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THE TOTE IN AUSTRALIA.

The betting tax in Sydney on bookmakers is to be re-enacted, and it is thought may be made heavier than at the present time. The "Referee" says that the totalisator turnover so far has not yet given bookmakers any cause for alarm. Perhaps this is why the Government, having failed to get anticipated revenue from the machine, are looking for more from the pencillers. However that may be, it is thought that the ticket tax will be increased, and if such a step is taken it might be fair to penalise only those bookmakers following their calling in the paddock at the different meetings. The little men, says "Pilot," complain that under existing conditions it is difficult for them to make ends meet, and at a halfpenny a ticket on the numerous small cash bets they lay they are certainly much more heavily taxed than the inside men at a penny a ticket.

An increase would certainly force many Leger men out of business. At one time they might have been able to pass their taxation along to the public, but that is almost impossible now, with competition so keen among themselves, and the totalisator an-other factor to be reckoned with. Of course if many drop out it will mean a substantial loss to the Government in fees, but, on the other hand, in-creased totalisator investments would The latter fact may cause result. the bookmakers to receive less con-sideration than might otherwise be the case when the tax is again dealt with by our legislators. It was with the idea of getting a substantial return from betting that the Government legalised the totalisator, and as a result of still continuing to monopolise much the greater part of the business, the chances are the bookmakers will have to submit to further taxation.

IMPROVEMENTS AT ELLERSLIE.

Some years ago, or, to be precise, in the winter of 1906, the Auckland Racing Club's course, from the winning post back to the hill near the five furlongs post, was graded and returfed and at the bend entering the straight, where there was a fall outwards from the rails in the formation of the ground, the depres-sion was filled up and the turn bank-ed and the outside of the track rais-ed several feet. This at the time was considered likely to satisfy re-unicements but as horses swing out quirements, but as horses swing out there still when the pace is on it is recognised that they are at a disadvantage, particularly so in five furlong races, which, because of there being no straight course, cannot be avoided. To minimise the difficulty the course is to be further raised on the outside and graded to 1 in 30, and this should prove a big help. The work to be effected will extend for about a furlong. It is thought that the turn out of the straight may at no distant date be lowered. There is a lot of rock in that quarter, how-ever, and unless the work could be commenced within the next month or two there will be little prospect of it being undertaken. The cutting out of the spring meeting has given Mr. Hill, the club's foreman of works, an opportunity of getting some needed work done. Trees which have obscured the view of the racegoers who view the races from the outside have been cut down lately.

The Australian colt Blue Bolt, whose sale to a patron of James Scobie's stable has been reported, will remove the ban imposed by the V.R.C. committee, and the colt will now be able to measure strides with Thrice and other three-year-olds in the coming season. The sale recalls the incidents associated with the rejection of his entry. Blue Bolt ran away with a race in Adelaide last year, and was then taken to Melbourne for the Christmas meetings. After being beaten on a suburban course, he won the two-year-old races at the V.A.T.C. and V.R.C. meetings on Boxing Day and New Year's Day, and his form was inquired into. The explanation was accepted, but a subsequent press interview, in which Dr. Bennett stated that he saw no harm in running a horse not capable of winning, caused a reopening of the case, with the result that Blue Bolt's entry for the Ascot Vale Stakes was rejected. After he had won the two races named Scobie offered 1500 guineas for Blue Bolt, but Dr. Ben-nett asked 2000 guineas, and that is the price he ultimately received.

The alteration of the A.J.C. Derby conditions so as to permit of geld-ings starting in 1918, is appreciated Already several by many owners. youngsters that might otherwise have remained entire have been added to the list in Australia and New Zealand. Better that a gelding should win once in 51 years—that is their present re-cord—than adhere to a condition which tended to an increase of indif-ferent stallions, says "Pilot."

It is expected that the first real test of the totalisator betting will be Randwick, and the "Referee," at whose expectations have, like those of the Government, been so far doomed to disappointment, mentions that Mr. C. W. Cropper, who saw the Julius machine working at the recent meeting, was very much impressed. At the same time he does not flatter himself that Randwick is going to escape all initial totalisator troubles; but, to obviate them as far as possible, the Auckland Racing Club's machine manager and several other experienced men are going to Sydney from New Zealand to see what they can do towards making everything run smoothly at Tattersall's and the A.J.C. spring meetings.

Writing from Egypt recently a member of the New Zealand Mounted Division says: "We had a very good race meeting at Rafa about three weeks ago. There were about 30 starters in every race; some of the horses were very rough. The course was marked out with flags, while the two steeplechases were held over hurdles made of sand bags with a bit of scrub on top. We had a tote there made of barbwire, and when you went up to procure your ticket you did not know how the horse was backed. The dividend was paid out on the first horse only. The riders did not have colours up, but carried a white band round their arm with their respective numbers on, these also being on the saddle cloths. Some of the races were worth $\pounds75$, and trophies were donated in connection with every event."

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PROGRAMME. FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 1917.

First race starts at 11.30.

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 1. VITTORIA HURDLE HANDICAP (Hack Conditions) of 150sovs; sec-ond horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and three-quarters.
 2. STEWARDS HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Six furlongs..
 3. FIRST HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third 20sovs from the stake. For hacks and qualified hunters. Nomination 1sov, accept-

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1917.

- First race starts at 11.30. 1. CORUNNA HURDLE HANDICAP (Hack Conditions) of 150sovs; sec-ond horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a-half. 2. LIVERPOOL HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Six furlongs.
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 JUMPERS' FLAT HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stake. Open to horses that have completed a hurdle race or steeplechase course in New Zea-land to the satisfaction of the stewards. To be ridden by pro-feesmonal hurdle or steeplechase riders. Nomination 1sov, accept-ance 2sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
 SELLING RACE of 150sovs; for three-year-olds and upwards, 9.9. The winner to be sold as soon as pos-sible after the race for 100sovs; if entered to be sold for 50sovs al-lowed 7lb. Any surplus to be divided as follows: two-thirds to the owner of the second horse and one-third to the owner of the third horse. Entry 2sovs. Five furlongs.
 BROOKLYN STEEPLECHASE HAN-DICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and third horse 40 sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. About two miles and a-half.
 PENINSULA HANDICAP (Hack Conditions) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 80sovs, and third horse to score functions.
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- FLEET HANDICAP of 300sovs; sec-ond horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. One mile. PETONE HANDICAP (Hack Con-ditions) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Five fur-longs. 8.

THIRD DAY.

- SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1917.
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 First race starts at 11.30.
 1. TALAVERA HURDLE HANDICAP (Hack Conditions) of 150sovs; sec-ond horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a-half.
 2. ONSLOW HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and the third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Five furlongs.
 3. SECOND HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third 20sovs from the stake. For hacks and qualified hunters. Nomination 1sov, accept-ance 2sovs. Two miles and a-half.
 4. CROFTON HANDICAP (Hack Con-ditions) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sors, and the third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nom-ination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Seven furlongs.
 5. JULY STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP
- norse 1550vs from the stake. Nom-ination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Seven furlongs.
 JULY STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 500sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and the third horse 30sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 6sovs. About three miles
- 6. WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 250
- MINES.
 WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and the third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile.
 FINAL, HURDLE HANDICAP of 350 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and the third horse 20sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. One mile and three-quarters.
 KIA ORA HANDICAP (Hack Conditions) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and the third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Five furlongs.

PENALTIES. The winner of any race or races on the same day shall carry 71b penalty. No penalty to be incurred in open events for wing in races with hack conditions events for conditions.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS. WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES. N.B.—All events close at nine o'clock p.m. unless stated to the contrary.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 1917. NOMINATIONS for all events except the Selling Race and Trial Plate close at nine o'clock p.m. sovs, and third 20sovs from the stake. For hacks and qualified hunters. Nomination 1sov, accept-ance 2sovs. Two miles and a-half.
4. TRIAL PLATE of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. For horses that have never won a race exceeding the value of 50sovs at time of nomination. Weights: two-year-olds, 9.3; three-year-olds, 10.0; four-year-olds and upwards, 10.2. Mares and geldings allowed 3lb. Entrance 2sovs. Six furlongs.
5. WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 1000sovs; second horse to receive 125sovs, and third horse 75sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 10sovs. About three miles and a-quarter.
6. PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP of 400sovs, second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 75sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
7. WINTER HURDLES HANDICAP of 600sovs; second horse to receive 70 sovs, and the third horse 30sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 7sov. Two miles.
8. TE ARO HANDICAP (Hack Conditions) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15 sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlows form the stake. Somination 1sov, acceptance 7sov. Six furlows form the stake. Somination 1sov, acceptance 7sovs. Sovs form 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlows form the stake. Somination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlows form the stake. Somination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlows form the stake. Somination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlows form the stake. Somination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlows form the stake. Somination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlows form the stake. Somination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlows form the stake. Somination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlows form the stake. Somination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlows form the stake. Somination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlows form the stake. Somination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlows form the stake. Somination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlows form the stake. Somination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. MONDAY, JULY 2, 1917. WEIGHTS declared for First Day's Handicaps. FRIDAY, JULY 6, 1917. ACCEPTANCES for First Day's Han-dicaps. also ENTRIES for Selling Race and Trial Plate close at nine e'clock p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 1917.

WEIGHTS for Second Day's Handi-caps declared at eight o'clock p.m. ACCEPTANCES for Second Day's Handicaps close at nine o'clock p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1917. WEIGHTS for Third Day's Handicaps declared in Morning Papers. ACCEPTANCES for Third Day's

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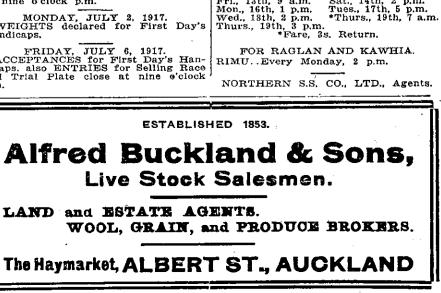
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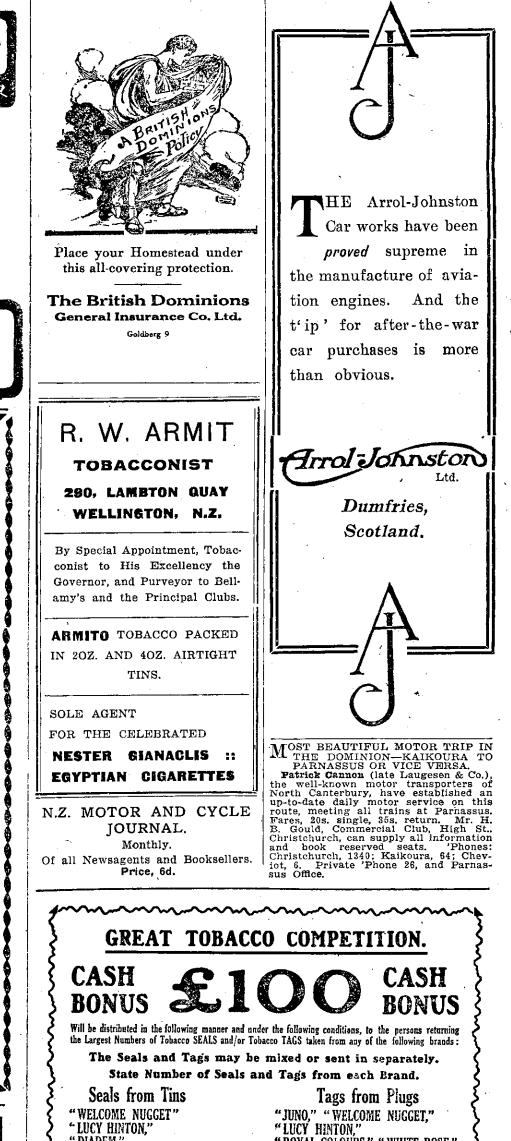
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More than ordinary interest always attaches to the annual conferences of racing and trotting clubs held in Wellington. There are usually matters of importance to be discussed, and the racing president, Sir George Clifford, has invariably a fairly long story to tell about past seasons' doings, and suggestions to offer in connection with proposed operations for the future. No one can deal more interestingly with such subjects than that owner, breeder and worthy sportsman, who aims at high ideals, and has proved the right man in the right place ever since his services were sought and freely given in the interests of the pastime he so largely follows with other sportsmen, some of whom are good workers and al-most as regular in their attendance at these annual conferences as he is himself. We may be sure that both the presidential heads of racing and trotting will have a good deal to say in reference to happenings in connection with each branch of sport that were the direct cause of bringing about meetings of the executive members of all clubs in all parts of both Islands, also of the District Racing Committees, as their representatives, to deal with a matter of vital concern Upon to both branches of sport. that matter—the curtailment of rac-ing—we have from time to time had a good deal to say. At the very outset, when it became known that the Government intended to reduce the railway service, and that the Cabinet would call upon or demand of the racing and trotting clubs that they should reduce their meetings, we suggested that the clubs should not act hastily, and that there was plenty of time to arrange matters, before the annual conference this month, after it was known what the Government intended to do in connection with their railway service. That we have known for some weeks past, and the cutting down of the meetings has been decided upon by the representatives of all the club, city and suburban, town and country, at appointed meetings. We are pleased that, though it has been stated that there were dissenting parties after the business had been settled by the repre-sentatives of the many clubs in what they believed to be the best possible way in the interests of owners, breeders, trainers, the clubs themselves and their patrons, no changes have been made. It was only to be ex-pected that there would be some dissatisfied people. It will always be the same when there are reductions or increases. It was not with the object of referring to that particular aspect of affairs that we commenced this note, but to call the attention of members of the Conference and the Minister of Internal Affairs to a cable from England, received on Friday last, which is of especial interest just now. It reads:

It reads: "The War Cabinet has decided to allow a limited amount of racing in view of the national importance of horse-breeding. It suggests that the stewards of jockey clubs should arrange for approximately 40 days' racing be-tween the middle of July and the close of the flat racing season at Newmarket and elsewhere, subject to the approval of the War Office, the Ministry of Munitions, and the Board of Trade. The railways would not provide special trains, and steps are to be taken to prevent motor cars and taxi cabs being used to carry racegoers. If these con-ditions are ignored licenses will be withdrawn. The Cabinet also decided to allow, to a maximum of 1200 horses in training, 151b of oats daily." to allow, to a maximum of 12 in training, 151b of oats daily." This is so very reassuring that the head of the Racing Conference will not fail to make use of the informa-tion. The concessions, though they have come at a well-advanced stage of the racing season, will be considered liberal by those who are always prepared to accept the half loaf rather than have no bread. The fact of being allowed to race 1200 horses to the end of the season means a very great deal to the sportsmen and breeders of England. Under pre-war conditions the number would not have been so very many more.

to make up for days lost since the beginning of the war. Another consideration may have been for the owners and trainers and the public, who are to get so much less racing for a time. The winter meeting has invariably paid well, which is another point of view, and we are told that in the season to come, when its meetings will be reduced, the autumn one may be dispensed with. Whether that is so, and what will be done with the North Island Challenge Stakes and Trentham Gold Cup, we shall, of course, not be long left in ignorance. The air is so thick with rumours of what may and what may not be done in the coming season, however, that it is well to await de-velopments while the clubs arrange matters amongst themselves. If they give first consideration to the interests of the owners, who have to foot the bills and provide the horses, they will be best considering their own and the interests of their necessary patrons and the public generally. If they do anything tending to drive owners out of the game it is their With the cost of feeding concern. and training, and sending horses to bringing them from meetings in and the Dominion, so much higher now than heretofore, it will take little to make a good many drop out for a time, some of them possibly never to come back. There are quite a number who are only waiting a favourable opportunity of selling out as it is, and there are some who are very seriously considering racing in the Commonwealth

cost of keeping their employees. It is easy to see that the interests of owners and trainers, which should be identical, may sometimes conflict when both are racing horses-and, indeed, such has very often proved the case-but if it remains a recognised thing that trainers may race, and they run their horses in their own names -if not in the names of their wives, as is sometimes the case in Australia -and everything is above board and done in an open way, it is preferable that things should remain as they are than that trainers should adopt subterfuges and run in other people's names. Some owners may have had very good grounds for holding that trainers should not be granted the privileges of ownership, but it may be contended that they are not compelled to have their horses in the stables of trainers who race horses of their own. Owners who have private trainers can regulate these matters by a definite understanding, but it is not so with the public trainer who may have horses of numbers of other people, who may offer no objection to such trainer racing on his own account.

Some owners do not care a scrap, and have no wish to deprive trainers of the chance of winning races that their own horses are not qualified or suited for. Others are jealous lest their horses should not receive the same attention as those of their tra ners. In principle it may not

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GROUP OF OLD TIME NEW ZEALAND TRAINERS, TWO OF WHOM HAVE PASSED THE GREAT DIVIDE-Back row (from left): Messrs. Alf. Shearsby, T. F. Quinlivan, R. J. Mason, J. Munn, J. McGuinness, J. H. Prosser. Front row: Messrs. R. Gooseman, the late H. Goodman, the late E. Cutts, S. Waddell, P. Martin.

in preference to accepting altered conditions so far as Auckland is con-In any case, it is not unlikely cerned. that there will be a number of owners who will consider it necessary to try and place their horses to better advantage than keep them in their present quarters, with so little to do in the Auckland province during the spring months, and with no very brilliant prospects at the big summer meeting of the A.R.C., which brings along the best from everywhere.

seem quite the thing, and in practice there have been some unpleasant ex-periences at periods of turf history in the Dominion, but probably such cases have been very few and far between, or at least very rarely heard of. There have been breaches be-tween owners and trainers, and some owners would prefer not to have their horses in stables with those of their trainers when they are engaged in the same races. There are obvious reasons why trainers should not race against owners for whom they are raining, and some trainers would on no account do so. Others have lost horses through such an indiscretion. Some trainers contend that they should have the right of the privilege to train for themselves when it suits them to do so, and that there are times when it has been to their advantage, when other owners for their horses could not be found. Nowadays it is very different to the old days, when a majority of trainers raced their own horses because there were so few men prepared to shoulder the expense and accept risks of ownership themselves. Now that there are many owners, trainers should do their best to encourage more of them to patronise them. One of the best ways would be to studiously avoid racing themselves, or doing as little as possible. The proposed rule can be accepted in the light of a suggested reform, without questioning the methods adopted in the racing of their own horses by trainers, who, as a class,

have set a good example to many owners and have done nothing to cause suspicion by their methods. As reforms should be brought in gradually, however, if such a change from so long an existing practice is thought desirable, its adoption should date from a time well ahead, and would thus give trainers an opportunity, if they so desired, to get out of the business of racing on their own account, as so many are doing at the present time.

On this and following pages will be found photo. illustrations taken a few years ago, of men-two of them dead and gone-who have played prominent parts in the making of racing history in and out of the Dominion. The group of eleven trainers on the accompanying page is indeed made up of such pastmasters of their business, and such successful men in every department of their profession, that it would be hard to get together at any one meeting in the colonies a similar number with records approaching theirs. What great horses most of these veterans had through their hands during their long connection with the racing game. The central and portly figure is that of the late Edward Cutts, the veteran of them all, who as horseman, head lad, trainer and owner enjoyed a wide reputation and commanded the respect of all with whom he came in contact from the time he trained for the late Mr. H. Redwood until his death, after training for about 25 years for Sir George Clifford. On his right is the late Harry Goodman, whose experiences, like those of the first-named, commenced in Australia at a very early age, first as a horseman and later as trainer, owner, or part-owner of many good ones. The other nine are still alive. Stuart Waddell, who rode, trained and raced horses on his own account, was for many years private trainer to Messrs. Stevenson and Hazlett, of Dunedin. and has been a long time in a similar capacity for the Hon. J. D. Ormond. Percy Martin was for years with the late Mr. Henry Redwood, and raced also on his own account, and trained for a number of owners, including Mr. S. H. Gollan, of Hawke's Bay, now in England. He is in business in Napier, and makes a very good "mine host." Robert Gooseman, another in the seated row, has been a successful rider and trainer in turn, and has numbered many good clients in Hawke's Bay, including the Hunter Bros. R. J. Mason, who was one of the late Mr. Henry Redwood's pupils, like E. Cutts and P. Martin, has a long and phenomenal record as a horseman and trainer, and his successes commenced some years before he was an owner with the late Robert Vallance and became private trainer to the late Mr. G. G. Stead, and who now acts in the same capacity for Mr. G. D. Greenwood. Standing on his left is James Munn, who probably rode more races over fences than any of them, and has trained many winners of good flat races and hurdle and steeplechase events, and whose heart has always been in the right place. Munn trained for the late Mr. Douglas and his sons and for Mr. G. P. Donnelly for many years. J. H. Prosser is another with a varied experience, as he often rode hurdles and has trained for no end of good clients, and has been racing on his own account as well. He has had some of the best horses through his hands that were ever saddled in the Dominion, including winners in every department of the game. James Mc-Guinness, who was for years with Dan O'Brien, stands between the lastnamed pair, and he was the first to put a leg over Carbine. For years he trained for, amongst others, the late Hon. Sir George McLean. T. F. Quinlivan, who stands on the right of R. J. Mason, used to ride his father's horses as a boy, and has trained for Mr. E. J. Watt during the whole time that prominent owner has been racing, and with great success, as we all know. Alf. Shearsby, as horseman and trainer and owner, has had some good ones in each department through his hands also, but to enumerate all the winners that the eleven men have trained would fill a page.

