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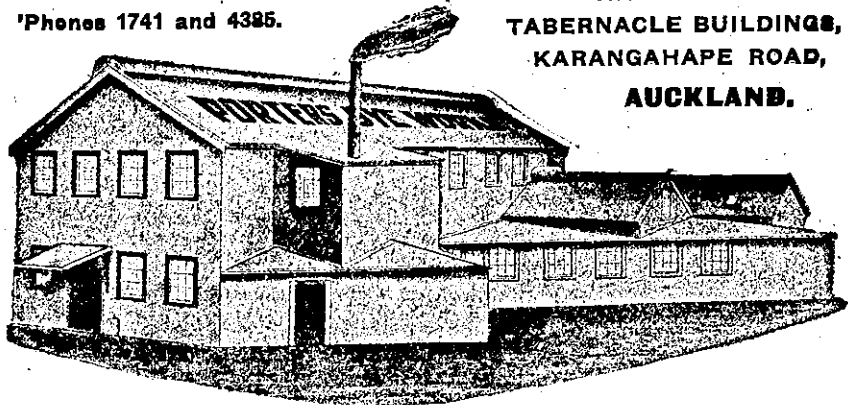
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DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

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

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

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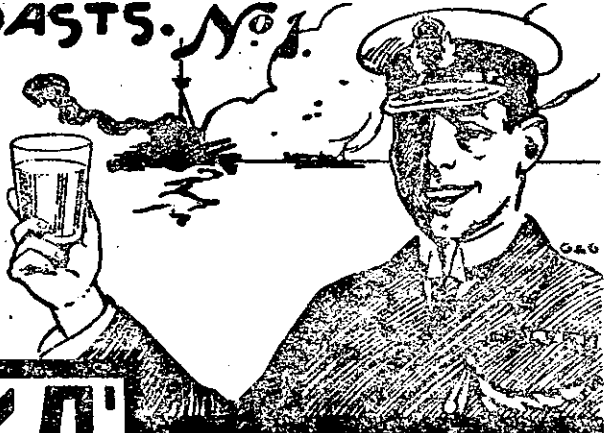
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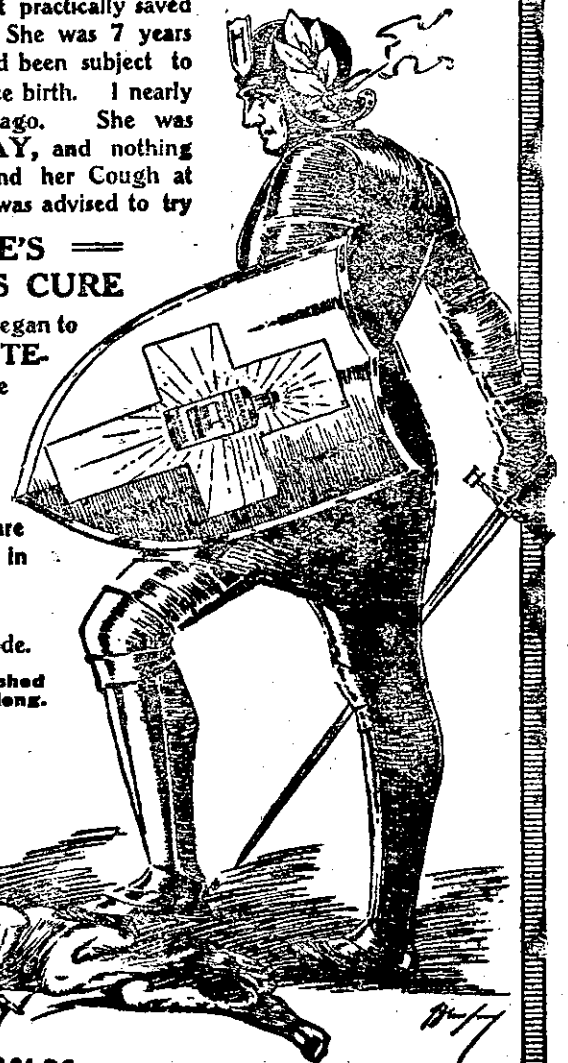
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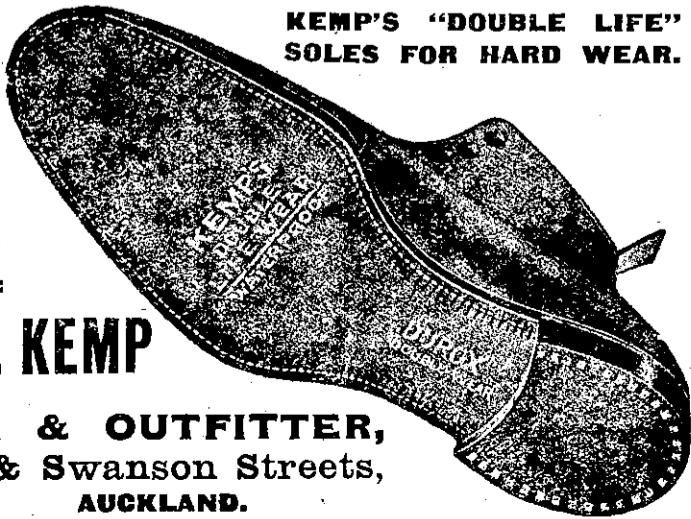
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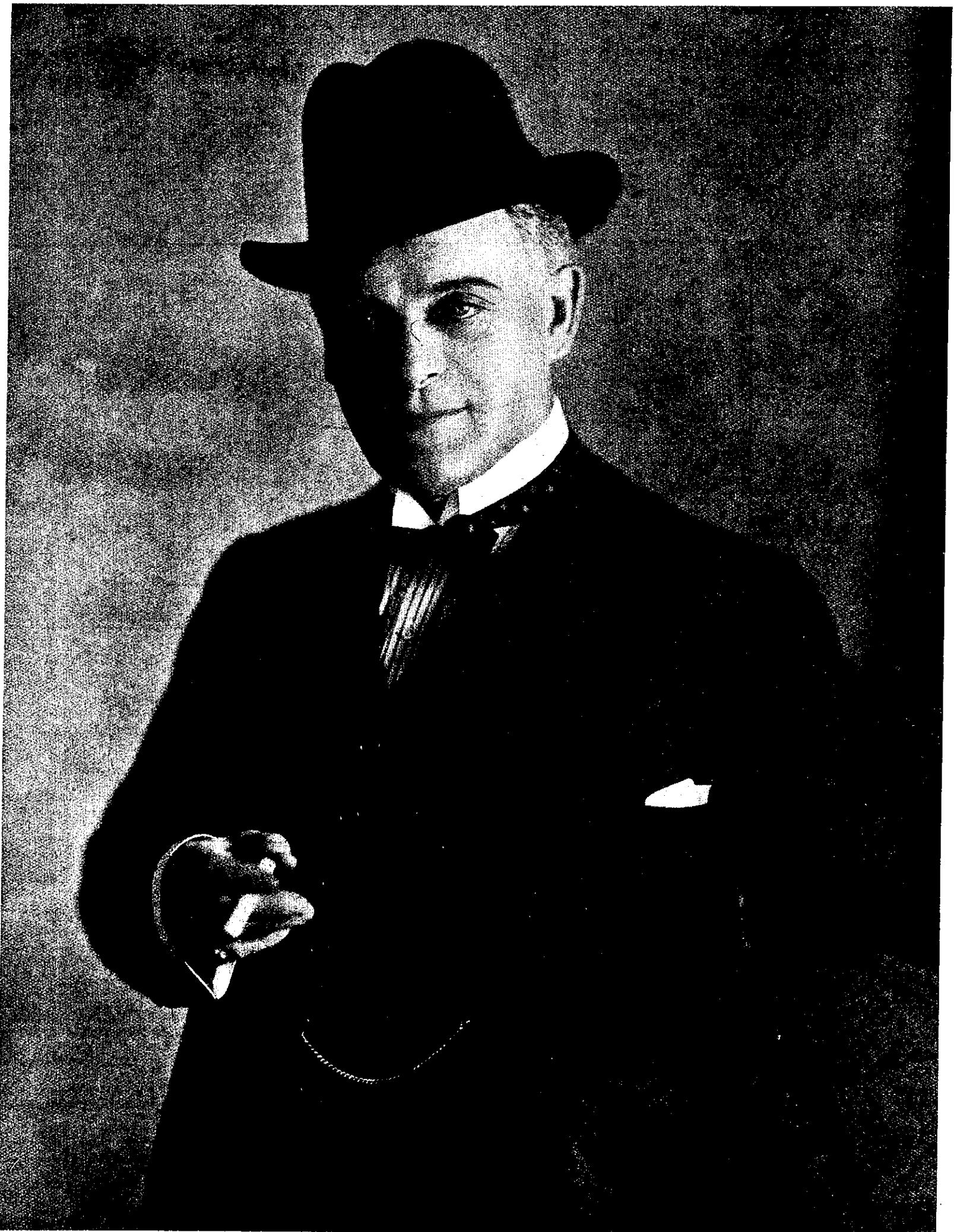


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We are within a fortnight of the Auckland Racing Club's summer meeting, and the outlook is still good and prospects will no doubt continue bright throughout. The scratching of Colonel Sout for the Auckland Cup on Friday afternoon, if not looked for, did not create any great surprise, as it has been known since the Takapuna meeting that he was to be sold, and no one was backing him for the race in question, though he has been doing useful work all the time. The other scratchings were of Tararu Jack and Gluepot for the Grafton Hurdle Race, the first-named being still in Australia. The weights for the Robinson Handicap, Grafton Hurdles, Nursery Handicap and Christmas Handicap appeared on Friday, and when the acceptances for those events and the final payments are made for the Auckland Cup, Shortland Plate, Railway Handicap, Great Northern Foal Stakes, Forty-fourth Great Northern Derby and Twenty-third Royal Stakes are declared on Friday we shall know more definitely what owners' intentions are. With so many horses entered for events elsewhere and rumours that this one or that one will not be taking part at the meeting at Ellerslie, the everyday punter and double backer is left in a blissful state of uncertainty, but while some keep on taking prices that are seemingly short many ways, because of a run on certain horses, and a disinclination on the part of operators to open out, the events should be productive of interesting contests all through, and it looks very probable that we shall have, with a few exceptions, pretty well all the best horses of note assisting in the success which looms ahead.

There is little to be said about the Cup and Railway Handicaps further than has been already said. There are rumours that Tressida will not come north, also that Menelaus will race at Palmerston North, but we can wait and learn. Red Ribbon, it is thought, will race better than she did at Woodville, and Gold Fran would need to do better than he did in the Tauranga Cup, in which his presence surprised us, seeing that he had a bruised foot that caused him lameness after the Takapuna meeting. Royal Rufus also ran at the Bay of Plenty meeting, and he need not be considered for the Auckland Cup. There may be eighteen in after Friday. Mullingar, Uncle Ned and Rebel, and one or other of the pair trained by Pope, will represent Auckland. There is an impression that Fiery Cross, who is still in the Cup, may train light, but that may not prevent him running one or more good races at the meeting. Whether Vagabond's owners will continue that gelding's engagement we shall have to wait and learn. Toatere and Paraoa are said to be doing all right at New Plymouth. Johnny Walker continues to have plenty of friends, and he and all above him should be ridden at the weights allotted them.

Lingerie and Nanna have each a penalty of 3lb. for the Railway Handicap. The next payment of 10sovs. may cause probably half a dozen, if not more, defections. There would still be a fine field left. There is some curiosity and interest as to whether Hymestra will race at the Wairarapa meeting and how he will comport himself there. He should win or go near it with 9.9 if he is to have any chance here with 8.6, but the stable may rely on Nanna, who has only 3lb. more than she was handicapped at. In any case, racing should benefit Hymestra, and those who have supported him will no doubt get a final acceptance and very probably a start and a big run for their money. We would hardly count on Mr. R. Hannon paying up for his fleet of three, of which Mill o' Gowrie may prove the best. Simonides is in the same interest as Elocution, and so long as he holds his ground must be held in respect. There are a lot of owners quietly confident that they have a good chance of succeeding with their horses. It is believed that Gazique and his Cup mate, Multifual, will both run better than they did down south. Hopfield is training on all right at Ellerslie and so is Lady Jack, while reports are to the effect that House-

wife and Lord Kenilworth are doing well at North Shore. Waiuta's presence may certainly be looked for. She is getting a careful preparation.

There is nothing new to add about the Great Northern Foal Stakes, unless to suggest the possibility of the stable of Mr. T. H. Lowry sheltering something quite as capable, if not more so, of stretching informal than Finmark. The increased scale of weights may not be to the disadvantage of those engaged. They will be able to have riders to do them just ce, one thing to remember, and riding counts in these juvenile events. Informal is keeping well and has all his dash, and there is no reason to doubt whether he will stay. Most people fancy that a distance longer than he has travelled so far will be to the liking of Finmark, and perhaps he may be better class than he has actually shown himself to be, but we prefer to take the recent form of Kilhope, winner of the Maiden Plate, w.f.a., at Woodville, as a clearer indication of staying ability. He at least did all—perhaps more—than was really expected of him with his overweight of 11½lb. up, and his win came as a surprise to a lot of people who were backing Killowen, his stable companion, on information received from sources that some confidence is placed in. Perhaps Killowen may not

rumour, which, however, may not have a solid foundation. There is every reason to expect Estland to again assert his superiority over those he beat at Riccarton the first week in November, and nothing to suggest that Vagabond will beat him or do more than assert that his two classic wins, so far as those he met at one or other of the Auckland meetings, had none of the fluke about them. He may, perhaps, give Silver Tongue and Impediment something to do to keep him from securing second money, and there is, of course, a winning chance if he stays on as his best friends believe he may.

The Royal Stakes, when the figures are set out showing the weights with penalties and allowances that may be carried, reads more like a handicap between two, three and four-year-olds with a lighter than usual minimum—lighter this year because of the race being brought forward a few days in a reconstructed programme affecting the scale of weights. The weight-for-age table was altered accordingly, that for the month of January—and, of course, starting with the 1st of January—being substituted by the table which comes in with the first of December. It is a comparatively insignificant alteration, some may conclude without going into the details, but three days make differ-

year-old can succeed this year, as last, when Bisogne won.

The "Australasian," in noting the steady improvement in time that races are run in, says it is astonishing how few good horses hold the records, and mentioned Biplane as the one good horse at Flemington who could give weight and a start to anything his age, wondering how he would have fared had he met a Grand Flaneur, and instanced Mata, a New Zealander, who could run round the big sand track at Flemington in 2min. 28sec., and suggested that trainers would like to have a horse like Mata now. The article concludes with the remark that New Zealand is now the great place for time, "where they have no end of half-mile races and the courses are very fast." We, as a matter of fact, have comparatively few four-furlong races other than for early two-year-old events, the Electric Plate at Riccarton in November and Kelburne Plate at Trentham in January, at weight-for-age, being the only races over four furlongs in which horses of all ages may compete for fairly decent prizes such as will draw the good horses. Hymestra holds the four-furlong record at weight for age at Trentham, which he put up in January last from a barrier start in 46 3-5sec., carrying 6.12. Desert Gold was looking on that day while her



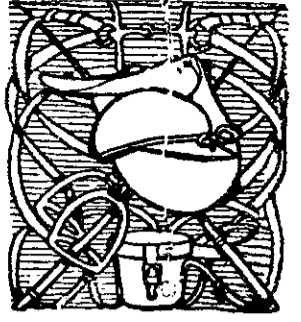
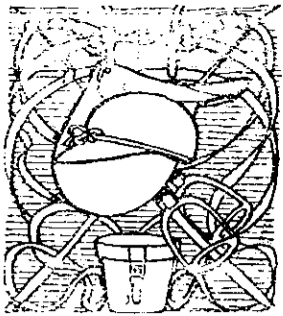
GROUP OF WELL-KNOWN AUCKLAND RACING AND TROTTING ENTHUSIASTS.—From left: MESSRS. H. R. MACKENZIE (Chairman Otahuhu T.C.), J. ROWE (President N.Z. Trotting Conference), H. WILSON and E. SUTHERLAND.

have run up to the expectations of his trainer, just as Finmark has done more than once. Probably Mr. Lowry will have two strings to his bow in the Foal Stakes, and he has three to select from also in the Nursery Handicap, the Demosthenes colt Kipling being the fourth two-year-old Desert Gold's owner is expected to have at the meeting. With Pontoon, his brother-in-law Mr. E. J. Watts colt, in also, Hawke's Bay has a strong hand, Demagogue being a sixth from that part of New Zealand. The Welcome Stakes winner, Bo-peep, and Mr. J. Goring Johnson's Birkenhead filly Cherry Mart make up the full strength—or half the field—provided by owners out of the province. Mr. J. H. Edward's thirty-guinea purchase, Shining Light, is the only Auckland-bred one engaged, and he may beat more than will beat him. Informal, in form, should be favourite on the day, but Bo-peep's friends reckon that she was a bit unlucky when they last met, and Mr. Lowry's combination, if he starts more than one, will carry some money.

Four colts are still in the Great Northern Derby, assuming that Forest Gold was left in by an oversight. Five geldings and one filly complete the 1st, and with Estland, winner of the New Zealand Derby, Silver Tongue and Impediment, the second and third in that race; Vagabond, winner of the Avondale Guineas and Great Northern Guineas; Bingham, Demotic, Lord Kenilworth, Mentmore and Gamecock engaged, it looks as if we are going to have a field, even if Hymestra is not also included, a possibility we are led to expect by

ences that might turn a possible victory into defeat if there is anything in having a sliding scale of weights at all, and we all know there is. Wrestler and Malancourt, colt and gelding respectively, are four years old. Wrestler's weight is 9.0, that of Malancourt (who is not going to run, but that does not matter) is 7.11, with his maiden allowance. The four-year-old weight remains stationary in their case, but in that of Rekanu, being a filly, she would have 2lb. less allowance than Malancourt, and therefore by the change gets a 2lb. advantage, as does Coral Queen, of the same age. The three-year-old fillies and geldings also get a similar pull—not much, certainly. The two-year-old colts and geldings each have a 3lb. advantage over the four-year-olds and 1lb. each over the three-year-olds. Each of the three two-year-old fillies have 5lb. less by comparison with the four-year-olds, and 3lb. by comparison with the three-year-olds. No one is complaining, and no doubt the A.R.C. Programme Committee can make alterations of this kind at their own discretion, without consulting owners, but the position now is that the two-year-olds are more favoured by the change than the three-year-olds, and both those ages have a pull over the four-year-olds, and two four-year-olds are the worse off by the change of the twenty-two engaged. As eleven two-year-olds have won out of twenty-two races, and ten three-year-olds and one four-year-old, it will be interesting to note whether one of the three-year-olds can make a tie of it, or whether the two-year-olds will have a lead of two after the race is run, or whether—a remote contingency—a four-

stable companion, the brilliant Tete-a-tete, was entrusted with the task of trying to beat the younger ones. Biplane (6.12) was second and Bimeter (9.1) third. Hymestra, two days earlier, won the Wellington Stakes, five furlongs, in 59 4-5sec. Times all through the meeting were very fast, but still there is no made track so fast, when at its best, as that at Trentham, and there good horses can make records. Its shape and the grade and the nature of the top soil over a swampy bottom give the going a lot of elasticity, and horses get used to it right away. There are only a few tracks that we know of that we would expect to be as fast if they were laid down properly, and the Trentham course gets faster with every season because it is getting more settled. Conqueror's half-mile record for New Zealand still stands at 46 1-5sec., done in November with 8.0 on his back as against the 46 3-5sec. done by Hymestra with 6.12 up. Hymestra's time was done from a barrier start, and Conqueror's also from a barrier but with a good gale behind him. The fact that so many records have been cut down on New Zealand racecourses has been due mainly to the improvements effected in the courses and the way in which they are kept. Some of them are never galloped on between meetings, and are put in order by being harrowed and rolled directly after a meeting, a bit of grass sown, if needed, and the tracks watered at intervals. Then, instead of the old horse-mowing machines being used, after the grass has grown long and tufty motor-power mowing machines are used regularly and a fine surface always kept.



