

TURF TOPICS.

Comedy King is standing at a fee of 100 guineas.

La Penna, by King Rufus, won the Rosehill Handicap last month.

Troublesome is having an enforced spell.

Racing conditions in England have been definitely fixed, and the outlook is now distinctly good.

R. Buddicom, who won on Mount Victoria at Hawke's Bay, is a first-season horseman over sticks.

Gladful was not nominated for the New Zealand Grand National Hurdle Handicap.

The Masterton R.C. will have a two days' meeting in October and no meeting in the autumn.

El Gallo is sure to be top weight in the N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase. The maximum is 12.7.

Waimai and Luperino represent Auckland at the V.R.C. winter meeting.

Bezant, a New Zealand-bred one, started favourite for the juvenile race won by Immortelle at Rosehill.

Biplane has quite got over his accident, and is doing good work at Randwick.

Jullundur, winner of the V.R.C. Grand National, broke down last month.

The New Zealand Grand National meeting is to be limited this year to two days. Stakes have been increased by £530.

The general entries for the V.R.C. Grand National meeting, now in progress were seventy in excess of last year.

Achilles has had some half-dozen winning representatives in Australia this season, and their earnings amount to about £1300 in stake money.

Tenacious accompanied Luperino and Waimai on their trip across the Tasman Sea, from a port not named to a port not named.

After winning the Brisbane Cup with Bunting, Mr. E. J. Watt gave £250 to the Red Cross Fund out of the stake.

Jackman's dam was got by a horse called Scotch Mist, a son of Hailstorm, a Wanganui Cup winner, brother to Resolution, twice winner of that race.

A coming two-year-old by Hallowmas from Blue Ribbon (the half-sister to Paritutu), trained in the Wairarapa by Garrett, is well spoken of.

Mr. W. E. Bidwill, who recently sent away a number of horses which were sold in Australia, will not have many representatives this season.

Corisol, winner of the Rous Memorial Stakes in England, was got by Solferino, the Burnside (Oamaru) sire, before he was purchased for this country.

While King Chiara was racing at Hawke's Bay his owner, Mr. Raynes, was taking the baths at Helensville, and he allowed the son of Soult to go out unbacked on his account in the race he won there.

J. Coyle, one of the trainers who was drawn in the recent ballot, failed to pass the medical test when he volunteered early after the war started. He is a brother to the well-known handicapper.

Form Up (8.3), Simonides (7.9) and Silver Tongue (7.0) are engaged in the Epsom Handicap, run at the A.J.C. spring meeting. Their names and weights were not cabled amongst the other New Zealanders engaged.

The Wellington R.C. winter meeting is quite a representative one. Horses from all parts were nominated and sufficient were paid up for to use up all the accommodation on and handy to the Trentham course.

Though Carbine was first favourite for the Melbourne Cup which he won, carrying 10.5, from the time the weights appeared, nevertheless the largest field that ever competed lined up on that occasion. There were 39 runners.

