces the engagement of Miss Ella K. O'Callaghan, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. O'Callaghan, Timaru, to Mr. A. Tomlinson, Awapiri, Marlborough.

Queen Alexandra has written to the executive of the Red Cross Society expressing her delight at the keen interest the women of New South Wales are taking in the work.

At St. Stephen's Church, Elsthorpe, Hawke's Bay, on February 24, Mr. John Stephenson, of Elsthorpe, was married to Miss Jessie Nunnie Priest, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. H. Priest, of Elsthorpe.

Mrs. Algar Williams, Wellington, entertained the vice-presidents and committee of the Plunket Society to tea at her residence, and on behalf of her guests presented Mrs. M'Vicar, the late secretary, with a silver salver and illuminated address.

A Southern paper announces the engagement of Mr. Noel Bignell, of Awakino, to Miss Patricia Bayly, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bayly, Stratford; also of Mr. Morris Domb, third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Domb, of Wellington, to Miss Violet Lyons, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Lyons, Stafford, Westland.

At the annual meeting of the Auckland Free Kindergarten Association Mr. L. J. Bagnall was elected president, and Mrs. Aubin and Mr. H. A. E. Milnes vice-presidents. The council consists of Lady Lockhart, Mesdames E. A. Robertson, A. Brown, P. Oliphant, W. Coleman, Messrs. H. G. Cousins, Tunks, S. Upton, Dr. McDowell, and the Rev. W. Beatty.

Mrs. Hume, wife of Lieut.-Colonel Hume, officer commanding the Auckland military district, is on a visit to Auckland.

The Christchurch branch of the Victoria League held a most successful annual meeting in the Art Gallery. Mrs. Elworthy, president, acted as hostess. Amongst those present were Mrs. Carey-Hill (secretary), the Mayoress (Mrs. Holland), Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Loughnan, Mrs. Wilder, Mrs. A. Rhodes, Mrs. Hanmer, Mrs. Westerra, Mrs. Julius, Mrs. Denniston, Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. A. Elworthy, Mrs. Truby King, Mrs. Wigram, Mrs. Pyne.

The Dunedin High School is holding a carnival by which the workers hope to raise £1000 for the Belgian Relief Fund.

Gorgeous costuming characterises the production of "Du Barry," Belasco's romantic historical romance, in which Miss Nellie Stewart is achieving another triumph. Every sartorial detail of the Louis XV. period is accurately presented, and the whole production savours of sumptuousness. The famous bedroom scene, which Miss Stewart handles so perfectly, serves to introduce some exquisite furniture. The room with its gold and rose du Barry trappings, the draperies, etc., and the bed itself, are valued at a high price, and make up a notable scene of splendour, elaborated by the costly negligee wrap of Miss Stewart (Du Barry), and the picturesque costuming of the court ladies as they pay their devoirs at the Petit-Lever.

Miss Nellie Stewart wears some charming frocks throughout the piece. She looks coquettish enough in the opening millinery scene to turn the hearts of all the King's Guards in her simple little pompadours and cunning caps. Later she subjugates the King in a lovely confection of bejewelled lace, made with flounced crinoline effects, the frills being bordered with tiny posies of pink rosebuds. This was enhanced with a redingote of rose pink quilted satin, richly embossed.



MADAME LINA CAVALIERI, the famous opera singer, who is tending wounded soldiers in Paris. Cavalleri has been described as "the world's most beautiful woman."

Mrs. R. F. Chadwick, of Wellington, is on a holiday visit to Dunedin.

Mrs. Todd, Invercargill, has been on a visit to Lady Gibbes, Wellington.

Mrs. D. W. Duthie and Miss Duthie came up from Wellington last week on a visit to Auckland.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius McAuliffe, of Temuka, celebrated their golden wedding on February 19. A large reunion took place.

Mr. A. E. Belcher, M.A., late headmaster of Christ's College (Christchurch), who is now at Home, has been appointed to the 9th Service Battalion, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

The wedding took place at St. James' Church, Sydney, recently, of Mr. Joseph Henry Claydon, second officer of R.M.S. Moana, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Claydon, of Onehunga, New Zealand, to Miss Minnie Marjorie Norton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Norton, of Annandale.

The wedding took place in the Jewish Synagogue, Wellington, on March 3, of Miss Golda Harris, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Harris, of Napier, to Mr. Coleman Lust, of Hastings, second son of the late Mr. M. Lust, of Palmerston.

Archdeacon Calder, who has been forty years in Auckland, and who for fifteen years occupied the dual position of vicar of All Saints and Archdeacon of the diocese, has resigned the latter position, in order to devote himself more closely to his parochial duties.

Mr. Reuben King, of Taita, 85 years of age, has enrolled in the National Reserve. He was present at the reception given in Wellington to the Duke of Edinburgh.

At St. Mary's Church, Addington, on March 2, the wedding was celebrated of Mr. Leslie R. Hanna, eldest son of Mr. R. W. Hanna, Division Street, Lower Riccarton, and Miss Mary Dixon, third daughter of Mr. T. Dixon, Clarence Road, Lower Riccarton.

SINGING MADE EASY.

MADAME WIELAERT IMPARTS THE SECRET.

Singing aspirants who would like to do away with the drudgery of learning should see Madame Wielært on the subject.

Madame has just returned to Auckland fresh from a course at the famous Ffrangcon-Davies School of Singing, London, and is warmly enthusiastic over the methods taught by the principal, Mr. Redgewell Dansie.

"His system does away with registers," Madame told a "Review" representative. "In fact, in his lexicon there's no such thing as a register. A pupil should be able to go from one end of the compass to the other and take notes without any difficulty. The old idea of taking breath is exploded. There should be no striving for top and low notes, no worry about breaks.

"I frankly admit I used to teach 'registers' myself," continued Madame. "But we live in an age of progress. There is always something to be learned. Of course, the person who says what was good enough fifty years ago is good enough for him, never gets any further. One must have the courage to throw aside old ideas and assimilate new.

"There's too much effort altogether in the old methods. Relaxation is the keynote of the Dansie system. Absolute relaxation! The mind is brought to bear on the vocal powers. The system is meant to stimulate nature and bring out the best in one. It grips you and fascinates you. It is graceful, easy, and beautiful. You just glide from one note to another. Mr. Dansie has solved the problem of the short cut to knowledge. A five years' course in the old methods means one year in this. Like every other invention, it's easy enough when you know how! I can't give away any more secrets, though. It was a revelation to me, and I am keenly anxious to impart it to others. When you know it, you simply have to sing!"

Lady Rawson returned to Wellington last week after a trip to England.

Madame Wolfcarius, who was Miss Eva Pearse, of Sydney, and who has been living in Belgium for some years, returned to Australia last week, and gave a Sydney reporter an interesting account of the sufferings the residents had gone through. The interviewer mentioned that there were people in Sydney who still refused to believe the stories of German atrocities. "Are there, really?" said Madame Wolfcarius, surprised. "I could give you case after case of mutilation and other maltreatment of women and children. Some of the excesses and outrages have been truly awful. In some cases eyes have been gouged out. No friend of the Belgians who knew their lovely little country before the war could see it now without crying."

Paris has hit upon a new greeting. When a woman meets another in the street she says: "Have you adopted a wounded soldier?" If the reply is in the affirmative the women feel themselves social and moral equals. But if it should happen to be in the negative the poor neglected culprit is an outcast of the worst kind. This habit of "adopting" wounded soldiers has become widespread among wealthy Parisians.

London sayings, like music-hall songs, have generally but a short life (remarks the London "Daily Chronicle"). "Has your mother sold her mangle?" "Who shot the old dog?" and "How are you off for soap?" survive only in old novels. Some, however, are revived with slight alterations. The expression of dissent emphasised twelve months ago by "Not in these trousers," used thirty years ago to be conveyed by the tag, "Not in these boots." One street saying, still heard occasionally, dates back sixty years. At the time of the 1851 exhibition the excessive fatigue and weariness stamped on the face of everybody who wanders about huge exhibitions became in that year a source of amusement for the London street boys, and took the form of their calling as they passed, "How's your poor feet?"

The death occurred in Melbourne recently of Miss Lily Dampier, a well-known Australian actress. Miss Lily Dampier was a daughter of the late Alfred Dampier, and the wife of Mr. Alfred Rolfe, who played leading roles in his father-in-law's company, which toured throughout Australia for several years. Deceased was last in Auckland with the "Robbery Under Arms" Company some years ago.

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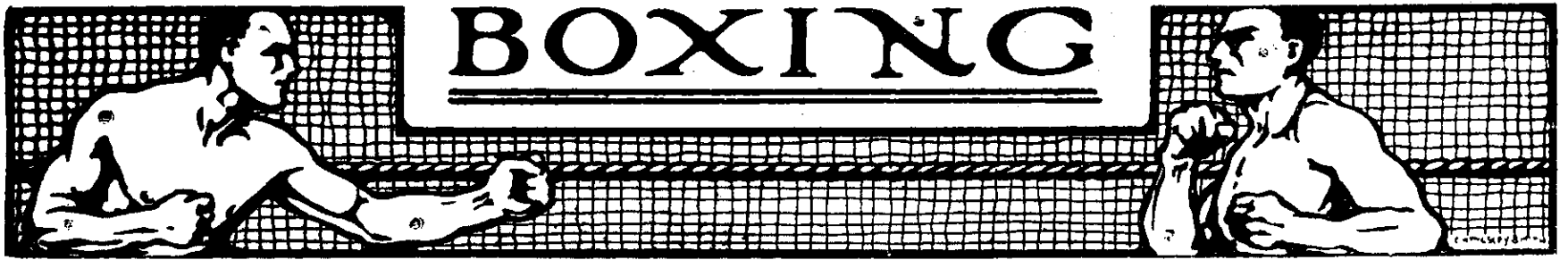
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WORLD'S MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

JEFF SMITH DEFEATS KING.

A DISAPPOINTING EXHIBITION.

The long-awaited meeting of Jeff Smith, the top-dog Yankee middleweight, and Mick King, who holds the Australian title in the same division, took place at the Dudley Street Stadium last Saturday evening (writes the Melbourne correspondent of the Sydney "Sportsman"), but though Smith fully justified the reputation as a skilful boxer that had preceded him, the contest was disappointing as a world's championship affair. When the pair first met in Sydney on November 28 last, the referee decided in favour of King. Many cavilled at this decision, and, if he shaped no better than he did in Melbourne on Saturday night, it was no wonder. The return match took place on Boxing Night, and this time Smith won. Saturday night's scrap was therefore to decide the rubber, and, on paper, was the very best fixture that could have been chosen for the opening of the Stadium.

The front rows of the ringside chairs were full, but not the back ones, while there were two or three vacant patches on the side benches, so that, though the building holds 8000, there were about 6500 present to cheer first King and then Smith, who made his appearance close on the Australian's heels. King had with him Patsy Burke, Ed Williams and Herb McCoy, while Al Lippe and Mat Daly were in the forefront of Smith's retinue. Smith's face looked decidedly pale and drawn, but when dressing gowns were thrown off he showed by far the better developed body of the two. King has a typical pug's face, but his body is of rather slender build for one of his weight. Smith, on the other hand, has anything but a fighting face, but his body, particularly his chest, provides a perfect model of active strength. The weights were announced: King, 11.2½; Smith, 11.4¼; and then the referee at last forbearing to lecture the men at ring centre, the first gong clang.

"Oh, beauty and the beast!" yelled a back bencher as the men shaped up. The flow of sarcasm thus begun continued right throughout, and it often seemed as though the boxers themselves were taking the affair no more seriously than the onlookers. King looked decidedly nervous at first, and shaped very cautiously. Smith was the first to score, connecting with left and right to the head, but thereafter he devoted practically all his attention to the body, which did not look as though it would stand overmuch battering. King tried a few light taps to the face, showing that he is possessed of a smart straight left, but one with no power behind it. Smith took to plunking solid lefts to the stomach and ducking, ever so slightly, but effectively, the counters. This continued a feature of Smith's work all through. He seemed to anticipate most of King's half-hearted returns, and slewed or bobbed just enough to miss them. Mick's ribs were well rattled early in the second round by a right that had all the weight of the Yank's muscular shoulder behind it. The men then fell into a clinch, and King opened up a new attack, flipping the back of the glove—often the heel—to the upper part of Smith's face. These clips had the effect of bringing the blood slightly from Smith's nose by the time the third session was entered on, but while King was keeping up this rather tantalising attack—as often as he could get his hands free from Smith's clever claiming—his opponent was sending in both hands short and solid to the stomach. The back-benchers were thus early getting tired of the comparatively tame tactics shown, and yelled sarcastically. Smith closed the round with a left to the ribs, and then a fine right that landed high up on the jaw. King began to brighten up on the opening of the fourth round. He lost some of his nervousness, and scored with a good right uppercut, but when he tried a mighty swipe, he hit air, and swung clean round as on a pivot. King's left now began to find

its way under Smith's right arm, and once it got there it was kept there by Smith, though Al Lippe kept growling from the corner that it was King that was holding. Though keenly watching for any opening that might offer itself, the men were both smilingly good-natured, and more than once exchanged apparently joking remarks. Just as Smith paid practically all his attention to the Australian's body, so the latter made the Yankee dial the sole target for his love-taps. Smith made Mick blink with a lovely right cross early in the fifth, and he immediately assumed a smother that completely puzzled the Australian, who looked in vain for somewhere to drop his uplifted hand. In-fighting ruled for the greater part of this session, and in this Smith showed himself very adept at neutralising his opponent's efforts. Wriggle and pull

the eleventh, but Smith looked as though he were waiting confidently for something that was coming, something he knew would be his. Throughout round 12, King seemed content to be keeping the claret dripping from Smith's nose, but in the thirteenth he livened up considerably, and played his straight left so often that he made the points for the round even, all those going before having been Smith's. He kept these up in the fourteenth, and then brought his right into action as he got closer in. At short range he then made merry play with both hands to the side of the head, until Smith put the brake on with a stiff left in the stomach. Head to head, King again scored freely with short jabs with either hand, but a couple of rights that Smith then planted in the pantry had more sting in them than had all the others put

then the cheers were as loud as the hoots had been. Why the mob were so antagonistic to Smith it would be hard to say, for he fought cleanly and cleverly to score a points win, and he effected his purpose.