RACING NOTES

RACING FIXTURES 1917-18.

- 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.
- Jan. 1—Wynndham R.C.
- Jan. 1—Tirau R.C.
- Jan. 1—Stratford R.C.
- Jan. 1—Marton J.C.
- Jan. 1, 2—Hawke's Bay J.C.
- Jan. 1, 2—North Otago J.C.
- Jan. 1, 3, 4—Greymouth J.C.
- Jan. 2—Vincent J.C.
- Jan. 2, 3—Southland R.C.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

Wednesday, December 12.
 Acceptances first day Manawatu R.C. summer and final payment Twelfth Palmerston North Stakes, at 9 p.m.
 Weights Stratford R.C. annual.

Friday, December 14.
 Weights Marton J.C. summer.
 Acceptances Robinson Handicap, Grafton Hurdle Race, Nursery Handicap, Christmas Handicap, Auckland R.C. summer, by 9 p.m.

Final payments Shortland Plate, Auckland Cup, Railway Handicap, G.N. Foal Stakes, Forty-fourth G.N. Derby, Twenty-third Royal Stakes, Auckland R.C. summer meeting, by 9 p.m.

Weights first day Hawke's Bay J.C. summer.
 Acceptances Thames J.C. summer, at 8 p.m.
 Acceptances all events Taranaki J.C. Christmas, at 9 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18.
 Acceptances Marton J.C. summer, at 9 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19.
 Acceptances and entries for Borough Stakes, Stratford R.C. annual, at 9 p.m.

Friday, December 21.
 Acceptances first day Hawke's Bay J.C. summer, by 8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 26.
 Weights second day Manawatu R.C. summer, at 8 p.m.
 Acceptances second day Manawatu R.C. summer, at 9 p.m.

Thursday, December 27.
 Weights second day's events Auckland R.C. summer, in morning paper.
 Acceptances second day's events Auckland R.C. summer, by 12 noon.
 Final payment Islington Plate (second day), by 12 noon.

Friday, December 28.
 Nominations Northern Wairoa R.C. summer, at 9 p.m.

Monday, December 31.
 Weights third day's events Auckland R.C. summer, in morning paper.
 Acceptances third day's events Auckland R.C. summer, by 12 noon.

THE AUCKLAND R.C. SUMMER MEETING.

Weights for the Grafton Hurdles, Christmas, Nursery, and Robinson Handicaps of the Auckland R.C. were declared on Friday, and appear, together with the complete list of horses engaged still in the Auckland Cup and Railway Handicap, and the horses engaged in the G.N. Foal Stakes, Derby and Royal Stakes, on a later page. The defections of Tararu Jack and Gluepot from the Hurdle Race followed soon after the appearance of the weights, and Colonel Soult has been withdrawn from the Auckland Cup, otherwise the position with regard to that race is the same as last week. Nanna has incurred a penalty of 3lb. for the Railway, and is the only other beside Lingerie in the same position. Royal Irish has incurred a penalty of 7lb. for the Christmas Handicap and Garry Owen a like penalty in the Robinson Handicap by reason of their wins at the Bay of Plenty meeting. They met none of the horses engaged in the same races.

A number of horses engaged at the Wairarapa meeting, held to-day (Thursday), claim engagements at the Auckland R.C. summer meeting, and winning there may in some instances entail penalties for events run on Boxing Day at Ellerslie, or for the Royal Stakes. Hymestra, Impediment, Nanna and Snub are those affected. Hymestra would not suffer an immediate penalty for any of his engagements. Impediment might for the Royal Stakes, and she and Nanna are liable for an increase of 7lb. in their poundage for the Christmas Handicap and Snub 3lb. in the Auckland Cup. Nanna's 3lb. penalty for the Railway Handicap would not be increased.

The names of the Channel (9.0) in the Grafton Hurdles, and Monatour (6.7) in the Robinson Handicap were omitted from the weights telegraphed

from Palmerston North last Thursday, while Rock Diamond's weight is 6.10, not 6.12, as appeared in the telegraphed list.

Teka is the first of the visiting horses engaged at the meeting to reach headquarters, and looks well.

THOROUGHBRED YEARLING AND BLOODSTOCK SALE.

AUCKLAND SHOW GROUNDS.

The annual sale of thoroughbred yearlings the property of Auckland and other breeders, and of bloodstock or different vendors, is to be held on Monday, December 31, at the Auckland Show Grounds, commencing at 9.30 a.m. This year there will not be so many yearlings as usual, but there are youngsters bred well and promising that should command the attention of racing men, and those wishing to secure good stock to breed from later on. The sires represented are the imported horses Marble Arch, Lucullus, Demosthenes and King Rufus, General Latour and Elysian, by imported Soult; Monoform and Spalpeen, each well known (with the exception of Lucullus) through their progeny, and that sire will have his

season and during last season the winnings of lots disposed of by the N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency have been excellent; indeed, since the sales were held in one place and at one time the results have been such as to attract breeders to send up their best for sale, and though the prices have not sometimes been satisfactory to the vendors for particular lots, or may have fallen short of expectations in their average, the general average, taking one year with another, can be accepted as an indication that fair values have been paid, while many bargains have been offered by Mr. H. O. Nolan, who has for many years conducted these sales.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.

The weights for the Thames J.C.'s annual races, a one-day meeting this year, were declared this week, and will no doubt attract a fair number of horses, and people from outside parts, this, one of the oldest and most popular of the Goldfields meetings, being looked upon as a social reunion of old-time Thamesites not to be missed. The Auckland owners and trainers, and some from the Waikato and Goldfields districts, usually have

WAIPA RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Waipa Racing Club's annual meeting will be engaging attention on Saturday, and most of those who intend being present will have made arrangements for getting there and back, seeing that there is no special train service to and from Te Awamutu. There will be a lot of motoring from all parts of the Waikato, and some enthusiasts are making the trip from Auckland in that way. Hamilton affords a convenient stopping place en route, and many will go there by train and motor to Te Awamutu and back the same night, returning by the ordinary train service at their command. There is every prospect of a good day's racing, plenty of horses having been paid up for in the eight events to ensure satisfactory fields. Most of the horses have been seen in action already this year, and a big proportion will go up from Ellerslie, where they are trained. Our Ellerslie correspondent refers to their prospects. The Waipa settlers have a good course and appointments, and can be depended upon to cater for the wants of visitors, who will receive a hearty welcome.

The acceptances are as follow:—

PIRONGIA HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.—Glendalough 10.12, Ditto 10.4, Sportful 9.6, Carbiness 9.4, Excavator 9.2, Welshman 9.0, Miss Queen 9.0, Glenburn 9.0, Keystone 9.0, Pencton 9.0.

WAIPA STAKES, six furlongs.—Certain Day, Woody Glen, Kidderminster, Billy Wiggs, Flying Gowrie, Major Weston, Piupiu, Moneymoon, Rosori, Mangamahoe, Gold Kip, Persian Prince, General Stephen.

KIHIKIHI HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Rekanui 9.12, Tatterley 9.5, Fionnuatia 8.9, Lady Paula 7.12, All Talk 7.11, Pink Tie 7.3, Princess Bee 6.12, Juanna 6.9, Deposit 6.7, Polly Distin 6.7, Coleraine 6.7.

TE AWAMUTU CUP, one mile and a quarter.—Rebel 8.4, Royal Irish 7.13, Munster 7.8, Gold Fran 7.6, Cynic 7.4, Sleepy Jack 6.7.

OHAUPO HANDICAP, one mile.—Merry Dan 9.0, Piaka 8.10, Mangamahoe 8.7, Welshman 8.7, Major Weston 8.7, Miss Queen 8.5, Blue Cross 8.5, Gabalero 8.5.

PATERANGI WELTER, one mile.—Glenopal 10.8, Pendoo 8.13, Slipstitch 8.8, Sultane 8.6, Empire 8.6, Glendalough 8.0, Spalperion 8.0, Gladly 8.0.

ORAKAU MAIDEN, six furlongs.—Lady Paula 10.0, Bezmar 9.2, Keystone 8.13, Juanna 8.11, Persian Prince 8.4, Woody Glen 8.4, Kidderminster 7.7, Glen Crispin 7.7, Certain Day 7.7, Moneymoon 7.7, Lady Iona 7.7.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Mill o' Gowrie 9.12, Lightning 9.0, Tatterley 8.8, Corregidor 7.7, All Talk 7.1, Sultane 6.12, Coleraine 6.12, Deposit 6.7.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

The programme of the Wellington Racing Club's summer meeting is out for January 19th and 22nd, and owners will require to give their attention on December 17th there for all events with the exception of the races with hack conditions. The Wellington Cup is worth 1300sovs. and is the chief prize. The Telegraph Stakes, Wellington Stakes and Wellington Handicap are each worth 750sovs., the Nursery, Anniversary Welter, Duro Cup, Kelburn Plate and Metropolitan Handicaps are worth 400sovs. each, the January and Fitzherbert Handicaps are each worth 300sovs., the Trentham, Apprentices' Handicap, Trial Plate, Ruapehu and Mungaroa Handicaps, each with hack conditions, are worth 200sovs. each, thus making an attractive two days' programme, for which Mr. A. E. White should secure a bumper response.

FOXTON RACING CLUB.

The Foxton Racing Club are leaving no stone unturned to make their annual gathering on Tuesday, January 22, as great a success as possible, and the splendid inducements offered trainers to take their horses to this popular meeting next month will assuredly have the desired effect. The Foxton Cup (open), of 300sovs., one mile and a quarter, constitutes the leading attraction, while the Anniversary Handicap (open), of 175sovs., six furlongs; Herrington Welter (open), of 150sovs., seven furlongs, in addition to the five hack events carded, make up an attractive programme, deserving of wide patronage at the hands of owners and trainers. Nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr. Endell Wanklyn, Box 13, Foxton, on Friday, January 4, 1918, at 9 p.m.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

The summer programme of the two days' Takapuna meeting is before us, and should please the owners of provincial horses as well as regular patrons from outside. The Takapuna Cup is the leading race, and is worth 750sovs., and is run over a mile and a half. The Takapuna J.C. Handicap is worth 500sovs., the Stewards' and Anniversary Welter are each worth 400sovs., the Calliope and Hobson Handicaps 250sovs. each, and the remainder of the events, flat and jumping, range in value from 150sovs. to 200sovs. Mr. R. Wynyard will take nominations on January 4th for all events. The recent rains have done the course further good, and the grass is doing nicely thereon.



MR. ALF. C. HATHAWAY taking the water in good style on his bay hunter GIRAFFE at the Auckland Show.

first gets in the sale ring and is reported to have some very useful-looking sons and daughters coming on as the result of his first season at the stud in New Zealand. Monoform claims seven of the lots, no fewer than six of them being colts; General Latour claims three fillies and one colt, Marble Arch four fillies and one colt, Elysian five fillies and one colt, Demosthenes one colt, King Rufus one colt, and Lucullus two fillies, while Spalpeen has a two-year-old filly. This makes twenty-seven lots catalogued, but there are others that may come in in a supplementary list. Some breeders could not get their yearlings up for sale and are now leaving them to come in later in the season, or else as two-year-olds. In the ordinary course there should be a greater demand than ever for thoroughbred stock, with prize money mounting up, and anything useful-looking and bred the right way should command a sale at a price to pay breeders. Yearling and bloodstock sales this season so far have been of an encouraging nature, and the lots to be offered at the Auckland Show Grounds on the morning of the closing day of the year should sell readily, as nowhere else do provincial clubs offer greater inducements to the owners of racing stock. Year after year horses that have come under the hammer at annual Auckland sales have distinguished themselves, and already this

horses that are not considered of sufficiently good class to pit against the horses that are battling at Ellerslie on the same day, and though it clashes with the metropolitan fixture nine-tenths of those who attend it would not be found at Ellerslie if it were not held then, and there would possibly be no more horses, as their owners would be looking for engagements for them elsewhere. As a matter of fact, many of the horses are kept specially for the minor meetings. The acceptances close for the meeting on Friday next, at 8 p.m.

TURF TOPICS.

Bee is again in work in Australia under J. Burton's care.

The Bendigo Cup winner, Rosanna, won her first race on the same course as a two-year-old three years ago.

Some forty boxes have now been engaged for visiting teams to the coming meeting at Ellerslie.

The Toff received top weight, 9.6, in the Port Adelaide Cup, to be run on Boxing Day.

Bullecourt, by Sweet Simon from Pangaroo, a Taranaki-bred one, won a race at Wynong (N.S.W.) last month.

At the Bendigo meeting a New Zealand visitor was said to have won £2000 over Tulkeroo when that horse scored.

Tattersall's Club, Brisbane, costing nearly £20,000, will be taken possession of before Christmas. The tote is there as well.

The annual sale of thoroughbred yearlings and others is to be held at the Auckland Show Grounds on Monday, December 31.

The Shripley stud in Victoria of Mr. Sol Green will be dispersed next month, and also that of the Segenhoe stud, in New South Wales, of Mr. William Brown.

M. Hobbs, who was at Ellerslie last year with a team of horses, has gone from Flemington to Caulfield, where he has Beltane, Killinn, Kill'em, Killfoyle and Shriell in work.

Dave O'Shea, about the lightest apprentice riding, started his winning career on Saturday at Tauranga with a treble, two wins on Pink Tie and one on Garry Owen.

Royal Irish was the best horse racing at Tauranga and secured the Cup. It was his first race since last March, and he gave J. O'Shea his second winning ride.

An average of over nine per race paid up for the Waipa meeting, and about 60 horses were accepted for plenty to ensure a good meeting if the majority reach the scene, which seems likely.

Winning riders at Tauranga on Saturday were: D. O'Shea three (Pink Tie twice and Garry Owen), A. J. McFlinn two (Firespark and R'ga), and J. O'Shea (Royal Irish), Buchanan (Hukuwai) and Goldfinch (Sleepy Jack) one each.

The Royal Stakes weights range from 9st. on Wrestler to 5.11 on some of the two-year-olds, a difference of 55lb. If a four-year-old horse with a 10lb. penalty had been engaged 65lb. would have been the difference in weight.

Acceptances for Robinson Handicap, Grafton Hurdles, Nursery Handicap, Christmas Handicap, together with final payments for Shortland Plate, Auckland Cup, Railway Handicap, G.N. Foal Stakes, 44th G.N. Derby, 23rd Royal Stakes, close next Friday at 9 p.m.

Monoform will be represented at the coming yearling sales by six colts and one filly. General Latour, Marble Arch, Elysian, King Rufus and Demosthenes each by one colt. Marble Arch will have four fillies, General Latour three, Lucullis two, and Elysian five, and Spalpeen will have one, a two-year-old.

The Elysian mare Ohivia, who won the first two races she started in last season and two other races during the season, opened her winning account for this season by landing the Gorge Handicap on the second day of the Woodville meeting, running the mile and 170 yards in 1min. 52½ sec., carrying 8.10 and beating nine others.

It is rumoured that the totalisator may not be at work during the holidays at Randwick. The company which works it has been hampered badly by the war and other causes, according to the "Australasian." Their outlay for material is greatly in excess of the estimate. The machines at Newcastle, Wallsend, Canterbury Park, and Randwick are costing a lot over the estimated price, and there is a delay in getting the required material.

The Sydney writer "Pilot" says of Hopfield's failure in the A.R.C. City Handicap that the distance, a mile and a-quarter, on his Australian form, was against him.

Lady General, by General Latour, ran two sterling races at the Woodville meeting, and showed her quality by winning the Railway Handicap on the second day, over five furlongs, carrying the top weight and having a lot of useful horses behind her. The Glenora Park-bred one, also Mullingar (by Marble Arch) claim the Wallace mare Romola as their dam. Amongst the yearlings to be sold at the annual sale at the Auckland Show Grounds is a filly by Marble Arch from the same mare, therefore a sister to Mullingar.

Following is an extract from a letter from Major Yuille (who is in Egypt), dated September 2, says the "Australasian":—"One of our chaps saw Revenue (the Melbourne Cup winner of 1901) the other day, being ridden by a Yeomanry boy. He had a bullet wound, but had recovered from it, and looked, he said, very fit. He at one time belonged to Lord Dudley. If I had seen the old fellow I could have taken his photograph." According to Mr. C. L. Macdonald, who owned the gelding when he won the Melbourne Cup, Revenue, as far as he knows, never left Australia." It was reported some time ago that he was pensioned off somewhere in New South Wales.