The Wellington Racing Club, in deciding to hold a three days' winter meeting, went for all they could get in the season which ends this month, and with them this week, with an eye to the main chance, no doubt, and

Auckland and Dominion trainers as a body are right up against the proposal of the committee of the Auckland Racing Club, which will come before the Racing Conference this week, having for its object the preventing of trainers who train horses for themselves doing the same for other people at the same time. We can understand why it is that the trainers are so put about. Long custom has given them an hitherto undisputed right, and they do not want to be deprived of it. Some have horses of their own now, and horses in which they have a monetary interest in the stakes they may win with owners. It is chiefly because they have the horses of other people in their stables that they can afford to own any themselves, though they nearly all declare that there is little got out of training at the present, and for some considerable time, owing to the existing high price of fodder and

July 12, 1917.



RACING FIXTURES, 1916-17. July, 11, 12, and 14,--Wellington R.C.'s winter.

NEW SEASON'S PERMITS. DETAILS OF CURTAILMENT.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

OWNERS' AND TRAINERS' DIARY.

Weights third day Wellington R.C. Weights third day Wellington R.C. Winter, at 8 p.m. R.C. winter, at 9 p.m. Friday, July 13. Weights third day Wellington R.C.

winter, in morning papers. Acceptances third day Wellington R.C. winter, at 12.30 p.m.

DEATH OF MR. DUNCAN RUTHER-FORD.

The death of the Canterbury sportsman and pastoralist, Mr. Duncan Rutherford, came suddenly on Monday in Christchurch, where he had entered a private hospital the previous night suffering from an internal trouble. For many years the deceased had horses racing on southern racecourses, and for quite a number of years sent representatives to the Wanganui, Hawke's Bay and Wellington meetings, hurdle and steeplechase racing being the chief attraction for him, though he raced on the fiat as He raced most extensively well. when Mr. Horace Lunn, now farming in Amuri, was training for him, but during the past thirty-five years has seldom been a season without a re-presentative, and some good horses were his property, and some of them he bred himself. His chief successes were to win the New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase with Ahua and Eurus, N.Z. Grand National Hurdles with Kulnine and Social Pest, Wanganui Steeplechase with Eurus and Day-Timaru Cup with Ahua, light Bill. the Canterbury Oaks and New Zealand St. Leger with Ingoda. Many minor events fell to his lot, but he won important jumping races with Irish King, Ilex, Barnado, and Norton, who afterwards won for Mr. Spencer Gollan in New Zealand and in England. Another good but unlucky horse he owned was Chainshot, and there are quits a number of others that could be mentioned if time and space would permit. The late Mr. Rutherford was a brother to John, George, William, Robert and Andrew, each of whom were associated with good horses and were more or less the winning amongst conspicuous owners, and at the leading shows in the south; in fact, were lovers of good 'chasers, weight carriers and upstanding horses of the class re-The quired for four-in-hand work. deceased sportsman associated himself with many enterprises, and will be missed by numerous friends every-Since the outbreak of the where. he interested himself in the war welfare of Dominion soldiers, and at Hanmer Springs, in Canterbury, gave largely in erecting a rest and providing equipments for the comfort of returned and sick men.

We again call attention to the important unreserved sale of thoroughbred mares the property of Mr. G. D. Greenwood, which is to take place during Grand National week in Christfound ull narticulars wi in this issue in Messrs. Pyne and Co.'s There are fourteen advertisement. lots in all, including some beautifullybred mares foaled in England, as well as those from imported mares or by imported and high-class sires and sires that proved excellent performers while racing in the Dominion. It is a long time since such a good allround lot were put on the market, and the instructions the auctioneers have received are to sell, as Mr. Greenwood is giving up breeding.

At a meeting on Saturday morning last Cabinet dealt with the question of the curtailment of racing days. The final suggestions of the clubs have been agreed to as under:

The present number of racing days has been reduced by one-third, as from August 1. This decision is final. There will be 148 days as against 222 in the last racing year.

The trotting days have been reduced by 20, making the number 39, as against 59 last year.

There were 19 trotting days in the North Island last year, and these have been reduced to 13. There were 40 days in the South Island, and the reduction there is to 26.



RIFLEMAN EDWARD VAZEY, of Newton, Auckland, who was awarded the Military Medal for Gallantry in the field on June 7, but later was killed in action at Messines on June 22 last. Aged 19 years.

The reductions that have taken place in the final scheme are as follow:-Egmont Racing Club loses two -two instead of four. Originally daysa reduction of three days was pro-The whole of Taranaki disposed. trict will have seven racing days instead of 11,

In other respects the recommendations of the conference will stand as under:---Auckland: last year 38 days, now 25.

Canterbury: Last year 33, now 22. Greymouth: Last year, 15, now 10. Hawke's Bay: Last year 34, now 23. Otago: Last year 41, now 27.

Taranaki: Last year 11, now 7. Wanganui: Last year 26, now 18. Wellington: Last year 24, now 16.

A total reduction of 74 days. regarding recommendations The Hunt Clubs have been accepted with-

out alteration. In regard to trotting, Auckland has been reduced from 13 to eight; Wellington district from five to four; Wanganui from two to one; Mari-borough, two to one; Kaikoura has been cut out; Nelson has retained a Westland has been cut down day: from eight to four; Canterbury from 20 to 13; Otago from seven to five; Southland retains two days.

probably be a falling off in attendances at all fixtures.

Mr. Mason went on to mention that Riccarton course is five miles from Christchurch, and could get on without the trains, as trams would serve the purpose, while trams also travel to within three-quarters of a mile of the Ellerslie course, which So far is five miles from Auckland. Wellington the Dunedin and as courses are concerned, however, it is a different matter. The latter. being 18 miles from the city, relied almost solely upon special trains in the past, while Dunedin's course, which is eight miles out of town, has no trams, and the train service can only be replaced by motor transport at very heavy cost. Mr. Mason thinks that the lack of train services will really solve the problem of the onethird reduction, as only the clubs whose courses are centrally situated will be able to carry on and share in the remaining number of meet-ings. Before he left New Zealand a proposal was on foot to confine racing to the central courses which could get along without the railways, and to arrange that portion of the profits of these clubs should be devoted to the maintenance courses and buildings and the payment of interest on debts standing against other clubs which could not race again during the war period. The Racing Conference still had the matter under consideration.

Mr. Mason concluded that the changes in New Zealand would drive many of the best thoroughbreds to Australia. He had brought over four horses, and others preparing to send teams to Australia were Mr. Gerald Stead (six horses), Mr. Wilfred Stead (s'x horses), Mr. H. Troutbeck (five horses), Mr. Lowry (three or four), and the trainers M. Hobbs (five or six) and Taylor (four). The depart-ure of 30 or more good horses would result in a marked depletion in the ranks of the best animals in New Zealand.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

In the course of his address at the annual New Zealand Trotting Con-ference on Tuesday, the president (Mr. John Rowe) drew attent on to an important point respecting the curtailment of racing and trotting by one-third in New Zealand. 'In view of the magnificent response of clubs to the financial needs of the time, and of the fact that we must continue to give by voluntary sums and heavy taxes.' remarked Mr Rowe, "does not curtailment of our sport savour somewhat of 'killing the goose that lays the golden egg?' By saying this I do not wish to convey the impression that we are kicking against the pricks. What I mean is that by restricted racing and by the pledge we have given to finance those clubs which will be obliged to meet their heavy liabilities while not allowed to



race, we shall not be able to contribute so freely to war funds, nor will the Government receive so much in taxation as hitherto."

This aspect of the restriction of racing in New Zealand has not yet been seriously considered by the clubs, and Mr. Rowe's statement is therefore of paramount interest at a time when a falling off in the revenue obtained from the various racing and trotting bodies by the Government is threatened. The remarkable manner in which the total'sator have been maintained receipts throughout the season just closing has surprised even racegoers themselves, but the restrictive policy to be observed during the 1917-18 season is naturally bound to result in a considerable decrease in the totalisator returns. Both racing and trotting clubs have responded liberally since the commencement of the war, but in view of the restrictions that Cabinet has decided to place upon these patriotic institutions in the shape of lost days and withdrawal of race trains, which condition of affairs. will be further accentuated by the calling up of the Second Division for active service, it is not likely the clubs will be in a position to contribute as generously to the war funds. as has been the case in the past. Notwithstanding the war-time condi-tions, however, it will not be sur-prising in many instances to find that where meetings are reduced from two days to one, or from three days to two, the totalisator investments for that one day, or two days, as the case may be, will prove in excess of the amount handled on any one day of a corresponding meeting last season. Racegoers will naturally be inclined to speculate heavier than would be the case if an extra day's racing had to be financed, while the fact of the race gatherings being less frequent should assist rather than detract from the attendances at the various fixtures. Still, the total returns of each club for the season will almost as-suredly result in a deficit compared to the previous season's operations, and will in consequence be attended by a shrinkage in the revenue derived by the Government, and make the question of voluntary donations by clubs to war purposes a difficult proposition for those concerned. The only bright star on the horizon is the hope expressed of an early termination of the costly European struggle, thus ensuring a lasting peace. The realisation of this long-desired happening will not only bring happiness and content to millions of homes, but will be welcomed as the greatest day in the world's history.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

The following nominations have been

bisogne, Potentiality, Black Ada, Glorify. N.Z. GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE of 1200sovs, about two miles and a-half.—El Gallo, Penniless, Gluetanus, Rewi Poto, Arlington, Kooya, Ronga-here, Sleight of Hand, Brown Loch, Art, Prince Delaware, Black Heart, Ten-acious, Fisher, Tararu Jack, Dionysius, Compulsion, Master Moutoa, St. Elmn, Golden Glade, Te Onga, Marconi, Per-onilla, Flying Camp, Sir Solo, Crib, Sir Tarka, Moulu, Jeannot, Cast Iron, Mas-ter Timi, Sir Tisher, Mummer, Bon Revc, King Chiara, Want, Naupata, Multicipal, Kobinahina, Leonta, Swin-ton.

The Waterloo Cup meeting, under the auspices of the National Coursing Association of New Zealand, and controlled by the Wanganui Coursing Club, commences on Wednesday, and will be continued on Thursday and nominations $\mathbf{Excellent}$ Saturday. have been received, and the meeting promises to be a big success. Entries have come to hand from all parts of the Dominion, and three days' high-class coursing are assured.

REDUCTION OF RACING IN NEW ZEALAND.

HORSES DRIVEN TO AUSTRALIA

In an interview with the "Sun" in Sydney regarding the decision of Cabinet to reduce racing in New Zealand by one third during the approaching season, Mr. R. J. Mason, the well-known and successful Riccarton trainer, expresed the opinion that the reduction would not do a great deal of harm to the turf in its present condition. What was likely to more seriously affect racing, however, was the Cabinet's refusal to prov de special train services for future meetings. So far as country racing was concerned, it would probably mean an almost complete abandonment of the sport. Some of the whose big metropolitan clubs. courses were situated far out of town. would also suffer, while there would

LIEUTENANT A. G. COOPER, of Waihi, who gained the Military Cross for distinguished conduct in Killed in action in the field. France.

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. Buddicomb, who won on Mount Victoria at Hawke's Bay, is a firstseason 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 pro-gress 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. £3

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 Hallow-mas from Blue Ribbon (the halfsister 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 wellknown 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 meet-ings would be compelled to have at least one day, and to carry out con-tracts entered into for classic events. That is the trend of their talk. The clubs take the view of what is likely to pay best.

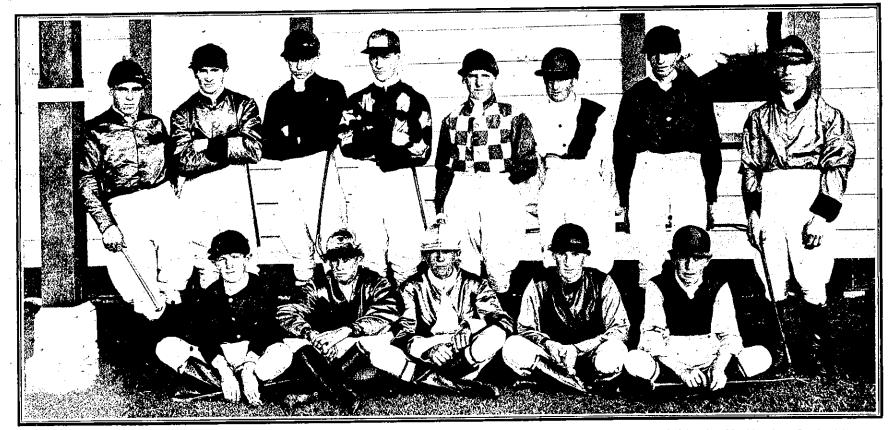
Recruiting officers made urgent appeals at the Albion race meeting in Queensland for volunteers, and also tried to sell war bond certificates to tote investors. Up to the last only one of $\pounds 1$ was sold, and then the proprietors of the course took one of £100 at a cost of £87 10s.

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The weights for the Grand National Hurdles in Victoria ranged from 11.13 on Jullunder to 9.0 on the bottom-weight division. In the Grand National Steeplechase, from 12.2 on Bocligal 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 bett ng members, including a good many pencillers, 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

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 Eng-land, and White Star's progeny, now coming two years old, in Victoria are expected to race well.

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 Auck-land 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.

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 Com-mittee, who tried to get financial assistance from racegoers by selling war saving certificates at the Albion (Brisbane) meeting in June. Re-turned wounded soldiers appealed on behalf of the committee, who com-pletely failed to do business. They intend to try again, hoping that the racing public there will think better of their attitude.

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 topclass 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 pencillers continued offering to the barrier rise.

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 Glossop, 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 handi-capper was much of the same opinion, and showed this by putting a bit more weight on than his owner considered justified.

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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 get ting 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.

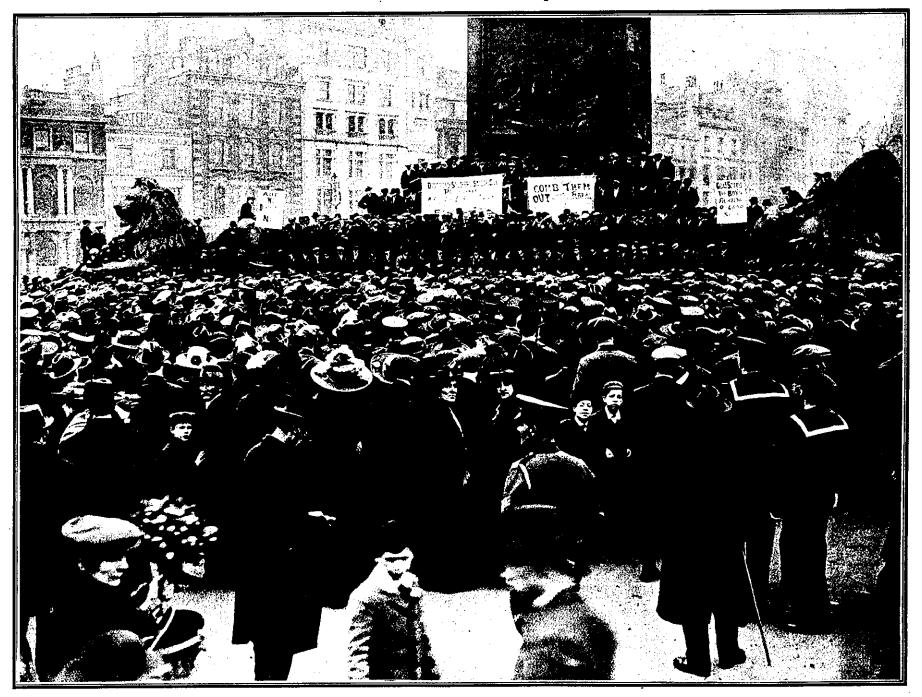
Though one hears very little of what is being done in the hunting fields in New Zealand nowadays, there are nevertheless nearly as many clubs amongst the actives as before the war. Fewer men are taking part at the meets, and none that are eligible for the war, from all accounts. Quite a large number 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.

(Turf Topics continued on page 12.)

The Ebb and Flow of Britain and France's Man Power.



A GREAT DAY IN PARIS.—THE "VICTORY CLASS" IS MOBILISED. THE CALLING UP OF CLASS 18 IN FRANCE WAS MARKED BY SCENES OF REMARKABLE ENTHUSIASM IN PARIS. These latest recruits, who are shown in readiness to leave Paris for the training quarters, were found to be of a good type, and the whole of France regards the calling up of these men as a certain road to the long-delayed victory for which the Allies have been striving.



RETURNED SOLDIERS IN LONDON PROTEST AGAINST A "CRUEL ACT." "HOLD OUT AGAINST BEING TAKEN AS LONG AS YOU CAN. WE WILL FIGHT FOR YOU IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS," SAID MR. HOGGE, WHO DELIVERED A STRONG PROTEST IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE AGAINST THE CALLING UP OF DISCHARGED SCLDIERS. At the base of the column the discharged soldiers assembled in strong force, and it was evident by the enthusiast:c reception tendered them that public opinion was with the men in their firm stand against an unreasonable proposal on the part of the military authorities. Banners were carried by the discharged men, one containing the significant words:— "Comb out the funk holes!"

INTERPROVINCIAL.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington Racing Club's Meeting-Prospects for the Concluding Days -Miss Sation Shows Proficiency Over Hurdles - F. J. Carmont's Over Quartette-Ladify and Gold Problem on Easy List.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

At the time of writing the weather is decidedly wintry, but it is hoped that the climatic conditions will be sufficiently cleared in time for the Racing Club's winter Wellington meeting, that takes place on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of this week, to be held in fine weather. Capital fields are assured in all the events, and there is quite a New Zealand flavour with regard to the gathering, as horses are present from all parts of the Dominion. With the prospect of big fields, some sub-stantial dividends should be paid out. those enthusiasts and fortunate enough to support the right horses should be well compensated. Sir George Clifford will be repre

sented at Trentham with Don Pacifico and Petruchio, both of whom should carry the blue and gold chequers in a creditable manner. With the first day's form as

guide, racing enthusiasts should be well served on the second day at

Trentham. Mount Victoria made many friends his forward running at the Hawke's Bay meeting. The Signalman gelding likes the going on the soft side, and the W.R.C. meeting this week should suit Mr. Whitney's galloper admirably.

L. H. Hewitt is to ride the Hon. J. D. Ormond's Hygia in the Selling Race at Trentham on Thursday. This should be sufficient to send the Karamu representative out a good favourite.

Paddy McLaughlin has Blairfinde in rare fettle just now. This nice type of a galloper is expected to show up prominently on the concluding days at Trentham, provided that the going is a little on the hard side, as the gelding races best on the top of the ground.

Lady Louisa should be seen to advantage at Trentham. The mare is partial to a race over a distance. The Fleet Handicap, of a mile, on Thursday, and the Winter Oats, of the same distance, run on Saturday, should suit her admirably. She will be ridden by V. Lee, who piloted her at Otaki, when she ran second and was paying a dividend of over half a century to win. People thought that she had lost her pace, but they when the received a big surprise dividend was declared.

Flying Camp appears to have a mortgage over the Jumpers' Flat Race, run on Thursday. The chestnut gelding is very fit, and has only to reproduce his Ellerslie form of last month to set his rivals a very severe task.

Quite a number of local owners having horses at Trentham have entered them for the Selling Race, run on Thursday. The list includes Black Night, Pall Mall, Undecided, Roumania, Trickery, Humorist and Hygia. The last-named, if started, is certain to give his opponents a taste of his quality over the five furlongs.

G. Young, the Fordell lightweight. will ride Pohehe in his W.R.C. contests. The lad will have to put up some substantial dead freight, but it is found that Wiri 'Tokena's galloper er when the boy named bet up.

R. ("Dick") Brough, the Hawera trainer, is bringing White Ranger to Trentham. This capital type of a galloper may effect a surprise at the meeting.

Robur (Rokeby-Tea Cup), who cost quite a big sum when sold at New Plymouth some months back, figures amongst the lists at the Wellington gathering. The writer is quite prepared to see this nice stamp of a sprinter, who is trained by the astute "Bob" Barlow at New Ply-mouth, get amongst the winners in the near future.

Miss Sation has taken to the jumping business very kindly. There are quite a number of Palmerston North critics who are prepared to see Percy Nash's mare give a good account of herself at the Wellington meeting this week.

A. Ward will pilot Sir Fisher and Jackman in obstacle events this week. Coming fresh from their Hawke's Bay victories, both horses are sure to attract some attention from devotees of the totalisator.

Pervolo, the Advance - Ballarat filly, is doing quite all right in her training at Trentham. She should soon be catching the judge's eye.

F. D. Jones, the erstwhile well-known horseman and now training at Riccarton, is represented at the Wellington meeting this week with Dionysius and Charlie, both of whom have come north with excellent reputations. Freddy anticipates that the pair will give a good account of themselves.

Mr. H. E. Good, the well-known Wanganui breeder, has received several tempting offers for Maniapoto (Soult — Lady Fisher). The horse has sired many winners, among the number being Sir Fisher, Rewi Poto, Toa Tere, Merrie Poto, Fisher, Mani-aroa and many others. Maniapoto is a splendid specimen of the thoroughbred, and should be a decided acquis ition to any district.

E. Yuille, a son of the late E. ("Teddy") Yuille, of metallician fame, has a nice type of a galloper in work at Levin. The youngster is a rising

Redshire Only Local Candidate for C.J.C. Meeting - Rongahere's Wel-

SOUTHLAND.

lington Engagements — A. D. Mc-lvor's Team Being Kept in Con-dition—The Cutting Down of Racing.

INVERCARGILL, July 6.

For the first time in a number of years the home province is not repin the leading jumping resented events of the forthcoming N.Z. Grand National meeting, but, so far, Redshire (trained by H. G. Coker on the Southland Racing Club's tracks) represents this district in the Winter Cup. As far as the Grand National Hurdle Race goes, there is no horse here at present capable of racing with the best class in an event of this kind with any hope of success, but there are several 'chasers which might have had a chance in the big However, race between the flags. military service has claimed the younger men, who are generally answerable for cross-country horses being kept in commission, and this probably accounts for nearly all the absentees. If the leading events have been neglected by our owners, it must not be thought that the fixture as a whole is to be ignored, however, as a number of horses. jumpers and gallopers, are being kept moving along with minor engagements in view.