JIM CORBETT VISITING AUSTRALIA.

"A WONDERFUL MAN."

HISTRIONIC TALENT.

James J. Corbett, the world-famous boxer, arrived in Sydney on Monday by the R.M.S. Sonoma, under engagement to Mr. H. D. McIntosh for a season over the Tivoli circuit, which takes in the leading centres throughout Australia. The following brief reference to Jim Corbett's remarkable career, from the pen of Marion T. Salazar, of the San Francisco "Bulletin," should prove interesting reading:—

When you come to think about it, James J. Corbett, who is coming to San Francisco within the next few weeks to fill a theatrical engagement, is a most wonderful man. Corbett whipped John L. Sullivan 22 years ago, and he hasn't stepped into a prize ring for an actual contest since 1903, when he boxed Jim Jeffries and was beaten; and yet to-day, we are reliably informed, Corbett has a contract with Alexander Pantages, calling for a salary of 750 dollars a week for appearing nightly on the stage. Think of it—750 dollars a week for an ex-champion who hasn't donned a glove for over 10 years! Perhaps Jim Jeffries would not like to be getting that money. Yes, we know; Jeff doesn't like the stage. But still we'd bet that if some theatrical man shook a contract calling for six hundred bucks a week under his big jaws Jeffries would do some hard thinking before he turned the offer down.

And Bob Fitzsimmons—poor old freckled Bob—imagine what he'd do if somebody offered him a 750 dollars stage job. We can picture Ruby Bob, who just a few months ago was begging that he be allowed to take a beating for a few paltry dollars, falling on the shoulder of the man making him the offer and shedding tears of gratitude.

But Corbett, who was a champion before either Fitzsimmons or Jeffries, is still getting big money, and, from all indications, will continue to do so until he decides to retire from the stage, which is not likely to be for a good many years.

OLD-TIME FANS AND JOHN L. SULLIVAN.

Corbett, of course, is a genteel and brainy fellow, but he started his championship career with a handicap of having whipped John L. Sullivan. That was a most heinous offence, for which many an old-timer has never forgiven him.

Just the other day the writer met a grey-haired fan, a physician, who attended fights in the days when men battled on the sod with their bare fists. The conversation drifted to more modern ring encounters, and a remark was passed as to Sullivan, a mighty bare-knuckle fighter, having been whipped when he tried to box Jim Corbett with gloves.

"I beg your pardon," remarked the physician, drawing himself up to his full height, "but Corbett did not whip Sullivan."

We looked at the physician curiously. It was difficult to understand why he should attempt to dispute such a firmly established historical fact.

"What Corbett did whip," the man of medicine finally said, "was a big whisky barrel. If Sullivan hadn't drank booze until he burned out his stomach I think he'd be whipping them yet. Corbett could no more have whipped the real John L. than I can whip Sam Langford."

The physician, as stated, was grey-haired, and, like thousands of other old fellows, has never forgiven Gentleman Jim for having whipped the supposedly invincible John L.

But notwithstanding this handicap, and it was indeed a big one to overcome, Corbett has gone ahead and received big money for his stage work, and while so doing has seen many



CHRISTMAS DAY IN EGYPT—A trio of New Zealand Soldiers out for a camel ride. The native is a Bedouin.

how he would, at times, King could not get his gloves free from the twining embraces of the other, and when he did, four efforts out of five landed on the Yankee's gloves or arms. In fact, it almost seemed sometimes as though Smith had an extra eye or two, and could see what was coming. From genuine in-fighting, they fell to scrambling in the sixth round, and during the subsequent interval Vic Newhouse advised both men to liven up. "It's no fight at all so far," he told Smith, but the warning hadn't much effect. In the seventh, King, trying to reach the face with the left, got a tremendous right rip in the stomach. He kept on chipping up with the back of his right glove, while Smith slammed him hard in the stomach. The fight was still far from championship level during rounds eight and nine, the men holding conversations, and Smith once blowing his nose with his right while he launched a left at King's face. The latter was now leading very half-heartedly, and seemed quite content to fall into a clinch. Round ten was only notable for a lovely straight left that jerked King's head back, and then a lackadaisical mood overtook the pair again. "Do some boxing," begged Vic Newhouse as they scrambled through

together. This was King's best round, and the only one he won. In the fifteenth Smith again asserted his superiority, temporarily neglecting King's body to poke lightning straight lefts in his face. King landed well with both hands to the head in the sixteenth at fairly long range, but when he tried to repeat the dose Smith ducked out of danger. The seventeenth round was extremely tame, while the eighteenth saw a long wearisome spell of writhing with interlocked arms. Just before the gong, Smith swung a terrific right to the chin, but, luckily, King just back-moved with an inch to spare. After a lot of ineffective clinching in the nineteenth, the pair stood posing toe to toe for fully ten seconds, the while the crowd asked when the fight was going to begin. When they shook hands for the final round, they cracked a joke, and Newhouse had to soothe them on to their work. Smith smiled practically the whole round through, and at the end smiled more still when Newhouse patted his head. Then there was a roar, and any spiders that may have been spying out a home in the new roof were certainly scared by the storm of hooting that lasted for some time, stopping only when King was ready to leave the ring, and

world's champions in the various divisions come and go.

With some persons, principally with those who were just beginning to take an interest in boxing when Sullivan was whipped, Corbett has been popular.

But this popularity in itself would certainly not have been sufficient to keep Corbett before the public this long did he not possess histrionic talent.

And in addition to this talent Corbett, as stated, has brains. He was the first to realise that the man who hoped to whip Sullivan must not attempt to slug with him.

And when he went on the stage he promptly realised that if he expected to remain in the business he must eliminate the boxing part of his act.

"There is no more reason why people who come to see me act should expect to see me box," the ex-champion explained, "than there would be for people who go to see me fight to expect me to don my make-up and do a monologue from the ring."

Thus Corbett used his head outside as well as inside the ring. He figured that if he boxed on the stage every night people would soon tire of him. And it's this sort of thinking which won for Gentleman Jim the heavy-weight championship of the world that is now keeping him in a 750 dollars a week job.

GENERAL NOTES.

Frank Ellis is another whom the mob of self-styled champions appear scared of (remarks the Sydney "Sportsman"). The natty little New Zealander can't get a fight at all and he's won every battle but one that he has had since he came back to Australia. Why not match Frank and Harry Raff? They'd make a great fight, sure. Anyhow, Raff will take on any lad in Australia up to 9st. 4lb., and is ready at a moment's notice.

Jack King, the Sydney ex-amateur featherweight boxer, who journeyed to Auckland several years ago and won the Australasian championship in his class, is reported to have finally decided to participate in a professional match early this month at the Olympia Stadium, Sydney, when Eddie Miller, of California, will be his opponent.

At a meeting of the management committee of the Wellington Boxing Association last week, it was decided to send a cablegram to the Australian representative (Mr. W. Lawless), inquiring as to the terms on which Denny Murphy would come to New Zealand to meet the welter champion (Mitchell), and as to the terms on which a match between Frank Ellis and Sid. Russell could be arranged for Wellington.

Bombardier Billy Wells, heavy-weight champion of England, victim of Carpenter (twice), Al Palzer, Gunboat Smith, and even that shocking performer Gunner Moir, though he afterwards reversed this, has, we are informed by cable, been matched to fight the big American, Frank Moran, in London (probably at the N.S.C.) twenty rounds, for a purse of £700, on March 29. It is a big drop from £2000 to £700, but little fish are sweet, these days of war; and both Moran and Wells have evidently come to that conclusion.

Alf. Bromwich, the well-known New Zealand lightweight boxer, is at present employed at Cessnock, writes a Newcastle (N.S.W.) correspondent. He is out with a challenge to any lightweight in the Northern District for a substantial side bet. Bromwich is not unknown in these parts, having fought Ted Moroney and Tom Fitzpatrick some time back. He claims to have engaged in 87 contests, winning 70 and losing 15, whilst two were drawn. Alf claims to have outboxed Bob Turner for twenty rounds at Wollongong when the latter surprised Australia by putting up great battles with Summers, Kay and Morey. He says he is willing to fight either at Cessnock or Maitland, at an early date, and mentions Billy Hannan and Clarrie Green as suitable opponents.

Harold Hardwick, the crack Australian swimmer and all-round athlete, who, it will be remembered, won the amateur heavyweight boxing championship of the British Empire when on a visit to England several years ago, will very shortly make his appearance in the ring in Sydney as a professional. Since joining the ranks of the professional boxers, Hardwick's training has been watched with intense interest by boxing followers, and it will be no surprise to learn

that his match with Les O'Donnell on Saturday last in Sydney attracted a bumper house.

After signalling his return to the ring with a brilliant victory gained over Ben Doyle, Dave Smith has decided to quit the game for good, and will not on any account be induced to fight again in public.

On Saturday next (March 13) the aboriginal boxer, Jerry Jerome, will meet the South African heavyweight, Fred Storbeck, at the Brisbane Stadium. Jerome has not fought for some time, and his meeting with the South African is being looked forward to by Queensland enthusiasts.

A San Francisco critic pens the following interesting epistle to Mr. W. F. Corbett, sporting editor of the Sydney "Sun":—"I understood that the Jack Johnson-Jess Willard thing was to have taken place somewhere

ing, anyhow, and when Langford, Johnson, Jeanette and McVea are through, I don't think we will see any more of them. Strangely enough, this flock came to the front at about the same time, and when they did work themselves up near the top none of the white hopes had a chance to do any good for themselves. It is Woodman's plan to lay for Johnson either in Mexico, Cuba, or South America, and corner him. Woodman claims that he can secure several promoters who will guarantee Johnson his 30,000 dollars and expenses for the battle. He also claims that if Langford once manages to corner Johnson the big champion eventually will fall and give Langford the championship."

France, which, like other countries on the Continent, ten years ago couldn't produce a good second-rate boxer for love nor money, may, after

his crown against Frankie Burns, and has refused to sign articles. If Williams withdraws from the bantam class, Ledoux will have to be reckoned with ere the American's successor is appointed, for he is clearly the best man at his weight on this side, and perhaps master of those on the other.

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round Cuba—that is, if it takes place at all. My papers refer to the possibility of Johnson being stolen by agents of United States justice if he turns up to fight. Why I am inclined to think Cuba, and not Juarez, may be the locality selected, the following information, forwarded me by a San Francisco friend, will explain, and its publication in the "Sun" might be worth while: Joe Woodman is getting ready to start his black giant, Sam Langford, out on a new campaign, which he hopes will be one of the most important in Sam's career. They are going to open up the fighting game down in Havana this winter, and Woodman intends to be one of the first men on the job, with his bone-crusher at his side. Woodman hopes to put Sam on there with Joe Jeanette some time in February. This, of course, won't amount to much, but it may possibly lead to a twenty rounds canter with Johnson later on. As everybody knows, Langford and Johnson are bitter enemies—the bitterest in the prize ring, in fact, and perhaps the bitterest the game has ever known. Sam hates Jack as thoroughly as Jack hates Sam. The popular belief is that Johnson is afraid of Langford, but nobody ever accused the Tar Baby of having any fear in his heart of any man alive. Langford is the only fighter in the world to-day who stands a chance against Johnson. They may talk all they please about Jess Willard and Georges Carpentier, but those who know anything about ring affairs realise that neither of these white men ever would figure once the black monster from Texas ever started after them. Langford's the bird for the job. It looks as if the day of the great black fighters is pass-

the war, have two regular world's champions (says the English "Mirror of Life"). She already has one in Georges Carpentier, the light-heavy-weight title holder, and number two may be Charles Ledoux, the champion "bantam" of Europe. Formerly a cook, the last-named has proved himself one of the toughest 8st. 6lb. boys in the world, and he will attain the height of his ambition if he one day wins for France the bantamweight championship of the world. Kid Williams, the present peer in this division, is said to be having a great deal of trouble in doing the American bantamweight limit of 116lb. ringside, and it is very probable that he will box in future as a featherweight. Williams has been offered \$000 dollars by the New Orleans Club to defend

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MOTOR NOTES.

Even when Antwerp fell, Germany failed to get any fresh rubber supplies, through the port of the Sheldt, next to London, was probably the most important market in Europe for the sale of crude rubber until the war broke out. Before the British and Belgians evacuated it all its stock of rubber, save an insignificant quantity of an inferior quality, was removed to London.

Experiments carried out by experts engines do not "knock" when benzol (produced from coal) is used as a fuel. Tests proved that vehicles in England have proved that motor under load knocked badly, necessitating reduction in throttle and setting back of spark with petrol, whereas with benzol the same engines could not be made to knock. The reason claimed for this phenomena is that a benzol and air mixture fires in a different manner from petrol and air when a certain critical stage is reached.

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With the Galician oilfields in the hands of Russia, Germany must be faced with a petroleum and benzine famine. Under normal conditions, Germany has hardly sufficient petroleum products to satisfy ordinary requirements so says the Petroleum Review:—"There cannot be any doubt of the total impossibility of her having accumulated stores, of petroleum for the exceeding heavy demands caused by the war—demands necessitated by the increased activity in motor transport, etc. The outlook for Germany generally as regards this branch of her supply is very black. She is isolated from all exterior markets. Her ports are surrounded by a steel ring of the British Fleet and the fleets of the Allies. Her own ally, Austria, has lost her petroliferous dis-

tricts, and one need not be a prophet to foretell that, if the war lasts some time, the German Zeppelins, armoured aeroplanes, armoured motor-cars, big motors, and all over newly invented instruments of death and destruction will uselessly remain in their sheds garages, or, still worse, rot away on the fields of the war territories.

