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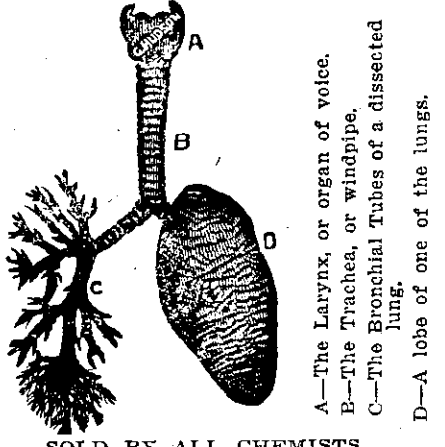
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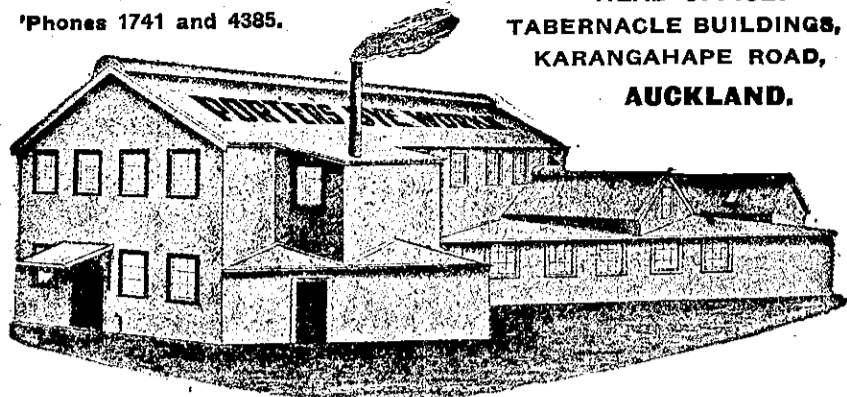
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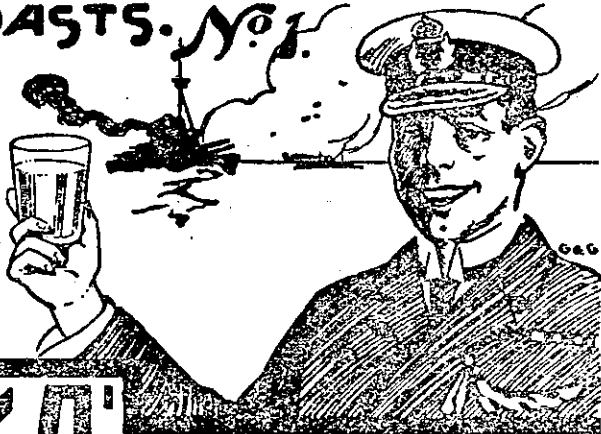
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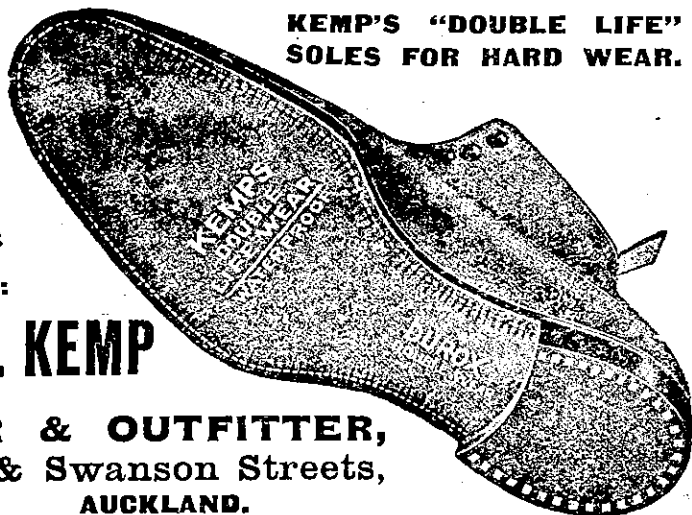
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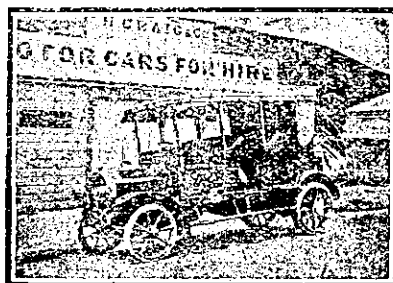
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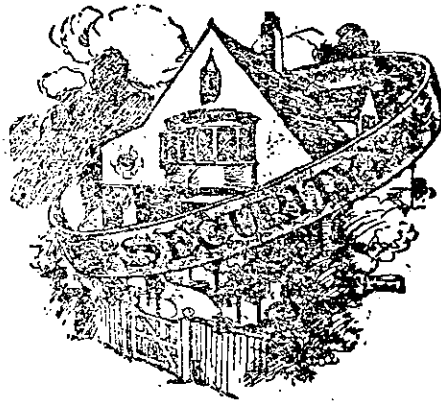
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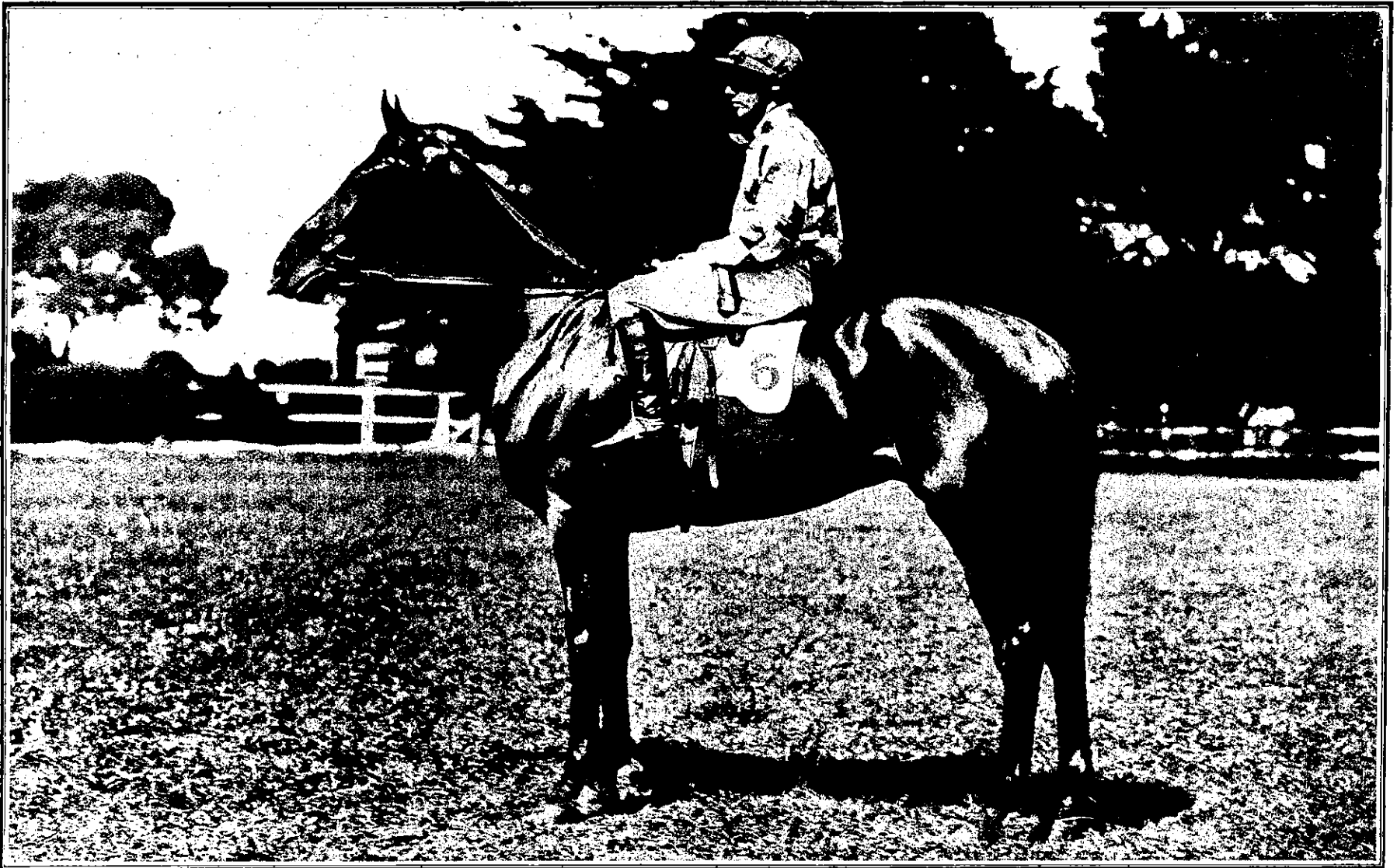
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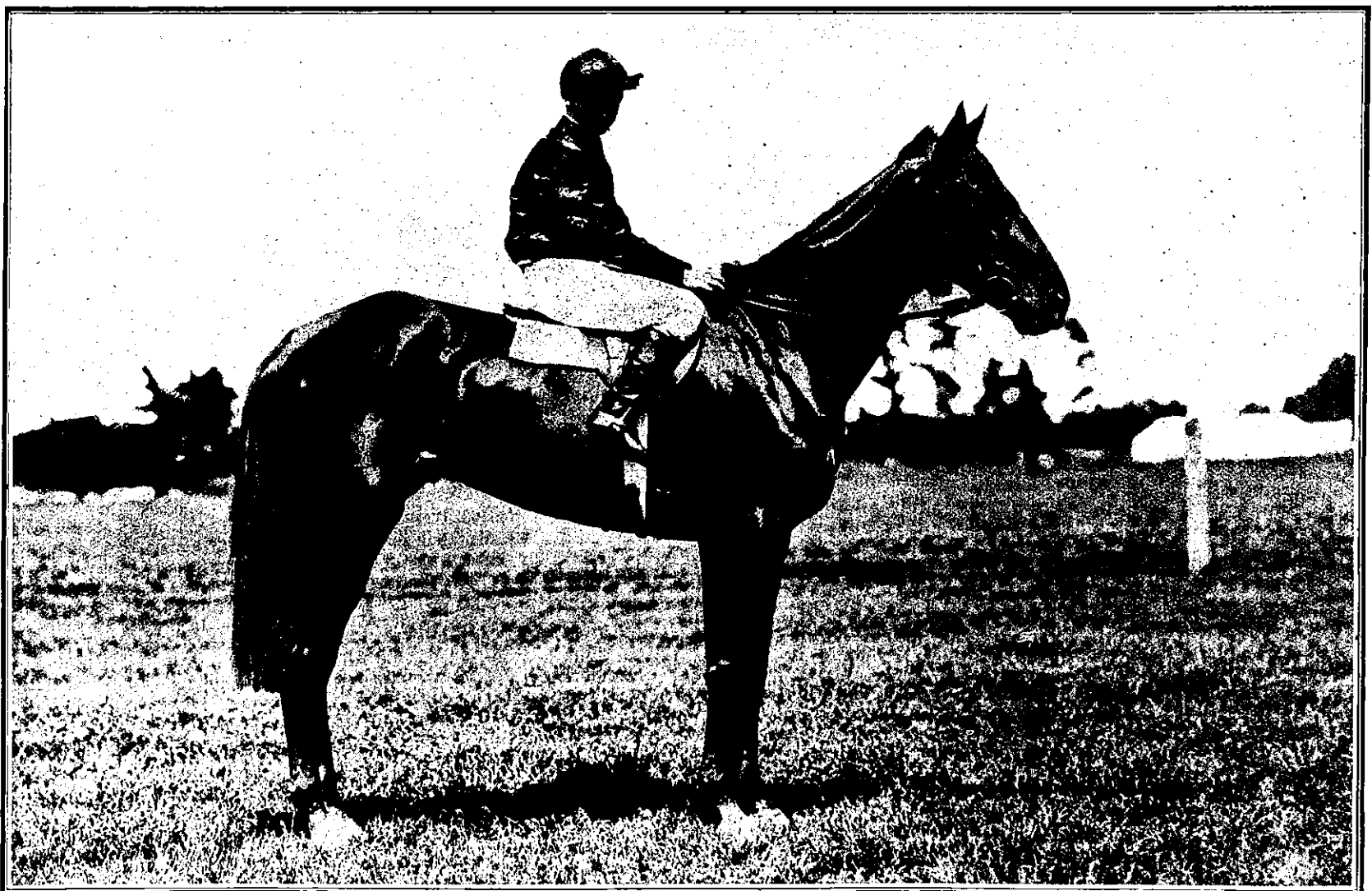
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The New Zealand Cup Winner and the C.J.C. Oaks Victress.



MESSRS. V. AND E. RIDDIFORD'S B G MENELAUS, 4YRS., BY MARTIAN—LOVELORN, WINNER OF THE 1917 NEW ZEALAND CUP (TWO MILES). ASHLEY REED IN SADDLE. TRAINED BY J. W. LOWE.



MR. J. WALKER'S CH F IMPEDIMENT, BY DEMOSTHENES—KAUTUKU, WHO ACCOUNTED FOR THE C.J.C. OAKS (1½ MILES). CON REED IN SADDLE. TRAINED BY OWNER.



Owners of horses in Auckland should have a serious think over matters that affect them very much. Large entries were made for the spring meetings at Avondale and at Ellerslie and good stakes were offered at both those places. Large nominations have been received for the summer meeting of the Auckland Racing Club for the events closed, and the same thing will be noticed when the entries are taken for the minor handicap events, which close on Friday of next week, November 30th, when forfeits for classic events—Foil Stakes, Derby and Royal Stakes—and first acceptances for the Auckland Cup and Railway Handicap go in. The way the topweights figured at the spring meetings of the Avondale and Auckland Racing Clubs for the good money and the general results pointed to the weakness of the local stables. The weights issued by Mr. F. J. Macmanemin for the Auckland Cup and Railway Handicap are an indication, from an expert trainer, of what he thinks of provincial horses as a lot, and of Ellerslie-trained ones in particular. He has certainly treated a number of horses belonging to other provinces as if they are spent lights or forlorn hopes, and has taken some risks in one or two instances, perhaps, but he has dealt with the large fields, in the main, in a manner which can leave no doubt that he regards all the Auckland horses trained at headquarters as of a very poor average. We do not think he has under-rated many of them very much, though there are a few that he has been somewhat lenient with in both races, not more so than some that are owned elsewhere and whose best achievements last season have not been taken as a guide as to the best they may be capable of. Whatever the result of those two races, Auckland-bred horses do not figure high in the weights, or particularly high, in the estimation of those who are looking for probable winners at this stage of the game. Auckland did at one time breed Auckland Cup winners, and can claim twenty-three of the number since the race was first run in 1874. If we include Nelson, who won three times, Auckland-bred or owned horses won twenty-six times. It is six and seven years respectively since Waimangu and Santa Rosa, bred by Mrs. S. Lennard, won, and though the achievements of Nelson, Crackshot, St. Hippo and Wairiki stand out at their respective ages, it is a long time since Auckland furnished a topweight winner. The last was Wairiki, who at four years old carried 9.8 and won like a racehorse from Treadmill (8.0), who was then a three-year-old. He was no doubt a very good one at his best. It is time Auckland furnished another winner, but if the prospect this year does not at present look very bright there is no use in having to live on the memory of the past. We must try and get something better and improve on what we have. There are ways of doing this that racing men and breeders must tackle. They must be bred or bought. If we do not breed up to the standard and do not buy something good enough to win the good stakes being so freely distributed in different parts of New Zealand and further afield, we shall lose the name Auckland has so long enjoyed. We want recuperative blood in both the sire and the female line, and must keep getting it into the district. We trust that the united country clubs of Auckland will succeed in getting two good horses in England for next season.

The annual sale of yearling thoroughbreds held in Canterbury was a big feature during the big spring carnival week, and it must be allowed was a most successful one, taking the average of the forty-two lots actually sold, which included a full-sister to Informal, passed in but sold privately for 450 guineas after the sale. Martian's stock commanded the most attention, and Mr. J. F. Buchanan's little horse has proved a veritable gold mine of recent years, and it was a good day for New Zealand when the late Mr. G. G. Stead had secured on his behalf the Sheen mare Otterden, in foal to Martagon, for she not only produced Martian to

that sire but Boniform to Multiform, and Boniform has also left some very good stock. Mr. J. F. Reid, the Ellerslie studmaster, keeps up his average well year in and year out, and his young Solferinos realised a fair average and should make a name for themselves. Demosthenes again did well, his colts and one filly selling very well, though several were passed at prices seemingly good that their lady owner did not care to accept. Several of the Waikanae yearlings made good money, and the two by Martan and the imported filly by Bona Rosa from Spring Briar helped the averages along, Mr. A. J. Toxward, who owned Lady Lucy, being the purchaser at 600gns. Mr. J. B. Reid would not accept the offers he had for three of his Kilbroney fillies, but it can be mentioned that he sold a colt by that horse shortly before the sale for 1000 guineas. Most of the buyers were well-known racing men, and Mr. G. D. Greenwood gave 1025 guineas, the top price, for a full-brother to Cherubini, and 675 guineas for a sister to Nones, Mr. V. Riddiford paying 775 guineas for a colt by Martian from Intelligence, and Mr. H. M. Campbell 575 guineas for a filly by Martian from Paphia. Mr. V. Riddiford also paid 500 guineas for a colt

bargains from. This reminds us that we are getting on towards sale time, and that there will surely not be so many yearlings in the market this time as was the case last year.

A casual perusal of the entries for recent race meetings is only necessary to indicate what a lot of second and third-rate horses there are in the Auckland province at the present time, but the handicaps for the Auckland spring meeting, which followed the Avondale spring meeting, and for the Takapuna meeting, framed on such unnecessarily light lines, will convey the impression to those who do not know better that our horses are worse than they really are. The nominations for the Takapuna meeting were excellent, but we cannot remember ever having seen quite so many horses, or nearly the same proportion to the total, that were not handicapped at all, but merely placed on the minimum fixed at the discretion of the weight adjuster. We have become accustomed to find just a few horses handicapped and the rest—long strings of them, in fact—bundled in at one weight, the minimum, irrespective of age and sex or whether

are indeed very few that can ride at that weight, what is the use and where the sense of continuing the practice of having handicaps framed so low as to expect as many as 19 out of 34 to carry 6.7 in one event, 22 out of 32 at 7.0, 20 out of 33 from 6.13 to 6.7, 17 out of 31 under 7.0, and 26 out of 39 at 7.0. Out of 169 horses handicapped for five races at Takapuna, 104 received 7.0 or below, and half the number of those so treated were accepted for. We may be sure of some overweights on Saturday if they all start.

The Minister of Internal Affairs has upset the arrangements entered into between the Northern Wairoa Racing Club and the Whangarei Racing Club for the first-named club to hold its day's racing this year on the same course at Whangarei the day following the Whangarei annual meeting. The arrangement would have best suited the owners who annually send horses to the country fixtures from Auckland, and many of them are country owners who have had their horses at Ellerslie and in other parts being prepared for these meetings specially. There are special reasons which have more than once been mentioned in these columns as to why the Northern Wairoa Racing Club desired to hold their meeting this year at Whangarei, and for the Whangarei Racing Club acquiescing in the arrangement. Each club had lost a day's racing under the reduction that was brought about some time back, and which came into operation this season. The railage of horses was another consideration, and the prospect of getting horses from the northern settlement for each of these one-day fixtures, and people in sufficient numbers from districts depleted of many of their enthusiastic young sportsmen, had to be thought of. A union of forces in order to have two good days for the whole of the North seemed the correct thing under the circumstances. The executives of the two country clubs had come to an agreement on the subject, after duly consulting their members and having had interviews with the executive of the Breeders, Owners and Trainers' Association the dates were ultimately agreed to by the Auckland District Committee. Everything seemed in order for a very successful two days' race gathering at the old Kensington course. The Minister of Internal Affairs, however, has the last say in these matters. In view of what occurred a short time back in the House after the Kurow Jockey Club had brought off their spring meeting on another club's course, a considerable distance away, because their own course was not conveniently served by rail, under the new conditions imposed by the Railway Department, the Minister, who was not really to blame, but had to take the responsibility for what he characterized as a wrong procedure, could not very well agree to the wishes of the northern clubs. We are quite in accord with the Minister that when it is possible for clubs which have their own courses to race on they should not be allowed to race elsewhere, and that only in very exceptional cases should this line of procedure be departed from. A number of clubs this year, for the reason that train arrangements do not fit in and absolutely debar people from attending their meetings, are badly circumstanced. Lack of housing accommodation in the towns for visitors, which in the ordinary course would only be there for the day, is a big drawback. Sleeping accommodation is now required the night before or after a meeting, or both. The object of curtailing the race meetings and the trains was clearly to prevent people travelling so much. The effect so far has been that here have been more horses for the meetings that have been allowed, the meetings that have been allowed. We hope that there will be plenty of horses and people attracted to the Northern Wairoa meeting on January 12th. No country club deserves better to have their enterprise rewarded, as they have a fine property, a credit to Dargaville and settlements on the Wairoa River. Whangarei is certain of patronage.

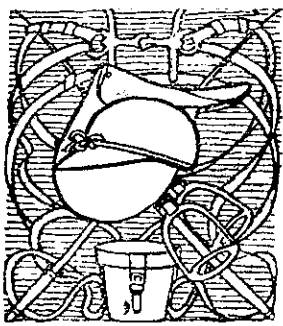


MAJOR W. H. MEDDINGS, N.Z.S.C., of Christchurch, who was killed in action in France on October 11, 1917.

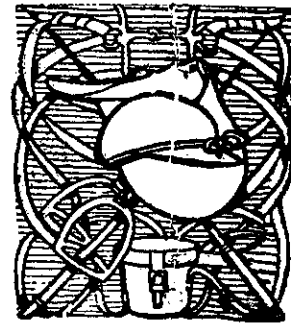
by Solferino from Rosalia. What we regret about the sale is that some Auckland owners were not amongst the purchasers, for the province can do with some new blood.

Apropos of new blood, the purchase of Informal, by Demosthenes, was a lucky stroke for his owners, the Messrs. Casey, who would have had to pay more had not someone who was deputed to bid for him not overlooked his turn in the catalogue. There was actually no bid for the Poseidon filly Hineamaru, who has run second in the two Auckland classic races Informal has won, viz., the Avondale Stakes and Auckland Welcome Stakes, and Shining Light, by Marble Arch, who finished third to the pair in the last-mentioned event, fell to the bid of Mr. A. Pringle for 30 guineas, and bids fair to be useful. Karo, by Demosthenes from Kautuku, sold for the benefit of the Wounded Soldiers' Fund at the same sale at the Auckland show grounds, realised only 90 guineas and has won two races for her owner. Perhaps intending Auckland buyers—for there must surely be some—are hanging back in the hope that studmasters will have some more lots at the Auckland show grounds for them to pick

they have been winners or placed in races or have raced more prominently than others or that have never started before. The difficulty of trying to class up a lot of horses that have never won—of which there are a fairly large number in training in Auckland—always appears to be displayed. Some clubs regularly have races at fixed weights for horses that have never won, and the weight is usually such that riders can be obtained so that no overweights are necessary, and so that horsemen who can do justice to their mounts can be obtained. Auckland clubs, one and all, and especially the minor clubs, might do worse than each have a race of that class. Some for horses that have started and never won and others for horses that have never been placed. Fields could be got and handicapping farces put an end to in that way. What is the use of having handicap races which the moment the weights are issued it is a certainty cannot prove anything else, because of the inability of owners to secure riders capable of doing the riding even moderately well? If boys at 6.7 cannot be got in a large racing centre like Auckland—that is, capable ones—in anything like number, and there



RACING NOTES



RACING FIXTURES 1917-18.

- Nov. 21—Ashhurst-Pohangina R.C.
- Nov. 24—Takapuna J.C. Spring
- Dec. 1—Feilding J.C.
- Dec. 5, 6—Woodville District J.C.
- Dec. 13—Wairarapa R.C.
- Dec. 15—Waipa R.C.
- Dec. 17—South Canterbury J.C.
- Dec. 26—Taranaki J.C.
- Dec. 26—Thames J.C.
- Dec. 26, 27—Reefton J.C.
- Dec. 26, 27—Dunedin J.C.
- Dec. 26—Alexandra R.C.
- Dec. 26, 27—Manawatu R.C.
- Dec. 26, 29, Jan. 1—Auckland R.C.
- Dec. 27—Cromwell J.C.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

- Friday, November 23.**
Nominations Waipa R.C. annual, at 9 p.m.
- Monday, November 26.**
Nominations Wairarapa R.C. summer, at 8.30 p.m.
- Friday, November 30.**
Acceptances Auckland Cup and Railway Handicap, by 9 p.m.
Forfeits Great Northern Foal Stakes, Forty-fourth Great Northern Derby, Twenty-third Royal Stakes, A.R.C. summer meeting, by 9 p.m.
General entries Auckland R.C. summer, by 9 p.m.
Nominations for all events (except Twelfth Palmerston North Stakes) Manawatu R.C. summer, at 9 p.m.
Handicaps Waipa R.C. annual.
Nominations Thames J.C. annual, at 8 p.m.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

On Saturday the Takapuna Jockey Club's spring meeting will take place, and it has been decided to race over the club's new course. This is possible wet or dry, but for the good of the course, which was only sown down last month after being disc harrowed, it would have been better if it could have had all the spring and summer months without being raced upon. Practical men know this, but if the club are prepared to take the risk now of cutting the new grass up and having to re-sow the track at some future time that is their concern entirely. The track should be perfectly safe, being nicely graded, the bends being eased. The straight reaches are short ones, but in every way the course is incomparable with the old one which did duty so long and it should be more popular with owners on that account. That a big crowd will be attracted to the North Shore—or marine suburb—goes without saying and that there will be a good afternoon's entertainment the acceptances received for each of the eight events on the card give a very good indication.

The chief race, the St. Andrew's Handicap, has attracted 15 acceptors, only four of the number being set to carry more than 6.12. These are Colonel Soult (8.6), Uncle Ned (7.13), Sir Ralph (7.9) and Rebel (7.7). Of these the top weight and Rebel read the best, but both raced indifferently in the City Handicap on November 10. A fortnight sometimes works changes, and perhaps the course may make a deal of difference to some of the horses, being left-handed. Rebel may have to put up a few pounds overweight, and no doubt most of the 11 below, possibly from Munster

down, will have extra poundage, and in that contingency the handicap should be altered to favour those that do not carry overweight. There may come a surprise from one of those below Munster, and British Arch, Gold Fran and Cynic, if ridden at 6.7, may stay out the trip.

Kitty Bellairs, with Deeley in the saddle, will count a lot of friends in the Borough Handicap, but Hopfield is a class ahead of most of the others engaged, and it would only seem a matter of getting away as well as he did in the City Handicap at Ellerslie for him to be hard to beat. Rockfield may run well. Amongst the 6.7, the "bleeder" Patetonga reads well. In the Cheltenham Handicap Waiuta, Lady Glen and Polydamon read as well as any. In the Maiden Handicap the three top weights, on the 7.13 mark, Step, Stilts and Pre-eminent, read best. Ditto, Plenipotent and Silver Lupin are a trio that should run well in the Ponui Hurdles, which looks an open race. Shining Light

6.7, Colonnade 6.7, Brown Loch 6.7, Cordite 6.7, Princess Bee 6.7, Coleraine 6.7, Juanna 6.7, Patetonga 6.7, Backfire 6.7, Erinagh 6.7.

CHELTHENHAM HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Carlysian 8.9, Polydamon 8.5, Lightning 8.2, Housewife 8.2, Munster 7.11, Waiuta 7.6, Kitty Bellairs 7.3, Colonnade 6.9, Torotoro 6.8, Arran 6.7, Toki 6.7, Mossman 6.7, Lady Glen 6.7, Soultane 6.7, Erinagh 6.7.