In the event of Rongahere trying his luck over the cross-country course

very fast rate for a few furlongs, but has yet to develop staying powers. Jockey J. H. Moore, who acts as head lad for G. McLean, has just Moore, who been called to arms. commenced his riding career as an apprentice in Auckland, has been located here for some years past.

It is reported that Golden King is recovering from his breakdown and injuries received at the Dunedin J.C. The son of Golden winter meeting. Knight is a rare plucked racehorse, otherwise he would have been pensioned off long ago. Trainer P. T. Hogan has a way with him when it Trainer P. T. comes to dealing with unsound rac-ers or horses with injured limbs.

Buller, Mohawk and other horses under A. D. McIvor's charge are being exercised to keep them up to something like training condition. Corporal Russell, owner of Mohawk, is still here on sick leave. A kick in the region of the kidneys received in a Rugby football match at Tren-tham has proved more serious than was at first anticipated.

The Minister of Internal Affairs has called upon the Dunedin Jockey Club to lop another day off their allowance for the forthcoming season, and in objecting to comply with the request the Otago club is probably acting well within its rights. The current belief in the south is that a turf institution under the jurisdiction of the metropolitan body has been busy since the announcement of the curtailment, with the result referred to. The sympathies of south-

our Chelsea pensioners, wearing the uniform of the French Army of Napoleon's time. Only men who have won the St. George can serve in the Grenadiers. Our illustration shows the old sentry watching the new troops of 1917 drilling in the streets.

two-year-old filly by Sir Frisco--The tis, and from the manner in which she finished up in a gallop on Thurs-day last she should be heard of early in the new racing season. She is a decidedly promising sort.

The name of Naughty Girl has been claimed for the rising two-year-old filly by Nautiform from Waiongongoro, the latter being remembered as the dam of the brilliant Tangimoana. The youngster, who is an inmate of F. J. Carmont's stable, at Levin, is expected to make a capital addition tho re ing ranks

F. J. Carmont is giving Sweet Tip-perary, Birkenetta, Lady Mascot and Mahara slow work just now. The quartette named should be heard of on many occasions next season.

Ladify and Gold Problem are speliing just at present. The pair later on will be taken in hand for early spring racing.

Two very promising lightweights in G. Carmont and I. McFarlane are attached to F. J. Carmont's stable at Levin. Both lads have demonstrated their ability in the pigskin, and keen critics prophesy for them a very successful riding career.

Mr. H. Weal's brown gelding Plerpont ran second in the hurdle race the Canterbury Park races at (N.S.W.) on June 30, after appearing to have the race won at the turn.

at Trentham his running will be keenly followed in the south, as the Sarto gelding put up a very attractive performance at the Dunedin J.C. winter meeting by racing into a place in the Pacific Hurdles (one mile and three-quarters) under 11.12 and subsequently finishing third to Kirkby (11.2) and Recharge (11.2) in the Otago Steeplechase (about three miles), starting as a cross-country novice with 11.2 in the saddle. It was a good performance for one afternoon in heavy going. If started, he should run forward at the Wellington R.C. fixture, and become more seasoned in view of his Grand National Hurdles and Steeplechase engagements later on. The Brewer, a beautiful jumper and a stable mate of Rongahere, is also nominated for the Trentham contests.

The ex-Southlander Minesweeper, by Canrobert-Marvilla, by Somnus-Blue Bell, is also accompanying Rongahere and Co. to Trentham as a member of C. Gieseler's string. He is an improving galloper and may trouble the favourites in the hack class, as he is up to weight and can gallop fast. He is intended for the hurdle racing game at a later stage of his career.

A hitherto disappointing mare in Red Badge, by Canrobert-St. Brigid. is being hacked about the roads at Otautau in preparation for early spring work. She can travel at a

ern clubs are with the Dunedin J.C., as, quite apart from other good and sufficient reasons, it is considered that somebody has been working like the mole underground, as the conclusions in regard to the "cut" were fairly and squarely arrived at. There are people of a selfish turn of mind who quite forget that the curtailment was made with due regard to the interests of owners, jockeys and trainers, and with the thorough understanding that the general public have to be catered for in the direction of chean and easy means of trans The wishes and desires of a certain class of business people in racing centres cut no ice in the argument in this particular instance.

Southern backers who attended the Dunedin Jockey Club's winter fixture are taking a keen interest in the preparation of the Riccarton hurdler Dionysius in view of his appearance at the New Zealand Grand National gathering. The four-year-old unsexed son of Hymettus and Ortygia gives every promise of becoming a top notcher at the illegitimate game, and this fact is not going to be lost to sight. His showing at Trentham will be watched with increasing interest.

H. G. Coker has a number of horses exercising about the roads at present, including Mizzle and Kauwhero, and it is safe to say that part of his team will be ready when the spring meetings happen along.

BULGARIA'S AGED LIBERATORS WHO WANTED TO PUNISH TREACHERY .- The thought of guarding statues at the age of seventy-eight, with the thermometer registering twenty degrees below zero, is sufficient to make one shudder, yet in Petrograd this duty is performed day and night by the old Grenadiers. battalion was formed in 1827 in commemoration of the Napoleonic War. These old warriors are not unlike



CANTERBURY.

M. Aynsley's Winter Cup Trio—Mr. H. Taylor's Horses—Bandy Resumes Work—Commotion Destroyed as a Result of Contracting Lockjaw-Johnny Walker's Winter Cup Prospects-Thestius to be Taken Hand Again-Good Hope in Nice Condit.on-Battle Eve Rejoins Active Brigade—The Toff in Work Again After Brief Spell—Yaldhurst Two-year-olds Getting Along Nicely.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

With half a dozen trainers and their teams away at Trentham mat-ters have been decidedly quiet at Riccarton for the last few days. At the eleventh hour Christmas decided not to take Fiery Cross and Killjoy to Wellington, as neither have done a great deal of fast work. In the meantime, they are to be kept busy in view of the Grand National meeting.

Aynsley is keeping Snub, Wardancer and Disdainful going, and they are all on the improve. Eachof the trio figures in the Winter Cup, but Snub is hardly a good enough beginner to have much chance in a race of that description.

R. O'Donnell had Plymouth down at Riccarton on Thursday, and in company with Wellwood and Mawson the Australian-bred gelding gave a sat sfactory display in a round of the big fences. He is being got ready for the Grand National Steeplechase, but unfortunately is none too sound.

The English - bred horse Kirkbv Fleatham is showing a good deal of improvement under trainer McDonald's care. He may be raced in some of the minor flat events at the Grand National meeting.

Two recent additions to the active brigade at Riccarton are Bomb and Kilrea, both of whom look in excellent health.

On his return from the Wellington meeting F. D. Jones will also put Comely into work again. Though Bee has done no work since

her return from the North Island she has quite thrown off the soreness that necessitated her being spelled. According to present arrangements she will shortly be shipped to Australia, where she claims several important engagements. She may be accompanied by Zuland, who is galloping in improved form at Riccar-ton. Their owner, Mr. H. Taylor, is at present in Sydney. Zuland has been recommissioned again by R. King, and is to be got ready for the Winter Cup.

Amongst those drawn up in the last ballot were trainer Harry Cutts and jockeys J. Kaan and H. Mc-Kearney.

Under the altered conditions of the C.J.C. programme the Grand National Steeplechase, Winter Cup and Grand National Hurdle Race will all be run

on the opening day. After being off the tracks for sometime Bandy is in work again at headquarters, and appears to be quite sound.

The well-known hurdler Commotion had to be destroyed recently, having contracted lockjaw. Two seasons ago the son of Sensation and Mrs. Shannon held a fairly high place amongst the South Island jumpers, but he only managed to win a few races.

From present indications, the Wellington - owned Johnny Walker is likely to start favourite for the Winter Cup, provided he does not earn a substantial impost in the interim.

The Karamu horseman "Wattie" Bush, who was badly injured by a fall from Czaronus at the Napier Park meeting, has sufficiently re-covered to pay a holiday visit to Christchurch. Bush is still under attention, and ha e he ncai bidden to ride at the Wellington meeting. He hopes to be well enough to follow his calling at Riccarton next month, and will probably have the mount on Czaronus in the Grand National Steeplechase. Bush con-tends that though the Patronus gelding has several falls to his credit, he is an accomplished jumper. Though the Hon. J. D. Ormond is not represented in any of the chief events at the Grand National meeting there is a chance of Gladful and Hylans being sent down to contest some of the minor hurdle races.

severely, and has since been on the casy list.

Steperina has joined Longlev's active brigade at headquarters, and J. Franks intends trying to get Caher Davon ready to race again.

The Riccarton horseman D. McKay has got leave of absence from camp to ride Art in his engagements at the Wellington meeting. As the going at Trentham is almost sure to be heavy, Art's chance in the Winter Hurdles will not be improved.

Good Hope is looking in nice order, and should be ready to race in the early spring.

McCombe has had a recent addition to his team in Subterfuge, who was at one time a member of the Chokebore team.

Battle Eve has been taken up agaia by the Cutts brothers, and is to be got ready for the New Zealand Cup meeting. The Toff has been put into work

again after a brief spell, and the little gentleman is looking hearty and well. So far nothing is definitely settled about Mr. Gerald Stead's horses making the Australian trip, and nothing may be settled for a week or so.

The Yaldhurst two-year-olds, Melee (by Martian-Formless), Almoner (by Boniform-Cassock), and Cyrisian (by Elysian-Cyirma) are all doing their work in a satisfactory manner. Almoner is a nippy colt, and he gives the impression that he will run away from his companions when they get going. Still, Melee is always there or thereabouts when real galloping is required, and the gelding Cyrisian also shows plenty of pace.

WANGANUI.

First Consul and Reparation Taken to Trentham - Trial Plate Candidates — Fordell Representatives at Wellington Meeting-Death of Alex. Gordon, the Well-known Crosscountry Horseman.

WANGANUI, Monday.

J. Peachey left for Wellington on Friday with First Consul and Reparat.on. The former gelding is not engaged on the first day, but will be seen out in the steeplechase on the He has been jumping second day. well recently, and should get round all right, but it is doubtful whether he is as fast as he used to be. Reparation has been moving very freely on the tracks, and might pick up one of the minor events at Trentham.

Zela, the two-year-old filly by Patronus-Zaida in W. Rayner's stable, will be a starter in the Trial Plate at Trentham. She is a splendid looking filly and has shown the possession of a lot of pace. It would be no surprise to find her distinguishing herself on the track next season, whatever she may do this week.

Another two-year-old which will be a starter in the Trial Plate is Arrow-field, an inmate of Tilley's stable. The Australian-bred youngster is a nice cut of a gelding, and is likely to prove that he has a fair amount of pace.

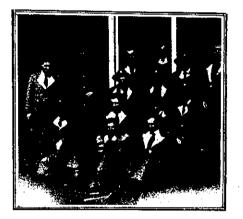
Old Marton was very stiff and sore after his racing at the Hawke's Bay meeting, and it was consequently decided not to send him to Trentham, but to give him a short spell. His stable mate, Leonta, has been taken to Wellington for the Winter Hur-dles, in which he has 10.6, having come down in the weights recently He was in good nick when he left here, and may prove that he has not yet lost all his dash.

Turehau, the Multifid gelding which paid the big dividend at Napier, will be a starter in the Vittoria Handi-Hurdles on Wednesday, H. Rayean ner having taken him south.

form will fulfil his engagement in the Winter Hurdles, in which he is in at the minimum. He is fit enough to pick up a race at the meeting, though the company might prove a little too warm for him.

Union Jack, which gelding is now trained here, is expected to run a good race in the Hack Steeplechase at Trentham.

The death of Alex. Gordon, the well-known cross-country horseman, which occurred last Wednesday morning, caused quite a shock amongst his many friends. The deceased had a fall off Royal Patron at the Hawke's Bay meeting and had a couple of ribs broken, but it was not thought that any serious complications would follow, and he returned to Wanganui on Monday. On Tuesday afternoon he took very ill suddenly and was removed to the hospital, where he passed away on Wednesday morning from hemorrhage, brought on by the broken ribs. Alex, was one of the best known riders on this coast, and was very popular with all sections of the community. He first came out as an amateur rider and proved himself a first-class horseman. Later on he took to riding as a profession, and was very successful. He was one of the gamest riders ever seen in the saddle, and rode many fine races over the sticks. He was a brother of Charlie Gordon, the trainer of Record, Grey Guard, Rio Grande, Stone Beldon and several other horses. Alex. was 32 years of age, and leaves a wife and two children, who will have the sympathy of all sportsmen in her sad trouble. The sportsmen in her sad trouble. funeral, which took place on Friday, was largely attended, all classes of the community being represented.



New Zealand soldiers at Hornchurch, England.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Mr. W. G. Stead's Quartette for Sydney-Rising Two-year-olds at Greenmeadows-Sir Alba Changes Hands -Trials Benefiting by Spell.

NAPIER, Monday.

G. Jones has left here for Sydney, accompanied by Shrill, Sasanof, Sweet Corn and Eurasin. The last-named is coming two-year-old daughter of All Black and Lily White, and on looks and breeding should make a name for herself.

Gold Painting, Otara, Grand Idea, Pao and Merry Lad were entrained from here on Friday for Trentham. The latter is looking in great buckle, and he will be a difficult candidate to silence in the Wellington Steeplechase.

Raumanuwhiri left on Saturday morning for Trentham. She is not engaged on the opening day of the Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting, but will probably be stripped for battle on Thursday, and her prospects appear to be of the fav-ourable nature, for she is in great trim.

F. Lind has now got Gold Painting

Dry Up is a half brother to Sunburnt, Chin Chin, Ladiform, Dew and Wishful, and Athens' dam is a full sister to Los Angelos, so it can be observed that the bunch are highly connected.

One of the nicest movers that has been seen out in the juvenile class for a considerable period at Napier Park is the coming two-year-old full sister to Impediment (Demosthenes-Kautuku). She is the property of Mr. J. Hart, who owns Teka, and is one of J. Oldfield's pupils.

J. S. O'Neill, of Hastings, is imparting knowledge to Tai-Ki, a fiveyear-old gelding by Formative-Melba. He is a lot in the rough at present, but gives promise of turning out well.

Neither Diavolo or Kooya will be seen out in action at Trentham this week, as the pair are on the hospital list.

Messrs. H. Coyle and A. G. Wood have been reappointed handicapper and starter respectively to the Poverty Bay Turf Club.

When several of Mr. W. K. Karaitiana's thoroughbreds were offered for sale last week at Hastings the best bid that could be got for Sea Lord was 200 guineas, but as that was not any way near the reserve the chestnut gelding was sent back to his old quarters. Judging by his running at Hastings, the son of San Fran and Waikoura wants freshening up, for he was dying to a walk at the erd of his efforts. No excuse can be made for his failure, other than that he is getting stale, for in both of his essays at Hastings he had matters all his own way in the early portion of his respective contests.

Sir Alba has been purchased by a client of V. H. Collelo's establishment, and after being treated to a rest is to be schooled over the obstacles.

Naupata, who was recently acquired by Mr. T. E. Whelch, of Wanstead, will not be a contestant at the Wellington meeting this week. It is probable that he will shortly be sent south and there run in the interests of Captain Barrett, who has Kirkby doing service for him. The report that J. Scott, of Tren-

tham, would have control of the team at present under the education of J. M. Cameron, at Hastings, through that trainer having been drawn in the ballot, is not correct, for Cameron assured me the other day that no arrangement had yet been made as to who would be in charge of the

string when he goes into camp. Lord Astolat, the coming three-year-old son of Advance and Maid of Astolat, has been operated upon, and when next he toes the mark will race as a gelding.

Trials, who is resting, is doing well as a result of his ease up, and the son of Tribulation will come back to business a much improved horse.

On Thursday evening the Hastings trainers were entertained at dinner at the Pacific Hotel by Messrs. H. M. Campbell and J. S. McLeod, the chair being occupied by Mr. H. M. Campbell, Mr. J. S. McLeod filling the vice chair. The object of The object of the function was to bring the train-ers into closer touch with the stewards of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, and a pleasant evening was spent by all. The health of Mr. James Munn, one of the oldest trainers in the district, was specially honoured, he being unable to be present. It is said that this is the first reunion of its nature that has taken place in New Zealand.

The success met with by Copestake at Hawke's Bay on Turehau would, in a measure, compensate that horseman for his several previous disappointments, especially if he had the luck to share in the dividend. The win placed him on level terms with Traill for the leading position amongst cross-country horsemen. Traill's accident has kept him out of the saddle since the Ellerslie meeting.

H. Cutts took Petruchio and Don Pacifico north on Monday, but they will only race on the second and third days of the Wellington meeting.

Thestius, who has been off the tracks for a long while, is to be taken up again by P. McGrath. When doing a gallop on Thursday,

Red Book struck himself rather

Pohehe, Cello and Arrowfield will represent the Fordell stable at Trentham. The first-named figures in the Stewards' Handicap, of six furlongs, at 9.0. He will be meeting some better performers than he has so far been up against, but if he is in galloping humour on the day he will not be far away at the finish, as he can travel very fast. Cello was looking very fit, though he might need a race or two to get back to his best form.

Alex. Hall sent Moulu to Trentham last week, and the son of Boni-

Gargle, Sniff-up or Swallow

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for Throats, Colds or Influenza.

and Lord Laddo under his care. The pair are the property of Mr. Keith White, of Porangahau, who in times gone by has had a fair share of success at the racing business.

Mr. W. G. Stead has claimed the following names for a trio of his rising two-year-olds that are located at Greenmeadows: — Chestnut filly by All Black—Class, First Class; bay gelding by Demosthenes—Drought, Dry Up; brown gelding by Demosthenes --- Los Vegas, Athens. First Class is a half sister to Elite, Bon Ton, Steinhall, Eligible and The Toff.

Meet me to-night in dreamland, dear: But beware and be wide awake, For the paths are dark in its lampless park, And you might slip into the lake. Chills begin when you're up to the chin In ice-cold water with duck-weed in; And the only means to survive and endure Is a course of Woode' Penpermint

Is a cou Cure, course of Woods' Peppermint Icon is thought likely to win the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase on Saturday.

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Thrice is being specially prepared by James Scobie for the A.J.C. and V.R.C. Derbies.

It transpires that Bunting broke down after winning the Brisbane Cup, and the son of All Black is in consequence being treated to a spell.

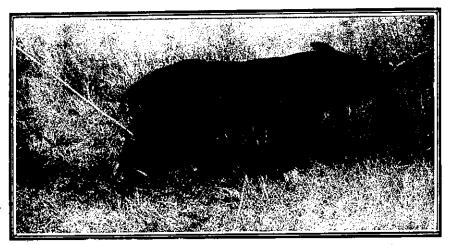
Gold Wave, who recently won a hurdle race at Sandown, Victoria, and followed up her success by accounting for another hurdle race at Williamstown a week later, is a Grand National candidate. She is a New Zealand-bred mare by Golden Knight (a half brother to the Melbourne Cup winner Auraria) from Ripple, the dam of Gunboat.

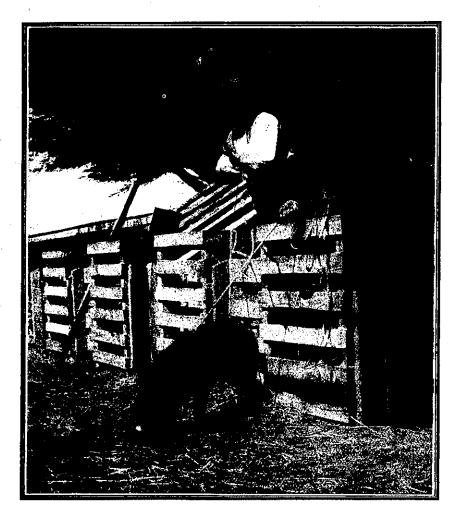
Though Mr. E. J. Watt is now often referred to as "the Australian owner," and intends having his main stud over there after the war, he is still nominating his young horses for New Zealand classic races, and we can at least expect that when he has anything good, and the dates suit, he will send them over this way to try and pick up a valuable stake.

The good-looking chestnut yearling colt by Bronzino from Golden Slipper is to race as Golden Bronze, says a Sydney writer. He is being trained by D. Allsop, and will belie his appearance if, as a racehorse, he fails to reflect credit on his sire, who is the highest-priced stallion ever brought to Australia, and we might add that his dam was the highestpriced three-year-old filly that ever left these shores.

At Warwick Farm last month a mistake in connection with the totalisator dividends on the hurdle race cost the club about $\pounds 175$, says the "Referee." The amount invested the "Referee." The amount invested on the race was $\pounds 524$ 10s. The error is said to have occurred through not including the leger tickets issued on the two horses when calculating the dividends. One thing certain is that through profit on machine returns the club will be some time making up its loss.