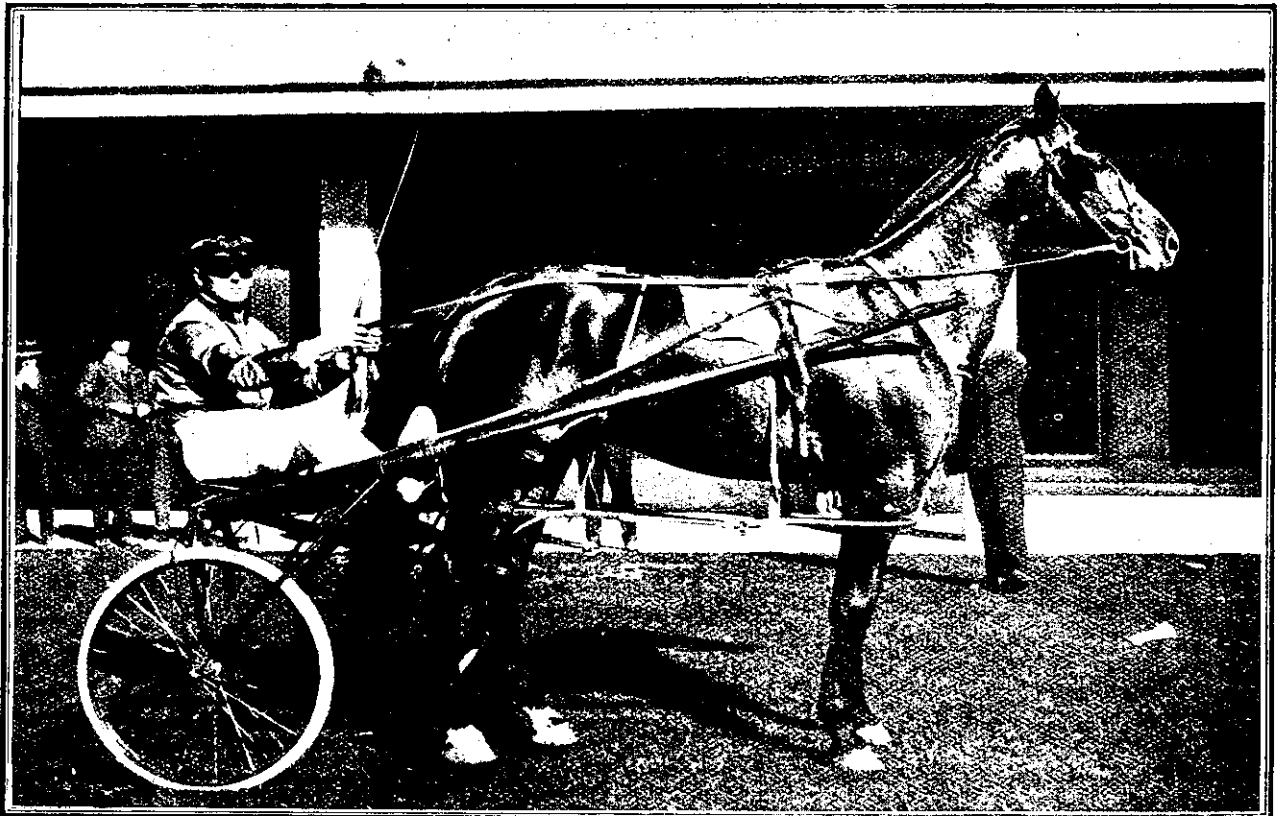
Mr. Windsor, owner of Gluepot, has purchased Shackleton, who was sold at the dispersal of the Karamu horses last month, and he will arrive this week from Hawke's Bay.

Some of the Victorian country clubs have started advertising that horses engaged at their meetings that run first, second or third after being handicapped are liable to be re-handicapped. The V.R.C. has now notified all clubs that the practice must be discontinued, as it is contrary to the rules under which they race.

The question of increasing the minimum weight in flat races will in due course be engaging attention in Australia. The Springs racecourse is being made on the finest in South Africa, and the well-known writer "Pathfinder" offers the suggestion to the managing director, "in the interests of all boys riding there," that "no race be handicapped for riders under 7st., and let the stewards see that no apparently delicate lads are allowed to ride, as some of these 'apparitions' in the past have been a source of grave danger to the fields, and some of the 'bigger weights' have told me that these boys are unable to ride, and are always out of their position in a race, and nine times out of ten hold on for their lives and take the chance of being pushed through to a winning position. The doctor of the club is always present at these meetings and his skilful knowledge should always be called upon regarding a lad's fitness."

An account of the ten-mile race run at Wagga Wagga on November 20th, 1868, and won by a five-year-old horse called Australian, carrying 11.7, with Yeomans in the saddle, was published in the "Australasian" on December 1. Australian won by a length in 23min. 35sec., and Comet (11.2), ridden by his owner, Mr. R. Grosvenor, was second, with Riverina (11.5), ridden by her owner, Mr. W. J. Brown, third, a neck separating them. The other starters were Camel, Cotherstone, Eotherem, Empyre, Groonal, Tiohus, Glaucus, Jerry Sneak and Belham. It was a great test of endurance, speed and weight-carrying ability, but a lot of the starters were much used up and no further ten-mile races were attempted.

The live hedge steeplechase course planted two years ago at Wagga Wagga by the Murrumbidgee Turf Club proved a great success. They are nine in number and are two feet through and four feet high, a broad batten being placed on the take-off side about 2ft. high. During the four days the fences were well tested, and met with favour from horsemen and the club and public alike. It is believed that the course is the only one of live fences in Australasia. A suggestion has been offered that what is called the Hedge Steeplechase should be called the Live Brush Hurdle Race, or Brush Hurdles, this to reduce the jockeys' fee, as the fences are easier and safer than hurdles.



A POPULAR NEW ZEALAND PACER—Mr. J. Bryce's b h CATHEDRAL CHIMES, 6yrs., by Four Chimes—Jean Armour (Owner, driver), who won the Free-for-All (1¼ miles) at the N.Z. Metropolitan Trotting Club's spring meeting at Addington last month.

Biplane's two-year-old sister Steel Wings, was sold for 475 guineas at the yearling sales in Melbourne last autumn, and on again being submitted to auction recently in Victoria realised 700 guineas. Seigneur, the three-year-old son of Comedy King, and the Stepniak mare Our Queen, made 825 guineas, which was exactly the sum paid for him as a yearling.

Despite the difficulties in transporting them to Australia, horses are still being purchased in England to race in Australia. At the recent Newmarket sales a chestnut filly by William the Third (son of St. Simon) from Woodcut, by Isinglass from Queenwood, by Marden from Abeamance, by Touchet, was secured by an Australian buyer for 500 guineas. She will be shipped to Australia as soon as transport is available.

Nanna has had such a run of successes that her weight was bound to increase. The fact that she carried overweight at Feilding and at Woodville was against her for future events. In assessing her at the same weight as Lady General at Masterton and also calling upon her to give away a year to that mare, Mr. Henrys classed her as something extra special—indeed, he handicapped her to carry 8.13, or 14lb. over her weight for age, as against 9.3 on Hymestra, who was given 13lb. over weight for age in the same race, over six furlongs. If class were represented amongst the others the topweight trio mentioned would have something to do. Shiela may have the best chance of stretching the topweights if she is started.

Six horses were held up at Opotiki that were intended to compete at the Tauranga meeting. The steamer was weather bound. Three motor cars got through, but others were overhandicapped by the roads. Heavy rain fell the day before the meeting.

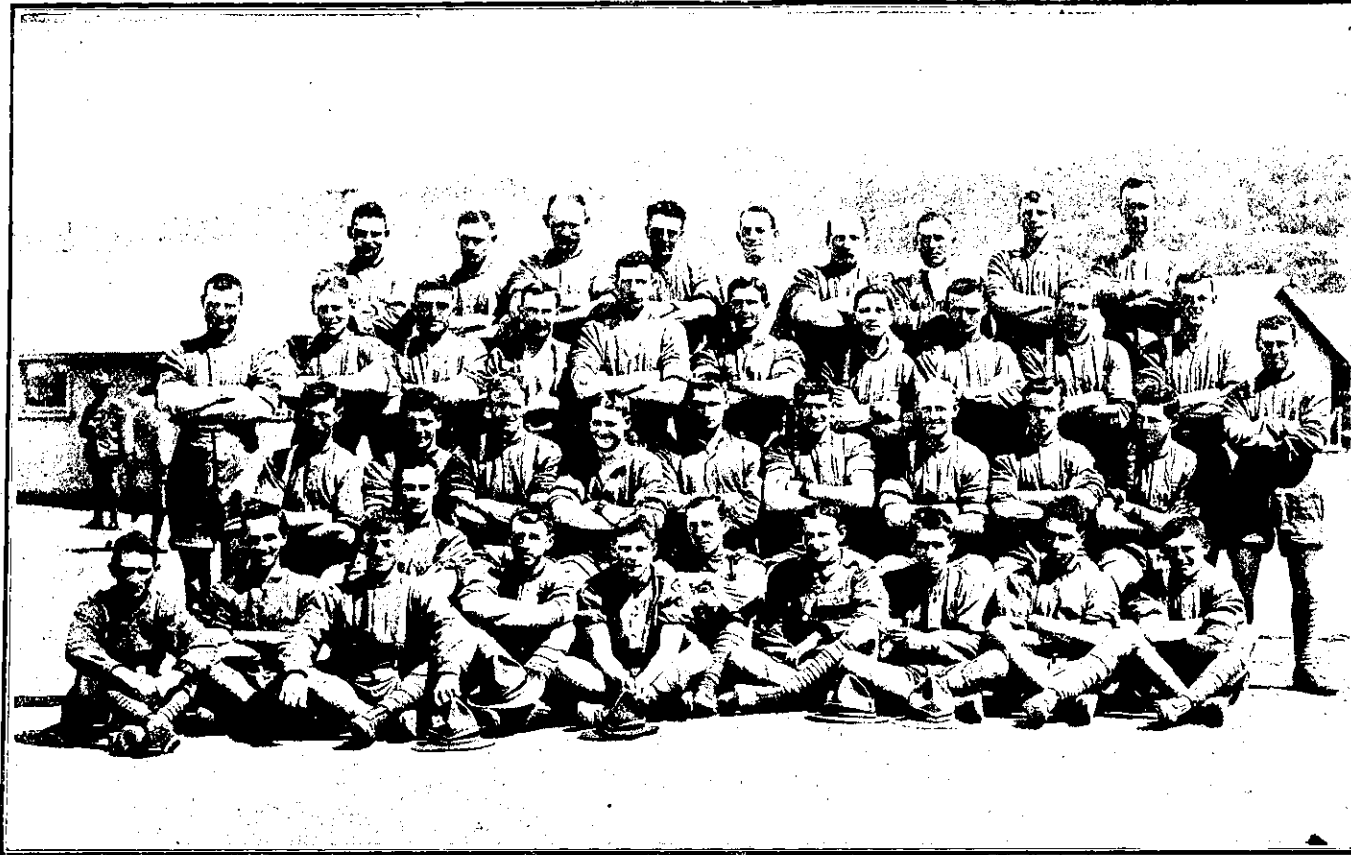
The death of Mr. James Wilson, one-time horseman, horse owner and breeder and farmer, and for a time a big studmaster, occurred in Victoria last month at the age of 88 years 11 months. He would have been 89 years old had he lived to Boxing Day. The late Mr. Wilson was a past-master as a trainer, and always held to the belief that First King, the best horse he ever owned, could have had few, if any, superiors in the world.

The form shown by The Toff during his Australian campaign, nor the report that he was a bleeder, did not soften the handicapper who adjusted the weights for the Port Adelaide Cup, for the sturdy, shapely little fellow got 9.6 in that race, or 9lb. more than he was anchored with when the weights appeared for the Melbourne Cup. However, Melbourne Cup form is one thing and Port Adelaide Cup class another, and perhaps the son of Boniform is in his right place at the top of the handicap in the company, and no doubt the form of the others engaged has been pretty well exposed. As Desert Gold was asked to give The Toff 24lb. in the Auckland Cup it would have been interesting to have noted what sort of a load that mare would have received in the Port Adelaide Cup had she been entered, also some of the best of the older horses that ran at Flemington.

Russians were the largest buyers at English sales in December of last year, but many of the mares bought for Russian owners were sold last month in England, on account of the revolution.

A feature of the meetings was the introduction in Wagga of the totalisator, says the "Referee." The machine installed is a Turnbull and Jones, with a capacity of 30 horses. It worked smoothly throughout. At first the public were timid of the machine, but as the racing progressed interest increased, and at the end of the fourth day the books had to go one better to command speculation. The Murrumbidgee Turf Club had windows for 10s. and £5 tickets, but that was not popular, and the Licensed Victuallers reduced it to 5s. and 10s. tickets, and almost doubled the takings. On the first day of the M.T.C., £325 passed through the machine, and £216 on the second. On the first day of the Licensed Victuallers' meeting £558 15s. was invested, and on the second day £389 10s., a total of £948 5s., as against the M.T.C.'s £541. As a financial undertaking the tote is a decided failure from the point of view of the Turf Club. The first day of the M.T.C. was perhaps one of the largest racing days out of the metropolis, with large fields of ten to fifteen starters and large attendance; yet the 3 per cent. allowed the club showed the club would receive out of it £19 and the Government £60. Out of their share the club had to pay 13 officials and incidental expenses, to say nothing of the cost of erection of the machine.

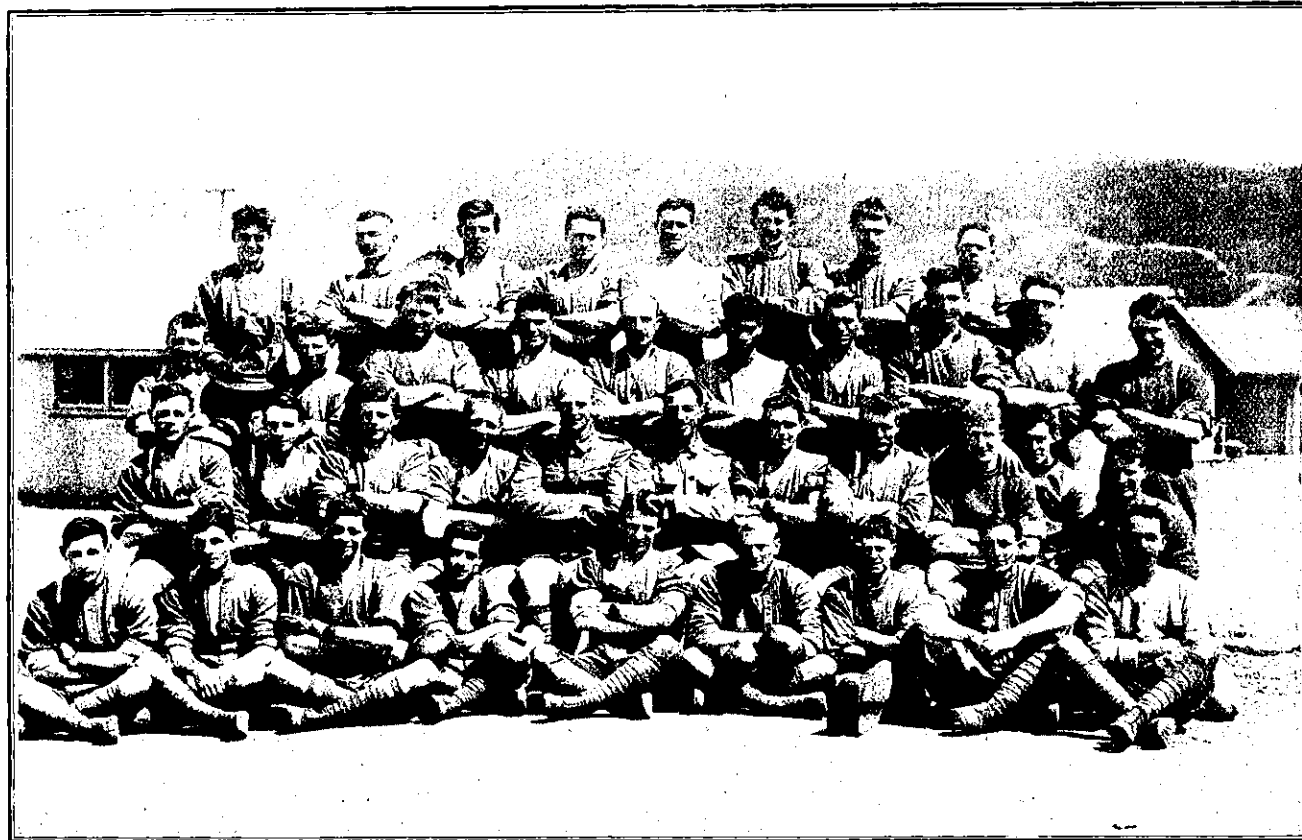
Stalwart members of the 31st. Reinforcements in Camp at Trentham.



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WELLINGTON.

Manawatu R.C.'s Nominations—Taranaki J.C.'s Christmas Meeting—J. W. Lowe's Trio of Manawatu Cup Candidates—Stratford R.C.'s Promising Prospects—Taranaki Trainers Extremely Busy With Their Charges.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The Otakeho sportsman who races as "F. Selwood" is finding the racing business very profitable through the efforts of his two gallopers, Dingle and Volo, both of whom can gallop to some purpose. The former returned a nice price at Feilding, while the latter got amongst the winners at Woodville. Mr. Selwood should add to his winning account at the Taranaki Christmas gathering.

Mr. E. Short, the "Parorangi" sportsman, sprang a surprise on his friends with the aid of Square Deal last week, who returned a dividend approaching a third of a century. The son of Advance appears to have struck form, and it would occasion no surprise to find him again figuring amongst the winners during the present month. Mr. Short is known for his honesty of purpose in racing matters, and any successes registered by his horses are always popularly received.

The Manawatu Racing Club have re-used the nomination of Sweet Tipperary for the Christmas meeting. The mare is somewhat unruly on occasions at the starting post, but to totally exclude her from the meeting is rather hard on her owners, the Messrs. Dwan Brothers, who race purely for the love of the sport. By the way, the mare got amongst the winners last week, when she made a sorry exhibition of her opponents with W. Young in the saddle.

The Taranaki Jockey Club anticipate a big attendance for their Christmas meeting, which takes place on the picturesque racecourse at New Plymouth on Boxing Day, and already accommodation for visitors is at a premium in the "oil" town. The weights, which appeared last week, are based on flattering lines, and there should be a capital response from owners when acceptances close on Friday next.

The Trentham stable of J. W. Lowe is well represented in the Manawatu Cup with Menelaus, Mascot and Seadown, all of whom are galloping in right good style on the tracks. The writer looks to the last-named—who is owned by Mr. "Loring," a prominent official of the Wellington Racing Club—to be the elect on the day.

Splendid nominations have been received for the annual meeting of the Stratford Racing Club, which takes place on January 1st, all the Taranaki and Wanganui stables being well represented, while Trentham is also sending its quota. The club offer very liberal inducements in the shape of substantial stakes, and with racing carried on under ideal conditions everything always runs with a merry swing at Stratford. Mr. Jack L. Henrys will declare the weights on Wednesday next, while acceptances close on the 19th inst.

Ascalon appears to have lost his dash, but being a safe conveyance the chestnut may do owner-trainer "Fat" Scally a good turn at Christmas.

Mil Queen (Treadmill)—Fire Queen is coming on nicely, and should soon be doing Mrs. S. H. Ames some useful service. By the way, Mr. Joseph Ames is still very ill, and his condition is causing his friends extreme anxiety.

In Kiihope (Kilbroney)—Angele and Killowen (Formby)—Gauze, Mr. T. H. Lowry has a couple of two-year-olds who should fare well this season. Both ran last week, the former easily accounting for the opposition in the Maiden Plate at Woodville. Judging by the pace of the pair they are more than useful.

Paddington Green did his New Plymouth owner a good turn at Woodville last week by appropriating the Welter Hack, while he acted as runner-up on the second day. The chestnut is very fit just now, and he should be doing his owner some useful service during the Christmas holidays.

White Blaze is doing splendidly under trainer W. Mantle's guidance at New Plymouth. The grey galloper is quite an attractive mover, and later on he will be given an opportunity to earn distinction over the small stakes. He has already been schooled by A. Ward, and gave one the idea of developing into a decent hurdler.

H. K. Ngham, the Trentham trainer, anticipates taking Prince Delaware, Trickery and Pervolo to the Stratford meeting, where they should all give a creditable showing.

