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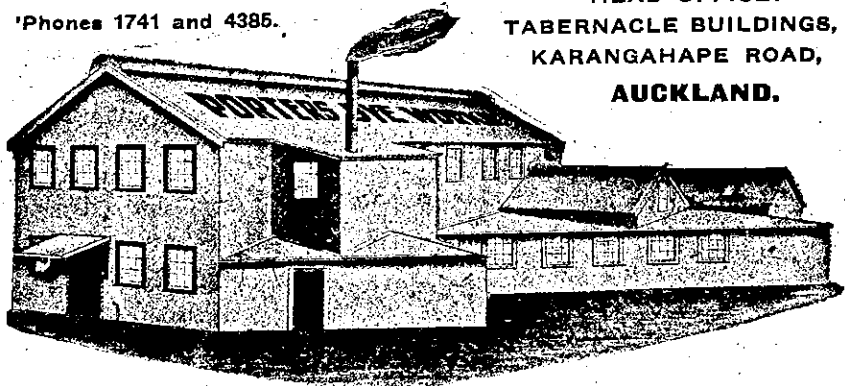
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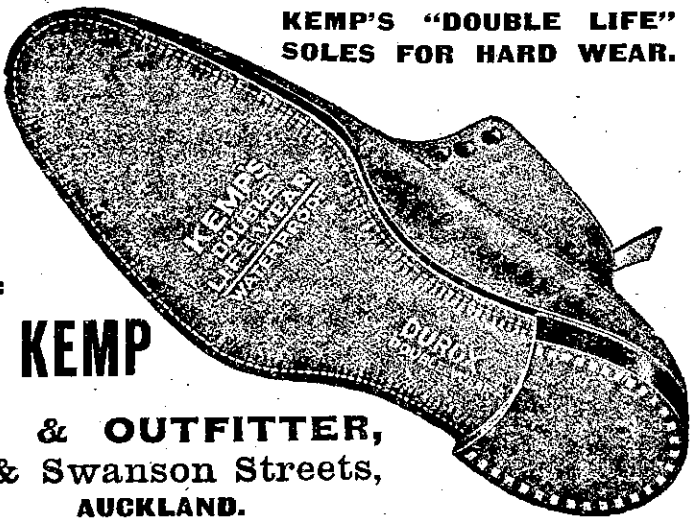
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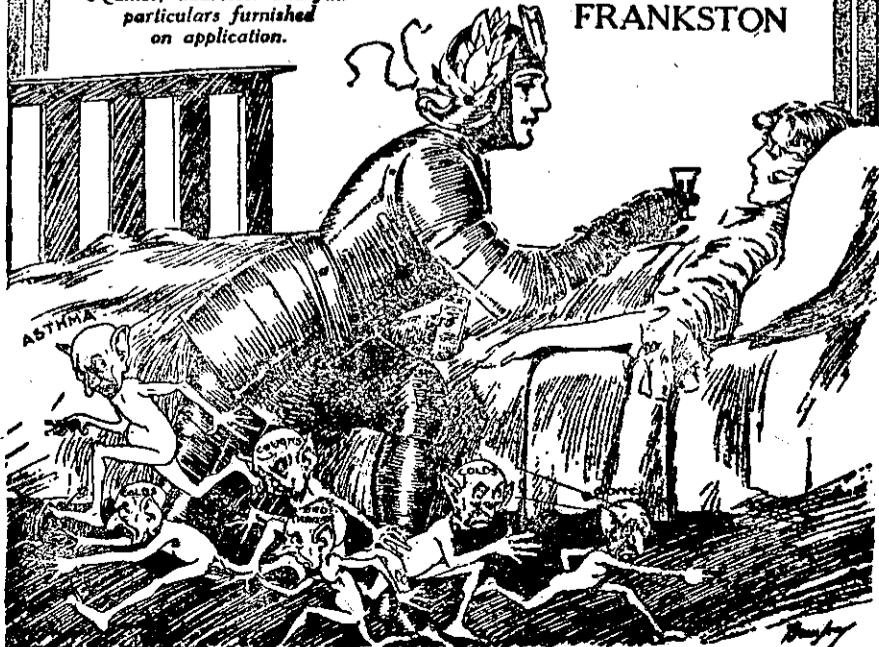
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THE WORLD-FAMOUS COMEDIENNE, WHO IS APPEARING AT HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE, AUCKLAND. MISS REEVE HAS DEVOTED MUCH TIME AND MONEY TOWARDS PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENTS AND COMFORTS FOR NEW ZEALAND TROOPS IN EGYPT AND LONDON.



MISS ADA REEVE, photographed with wounded soldiers in the Isle of Wight, at her own home, which she has given as a convalescent hospital.



The first race meeting held in the new racing season, entered upon last month, was the Canterbury Jockey Club's New Zealand Grand National fixture—an old-established meeting. Though restricted to two days to meet the demands of the National Government, its success was assured from the time the nominations appeared, notwithstanding that it followed after a three days' meeting held at Trentham the previous month, which knocked out some of the horses. The public supported the South Island meeting staunchly, and it must have proved a very payable one, despite the fact that the stakes paid away were never so large for a two days' meeting of the kind in New Zealand. The New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club's meeting was likewise a most successful one. Trotting meetings held at Addington, near the Cathedral City, usually are, and promise to continue so. What happened in the South Island there is every expectation of being the experience of clubs in the North Island.

The Marton J.C. meeting set the ball rolling in the North last week, and though it was only a one-day meeting and the expenses to owners and trainers and the public of getting there have increased all round, especially to the horse owners, the fields were very large, horses coming from Hawke's Bay, Wellington, Taranaki, Wanganui and Auckland. There was plenty of speculation, and, as in the South, a decided increase over the corresponding day of 1916 in the amount of money handled at the revenue getter, the totalisator. There are probably quite as many horses in training as there were at the same time last year, and as there are fewer races for them to compete in, and fewer in the spring through clubs dropping their spring meetings for preference, it was only to be expected that fields would be good for such clubs as provided for the requirements of the owners. The misgivings of some clubs that one-day meetings are not likely to be well patronised, in the face of what the Marton Jockey Club experienced, are premature. They will draw horses, and people to witness them, and there need no longer be any doubt about this, even though there are drawbacks. Any loss and inconvenience through the altered railway conditions and charges will not be reflected immediately in what owners will do. They may by the end of the season find that their racing has been more expensive to them, but there are still a good many who love to race for the pleasure it gives them, and can afford to have their colours unfurled even if they don't always make ends meet. A more equal distribution of the stakes would no doubt keep many more in the great game.

Having already catered so well for the really good horses, clubs all round should look forward to assisting those owners who, though they never seem to get hold of anything very classy, nevertheless breed and purchase with the object of getting the best, and by their consistency and persistency in racing the best they can raise or procure are really doing their bit and are the mainstays of the clubs, for the reason that they are, and always have been, in a large majority, and in the ordinary course must continue so. There is always room at the top, but the trouble is to get there, strive as they may. The big breeders who breed for sale look for a good general average, but they must have markets for their worst as well as their best, and they are pleased to find clubs all round giving specially well endowed prizes of the classic, so-called classic, and the weight-for-age order. At the same time, unless races are provided on a liberal scale for the second and third-raters they breed, which are in a majority, they will continue to complain that they have had to give some of their yearlings away. The restriction of the number of days of racing has already had the effect of cheapening the second-raters still further, since there are so many of them, and now the cost of breeding and keeping

horses has increased so largely and training and travelling expenses have been added to, if fewer horses find their way into stables later on, as a result, it will be because the moderates, which cost as much to keep as the good ones, are not sufficiently well catered for.

It looks well on clubs' programmes to see leading races well endowed, but there is such a thing as overdoing it at the expense of owners who are obliged to patronise the minor events, and do so in such a liberal way as to make them by far the most payable the clubs have. Notwithstanding their small value, they are quite as freely patronised by speculators, even more so at times, than the races for the bigger stakes. The minor races always more than pay for themselves at least twice over, or even in some cases three times over—indeed, at some of the metropolitan meetings the proportion of stakes to actual receipts has been as low as a fourth for particular races. At suburban and

two which have never raced, or whose form has not been elucidated in public, are allowed to run against horses which have started meeting after meeting and whose form—third or second-rate at best—has been fully exposed. We hope that clubs all round will decide on giving better prizes for the hack races, by making second and third monies, as well as the first, more attractive than in the past. We would go so far as to suggest, now that we are getting big fields and placing fourth horses, that fourth prizes should be given in a good many of the events when fields of stipulated numbers take part. The owners of the first and second have the chance of winning per medium of the totalisator. We have no desire to single out any particular club, but if we take the recent meeting at Marton we find that that club, after paying the Government their share of the tote money and allowing their ordinary percentage for working the totalisator, will have over £400 over and above the stake money from the

age race, with certain penalties and allowances, is run over nine furlongs, Biplane (8.2), The Toff (9.4), Kilfinn (7.11), each carrying 7lb. penalty, and Red Pennant (7.5), allowed 20lb., were the New Zealanders that competed. The race, for which eighteen started, went to Mr. "J. Baron's" Prince Viridis 8.2 (including 7lbs. penalty), by Prince Foote from La Crosse (imported), Lingle 9.4 being second and Cetigne 9.11 (including 7lbs. penalty) third. The race was run in 1min. 54½ sec.—very good time. Great things were expected of Lingle last season, and Cetigne was one of the very best two and three-year-olds in the Commonwealth. Deeley's handling of Mr. Greenwood's colt Biplane did not satisfy the stewards until his explanation was asked, and then everything was in order. The imported mare Shrill, owned by Mr. W. G. Stead, had 8.12 in the Tramway Handicap, a seven-furlong race, in which Quinologist 9.5 (imp.), Conquistador 9.4, and Chantemerle (imp.) were the only ones weighted above her. Shrill is by Llangwn from Valve, a half-sister to Bezonian. Plymouth (11.1) ran unplaced in the steeplechase, in which Tararu Jack was weighted at 11.7, but was not started. The Spring Handicap went to Mr. J. Baron's good horse Wallace Isinglass (8.13), with First Lesson (7.11) second and Bursar (an imported horse and a good one, carrying 9.7) third, the mile and a-quarter taking 2m'n. 8½ sec.

Coming events in Australia have plenty of interest for New Zealanders, as so many horses from the Dominion, or owned by New Zealanders and ex-New Zealanders, are engaged. Tararu Jack, Plymouth, and Tenacious are in the hurdle races at the Australian Jockey Club's meeting, which commences on September 29. Tararu Jack, Plymouth and Waimai are in the steeplechases there, Kilowatt, Red Pennant and Good Day are in the Trial Stakes, Biplane is in the A.J.C. Derby, Shrill, Sweet Corn and Tressida in the Epsom Handicap, The Toff, Kilboy, Kilfinn, Sasanof in the Spring Stakes (w.f.a., one mile and a-half), Ample, Red Rock, Kill'em, Good Day, Beltane, Sweet Corn, Shrill in the Kensington Handicap, the same lot with the exception of Kill'em in the Shorts, Biplane, Immortel, Ample, Kill'em and Kilfinn in the Clibbon Stakes, Kilboy, Shrill, Sweet Corn, Red Pennant, Kilfinn and Tressida in the Metropolitan. Mr. E. J. Watt has a colt, Best Steel (by Bright Steel from Mary Seaton), Mr. G. L. Stead a colt, Mele (by Martian from Formless) and a colt Almoner (by Boniform from Cassock) in the Breeders' Stakes.

Mr. E. J. Watt has Bel'nda, by Linacre (imp.) from Maltee, and Fortify, by Fortafix (imp.) from Alcestes, in the A.J.C. Gimcrack Stakes, also Queen's Bounty, by Almissa (imp.) from Royal Favour. In the Squatters' Handicap The Toff, Kill'em, Kilfinn, Beltane and Shrill, in the Craven Plate Biplane, The Toff, Kilboy, Kilfinn, Sasanof and Shrill, in the Suburban Handicap Ample, Red Rock, Beltane, Sweet Corn and Shrill, in the Members' Handicap Biplane, Immortel, Kilowatt, Ample, Red Rock, Kill'em and Kilfinn, in the Sydney Handicap The Toff and Red Pennant, in the High-weight Handicap Ample, Red Rock, Good Day, Beltane, Sweet Corn, Shrill and Tressida, in the Waverley Handicap Red Pennant, in the Grantham Stakes Biplane, Immortel, Red Rock, Ample, Kill'em, Kilfinn and Good Day, in the Randwick Plate The Toff, Kilboy, Kilfinn and Sasanof, and in the Final Handicap Kill'em, Beltane and Shrill.

Prince Viridis, who won the Chelmsford Stakes on Saturday is in the A.J.C. Derby, as also is Biplane, who was ticked off as likely to be the hardest to beat in the Chelmsford Stakes. It may be that Biplane can turn the tables, but recent form looks against him though he was hurried, and if Prince Viridis wins the Rosehill Guineas, which he very likely will do this week, he will be the favourite for the A.J.C. Derby, as it was expected that he would improve with a race or two.



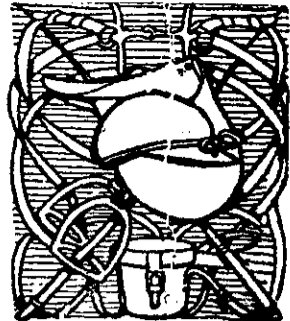
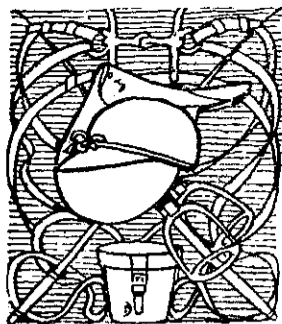
BRITISH MEDICAL OFFICER WHOSE DISCLOSURES OF THE MESOPOTAMIAN SCANDAL, THE GRAVEST BLUNDER OF THE WAR, CREATED A SENSATION IN ENGLAND.—MAJOR ROBERT CARTER, I.M.S., now Lieut.-Colonel of the Indian Medical Service, the officer who first drew attention to the "medical debacle" in Mesopotamia. His evidence before the Commissioners forms one of the most terrible passages in the report.

country meetings the same thing has been not ceable. Some minor races should be restricted to non-winners, and others to horses that have not won stipulated sums ranging down to as low as 25sovs. to 50sovs. at some of the smaller meetings. We fancy that better results for the owners would be achieved at many small gatherings if all races with the exception of two flat handicap events per day were restricted to horses that had not won more in one stake than 150sovs., and that only horses that had won races of that value or more should be allowed to compete for the chief prizes.

The classification of horses is not properly arrived at under existing conditions. The hack conditions do not adequately meet what is wanted. They are too often taken advantage of to allow horses to compete that should be in another class altogether. Owners of really good horses make stepping stones of some of the events with hack conditions to give their horses a race or two in public before flying at higher game. Those races are often very hard to win, by reason of the fact that an odd competitor or

totalisator alone, to say nothing of receipts from nominations and acceptances, gate money, cards and privileges, which would leave the club with a very big profit over the meeting. If the stakes had been double what they were, the profits of the meeting, which no doubt exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the committee, would have still paid handsomely after paying expenses in connection therewith. The Marton Jockey Club should have a rattling good spring meeting next year.

The spring campaign at Randwick may now be said to have commenced in earnest. Saturday last saw the annual spring meeting of Tattersall's Club in full swing, and thereat a number of New Zealand horses were in evidence. The cabled information is very brief, but it can be said that a fair start has been made. The New Zealand owned and bred Good Day (8.5), by Boniform from Sunlight, won the first division of the Novice Handicap over six furlongs in 1min. 16sec., beating Earlsan, 9.0 (top weight) by half a length. Mr. W. G. Stead owns Good Day. In the Chelmsford Stakes, which weight for



RACING NOTES

RACING PICTURES 1917-18.

Sept. 12—Dannevirke R.C. Spring
 Sept. 13, 14—Ashburton County R.C.
 Sept. 24—Otaki Maori R.C.
 Sept. 27—Geraldine R.C.
 Oct. 4—Kurov J.C.
 Oct. 11, 12—Masterton R.C.
 Oct. 12, 13—Dunedin J.C.
 Oct. 20, 22—Wellington R.C.
 Oct. 22—N. Canterbury and Oxford J.C.
 Oct. 22—Waverley-Waitotara R.C.
 Oct. 22, 23—Gore R.C.
 Oct. 25, 26—Poverty Bay T.C.
 Nov. 3, 5, 7, 10—Canterbury J.C.
 Nov. 3, 7—Avondale J.C.
 Nov. 14, 15—Winton J.C.
 Nov. 21—Ashhurst-Pohangina R.C.
 Nov. 24—Takapuna J.C.
 Dec. 1—Feilding J.C.
 Dec. 5, 6—Woodville District J.C.
 Dec. 8—Bay of Plenty J.C.
 Dec. 13—Wairarapa R.C.
 Dec. 15—Waipa R.C.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

Friday, September 21.

Nominations for all events (including entries for the Trial Stakes) Masterton R.C. spring, at 10 p.m.

Friday, September 28.

Weights first day Masterton R.C. spring, on or before.

Nominations for all events Wellington Racing Club's spring meeting, also entries for Wellesley Stakes (1918), Wellington Stakes (1919) and N.Z. St. Leger Stakes (1920) close at 9 p.m.

Monday, October 1.

Second forfeits Wellesley Stakes.

Monday, October 8.

Weights first day Wellington R.C. spring.

Friday, October 5.

Nominations Poverty Bay Turf Club's spring, at 9 p.m.

Acceptances first day Masterton R.C. spring, at 10 p.m.

Thursday, October 11.

Weights second day Masterton R.C. spring, at 8 p.m.

Acceptances second day Masterton R.C. spring, at 9 p.m.

Monday, October 15.

Acceptances first day Wellington R.C. spring, at 9 p.m.

Weights first day Poverty Bay Turf Club's spring, on or about.

Saturday, October 20.

Acceptances first day Poverty Bay Turf Club's spring, at 9 p.m.

Thursday, October 25.

Weights second day Poverty Bay Turf Club's spring, at 8 p.m.

Acceptances second day Poverty Bay Turf Club's spring, at 9.30 p.m.

NEW ZEALANDERS IN AUSTRALIA.

Last week Court Jester (by Comedy King from the St. Leger mare Aleger), who was reported to be just over a cold, and Kilboy, who was then showing improved track form, were first and second favourites respectively for the Sydney Metropolitan Handicap. Shrill was not being taken any liberties with for the Epsom Handicap and she was still in the Metropolitan, and, having run well on Saturday, may still have a following.

B. Deeley is to ride Biplane in the A.J.C. Derby.

The nine-year-old Cisco is bowling along in good style at Randwick.

M. Connell, an Australian jockey, has ridden 938 winners and hopes to bring the total to 1000 before retiring. He is getting tired of the game.

"Pilot," in the "Referee," thought Biplane had an excellent chance in the Chelmsford Stakes of downing Prince Viridis, and said that if he failed it would augur badly for his Derby chance.

In eleven years the Chelmsford Stakes has fallen to three-year-olds six times. Sasanof won last year and Prince Viridis this year. Three times the race has been run slower than on Saturday.

Biplane, with a light weight up and lightly shod, beat The Toff over a mile at Randwick in 1min 42½sec, which was next best to a gallop over the same track registered by Woorak, who took 1min 41½sec, which has been the record for some time.

At the Caulfield meeting on September 2, Tenacious, carrying 10.8, fell at the second last hurdle when being led by Ottendorf, and E. Rae was rendered unconscious until the following day. E. J. Cain rode Waimai (12.5) into third place in the Sandringham Steeplechase, four lengths behind Pinon and twelve from E.J.S., the winner.

Briseis, by Achilles from Celaeno, showed how good she was at the Victoria Park (N.S.W.) meeting on September 1, by carrying 10.7 and winning the Flying Handicap by half a

head from the bottom weight, Happy Band (7.1). She beat a fair-sized field. Her half brother (by Martian) recently sold for 1000 guineas at auction.

The V.R.C. committee dealt with the appeals of J. B. Charters (owner) and A. E. Foreman (rider) against the decision of the stipendiary stewards at Williamstown to disqualify them with the hurdle racer Luperino for two years for alleged "dishonourable action" in connection with the running of that gelding in the hurdle race. It was decided to dismiss the appeals, and to confirm the decision of the stewards.

The stewards at the Canterbury Park (N.S.W.) meeting were not altogether satisfied with the running of Tararu Jack and a horse called Rant, that competed in the hurdle race at that club's last meeting, but took no action. The Auckland had 11.2 in the race in question, and unless the horses he was entered against were very ordinary indeed that was quite enough to stop him. The Warwick Farm handicapped weighted him at 11.0 and Plymouth at 10.11.

Kill'em, the Canterbury-owned full brother to Kilboy, was handicapped within 4lb of Prince Viridis and Linora for the Three-year-old Handicap, run over six furlongs at the Warwick Farm (N.S.W.) meeting, in which over 50 of the same age were entered. Prince Viridis represents the best form in New South Wales, and so it

confidence to the spring venture, which, judging by the varied and richly endowed events should prove well up to the standard of former gatherings.

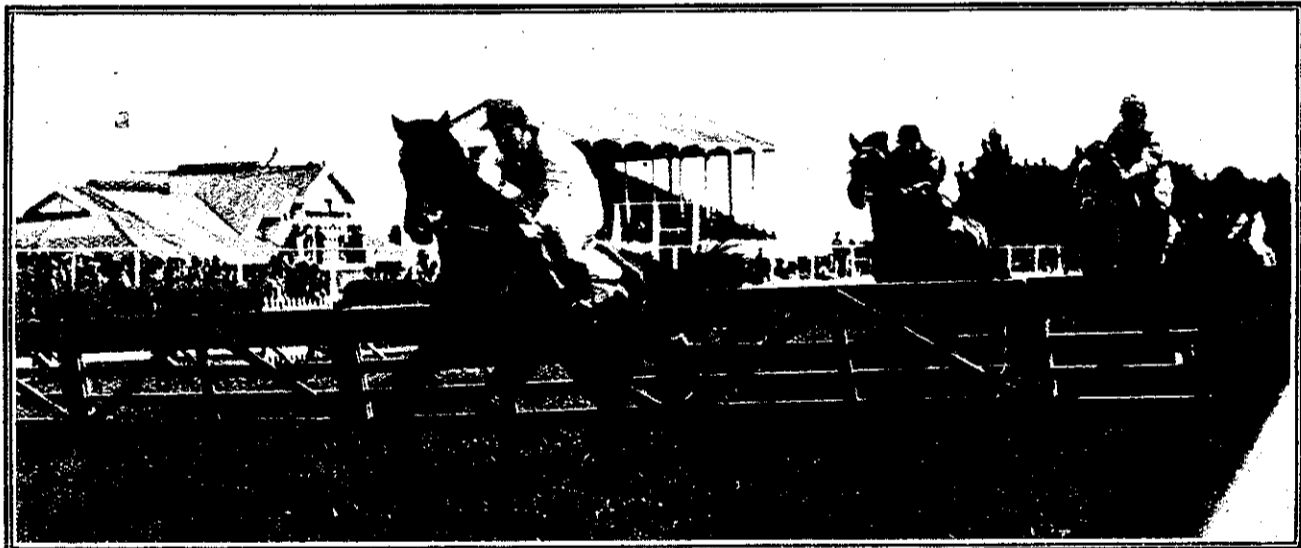
A number of races that invariably create wide interest throughout the Dominion are included in the two days' programme. The Wellesley Stakes, of 750sovs (four furlongs), provides a contest for the best two-year-olds in both islands, and such a valuable stake never fails to attract a representative field. The Wellington Handicap, of 500sovs (one mile and a-quarter), is the principal handicap race on the first day, and with Trentham now a widely patronised racing centre by owners from north and south the field for this event is certain to be characterised by quality and number. The Champion Plate, of 800sovs (one mile and a-quarter), is included in the second day's programme, and will constitute a decided attraction, especially if Desert Gold puts in an appearance with a view to capturing the Plate for the third year in succession. With the Australian trip abandoned, the champion mare is regarded as certain to be on hand to fulfil her engagement next month.

The Pearce Handicap, of 400sovs., one mile, will also be run on the second day, when the Juvenile Handicap, of 300sovs., four furlongs, and the Spring Trial Stakes, of 200sovs., six

sovs. The Manchester Handicap, of 400sovs (one mile and a-quarter), has always constituted an event much coveted by owners, and there is good reason to anticipate a representative field being on hand to dispute this year's honours. The Feilding Stakes, of 500sovs (five furlongs), has increased in prominence each year since its inception and everything points to the twelfth contest for this popular classic event attracting wider attention than ever from sportsmen in both islands. Second forfeits for this race are due on November 1, while final payments must be made on Saturday, November 17.

The Flying Stakes Handicap, of 300sovs (six furlongs), can be relied upon to claim special attention from owners of sprinters, while the Waituna Hack Hurdles, of 150sovs (one mile and a-half), may confidently be expected to draw the usual big field of hurdlers. Others events figuring on the Feilding Jockey Club's excellent spring programme are the Aorangi Trial Plate, of 150sovs (five furlongs and a-half), Apiti Hack Handicap, of 150sovs (seven furlongs), Cheltenham Hack Handicap, of 150sovs (six furlongs) and the Kiwitea Welter Handicap, of 200sovs (seven furlongs).

Nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr. Edmd. Goodbehere, Box 45, Feilding, on Saturday, November 17, at 8.30 p.m.