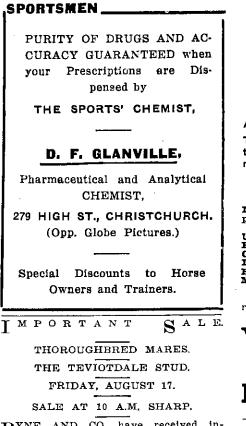
A member, one of some 250 of the Auckland Racing Club, last week stated to a representative of this paper that he was surprised that that





The above illustrations are of "Anzac Bill," a wild boar caught in the

Alex. Gordon, the well-known hurdle and cross-country rider, who was born in Wanganui and spent all his life there, died last week after a short illness. He first became prominent as a rider at agricultural shows, and won many prizes as a boy, and later on as an amateur on the flat and over fences made his mark, finally joining the ranks of professionals. On more than one previous occasion he suffered from heart trouble. His father, the,



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 1. TOURNAMENT, 1901 (26), dam of Ashby (unbeaten) and Rencontre (the best filly of her year); by Sir Lancelot, her dam, Maluri, by Malua. Stinted to Treadmill.
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 3. LADY REINA, 1907, by Merriwee, her dam, Lady Helen, by St. Leger —Ouida. Stinted to Absurd.
 4. KOLENTINA, 1912 (8), by Danube, her dam, Armlet, by Menschikoff—Armilla Stinted to Sutala.
 5. LADY WAYWARD II., 1905 (7), imp., dam of Emperador and Ribble; by Ladas—Vane (own sister to Flying Fox). Stinted to Elysian.
 6. CONCEIT, 1910 (7), by Boniform, her dam, Lady Wayward II. Conceit was never raced. Stinted to Sutala.
 7. NAUTILOID, 1900 (14), dam of Filgrim's Way, Carolus, Ogler and Mercedo; by Musketry, her. dam. Nautilous, by Traducer. Stinted to Elysian.
 8. AIRE, 1913 (14), by Danube, her dam Nautiloid. Stinted to Sutala.
 9. ADDRA (imp.), 1908 (11), a winner in United States; by Goldfinch, her dam, Ability, by Order. Stinted to Elysian.
 10. SUNGLOW, 1905 (1), own sister to Boniform and Sungod, half sister to Martian and dam of Xanthos and Sungod, half sister to Golden Silper; by Multiform, her dam, Aura. Stinted to All Black.
 12. REMISSION II. (imp.), 1907 (13), by Black Sand, her dam, Cosette, by Cyllene. Stinted to Absurd.

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late Mr. Charles Gordon, had the old Red Lion, and afterwards the commercial stables in Wanganui, and was interested in a line of mail and passenger coaches in the Auckland province for some years, and his brother, Charles, carried on the Red Lion stables up to a comparatively recent date, and has now the Carbine stables in Wanganui, and trains a few horses. Alex. was a general favourite, and will be much missed by many friends.

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body had decided on cutting out their spring meeting. He is one who does not go outside the Auckland meetings for his racing, and only occasionally to meetings away from Ellerslie. He became a member at a time when the clubs needed members, and said he enjoyed seeing the young horses that would be competing throughout each season. Though not racing horses himself, he stated that he would have been a strong objector, had he been an owner, to the cutting out of the spring programme, and he was sure there were a lot of those who, like himself, were merely members, but felt that they were being treated with scant consideration in not being consulted by the committee over such an important matter.

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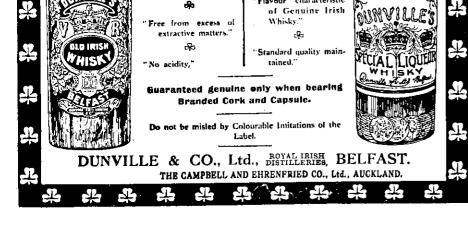
drawing life at woman's breasts-all this, that men might lie with glazed eyeballs and swollen faces, and fixed, blue, unclosed mouths and great limbs tossed-this, that an acre of ground might be manured with human flesh, that next year's grass poppies or karoo bushes may or spring up greener and redder, where they have lain, or that the sand of a plain may have the glint of white bones!" And we cry. "Without an bones!" And we cry, "Without an inexorable cause, this must not be!" Olive Schreiner, authoress.





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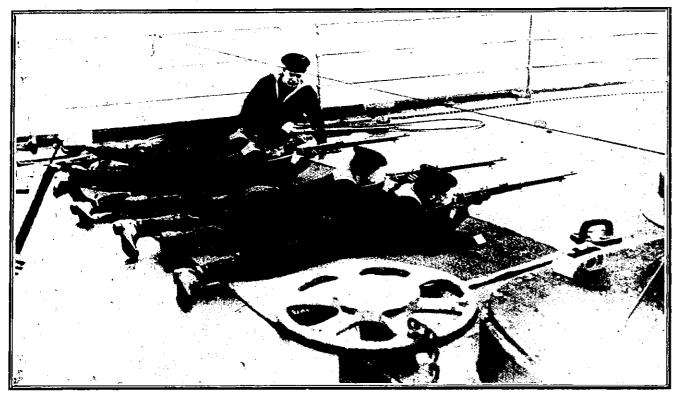


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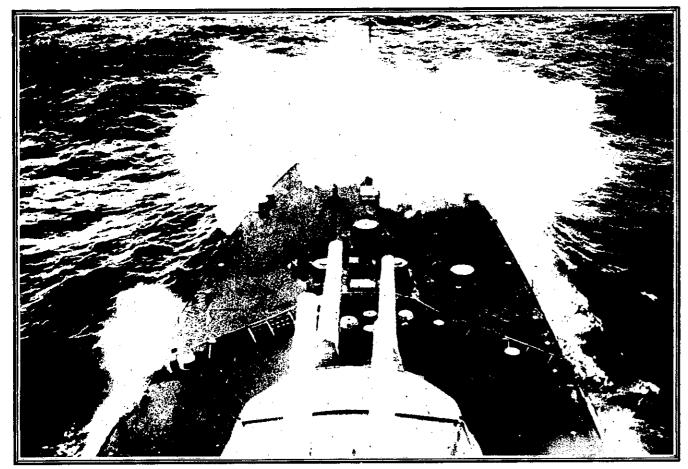


THE DISTINGUISHED FRENCH LEADER, GENERAL LYAUTEY, IN THE GIAN FRONT.—General Lyautey recently paid a visit to the Belgian trench with the substantial defences established to protect that part of Belgium re furious enemy attacks.

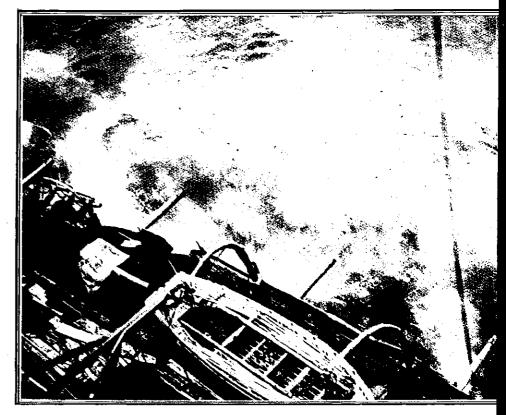
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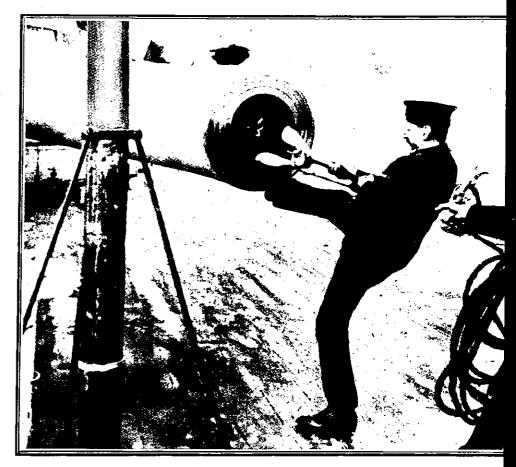
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ANNUAL TROTTING N.Z. CONFERENCE.

SEASON'S OPERATIONS RE-VIEWED.

SPORT AND THE WAR.

PRESIDENT'S ABLE ADDRESS.

The annual conference of the New Zealand Trotting Clubs was held in Zealand Society of Acthe New countants' rooms, Johnston Street, Wellington, on Tuesday last, when delegates from the various clubs were present. The president, Mr. John Rowe, was in the chair, and his address was listened to with intense interest.

Mr. Rowe, after suitably acknow-ledging the kind consideration extended him by members in re-electing him president for the past season, emphasised the important nature of ths year's Conference, in view of those present having to consider the proposals entered into with the Government concerning the curtailment of the sport. As with other British sports and pastimes which still survive, the sport of trotting had again been assailed, particularly at this serious stage of the war, when attacks had been made not only by intolerant opponents but by some of their friends as well; in the latter case on sentimental grounds only.

There was not a racing man in New Zealand (continued Mr. Rowe) who would not be prepared to clear racing right out if it would help to win the war by even a day, this notwithstanding the fact that it would affect some clubs very seriously in-deed. Many clubs had given every shilling of their profits to patriotic funds, and in the event of the curtailment of the sport interest on borrowed money would have to be paid or guaranteed by the stewards or committeemen personally.

As far as the supply of men was concerned, there were few men of military fitness, with the exception of the Second Division, that could be called up, and returns had proved that the abandonment of trotting would result in practically no men at all being available from it for any essential industry. In regard to money—another great factor of the war—it was necessary to mention that since war was declared racing and trotting combined had contributed to the war not less than £300,000. This did not include the sum of approximately $\pounds 400,000$, representing the usual Government tax for the same period. Clubs were still con-tinuing to give freely (one a few weeks ago had contributed $\pounds1000$), and it was pleasing to say that amongst the sportsmen who formed the membership of racing and trotting clubs there were a large number who contributed very freely, some to the extent of £5000 each, and they, as well as their clubs, were prepared to make further sacrifices, even to the cessation of racing if necessary.

The executive, with the committee of the Racing Conference, had, after due consideration, agreed to accept the demands of the Government to curtail the days of racing and trotting by one-third. It was certainly large proportion for trotting, a very seeing that only 59 days in the year were given to that sport. It was. perhaps, not generally realised that trotting was being harder hit than galloping. For many years past rac-ing clubs had catered for the trotting horse by providing up to four trotting events on their programmes. Now practically one-third of such trotting was automatically cut out in addition to the third to be surrendered from their own limited sport. From henceforth the 25 trotting clubs (the total number for the Dominion) must be content to race on no more than 40 days per year until the war ceased. He was inclined to think the authorities had not considered this phase of the matter, for trotting really suffered a much bigger reduction than onethird.

In considering what clubs should be curtailed, the executive had had to carry out the demands of the Minister, and, while regretting that any curtailment had to be made they had carried out the disagreeable task to the best of their judgment in compliance with the Government's desire. After referring to the danger to the horse-breeding industry should racing be interfered with, Mr. Rowe quoted instances testifying to the value of the trotter as a cavalry horse and for various military pur-The total cessation of racing poses. even temporarily would practically mean the break-up of the breeding industry, and once this happened it would be very difficult to get it back again, if ever, particularly in these days of motor cars and other mechanicontrivances. Breeders of the light-harness horse depended entirely upon racing. They spent large sums of money upon the upkeep of expenfinally sanctioned by the Conference, stipendiary stewards being accordingly appointed. Graduated proposals were brought down providing for payment by large clubs of from £25 per day's racing down to £10 10s. per day for clubs holding one day's racing, the total amounting to £1025 per annum. It was estimated that the payment of salaries and expenses would amount to £912 10s., whilst £123 was earmarked for contingencies, etc. Reference to the balancesheet showed that the actual amount paid to stipendiary stewards under all headings was £833 15s. 4d., or £78 14s. 8d. below the estimate.

The work of the stipendiary stewards had been appreciated by clubs, owners, trainers and the general racegoer, while they had proved valuable allies to even the most experienced stewards, in addition to which they had been invaluable to those who had teen comparative novices in the government of the sport.

During the early part of the season it had become necessary for some stewards to administer drastic pun-



MR. ANDREW HIGGINSON, who will make his reappearance in New Zealand in J. and N. Tait's musical comedy "Very Good, Eddie." opening at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, on Wednesday, July 18.

of horses in food. They did this with the knowledge that there were owners all over New Zealand who were ready to buy; but without rac-ing there would, of course, be practically no owners. There would then be no market for breeders, and it was not conceivable that they would hold on to their large stocks on the off chance of a war breaking out at any time. Therefore, without racing there would be no breeders, and where would the Government look for horses in times of war? Mr. Rowe drew attention to the material benefit to trotting as a result of the appointment of stipendiary stewards. When the scheme was first cons'dered by the executive, covering the number to be appointed, the salaries and other expenses attached to the appointments and the basis of contributions expected from the respective clubs, it did not meet with whole-hearted approval; but was

sive studs and maintained thousands ishment for various breaches of the rules; but it was extremely satisfac-tory to note that during the latter half of the year nothing of a serious nature had been reported against the holders of licenses. The system of stipendiary stewards had amply proved the wisdom of the'r appointment. The Conference had been very fortunate in securing capable men, and could congratulate themselves in that respect. The fact that someone with a thorough knowledge of the game was on the spot or travelling from meeting to meeting gathering the strength of the horses and making his presence felt was a safeguard for the public and prevented any malpractices. The appreciation of the sport was shown by the everincreasing attendance and the raising of stakes throughout the Dominion. Referring to the reduction of race days, Mr. Rowe stated that it would be necessary for the committee to submit a further report on ways and July 12, 1917.

means concerning this question.

Reference was made by the president to what had become known as the "Emilius" case, and which was the theme of controversy for a considerable time, being finally decided last month. The horse was disqualiby the Metropolitan Trotting fied Club last November for crossing. The owner had not protested, but had written to the Association asking it to consider the case under Rule 286. Although the Association recognised that it was a question of fact, and that the stewards' finding was conclusive, it decided that the race should be awarded to Emilius, and recommended that the owner be fined £50. The club thereupon appealed to the Conference against the Association's decision. Opinion was divided as to whether the club had the right of appeal and whether the Conference had jurisdiction to entertain and decide such appeal. Some of the best legal opinions were obtained. As these, however, did not agree, it made it more difficult for the executive to come to a decision, but after a lengthy sitting in Christchurch the executive upheld the club's appeal. As the outcome of the appeal it was found that a number of the rules were far from clear and that the time had arrived for the whole code of rules to be amended.

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Otahuhu T.C	2	4	$32 \\ 16$	3.770	3.670
Ashburton T.C.	2	2	16	2.935	2.885
Greymouth T.C.	2	4	$\overline{3}2$	2.745	$2.885 \\ 2.600$
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T.C	1	3	8	725	630
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Nelson T.C	1	1	8	500	450
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Kaikoura – T.C.	1	1	8	400	315
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Compared with the previous year, said Mr. Rowe, there had been an increase in stakes of $\pounds 3365$. In addition to the stakes offered by trotting clubs, there had also been over $\pounds 8000$ given by racing clubs for the trotting events on their programmes, making in all nearly £80,000 received by trotting horse owners. He was glad to say that on the whole the clubs had conducted their race meetings in such a way as to leave very little to be desired.

In conclusion, Mr. Rowe referred feelingly to the men that had left these shores in response to the call of duty, among their number being many New Zealand owners, drivers, trainers, horsemen and others who had dentified themselves with the management of clubs or the good governemnt of the sport. As show-ing the manner in which the grim sceptre of war was casting its shadow throughout the land, it was interesting to note that of at least four of their confreres who had assembled at the annual conferences in previous years, and had enlisted, one had returned wounded and another was re-The war had cently wounded. brought sorrow and anguish to the hearts and homes of many in this country, but he thought he was right in saying that the sun of victory had risen, and although showing through the mist, it would, he trusted, ere long set with the great and glorious victory we all so earnestly desired. He moved a vote of sympathy to all those who had lost relatives in the great fight for freedom, the motion being carried in silence.



PRIVATE C. N. GREEN, of the 13th Reinforcements, Auckland Infantry. Died of wounds in France on June 9.

Mr. J. E. Henrys, the well-know.a handicapper. has returned from a short visit to Australia.

The darts of sly Cupid lurk waiting within The adorable dimples of Winifred Wynn; Her eyes, like sapphires blue as the sea, Rare jewels of lustre and loveliness be. Winnie's radiant energy fully affirms Beauty and health are synonymous terms; of weather her lungs will Changes

endure wards them with Woods' Pepper-mint Cure. She

ELLERSLIE ITEMS.

Although the rain was pelting down on Friday night the sand track at El-lershe was in splendid order and fast on Saturday and some fair work took on Sa place.

Sylvan Knight seemed to walk on to the tracks a bit tender, but the sore-ness wore off when Toreador's half brother warmed up. He put in easy near work

brother warmed up. He put in easy pace work. J. E. Thorpe's pair Hopfield and Fisher put in useful tasks, The former has not been extended since the A.R.C. winter fixture. The latter put in two solid circuits, brushing home at top. The neat chestnut gelding Tabasco was the only equine that the writer noticed which used the tan rink. The chestnut is in great heart at the pre-sent time.

chestnut is in great heart at the pre-sent time. The Gluten gelding Goldsize went round the sand with plenty of vim, and it will not take a lot of hard graft to bring Mr. J. H. Walters' horse to his best form again. September should see him dressed in his best. The shapely rising two-year-old colt Informal (Demosthenes — Informality) set the pace for a stable mate of the same age. Looking ahead the Messrs. W. and V. Casey have a little gem in this colt.

W. and V. Casey have a many first colt. The rising three-year-olds Bingham and Woody Glen ran half a mile at top over a sand four furlongs, with a margin in favour of the first-named. Another pair of F. J. Macmanemin's juvenile charges, Multino and Prince Menschikoff, fluttered over a few fur-longs on the sand freely. This shapely pair were very much admired by those present.

pair were very much admired by those present. White Sox and Lady Paula ran six furlongs, finishing at top. The last-named held her companion perfectly safe at the conclusion of the gallop. Scottish Knight, the Robert the Bruce colt which showed good form at

NEW ZEALAND SPORTING AND DRAMATIC REVIEW.

looks like adding further to their banking account Mr. T. C

Mr. T. Cunningham left the Auck-land Hospital on Saturday. This gen-ial sportsman has now had 12 months of extreme suffering with a broken leg, and recently had a close call after an

and recently had a close can atter an operation. Mr. Harry Swaffield has purchased the Waikaranga gelding King of the Valley, who has gone into R. Hall's hands to be trained at Papatoetoe. The same trainer has taken up Heather Boy weath again.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

WINTER MEETING.

WINTER MEETING. The Wellington Racing Club will open their winter meeting to-day (Wednes-day), and the gathering will be con-thued on Thursday and concluded on Saturday. The acceptances for the first day's racing are as follows:--VITTORIA HURDLES HANDICAP of 150sovs, one mile and three-quarters.-Flying Camp 10.13, Compulsion 10.13, Master Strowan 10.9, Black Heart 10.5, Sensitive 10.3, Thrace 10.2, San Sebast-ian 10.0, Aratiatia 10.0, Turehau 9.12, Golden Glade 9.11 Brown Loch 9.11, Mt. Victoria 9.9, Glendalough 9.9, Miss Sation 9.8, Swinton 9.7, Despatch Car-rier 9.7, Marvelite 9.0, Manaia Park 9.0, First Consul 9.0. STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 200sovs, six furlongs.-Kauri King 10.10, Lady Louisa 10.3, Potentiality 10.1, Miss De-val 9.13, Gold Painting 9.12, Waimatao 9.12, Otara 9.10, George 9.8, Hyllus 9.6, Tip-up 9.5, Rockfield 9.4, Probation 9.2, Bairnsdale 9.0, Madam Ristori 9.0, Pohehe 9.0. FIRST HACK AND HUNTERS'

Baimsdale 9.0, Madam Ristori 9.0, Pohehe 9.0. FIRST HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE of 200sovs, two miles and a-half.—Czaronus 11.13, Merry Jack 11.8, Kiwitea 11.5, Mawson 10.10, Cokely 10.11, Precious Metal 10.6, Paremata 10.4, Kew 10.2, Union Jack 10.0, Silver Monarch 10.0, Dood 10.0, Kaupokonui



M. DEPERDUSSIN SAVED BY THE HEROIC AIRMEN "WHO CAME TO COVER HIM WITH THEIR WINGS." After being in custody for more than three and a half years, Armand Deperdussin, who did so much to place France in the foremost rank as aircraft builders, was brought to trial with his wife at Paris on a charge of forgery and swindling. He was condemned to five years' imprisonment, with the benefit of the First Offenders' Act, which meant that he was released on recognisances. The judge told him that he owed the leniency of the Court to the work done by him in the defence of the country and to the flying heroes "who had come to cover him with their wings." Our illustration shows M. Deperdussin weeping in court. Four hours later he was laughing and once more a free man at home with his wife.

the Avondale spring fixture, has win-tered nicely and strode over a few furlongs in company with his stable mate, the light-hearted Mullingar. Both are coming to hand well. The owner of Independence and the promising colt by Marble Arch—Sweet Alice was quite content to see his well forward pair putting in medium pace stumts.

forward pair putting in medium pace sturts. Lady Glen and a companion strode round a circuit of the sand at a use-ful gait, and will be quite ready for spring engagements when called on. The rising three-year-old Spalpeen-Guidwife filly has grown into a fine big youngster, but gives the impres-sion of being a long way from fully matured and will take time. A staff of men under the caretaker. Mr. Albert Hill, are busy grading and banking the course between the mile and a-half post and the winning post. When finished the grade will be one in thirty and this should be a big improvement.