Veto was well fancied last week, but failed over the last bit. The chestnut mare is coming on, however, and she will be on hand in the near future to give a good account of herself. She is to compete at New Plymouth and Stratford.

Trainer W. H. Bowden, of Otaki, is seriously thinking of taking Paparess through for the Taranaki meeting. The galloper named put up an excellent race at Ashhurst, and the future should reveal the mare as a valuable stake earner. She can jump and gallop to some purpose.

The Wellington sports bodies, with Mr. R. W. Shallcrass, secretary of the New Zealand Sports' Protection League, at its head, are to be congratulated upon the splendid effort it made in raising funds for the despatch of parcels to the New Zealand soldiers at the front. In two days those concerned collected £2000, which will go a long way in providing Christmas comforts for our boys at the war. The Wellington Racing Club sent along a contribution of £50 towards the fund.



MR. E. BRYCE DALTON on his white pony, PEGGIE, negotiating the stone wall during the riding competitions at the Auckland A. and P. Association's Annual Show.

Critics will not hear of Johnny Walker losing the Auckland Cup, and judging by the excellent work being got through by the Martian gelding there may be some sound reasoning in the contention. His prospects for the big Ellerslie two-mile event are certainly very encouraging, while the same owners have another strong candidate in Menelaus.

Henry Clay is hitting out in right good style on the Hawera tracks, and owner G. H. Gibson expects the son of Signor—Amal to add to his winning account at Christmas.

With the near approach of the Taranaki Christmas meetings, trainers at New Plymouth and Hawera are hard at work getting their teams in readiness. At New Plymouth Percy Johnson, P. Coffey, E. George, W. Mantle, R. Barlow, Dick Johnson and P. Scally have big teams in preparation, while at Hawera T. Goddard, T. Pine, O. Cox, J. Fryer, J. Brown and D. J. Goodwin have their horses well forward. Of those in training at the latter town nothing is shaping better than Volo, who won last week, and Tree Lucerne, who gives promise of winning a decent handicap during the next few weeks.

Mr. G. Carrington informs us that Con, who raced with success at Takapuna and Ellerslie, is by Gazely, and not by San Fran, and that Spectual's a full-brother whose breeding has not always been correctly given. Con has raced for two seasons as being by San Fran from Wai-waipuku, but is from Waewaemotu, foaled in 1909. Spectual was foaled in 1911.

WANGANUI.

Turangapito Galloping Freely—W. Rayner's Quartette for Manawatu Meeting—F. Tilley's Team for Awapuni—Pennon Showing Good Form—Coolpan Completely Recovered from Mishap at Waverley—Marton Jockey Club's Excellent Nominations.

WANGANUI, Monday.

Turangapito has quickly jumped to pride of place in hack events, as he is at the top of the handicap in the Gillies Hack at the Manawatu Christmas meeting. Even with 9.2 against his name the Prudent King gelding will be sent out favourite if he starts. He looks all the better for his race at Feilding, and is galloping very freely on the tracks, though he is not being asked to do very much.

W. Rayner intends taking Zola, Pennon, Marton and Zela to Awapuni. The first-named has not done a great deal of work, but he always comes to hand very quickly and a couple of solid gallops will set him up for the Hack Welter. So far he has not been troubled with bleeding from the nose, which caused him to be given such a long spell, but what may happen when he is given really solid tasks remains to be seen.

T. Long took Interlude to Feilding and Woodville, but had no luck at either place. The Bezonian mare will be taken to Awapuni for the Fitzherbert Handicap and will not go to

the other hand the contrary opinion was expressed by a number. The pair are both engaged at Awapuni, where Colorado has 11.3 and Calais 9.13, a difference of 8lb in favour of Colorado. The extra distance will also probably assist Mr. J. Bull's gelding, but Calais is very well and if he gets a good run might race prominently. If Don Francisco (10.11) starts he will take a lot of beating.

Though Wanganui will not be so strongly represented as usual at the Taranaki and Stratford Christmas meetings, several horses will be sent up from here, including Ruby Paul, Dasher Boy, Awarua and Starengo. Dasher Boy is engaged in the hurdle events, and he is likely to run well, as he jumped in good style at Feilding and was going nicely when he lost his rider as the result of a collision. H. Rayner has the Strowan gelding in good nick, and the racing which Starengo has had recently appears to have done him good, so that he should run well in his engagements.

The Cooltrim gelding Coolpan, who went wrong on the eve of the Waverley meeting, is now all right again, and from the way he is hitting out at Fordell is expected to be amongst the runners soon. He figures in the Juvenile Handicap at Awapuni with 8.3.

Zela raced at Feilding without success, but managed to run into second place at Woodville. The racing she has had recently appears to have livened her up, and the Patronus filly might win a race during the holiday meetings. She will be a starter in the Gillies Hack at Awapuni, in which event she has 6.12.

If Gang Awa' is back to anything like his best form he ought to give a good account of himself in the Grandstand Handicap at Awapuni, in which he has 9.0. He is reported to be doing good work at Fordell, the racing at Riccarton having benefited him.

Mr. A. Symes, who is at present an inmate of a private hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis, will be represented at Awapuni by his recent purchase Hyginas and Oika, the former being in the Fitzherbert Handicap with 7.8.

A. Hall has nominated Master Lupin for the Hack Hurdles at Marton. The gelding has not been up long, and is hardly likely to be ready by New Year's Day, though he is looking really well.

The Marton Jockey Club has received excellent nominations for its New Year's Day fixture, and a splendid day's racing seems assured.

Rude has been nominated for the Marton Cup, in which event his owner (Mr. W. Duncan) also has Client engaged. Client won the Cup last season.

Moulu continues to show signs of improvement, and he promises to strip very fit on New Year's Day, when he will be a starter in the Hack Hurdles at Marton. He is also engaged in the Welter.

F. Tilley has Client, Rude, Coolpan, Cello, Moutoa Queen, Gang Awa' and Arrowfield engaged at Marton.

There are 18 horses engaged in each of the two open events—the Cup and Railway—at Marton, and the fields promise to be of good quality. The other events have all filled well, and the meeting gives every indication of proving a big success from every point of view. The weights are due to make their appearance on Saturday, the 14th inst.

Harold Young, the well-known lightweight jockey, has arrived back in Wanganui after his trip to Australia, where he had a fair amount of riding but little luck. Such a fine rider will not be long in getting plenty of mounts. Young states that Murray Hobbs has turned out Kilbooy, Kilfinn and the rest of his team.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Parisian Diamond Galloping Well—Teka in Great Heart—Impediment's Engagement at Wairarapa Meeting—Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Summer Meeting—Idealism Resold.

NAPIER, Monday.

Amongst those drawn locally in the last ballot were trainers G. Jones and J. Oldfield. The former is at present in Australia, while Oldfield, who went up for medical examination, was pronounced as fit for home service only.

Parisian Diamond is doing real good work on the try-out at Hastings, and his future prospects look of an alluring nature, wherever he is started.

Teka left here on Friday for Ellerslie. The solid son of Mystification has been doing well since he came back from Riccarton, and on looks never appeared to better advantage

When Colorado won the hurdles at Waverley he carried 11.2, as against 9.4 by Calais. The latter led to the last obstacle, where he fell, which accident was thought by some to have robbed him of victory, but on

than he does at the present time. Genuine and game, his journey to the north should assuredly prove of the profitable description.

The effects of racing and traveling have apparently had a detrimental effect upon Karo, who does not look as bright as was the case with her some time back; consequently she is not being asked of late to do anything of a strenuous nature.

That good filly Impediment has been demonstrating on the test out at Napier Park that she has not gone back as a result of her efforts last month at Riccarton, for she is hitting out freely and fast in her exercises. She leaves to-morrow for the Wairarapa, and her chances at the summer meeting of the Wairarapa Racing Club this week look of the rosy hue.

The nominations received on Friday night by the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club for their New Year meeting were fairly good. There is certainly nothing of a very classy nature engaged, but still there is sufficient material listed to augur favourably for a couple of good days' sport.

Tale Teller, who figures amongst those nominated for the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's summer fixture, is a three-year-old full sister to Teku. She is one of R. Gooseman's pupils, and, like Teku, was bred by Mr. George Hunter, of Porangahau, in whose interests she will race at Hastings next month.

Tatini's capture of the Hack Hurdles at Woodville on Wednesday was well anticipated here by a goodly number of backers, who came at the son of Multifid in a generous manner.

Kilhope, who asserted himself in the Maiden at Woodville on the opening day of the meeting, is held under lease by Mr. T. H. Lowry from his breeder, Mr. J. B. Reid. While being put through the kindergarten portion of his education on the hurry up at Napier Park Kilhope showed that he was possessed of speed and courage. The Maiden Plate at Woodville has previously proved the vehicle for the introduction of several of the local-owned neddies who later on made good on the racing circles, for amongst the winners recorded for the event are Hymestra, Midnight Sun and Croesus—a more than useful trio it must be admitted.

Idealism, who was purchased at the recent sale of the late Hon. J. D. Ormond's thoroughbreds by Mr. W. H. Gaisford, has been resold to a patron of H. Hickey's establishment.

Those connected with Impediment have their thoughts concentrated on the Great Northern Derby, but they are up against a solid proposition in Estland. However, if there was no difference of opinion there would be no totalisator dividend. That she will run a good race in the contest there is no gainsaying, but I am inclined to think that there are easier tasks for her than the classic at Ellerslie on New Year's Day. Being too game has before meant disaster at the racing industry, and there is little doubt proper placing is more than half the art of the game.

CANTERBURY.

Biplane Regularly Indulging in Light Work—R. J. Mason's Two-year-olds—Fiery Cross in Sterling Condition for Auckland Cup Engagement—Wrestler Reappears on Tracks—R. O'Donnell Busy With his Charges at Yaldhurst—Disdainful Rejoins Active Brigade—Death of Prominent Horseman—Latest Gallops at Riccarton—Local Representatives Claiming Engagements at Dunedin Jockey Club's Meeting.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

The Riccarton tracks have been busy during the past week, and it is now evident that all the leading stables will be sending representatives away for the holiday meetings.

Biplane is a fairly regular attendant on the tracks, his tasks consisting of the lightest exercise on the lead. His damaged hoof is growing down nicely, but at the earliest he cannot be expected to sport silk till the autumn, if then.

R. J. Mason is giving his two-year-olds Eleus and Indus plenty of sprinting tasks and they should not be long in earning winning brackets. Gloaming is still on the easy list, and will not be asked to do much till well into the new year.

Fiery Cross continues to get through pleasing track work in view of his Auckland engagements. No horse attending the meeting will strip in better order than the son of Glenapp, who has been hard at it since the August meeting. His stable companion, Glendower, is also in improved trim, and may pick up a small

handicap at Ellerslie, as he is a quick beginner.

All the Chokebore horses have been going on the right way, but with the exception of Adjutant they are not a particularly formidable lot. Martian's son has been galloping just as well, if not better, than before the November meeting, but he will have to race a lot better to do any good at Ellerslie. Wrestler has made his reappearance on the tracks after his enforced idleness. So far he has not been asked to gallop, and there is little chance of his being asked to race for some time.

Word has been received that Kilbo is again in steady work at Caulfield, and Murray Hobbs expects him to stand the necessary preparation to fit him for autumn racing.

At Yaldhurst R. O'Donnell is busy with half a dozen of Mr. G. L. Stead's horses, but none of them are forward enough to race at the holiday meetings. Almoner is all the better for his travelling and racing in Australia, and by the autumn should be capable of setting the best of the other two-year-olds a merry dance. He is just the sort to develop into a high-class Derby colt. Cyrisian, by Elysian from Cyrima, is another promising juvenile, while Wishful, Koesian and Bon d'Or are all going on the right way, but are backward as the result of their trainer's absence in Australia.

Hylans and Vascular, both of whom were purchased at the Karamu sale, are getting along nicely in their preparations. As there are no hurdle races about for some time, the

lesley Stakes and North Island Challenge Stakes on Treadmill, the Great Autumn Handicap on Glenadale, the C.J.C. Stewards' Handicap on Captain Shannon and the Dunedin Cup on Stepdancer. For some years he has done a little riding as a free lance, but failing health militated against his success.

At Riccarton on Saturday morning Adjutant, by himself, went over a mile and a-half the reverse way. It was a satisfactory gallop, and he finished well. Gamecock covered a mile in good style. Wrestler galloped a fast five furlongs. He is still lame after working, but it does not appear to interfere with his galloping.

Glendower finished in front of Killjoy over a smartly run six furlongs. The former is looking and galloping very well, and will be unlucky if he does not win a race at the Auckland meeting.

Fiery Cross jumped off from the mile and a-half post and set a solid pace, being brought home by Partisan over the last seven furlongs. The Auckland Cup horse was full of running when the winning post was reached, and has never appeared in better racing trim.

The two southern horsemen, J. Olsen and C. Emerson, will be riding at the Wairarapa meeting on Thursday. Emerson will be seen up on Rose Pink in the Tauherenikau Handicap and also on several of T. Pritchard's team. Olsen's mounts will include Lady General, Bonville, Te Opai and Princess Marie.

Amongst the Riccarton-trained horses claiming engagements at the

with the mentor who has won well with him of late. The North Island-bred horse has been galloping well since his outing at the Winton Jockey Club's meeting. Boyd journeyed up to Hastings to be present at the dispersal sale of the late Hon. J. D. Ormond's horses, and brought back with him two horses—one tried and the other in the juvenile stage. The seasoned animal turns out to be Peary, by Birkenhead—Norsemaid, who is probably intended to be tried here over big country during the autumn season, when valuable prizes are available for jumpers and the ground is in a yielding condition. Boyd's novice purchase is a two-year-old filly called Ancenia, by King Mark—Enyo, who cost 80 guineas. Ancenia is a half-sister to Belair, for whom the Canterbury trainer J. McCombe gave 520 guineas at the Karamu sale. The northern trainer intends to treat Peary to a systematic paddock preparation.

The Riverton trainer, J. Thistleton, has been called up for military service in the second ballot of Second Division men. Thistleton is no stranger to military life, as he served in South Africa with one of the New Zealand contingents.

It is reported that a Dunedin owner has been in treaty for the three-year-old gelding Turton, by Crichton—Turret, but so far no business has resulted. In any case, Mr. R. Miller, owner and breeder of the gelding, is not very anxious to sell, as he usually likes to keep one or two of the horses bred at his select stud in training to carry his own colours, and Turton is his only representative at present.

The fine weather of the past few weeks continues at the time of writing, and all tracks are in first-class order.

A number of horses of from three years upwards bred by Mr. J. C. N. Grigg, of Longbeach, Ashburton, are to be offered for sale here next week. Amongst the lots to be offered are full-brothers to Gunrest and Silent Way, and there are three-year-olds by Calibre, Vice-Admiral, and Rorke's Drift. It appears that Rorke's Drift became a proved sire prior to being sent to Southland as an untried gelding. Mr. Grigg's consignment number twelve.

It is reported from Wngatui that John Barleycorn is to be treated to a spell, after which he will be trained for races of a less trying nature than the New Zealand Cup.

P. T. Hogan has the longest string in work just now ever gathered in one stable in Southland, his team including quite a number of horses which have yet to win money.

The fact that all the events of the Wairio Jockey Club's meeting next month have been confined to horses of the hack class appears to meet with the approval of the majority of local owners.

There is strong reason to anticipate that the Wyndham and Southland meetings will receive satisfactory support when entries fall due a fortnight hence. Fears were expressed that the Southland R.C. would suffer this season for lack of northern nominations, but substantial assurances of patronage have now removed all doubts.

It is reported from Heddon Bush that the handsome Winton Stakes winner, Musselman, by Pallas—Minalet, is going on the right way in his work, and is likely to strip a very much improved horse at holiday time.

SALE OF COLONEL SOULT.

To close the partnership in Colonel Sout, that gelding was disposed of at auction on Friday at the Haymarket, Auckland, and Mr. James Gleeson, one of the partners, became the sole owner at 700 guineas. The Colonel has won somewhere in the region of £6000, is eight years old and can still run a good race, and however much he may be behind the best horses in the Dominion there are not many of the same age his superior from a mile to a mile and a-half. Chortle and Toatere are probably the only exceptions, and they, as everyone knows, are useful up to a mile and a half, and the last-named has not raced beyond that distance so far. Colonel Sout was taken out of the Auckland Cup shortly after the sale, but is in the Christmas Handicap, run over a mile, and is likely to compete for that race and other races during the A.R.C. summer meeting. Both the owners were evidently intent on buying, hence the Colonel realised a fair price, but with ordinary luck should pay for himself, as he is a gelding full of vitality and comes of a family that race on.



MR. H. BULLOCK-WEBSTER on his chestnut hunter, DOMINION, taking part in the jumping competitions at the Auckland A. and P. Association's Annual Show at Epsom.

former is to be given the opportunity of racing on the flat.

After being on the easy list for some time Disdainful has been put into strong work again in preparation for autumn racing.

Samisen and Kilkee are being hurried along with a view to racing at some of the West Coast holiday meetings. The former is backward, but comes to hand very quickly.

J. McCombe's new purchase, Belair, has not been asked to do much since her arrival. She was entered for the Flying Handicap at Timaru, but in being asked to make liberal concessions to other horses that have winning records her owner had very little inducement to undertake the trip south.

Marc Antony has been entered for the chief event at the South Canterbury meeting, but he is too backward to have the least chance of success.

The Antagonist colt Claverhouse has been disposed of by Sir George Clifford to the West Coast sportsman Mr. P. Donnellan. On the tracks Claverhouse gave a lot of promise, but with the colours up was a failure.

General regret will be felt in sporting circles at the untimely death of James McCluskey, who, only a few years ago, figured as one of the most prominent horsemen in the Dominion. As a boy he learnt his business under the late E. Cutts, and did a lot of riding for the Chokebore stable. Amongst other events he won the Great Northern Foal Stakes on Glenculloch, Great Northern Oaks on Counterfeit, the Canterbury Cup, Wel-

Dunedin Jockey Club's meeting are: Euripos, Margerine, Battle Eve, Marc Antony, Zuland, Belair, Killjoy, Bomb and Comely.

Margerine's track work of late has been of an attractive nature, and she is likely to be well fancied for the big event at the South Canterbury Jockey Club's meeting next week.

Mr. H. A. Knight has purchased Majestikoff, who will still remain in F. D. Jones' stable.

J. Campbell will have the mount on Fiery Cross in the Auckland Cup.

SOUTHLAND

Brooksdale Again in Commission—Trainer J. Boyd Now Located in Invercargill—Peary and Ancenia Latest Additions to Southland Ranks—John Barleycorn to be Treated to Spell—P. T. Hogan's Large Team—Musselman Training on Nicely.

INVERCARGILL, December 7.

Brooksdale has been taken up again by trainer G. McLean after a lengthy spell. The Pallas gelding, who is in excellent condition, was operated upon some time back for throat trouble. The little black mare Multoe is another addition to McLean's string.