MAIDEN HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Pre-eminent 7.13, Stilts 7.13, Step 7.13, Riga 7.7, Woody Glen 7.7, Rock Diamond 7.3, Gold Kip 7.0, Revenue 7.0, John Bunny 7.0, Lady Energy 7.0, Carmen Sylva 7.0, Billy Wiggs 7.0, Whitford Belle 7.0, Blue Cross 7.0, Danseuse 7.0, Lady Bruce 7.0, Miss Leslie 7.0.

PONU HURDLES, one mile and a-half.—Thrace 10.3, Silver Lupin 9.9, Ditto 9.9, Plenipotent 9.8, Dancaster 9.5, Carbine 9.5, Sportful 9.0, Joss 9.0, Peneton 9.0, Hoe Hoe 9.0, Theresa 9.0, Kinkora 9.0.

CAMBRIA HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Shining Light 8.2, Miss Ellice 7.10, Kilbeggan 7.10, King Abbey 7.10, Canonet 7.7, Brodick 7.7, Wish Wynne 7.5, Aircraft 7.5, Principal Lady 7.5, Demoiselle 7.5, Sugarworks 7.4, The Broke 7.4, Mary Bruce 7.2.

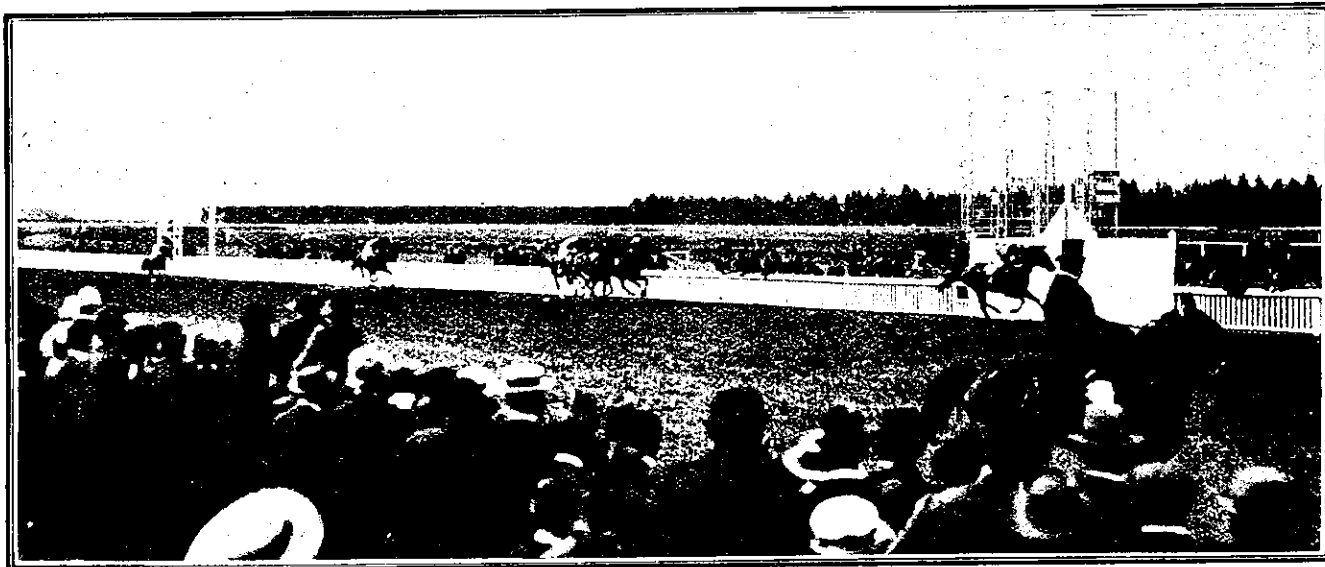
TIRI HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.—Marconi 11.3, Te Onga 10.10, Takanini 10.1, Gluetanus 10.1, Glendalough 9.7, Spalperion 9.3, Con 9.0, Dun-

endowed as regards stake money, and the wisdom of giving their charges a race at this popular fixture should at once be apparent to many connected with the racing business. Reference to the two days' programme, which appears on another page, shows that the club have offered special inducements to trainers to assist at the meeting, which should in all respects be well up to the high standard invariably associated with race gatherings at Hastings. Nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr. H. S. Moss, Box 13, Hastings, on Friday, December 7.

HAMILTON RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Hamilton Racing Club will hold their annual meeting on the Claudelands racecourse, Hamilton, on Saturday, February 16, and, though the fixture is three months off, the valuable



ESTLAND (C. Emerson) winning the New Zealand Derby Stakes (1½ miles) from SILVER TONGUE (H. Gray), next rails, and IMPEDIMENT (A. Reed).

should keep busy any of the two-year-old that have raced this season, King Abbey and Boderick are a brace that have yet to start and the first-named may be worth attention. The Tiri Hurdles are open. Con will probably have a good many friends and so will Glendalough, but weight having come off Marconi and Te Onga the race should be a good one. Step and Stilts claim a prior engagement, but they with Lord Kenilworth and Piupiu read the best on paper, and after them the three top weights, Lough Ennell, All Talk and Meltonio. The acceptances for the various events are as follows:—

ST. ANDREW'S HANDICAP, one mile two furlongs and a-half.—Colonel Soult 8.6, Uncle Ned 7.13, Sir Ralph 7.9, Rebel 7.7, Munster 6.12, British Arch 6.11, Cynic 6.9, Hythred 6.9, Gold Fran 6.7, Bowler 6.7, Royal Rufus 6.7, Thrace 6.7, Empire 6.7, Pendoon 6.7, Signo 6.7.

BOROUGH HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Hopfield 8.3, Carlysian 8.13, Tatterley 8.8, Lightning 8.6, Ring Lupin 7.10, Kitty Bellairs 7.7, Rockfield 7.3, Fabrique 7.0, Bellacety 6.12, Lady Paula 6.12, Demotic 6.7, Mossman 6.7, Pink Tie

robin 9.0, Simple Sam 9.0, The Celt 9.0, Dancaster 9.0.

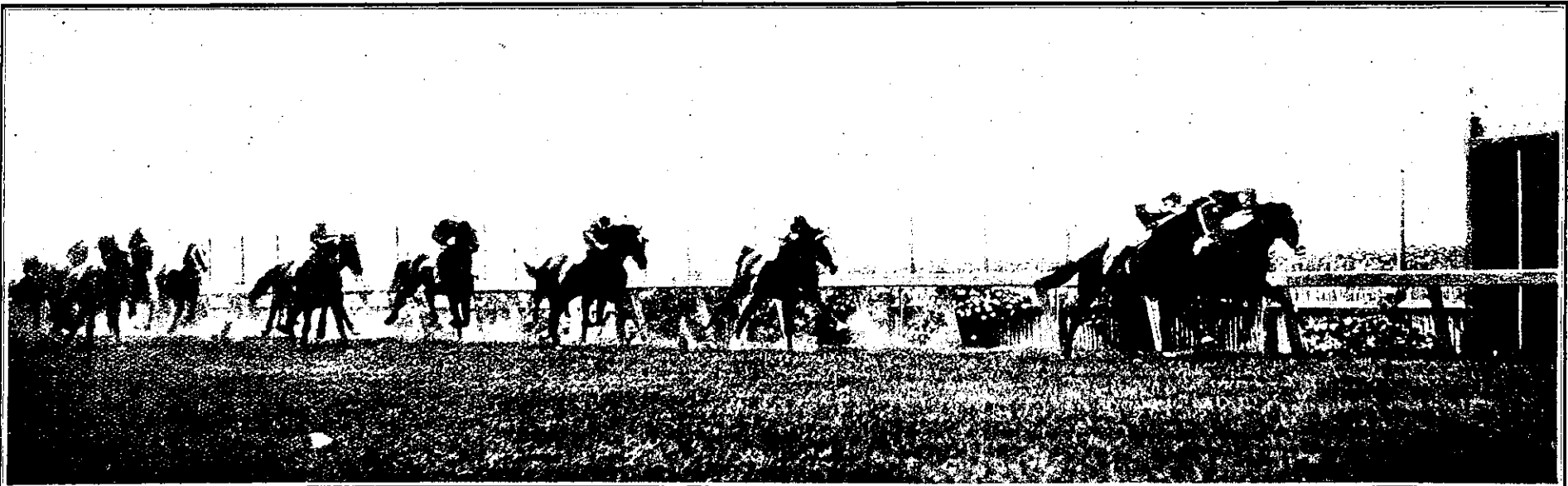
MELROSE HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Lough Ennell 9.3, All Talk 9.0, Meltonio 8.5, Lord Kenilworth 7.12, Step 7.12, Stilts 7.12, Gluepot 7.10, Campaign 7.6, Woody Glen 7.6, Rock Diamond 7.2, Winning Lady 6.12, Gold Kip 6.12, Piupiu 6.12, Kill Laval 6.12, Singular 6.12, Backfire 6.12, Monotonia 6.12, Araluen 6.12, Billy Wiggs 6.12, Carmen Sylva 6.12, Actrice 6.12, Grand Total 6.12, Glen Crispin 6.12, Revenue 6.12, Monatour 6.12.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's summer meeting will take place on January 1 and 2 at Hastings, when a first-class programme of events will receive the attention of the club's patrons. That many trainers will make the Bay their headquarters at New Year time can be ventured with some assurance, as the two days' racing offered by the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club caters for all classes of the equine. The events are all well

stakes offered for the eight events appearing on the programme will undoubtedly cause many owners and trainers to make arrangements at an early date with a view to being represented at the meeting. The wide measure of success which attended the club's last meeting has caused the officials despite the loss of one day's racing, to set out an attractive programme, which, for value of stake money, compares favourably with the leading metropolitan fixture. That their efforts will be rewarded by record entries is beyond question, and it may be mentioned that the track, which is just over a mile in circumference, is in first-class racing order. The Hamilton Cup, of 500sovs., one mile and a-quarter, is the principal event, while no race on the programme is worth less than 200sovs. For their last meeting, which was a two days' one, the club distributed £2330 in stakes, whereas for the coming gathering no less than £2000 is being given for the one day.



THE PREMIER TURF EVENT IN AUSTRALASIA—THE FINISH OF THE 1917 MELBOURNE CUP (TWO MILES) AT FLEMINGTON.—WEST-COURT (McLachlan), next rails, defeats LINGLE (Brown) by half a head after a titanic struggle up the straight. WALLACE ISINGLASS third and CHROME fourth.

TURF TOPICS.

Colonel Soult has 9lb. less in the Auckland Cup than he had last year.

Acceptances for the Feilding meeting are excellent.

Mr. G. F. Scarfe, of South Australia, is the new owner of Perform.

Deeley, who has returned to New Zealand, has been riding for 14 years.

Sasanof and Sweet Corn are doing nice work on the Randwick tracks.

Chortle (10.1) has been paid up for in the Manchester Handicap at Feilding.

P. Malone has Toki engaged at Takapuna, but Fagot was not paid up for in the hurdles.

Menelaus, 9.5 in the Railway Handicap, failed last year in the same race carrying 6.7. A rise of 40lb.

Prince Viridis is described as small, good and game. He should win a good handicap sooner or later.

The new grass on the Takapuna course, and some that was in the ground before, is growing fast.

L'nacre has sired some of the best two-year-olds in Australia this season. Acre is a sample of his gets in New Zealand.

The Toff has 11b. less than he started favourite with in the last Auckland Cup, coupled with Wishful, who got second to Depredation.

Mullingar has 8.1, the same weight that he had in the last Auckland Cup. He had previously run third in the New Zealand Cup with 7.12.

Twenty-five out of 59 horses in the A.R.C. Railway Handicap received 6.7, and 18 out of 56 received the same weight in the Auckland Cup.

Mullingar was asked to concede Colonel Soult 11lb. in the St. Andrew's Handicap at Takapuna and 4lb. in the Auckland Cup.

Ashley Reed leads in the list of winning riders in New Zealand with 15 wins. Hector Gray is riding light and has done very well so far.

When Di Gama won the Coburg Stakes at the V.R.C. spring meeting he repeated a performance of three years earlier.

Goldsize, who is credited with the mile and a-quarter record of 2min. 5sec. for the colonies, has been retired for life by Mr. J. H. Walters.

Cetigne's winnings in Australia total over £16,000. Only seven horses have won more than that amount in the Commonwealth.

"Goodwood" says of Biplane that he stretches out when galloping in such fine style and goes so smoothly that it is difficult for the onlooker to estimate the pace at which he is travelling.

J. Conquest, who had been in camp for some weeks past and had been in hospital part of the time, was discharged and returned to Auckland this week.

Bjorneborg, who was third in the Auckland Cup last year carrying 7.0, then a three-year-old, has 6.10 now a four-year-old. He has not improved—in the wind.

Westcourt is a good sticker, not particularly brilliant. Lingle did not get quite such a good run in the Melbourne Cup, or might have beaten him home.

D. Moraghan intended taking Mr. Hall's horses, Hythred and Colonnade, hack to Gisborne last week, but was tempted to remain and run them on Saturday at Takapuna.

It should be quite a picnic for Toki being in a race with 6.7, but he did not race up to form recently and there are others that have performed well that are in the same company on the minimum mark.

Estland is a full-brother to Bjorneborg, but is turning out a much better racehorse at the same age. It is a pity, all the same, that Bjorneborg did not keep right until he got age. He looked likely to turn out a useful handicap horse.

Comedy King is expected to realise a large sum when sold next month in Victoria.

There were some fair bettors from New Zealand at the spring meetings at Randwick and Flemington, and they are reported to have done very well.

Sasanof and Menelaus, respective winners of the Melbourne and N.Z. Cups, and both geldings, were sold as yearlings for 400gns. and 430gns. on the same day at the spring sales in Christchurch.

The presence, fit and well, of a number of three-year-olds in the Railway Handicap at the imposts they have received should be assured. Simonides has yet to resume work after being gelded.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club keeps doing its bit. At a meeting of the committee held last week it was decided to donate £50 to the Citizens' Red Cross Fund and £5 to the Police Gymkhana Red Cross Fund.

Birkenvale, who has 7.10 in the Railway Handicap, last autumn carried 8.4, top weight, and beat fifteen Auckland two-year-olds, winning the Onslow Handicap, five furlongs, by three lengths in 1min. 1sec.

Chortle, Chuckle and Vagabond have been taken back to their Hawke's Bay training quarters, and their boxes at Ellerslie, which were engaged for the summer meeting, were cancelled.

Syce, son of Cyllene, valued at 5000gns., died suddenly recently in Australia.

Biplane, according to the "Australasian," finished in the V.R.C. Derby fifth his saddle over his withers. This would be through pulling so hard with Deeley.

Mr. Greenwood's colt Biplane is referred to as a flying machine in Australia. The "Australasian" thinks it is doubtful whether Mason has ever trained a better galloper.

Deeley is said to have ridden a very strong race on Di Gama when the ex-New Zealander won his second race for Mr. Timms. He was heavily supported.

Messrs. T. H. Lowry, Riddiford Bros. and H. E. Troutbeck were the owners who scooped the largest amounts from the C.J.C. spring meeting stake pool.

There are authorities in Australia who think that Biplane might have matched the records of Poseidon by winning the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups as well as the two Derbies. A.J.C. and V.R.C.

The Toff, about the pick of the Auckland Cup handicap, is in Australia, and a pretty good price the double could be had about that gelding and Simonides, who is well treated in the Railway. He has not long been emasculated, however, and will not be racing for some time.

Owners should remember that Friday is closing day for nominations for the Waipa meeting. There is £700 in stake money offering.

Prince Viridis is described by "Goodwood" in the "Australasian" as a light little thing for Derby weights. His sire was a mean-looking, deceptive colt—a real good one.

The British Government have granted 84 days for racing next season, and are satisfied for winter racing to go on as well. They recognise the necessity for racing.

The "Australasian" gives the result of the New Zealand Cup as won by Menelaus by half a length. The verdict was a head, and the pictures confirm this judge.

Trinket, dam of Westcourt, the Melbourne Cup winner, was got by Trenton in England, and her dam, Crown Jewel, was from Rose of Lancaster, sister to Bend Or, the Derby winner, sire of Ormonde and of Gold Reef, and half-sister to Rosette, dam of Escutcheon.

Mason says he has never handled a three-year-old that has stood up so well to his work as Biplane. He informed a representative of the "Australasian" that the colt was rather a handful to manage—highly strung—and it was no good putting a light-weight on him. Mason says he had no anxiety during Biplane's preparation, except to fear that he might



Decorating the N.Z. Derby Stakes winner, Mr. T. H. Lowry's ESTLAND, after his convincing victory in that event on the opening day of the Canterbury J.C.'s metropolitan meeting.

Half-a-dozen horses engaged in the Auckland Cup are also in the Railway Handicap. They are: Desert Gold, Miss Deval, Menelaus, Seadown, Bjorneborg, and Waituta. The first-named pair have each 10lb. less in the Cup than in the Railway Handicap, Menelaus 7lb., Seadown 8lb. and Bjorneborg 3lb. less, while Waituta has the same in both races.

Blackall, who was placed in the N.Z. and Auckland Cups two years ago, and in fact ran two good races, suffering a narrow defeat in Balboa's race, has been raced under all conditions since and has been treated as past praying for now, and has received the minimum, 6.7, as against the maximum, 9.10, on his relative, Desert Gold, both being by All Black. Egypt, B'ingham and Notatta are the others by All Black that are engaged. Bingham may have a rough chance.

Waituta gave Menelaus 10lb. in the last Railway Handicap, is the same age, and receives from him this year 40lb., a difference of 50lb. Menelaus won carrying 6.7 and 7.5 in minor events before the same meeting closed, and came back and won the A.R.C. Easter in the autumn with 7.9, beating Bjorneborg (7.6) by three-parts of a length in 1min. 40sec. and a big field. Now, instead of giving Bjorneborg 3lb., he is set to give that gelding three stone all but one pound. Interesting.

Menelaus was a "skinner" for a majority of New Zealand pencilers when he beat his stable mate, Johnny Walker, in the N.Z. Cup. Johnny Walker would have been a bad horse for them.

Symposium, winner of the Queensland Derby, carrying 7.11 was beaten by Mr. Keane's Everkeane, a six-year-old son of Merve and Miss Laura, carrying 9.3, and a four-year-old, Lordacre (9.3), in the Queensland Cup, of 1000sovs., two miles, in 3min. 26½sec.

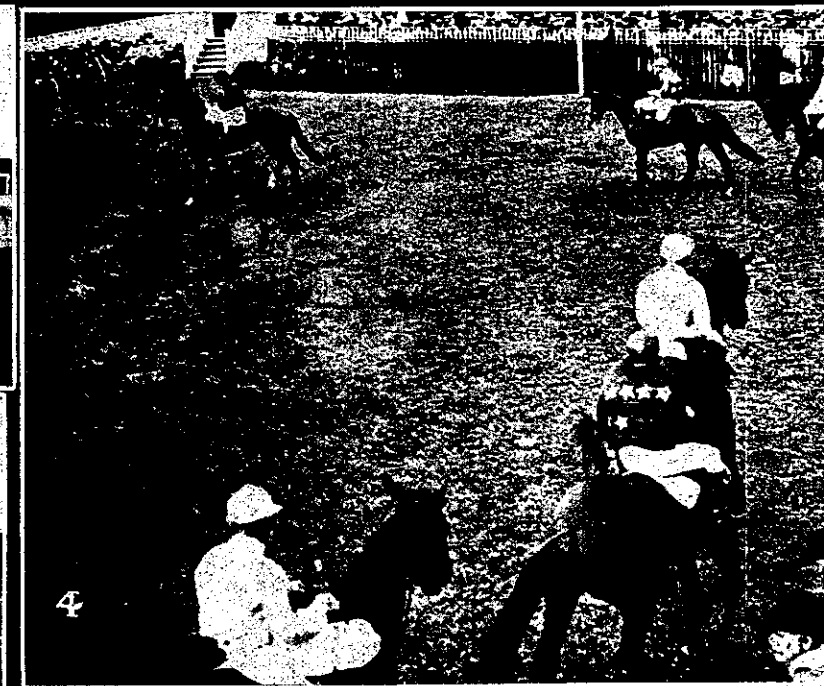
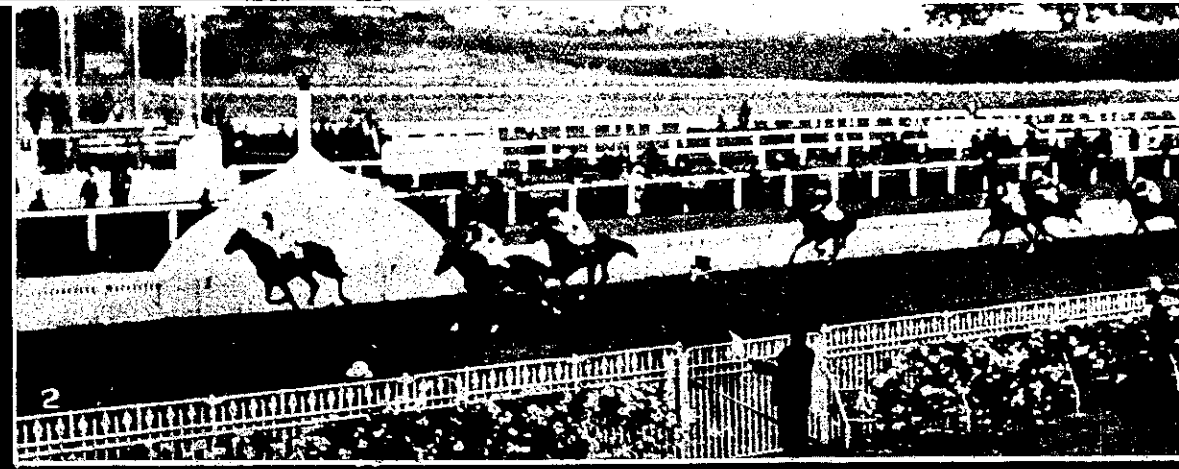
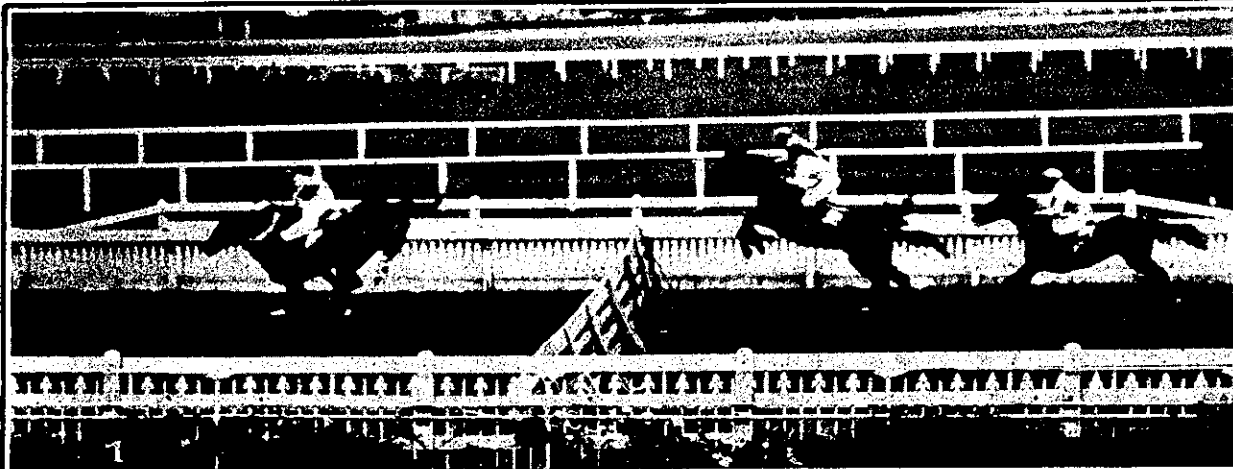
Waituta, who was third in the Railway Handicap last year as a three-year-old, carrying 7.3, this year has 6.7, and should have improved with age. She has received 55lb. from Desert Gold in that race, and has 45lb. from that mare in the Cup.

The stallion San Fran had one of his hind legs broken at Wanganui last week from a kick from a mare with shoes on. San Fran was a very fair performer in the Commonwealth, and while at the stud in Hawke's Bay, on the Te Mahanga Estate, left some very good horses—California, Goldfinder, Bonnie Boy, Mangaroa, Kopu, Rill, Sandstream, Dorando, Cherry Blossom, Tangimoana, Votegang, The Summit, Loch Maben, Maku, Splash, and many more, including Gold Fran, who may win again before long. Mr. Geo. Chamberlain was unlucky to lose the old fellow in the middle of a season.

want a race. Though he did a lot of work he is a thick-winded colt, and he found it difficult to get anything to gallop with him, which might have been a disadvantage, though everything had worked out right.

The annual meeting of members of the Te Aroha Jockey Club, held on Wednesday, attracted a large attendance. The report presented by the committee showed a large sum had been spent in improvements during the year, including £160 for a jockeys' stand and £182 for a training track. The balance-sheet showed receipts £6507 4s. 9d., expenditure £5905 3s., leaving a credit balance at bank of £602 1s. 9d. The profit on the race meeting in March last, after payment of totalisator State tax £1922, was £1546 16s. 11d. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Patron, Hon. W. H. Herries, M.P.; president, Mr. R. L. Somers; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. B. Johnson, R. B. Hines, and C. A. Cuff; treasurer, Mr. R. L. Somers; committee, Messrs. R. Burke, W. H. Milliken, E. H. Hawken, A. N. Edwards, J. Lennard, J. R. Nicol, and S. L. Boles. The matter of the £200 forwarded to Hamilton for the fund to purchase a stallion was discussed, and it was decided that it be a recommendation to the committee to write to the organisers of the fund for information as to whether the money was being expended.

Interesting Snapshots of the Auckland Racing Club's Spring Meeting at Ellerslie.



1. Competitors at the hurdle in front of the Stewards' Stand in the Maiden Hurdle Race—SIMPLE SAM leading WHITE SOX (next rails), KEYSTONE, CON (next rails), and GLENDALOUGH. Maiden Hurdles (1½ miles)—CON (Nesbitt) wins from WHITE SOX (McFlynn), with GLENDALOUGH (Preston) third. 3. MARTON (E. Copestake) winning the Onehunga Steeplechase (three miles) NEL (J. Anderton). 4. Welcome Stakes candidates parading in the birdcage prior to contesting that event. 5. MELTONIO (Burgess) returning to the enclosure after his surprise victory in the Hobs (long). 6. CON (Nesbitt), the winner, and WHITE SOX (McFlynn), who finished second, after the decision of the Maiden Hurdles. 7. THE CHANNEL (Anderton) leading MARTON (Copestake) at the Onehunga Steeplechase.

INTERPROVINCIAL.

WELLINGTON.

Feilding J.C.'s Spring Meeting—Prospects of an Enjoyable Gathering—Stratford R.C.'s Attractive Programme—Preparations for Approaching Meetings—Some Intending Competitors—Hawera-trained Horses Strongly Represented at Feilding Fixture.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Capital acceptances have been received for the spring meeting of the Feilding Jockey Club, which takes place on December 1. Judging by the quality and size of the fields engaged there is every prospect of a very successful reunion. That some acceptable dividends will be recorded can be regarded as certain, as Mr. Jos. Henrys has apparently set backers a stiff task.

The programme of the Stratford Racing Club's annual meeting, which takes place on January 1, has attracted wide attention in sporting circles, and there should be a splendid response from owners and trainers when nominations close. All the eight events are well endowed with stake money, and as racing is exceedingly popular in Taranaki the one day gathering promises to be highly successful. The secretary, Mr. Alfred Coleman, will receive nominations for all events up to December 5, while Mr. Jack Henrys will declare the handicaps on the 12th ult.