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9.7, Golden Butterfly 9.7, Schnapper 9.7, Coalition 9.7, Torchy 9.7, War Chief 9.7, Pawerewere 9.7, Marvelite 9.7, The Chef 9.7, WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE of 1000sovs, about three miles and a-quar-ter.—Fl Gallo 12.10, Braeburn 11.13, Soporific 10.11, Crib 10.10, Jackman 10.5, Sandy Paul 10.5, St. Elmn 10.4, Record 10.0, Merry Lad 9.13, Collector 9.12, Kirkby 9.10, Fagot 9.7, TRIAL PLATE of 150sovs, six fur-longs. Two-year-olds 9.3, three year-old 10.0, four - year - olds and up-wards 10.2 — Arihia, Black Night, Cross Words, Euripos, Warstorm, Mat-ilda, Whakatina, Reparation, Pervola, Marker, Rangiwhetu, Kohinahina, Lady Beaufort, Zela, Sir William, Kimbolton, May Morn. PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP of 400sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Kauri Sing 10.3, Heeltap 10.0, Marc Antony 9.13, Prince Delaware 9.12, Sedd-el-Bahr 9.11, Goldstream 9.10, King Chiara 9.10, UNTEER HURDL&S of 600sovs, two miles.—Art 11 5, Rewi Poto 11.0, Glad-ful 11.0, Bon Reve 10.11, Sir Fisher 10.10, Tararu Jack 10.6, Leonta 10.6, Markon 9.8, Sir Solo 9.5, Moulu 9.3 Penniless 9.0, Dionysius 9.0, Gluetanus 9.0, TE ARO HANDICAP of 150sovs, six furlongs.—Sardinia 10.11. Merrie Poto Penniless 9.0, Dionysius 9.0, Guetanu. 9.0, TE ARO HANDICAP of 150sovs, six furlongs.—Sardinia 10.11, Merrie Poto 10.9, Cello 10.7, Nobleman 10.7, Kilkee 10.6, Sir Agnes 10.6, Madam Ristori 10.2, Comment 10.2, Dingle 10.0, Tuticorn 10.0, Perrier 9.13, Hygia 9.13, Rajput 9.10, Black Hill 9.10, Rio 9.10, Charlie 9.10, Tinkler 9.8, White Ranger 9.8, Holyhead 9.7, Humorist 9.7, Hastie 9.7, Sunshade 9.7, Minesweeper 9.3, Robur 9.2, St. Head 9.2, Pao 9.0, Paparess 9.0, Royal Battery 9.0, Try Again 9.0, Bar-ter 9.0, Benope 9.0, Kimbolton 9.0, SECOND DAY.

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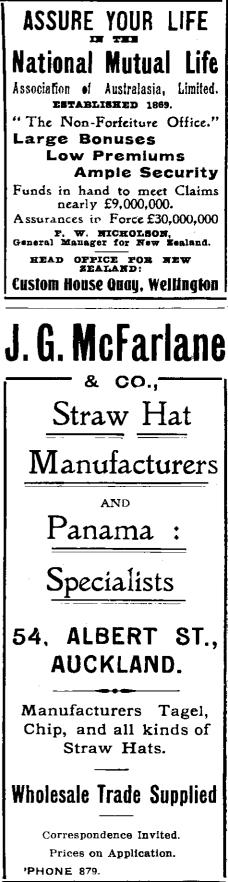
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in thirty and this should be a big improvement. Other horses noticed working on Sat-urday were Billy Wiggs, Cardrona, Golden Glow, Empire. Lord Kenilworth, Toka Toka and Elysian Rose. Mr. P. Bolton, the owner of Barb-wire, Patetonga and the breeder of King Chiara and others, has just re-turned to Ellerslie after spending a month on his farm at the Matahura Valley, Waikato. The leading Auckland horseman, J. O'Shea. left for Trentham by train on Monday night. He is already booked up for several engagements. Tenacious was taken as far as Syd-ney with Waimai and Luperino. The two last-named were railed on to Mel-bourne to be in time for the second day's racing of the V.R.C. Grand Nat-ional meeting.

day's racing of the V.R.C. Grand Nat-ional meeting. A rumour has gained currency that the A.R.C. well be allotted the usual four meetings on the old dates. two days at each meeting. The club would thus keep faith with the owners of candidates in the classic races. This seems to meet with the approval of those who discuss the question at headquarters. Colonel Soult has proved a most pay-able proposition since going into the

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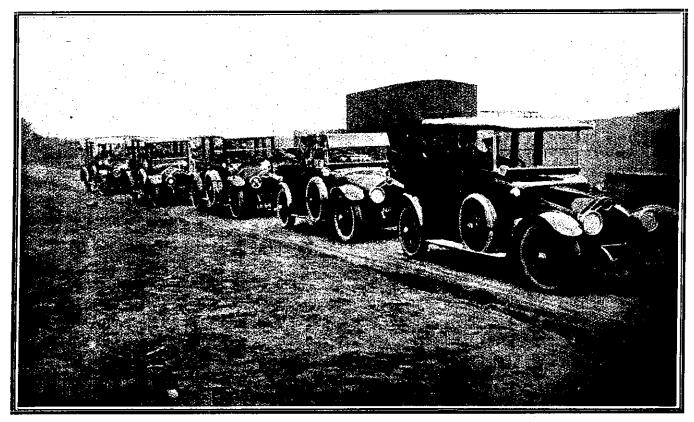
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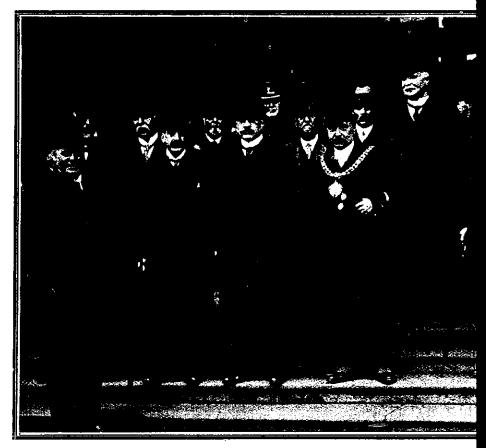
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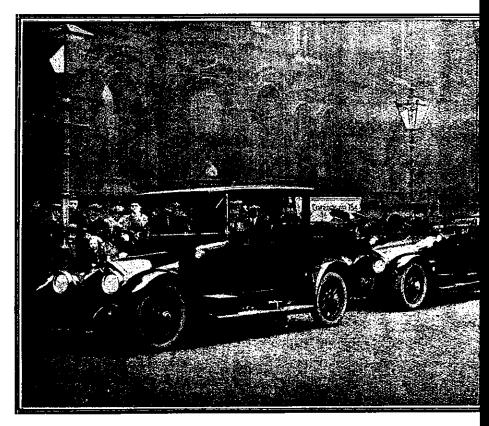
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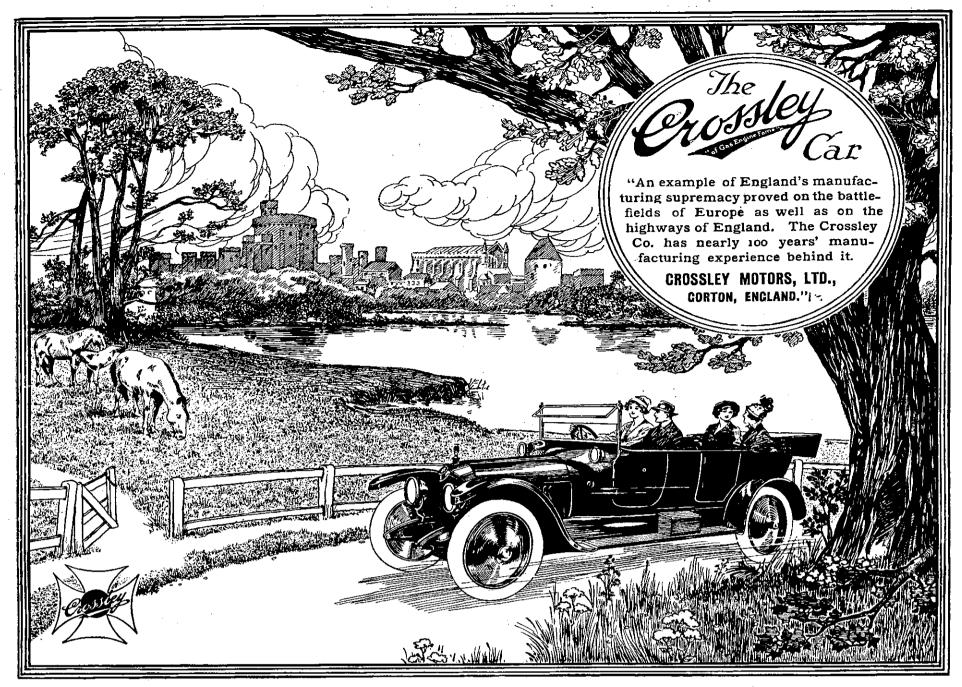
IN THE ENGINE TEST SHOP AT THE CROSSLEY MOTOR WORKS, WHICH WAS INSPECTED BY A NUMBER OF THE OVERSEAS VISITORS. On right of picture is Mr. W. M. Letts, managing director of Crossley Motors, Limited, while directly alongside of him are the Maharajah of Bikaner and Sir Satyendra Sinha.



GROUP OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AT THE IMPERIAL CONFERE Sir R. Borden (Canadian Premier) and the Lord Mayor of Manchester or The Hon. W. F. Massey is standing in centre at b



A snapshot outside the Manchester Town Hall, showing some of the Cross the use of the distinguished visitors.



LADIES' GOLF.

Auckland.

The monthly medal match was played by members of the Auckland Ladies' Golf Club on July 3, Miss G. Gorrie winning in the senior division, with a gross score of 89, handicap 7, net 82. Miss M. Payton was second, 97-8-89.

The members of the Auckland Ladies' Golf Club played off last Friday for the Hilda Bloomfield Memorial Cup, presented by Mrs. D. S. Smith and M'ss Mamie Hesketh for annual competition. The cup, a handsome silver trophy, is to be held for a year, while the winner in addition receives a gold brooch. The winner was Miss Mur'el Payton, with a score of three down. Miss G. Gorrie, 4 down, was second. Miss Payton thus holds the cup for the second year in succession.

Waitemata.

The monthly Red Cross medal was played by members of the Waitemata Ladies' Golf Club on Wednesday last, the winner being Miss Bray, with a gross score of 102, handicap 24, net 78. Miss Harvey, 107—28—79, and Mrs. F. Alison, 115—36—79, tied for second.

The third round of the hole match is to be played by July 14.

with a large bowl of violets and pink roses. In the absence, through ill-ness, of the club's captain, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Duthie appropriately expressed the regret of the club at Mrs. Ridings' retirement, and their high appreciation of her long and valued services, so cheerfully and willingly rendered. At the conclusion of her speech she called for three cheers for the late secretary, which were most heartily given. Mrs. Rid-ings feelingly replied, thanking the members for their kind expression of goodwill and appreciation. A donation given by each one present resulted in a substantial sum being collected for the Red Cross Fund. During the afternoon a ten-hole match was played by teams representing the retiring secretary (Mrs. Ridings) and her successor (Miss Burgess).

Otago.

The L.G.U. Medal was played for on Tuesday, July 3, in delightful weather. Those playing were Mesdames J. A. Cook, Gilray, Bakewell, Achison, Aiken, Browning and the Misses M. McIntosh, D. Theomin, L. Roberts, G. Barker, C. Williams and V. Fynmore. In the senior grade the best scores were M. McIntosh, 104-20-84; C. Williams, 104-18-86; D. Theomin, 98-11-87, and juniors, Mrs. G lray, 112-21-91; Miss G. Barker, 121-27-94. The par is temporarily altered to 80 during the winter months, as a three hole has been substituted for a five.

"BABY MINE."

Thus the Christchurch "Times" on "Baby Mine": "It all starts over a lie. The child-wife of a jealous man simply cannot tell the truth, and when she innocently lunches with her husband's best friend, she launches into fiction and domestic unheavals when the simple truth would obviate all troubles. She is found out, and her husband, tired of hearing her tell the 'real truth,' leaves in high dudgeon, never to return. It is at this point, the end of



builds up quite reasonably and increases its laughter as it proceeds. There is no weak last act, no anticlimax. 'Baby Mine' grows funnier as it grows.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Private John Wilson Prickett, whose death occurred at 24th General Hospital, Estaples, on May 7, from appendicitis, was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Prickett, Hamilton East, and had the respect and admiration of a large circle of his friends for his manly qualities. He was a good all-round athlete, having played football for the Marist Bros. Old Boys, while he was also a member of the Poverty Bay Rowing Club and Football Club. Mrs. Prickett's eldest son, Private James Prickett, enlisted twelve months ago with the Australian forces.

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Maungakiekie.

The monthly medal match played by members of the Maungakiekie Ladies' Golf Club resulted in a win for Miss Grove, gross score 113, handicap 27, net 86. The next best cards were sent in by Miss McGovern, 126-32-94; Miss Bayly, 105-10-95; Miss Haslett, 131-35-96; Miss Abbot, 127-30-97.

Last Friday, July 6, a very pleasant afternoon was spent at the links by the members of the Maungakiekie Ladies' Golf Club, for the purpose of bidding an official farewell to Mrs. Ridings, who has retired from the position of honorary secretary after holding office for the past six years. The ordinarily bare room of the club house was transformed for the occasion by a lavish display of floral decorations, the table being centred



PTE. JOHN WILSON PRICKETT, of Hamilton East. Died of illness.

SERGEANT W. I. REDMOND, of Carterton, Wairarapa. Died of wounds. Age, 20 years.

the first act, that the authoress takes the daring step of opening her farce with a sad note. The little wife, attempting to write an appeal to her husband to return, breaks down. The s tuation is delicately tinged with sweet pathos, and suggests that Miss Mayo had confidence in her powers when she commenced a farce with tears. There comes from her friends the brilliant idea of borrowing a baby and of testing the axiom's power to bring the husband back. But unfortunately accidents occur, and by the time the third act is on its way the family has reached triplets. 'Baby Mine' is clever, it is daring, it is undeniably funny, but, best of all, it never falters. Unlike many farces, it perlence.

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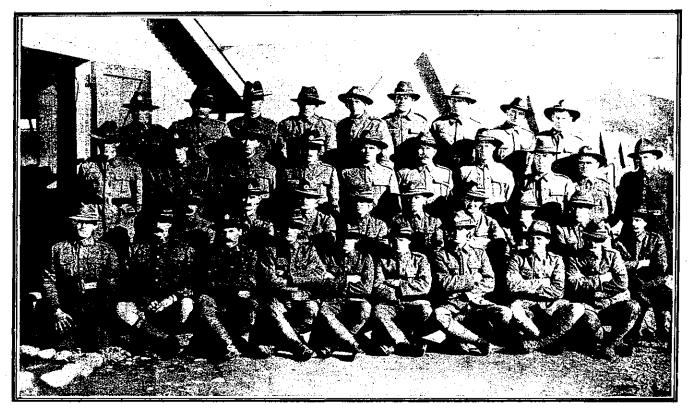
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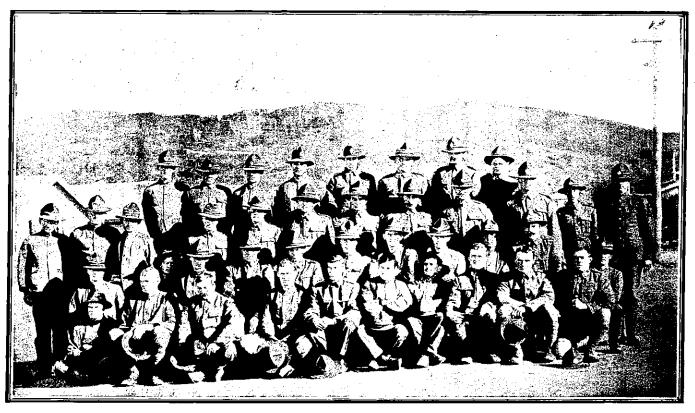
Be sure you get H-E-A-N'S—that is the point for you to watch. Hean's Essence is sold by most chemists an'l stores, or promptly mailed, post free, on receipt of price, 2s., from Hean's Pharmacy, Wanganui. 12 Preparing to Worthily Uphold the Brilliant Reputation of their Comrades at the Front-Some Members of the Two Reinforcements in Camp at Trentham.

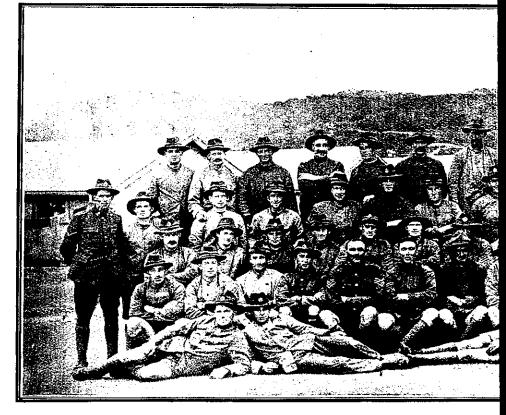


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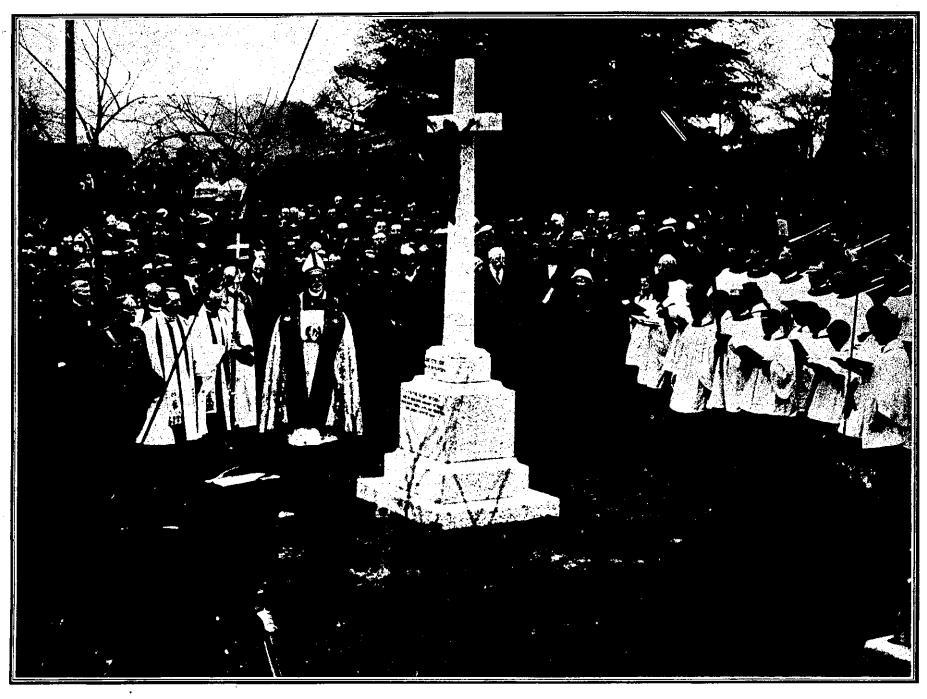
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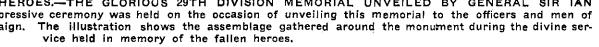


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IN LASTING MEMORY OF THE GALLIPOLI HEROES.—THE GLORIOUS 29TH DIVISION MEMORIAL UNVEILED BY GENERAL SIR IAN HAMILTON AT ELTHAM, ENGLAND. An impressive ceremony was held on the occasion of unveiling this memorial to the officers and men of the 29th Division who fell in the Gallipoli campaign. The illustration shows the assemblage gathered around the monument during the divine ser-





AFTERMATH OF THE REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA.—THE NEW POLICE BUSY AT PETROGRAD. The changed outlook in Russia since the Instal-lation of the Provisional Government has had a significant effect upon the Allies' prospects and war aims. Petrograd's new police are much more polite than their predecessors, and the soldiers, peasants and workmen are united in their resolve to solidify the revolutionary forces and support a vigorous offensive in the hope of obtaining a speedy termination of the war. The police before the revolution were supporters of the reactionaries, and during the demonstrations at Petrograd fired upon the people. The illustration shows two of the new policemen respectfully addressing a citizen with the words, "Produce your papers, please!"





Mr. J. C. Mercer, a well-known member of the Christchurch Automobile Association, intends taking a course of aviation at the Canterbury Aviation School.

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During the recent visit of Sir James Allen to Rotorua, a deputation, representing the Chamber of Commerce, County Council, Tourist League and Motor Employers' Association, waited upon him with reference to the employment of prison and alien labour upon roads. Various speakers pointed out that the districts around Rotorua were at a great disadvantage, owing to having a large area of native land, which brought in no rates. The Minister said that he recognised the bad state of the roads in the district and would consult with his colleagues.

The Westland branch of the Automobile Association, with headquart-ers at Hokitika, is reported to be a very live body. Mr. C. M. Malfroy, a very old member of the association a very old memoer of the association and practically the founder of the Westland branch, is chairman, and Mr. F. H. Williamson secretary. Already there is a strong member-ship. A Greymouth branch is to be formed, and the Ashburton branch will soon be completed. These bodies will have direct representation on the Christchurch Council of the association.

Mr. Thos. Baty, a Greymouth chauffeur, made a fast run to Timaru the other day. Leaving Greymouth on a recent Friday morning, Christchurch was reached in eight hours, and Timaru 4½ hours later, the journey occupying 12½ hours actual running time from town to town, although the trip was 'practically a non-stop one, the car pulling up for a few minutes only at Christchurch. The return trip occupied 19 hours, the extra comparative time being accounted for by a stick-up at the Waimakariri River and three punctures.

. Motor 'buses are at last to be introduced into Chicago, the South Park Board having lately granted the Chicago Motor 'Bus Co. a 20 years' franchise to run such vehicles on the roads within the board's jurisdiction. The board is to receive 4 per cent. of the gross receipts for the first five years, with an annual guaran-tee of £2000, $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., for a minimum of £2200 per year for the second five years, and 5 per cent. and an annual minimum of £2400 for the third five years.

According to "The Motor," the F.I.A.T. factory in Italy is the biggest in Europe, and after the war will produce 20,000 cars per annum at prices which will defy American competition. A F.I.A.T. light car has been rumoured for several years past.