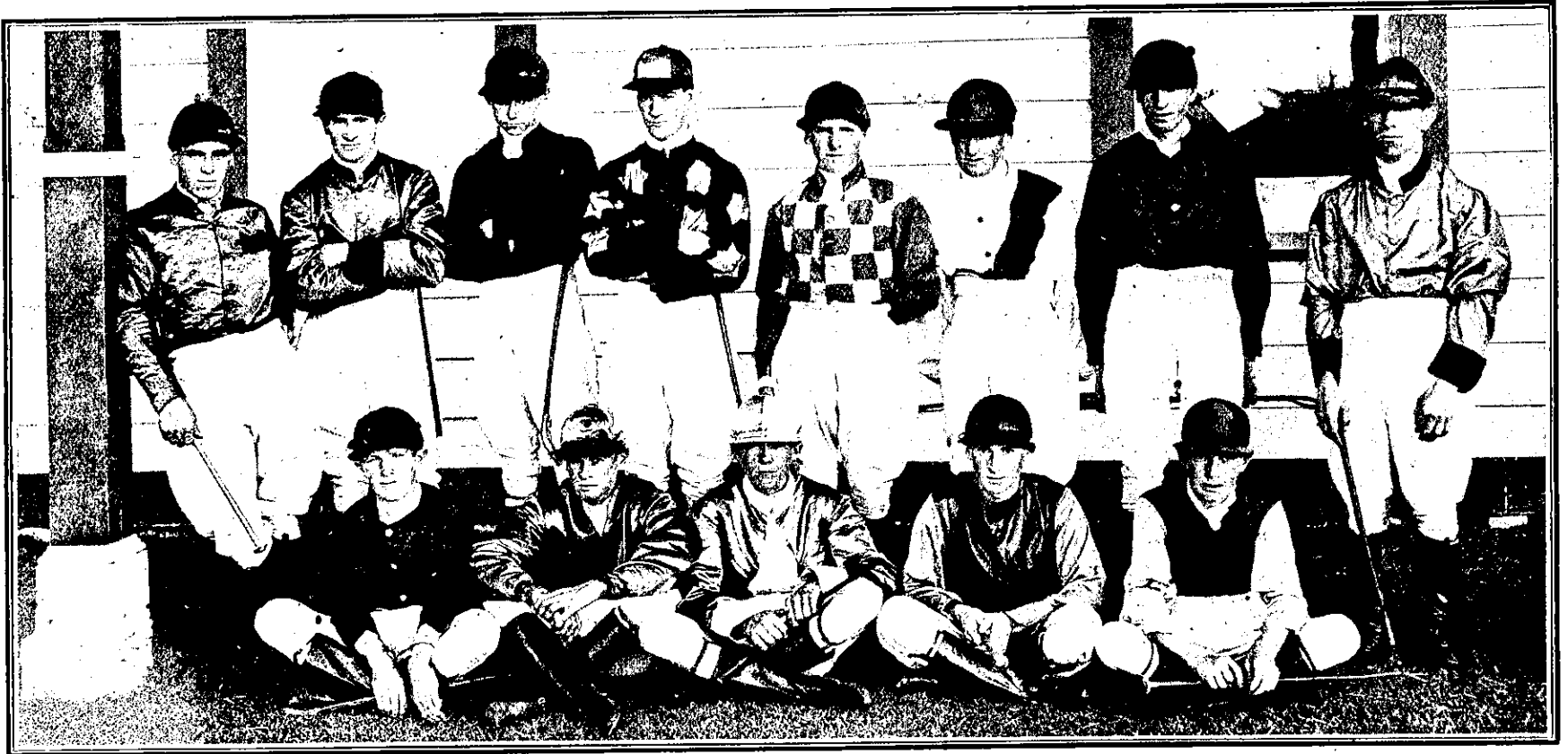
If some owners and trainers could have their way in New Zealand some of the clubs which have intimated that they will not hold spring meetings would be compelled to have at least one day, and to carry out contracts entered into for classic events. That is the trend of their talk. The clubs take the view of what is likely to pay best.

Recruiting officers made urgent appeals at the Albion race meeting in Queensland for volunteers, and also tried to sell war bond certificates to tote investors. Up to the last only one of £1 was sold, and then the proprietors of the course took one of £100 at a cost of £87 10s.

The weights for the Grand National Hurdles in Victoria ranged from 11.13 on Jullundur to 9.0 on the bottom-weight division. In the Grand National Steeplechase, from 12.2 on Boelical down to 9.0 on the bottom weights. In Victoria they go 7lb. below the weights we adopt in New Zealand in steeplechases.

Tattersall's Club, which is a flourishing institution in Sydney, to which betting members, including a good many pencilers, belong, has a few race meetings during the year at Randwick, and will be the first to use the Julius totalisator, if it is ready at their coming meeting. This club has given £10,500 to patriotic funds and has £10,000 invested in war loans.

Some of the best-known trainers in the North Island whose names appear in the list of those drawn in the ballot are J. Coyle, J. Mitchell, C. Chaafe, T. Wilson, W. Coffey and T. Higgins. These and the jockeys J. F. Brady, A. Goddard, L. Nodder, and W. H. Bush (who recently got hurt), and a few more who, however, are not licensed men and have no claim to prominence in the profession, are all that have been called out of nearly 9000 names.