Trainer-owner P. W. Scally has Ascalon fast getting up to concert pitch at New Plymouth. The chestnut hurdler should be getting amongst the winners over fences in the near future.

Staccato, by Husbandman from that erratic mare Piriwai, who is the possessor of some pace, is down to compete at Feilding. The galloper named should keep her opponents busy in the Maiden Stakes.

A. G. Havill, at Ashhurst, has his favourite, Namur, looking very fit just now. The gelding will compete at the local meeting this week, while he will also be seen out at Feilding.

Ayah, one of the Messrs. V. and E. Riddiford's team, is shaping very nicely at Trentham. She claims an engagement at Feilding.

In Play Off and Dingle, the popular Otakeho sportsman who races as F. Selwood will be worthily represented at Feilding. Both horses are showing promising form under T. Pine's guidance at Hawera.

The Pallas gelding in F. Higgott's Otaki stable is galloping in a resolute manner on the local track. The three-year-old, who is expected to make a worthy acquisition to the racing brigade, will be seen out at Ashhurst this week.

Out of 22 horses handicapped in one particular race at Ashhurst, only one dropped out when acceptances fell due. The incident was undoubtedly a neat compliment to Mr. J. E. Henrys, the club's handicapper.

M. Gardner, at Waverley, has his team fast getting into readiness for approaching meetings. Calais, who was considered unlucky at the local gathering last week, is thought susceptible of accounting for some hurdling events during the next few months.

Idyllic (Hymettus—Idee) is one of the most promising gallopers on the Opaki tracks. The four-year-old filly, who is being trained by T. Pritchard, is to compete at Ashhurst and Feilding, where she should give a creditable showing.

At Opaki, J. F. Jamieson has Vasovia (Vasco—Fabia), who was bred by Mr. Harvey Paterson, showing promising track work. The four-year-old mare should be in nice trim by the time the Wairarapa Racing Club's summer meeting rolls round.

At Marton Junction, trainer J. Morris has Mr. J. Bull's horses fast getting into trim. The two-year-old Damien, by Demosthenes from Tit Willow, gives every indication of developing into a typical galloper. She should soon be fracturing her maiden status.

Mr. J. ("Jerry") O'Meara has handed over his mare Rongora to H. Kingan, at Trentham, who will train her for the future.

Nobleman has a nice handy weight at Feilding. The horse named is such a capital performer as to suggest that he would win in better company than he has hitherto been opposed to.

"Jigger" Brown is keeping Hush-a-bye up to the mark on the Hawera track. The chestnut mare still shows that she is endowed with some sprinting ability.

Quite a large number of Hawera-trained horses will be competing at Feilding, the list including Hushman, Astor, Play Off, Dingle, Tree Lucerne, Revocation, Veto, White Ranger, Welcome Nugget, Crawford, Maid o' Gowrie and others. It would cause no surprise to find several of the horses named amongst the stake winners on December 1.

J. Cameron, at Feilding, has Hastie getting into readiness for the local gathering. The bay gelding can gallop to some purpose, and his prospects read well in the Apiti Handicap.

Amongst those going into camp in the near future 's Mr. C. W. Beasley, a well-known and popular sporting journalist of Wellington. "Cyril" is enthusiastic regarding the change from civilian life, and can be depended upon to give a good account of himself in fighting for his King and country. His brother, Lieutenant T. Beasley, left the front by an earlier reinforcement.

can be written down as an unlikely starter.

Acre looks none the worse for his trip south, and will be kept going, but whether or not he fulfils his engagement in the Railway Handicap at Ellerslie will depend on circumstances. He has been given all the weight he is entitled to in that event and perhaps a bit more. Certainly he has shown himself to be a good and improving sort, but he has been asked a big question to carry 8.3 in such company. The fact that he is a quick beginner is in his favour, but there are a number of very brilliant ones engaged, and the race will take a lot of winning.

Lingerie is regarded as nicely treated in the big sprint event at Ellerslie, in which Mr. S. Gibbons' filly has 8.1, and should run a good race. Perform (7.1) is also considered to be one of the most likely ones.

Though Moutoa Queen did not win a race at Riccarton she ran well in her engagements, and must be given a chance in the Railway Handicap at Ellerslie, if she starts.

Two other Wanganui candidates for the Railway Handicap are Interlude and Turangapito, both of which are in at the minimum. Of this pair, Turangapito is the more likely to distinguish himself. The son of Prudent King is very fast off the mark, and has repeatedly shown very smart time over four and five furlongs, and the

ported, despite his big weight. Snub is also likely to be well backed, while Nobleman can be depended upon to run a good race if he goes to the post.

Moutoa Queen is looking well after her racing at Riccarton, and she might show up better at Feilding than she did while in the south. She has 8.1 in the Flying, in which Nystad (8.13) and Miss Deval (8.10) may be hard to beat.

F. Tilley intends taking Moutoa Queen, Rude, Arrowfield, Cello, First Line and Acre to Feilding. The last-named is engaged in the Feilding Stakes, a five furlong, weight-for-age event, in which he will have to meet Miss Deval, Birkenvale, Lingerie, Finmark, Cherry Mart and other fast sprinters, so that he will be well tested. He is reported to be looking all the better for his racing at Riccarton, and is expected to give a good account of himself, though a longer distance would suit him better.

W. Rayner has both Pennon and Zela in the Trial Plate at Feilding. The former is not too sound and Rayner has not been able to put the work into her that he would have liked to have done, but Zela is very well and should run a decent race.

War Loan continues to do well on the tracks, but he will be meeting a good lot of horses in the Manchester Handicap. So far he is still a maiden, so that he has done nothing to make



PERFIDY (Watson), the winner, and CYNIC (Gray), who finished second, returning to scale after the decision of the Spring Handicap (1¼ miles) at the Poverty Bay Turf Club's recent meeting.

A large number of leading business, sporting and professional men, presided over by Mr. Edwin Mout, assembled at the Grand Hotel on Friday last and presented Councillor J. E. Fitzgerald with a splendid gift and testimonial in recognition of his sterling qualities as a citizen and to celebrate the complete and deserving vindication of his character in connection with the recent gambling cases. Many congratulatory speeches were made with reference to the high esteem in which Mr. Fitzgerald is held by the community as a public man, and, judging by the enthusiasm manifested at the gathering, it is safe to say that Mr. Fitzgerald can be considered one of the best and truest sportsmen in the country. As a further evidence of Mr. Fitzgerald's popularity, it may be mentioned that he was the recipient of over two hundred telegrams from all over New Zealand of a congratulatory character.

WANGANUI.

Fordell Team Returns From Riccarton—Auckland Railway Handicap Candidates—Feilding Jockey Club's Spring Meeting—F. Tilley's Team for Feilding.

WANGANUI, Monday.

F. Tilley returned to Fordell on Thursday with Client, Acre and the rest of the team which he took to Christchurch. It is probable that Client will be given an easy time of it for a week or two, and he might not be seen out again until the Wanganui Cup comes round. In view of his disappointing displays at Riccarton he has been given plenty of weight in the Auckland Cup, and he

extra furlong is not likely to trouble him. He will probably be seen out at Ashhurst on Wednesday and again at Feilding, and his running at those places should give a better idea of his prospects in the Ellerslie event, for which a number of good judges are already writing him down as a probable winner.

The yearling colt by Marajax—Disdainful, knocked down to Mr. F. S. Easton at the Christchurch sales, is to go into F. Tilley's stable.

Marton is back on the tracks here looking well after his successful trip to Auckland. The old fellow will probably be sent to Awapuni for the hurdle races there at Christmas time.

H. Rayner intends taking Starengo to Ashhurst for the Pohangina Handicap, in which he has 8.1. He has been doing fairly good work and should run prominently on Wednesday.

Renounce is to be taken to Ashhurst for the Gorge Handicap, but he can have little chance on anything he has done on the track so far. He would need to be good to have any show with Turangapito and one or two others which are engaged.

A good judge who saw the racing at Avondale and Ellerslie reckons that Toa Tere will be hard to beat in the Auckland Cup. He also thinks highly of Vagabond, and picks him to be handy in the big event, if he starts.

The acceptances received for the Feilding meeting are remarkably good and some splendid racing should be witnessed on December 1. There are 17 left in the big money, including Chortle (10.1), Square Deal (8.10), Snub (8.9) and other good performers, so that the race should be worth a long journey to witness. Chortle showed such fine form at Auckland that he is sure to be strongly sup-

his prospects look particularly bright in such a race, though he has been running along well at the end of his races, and it may be that staying rather than sprinting will prove the strong point with the son of Zimmerman.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Mr. J. Hart Purchases the Late G. P. Donnelly's Training Stables—Bequests in Late J. D. Ormond's Will—Hawke's Bay District Committee Express Sympathy With Relatives of Deceased Sportsman.

NAPIER, Monday.

Mr. J. H. Colebourne, who underwent an operation for an internal trouble last week at Hastings, is making but slow progress towards recovery.

Impediment, looking bright and hearty, is again back at her home quarters at Taradale after her profitable southern trip. The filly is not being asked to do anything of a strenuous nature so far. A couple of her stable comrades, Wawata and the full sister to Raumanuwhiri are being kept up to the mark, and are progressing satisfactorily in their studies.

Impostor and Merry Lad are both being used as hacks on their owner's (Mr. T. E. Welch) station at Wainstead.

Trainer J. Walker, the owner of Impediment, was in negotiation for the purchase of Nicomar last week, but the anticipated deal did not eventuate.

The training stables situated at Taradale, from which the late Mr. G. P. Donnelly used to have his representatives sent out, were purchased last Friday by Mr. J. Hart, owner of Karo

and Teka. Mr. Hart also purchased the cottage and ground attached to the stables.

Powder King, who has been resting for some time past, is now being hacked about preparatory to being put into work. The son of King's Guest and Gold Powder has thickened out considerably of late, and now shows to greater advantage than he has ever previously done.

One of the bequests in the will of the late Hon. J. D. Ormond is as follows: George Canning Ormond and John Davis Ormond, junior, sons, to have a right to select five stud mares and three racehorses, all other stock and racehorses on the Karamu estate to be sold within five months after date of such selection. Mr. G. C. Ormond has for a long period been racing in a small way, but Mr. J. D. Ormond has not, as an owner, been prominent in the racing arena. Years ago he used to ride some of the all cerise bearers in their engagements in bracelet and other jewellery events. He is a steward of the Waipukurau Jockey Club, his brother, Mr. G. C. Ormond, being president of the Wairoa County Racing Club.

Mr. H. E. Troutbeck, the well-known local sportsman, who was drawn in the last ballot, has passed the medical test.

Demagogue, who triumphed in the Spring Nursery on the concluding day of the Cup meeting at Riccarton, is closely related to Simonides, for his dam, Gold Bond, is a full sister to Gold Thread, who produced Simonides, and the pair are both by Demosthenes. Demagogue was bred by the late Mr. G. P. Donnelly, and is the first foal of his dam.

At a meeting of the Hawke's Bay District Committee, held at Hastings on Friday, the chairman stated that on the death of the Hon. J. D. Ormond he had instructed the secretary to write to the widow and relations of the deceased, expressing the sympathy of members of the committee with them in their bereavement. He moved: "That the Hawke's Bay District Committee desires to place on record its high appreciation of the services rendered to the committee by the late Hon. J. D. Ormond, and the committee desires to express to Mrs. Ormond and the members of her family the respectful sympathy of the members in her bereavement." The chairman's previous action was confirmed, and the motion was passed in the usual manner.

CANTERBURY.

Matters Quiet Again at Riccarton—Gloaming to be Given Lengthy Spell—Kilialla and Charley Both on Easy List—Auckland Cup Weights—Fiery Cross May Fulfill Auckland Cup Engagement—The Toff to Remain in Australia.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

All the visiting horses have taken their departure, and matters at Riccarton are decidedly quiet. Most of the local contingent that raced at the Cup meeting were indulged in a few days' spell. With the near approach of the Timaru, Dunedin, and northern meetings, trainers are getting busy again with their charges, and there is sure to be a general exodus towards the end of next month.

F. D. Jones has just made a start on the two geldings he purchased from the Hon. J. D. Ormond last winter. They are a likely-looking pair, and should not be long in doing their owner-trainer good service.

No two-year-old at Riccarton had been showing such promising form till within a fortnight of the C.J.C. meeting as Gloaming, the Australian-bred son of The Welkin and Light. Unfortunately he went sore and could not fulfil his engagements at the fixture, and will not be seen under silk till the autumn.

As a result of his exertions at the Cup meeting, Fiery Cross lightened up a good deal, and was given a few days' spell. So far his owner has not made up his mind whether he will take the son of Glenapp to Auckland or Dunedin for the Christmas meetings.

Kilialla is still on the easy list as the result of the mishap she sustained early this month, and will not be asked to do much till next autumn.

Charley was showing signs of lameness after the Riccarton meeting. He has now been blistered and turned out for a few weeks' spell.

Bandy has been fired, and is now running out. Next autumn the son of Sarto will be tried as a hurdler.

Of all the horses that raced at the Cup meeting, Menelaus and Johnny

Walker seem to be the best treated in the Auckland Cup. Mr. Macmanamin seems to have made a mistake in asking the latter to meet his stable companion on 3lb. worse terms than when they finished first and second in the N.Z. Cup; indeed, the difference should have been the other way round. The Auckland weight adjuster was evidently over-impressed with Teka's Metropolitan Handicap win, for though he did not have the opposition of Menelaus in that event the pair are set to meet on exactly the same terms as when they finished first and fourth in the Cup. He has taken a great risk in letting The Toff in at 8.0, and on Australian form Red Book has a pull over the other 6.7 division.

Samisen's respiratory troubles have become more pronounced of late. She will be raced at some of the forthcoming southern meetings and then be retired to the stud.

R. Longley has had two recent additions to his team in a two-year-old half-brother to Phil May and a chestnut gelding out of Octave. Phil May failed to reproduce his track form at the C.J.C. meeting, but is almost sure to do better at Timaru next month.

Adjutant showed such poor form at the Cup meeting as to suggest that he has gone right off. He is still being kept going, but can be regarded as a very unlikely visitor to Auckland.

Fiery Cross is being kept in light work at Riccarton, and may be sent North for the Auckland meeting. If he does make the trip he will be accompanied by Glendower and jockey J. Campbell.

Trainer McAulay was drawn in the last ballot, but failed to pass the Medical Board.

Killjoy is booked for the trip to the West Coast, where she will again contest the chief events at the Coast Christmas and New Year meetings.

R. Longley has decided not to race any of his team at the Dunedin meeting, but he will have three or four representatives at the Timaru and Oamaru meetings.

King Star has been put into work again after a few days' spell. He is at present under orders for his Timaru engagements.

The full-brother to Specialform has joined J. McCombe's team at Riccarton. He is a well-grown colt, and looks like coming to hand early.

C. Emerson went south to the Winton meeting and accounted for three races. One of his mounts, in Kaiwhero, who won the double, is spoken of as very likely to attain honours on the metropolitan courses.

The Toff's new owner is Mr. C. Irwin, of Adelaide, who gave Mr. Stead 600gns. for the son of Boniform. There is little chance of The Toff being brought across for the Auckland summer meeting.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The Thames Jockey Club have issued particulars of their summer programme, which appears on another page, and it is at once apparent that the club is sparing no effort to make their meeting on Boxing Day as attractive and enjoyable as possible. This old-established racing body has in the past offered special inducements to owners and trainers to take their charges to the Thames at Christmas time, and their approaching gathering, which is limited to the one day, merits wide patronage from those engaged in the racing industry in the Auckland province. The Goldfields Cup, of 150sovs., one mile and a-quarter, can be relied upon to attract a good entry, while other events which figure on the varied programme are: Handicap Hurdles, of 85sovs., one mile and three-quarters; Maiden Handicap, of 65sovs., six furlongs; Borough Handicap, of 70sovs., five furlongs; Hack Handicap, of 65sovs., six furlongs; Stewards' Handicap, of 80sovs., six furlongs; Handicap Steeplechase, of 105sovs., two and three-quarter miles; and Midsummer Handicap, of 65sovs., seven furlongs. Owners and trainers who contemplate visiting the Thames will be able to arrive back at Ellerslie with their horses in time to race them at the second and third days of the A.R.C. meeting, and no doubt many will avail themselves of the opportunity offered in this direction. Nominations for all events to be decided at the Thames J.C.'s meeting close with the secretary, Mr. W. H. Potts, on Friday, November 30, at 8 p.m.

Dominion of New Zealand.



REGISTRATION OF ALIENS ACT, 1917.

NOTICE.

Every alien is required to make application for registration in the prescribed form not later than 1st December, 1917.

"Alien" means a person of either sex not less than fifteen years of age who is not a British subject either by birth or by naturalisation in New Zealand.

Alien seamen may register with Collector of Customs at port where vessel is lying.

Every such application shall be in writing in duplicate, and shall be made by delivering the same personally to a Registration Officer.

A certificate of registration will be issued upon receipt of each application.

Forms of application are obtainable at all police stations throughout the Dominion.

Police officers in charge of police stations and Customs officers at main ports are Registration Officers.

Penalty for failing to register, £50.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

On removing from one county or borough to another a registered alien must notify new place of abode within fourteen days.

Penalty for failure, £20.

(By order) MALCOLM FRASER, Government Statistician. Wellington, 19th November, 1917.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.

(Registered Under New Zealand Racing Conference.)

SUMMER MEETING, 1917.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.

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PROGRAMME.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 85sovs; second horse to receive 12sovs, and third horse 8sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile and three-quarters. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 15s, acceptance 30s. MAIDEN HANDICAP of 65sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third 7sovs out of stakes. Distance, six furlongs. For horses that have never won an advertised race of 25 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination 10s, acceptance 20s. BOROUGH HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 12sovs, and third horse 8sovs out of stakes. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination 10s, acceptance 20s. Winner of Maiden Handicap to carry 5lb penalty. GOLDFIELDS CUP HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Distance, one mile and a-quarter. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 2sovs. Winners of any race of the value of 50sovs to carry 5lb penalty or of 100sovs to carry 7lb penalty. HACK HANDICAP of 65sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 7sovs out of stakes. Distance, six furlongs. For horses that have never won a race of the value of 20sovs at time of entry. Confined to horses from the districts of Waitakato, Piako, Ohinemuri, Bay of Plenty, Thames and Coromandel, and that have been the bona fide property of nominators two months previous to day of nomination. Winner of Maiden or Borough Handicap to carry 7lb penalty. Nomination 10s., acceptance 15s. STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 12sovs, and third horse 8sovs out of stakes. Winner of Maiden Handicap to carry 5lb penalty, Borough Handicap 7lb penalty and Goldfields Cup 10lb penalty. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 15s., acceptance 20s. HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 105 sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Distance, about two miles and three-quarters. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 65sovs; second horse to receive 12sovs, and third horse 8sovs out of stakes. Distance, seven furlongs. Nomination 10s., acceptance 20s. Winner of Maiden Handicap, Borough Handicap or Stewards' Handicap to carry 7lb penalty and Goldfields Cup 10lb penalty.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1917, at 8 p.m.

NOMINATIONS for Handicap Hurdles 15s., Maiden Handicap 10s., Borough Handicap 10s., Goldfields Cup 20s., Hack

Race 10s., Stewards' Handicap 15s., Handicap Steeplechase 20s., Midsummer Handicap 10s.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1917.

WEIGHTS will be declared for Handicap Hurdles, Maiden Handicap, Borough Handicap, Goldfields Cup, Hack Race, Stewards' Handicap, Handicap Steeplechase and Midsummer Handicap.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1917, at 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for Handicap Hurdles 30s., Maiden Handicap 20s., Borough Handicap 20s., Goldfields Cup 2sovs, Hack Race 15s., Stewards' Handicap 20s., Handicap Steeplechase 30s., Midsummer Handicap 20s.

REGULATIONS.

All stakes paid in full. Owners responsible for all penalties. Penalties not cumulative unless otherwise stated.

Any horse winning a race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 5lb.

Entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, P.O. Box 7, Thames, or Mr. R. Wynyard, Vulcan Lane, Auckland. Entrance money must be enclosed with name, age, pedigree, name of owner, and colours of rider. Any jockey riding except in the colours entered will be fined one guinea.

Telegrams must be confirmed in writing forthwith, vide Part 18, Clause 4, of the Rules of Racing.

All disputes, claims, protests and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by a majority of the Stewards, or whoever they may appoint, and such decision on all points shall be final.

In no case will tickets of admission be issued to trainers or jockeys unless on production of licenses to the Secretary.

W. H. POTTS, Secretary. P.O. Box 7.

WAIRARAPA RACING CLUB. (Registered.)

SUMMER MEETING.

To be held on the Tauherenikau Racecourse, Featherston, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1917.

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB:

President: W. E. Bidwill. Vice-Presidents: Q. Donald, S. Cundy, W. J. Nix. Judge: J. W. Card. Deputy-Judge: Q. Donald. Handicapper: J. E. Henrys. Starter: C. O'Connor. Hon. Clerk of Scales: J. Cross. Timekeeper: T. Benton. Hon. Surgeons: Wm. Bey, A. E. A. Palmer. Hon. Treasurer: A. J. Toogood. Stewards: H. Morrison, A. M. Wilkinson, Allen Donald, A. C. Pearse, Wm. Hume, A. G. Tyer, T. Benton, T. Ingley, A. D. McLeod, D. H. S. Riddiford, D. Collins, A. Clark. Secretary: C. J. Carlyon.

PROGRAMME.

To Start at 11.30 a.m.

1. TRIAL HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have not won a race exceeding 40sovs in value at time of starting. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Six furlongs.
2. TUHITARATA HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse 30sovs, and third horse 20sovs from stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Six furlongs.
3. RIMUTAKA HACK HANDICAP of 130sovs; second horse 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1½ sovs. One mile.
4. TAUHERENIKAU HANDICAP of 400 sovs; second horse 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs from stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 5sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
5. NURSERY HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse 25sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2½sovs. Four furlongs.
6. PUKIO HACK HANDICAP of 130 sovs; second horse 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1½sovs. Six furlongs.
7. REYNOLDS HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse 30sovs, and third horse 20sovs from stake. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 3sovs. Seven furlongs.
8. MOKAI HACK WELTER HANDICAP of 130sovs; second horse 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Minimum weight, 8.5. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1½sovs. Seven furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES

(Subject to alteration if necessary.)

NOMINATIONS for all races close on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, at 8.30 p.m.

HANDICAPS will be declared on or about FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7.

ACCEPTANCES close on MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, at 8.30 p.m.

(All the above at the Club's Office, Featherston.)

PENALTIES.

In any Handicap Race the winner of any flat race after declaration of weights shall carry a penalty of 10lb, and of every additional race a further penalty of 6lb extra. Horses handicapped at 8.10 and over to carry only half the above penalties. Or if the handicapper thinks it necessary, he may increase the above penalties. Owners are responsible for all penalties and allowances.

ACCOMMODATION.

LOOSE BOXES are available on the Course, the charge being £1 for a term not exceeding 14 days.

ACCOMMODATION FOR JOCKEYS AND TRAINERS is also provided by the Club, the charge being £1 5s. for a period of 8 days or a portion thereof. Terms: Cash in advance.

C. J. CARLYON, Secretary, Featherston.

Submitted to and approved by the Wellington District Committee.—A. E. WHYTE, Secretary Wellington District Committee, October 1, 1917.

ACCEPTANCES.

FEILDING JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

The following acceptances have been received for the Feilding Jockey Club's spring meeting, which is to take place on December 1:

FLYING STAKES, six furlongs.—Rangitiro 8.13, Nystad 8.13, Miss Deval 8.10, Lady General 8.9, Crowhurst 8.4, Hushman 8.3, Moutoa Queen 8.1, Tree Lucerne 7.12, Carllystan 7.13, Waimatao 7.12, Tressida 7.11, Inah 7.10, Ayah 7.9, Starengo 7.9, Revocation 7.8, Nanna 7.6, Interlude 7.3, Astor 7.1, Jean Laddo 6.12.

WAITUNA HURDLES, one mile and a-half.—Golden March 10.13, Mahzoltov 10.10, Mattock 10.9, Otter 10.5, Combustion 10.1, Tornea 8.10, Veto 8.10, Ascalon 9.9, Calais 9.4, Lady Amai 9.3, Holyhead 9.2, Yarilla 9.0, Subduer 9.0, Reparation 9.0, Stroller 9.0, Dasher Boy 9.0, Gaekwar 9.0, Mairua 9.0, Polthogue 9.0, Pawerewere 9.0.

MANCHESTER HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Chortle 10.1, Square Deal 8.10, Snub 8.9, Miss Deval 8.1, Orleans 7.13, Lady Louisa 7.13, Iceberg 7.10, Dribble 7.6, Midnight Star 7.4, Devotion 7.4, Detroit 7.3, Rose Pink 7.1, Nobleman 7.1, Flash Lady 6.12, Botanist 6.11, Master Moutoa 6.11, War Loan 6.7.

APITI HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Black Hill 9.0, Polynesian 8.10, Paddington Green 8.8, Dingle 8.5, Cello 8.2,



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Hastie 8.1, Tuticorn 7.12, Silenus 7.9, Namur 7.8, Ohoreka 7.7, Amity 7.7, Mystified 7.6, Coral King 7.5, Signorella 7.0, Elevate 7.0, Zela 7.13, Shy Girl 6.13, Warscot 6.12, Rangitaiari 6.12, Vacuum 6.12.

CHELTENHAM HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Nanna 8.13, Astrophel 8.13, Paddington Green 8.6, Turangapito 8.3, Rude 8.3, King's Armour 8.0, Volo 7.13, Cooing 7.13, Hupana 7.12, Fidelity 7.11, Vladineau 7.11, Goldbearing 7.8, White Ranger 7.8, Namur 7.6, Tricky 7.6, Tinkler 7.5, King Shimose 7.4, Rewanga 7.3, Zela 6.11, Warmaid 6.11, Primato 6.11.

KIWITEA WELTER HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Welcome Nugget 9.9, Hushman 9.8, Orleans 9.4, Multicidal 9.3, Ohwira 8.11, Crawford 8.10, Maid o' Gowrie 8.10, Nobleman 8.10, Multaine 8.10, White Blaze 8.10, Botanist 8.9, Black Ada 8.8, Undecided 8.8, Sweet Tipperary 8.7, Probation 8.2, Thoughtful 8.1, Lady Amai 8.1, Arrowfield 8.0, Combustion 8.0, Hushabye 8.0, Fore 8.0.



LANCE-CORPL. W. J. PORTEOUS, of Grey Lynn, a well-known Auckland lightweight boxer, who was killed in action on October 4.

AORANGI TRIAL PLATE (weight, 7.7), five furlongs and a-half.—Degeur, Pennon, Zela, Chimera, Matilda, Tonukohe, Lady Kilworth, Retard, Skeddadle, Warmaid, Bernice, Shy Girl, Staccato, Jean Delaval, Turpentine, Sail Home, First Line, Royal Reign, Miss Margaret, Warscot, Waitara, Awarua, Oratress, Mulatto, Maleta, March On.

TWELFTH FEILDING STAKES (weight for age), five furlongs.—Miss Deval 8.9, Carloutour 8.9, Acre 8.9, Scottish Knight 8.4, Birkenvale 8.4, Lingerie 8.4, Simonides 8.1, Chimera 7.6, Oliver Twist 6.9, True Joy 6.9, Demos 6.9, Talahena 6.9, Stirrup Cup 6.9, Finmark 6.9, Armistice colt 6.9, Risingham 6.6, Lisp 6.4, Cherry Mart 6.4, Sea Sprite 6.4, Greta 6.4, Naughty Girl 6.4.

