

a clever pacer. He was bred by Mr. Grigg, at Longbeach, Canterbury, and eventually fell into the hands of Mr. Baird, jun., of Invercargill, cheaply, and almost at once showed that he could travel neatly in the straps. The Winton people are in hopes that a totalisator permit will come their way before next season. If this does not happen it is more than likely that this long-established club will disband, as results do not justify carrying on without the aid of the machine.

The Lakes gelding Copper Boy has left for his owner's station at Arrowtown, where he is to be hacked about and generally well treated until the approach of next season.

J. White, who has been assisting with Mr. W. T. Hazlett's horses for some time past, has left Invercargill to take up his residence at Wingatui. It is understood that he will set up as a public trainer at headquarters, and that he will have charge of the team recently prepared by J. McCombe at Riccarton. McCombe, by the way, has taken out a jockey's license again.

The stallion Buff Gauntlet is looking healthy and well at his new home at Winton, and it is safe to say that at least three of his consorts, in the same ownership, have proved in foal. The mares referred to are Miss Sylvia, Blue Bell and Rosene, by Stepniak. Miss Sylvia produced a very fine foal to the Red Gauntlet horse last year, but it rolled into a watercourse and was drowned.

A very nice two-year-old gelding is being handled in Winton at the present time by J. Gray, in preparation to play a part in the Guineas Stakes of next season. The son of Glenculloch—Follicle, by Casket—Parvula, was bred at the Oreti Stud by Mr. R. Miller, and looks like turning out a valuable racehorse. Another product of the same stud of similar age recently changed hands in a filly by Glenculloch—Turret, by Sant Hario—Minaret (dam of Magdala, Giralda and Magdalen). These two youngsters are shapely and well grown, and should lead to the Clanranald—Madowla sire getting on the winning list to a creditable extent.

There was a bidding duel in a local auction mart on Saturday last, when Giralda, by Canrobert—Minaret, was offered for sale to wind up a partnership. Eventually, amidst applause, the roan-coloured gelding was knocked down to one of his previous owners, Mr. F. Price, to the tune of £300.

The cross-country and hurdle race rider L. Lloyd has left to join the Sixth Reinforcement camp at Trentham, having volunteered for service at the front.

All Ready's victory in the Timaru Cup was anticipated in this district, and at the same time gave pleasure to many local breeders, as Mr. Buckley's horse is the son of a full-sister to Canrobert, in Aerina, a smart little mare during her two-year-old racing career. All Ready is the best racehorse so far to be credited to the Stepniak stallion All Red. Second place in the Cup was filled by the Invercargill-owned Golden King, who has raced most consistently since the New Zealand Cup fixture in November last, and his stable companion, Peerless, finished second in the hurdle race on the same day.

The gate receipts at the Riverton R.C.'s meeting amounted to £970, as against £1106 at the corresponding fixture of last season. Both these sums rank as records as far as the club is concerned.

The Captain Webb—Wild Daisy mare, Golden Webb, got away from her lad the other day and came to grief, cutting her legs about severely.

Mr. A. Gardener, well-known in local galloping and trotting circles as a clever blacksmith, died on Monday last at the early age of 43 years after a long and painful illness, contracted as the result of a chill. Mr. Gardener was favourably known as an owner of trotters at various times, and also as a skilful gun-shot. Last year he won the clay bird championship of Maoriland at the traps in Timaru.

It is reported that quite a number of Southland hunters and steeplechasers are being kept in work in view of competing at the Dunedin J.C.'s meeting at Wingatui in June next. This Otago fixture is becoming known as the "Southern Grand National" meeting, and is growing in popularity as the years pass.

The work of constructing new training tracks on the Gore R.C.'s property is being pushed on rapidly, and trainers in the Eastern District will thus find themselves well catered for by the time the spring season comes round again.

GISBORNE.

Death of Multiplied—Mistie Being Hacked About—King of Athol's Promising Track Form.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

GISBORNE, Saturday.