POSTILLION (R. Wilson) leading the field past the stand in the Hack Hurdles (1½ miles) at the Marton J.C.'s spring meeting.

can be gathered that in placing the New Zealand gelding within 1lb (for that is what it meant) of the Prince Foote gelding the weight adjuster was setting Mr. Luttrell's representative a severe task, not warranted by any form he has shown.

From the way in which such of our horses as have been entered for the suburban meetings round Sydney have been handicapped it would seem that New Zealand form is now being much too highly assessed. It is not 12 months since we were told that it was much below Australian form.

Ample was well backed when she won the Flying Handicap at the Canterbury (N.S.W.) meeting, and started at over what we call "the limit" in New Zealand.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

The Wellington Racing Club's spring meeting is little more than a month off, Saturday and Monday, October 20 and 22, being the dates of the fixture, so that the tracks at Trentham are already commencing to present a busy appearance, while a large number of horses at the various training tracks adjacent to Wellington are in regular work, with a view to competing at next month's gathering. The great success of the August meeting at Trentham when, despite the withdrawal of race trains, a large attendance was present on each of the three days, has demonstrated that the popularity of the Wellington Racing Club's regular gatherings is firmly established, and members can look forward with every

furlongs (weight for age), will also figure among the afternoon's attractions.

The Shorts Handicap, of 350sovs., six furlongs, and Nainai Handicap, of 250sovs., five furlongs, to be decided on the first and second day respectively, will engage the attention of the sprinting brigade, while included in each day's programme is a hack and hunters' steeplechase. The Taita Handicap, of 200sovs., four furlongs, for two-year-olds, should induce a good field of juveniles to face the barrier on the opening day, and with several valuable hack and welter events to be run on each day, the two days' meeting should fulfil the highest expectations of the racing enthusiasts.

Nominations for all events, also entries for the Wellesley Stakes (1918), Wellington Stakes (1919), North Island Challenge Stakes (1919) and N.Z. St. Leger Stakes (1920) close with the secretary, Woodward Street, Wellington, on Friday, September 28, 1917, at 9 p.m.

FEILDING JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

Particulars of the spring programme of the Feilding Jockey Club have now been made public, and it is apparent that the officials of this go-ahead racing body have left no stone unturned in adding to the attractiveness of this popular one-day fixture, which is to be held on the first day of December. No less than 2000sovs is to be distributed in stakes for the one day, and no race on the programme is worth less than 150

STOPPAGE OF RACING IN ENGLAND.

LORD BERESFORD'S PROTEST.

There were two distinct questions involved in the matter of the stoppage of racing, said Lord Beresford at a crowded protest meeting recently held in Newmarket, England. The first concerned the liberty of the subject, which had been interfered with in the most despotic manner by five gentlemen who did not know a horse from a mule. The second was that of horse-breeding—one of the greatest industries we had.

While the British Government was stopping racing, the French and German Governments had actually increased Government grants to it. He agreed that it was right to stop provincial racing, because the British, being a sporting people, would leave munition work and take a holiday if racing were going on near them.

The Prime Minister, he said, had written to Lord Rosebery telling him there was a secret connected with the matter and that "the reasons must be given privately in the national interest." What was the secret? If it was food, why did not the Prime Minister say so, and why were there 20,000 Germans in England eating as much as they could and taking up the business billets of our splendid men fighting in the trenches?

After advising breeders, owners, and trainers to organise, Lord Beresford finished by saying that he did not understand on what principle racing was allowed in Ireland and not in England.

TURF TOPICS.

The fields at the Marton meeting averaged nearly 15 per race.

A. J. McFlinn rode Austin in the Hack Hurdle Race at Marton.

The Auckland Trotting Cup will be worth £1000 again this year.

The Demosthenes—Formula filly Eloquence is to be turned out.

The Auckland Trotting Club last week invested £1000 in war bonds.

Castiron (11.10) is top weight in the hurdle race at Ashburton. What a poor lot they must be.

The weights for the New Zealand Cup are due to appear on September 28.

L. Morris rode his first race in public when he won on Vladieau at Marton. He is apprenticed to his father.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club intend investing £2000 in the War Loan, practically all the money they have available.

Waimai and Tenacious have been taken from Victoria to New South Wales and may be expected to race at the A.J.C. spring meeting.

Bert Rae, who was injured at Caulfield, is doing all right, and will be following his father to Randwick this week.

Mr. McMahon, stipendiary steward, was taken ill on the way to the Marton meeting, and unfortunately could not officiate there.

Owing to the continued wet weather the hunting season, which generally runs a bit later in these parts, has been declared closed.

Some of the runners at Marton were carrying a bit of overweight when they went out and lumps more before they got back to scale.

Racing at Marton would no doubt have had other results had the going been firm instead of holding. The times recorded for the different races were very slow.

Mr. G. C. Ormond's gelding Swinton (Birkenhead—Camelot) was made favourite for the Hack Hurdles at Marton, but could only managed to get third.

Mr. H. Coyle, the well-known handicapper, and a number of horsemen classed C1 by the military authorities, have been called up to proceed to camp on the 26th inst.

The Wanganui Jockey Club have contributed £1000 and the Wanganui Trotting Club £500 to the War Loan. The Napier Park Racing Club has put in £5000.

The New Zealand Cup and New Zealand Derby are to be run on the same day. This has been necessitated by the readjustment of the programme.

Each one of the four three-year-olds by Demosthenes that started last week at Marton were suggestively named. They were Elocution, Impediment, Silver Tongue and Eloquence.

Successful horsemen at Marton were H. McSeveney two wins, L. Morris one win and a dead heat, A. Lawrence, R. McCarten, H. McDonnell and A. Reed each one win and R. Reed a dead heat.

Golden March (by Advance) was started twice at Marton and the second time out just put Sleepy Jack out of a win outright, by dead-heating with that gelding. There were 21 starters.

Bodenham was the best of the Hack Steeplechasers that competed at Marton and was one of the best bred ones, but Coalition (Patronus—Pauline), owned by Messrs. E. and V. Riddiford, got home by a length.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond generally has a win at Marton, but this time had to be content with a bit of place money only though his representatives Centre and Woodlark each ran well.

There was a record attendance at Marton J.C. races, and £21,184 went through the tote, an increase of £4419 over last year.

Piano, by Hymettus from Pacon, owned by the Hon. J. D. Ormond, was favourite on and off the course for the Trial Hack Race at Marton, but was amongst the also started division. Perhaps she wants a bit of tuning.

The stipendiary stewards have been enjoying a pretty good spell of late owing to the fewer meetings. At Marton more than one runner was out to get a gallop in public, the expense of going there for it being a secondary consideration.

The charges of conspiracy to defraud certain bookmakers by means of the telegraph office, against certain persons in Wellington, were commenced and partly heard last week and are to be gone on with this week.

Lady Beaufort, by Cardinal Beaufort from Cintra, bred in Australia, started favourite for the Tutaenui Welter Handicap at Marton, with Alteration (Elevation—Eduam), also from Taranaki, second in request, but neither got into the money.



A TRIO OF ERSTWHILE DUNEDIN RUNNERS, WHO COMPETED WITH MARKED SUCCESS AT SPORTS MEETINGS IN OTAGO TEN YEARS AGO—From left: G. BLAGDON, G. W. COLLIE, and W. DUFF.

R. Young, who used to be in F. Tilley's stable at Fordell, and who has been doing his bit in Egypt, was amongst those who returned on Sunday to Auckland, invalided. After recuperating for a few months he hopes to return to his occupation.

The president of the Otahuhu Trotting Club, at the annual meeting, said that no deserving appeal for charity had ever come before the committee without being assisted, and with the exception of the Auckland Racing Club no club had given more to patriotic purposes in the Auckland province.

The Auckland Racing Club's committee have decided that the weights for the City Handicap are to be declared on October 26, and penalty conditions attach to winners after the handicaps appear. The adjustments for the minor races will appear after the Avondale meeting. This is as it should be.

A gelding called Paki-iti, by Nestor from a Harold—Clymenus mare, ran in the Hack Steeplechase at Marton. Has there been a Harold amongst the thoroughbreds or is there some of the trotter about this chap. Clymenus was a brother to Dainty Ariel and Duc an Dhurras.

Another betting prosecution and a fine of £50. The tote odds men have been paying their license fees well, but their ranks are being depleted and the revenue from such sources must dwindle.

Master Strowan again proved himself some horse as a chaser by winning the Rangitikei Steeplechase, for which he started first favourite, carrying 11.13, or just a stone more than appeared in some of the papers. He is not counted much as a flat horse, bottom weight (6.7) being the impost awarded him at Otaki.

Sweet Tipperary, who was nominated for the Epsom Handicap, to be run at Randwick at the end of the present month, was withdrawn from that event. She did not look much like a winner at Marton last week, but the going was heavy there and the mare will no doubt do better later on.

Postillion was, when at his best, a particularly brilliant sprinter up to six furlongs and still better at five. As a rule, sprinters that jump well make useful hurdle horses, but somehow I do not think the black son of Advance will shine at the game when the company is anything like decent. He is a bit short for one thing and he is not over generous.

The Campfire mare Lady Louisa was one of the first by the Carbine horse to race, and her second in the Marton Handicap shows that she still retains a bit of form. The little St. Paul gelding Crawford apparently still has the gift and got third, but class was not represented in the event, and more than one of the runners were not seen at their best.

The prize money on the spring programme of the Canterbury Jockey Club will total more than has ever been given for a three days' meeting in the history of the New Zealand turf. Some of the prizes have been reduced in value, notably the Canterbury Cup and the G. G. Stead Memorial Gold Cup, now called the Stakes.

Mr. Fred Yonge, secretary to the Otahuhu T.C., on his return from the south was welcomed by the president and members at the annual meeting, and look occasion to thank them for granting him leave of absence, which gave him the opportunity of recuperating. Mr. C. F. Mark, who so generously filled Mr. Yonge's place, had a special resolution of appreciation passed to him for his gratuitous services.

Mattock, the first horse to win a hurdle race this season in the North Island, is by Martello, full-brother to Royal Artillery and True Blue, from a mare by Itepo, who was got by imported Cadogan, sire of Dreamland, the dam of Elysian and of Lady Norah. Itepo was foaled in 1883, and his dam, Awatea, by Ravensworth, was a full-sister to Daydawn, who, like his sire, got many good jumpers.

Vladieau, winner of the Electric Hack race at Marton, was eighteen on the race card, but there were five scratchings, making her thirteen on the list of those left, and she was thirteenth in order of betting, and 13 times 3 in sovereigns would return an amount less than was paid for the investment of £1. Mattock, who paid a good dividend, was No. 13, not an unlucky number by any means at Marton.

All good sports will regret that Mr. T. H. Lowry has cancelled Australian engagements with Desert Gold. There would have been ample time before the Melbourne Cup, but no doubt w.f.a. races were the chief attraction, and the time left little chance of getting the mare to Randwick to make a start with her there. Several backers will feel a bit sorry, as they may have to wait a while before they can get the little parcels they invested on the mare in the Melbourne Cup back again. The daughter of All Black never pays a decent dividend on the tote.

There are probably fewer grey horses racing in these days than was the case two or three decades back and longer, for the reason probably that we are getting away further from the imported Arab, and because the greys of Arab extraction with racing credentials were not always bred to the best thoroughbred horses. Iceberg, winner of the Marton Handicap, is a grey, and a very nice cut of a gelding, from a mare known as Snowflake, but whether Snowflake would be the old Natator mare from the Ravensworth mare Pastille, whose dam, Ruby, was by Glaucus from Fanny, by Rubens, we cannot say. Iceberg claims Coronet, by Castor from Necklace, as his sire, and a lot of the members of the same family were more or less ticked with grey hairs.

Imported Demosthenes had two representatives in the Electric Hack race at Marton, in Impediment (from Kautuku) and Silver Tongue (from Gold Powder), and both went down before the Vladimir mare Vladieau, full-sister to Vladinoy and Vladineau. Vladieau is five years old, and she only won by a head. Later in the day Elocution, by Demosthenes from Rangao, beat sixteen others, after a good race with Centre and Hushabye. It may be here remarked that the respective dams of Elocution, Impediment and Silver Tongue are by imported Gold Reef, who Mr. J. O. Hayward purchased in England and brought to these shores. Elocution traces back to Aconite, a mare well-known in Auckland, the best of whose descendants was Acone. Impediment comes from the old Spray family, and Silver Tongue, who is a gelding, is from the Pearl Ash family, to which belong Gaulus and Grafters, Melbourne Cup winners.

Rude, winner of the Trial Plate at Marton, was got by the English-bred Cyrus, and Arihia, who also started in the same race, was got by Cyrus, who was got by Cyrenian and foaled in Auckland, which fact should be noted by statisticians. Mr. W. Duncan's three-year-old is a gelding, while Mr. Whitney's is a three-year-old filly.

That good mare Cruc'nella, by San Francisco from Nonette's dam, Charente, was represented at Marton by Signorella, a four-year-old gelding by Signor, one of the best stayers in the land. Signorella, who is trained by J. Coyle, got second in the Trial Hack Plate, run over five furlongs, to Rude. There were 21 starters.

In January last Mattock, who won the Hack Hurdle race at Marton last week, won the Ladies' Purse on the same course, beating Golden March, Lord Nelson and six others. He was an outsider this time but a favourite previously. Colorado, who ran second, is also owned by Mr. Jas. Bull, owner of Golden March.

Rude, winner of the Trial Plate at Marton, is by imported Cyrus from a mare called Cheeky, and was purchased as a yearling in Australia by Mr. W. Mc. Duncan in mistake for Coolpan, who came into the ring next and was also secured by the same owner. Coolpan ran third and they were coupled.

Snapshots at the Marton Jockey Club's Spring Meeting.



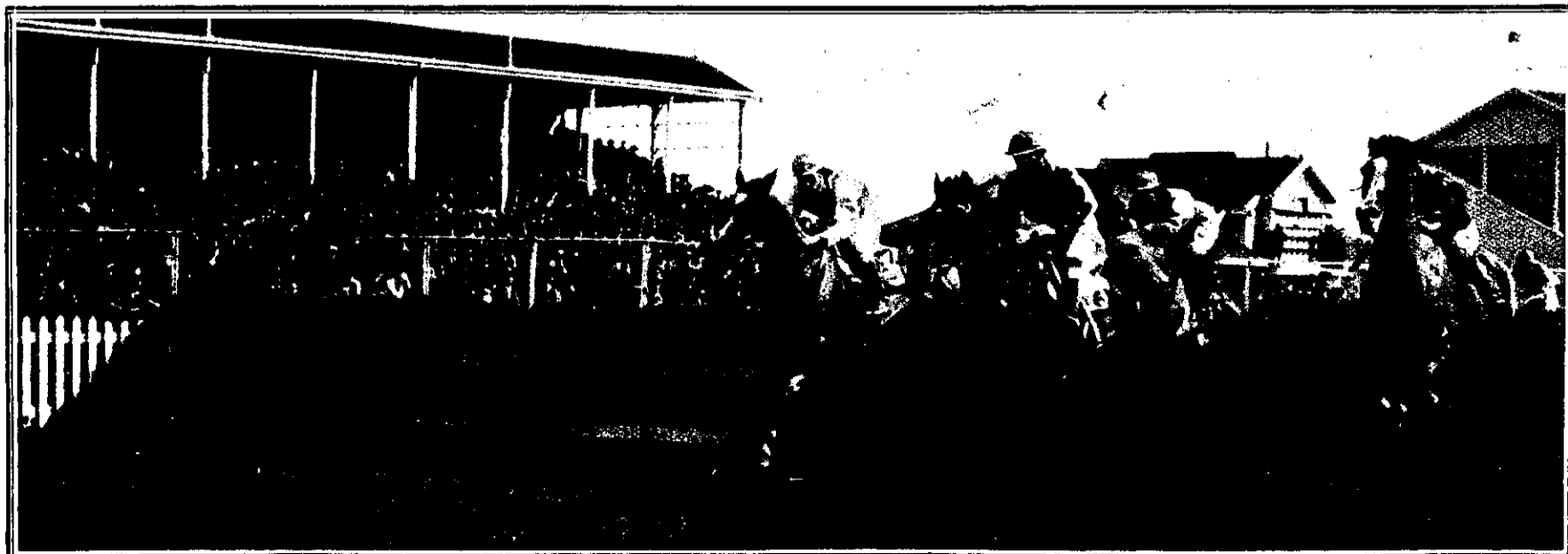
ARATIATIA (H. BURT) SHOWING THE WAY TO PAKI-ITI (DAVIS) IN THE HACK STEEPLECHASE, WON BY COALITION.



RACING PAST THE GRANDSTAND THE FIRST TIME IN THE MARTON HANDICAP—CRAWFORD LEADING FLYING CAMP (NEXT RAILS), LADY LOUISA, MASTER MOUTOA, LADY AMAI AND ICEBERG IN THAT ORDER.



THE FINISH OF THE MARTON HANDICAP (1¼ MILES).—ICEBERG (A. McDONALD) WINS FROM LADY LOUISA (C. CARMONT), ON OUTSIDE, WITH CRAWFORD (O. McCARTEN), NEXT RAILS, THIRD.



AT THE DOUBLE BRUSH IN FRONT OF THE STAND IN THE HACK STEEPLECHASE (TWO MILES). THE HORSES CLEARING THE OBSTACLE ARE (READING FROM LEFT): UNION JACK (E. COPESTAKE), SABRENUI (A. LAWRENCE) AND PAKI-ITI (DAVIS).

INTERPROVINCIAL.

WELLINGTON.

Otahi Maori Racing Club's Meeting—Coalition's Attractive Display at Marton—Well-known Sportsman Sustains Regrettable Injury—Promising Hurdlers—Kiwitea and Chaban Both Amiss—Notes on the Marton Meeting.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Acceptances are due to-day for the spring meeting of the Otahi Maori Racing Club, that takes place on Monday week, the 24th inst. The fields should be of ample proportions, and there is every prospect of a very successful gathering.

A. Ward, the capable New Plymouth hurdle horseman, is to ride Ascalon at the Dannevirke meeting this week. The chestnut is coming back to form, and should soon be catching the judge's eye.

Number 13, which is usually considered unlucky but which on many occasions proves quite the reverse, was the figure marked on Mattock's saddle cloth when he won the Hack Hurdles at Marton last week, the gelding's supporters being rewarded with a dividend approaching double figures. There are quite a number of sporting enthusiasts, amongst them a well known M.P. and owner, who religiously support number 13 on the totalisator when they have the opportunity and they have frequently reaped the reward of their pertinacity in the shape of substantial dividends.

The local owners, Messrs. V. and E. Riddiford, were represented at the Marton meeting last week with Matilda, Mascot and Coalition, all of whom bore a seasoned appearance. The last-named scored an easy win in the Hack Steeplechase, returning his supporters a two-figure dividend, while both the other Trentham-trained gallopers ran excellent races, the big fields and the heavy state of the track being the only reason of their failure to return dividends. By the way, the writer considered Coalition capable of giving a good display, and ventured this predilection in his notes last week. That the contention was well founded was apparent by the masterly manner in which the jumper named fairly romped home in his steeplechase engagement.

Chakwana is doing all right in her training at Trentham. This nice type of a galloper will comprise one of Messrs. Riddiford's team for Otaki.

Rose Pink (7.5) reads well in the Te One Makitnore (The Johnny McDonald) Stakes, of a mile and a quarter at Otaki. The mare usually runs well on the native course, and at the last meeting she returned her supporters a very substantial two-figure dividend. The Kilbroney—Madder filly is hitting out in right good style on the Trentham tracks.

R. McSeveney, the southern hurdle horseman, was riding in excellent fashion at Marton, his handling of both Coalition and Master Strowan being a theme for admiration.

Friends of Mr. G. Morris, of Marton, a well known and popular sportsman, who is associated with the horses Marton and Combustion, will be sorry to hear that he had the dire misfortune recently to have one of his eyes gouged out by a bullock, his escape from actual death being nothing short of a miracle. Mr. Morris, who is in the butchery business, had pushed the animal in the pen, and on going to finally despatch it the beast, which had long horns, raised its head in an instant and the point catching Mr. Morris in the eye the optic was precipitated into his hand. Although suffering severe pain, Mr. Morris hurried to his medical adviser, where he received attention. Under the circumstances he considers himself fortunate, as he may have lost his life owing to the situation at the moment. The remaining eye is not affected, and Mr. Morris anticipates that no untoward incident will interfere with his progress back to good health.

Sweet Tipperary was not suited by the heavy going at Marton, and consequently did not show up well. She is down to compete at Otaki.

Amity is doing well under Frank Higgott's care at Otaki. The Merriwee gelding may do Mr. W. Smart some useful service at the local meeting this month.

Swinton (Birkenhead—Camelot), owned by Mr. G. C. Ormond, of Wairoa, is a promising hurdler. The six-

year-old should soon be seen in a favourable light. With a little luck on his side he should have won at Marton; as it was, he ran a very creditable race.

Mr. T. R. Taylor, the Feilding sportsman, lost the services of Kiwitea and Chaban on the eve of the Marton meeting, both horses having broken down. This was unfortunate, as the gallopers named were cherry ripe and were expected to play a prominent part in hurdling events in the near future.

Yarilla, by Elevation from a Saracen mare, is one of Awapuni's most promising hurdlers. Trainer J. Hathaway is under the impression that he has a jumper who will bring his stable into prominence during the next few months.

Mr. J. C. Lamb, a well-known Dannevirke sporting enthusiast, has entered into possession of the Occidental Hotel in Wellington, which house has always been a popular place of call with the travelling public. Mr. Lamb will always be on hand to extend a welcome to visitors to the Empire City.

The connections of Flying Camp considered their galloper unbeatable in the Marton Handicap last week, but the son of Campfire failed to act up to track form, the winner turning up in Iceberg (Coronet—Snowflake), whose success was well anticipated by his party. Considering

out at Marton last week, in several cases, namely, Coalition, Vladieau, Golden March and Sleepy Jack, running into double figures of ample proportions.

Sleepy Jack is not what his name implies, and with Golden March out of the road the "sleepy" one would have returned a dividend of well over half a century at Marton. As it happened, the price returned by the northerner was something to enthuse over. Considering the race was a dead heat, the price returned by the dead-heaters was a remarkable one.

SOUTHLAND.

Edistone Joins G. McLean's Team—Golden King Enjoying a Spell—Gore R.C.'s Spring Meeting—Southland R.C.'s Annual Report—Aycliffe in Steady Work—A Promising Novice by All Red.

INVERCARGILL, September 7.

The weather has now cleared after a very wet spell, and the Southland R.C. tracks are drying up, not, however, before time. During the past fortnight or longer the local gallopers in work have been trotting and galloping on the clay trotting track, the only circuit available for anything like real work. This dirt path was mainly constructed by means of a road scooper, and has proved one of the cheapest and most useful tracks on the home course. It is the only clay track in Southland, which makes it valued by the light harness brigade, but trainers of thoroughbreds have also come to look upon it as a very valuable makeshift.



AUCKLAND MEMBERS OF THE 33RD MOUNTED RIFLES IN CAMP AT FEATHERSTON.—Standing (from left.): McDougall, Muirhead, Westhead, Rountree, Hartner, Deed, Neil, Hayward. Kneeling: Goodall, Kneebone, Lindsay, Langmuir, Morris, Johnstone.

the quality of the field engaged Iceberg's dividend indicated that he had been supported from the right quarter.

Lady Louisa (Campfire—Countess Cole) was saddled up twice during the afternoon at Marton. She ran second in the principal race, but was unplaced in the Railway Handicap, the sticky state of the course having something to do with her defeat. She was thought capable of winning the coveted double.

Vladieau, for whom the writer had a good word to say in this column the previous week, duly landed the "goods" in the Electric Handicap at Marton. Considering the excellent work the mare had been getting through on the tracks the substantial nature of the dividend was out of all reason, as Vladimir's stock have always been known for their sterling stamina.

Hushabye ran a splendid race at Marton and should soon be crediting Mr. G. Larcomb with a well deserved win.

Trainer Ken. Quinlivan had his horses Silver Tongue (Demosthenes—Gold Powder) and Elocution (Demosthenes—Rangiao) looking very fit at Marton. The former ran third in the Electric Hack Handicap, while Elocution won the Railway Handicap in a capital manner. Naturally, the young trainer was deservedly complimented upon the splendid condition in which he landed his charges at the post.

Some capital dividends were paid

The steeplechaser Edistone, by Blackstone—Lulah, who made his debut at the back end of last season, winning one race out of three starts, has joined G. McLean's team. He has an excellent idea of how to safely get across country, but has not yet developed a full head of speed, although he gives promise of improvement in this respect in the near future.

Kokowai, by All Red—Kea, has recovered from what threatened to turn out an attack of strangles, and is now working with Camaieu and Clothilde (Rokeby—Camille). The last-named is going on the right way under W. Ratcliffe's charge, but will have to strip fit and well in November, to compete successfully with Staff Officer and the colt by Pallas—Minaret in the Winton Stakes.

It is reported that the aged gelding Benzowen, by Benzo'n—Wattlebird, is to join G. McLean's team, which at present consists of Glensponse, Miss Finland, Heatherbloom and Edistone. After a compulsory and lengthy absence from the turf, the chestnut gelding came out last season and ran some good races, but the best he could do was to win the Otarua Hack Welter at the Gore R.C. summer meeting, and finish second to Hardshot in the Myross Welter Hack Handicap at the Southland R.C.'s autumn fixture, when Hardshot, in receipt of 7lb., beat him home nicely. Benzowen classed as a very smart horse prior to coming under the displeasure of the racing authorities several years ago.