HANDICAPS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The following weights have been declared by Mr. F. J. Macmanemin for the Auckland Cup and Railway Handicap, to be run on the opening day (December 26) of the A.R.C. summer meeting:—

AUCKLAND CUP of 2650sovs. Two miles.					
	st	lb			
Desert Gold	9	10	Devotion	6	10
Menelaus	8	12	Scott's Knight	6	10
Fiery Cross	8	8	Sir Ralph	6	10
Toa Tere	8	8	Bjorneborg	6	10
Egypt	8	6	Analogue	6	10
Teka	8	5	Tabasco	6	10
Adjutant	8	5	Gamecock	6	10
Snub	8	5	Trials	6	10
Estland	8	5	Bingham	6	9
Multifual	8	2	Waita	6	7
Mullingar	8	1	Red Rock	6	7
The Toff	8	0	War Star	6	7
Client	8	0	Dusky Eve	6	7
Colonel Soult	7	11	Thames	6	7
Seadown	7	10	Cynic	6	7
Vagabond	7	10	Hythread	6	7
John's Walker	7	9	Wardancer	6	7
Paraoa	7	4	Chuckie	6	7
Miss Deval	7	4	Gold Fran	6	7
Multiply	7	2	Nottata	6	7
Hendra	7	2	Royal Rufus	6	7
Red Ribbon	7	2	Lady Beafort	6	7
Cleft	7	1	Alteration	6	7
Silver Tongue	7	1	Mascot	6	7
Tressida	6	13	Thrace	6	7
Uncle Ned	6	13	Paddington	6	7
Multicidal	6	11	Green	6	7
Glenopal	6	11	Blackall	6	7
Rebel	6	11			

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 1000sovs.
Six furlongs.

	st	lb		st	lb
Desert Gold	10	6	Housewife	7	0
Form Up	9	7	Rewanga	6	10
Menelaus	9	5	Mdm. Ristori	6	10
Croesus	9	4	Lady Jack	6	10
King Lupin	8	12	Interlude	6	7
Hymestra	8	6	Mentmore	6	7
Koesian	8	6	Bjorneborg	6	7
Seadown	8	4	Waita	6	7
Acre	8	3	All Talk	6	7
Mill o' Gowrie	8	2	Sheila	6	7
Lingerie	8	1	Bloomine	6	7
Miss Deval	8	0	Livland	6	7
Simonides	8	0	Fabisco	6	7
Gazique	7	12	Van Dubhe	6	7
Parisian	7	10	King Shimose	6	7
Diamond	7	10	Arran	6	7
Ample	7	10	Revenue	6	7
Wrestler	7	10	Empire	6	7
Birkenvale	7	10	Keep Watch	6	7
Hopfield	7	10	Belair	6	7
Rekanui	7	10	Turangapito	6	7
Elocution	7	9	Charley	6	7
Hyginas	7	4	Paddington	6	7
Killjoy	7	4	Green	6	7
Disdainful	7	4	Carmen Sylva	6	7
Avon Park	7	4	Billy Wiggs	6	7
Moutoa Queen	7	1	Lord Kenilrth	6	7
Kilrea	7	1	Vermillion	6	7
Perform	7	1	Rockfield	6	7
Nanna	7	0	Ardent	6	7
Marker	7	0			

STUD NEWS.

The thoroughbred horse Thurnham (imp.) has been given a chance in Auckland second to no other since the days when the Sylvia Park, Wellington Park and other studs were in full swing. He has not had any imported mares, but amongst his consorts are many of the best available of those bred in the province, and they include the dams of winners by other sires. Of course, many breeders would have been better pleased had he been a good performer and a winner himself, but he has not had his vitality impaired by doing heavy preparations and a lot of racing, and that he is a horse of rare constitution can be judged by his appearance, for with over two months of the season gone and after having served over thirty mares, he is in robust health and carrying a deal more condition than most sires, and he has put it all on since he arrived from Australia. He runs out daily in a paddock fenced off specially for him at his owner's stud farm, and there takes all the exercise he needs. Of course, the hyper-critical could fault him—there are spots on the sun—but he is a big, well-developed horse with more quality than is found in most horses standing, as he does, nearer 16.3 than under it, and has the character of the Stockwell tribe to a marked degree, and should certainly get big and useful racehorses from most of the mares that he has been mated with and others that are running in the paddocks handy to the horse's quarters. He seems a very even-tempered horse and a contented, good doer.

That solid and good performer All Red, a thorough stayer and weight-carrier while on the turf, and one of the stoutest sons of Stepniak at the stud, has been well patronised by

breeders, and amongst his mates are quite a number of mares that were well known to us on the racecourses of the Dominion, and others that have been represented by winners. Altogether he has had as good a chance to date as he had while in Oamaru, where there were all too many relatives of his located, as it was so long the home of his distinguished and popular sire. Noticeable amongst the list of mares which have been sent to Hunterville, where he is located, are some half-dozen or more descendants of the Potentate mare Policy, who raced hard and travelled all over the North Island before being put to the stud, and even raced after having bred several foals. Her descendants have raced all over New Zealand and some in Australia and India. All Red makes a fine horse to cross with any of them, and should leave good horses. He has also had four mares of the 24, several of the 14, a member of each of the Sharkie and Rosebud and of the Slander and Peeress families, besides members of the 2, 3, 4 and 5 families and one of the 32 family. His consorts include mares by All Black, Merriwee, Soult, St. Clements, St. Paul, Frisco, Advance, Sou'wester Seaton Delaval, Martello, his brother Royal Artillery, Gold Reef, Phoebus Apollo, Hierarch, Boniform, Rokeby, Worry, The Officer, Sylvia Park, Sir Lancelot. Dreadnought, Wonderland and Vladimir.

In treating Bjorneborg, who ran a lot of good races over varying distances last season from six furlongs to two miles, to such light imposts this year at Ellerslie, a wag remarked that the weight adjuster was making allowances for windage. Bjorneborg is said to have become musical since we last saw him at Ellerslie.

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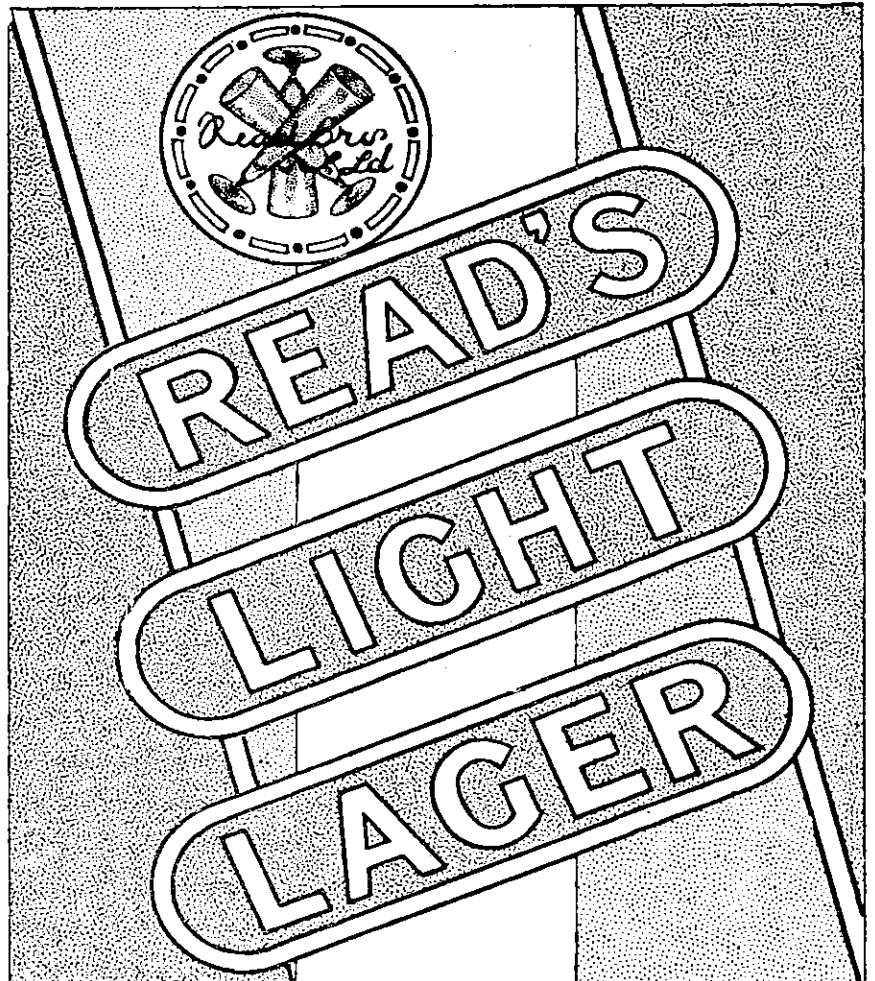
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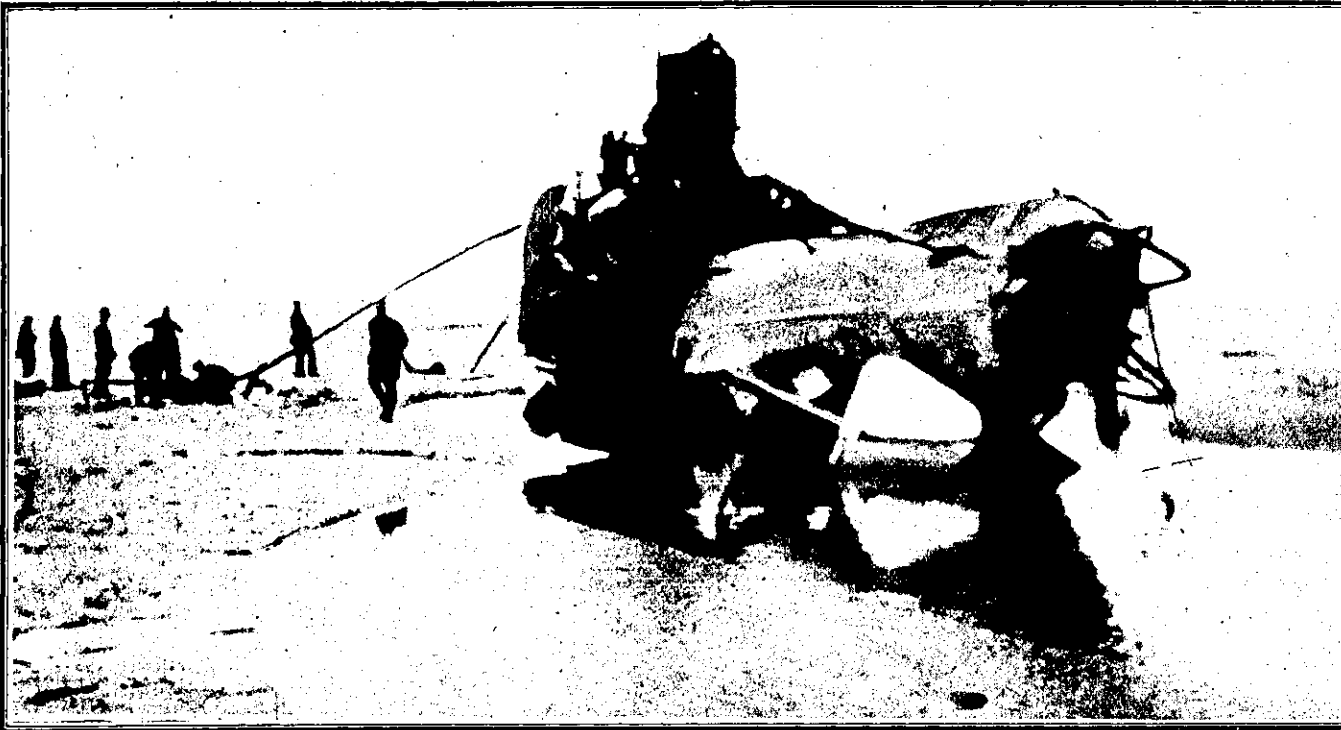


DIVINE SERVICE ON THE SALONIKA FRONT. Officers and men with heads bowed in silent prayer before a sandbagged structure erected as an altar on the Salonika front. The priest, who is seen conducting the service, is an Irishman who went to the front as a chaplain early in the war.



COMRADES-IN-ARMS.—BRITISH TOMMIES AND FRENCH POILUS WORK TOGETHER IN THE TRENCHES DURING THE BATTLE OF FLANDERS.

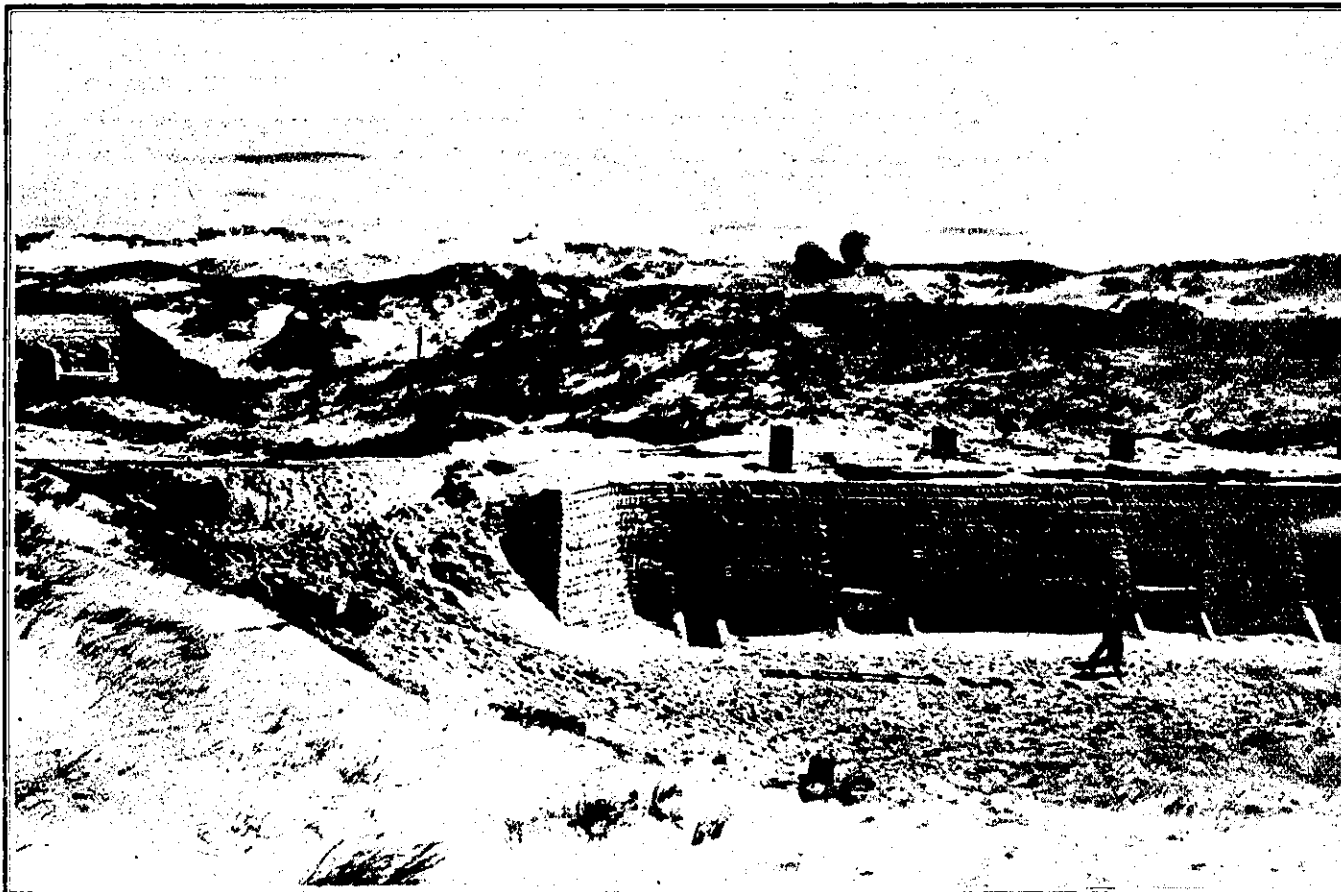
Interesting Sidelights on the Great War in Europe.



GERMAN SUBMARINE RUNS AGROUND NEAR CALAIS.—In avoiding mines a German submarine ran aground near Calais. The Germans set fire to the submarine, and destroyed parts of the machinery, making it useless. The illustration shows the submarine at low tide.



FATE OF AN ENEMY SUBMARINE.—NO LONGER A MENACE TO ALLIED SUBMARINE, WHICH HAS BEEN SET ON FIRE BY THE CREW, IS SHOWN RUNNING AGROUND NEAR CALAIS.



IN THE MARSHES AND DUNES OF FLANDERS.—Mention is often made of the probability of a naval engagement, and one wonders whether the Germans will test their strength at sea. The British sailors ardently hope that the day will not be long distant. Naturally, the Belgium coast is of great interest. The above illustration provides a good view of the dunes of Flanders, from where one can see the shell fire from a warship at sea.



THE WAR OF FRIGHTFULNESS.—LIQUID FLAME JETS, ONE OF THE MOST TERRIBLE METHODS OF MODERN WARFARE. A striking picture, showing liquid flame projected from a warship, which has been used in conducting a campaign was first introduced by the Huns, and the Allies have been compelled to adopt it in self-defence.

Incidents during the Battle of Flanders—Britishers who made the German positions unten



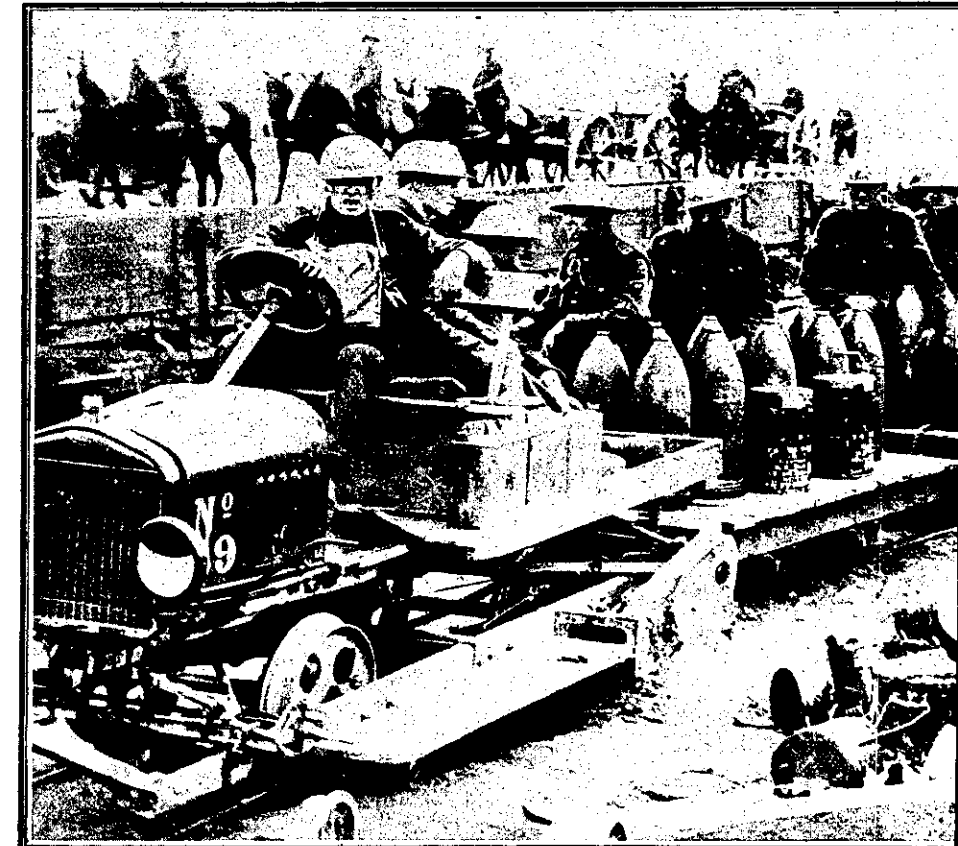
THE GREAT BRITISH ADVANCE AT FLANDERS.—TWO BRITISH TOMMIES AMID THE RELICS OF THE BATTLEFIELD AFTER THE GERMAN RETREAT. "Just your fit, old chap." Trying on German armour.



SCENE OF THE WORLD'S FIERCEST CONFLICT.—Part of the Flanders battle scene. A shell is depicted bursting in the air, creating a massive cloud of smoke and debris.



THOROUGH ORGANISATION OF THE BRITISH ARMY DURING THE GREAT CAMPAIGN AT FLANDERS. The wonderful water system in vogue on the British western front. Note the petrol cans which are used to convey the water from the specially-erected tanks to the front lines.



A STRIKING SCENE IN FLANDERS.—TAKING AMMUNITION UP TO THE FRONT. Motor vehicles, railway trucks, motor lorries, and light railway trolleys are used for transport.

NEW ZEALAND'S ROLL OF HONOUR



RIFLEMAN JOHN TANTRUM, of Feilding. Died from wounds.



PRIVATE W. PARKMAN, of Ormond, Auckland. Killed in action.



GUNNER WALTER GRAHAM COOPER, of Pungarehu, Taranaki. Killed in action.



PRIVATE J. B. McMANUS, of Leeston, Canterbury. Died from wounds.



BOMBARDIER F. C. FRANCE, of Wellington. Killed in action.



LANCE-CORPL. C. J. HAWKE, of Martinborough, Wairarapa. Killed in action.



PRIVATE MARK SAUNDERS, of Pleasant Point, Canterbury. Killed in action.



CORPL. MARSHALL L. LAMONT, of Auckland. Killed in action.



PRIVATE E. H. JOHANSON, of Hamua, Wellington. Killed in action.



PRIVATE W. R. FOLLETT, of Wa'hi. Died from wounds.



PRIVATE GEORGE MACINDOE, of Invercargill. Killed in action.



RIFLEMAN E. J. DAVID, of Timaru. Died from wounds.



RIFLEMAN EDWARD I. FENTON, of Ponsonby, Auckland. Died from wounds.



PRIVATE ALEX. L. WALKER, of Auckland. Killed in action.



RIFLEMAN ERNEST SLYE, of Eilersie, Auckland. Killed in action.



SERGT. EDWARD L. LIMBRICK, of Napier. Killed in action.



PRIVATE F. H. CAMMOCK, of Woodville, Hawke's Bay. Killed in action.



PRIVATE JAMES CREE, of Otekaike, North Otago. Killed in action.



CORPORAL A. J. LANGFORD, of South Hillend, Southland. Killed in action.



PRIVATE HAROLD S. D. STEWART, of Feilding. Killed in action.

AUCKLAND CUP AND RAILWAY HANDICAP.

THE WEIGHTS REVIEWED.

Mr. McManemin has given us the weights for these important races, and, as everyone fully expected, has made Desert Gold the "chopping block" in each. Her impost in the Auckland Cup is the heaviest one of her sex has been asked to carry, if our memory serves us at the moment. Weight-for-age is 9.0 for a five-year-old of her sex, and she has 10lb. over that, or 9.10, as against 9.3 awarded her in the Melbourne Cup, a much harder race to win on an average, and 1lb. more than she received in the last New Zealand Cup, races run nearly eight weeks earlier in the season. She did not run in the N.Z. Cup, but has won each of the three w.f.a. races she has started in this season, and is probably better now than ever she has been at any stage of her career, and should be ready, if wanted, to take on either of the contracts she has been set. In the Railway Handicap she has 10.6, or 24lb. over weight for age, which is a weight that could only be awarded to a really good one. Whether Mr. Lowry will run her for one or other of these races remains to be seen, or whether he will go

if really all right is the one that Mr. Lowry might have the best chance with.

The market, if there is any reliance to be placed on what people are doing who are trying to get big sums for small investments, points to Estland, of Mr. Lowry's trio, and if as good as many think him he should give as good an account of himself as any that have shown form of late, as the prominent runners have received attention at the hands of the handicapper and have been called upon to meet Desert Gold and Egypt on less favourable terms than in the New Zealand Cup. A number of horses that failed to show up in that race, and others that have not been prominent in races before or since the meeting at Riccarton, have come down greatly, and in some instances surprisingly in weight, on what they were assessed on previous form in the New Zealand Cup and in the Auckland Cup and other races last season. We have one handicapper, and a beginner at the business, making allotments so very much different to another, or to others, that if people are questioning the course adopted and are making comparisons that are unfavourable, it is not to be wondered at. With horses going up for winning and running prominently, and others coming down for running less prominently, and others that have not raced

when she was beaten. The Toff ran in that race also and beat Desert Gold on weight-for-age terms over the last furlong, after that mare had been raced down by Kilboy. The actual difference in weight between Desert Gold and The Toff was 13lb. then. The weights were 8.12 and 7.13, and it is possible that if there had been no Kilboy in the race Desert Gold would have beaten The Toff. We will assume so, but it must be admitted that all four runners, Sasanof included, ran well. The state of the course and the time showed that. Each one broke 3min. 30sec. for the two miles, the winner taking 3min. 28 1-5sec. For the Melbourne Cup an experienced racing man allotted Desert Gold 9.3, and gave Kilboy 9.5 and The Toff 9.0, clearly going on the form displayed in the Trentham Gold Cup event, and making the usual weight-for-age allowance for improvement in the age of each.

Most of those who have seen The Toff and Desert Gold racing did not consider that The Toff was favourably weighted with Kilboy, the winner, nor with Desert Gold, remembering that she has met him several times, though over other distances. Mr. Henrys' estimate of their merits in the New Zealand Cup—a difference of 10lb. was considered more likely to produce a good race between the pair. Desert Gold still represents good weight-for-



LIEUTENANT T. BREWER, of Ponsonby, Auckland. Died from wounds.

time they met last season, and who, by any process of reasoning, should have been giving Egypt at least some weight. The Toff is too well treated in the company, having regard to the rises in weight on so many of the performers that ran at Riccarton. Menelaus, who is The Toff's age, is also a gelding, and has proved much inferior to Desert Gold at w.f.a. over the distances he has raced. It really looks absurd to see The Toff placed 12lb. below Menelaus and 24lb. below Desert Gold.

We cannot go into details over the weights all through, but it will suffice for us to state her that we consider that The Toff and Bjorneborg in particular—and the last-named when three years old got a place last year carrying 4lb. more—have not been weighted nearly up to what their form last season as three-year-olds entitled them to receive. We can see no justification for asking Johnny Walker to meet Menelaus on 3lb. worse terms than in the N.Z. Cup, nor in making Teka, notwithstanding his Metropolitan win over a half-mile shorter distance, meet Menelaus on the same relative terms as before, while Snub, who was between them and third in the N.Z. Cup in a good finish, has been made the liberal allowance of 8lb. by Menelaus, 11lb. by Johnny Walker (who just beat him) and 8lb. by Teka, whom he beat by more than he was beaten. Paraoa, who was fifth, has been raised 3lb., just as Snub was, and Client has been dropped 1lb., while Multifual, who was with the last-named pair, has a drop of 9lb. No doubt the best horse on the day, Menelaus, won. Perhaps Multifual may find the altered weights a big help to a more forward position, and the racing should help him, as it may do Client. We have been looking at the doings of horses in the N.Z. Cup and at the C.J.C. spring meeting. Adjutant has been treated with consideration at 8.5, and there are a number of others that have nothing to complain of on the score of weight. Fiery Cross, Red Ribbon, Seadown, Cleft, Hendra and Multiply (and the last-named pair of geldings) have each come down 6lb. in weight. Wardancer (who is in at the minimum) and Blackall (who some people believe will yet win a good race) have also been treated to weights that they should run well under.