The Geraldine trainer J. Boyd has carried out his previously-expressed intention of settling down in Southland, and is now located in Invercargill. Awahou, who was recently sold out of Boyd's charge to a Southland sportsman, has again been placed

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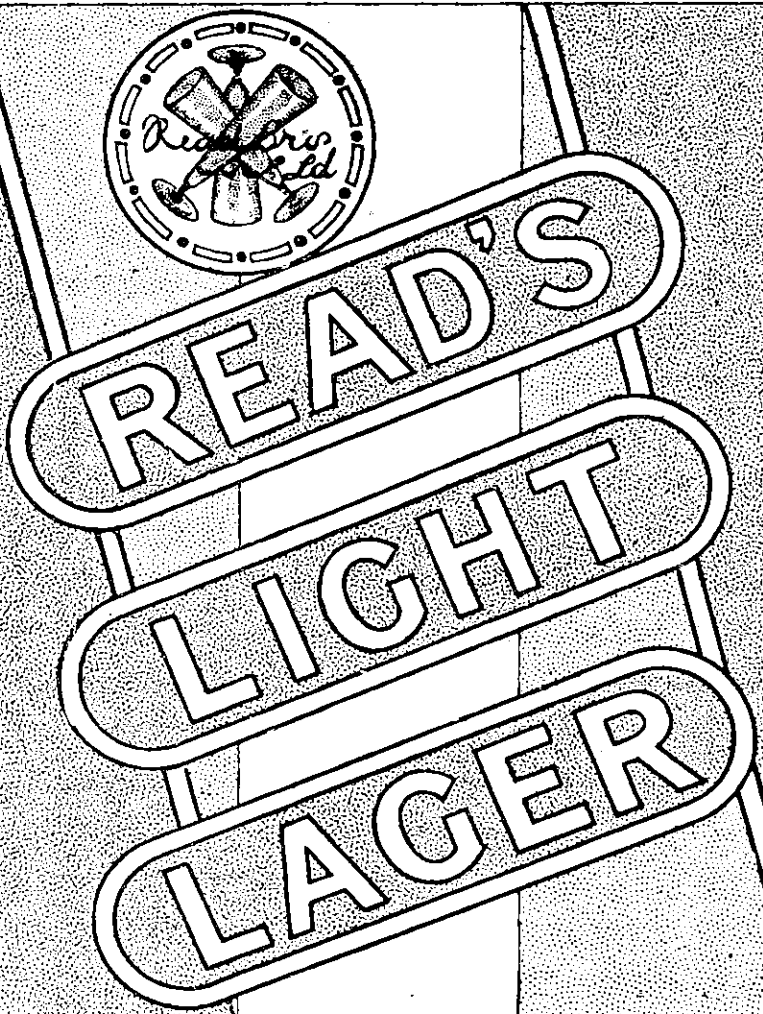
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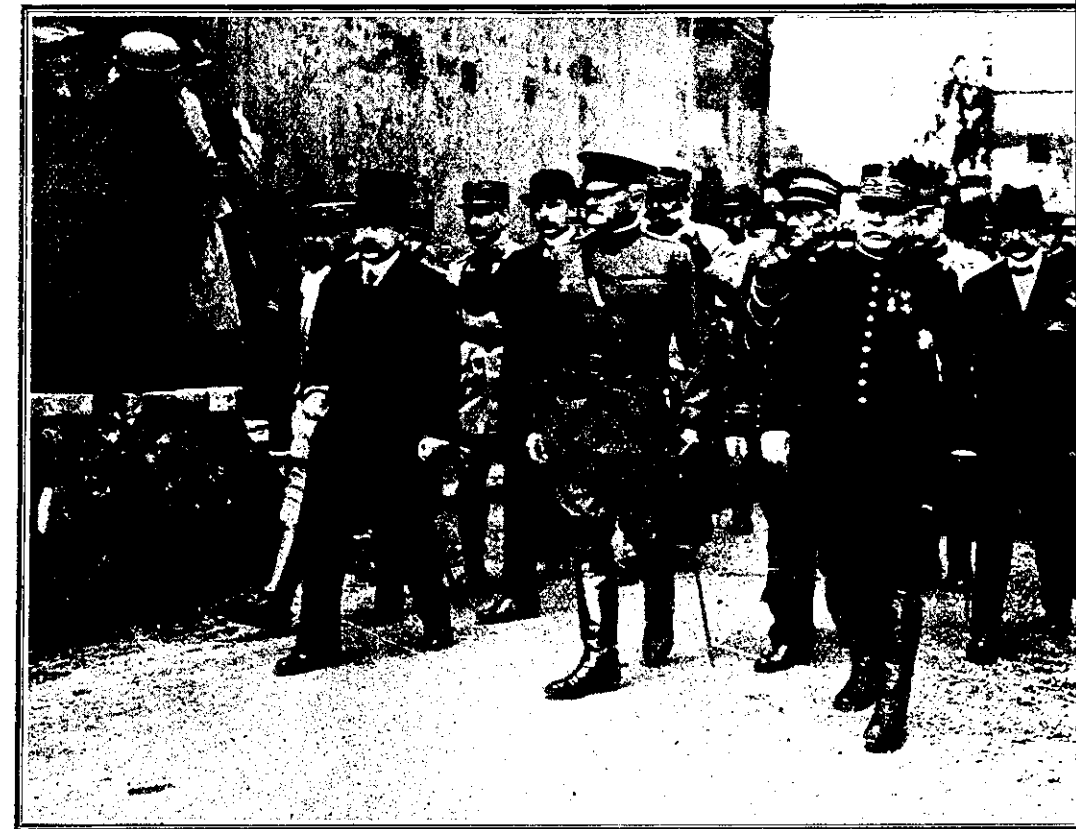
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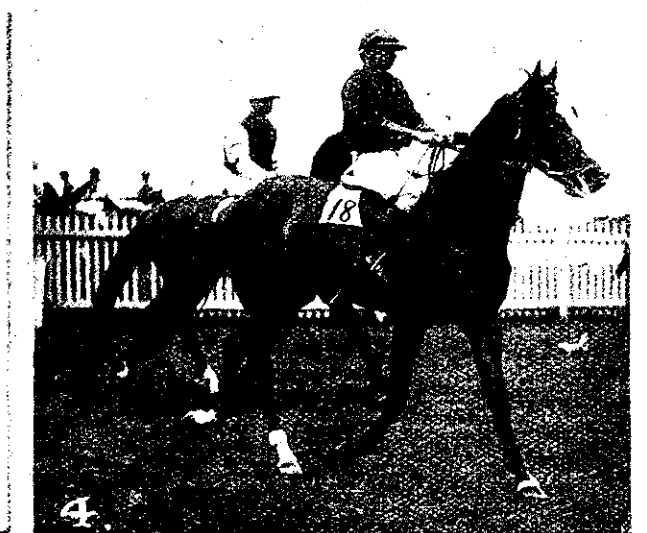
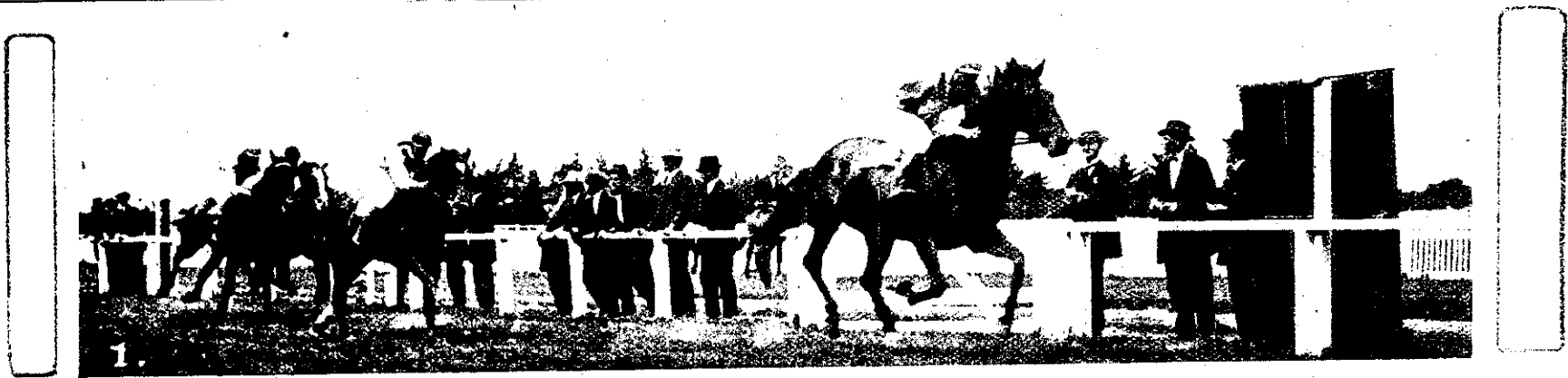


A SIGN OF THE TIMES.—THE FAMOUS STADIUM AT ATHENS NOW DOES DUTY AS A MILITARY PARADE GROUND. French soldiers assembled for inspection. The Allied troops who were despatched to Athens to maintain order during the exciting period when King Constantine abdicated have never found cause to intervene. They are exceedingly popular with the Greek inhabitants, who never miss an opportunity to applaud them when on parade.



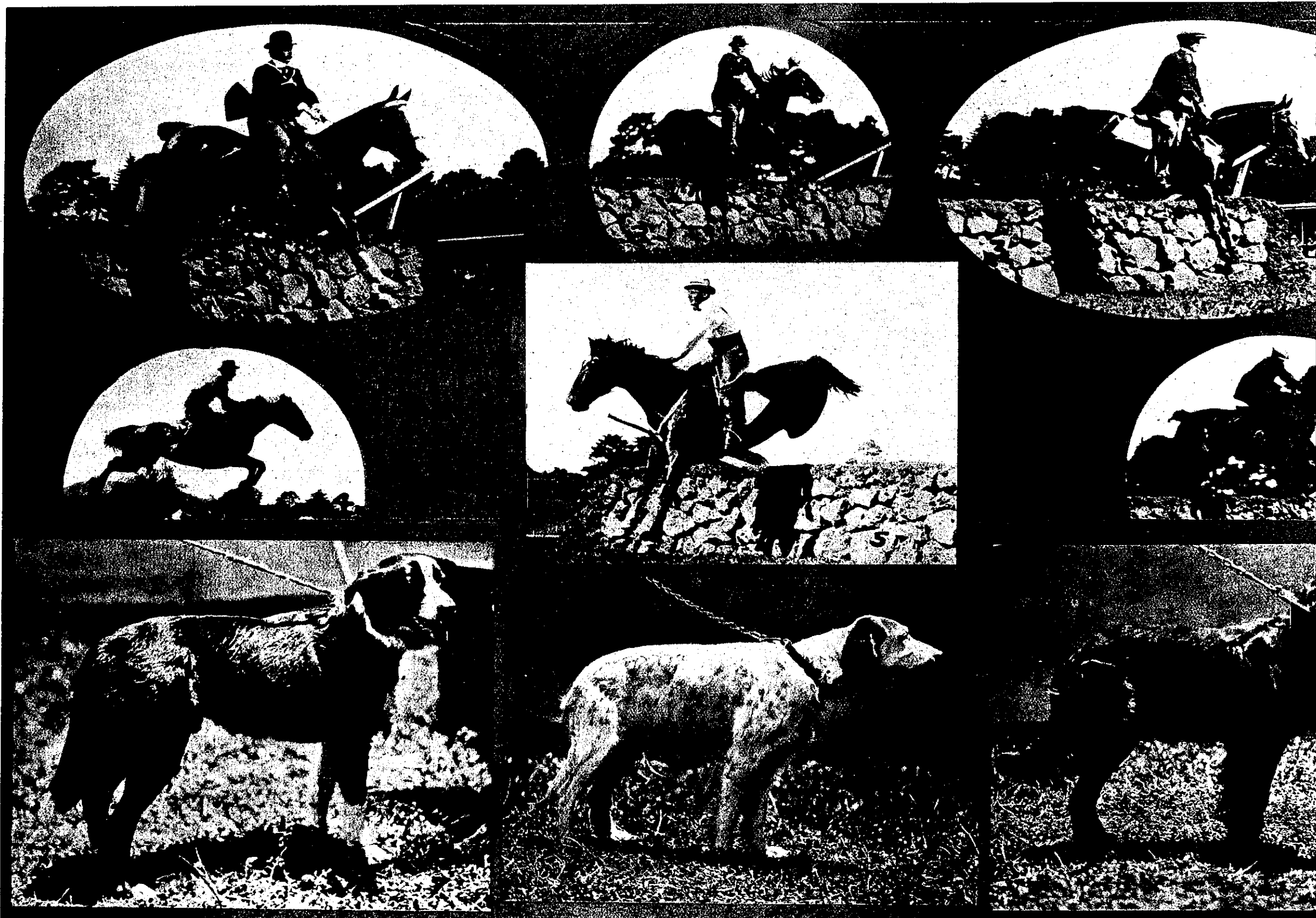
A NOTABLE GATHERING OF WAR LEADERS IN PARIS.—From left of picture the late M. PAINLEVE, ex-Premier and Minister of War; GENERAL PERSHING, Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces in France; and MARSHAL JOFFRE, ex-Generalissimo of the French Army. [French Army Photographic Service. By courtesy of the War Office.]

A Popular Gathering with Racegoers—The Feilding Jockey Club's Spring Meeting.



1. CALAIS (E. Copestake) scores a comfortable victory in the Waituna Hack Hurdles (1½ miles) from VETO (R. McSeveney) and MATTOCK (F. Flynn). 2. DINGLE (C. Price) returning to scale after accounting for the Apiti Hack Handicap (seven furlongs). The other horse is MYSTIFIED (Bagby), who finished third. 3. LINGERIE (C. Emerson), after her Feilding Stakes victory. 4. PENNON (P. Rayner) returning to the enclosure after her win in the Aorangi Trial Plate (5½ furlongs). 5. Candidates leaving the birdcage to contest the Apiti Hack Handicap. 6. CALAIS (E. Copestake) returning to scale after annexing the Waituna Hack Hurdles. 7. Enthusiasts on the terraces in front of the main stand watching the horses in the birdcage.

Competitors in Jumping Events at the Auckland A. & P. Association's Annual Show, and a Trio of Notable Exhibitions at the Auckland Kennel Club's Annual Exhibition.

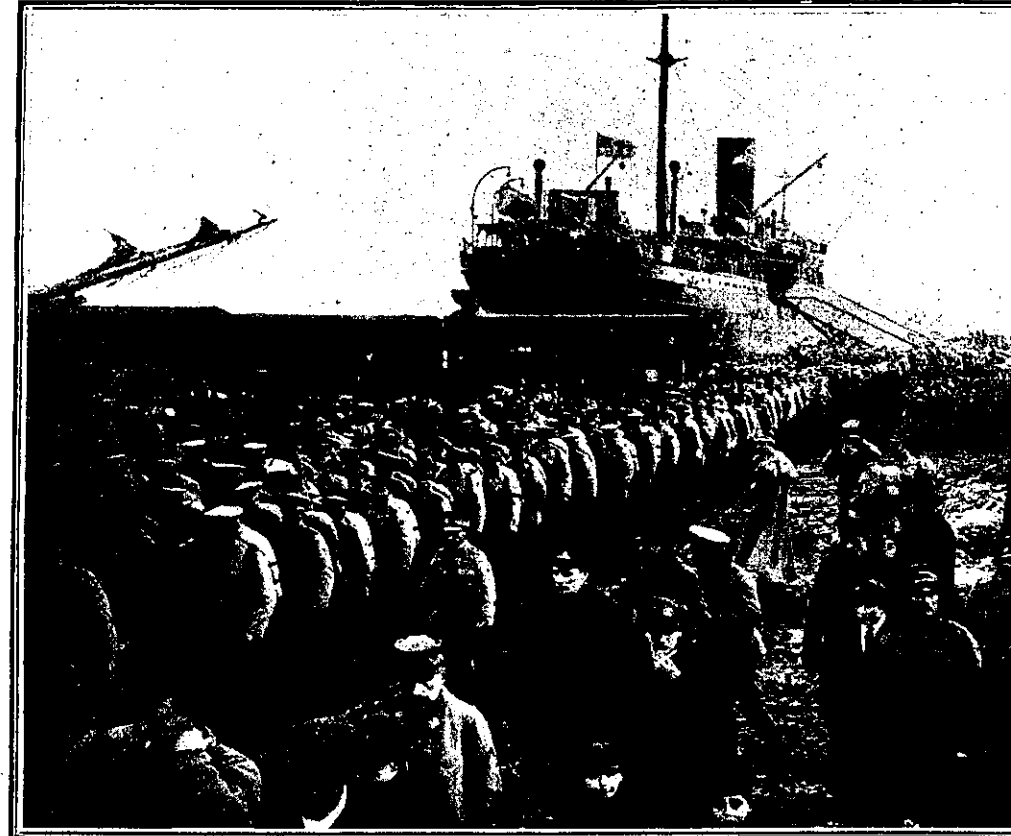


1. MR. J. BUCHANAN ON HIS CHESTNUT HUNTER, PATCH. 2. MR. BURGESS AT THE STONEWALL. 3. MR. S. JAMES ON MR. J. SLOAN'S POPPY. 4. A GOOD LEAP OVER THE WALL, COMPETING IN THE RIDING COMPETITION. 6. MR. H. KELLY ON MISS GILL'S TIKITERE. 7. MR. P. TURNBULL'S MOSS, A WORKING SHEEP DOG, WINNER OF THE AUCKLAND KENNEL CLUB'S PRESENTATION CUP. 8. MR. E. MURRANE'S RAMBLING KATIE, WINNER OF THREE FIRSTS AND CHALLENGE (ENGLISH SETTER). 9. MR. W. G. THOMAS' ROCKDALE PILOT, WINNER OF THE AUCKLAND KENNEL CLUB'S PRESENTATION CUP (IRISH SETTER).

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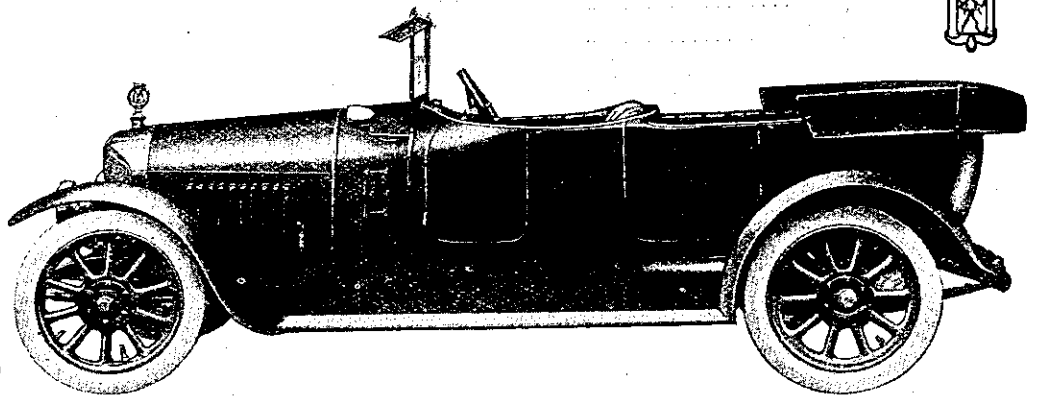
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STAGE NOTES.

