## NEW ZEALAND SPORTING AND DRAMATIC REVIEW

## TURF RESULTS. AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

GREAT NORTHERN MEETING.

CONCLUDING DAY.

## TARERO WINS WINTER STEEPLE-CHASE.

The Auckland Racing Club's winter meeting was brought to a successful conclusion on Wednesday of last week in mild but rainy weather, which, however, did not affect the attendance very greatly, not so much, perhaps, as the news of the loss of the cruiser Hampshire with Lord Kitchener and staff aboard, which did keep some racegoers away, and it would not have surprised many had racing been postponed a day out of respect of the memory of so great a man; to whom the Empire owes so much. The racing was, if anything, more interesting than on either of the preceding days of the meeting. Speculation fell short of the corresponding day of last year, a result no doubt of the depressing influence of the appalling news and the rainy weather combined. The sum of  $\pounds 37,551$  was passed through the totalisators, as against £43,003 10s., making a decrease of £5452 10s. The total for the meeting reached to  $\pounds 126,516$  10s., a decrease on the three days of £1553. This is not much to a club like the Auckland Racing Club. The Hunt Club Cup Steeplechase has always a particular interest in Auckland, one of the homes of hunting, and for the rather small stake for this time-honoured event there was the good field of ten, the Feildingowned mare Lady Bibbero being a much better favourite than the Hunt Club Hurdles winner Tinoroto and Captain Lock. Until the last halfmile it looked likely that Heather Boy, an aged son of Highland Chief, who was out in front, would prove the winner, as Lady Bibbero, the favourite, when making a good run, had the bad luck to come into collision with Captain Lock, who slipped on landing over the hurdle near the five-furlong post, with the result that while she knocked A. Rae, rider of the last-named, out of the saddle, she was almost twisted round herself. This left Mollyhawk, who was ridden by her owner (Mr. Eccles), to go on and catch Heather Boy, but though Lady Bibbero made up a lot of ground she could not reach Mollyhawk, though she and Ambassador each passed Heather Boy. Mr. Eccles was the only non-professional riding, and it was perhaps for that reason his mount was the greatest outsider. She paid a useful dividend.

The now clever New York was none the worse for his two previous races over the country and was made favourite for the Tamaki Steeplechase. Hopye, who came out for the third time, being a good second fancy, Flingot, Captain Mackay, Ranza Mist-each looking none the worse for their previous efforts-Gluepot (who had raced twice over hurdles), Westerley and The Channel comprising the remainder of the field. New York was in the lead all the way, but Gluepot, Captain Mackay and Hopye were always handy. Gluepot was nearly on terms, if on sufference, just before he fell on the hill, and Captain Mackay was only a length away when they landed over the last hurdle there. and from thence out kept the son of Frisco doing nearly his best to the Hopye again ran a winning post. good race, while Ranza Mist was getting no worse for his racing and experience over the course. Westerley and The Channel were not nearly so fit. The Hon. J. D. Ormond's gelding Aurore had raced with such bad luck, but nevertheless so prominently, in previous events at the meeting that he was selected as the most likely to win the York Welter Handicap, Loloma, King Chiara and Bluestone being most fancied of the others, of which there were seven. Bluestone, after Soldier had made the running, came on the scene a bit far from home it seemed, and shooting to the front led until nearing the goal, but had not anything left when King Chiara got up and beat him a neck. Flying Start was going faster than either and got within three-parts of a length, Loloma, Soldier and Signo This is the most valuable next. stake to date won by King Chiara for Mr. A. Raynes, his owner. Had Flying Start begun his run earlier he might perhaps have won.

The Winter Steeplechase proved the most interesting of the series. Tarero (whose first appearance it was) and Waimai each carried heavy investments, between them more than double the amounts entrusted to Ngatoa and Idealism, Marton, Captain Jack, Lady Sabretache and Glenmore (who looks well) being the outsiders. The eight runners kept pretty close order for over a circuit, when Glenmore dropped back, Tarero, Marton and Idealism being companions over the last half of the journey, never separated by more than a length or two, with Captain Mackay, Waimai and Ngatoa always fairly handy. Coming home from the top of the hill Idealism, who was leading and looking like a winner, ran wide, and Tarero reached him as they got to the wall at the foot of the straight. They were on terms over the last obstacle and had a good brush home, the little fellow proving of the better material and possibly being the most forward in condition. It was only half a length that separated them, and Idealism lost a decided chance by running wide when he did. Marton earned his 100sovs. of third money by running a good race throughout. Captain Jack led Waimai and Ngatoa home, to the apparent surprise of many. McFlynn rode him and he was meeting them on 111b. and 41b. better than in the Great Northern, in which the distance and the pace settled him. Ngatoa met Waimai at a 71b. advantage as compared with their previous meeting and carried the confidence of his connections, but Waimai again

orchy and Queen's Post could not get into the fighting line. Royal Regel fell at the first hurdle, showing much consistency at that sort of thing.

A long overdue win came at last to Dancaster, an outsider, in the Fitzroy Welter Handicap, who led the other twenty runners from end to end and finally won by a length and a-half from the favourite, Brown Loch, who was ridden by B. Deeley, who on the previous day was reinstated by the District Committee, who upheld his appeal against the finding of the Judicial Committee of the Auckland Racing Club, who suspended his license in connection with the accident which happened to Thoolomi at the A.R.C. Easter meeting. After Brown Loch came Porphyry, who was only half a length away and was at a sensational price. San Sebastian was close up, fourth, and the rest at intervals, headed by White Blaze.