The accumulated experience of many motorcyclists regarding engine lubrication confirm the contention that, with the possible exception of those mechanically fed, the lubrication as to the quantity oil supplied, is little better than guesswork. Even those using machines with the forced feed no doubt altogether depend on the mechanism for supplying a sufficient quantity of oil, for, when heavy work is being faced, the independent

hand-pump is used to supplement the amount of oil delivered to the engine. Consequently, most motorists give the motor more oil than is really necessary, recognising it is true economy to rather waste the lubricant than to starve the engine. The motorist runs no risk of injury to his machine if his petrol tank becomes empty; the motor merely stops. But with an empty oil reservoir he cannot proceed far without the risk of damaging the rapidly revolving parts.



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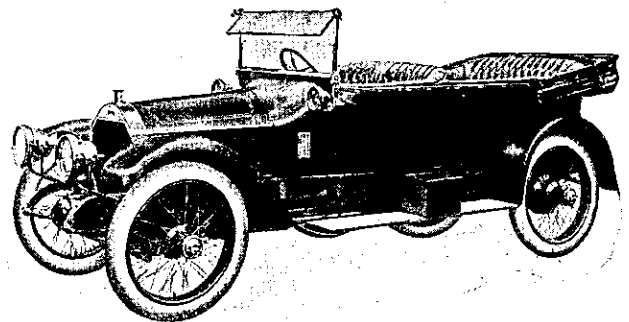
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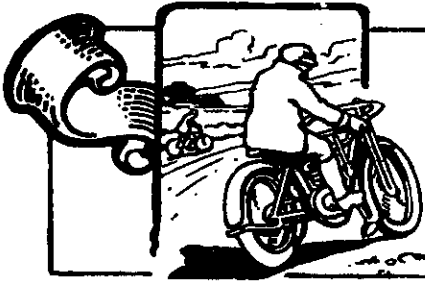
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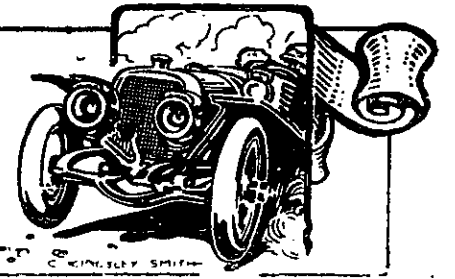
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MOTORING & CYCLING



The Hawke's Bay Automobile Association closed the year with a credit balance of £178 7s. after all expenses were paid.

The affairs of the Continental Tyre Company are being wound up by the Public Trustee. The money will be held till the close of the war.

The Rover Company has had a model of their well-known 12 h.p. car built by Bassett-Lowke, Limited, to one-eighth scale, that is to say 1 1/2 ins. to a foot. This is the smallest motor car yet built in England.

It is stated definitely that neither the Minerva nor the S.A.V.A. motor factories at Antwerp, nor the Excelsior, Pipe, Miesse nor F.I.F. factories at Bruselsels have as yet been seriously interfered with by the Germans. The Metallurgique factory at Marchienne-au-Pont or the F.N. at Liege do not appear to have been wrecked, but some considerable damage by bombs has been caused to the German factory at Monceau sur Sambre.

Although there was a slight revival in September last, the importation of European cars into the United States shows a considerable falling off when compared with former years. Thus, during the nine months ending with September last only 186 cars, valued at £58,722, were imported, as contrasted with 388 and £181,759 respectively in the corresponding period of 1913. While the decrease extends to all the European motor car producing countries, the drop is most notable as regards France, and, of course, Germany.

It is announced from Switzerland that the Aviatik aeroplane factory, removed at the beginning of the war from Mulhausen to Freiburg, where it was attacked successfully by French aviators, has now been transferred to another place, the name of which is not given, but which is said to be situated far in the interior of the country, where the Germans hope it will be beyond the reach of the French and British aerial fleet.

Some of the armed motor cars carry three-inch field pieces, some are armed with Belgian machine guns, which are able to fire hundreds of shots a minute, the lead rushing out in a continuous stream like water from a garden hose. The accuracy of the artillery fire, particularly of the French, is reported to be extraordinary, and almost uncanny.

The various county authorities throughout Hawke's Bay have agreed to have all approaches to bridges and culvert rails painted white.

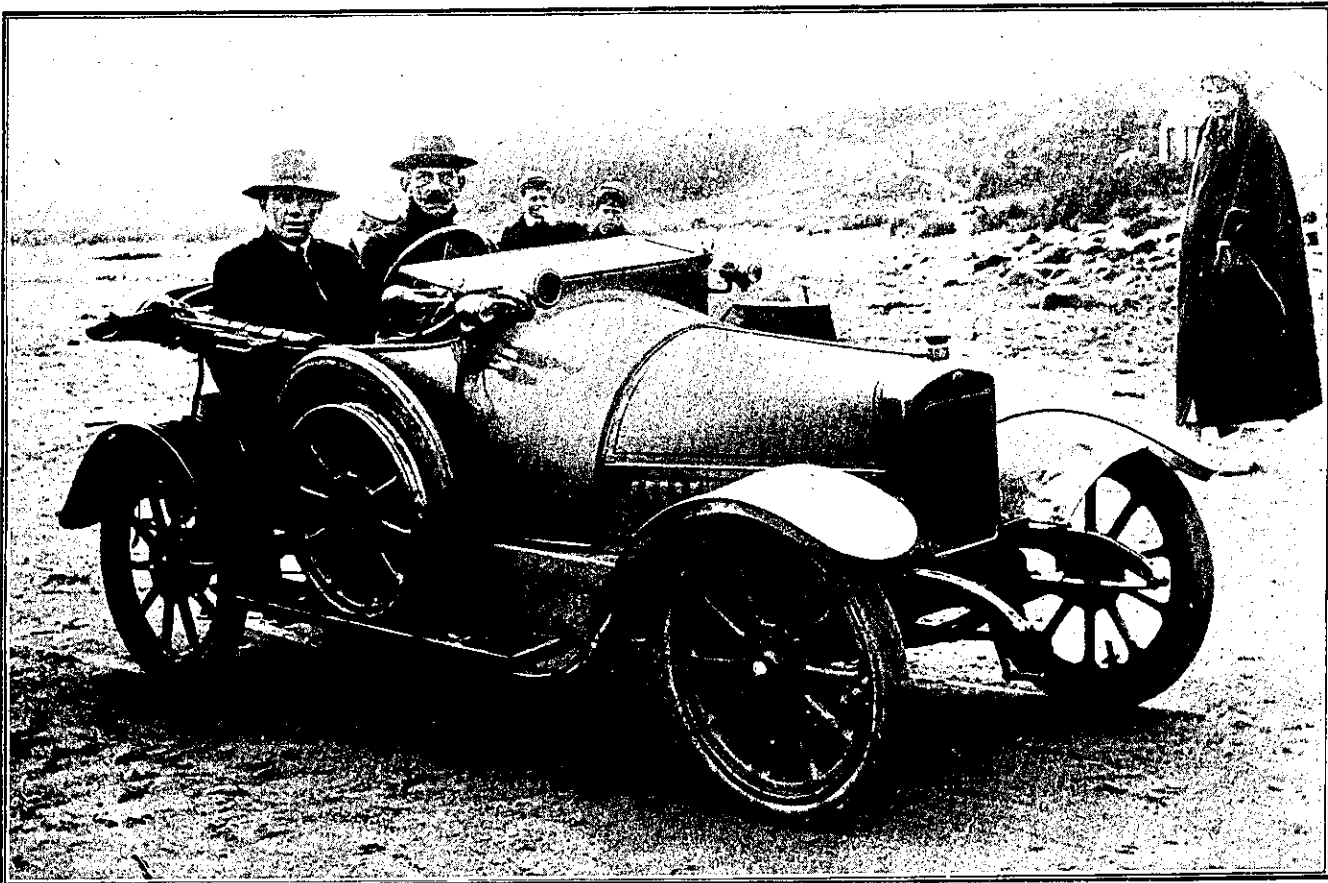
All the motor vehicles in use by the Belgian Army in Flanders when requiring serious repairs are shipped back to London, where there are workshops wholly devoted to these.

The Wairarapa Automobile Association intends to write to all other clubs for their co-operation in the matter of insurance of riders because in combination the insurance companies might consider the matter favourably.

efficacious, an Ally so loyal and generous—England! Honour to the English nation, that fights for a just cause; victory will assuredly be hers! Thanks to England for everything she has done for Belgium; she has gained our eternal appreciation, and we hope to prove after the war, not only by words, but by deeds, that this appreciation is not a vain word with the Belgians. The Germans are well aware that one day Belgian commerce and industry will avenge the blood of our valiant soldiers, and then perhaps Germany will comprehend—but too late—what she has lost by violating our neutrality."

Captain Walter Lawrence, 7th Battalion Essex Regiment and Royal Flying Corps, whose death was announced on January 2 as the result of a flying accident at the front, was an Italian count in his own right (Count Falcioni), but adopted British nationality and entered the Essex Regiment, seeing some service in India. He took up aviation, and quickly securing his certificate, joined the Royal Flying Corps in December, 1912. When war was declared he was in one of the first flying squadrons to cross the Channel to France, and from that time until his death he was practically in commission every day, and had many and varied experiences, including a compulsory descent behind and escape from the enemy's lines. He was only twenty-two years of age, but a daring, skilful, and resourceful aviator. For daring work he received the cross of the Legion of Honour.

As a proof of the Germans' lack of mobility, there was the terrible dislocation which took place after the first check at Liege. The trains were packed and the roads were blocked. Ammunition grew scarce, and then the food failed. There was insufficient motors to come to the relief, and the German plan of using great masses of men to carry positions by brute force prevented supplies being brought up by road. The troops were starving, footsore, and short of ammunition. They could make only a very slow advance, and they literally stood in each other's way, preventing the food and ammunition coming up from the rear. England, with its roads and motor fleets, could with a relatively small force of troops starve out any enemy working on the German plan. The slow fighter is out of date. We now live in the motor age.



Mr. J. L. Price's 10 h.p. Calthorpe minor cycle car, winner of the Two Miles' Scratch Race for cyclecars and light cars at the Otago Motor Club's recent Speed Trials. Weight of car 10 1/4 cwt. Driver, Jas. Leckie.

During the year the Hawke's Bay Automobile Association raised £1298 11s. 6d. for patriotic purposes.

An appeal to the Hawke's Bay motorists for funds to augment motor ambulances at the front brought in £842 16s. 6d.

There does not appear to be much prospect of a spring motor car show at Olympia, London, this year. The manufacturers are too busy turning out munitions of war.

It is stated that the French army, which materialised north of France in the latter days of August and suddenly compelled Von Kluck's forces to turn eastward, was brought into position by the use of 5000 Parisian taxi-cabs.

The news is to hand that an American manufacturer has at last marketed a 30 h.p. five-seated car at £160.

Mr. G. W. Spragg, Auckland, has sold an Austin 9-15 motor car, 14.14 h.p., painted grey, with nickel finish taper bonnet and scuttle dash, to a client in the country, for private use in the district.

A representative of an Italian manufacturer, who recently arrived in New York stated that the Italian makers are building large numbers of motor vehicles of various types for the German Government, and a great many have already been delivered.

Flight Commander John Tremayne Babington, R.N.A.S., has been awarded the D.S.O., with the Distinguished Service Cross, for his share in the successful aeroplane raid on the Zeppelin factory at Friedrichshafen on November 21, 1914. Flight-Lieut. Sidney Vincent S'ppe, R.N.A.S., has also won similar honours for his share in the successful aeroplane raid on the same date.

The total number of motor cars and motor cycles registered in Victoria is 19,847.

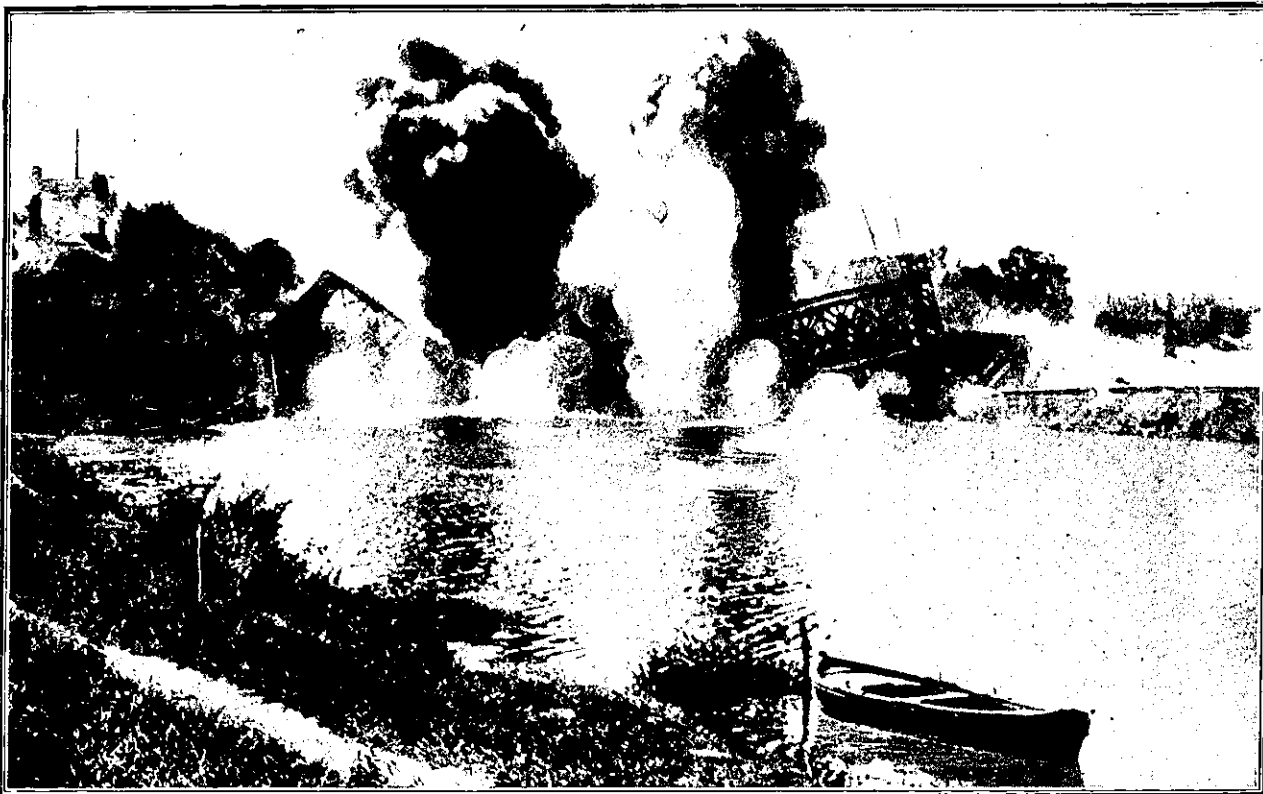
The proprietors of Pratt's motor spirit have secured £200,000 of the recent British war loan.