The Winton turfite Mr. W. Swale, owner of Gunrest, Peter and other useful horses, was hurried away to a private hospital on Sunday last, and operated upon for appendicitis. His widespread circle of racing friends will be pleased to hear that Mr. Swale is making satisfactory progress in the direction of recovery.

Most of the Southland racing professionals eligible for military service with the First Division have already been called up, but trainer J. Lindsay, of Riverton, was named in the tenth ballot. G. Hepburn, who acts as private trainer to Mr. L. C. Hazlett, was included in the Otago list of future soldiers, as also was jockey L. G. King, who is now in service with T. Stiven, jun., at Wangatui.

Golden King, one of the most successful of P. T. Hogan's team of last season, is now running out, and it is hoped that he will stand a preparation about the time the autumn leaves begin to fall.

The speedy Jubert, by Canrobert—Julia, is standing up to his tasks so far, but it will take H. J. Searle all his time to keep him on his legs when the tracks harden up.

Rorke's Drift has to be classed as one of the most gay and festive members of P. T. Hogan's team. His period of relaxation must have benefited the son of Calibre to an unexpected extent, as he is now looking bigger and more burly than ever before.

The programme for the Gore Racing Club's spring meeting has been issued, to extend over two days. The principal events of the respective days will be the Spring Handicap, of 210sovs. (one mile and a quarter),

and the Waikaka Handicap, of 175sovs. (one mile and a distance). On the opening day the Eastern Steeplechase, of 125sovs., will be decided, to be followed by the Wantwood Steeplechase, of 110sovs., on the last day. Of the additional £200 by which the stakes have been increased, £50 has been distributed over four trotting events, two open and two class races.

The annual report and balance-sheet of the Southland Racing Club shows a profit on the summer meeting of £756 8s. 6d., and on the autumn fixture £216 2s. 9d. The revenue for the season was £10,779 18s. 6d., and the payments £10,326 13s. 3d. The club has a membership of 187, and the farming of the racecourse property returned a profit of £65 19s. 4d. The balance-sheet has been set out at considerable length, and anyone of an inquiring turn of mind may follow the financial transactions of the past season to the full, procedure not always possible with the returns annually placed before the subscribers to many more important turf institutions.

There is always a suspicion that Camaieu has not thoroughly recovered from an accident which befel her during her early career, when she got hung up on the railings of the local scraping sheds enclosure, but she is moving along freely. The Downshire—Camille mare has furnished very nicely since last season, and, with a stand up, should win money early in the season. Clothilde, a half-sister to the former, is a credit

to her sire, Rokeby. She is progressing in a satisfactory manner, and should be ready to meet all-comers in the hack class during the summer campaign.

Aycliffe, by Rokeby—Mosca, is one of the regular workers of H. G. Coker's string, and is giving some token of improvement, but so far he has not flattered his supporters in this part of the world.

Good reports continue to reach here of a novice in J. Hymers' River-ton Stable, the green performer being a son of All Red and the Australian-bred mare Edna May II., by Playbill (son of Bill of Portland). He is an upstanding animal, and just the kind to develop into a very valuable racing proposition if not overtaxed until he reaches maturity.

CANTERBURY.

Ashburton R.C.'s Spring Meeting—Fancied Candidates for Principal Event—Mr. H. Whitney's Trio for Geraldine Meeting—Adjutant Striding Along Well—The McLean Stakes Gives Promise of Representative Field—Wardancer Makes Good Recovery—Track Work at Riccarton.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

A good number of Riccarton horses are being got ready for the Ashburton Racing Club's spring meeting, which takes place on Thursday and Friday next. In the chief event Oxenhope has a full share of weight at 9.3, and he may be reserved for the Spring Handicap, the distance of which should suit him. Fiery Cross has been galloping particularly well since the Grand National meeting, and is likely to be well fancied for the Ashburton Handicap. Others with favourable prospects are Good Hope and Snub.

F. D. Jones has Kilrea's two-year-old sister moving along in good style, and she looks like playing her part well in some of the spring two-year-old events.

Several of Cutts Brothers' two-year-olds have been suffering from colds, and consequently are backward. There were eleven juveniles in this stable, several of whom have had to be spelled.

Mr. H. Whitney intends bringing a team of three down for the Geraldine meeting, and will then go on to Dunedin. One of his representatives in Trentham Rose is reported to be galloping particularly well.

Don Francisco and San Sebastian have been engaged in the hurdle race at Geraldine, and also figure in the Geraldine Cup. The jumping event is likely to claim their attention.

J. Olsen has passed the medical tests, and goes into camp next month.

It is quite probable that Mr. R. Acton-Adams will have a representative in the McLean Stakes at the Dunedin Jockey Club's spring meeting, for he has a couple of Porirua-trained juveniles being got ready for spring racing.

After being out of commission for the winter months, the plough track at Riccarton has been put in order again.

Adjutant continues to get through serviceable tasks at Riccarton, and he should be at his best by the time the November meeting comes round.

Riccarton stables are particularly well represented at the Geraldine Racing Club's meeting, and many of the horses, after racing at Ashburton, will be taken on to Geraldine.

Riccarton stables will be strongly represented in the McLean Stakes at the Dunedin Jockey Club's spring meeting, and it is quite probable that at least two North Island establishments will have candidates in the Wingatui race. Sir Geo. Clifford, Messrs. G. D. Greenwood, C. W. Reid, C. G. Dalgety, and J. S. Barrett all have candidates engaged, and their efforts should throw a good deal of light on the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes prospects.

A. McCaulay has taken up a five-year-old mare by All Red from a Finland mare that gives considerable promise.

Wardancer appears to be quite sound again, and on Saturday morning got through a nice gallop.

Winter Cherry and Gnome sprinted half a mile in creditable time on Saturday, and both will probably be seen out at Ashburton.

Naupata ran away from September at the business end of six furlongs, and Fiery Cross had much the best of Glendower in a nice gallop over a mile.

Snub is on the improve, but may not be a starter at Ashburton.

The Winton Jockey Club has appointed Mr. A. J. Gibbs handicapper for the present season.

The Southland Racing Club has decided to invest £1000 in War Loan bonds.

WANGANUI.

Position Probably Made Last Appearance on Race Track—Form of Local Competitors at Marton Meeting.

WANGANUI, Monday.

T. Long intends taking Interlude to Dannevirke, where she will be ridden by M. McArten, the young lightweight from the Fordell stable, who is likely to make a most successful horseman. The daughter of Bezonian is very well, but to be seen at her best requires the ground to be hard and fast. This was the reason she was not taken to Marton, as it was known that she would not act well on the soft going.

Alex. Hall was evidently satisfied from Postillion's showing at Marton that he was never likely to do much good over the hurdles, as he sent him home after the meeting, and this no doubt means that the last has been seen of the son of Advance on the race track. As was expected of him, he made the pace merry over the first three hurdles on Wednesday, but then stopped to nothing. When in the humour he could gallop with great brilliancy, and showed extraordinary pace on a few occasions, but he could never be depended upon to do his best for some reason or other.

A three-year-old full-brother to Postillion, which A. Hall has in work, has been named Jutland. He is a nice-looking youngster, and should show a lot of pace when properly fit.

had a good deal to do with h's win. Although Detroit failed to run into a place in the Marton Handicap he is being whispered about as one likely to win shortly. He figures in the Otango Handicap at Dannevirke at 7.7, and is also in the Hack Welter, in which he has top weight.

So far as condition went, nothing looked better than Acre (the three-year-old son of Linacre—Miss Arlington), which was made favourite in the Electric Hack. The Fordell representative went well for five furlongs, but was beaten out of a place. This colt may do better when the tracks become drier.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Blackall's Excellent Essays Over Hurdles—Eligible Enjoying a Lengthy Spell—My Pal Fails to Reproduce Track Form—Foalings at Longlands—Nicomar to Rejoin Active Brigade Shortly—Teka a Probable New Zealand Cup Candidate.

NAPIER, Monday.

Blackall is giving excellent displays in his essays over the obstacles at Hastings.

One of the difficult candidates to overthrow this week at Dannevirke will be Vermillion, who trainer J. O'Neill has in real good trim at present.

The Napier Park Racing Club invested £5000 in the War Loan.

Owner S. Marshall, trainers W. Fallahe, J. Goodger, B. McKay, W. Griffith and J. Rule, jockeys J. Kemp, J. H. Simpson, S. G. Ware and E. C. Smith were amongst those drawn locally in the last ballot.

doing such finished work over the hurdles at Napier Park that his party gave him real favourable chances of success in the Hack Hurdles there. However, through coming down at the first fence he was denied the opportunity of making good. So far My Pal has only started twice in leaping events, and on both occasions has come to grief, his other mishap occurring at the last winter gathering of the Napier Park Racing Club. In his rehearsals over the obstacles My Pal has shown a lot of ability, for he has fenced rapidly and cleverly and his failure in public is hard to get over.

Sensitive, who is acquitting himself meritoriously in his exercises over the hurdles at Hastings, is a starter at Dannevirke on Wednesday. He has a dual engagement there in the Jumpers' Flat Race and Hack Hurdles, but it is intended that the latter event will be his mission.

Mr. T. H. Lowry has booked half a dozen of his brood mares to All Black, the bunch consisting of Aurarius, En Parole, Belfry, War Scare, Pourparler and Labour Day. Other mares that will be associated with Mr. Watt's stallion this year are Tigris, Hermia, Salute, Conceit, Effort, Princess Cole and Jena. Eloquence, the three-year-old filly by Demosthenes—Formula, is due to arrive at Mr. Watt's breeding establishment at Longlands for the purpose of being mated with Wolawa.

Muskerry will form one of Demosthenes' harem for this season.

Foalings as under have taken place lately at Longlands: Concordia (Prudent King—Emblem), a chestnut filly; Perseis (Positano—Circe), a bay colt, both to Wolawa. Float (Captain



THE POVERTY BAY RUGBY FOOTBALL REPRESENTATIVES, 1917, WHO DEFEATED HAWKE'S BAY THIS MONTH BY 9 POINTS TO 8. Back row (from left): G. Torrie, C. Stevenson, P. Priestley, E. Ellery, C. Stevenson, C. Arthur, L. Martin, T. Heany, J. C. E. Turner (manager). Middle row: P. Brown, W. O'Grady, Turuki Pere (captain), A. Murray, Piki Smith, J. W. McGaveston. Front row: A. Wood, L. Murray.

Mr. O'Neill has just taken up a three-year-old gelding by Provocation out of Ecologue, which has the appearance of one which should turn out a useful sort.

W. Rayner had the veteran Marton in great nick on Wednesday, but the Malachi gelding could not act in the mud, and was in the rear most of the way. He will probably be given a spell now, as there are no cross-country events for him to be kept going for.

W. Higgins sent old Bivouac to the post in the Railway Handicap at Marton looking bright and well, and the Campfire gelding hopped out smartly and led for half a mile with Petruccio, when he was done with.

The Wanganui-trained horses which were taken to Marton did not good, partly no doubt due to the fact that the state of the track was all against them, as they were used to the firm going here, and could not gallop on the heavy track.

Iceberg put up his best performance to date in winning the Marton Handicap. He did a lot of racing in hack company last season, and during the winter was tried over hurdles. He was probably one of the fittest horses in the race last Wednesday, and this

At the monthly meeting of the Hawke's Bay District Committee, held last Friday, Rangit Thompson and H. Lorrigan had a renewal of their jockey's licenses granted. At the previous meeting of the committee both applications were held over.

Mrs. M. A. Perry, the only daughter of the late Mr. G. P. Donnelly, has had bequeathed to her, according to the conditions of her late father's will, all of his thoroughbred stock, besides other legacies, and apparently she intends to be represented on the racing track, for she has registered as her racing badge the scarlet and white striped jacket and cap that for so many years were the colours borne by her deceased parent's turf aspirants.

Eligible has been returned to his owner, Mr. T. E. Welch, of Wainstead, by trainer T. Quinlivan. About three weeks ago Eligible arrived at Hastings, and was put into work, but after going on with him for that period Quinlivan formed the opinion that to continue with the son of Boniform and Class meant serious trouble, and, therefore, the gelding has been relegated back to the paddock again.

S. Lindsay is moulding into shape Kilhope, the two-year-old son of Kilbroney and Angele, who is held under lease by Mr. T. H. Lowry from Mr. J. B. Reid.

My Pal (King's Guest—Amoureux), prior to leaving here to assist at the Marton meeting last week had been

Webb—Bonne Idee), a chestnut colt; Drought (Mostyn—Nightmare), a bay filly, both to All Black. Drought is the property of Mr. W. J. Douglas, of Te Mahanga, the other mares being owned by Mr. E. J. Watt.

A. J. Shearsby has obtained another lease of Sleight of Hand from Mr. F. Armstrong, the contract expiring on the 29th of next September.

Kipling is the cognomen that has been bestowed upon the two-year-old half brother by Demosthenes to Bobrikoff.

Nicomar, who is being hacked about by S. Lindsay, looks burly and bright, and the chestnut gelding will shortly be put into solid work.

Demosthenes' progeny got into the money at Marton as was anticipated, Elocution capturing the Railway Handicap, and Impediment and Silver Tongue running second and third respectively in the Electric Hack Handicap. Another of the Hawke's Bay representatives in Bodenham secured second berth in the Hack Steeplechase.

It is intended that Teka will be one of those locally nominated for the New Zealand Cup.

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MARTON JOCKEY CLUB.

SUCCESSFUL SPRING MEETING.

ICEBERG WINS BIG HANDICAP.

(From Our Wanganui Correspondent.)

The new season's racing was opened on this coast on Wednesday, when the Marton Jockey Club's spring meeting was held. A light shower fell just before the first race was run, but the weather then cleared. There was a very large attendance of the public, visitors from all parts of the North Island assembling to witness the sport, which was of an interesting description, big fields and good racing, with close finishes, being the order of the day. As a result of the recent rain the track was very soft, and this probably spoilt the chances of some of the horses, particularly those which failed to begin well in the shorter events, as the leading division scattered mud freely on those following and in some cases nearly blinded the riders. Still, the racing was good, and in most of the events it is probable the results would have been the same even in good going. The management of the meeting was very satisfactory, and the various officials, especially Mr. Arthur Way (secretary) are to be congratulated on the businesslike manner in which they carried out their duties. Mr. H. Coyle, the handicapper, scored a distinct success, the excellence of his work being shown by the big fields and fine racing which was witnessed. Mr. C. O'Connor, the starter, got his fields away well together, though in one or two instances there were long delays at the post, where fractious horses were shown plenty of consideration. The totalisator staff handled £22,184, as against £17,675 last year, or an increase of £4509, and a lot of money appeared to be shut out in every race. Taken on the whole, the meeting must be written down as one of the best yet held by the club, and there should be a very substantial profit, which is the more pleasing seeing that the gathering was a patriotic one.

Only two favourites got home during the day, Master Strowan and Elocution. The former won the Rangitikei Steeplechase in fine style, and, needless to say, it was a very popular win, and was the fourth consecutive victory gained by the son of Strowan. There were some big dividends during the day, Vladieu paying a thumping price in the Electric Hack, while Sleepy Jack also paid well over a score in the hack welter, in which he dead-headed with Golden March, which gelding also paid a fine price.

Proceedings opened with the Hack Hurdles, in which the good field of 17 lined up, Swinton being made favourite. Gay Guard ran off at the first hurdle, where My Pal parted company with his rider. Postillion made the pace very warm for half the distance, but then compounded, and Colorado took up the running, but Mattock challenged in the straight, and won by half a length from Colorado, with Swinton a fair third. The last-named had a bad passage, being twice badly blocked otherwise he might have won. Combustion was fourth.

Twenty-two lined up for the Trial Plate, Piano (the Karamu representative) being made a hot favourite, but he was never in the front division. The Fordell pair (Coolpan and Rude) between them carried more money than anything else, and they looked to have the race to themselves half-way up the straight, when Signorella came on the scene and momentarily appeared likely to win, but Rude finished well, and got home rather easily from Signorella, with Coolpan next, and then came Matilda. The winner was making his first appearance in public. He is a nice cut of a gelding by Cyrus—Cheeky, and is one of the four purchased as yearlings in Sydney by Mr. W. Duncan. By the way, the first three horses were all ridden by jockeys belonging to the Fordell stable.

CHILDREN'S RESTLESSNESS.

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There were nine starters in the Hack Steeplechase, Bodenham being sent out favourite, but he had to be content with second place, being by Coalition. The latter was well handled by McSeveney, and gave a fine exhibition of jumping. Bodenham was very tired at the finish. Union Jack went well for a mile and a-half, but was then done with. Merry Jack was going well half a mile from home, where he ran off, as did also Sabrenui, which latter might win a race soon.

There were 12 starters in the big flat event—the Marton Handicap—Kiltess and Chuckle being withdrawn. It was a good betting race, half a dozen being fairly evenly backed, Orleans carrying most money, with Detroit next in demand. Crawford tried to win from end to end, but found the task beyond him. The winner turned up in Iceberg, who came with a fine run on the outside in the straight and won a fine race from Lady Louisa, the latter just beating Crawford. Maniaroa was fourth. Detroit was going well at the bend, where he was chopped out, and Orleans appeared to be interfered with.

The Channel was the only withdrawal from the Rangitikei Steeplechase, seven facing the starter, the top weight (Master Strowan) being sent out favourite. The Grand National winner justified the confidence reposed in him by winning comfortably at the end. For about two miles the jumping was of a high class, but then Golden Glow toppled over, and Sandy Paul (who was leading) made a very faulty jump and all but lost his rider (F. Flynn), who made a very clever recovery. Kurapai had a slight lead over the last obstacle, but Master Strowan then went to the front, and it was all over.

Acre, one of F. Tilley's charges, looked remarkably fit and was entrusted with most money in the Electric Hack. The favourite was in front early, and led at the entrance to the straight from Impediment. Vladieu joined issue in the run home, and after a good race won by a length from Impediment, Silver Tongue a fair third and Polynesian fourth. The winner, a four-year-old mare by Vladimir—Noyeau, owned and trained by Mr. J. Morris, paid a great price. He was ridden by his owner's son.

Elocution was made the medium of solid support for the Railway Handicap, and the three-year-old daughter of Demosthenes made good, winning in the last few strides from Centre, with Hushabye close up third. Avon Park was fourth. It was a fine finish. Petruccio and Bivouac led for four furlongs.

The day's sport was brought to a close with the running of the Tutae-nui Hack Welter, for which there were 20 starters, Lady Beaufort being made favourite. Salutory led for three-parts of the journey, when Golden March, Sleepy Jack and Wood-lark closed up, and a splendid finish was fought out, the three passing the post locked together. The judge could not separate Golden March and Sleepy Jack, while Woodlark was only a head away, and Welshman was close up fourth. Young L. Morris, who rode Vladieu also had the mount on Golden March and thus rode two big dividend payers during the day.

The results were:—

HACK HURDLES of 130sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 6—J. B. Gaisford's br g Mattock, aged, by Martello—Itepo mare, 9.5 (Lawrence) 1
 - 5—James Bull's b g Colorado, 9.8 (A. McDonald) 2
 - 1—G. C. Ormond's b g Swinton, 9.8 (F. Flynn) 3
- Also started: 3 Miss Sation 11.1 (McSeveney), 10 Austin 10.11 (McFlinn), 2 Tatini 10.11 (H. Burt), 5 Postillion 10.9 (R. Wilson), 13 Combustion 9.12 (F. Reid), 12 Gold Fran 9.9 (Anderson), 14 Ascalon 9.7 (A. Ward), 9 Calais 9.5 (Copestake), 15 Son 9.0 (Rowlands), 17 Gay Guard 9.0 (O'Halloran), 7 My Pal 9.0 (Cathro), 16 Sportful 9.0 (Warner), 11 The Channel 9.7 (Preston), 8 Yarilla 9.0 (Henderson).

Won by three-quarters of a length, a similar distance between second and third. Combustion was fourth. Time, 3min 3sec.

TRIAL HACK PLATE of 100sovs. Five furlongs.

- 2—W. Duncan's br g Rude, 3yrs, by Cyrus—Cheeky, 7.11 (McCarten) 1
 - 6—Cullinane and O'Reilly's br g Signorella, 4yrs, 8.11 (C. Price) 2
 - 2—W. Duncan's br g Coolpan, 3yrs, 7.11 (T. Young) 3
- Also started: 10 Golden March 8.13 (McDonald), 15 Torchlight 8.13 (Hornor), 3 Mulatto 8.13 (R. Reed), 10 General Chasseur 8.13 (L. Nodder), 7 War-mald 8.11 (Clarke), 8 Tunukoke 8.11 (W. Davis), 17 Little Ann 8.11 (E. Cope-stake), 18 Roibiwai 8.9 (T. George), 14 Newlant 8.9 (Robinson), 12 Royal Reigr 8.9 (R. E. Brown), 19 Maniahera 7.11 (Murphy), 9 Backfire 7.11 (Sinclair), 1 Piapo 7.9 (Hewitt), 13 Monatour 7.9 (J. Conquest), 16 Arihia 7.9 (H. Low), 4 Matilda 7.9 (A. Reed), 11 Elocution 7.9

(E. Manson), 15 Zela 7.9 (R. Raynor), 18 Lady Fermier 7.9 (Bagby). Won by a length, three lengths between second and third. Matilda was fourth. Time, 1min 18 1-5sec.

HACK STEEPLECHASE of 150sovs. Two miles.

- 8—E. and V. Riddiford's b g Coalition, aged, by Patronus—Pauline, 9.7 (McSeveney) 1
 - 1—J. E. Colebourne's br g Bodenham, 10.13 (F. Flynn) 2
 - 3—J. G. Collins' br g Pawerewere, 9.7 (H. McSweeney) 3
- Also started: 5 Merry Jack 11.4 (A. McDonald), 6 Fashion Plate 10.9 (S. Reid), 2 Union Jack 10.0 (E. Cope-stake), 4 Aratiatia 10.6 (H. Burt), 7 Sabrenui 10.2 (Lawrence), 7 Paki-iti 9.7 (Davis). Paki-iti fell, while Merry Jack and Sabrenui ran off. Won comfortably. Time, 5min.

MARTON HANDICAP of 230sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 4—F. Jewell's gr g Iceberg, 6yrs, by Coronet—Snowflake, 7.2 (McDonald) 1
 - 3—Mrs. R. Buckman's b m Lady Louisa, 7.13 (C. Carmont) 2
 - 8—F. Selwood's blk g Crawford, 7.13 (M. McCarten) 3
- Also started: 1 Orleans 8.0 (C. Price), 7 Maniaroa 7.13 (R. Manson), 5 Gold-stream 7.10 (Conquest), 6 Flying Camp 7.7 (A. Reed), 7 Midnight Star 7.6 (C. Sinclair), 2 Detroit 7.0 (G. Clarke), 6 Master Mouton 7.0 (McBrearty), 11 Lady Anai 6.12 (Metcalf), 8 Roumania 6.10 (Bagby). Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 2min 21 2-5sec.

RANGITIKEI STEEPLECHASE of 260 sovs. About two miles.

- 1—F. E. Easton's b g Master Strowan, aged, by Strowan—Artist mare, 11.13 (McSeveney) 1
 - 3—A. Scott's br g Kurapai, aged, 10.9 (H. McSweeney) 2
 - 5—S. Sale's br g Collector, aged, 9.13 (S. Reid) 3
- Also started: 2 Sandy Paul 10.12 (F. Flynn), 6 Marton 10.7 (A. McDonald), 4 Nita 9.9 (Graham), 7 Golden Glow 9.9 (S. Henderson). Won easily by a length, three lengths between second and third. Time, 5min 2 2-5sec.

ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Six furlongs.

- 11—J. Morris' br m Vladieu, 4yrs, by Vladimir—Noyeau, 7.0 (L. Morris) 1
 - 2—J. Walker's ch f Impediment, 3yrs, 7.8 (R. Reed) 2
 - 3—H. E. Troutbeck's br c Silver Tongue, 3yrs, 8.8 (L. Wilson) 3
- Also started: 7 Gayclum 8.8 (H. Robinson), 1 Acre 8.3 (M. McCarten), 10 Pergola 8.0 (Nodder), 5 Belair 7.12 (L. Hewitt), 8 Goldbearing 7.8 (Reed), 4 Polynesian 7.5 (G. Clarke), 9 Sunshade 7.5 (Barry), 12 Pall Mall 7.0 (Bagby), 6 Robur 7.0 (C. Reed), 14 Klyshma 7.0 (Downs), 13 Royal Reign 7.0 (R. Oliver). Won by a head, a length between second and third. Time, 1min 23sec.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 130sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—H. E. Troutbeck's blk f Elocution, 3yrs, by Demosthenes—Rangiao, 7.11 (A. Reed) 1
 - 3—Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch g Centre, 6yrs, 7.13 (Hewitt) 2
 - 11—G. Larcombe's ch m Hushabye, 6yrs, 6.7 (G. Young) 3
- Also started: 10 Glenroy 8.6 (Sinclair), 9 Avon Park 8.2 (Nodder), 4 Lady Louisa 8.2 (C. Carmont), 5 Sweet Tipperary 8.2 (Lee), 6 Starengo 7.11 (R. Manson), 7 Lady Middleton 7.11 (R. Reed), 14 Paraoa 7.7 (R. Oliver), 8 Maid o' Gowrie 7.6 (M. McCarten), 12 Mascot 7.4 (C. Reed), 13 Botanist 7.2 (Bagby), 3 Bainsdale 7.0 (G. Clarke), 16 Goldfire 7.0 (Conquest), 15 Petruccio 7.0 (Rayner), 11 Bivouac 6.7 (Manson). Won by a head. Time, 1min 22 1-5 sec.