Recent running at Avondale and Ellerslie has to be considered. No races at these meetings extended beyond a mile and a-quarter. To-



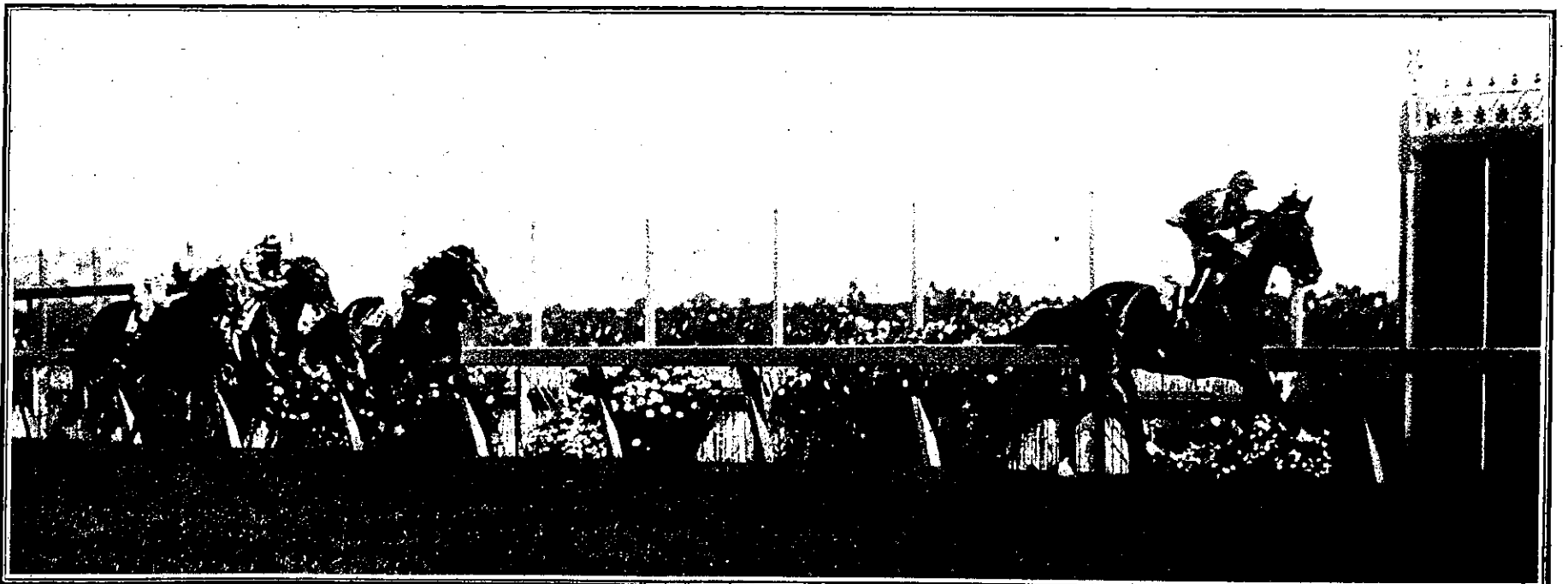
GROUP OF NEW ZEALANDERS ON FURLOUGH IN PARIS, PHOTOGRAPHED IN FRONT OF THE TROCADERO.

on and be satisfied to pick up easier money with her in smaller amounts and under an easier scale of weights remains to be seen. He has only one representative in the Railway Handicap, and that one is Desert Gold. He has three in the Auckland Cup, Egypt, who for some reason did not make the journey or race at Riccarton, and the other Estland, who, in the absence of absolute proof that he is a smasher, can be accepted as a pretty good colt as those of his age go. Mr. McManemin's version is contained in his summing up of the respective merits of Mr. Lowry's trio. Estland and Desert Gold have each 10lb. over w.f.a. Egypt has got off with 8lb. under, but has done no racing since he ran at Masterton, but on figures,

being left in similar positions to what they were before, we have, of course, altered conditions to study, but some of the rises are substantial and some of the drops equally so, and it has to be considered how far the alterations are justified. There are reasons, of course, for most of them, though some do appear extreme.

A lot of people to this day do not believe that Kilboy, who beat Desert Gold fairly and squarely in the Trentham Gold Cup, over two miles, would have beaten that good mare on top of the ground or if she had been as fit as he was. They assume that she was not quite strung up for the ordeal. They may be right, but their discovery was not an eleventh hour one, but came after the race was over,

age form, and would perhaps race with the best in Australia on w.f.a. terms, but it is not so certain that she would put up 10lb. over weight for age and race the best over there, each carrying the same higher scale. The Toff was never a top-class w.f.a. proposition even as a three-year-old, and at four years old had a number of tests in Australia and proved wanting, on account of his size and inability to carry w.f.a., but we would very much doubt whether any horse in Australia, let alone a mare, could give him 24lb. in weight over two miles or a mile and a-half. We are at a loss to understand why Mr. McManemin made such a big drop in the weights as to bring him 6lb. below Egypt, whose superior he was every



BIPLANE (B. DEELEY) HAS A DECISIVE WIN FROM PRINCE VIRIDIS AND BROKEN GLASS IN THE V.R.C. DERBY, ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE MELBOURNE CUP MEETING AT FLEMINGTON. Despite the fact that the New Zealand colt won without being extended, the time registered was 2min. 35 1/4sec., which equalled Beragoon's record for the Derby in 1913.

tere should have won the City Handicap carrying 9.3. He has won at a mile and a-half and may stay on, and at 8.8 he is in his right place, while Mullingar, who just beat him, may run a good race if he trains on satisfactorily. The drop in weight will assist Colonel Soult, who has not had such a light impost since he ran in the Auckland Cup four years ago. It is the first time that he has been set to receive weight from Mullingar. He is the same age as Chortle and Toatere, a pair of geldings that were not too old to show their superiority over everything at the Auckland spring meeting, and on City Handicap form Chortle must have received at least 9.6 or 9.7 in the Auckland Cup, though he failed last year with 9.0, when probably not as well as he was at the two recent meetings here. Form, of course, must vary, but the weights can vary too suddenly. Rebel has been somewhat disappointing, but he has received a lot of concession and may yet remove the impression that he is sour. He was emasculated after he finished racing last season. Bingham is one that finishes well, and he may win over a distance of ground with such a liberal weight. Sir Ralph stays and continues to improve, but the distance may be too far for Uncle Ned, who would perhaps have been better served in shorter races.

Vagabond stays, and may secure a good handicap race before the season is over, but whether his trainer, who took him south with Chortle and Chuckle last week, will bring him back to run at the Auckland R.C. summer meeting remains to be seen. He earned his impost of 7.10 by comparison with some others, but it represents 4lb. over w.f.a., and he was made the third best of those engaged, taking scale weights into consideration, and 7.10 seems plenty for a three-year-old gelding over two miles. The Toff failed last year with 5lb. more, and Wishful got second and Bjornborg third, each with 10lb. less. Blackall, who started second favourite last year carrying 7.9½, has been given 6.7 this year. He was beaten a head the previous year carrying 7.7 by Balboa (8.5), in 3min. 27.3-sec., and the three-year-old gelding Snub failed with 6.13, getting third place. Snub had previously run third in the C.J.C. Derby to Desert Gold and Nones, and Blackall, with 7.4, had got second in the N.Z. Cup. There are a number of lightweight possibilities, Miss Deval being one that may some day show up over a distance, and Red Rock is a three-year-old in with 6.7 that may perhaps get a journey. We are not so sure of Waiuta. One thing is certain, there will be a capital first acceptance, and that will indicate owners' intentions, and a good field can be looked for. Owners have inducements at so many meetings at about the same time that there is sure to be a scattering of the horses in different directions. There are no very pronounced fancies, so far as we are able to gather information on the subject.

THE RAILWAY HANDICAP.

While Mr. Macmanem regards Estland and Desert Gold equal class in a two-mile handicap at 10lb. over w.f.a., and Vagabond at within 6lb. of that pair, he has made it clear that he regards Desert Gold as a great sprinter by placing her 24lb. above w.f.a. in the Railway Handicap, in which, however, he has treated the four-year-old gelding Form Up and Menelaus at 10lb. and 8lb. better than w.f.a. They can both sprint well. The thought arises as to where he would have placed Biplane and Estland in this race had they been entered, not to ask where Biplane would have been placed had he been entered in the Cup. Biplane must have had a load, but in running over the list we come to the name of his rival of last season, Hymestra, with 8.6, and further down that of Simonides (now a gelding) with 8.0, and it makes us pause, because neither are treated as the classy colts they undoubtedly were. Leaving Desert Gold out of consideration for the moment, can anyone defend the weight adjuster for classing these colts below Form Up and Menelaus as w.f.a. propositions, and so little above those of



ALLEGED PERPETRATOR OF THE SENSATIONAL MURDER AND HIGHWAY ROBBERY AT RUNANGA, ON THE WEST COAST.—FREDERICK WILLIAM EGGERS, alias McMAHON, photographed outside the Christchurch police station shortly after his arrest. Eggers is to stand his trial on November 24 on a charge of having murdered John Coulthard, attempting to murder Isaac James and Wm. Hall, and stealing £3659 16s. 8d.

their own age engaged that they stood right out from last season. They are in a lump too light. Simonides won't start, and neither he nor Hymestra have raced this season, but that does not affect the position. Fancy classing Lingerie, brilliant as she is, with Hymestra, and 3lb. better than Simonides after last season's form and the weights they carried then, and placing Acre within 3lb. of Hymestra, who has 2lb. above and Simonides 1lb. below weight for age. Neither are treated as of top class,

yet both were better than Estland when they met over six furlongs. Hymestra's neck-and-neck go against Biplane in the G.N. Foal Stakes, run in 1min. 13.2-sec.—the most brilliant performance in the history of the race—and his race against Simonides in the G.N. Champagne last April, are performances that have been underrated. Both certainly got off with a good deal below their deserts. The three-year-olds certainly are considerably treated as compared with most of the older horses of any account.



THE AUCKLAND POLICE JIU-JITSU TEAM, who gave an interesting exhibition of this Japanese system of physical culture at the Police Carnival at the Auckland Town Hall on the 8th and 9th inst. The Auckland Police set out with the object of raising £1000 in aid of the British Red Cross Funds, and as a result of the great success that has attended their commendable efforts more than double the amount mentioned was realised, viz., £2600. The names of the group are:—Standing (from left): Constable W. Trask, Constable W. Kearney. Sitting: Constable J. Neil, Sergt. McCarthy (instructor), Constable H. Sargent. [Detective Issell, Photo.]

There are fifteen of them, and they include thirteen winners, most of them winners this year as well as last. Cruciform, a good two-year-old filly, won with 9.0 at three years, or 15lb. over w.f.a. Form Up has 10lb. over w.f.a. and Menelaus 8lb. over, so presumably the Australasian champion, as Biplane has been styled, would have been rightly placed with from 15lb. to 17lb. over w.f.a., if Form Up and Menelaus have earned their imposts. However, Biplane is not engaged. Parisian Diamond (7.10), Hopfield (7.10), Mill o' Gowrie (8.2), Wrestler (7.10), who was third in the Stewards this year with 7.7, and Waiuta (6.7), who was third in the Railway last year with 7.3, and Lady Jack (6.10)—though the distance may possibly be a trifle far for the latter—are amongst the many over three years old that are well treated, but the list will have to undergo a big reduction, and we can await the first acceptance before making further comment. It certainly looks as if the fields will be large—probably record ones—for both races.

WAIPA RACING CLUB.

Owners and trainers should note that nominations for all events to be decided at the Waipa Racing Club's annual meeting at Te Awamutu on Saturday, December 15, close with the secretary, Mr. A. J. Bray, on Friday evening next (November 23) at 9 p.m. Nominations can also be made with Messrs. Bloomfield and Co., High Street, Auckland, on the same date. The officials of the Waipa Club have made a special effort to arrange accommodation for all horses visiting the meeting, and trainers can rely upon securing loose boxes for their charges. Any applications made to the secretary will receive prompt attention. This consideration of an important matter to trainers contemplating taking horses to the meeting will meet with due appreciation, and advantage should be taken of the opportunity to communicate with the secretary at the earliest possible convenience.

The programme, which appears on another page, is of an attractive character that should induce owners to nominate their horses freely for the eight events carded, and the fact of it being the only meeting in December to precede the big Christmas and New Year racing carnivals in Auckland is certain to carry much weight with those desirous of giving their charges an opportunity to win a good stake before competing at Ellerslie and at the Thames at holiday time. The Te Awamutu Cup, of 150sovs (one mile and a-quarter), which, last year, it will be remembered, was won by the subsequent Auckland Cup winner (Depredation), can confidently be expected to attract a strong field, while the Waipa Stakes, of 60sovs (six furlongs), for three-year-old and upwards, should again be productive of an excellent response from owners. In addition to the Pirongia Handicap Hurdles, hack, sprint and welter events are included in the varied programme, so that trainers should experience no difficulty in placing their horses to advantage. The club's fine course is at present looking at its best, and the prospects of a most successful and enjoyable meeting must certainly be viewed in a highly favourable light.

The eight candidates that have been entered for the Great Northern Trotting Derby, to be run on the opening day of the Auckland Trotting Club's summer meeting, give promise of providing an interesting contest among the three-year-old cracks. It is not thought that the field will be reduced to any extent when final payments are made on December 14, and should such be the case the generous action of the A.T.C. officials in raising the stake from 250sovs to 350sovs for the second Trotting Derby to be run in Auckland can be said to have met with deserved appreciation.

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CORPORAL H. R. THAYER, of Napier, H.B. Killed in action.



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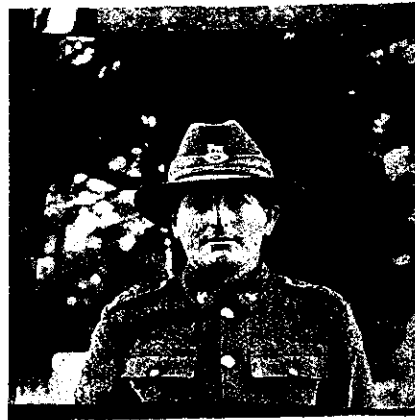
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PRIVATE J. R. PAGE, of Takaka, Nelson. Killed in action.



PRIVATE A. TIMS, of Otahuhu, Auckland. Died from wounds.



PRIVATE G. N. SAYWELL, of Richmond, Nelson. Killed in action.



RIFLEMAN F. E. DEAR, of Rongotea, Manawatu. Died from wounds.



PRIVATE EDWIN G. CHURCHES, of Matangi, Waikato. Killed in action.



RIFLEMAN DAVID TWEEDIE, of Milton, Otago. Died from wounds.



SERGT. JAS. E. CARMICHAEL, of Sawyer's Bay, near Dunedin. Killed in action.



PRIVATE CHARLES SYME, of Paeroa, Ohinemuri. Killed in action.



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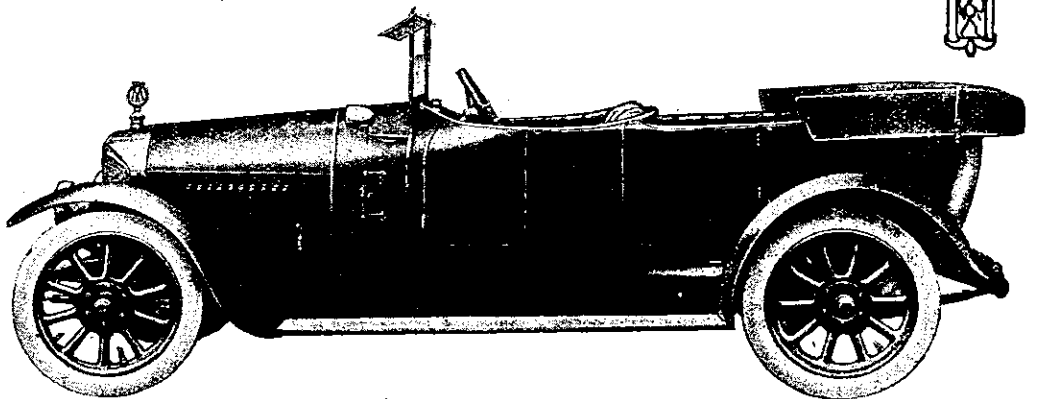
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RED CROSS MATCHES.

For the third year, clubs affiliated to the above association have held a series of matches in aid of the Red Cross Fund. The returns this season have not been quite as good as in the previous years, the amount realised to date (November 15) being £218 19s. In 1915 the amount collected was £339 8s, and in 1916 £295 4s. 6d. Thus, these clubs have raised a total of £853 11s. 6d. for the benefit of the soldiers, in addition to a sum of £92 10s. contributed to a Serbian hospital in 1915, making a grand total of £946 1s. 6d. There may be one or two further small sums to come in this year, the receipt of which will be acknowledged in due course. The only expenses have been the cost of the medals used in the matches. Appended is the complete statement of receipts and expenditure for 1917:—Receipts: Wanganui, £25 8s. 6d.; Manawatu, £14 0s. 6d.; Miramar, £11 13s.; Napier, £10; Johnsonville, £9 8s.; Otago, £9 5s.; Auckland, £9; Wellington, £9; Maungakiekie, £8 11s.; Hagley, £7 13s.; Hokitika, £6 11s.; Christchurch, £6; St. Clair, £5 12s.; Waipukurau, £5 10s.; Hastings, £5 7s.; Timaru, £5 2s. 6d.; Poverty Bay, £5; Westport, £4 18s. 6d.; Nelson, £4 13s.; Masterton, £4 9s.; Hamilton, £4 2s.; Invercargill, £4 1s.; Rotorua, £4; Waitemata, £3 16s.; Cambridge, £3 14s.; Dannevirke, £3 6s.; Waimate, £3 5s.; Feilding, £3 3s.; New Plymouth, £3 0s. 6d.; Inglewood, £2 19s.; Richmond Hill, £2 17s. 6d.; Lyttelton, £2 14s.; Hawera, £2 5s.; Hutt, £2 5s.; Patea, £2; Ashburton, £1 7s. 6d.; Greytown, £1 2s.; Paeroa, £1 2s.; Thames, 17s. 6d. Total, £218 19s. Expenditure: Medals, £18 12s. 6d.; Red Cross Fund, £200 6s. 6d. Total, £218 19s.

STRATFORD RACING CLUB.

To be held on Stratford Racecourse, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1918.

PROGRAMME.

- First Race Starts at 12 Noon.
- BOROUGH STAKES** of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Open to all horses that have never won a race of any description at the time of start. Weight for two-year-olds, 7.7; three-year-olds, 8.0; four-year-olds and upwards, 8.7. Entrance 40s. Five furlongs.
 - TARIKI WELTER HACK HANDICAP** of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Seven furlongs.
 - STRATHMORE HACK HANDICAP** of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Minimum weight, 7.7. Five furlongs.
 - STRATFORD CUP HANDICAP** (Open) of 550sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 140s. One mile and a-quarter.
 - OHURA HACK HURDLE HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry 10lb penalty, two or more races 17lb penalty. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. One mile and a-half, over six flights of 3ft. 6in. hatten hurdles.
 - DOUGLAS HANDICAP** (Open) of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs and third horse 20sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s. Six furlongs.
 - MIDHIRST HACK HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
 - RAILWAY HACK HANDICAP** of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Six furlongs.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty, and for every additional race a further penalty of 7lb, or, if he thinks fit, the handicapper may re-handicap the winner of any race after the declaration of weights. Owners shall be responsible for the accuracy of the weights to be carried by their horses. (Rule XIX.II.)

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

NOMINATIONS for all handicaps close on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1917, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS declared on or about WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1917.

ALL ACCEPTANCES and ENTRIES for Borough Stakes close on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1917, at 9 p.m.

ALFRED COLEMAN,
Secretary S.R.C.

Approved by the Taranaki District Committee on September 18, 1917.—E. P. WEBSTER, Secretary.

MARTON JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING, (One Day).

To be held on Marton Course, Adjoining Marton Junction Railway Station, TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1918.

OFFICIALS:

President: Mr. R. Aldworth. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. R. E. Beckett, D. G. Riddiford, Mrs. Bennett and Skerman. Judge: Mr. R. H. Aldworth. Handicapper: Mr. H. Coyle. Starter: Mr. A. Keith. Clerk of Course: Mr. W. E. Gibbons. Hon. Clerk of Scales: Mr. F. L. Young. Hon. Assistant Clerk of Scales: Mr. J. H. C. Broad. Hon. Timekeeper: Mr. R. F. Wood. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. D. G. Riddiford. Secretary: Mr. Arthur Way. Stewards and Committee: Drs. Bennett and Skerman, Messrs. R. E. Beckett, D. G. Riddiford, K. W. Deighton, R. Young, J. C. Broad, J. McDonnell, F. R. H. Brice, S. J. Gibbons, F. L. Young, H. J. Cameron, I. Jefferson, I. M. Richards, H. McManaway, E. Openshaw. Judicial Committee: Messrs. R. E. Beckett, K. W. Deighton, E. Goodbehere, D. G. Riddiford, Dr. S. Skerman.

PROGRAMME.

- First Race Starts at 11.30 a.m.
- HACK HURDLES HANDICAP** of 175 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. One mile and a-half, over six flights of hurdles 3ft. 6in. high.
 - DASH HACK HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Six furlongs.
 - JUVENILE HANDICAP** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stake. For two and three-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 50s. Five furlongs.
 - MARTON CUP** (Open), a Handicap of 500sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and third horse 30sovs from the stake. Winners of any race after declaration of weights are liable to be re-handicapped by the handicapper. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 6sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
 - LADIES' BRACELET**, a Hack Handicap of 100sovs, including gold bracelet 20sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Gentlemen riders. Minimum weight, 10.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s. Eight furlongs and a-half.
 - RAILWAY HANDICAP** (Open) of 300sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 20sovs from

the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Six furlongs.

NEW YEAR HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Seven furlongs.

STEWARDS' WELTER HANDICAP (Open) of 225sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15 sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 50s. Minimum weight, 8.0. Eight furlongs and a-half.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events will close at the Secretary's Office, Marton, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1917, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS will be declared on or about FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1917.

ACCEPTANCES will close with the Secretary at the Office of the Club, Marton, on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1917, at 9 p.m.

PENALTIES.

Flat Races.—In any handicap race (except the Marton Cup Handicap), the winner of any flat race after declaration of weights shall carry a penalty of 10lb, and of every additional race a further penalty of 6lb extra. No penalty will be required in an open race for having won a hack or hack races.

Hurdle Races.—The winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights shall carry a penalty of 10lb, and for every additional race 7lb extra.

RULES.

All races to be run under the New Zealand Rules of Racing.

All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Marton Jockey Club, Marton, and entrance money to be enclosed, with name of horse, age at time of entry, name of owner and trainer, pedigree and colours of rider.

All nominations by wire must be confirmed by letter by first mail afterwards.

ARTHUR WAY,
Secretary.

Approved in accordance with the Rules of Racing this 7th day of November, 1917.—WM. HALL, Secretary Wanganui Jockey Club.

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ELLERSLIE ITEMS.

SATURDAY.

On Saturday the trainers had the choice of the sand, tan, the outer grass and the two-year-old tracks and the hurdles to work over.

Three of E. J. Thorpe's charges, Fisher, Bingham and Hopfield, worked separately on the tan at a useful pace.

British Arch downed Last Call over a tan six furlongs in 1min 23sec.

Lady Bruce scampered over six furlongs on the grass, finishing well within herself.

Demotic ran a grass five furlongs in 1min 6sec, beating Carmen Sylva.

Homerich was ahead of Brown Loch over a grass half mile in 52sec. Campaign went a furlong further in 1min 6sec.

The surprise of the before breakfast session was the way Step beat Colonel Soult and Hythread from the grass seven furlongs in 1min 28sec.

Colonnade carried too many guns for Toki at the finish of five furlongs on the grass in 1min 5 3-5sec.

Plenipotent and Michael O'Leary were going easier than War Time over four of the big battens.

Carbiness had more life at the end of two rounds over the schooling hurdles than Sportful, finishing a length ahead.

Billy Wiggs had to play second fiddle to Con at the end of six furlongs on the grass in 1min 18 3-5sec.

The Peggy Pride gelding showed plenty of vim in a run down the tan straight. This was suggestive of being useful later on.

Arran and Princess Bee were to go together, but Arran broke away, running five furlongs in 1min 6sec. The filly left four furlongs behind in 52sec.

Polydamon and Sylvasco worked separately on the tan. The imported horse is on the up grade.

Woody Glen beat Blue Cross by nearly a length over half a mile on the grass in 49 4-5sec.

Signo finished up the before breakfast session by running once round the sand in 1min 57 1-5sec, being assisted over the last six furlongs by Lady Glen, who was not ridden out.

F. Stenning's team, Lady Paula, Mullingar, Lough Ennell and Lady Jack, were on the easy list.

Coleraine ran half a mile on the sand in 50sec Demoiselle, holding Brodick cheap, left the same distance on the grass behind in 51 1-5sec.

Royal Rufus beat a companion over a grass six furlongs in 1min 19 4-5sec.

Pre-eminent beat a mate over four furlongs on the grass in 52sec. It took John Bunny 1-5sec longer to cover the same ground.

Carbiness, Piupiu and Bezmar are to be nominated for the Woodville District J.C. summer meeting.

Monatour gave The Broke a break and a beating over half a mile on the grass in a tick under 50sec.

Principal Lady and Aircraft sprinted in company.

Torotoro made a noise while running

down, having his collarbone broken again.

The sturdy little Gluten gelding Goldsize has been pensioned off and next week will be sent out for life to eat the oats of idleness.

Kitty Bellairs, who is very well and nicely treated at Takapuna, will have her old rider, Ben Deeley, in the saddle.

The trainer of Polydamon is not taking any risks with the imported horse now that the ground is getting hard. The son of Polymelus strode along nicely on the tan on Saturday.

L. H. Hewitt left for Hawke's Bay after the A.R.C. spring meeting. He is understood to have engagements at the Takapuna fixture on Saturday.

SATURDAY.

Trainers had the choice of the tan, sand and inner grass, which was in good order, having been well watered during the night.

All the work written was done on the tan unless otherwise mentioned.

Wish Wynn and Mary Bruce ran four furlongs in 54sec. Lady Bruce went two furlongs further in 1min 23 1-5sec.

Hopfield sprinted half a mile on the sand in 52 4-5sec.

The Channel fluttered over four furlongs in 53 1-5sec.

British Arch was going easier than Last Call and Plenipotent over seven furlongs in 1min 41 2-5sec.

Campaign went with Royal Rufus over the first part of seven furlongs in 1min 39 4-5sec.

Colonnade finished in front of Toki over five furlongs in 1min 6 1-5sec.

Cynic and Slipstitch galloped seven furlongs in 1min 43 4-5sec.

Informal ran a slippery three of four furlongs on the two-year-old track in 38sec, beating Aircraft by a good margin.

Meltonio, Peneton and Danseuse sprinted as above in 42sec.

Lough Ennell ran the last five of six furlongs on the sand in 1min 8 1-5sec.

Mullingar put in a couple of circuits at a useful pace. The winner of the City Handicap bears an improved appearance.

Pendoun and Blue Cross ran out six furlongs in 1min 22sec. Billy Wiggs took 1min 24sec to finish the same distance.

Signo ran once round the sand with Lady Glen to assist over the last half mile, the circuit taking 2min 1 2-5sec.

Carbiness had the measure of Sportful in an outer grass circuit in 1min 58 sec, the mare finishing up soundly.

Others to work usefully on the different tracks were Bingham, Fisher, Miss Ellice, Pierrot, Step, Ulster, War Time, Fionnuala, Glendalough, Gold Fran, Marble Star, Wa Copper, Pate-tonga, Sir Ralph, Melchikoff, Arran, Bowler, Woody Glen, John Bunny, Gluepot, Sylvasco, Fabrique, Lightning, Con. Marconi, Puipui, Polydamon, Gluetanus, Michael O'Leary, Sleepy Jack, and Princess Bee.

Colonel Soult and Hythread put up probably the most attractive gallop of the morning. The pair ran seven furlongs on damp tan in 1min 36 1-5sec.