There is every indication that Great Britain has earned the undying gratitude of the Belgian people. The manager of a Birmingham motor company received the following letter from M. Edward Vandersluys, showing how much the Belgians appreciate the efforts made in their interests:—"The object of this letter is to thank you very much, on behalf of my fellow-citizens, for the handsome contribution which you have authorised me to hand over to the fund established for clothing our Army. The contribution will help considerably to relieve the sufferings of our heroic soldiers. What honour for Belgium, ravaged and murdered by savage and brutal hordes, to find a help so powerful and

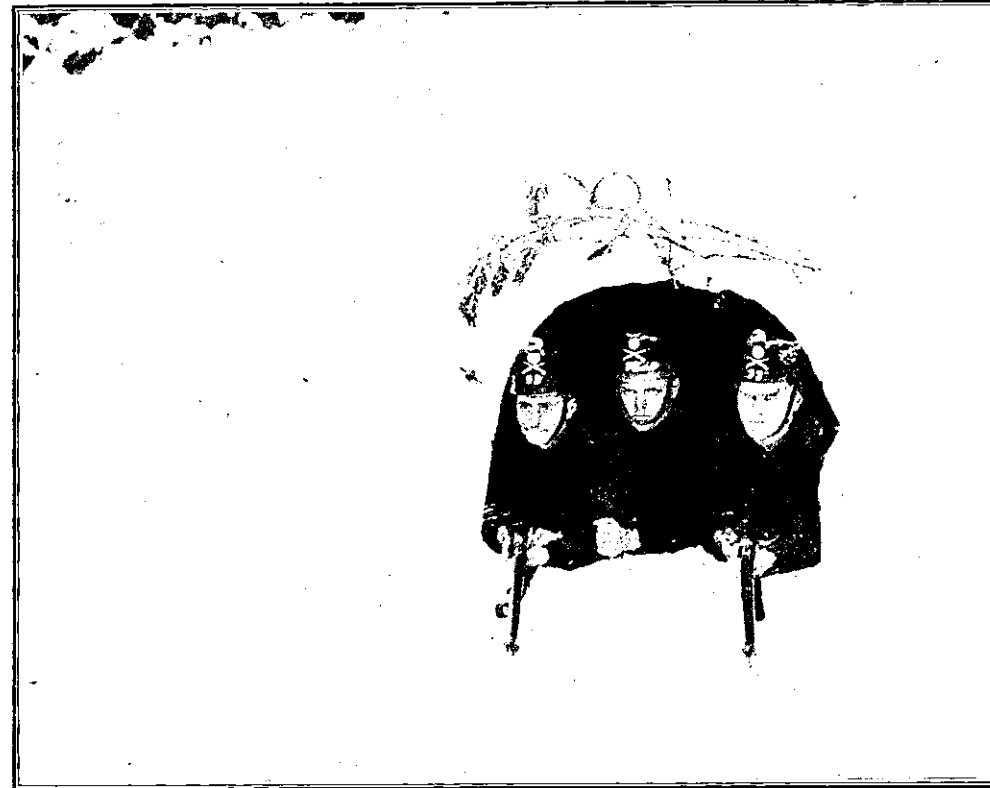
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SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

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 admission 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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"DOROTHY O' THE HALL."

The old romantic play of the Elizabethan period "Dorothy o' the Hall" a new version of "Haddon Hall" which went up on Monday, serves to show Miss Nellie Stewart in another of her masterpieces. The heroine, Dorothy Vernon, is one of those complex characters which gives Miss Stewart full play to delineate each phase of varying emotion. And to each she imparts a deliciousness peculiarly her own—in her moods, wayward, coquettish, loving and impetuous. The story is based on one of those old feuds between two county families whose estates adjoin one another—the Rutlands and the Vernons, of Haddon Hall, and in accordance with the natural contrariety of things Dorothy Vernon and Sir John Manners (son of the Earl of Rutland) love each other. Queen Elizabeth visits Haddon Hall, and threatens Manners with execution if he does not betray the whereabouts of Mary Queen of Scots, whom she suspects of intrigue. Dorothy, being told there is only one chance to save Manners' life, entices him to tell her where Mary Stuart is, and then betrays the information to Queen Elizabeth. Stirring incidents follow closely upon each other and strong dramatic interest, heightened by picturesquely spectacular effects, is well maintained, the scenery being notably worthy of the production.

Miss Nellie Stewart is the dominating figure. As Dorothy she scores another artistic triumph. Irresistibly fascinating in her love scenes; highly amusing in her passages-at-arms with her bluff father; vivacious and resourceful in her intrigues. Miss Stewart drew in every part, light and dramatic, with skillful and convincing touch. Mr. H. R. Roberts, as Sir John Manners, was truly "fashioned to a lady's taste," and made an attractive lover, well worthy a sea of troubles. Mr. Clarence Blakiston succeeded from his kingly role to assume the more lowly part of Perkin, the jester, stamping it with his personality and imparting to it a distinctiveness and power that only true art could give. Miss Nancye Stewart made a very charming study of Mary, Queen of Scots, portraying the character with artistry, and giving impressive word value to her last speech. Mr. J. E. Atholwood was irascible enough as Sir George Vernon to easily justify his daughter's revolt. Mr. Allan Wilkie, as the treacherous Sir Malcolm Vernon, Miss Ada Guildford as Lady Vernon, and Miss Beatrice Esmond as the vain and arrogant Elizabeth, acquitted themselves with aptitude.

"SWEET NELL OF OLD DRURY."

Miss Nellie Stewart's admirers will eagerly welcome a revival of "Sweet Nell of Old Drury," which will be played on Thursday and two following nights, the season closing on Saturday. Miss Stewart's characterisation of Nell Gwynne (says a Melbourne critic) appears to have improved with the years that have lapsed since she made her first go at success in the part. Each phase of the character is shown by little touches of by-play and facial expression rather than by accented word or emphasis. In short, what was always a great performance has been mellowed by repetition and experience into a rendering in which it would be difficult to pick out a flaw. Mr. Clarence Blakiston will be seen for the first time in New Zealand as King Charles, a part which is said to suit him admirably. His fine work in the previous pieces leads one to await it with pleasurable anticipation, Mr. Blakiston having made a careful study at Home, so that every detail should be historically accurate.

"Neptune's Daughter," as a picture play, with Annette Kellerman in the title role, packed a Broadway theatre for 300 nights.

HIS MAJESTY'S.

"THE GLAD EYE."

Miss Ethel Dane, as Kiki, will, on Monday, March 15, by direction of Mr. Beaumont Smith, give everyone the "glad eye" at His Majesty's Theatre. Miss Ethel Dane has given the "glad eye" to many audiences. She practised on the London public for fifteen months, and then, prior to transferring her attentions to Australasia, traversed Africa, up and down, attracting and amazing all and sundry. "The Glad Eye," as a term, was passed into the language, and the "Glad Eye" as a play has passed into the list of those really few delightful comedies which live and will always live. In fact, it is even



MISS ETHEL DANE as Kiki in "The Glad Eye," the character which she has now played over 600 times.

now within quite a short time of its revival in London. "The Glad Eye" has been endorsed by the press in all countries.

A number of English artists of position were also selected for "The Glad Eye" in London by the original producer of "The Glad Eye," and, together with a few well-known Australian actors and actresses, have enjoyed the recent successes in Sydney and Melbourne.

"THE CHAPERON."

The second production in the repertoire of "The Glad Eye" Company, "The Chaperon," was described both by the Adelaide, Sydney and Wellington papers as a perfect scream. Indeed, some of the critics ventured the opinion that not only was it the company's best play, but that individually and collectively they were seen to better advantage in it. Be that as it may, as critics, public and management were alike delighted with results it would seem that after "The

Glad Eye" has run its course the Auckland public are in for a further treat.

OPERA HOUSE.

Vaudeville lovers have nothing to complain of in the Fuller-Brennan offering this week. Mystery is lent by Wong Toy Sun, who topped the bill on Monday with his conjuring exposition. An Eastern stage setting with appropriate music enhanced the effect of the illusions so ably presented by the magician. James Teddy, described as the champion jumper of world, astounded the audience with his high and long-jumping exhibitions, his feat being crowned with the sensational achievement of jumping from a 20ft. platform with a pair of dumb bells in his hand. Teddy's act is one

IN PERSONAL TOUCH.

Mr. C. B. Westmacott has been in Auckland the last few days bruited the charms of "The Glad Eye" company, which Beaumont Smith is presenting on Monday next. "The Glad Eye," he leads us to believe, has a powerful cast.

A forerunner from Mr. Frederic Shipman, the Canadian entrepreneur, is to hand in the form of a postcard announcing the picturisation of Annette Kellerman in "Neptune's Daughter," presented by the Universal Moving Pictures.

Elwyn Harvey (one critic has it) is the beauty and Alice Hamilton the beauty frocker of "The Glad Eye" company. Confirmation may be seen at His Majesty's on Monday.

Mrs. Robert Brough at latest advices is taking a part in "The Man Who Stayed at Home," a strikingly topical play produced at the Royalty, London.

The "Babes in the Wood" had a record season in Newcastle. George Willoughby's pantomime opens its New Zealand season at Timaru on March 26. Daisy Jerome, from all reports is proving a big drawing card.

"The Glad Eye" company are proud of their tennis players. In Tom Sheldford, Henry J. Ford, Reg. Kenneth and W. Hoskins they contain a quartette hard to beat.

Two of Edward Branscombe's "Dandies" companies are coming across shortly. The "Violets" open in Auckland on May 10 and the "Reds" in Wellington on May 8.

Frank Bradley, one of the character actors in "The Glad Eye," played Napoleon in George Edwards' production of "The Duchess of Dantzic." In "The Glad Eye" he is said to be a scream as Gallipaux, a spiritualist.

The short season of Gilbert and Sullivan company at Her Majesty's, Melbourne, will be characterised by a quick run through of the whole of the repertoire, two or three nights only being devoted to each of the operas.

A critic in the "Green Book" recently summed up Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" as two hours boredom and one hour of mental exhilaration and delight.

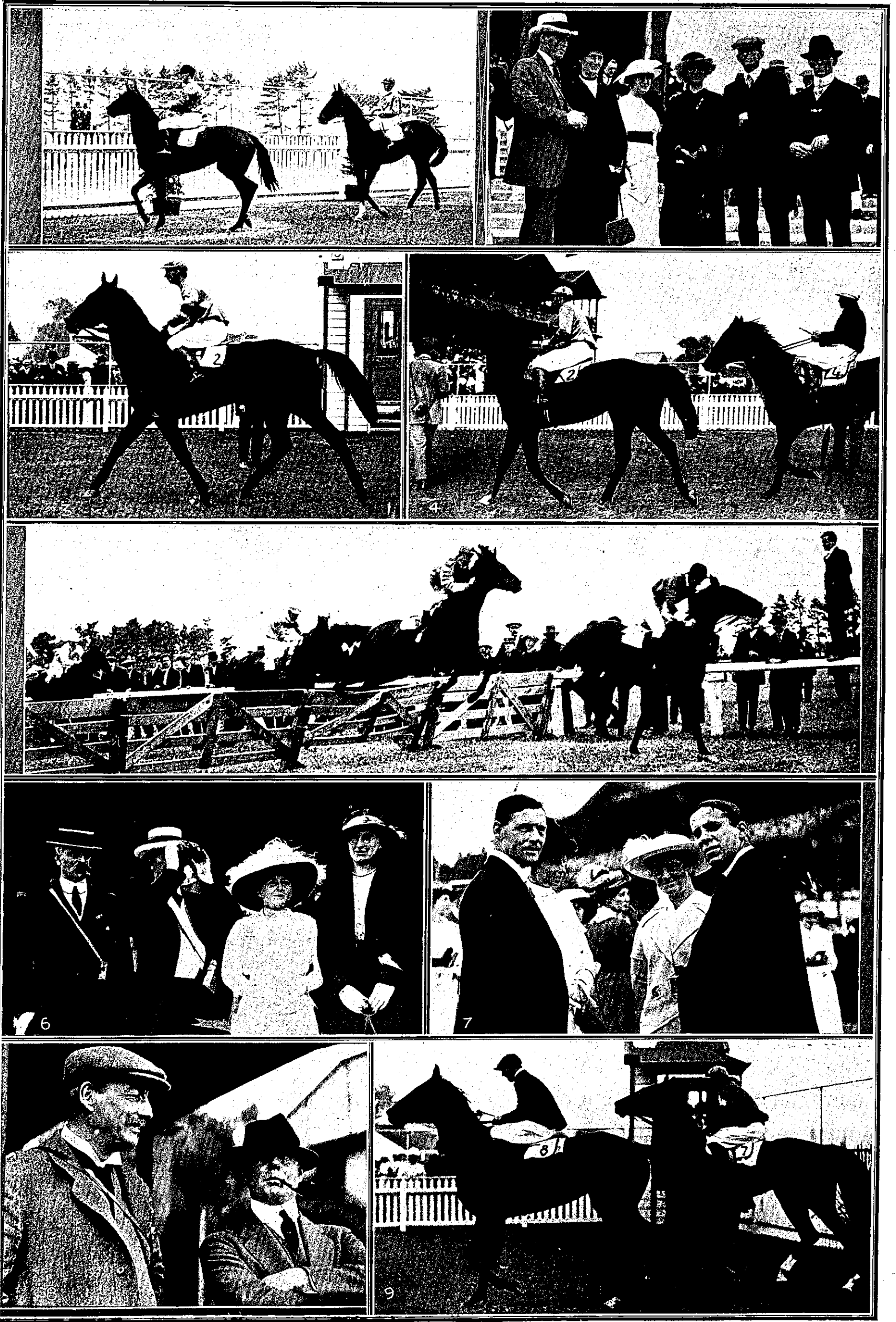
The "Moulin Rouge" or Red Mill, has been destroyed by fire. Thus passes one of the most notorious music halls in Paris. A correspondent to the "New Zealand Times" describes it as the lodestone which drew frivolous English, American and colonial young men and married men from afar, and led them from the paths of righteousness and virtue.