A policeman on point duty where the traffic is congested is exposed to considerable danger. In some parts of America they have adopted a movable traffic stand for the protection of the police. It is largely used at intersections of streets, and is provided with an umbrella cover to protect the occupant from the sun. It consists of a circular platform, standing five inches from the ground, and equipped with a guard rail at such an angle that the policeman can see at a glance the approach of vehicles from the rear. Canvas side curtains are also fitted for use on rainy days. It is easily moved from one point to another, and affords a safety zone for pedestrians who may want to stop and ask the policeman a question. It has the further advantage that it enables one man to control road traffic.

"The Motor" states that oil tank steamers are being used to carry grain, so when the war loaf has a flavour of paraffin or petrol the British shall know the origin of it-perhaps.

In a discussion on the subject of headlight glare, the police authorities stated that one person was killed every 14 hours and one person injured every 23 m'nutes in New York.

A double tax on motor cars has been imposed in France, where there are ample petrol supplies.

A number of cylindrical blocks of rubber compound, which can be packed by hand into the outer cover. is the latest idea in air substitutes in America.

There are always numerous people anxious to borrow a car for more or less patriotic reasons during the war. The latest requests give "war savings" tours as the excuse. *

On May 1 last the new petrol restrictions came into operation in England, and as a result petrol is now unobtainable for private and pleasure motoring. The last two days of April saw unusual activity among motorists

When one watches a motor car turning a corner at speed, the strain on the tyres is very noticeable. California professor recently made some tests to determine the amount of thrust sustained by the tyre at various speeds. He found that a car weighing 2500lb., taking a curve of 50feet radius at 4 m.p.h. imposed practically no additional strain on the tyres, as the centrifugal tendency of the car is lost or absorbed in the tyre structure at that speed. When the same car takes the curve at 20 m.p.h., not only is most of the 2500lb. of the car thrown upon the two outer tyres, but in addition there is a centrifugal load or side thrust of about 1300lb., or a force of 665lb. per tyre, applied in such a way as to tend to roll the tyre off the rim. This means that there is an extra force of about 700lb. trying to destroy the tyre at the moment when it is being called upon to support almost twice the load which it carries on the straight, and for which it was designed. Taking curves slowly, therefore, takes away the most serious of the causes of rim cutting and deterioration of the side walls of the cover. The motorist who drives around corners slowly adds very considerably to the life of his tyres, and gains financially, for his tyre upkeep is reduced.

for other times, at a spot "some-where in England."

Secretly the two tanks were conveyed to the official trial ground. Mechanics, drivers and handymen went from the works, their lips sealed as to the'r destination. "The ground chosen," continued

Mr. Preston, "might have been taken en bloc from the worst part of the war zone in Belgium or France. There were hills and hollows, trenches, barbed wire, parapets, all of the latest and most fiendish type. The ground was worked into a thick puddle in some places. The keen, critical eyes of British and French military officials were watching.

"At the word of command away went the two tanks, clearing the trenches, crushing down the parapets, scarcely deigning to notice the barbed wire, through the puddled clay. So continued these trials for several days, with still more officials to watch and criticise, but all agreed that the invention, or evolution, of the tanks was an undoubted success."

WORKMEN IN THE SECRET.

Official instructions were given for a large number of tanks to be constructed and ready for action by a certain time. "" 'All at full pressure!" was the motto," he says. "Military officials addressed the workmen to en-



The driver of a Sporting Model A.C. encounters a flock of A TYPICAL ENGLISH VILLAGE SCENE. sheep on a wintry road.

in England, who took an opportunity of paying their temporary farewells to all the joys of the road.

Much has been written about the splendid motoring roads in America, and those New Zealanders who have had an opportunity of visiting the States are greatly impressed with the many wide and level highways which make it easy to understand the remarkable popularity of the petrol vehicle in that country. Mr.

There will be fewer blinded soldiers now that the invention of a London eye specialist has been brought into use at the front. To the anti-shrapnel steel helmet is fixed a rod from which a veil of chain-mail hangs. It protects the eyes and the greater part of the face from bullets and splinters of shell. When the veil is down the man can see and even shoot.

TANKS. THE **FIRST**-

courage them to do their utmost. Workmen were taken into the confidence of the works officials with a view to keeping up the pace. As the tanks were completed they were sent, still in secret, to 'somewhere in England' to mobilise and get their Weeks went by without a crews. word of what had become of them."

But at last Mr. Preston saw "Brilliant British Victory" on the contents bill of an evening paper and eagerly

A wounded officer from the front describes the taking of a very strong position by infantry helped by a dozen tanks. "It was weird to see these marvellous great machines roll up the hill. It looked for all the world as if it was some freak against the laws of gravity. They simply waltzed up the hill and spat out showers of lead. It was a splendid sight."

C. L. Thomson, of Dannevirke, who has just returned from a trip to the United States, sums up his impressions of the country from a motorist's point of view in the following words: "America is the land of the motor car, and California is the motorist's paradise." In California it is estimated that one out of every 13 inhabitants owns a motor car, while in Passenena, a millionaire suburb of San Francisco, the proportion is one car to every six persons. Some people, continued Mr. Thomson, appear to demand the attention of an entire garage. The roads are magnificent, one highway constructed in concrete and asphalt running the length of California from the north to the south Pacific Coast. The Lincoln highway-a concrete and asphalt road from New York to San Francisco, 4000 miles - promises, when completed, to be one of the greatest motor runs in the world.

EVOLUTION FROM BRITISH PLOUGHING MACHINE.

How the fighting tank was evolved from a ploughing machine is describ-ed by Mr. J. W. Preston, of Messrs. William Foster and Co., Lincoln, England. The Foster Prairie engine, with an addition to its power and some changes, was introduced to Army work in the Transport Department. It had huge travelling wheels. Twelve months of the war had passed before its possibilities in battle were considered.

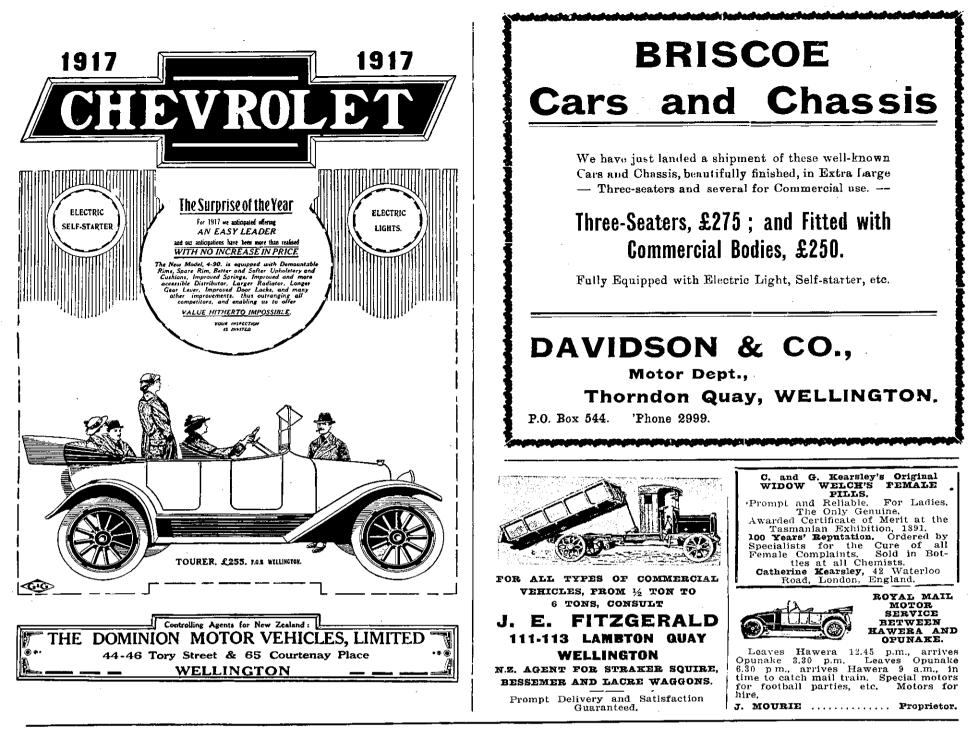
A plan was submitted by the firm to the authorities, who gave permiss'on to go on, and two uncouth monsters gradually took shape in the workshops. Trials followed-first in an ordinary Lincolnshire bog field; then at dead of night, up a slippery hillside and over a trench, shell crater and barbed wire.

The real official trial, however, was

paid h's half-penny. In the stonpress column was a despatch from Sir Douglas Haig briefly reporting an important advance on September 15, finishing with the statement: "In this attack we used a new type of heavy armoured car which has been of great assistance." Fuller reports confirmed the news of the success of the tanks.

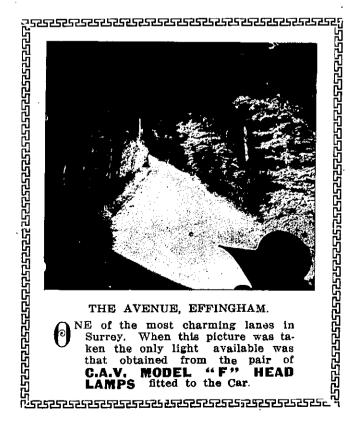
On October 21, Mr. Montagu wrote to Mr. Tritton, managing director of Messrs. Foster and Co.: "I should like, as Minister of Munitions, to convey to you personally my thanks for the very notable share which you have taken in the production of the tanks. I understand that you were mainly responsible, with the assistance of Major W. G. Wilson, for working out the mechanical design, and that the great success which has been achieved was made possible by your whole-hearted assistance and expert knowledge and advice.'

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Present supplies of petrol in England are not satisfactory and in view of the requirements for military purposes civilian consumption must be reduced, said Mr. George Roberts recently in explaining that borough surveyors and engineers would not be allowed more than 10 gallons a month.

A detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps left England in May last for France, trim, soldierly young women in khaki, carrying suit-cases and ready to serve behind the lines in the capacity of clerks. typists, postal sorters, housemaids, cooks, store women and motor drivers. *

"If you find yourself in difficulties in the middle of the road, the best thing is to stand still," remarked Coroner Oddie at a Westminster in-quest. "I am confident that is the case, and I have had 30 years' experience," said a taxi-cab driver.

Plans are being made in England to get 7000 motor tractor ploughs at work in the autumn.

The ambulance department of the British Red Cross Society has provided a new type of ambulance for serious cases which need immediate attention close behind the fighting

object of protecting the latter from traction strains, resulting from the pull on the tread on the road, and also to a large extent stops the penetration of sharp flints, glass, etc., before the casing fabric is reached, thus preventing the entrance of water and dirt, which do so much injury to a cover. The breaker strip is really a sort of fabric armour to protect the cotton casing from injury.

According to the "Times of India," a new source of motor spirit has been discovered in the flower of the mahua tree, which abounds in all parts of India. In Hyderabad alone it is stated the authorities gather about 25,000 tons of these flowers every year, some 10,000 tons of which are used for liquor, the remainder being at present a drug on the mar-It is also stated that several ket. makes of motor cars have been run successfully on spirit prepared from these flowers at half the cost of petrol.

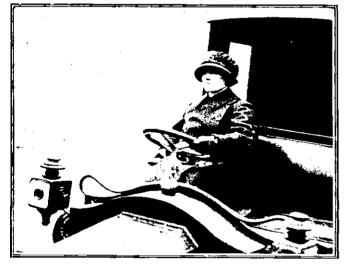
A cobbler in America has a second hand motor van which he has rigged up as a travelling repair shop. He tours through the country repairing boots and shoes in outlying districts, and at n'ght-runs his car into a field and camps out by the side of it.

machines of English manufacture. B.S.A.'s and Triumphs being the machines most generally in use. The part that the motor cycle is playing in the war, says the "Irish Motor Cyclist," is one that those who have built up the motor cycle industry to its present position may be proud of, and to the service the industry has rendered may be added the fine work done by the men in whose hands the machines have been placed. France gave us the lead in motor cycle manufacture, and we are now paying back part of the debt we owe to her.

A correspondent from the front states that he got into Bapaume a few days after this place was taken from the Germans by the Australians, and the two first things which caught his eve at the entrance to the town were a formidable "Achtung" by the German commandant side by side with a poster extolling the virtues of Dunlop tyres. This was in French, and it was the only relic of peace left in Bapaume untouched by the Huns.

× There is a vague but very persistent idea that the aeroplane is having, or about to have, an immensely beneficial influence on the construction of motor cars. Like most of these widespread ideas there is a foundation for it, and a very real one, but if the average holder of the belief were questioned as to why and liow he thought the aeroplane would benefit the motor car he would more often than not be quite unable to explain, though in the main he has a vague feeling that in some miraculous way, not yet clearly defined,

WOMEN REPLACE THE MOTOR CAR DRIVERS IN ENGLAND WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED UP FOR ACTIVE SERVICE.



sign of the times in London, where women motor drivers are rapidly replacing the chauffeurs. The illus-tration shows a chauffeuse at the wheel of the Duchess of Marlborough's car. Her Ladyship, who is one of the most patriotic and hard-working of society women, employs a woman to drive her car, all the men servants being at the front.

This vehicle, which is motor line. propelled, will accommodate two patients. It is the most comfortable ambulance ever turned out. The sides are very thick and padded with layers of sawdust to retain warmth an essential thing in the conveyance of wounded from the firing line to the dressing station. Electric heat-ers and hot water pipes are intro-duced, and an improved method of ventilation excludes all possibilities of draught. For service on the Salon ka front is a bacteriological laboratory on wheels, lightly built to meet the difficulties of a country where roads do not exist. A specialist and his staff will be in charge and will make research on the spot into disease germs. This laboratory is a gift to the French Government.



How the Home postal authorities are overcoming the shortage of men problem. One of the Dennis Royal mail vans used in London, a large number of which are being successfully driven by the Women's Volunteer Reserve, which institution is doing admirable work during the present crisis.

Before the war, the German magneto manufacturers practically monopolised this business throughout the world. At the outbreak of hostilities the British Government set to work to remedy this matter, with the result that English firms are now able to more than cope with magneto re-quirements. Over 200,000 have al-ready been supplied to the war authorities, mostly for acro work, and it is pleasing to learn that the British product is giving the greatest satisfaction, even under the severest conditions imposed by aeroplane work, which calls for even more reliability than in ordinary motor car usage.

What is termed an electro-pneumatic gear shift has been introduced in the United States. In this device the gears are changed by compressed air, the valves of the air chamber being operated electrically. The air is also used for operating the clutch, so that all the driver has to do to change from one gear into another is to move the switch lever on the steering column.

weight will be enormously reduced and strength fully maintained. As a matter of fact there is no doubt whatever that the construction of aero-plane engines in particular will result in benefit to the design of motor car engines, but the greatest gain will come from the special study of metals which the aeroplane has ren-dered imperative, and the benefits from which will be incorporated in the motor car and motor cycle of the the _ future,

There has been quite a flutter amongst the visiting racing cyclists on the American circuit owing to the recent announcement in Congress that a Bill was to be introduced pro-viding that all citizens of Allied

countries who are of military age. are to be rounded up and handed over to their respective Governments. Amongst the prominent racing cyclsts from Australia, Italy, Belgium, France and Canada are A. Goullet. Spears, Grenda, Corry, Walker, Mc-Namara, Piercy and Byron, racing cyclists, and Gordon and Corry trainers from Australia. Italy has Fran-cesco Verri (cyclist) and Paoli Bian-

chi (trainer). Canada has the Spencer Brothers (Arthur and William) Belgium's natives include Vic-tor Linart and Michael Debaets, and France has Julian Prevost. Some of the above have taken out their American citizenship papers and at the present time it is not known what disposition will be made of their cases.

* * * * A new "man-catcher' device to lessen the risk of people being run over when crossing the road is being tried by the London General Omni-

bus Company. Stout wire netting about two feet deep stretches hori-zontally right across the front of the omnibus, and at its base is a thick rubber tube a few inches above the ground. The idea is that if anybody falls in front of the vehicle the rubber tube depresses and touches the ground directly it comes into contact with the person knocked down. The body is then pushed forward or rolled over, but does not get under the wheels.

Ŧ That the experiment by the Riccarton police of using an electric searchlight for the purpose of ascertaining the number of cars with unlit or insufficiently illuminated number plates, has born fruit, says the Christchurch "Sun," was evidenced by the list of motorists who appeared in the Magistrate's Court charged with exceeding the speed limit on Riccarton Road. They were practically all returning from the Ashburton races, and the Motor Inspector says that one of them was travelling at from 35 to 40 miles an hour. Another, charged with driving at 25 miles an hour, admitted that he was doing 30. In one case, however, there appears to have been a mistake, as the evidence made it clear that this particular car was in its garage an hour before the offence was alleged to have taken place. Th's case was dismissed. The light which was used was a powerful electric searchlight connected with the Lake Coleridge power, of such strength that the number plates were brilliantly illuminated.

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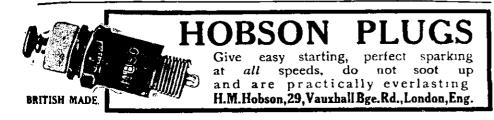
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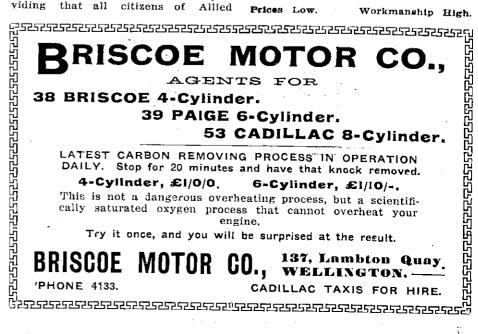
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It is stated that a number of German prisoners employed in England in planting potatces in one of the principal market gardening centres were found to be carefully removing the eyes from the tubes to make sure no crop shall be gathered! Potato planting evidently is too gentlemanly an occupation for these Huns, who

should be given an occupation more in keeping with their "Kultur," preferably breaking stones. Pig-farming would be far too risky an experiment, as were they given a free hand in this direction their already heavy casualty lists might possibly be still further augmented.



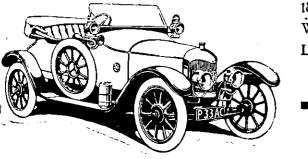
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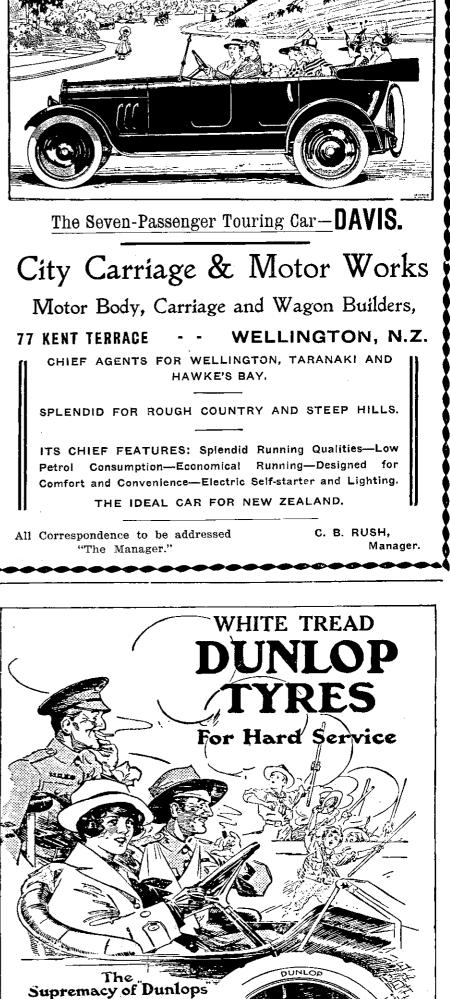
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Mrs. Alfred Smith, of Wellington, is on a visit to Auckland, and is staying with Lady Lockhart, Remuera.

Mrs. G. Barclay, of Dunedin, wife of Major Barclaiy, is to have charge of one of the homes in connection with the New Zealand Hospital at Walton-on-Thames.

The Otago Women's Club, Dunedin, celebrated its third anniversary the other day. The club, which has a membership of 400, is presided over by Mrs. Lindo Ferguson.

Mrs. Keddell, of Greymouth, has taken up residence in Wellington.

Mrs. Rothschild, of Wellington, is on a visit to Auckland, where she is the guest of Mrs. Pope.

The engagement is announced in southern papers of Mr. Howard J. Young, only son of Mr. T. D. Young, Timaru, to Miss Iris V. Skillman, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Skillman, of London.

The Wairarapa Patriotic Association is making a grant for the crection of an additional room for the nurses at Featherston Camp Hospital.

Mrs. Browning, of Remuera, Auckland, has been on a visit to Christchurch.

Sister C. B. Anderson, N.Z.A.N.S., sister-in-charge Morant War Hospital, England, has been appointed matron New Zealand Convalescent Hospital, vice Matron V. M. K. McLean (appointed matron No. 1 New Zealand General Hospital, Brockenhurst).

Drudgery is as necessary to call out the treasures of the mind as harrowing and planting those of the earth.—Margaret Fuller.

Canon and Mrs. Bean, of St. Mary's Church. Addington, Christchurch, celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary at Addington last week, when the parishioners held a social in their honour. Canon Bean was presented with a gold watch and a bicycle, and Mrs. Bean with a handsome gold wristlet watch.

Mrs. Helene Cross, of Christchurch, has received a cable from America saying that the American copyright of her French conversation book "Soldiers' Spoken French" has been bought there. Mrs. Cross has also received a letter of congratulation on her book from her god-mother, the Empress Eugenie, who is now 90 years of age.

Mrs. E. J. Moore, secretary of the Anti-German League, has received cable advice that her son, Mr. Howard Moore, engineer on the Mongolia. has been saved, and landed in Bombay. Mrs. N. Alfred Nathan, of Wickford, Auckland, who went to England 12 months ago with her daughter, Mrs. D. F. Kettle, has presented a cinema to the New Zealand Hospital at Walton-on-Thames. Mrs. D. Kettle has since married Major W. Reginald Tuck.