A. Vincent ("Carbine Jack"), who assists Mr. C. O'Connor at some of the country fixtures with the starting barrier, returned home to Palmerston North last week.

P. Conway has Whitford Belle looking well. The maiden hurdler Waihoi, hoi, in the same stable, is also looking and jumping well. Conway has Buster (General Latour—Cyrona) in work.

The two-year-old Brodick, in C. Coleman's care, is showing pace, but seems a bit track shy.

The three-year-old Monatour is on the improve. On Saturday morning he gave The Broke a break and a beating over four furlongs, finishing well.

At the present time J. J. Preston's horses, Takanini, Pre-eminent and Monatour, look at the very top of their form. A win for either would not be out of place.

Miss Leslie has gone into W. Mobberley's care to be prepared for this season's racing.

J. Negus is keeping Master Regel in blooming health, but has not been satisfied with the weights put on the gelding by handicappers.

The Achilles—Aidean filly Ritasea, who won the Juvenile Apprentices' Race at Avondale and who did not race last season, is back at headquarters under J. Chaafe's care.

Gordon, the Gisborne lightweight, will have the mount on Whitford Belle, Colonnade and Singular at the Takapuna meeting. The last-named is a grand-daughter of the jumping mare Cingalee.

The filly Sans Jene (Marble Arch—Miss Grizzle), a half sister to Dunganon, is coming on nicely under L. Coleman's care.

The gelding Empire, who is always looking for a chance to spring a surprise on the stable lads, found an opening on Monday morning, when he unseated Jack O'Shea and bolted.

"Andy" Robertson has been absent from the tracks the past few morning's. The well-known figure of Mr. Albert Hill, the caretaker, has also been missing, sickness in both cases being the cause.

Mr. James Farquhar, of the Auckland "Star," who has been in the grip of his old enemy—rheumatism of the eyes—is back at the old tryst, slowing recovering.

The Takapuna candidates are all being worked the reverse way at the Ellerslie track, both lepping and flat racing divisions.

TROTTING.

The fine spell of weather has enabled trotting trainers in Auckland to carry out the preparation of their charges for the big Christmas and New Year meeting under ideal conditions, and, judging by the large number of horses in work, exceptionally good fields are promised at the Auckland Trotting Club's summer fixture. The contingent from the

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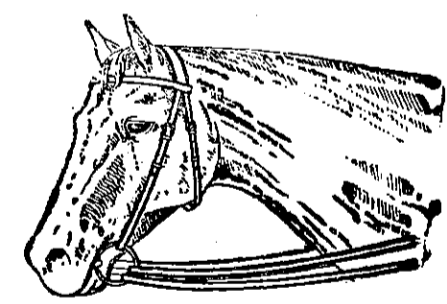


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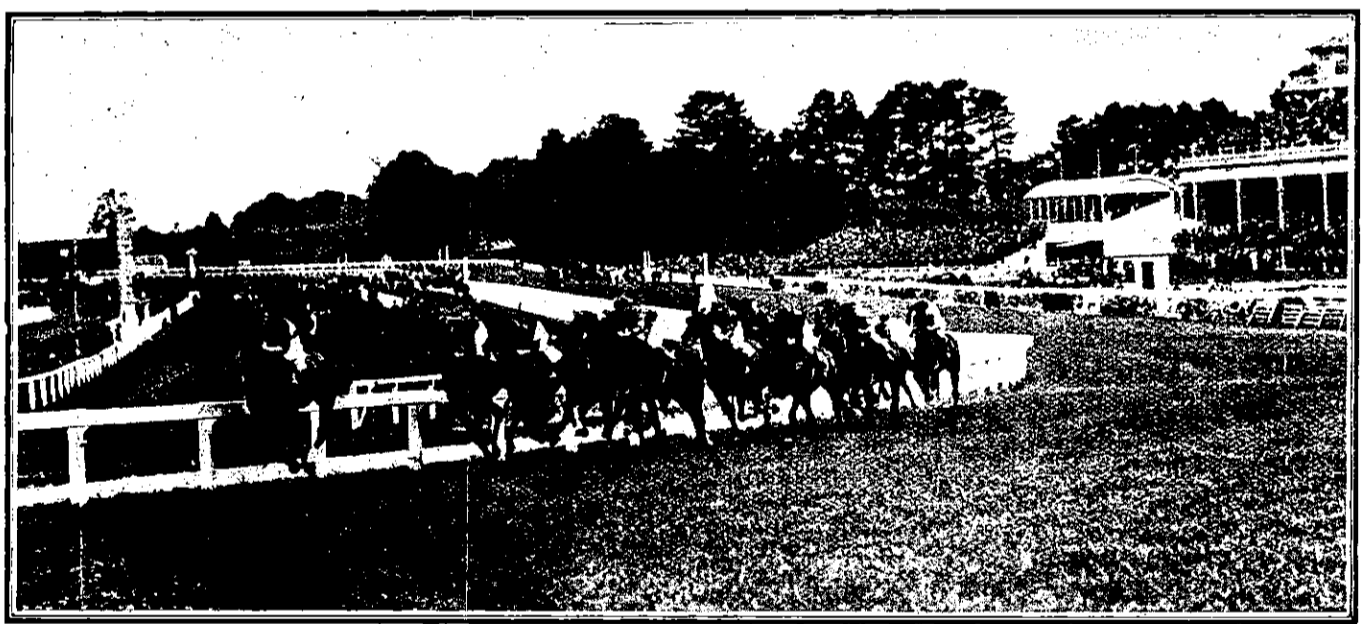
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THE FIELD GOING OUT OF THE STRAIGHT IN THE CITY HANDICAP (1/4 MILES) AT THE AUCKLAND R.C.'S SPRING MEETING.—HOPFIELD (J. Buchanan) showing the way to UNCLE NED (next rails), MULLINGAR, MELTCHIKOFF and CYNIC (next rails).

half a mile in 52sec.

Jack Delaval was running along nicely to register 1min 8 3-5sec over five furlongs on the grass.

Empire was not distressed to run away from Cordite over four furlongs in 53sec.

Ring Lupin sprinted down the tan attractively. The Lupin—Iota gelding had a flutter with Mossman on Thursday, giving a good account of himself over six furlongs.

Mary Bruce got a start on Miss Ellice over a short sprint with little to choose between the pair at the finish.

Dancastor beat Rock Diamond over a short course on the tan. D. O'Shea and Bennie were the respective riders.

Shining Light has improved with the racing he has had. He easily held Kilbegan in a three furlong spin in 39sec on the two-year-old track.

Joss and Takanini were together, ahead of Waihoihoi.

Theresa alone went over the same battens. Captain Lock and Paramahone also had a rough up over them. The Captain had the big horse beaten.

Silver Lupin and Deviation, after a trial pony hurdle, were joined by Keystone and Peneton. Silver Lupin led the field a merry dance, finishing well in front of the others.

Black Northern acted as schoolmaster for a chestnut full brother to Silver Cluse in J. Williamson's stable. The gelding took the pony and big battens, pleasing the onlookers. A. McFlinn put Black Northern at the stone wall. He struck the fence, unseating his rider.

Mr. Webber's Scottish Queen (Robert the Bruce—Mahinga) after a three furlong gallop bled and afterwards fell dead. The filly showed a lot of quality.

Warner, who had his collarbone broken at the A.R.C. meeting, met with a very peculiar accident on Thursday morning. While holding All Talk by the bridle on the ground the horse was startled at the barrier rising and pulled away from Warner, who was thrown

It was Hythread's best showing since arriving. He was on the outside. The left-handed going may help the Gisborne horse.

Demotic finished in front of Homerich and Carmen Sylva in a sprint over four furlongs in 53sec.

After breakfast Monatour and Juanna ran six furlongs on the grass in 1min 22sec, easing up.

Joss beat Waihoihoi over a circle and then flew a couple of pony battens.

Whitford Belle, Pre-eminent and Singular had a flutter over a grass five furlongs, registering 1min 6 2-5sec.

Theresa jumped the schooling hurdles. Devotion went over the little sticks and then joined Silver Lupin and Dancastor, the trio going over the battens in this order.

Te Onga, after a round on the tan, was popped over two pony battens by McFlinn.

Singular beat Pre-eminent and Whitford Belle over five furlongs in 1min 6 2-5sec.

Empire ran away from Mountain Gold, covering the six furlongs in 1min 19sec.

Principal Lady, after a bad start, beat both Canzonet and Comedy Prince over four furlongs on the grass in 53 2-5sec. Coleraine covered the same distance on the sand in 54 2-5sec.

Shining Light galloped a few furlongs on the two-year-old rink attractively, beating a stable mate.

Araluen and San Jene ran a grass half mile in 51 1-5sec.

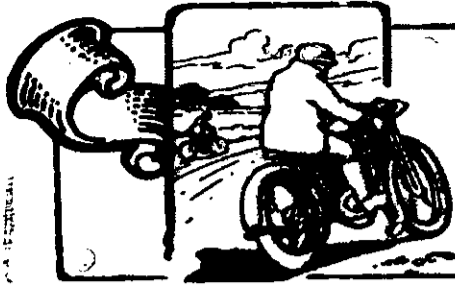
Torotoro, Dunrobin, Aircraft, Jack Delaval, Runaway, and Stilts put in fair work.

Mossman and Ring Lupin galloped from the mile and a-half post to the judge's box (nearly six furlongs) in 1min 19 3-5sec.

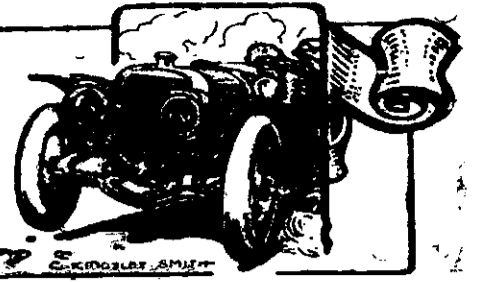
TUESDAY.

Joe Conquest has returned from camp and is riding work at Ellerslie.

south is reported as likely to be the most formidable yet seen out at Alexandra Park, many of the leading trainers in both islands contemplating bringing members of their strings north at holiday time. That the Auckland Trotting Cup field will be well up to the high standard attained in late years is an opinion that can be ventured with some assurance, and the two miles race will undoubtedly attract a record crowd to Epsom on December 27. Unfortunately last year's trotting cup was marred to a great extent by the heavy rain which fell throughout the race, the track being rendered in such a heavy state as to interfere materially with the chances of several of the competitors. Admiral Wood appeared quite at home in the soft going, and his surprise victory, which was attended with a substantial dividend, was of a meritorious order. Given fine weather, the excellent track at Alexandra Park will be conducive to a sterling race for the 1000sovs stake. The date for the closing of all entries for the Auckland Trotting Club's three days' summer gathering, viz., Friday, December 7, is fast approaching, and that the nominations will be well above the average is apparent by the wide interest already being taken in the fixture by trotting owners and trainers in various parts of the Dominion.



MOTORING & CYCLING



At the last meeting of the Auckland Automobile Association, the list of proposed stands for the use of motor cars between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. was forwarded by the City Council. The positions of the stands were approved by the association. It was decided to request the City Council to erect notices at the stands for the convenience of motorists. In reply to the recent request from the association asking the Government to authorise the manufacture of alcohol for commercial purposes in New Zealand, a letter was read from Dr. Valintne, chief health officer, stating that he had considered the matter with the Government analyst, and that he hoped to be able to supply further information shortly.

A pleasant gathering was held at Napier last month, when the motor cyclists of the district assembled for the purpose of saying farewell to Mr. Leslie Limbrick, who has since taken his departure for the front, having taken his aviation pilot's certificate at the Sockburn aerodrome. In presenting Mr. Limbrick with a purse of sovereigns, Mr. H. Deighton referred to the fact that Mr. Limbrick had been one of the most enthusiastic motorists in the district ever since he was in knickers, and said that much of the success of the sport had been due to his untiring efforts. He trusted Mr. Limbrick would, after "downing" many Hun machines, safely return to his friends in Hawke's Bay. Mr. Limbrick, in response, thanked the donors for entertaining him and for their handsome gift, and said the memories of the past happy days with his fellow motorists, and of the many friends he was leaving behind, would assist him to face whatever lay ahead.

A deputation from the Wellington Automobile Club, consisting of Messrs. C. M. Banks, L. R. Partridge, H. W. Lloyd, and H. J. Stott, waited last week upon the By-laws Committee of the Wellington City Council. They asked that the speed limit of motor traffic be increased as far as it concerns the cross street intersections. They instanced the fact that not one motorist in a hundred observed the speed limit going along Courtenay Place across Tory Street, and also mentioned a number of cases where the by-laws had been a hardship. They requested that the limit be increased. The committee assured the deputation that they would give the matter every consideration.

For violating the State law regulating the speed of motor vehicles, while engaged in a recent military chauffeurs' contest conducted by the Wisconsin (U.S.) Motor Contest Association, two men were fined £2 and costs in the police court. The judge admitted that the object of the race was a most patriotic one and its only purpose to help the Government in time of war, but the court stated that it had made an inflexible rule to fine all speeders, regardless of the circumstances.

The Ford Motor Works are carrying out a U.S. Government order for 200,000 aero engine cylinders, and these are being delivered at the rate of 5000 per day. The production of standardised aeroplane parts is proceeding at a tremendous pace in numerous American factories, and it is fully expected that before the end of the year 100,000 complete machines will be delivered to the American front. To this gigantic total, of course, has to be added the intensified British and French production, running into tens of thousands.

The Auckland Automobile Association have voted a further sum of £10 10s. to the Red Cross Fund.

The Buller County Council, as a result of protests from motor men, backed up by the residents of country districts, has decided to instruct its clerk to collect motor license fees at a reduction of 25 per cent. during the currency of the war, owing to the increased cost of benzine, tyres, etc.

A motor proprietor appealed to the Military Service Board at Nelson on behalf of two drivers in their employ in the Glenhope-West Coast service. Appellant stated that his firm had difficulty in procuring experienced drivers. The Board directed that at its next sitting the firm give a detailed statement of the number of men employed, with the minimum number of men required to maintain the mail service. The cases were adjourned.

Mr. Horace E. Dodge, one of the Dodge Brothers, has given his steam yacht, *Nokomis*, to the U.S. Government for war purposes. The yacht, which is valued at a quarter of a million dollars, has been accepted.



Mr. Paul Stanhope, of the Stanhope Revue Company, in his Paige car. The well-known actor-manager, whose company has visited the leading centres of the Dominion on the Fuller circuit, is greatly impressed with his new car, and never misses an opportunity to enjoy a spin on the New Zealand roads.

The Automobile Club of Philadelphia by a recent decree of its board of governors will remit the membership dues of all its members joining the colours or in any way joining the service of Uncle Sam.

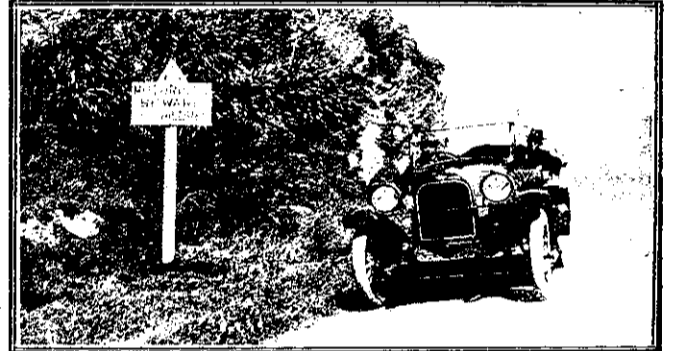
Women are coming into prominence as drivers of motor trucks in the United States now that men are leaving for mobilisation camps or foreign fields. New York already has its corps of women motor drivers, and Chicago has organisations of women who are ready to drive. A Chicago bus firm is advertising for 1800 women as chauffeurs of its cars since the draft was made.

There are honest folk in Dunedin, says "Carburetter." A local motorist lost his kit of tools from his motor cycle. He advertised for them, and the following day five sets of tools were brought along to him for identification.

An entirely unexpected and greatly appreciated addition to the afternoon's enjoyment of the crowds at the Canterbury Metropolitan Show and the trotting meeting in the adjoining ground was provided (says the *Christchurch "Sun"*) by Mr. C. M. Hill, instructor at the Canterbury Aviation Company's School at Sockburn. In a dual-control Caudron biplane, which had been built at the school, Mr. Hill flew across Addington to above the

city, at a height of from 2500ft. to 3000ft. Above Cathedral Square he turned "cartwheels," and did another "stunt" or two for the benefit of the people in the city. Then he returned to Addington, and gave the crowds there a very interesting display of aerial evolutions. One nose-dive, which he performed with fine control over his machine, caused quite a scatter of those timid people who imagined that the machine was coming right down on them. Next day Mr. Hill gave another interesting display, Mrs. Hill making the trip with him.

At present there is a scarcity of chauffeurs in England, but when the war is over there is certain to be a glut in the market. The number of men who have learned to drive and are comparatively skilled in looking after their motors has been vastly increased since the war began, and when it concludes there will be a desperate rush to a great number of women chauffeurs employed, and this introduces another problem. Naturally, they will not feel inclined to give up their jobs. There must, however, be many cases in which employers have guaranteed to keep the jobs open for the men who return, and in such cases we fear (says a contem-



Mr. G. B. Holmes, the Wellington agent for Paige cars, and Mr. Hean, of Hean's Essence fame, motoring along Day's Bay Road, Wellington. The notice board is not unnaturally resented by car owners, owing to its pointed allusion to motorists, who apparently have been singled out from other road users as constituting a danger to children.

porary) that the women will have to give way. Otherwise, we do not see why they should be expected to give up work which they have capably carried out during the period of the war. Quite a number have been employed in commercial work.

Flight-Lieutenant E. D. Harkness, D.S.O., R.N., who was interned in Holland last year, a few weeks ago arrived in London to spend a month there on parole. Lately he has been working in the drawing office of the Heemaf Electrical Drawing Works, at Henyelo, Holland. Lieutenant Harkness, who comes from Nelson, was taking part in an attack on St. Denis Westrom, when he was slightly wounded, and his motor was damaged, thus causing him to land at West Kepelle, and internment in Holland followed as a matter of course. It was just about the time of his internment that he was awarded the D.S.O. in recognition of his services the previous month, when he and another officer together dropped bombs on the airship sheds at Evere and Berchem St. Agathe.

The Ford Motor Company, according to a statement made by Henry Ford, is manufacturing 200,000 airplane cylinders of steel for the United States Government, to be delivered at the rate of 1000 a day at cost price. The company just recently has developed a method for making the cylinders cheaply, and the Gov-

ernment is securing the benefit of this new method. Mr. Ford has left the matter of price to be settled by the Government after the cylinders are made, the Government and Mr. Ford to figure the cost and the Government to pay for them without profit to the Ford company. The price, it is said, will be very low. Mr. Ford states that it costs very little more to produce steel now than it did before the war, and this, plus his new manufacturing method, will cause the low price.

Although most of the Italian field pieces are horse-hauled, this army makes extensive use of a special chassis built by Spa for carrying and firing a special long range quick-fire 4-in. gun. This appears to be the biggest gun fired from a chassis, as distinct from guns which are hauled by a motor vehicle and fired from their own carriage. Not only is the gun motor-hauled, but the battery is served exclusively by motor. This means that not only the gun and its crews are carried by motor, but all the ammunition and supplies required by a battery are hauled without the use of horses. This is one of the finest examples of modern motor artillery to be found anywhere

in Europe. Actual figures regarding the increase in the number of motor-hauled guns compared with horse-drawn cannon may not be available for publication until the end of the war. This fact, however, is certain that among the Allies as well as among the Central Powers the horse is giving way to the tractor all along the line and is liable to disappear, for everything but the haulage of the lighter field pieces. There is no divergence of view on this point, yet there is a great variety of opinion on the value of the respective types. Germany's conceptions are entirely different from those of the Allies, while among the Allies themselves natural characteristics are shown in the types of tractors adopted.

Although some attention has been given to artillery haulage by mechanical means before August, 1914, it needed the war first to show that the horse was not necessary for this work, and secondly to prove which types of tractors were the most suitable. The period during which the right types of tractors have been available is comparatively short, which explains, in a very large measure, why animal haulage is still employed. Even among the Allies there is no uniformity in the type of tractor employed. The French always have shown a preference for the four-wheel drive tractor which they developed, and which is now produced in quantities by Panhard, Renault and Latil.

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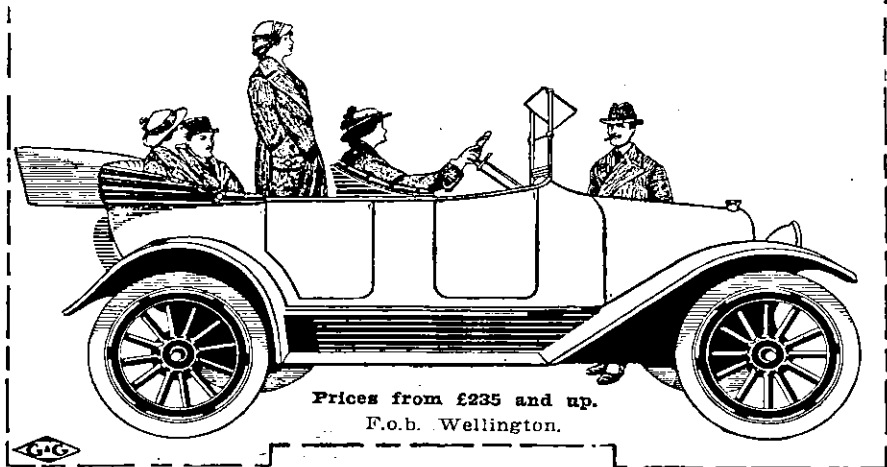
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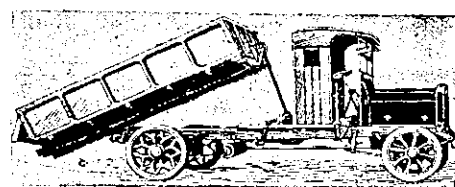
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A new type of mobile army camp kitchen, which will serve three hot meals a day to a battalion of 2000 men and will provide enough coffee for 1000 men every 10 minutes, has been devised in America. At a recent demonstration 1750 men of the 102nd Regiment of Infantry were fed in less than an hour. This is probably the first successful steam cooking unit on wheels and by its use two cooks displace 20 company kitchen units, which require 80 men and 40 horses for operation. The whole cooking unit is mounted on a four-ton motor vehicle, which is capable of a speed of 15 miles per hour under favourable conditions. The outfit is designed to move with or ahead of a battalion on the march. Meals are cooked on the road and when the men halt the hot food is ready.

The Ford motor works are carrying out a United States Government order for 200,000 aero engine cylinders, and these are being delivered at the rate of 5000 per day. The production of standardised aeroplane parts is proceeding at a tremendous pace in numerous American factories, and it is fully expected that before the end of the year 100,000 complete

Petrol is now selling at 4s. per gallon in England, when you can get it. Under these conditions the use of coal gas for private vehicles is making great strides at Home. At present the chief difficulty with the use of this fuel is the bulkiness of the bag containers, but experiments are being conducted with a view to making practical light tanks or cylinders capable of holding compressed gas. If it were not for the trouble of carrying the gas, it would quickly supersede petrol, as 1000 cubic feet only costs about 3s. and it will do the work of about four gallons of petrol, costing 16s.

"I have watched the growth of the motor industry in the United States," writes Mr. Hamilton Fyfe in the "Daily Mail." "I have seen the ownership of pleasure cars spread from the millionaires to the well-to-do, then to the class which lives on salaries. Three years ago it was commonly said, 'Oh, everybody runs an automobile nowadays.' Now that saying has come within a very little of being literally true. If ever we have a like development of motor car ownership in England, our cities will have to send commissions to the United States to learn how to handle it. We

united the family readiness to make sacrifices of other pleasures for this—this 'supreme gratification,' did you think I was going to say? Not at all. For this 'necessity of existence.' That is how the automobile is regarded here. If you are really too poor to afford one, you have no difficulty in getting rides in those of your friends. In England I have often heard people say, 'We only want a two-seater. We don't want to be bothered taking people out.' Here prevails a heartier, friendlier spirit. Americans like taking people out. They like to fill their cars, to crowd them, even. Seven-seaters are common. They hold at a pinch twelve or fourteen."

In the not very distant past many automobile manufacturers gave but casual attention to the balancing of their engines, trusting to the vibrations of the road to disguise those due to the engine or divert attention from the engine builder to the road builder or to the tyre maker. Great improvements have been made, however, for it has been realised that proper balancing means much to the efficiency and life of the entire machine, as well as increased comfort to the user, and the advent of the eights and twin sixes brought the subject still closer to the designer. There is still much that can be done in the way of balancing moving parts and eliminating vibrations, and our best engineers are giving the subject careful study, although the frequent changes of model delay the results.



Women motor drivers whose services on the British Western front are proving indispensable... The illustration shows a number of members of the Volunteer Ambulance Drivers rushing off to their cars upon receiving word that a train has been signalled.

machines will be delivered to the American front. To this gigantic total, of course, has to be added the intensified British and French production, running into tens of thousands.

There is just as much difference in drivers as there is between makes of cars—some are good some just fair, and others rank in the superlative class. It is the latter kind that get the best results out of any car, whereas if any trouble is coming it will attach itself to the others. One driver will see that everything is shipshape about his car; another cares for nothing. The fussy man, as the particular one is termed, is usually the most successful on the road, for he has everything right before he starts out, whereas another sees to nothing in the beginning of the journey, and may have his trouble on the road.

are a very long way off this point as yet. An official return informs me that in this country there is a car to every 29 persons. The State of Arkansas is chidden for backwardness because it can only show a record of one to every 116 of its inhabitants, man, woman and child. In Iowa the proportion works out at one automobile to every 11 persons in the State. As there were two and a quarter million persons in Iowa seven years ago, there must be at least a quarter of a million cars there now. A very fair 'family car' can be bought for £200. Petrol costs a shilling a gallon. I can hear sighs of envy which are heaved at that. How so many families can afford to buy and run their own motor cars seems hard at first to understand. It is less hard when we know how eager is the ambition of car ownership, how strenuous the effort to make large enough profits or secure sufficient salary, how

According to reports from Mexico, further petroleum deposits have recently been discovered in that country. Surface indications point to many square miles of oil bearing territory. Mexico already produces a huge quantity of oil as may be judged from the fact that for the first six months of this year 22,140,876 barrels of petroleum were exported from that country.

It is reported from New York that Mr. Louis B. Cherry, who is described as a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and of the American Electro-Chemical Society, has invented an electro-chemical process for producing synthetic petrol from kerosene or paraffin at a cost of 1/2d. per gallon. The process is described as "a successful application of the electric-magnetic theory of matter by mixing hydro-carbides." It is also announced that an experimental plant capable of converting about 60,000 gallons per day has been established, where 78 per cent. of the kerosene treated has been converted into petrol of a sufficiently high quality to be suitable for the engines of motor vehicles.

An aeroplane flight from Richmond, near Sydney, to Point Cook, Melbourne, was made recently by Lieutenant Stutt, of the Richmond Flying School. The official record shows that the average speed for the journey was 60 miles an hour. The distance of 507 miles was covered in 9h. 32m. Richmond to Goulburn, 137 miles, was got over in 2h. 58min.; Goulburn to Albury, 254 miles, 3h. 53m.; Albury to Point Cook, 207 miles, 2h. 51m. Mr. A. G. F. James, Minister for Education, accompanied Lieutenant Stutt for the first stage of the journey.