The Canterbury Hall directors have decided to rebuild His Majesty's Theatre in Christchurch and the block of buildings which was destroyed by fire. Mr. Henry White, the well-known theatre architect, who has built all Fullers' theatres in recent years, will supervise the work. It is proposed to erect one of the most up-to-date vaudeville theatres south of the Line, with a seating capacity

of 2000; also a smaller theatre to seat 800 for concerts, to take the place of the Alexandra Hall.

Mr. Cyril Maude relates a very good story in connection with one of his visits to America. Before his departure from New York for England he was banquetted by the members of the Lotus Club. During the evening a well-known journalist was called upon to speak, and he explained that he first met Mr. Cyril Maude in England. "I shall never forget that first

meeting," said he, "for Mr. Maude took me to the Garrick Club and gave me a dinner fit for the gods, and champagne—ah, that champagne—which was so good that I drank it as if it were water! Then my host took me to his theatre, and finished things up in grand style by giving me the Royal box. It was then I decided that the most convenient way to watch a performance was while lying on the floor. At last, however, I got into a kneeling position, and while clutching the front of the box with both hands saw something which proved Mr. Cyril Maude

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SUMMER MEETING.

DEVOTION WINS CUP.

The Woodville District Jockey Club opened their summer meeting on Wednesday in ideal weather in the presence of a large gathering. The racing proved interesting, some excellent finishes being witnessed. The sum of £21,010 was handled on the totalisator, as against £16,415 last year, an increase of £4595. The results were:—

HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 100 sovs. One mile and three-quarters. 3-Davy and McFarlane's b g Tatimi, aged, by Multifid—Rohina, 10.8 (F. Flynn) 1
6-J. H. Prosser's ch m Portland Lady, 10.9 (H. Burt) 2
7-A. M. Wright's blk g Foeman, 10.1 (H. McSweney) 3

MAIDEN PLATE of 100sovs. 1-T. H. Lowry's b c Kilhope, 2yrs, 12lb over (A. Reed) 1
2-Mrs. S. H. Ames' blk f Mill Queen, 7.13 (J. O'Shea) 2
3-Mrs. A. J. Emeny's b f Zela, 7.13 (W. Price) 3

GRANDSTAND HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs. 4-S. V. Rodney's b m Mystified, aged, by Mystification—Step-daughter, 7.2 (L. Morris) 1
11-J. Cameron's b g Hastie, 7.11 (J. Conquest) 2
2-Broad and Ingram's blk m Lady Edith, 7.9 (R. Reed) 3

WOODVILLE CUP HANDICAP of 350 sovs. One mile and a-quarter. 3-W. E. Bidwill's br m Devotion, 4yrs, by All Black—Culmination, 7.13 (A. Reed) 1
4-W. Richmond's ch m Dribble, 7.9 (C. Emerson) 2
5-F. J. Lysnar's b g Cleft, 5yrs, 7.13 (G. Clarke) 3

FLYING HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs. 9-A. G. Havill's b m Namur, aged, by Strowan—Country Boy mare, 7.5 (Corlett) 1
2-G. M. Currie's b f Pennon, 7.13 (Rayner) 2
1-W. Duncan's br g Rude, 8.4 (M. McCarten) 3

ELECTRIC HANDICAP (Open) of 200sovs. Five furlongs. 2-W. R. Kemball's br f Nanna, 3yrs, by Martian—Nantes, 8.4 (Lee) 1
15-H. Whitney's b f Trentham Rose, 3yrs, 6.12 (Bagby) 2
4-A. B. Williams' b m Shiela, 4yrs, 7.1 (R. Reed) 3

WELTER HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. One mile and about 170yds. 1-W. G. Emeny's ch m Paddington Green, 4yrs, by Flagfall—Polly Perkins, 9.8 (Gray) 1
12-G. E. Trevor's br g Quinn's Post, 8.7 (E. Clarke) 2
5-W. Duncan's blk g First Line, 8.9 (C. Price) 3

Also started: 8 Blackall 10.2 (Hatch), 3 Maraetotara 9.11 (S. Reid), 16 Fore 9.9 (B. Morris), 15 Miss Sation 8.9 (H. McSweney), 13 Silenus 9.1 (Porter), 2 Compel 9.0 (J. O'Shea), 4 Clavis 8.13 (M. McCarten), 17 Amity 8.12 (Brady), 6 Paparass 8.8 (Bowden), 14 War Loan 8.7 (W. Price), 18 Canadian Turf 8.7 (Anderson), 7 Grand Duchy 8.7 (Emerson), 10 Te Opai 8.7 (Deeley), 11 Elevate 8.7 (A. Reed), 9 Belgian Maid 8.7 (Young).

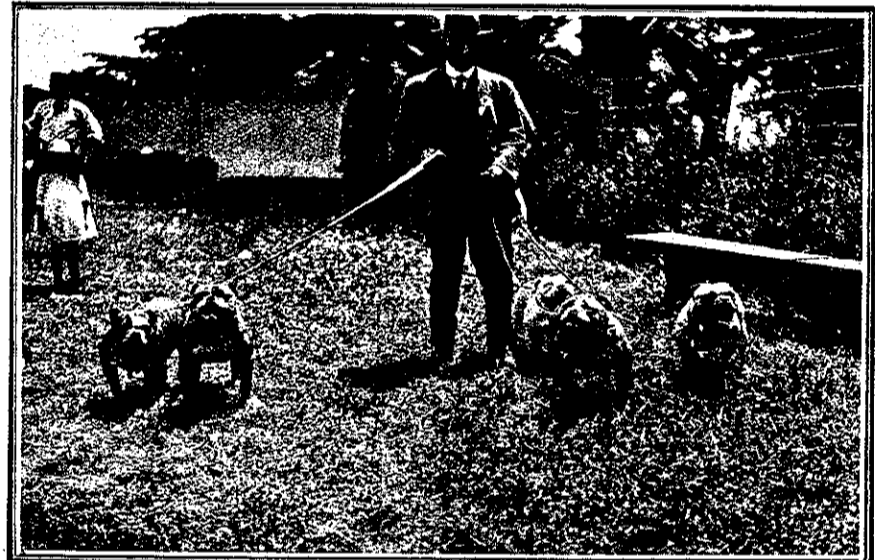
BOROUGH HANDICAP of 200sovs. Seven furlongs. 4-Dwan Bros' blk m Sweet Tipperary, 4yrs, by King's Guest—Gold- en Ball, 8.11 (W. Young) 1
2-J. W. White's br g Trials, 9.3 (Sid. Reid) 2
7-R. A. McKenzie's br m Black Ada, 8.13 (R. Hatch) 3

SECOND DAY.

SQUARE DEAL WINS GOTHARD MEMORIAL.

Fine weather again prevailed on Thursday for the concluding day of the meeting, and some good racing resulted. The totalisator staff handled £20,648, as against £16,004 for the concluding day of the 1916 summer gathering, making a total for the meeting of £41,668, as compared with £32,419 for last year, an increase of £9249. The results were:—

SECOND HACK HURDLES of 100sovs. One mile and a-half. 1-J. H. Prosser's ch m Portland Lady, aged, 11.5 (Burt) 1
9-Miss W. J. Douglas' ch g Tornea, 4yrs, 9.11 (Stan. Reid) 2
13-W. Garrett's b g Sir Solo, aged, 10.13 (R. Thompson) 3



MR. BEN MYERS, PRESIDENT OF THE AUCKLAND KENNEL CLUB, AND HIS FIVE ALLIES, PHOTOGRAPHED DURING THE RECENT SHOW AT EPSOM.

Also started: Miss Sation, Foeman, Calais, The Golfer, Kohinahina, Sensitive, Paparass, Atuatore, Zeus, Veto, Ormesby, Carbins, Powder Fox, Dasher Boy, Squadron. Won by three lengths. Time, 2min 49 1-5sec.

TELEGRAPH HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs. 9-S. Parker's br m Humorist, 5yrs, 7.11 (Brown) 1
6-E. George's b m Madam Ristori, 9.3 (Gray) 2
2-G. Seifert's br g King's Armour, 9.0 (Olsen) 3

RUAHINE HACK WELTER of 100sovs. Seven furlongs. 2-G. E. Trevor's br g Quinn's Post, 4yrs, 8.7 (G. Clarke) 1
3-J. Cameron's Hastie, 9.1 (Nodder) 2
4-S. V. Rodney's Mystified, 8.13 (D. Morris) 3

GOTHARD MEMORIAL HANDICAP (Open) of 300sovs. One mile and a distance. 11-E. Short's br h Square Deal, 8.9 (W. Young) 1
2-F. Dorset's Red Ribbon, 8.2 (B. Deeley) 2
3-W. Richmond's Dribble, 8.1 (C. Emerson) 3

Trickery, Matilda, Skedaddle, Sabine, Master Iney. Won by half a length, a length separating second and third. Time, 1min 13 3-5sec.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 135sovs. Five furlongs. 3-T. Higgins' br m Lady General, 4yrs, 8.8 (Deeley) 1
5-H. Spratt's Inah, 7.8 (Clarke) 2
4-H. Whitney's Trentham Rose, 7.6 (Bagby) 3

RUAWHATA HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Seven furlongs. 6-F. Selwood's b g Volo, 4yrs, 7.3 (L. Morris) 1
1-W. G. Emeny's Paddington Green, 9.3 (Gray) 2
9-B. Parker's Altercation, 7.10 (Gibbs) 3

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. SUMMER MEETING.

The following is a list of the horses engaged in the classic events and handicaps to date:—

GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES of 1000sovs. Six furlongs. T. H. Lowry's ch c Finmark, by Finland—Warscare, 8.10
T. H. Lowry's b c Killowen, by Kilbroney—Success, 8.10

T. H. Lowry's b c Kilhope, by Kilbroney—Angele, 8.10
H. Homer's b c Canzonet, by Bezonian—Dirge, 8.10
E. W. Alison's (junr.) b c Spanner, by The Nut—Dudu, 8.10
E. J. Watt's blk c Pontoon, by Wolawa—Float, 8.10
W. Casey's ch g Informal, by Demosthenes—Formality, 8.7
C. Frame's br g Aircraft, by Menschikoff—Mayhap, 8.7
J. H. Edwards' b g Shining Light, by Marble Arch—Monella, 8.7
Executors late G. P. Donnelly's b g Demagogue, by Demosthenes—Gold Bound, 8.7
W. E. Herbert's b f Bo-Peep, by Bezonian—Shepherdess, 8.5
T. J. B. Stewart's blk f Demoiselle, by Demosthenes—Gold Ball, 8.5
E. W. Alison's (junr.) br f Hineamaru, by Poseidon—Forfar Gal, 8.5
J. Goring Johnston's b f Cherry Mart, by Birkenhead—Marta, 8.5

ROBINSON HANDICAP of 250sovs. Seven furlongs. Don't 9 2 Jocular 7 3
Glendower 8 12 Bowler 7 2
Kereone 8 11 Garry Owen 7 2
Fabriquette 8 8 Revenue 7 2
Bellacity 8 6 Rock Diamond 6 10
Patetonga 8 6 Carmen Sylva 6 10
Demotic 8 5 Keep Watch 6 7
Mossman 8 3 Billy Wiggs 6 7
Pierrot 8 2 Whifford 6 7
Stilts 8 2 Belle 6 7
Penniless 8 0 Backfire 6 7
Chilblain 8 0 Danseuse 6 7
Multive 8 0 Sly Girl 6 7
Empire 7 13 Singular 6 7
Kirwinning 7 7 Blue Cross 6 7
Independence 7 5 Monatur 6 7

AUCKLAND CUP of 2650sovs. Two miles. Menelaus 8 12 Uncle Ned(inc. 7 2
Flery Cross 8 8 3lb pen) 7 2
Toa Tere 8 8 Multiply 7 2
Teka 8 5 Red Ribbon 7 2
Adjutant 8 5 Tresvida 6 13
Snub 8 5 Rebel 6 11
Multifual 8 2 Sir Ralph 6 10
Mullingar 8 1 Bjorneborg 6 10
Seadown 7 10 Cynic 6 7
Vagabond 7 10 Gold Fran 6 7
Johny Walker 7 9 Royal Rufus 6 7
Paraoa 7 4

GRAFTON HURDLES of 350sovs. Two miles. Tararu Jack 11 5 Crispeen 9 9
Marconi 10 13 Troublesome 9 9
Tatimi 10 13 Glendalough 9 9
Styrax 10 12 Silver Lupin 9 2
Sir Solo 10 11 The Celt 9 0
*Gluepot 10 10 Plenipotent 9 0
Te Onga 10 7 Deviation 9 0
Fisher 10 4 Spalperion 9 0
Tenacious 10 4 Dancastor 9 0
Don Franco 10 4 The Channel 9 0
Gluetanus 9 13
*Scatched.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 1000sovs. Six furlongs. Form Up 9 7 Elocution 7 9
Croesus 9 4 Nanna (inc. 3lb pen.) 7 3
King Lupin 8 12 3lb pen.) 7 3
Hymestra 8 6 Housewife 7 0
Lingerie (inc. 3lb pen.) 8 4 Lady Jack 6 10
Mill o' Gowrie 8 2 Interlude 6 7
Simonides 8 0 Ejerneborg 6 7
Gazique 7 12 Waituta 6 7
Parisian 7 10 All Talk 6 7
Diamond 7 10 Shella 6 7
Wrestler 7 10 Blooming 6 7
Birkenvale 7 10 Keep Watch 6 7
Hopfield 7 10 Lord Kenilrth 6 7
Rekanui 7 10

NURSERY HANDICAP of 350sovs. Five furlongs. Finmark 9 0 Canzonet 7 7
Kilhope 8 6 Missland 7 5
Kilbeggan 8 1 Bonanza 7 5
Cherry Mart 8 1 Astarial 7 5
Templemore 7 11 War March 7 5
Aircraft 7 10 Kirkheim 7 5
Egmont Park 7 10 Long Range 7 5
Comedy 7 10 Kotiwi 7 5
Prince 7 10 Philomela 7 5
Killowen 7 10 Ruatara 7 5
Kipling 7 10 Sugarworks 7 4
Admiral Advance 7 10 Wish Wynne 7 0
Miss Ellice 7 8 Brodie 6 12
Taimai 7 8 Prncipal 6 10
First Rain 7 7 Lady 6 10
Piraeus 7 7 Mary Bruce 6 10

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 350sovs. One mile. Menelaus 9 5 Bingham 7 5
Egypt 9 2 Scot. Knight 7 5
Colonel Sout 8 7 Gamecock 7 5
Impediment 8 6 Jack Delaval 7 5
Nanna 8 4 Te Papapa 7 4
Tinopal 7 12 Tressida 7 4
Polydemon 7 11 Melchikoff 7 4
Elocution 7 10 Fionnuala 7 2
Royal Irish (inc. 7lb pen.) 7 11 Pendoon 6 7
Housewife 7 8 Lady Glen 6 7
Lightning 7 6 Rockfield 6 7
Hendra 7 6 Taj Mahal 6 7

TWENTY-THIRD ROYAL STAKES of 1000sovs. Six furlongs. Sir Geo. Clifford's b h Wrestler, by Antagonist—Elusive, 4yrs, 9.0
R. Hannon's b m Rekanui, by Flagfall—Mignon, 4yrs, 8.9
E. H. Barracq's ch f Impediment, by Demosthenes—Kautuku, 3yrs, 8.6
F. Preston's b f Lingerie, by Finland—Finery, 3yrs, 8.6
J. Goring Johnston's br g Birkenvale, by Birkenhead—Strathspey, 3yrs, 8.4
W. R. Kemball's ch c Hymestra, by Hymettus—Straga, 3yrs, 8.4
Jas. Hand's br g Rathlin, by Robert the Bruce—Orange and Blue, 3yrs, 8.1
R. Kerehoma's ch g Malancourt, by California—Bell Agnes, 4yrs, 7.11
Fordham and Downs' br m Coral Queen, by King Rufus—Coralie, 4yrs, 7.9
W. Casey's ch g Informal, by Demosthenes—Formality, 2yrs, 7.2
W. E. Herbert's b f Bo-Peep, by Bezonian—Shepherdess, 2yrs, 7.0
T. H. Lowry's ch c Finmark, by Finland—Warscare, 2yrs, 7.0
E. J. Watt's blk c Pontoon, by Wolawa—Float, 2yrs, 6.12
T. H. Lowry's b c Kilhope, by Kilbroney—Angele, 2yrs, 6.9
J. H. Edwards' b g Shining Light, by Marble Arch—Monella, 2yrs, 6.6
Executors late G. P. Donnelly's b g Demagogue, by Demosthenes—Gold Bound, 2yrs, 6.6
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H. Homer's b c Canzonet, by Bezonian—Dirge, 2yrs, 6.2
Ewen W. Alison's (junr.) b c Spanner, by The Nut—Dudu, 2yrs, 6.2
C. Frame's br g Aircraft, by Menschikoff—Mayhap, 2yrs, 5.13
J. Goring Johnston's b f Cherry Mart, by Birkenhead—Marta, 2yrs, 5.11
Ewen W. Alison's (junr.) br f Hineamaru, by Poseidon—Forfar Gal, 2 yrs, 5.11

FORTY-FOURTH GREAT NORTHERN DERBY of 1500sovs. One mile and a-half. E. W. Alison's ch c Lord Kenilworth, by Kenilworth—Yandangarang, 8.10
W. J. Halliday's b c Forest Gold, by Moniform—Analogy, 8.10
W. R. Kemball's ch c Hymestra, by Hymettus—Straga, 8.10
T. H. Lowry's br c Estland, by Finland—Warscare, 8.10
Sir Geo. Clifford's ch c Gamecock, by San Francisco—Brave Heart, 8.10
W. Casey's br g Demotic, by Demosthenes—Gold Treasure, 8.7
H. E. Troutbeck's br g Silver Tongue, by Demosthenes—Gold Powder, 8.7
E. H. Barracq's ch f Impediment, by Demosthenes—Kautuku, 8.7
I. Hardley's br g Bingham, by All Black—Esmeh, 8.7
H. R. Mackenzie's br g Mentmore, by Elysian—Lady Gwen, 8.7
K. S. Williams' b g Vagabond, by Martian—Gipsy Girl, 8.7

Intending visitors to the Wa'pa Racing Club's meeting on the 15th inst. are notified that the journey can be made by motor in 4 1/2 hours, and that the road is in good order. Intending visitors would be well advised to make themselves acquainted with the restricted railway facilities, but please note that Frankton Junction and Te Kuiti are within easy reach of Te Awamutu for morning and evening trains.

A. J. BRAY, Secretary.

TROTTING.