TUTAE-NUI HACK WELTER of 110 sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 2—J. Bull's blk g Golden March, aged, by Advance—Gold Cord, 8.0 (L. Morris) *
 - 15—W. Seabright's blk g Sleepy Jack, 6yrs, by Glengowrie—Gipsy King mare, 8.0 (R. Reed) *
 - 3—Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch g Wood-lark, 4yrs, 8.0 (L. Hewitt) 3
- Also started: 10 The Golfer 9.6 (R. Hatch), 2 Alteration 9.4 (O'Halloran), 4 Salutory 8.10 (Watson), 6 Glucian 8.9 (Roach), 12 Fore 8.9 (C. Price), 7 Rio 8.9 (R. Manson), 16 Bezmaz 8.7 (Robinson), 5 Hastie 8.4 (A. Reed), 13 Amity 8.4 (Brady), 1 Lady Beaufort 8.3 (G. Clarke), 9 All Talk 8.3 (R. E. Brown), 20 Rangiwhehu 8.2, 17 Mystic Light 8.0, 12 Squadron 8.0 (Lee), 14 Gipsy Gem 8.0 (Nodder), 19 Welshman 8.0, 18 Renouance 8.0 (Cathro), 11 War Loan 8.0 (W. Price). Won by a head. Time, 1min 38sec.

The committee had before them at a special meeting on Friday the applications of thirteen candidates for the position of handicapper to the Auckland Racing Club, received up to the day before. Several of the members of the committee did not attend, and those present reduced the number down to three—practically to two—and at that stage it was suggested that an adjournment till today (Thursday), in order to permit of the presence of the absent members, would be advisable. One of the members of committee desired to record his vote by letter, but that could not be allowed. The contest is between two local men, and both have been identified with the sport and business side of racing in Auckland for many years past.

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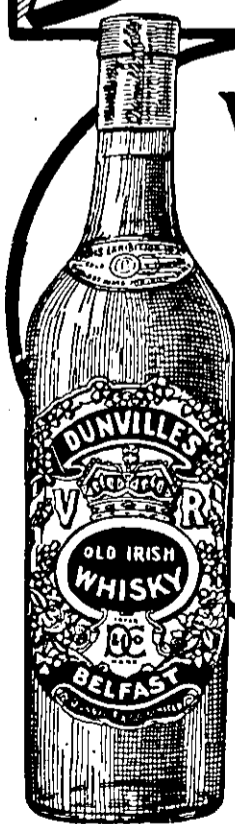
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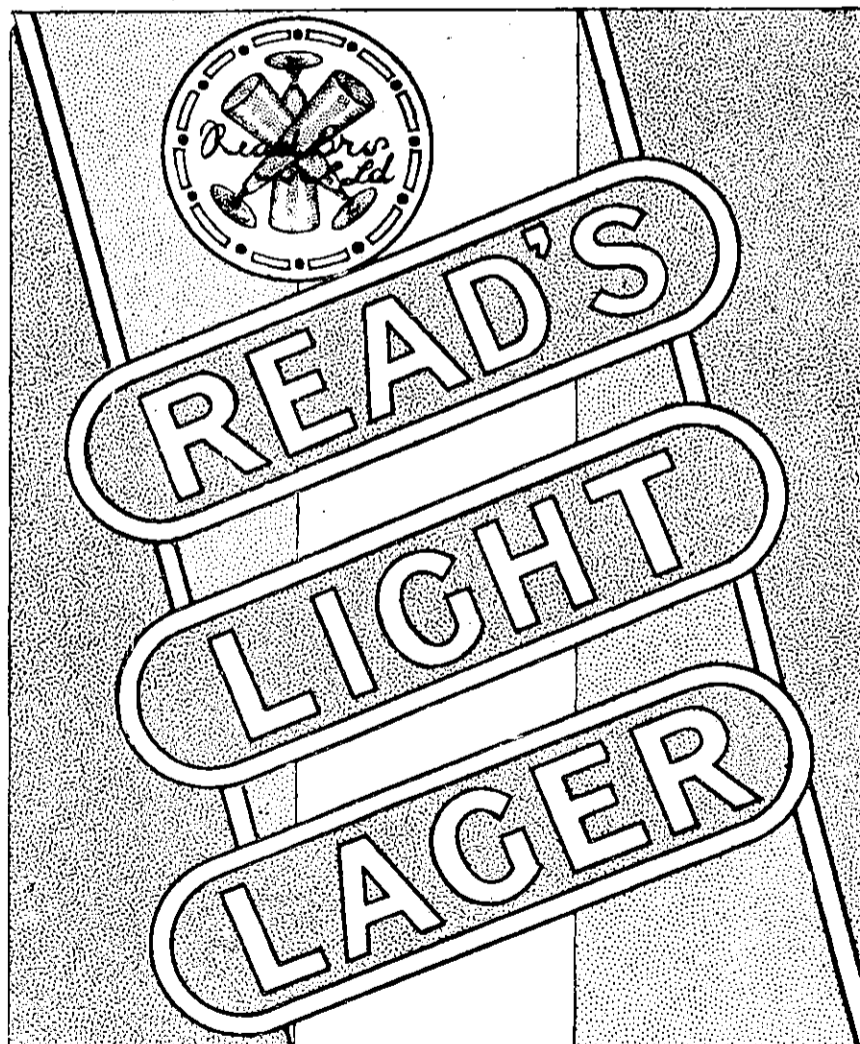
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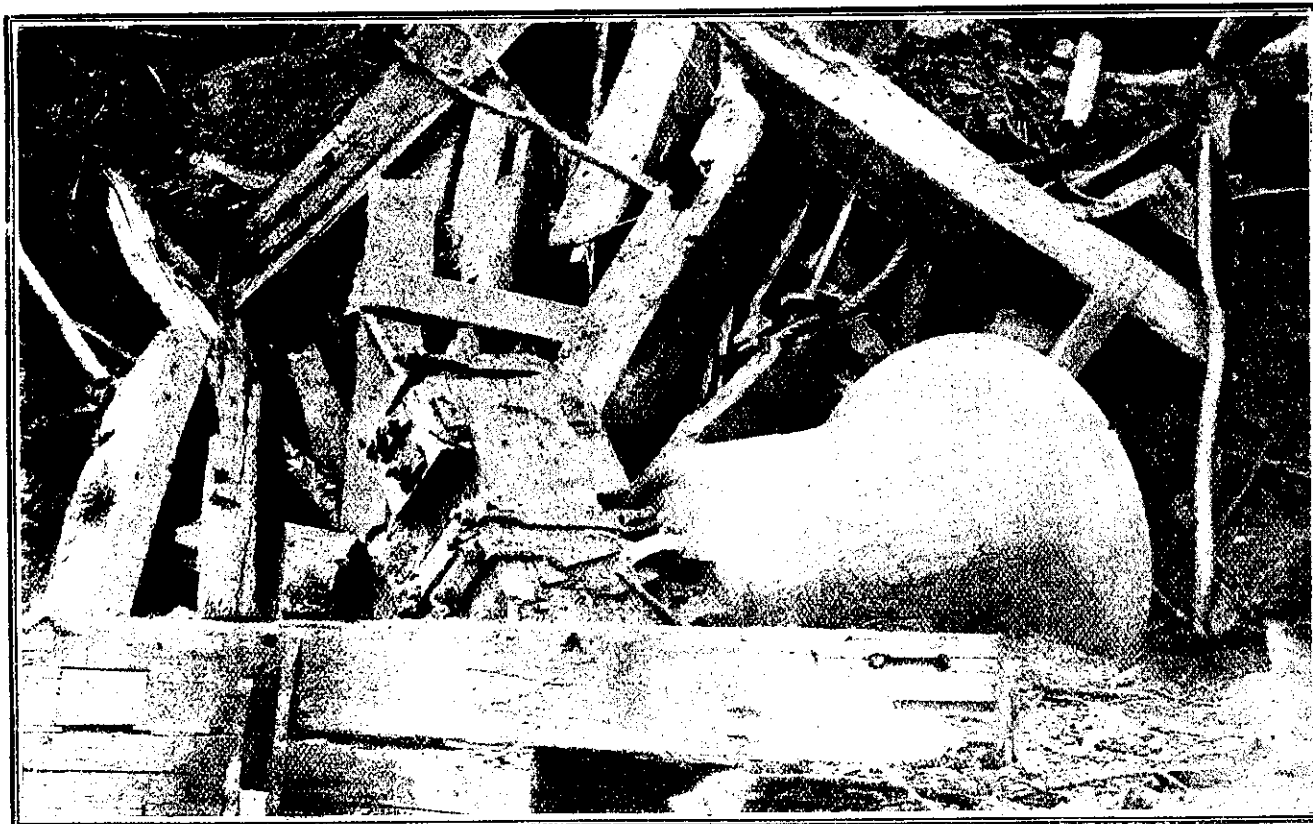
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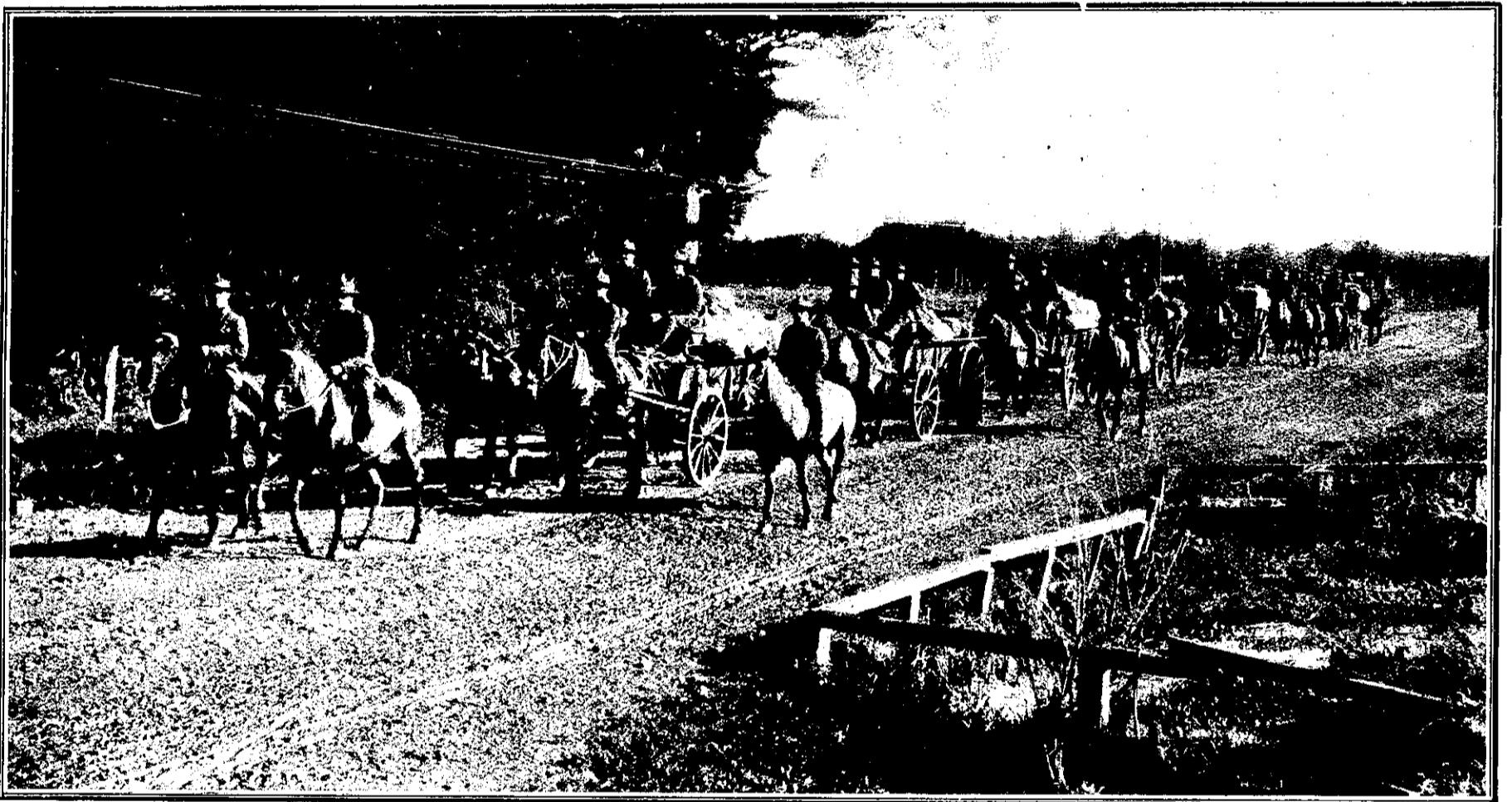


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AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

Local trotting enthusiasts are looking forward with keen interest to the opening of the new season in Auckland, and it is a source of gratification to know that this is but a month off, the Auckland Trotting Club having completed arrangements for the holding of their spring meeting at Alexandra Park on Saturday, October 13. Not only will the meeting in question open the 1917-18 trotting season in Auckland, but will have the distinct on of being the first local gathering to attract the attention of turf followers in connection with the new season's fixtures, no race attractions having been held in the Auckland province since early in June, making the off season an unusually lengthy one. It is, therefore, not surprising that unparalleled interest is being centred by racegoers in the approaching one-day meeting of the Auckland Club, and as the officials of the club have arranged a particularly attractive programme it only requires fine weather to ensure the new season being opened at Alexandra Park under most auspicious circumstances.

The principal event to come up for decision will be the Spring Handicap (harness), of 250sovs (two miles), for which a splendid nomination should be received, including entries from the south. It should be borne in mind by southern owners and trainers of trotters that the Otahuhu Trotting Club's spring meeting takes place at Alexandra Park a week later than the Auckland gathering, Saturday, October 20, being the date decided upon by the Otahuhu Club. This fact should prove a big incentive to southern owners to journey north with their horses, as they will have the opportunity of starting their horses at two leading trotting fixtures within a week before making the return trip. The October Handicap (harness), of 150sovs (one mile and a-quarter), gives promise of providing a sterling race, as a good field is assured, while the Onehunga Handicap (harness), of 120sovs (two miles), in which the limit is 4min 58sec, the lesser lights will be given a chance of earning distinction. Special interest will be taken in the Mountain Trot Handicap (harness), of 130sovs, one mile and a-half, which is for trotting horses only. Other harness events to come up for decision are the Middle-class Handicap, of 75sovs (one mile and a-half) and the Electric Handicap, of 100sovs (one mile), while owners of saddle horses will be mainly concerned with the Stewards' Handicap, of 100sovs (one mile) and the Maiden Trot Handicap, of 75sovs (one mile and a-half), the latter event being restricted to trotting horses only. Altogether the programme is one that will meet with deserved appreciation from trotting men, and the unmistakable signs of activity among trainers, who refer with unconcealed enthusiasm to the approaching fixture, can be safely accepted as a criterion of the sportsmanlike spirit which prevails in local trotting circles, and the keen desire of the club's patrons to foster light harness racing in Auckland.

Nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark, on Friday, September 28, at 9 p.m., when a splendid response may be safely anticipated from owners and trainers. The handicaps are due to make their appearance on Tuesday, October 2.

GREAT NORTHERN TROTTING DERBY.

The Auckland Trotting Club have, with commendable enterprise, increased the stake money apportioned for the Great Northern Trotting Derby from 250sovs to 350sovs, making it a strong inducement to owners of three-year-olds in all parts of New Zealand to nominate eligible candidates for this important mile and a-half event. The members of the club have invariably shown their desire to encourage and improve the thoroughbred stock of the Dominion, and their generous action in connection with the next Great Northern Trotting Derby is proof of their readiness to extend every encouragement in this direction. The Great Northern Trotting Derby is to be run at the summer meeting of the club, held during the Christmas and New Year holidays, but owners should make a special note that nominations for this particular event are due with Mr. C. F. Mark, the secretary, on Friday, November 2, 1917.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Otahuhu Trotting Club was held last week, when the annual report, which was read by the chairman, Mr. H. R. Mackenzie, disclosed a most satisfactory position for the year's operations. The report was listened to by members with intense interest, and showed that the club had made excellent progress despite the adverse conditions caused by the war. The report was as follows:—

I have much pleasure in again congratulating the members on having another successful year, both in high-class, clean racing and in finance. The splendid finishes that have taken place at our meetings reflects great credit on our handicapper (Mr. Edwards); and I also congratulate the owners of horses and the drivers for the loyal way they have raced and driven their horses, clearly showing that the horses are on the improve and we have the right class of men connected with them.

As you are aware, the National Government have thought it wise to reduce racing one-third during the period of the war, and unfortunately for our club we have suffered to the extent of 50 per cent. reduction, the conference deciding to leave all clubs with a one-day permit untouched. This decision on their part, in my opinion, was very unwise for the benefit of the sport, as the clubs giving the best stakes are the ones that suffer all the reduction, thereby depriving the owners of the best opportunity to meet their expenses, and really not benefiting the one-day clubs, for with the reduced train service they are going to find it very hard to make both ends meet, even with small stakes.

Strong steps will have to be taken to check those who at the present moment are making such a noise throughout New Zealand, and if they had their way would absolutely stop racing altogether. Before expressing their opinions, have they realised who provided the horses to mount the gallant New Zealanders in their march to Bagdad, the horses that are admitted to be the best that landed in Egypt? Do these people deprive themselves of any amusements? I have seen numbers of them playing bowls, golf and such like every Saturday and many week days, but they say that the man that works five and a-half days during the week shall not have his enjoyment. They would probably be the last to admit the general public as members of their clubs, etc.

It is time we organised to protect our sport and let the National Government of New Zealand know that every person in New Zealand is entitled to fair and reasonable entertainment at the sport he finds the most pleasure in. In my opinion, and I pride myself that in my life I meet practically every class that comprises the respectable portion of New Zealand, reasonable pleasure, to keep people from moping and worrying, will do more to win the war than all the talk in New Zealand. No class in New Zealand has given to patriotic purposes like the sporting community, and I could personally name three men alone who have given over £70,000 between them; and it must not be forgotten that racing throughout New Zealand last season practically found seven months' interest of the war expenditure for the twelve months. The sports have responded nobly to the Empire's call, and they should be the best judges regarding the continuance of racing. The result of a race interests them more in the trenches than anything else that could be mentioned. I may also state that many of the racing men who are now at the front are still racing their horses in New Zealand. I am proud of this club of which I have the honour to be chairman for the generous manner in which it has responded to the appeal for money for patriotic purposes. Last year we gave in straight-out donations the sum of £717, and this year we have already given £258 3s., and in addition have pledged ourselves to give £10 per month to the Auckland Patriotic Fund until the termination of the war. I think I can honestly state that no deserving appeal for charity has ever come before your committee without being assisted. In fact, this club, with the exception of the A.R.C., has given more to patriotic purposes than any other club in Auckland.

Regarding the war loan, the committee intend investing £2000 in the fund. It is practically all our ready money in hand, but I am sure you will all agree with me that it is better to run an overdraft on our assets if necessary so as to give every penny we can raise to do our bit to help win the war.

I am pleased to welcome our secretary (Mr. F. D. Yonge) back after his long illness. I take this opportunity on behalf of the club to thank Mr. C. F. Mark for the able manner he has carried out the secretarial duties of the club during Mr. Yonge's unfortunate illness. When I mention that Mr. Mark has refused to accept any remuneration for his services, you will readily realise the amount of work a sportsman is willing to do to help another when necessary.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I am sure you will all join with me in wishing a successful and speedy termination of this great world war in a glorious victory for the Allies. I trust that soon we will have our gallant lads back with us, and let us make up our minds that we are going to do our duty by them, as they deserve, and you can rest assured that your committee will, as in the past, devote every penny they can to patriotic purposes.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

On the motion of the chairman the subscription fee for the ensuing year was fixed at 10s.

A motion re undesirables was carried unanimously.

Mr. Sutherland moved a vote of appreciation of those members who had enlisted, which was carried, the chairman explaining that all such members were kept financial during their absence.

Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring committee and stewards and the Press.

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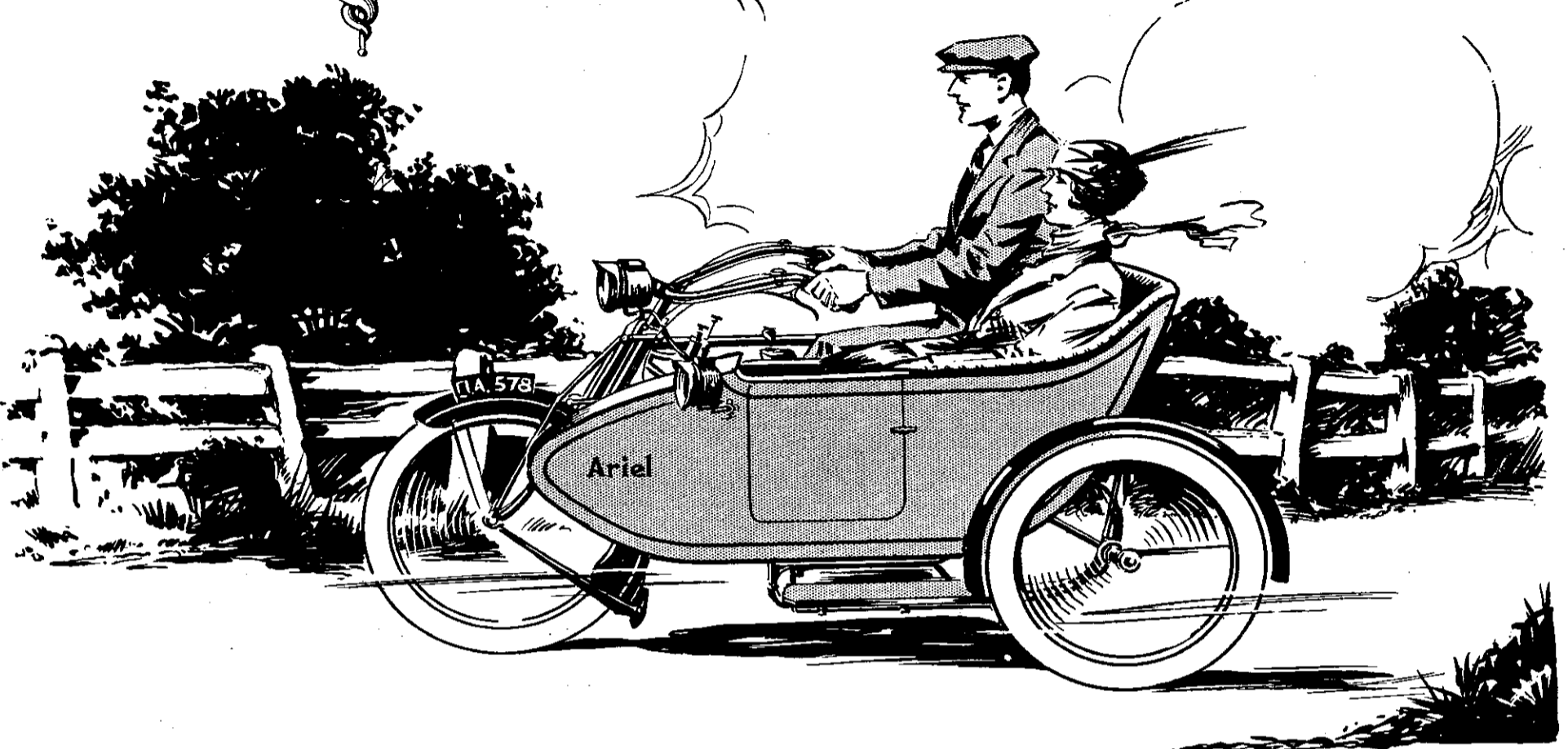
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LADIES' GOLF.

Maungakiekie.
The following were the best cards sent in for the Maungakiekie Ladies' Golf Club medal match, played on Wednesday, September 5:—Miss D. Cooke, gross score 107, handicap 18, net score 89; Miss K. Fouhy, 128—34—94; Miss Bayly, 105—10—95; Miss Tresidder, 114—19—95; Mrs. Stewart, 127—32—95.

Waitemata.
The members of the Waitemata Ladies' Golf Club played their monthly Red Cross medal match on September 5, the winner being Miss Goudie, with a score of 86—18—68. Other good cards were:—Mrs. F. Alison, 105—36—69; Miss Bray, 96—24—72; Miss Neville, 97—24—73; Mrs. Brown, 115—36—79; Mrs. Prime, 100—20—80; Miss Preece, 120—33—87.

Wanganui.
In the third round of the club championship, Miss Cave beat Miss Harper, Mrs. Grace beat Miss N. Anderson, Mrs. Izard beat Mrs. Cave, Miss Bates beat Mrs. Lomax. Good entries were received for the patriotic tournament in aid of the Y.M.C.A. Trench Comforts Fund. The September shop

day results have been considerably augmented by the baby voting contest organised by the members of the Wanganui Ladies' Golf Club. The voting contest brought in the sum of £1492 4s. 4d., and the shop takings amounted to £67 17s.