GROUP OF WELL-KNOWN HORSEMEN, PHOTOGRAPHED ABOUT A DECADE AGO.—Back row (from left): L. H. Hewitt, C. Jenkins, W. Young, L. King, V. Cotton, F. D. Jones, D. King, G. Price. Front row: Sid. Reid, A. Oliver, L. Dennahy, B. Oliver, J. Fryer.

Calton, a son of Marble Arch, won the chief race at Bacchus Marsh (Vic.) last month.

The classic races of the various clubs in New Zealand have filled as well this season as ever they did.

The imported sire Absurd, who has left a dozen of his owner's mares in foal, is being freely patronised by outside breeders.

The ancient New Zealand-bred Wasseca was placed within 7lb. of Waimai in the weights for the V.R.C. Grand National.

Which was the club that sought to get behind the decision of the Auckland District Racing Committee? A lot of owners are asking.

Amberdown, winner of the Albion Cup in Queensland, is by the imported horse Downshire, and represents top-class form.

Tim Doolan, who is reported to have done little work at Caulfield, jumped six fences in faultless style on the morning of June 24.

When Immortelle won at Rosehill for Mr. Greenwood, the colt went out at a forlorn price, and one writer declares was totally unbacked. The machine price, though good, was less than half what the pencilers continued offering to the barrier rise.

Dr. Ring, who was called to attend Hallowmas, the Bushy Park (Wanganui) sire, a short while back, has received word that the son of Martagon is all right and doing well.

White Star's brother, Sunstar, has made a good start at the stud in England, and White Star's progeny, now coming two years old, in Victoria are expected to race well.

If the Auckland Racing Club does not hold a spring meeting there will be no Welcome Stakes at Ellerslie this year, though nominations were taken for the race last month.

Mr. Wilkie, who bred Captain Glosop, has been in Auckland since the Great Northern meeting, and spent a few weeks at the Helensville Springs before leaving this week to have a look at the Wellington meeting.

Dr. Ring's services have been accepted by the N.Z. Government, and this now well-known young vet. will leave Auckland in a fortnight to take up his duties elsewhere.

Fisher, who some Auckland writers thought would have won the Great Northern Hurdle Handicap had he not fallen at the last hurdle, was not sent to Wellington because the handicapper was much of the same opinion, and showed this by putting a bit more weight on than his owner considered justified.

Waimai, under favourable circumstances, may have reached Melbourne on Monday or Tuesday last, and could at best only have worked twice between leaving the Dominion and reaching his destination, where he is due to race on Saturday in the V.R.C. Steeplechase.

A lot of people who come to Auckland in the summer season are delighted with the climate, and form a fine impression of the sunny North, but for a considerable time past the weather in the Auckland province has been very displeasing to a number of visitors who have come North to winter.

Tim Doolan (11.9), Waimai (11.7) and Wasseca (11.0) are New Zealand horses engaged at the V.R.C. Grand National meeting in steeplechase events. Tim Doolan it is thought will hardly be ready, and has been scratched for the big steeplechase. Wasseca is getting on in years, but is the best-bred one of the trio, and Waimai was late getting to the scene, and the distance, under the circumstances, may likely find him out in the big race on Saturday; indeed, we shall not be surprised if he does not compete, as he and his companions must have had one of the very worst trips ever experienced across the Tasman Sea.

The Owners, Breeders and Trainers' Association in Auckland have appointed J. Williamson to proceed to Wellington to represent the interests of trainers in an endeavour to get members of the Racing Conference to throw out the remit tabled by the Auckland Racing Club which would prevent trainers who are training other than their own horses from holding licenses.

"The average racegoer will neither fight nor pay," declared the secretary of the Queensland Recruiting Committee, who tried to get financial assistance from racegoers by selling war saving certificates at the Albion (Brisbane) meeting in June. Returned wounded soldiers appealed on behalf of the committee, who completely failed to do business. They intend to try again, hoping that the racing public there will think better of their attitude.

Though one hears very little of what is being done in the hunting fields in New Zealand nowadays, there are nevertheless nearly as many clubs amongst the actives as before the war. Fewer men are taking part at the meets, and none that are eligible for the war, from all accounts. Quite a large number of ladies take the field, and some have done the qualifying of horses for meetings that were looked for, but which are not figuring amongst the fixtures.

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