Most backers favoured the chances of Bluestone and Glenroy for the Farewell Handicap, and they carried a lot more money than Bisogne, Hyginas, Tinopai and Try Fluke, while such as Kitty Bellairs, Tact, Battle Eve, Torotoro (who had raced well each time he started), and Hushman were each at comparatively long prices, while Ring Lupin, who has been more often a favourite than an outsider, was still less fancied. Ring Lupin, Marimba and Kitty Bellairs were amongst the quickest under way. but Bisogne and Torotoro in turn got to Ring Lupin nearing home, a short

WINTER STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 750sovs; second 150sovs, third 100 sovs. Three miles.

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Wards), , Law, Carling den). Won by half a length, five lengths between second and third, Captain Jack, Waimai and Ngatoa next, Time, 6min

CAMPBELL HURDLE RACE HANDI-CAP of 400sovs; second 70sovs, third 30sovs. Two miles.

F. J. Lysnar's br m Pursefiller, by Lethe—Golden View, 5yrs, 9.6 (Poulgrain)
J. O. E. Jackson's br g Marconi, 5yrs, 9.6 (Henderson)
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b g Gladful, 5yrs, 9.13 (Bush)

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NEW ZEALAND SOLDIERS BEAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS AT RUGBY FOOTBALL IN THE RETURN MATCH .- AN INCIDENT IN THE GREAT RUGGER MATCH BETWEEN THESE FAMOUS TEAMS OF COLONIAL SOLDIERS, WHICH A TRACTED A BIG CROWD AT RICHMOND. It will be remembered that the South Africans defeated the New Zealanders in the first match, so that the latter were able to even up matters on the occasion of the return match.

beat him. The form of this pair might perhaps have been different with a longer distance to go, but it is doubtful, and their running does not suggest that El Gallo's contract on the previous Monday was a hard one to defeat them. Tarero is the smallest of the starters.

For the Campbell Hurdle Race Harbour Light, Gladful, Soultikoff and Marconi carried more support than Pursefiller, but this mare made amends for her previous displays-a fall in the Great Northern some erratic jumping and trying to run off the course costing her a lot in the Remuera Hurdles. She jumped big and did not give the most perfect of exhibitions, but she stayed in front when she got there and won, and that's the main thing for her owner and supporters. Marconi, whose racing all through was an improvement on previous efforts for some time, caused the Lethe mare to put forth the best of which she was capable, and it was just a question which would win as they came to the last hurdle, the mare, who has had the least experience, getting over it a little the best and winning by two lengths. Gladful was eight lengths away, and after a good interval came Harbour Light and Tenacious. Guiding Way was running in second place at the end of the first nine furlongs, Crispeen and Centenary being prominent at an earlier stage. Soulti-koff made no sort of show, while Tragedy King was anchored by the increased weight. Ulster's rider (C. Scott) broke a leather and pulled off after going seven furlongs, and Glenlength separating the two, Hushman being close up.

## Results:-

UNT CLUB CUP STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second 40 sovs, third 20sovs. Three miles. HUNT

10—H. Eccles' b m Mollyhawk, by Captain Webb—Mokomoko, 6yrs,

(Roach), 13 Guiding Way 9.0 (Kelly); 11 Queen's Post 9.0 (Ward), Won by two lengths, eight lengths between second and third, Harbour Light and Tenacious next. Time, 3min 53sec

FITZROY WELTER HANDICAP of 200sovs; second 40sovs, third \_0sovs One mile.

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Royal Loop fell at the first fence, and Captain Lock lost his rider after going two miles and a-quarter. Molly-hawk won by seven lengths, Lady Bib-bero beating Ambassador by half a length, Heather Boy fourth. Time, 6min 36sec.

TAMAKI STEEPLECHASE of 300sovs; second 70sovs, third 30sovs, miles and a-half.

8 2-5sec.

- YORR WELTER HANDICAP of 650 sovs; second 100sovs, third 50sovs, One mile.
- 3—A. Raynes' br g King Chiara, by Soult—Chiara, 6yrs, 9.3 (Robin-son)

Also started: 5 Pendoon 11,7 (A. Mc-Flinn), 6 White Blaze 10,5 (Nodder), 4 San Sebastian 10.2 (F. E. Jones), 11 King of the Valley 9,3 (O'Hare), 10 Serutineer 9,8 (Hatch), 8 Glittering Sands 9.6 (W. Young), 16 Captain Miro (Conquest), 9 Permit 9.5 (Tapp), 3 Bowler 9.4 (O'Shea), 2 Idra 9.2 (Ryan), 15 Hemisphere 9.1 (Morris), 19 Nidah 9.0 (Goldfinch), 13 Kereone 9.0 (Buch-anan), 14 Miss Avalanche 9.0 (Chap-lin), 17 Luperino 9.0 (Henderson), 18 Sea De'il 9.0 (Greenwood), 7 Jocular 9.0 (Conway), 21 Sportful 9.0 (Bush). Won by a length and a-half, half a length between second and third, San Sebastian fourth, White Blaze fifth. Time, 1min 48 2-5sec.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 350sovs; second 70sovs, third 30sovs. Five iurlongs.

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