Otago.
The monthly medal (L.G.U.) was played on September 4th. The entry was not quite so good as that for previous matches, only seven seniors and six juniors competing. These were: Mesdames J. A. Cook, P. Sargood, Gilray, Bakewell, Acheson, Aiken, and the Misses N. Glendining, D. Theomin, H. and G. Sargood, Jamieson, McIntosh, and Fynmore. The best scores for the senior grade were: V. Fynmore, 102—19—83; D. Theomin, 96—11—85; N. Glendining, 103—17—86, and for the juniors H. Sargood, 116—34—82; Mrs. Gilray, 106—21—85; G. Sargood, 115—28—87. The club championship is drawing to a close, and Mrs. Allan and Mrs. Sargood meet to play for the final. The former player beat Mrs. J. A. Cook in the semi-final 1 up at the 20th hole. Both played excellent golf, a great number of holes being done in bogey and halved. Mrs. Allan at the 10th hole (a short one bogey 3) ran her approach into the hole in 2, Mrs. Cook taking 3. It was an exceptionally close game all through.

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- 6. TWELFTH FEILDING STAKES of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Weight for age, with penalties and allowances. Five furlongs.
- 7. CHELTENHAM HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlongs.
- 8. KIWITEA WELTER HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, third horse 20sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Minimum weight, 8.0. Seven furlongs.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any flat race exceeding 50sovs in value after declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb, and of every additional race a further penalty of 6lb. Horses handicapped at 8.10 or over to carry only half the above penalties.

The winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb in the hurdle races, and for every additional race 7lb extra.

Owners are responsible for all penalties and allowances.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES.

With Amounts to be Transmitted therewith.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1917, at 8.30 p.m.

NOMINATIONS close for all races as under (nomination 1sov):—Aorangi Trial Plate, Waituna Hack Hurdles, Apati Hack Handicap, Flying Stakes, Manchester Handicap, Cheltenham Hack Handicap, Kiwitea Welter.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1917, at 8.30 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES close for races as under:—Aorangi Trial Plate 1sov, Flying Stakes Handicap 3sovs, Waituna Hack Hurdles 1sov, Manchester Handicap 4sovs, Cheltenham Hack Handicap 1sov, Apati Hack Handicap 1sov, Kiwitea Welter 2sovs.

HANDICAPS will be declared on or about WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1917.

N.B.—The Committee reserve the right to alter the dates of entry, acceptances, etc., prior to closing; also the dates on which handicaps are declared, should they deem fit to do so.

TWELFTH FEILDING STAKES.

SECOND FORFEITS due NOVEMBER 1, 1917.

FINAL PAYMENTS due SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1917.

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FEILDING JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1917.

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PROGRAMME.

- 1. AORANGI TRIAL PLATE of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For horses that have never won a stake exceeding 35sovs. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Weight, 7.7. Five furlongs and a-half. To be ridden by apprentices who have not won more than 15 races.
- 2. FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 60 sovs, third horse 30sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Six furlongs.
- 3. WAITUNA HACK HURDLES HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Over six flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. in height. One mile and a-half.
- 4. MANCHESTER HANDICAP of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 80 sovs, third horse 40sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
- 5. APITI HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Seven furlongs.



PRIVATE ANGELO GILL, of Remuera, Auckland. Killed in action. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Gill, formerly of Panmure.

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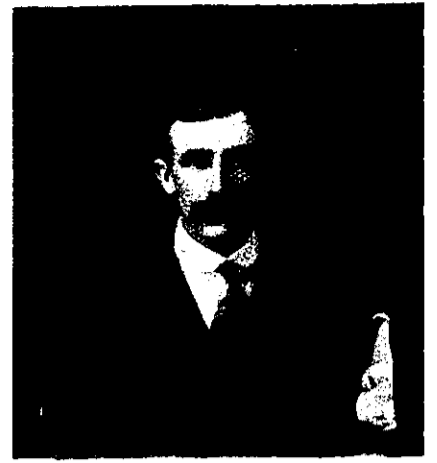
LANCE-CORP. W. J. MORTLAND, of North Canterbury. Killed in action.



PRIVATE C. W. DODDS, of Palmerston North. Killed in action.



LANCE-CORPORAL JOHN ALFRED MONSTEDT, of Glenfield, Auckland. Killed in action.



PRIVATE JOSEPH CHARLES BRUER, of Hastings, H.B. Killed in action.



LANCE-CORP. ERNEST CARLTON, of Karangahake. Killed in action.



PRIVATE HERBERT ALBERT PHILLIPS, of Aramoho, Wanganui. Killed in action.



PRIVATE A. G. (ARCHIE) MIDDLEMASS, of Kaitangata, Otago. Killed in action.



PRIVATE ASHLEY E. VINCENT, of Oxford, Canterbury. Killed in action.



RIFLEMAN H. C. HANSEN, of N.Z. Rifle Brigade. Born in Norway. Killed in action.



PRIVATE W. L. ILLINGWORTH, of Heathcote Valley, Christchurch. Died from wounds.



PRIVATE DAVID J. C. RINGROSE, of Pukehiki, Otago. Killed in action.



CORPORAL FRANK C. ST. GEORGE, of Masterton, Wairarapa. Killed in action.



RIFLEMAN H. R. SARGENT, of Patutahi, Poverty Bay. Died from wounds.



SAPPER CHRISTOPHER WALKER PAYNE, of Ponsonby, Auckland. Killed in action.



PRIVATE BART NELSON, of Auckland. Killed in action.



PRIVATE HERBERT M. SAUNDERS, of Waipukurau, Hawke's Bay. Died from wounds.



RIFLEMAN W. E. SARGENT, of Patutahi, Poverty Bay. Wounded.



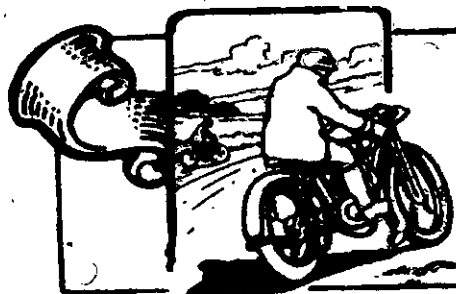
SERGEANT GARNET WILCE, of Waimate, South Canterbury. Died from wounds.



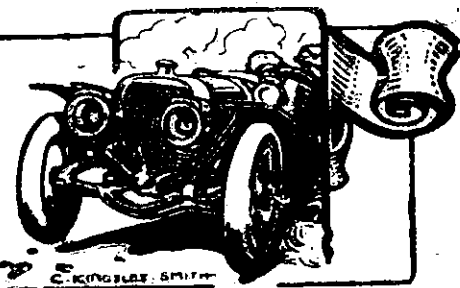
TEMP-CORPORAL W. H. MELHUIH, of Masterton, Wairarapa. Killed in action.



GUNNER AUBREY VENDT, of Kaeo, North Auckland. Reported missing.



MOTORING & CYCLING



The Christchurch City Council has suspended the license of the taxi-driver who was recently before the Court and was fined £5 for driving at a reckless speed at New Brighton.

The Canterbury Automobile Association furnished fifty motor cars to meet members of the contingent of invalided soldiers who recently arrived at Lyttelton.

Owing to the absence of any motor cycling clubs on the West Coast, the newly-formed branches of the Automobile Association there will enrol motor cyclists as members.

A motor accident, in which two men had a fortunate escape from death, occurred on the Kai Iwi Hill a few nights ago. A motor car containing Messrs. T. Harland and A. Thompson skidded and went over a bank, where, after backing for a considerable distance, it capsized. Both occupants were rendered unconscious, but fortunately were thrown clear of the car. Thompson, who was only stunned, regained consciousness about 1 a.m., some two hours later. All that was then left of the car was a smouldering heap of ruins. He obtained assistance, and Harland was taken to a house near by, and later removed to the Wanganui hospital.

Dick Arnst, sometime world's champion sculler, is now doing war work with the Sydney Harbour Motor Patrol. He volunteered long since for active service, but was rejected.

That the Pioneer Motor Cycling Club, Christchurch, is worthily represented in the great war is shown in the following roll of honour list:—
W. W. Isitt (killed), C. Penlington (killed), F. C. Ingram (killed), M. O. Moore (killed), H. M. Wright (killed), A. Turner (killed), W. E. Cookson (killed), W. E. Parker (killed), R. B. Gunn (killed), L. W. Hemmings, J. Rogers, J. L. Anderson, T. Edridge, W. B. Bowles, F. E. Bowen, J. L. Foubister, H. Murray, A. E. Lloyd, L. W. Pither, A. Sharp, C. Best, T. J. Ennis, R. A. Hawkins, R. W. Lough-ton, J. Oids, C. H. Sheppard, A. Smith, H. U. Turner, A. B. Macintosh, P. K. Legg, J. V. Broome, G. W. Guthrie, O. G. Farrow, C. H. Mason (returned), L. B. Clarkson, V. P. Hopkins, G. R. McMillan, A. G. Parker, R. B. Smith, F. V. Thomas, F. Walshaw, N. K. McFarlane, J. S. Foreman, A. Edridge, W. G. Harrison (returned), E. Paterson, E. J. Rhind, A. Francis, O. C. C. Moffat, C. R. Crooker, C. L. Phipps Black, H. J. Ballin, E. D. Haughey, J. Mantell, R. Newman, F. H. Osborne, C. F. Pratt, J. B. Park, W. L. Paterson (returned), H. C. Robson, H. Rattray, R. S. Rhind, F. Ruck (returned), W. J. Scott, L. Watson, F. M. Mantell, G. H. Royds, T. Hulme, R. Stevens, B. Wood, T. A. Goodfellow, J. A. Pigott, A. E. Sumerfield, B. Rhind, L. N. Guy, E. Dartnell, R. N. Adams, A. Weir, and H. J. Knight.

Twenty years ago a cyclist named W. Kux established a record for the overland trip from Adelaide to Melbourne, the distance travelled being about 545 miles, in 51 hours 48 minutes. That it was a fine performance is evidenced by the fact that it has stood untouched since 1897. There is now talk of an effort by a South Australian rider to attempt to reduce Kux's figures, but, despite the improvements in machines, etc., the record will take a deal of beating. Travelling a longer route, a relay of cyclists in the Dunlop Relay Military Despatch Ride of 1912, negotiated 574 miles between the two cities in 33 hours 55 minutes, which proves that the route will stand the pace if a good enough long distance rider is available. Kux was well paced throughout by singles and tandems, and in this respect it will be difficult at the present time to provide any aspirant to the honour with cycle pace up to the standard that assisted Kux.

It is instructive to note that England has at last declared an embargo on the importation of motor tyres and rubber goods into Great Britain. American tyres are now only permitted to be imported into England under

a special license from the Government. Had this embargo been declared a year or two back it would have meant millions to the British tyre and rubber goods manufacturers and those whose capital is invested in these concerns.

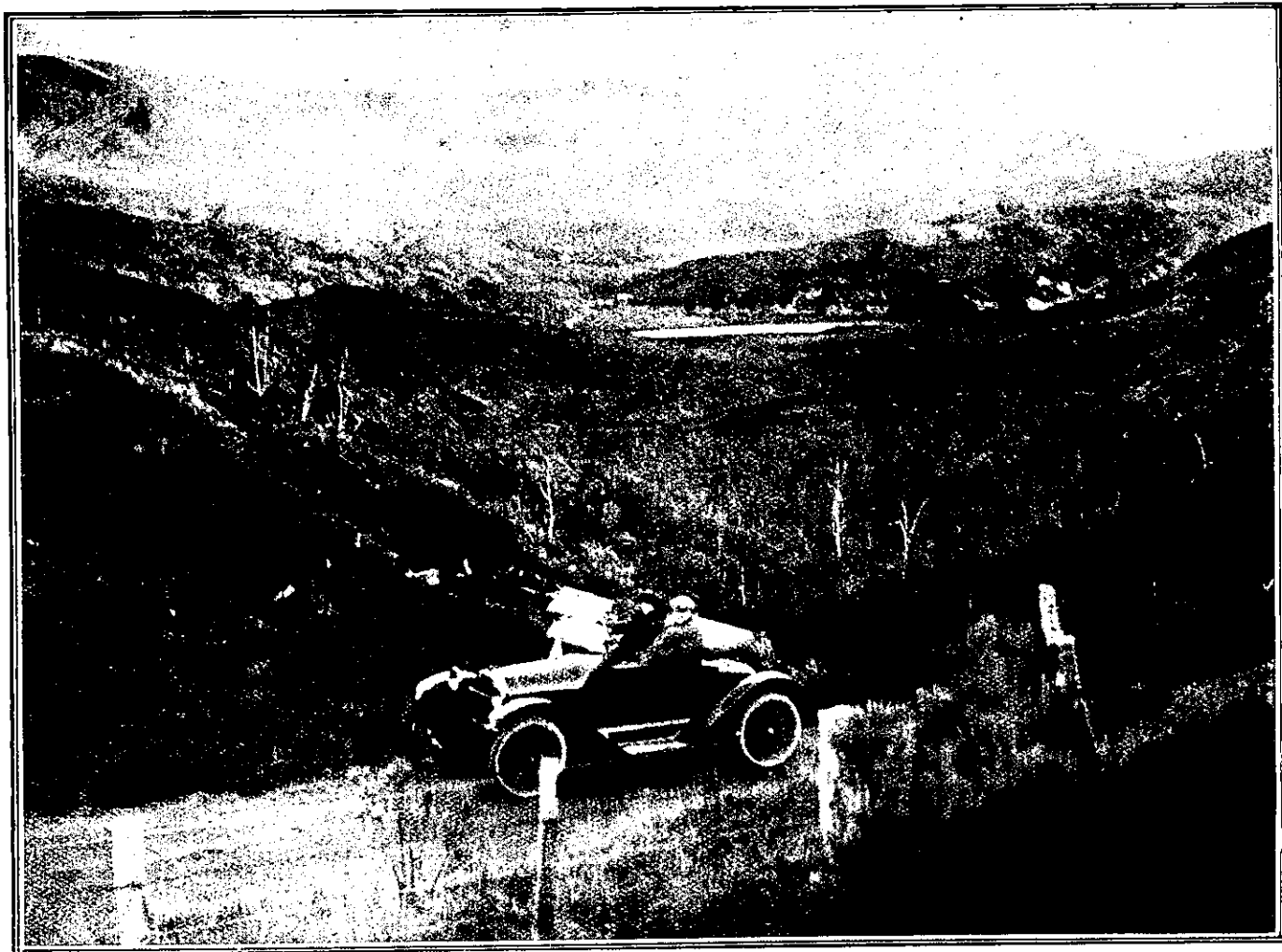
Motorists will be amazed to hear that if the gigantic concern that makes and markets the Ford motor car had to stop its production for 30 days, the wealthy Ford Company would be forced to close its doors indefinitely. This is a statement made by the vice-president and treasurer of the company in a recent law suit in America. It appears that the running expenses of this stupendous business reach upwards of from £160,000 to £180,000 a day, equal to about £53,210,000 per year of 313 working days.

It is wonderful what a careful motor cyclist can get out of his tyres if he rides with ordinary care and pays due attention to inflation. A Melbourne motor cyclist, who is a travelling representative of a well-known commercial house, has written to the Dunlop Rubber Company stating that a 26in. by 3in. white tread cover, which

F. Birtles has reached Western Australia per motor car from Victoria. The trip was negotiated in easy stages as the overlander was selecting his route and making arrangements for his proposed attempt on the Perth-Sydney record of 2959 miles in 8 days 23 hours 35 minutes, standing to the credit of Messrs. Fraser and Armstrong. According to a recent interview with the well-known overlander in Perth, he has now travelled close on 100,000 miles in and around Australia. On two occasions he rode around the rim of Australia on a Dunlop-shod bicycle. He has crossed from Broome (W.A.) to Brisbane twice, the Darwin-Adelaide route twice, and has crossed and re-crossed the continent from east to west nine times. Birtles proposes to leave on his record jaunt across the continent in about a couple of months' time.

Mr. J. C. Mercer, a pupil of the Canterbury Aviation School, who recently passed his examination for a pilot's certificate, made excellent flights and landings, and was congratulated by the examiner, Major J. L. Sleeman, on his performance. Mr. Mercer, who is the seventh certificated pupil of the school, had under-

the council of the Canterbury Automobile Association last week, and prompted Mr. P. R. Clime to remark that it might be advisable for the Canterbury Association to step in and undertake the organisation as far afield as Marlborough, which was a part of the military district. Mr. Clime's proposal is a worthy one, and it will be a pity if the Canterbury Association do not act upon it. During the war it is most necessary that interest be maintained in the doings of the various automobile associations in New Zealand, and to allow the enthusiasm to wane is a retrograde step that members should endeavour to prevent. The present time calls for a special effort on the part of motorists and officers of the automobile associations in particular, and as there are many important questions affecting the motor industry which have arisen directly as a result of the war, the co-operation of all car owners, and particularly those engaged in the trade, is urgently needed not only for the purpose of safeguarding the interests of motorists but to render the latter in a position to deal successfully with the various after-war problems that must inevitably arise as a result of the many



A PICTURESQUE SCENE ON HAYWARD'S HILL, OVERLOOKING THE LOWER HUTT (WELLINGTON DISTRICT). A Chevrolet 4-90 car with a lady at the helm on the top of the hill, after a stiff climb on the top gear.

was fitted to the driving wheel of his 6 h.p. twin motor cycle in May, 1916, has been in constant use until recently removed. The cover travelled 8754 miles on the back wheel, was then removed to front wheel, finishing up with a total of 16,842 miles, during which it was not re-treaded. The rider weighed 14½ stone and the machine was a heavy twin.

It is always easier for motorists to realise aeroplane performances if they can be reduced to motor car equivalents. They are more likely to be impressed with the information that an aeroplane will climb at 60 miles an hour than if they are told its rate of ascension is 1300 odd feet per minute. As a matter of fact, a good modern aeroplane, weighing all on about 24cwt. and having an engine of a brake horse-power of 180, would climb a gradient of 1 in 3½ to 1 in 4 at about 60 miles an hour; that it what rapid aerial climbing really means. 24cwt. is about the same weight as an average 15 h.p. four-seated open car complete, but without its passengers. A good many of the aeroplanes now in use weigh more and a few somewhat less.

gone only 19 days' tuition. He is a well-known motorist, a member of the Automobile Association, and has taken part successfully in several trials. He carried off the open prize in the Mount Cook run, putting up a fine performance on a much-travelled Hupmobile, which he still drives.

The khaki-clad women serving in the Army in various capacities have a most admirable effect on military tempers (says a writer in the London "Daily Express"). A sumptuous motor car was being driven along the Strand by an Army Service Corps woman driver. The only occupant of the car was an elderly officer. Suddenly a reckless paper boy darted off the kerb. The brakes were perforce jammed on sharply, and the red-tailed officer was rudely pitched forward. He looked up angrily, only to catch the smiling eyes of his chauffeur. Then he picked up his cap, his glasses, and his papers—and said never a word.

The Marlborough Automobile Association has decided to suspend operations during the war. A letter to this effect was received at a meeting of

changes that will occur in the manufacturing industry and export trade following the cessation of hostilities. Some motor associations in New Zealand, principally on account of the leading officials having so little time at their disposal, owing to pressure of business, may be inclined to allow interest in the affairs of the association to lag, but where this is the case other officials with more leisure time should exert their utmost efforts in order to revive enthusiasm in the regular meetings, and if possible arrange for motor outings or some social function or other that tends to promote a feeling of comradeship amongst members. The good work accomplished by the Canterbury Automobile Association in improving the conditions of motoring throughout Canterbury and dealing with the various problems involving the welfare of motor car owners, reflects the greatest praise upon the officials and members of that go-ahead institution, and should they decide to extend their operations in the South Island it will assuredly be to the advantage of the motoring fraternity in the territory upon which they may concentrate their efforts.

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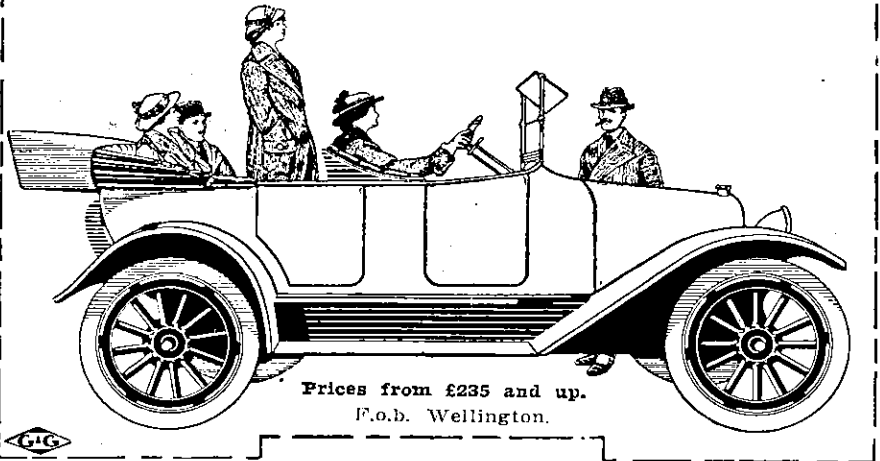
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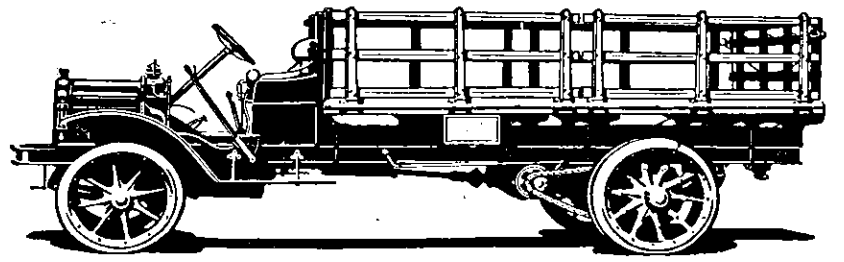
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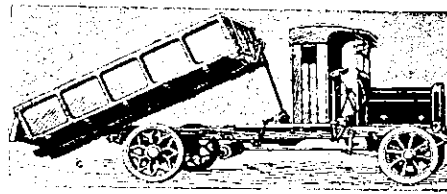
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In America there are two types of bodies between the racer and the touring car—the runabout and the raceabout. The former is a light roadster and the latter a slightly elaborated test chassis. The two types can be described as being under and over developments of the British sporting model roadster.

It is no secret that British manufacturers are developing the output of aeroplanes on a colossal scale, and the consequent increase in engine material will affect the motor industry to a still greater extent than hitherto. Probably before the war is over every firm will have had a most valuable training in the production of or aerial engines or parts thereof.

Recently in the House of Commons, S. Albert Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, in reply to Mr. Joynton-Hicks, stated that the quantity of petrol registered as imported into Great Britain from all sources during the first five months of this year was 57,036,000 gallons, as against 49,658,000 gallons imported in the corresponding period of 1916.

A lady military driver, summoned at Home for driving at thirty miles an hour, said: "I cannot tell my speed as the authorities don't supply me with a speedometer."

The French Army are commencing to make very extensive use of light cars. Over roads which are crowded with traffic their small size makes them ideal for dodging in and out. Officers below a certain rank are not allowed to have anything larger than a two-seater light car for their use.

Splendid work, of material assistance to the military authorities, has been achieved by the Royal Automobile Club in carrying out driving examinations and issuing certificates to the successful candidates, enabling them to qualify for Government and other positions. The standard of necessary efficiency is high, and has been considerably raised during the last few years; consequently the examinations are difficult, with the result that the certificate is generally respected and the holder of one is almost certain of getting employment when a vacancy occurs. There are five classes of driving certificates. The First Class Certificate examination is open to a candidate who can give proof that he has driven a motor vehicle for wages for an aggregate period of not less than three years, and can show proof from his employer of good character. The examination consists of a driving test and a written paper to test the candidate's mechanical knowledge. The Second Class Certificate is for candidates who can give proof that they have driven a motor vehicle for wages for an aggregate period of not less than six months, and can produce evidence of good character. The candidate has to undergo a driving test, take a paper on mechanical knowledge, and answer verbal questions on motor car road law. For the Third Class Certificate drivers also have to give proof of good character. They have to take the driving test and answer verbal questions on motor car road law. Next comes the Owner-driver's Certificate. A candidate must not be, nor have been, engaged in driving a motor vehicle for hire. He also may not be, nor have been, an instructor for payment. The tests are the same as for the Third Class Certificate. The last and most important certificate is that for mechanical proficiency. To be able to take the examination for this certificate a candidate must have served his time in an engineering works, had two years in a motor car factory, or three years in a motor car repair shop, and is required to pass a written examination on the construction and repair of motor cars.

Mr. C. E. Piper, who is serving with the Motor Patrol Service, writing to his parents at Petone, states: "I had a fairly narrow escape recently, but fortunately for me it re-

sulted in nothing worse than a ducking. The after petrol tank of our launch had been taken out for repairs. The tank held about 370 gallons, and was made of one-eighth inch plate and riveted. I had been showing the engineer of a trawler this tank, and we had just walked away from it and were standing on the edge of the dock, when it seemed as if someone had pushed us both into the water. It transpired that one of the dock workmen had carelessly applied a blow-pipe lamp, and the tank of course exploded and was wrecked. Both this man and his mate were blown into the water, and both were seriously injured."