The nominations received for the Auckland Trotting Club's summer meeting constitute a record, and number 100 more than last year, at which the club should be gratified. Class is well represented and contestants will come from different parts of both islands to take on the local contingent.

The stewards in future will be accommodated with a couple of look-out towers to watch the racing, which must be much more satisfactory than seeing the racing from the inside of a cab, especially with the crowd all over the course to obstruct the view.

The Auckland Trotting Club have made provision at the totalisator for the comfort of speculators by putting more receiving counters and pay out windows, both on the inside and outside machine houses.

On Saturday Steel Bell did a very pleasing go with Derby Dillon as an assistant.

On Tuesday Mr. Pettie sent Sweet Memory along fast in a series of fast sprints. This beautiful mare was averaging about 18sec per furlong, rolling into her work with plenty of vim.

T. Cotton is getting Rotomanuku into good buckle with plenty of saddle work with the straps on. The imported trotter is still carrying surplus condition.

George K. was handled by Malcolm, who sent the big pacer along solidly. The trainer was handicapped by getting the horse when in very poor condition and has had to build him up.

Auckland Girl, Prince Child and Sandy Patch ran a mile and a-half in company. Sandy Patch misbehaved himself, as did Auckland Girl, but when Mr. Pettie's mare settled down she had the pace of the trio.

J. Lynch sent Lady S. along usefully. The black mare is on the improve.

Derby Dillon was handled by Malcolm and Asturio by Cunningham over about two miles. Both horses are in good fettle.

Steel Bell, with the straps on, was sent about two miles at a good solid pace. The mare is in rare good condition.

D. Nyhan is expected at Epsom on Friday with five horses, and Hendricksen with one.

On Monday Ivan Huon and False Alarm pleased the onlookers. The former especially so by his clean style of trotting.

Waikoukou and Grattan Abbey were showing some fast bursts of speed. The contrast between the pair was so marked that a looker-on compared them to the beauty and the beast.

W. Orange sent Rita along at top. He has Mr. Morrison's mare in rare buckle. She went with Jaylyn for about a mile.

The Winton Trotting Club's annual fixture was held on the W.J.C.'s course on Wednesday (writes our Invercargill correspondent) and proved very successful, with a slight increase in totalisator figures to be noted. The principal event resulted in an easy win for Bon Ami, a square-gaited trotter, trained and driven by A. Pringle. Bon Ami, who defeated ten pacers and another trotter, is an exceptionally well-bred six-year-old horse by Bon Homme (imp.) from Gardenia (imp.), and it is safe to say that he will be heard of again. If he should find his way to Auckland northern unhooped horses will know that they have been up against a stiff proposition.

The near approach of the usual southern summer meetings prevented Southland owners from being represented at the Forbury Park Trotting Club's spring fixture in Dunedin last week (writes our Invercargill correspondent), but a number of Southlanders visited the gathering in the role of spectators. Despite the absence of competitors from this end of the Dominion, the meeting turned out to be a very successful one for the Otago light harness club. Three Great Northern Trotting Derby candidates, in President Wilson, Gallantry and Albert Cling, were started, and raced unsuccessfully, but enough was seen of them to realise that all will be heard of to better advantage in the near future. It is understood that Albert Cling will not go to Auckland, but the other two may do so. President Wilson, by the way, is the most commanding looking colt sent out from Mr. Kerr's Wildwood Farm since Admiral Wood was produced some years back. Gallantry, also bred and educated by Mr. Kerr, is cast from a smaller mould than President Wilson, but he is possess-

ed of plenty of driving power and paces very strongly and attractively. Albert Cling is somewhat on the small side, but he is a good-looking juvenile of typical Young McKinney shape, and there is no doubt about his being able to muster up speed and staying power. An elder sister to the three-year-old colt referred to is also in work on Mr. Hubber's private track. She showed signs of soreness prior to the Winton Jockey Club's meeting and had to be eased up, but is now right as a trivet.

ASHBURTON TROTTING CLUB.

NEW ZEALAND SAPLING STAKES.

Trotting owners and trainers throughout the Dominion will be specially interested in the New Zealand Sapling Stakes, of 375sovs (one mile and a-half), for two-year-olds, which is to be decided at the Ashburton Trotting Club's winter meeting in June, 1919. The splendid encouragement offered by the Ashburton Club to owners of eligible juveniles is certain to meet with a ready response when nominations (1sov) fall due with the secretary, Mr. Alfred A. Fooks, on Saturday, January 19, 1918, at 9 p.m. A second, third and final payment will be made at later dates, as noted in an announcement appearing on this page, and altogether trotting men can be relied upon to show in a practical manner their appreciation of the generous action of this enterprising club in catering for the two-year-olds.

DERBY, one mile and a-half.—Queen Chimes, Norwood, Patsy Dillon, Guynemer, Gallantry, Albert Cling, Lunsdale, President Wilson.

GREAT NORTHERN HANDICAP, one mile.—Birdwood, Huon Patch, Pax, Prince Rufus, Dorothy Dimple, Sand-drift, Celtic, Beckom, Woodvere, Mountain Rose, Fashionwood.

ST. HELIERS HANDICAP, one mile.—Scottish Queen, Shanghai, Hedgewood, Dabster, Silver Beach, False Alarm, Nancy Maxwell, Sundial, Wildfire, Jimmie Harden, Miss Rolfe, Hymen, Treanac, Dimness, August Child, Prince Childe, Sweet Lillian, Lady S., Kohinoor, Victor G., Lady Moth, Queen Chimes, Lucille, Leo Bell, Vermillion.

OAK HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Mangoutu, Armentieres, Waikoukou, Rita Galindo, Hint, Kereone, Mutu, Sandy Patch, Congo, Miss Murphy, Dignity, Gold Rod, Special Irish, Jaylyn, Ripon Boy, Lord Lonsdale, Good One, Maethorn, Miss Marvin Downs, Lady Irving, Otarama.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP, one mile.—Orangeman, Gold Girl, Marinoto, Little Jewel, Breadalbane, Dabster, Dimboold, Doreen Dillon, Patsy Dillon, Jimmie Harden, Rewanui, Newlando, Albert Wilkes, Te Awa, Annie Black, Guess, Halswell Dillon, King Script, Monica Heir, Prince Childe, Sweet Lillian, Sweet Mint, Royal Patch, Sabiska, Flora Ansell, Nellie Clive, Comedy Chief, Huon Grattan, George the Fourth, Miss Chevalier, Gallipoli, Belgian Queen, Dandy Jack, Queen Chimes, Olivette, Lionette, Morning Light.

SUMMER CUP, two miles.—Dunspey, Harold Junior, Sir Fulham, Mahinga, Joan of Arc, Waverley, Author Dillon, Chaos, Peter Mac, Asturio, Steel Bell, Pearl d'Or, Derby Dillon, Whispering Willie, Karryrie, Strategy, Pax, Little Kauri, Adelaide Direct, Harold Devon.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, two miles.—St. Trella, Waiteranui, Tim Doolan, Bronze Patch, Chaos, Hova, Prince Rufus, Lieutenant, Kempsey, King Capitalist, August Child, Full Sail, Celtic, Winn All, Clive, Calton.

EPSOM TROTting HANDICAP, two miles.—Gold Boy, Tattler, Grattan

roa, Whispering Willie, Madam Shaw, Tod Bells.

NEW YEAR HANDICAP, two miles.—Quadroon, Waiteranui, Nancy Maxwell, Wereoa, Miss Salisbury, Miss Rolfe, Hyman, Lieutenant, Kempsey, Manuka Park, Clive, Calton.

ONSLow HANDICAP, one mile.—Sir Fulham, Harold Junior, Joan of Arc, Birdwood, Alf. McKinney, Prince Rufus, August Child, Steel Bell, Derby Dillon, Beckom, Pax, Adelaide Direct, Mountain Rose.



On left: PRIVATE M. D. JULIAN, of Pihama, Taranaki. Killed in action. On right: PRIVATE C. R. JULIAN, of Pihama, Taranaki. Wounded.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP, one mile.—Quadroon, St. Trella, Tim Doolan, Silver Black, Bronze Patch, Huon Patch, Normintson, Dimness, Dorothy Dimple, Full Sail, Lady P., Kohinoor, Celtic, Victor G., Sweet Pet, Lady Moth, Leo Bell, Fashionwood.

PREMIER HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Scottish Queen, Shanghai, Hedgewood, Dabster, Sundial, Wildfire, Miss Rolfe, Hyman, Treanac, Goodrich, Sweet Lillian, Lady P., Kohinoor, Queen Chimes, Lucille, Vermillion, Austrio, Prince Childe.

ASHBURTON TROTting CLUB.

NEW ZEALAND SApLING STAKES.

To be run at the WINTER MEETING, JUNE, 1919.

NEW ZEALAND SApLING STAKES of 375sovs; first horse to receive 225sovs and Silver Cup (presented by the President, valued at 25sovs), second horse 75sovs, and third horse 50sovs. For two-year-olds. One mile and a-half.

(Registration not compulsory until Final Payment.)

NOMINATIONS (£1) close SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1918.

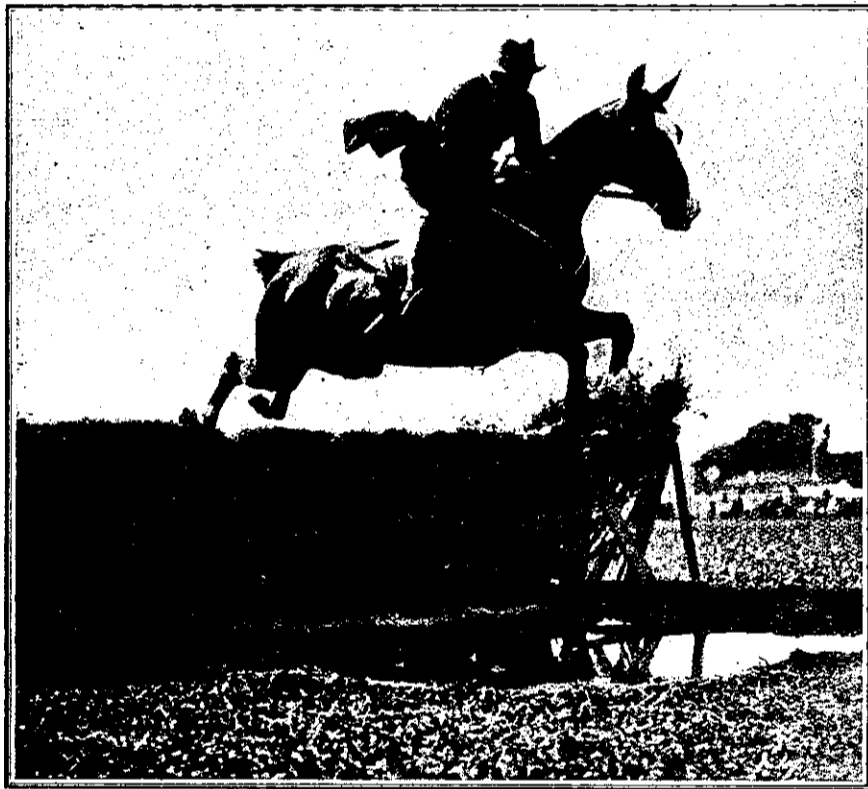
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FINAL PAYMENT (£2) on the date fixed for Acceptances for the Winter Meeting, 1919.

All payments to be made with the Secretary, not later than 9 p.m. on the dates named.

ALFRED A. FOOKS, Secretary.



TAKING THE WATER JUMP AT THE AUCKLAND A. AND P. ASSOCIATION'S RECENT ANNUAL SHOW.—MR. J. PATTEN on Mrs. N. Pilkington's bay hunter, TRANSFER.

AUCKLAND TROTting CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The nominations received on Friday evening for the Auckland Trotting Club's summer meeting, which takes place on December 27, 31 and January 2, exceeded the most sanguine expectations. Mr. F. W. Edwards' handicaps are due to-day (Wednesday), and will create intense interest in trotting circles. Acceptances are due on Friday, December 21, at 9 p.m. The nominations are as follows:—

INTRODUCTORY TROT, one mile and a-half.—Mangoutu, Armentieres, Waikoukou, Toller, Hint, Kereone, Miss Murphy, Mutu, Sandy Patch, Congo, Dignity, Gold Rod, Jaylyn, Ripon Boy, Cello, Favour Royal, Otarama, Gova.

DECEMBER HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Orangeman, Gold Girl, Little Jewel, Marinoto, Breadalbane, Dimboold, Doreen Dillon, Jimmie Harden, Nivanui, Albert Wilkes, Te Awa, Annie Black, The Bathe, King Script, Sweet Lillian, President Wilson, Nellie Clive, Comedy Chief, Huon Grattan, George the Fourth, Miss Chevalier, Gallipoli, Belgian Queen, Dandy Jack, Heathcote Chimes, Indian Chief, Olivette, Lionette, Morning Light.

AUCKLAND TROTting CUP, two miles.—Harold Junior, Sir Fulham, Mahinga, Joan of Arc, Brown's Nugget, Waverley, Author Dillon, Chaos, Peter Mac, Asturio, Steel Bell, Pearl d'Or, Derby Dillon, Paul Huon, Dillon Eddy, Chid, Whispering Willie, Karryrie, Pax, Adelaide Direct, Harold Devon.

EDEN HANDICAP TROT, two miles.—Gold Rod, Tattles, Grattan Chimes, Billy Parole, Theseus, Ivan Huon, Sandy Patch, Hova, Dignity, Scientist, Sweet Memory, Miss Huon Junior, Winn All, Grattan Abbey, Blackthorn, Amberite, Kirikiriroa, Madam Shaw, Todd Bells, King Capitalist.

PARNELL HANDICAP, two miles.—Scottish Queen, Quadroon, Trella, Waiteranui, Tim Doolan, Bronze Patch, Chaos, Nancy Maxwell, Wereoa, Miss Salisbury, George K., Miss Rolfe, Lieutenant, Kempsey, Dimness, Rotomanuka, Manuka Park, Calton.

GREAT NORTHERN TROTting

Chimes, Billy Parole, Theseus, Syrie, Miss Salisbury, Scientist, Sweet Memory, Auckland Girl, Miss Huon Junior, Grattan Abbey, Blackthorn, Amberite, Kirikiriroa, Madam Shaw, Tod Bells.

RANFURLY HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Harold Junior, Sir Fulham, Joan of Arc, Brown's Nugget, Waverley, Birdwood, Huon Patch, Alf. McKinney, Prince Rufus, August Child, Asturio, Steel Bell, Pearl d'Or, Derby Dillon, Chid, Beckom, Pax, Woodvere, Adelaide Direct, Mountain Rose.

DOMINION HANDICAP, one mile.—Shanghai, Hedgewood, Silver Black, Bronze Patch, Bell Gray, Normintson, Hymen, Dimness, Dorothy Dimple, Full Sail, Lady S., Kohinoor, Sweet Pet, Lady Moth, Queen Chimes, Leo Bell, Fashionwood.

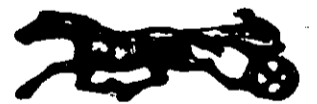
DASH HANDICAP, one mile.—Scottish Queen, Quadroon, St. Trella, Dabster, False Alarm, Wereoa, Miss Rolfe, Treanac, Lady S., Kohinoor, Lucille.

TAMAKI HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Mangoutu, Armentieres, Waikoukou, Rita Galindo, Hint, Kereone, Mutu, Sandy Patch, Congo, Miss Murphy, Dignity, Gold Rod, Special Irish, Jaylyn, Ripon Boy, Lord Lonsdale, Cella, Good One, Highflyer, Maethorn, Miss Marvin Downs, Lady Irving, Otarama.

PARK HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Orangeman, Victor Wood, Marinoto, Little Jewel, Breadalbane, Doreen Dillon, Jimmie Harden, Ruanui, Newlando, Albert Wilkes, Te Awa, Guess, The Bathe, King Script, Prince Childe, The Abbott, Rotomanuka, Nellie Clive, Huon Grattan, George the Fourth, Miss Chevalier, Gallipoli, Heathcote Chimes, Morning Light.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP, two miles.—Dunspey, Harold Junior, Sir Fulham, Mahinga, Joan of Arc, Brown's Nugget, Waverley, Author Dillon, Chaos, Peter Mac, Asturio, Steel Bell, Pearl d'Or, Derby Dillon, Dillon Eddy, Chid, Whispering Willie, Karryrie, Strategy, Pax, Little Kauri, Adelaide Direct, Harold Devon.

ASSOCIATION TROT, two miles.—Gold Boy, Tattles, Grattan Chimes, Billy Parole, Theseus, Syrie, Hova, Scientist, King Capitalist, Auckland Girl, Paul Huon, Blackthorn, Amberite, Kirikiri-



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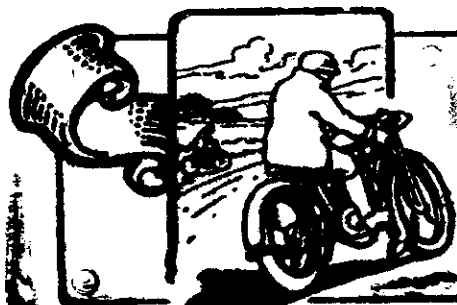
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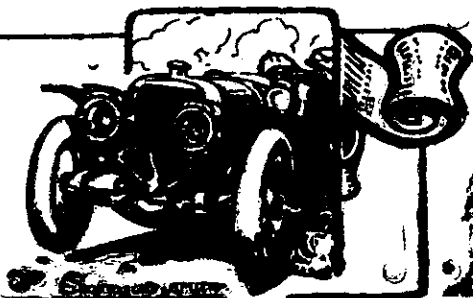
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MOTORING & CYCLING



There are 2173 licensed motor vehicles in Wellington.

Several small shipments of rubber have been made from Fiji to San Francisco during the last few months.

Captain T. Wilkes has transferred from staff duty in France to the Royal Flying Corps. On completing a short training course in England, he hopes to return to the firing line to carry on from above the earth.

Mr. Jack Batey, Stratford, who joined the Navy as a motor mechanic at the end of last year, had an exciting experience recently. His ship was lost in the North Sea, and he was picked up with a few others by a trawler at midnight, after swimming about for an hour and a-half. He was advanced a grade on returning to his depot.

A new Order-in-Council authorises the Government Statistician to collect statistics regarding stocks and anticipated imports of kerosene, benzine, petrol, benzoline, gasolene, naphthalene, and other oils customarily used for lighting or internal combustion oils, or expecting shipments, may be required at any time to furnish information to the Government Statistician on the prescribed forms.

The aeroplane and the submarine are the two new factors revolutionising warfare on land and sea. In this connection, says Mr. T. F. Farman, in the "Contemporary Review," it is interesting and important to note that if the submarine is powerless against the seaplane, the seaplane can be employed with good effect against the submarine. It can discover the whereabouts of the submarine much more easily than any surface craft. Flying at the height of 100 or 200 metres—328 to 656 feet—it can, in a fairly calm sea, descry the vessel even when it is navigating at a considerable depth, and failing favourable weather, it can detect the wake the submarine leaves on the surface of the water. It can swoop down on the enemy and attack it with bombs regulated to explode at a given depth. If the submarine is navigating on the surface, its destruction by the hydroplane is all the less difficult. In any case, having discovered the presence of a submarine, the hydroplane can promptly warn the merchant vessels in the vicinity to be on their guard, and, if necessary, to alter their course.