"Bought and Paid For" has proved one of the strongest attractions the J. C. Williamson management has yet handled.

"Hello! Broadway," by George M. Cohan, is being played in New York by the author and William Collier. A burlesque of plays of the season, it is said to be extremely funny to those thoroughly familiar with New York theatres and theatrical talk.

Vaude and Verne (now at the Auckland Opera House) are nothing if not resourceful. On the Tivoli, Sydney they were put on to close the bill after Miss Ada Reeve. Well, the audience had always gone out after Miss Reeve's act. Vaude and Verne resolved they should stay and see them. The first night Vaude—before going on—dipped his umbrella in the water, and shook some water over his hat. The moment he appeared before the audience he stood up his umbrella, showing the water dripping from it, and at the same time knocked the water from his hat. To the audience he said, "Don't go out, for Heaven's sake! It's raining like the dickens." Not one stirred and for four weeks Vaude and Verne was the turn that followed Miss Reeve in the closing of the bill.

The Wanganui Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting.



1. DINNER GONG (B. Deeley) and FLYING START (W. Bell) leaving the Birdcage to contest the Jackson Stakes, won by EMPERADOR. 2. VISITORS TO THE GATHERING. 3. LADOGA (B. Deeley), after winning the Stewards' Handicap. 4. AUSTIN (L. Wilson) and QUO VADIS (W. Webb) returning to the enclosure after running first and second respectively in the Wiritoa Hack Race (one mile 110yds.). 5. GLENORCHY (McDonald) leading LEAPUKI (Edwards), KEW (L. Traill) and STYRAX (W. Adams) over the hurdle opposite the stand the first time in the Fordell Handicap Hurdles (1 3/4 miles). 6. Mr. J. FOSTER and party. 7. A SNAPSHOT ON THE LAWN. 8. HON. W. H. HERRIES, M.P., and MR. W. G. STEAD. 9. The winner, AVON PARK (O. McCarten), and NEW YORK (C. Price), who finished second, returning to scale after the decision of the Petre Hack Handicap (six furlongs).

WHEN HISTORY DEFEATS ITSELF!

CLARENCE BLAKISTON, ACTOR.

An echo of the Cromwellian days comes in the name of Blakiston, familiarised at present in Auckland by Mr. Clarence Blakiston, of the Nellie Stewart Company. For in the stirring times of the past the Cromwells and the Blakistons played a big part in the scheme of things, and fate willed that they should toss up as to who should kill the King, Charles I. And as the actor remarked, it is ironical to say the least of it, that he is assigned to play King's parts—as Louis XV. in "Du Barry," of which he gives such a masterly and polished interpretation; and as Charles in "Sweet Nell," in which he will appear at the end of the week. Some of Mr. Blakiston's people, to come to more modern history, came out to New Zealand in 1813, and have left descendants, a cousin of his marrying into the well-known Harper family, of Christchurch.

Educated at Rugby, Mr. Blakiston was destined for a seafaring life, but after six years' training on H.M.S. Conway (Kyrle Bellew was a Conway boy also), the life palled, and he gave up the sea to try his luck with the stage. For two years he put in an apprenticeship in "fit-ups," learning the a b c of an actor's life and travelling from pillar to post. "The good old stock days," he reminisced. "You got your part at 3 a.m., if playing a small part, perhaps after all the others had been through theirs. You rehearsed it at 10 and had to go on at night. You had to be anything and everything. But it was wonderful experience."

Later on he joined the Compton Comedy Company, which had a repertory of between 30 and 40 plays, running the gamut from comedy to tragedy, and incidentally providing for himself a rare schooling. For eight years he was with the company, playing lead the last four years. Harcourt Beatty (well remembered to New Zealanders) joined the company with him, and left for Australia after doing splendid work which showed to such advantage in the Commonwealth. Subsequently followed a three years' engagement at the Comedy Theatre, London, with Charles Hawtrey, then five years with Cyril Maude at the Haymarket Theatre. In fact, in a 24 years' experience Mr. Blakiston has played in every West End theatre bar Drury Lane. He has appeared at three command performances—at Windsor with Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree; at Sandringham, in "The Flag Lieutenant," for the late King's last birthday; and at His Majesty's Theatre in "Julius Caesar," when 400 principal actors made up the forum scene—a memorable gathering.

A trip to Africa introduced him as leading man in "Milestones," "Ready Money," "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford," "Passing of the Third Floor Back," and "Butterfly on the Wheel." On returning to England he played Dr. Isaacson in "Bella Donna," and after a five weeks' run he received a cable from Mr. Musgrove to Mr. Beatty from Australia, asking him to go out and take his place. "I always wanted the trip," said Harcourt Beatty's successor. "The invitation meant a pleasant and profitable way of combining business and pleasure. And so I came."

Mr. Blakiston was flatteringly enthusiastic about Auckland—its people, its climate, its appreciative audiences—everything, in fact, but its mosquitoes! "I like the rapt attention which they—the audience, I mean, not the mosquitoes—give the play," he went on. "They take it more like a London gathering. They seem to think and take in every point. There's none of that indiscriminate giggling that one has to contend with sometimes at a critical moment."

The English actor is well versed in stage lore from its every point. He has stage managed at Home for Sarah Bernhardt, to whom his sympathies went out for her recent unfortunate happening. He does a great deal of "production" for amateurs, and a tremendous lot of society work. He mentioned an interesting theatrical

move just initiated before war broke out. An English and French company were to interchange visits at stated times. The English to go over to Paris and put on plays in their native tongue, simultaneously with a French company doing likewise. A grand education! But of course it has been nipped in the bud for a time.

"An actor has to be adaptable out in Australasia," he chatted. "He must be ready to take up any part. In London managers specialise more. You play a doctor, or a lawyer, or a king, say, for two years, and then you are looked for to play those parts only."

Mr. Blakiston said he had his vanity—a negligible quantity, the writer hastens to say—hurt in Sydney. A lady whom he had met during the day went in to see "Du Barry" at night. "I saw you act," she remarked

The members of the "Glad Eye" Company gave a day's pay to the Belgian Fund appeal in Wellington.

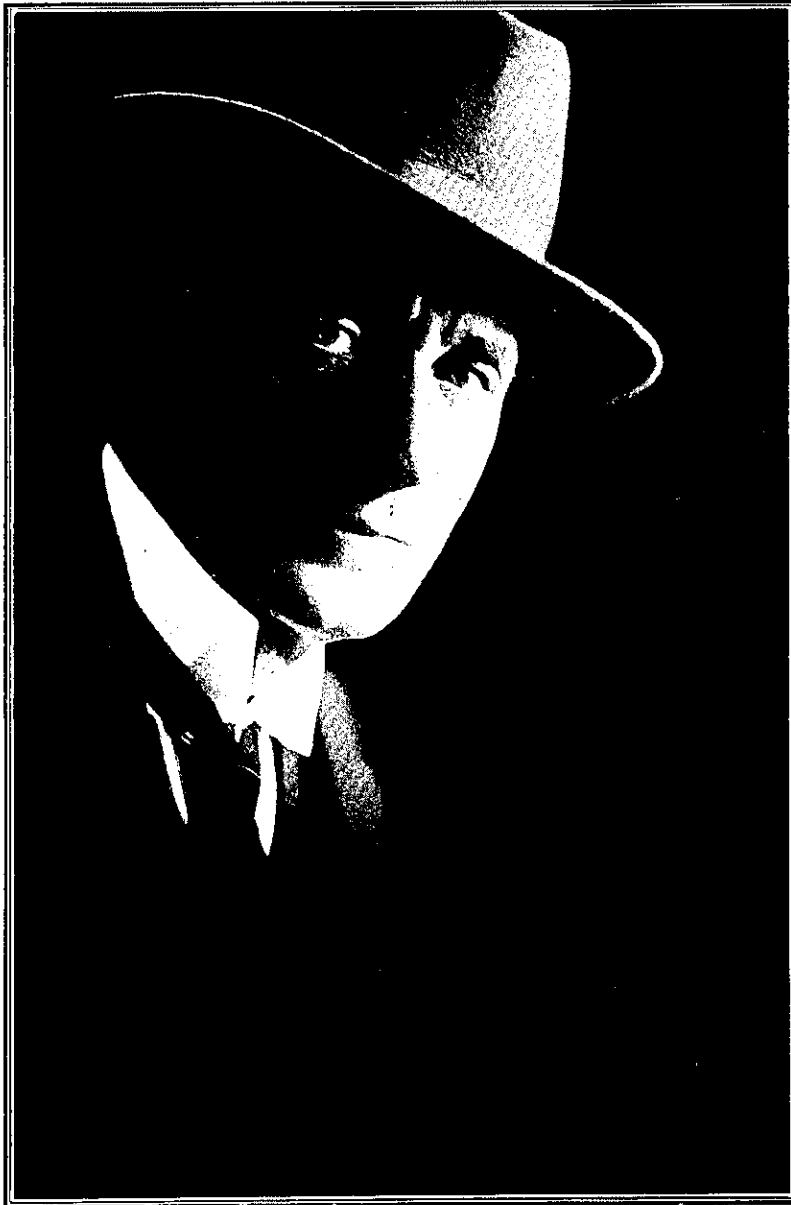
Messrs. Stephenson and Linley's "Humpty Dumpty" Pantomime Company gave a street performance in New Plymouth in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund, and raised over £150.

SOUTHERN STAGE NOTES.

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, March 8.

The "Court Cards" opened a seven nights' season at the Grand Opera House on Saturday evening, the first performance being witnessed by a large and appreciative audience. The season promises to be a great success.



MR. CLARENCE BLAKISTON,
Leading man of the Nellie Stewart Company.

next morning, "but didn't recognise you. You looked splendid!"

In the present repertoire Mr. Blakiston plays two Kings (Louis XV. and Charles II.) and the jester (in "Dorothy o' the Hall"), so he's still in the court atmosphere. He considers Miss Stewart's "Sweet Nell" the finest he has ever seen. "It is a pleasure to play the King with her," he confided to a "Review" representative. "She is so graceful, so easy, so consistent in maintaining the atmosphere. And I've never met a woman who worked so hard. She's simply marvellous. Always enthusiastic, tireless, and encouraging. 'The play's the thing' with her."

"It's a wonderful company altogether. You have three men who would grace any London theatre—Mr. H. R. Roberts, Mr. Allan Wilkie and Mr. J. B. Atholwood."

And the public will add one whom he modestly omitted—Mr. Clarence Blakiston!

The Corrick family of musicians, who have been on the Fuller-Brennan circuit, are now giving concerts in the South.

The Wellington season of "The Seven Little Australians" must be written down as a great success in every way. The company gave six night performances and three matinees in the Grand Opera House to very big business. In fact, it was so good that Mr. Beaumont Smith decided to give extra performances in the Town Hall Concert Chamber, money having to be turned away at both shows. "Seven Little Australians" is an entertainment that appeals strongly to both old and young.

After a ten nights' tour of the Wairarapa, Mr. Beaumont Smith has decided to visit the South Island with the "Seven Little Australians." The reason for doing so is to get the South Island season over before the cold weather sets in. After visiting Carterton, Masterton and Woodville, the company visit Pahiataua on Thursday of this week, Eketahuna on Friday, Greytown on Saturday, Martinborough on Monday, and the Lower Hutt on the Tuesday. The South Island tour opens at Christchurch on the 18th, extending until the 24th; Dunedin, 25th to 30th; Balclutha, 31st; Gore, April 1st; Invercargill, 3rd and 5th.

Mr. Henry Hayward, of the New Zealand Picture Supplies, intends leaving in about six weeks' time on a business and pleasure trip, during which he will visit England and America. Mr. Hayward will be absent from the Dominion for some six months.

Miss Rene Queree, the brilliant New Zealand pianist, is to give a recital in the large Town Hall on Thursday evening.

Mr. Roland Staveley arrived from Sydney by the Manuka last week to complete arrangements for the coming tour of the Harry Plimmer-Winter Hall Company, which opens at the Grand Opera House, Wellington, on Saturday, March 20. The opening production will be "Lady Windermere's Fan," and the second production will probably be "The Mummy and the Humming Bird."

DUNEDIN.

(From Our Dunedin Correspondent.)

The flag of vaudeville is again flying from the masthead of the Princess Theatre, and, thanks be, it is to fly until further notice. In other words, permanent vaudeville, which was abandoned during the early stages of the war, has been re-established at the favourite theatre. A fine company has been got together to celebrate the return to public favour of vaudeville, and the business done since the re-opening must satisfy the management that Dunedin is not the worst show town in New Zealand.