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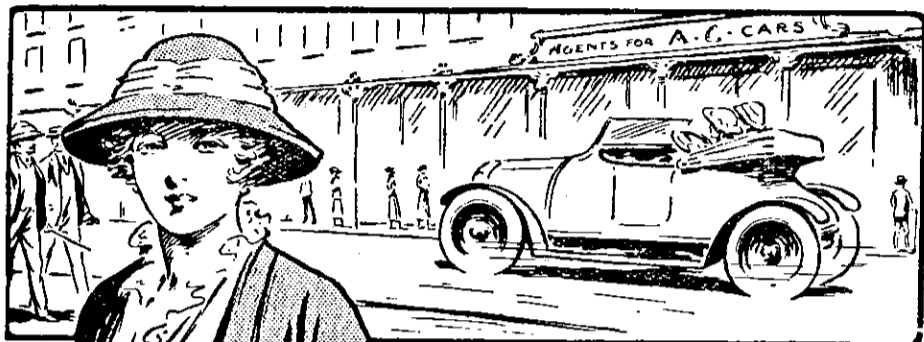
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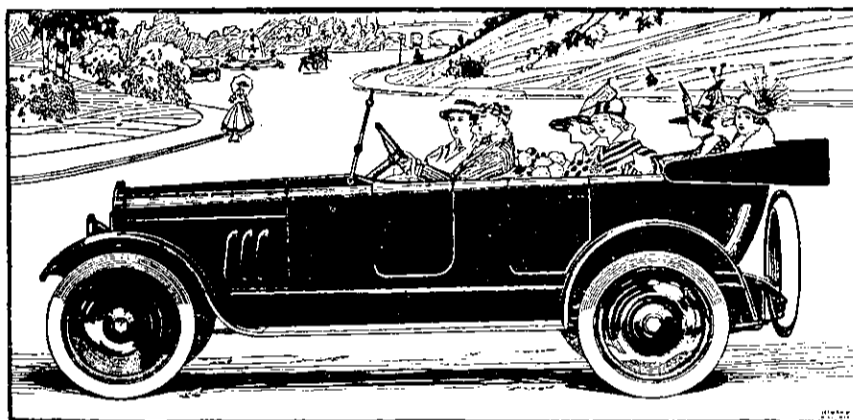
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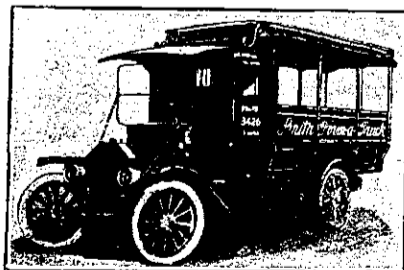
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Miss A. P. Farum, visiting nurse of the Wellington branch of the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association, has returned from England after having served as a nurse at the front.

It was stated at a meeting of the Nelson Hospital Board that Sister Jacobson, who was for some years in charge of the women's ward at Nelson Hospital, and has now been with the New Zealand Forces in Egypt for two years, had been mentioned in despatches. The Board resolved to send a letter of congratulation to Sister Jacobson.

The engagement is announced in the Christchurch "Star" of Miss Eileen Austin, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Austin, "Te Ngalo," Waikanae, to Mr. John Harold Kendrick, youngest son of Mr. Walter Kendrick, Birmingham, England.

Miss Rachel Gorrie has returned to Auckland after a holiday in Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lincoln, of Hastings, celebrated their golden wedding on November 7.

A group of specialists in infant welfare has been sent to France by the American Red Cross. At its head is Dr. William P. Lucas, professor of pediatrics in the University of California, and the originator of "Save a Belgian Baby" movement.

Captain T. J. King, Assistant Director Ordnance Stores, and Mrs. King, are on a visit to Auckland.

Mrs. Montgomery accompanied her father, Sir James Allen, on his visit to Auckland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Troutbeck, of Hawke's Bay, intend going to their station, Galatea, Rotorua North, where they will stay until after Christmas.

Mrs. A. R. D. Watson, of Sydney, and formerly of Devonport, has taken up her residence at the Grand Hotel, Auckland.

Miss Queenie Pratt, of Wellington, has returned home after an absence of several years in England.

Miss Audrey Harverson, a pupil of the Wellington Girls' College, is the winner of the gold medal awarded by the Wellington French Club for proficiency in French.

The names of Miss Cora Anderson, now matron of Hornchurch Hospital, Sisters Madeno, Hawkins, Eddy, Campbell and Carruth appear on a roll of honour of Thames nurses in active service which was recently unveiled at the Thames Hospital.

At Adelaide recently, Miss Mary Cecilia Kitson was admitted to the South Australian Bar, being the first woman in that State to enjoy the distinction.

The wedding took place in St. Mary of the Angels Church, Boulcott Street, Wellington, on November 10, of Lieutenant J. D. Sheldon, Royal N.Z. Artillery, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sheldon, of Mount Somers, Canterbury, to Miss Mary E. (Molly) Davis, eldest daughter of Captain T. J. Davis, of Nairn Street, Wellington. The Rev. Father Venning performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Flossie Davis, as bridesmaid, while Corporal Thomas Davis, a returned soldier and brother of the bride, was best man.

Miss Hilda Small, of the Nelson Congregational Church, who has been accepted by the London Missionary Society for service in the mission field, has left for Samoa.

Mrs. Herbert Stanbridge, of Wellington, and her daughter, Miss Dorothy Stanbridge, have left for an extended tour of Australia.

An interesting wedding took place at Ismailia, Egypt, on August 1, the contracting parties being Sergeant W. F. Barry, N.Z.M.R., Main Body, and Miss J. E. McClure, daughter of Mr. W. D. McClure, of Dannevirke. The wedding was celebrated first by the British Consul, and secondly at St. John's Church, Ismailia, by Canon Hitchens, an old St. John's (Auckland) College boy. The bride, who was given away by Colonel Spragg, wore a white crepe de chine frock, and carried a prayer-book and fan. Her bridesmaid, Miss Jopp, N.Z.V.S., Dunedin, wore an embroidered white voile dress, and carried a prayer-book with pink and mauve streamers. Sergeant-Major Shand, of Gisborne, attended the bridegroom. The service was choral, and the Wedding March and Processional Hymn were played by Mrs. Millar. The reception was held at the New Zealand Club, and the guests were received by Miss Jones, V.S., Christchurch, who acted as hostess. The usual toasts were honoured, including the bride's parents, responded to by Colonel Spragg. The bride cut the cake with Colonel Spragg's sword.

A pretty wedding took place at Christ Church, Whangarei, on Thursday, November 1, when Miss Kitty Marie Briggs, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Briggs, "G'eneva," Whangarei, was married to Mr. Edward Henry Rufus Giesen, son of Mr. C. F. Giesen, Auckland. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a gown of white taffetas over silver embroidered silk net. She wore the customary veil and coronet of orange blossoms, and carried a bridal bouquet. The bridesmaids were Miss V. C. Briggs and Miss Gwen Giesen, who wore embroidered net frocks and black tulle picture hats trimmed with rosebuds and forget-me-nots. Their bouquets were composed of pink roses and maidenhair fern. The bridegroom was attended by his brothers, Gunner Fred Giesen (recently returned from France) and Mr. Loris Giesen. The Rev. W. E. Lush officiated.

Girls are working very hard nowadays, and after a long day's work in an office are apt to look tired and lined in face. To refresh the complexion and keep the skin in perfect condition, recommends a writer in a contemporary, they should rub over their faces with a good, simple cream or toilet lotion after the day's or night's work is done; as in this way

A campaign is being organised by the Auckland branch of the Royal New Zealand Society for the Health of Women and Children, with the active assistance of a citizens' committee, to raise £4000 during "Save the Babies" week. A garden fete is to be held at "Cintra," Symonds Street, on the afternoon of November 24, when among the novelties will be a parade of "Plunket" babies. Lectures will be given during the week commencing November 26 bearing on the work of the Plunket Society and the question of infant life preservation. A street collection will be made on Friday, November 30.

A young Australian authoress of recent prominence is Miss Doris Kerr, of Melbourne, who under the pen name of "Capel Boake" has brought out a very live novel entitled "Painted Clay." The story follows closely the adventures of Helen Somerset (the daughter of a cultured recluse whose wife had left him for an affinity), who, after her father's death is thrown on the world on her own resources. "I did not know what I wanted, except that I was seeking happiness. That seemed the greatest thing in the world. Then the rainbow bubble came along and I grasped it. It burst, and I knew there was nothing in it." This is to her fiancée in confession of a very human epi-



A group of enthusiasts photographed in the motor enclosure at the recent Avondale races. Reading from left: Miss E. Gill, Dr. F. L. Atkinson, Mr. Coltman (Wellington), Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Atkinson, Captain Holmes (H.M. C.S. "Iris").

"I cannot count the number of odd professions that have sprung up since the war," the head of a "ladies' agency" said to "The Daily Mirror." "I think that mostly they can be classed as 'odd niche' women who do the little jobs that war workers neglect. There is one sought-after woman on my books who calls herself 'the odd-job lady.' She does what a man about the house used to—mends blinds, hangs pictures, repairs kettles and gas brackets, looks after the electric apparatus, and does painting and even papering. She can whitewash also and knows something about plumbing. She is always in demand. So, too, is the travelling household instructor. She spends a week in different homes, teaching marketing, cooking, household economy and method, and making inventories of stores needed and new labour-saving utensils wanted."

The marriage was solemnised at St. Paul's Church, Wanganui, on November 6, of Miss Christina Ross, daughter of the late Rev. John Ross, of Wanganui, to Mr. David Hogg, of Wellington. The bride was given away by her brother, Dr. Ross, and was attended by Miss Fanny Ross and Miss Ella Cornfoot. Private Esson was best man.

The skin will be kept fresh and clean, and ugly lines and wrinkles will be checked from making a too-early appearance. Heavy lines that come under the eyes from a fatigued condition of the body, are very ageing in effect, and these can be overcome by gentle finger massage in conjunction with a good skin food. If the face is neglected and the skin is allowed to become dry and harsh, the effect on the appearance will be far from improving, nor will the individual feel as fresh as if natural elasticity were restored to the skin. Dry skins require the occasional use of a good emollient ointment, otherwise lines in the forehead and around the eyes and mouth are likely to encroach and deepen quickly.

A runner that is different from the ordinary runners is fashioned of peasant crash with insets of square filet lace medallions. The ends are finished in points with crocheting.

Canon Curzon-Siggers, vicar of St. Matthew's, Dunedin, was married the other day to Miss Edyth Hertslet, younger sister of Mr. Charles L. Hertslet, who was formerly at the Pacific Cable Board's Doubtless Bay station, and at one time superintendent of the station at Fanning Island.

Some arising from her unconventional moral outlook. The characters are vividly drawn and seem to live before one's eyes. In fact, it is hard to put the book down till you find how Helen comes to a recognition of real love. The Australian papers have all reviewed "Painted Clay" most favourably, congratulating the authoress on her facility of expression, her sympathetic understanding, and her judgment of life and life's forces. As one reviewer remarks in the course of a highly eulogistic notice, "It may shock, but it will certainly make one think, and even if we cannot altogether admire the morality, we can admire the courage with which the subject is tackled, and the restraint of phraseology." In "Capel Boake" the authoress is using the name of her mother's brother, the Australian poet whose short life ended tragically.

The war has produced the tragedy of Enoch Arden in not a few cases. Recently the wife of a young officer—whose death had been presumed by the War Office—married a clergyman. Now she has received a letter from her husband, written from a prisoners' camp. It should be a warning against rapid re-marriages, remarks the "Daily Chronicle." The courts are loth to presume death without

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"THE PINK LADY."

"The Pink Lady," toned down from her original French luridty by C. M. McLellan, has been shedding the light of her presence on crowded audiences at His Majesty's since last Wednesday. With the idea derived from the French farce "Le Satyre," the story concerns the giddy Lucien Garidel, who, six weeks before his marriage, is having a final fling with Middle Claudine (the Pink Lady). His fiancée Angele catching them in the middle of their flirtation, Claudine is introduced on the spur of the moment as Madame Dondidier. Complications ensue when it is found there is such a family as the Dondidiers, and confusion becomes worse confounded when M. Dondidier, an elderly curio merchant, is forced to play the role of a wicked satyr. With a maze of ingeniously comic situations and a wealth of tuneful music composed by Ivan Caryll, the play goes along merrily and melodiously, leaving pleasant memories to haunt the senses for many a day to come. Miss Minnie Love was a delightful vision in the title role so charmingly suggested by her frocking, and she had ample scope for exercising her witchery. The haunting "Kissing Waltz" number was alluringly sung, and she further captivated by her dainty mood in "My Don't Care Girl," and her artistic interpretation of the ballad "It's a Long, Long Way From Home." Miss Florence Young as the dominating countess took the honours for brilliance of vocalisation, her energetic rendering of "Donny Didn't Donny Did," with its declamatory note expressive of outraged dignity, being delightful in the extreme and arousing the audience to enthusiastic applause with her powers as singer and actress. Miss Gladys Moncrieff made an attractive Angele and used her sweet, clear voice to excellent advantage in conjunction with Mr. John Ralston in "Love is Divine," and with Mr. Phil Smith in "Hide and Seek." With the mythical satyr role thrust on him, Mr. Phil Smith took the part with easy adroitness, achieving his laughs with easy facility, his efforts to live up to the character being highly ludicrous, and his enjoyment being emphasised in the song, "I Like it." Mr. Reginald Roberts was in his element as Lucien, the gay Lothario, managing his love affairs with a happy abandon and scoring vocally in "I'm Single for Six Weeks More." Mr. Leslie Holland was characteristically droll and whimsical as Bebe and made a big success of his catchy number "By the Saskatchewan." Mr. Clyde Cook distinguished himself as an acrobatic dancer out of the ordinary and won due recognition from the audience. Another striking feature was provided by Mr. Cyril Richards and Miss Maie Baird in their graceful dance in the nymphs and satyrs' ball scene.

"THE CINEMA STAR."

That Auckland playgoers are having the fare they like is proved beyond doubt. Another enthusiastic audience gathered on Tuesday night for the second production, "The Cinema Star," and laughed and enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content. The piece has been described as "a musical comedy on the loose—a giddy conglomeration of girls, gags and giggles." And it fits it to a nicety. The scene is laid in the picture show arena. Joseph Clutterbuck, a social reformer, publicly denounces the cinema and its ways. The picture actors determine to hit back, and the "Princess of the Film," posing as a real Russian princess, inveigles him into the movie studio, where his movements are recorded by the camera and released in a film under the title of "Clutterbuck, or the Rake's Progress." Miss Florence Young, as Louise, the "Film Princess," fairly charged the atmosphere



MR. CYRIL MAUDE, the distinguished English actor, who will make his appearance at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, on December 14, under the direction of J. C. Williamson, Ltd.

with her electric personality and sang with charming vivacity "The Picture Palace Queen" and "Oh, Louisa," with Mr. Phil Smith. The latter was perfectly equipped for the role of Clutterbuck, and was the main pivot for a round of hilarities arising from a series of helpless situations. Miss Minnie Love was sweetly saucy as Cissie, a film actress, and she made a big appeal with her sympathetic singing of the much-hackneyed ditty "A Broken Doll." Mr. Reginald Roberts, as Victor de Brette, a picture hero, and Miss Gladys Moncrieff as Phyllis Clutterbuck provided the lighter sentiment of the play, their song, "Love's Dream," being a fine achievement. Mr. Leslie Holland gave one of his cameo studies as Billy, the stuttering stage manager of the film company, and Miss Addie Leonard was safely entrusted to the part of Mrs. Clutterbuck. A distinct feature of the performance was the brilliant eccentric dancing of Mr. Clyde Cook, his nimble gyrations arousing sensational interest, while another thrilling dance exposition was given by Mr. Leslie Holland and Miss Minnie Baird in a weird apache conception called "Stop Thief." The play is handsomely set and there is

a luxuriousness in dressing and an artistry in the colour scheme that is most satisfying.

"THE MERRY WIDOW."

The gayest lady of all, "The Merry Widow," will flaunt herself on Friday and Saturday, when the season closes. Franz Lehar's fascinating music calls for the best voices to interpret it, and from this point of view it should be heard to the greatest advantage, while in the dramatic situations the members can hold their own. Mr. Leslie Holland will make his first appearance in Auckland as Prince Danilo, a part he has interpreted in England and Australia. Miss Minnie Love will be seen as Son'a, a role in which she is at her best. It was Miss Florence Young's singing and acting of the part of Natalie and Mr. Roberts' interpretation of the role of Viscount Jolidon which materially assisted in making the original representation of "The Merry Widow" the record success it proved. Mr. Phil Smith is said to be the best and funniest Popoff who has yet essayed this part in Australasia, and Mr.

Clyde Cook should be excellent as Nisch, the part originally portrayed here by Mr. Willie Percy.

"A DAUGHTER OF THE GODS."

William Fox's million-dollar picture, featuring Annette Kellermann, will be shown at His Majesty's Theatre, commencing Monday, November 26. It is not recommended solely on account of its cost, but because every one of the million dollars expended bought its quota of genuine value, talent and beauty, all combined and visualised in one grand cinematic dream. If an epic poem is one which celebrates in stately verse the achievements of heroes and demigods, then this feature stands as the epic of the film. Such a series of impressive and truly noble pictures were never before collected and exhibited in the history of the cinema; and there is small possibility of this tribute to art ever being duplicated. There is only one ugly person and one ugly spot in its entire length, and those designed to be ugly are superlatively so. One is the Witch of Badness; the ugly spot is the Cave of the God of Evil. The rest of the play—which means all of six tremendous episodes—is one long delight of sheer, appalling beauty. Annette Kellermann, the most wonderfully-fashioned woman in the world, has for the first time in her life the play, the setting and the backing which enable her to do herself justice. She has not only been displayed to the best advantage in the most exquisite natural surroundings, but is given such a diversity of action that she can employ her remarkable talents to the full. In diving, swimming, dancing, acting—and even fighting in armour—she establishes herself, not only as the Venus of the screen, but as its most versatile and talented actress. Her supporting cast includes a school of bewitching mermaids, charming children, a valley of gnomes, a harem of houris, a bevy of Oriental dancing girls, a sultan, a prince, slaves, eunuchs, and warriors.

The J. C. Williamson firm will have three star attractions in New Zealand at Christmas. Auckland will see the Musical Comedy Company in "Canary Cottage" and "You're in Love," Marie Tempest is due in Wellington, and Cyril Maude in Christchurch.

Thus the Sydney "Bulletin" on Mr. Cyril Maude in "Grumpy": "Horace Hodges and T. Wigney Percival built a comedy upon the firm foundation of an irascible old gentleman with the mental acuteness of a Sherlock Holmes and the heart of a child. Upon that character Cyril Maude eagerly fastened and dowering Grumpy with all the excellencies of a great character actor, Maude makes of the keen old lawyer a remarkable and forceful personality, dominating the stage every moment he is on it. Certainly, in Mr. Maude's hands Grumpy is an actor's triumph."



A BUSY MOMENT IN THE FILM STUDIO AS SEEN IN "THE CINEMA STAR."

OPERA HOUSE.

The Walter Jonsson Revue Company, who are making their farewell this week, appeared in their ninth production on Monday night, and had an enthusiastic reception from their large following of admirers. In their latest offering, "The Monte Carlo Girl," the members have abundant chance to exploit their entertaining proclivities. There's a plot in it too, revolving around the identity of the girl in the title, and the catchy musical numbers have been written and arranged by Mr. E. J. Burke, conductor of the orchestra. Miss Lydia Carne, whose piquant personality has placed her high up in the favourites' list, captured the hearts of all with her daintily executed pas seul and graceful work with Mr. Ernest Lashbrooke in "Neath the Old Apple Tree." Miss Lola Hunt was as sprightly as ever in the leading character role, and put plenty of vim into her songs, "Follow the Crowd," "Alabama Cotton Ball" and "Meet Me in Rose Time, Rosie." Miss Naomi McQuoin gave a charming rendering of "Memories," and with Mr. George Taylor scored a big success in the duet "I Want a Little Love From You." Mr. Harry Burgess made one of the most successful hits of the evening with his song, "Ten Little Bridesmaids," a chorus of winsome girls illustrating the words. Mr.

KING'S THEATRE.

"THE BOHEMIAN GIRL."

Melodrama will give way at King's Theatre for one week, commencing on Saturday, to light opera, when "The Bohemian Girl" will be presented by talented local amateurs. When the theatre was built, some seven years ago, Mr. John Fuller remarked in a speech he made from the stage that the theatre had been built to accommodate any class of entertainment, from pictures to grand opera. Pictures held sway for nearly six years, then Mr. A. Brandon-Cremer followed with a most successful run of over a year with his dramatic company, and now, though only for a week, Mr. Fuller's prediction concerning opera is to be fulfilled. The production is under the personal supervision of Mr. Walter Gray, and rehearsals point to an unusual musical treat. The principals include Messrs. Fred Mills, Barry Coney, Arthur H. Ripley, J. Wallace Atkinson, A. Warbrick, Mrs. Walter Gray, Miss Reba Cohen and Miss Etta Schneideman. There are 50 voices in the chorus, and the well-remembered tuneful numbers will be adequately expressed. Mr. Baird, whose artistic merit is of a high standard, is painting special scenery for the production, which will have its first performance at the matinee



MR. PHIL SMITH, the popular comedian with the Royal Comic Opera Company.

The essence of vaudeville is served up in the act presented by Milner and Storey, burlesque artists, at the Auckland Opera House. As an exponent of mirth Mr. Storey would be hard to beat, and he is fortunate in having his jokes backed up by such a dainty little partner as Miss Dulcie Milner. It will be two years next month since they joined the Fuller circuit, being booked for Australia while they were appearing at the Stoll's New Middlesex Hall, Drury Lane. Six months out of the year they have been accustomed to playing in the great metropolis on the Stoll and London Theatres of Varieties Tour. "We have had a lovely run in Australia and New Zealand," said Mr. Storey, "every place has been the same." Mr. Storey crowds an incredible lot into a 16 minutes' turn, and, having a sense of humour as well as comedy, he never falls on the public's palate. Anything topical he seizes with avidity and turns to good account. "I believe in keeping up to the moment," he says. "No chestnuts!"

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"Seven Days' Leave" is a case in point of Australian audiences getting a little more for a little less money than English playgoers. In the London production of Walter Howard's play the military folk on the stage watch the sinking of the submarine through a window, and it is merely described to the audience. In the Australian production the audience not only sees the U-boat rising to the surface, but also the arrival of the two cruisers which send it to the bottom. The big spectacle was arranged and produced by Mr. Wilkie.

"We're Coming Back, Zealandia!" is the title of a new soldiers' song published by Whitcombe and Tombs, Ltd. The words are by Mrs. F. C. Jenkin and the music by Mr. Arthur Lilly, of Christchurch. The song was written and composed in connection with the movement for the encouragement of music by New Zealand composers, and is dedicated to men of New Zealand on active service. It should meet with a ready sale.

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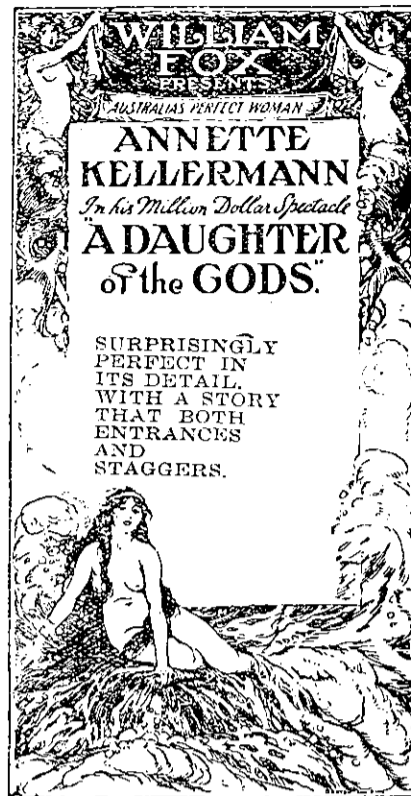
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MISS ANNETTE KELLERMAN, in "A Daughter of the Gods," the wonderful film spectacle opening at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, on Monday, November 26.

Gus Franks was chief laugh-maker of the show in a guise not Hebrew this time, and much rollicking fun was caused by the antics of Mr. Walter Johnson as a lugubrious looking pill maker and Mr. Ernest Lashbrooke as a dude. Several pretty ballets were interspersed, and the spectacular surprise scene was demonstratively applauded. Some excellent items preceded the revue. Mr. Warren Hastings, the possessor of a sweet silvery tenor voice, received a hearty welcome for his enjoyable numbers. Milner and Storey in their second breezy offering of patter, song and burlesque, topped the bill in popular favour, and with Mr. Tom Rees, instrumentalist and monologist concluded the vaudeville section.

Miss Hunter Watts, who in private life is Mrs. Allan Wilkie, had to go to hospital recently, and her part in "Seven Days' Leave" was taken up by Miss Marie Ney, formerly of Wellington.

on Saturday. Mr. A. A. Dunn will have charge of a symphony orchestra.

"East Lynne" is the current attraction at the popular melodrama house, and large audiences on Saturday testified to its drawing power. Most playgoers have seen the dramatised version of Mrs. Henry Wood's famous novel, but they never say no to a revival, and watch with breathless interest the fortunes of the ill-fated Lady Isabel. The piece is excellently staged, and the well-known characters are capably handled by the Brandon-Cremer company. Miss Kathleen Arnold, as the loving but hasty Lady Carlyle, brought her usual care and judgment to bear in depicting the various phases of her career, and Mr. Maurice Tuohy was earnest and convincing as Archibald Carlyle. Miss Alice Rede as Barbara Hare, Miss Inez Alston as the starchy Cornelia Carlyle, Mr. Kenneth Carlisle as the unscrupulous Sir Francis Levison, and Mr. Frank Neil as Richard Hare filled the remaining important roles satisfactorily. The part of little Willie was well taken by Miss Violet Milne.

GREENROOM GOSSIP.

Mr. Cyril Maude's great masterpiece, "Grumpy," was written by Horace Hodges and T. Wigney Percival, the joint authors of the famous play "Sunday."

In a recent letter to Allan Wilkie, the playwright, Walter Howard wrote the following:—"The idea of a submarine spectacle as the pivot for a play struck me after the Germans launched their U-boat campaign in earnest, and I soon had a mental picture of the various scenes for 'Seven Days' Leave.' I was, however, so busy with arrangements for various productions of my former play 'The Story of the Rosary' that for some time I could not set pen to paper, and I was really quite astonished that no other dramatist had hit on the idea and got in ahead of me. Regarding the episode of the Hun who refused to give up to a wounded soldier the latter's letters from home, this was founded on fact, and told me by a British officer on whom I modelled the character of Captain Terence Feilding."

Miss Vera Remeé, the clever young dramatic actress who has shown her worth on various visits to New Zealand, is at present leading lady for the Fuller Dramatic Company in Melbourne.

"Intolerance," the sun play of the ages, as it has been so aptly called, will be seen in Auckland at His Majesty's Theatre, on December 5. It makes comparisons between now and 2000 years back, and shows that the dispositions and desires and passions of the human race are practically now the same as of old. It teaches us to curb our selfishness, or intolerance—they are close akin. But apart from this theme the film on all sides is said to be the greatest historical lesson yet preached.

The Fuller house (His Majesty's Theatre) in Christchurch having been destroyed by fire, vaudeville is being carried on at the Opera House, the former scene of action.

Miss Ruth Budd, who is appearing under the Fuller banner, created a sensation in New York a few years ago by climbing up a rope to the top of a six-storey building. This



CLARK AND WALLACE, patter comedians and dancers, appearing on the Fuller circuit.

Miss Ada Reeve enthuses over Dunedin to a Sydney reporter. "Let me say something about an undeserved reputation. There is a theory that Dunedin is a cold Scotch town. It is, I assure you, the heartiest of places. Dunedin picked me up the very moment of my arrival there, and gave me a great motherly hug. When I talked about the boys at home to the people down there, eyes lit up and hands responded. I found Dunedin splendidly and spontaneously liberal in its giving."