Multiplied (Multifid—Ladylike) met his death in a peculiar manner here a couple of weeks ago. It appears his owner left the feed-room open, and during his absence the horse got in and ate half a bag of oats and then had a drink, with the natural consequences, the son of Multifid dying within the hour. It was unfortunate for his owner, as the horse showed great promise, and only a week before an offer of £350 had been refused for him.

Both Lord Ainslie and Faggot have recovered from their slight mishaps, and the pair are again in active work.

Mistie, who broke down while competing here in October, and was turned out in consequence, has been brought in, and is now being hacked about, and after a couple of months will go into W. Olive's stable to be

Tatimi is still being spelled, and will not be taken in hand until the tracks become a bit softer.

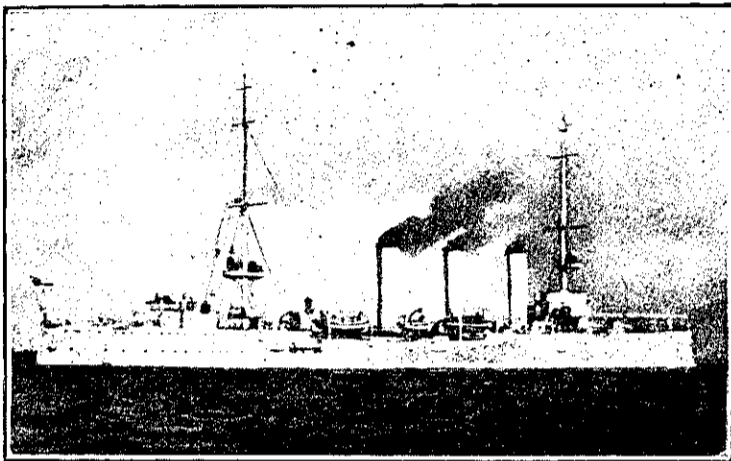
Judging by his track work, King of Athol will be very hard to beat in hack races he starts in at Hastings. On Saturday morning last he ran half a mile with about 9st. in the saddle in 49secs., and finished on the bit. I should not be surprised if this horse turns out one of the best sprinters in New Zealand next season.

Loreto is another that is bowling along well, and promises to be hard to beat in future events.

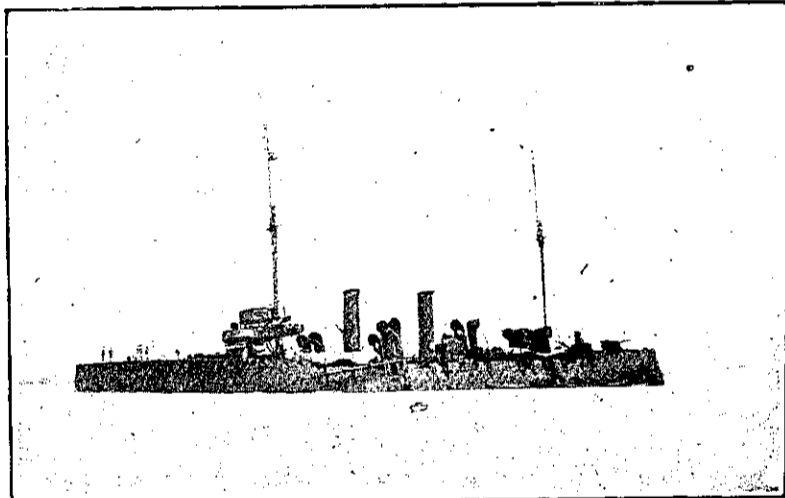
Rewonga and Raupani are just being potted about, with nothing in view at present.

Multikoff has lightened up a lot after his trip South, and does not appear one of the robust sort at present.