By the way, the Soho Trio, whirlwind dancers, have been out of the bill for three nights, having been recalled to Wellington to give evidence in the robbery case to which Soho senior was the victim to the extent of £140. They re-appear this weekend.

We have recovered from our disappointment consequent on the failure of the Gilbert and Sullivan Company to visit us, and we are now looking forward to seeing Beaumont Smith's Comedy Company in "The Glad Eye." Meanwhile, we are to have a revival of that old favourite "Charley's Aunt," introduced to New Zealanders many years ago by the late Frank Thornton, of "Private Secretary" fame. "Charley's Aunt" is booked for His Majesty's on March 17.

Other shows coming along are "The Babes in the Wood" pantomime on Easter, "Seven Little Australians" on April 16, and the Harry Plimmer-Winter Hall company, playing "Lady Windermere's Fan," "Peter's Mother," etc., in aid of the Belgian Fund. The company is deserving of all the support New Zealanders can give, for it has the dual recommendation of assisting the national cause and giving employment to a number of deserving theatrical artists.

A date in May has been pencilled in for a J. C. Williamson show at His Majesty's. What this is I do not know. The J. C. Williamson firm has cut us out of all their shows since the war broke out, and is likely to do it again. The trouble dates back long before the war, but it was clinched when Harry Lauder came in right on top of "The Forty Thieves" season and rather knocked the pantomime receipts. Dunedin can scarcely be blamed for this, nor indeed for the war, but it is being penalised by the Williamson firm all the same.

MUSIC NOTES.

(By "G" String.)

Some of those "iron crosses" about which we have been hearing so much have found their way, one learns, into musical circles. Among the recipients, according to the American papers, are Walter Knochkoff, the well-known tenor of the Berlin Royal Opera; Felix Berber, a Munich violinist; and Rudolf Krasselt, one of the conductors at the Deutsches Opernhaus in Charlottenburg. Ignatz Waghalter, who also conducts at that establishment, is a native of Warsaw, and for that reason was debarred from appearing at the beginning of the season. Therefore, says the New

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York "Musical Courier," he "took the oath of allegiance to the German colours" and is now "permitted to sit in the conductor's chair again as a 'Preussischer Kapellmeister' in uniform." If German music lovers have any sense of humour this must surely strike them as funny.

That wonderful veteran, Camille Saint-Saens, has incurred the high wrath of certain musical folk in Germany—or should one say, of all German music lovers?—by the appeal he made to his compatriots early in the war to boycott Teutonic music, and that in particular of Wagner. His ap-

peal, which was based on patriotic grounds, has elicited an irate response from the Committee of the Society of Musical Friends in Dusseldorf in the shape of an "open letter." "It is with astonishment and indignation," ran this epistle, "that we learnt that you have not hesitated to join in a most hateful manner in the calumnies of German art. When we made you an honorary member of our Society a year ago, we did so in sincere admiration of your musical ability and mission, which appealed to us more particularly since you followed in the footsteps of our German classics, Bach

and Beethoven. Have you forgotten that the work which founded your fame, 'Samson and Delilah,' had its first performance in the German city of Weimar in 1877? Was it not in maligned Germany that the highest decoration, 'Pour le merite,' was conferred upon you? Were you not received only last year in a most courteous manner at his Berlin palace by the 'Emperor of the Barbarians'? Well, then, if you have forgotten all this we will also erase your picture from our memories. The respect for your white hairs is gone, and we herewith revoke your honorary member-

ship of our Society. Farewell!"

The announcement that, in spite of the damage to Malines Cathedral by the German bombardment, the towers and carillon are intact, is good news for all who have heard the music of that famous peal of bells. In the low country of Belgium and Holland carillons are heard at their best, and the steeple of every town of any size contains the necessary bells and mechanism by which those expert in their manipulation can ring out melodies in measured time and rhythm impossible to execute on bells swung in the usual manner.

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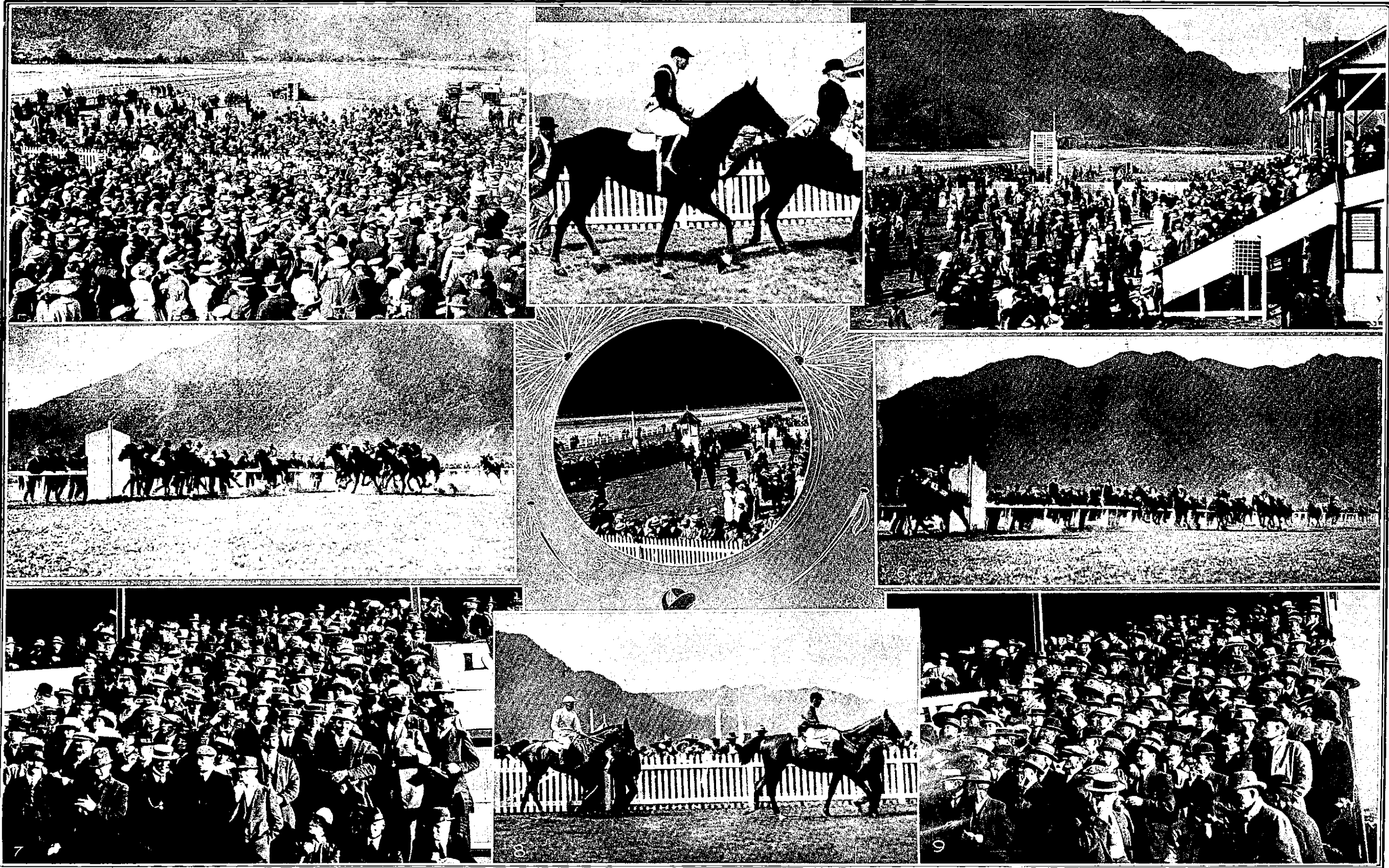
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5905—Robert Martin (junior), William Martin, Thomas Martin and James Martin—part of Clendon's Grant in the Parish of Papakura, containing 197a. 1r. 39p.; occupied by applicants. Plan 9996.

Diagrams may be inspected at this office.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 1915, at the Lands Registry Office, Auckland.

THOS. HALL, District Land Registrar.



NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

PAEROA RACES, MARCH 17 AND 18, 1915.

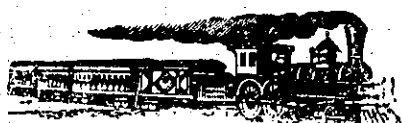
HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued to Paeroa from Thames, Waihi, Auckland, Onehunga, Frankton, Cambridge and intermediate stations on Wednesday, March 17, and by trains arriving at Paeroa up to noon on Thursday, March 18, available for return until Saturday, March 20.

These tickets will not be available by and will not be accepted on the Wellington-Auckland and Auckland-Wellington Express trains.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17.

A special train, stopping at the principal stations, will leave Auckland for Paeroa at 6.10 a.m., returning leaving Paeroa for Auckland at 6.15 p.m.; Day Excursion Fares. For further particulars see Posters and Handbills.

BY ORDER.



NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

NGARUAWAHIA REGATTA, MARCH 17, 1915.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS, including admission to Regatta, will be issued to Ngaruawahia from Auckland, Onehunga, Mangapeehi, Cambridge, Thames, Waihi, Rotorua and intermediate stations on March 17, available for return on day of issue only.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1915.

AUCKLAND FRANKTON LINE.

A train will leave Auckland for Ngaruawahia at 7.27 a.m. This train will stop between Newmarket and Otahuhu only.

A train will leave Auckland for Ngaruawahia at 7.53 a.m. This train will stop between Newmarket and Penrose only.

A train will leave Tuakau for Ngaruawahia at 8 a.m.

A train will leave Penrose for Ngaruawahia at 6.58 a.m. This train will stop where required between Penrose and Buckland, inclusive, and at Huntly to pick up passengers.

Return specials will leave Ngaruawahia as follows:—

At 4.55 p.m. taking passengers for Onehunga and Auckland and intermediate stations at 6.10 p.m., taking passengers for Pukekohe, Auckland and intermediate stations, and at 5.25 and 5.40 p.m., taking passengers for Taupiri, Auckland and intermediate stations.

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Specials for Ngaruawahia will run as follows:—

Leave Rotorua at 5.20 a.m., leave Te Aroha 8.20 a.m.

Leave Thames at 7.10 a.m., leave Waihi 6.55 a.m.

Leave Cambridge 9.15 a.m.

Return specials will leave Ngaruawahia as follows:—

For Cambridge 5.40 p.m., for Te Aroha 5.52 p.m.

For Rotorua 6.4 p.m., for Thames and Waihi 6.16 p.m.

For Te Awamutu 6.28 p.m., for Mangapeehi 6.40 p.m.

Goods and live stock traffic will NOT be carried on the morning trains on Thames, Waihi, Cambridge, Morrinville and Putaruru lines.

Excursion Tickets to Ngaruawahia will NOT be issued for and will NOT be available by ordinary trains.

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Amongst the guests who were staying at the Grand Hotel, Auckland, last week were: Mr. H. H. Russell, Poverty Bay; Mr. and Mrs. C. Bates, Rarotonga; Mr. A. W. Redstone, Wellington; Mr. F. W. Selley, Sydney; Mr. M. J. Friedlander, Maungatewhiri; Miss P. Barry, Gisborne; Mr. H. Deggis Smith, Wellington; Mr. R. Acton Adams, Dunedin; Mr. W. J. Prouse, Wellington; Mr. F. H. E. Preston, Christchurch; Judge Hosking, Wellington; Mr. W. Morley, Christchurch; Mr. A. Kilgour, Queensland; Mr. E. J. Denny, Dunedin; Mr. H. Hull, Bradford; Mr. H. Hill, Christchurch; Mr. D. P. Byron, London; Mr. R. B. Jackson, London; Dr. T. A. Gibbs, Nelson; Mr. J. Nelson, Wellington; Mr. Vernon Reed, M.P., Bay of Islands; Mr. Mrs. and Misses (2) Max Friedlander, Ashburton; Mr. J. Parker, Dunedin; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Holmes, Christchurch; Dr. Beale, Vavua; Mr. Franzen, Nukualofa; Miss Nellie Stewart, Sydney; Miss Nancye Stewart, Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ayre, Devon; Miss G. A. Lee, Taunton, Somerset; Mrs. Bullis, New York; Mr. and Mrs. McColl, Glasgow; Mr. W. H. Corbin, New York; Col. Logan, London; Mr. A. H. Fowler, Whakarewarewa; Mr. F. Lees, Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. P. Herman, Christchurch; Mr. W. Georgetti, Hastings; Mr. F. M. B. Fisher, Wellington; and Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Asher, Adelaide.

The guests who were staying at the Central Hotel last week were: Mrs. Austin, Foxton; Mrs. Seaburg, Foxton; Mrs. MacCullick, Hamilton; Mrs. W. Pitt, Rotorua; Dr. and Mrs. Crosby, Takanui; Mrs. J. Porter, U.S.A.; Mr. Hansen, Sydney; Mr. Reading, Sydney; Mr. G. Avern, Sydney; Mr. Bloustein, Melbourne; Mr. W. Allen, Dargaville; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, Fiji; Professor Iddings, Washington; Mr. Solomon, Fiji; and Messrs. F. and J. Hill, Taranaki.

The guests at the Royal Hotel last week included: Mr. F. Hall, Gisborne; Mr. Salway, New Plymouth; Mr. M. Jacobs, Waikato; Mrs. Chase, Kawahia; Mr. Dyson, Rotorua; Mr. T. A. Vail, Melbourne; Mrs. B. Clark, Raglan; Mr. B. Yates, Wellington; Mr. G. Malley, Christchurch; Mr. E. Harding, Dargaville; Mr. C. MacMahon, Wellington.