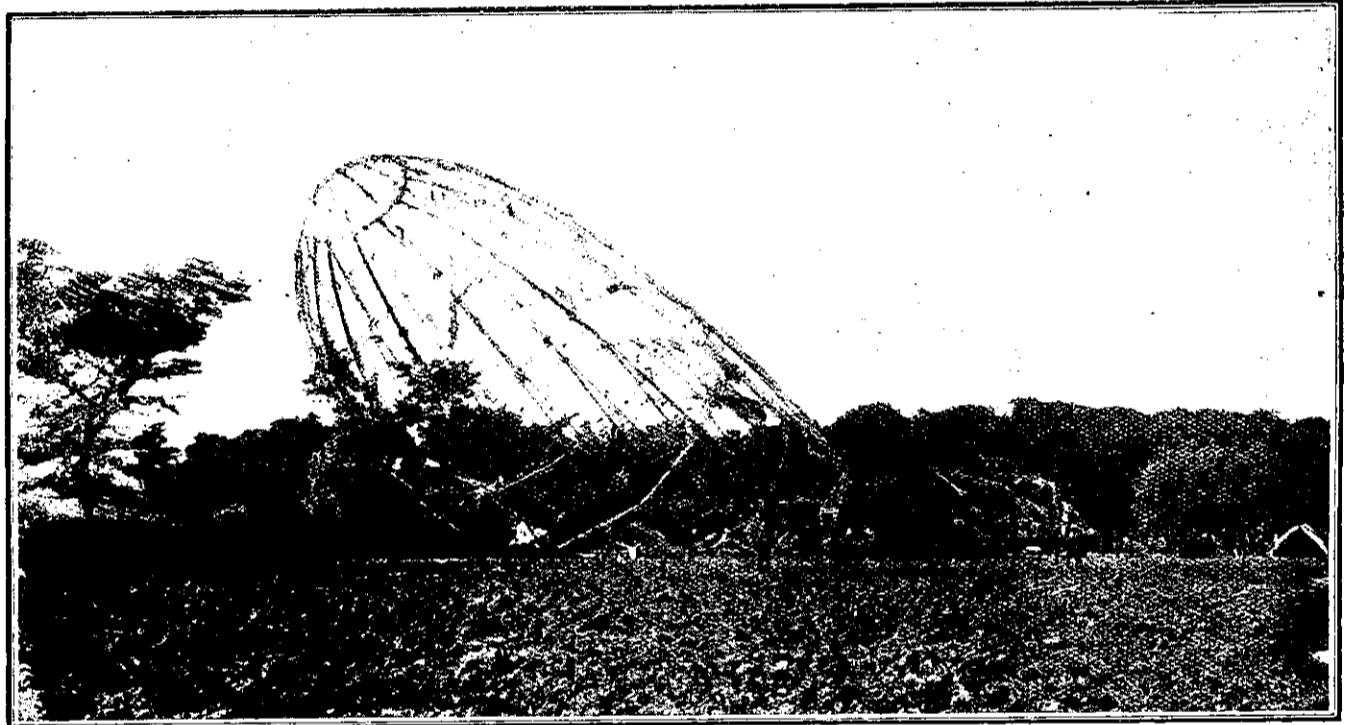
The biplanes with which the Germans have been making repeated raids upon England during the past few months are of a new type known as the Gotha, the dimensions of which are so great that observers were misled as to the altitude at which they flew. The Gotha biplane has two six-cylinder Mercedes engines each of 260 h.p., measures 77ft. 8in. across the wings, and is 40ft. 8in. in length. There are two propellers placed abaft

part of it is made of copper. It is our intention to insert an illustration of one of these latest type German aeroplanes in our next issue.

The motor corps is one of the most interesting and efficient divisions of the National League for women's service operating in America. A member of this division must meet several requirements for active service. She must have a health certificate, a State chauffeur's license, at least two years' experience in driving and a certificate from a motor school. Infantry drill is compulsory and is held twice a week in one of the city armories in New York. The members are also required to take a course in first aid, which is given once a week at a hospital. The members of the motor corps wear a khaki uniform consisting of a short skirt, Norfolk coat and cap with visor. Services performed by members of this division with their cars are numerous. They aid in taking the military census, act as messengers, carry light military supplies and in other ways meet the demands for war service which come through the War Department or local military organization.

According to recent returns there are 120,000 cars in use in Canada to-day, an increase of 45 per cent. over the figures of twelve months ago. Ontario contains a greater number—50,000—than any of the other

those mentioned were voluntary enlistments. For the second time during the period of the war, the club had, in conjunction with the Automobile Association, held a very successful motor carnival and art union, this time in aid of the Red Cross Funds, the net proceeds of which amounted to the handsome sum of £2010 7s. 2d. The opening run of the season to Waihora Park was a most successful outing. Members of the Ashburton Club rode in on the occasion and assisted in making the day very enjoyable. A number of members made the trip to Tinwald Park as guests of the Ashburton Club, and took part in the sports programme provided, and were most hospitably entertained by the Ashburton Club. Two trials and a number of beach races were held during the season, all of which were keenly contested. A breakdown competition was also held and drew large entries. The social side of the club had been well maintained and a feature of the year in that respect had been the large number of successful billiard and snooker tournaments that had taken place. Notwithstanding the large number of members at the front the club should be congratulated on the very healthy state of its finances, both in regard to the general working account of the club and its building account controlled by the trustees. The club again wished to record its high appreciation to Mr. M. S.



A ZEPPELIN MEETS ITS DESERVED FATE. This German raider, which was recently brought down in England, is shown in the field in which it fell, the crumpled stern on the earth and its forepart high in the air. The first man to reach the wrecked Zeppelin was a naval petty-officer, who described how she fell forward by the bows, completely enveloped in flame. The smoke from the burning Zepp. was plainly discernible at a distance of 15 miles.

the engines. A 520 h.p. aeroplane is something remarkable, but the tendency in all countries is still greatly to increase the engine power. The six-cylinder vertical type Mercedes engine referred to has a bore and stroke of 160 x 180 mm. It is started by means of a half compression device in the form of a sliding camshaft over the cylinder heads, bringing the decompressor cams into operation on the exhaust valves. Each cylinder has four overhead valves, two exhaust and two inlet. Floating bushes are used for the small ends of the connecting rods. The piston design is unusual, the wall and the head being made in separate parts, the wall being screwed to the head and welded. A noticeable feature of the Mercedes engine in question is that no

provinces. It is also stated that over 100,000 cars will be built in Ontario next year. The great proportion of the Canadian output consists of cars assembled from parts received from the United States, several of the big U.S.A. motor car manufacturing concerns having Canadian factories for the express purpose of building cars from parts so imported.

PIONEER MOTOR CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the Pioneer Amateur Motor and Sports Club (Christchurch), the report stated that a very large number of members of the club were serving their King and country at the front, nine of whom had unfortunately made the supreme sacrifice. Practically the whole of

Brown for his work in administering the club's freehold property. The thanks of the club were also due to Messrs. P. Menzies, E. E. Daniels, R. Wallace, E. F. C. Hinds, G. B. Brown, Adams, Ltd., A. S. Patterson and Co. for donations to the Sports Fund, and to Mr. C. Bonnington for his donation of a silver challenge cup. The club was also indebted to Mr. W. L. Minson for his services as handicapper in the motor races, and to Mr. H. Goodman as handicapper in the billiard and snooker tournament. The balance-sheet showed that the receipts had been £617 10s. 9d. and the expenditure £554 5s. 1d. The excess of assets over liabilities was set down at £450 18s. 2d. The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

The chairman presented trophies to the following prize-winners:—C. H.

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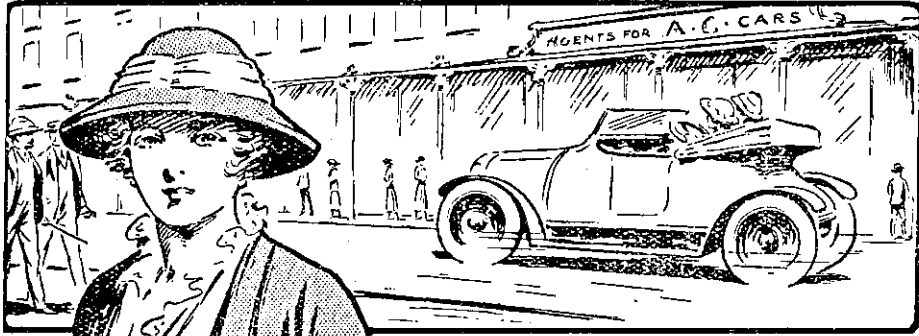
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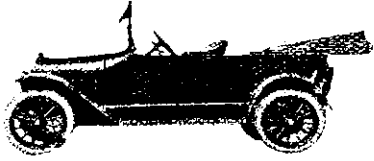


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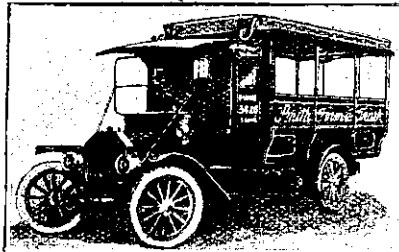
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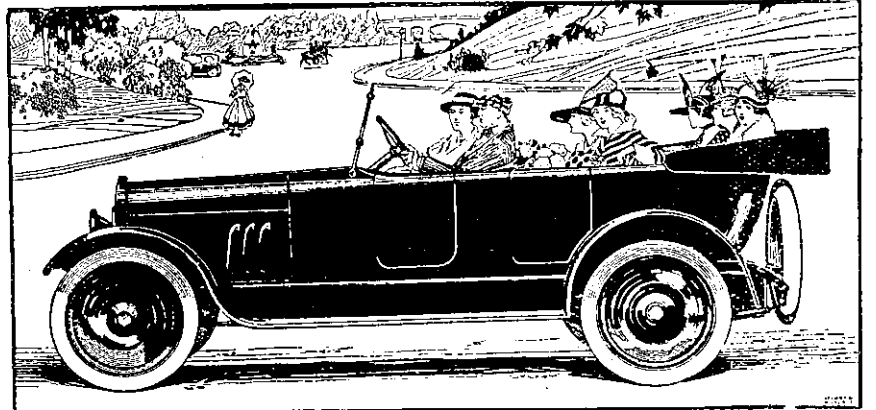
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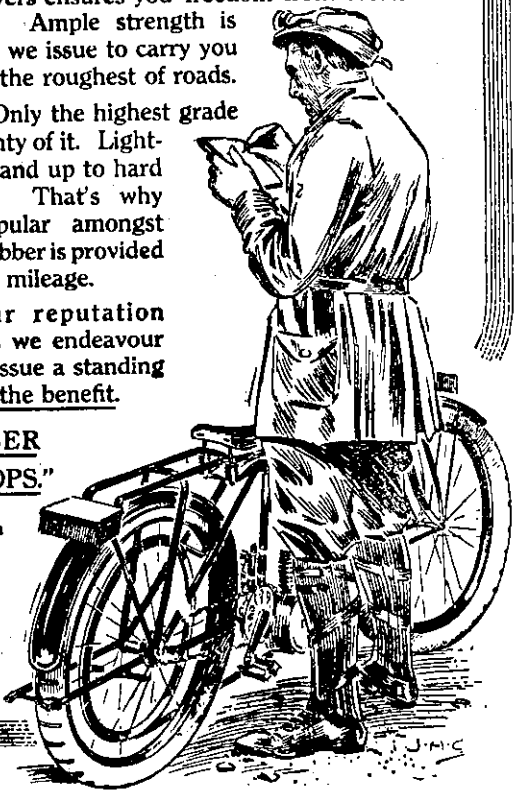
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THE SOCIAL WORLD



Announcements of engagements and contributions of interest relating to weddings and social gatherings should be sent to **Lady Editor, "Sporting and Dramatic Review" Office, Auckland.** In all cases the writer's signature and address must be attached (not for publication). Photographs of wedding groups will be reproduced by arrangement.

Mrs. A. Thursby Pelham, of London, is on a visit to Auckland, and is staying with her daughter, Lady Walker, at Cargen.

Mrs. E. W. Sharman has let her house in Symonds Street for a period, and has taken a suite of rooms at Cargen.

Miss Erina Russell, of Wellington, is the guest of Sir George and Lady Clifford, "Stoneyhurst," Christchurch.

Miss Muncient Hanmer, of Christchurch, who is leaving for India soon, has been the guest of honour at a number of farewell parties.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sead-Gowing and the Misses Lance, of Christchurch, are paying a round of visits to places in the North Island.

Mrs. A. E. Kernot, of Wellington, and her two daughters are leaving shortly for Honolulu.

Staff Nurse A. G. Marshall, lately acting matron at Trentham, has left for Rotorua on leave with her husband, 2nd Lieutenant H. T. Marshall, of A Co., 30th Reinforcements.

Miss Casey, M.A., of Hokitika, has been appointed to the charge of the Hawera District High School.

A "Paddy's Market," which is being arranged in conjunction with the "Our Day" effort in October for the British Red Cross and Blinded Soldiers' Funds, will be held in Wellington on the 21st and 22nd of this month.

Miss G. M. Webster, of Wellington, who has been appointed to the Defence Department as hospital instructor in such arts as basket and raffia work and paper work, has gone to Hanmer Springs to instruct the soldiers at the Queen Mary Hospital.

Mrs. F. D. Holdsworth, of Auckland, who went Home to join her husband, Major Holdsworth (Director of New Zealand Postal Services), has been doing a good deal of canteen work since the beginning of the year, and has now joined the War Pensions Department in London.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harvey, of the Provincial Hotel, Stafford Street, Dunedin, celebrated their silver wedding on August 18.

Mrs. Felix Kelly has returned to Auckland after a three months' holiday at Queenstown, Otago.

In urging a baby bonus for soldiers' wives, Dr. Paterson stated in Christchurch that France might have lost a million or a million and a-half men in the firing line, but she had lost an equal number per year before the war because the people of France did not bring their babies into the world.

As a result of the concert recently given by the past and present pupils of the Wellington Girls' College, the sum of £40 has been sent to the War Relief Association. In addition, during the term, two special form concerts have been given, the proceeds of which, totalling over £11, are to be handed in for the Y.M.C.A. Trench Comforts Fund.

The wedding took place in Dunedin the other day of Miss Margaret Forsyth Short, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Short, Leith Street, and Captain A. J. S. Cowie, of Caversham. The bridesmaids were Miss Gibson and Miss Doreen Cowie, and the best man was Mr. J. R. Dickison. Amongst the presents received was a smoke cabinet, presented by the returned soldiers who were associated with Captain Cowie during the Gallipoli campaign.

The engagement is announced of Miss E. F. P. Janett, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Janett, "Kaiwai," Hatuma, to Private Huelin Fulford, of the Eighth Reinforcements, and youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fulford, Havelock North, says a Napier paper.

The Gisborne branch of the Victoria League has within the past fifteen months, as the result of the proceeds of a Red Cross shop on Saturdays, forwarded a total of £6600 to the British Red Cross, London. It is stated that Gisborne for the size of the town holds the highest record in the Empire for subscriptions to this fund.

During the baby week exhibition in London recently, Mrs. H. B. Irving carried to the Queen a chubby two-months baby, Sidney Edwards, from St. Pancras. Another baby was presented to Her Majesty by Mrs. Parker, sister of Lord Kitchener. The babies included six sets of triplets. One of the mothers, Mrs. Phillips, of Hoys Street, Tidal Basin, has had nineteen children, including two sets of triplets, and her husband and son are fighting in France. A baby which weighed 1½ lb. at birth is now a healthy twelve-months-old.

A Wellington exchange announces the engagements of Miss Maia Gifford-Moore, second daughter of Mr. C. T. Gifford-Moore, of Wanganui, to Mr. Douglas Souter, youngest son of Mr. D. Souter, 25 Tinakori Road, Wellington, and Miss Doris Bailey, second daughter of Mr. C. Bailey, of Wanganui, to Second-Lieutenant Douglas Gifford-Moore, eldest son of Mr. C. T. Gifford-Moore, of Wanganui.

One of the arrangements for the recent Thames Old Boys' jubilee celebrations was the awarding of a prize to the first child born in the Thames. Mrs. Fairgray, of Devonport, who was the first baby to be registered in the district, has been awarded the prize of three guineas. Mrs. Fairgray was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Renshaw, of the Thames. She has returned the three guineas to the Thames Old Boys' Association as a contribution to their funds.

Miss Mary Salmund, who was well-known in the school teaching profession in Otago and Southland, left New Zealand some time ago as a missionary to take up work in India. News just to hand proves that Miss Salmund is getting on remarkably well in her new vocation, and in a recent exam-

being much admired. The chair was taken by Mr. Katz, in the absence through indisposition of the Rabbi, Mr. Goldstein, who intended to preside. A full toast list was gone through, including "The King," "The Day We Celebrate" (coupled with the name of Master Joe Emanuel), "Absent Relations," "The Ladies," "The Visitors," "Our Boys at the Front," and "Our Allies." The chairman filled his important role admirably, his remarks being in the happiest vein, while the speakers to the various toasts were all well received, particularly the reply made by Master Joe Emanuel. Referring to the latter, the chairman stated that he had won a gold medal for continuous regular attendance at the Synagogue for three years. In commemoration of the happy event, Master Emanuel received a large number of valuable presents, including books, cheques, cash, War Loan certificates and jewellery. The host and hostess were untiring in their efforts to make everyone happy, and the singing of "God Save the King" brought to a termination a most enjoyable function.

Featherston Military Camp was the scene, on Wednesday, August 29, of the first full military wedding, for



Queen Mary's interest in the handicraft of wounded and discharged soldiers and sailors. The boat shown in the picture was made by a man suffering from shell shock, and was greatly admired by Her Majesty.

At the Holy Trinity Church, Gisborne, on Wednesday week, the marriage was solemnised of Lieutenant A. J. White, of Gisborne, and Miss Doris Rees, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rees, of Gisborne. The Ven. Archdeacon Packe was the officiating clergyman. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore ivory chiffon taffeta in pannier design, and wreath and veil. Misses Margo Rees and M. Hookey, as bridesmaids, wore mauve crepe de chine and hats to match, and carried bouquets of violets. Little May Rees was a flower girl, Mr. Herbert White was best man and Mr. Jex-Blake groomsmen. After the ceremony a reception was held at "Rahiri," the residence of the bride's parents. Lieutenant White, who was invalided home after being wounded in Gallipoli, is still on military duties, and with his bride will take up his residence at Featherston for the present.

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ination she turned out one of the three best in the Indian language test. Writing from Landaur, India, to the Foreign Missions Committee, Miss Salmund says: "It is a great privilege to be in this lovely spot away up among the Himalayas attending language school with many others from many parts of the world. . . . There is inspiration, too, in the fact that here there are no denominational marks. There may be among us Anglicans, Wesleyans, Congregationalists and Presbyterians, but we only know that our aim and purpose in this great dark land of India are the same."

The house and grounds of Mr. and Mrs. A. Emanuel, "Holmlea," Ponsonby, Auckland, were thronged with friends on the occasion of the confirmation of their son Joseph Emanuel. During the evening, solos, instrumental selections and recitations were contributed by the Misses Walmsley, Leslie, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Baxter, Miss B. Cohen, Miss C. Braham, Miss B. Whittner, and Messrs Cohen, J. Emanuel, S. Stone, Andrews, L. S. Donald, and P. Franchi. Mr. Fred Farrell acted as M.C. and also gave a humorous item. The supper room was artistically decorated with flags and hangings by Mr. Andrews, the coloured lighting effects

an officer, to be solemnised there. The occasion was the marriage of Miss August Rogen (late of Dunedin) and Lieut. Selwyn Joyce, of the 33rd Specialists, and the ceremony took place in the chapel of the United Institute, the officiating minister being Chaplain Capt. Brown. Fellow officers of the bridegroom formed a guard of honour—their drawn swords constituting an arch, beneath which the bride and bridegroom walked from the institute steps to the car. In addition, the members of the bridegroom's company lined the road leading through the camp, and the attendance of many ladies, and hundreds of soldiers, made the scene a most impressive one. The bride wore a smartly-tailored coat-frock of fine cream gabardine, and a stylish French model toque of white tagel straw, with a white osprey. She wore her present from the bridegroom—a diamond and pearl ring. The attendant bridesmaid, Miss Eveline Campbell, was in creme paillette, and her present was a silver manicure set in a roan Morocco case. The best man was Lieut. Hobbs, while Lieut. Vickerman filled the role of groomsmen. The wedding breakfast was celebrated at the Empire Hotel, Featherston, and there were many guests, military and civilian.

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SCORES A POPULAR TRIUMPH.

Speculation as to whether Miss Ada Reeve would be able to undertake a trip to New Zealand has been set at rest, and the celebrated comedienne is now exercising her magnetism on Auckland audiences, His Majesty's Theatre being packed on Tuesday night with playgoers anxious to accord her a welcome and sample that delictful art which has made her world-famous. Her unquenchable ardour in working for the boys in khaki has made her the friend of every soldier and of every soldier's relative, so that double interest was kindled in the event, and the scenes of enthusiasm while Miss Reeve was on the stage have rarely been surpassed. She exerted a sway over them from the offset, capturing them with her wonderful personality and her power of arousing the deepest emotions. In her hands the veriest ditty becomes a symphony; the simplest ballad a complete little play. As someone aptly remarked, "She can make putty of anyone's feelings." Sad or glad, sentimental or dramatic, whether suggesting resoluteness or tenderness, Miss Reeve makes each number stand out as a cameo study, and her intensely womanly charm dominates all. From the storehouse of her inexhaustible repertoire she takes songs of every variety, for her versatility is not the least part of her genius. One minute she has you shrieking with laughter, and the next wiping the tears from your eyes, so subtly and tellingly does she indicate the different stages of emotion. Songs

time. Mr. Kennedy Allen is a burlesque comedian who would top any bill, and he immediately gets the audience. Mr. Frank Markley makes the banjo talk under his expert manipulation. Alvin and Williams, in "Bits from Songland," dip into their repertoire with happy results. A snappy sketch, "In the Future," by the English Comedy Company—Ashton Jarry, Georgie de Larna, Zoe Angus and Arthur Jenner—is as amusing as it is smart. It is a skit on the world turned upside down, and depicts the home life of 1999, when man rocks the cradle and the woman earns the cash.

The season closes on Wednesday next.

OPERA HOUSE.

Straight-out vaudeville prevails again at the Opera House, an invasion of fresh talent marking Monday's bill. Patrons of this popular house are true to the old order of things, and measured out appreciation to each turn with a lavish hand. Topliners were the two Belldays, who presented a riotous act, combining acrobatic stunts with comedy. The lady member, after evoking screams of laughter with her eccentric dancing, proceeded to demonstrate why she earned the sobriquet of the "lady of the falls." She has certainly brought falling to a fine art, her manipulation of a very lengthy train adding to the mirth of the situation. After repeated applause, Mr. Bellday thanked the audience for their hearty reception on their first appearance in New Zealand. Mr. Malcolm McEachern, who has a deep basso voice and a winning personality, made a most favourable impression with his num-

KING'S THEATRE.

An extra big crowd surged its way to King's Theatre on Saturday evening, when the Brandon-Cremer players departed from their usual custom of melodrama to side-step into comedy with that well-known laughing success "In the Soup." Judging by the uproarious merriment, the audience fully appreciated the change from the ordinary ruling conflict between vice and virtue. The situations arise from the fact that Hector Gillibrand, a briefless barrister, marries—unknown to his uncle, from whom he has expectations if he remains single—sets up a flat and then lets it. His wife, not knowing of his transaction, likewise lets it. And as two separate parties take possession, and one happens to be Gillibrand's uncle, who mistakes his nephew for the butler, complications set in! Mr. A. Brandon-Cremer, who has proved his skill in handling comedy on previous occasions, was naturally the pivot of the piece as Hector Gillibrand, and his efforts to extricate himself from the network of deceit he had woven were hilariously funny. Miss Kathleen Arnold, as Judy Gillibrand, ably abetted her husband, and carried out her share of the deception with nice judgment. Mr. W. J. Coulter as Abernethy Ruppershaw, Gillibrand's unknown uncle, was amusingly irascible and dictatorial. Miss Mabel Hardinge, Miss Biddie Hawthorne and Mr. Kenneth Carlisle, as the Mopperts, the French tenants, helped to build up the complications in happy style. Mr. Maurice Tuohy only had to look immaculate, and did it to perfection, and Mr. Edgar Kenna had a new role as a humble clerk. Mr. Frank Neil and Miss Alice Rede, as

Madame Melba was in Auckland this week on a short visit, accompanied by Lady Susan Fitzclarence. The great prima donna, who has been in Australia for the past few months, commences a grand opera season in America shortly. She has abandoned her project of bringing out the Boston Opera Company to Australia till after the war. "It is a disappointment," she said, "but for the present it is impossible to carry out the plan."

Mr. John Farrell, by arrangement with J. C. Williamson, Ltd., heralded in the Ada Reeve season for Hugh D. McIntosh.

The interior of His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, has been entirely renovated, its improved appearance being admirably remarked on by patrons. The colour scheme is French grey and vieux rose, while floral designs are artistically interwoven, the treatment throughout from dome to panel being delicate and effective. The transformation is a credit to the decorators and colour experts engaged.