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The twentieth birthday of Princess Mary was allowed to pass very quietly on Wednesday, April 25, at Windsor Castle. The Princess and her three brothers went for a walk in the grounds, and in the afternoon they had a motor car drive. No birthday party was held. Many messages of congratulation were received. Responding to a telegram from the Lord Mayor of London, Princess Mary simply said: "I am very grateful for the congratulations and good wishes which your lordship so kindly conveyed to me on behalf of the citizens of London and yourself on the occasion of my birthday." Their Excellencies the Governor and Countess of Liverpool held a reception at Government House after the opening of Parliament last Thursday. The drawing rooms were fragrant with spring flowers, while the ball-room, where tea was served, was given a vivid touch of colour by a large stand of poinsett'as. The guests included the Cabinet Ministers and their wives, members of both Houses, military officials, the Mayor and the Bishop of Wellington.

Enormous prices were realised at Christie's (London) rooms at the twodays' sale of the late Sir Joseph Beecham's pictures. The important works reverted to prominent dealers. The highest price was paid for Constable's "Salisbury Cathedral," which brought £65 Famous water-colours by Turner changed hands, 12 drawings realising £26,330. "Constance," once in the collection of Ruskin, brought £4252 10s. In all the sale realised £97,067 16s. 6d.

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MRS. GREY, WIFE OF MR. A. L. GREY, OF NEW YORK, who is at present in Auckland representing his brother's (D. W. Griffith) interests in "Intolerance."

An original wedding ceremony took place at Menangle Park, Sydney, the other day, when Miss Jean Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Kelburne, Mossman (formerly of Christchurch) was married to Lieutenant G. H. Wiseman, O.C. of the Australian Camel Corps. At twelve o'clock fourteen Australian Lancers went to Sugar Loaf Farm, the home of Captain and Mrs. Russell, to escort the bride to the camp. alighting from the carriage at this destination, the bride mounted a camel ridden by Lieutenant Wiseman, and in this unique way the pair rode to the tent where the marriage ceremony was to take place. Here the camel knelt down while the bride and bridegroom dismounted, and passed beneath an arch of steel formed by a guard of honour into the tent. Another novel note was introduced by the use of gum leaves, which made a soft carpet underfoot in the tent and filled the air with the fragrance of the bush.

Centring these columns is a por-trait of Mrs. A. L. Grey (nee Miss Almah Lawson, of Sydney), whose marriage to Mr. Grey took place at Tcorak, Adelaide, on April 17. Additional interest is attached to the announcement in the fact that Mr Grey is a brother of 'that genius of the film world, Mr. D. W. Griffith, the American producer of world-wide fame. Mr. Grey's visit to New Zealand (which is also in the nature of a honeymoon trip) is in connection with "Intolerance," the greatest film the world has ever seen or is likely to see again. Mr. and Mrs. Grey, who both make friends wherever they go, are at present in Auckland, staying at the Grand Hotel. A simple method of keeping bands and nails in good order is to halve a lemon, insert the fingers, and turn them round and round in the pulp. This will tend to prevent the skin from growing up round the nails and hiding the white crescent which should always appear at the base of the nail. After washing the hands well in warm water and soap, the skin surrounding the nails should be pushed down by the fingers, or, better still, by a blunt bone instrument made for the purpose.

It is a stately Old World ceremonial that is followed on these occasions (writes "Imogen" in the "Dominion" referring to the open ng of Parliament), and is always the cause of much interest to the onlookers. His Excellency, who was in levee dress, then proceeded to read the Address. Lady Liverpool, who was wearing a dark navy blue costume with furs and a black hat with touches of electric blue, received from the Speaker (the Hon. C. Johnston) a beautiful bouquet of freesias and maidenhair forn, fastened with long crimson streamers. Mrs. Massey, whose bouquet was also of freesias fastened with red, white and blue streamers was in nigger brown, with furs and a black hat outlined with gold lace, and Lady Ward wore black chiffon velvet with a small high black hat and black furs. Her bouquet was of violets tied with violet ribbon. Miss Massey was in deep cornflower blue with a small black and white hat. Occupying seats upon the floor of the Chamber were Mrs. Rolleston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Hanan, Mrs. Pomare, Mrs. Hall-Thompson, Mrs. Bernard Wood, Mrs. and Miss Seddon, Mrs. Arthur Myers. To the right of His Excellency was a group of m litary and naval officers, and Mr. Gavin Hamilton (private secretary to His Excellency), and on the left another small group. The Speech from the Throne having been read, Their Excellencies departed, and members of the Lower House made their way into their own Chamber to conclude the business of the afternoon. Here again the galleries and even the seats on the floor of the House usually allotted to members' wives were in occupation by strangers, and the quite uncommon sight was to be seen of Mrs. Massey and Lady Ward occupying seats in the Lad'es' Press Gallery. It must be said that a little organisation on these occasions would greatly improve matters for everyone.

As domestic servants cannot be got some boarding-houses in England are laying down the condition that women boarders must keep their own rooms in order. Fires are laid for them, and they are asked to make the beds, dust and sweep, and "tidy up."

Sir John Dickinson, at a meeting of the Women's Local Government Society, London, said an extraordinary change of sentiment was noticeable among men as to the faculties of women. The opponents to women's suffrage now saw that they were wrong and that woman was capable of holding her own. When the war was at an end we should be faced by a large population of women work. ers who could enormously increase the wealth of the nation. It was a position that would probably bring trouble, and the men's associations would oppose it, but in the end women's labour would be recognised to be as good as men's labour.

A social evening was held at Godber's, Courtenay Place, Wellington, on Saturday week, the occasion being the twenty-first birthday of Mr. Cyril F. Goodreds. Progressive euchre was the principal attraction, a dainty supper being served at the conclusion, while musical items were given by Messrs. McIntyre, Norman W. Rowe and Walter M. Walker. Miss Carmen Aston proposed the toast to the coming of age, when all joined in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The eachre prizes were won by Misses Smedley, Aston and Anderson. Mr. Goodreds received many useful presents from his guests. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Goodreds, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Smedley, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Pickmere, Misses N. Smedley, H. C. Aston, I. and O. Rosewarne, J. Brown, M. Tavendale, G. and A. Stevens, E. Lynch, L. Anderson, Ellefe, McGregor, Messrs. W. M. Walker, H. H. Reynolds, C. E. Mc-Kenzie, E. C. Duncan, C. Webster, T. McIntyre, E. Holmwood, O. C. Fettes, Sappers N. W. Rowe, F. N. Hornibrook, Corporal C. A. Halpin.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee. of Dedwood Terrace, Ponsonby, Auckland, celebrated their golden wedding on June 25. Mr. Lee, who for several years past has acted as secretary to various mining companies, resided at the Thames for many years, and received many congratulations from h's old friends on the goldfields.

Asked as to what impressed them most in England, both Mrs. and Miss Massey said the number of men in the uniform of all nationalities. "Here we see only New Zealanders: there one sees English, French, Belgian, Russian, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand soldiers daily, and the sight of so many different uniforms makes one realise how widespread the war is. The New Zealanders are always eas'ly distinguished by their hats."

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According to a statement in the "Daily Express," the King intends to change the name of the Royal House from Saxe-Coburg Gotha, probably choosing the House of Britain. "Luck has an unpleasant habit of favouring those who don't depend upon it," declares a popular American actress.

The Countess of Warwick, in a lengthy article advocating early marriages, says:—When woman is a more understanding creature than she is to-day she will realise that early marriage, with the necessities of life estimated on a conservative basis, is a better and more profitable state than late marriage, with all the luxuries and few of the enthusiasms The man who, having lived a careless and disreputable life, seeks at middle age to marry a very young girl deserves the worst that may befall him for in the large majority of cases he is deliberately sacrificing a fellow creature to his own selfishness. The pleasures of early manhood lie behind him; he cares no longer for the re-creations that his partner has not begun to enjoy. The cup of life is at her lips, and he removes it, merely assuring her that it has an un pleasant flavour. He is thinking of the dregs that he had drained before embarking on matrimony. . . . So I would say in all seriousness to the young who are able to wed without facing penury or want, "if in doubt marry." The happiest marriages have been the youngest.

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- out.
- Little white crosses all in a row, Little white camp of rest; A cross of bronze, not a cross of wood, Should be on each silent breast. How are you shown on your company roll?
- roll? Killed—and your name scratched out, 'Cos you marched through the drench to the enemy trench And stayed—when the rest marched out.

- Little white crosses all in a row, Here in our distant camp; Blank are the files you've made, although In fancy we hear the tramp. The tramp of the feet of our comrades dear. Whenever parade's about They rejoin the ranks and fall in the blanks Aud unarch—when the rest march out
- And march-when the rest march out.

- Little white crosses all in a row, Sign of a soldier's grave; Six foot of earth has levelled all The ranks of the fallen brave. The old "Contemptible" from "Marne."
- The ranks of the fatter states The old "Contemptible" from the "Marne," With the lad who has just come out. Has marched with their squad, till they reached their God, And stayed-when the rest marched out.
- -Sergeant Attwood, "Lloyd's Weekly News."



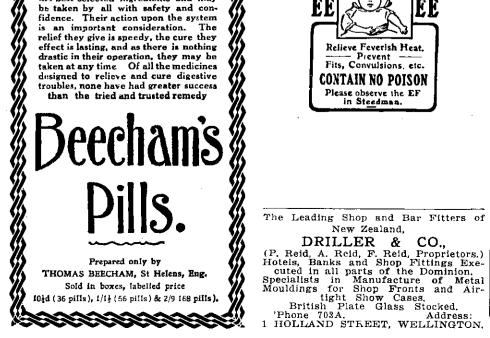
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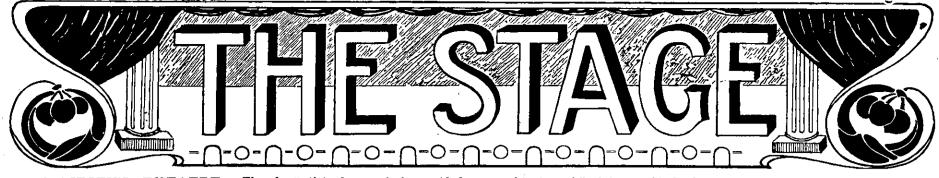
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Nothing short of a sensation was caused at His Majesty's Theatre on Saturday night, when the first presentation of D. W. Griffith's mighty film took place. A packed house at and hundreds turned away, 7.30. showed the strength of public opinion on the matter, and at the conclusion of the production there was a unanimous verdict that the magn:tude of this remarkable picture play absolutely defied description. Only in superlatives could one get anywhere near it. It is the wonder picture of the ages, and how the brain of one man could conceive such a spectacle is astounding. A brilliant Sydney writer thus sums him up: "Griffith antiquary, thinker, poet, realist, romanticist, satirist, organiser, stage manager, business director, master of with the stars!" It is impossible to imagine the colossal features of "Intolerance" unless one has seen it. It has one theme told in four plain stories, covering periods dating 539 B.C. up to the present time, and he interweaves the four ages with the one thread—intolerance, forcing home the mighty truth of the message he would convey, in scene after scene of gorgeous splendour and vivid real-The modern story is a meloism. drama full of emotional thrills, showing how easily the innocent may be wronged; the sacred story is laid in Judea, and reverently depicts epi-sodes from the life of our Saviour, ending with the Crucifixion; the mediaeval section gives the massacre of the Huguenots on St. Bartholomew's Day; and the ancient time is expressed by reproductions of Babylon in the heydey of its glory. It is in this Babylonian setting that the fruits of intolerance are seen in their fiercest light. Bacchanalian orgies, gorgeous palace halls, barbaric scenes of splendour, horrific battle scenes, gigantic settings, terrific hand-to-hand fights, mazes of luxury and grandeur, are represented with startling realism and vividness, overwhelming spectators with the immensity of the conception, and thrilling them as they were never thrilled before.

"VERY GOOD, EDDIE."

The initial production by Messrs. J. and N. Tait's New Musical Comedy Company will be presented at His Majesty's Theatre on Wednesday next, July 18. Apart from the magnitude of the production, there is considerable interest amongst theatregoers by reason that this is the well-known firm's first venture in musical comedy, and no doubt many are anxious to compare it with other musical comedy seasons. Judging by the success of "Very Good, Eddie," in Australia, it is safe to assume that it will have a successful season in Auckland and Dominion. elsewhere in the Dominion. The story is based on the farce "Over Night," by Philip Bartholomae and Guy Bolton, and the lyrics are by Schuyler Green, with the music by Jerome Kern. The plot deals with the adventures of two young married elsewhere ın tne couples starting out on their honeymoon on a Hudson River boat. Difficulties ensue regarding the luggage, and one of the husbands and one of the wives go ashore to straighten out the tangle. The boat pulls away from the dock, separating the newly-weds. At the first stop the other couple en-deavour to get back to their respective husband and wife, but there are no boats or trains, and they are compelled to spend the night at the Rip Van Winkle inn. Next morning another very much mis-mated pair arrive at the inn. Of course, the newlyweds to first reach the inn are taken for bride and bridegroom, and that provides a great deal of amusement.

The dramatists have wisely avoided any doubtful or double meaning, and the play is full of wholesome comedy. The company is headed by the favourite comedian, Mr. Barry Lupino, who is said to give a delightful study of Eddie Kettle. The two leading ladies, Miss Fayette Perry and Miss Lilian Tucker, are both newcomers occupying high positions on the American stage. Mr. John Beck, also from the United States, is described as a quaint and original comedian. Mr. Andrew Higginson returns after an absence of over five years, and plays one of those debonair juvenile parts that suit him so well. Other well-known artists playing principal parts are Miss Nan Taylor, Miss Da'sy Revette, Miss Emily Fitzroy, and Messrs. Arthur Bristowe, Lionel Walsh, Frank Green, and Charles Pope. There is a bevy of beautiful Pope. girls in fashion-plate dresses, and the stage settings, ballets and general ensemble are said to be gorgeous. The songs that have found most fav-our are "Nodding Roses," "When You Wear a Thirteen Collar," "I Wish I Had a Million," "Isn't it Great to be Married," "Old Boy Neutral," "On the Beach at Le li Wei," and the duet

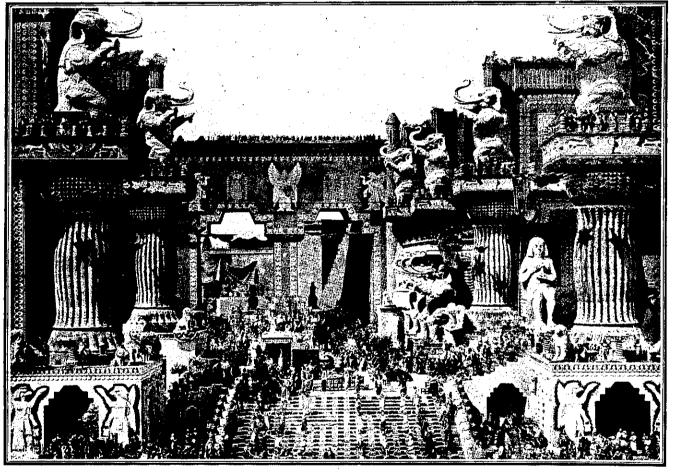
was skipping while lying on his back. Miss Jeannette Spellman, an old favourite, with a way of her own, was an easy winner with her catchy songs and well-told stories. Jack Martin lent variety with his clever cowboy specialties, manipulating the lariat with a deft hand. The musical Ibsons, saxophone experts, gave exceptional pleasure with their melodious offering, the remainder of the bill being adequately supplied by Baron (ventriloquist), Geo. de Alma (banjoist), Maud Fanning and the Elliotts, Walter Emerson and Gwen Hasto.

Paul Stanhope's Revue Company, which was so successful en its last visit, will be next week's attraction. Miss Helen Cain, an American comedienne, and Mr. Will Raynor, tenor, take the leading parts. The original Grafters quartette are a feature of this company, which also includes Miss Edna McCall, of Auckland, who will make her first professional appearance in this city.

Miss Sloane, of Sydney, possessor of a clear, sweet voice, takes the solos supplementing the music in "Intolerance." succession of hearty laughs, evoked by his clever pianologue "My Mar riage," on which he humorously discourses. His "Drama in Three Acts" is another heavy incentive to merriment. Mr. Leslie Austin gets his share of attention in "Exercise" and "Caravan Holiday." Mr. Louis Mitchell sings "Barber of Turin" to stirring effect, and strikes a dramatic note with his expressive recital of "Babette." Mr. David Lyle's tenor voice is admirably suited to "A Memory" and "Great Unknown." A "Coster's Wedding," with Miss Langley as the bride, is cleverly put on, and a plantation scena shows the Pierrots in one of their happiest moods. Miss Shirley Cook, besides singing "Philosophy" and "Tu-tu" is principal pianist.

A ventriloquial competition is being held at the Opera House this week.

In "Very Good, Eddie," Miss Nan Taylor contributes a lot of comedy. "You look like a hornet," says John Beck to her, in reference to the dress she happens to be wearing.



BABYLON.—THE COURTYARD OF THE TEMPLE. A remarkable scene from the mighty dramatic spectacle, "Intolerance," now being screened at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, the greatest film drama ever presented to the world.

"Babes in the Wood." Mr. Barry Lupino is responsible for the entire production, and Mr. Robert Keers is musical director of the full orchestral band. "Very Good, Eddie," will be staged for the first six nights of the season, and will then give way to "The White Chrysanthemum," a musical tale of Japan.

TOWN HALL.

THE PIERROTS.

The Pierrots in their second proard of entertainment and demonstrate their ability to hit the public taste. Having a wide repertoire to come and go on, they can cover their comparatively short season with an agreeable diversity of items, so that visitors to the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall need not fear repe tition. Miss Elsa Langley delights everyone with her handling of a Dutch song "Tulip Time," supplement. ed with a chorus, and as an encore figures just as captivatingly in "Baggy Breeches." Miss Billie Wilson has the audience in a constant ripple of merriment with a fresh stock of child impersonations, which include "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and "What's the Good of Being Good." Mr. Roy Cooke gives a vigorous delivery of "Onaway, Awake," which calls for the usual penalty, paid for in "Sands of the Desert" and "Tommy Lad." Mr. Charles Lawrence's interlude means a

Mr. Duncan Neven, who attended to the preliminary work for "Intolerance" in Auckland, left on Tuesday evoning en route to Dunedin, where the picture will be shown for a return season. After Dunedin, "Intolerance" will be shown in all the provincial towns, reaching Auckland province some time in October.

OPERA HOUSE.

This week's offering is considerably smartened up by the Royle Trio, who made their first appearance on Monday. Two well-groomed men and a trim-looking girl, they set their turn going with a breezy song about winter and sleigh bells, following it up with some mirthful byplay, and concluding with an exhibition of step-dancing that exhilarated the audience to a furore of applause. Rose and Dell came next in favour with their cycling and acrobatic act. The lady does wonderful things on the bicycle, and her partner speeds matters up with his skill in that line, the whole turn being leavened with amusing comedy dashes. One of Dell's cleverest feats

One of the most representative audiences seen at His Majesty's for some time assembled at the opening of D. W. Griffith's masterpiece, "In-tolerance," on Saturday night. The theatre was effectively draped with the British, American and New Zealand flags, and presented an unusually animated appearance. The seats oc-cupied by Mr. Alfred Winslow (American Consul) and Mrs. Winslow were draped with the national flag, Mrs. Winslow being presented by the management with a handsome bouquet. The playing of British and American anthems signified the close touch of the two nations, and was particularly appropriate to the occasion. Amongst those present was Mr. A. L. Grey (Mr. Griffith's brother).

NEW ZEALAND SPORTING AND DRAMATIC REVIEW.

"BABY MINE."

"Baby Mine," in which Mr. Robert Greig and Miss Beatrice Holloway are making a big success, is due in Auckland on July 28. The uproarious applause which greeted the piece (says a Wellington paper) was undoubtedly warranted, as the piece comes under the category of firstclass. The plot is well thought out, and the audience is kept in joyous suspense till the end of the third act. In the hands of other less skilled artists, some people might have cause to feel uncomfortable, but the most fastidious can go to see "Baby Mine" without the slightest fear.

KING'S THEATRE.

With the romantic note strongly pronounced, the latest Brandon-Cremer production, "The Little Church Around the Corner," commends itself favourably to patrons of King's Theatre. The play concerns the domestic troubles of Harry and Agnes Grey, who, after being divorced, are reunited at the famous "Little Church" through the pleadings of their little daughter Jean. Mollie Cremer (Mr. Cremer's youngest daughter) as Jean Grey made her biggest hit so far, displaying her instinct for acting in the great kudos in other parts of the world. Crooks, detectives, sensational arrests and escapes, are just a few of the incidents comprised in | this drama, and the cast has been discriminatingly selected to interpret it.

"Intolerance," now showing twice daily at His Majesty's, has been the most sensational picture boom Auckland has ever seen. So great has been its success here that it will be shown for an additional six matinees and evenings in the Lyric Theatre, Symonds Street, commencing on Monday afternoon next at two o'clock. The same magnificent orchestra will be heard at the Lyric as at His Majesty's.

At King's Theatre this week an appeal is being made by Mr. Brandon-Cremer on behalf of the parents of children maimed and killed in the recent German air raids. A similar appeal by Mr. Cremer in Dunedin raised $\pounds 50$ in an hour.

John Beck, as the hotel clerk in "Very Good, Eddie," gets roars of laughter. Someone asks Beck if it's a nice room he has to offer. "Wait here," is the reply, "and I'll bring it down and show it to you."