The guests who were staying at the Star Hotel last week included the following: Captain and Mrs. Kennedy; Mr. J. Bordin, Sydney; Mrs. Scotter and 2 children, Sydney; Mr. Ayson, Wellington; Mr. H. R. Oakley Browne, Wellington; Mr. C. Horton, Auckland; Mr. Henderson; Mr. G. W. Warren, "Evening Post," Wellington; the Rev. Father Hackett, Paeroa; Mr. and Mrs. Stewart; Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Ngaruawahia; Mrs. and Miss Seth-Smith, England; Messrs. M. J. and E. W. Friedlander, Mercer; Mr. and Mrs. Donald; Mr. H. Wright, Fiji; Mr. N. C. Matthew, Te Kuiti; Mr. T. T. Horton, Te Kuiti; Mr. C. Stevens, Te Kuiti; and Mr. F. Grant, Christchurch.

The Easter railways excursion tickets will be issued from the 30th March to the 5th of April, inclusive, and will be available for return up to Thursday, the 6th of May.

Mr. R. L. Wilson, of the Dominion Cement Company, Whangarei, left by the Marama on the first of March for San Francisco, and probably will visit New York before returning by way of Canada.

The gasworks at Warsaw belonging to a German concern of Dressau, have been seized by the Russian Government. In the safe, packages containing 900,000 roubles in gold (£90,000) were discovered ready for despatch to Germany.

The Rev. R. N. Duthie, of Auckland, has left on a visit to Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayre, Miss Lee, and Mrs. Bullis, of Baker, Oregon, are at present at Rotorua, and will spend about two months before returning to America.

Misses B. and L. Wright, of Mount Albert, Auckland, left by the Niagara for Sydney, en route to Devonport, Tasmania, on a twelve months' holiday.

Mr. D. Ryan, Auckland manager of the Huddart-Parker line, who has just recovered from a serious illness, is at present recuperating at Rotorua for a few weeks. His duties have been taken over by Mr. T. J. Parker, a grandson of one of the founders of the firm, who is in charge of the Dunedin branch.

The Rev. Fathers Fanning, of Christchurch, Roche and Conaghan, of Auckland, left last week on a trip to Sydney by the Huddart-Parker boat.

Many towns in Germany are laying up heavy liabilities by the issue of loans for the purpose of supporting families of soldiers at the front. According to the "Berliner Tageblatt," Dresden is one of the latest instances, with a loan of £150,000.

The Germans are constructing branch railway lines throughout the whole of that part of Poland which they occupy. These are built to connect German districts with the larger cities of Poland. The lines will not only be used for military transport, but also for carrying food. Regular traffic has been established by way of Kutno and Sierody.

Mr. Clarence W. Barron, head of the Wall Street "Journal," who has paid a flying visit to Europe in order to study the war and financial conditions, is convinced that Germany must sue for peace very soon, and that her resources will not permit her to prosecute the war through 1915. "England," he adds, "has undertaken the largest financial expenditure of any nation in connection with the war. Her compensation will come mostly in the insurance of peace for the next hundred years."

The national spirit may be best illustrated by the example of two retired admirals, one 70 years old, who, being beyond the age for regular duty, have undertaken mine-sweeping in the North Sea, the most trying, dangerous and disagreeable work sailors know. There is no weakening here, but a tight setting of the teeth for a task demanding all our strength.

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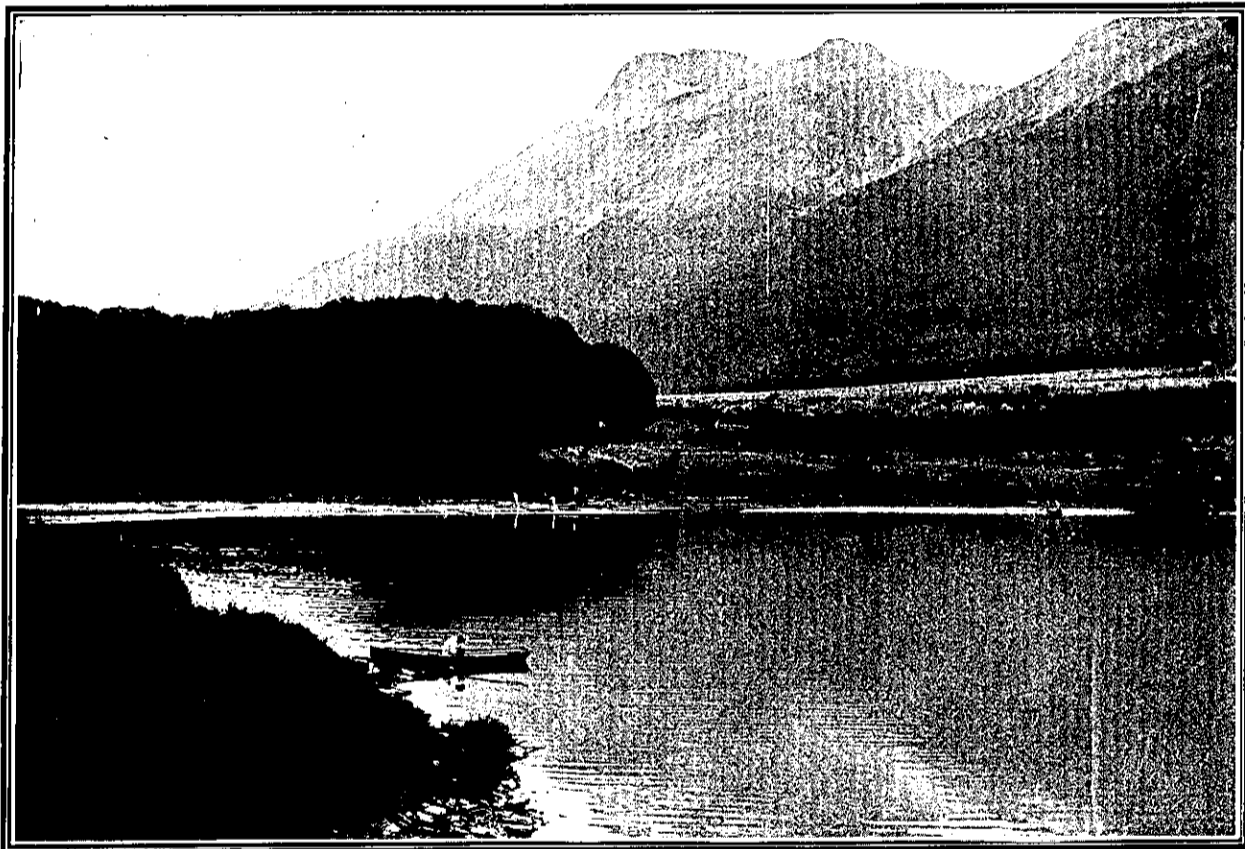
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Mr. Arthur Crowther, of Paeroa, leaves by the Tainui on the 25th March from Wellington on a trip to London.

Germany has not yet exhausted her ingenuity in finding means to extort money from the suffering Belgians. She now requires every cyclist to purchase an official passport before going for a "spin."

Some of the best known London clubs are faced with serious financial deficits as a more or less direct consequence of the war. Membership is falling off and very little money is being spent by those who still remain on the roll.

A correspondent of the "Berliner Tageblatt," whose letter seems to have escaped the German censor, draws a heartrending picture of the misery in Brussels, where, he says, there are 100,000 persons utterly destitute, while in the bitter wintry weather little children walk the streets with bare feet.

The French Cabinet has approved a measure, for submission to Parliament, making permanent the prohibition of the sale of absinthe and other similar liquors. The Government find that the military decree forbidding absinthe affects the population beneficially.

Warsaw, the capital of Poland, is the third city of the Russian Empire. Beautifully situated on the left bank of the Vistula, it is 700 miles from Petrograd and 400 from Berlin. It is a recognised centre of science, art, industry, and commerce, and has a population of well over half a million.

A Belgian officer who paid a flying visit to London said that the wastage of cars in this war has been incredible. He says that driving recently from Furnes to Dunkirk, he saw no fewer than seven splendid chassis wrecked by the roadside or in the ditches; while further out toward the front the roads are absolutely strewn

with the fragments of the "thousand pounders." The officer himself has used up seven cars himself since the week in August and he expects to use as many more before March comes. The truth is, of course, that reckless driving is often an absolute necessity in war and the roads of France and Belgium have been quite unsuited to reckless driving these many weeks. There are collisions, side slips, catastrophes galore—to say nothing of the Black Marias, the Jack John sons, and other implements of slaughter. Many a car, too, has gone through a large bridge which ought to have been there but was not. Altogether a pleasant state of things—especially for the manufacturer who believed that the motoring world had become rather dull.

Lieutenant Gran, one of the party which discovered Captain Scott's sad last bivouac is engaged in aerial scouting for submarines off the English Coast.

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Miss Fairchild, daughter of the late Captain Fairchild, of Wellington, is now in charge of a hospital at Boulogne.

Peru's nitrate business with Europe has been ruined by the war, and the army of men employed at the industry has migrated down the Pacific Coast into Chile.

The American Women's Club in Berlin is urging all American girls in Berlin to return to the United States.

Surgeon-Captain A. Martin, mentioned in Sir John French's despatches, is Dr. A. A. Martin, of Palmerston North. He is a son of Thos. Martin, of Lumsden, formerly of the Railway Department, and brother of Mr. J. T. Martin, manager for Wright, Stephenson and Co.'s Christchurch branch, who is now in Java in connection with the Wismar's cargo. Dr. Martin is a native of Lumsden, Southland.

Japan, though involved in the war, has adopted the motto "Business as usual." She is engaged busily preparing for the Emperor's coronation next November, the programme for which is to be in no way altered owing to the war. Japan is also participating in the Panama Exhibition at San Francisco, as originally planned. This means that Japan is still open for tour and travel, under ideal conditions.

Four sons of the British Prime Minister are now in uniform on behalf of their country. Mr. Cyril Asquith is in the Queen's Westminsters, in which Mr. Raymond Asquith has just received a commission. Mr. Herbert Asquith and Mr. Arthur Asquith are in the Royal Naval Reserve. All four have signally distinguished themselves in their college career.

Mr. Lauri D. Mitchell, whose catch of a 710lb. tuna on the rod at Port Medway, Nova Scotia, on September 5, 1914, was recently mentioned, is one of the best known and popular sportsmen in Nova Scotia. He is a great moose hunter, and an expert sailor and salmon and tunny fisherman. His giant fish was caught with a Conway rod and line and a Vom Hope Atlantic tuna reel, and it took 3¼ hours to bring it to gaff.

Mr. John Wanamaker, the American millionaire and philanthropist, who has just sent a shipload of food to the stricken Belgians, is, in the opinion of Sir Joseph Lyons, the most remarkable man in America. There are many who will endorse that verdict. His pride in England for keeping her word to Belgium is almost a religious thanksgiving. "You might have kept out, but you went in!" he said to a writer; and then he added, "Thank God for that." And if any man in this world hates war it is John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia.

financier's concluding comments, "that battleship is the finest investment we have ever made. But it was more—much more; it marked the birth of a great Imperial spirit that is now thriving and animating the whole nation."

Vienna, where food prices appear to have risen enormously owing to the war, ranks even in normal times as the dearest capital in Europe. Within the last six years meat prices in Vienna have increased by 50 per cent., and the milk and potatoes about 70 per cent., while the price of coal has doubled. During the same period the average monthly rent of two-roomed tenements has risen from 10s. to £2. Middle-class families have to pay at least £160 a year for a moderate-sized suburban flat, and in the centre a four-roomed flat cannot be rented under £200 a year.

The German Empress is said to wear on State occasions not less than £250,000 worth of diamonds and pearls. The Kaiser was furious when at one great function the Kaiserin was outshone by the ex-Queen of Italy, the beautiful Margherita, and he insisted that the Empress should almost load herself with gems. One of her ornaments, by the way, is said to be the circle of gems which Napoleon wore in his hat, and which was found by Blucher's soldiers after Waterloo. The Empress' lot is not exactly a "bed

him as tossed by a bull, which the 'torero' William II. has goaded to madness. A third reproduces the two Emperors on their tottering thrones, unstable because supported only on bayonets and cannon. A fourth shows the Austrian Emperor caught fast in a wire entanglement, and abandoned by his indifferent and egotistical Ally, the Kaiser."

Lately boys and men fishing in Timaru harbour have frequently had the experience of salmon taking the bait and being caught. They were naturally pleased with such catches, but the South Canterbury Acclimatisation Society have now stepped in with a legal opinion, which says that all salmon or trout caught in this way must be immediately returned to the sea.

Mr. Poulney Bigelow, the author, who has warned America against quarrelling with England over trade restrictions during the war, is a well-known American. He was born in New York in 1855, is an M.A. of Yale, and was admitted to the American Bar in 1882. In 1875-76 he made a trip round the world in a sailing ship. He has visited New Guinea and Japan, travelled in China, Borneo, Java, Australia, Africa, the West Indies, on the Spanish Main, in the Philippines, and Panama, and studied tropical colonisation in nearly every colony of the world. He has lectured at the principal universities on modern history and colonial administration. In 1898 he acted as correspondent for the London "Times" during the Spanish-American War. His books include "The German Emperor and His Eastern Neighbours," "Paddies and Poles Down the Danube" (he was the first to take a canoe through the Iron Gates of the Danube), "The Borderland of Tsar and Kaiser," "History of the German Struggle for Liberty" (four volumes), "White Man's Africa," and "Children of the Nation." Most of these have been translated into German or French. Mr. Bigelow was expelled from Russia in 1892 on account of his political writing.