Mr. Percy Crawford, business manager for Hugh D. McIntosh, has come over from Australia with the Ada Reeve Company.

The Walter Johnson Revue Company, who are breaking all vaudeville records in the south for Messrs. Fuller, are due in Auckland shortly.

The Soldiers' Club was en fete on Tuesday afternoon, when Miss Ada Reeve was entertained by the Ladies' Committee of the Soldiers' Club (representing the Patriotic Committee), the Civic League, and other women's



ASHTON JARRY, GEORGIE DE LARNA AND ZOE ANGUS, members of the Ada Reeve English Comedy Company appearing at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, in the up-to-date playlet "In the Future."

with a lilt that fastens on one's memory—for, be it known, Miss Reeve is a charming songstress as well as a comedienne—sketches that strike a dramatic note; crooning songs and coster songs, not to forget the soldiers' favourite, "The Long, Long Trail," are all invested with new meaning under the spell of her artistry.

Miss Reeve brings with her a complete and compact vaudeville company. Each act is distinctive and different. In the foremost rank is Louis Nikola, who creates lively interest with his shadograph impressions of the King, the Hon. Lloyd George, Lord Kitchener, Sir Douglas Haigh, Churchill, the Kaiser, etc. His illusions are cleverly handled, and include his latest tricks acquired in the East. Mr. Harry Jacobs, the singing conductor, controls a capital orchestra and uses a tuneful voice to pleasing effect. Miss Lucie Linda is a beautiful little dancer, who pirouettes alluringly and gives national dances in appropriate cos-

bers, which included "The Bandalero" and "My Old Shako," and he was twice encored. Another newcomer to make a conspicuous success was Mr. Tom Rees, an experienced artist, who entertained his hearers with admirably-told Irish stories, and disclosed his gifts for the cornet, trombone and other instruments. James and Selma caught the attention of all with their vaudeville tit-bits, the former in Hebrew jokes and the latter in song and dance. Ernest Pitcher re-appeared after a lengthy absence, and had a great hearing from his numerous supporters. The Coleman Sisters gave a character song and dance that went with a good swing. Jolly John Larkin made his initial bow, and was a source of laughter with his breezy stories and startling make-up. Tilton and West re-appeared and kept up a merry interlude with song and patter. The finishing touch to the programme was provided by the Staigs in their daredevil cycling act within the Globe of Death.

the butler and maid, scored a good round of laughs.

The next piece, to be presented at Saturday's matinee, will be "Bertha, the Sewing Machine Girl," an original drama which relates a poignant and pitiful story of the ceaseless strife of a big city, and deals strikingly with the sorrows and temptations that accumulate upon women's heads. A fire scene will be a special feature of the stage craft.

"The Lady of the Falls" is exciting much attention at the Opera House with her novel disregard of the ordinary rules of gravitation.

A concert given on an overseas vessel which recently arrived in Auckland realised nearly £70. This is to be divided between Miss Ada Reeve's Soldiers' Buffet Fund and the Wounded Soldiers' Fund. Madame Melba presided, and the performers included Miss Ada Reeve, the Cherniavskys, St. Leger and M. Selinsky.

organisations. The room, which was decorated with flags, was crowded mostly with returned soldiers, who gave the artist rousing cheers. Welcoming speeches were made by Mr. Lunn (chairman), Mrs. Buckleton and Mr. Andrews, who referred in glowing terms to the work Miss Reeve had done for the soldiers. On behalf of the Returned Soldiers' Association the famous visitor was presented with a silver travelling clock as a souvenir of their appreciation of her splendid efforts on behalf of the boys at the front. Miss Reeve made a speech that will long remain in the minds of those privileged to hear it. With all her other gifts she has the supreme one of oratory, and, as the chairman happily suggested, she would make an invaluable recruiting officer! Later on the artist delighted everyone with a song, putting a finishing touch to a notable gathering.

Madame Melba's nephew, Lieutenant Gerald Patterson, has recently been awarded the Military Cross.

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How to alleviate the condition of our boys at the front has become a creed with her. And her pet hobby is the Anzac Buffet in London. Here colonial soldiers on leave are provided with home comforts.

"They all know and love the Buffet," enthused Miss Reeve. "It is a wonderful place! And I know what the men think of it. In the trenches they talk about it and make arrangements to meet there when on leave, for it is right in Victoria Street, close to Victoria Station. It has a billiard-room, music-room and restaurant, and is staffed by 150 voluntary workers. It is free to Anzacs. Men on leave without money can avail themselves of all home comforts. So you can see what it must mean to them. It is a home away from home. In fact, it is a taste of paradise to poor, lonely fellows. Just to show you how the boys acknowledge the boon, last year the collection-box, filled with coins in token of their appreciation, added £1600 to the funds. Colonials in London kept the Buffet going for some time, but it was feared that it would have to close through a shortage of funds.

"If New Zealanders only realised what that Buffet means to their soldiers, they would do anything rather than see it close down. While in Australia I was given a cable which read: 'Up shutters Anzac Buffet, no funds.' That decided me. It should not shut up if I could help it. I resolved to start a campaign at once to keep it going, and I haven't stopped since!"

Miss Reeve raised £11,000 in Australia for the fund—singing for the soldiers, collecting, using her energies in every direction to magnetise the public into giving to a great work.

To sing a couple of dozen songs a day from hospital to hospital, and then follow up with a night's performance and make a speech every time, is nothing to this whole-souled enthusiast.

"Tired? What of it? I never allow myself to be tired till I go to bed. I shall never tire of working and giving till the war is over!" Only the other day she extracted £350 from the members of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, at one fell swoop. She is now an honorary member, by the way.

"The Soldiers' Godmother," this fascinating actress is known as in England. Wherever she goes she has an inspiring effect. Last year she invaded Egypt with a company of artists, and visited all the military hospitals, making cheer for the men.

"Talking about Egypt," said Miss Reeve, "I had a pleasant reminder of that visit this morning, on meeting Lieutenant-Colonel Samuels, who is at present in Auckland. That gallant soldier was in Egypt at the same time, and recalled the delight of the boys when we farewelled them from the train by throwing out tins of cigarettes."

Miss Reeve, by the way, has a brother-in-law in Auckland, Sergeant-Major Cotton, a member of the Military Board, which gives her an additional interest in her visit to New Zealand. Besides giving up her lovely home in the Isle of Wight for the use of wounded and convalescent soldiers, she writes to sixty of them at the front and arranges to have parcels sent to them from London. But wherever she is, she keeps up the correspondence. And her face lights with enthusiasm as she talks about them. "You should just see my letters from them," she said. "Money could not buy them. I should love every man, woman and child to read them. Some of them humorous, others with delightful touches of sentiment, some original, some just plain, ordinary missives, but each one brimful of appreciation and thanks."

Miss Reeve is very anxious that employees of the different firms in the city should get up a subscription list for the London Anzac Buffet. It would mean such a lot to their soldier folk. All expenses of cabling and the thousand and one incidentals are paid by Miss Reeve herself. "I make

myself personally responsible," she emphasised, "and every farthing goes directly to the fund. There's an Ada Reeve Anzac Buffet Fund in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, and I hope there'll be one in New Zealand now."

Sentiment as well as a welcome was delicately expressed in one floral tribute handed over the footlights to Miss Ada Reeve at His Majesty's Theatre on Tuesday night. Twenty years ago in Sydney the celebrated English comedienne (who had just arrived from London) presented Mrs. E. W. Sharman, of Auckland, who was at that time the bright particular star in the theatrical firmament, with a beautiful basket of flowers on her retirement from the stage. The two have not met since, and Mrs. Sharman bridged over the lapse of time by presenting Miss Reeve with the identical basket the latter had given her two decades ago massed in a profusion of daffodils. Needless to say, Miss Reeve greatly appreciated the gift and the memories it called up.

Playgoers will be interested to learn that Miss Kathlene MacDonell, who has won enormous popularity in Melbourne by her performance as Judy in "Daddy Long Legs," will have the opportunity of displaying her powers as an emotional actress at their full measure in a production of Rostand's play, "L'Aiglon." This is to be staged during the present season at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne. As Napoleon's ill-fated son, Miss MacDonell should have a role eminently suited to her. The actress is looking forward keenly to "L'Aiglon," which will be produced on a lavish spectacular scale by J. C. Williamson, Ltd.

The Paul Stanhope Revue Company, after a seven week's season at the Opera House, have left for Wellington.

"Mr. Manhattan" is now being busily rehearsed at Her Majesty's, Melbourne, for production on September 15. This will be the first musical comedy production of the reorganised J. C. Williamson Pantomime Company, which has completed a triumphant Australasian tour with "The House That Jack Built." The title role will be played by Mr. Louis Kimball.

Miss Helen Gardner, of Dunedin, will sing the soprano role in "A Tale of Old Japan," to be performed by the Wellington Choral Union on October 2.

Among a host of condolences received by Lady Tree were messages from the King and Queen, Queen Alexandra, and the Princess Royal. Their Majesties said they had known Sir Herbert for many years, and "sympathise with you and with the artistic world in the loss sustained by the death of your distinguished husband."

Another young actress to go into management in England is Marie Lohr, who in the autumn will be at the head of her own company in a theatre under her own control—so far, at least, as the choice and the producing of plays are concerned.

Valeska Suratt, the film star, whose vampire work is well known to picture goers, has been holding forth on the different kinds of temptation that affect men and women:—Ask any one—lawyer, physician, merchant or minister—what is the greatest temptation in New York—or the world, so far as that is concerned—for men, and each probably will answer, "women." Ask the same jury what the chief temptation is for women, and the big majority will reply, with equal celerity, "clothes." It is the traditional answer. It strikes men, however, that this is only a half-truth. It does not go to the heart of the problem. Why do women have such a passion for clothes? Few desire expensive raiment for its own intrinsic beauty. Frankly, I believe that most women want sartorial perfection merely as a means to an end. They want to attract men. So it is not correct to say that clothes are women's greatest temptation. Men are, just as much as women are for men. Eve's fall from grace was due in part to the fact that the poor girl was wearing the latest fall style of fig leaf. Therefore, I agree with Jacob Schiff when he stated: "Being of the age of nearly three score and ten, I am not very competent to say what is the most susceptible temptation to



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young men in New York City, but I believe I shall not be far from correct when I say "women." As for clothes, I have trunkful after trunkful, and yet I can never obtain enough. I crave clothes. And if I, who have scores of gorgeous creations, wish for still more, just think of the ordinary housewife with only two or three gowns hanging in her wardrobe!

How the soldiers on leave in London appreciate a visit to the theatre is told by "Phyllis" in the "British Australasian":—I took a soldier lad (she wrote), who comes from an English village, and who had never been in London, nor to a big theatre, to Drury Lane. It was the first time I had seen "Young England" myself, and, greatly as I enjoyed it, this enjoyment was trebled by his pleasure. He had spent two years at the front, and his mind was still full of the blood and horror of the Somme. He had seen all but a few of his comrades killed or wounded. He had been blown up with his gun at Ypres, and when he came out of hospital he took a few days' furlough in London to see the sights. The immensity of Drury Lane impressed him greatly. We were there some time before the curtain went up, and he calculated how many people were needed to fill the place, and what they all paid for seats, and what it cost to run the place. "Gosh!" he said several times, "it is a size." Then the curtain went up, and before the play was finished he was lost to everything but the charm of the thing. "The people who say there ought to be no theatre now are mad," he said. "That's the first time I've forgotten there was a war on since I went to France. I've never heard such singing as that black chap's, or as Betty's, never; and they're real comics, those other two. It was great, my word it was!"

"The Merry Widow" is being revived in Melbourne by the Royal Comic Opera Company. Leslie Holland is the Danilo, and Miss Minnie Love the Sonia of the production.

"The Red Widow," "The Pink Lady," and "The Cinema Star" are due in New Zealand shortly.

The brilliant young English violinist, Isolde Menges, who is playing a series of engagements in Canada, under Howard Edie's direction, has remarkable qualifications as a violinist, and she has been placed by Professor Leopold Auer amongst the world's greatest artists. At three and a-half years of age she gave her first recital at Brighton, England, and so much attention did she attract at the time that it was feared she might be brought out as a protege, but her parents were guided by the best expert advice and they refused to let their daughter come out until she was nineteen years of age. Immediately she made her appearance in London she was engaged for all the best orchestral concerts in the British Isles. Her success on the Continent was instantaneous, and both Savonoff and Mengelberg, the two most famous conductors in Europe, accentuated her success by the active interest they took in her, which resulted in a large number of engagements at the very best Symphony Orchestra concerts in Europe.

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GREENROOM GOSSIP.

Already preparations are being made at Her Majesty's, Melbourne, for the big annual J. C. Williamson pantomime, which this Christmas is to be based upon the attractive subject of "Dick Whittington." In England, Mr. Clyde Meynell, and in America Mr. Hugh J. Ward, are selecting the best attractions it is possible to secure for the big extravaganza. At Her Majesty's, the producer, Charles A. Wenman, is making the preliminary preparations for the production. The cast will contain some surprises.

The last English mail brought a letter from that popular actor Julius Knight. Australian playgoers have been wondering as to what had become of Mr. Knight, who, it was stated some time ago, intended to produce "A Royal Divorce" in New York, with himself as Napoleon. In his letter Mr. Knight stated that he had been on a visit to his people in Scotland, and that he intended to "do his bit" by helping to gather the harvest. Subsequently he will engage in other useful war work. It is understood that Mr. Knight has not relinquished his intention of producing "A Royal Divorce" in New York, and that his intentions will be given effect to when a favourable opportunity presents itself.

Mr. Ronald Riley, whose last theatrical engagement in New Zealand was as leading man for the Brandon-Cremmer New Dramatic Company, has gone over to Australia to take the heavy lead for one of the Fuller dramatic companies.

Fred H. Graham, a comedian well-known here some years ago, first with J. C. Williamson and then with Fuller companies, has been engaged for the New York season of a new musical play, "Tell It To Jane."

Howard White and Evelyn Scotney, the talented concert artists, who have been brought out from America by Messrs. J. and N. Tait, have been charming huge audiences in Australia. At last the Taites have secured concert people of high standing who are not above singing good popular songs.

It is not widely known outside the inner theatrical circle of New York managers that when Winchell Smith and John Hazzard's sterling new play, "Turn to the Right," shortly to be seen in New Zealand, was first tried out (i.e., played in one or two small towns in the provinces before being produced in New York) the title of the play was "Like Mother Made." This was owing to the predominance in the play of the sweet old lady character, Mrs. Blascum, and in particular it has an application to a famous scene in the play where she makes and bakes a cake before the eyes of the audience. On mature consideration, however, it was thought that the title might not hit the public as the authors intended, so they renamed it "Turn to the Right" for New York.

Charlie Chaplin's salary is said to work out at 806,250 dollars a year, or about £161,000. Douglas Fairbanks gets some £200,000, and Mary Pickford a mere £100,000 per annum.

In the new Majestic Theatre, recently opened in Sydney by the Fuller Proprietary, the management introduce an innovation in the seating arrangements, by which every seat in the auditorium is numbered. The patron buys at the ticket box the number entitling him to a seat, and that seat is available for him, no matter how late he comes.

"A Smashing Good Play" is the heading of one leading New York paper, when making its initial reference to "Turn to the Right," the new play that Messrs. J. and N. Tait are introducing to Wellington playgoers early next month. "It has the freshness that breezed through 'The Fortune Hunter,' the freshness of hopeful, honest, erring, ambitious young men and women. Also it has the clean, sane moral that Mr. Smith sends his audiences home with so often," wrote the critic of the paper (the "Evening Journal").

John Philip Sousa (the March King), now lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, has received permission from the Government to take a marine band to the trenches in France. He is at work composing a series of special marches and music for the occasion of the entry of American troops in the fighting line.

During his recent visit to the United States, Sir Herbert Tree acted for the kinema in Los Angeles, one of the plays being "Macbeth." Recounting his experiences, he said, "A troop of cowboys fired a salute with revolvers over my head when I arrived, and a small boy—I afterwards learned that he was a kinema 'star'—put out his hand and cried, 'Welcome, Sir Tree.' 'The world has nothing on me,' he said when I asked him if things went well with him." Sir Herbert had a real turn for epigrams and aphorisms. In his book, "The English Stage," he said, "Do not give the people what they want; give them what you want them to want, and in time they'll want it."

SOUTHERN STAGE NOTES.

("By Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, September 10.

The Wellington Amateur Operatic Society are leaving nothing to chance in their efforts to make the coming production of "La Mascotte" a success. An outstanding feature will be a picturesque march, in which fifty girls will take part. It has been specially planned by Mr. Tom Pollard, the producer. Another special feature will be the dresses, which, it is said, will be on a scale of magnificence hitherto unsurpassed by amateurs in the Dominion. Mr. W. Beck is painting new scenery. The cast of characters will include Miss Helen Gardner (o' Dunedin) as Bettina, Miss Isobel Wilford as Princess Fiametta, Mr. A. W. Newton as Prince

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Laurent, Mr. Herbert Wood as Prince Fritellini, and Mr. Alva Shaw as Rocco. Mr. Bernard Page will conduct the orchestra. The season opens on Saturday evening, the 22nd inst., and will extend over seven nights.

The English Pierrots are being well patronised at the Town Hall Concert Chamber, and the return season promises to be as successful as the first one.

The latest news about the Dominion tour of Miss Ada Reeve and her clever company is decidedly reassuring. The original dates booked for Wellington were from the 1st to the 14th September—a twelve nights' season. Owing to the dislocation of transport and previous bookings, the Wellington season—which opens on Monday, October 1—will only extend over six nights. In fact, the whole tour has had to be re-arranged, with the result that several of the principal provincial towns will have to be "cut out." It is a great pity that such a

thing should occur, but the fates will, and it cannot be altered. At any rate, the towns to be visited are in for a rare treat, because Miss Reeve is recognised as one of the brightest stars on the English-speaking stage.

Miss Gladys Campbell's pupils are assiduously rehearsing "The Magic Carpet," which is to be staged at the Grand Opera House on the 15th, 17th and 18th inst. Novel items will include the original "Kewpie's Ballet," the "Carnation Ballet," and the unique "Goblins' Ballet." The music is bright and catchy. New scenery is being painted for the production, whilst the dresses will be of a gorgeous character. By special request the proceeds from the three productions will be devoted to the Countess of Liverpool's Trench Comforts Fund.

Messrs. J. and N. Tait have booked dates for a season of comedy at the Grand Opera House, commencing on Monday, October 8, and extending until the 18th. The opening production will be the American and Australian success "Turn to the Right."

MUSIC NOTES.

(By "G" String.)

Miss Adelaide van Staveren, the Wellington vocalist, has just concluded an engagement at the London Opera House, singing at both afternoon and evening performances. Miss van Staveren is a daughter of the Rev. van Staveren, the Jewish Rabbi of Wellington.

In order to give the artists, management and staff a well-earned rest, the season of grand opera under the direction of Sir Thomas Beecham, at Drury Lane Theatre, London, was suspended during the month of August. The season was to re-commence on Saturday, September 1.

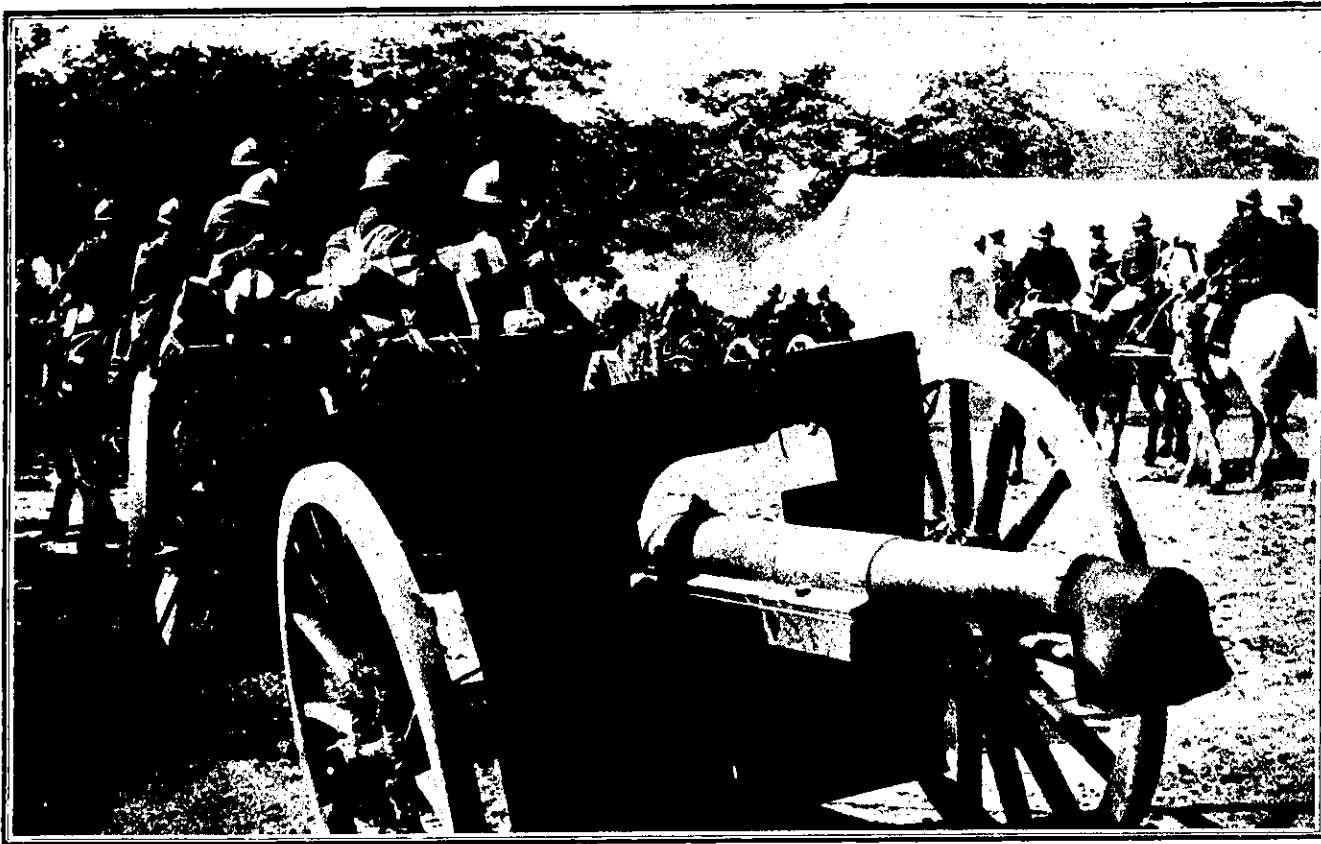
During one of the recent air raids on England the teachers at one of the London schools, on hearing the gunfire and bombs, gave the children a singing lesson, and while bombs fell within a few yards of the school the youngsters sang Elgar's "Land of Hope and Glory."

Count Filipini is organising the New Italian Grand Opera Company for Messrs. Ben. and John Fuller, jun., which is to open an Australasian tour at Sydney next Easter. Signor Capelli will be the principal tenor.



A scene at the Stage Fete held at the Royal Hospital Gardens, Chelsea, Eng., on July 11, in aid of the Actors' Orphanage. The photograph depicts a veiled lady from the East chatting with one of the Chelsea pensioners.

INTERESTING WAR SCENES AT SALONIKA AND ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.



GREEK TROOPS LEAVING FOR THE MACEDONIA FRONT.—THE DEPARTURE OF A GREEK "75" BATTERY. Before leaving Salonika to take directions under the new Government at Athens, M. Venizelos presided at the presentation of flags to a contingent of Greek troops off to the front to fight side by side with the Allies.



WOUNDED RUSSIANS AND THEIR NURSE WATCHING A RECENT REVIEW IN SKY, THE RUSSIAN WAR MINISTER, WHO HAS DONE HIS UTMOST TO ASSIST THE ALLIES IN THE DEFEAT OF RUSSIA—A DISHEARTENING TASK.



A SCENE ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.—COSSACKS ENGAGED COLLECTING A FEW ODD PRISONERS. RUSSIA'S DEMORALISED CONDITION CONSTITUTES A CONSTANT ANXIETY TO THE ALLIES.



AFTER BLESSING THE FLAGS THE COLONEL OF A GREEK REGIMENT STANDS WITH HIS REGIMENT PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE FOR MACEDONIA TO ASSIST THE ALLIES IN THE DEFEAT OF THE TURKS.

THE TOURIST and TRAVELLER

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cresswell, Christchurch, who are in London at present, intend returning to New Zealand shortly, and hope to reach the Dominion before October.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stead have returned to Christchurch from a trip to America.

Captain Bernard Charles Tennant, R.A.M.C., a New Zealander, has been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in the field of action.

Sir James Allen (Minister for Defence) stated that the pensions and allowances granted by the War Pensions Board from April 1st to August 31st of the present year were as under:—To soldiers, 2116; to widows and wives (including 619 children, 436; to other dependents, 589. The aggregate annual value of the pensions and allowances, he added, was £205,283.

At the Grand Hotel, Wellington, the Eastern Extension Cable Company, which has just rearranged its submarine communications between New Zealand and Australia, celebrated the successful conclusion of the work by entertaining Sir Joseph Ward (the Postmaster-General), the Hon. R. Heaton Rhodes, Mr. Donald Robertson (Public Service Commissioner), Mr. W. R. Morris (Secretary of the Post and Telegraph Department), and the heads of the various G.P.O. departments at luncheon. Those present also included the officers of the Eastern Extension Company's cable steamer and the local staff of the company.