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natural way she handled the various situations, and the audience gave her many rounds of applause. The other main parts were taken by Mr. Ronald Riley, Miss Clarice Warner, Mr. Kenneth Carlisle, Miss Beatrice Esmond, Messrs. Fred. Coape and Harry Hill. Mr. N. L. Baird's scenic work was particularly good, notably the "Little Church." "My Rosary" was effectively sung by the New Zealand Vocal Quartette.

The next play is "The Ticket-of-Leave Man," that favourite detective drama which can be revived over and over again with success. Mr. Brandon-Cremer himself will take the title role, his characterisation of the hapless Bob Brierly having won for him Mr. and Mrs. Ben. J. Fuller are on a visit to Auckland.

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The Fuller firm on July 21 will launch its new farcical comedy company at Sydney Grand Opera House. The opening production will be "A Little Bit of Fluff," which has kept London laughing at the Criterion Theatre for over 12 months. Miss Carrie Moore will be "the bit of fluff," and the cast will include members of the J. C. Williamson "Fair and Warmer" Company. Throng. AT 8 - TO-NIGHT - AT 8. THREE ROYLES Melodious Musicians ROSE AND DELL Cycling Acrobats JEANETTE SPELLMAN Comedienne JACK MARTIN Kansas Cowboy THREE IBSONS Song and Story BARON Ventriloquist

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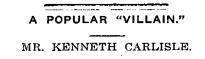
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GREENROOM GOSSIP.

PIQUANT PIERRETTES.

Daintily pervading the atmosphere of the English Pierrots with her presence is Miss Elsa Langley, one of the most delightful artists in her line that have ever brightened up Auckland audiences. Miss Langley, who has been with the Pierrots almost since their inception, was over here with the company five years ago, and expresses pleasure at meeting with such a warm we'come on her return visit. From an intimation conveyed to a "Review" representative, she is not to belong to the public for ever, the radiant little actress having recently accepted a lifelong engagement arranged by Cupid! However, the date of its cementing is not definitely However, the fixed, and there are many who, in their tribute to talent, selfishly hope that it may be some time before the Pierrots will be robbed of their pretty Pierrette!

Miss Billie Wilson, pert and piquant in her inimitable child-impersonations, has been with the Fierrots for the past three and a-half years. While specialising in that particular form of mimicry, she varies it, "not to bore the audience," as she says, with "slavey" sketches. Miss Wilson has had to bear her burden of the war's toll, her fiancee meeting with a fatal accident while in a fiying school in England, after having safely passed through Gallipoli and France. The news reached her shortly before leaving for New Zealand, but with a smiling face she bravely hides a sad heart as she makes merry for her prove the rule. Mr. Austin, by the way, was formerly a singer of "straight" songs on the programmes, but later on brought to light his latent comedy bent, though he admits he was somewhat nervous when he first tried it on!



Few artists on the Australasian stage have come more quickly to the front than Mr. Kenneth Carlisle, the heavy lead of the A. Brandon-Cremer Dramatic Company at King's Theatre, Newton. Many and varied are the characters that have fallen to his lot to portray; characters requiring careful study and attention, necessary for a correct conception.

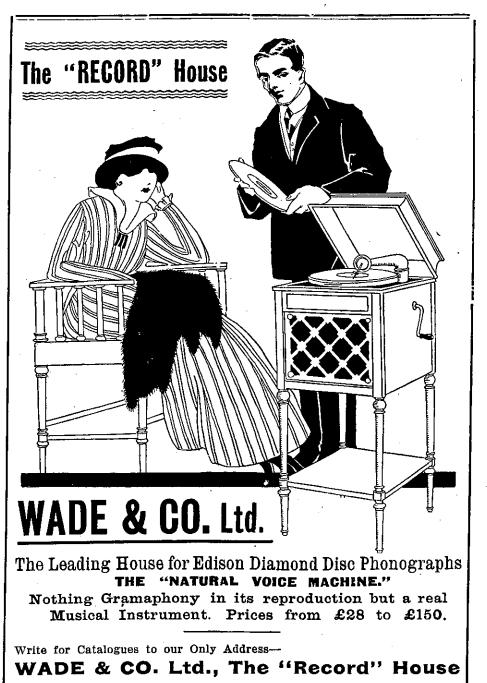
"Character work," he says, "appeals to me more than any other branch of the actor's art. It grips the imagination of the observer and hearer; it lends colour and personality to an otherwise indifferent environment and from a delineator's point of view creates an atmosphere alien to that which envelops the 'straight' man. It is in character work that a man has a chance to get away from himself as it were and do something out of the ordinary."

Mr. Carl'sle, who has appeared in over thirty plays at King's Theatre. specialises in "villains," and he has a soft and expressive voice that gives weight to his acting. He first came to light as Father Lamplugh in "The Christian," and later gave a convincing character impersonation of John Swiftwind, the Indian servant in



MR. KENNETH CARLISLE, the "villain" of the Brandon-Cremer Dramatic Company at King's Theatre, Newton.

audiences. Miss Wilson is a Christchurch girl, though she has lived for some years in Australia, having been associated with some of J. C. Will'am-



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"Only guys that are just married," comments John Beck in "Very Good, Eddie," "forget their wives. Afterwards they try to forget them and can't."

Miss Florence Young is appearing with all her old success in "The Pink Lady" at Her Majesty's, Melbourne.

"Intolerance" cost £400,000 to make. No fewer than 145 ostrich plumes, each dyed by hand in the variegated tints of the Orient, were worn in the Princess costume. It took a mound of clay 60 feet in height and 30 feet in diameter at the base to model one of the gigantic elephants seen in the last act.

From "Very Good, Eddie":-Barry Lup'no: "How do people who live in this town get out?" John Beck: "Most of them have gone. The rest have been here so long that they don't want to get out."

MUSIC NOTES.

(By "G" String.)

Madame Evelyn Scotney, the bril-liant Australian soprano, and Mr. Howard White, the eminent American basso and 'cello player, have arrived in Australia for a concert tour of the Commonwealth and New Zealand under the direction of Messrs. J. and The tour opens in Mel-N. Tait. ourne on the 14th inst. Signor Alfredo Borzoni, a master of the ballet and a dancer with the soul of an artist, died at his residence Armagh Street, Christchurch, on Wednesday, June 27, at the age of 69 years. His death has robbed the world of an interesting personality, whose fame indeed had been established long before his arrival in New Zealand, some 35 years ago, when he came out under engagement to the Lazarre and Lyster Grand Opera Companies, having previously married the prima donna, Signorina Venosta. Although a fine baritone singer his main claim to distinction lay in his dancing, for he was, perhaps, one of the most famous exponents of the art when applied to opera who has visited Australasia. Eventually with his wife he settled in New Zealand, and in his time superintended most of the principal dance festivals and ballets held in Australasia. One of such carnivals he organised was in connection with

the New Zealand International Exhibition, held in Christchurch in 1905. Madame Venosta, his widow, made her last public appearance in Dunedin some 14 years ago.

Word has been received that Mr. Ernest Empson, the Christchurch pianist, had arrived in Sydney after a successful tour of the East with Mr. Paul Dufault. The French-Canadian tenor, on the termination of the tour, went on to Canada to fulfil a series of engagements.

SOUTHERN STAGE NOTES. (By "Lorgnette,")

WELLINGTON, July 9.

It is a long time since the interest of playgoers has been aroused to such an extent as by the coming production of "Daddy Long Legs," which is to be staged at the Grand Opera House, opening on the 11th inst. Not only is this accounted for by the reputation the play has won in London, New York and Australia, but anticipation runs high regarding Miss Kathlene McDonnell and Mr. Charles Waldron, who share the romance of the play. Both artists have star rank, and have qualities that make for genuine popularity. They will be supported by a number of players who are already es-tablished favourites with Dominion playgoers. During the season, which will extend over seven nights, it is probable that "The Outcast" will also be staged. Messrs. J. and N. Tait's musical comedy company are due to open a season at the Grand Opera House on August 8 with "Very Good Eddie." During the season "The White Chrysanthemum" will also be produced. The J. C. Williamson comedy company did splendid business with "Baby Mine," which enjoyed a five nights' run. Last Friday evening the company produced for the first time in New Zealand the comedy drama 'Broadway Jones." The new piece was received with great enthusiasm. The company are now playing an overland tour en route to Auckland, where they are due to open on the 26th inst. During October and November the Dominion will be visited by one of the J. C. Williamson musical companies. It is to be hoped the management will decide on sending across the Royal Comic Opera Company with "The Cinema Star" and "The Pink Lady" as the star pieces. and

some years in Australia, having been associated with some of J. C. Will:amson's companies prior to joining the Pierrots. "I always call myself a New Zealander," she says.

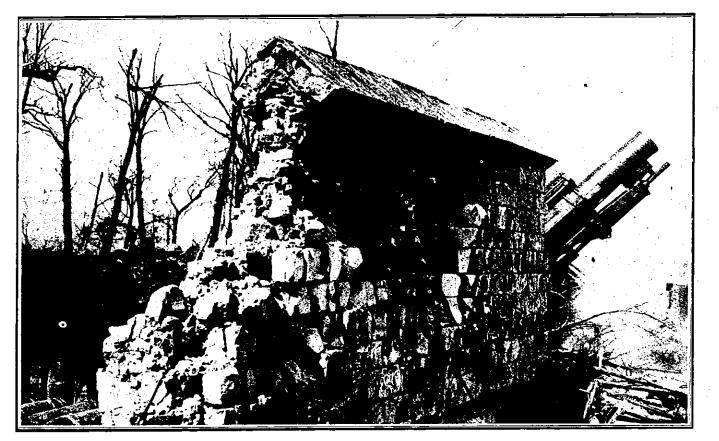
MR. LESLIE AUSTIN.

Mr. Leslie Austin, who dispenses a, large share of the frivol on the Pierrot's programme, and takes a general hand in everything, can lay claim with Mr. W. T. Turner to being the only originals of the company Twelve years ago Messrs. W. and R. Thomas organised the Pierrots, originating al fresco musical costume entertainments in Australia, at St. Kilda, Melbourne. Mr. Austin, who is a Queenslander, was a member of the company from its inception, and has many interesting particulars re-lating to its progress year by year. The Pierrots' pavilion on the beach at St. Kilda holds 2500 people, and it is none too big for the numerous patrons. The season lasts seven months, the winters for the past few years having been spent at Perth. New Zealand is having its turn at last, and it is hoped the exception will

"The main thing in making up for a middle aged or old man," said Mr. Carlisle, "is to find the old age shadows in the face and accentuate them. Everyone has old age shadows, even a baby. But it is naturally hard to find them in a young person. I believe if we could read our facial shadows we would be able to tell just what the future holds in store for us, but then that is neither here nor there." And then Mr. Carlisle proceeded to demonstrate how with a skilful use of grease paint and a few deft lines here and there, how in 30 minutes, one could put on 30 years!

After the season in Auckland "Intolerance" will again be shown in Dunedin. The management apparently regard the opposition of the clergy there as a drawing lever.

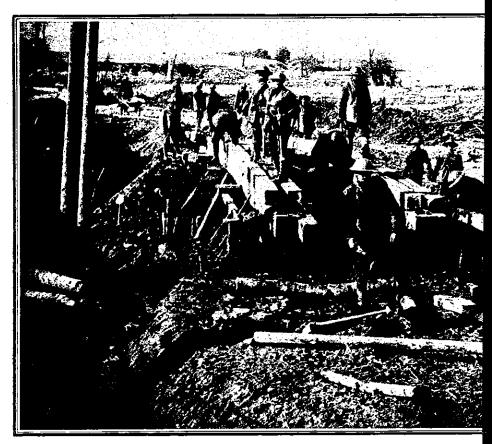
Miss Carrie Moore and Mr. Jack Cannot have been engaged by J. C Williamson, Ltd., for the firm's Christmas pantomime. Active Operations on the British Front in France.



A HOWITZER IN ACTION BESIDE A SHELL-STRICKEN WALL ON THE BRITISH WESTERN FRONT.



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THREE OFFICERS OF THE GORDONS CHATTING AT THE ENTRAN tration affords a striking example of the underground warfare being co



HERE AND THERE.

Mr. H. H. Brown, of Tientsin, North China, superintendent of the China Navigation Company, is on a visit to Auckland.

Mr. G. F. Francis, who succeeds Mr. Derry as manager of the Auckland branch of the A.M.P., has arrived in the northern city.

Dr. Peter Moir, of Auckland, has been appointed to the Second Auckland District Medical Board, with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dr. Moir replaces Colonel E. E. Porritt, who has been called to Wellington.

Mr. Aubrey Humphries, of Napier, has received the degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine from the North Pacific College of America.

News from London states that Mr. J. Healey, late Government surveyor of ships in New Zealand, has secured a commission in the Navy.

As a result of "hare drives" organised by Mr. Duncan Rutherford, of Leslie Hills (says the Red Cross Record), 148 crates of hares and rabbits are being shipped to English hospitals at the first opportunity. Hares and rabbits are much appreciated at the various hostels and hosp tals in England, where they are used for making soups and stews.

Mr. H. S. Alpe, formerly of Wellington, who assisted in collecting funds on Soldiers' Day by walking from Ashburton to Christchurch, and making collections en route, has been presented by the Christchurch Returned Soldiers' Association with a medal, on which the following words are inscribed: "Presented to H. S. Alpe, for his valuable assistance on Sold ers' Day, 5th April, 1917. Ashburton to Christchurch, 54 miles. Time, 10hr. 51min."

Mr. W. B. McKenzie, who has been manager of the Christchurch branch of the United Insurance Company, Limited, for several years, has been appointed acting-manager for New Zealand.

Prior to his leaving Christchurch for Australia, Mr. E. D. Hoben was made the recipient of a handsome gold pendant by the Overseas Club.

During the 12 months ending in March last, fish, birds and deer to the value of £387 were liberated in the Wellington Acclimatisation Society's district.

Midshipman Mervyn S. Thomas, son of Dr. W. E. Thomas, of the Auckland University College, has been appointed to one of the large British warships.

Mr. G. F. Francis, who for twelve years has been manager of the Christchurch branch of the Australian Mutual Provident Society, has been promoted to the charge of the Auckland branch.

"The only way this war is going to end is by smashing the German army," said Mr. Wilford, M.P., in his lecture at Wellington. "Until the German army is smashed this war cannot end. The Germans have the same faith in their army as we have in our Navy and it would take a lot to shake our belief in the British Navy. So you can realise just exactly what the position is."

In a recent article in the London "Weekly Dispatch," Sir O'Moore Creagh, V.C., says:-"'I was speaking the other day with one of the Allied I asked him his cand d generals. opinion about the Allied advance. 'We have done magnificently,' he replied, 'for the weather has been all against us. If anything, we have If anything, we have done better than we anticipated. Everybody at the front practically is sat.sfied, but it must not be forgotten that we have to beat an army of over 3,000,000 men, and that is not done in a day. Still, wait three months, and see what a magical change will come over the situation When I mentioned the much-adver-tised Hindenburg line he smiled. 'The Hindenburg line,' he replied. 'will more and more be found not in contact with ours, but always progressing backwards. And with that definition we may well leave it. Haig and Nivelle are more than a match the Kaiser's bluffing lieutenant, for if the number of Bavarians in and the Allied cages is any criterion of his ability, we have little to fear as Meanwhile, the sooner to the issue. we provide the leader of our Army with the 500,000 extra men he considers necessary, the more we shall

The confidence of the nation at large has been greatly strengthened by the news brought to us by the wounded soldiers returned from wounded soldiers returned from France (says the London "Daily Mail"). Every one of them is full of They tell of victory. good cheer. They describe the wonder of our guns, better than German guns, the vast stocks of ammunition such as were formerly never dreamt of, and the courage of our line. They tell that whenever British and Germans get in touch there is no longer any question of what will happen. Man to man, the British soldier is the better. They exude something of the old confidence of the Englishman in Napoleon's days, the Englishman who was assured that one Briton was good enough to meet three enemies.

According to the Berlin "Local-Advertiser" ("Lokal-Anzeiger), Mr. Bouar Law's second son was captured by the Turks in the recent fighting in Palestine. The son referred to is Lieutenant C. J. Law, King's Own Scottish Borderers, who was reported wounded and missing. Mr. Bonar Law's eldest son, Captain J. K. Law, of the Royal Flying Corps, was wounded in July of last year.



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deserve to enjoy the triumphs which he is placing to our credit, and the quicker will those triumphs come.'"

Cyril Maude brings one snappy story from England which has a bearing on current events. A recruiting sergeant hailed a muscular village labourer. "See 'ere, my lad," he said ingratiatingly, "are you in good health?" "I are," replied the youth. "Are you married?" "I aren't." "'Ave you anyone dependent upon you?" "I ain't." "Then your King and country need you. Why don't way collist?" "Whet?" he said in



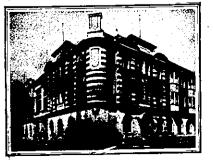
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Elworthy, of Holme Station, Canterbury, intend leaving on a trip to Sydney.

Writing to the London "Daily News," Archibald Marshall recounts the fact that he recently saw one of the leading business men of the coal and mineral basin of Lens, who expressed himself with enthusiasm on what he called the happy and brilliant advance of the British troops. "For us," he said, "their success is of inestimable value, and gives us hope of being able shortly to bring back into use the mines of Lens, which produce four million tons of coal a year and nearly a million tons of coke. It is evident that it will take some time to replace what has probably been destroyed in systematic fashion by the Germans. According to the state of the shafts it may take from eight months to two years. We have been awaiting this happy day for a long time, and have prepared all our measures so that there shall be no more delay than is necessary. The entrance of the United States into our coalition will greatly facilitate our task, for America can furnish us quickly with powerful machines which it would take us many months to construct for ourselves. If the war continues Lens will be an important reserve for France, although the normal pro-duction will not be reached for several years."

Miss Ada Reeve, who is attracting record business to the Sydney Tivoli, at present, and who is shortly due in New Zealand, is a great admirer of the Australians and the fighting spirit of the men she has sent to the front, but has been bold enough to say in Sydney that the people as a whole want waking up to the gravity of the position and their duty in regard to it. To an interviewer recently she said: "Australia occupies the place to-day that we in Great Eritain did two years ago. We had the utmost faith in the voluntary system in all things. We thought that private and undirected competitive effort would be equal to all emergencies. Now we know that without universal service—a complete concentration of men, money, and material on the winning of the war —France and Great Brita'n now would have been less than the dust. Two years ago in England we grumbled at paying an income tax of 10d. in the £. To-day we pay 7/6in the \pounds and pay it cheerfully, be-cause we view it as an insurance against national ruin and destruction of all that we hold dear. Until the people of Australia become more alive to their dangers and their re-sponsibilities, their duty to Australia. to the Empire, and to humanity will not be done."

you?" "I ain't." "Then your King and country need you. Why don't you enlist?" "What," he said in amazement, "me enlist, with that bloomin' war goin' on?"

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One of the first plays with which the late Mr. James Welch, London comedian, was associated as manager was "You Never Can Tell," which was produced at the old Strand Theatre. He used to tell how he went some miles out of London to get permission from the author to produce the play. They could not, however, agree about terms. "Jimmy" Welch cajoled and tried to coax the author, but all to no purpose. When he got back to Waterloo he sent a telegram by way of a joke, "Can I have your play for nothing?" The telegram won him the play, for the author, unwilling to reduce his fees to James Welch, the manager, was unable to resist the humour of "Jimmy" Welch, the comedian. His first wife was Miss Le Gallienne, sister of Mr. Richard Le Gallienne. His second wife is a daughter of Miss Lottie Venne and on the stage is Miss Audrey Forde.





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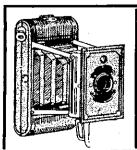
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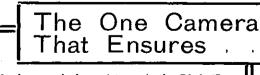


THE LATE MR. JAMES WELCH, the popular English comedian, who died in Lordon on April 10, aged 52. Mr. Welch was best known to playgoers through his interpretation of "When Krights Were Bold," in which character he is depicted in the photograph. He was generally considered one of the quaintest and most mirth-provoking comedians of recent years.

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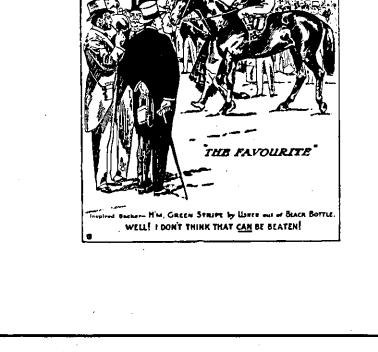
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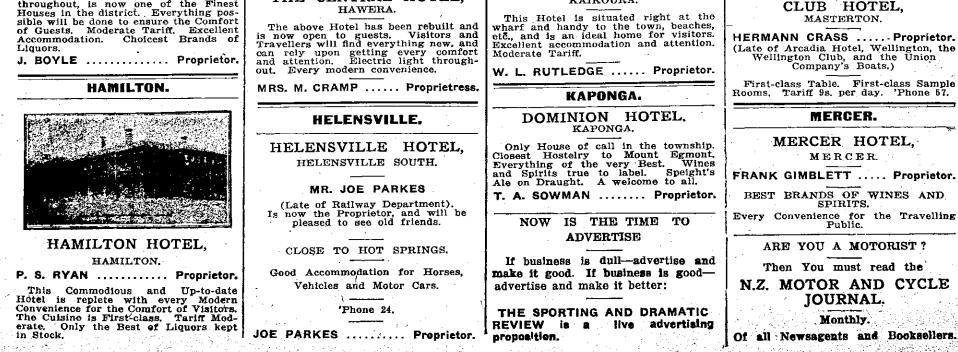
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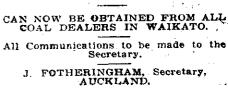




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