A great deal has been heard about contraband copper since the war started, and it is interesting to note the position in which Germany stood when hostilities opened. Apparently she anticipated very little interference with her imports, and had only normal supplies of copper in the hands of the trade, and a stock of about 4000 to 5000 tons in the warehouses at Bremen and Hamburg. There were only a stock of about 3000 tons in Rotterdam, which port is the chief distributing centre of copper supplies for Westphalia and Southern Germany. Of these 3000 tons, however 2200 were under the control of an English firm, which, in spite of considerable opposition on the part of both the United States and Germany, transferred the metal from Rotterdam to the United Kingdom. The British Government evidently did not at first recognise the importance of stopping the supply of copper to Germany, and in the early weeks of the war did not take sufficiently energetic steps in that direction. Ultimately, however, they recognised the strength of the representations made to them from certain quarters closely associated with the copper industry. After the port of Rotterdam had become no longer available Germany attempted to secure copper supplies through Italy, Sweden and Denmark, and there is no doubt with a certain amount of success. The greatest difficulty in the matter arose from the fact that a large proportion of the copper production in the United States is in German hands. That Germany recognises the necessity of obtaining copper supplies has been apparent from the very commencement of the war. In August last when copper was still £60 per ton in England Germany offered £90 per ton, while during the last few weeks of November and early in December copper in Germany ruled between £120 and £150 per ton compared with between £55 and £60 in Great Britain. There is one copper mine in Germany—the Mansfield—which produces in normal times 10,000 to 12,000 tons of copper. There is no doubt that men have been diverted from other industries to work this mine, and its production has been raised, perhaps, to 20,000 tons. But as Germany's normal importation of copper is some 25,000 tons a year, the yield from home sources is obviously insufficient.



CHRISTMAS AT THE FRONT.—Tommys in a railway waggon making preparations for the mid-day meal. One bright lad is using his sword as a toasting fork.

The Copenhagen casualty lists received from Germany give the losses of the Kaiser's forces as two millions, of which a million men are Prussians.

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"I have kept a journal of the war," says a French lady writing to a friend, "and it is fast turning into a volume! My grandfather did the same in 1870; we found his diary in the library here. It is most curious; he had the Germans here for two months, and suffered very much by them. The battles were fought nearly at the same places, at the same dates."

When Napoleon invaded Egypt by way of Suez, he attempted to cross the Red Sea at the spot assigned by tradition to the crossing of the Children of Israel. He and his horsemen, however, seem, unintentionally, to have imitated Pharaoh rather than Moses, for they came very near to being drowned. According to French accounts, Napoleon saved his army by his presence of mind, ordering his cavalry to scatter in every direction to multiply the chances of coming on shallow water, and thus finding a line by which he and his people were extricated. The people of Suez, says Kinglake, declare that Napoleon lost his horse, got thoroughly submerged, and was only fished ashore by the assistance of the natives.

It is stated that there were not many visitors fishing at Taupo this year. Mr. Charles Naylor, of London, has just arrived, and his first day resulted in a catch of 42 fish.

Apart from the Kaiser's fortune, his son, the Crown Prince, has a separate income of £50,000, drawn from property valued at nearly £1,000,000, while the Kaiser's brother, Prince Henry, enjoys some £30,000 a year on account of an estate worth half a million. Altogether the principal members of the Hohenzollern family own property valued at approximately £20,000,000.

In this war the waste of horses is appalling. Those that first entered Brussels with the German Army had been bred and trained for the purposes of war, and they were magnificent specimens. Everyone who saw them exclaimed ungrudgingly in admiration. But by the time the army reached the approaches of Paris the forced marches had so depleted the stock of horses that for remnants the Germans were seizing all they met. Those that could not keep up were shot. For miles along the road from Meaux to Soissons and Rheims their bodies tainted the air.

Mr. D. G. Nathan, of Wellington, declares that it is a delight to travel through Canada. "You belong to the country that gave the Empire a Dreadnought," was the appreciation that met him everywhere, and it was followed by a hand grasp that expressed even more than did the warm words of approval and congratulation. "Even as an advertisement," was the shrewd

of roses," and she fears rather than loves her masterful and domineering husband.

An Ashburton fisherman, engaged in whipping the stream at the mouth of the Rangitata, had an exciting half-hour's sport when landing a big 15lb. trout. The minnow he was using hooked in the tail of the fish, which immediately made up-stream. After taking out several yards of line, the trout turned down-stream again, jumping into the air and dropping back into the water with a big splash. Going over the ripples an exciting tussle took place, but, thanks to a strong line and careful playing, the fish was safely landed. It was in splendid condition, being thirty-two inches long and measuring eighteen inches round the girth. The same angler caught a 12lb. fish some distance up-stream, as well as several smaller ones.

A visitor to Rome, who studied the windows of the tobacconists, and other shops where illustrated postcards are sold, would have no difficulty in discovering on which side popular sympathies lay, writes a visitor to the Eternal City. "I have failed to find a single Italian postcard favourable to the Germans and the Austrians. On the other hand, I have before me a large collection of anti-German and anti-Austrian cards. Perhaps the most famous is that which represents the Austrian Emperor (feeling here is naturally more strongly anti-Austrian than anti-German) as a tight-rope dancer walking along a slack cord, while a huge Russian bear is waiting below to devour him. Another depicts

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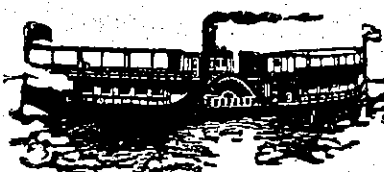
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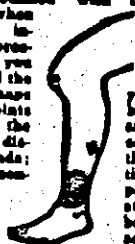
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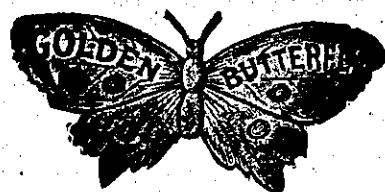
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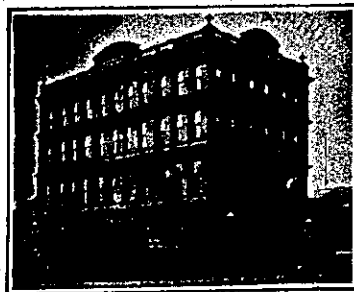
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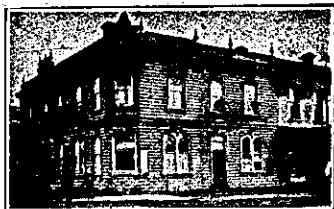
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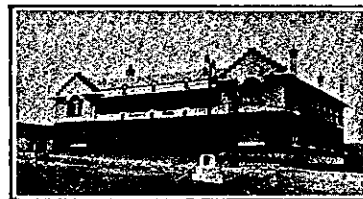
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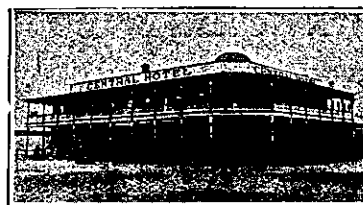


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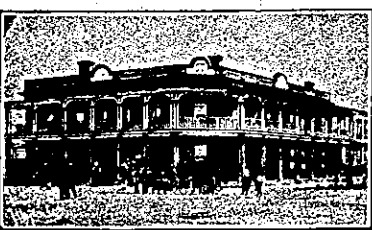
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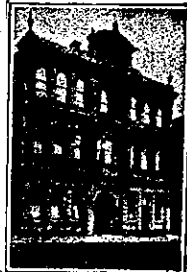
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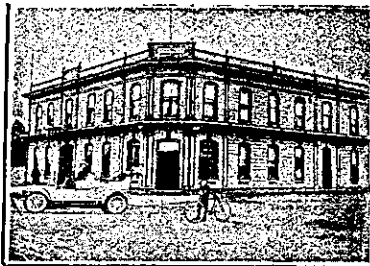
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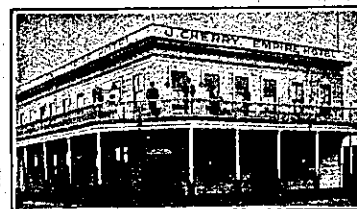
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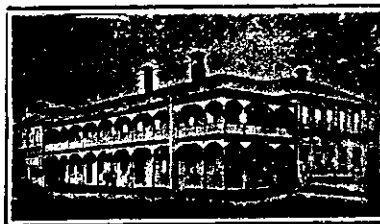
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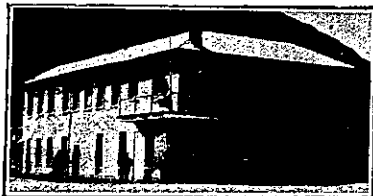
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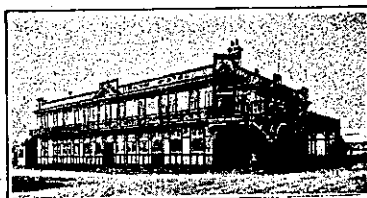
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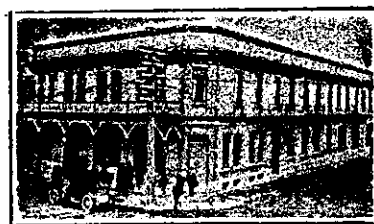
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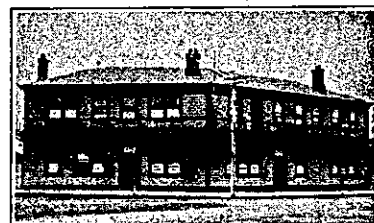


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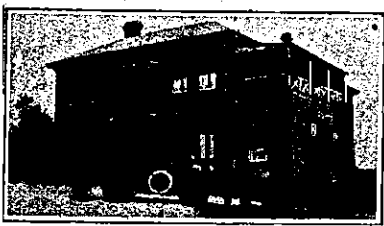
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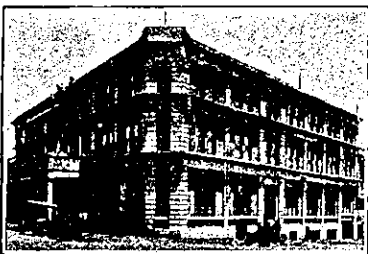
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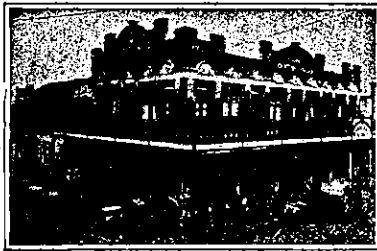
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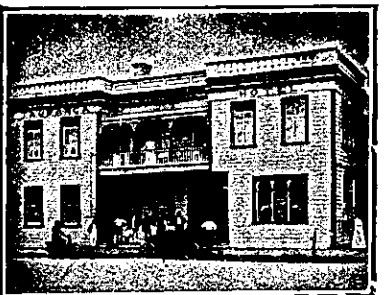


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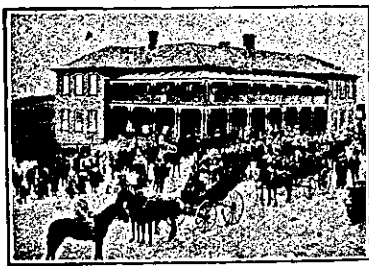
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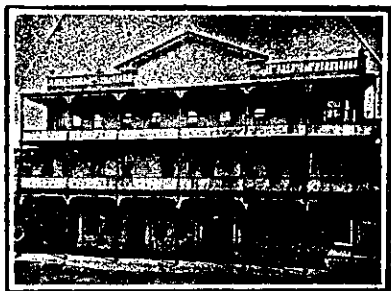
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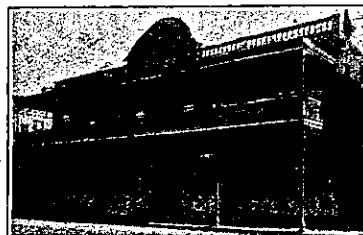
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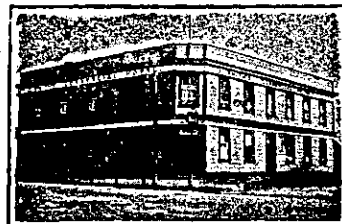
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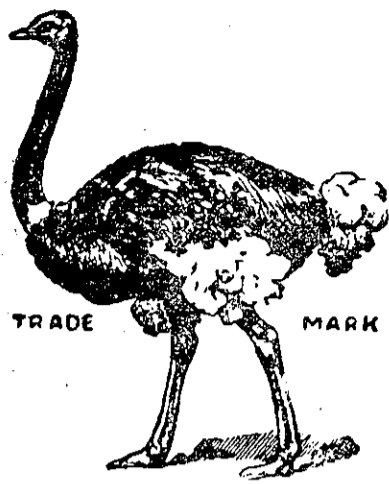
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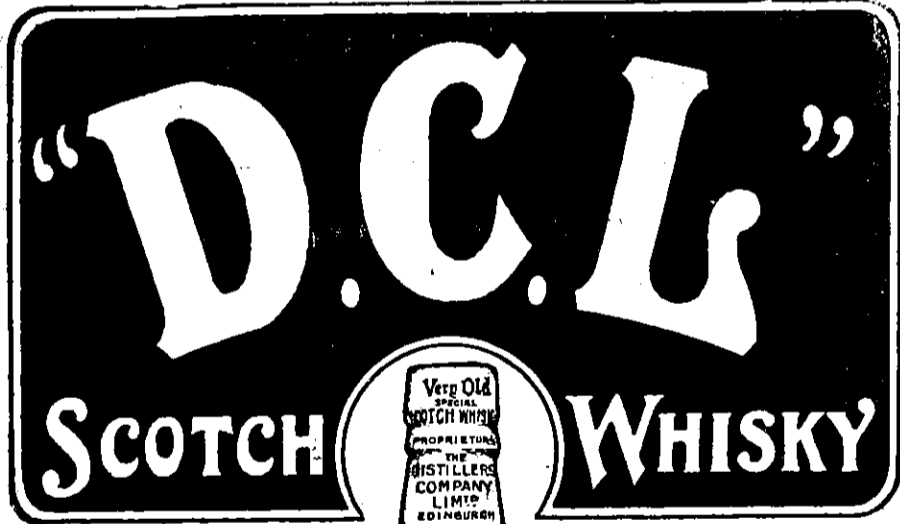
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