An old resident of the Eketahuna district, of Swedish extraction, who died in his 90th year, could not speak a word of English, although he had lived in New Zealand for over 40 years (says the "Wairarapa Age"). His wife, who pre-deceased him by about five years, was also unable to master three words of the English language, and had the distinction of never having ridden in a railway train.

News has been received of the death of Sir Thomas Royden, Bart., one of Liverpool's most prominent men, at one time Lord Mayor of that city. Sir Thomas Royden was head of the "Indra" line of steamers, the Australasia branch of which has been recently merged in the Cunard Line. His grandson is Mr. J. R. Rooper, New Zealand manager of the Cunard Company (Australasian service).

In all countries where prisoners of war are to be found there the Y.M.C.A. has its establishments for their welfare. American associations have taken a large part in this particular work, in Switzerland, for instance, where permanently unfit men from German prison camps are recuperating. In southern Italy, where the British fleet has bases, on the islands of the Eastern Mediterranean, at Salonika, in Palestine, in Egypt right down to Khartoum, in Mesopotamia, India and British East Africa—in short, in every part of the world where soldiers are gathered the Association is to be found seeking to meet the needs of the men and to alleviate, if it may be, the hardships of their lot.

"No one travels first-class nowadays except officers," was a recent remark by Judge Rentoul, K.C., in City of London Court.

On the occasion of the Royal visit to the Newcastle shipyards recently, the King and Queen were greeted by two million people, whose welcome was of the heartiest description. Their Majesties took a keen interest in the remarkable developments in shipbuilding which they witnessed at the various yards, and questioned some of the workers in every shop and yard. In the works of Sir James Laing and Sons the King singled out the oldest man in the yard, a furnace fireman over 80, who had 60 years' service with the firm. Another man of over 70 had 40 years' continuous employment. In Messrs. Doxford's yard the King and the Queen walked out upon the skeleton frame of a ship while seven great travelling cranes moved continuously overhead.

Summoned recently by the Leicestershire War Agricultural Committee for failing to cultivate a seven-acre field, William Peberdy, a Barwell farmer, was at Hinckley fined £5 or 25 days' imprisonment. He replied that he had the money but would sooner do "time."

Timothy McCarthy, one of the Weddell Sea party who accompanied Sir Ernest Shackleton on his 750-mile journey in the small boat from Elephant Island to South Georgia, was recently killed while acting as gunner in a ship that has been torpedoed.

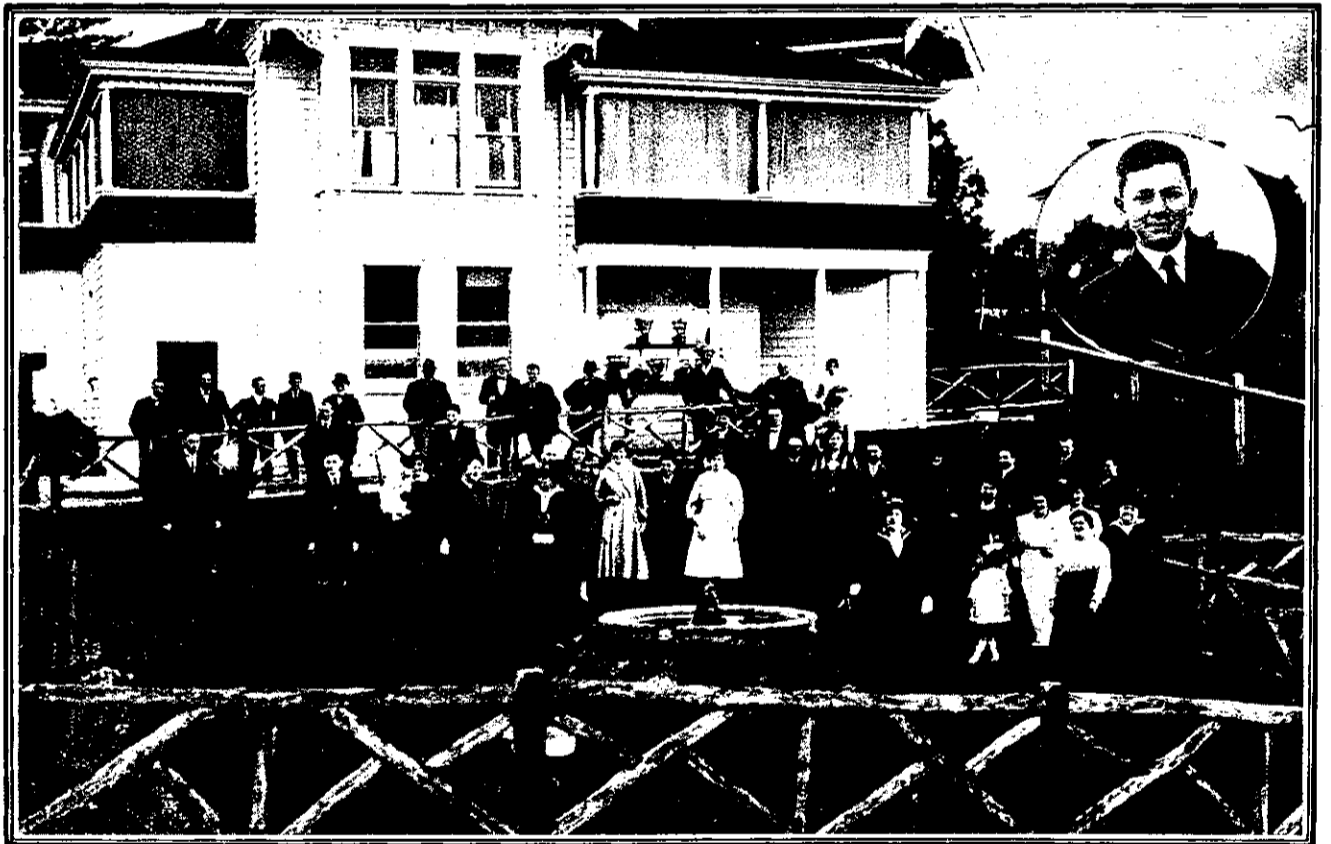
A pleasing feature of the recent visit of the King and Queen to the shipbuilding yards at Newcastle was the modest, though none the less effective, manner in which the work-people conveyed to Their Majesties the determination of all employed to do their utmost in assisting to win the war by working steadfastly at their trade. On entering one of the shipyards the following message immediately met the eyes of the King and Queen: "We will deliver the ships." This was the vow to the King, roughly painted on the raw skin of a ship they were working on by the men of one of the shipyards at Newcastle. Later, when visiting the Tyneside works, the following valiant resolution was encountered by Their Majesties: "We'll deliver the boilers." This was the pledge that the Tyne men had chalked up on the iron wall for the King to read.

The recent horse census revealed 2,100,000 horses in Great Britain, Mr. G. H. Roberts states, among them being 76,000 carriage and trap horses three years old and over, 39,000 riding horses and hunters over 15 hands, and 371,000 ponies and cobs under 15 hands.

Sweden is richer in water-ways than most European countries, but in consequence of the mountainous character of the country the rivers cannot be rendered navigable to any great

extent. As to charges, the first rate per word was 11s. 2d., which in 1893 was reduced to 5s. 2d. In 1900 they commenced laying the Pacific cable, and in April, 1902, the rates to the United Kingdom were reduced from 5s. 2d. to 3s. 4d. per word (ordinary rates). In December the same year the rate dropped to 3s. per word, whilst the present rate was 2s. 8d. per word. The rate to Australia was reduced from 3s. 8d. to 2s. 2d. in 1893, and on the Pacific cable coming into operation, the rate was cut down to 1s. per word. In 1909 it dropped to 9d., and to 7½d. in September, 1912. Sir Joseph Ward spoke of the fine work the Eastern Extension Company had done in allowing the next-of-kin of wounded soldiers to send three messages of inquiry free of cost, with the replies. The company had sent 30,000 of such messages, and had received 20,000 replies. When they reflected what that meant they would agree that the company deserved the thanks and congratulations of every section and all classes of the community. (Applause). He looked forward to the time when the cable rates would be even lower than they were to-day, as the result of the development of their co-adjutor and competitor, the wireless.

The success of the fund established in April, 1915, by the National Committee for Relief in Belgium, which



A PLEASANT FUNCTION AT THE HOUSE OF A WELL-KNOWN AUCKLAND SPORTSMAN—FRIENDS OF MR. AND MRS. A. EMANUEL, PHOTOGRAPHED AT "HOLMEA," PONSONBY, ON THE OCCASION OF THE CONFIRMATION OF THEIR SON, JOSEPH EMANUEL (WHO IS SHOWN IN INSET).

During the recent visit of the King and Queen to the shipyards at Newcastle, His Majesty, when inspecting one of the workshops, saw a one-armed man and exclaimed: "Hullo, Sharp; where did you lose your arm?" Sharp, and ex-chief petty officer, knew of the royal tour and was not taken by surprise; but the King was astonished to meet a former shipmate in H.M.S. Formidable and Inflexible. Their Majesties expressed sympathy with Sharp, whose maiming was due to a gun's back-fire.

extent. The largest river, the Klaralven (River Klar), which after flowing into Lake Vaner, continues as the River Gota, is about 440 miles long. Among the extraordinarily numerous lakes, the following are the most important: Lake Vaner (the third largest lake in Europe), with an area of about 2150 square miles, Lake Vatter (733 square miles), Lake Malar (449 square miles), and Lake Hjalmar (185 square miles).

A master wood turner told the Shoreditch Tribunal (Eng.) that he would have to close down and lose the work of 40 years, as his man had to go "But," he added, "if you think that is the right way, gentlemen, so be it. Long live England!"

At the luncheon given in Wellington by the Eastern Extension Cable Company, Sir Joseph Ward said the first cable between Australia and New Zealand was laid down in 1876, so that it had only existed during the span of a man's life. Indeed, there were men of middle-age in New Zealand when the cable was laid who were still alive. The first subsidy paid was one of £7500, and they were helped in that by New South Wales

appeal up to May 31 last, when the United States Government assumed financial responsibility for the cost of relief, yielded a total of £2,411,222 18s. 2d., is due (says the second annual report of the National Committee) mainly to regular weekly and monthly collections organised by loyal and willing helpers who have worked with equal devotion in such far separated points of the Empire as Birmingham, Auckland, the Seychelles, British Honduras, Wei-hai-wei and Montreal. During the last 13 months two special appeals have also been made. The first, issued in July, 1916, was to the children of the British Empire asking them to help the children in Belgium. They responded by contributing over £60,000. The second, also for the children in Belgium, was a Christmas dinner table collection, made by means of small envelopes. This has so far brought in over £150,000. In regard to both of these special appeals the committee desire to express deep gratitude to the education authorities and school teachers throughout the Empire for their invaluable co-operation.

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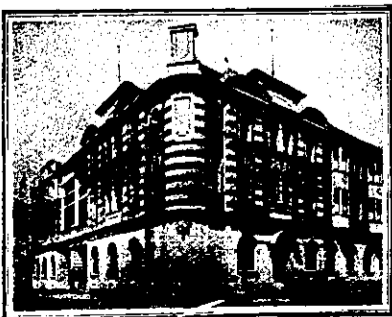
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Four "conscientious" objectors in England who visited Lyme Regis and jeered at some wounded soldiers for fighting for their country have been recalled to the Army, states Sir George Cave.

"If you turned hell upside down you could find 'Made in Germany' stamped on the bottom," shouted Billy Sunday, the American revivalist, as he announced to his audience of 18,000 his subscription of 25,000 dollars to the Liberty Loan.

"Far be it from me to make any prophecy, beyond saying this: that in all sincerity I think things are so shaping that the end is not really very far off," said Lieut.-General Sir John Maxwell, Northern Command, at York recently.

Germans and Austrians still at liberty in England number about 22,000, of whom 10,000 are women, states the Home Secretary. Germans naturalised since the war began number 146. There has been none since last November.

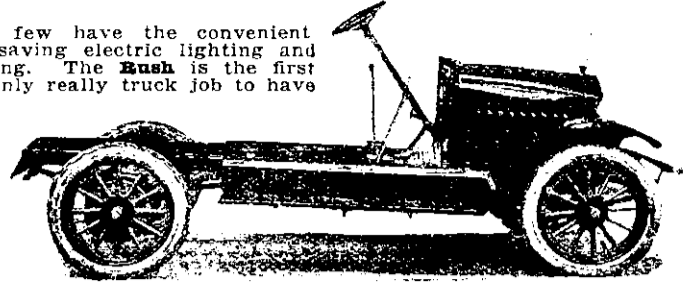
An interesting exhibition of the work of wounded soldier patients at the Military Orthopaedic Hospital, Shepherd's Bush, London, was opened

recently by Lady Lloyd, accompanied by Lieutenant-General Sir Francis Lloyd, General Officer Commanding the London District. Soldiers were to be seen wearing and making artificial limbs and appliances. The whole process of making a limb, from the taking of a plaster cast to the finished article, was shown, while at other stalls, soldiers, from almost every part of the Empire, provided with these mechanical appliances, were engaged in fretwork, carpentry, cigarette-making, tailoring, working in leather, electrical engineering, and many other tasks. The work of patients confined to their beds—in embroidery, painting and plaque decoration—was sold by willing helpers. King Manoel and Queen Augusta, both of whom take a deep interest in the work of the hospital, were present.

The following were included in last week's arrivals at the Grosvenor Hotel, Timaru:—Mr. and Mrs. A. Begg, Mr. T. B. Fairbairn, Mr. H. Bowden, Mr. J. C. McNeill, Mr. W. E. Hurley, Mr. J. Shaw, Mr. P. Todd, Mr. W. A. Slowley, Mr. C. A. Duncan, Dunedin; Mr. Edmund Cross, Mr. J. Blakely, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Merton, Mr. J. R. Cameron, Mr. C. Louison, Mr. J. F. Grierson, Colonel Cooper, Mr. G. H. Christie, Mr. A. Queree, Mr. H. C. Rodgers, Mr. W. I. Carney, Mr. J. A. Philp, Mr. Selby Lucas, Mr. Thomas Perry, Mr. R. Nettleton, Mr. N. Andrews, Mr. T. H. Baker, Mr. H. Hargreaves, Mr. G. W. Hargreaves, Mr. A. Turner, Mr. J.

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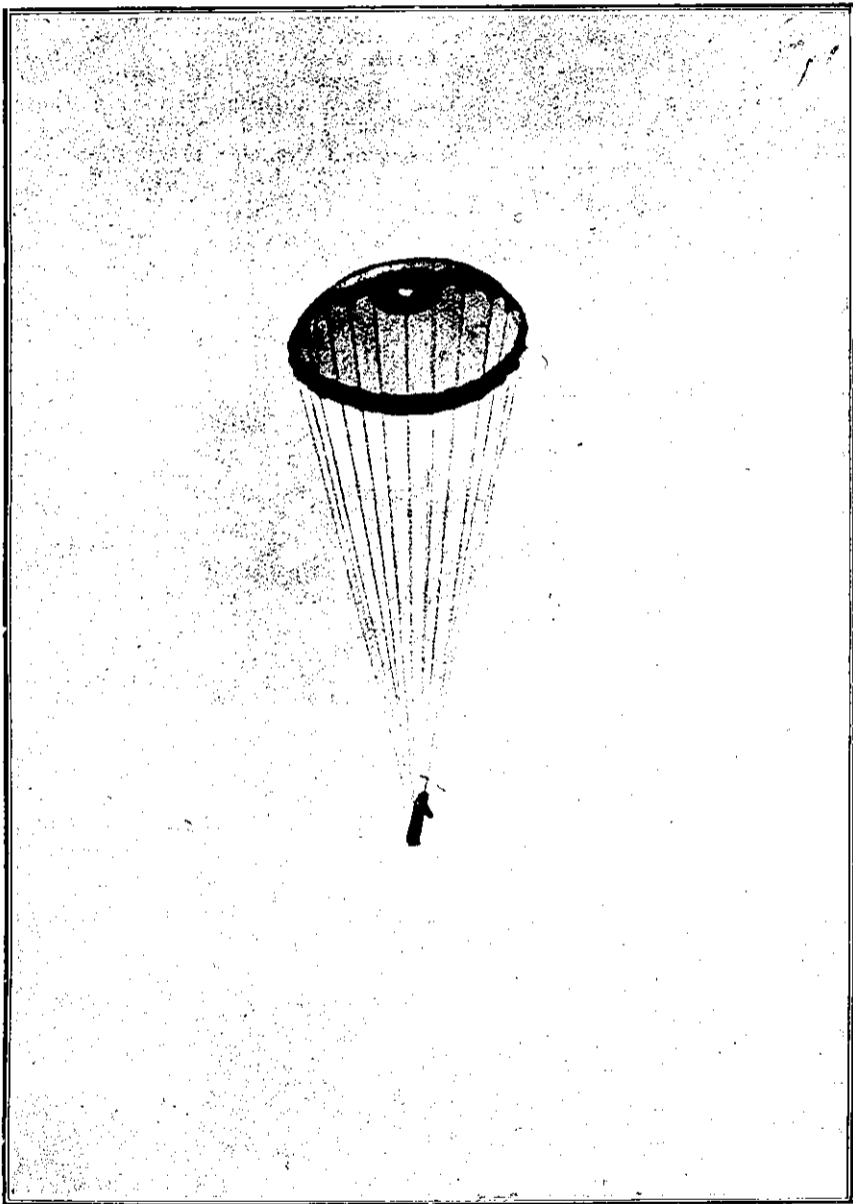
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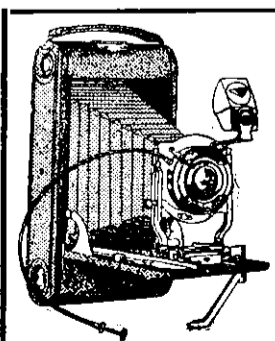
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War has worked many wonders in Germany as in England, but none more revolutionary than the recognition which women have won for themselves as indispensable members of industrial society (writes Frederic William Wile, late Berlin correspondent of "The Daily Mail"). It is barely 20 years since the Prussian Statute books barred women, along with children and lunatics, from the right even to attend political meetings! Women began filling men's jobs in Germany considerably earlier than their unimagined talents were discovered in wartime Britain. They mounted the conductors' platforms of the tramway cars, for instance, almost simultaneously with the mobilisation order on July 31, 1914. At first these Kriegsfrauen (war women) were only the wives of men called up, who took up the work more in the keep-the-home-fires-burning spirit than out of utilitarian motives. German women, of course, were not strangers to manual labour of arduous sort. In Austria-Hungary nearly half the nation's women were professional wage-earners. In Germany they did scavenging work for years before the war, and it did not out-

rage the susceptibilities of German "gentlemen" to see a woman harnessed to a dog, pulling carts and vans. Indeed, when I first arrived in Berlin, now nearly sixteen years ago, an animated discussion was raging round a "scientific" pamphlet entitled "Ist das Weib ein Mensch?" (Is woman a human being?)

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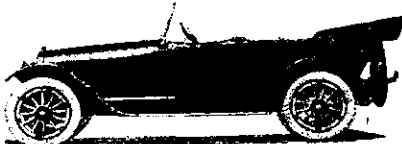
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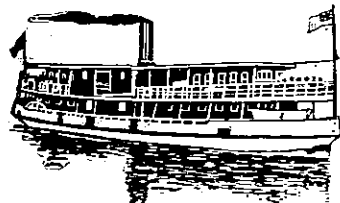
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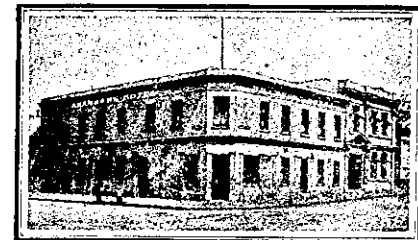
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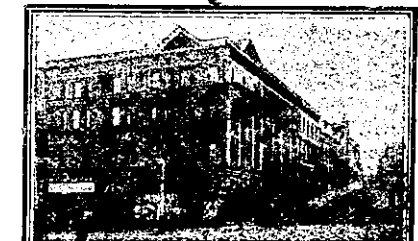
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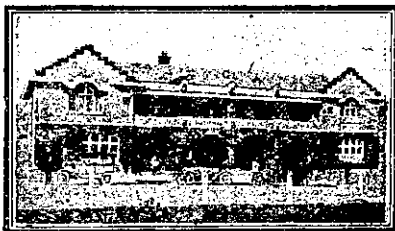
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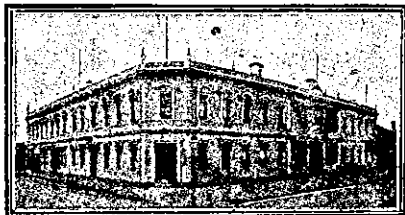
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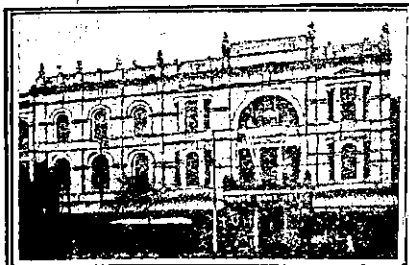
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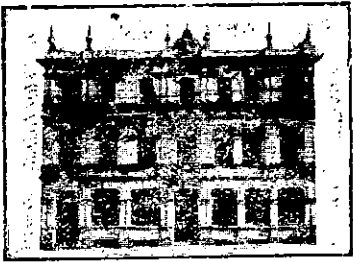
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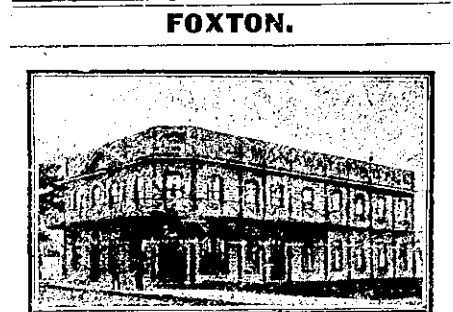
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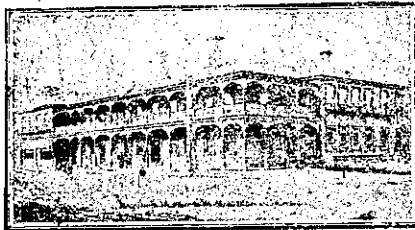
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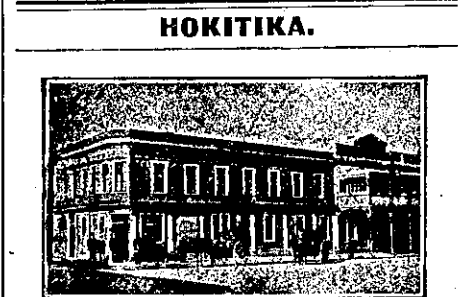
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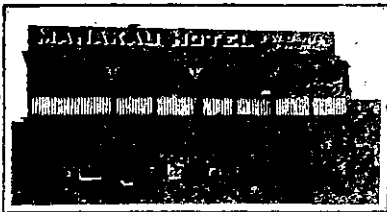
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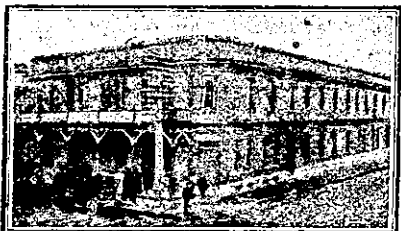
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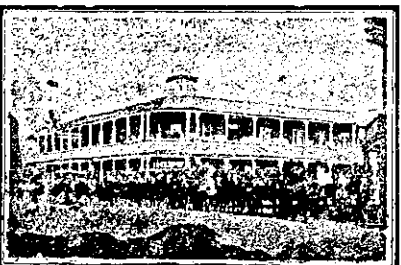
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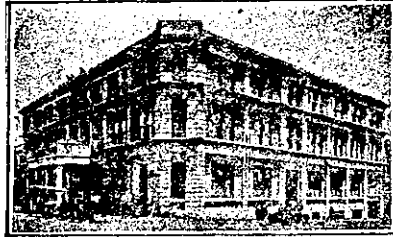
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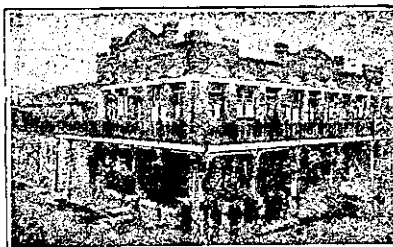
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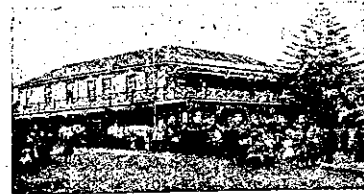
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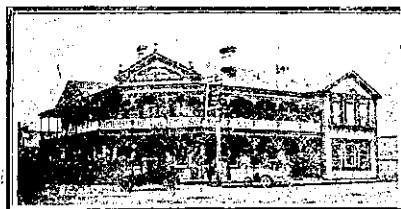
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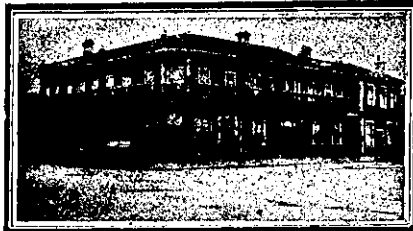
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