

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Mr. J. Clarke, the well-known Alpine guide, is in Egypt.

A home cinematograph was sold in Masterton for £15.

A cup of the value of £25 has been given to the junior Masterton cricketers for competition.

The revival of the "Flag Lieutenant" in London has reached its 50th performance.

The King's colt, Friar Marcus, was started five times last season and won every race.

London critics praise "The Feast of Lanterns, Pekin," scene in "Aladdin." It is credited with a weird beauty.

Mr. J. B. Paton, a former selector for the Wellington football teams, has left with the Expeditionary Forces.

Busoni, probably the finest pianist of the day, commenced a tour of the United States this month.

The men in Egypt have been playing polo on donkeys. The sport must have been good but the science small.

The Christchurch restriction denying ringside patrons a seat on the stage has been rescinded.

That charming—too charming—child, Little Lord Fauntleroy, is appearing twice daily in London to good business.

Messrs. Klaw and Erlanger, show producers, have combined with Shuberts to control the theatres and plays in America outside New York.

Major Eustace Loder, owner of Spearmint, Derby winner, and Pretty Polly, has left unsettled estate valued at £295,938.

"Charley's Aunt," now being staged in New Zealand centres, holds the world's record with 1466 performances.

A pupil of Joachim, Ernst Schiever, aged seventy-one, has died in Hanover. He was formerly a well-known English conductor.

Canadian remount horses are being billeted out in England at a pound per week.

Geno Hubay, whose music was introduced some years ago by Mr. John Prouse, has recently appeared again in Berlin after a lapse of 22 years.

Among the bequests of the late Major Loder is an annuity of £500 to his racing manager, Mr. Noble Johnson.

The Lady of Coventry who rode "clothed upon with chastity" has inspired eight plays. The first appeared in 1851.

In the ballet of "Aladdin" at the Opera House, London, over a hundred children between the ages of eight and fourteen took part.

The Bristane amateurs staged "The Toreador" recently and spent £800 on the production. They cleared £750 after expenses.

Mr. George Edwardes, who had a long and prosperous career as a successful actor-manager, has now made a success with his horses on the turf.

General Maxwell, in command in Egypt, is a great believer in sport and healthy recreation for his men, and encourages them in every way.

Francis Mohair, the Hungarian playwright, who wrote the play "The Devil," as at present acting as war correspondent in the Carpathians.

Madame Gerville-Reache, a well-known American prima donna, wife of Dr. George G. Rumbaugh, head of the Pasteur Institute, New York, is dead.

The owner of Spearmint, Major Loder, left £5000 to his old regiment, the 12th Lancers, and £1000 to the Dreggheda Memorial Hospital.

Mr. C. A. Lowe has been appointed manager of the totalisator for the Wairarapa Racing Club, vice Major Hume, who has gone to the front.

Germany has for years set aside £3000 for a pigeon service. Nearly 200,000 homers were available for military service at the beginning of the war.

Mr. Louis Winans, the well-known wealthy American whose hobby is sculpture and horses, has his thoroughbreds trained by J. Cannon. They won £100 during last season.

An opinion is voiced in a reliable English magazine that the Tetrarch was lucky to pass crowned with the bays, because he would have proved deficient in staying power.

The "Charley's Aunt" Company of Wellington amateurs were greeted with bumper houses, both in the big theatre at Napier and in Christchurch, where over three hundred were turned away.

Mr. R. B. Cunninghame Graham, the well-known writer, has been appointed head of a commission to buy horses in South America. Members of the same family were formerly well known in Canterbury.

James J. Corbett, the famous American raconteur and monologue entertainer, is our old friend "Jem" Corbett, of the fistic ring. An American poet asks:

And where are the "pugs" whom we used to see fight?

They are playing in vodyville now, Its easier training and much more polite.

They are playing in vodyville now, Which seems to be very applicable just at present.

A lawn tennis championship will be held in Rotorua early in the month.

Twenty-two members of the Auckland Golf Club have enlisted for active service.

In "Aladdin," the Christmas attraction at the London Opera House, one of the cleverest of the dancers is a juvenile Indian, Miss Sylvia Ackam. She receives much praise for her work.

A new revue is to be presented shortly at Duke of York's, London. It is written by Sir James Barrie; the leading part is to be played by Mlle. Gaby Deslys. The combination seems startling.

Over 3000 officers and men were invited to witness the final rehearsal of the pantomime "Aladdin" on Christmas Eve in London. Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund Freemantle and the Lord Mayor were present. They were the guests of Major Arthur Haggard and the Veterans' Club.

Percy Grainger, the Australian, whose brilliant piano playing will be remembered by New Zealanders, is adding to his laurels in the States.

Harry Lauder has given a second donation of £1000 to the National Relief Fund as well as his only son to fight for England. Somewhat of a contradiction to his critics.

Lily Langtry! How the name throws the playgoer back. Lily Langtry, the Jersey lily, famous find of Sir John Millais, has a son, Mr. de Bath, who has gone to Egypt with the Queensland Light Horse.

Liszt's last pupil is dead. He was a distinguished pianist and conductor, by name Stuvenhagen, a resident of Switzerland, and the last remaining link with the lion-headed Abbe.

In the recent glove fight between Matt Wells and Gus Platts, a London critic says Wells had both pace and cleverness, while his footwork was far superior.

Mr. Frank Morton, undoubtedly the most distinguished litterateur in New Zealand, has commenced a lecturing tour of the Dominion. His subject is "The Lord High Hypocrite."

"Tipperary" has passed its vogue in England. Except as a mutilated wall upon the barrel organs, says an English paper, little of the famous tune is now heard.

The late Miss Fanny Brough, actress, left property worth some thousands of pounds, but no directions as to where a will made in 1912 or 1913 was to be found. Her attorneys are advertising the matter.

There is trouble in the Amen Corner of theatrical Sydney. The three big firms have applied to have the registration of the Musicians' Union cancelled, and had it granted. They alleged that the union had consistently broken every industrial agreement it had entered into.

Georges Carpentier, world's heavy weight, it is stated, has lost the major portion of his savings owing to the destruction of the coal mines at Lens and Courriers, the district where he was born.

J. B. Joel stood first amongst the winning owners last season with £30,986, but others are well up. The anglist American, Waldorf Astor, won £16,617, E. Hulton £14,969, Lord Cadogan £14,327, Sir Ernest Cassel £13,018, and Colonel Hall Walker £11,438.

Sir George Alexander has attained his quarter century as actor manager. The stage was set as a library, and here Mrs. Kendal presented him with a George II. silver cup of the year 1746 and also with a cheque for £200 to give to charity. To Lady Alexander she handed a beautiful silver salver.

"The French fully anticipated that the Germans would get to Paris," says a recent visitor to the once gay capital, "and I saw the trenches which had been prepared outside the city to be used as the last line of defence. The woods on the outskirts of the city had been cut down to provide material in making barb wire entanglements, and tall buildings had been razed, so fully did they expect the arrival of the Gremans. The people, however, were returning to Paris during October and November, and there was a considerable improvement in the life of the city."

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