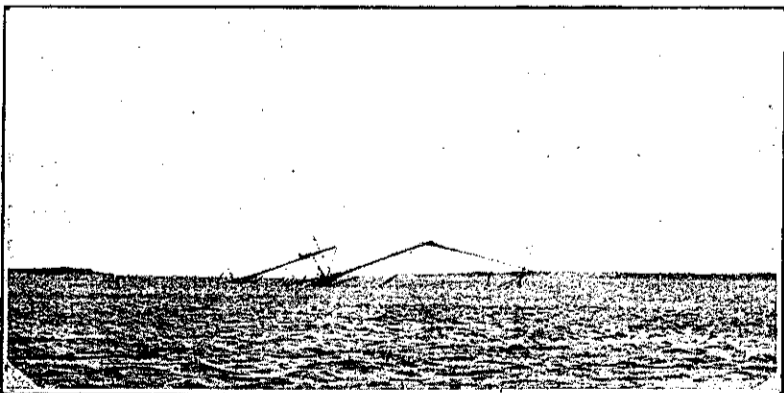
Chortle has once more proved what a good horse he is over a mile by carrying 9st. 4lb. and just getting touched off in the Thompson Handicap in 1min. 39 3-5sec. The winner, Ladoga, has a right to be labelled the best middle distance horse racing at present in New Zealand, judging by past performances.



The German cruiser Konisberg, which sank H.M.S. Pegasus at Zanzibar.



After being torpedoed by the Konisberg—H.M.S. Pegasus settling down by the bow. Note how near the hawse pipes are to the water.



All that is now showing of the H.M.S. Pegasus above the water at Zanzibar. The aftermast is broken at the wireless gaff.

prepared for the winter meetings.

Bayswater (Marble Arch—Miss Lotie) has resumed work after a three months' spell, during which time he was emasculated. He might yet prove a good advertisement for his sire, as he can gallop very fast, though on the small side.

Master Timi and Faggot continue to do good work on the local tracks, and both should be hard to beat at Hastings this month, where the pair claim engagements. The same applies to Multifid, who is also in P. Malone's stable at Makaraka.

Lady Alicia proved costly to local punters here as the result of her failure on the opening day of the Avondale J.C.'s meeting.

The success of Colonnade in the two-year-old race on the first day at Avondale was anticipated here, and her supporters were well rewarded for their confidence in her.

CANTERBURY.

The Timaru Cup—Notes on the South Canterbury J.C.'s Meeting.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

The South Canterbury Jockey Club had a splendid meeting, which opened on Thursday last. A useful though by no means high-class field of eight went out to contest the Timaru Cup, for which Specialform, who looked in splendid order, was made favourite. The Oamaru-trained All Ready had a strong following, as did Bonny Rigg. Just after the start Finder and All Ready closed in too quickly, which resulted in a mix-up, in which Bonny Rigg and Specialform were the worst sufferers. Getting out of trouble quickly, All Ready made play all

through, and when apparently caught at the distance by Golden King and Specialform struggled on again so gamely as to win by half a length. Specialform ran a sterling race under her big impost, and only for being interfered with might have won. Bonny Rigg showed a lot of speed in making up her lost ground, and it was only in the last hundred yards that she compounded.

Daylight Bill showed his usual dash in the Liverpool Steeplechase, but with less than a circuit gone he attempted to jump the wing of a fence and staked himself. Stone Ginger was always in the first flight, and half a mile from home looked a certain winner. He got there, but it was only after a good contest with Fritz that he just landed the stake by half a length. The Pole ran a fair race in getting third place, but his jumping was not too clean, while Ngatiruanui lost ground at every obstacle. Had not Daylight Bill met with his mishap it would have been a most interesting race.

Medley broke a long series of defeats by annexing the Gladstone Welter, and there was a fair amount of merit in her performance. After getting badly away in the running it was only in the last furlong that she got a clear passage. Encore was well placed all through, but at the finish had no chance with Medley, while Bandy showed a fair amount of speed but no stamina.

A first-class day's racing was brought to a fitting conclusion by a dead-heat in the Doncaster Welter between Briar Patch and Leading Lady. Glenowl and John Bunyan were unfortunate at the start, this being the only mistake Mr. Hariey seemed to make during the day.

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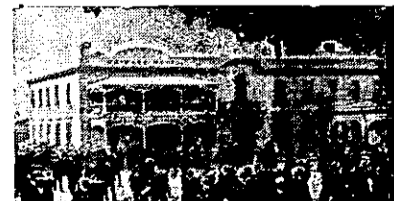
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