The Musical Bentleys, who are touring the Fuller circuit, were credited with being the biggest hit of any act that had played the Hawaiian Islands up to the time of their appearance there. They played five weeks in the same theatre, and were the only vaudeville act that had ever been commanded to play "Aloha" for the Queen, the composer.

"The Beauty Shop" is being performed at the Sydney Tivoli, with Miss Vera Pearce as Clarice Mulholland, the beauty specialist. The cast includes: Marie Scott King, Marie Eaton, Alma Rock Phillips, Maisie Carle, Mabelle Morgan, Katie Walker, Hettie Young, and Olga Montgomery. In this play there are no men.

sensational act was the outcome of a wager that this daring aerialist could not perform the feat. The bet was made by rival managers, and was for £200. Miss Budd's manager said he would give her the whole amount if she was successful. The dainty artist quickly accomplished the task, and she gave half of the money to a hospital where her brother had been very kindly treated when he met with a serious accident.

SOUTHERN STAGE NOTES.

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, November 19.

One of the first definite impressions gained at the Grand Opera House last Monday evening, when Messrs. J. and N. Tait's New Comedy Company produced "Turn to the Right," was a feeling of mild surprise. The prologue had gone by, an interval had passed, and the first act of the "play proper" was well forward, yet there had been really "nothing doing." The large audience did not in any way seem bored, though there seemed to be a puzzle somewhere. Up to this point it had all seemed quiet and tame, yet there had been running

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through it a quiet undercurrent of humour that was soaking in without jolting the sense of fun into laughter. The humour increases gradually, until the audience is insensibly ripe for the first big punch of the evening. Joe Bascom, after one year in Sing Sing, received a surprise visit from two fellow convicts, and his mother entertains them. "Say grace, Joe," she admonishes him, and after one look of surprised horror, down goes Joe's head. Gilly and Muggs stare for one amazed minute, then Muggs' quicker brain "gets it," and his nose is also in his plate. Gilly follows suit, to shrieks of laughter from everyone. In that second the audience realised that Mr. Stapleton Kent, as Gilly, was to be (almost) the underpinning, the walls, and the gilded roof of the screaming tangle that follows. Almost—it would not be fair to Mr. Walter P. Richardson's finished and capable work as Joe Bascom to omit the word. Nor would it be fair to the buoyant work of Mr. John Junior as Muggs. Miss Margaret Calvert, as Mrs. Bascom, was really good, whilst Miss Lizette Parkes gave a pleasing representation of the part of Betty Bascom. The other characters in the piece were all well played.

On three occasions Mr. Cyril Maude, the famous English character actor, who opens a tour of New Zealand at the Wellington Grand Opera House on Tuesday evening, the 27th inst., under the J. C. Williamson management, in "Grumpy," has given "command" performances before the King. These have comprised "The Flag Lieutenant," "The Clandestine Marriage" and "English as She is Spoke" as a double bill, and "Grumpy." In connection with the last-mentioned, Mr. Maude received the personal congratulations of the King and Queen, by whom he was presented with a diamond pin bearing the royal monogram. "Grumpy," by the way, put up a record in America during Mr. Maude's recent tour. He played it throughout the States for ten months without having to break its continuity by staging another play, the one piece proving such a success that it was retained for the whole of the tour.

The repertoire for Miss Marie Tempest's coming tour of New Zealand will include "The Marriage of Kitty," a delightful and piquant comedy; "Good Gracious, Annabelle"; "Penelope," a fine Somerset Maugham comedy; Arthur Jones' latest emanation, "Mary Goes First," and "A Pair of Silk Stockings."

MUSIC NOTES.

(By "G" String.)

No fewer than six world-famed artists took part in a concert which was given in Madison Square Garden, New York, on September 27th. They were Madame Frances Alda, Madame Schumann-Heink, Mischa Elman, Percy Grainger, Giovanni Martinelli, and Giuseppe de Luca.

Guillaume Stengel-Sembrick, husband of the world-renowned singer Madame Marcella Sembrick, whose death occurred recently, is said to have been a man of unusual activity and interesting traits. He finished his career at the Conservatoire of Leipsic, then becoming a teacher of the piano at Lemberg, Galicia, where Marcella Sembrick became his pupil. She was to have become a pianist, and was only prevented by the discovery of her beautiful voice, but one result of her tutelage under Stengel was the marriage of the two, and he became more devoted to the years passed in the care of her wonderful organ. That she was always ranked with Adelina Patti and Etelka Gerster in purity of tone and fidelity to pitch is attributed to the constant care given Madame Sembrick by her husband in the matter of instruction and advice. On the other hand, the immense sums of money earned by her stage work and talking-machine records were practically lost through unfortunate investments by Stengel, and after the war broke out they had to begin all over again, so Madame received pupils in America, who, however, were glad to flock to her. Stengel was badly injured in an automobile accident some years ago, and he, with his wife, had retired to live in Nice, but being Austrian subjects they were driven out when Italy entered the war, and journeyed to America.

Miss Amy Murphy's singing in "Caractus" at the Sydney Town Hall recently is described by Mr. Philip Newbury as "magnificent." The New Zealand soprano, the critics say, reached the very summit of vocalism and dramatic power, and the success achieved resulted in a flattering offer from the Fuller management, who suggested the joint engagement of Miss Murphy and Mr. Newbury for a starring season of the firm's Australian and New Zealand circuit.

NEW ZEALAND'S ROLL OF HONOUR



CORPORAL H. H. HOWARD, of Taradale, Hawke's Bay. Killed in action.



PRIVATE DAVID S. MOODY, of Woolston, Christchurch. Killed in action.



PRIVATE A. J. SALAMONSON, of Westshore, Napier, H.B. Died from wounds.



GUNNER ALBERT E. CLUTTERBUCK, of Riversdale, Southland. Killed in action.



PRIVATE J. S. JOHNSTON, of Gore, Southland. Killed in action.



PRIVATE KINGI ARIWHA, of Whangaroa, North Auckland. Died of pneumonia.



SERGEANT P. MANNING, of Woolston, Christchurch. Killed in action.



CORPORAL G. T. A. HENDERSON, of Tauherenikau, Featherston. Died from wounds.



LANCE-CORPL. ALEXANDER EDWARD (LEX) BUTLER, Ohakune, Main Trunk. Died from wounds.



PRIVATE JEOFFREY CARMICHAEL, of Auckland. Killed in action.



CORPL. ROBERT C. N. BLACKETT, of Christchurch. Wounded.



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PRIVATE C. A. HORSCROFT, of Onehunga, Auckland. Killed in action.



LANCE-CORP. FRANK PEPPERELL, of Waikato. Killed in action.



PRIVATE F. L. MONK, N.Z.M.C., of Auckland. Killed in action.



GUNNER GEOFFREY W. DAVIES, of Leamington, Auckland. Killed in action.



CORPL. LESLIE L. C. ISRAEL, of Nelson. Died from wounds.

THE TOURIST and TRAVELLER

HERE AND THERE.

Dr. F. W. Gordon, of Auckland, went down to Wellington last week to farewell his son, who is leaving to join the Royal Flying Corps. He was accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Gordon.

It is stated that there is sufficient wire behind the switchboard alone at the Wellington Telephone Exchange to reach from Wellington to Sydney and back—a distance of 2500 miles—or more than one-sixth of the distance between Wellington and London.

Mr. W. Willcox, for the past eleven years superintendent of the Tourist Department's Domain at Queenstown, has received notice of his transfer to Te Aroha, where he will have charge of the Government Hot Springs Domain. His successor is Mr. J. Dalton, of Te Aroha.

Mr. A. E. Brockett, M.A., of Nelson College, has been appointed to the staff of Christchurch Technical College as assistant-master of the day school and assistant-superintendent of the evening classes.

Last week Sir James Allen presented the Military Medal to Corporal C. Lewin and Private A. R. Johnson, both members of the Main Body Auckland Infantry. Corporal Lewin won his decoration by conspicuous good work on Gallipoli, and Private Johnson for gallant conduct at Somme. The Colonial Auxiliary Forces long service medal was presented to Major John Grant, who assisted in the formation of the Thames Rifle Rangers in 1868.

Second-lieutenant Edward Henry Roche, only son of Mr. H. Roche, of Cambridge, has been awarded the Military Cross for volunteer work as a forward observer in a recent advance.

The annual report of the Wellington Centre of the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association expresses regret at the large number of swimmers who have lost their lives on active service.

Sergeant-Major Holmes, who jumped from a fast-moving train on June 26 to rescue Private Labe, who had fallen from the platform, was presented in Wellington with the Royal Humane Society's bronze medallion and certificate.

Lieutenant Samuel Hanna, younger son of Mr. A. Hanna, solicitor, is in Auckland on furlough. He enlisted in the Royal Army Air Service, served for some time in Roumania, the Caucasus, and other portions of the eastern theatre of war. Subsequently he went to Russia with the armoured motor car portion of the Royal Naval Air Corps. Lieutenant Hanna was recently awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

Mr. G. W. Hean (proprietor of Heenzo) intends making an extended tour through Great Britain and America.

What is—to put the mildest phrase upon it—something of a stir has been caused throughout Australia by the arrival of the first ship-load of English wives of Australian soldiers (writes the Sydney correspondent to the "Otago Daily Times"). A transport, carrying wounded men and soldiers' wives, has arrived in Australia, and Sydney's quota (30) of the wives—there are 100 altogether—has just landed. Sydney does not appear to know whether to be amused, angry, or just critical. There have been many rumours of thousands of Australian soldiers being captured by English girls, but Australia did not worry, each Australian girl had faith in her own man. But now that the Australian Government representatives in London are beginning to ship the young wives out here, the Aus-



MEMBERS OF THE NEW ZEALAND FIELD ARTILLERY (30TH REINFORCEMENTS) ON AN EMERGENCY BRIDGE WHICH THEY EXPEDITIOUSLY CONSTRUCTED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR TRAINING DUTIES WHILST AT FEATHERSTON CAMP. Note the two ammunition waggons that have been used as the main supports, the wheels of same carrying all the weight. The bridge is about 25ft. long, and is supporting about 70 men.

Mr. John Adamson, ex-Minister for Railways for Queensland, and Mrs. Adamson have been staying at "Cargen," Auckland.

Satisfactory news has been received regarding the health of Mr. W. Downie Stewart, M.P., who returned to Dunedin from the front about a year ago, suffering from acute rheumatism. Soon after the opening of the Parliamentary session he went to Sydney to consult a specialist and undergo a course of treatment. In his most recent letters he has stated that he has had this treatment, and that he is improved in health as the result of it.

The Wanganui Acclimatisation Society has decided to stock up every available lake and stream in its district, and has this year already liberated some thousands of fry and yearling trout, while more will be liberated after Christmas.

The American Y.M.C.A. hut on the Strand, London, is now open. It provides beds for 350 men, reading, writing and game rooms, a real America soda fountain, a "quiet room" for study, reading, and devotion, and the one place in London where "Sammy" hears "American as she is spoken." Sight-seeing parties are made up here in London. Ambassador Page and leading Americans in England are on the committee.

Mr. Everard W. Seaton, a much-respected Wellington citizen, expired suddenly on the Thorndon bowling green on Saturday week. He was 68 years of age, and leaves a widow, two sons, and one daughter. The sons are Mr. Jocelyn Seaton, who has just returned to New Zealand on furlough, after spending some strenuous months with the British Naval Motor Patrol in Home waters, and Mr. Arthur Seaton, who is a Judge's associate. Miss Mary Seaton is the daughter.

"What a country it is, that New Zealand!" said Miss Ada Reeve to a Sydney interviewer. "Only a million of a white population, and already 120,000 have gone to the war. Other thousands are getting ready to go. They are calling up the married men now. And there is no slackening of effort visible anywhere. In the Empire's cause New Zealand is literally ready to give the last man and the last shilling. And I know that Australia is just as ready, or will prove just as ready when it comes to the pinch. There are political distinctions, but Australia and New Zealand are the same human Commonwealth."

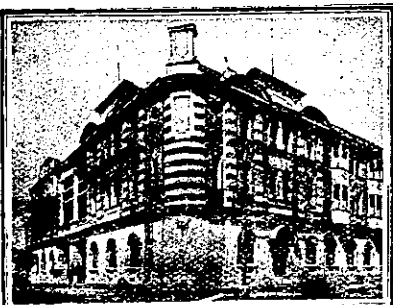
The Australian casualties to date total 114,747, including 35,102 dead, 48,997 wounded, and 25,817 sick.

Mr. George F. Inglis, publicity agent of the Y.M.C.A., has resigned, and is to again take up journalistic work in Dunedin.

The boarders of the New Plymouth Girls' High School recently visited Mount Egmont under what were ideal conditions as far as weather was concerned. The party, which consisted of 22 girls and several mistresses, left by motor on a Friday night. On Saturday Dawson's Falls were visited. On Monday the girls went to Bell's Falls, being the largest party the guide had ever conducted there. The climb to the summit was not attempted, owing to the number of the party, and 5000 feet was the greatest height reached. A splendid view of the surrounding country was obtained, and in the distance Ngauruhoe could be seen surrounded by smoke clouds.

Australian female population is beginning to "sit up and take notice." The girls are coming out as assisted immigrants, and it is said there are hundreds awaiting berths. One portion of this transport was strictly reserved for the hundred wives, and practically no intercourse was permitted between the young women and the returning soldiers. There were half a dozen husbands aboard, but they were allowed only a brief conversation daily with their wives. The majority of the husbands are either at the front or already in Australia. Other parties of wives are to be brought out as opportunity offers. It appears to be a case of "the hearts that are near." The Australian soldier—and all remarks herein apply with almost equal strength to the New Zealanders, who are also industriously marrying in England—is very far from his home and his own folk; he appears before the English people as a hero, almost a demigod, from a splendid romantic land; he is openly adored by the English girls; and he is married almost before he knows what has happened. Unprejudiced observers, after seeing the newly-arrived English wives, said that they "didn't think they could blame Bill-jim"; they were a pretty, wholesome, attractive collection of young English womanhood. In the majority of cases, they should have no reason to regret the choice of soldier husbands. But one hears of a number of instances of Australian girls, who have been formally engaged to soldiers who have gone away, being rather cruelly jilted in favour of some girl with a white and pink complexion, who has nursed or comforted Bill-jim in far-away Eng-

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land. And the real pity of it is that this country already possesses more marriageable girls than there are men available. What with the wastage of war, and the depredations of the English misses, things look bad for the Australian spinster.

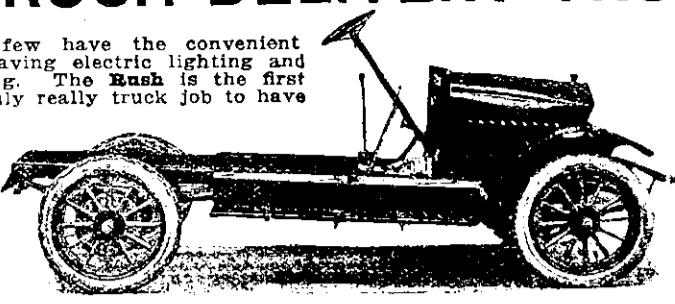
The library of Dr. G. Ernest Morrison, of Pekin, who was appointed political adviser to the Chinese Republic in 1912, was purchased by Baron Iwasaki, the Japanese millionaire shipbuilder, banker, mine and dockyard owner, for £35,000. It contains books on China in every language. The library will be transferred complete to Tokio, and will retain Dr. Morrison's name. Dr. Morrison had begun this collection before the Boxer rising of 1900, and it was during a sortie from the British Legation at Pekin to cause a diversion, and incidentally to see if his house and library had been damaged, that

The Prime Minister, the Hon. W. F. Massey, spent the week end in Auckland, and received a number of deputations at the Grand Hotel.

The death has occurred in Dunedin, at the age of 91, of Mr. J. R. Hooper, who had had an adventurous career. The late Mr. Hooper was born in London in 1826, and lived during five reigns. He received his first business training in the office of his father, who was at that time senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Willis, Gann and Co., which ran the first ships out to New Zealand, and which was really the nucleus of the present Shaw, Savill and Albion Company. In 1848 he went to Mexico with his elder brother, and after being connected with mining operations there for about a year he returned to England. He arrived at Lyttelton by the ship Duke of Portland in 1851. After being in Japan for some time, he returned

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he got a bullet in the thigh. He naturally claimed compensation for the damage done by the Boxers. Dr. Morrison is a New Zealander.

Mr. A. E. Reynolds, secretary of the Otago Military Service Board, was the recipient of a handsome case of cutlery, suitably inscribed, from the members of the Board on the occasion of his marriage.

Mr. Daniel Low, father of Mr. D. Low, a cartoonist of the Sydney "Bulletin," has arrived in Wellington from Australia.

Mr. A. H. Lindo, examiner to the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M., London, is at present on the West Coast. He will then go to Christchurch, returning to Wellington for Christmas, and probably staying at Rotorua until March, when he will complete the examination in Dunedin and Invercargill.

to New Zealand in 1874, the voyage occupying nine months, and he remained in Dunedin until his death.

A Government order has now been issued to the effect that every alien is required to make application for registration in the prescribed form not later than December 1, 1917. "Alien" means a person of either sex not less than fifteen years of age who is not a British subject either by birth or by naturalisation in New Zealand. The penalty for failing to register is £50. Further particulars regarding the Registration of Aliens will be found in an announcement appearing elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. T. M. Wilford has received upwards of 400 telegrams of congratulation upon his appointment to the position of Minister for Justice in the Coalition Ministry. Among the number received, which came from all parts of the Dominion, were telegrams



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But go into a little detail about these fourteen resources of nature. Argentina is the second greatest producer of corn; the United States produces 9 bushels of corn to every single bushel produced in Argentina.

Russia is the second greatest producer of wheat. For every bushel of wheat that Russia grows, the United States grows 1.21 bushels.

In oats the United States produces 1.53 bushels for every bushel produced in the second greatest country, which is Russia again.

British India ranks second in cotton and tobacco. The United States outproduces that country 3.79 times in cotton, and 2.36 times in tobacco.

In cattle the United States grows 1.8 head to every single head grown in the second greatest country, which once more is Russia.

In petroleum, yet again, Russia ranks second, but for every barrel of oil that Russia produces, the United States produces 4.1 barrels.

The United States leads in coal by 1.87 tons to every ton the United Kingdom produces.

In pig iron and steel Germany ranks second. The United States' lead over Germany's production is 2.58 to 1 in pig iron, and 2.46 to 1 in steel.

Copper, another prime necessity in war, gives Japan second place. But the great Lake Superior deposits give the United States such a tremendous supply it can deliver 8.26 tons every time Japan contributes 1 ton.

The United States produces 2.48lbs. of aluminium to every pound that comes out of the ground in France, the second biggest producer.

In zinc the United States outproduces Germany 1.11 to 1, and in silver it is first by a very slight margin over Mexico, 1.02 to 1.

Between 40 and 50 a man who allows his weight to remain high is running more danger of an early demise than he would run if he contracted typhoid fever, declares a writer in the "American Magazine." What is more, if he were stricken with that disease his chance of recovery would be 10 per cent. less than normal. A man who is thinner than the average, on the other hand, has less danger of dying in this decade than a man who tips the scales at the normal figure. When a man is in his twenties a deficiency of 20 pounds in weight makes him 12 per cent. more liable to fall before the scythe of the implacable reaper. A slight surplus of flesh seems to assist one in escaping diseases that cause death in this period—principally tuberculosis and typhoid fever. A man in his fifties who is 20 pounds over normal weight has a 15 per cent. mortality handicap to face. Should he be 40 pounds over weight his chances of dying are increased 45 per cent. thereby.

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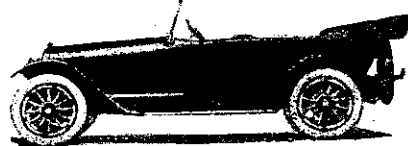
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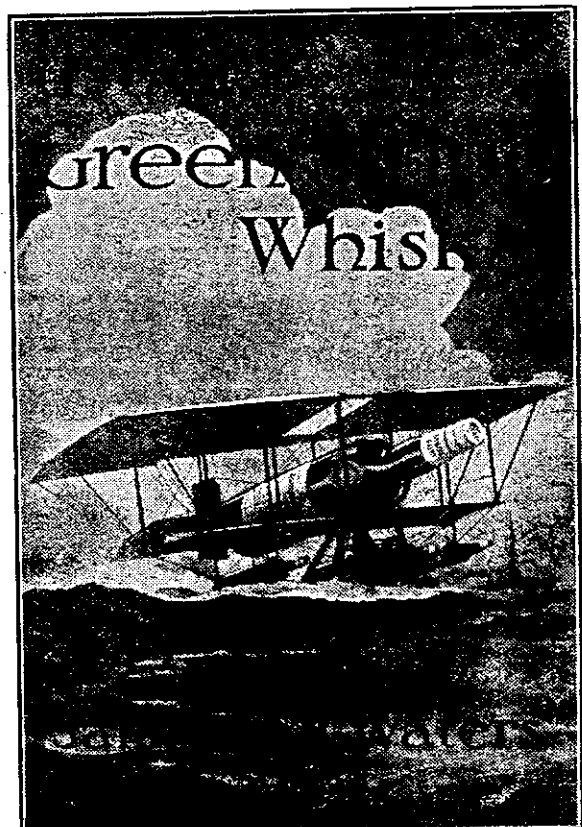


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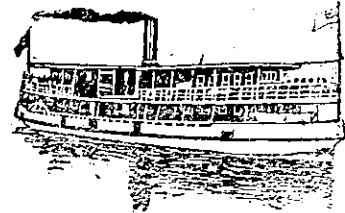


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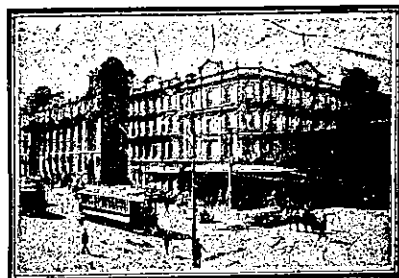
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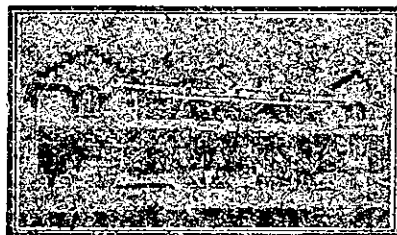
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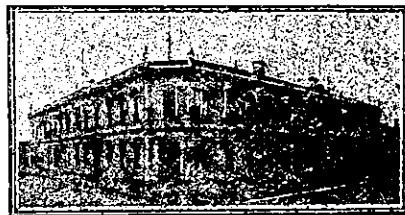
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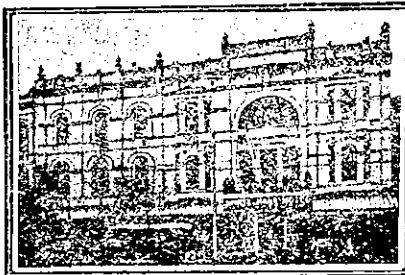
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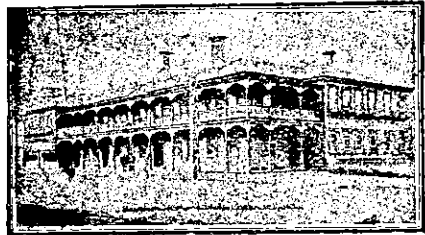
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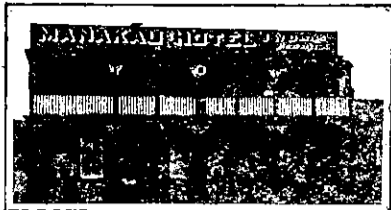
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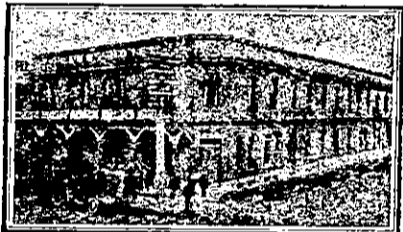
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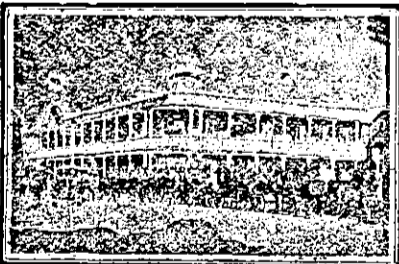
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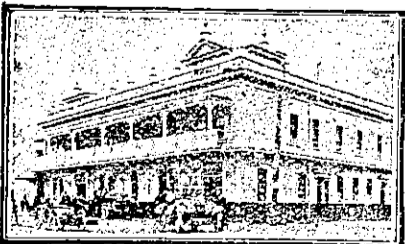
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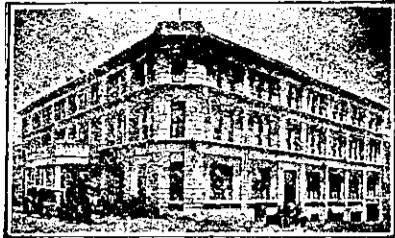
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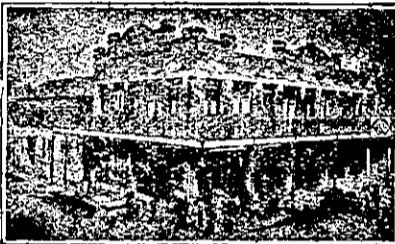


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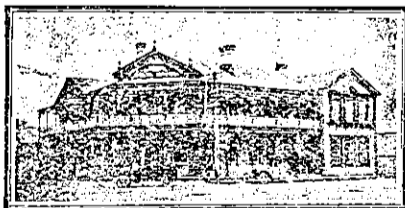


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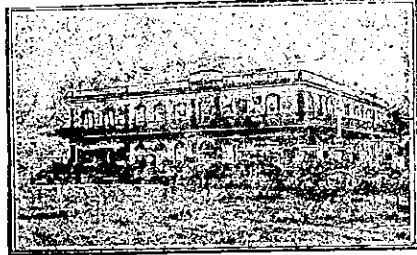
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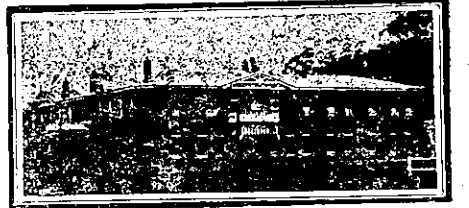
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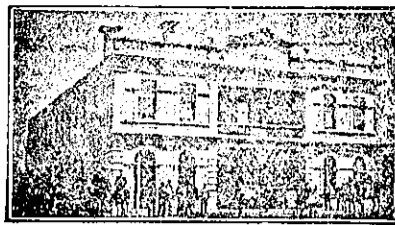
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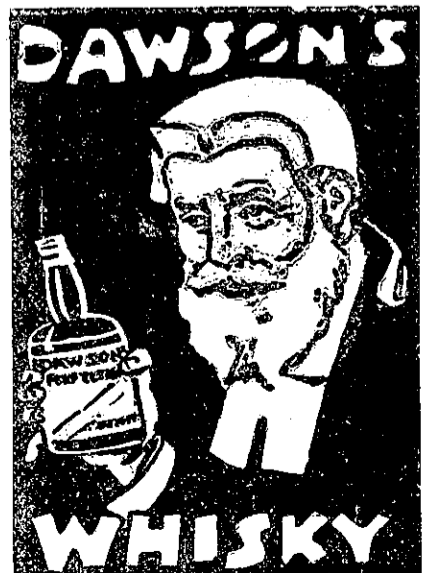
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