Apart from the perilous duties with which aviators are entrusted whilst at the front, quite a large number of Britain's most promising airmen have met with fatal accidents during flights in the Old Country. Among the latest victims of aeroplane smashes in England are Lieutenant A. Bishop, of the Royal Naval Air Service, and Second-Lieutenant Harry Eldred Busby, of the Royal Flying Corps. Lieut. Bishop was killed at night as the result of his machine nose-diving from a great height and crashing upon the rocks off the coast of Kent. Second-Lieut. Busby met his death through his machine nose-diving from a height of 400ft.

The death of Second-Lieutenant David Kitto, an American airman attached to the Australian Flying Corps, who was killed by falling a thousand feet from his machine, was inquired into by a Warwickshire coroner recently. Captain Wilson, giving medical evidence, said that the airman, who fell out of his machine, probably died before reaching the ground, but recently another officer, who fell 3000ft., declared he retained consciousness till close to the earth.

The following is a striking forecast of the air-raid menace by Dr. Samuel Johnson in Chapter VI. of "Rasselas" (written in 1759):—"If men were all virtuous I should wish with great alacrity teach them to fly. But what would be the security of the good if the bad could at pleasure invade them from the sky? Against an army sailing through the clouds, neither walls, mountains, nor seas could afford security. A flight of savages might hover in the wind and light with irresistible violence upon the capital of a fruitful region."

Details are now to hand of the deed, the performance of which gained for Flight-Commander Keith L. Caldwell, R.F.C., the only son of Mr. D. R. Caldwell, of Messrs. Macky, Logan, and Caldwell, Ltd., Wellington and Auckland, the Military Cross. The fact that the honour had been conferred was announced on August 6. The London "Times" says the award was made for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when leading offensive patrols. On one occasion he led a patrol of five machines against twelve hostile aircraft, all of which he drove down out of control. Flight-Commander Caldwell has personally destroyed five hostile machines, and has had over fifty contests in the air, in all of which he has displayed splendid skill and fearlessness, and set an excellent example to his squadron. Flight-Commander Caldwell was one of the first pupils to graduate from the New Zealand Flying School at Kohimarama.

There is at present visiting Palmerston North a young New Zealand officer of the Royal Flying Corps in the person of Lieut. Histed, son of Mr. Histed, of the Premier Drapery Company. Lieut. Histed left Well-

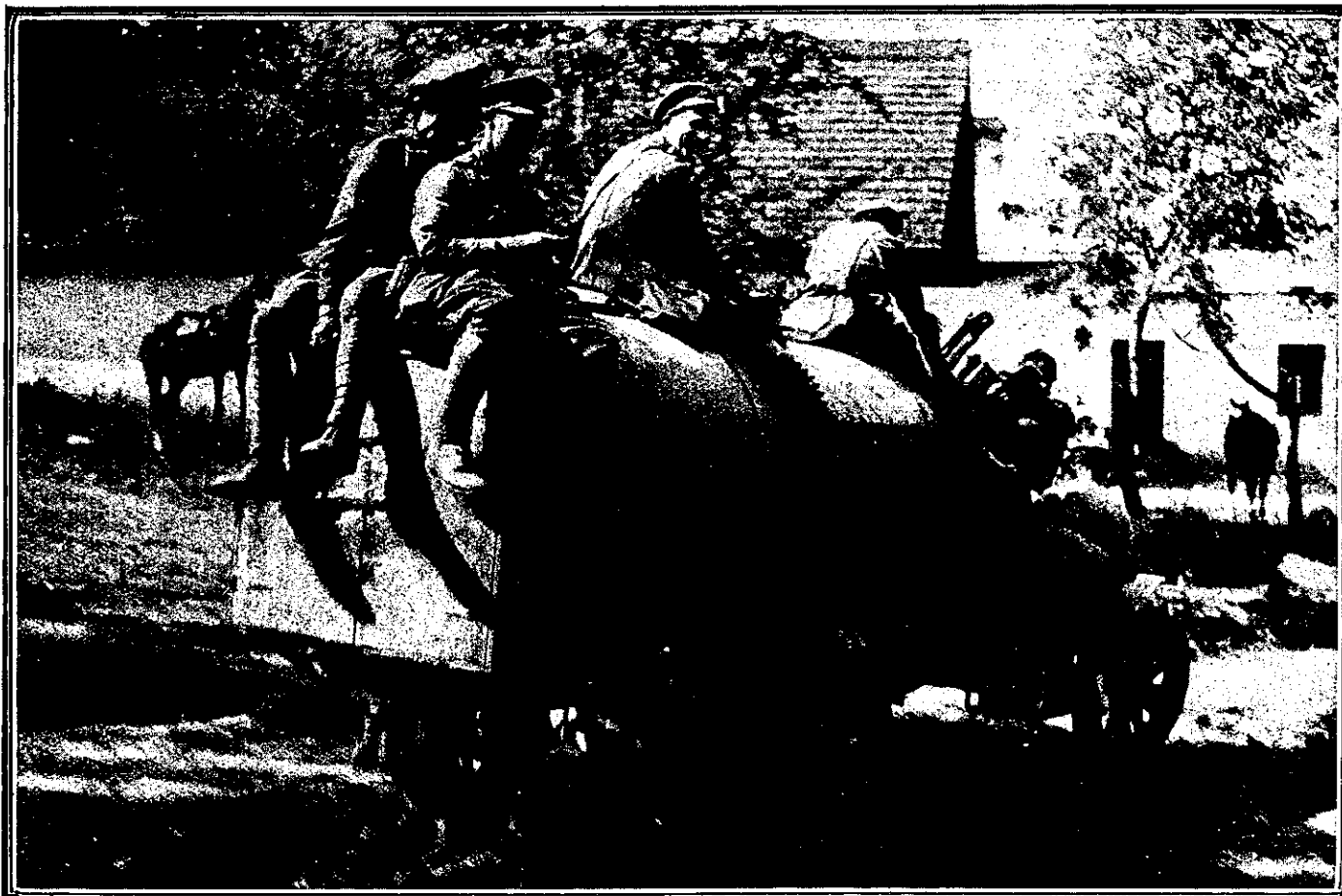
ington the conclusion of the war, and the assistance of America's fleet of aeroplanes will be an imposing factor in the events of the coming spring and summer. Lieut. Histed expects to leave again for England after Christmas.

An increase in the speed limit of motor cars passing street intersections and turning corners, from eight miles and four miles per hour respectively, to twelve miles and six miles per hour, was requested by the Wellington Automobile Club recently. On the recommendation of the By-laws Committee the City Council decided to inform the club that it was found, upon enquiry from other centres in the Dominion, that the present limits in force in Wellington were liberal as compared with Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dyer and Miss Dyer have just returned to Wellington after a motoring tour to Napier and New Plymouth. Mr. Dyer told a "Times" representative that the roads, generally speaking, were in excellent condition for travelling, the worst being met with from Featherston to Masterton. The roads in Taranaki

made the last 2000 feet of the climb very heavy going. On the return journey glissading was indulged in, the ice being in perfect condition. Mr. Dyer spoke very enthusiastically of the magnificent bush scenery around the hostelry at Mount Egmont, and stated that the large number of native birds, particularly of tuis and kaw-kaws, was quite a feature of the district. He saw more kaw-kaws than he had seen for a great many years. The bush scenery on the native lands was particularly fine.

Mr. F. Jackson, Box 368, Wellington, writes:—"Would it be possible to get an expert on oxygen to enlighten me and others as to what the oxygen removing process really consists of and what various systems are employed? I have been told that there is a firm in Wellington who use a saturated oxygen process which enables them to use a high pressure and large quantity of oxygen, and thereby absolutely remove every particle of carbon. From my experience when I have tried these various processes I consider that they all use too small a nozzle and too low a pressure, their reason, I believe, being that it is not safe to use a higher



BRITISH ARMOURD CAR SQUADRON IN RUSSIA. The men are shown riding astride the huge petrol tank upon which they principally rely for their supplies. The wheels of the vehicle are fitted with chains owing to the difficulty experienced in negotiating the marshy roads.

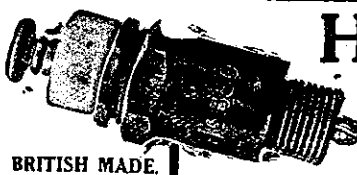
ton some considerable time ago to join the English aviation force, and after qualifying was sent to the Western front. Lieut. Histed informed a "Standard" reporter that he was attached to the scouting section, in which single and two-seater machines are used. These machines are of a very fast type, and do patrol and defence work, and consequently a great number of the aerial combats fall to their lot. They possess splendid climbing power and completely out-manoeuvre other machines—a most essential feature in aeroplane work. Nowadays scouting is carried out at an altitude of 20,000ft., and machines which can climb rapidly into the air gain marked ascendancy over the slower types. These machines have thoroughly proved their worth on the battle fronts. Speaking of the German airmen, Lieut. Histed said that there were many good fliers and fighters amongst them, but they lacked the initiative and daring of the British. It was the custom of an English airman, if he met several Germans, to at once "go" for the enemy, but the German generally lacked this daring, and preferred the safety of numbers in aerial combats. When he left France, eight months ago, Lieut. Histed stated it was a common opinion that aerial operations would play a tremendous part in forc-

(he said) were a revelation: miles and miles of asphalt, quite as smooth as the wood-block streets in Wellington. No one minded a 2s. 6d. toll when they got roads like that. The road from Woodville to Palmerston North, through the Gorge, was, however, very rough just now, having been newly metalled. From New Plymouth the party went to the Mountain House at Mount Egmont, and Mr. Dyer was most enthusiastic with regard to this trip. It was, he declared, a good hostel, and the accommodation and the management were excellent. Mr. Dyer, in company with Messrs. Alan Little, Roy Hill, and Miles Atkinson, all of New Plymouth, made the ascent of Mount Egmont, reaching the summit at 11 a.m. The climb was made in somewhat dense fog, but this lifted while the party were on top, and magnificent views were obtained and photographs taken. There is an unusual amount of snow on the mountain for this time of year, and this

pressure. How is it, then, that this other process that I have heard of can use 100lb. or thereabout? It surely must be due to the saturation of the gas with some substance that prevents overheating. If this is the case it should be a great thing, and some wide publicity or advertising should be given it so that we could all take advantage of it, for if there is a process of removing carbon absolutely without dismantling it should be known to everyone who desires a sweet running engine and is unable to get his car dismantled for the want of labour in war time."

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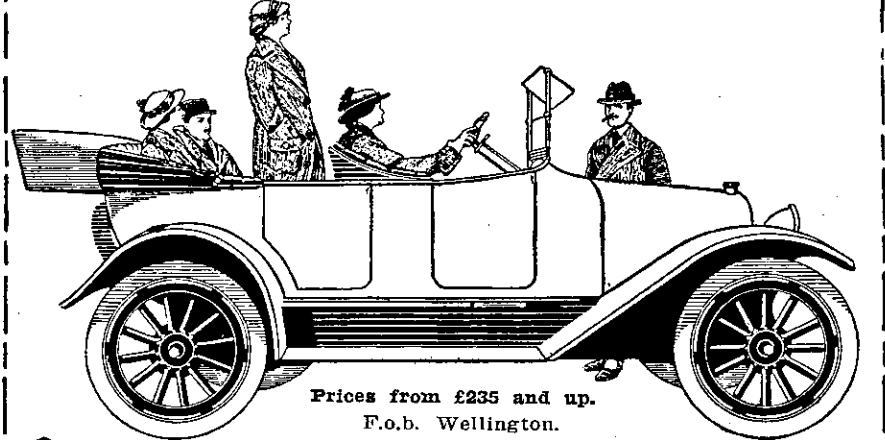
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In a charge heard at Leeds against a lady driver wearing a khaki uniform, it was stated that the speed of the car was so great that the whole of the four wheels of the vehicle were off the ground at one time.

The increasing shortage in petroleum fuel, which threatens to become acute the world over, offers a great opportunity for the wider introduction of electrically-driven vehicles, which depend for their supplies on power developed by other classes of fuel, or water power where available. The electric vehicle is by no means an experiment, for it has performed most satisfactorily for a number of years, for both pleasure and commercial purposes, and has proved itself eminently practicable. This the public does not appear to be generally aware of, as the more spectacular or sensational features of the petrol-driven car have monopolised attention; but impending conditions will undoubtedly force a wider recognition of the undoubted merits of the electric vehicle.

point about cycling is its "flexibility." There is no need to pile up miles by the thousand each year, or to average 15 or 16 miles per hour, in order to extract a full measure of enjoyment from the game. On the contrary, each cyclist should make a point of riding well within his physical capacity, and the result will inevitably be that the man who can achieve no more than a single thousand miles in the course of a year at an average pace of eight miles per hour may obtain exactly the same amount of satisfaction and pleasure as the one who can manage ten times the distance at twice the speed. Cycling, we would again emphasise, is essentially the pastime for young and old, but perhaps because of its "flexibility" it is peculiarly the recreation for those who, having passed the milestone marking middle age, and finding that tennis, or sculling, or whatever game has hitherto claimed their affection, is no longer comfortably possible, who—wisely enough—shrink from the thought of idleness, cast about for

find in the pastime an admirable substitute for the recreations they can no longer follow.

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Three more pupils of the Canterbury Aviation Company qualified for their aviator's certificate on Monday week, making 19 in all to date. The successful airmen were S. Templeton (Spredon), M. Chapman (Papanui), and H. Dolwood (Christchurch).

"Coal gas has come to stay," says one of the leading English motor journals, in its comments on the increasing use of gas as a substitute for petrol, which is now almost unobtainable in England by private motorists. One of the advantages that is being favourably commented upon by English motorists who are using coal gas is the great ease with which an engine can be started on it as compared with the indifferently-volatile fuels available to-day. The explanation is a very simple one, in that the new fuel is already in the true gaseous form and the mechanical admixture of the gas molecules with the air is obtained perfectly and without any extraneous aid, such as a jet or choke tube. No liquid fuel—and present-day

petrol least of any—can be expected to form a perfect mixture. At best, the intermixed fuel particles must be of appreciable size, a condition which tends towards forming what might be termed a "crude" mixture, whereas with coal-gas a "fine" mixture must necessarily result. Furthermore, such a mixture can be maintained at an even density, which fact must tend to economy. In winter time the advantage of coal gas is even more marked, though it should be pointed out that abnormally cold weather may possibly adversely affect the starting, a point which requires testing by practical experience. This fact opens up the interesting possibility of the application of coal gas solely as a starting medium as an auxiliary to liquid fuel. There is no reason why a comparatively small gas container made of aluminium or alloy should not be carried on all cars, even when equipped with an electric starter, as the fact should not be overlooked that it is the quality of the mixture which is the determining element in ease of starting.

An interesting announcement has been made by the Willys-Overland Co., one of the largest motor car manufacturers in America, to the effect that they are going to specialise on a car to sell at less than £100, and are going to compete against the "Ford" for the low-priced runabout market. The weight, complete, is to be 1500lb., fitted up with electric lighting and starting equipment, a 4-cylinder engine, 3½ in. bore by 4 in. stroke, will be used, and although it is a smaller engine than the Ford, it is claimed that it will give about 50 per cent. more power.

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A writer mentions that when well over forty he "had to look around for a suitable form of exercise to maintain fitness when the days for tennis and sculling were passing by, and fortunately discovered cycling." Cycling provided just what was wanted—exercise which could be graduated to suit the seeker's condition and inclination, together with mental activity in various directions, as, for instance, the study of human nature as encountered along the road, the road itself and the reason for the course it takes, the incidents of a journey, and so on. It may well be said of cycling that "there is more in it than meets the eye," but the point with which we are mainly concerned at the moment is to emphasise the fact that "when well over forty" cycling is an admirable means by which the devotees to other exercises, now becoming too strenuous for them, can "carry on." A remarkable

some means of keeping fit. As we have said before, cycling is just what a man likes to make it. Possessed of youth and strength, he will naturally enter strenuously into the game. With the years piled up behind and in the face of diminishing powers, a more restricted programme naturally suggests itself, though a light and well-constructed bicycle, shod with light resilient "Dunlops," does much to lighten the exertion associated with cycling nowadays. Further, it is wonderful how much can be achieved in the way of pace and distance by experienced cyclists who make it their business to keep fit through middle age and onwards. However, the main point of these remarks is that cyclists should not relinquish the pastime "when well over forty." They should merely adjust their comings and goings as may seem necessary. And non-cyclists at the same stage will

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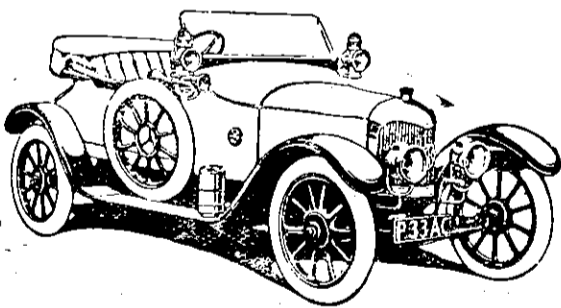
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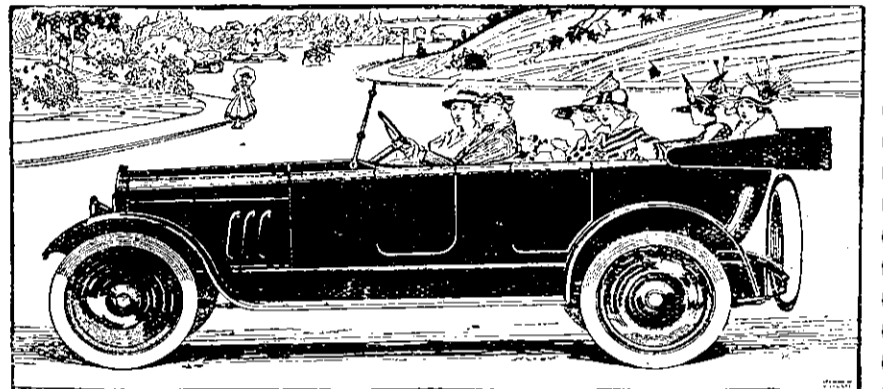
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His Excellency the Governor-General and the Countess of Liverpool have taken up their residence in Christchurch for three months.

Mr. E. Evans, M.A., who is at present in Australia, has been appointed language master at King's College.

Miss B. A. Campbell, who has been acting-matron of the New Plymouth Hospital for the past six months, has been permanently appointed to the position.

Bishop and Mrs. Averill have returned to Auckland after a visit to New Plymouth, where they were the guests of Mrs. F. G. Evans.

Mrs. Logan, wife of Colonel Logan, Administrator of Samoa, has arrived in Auckland, and is staying at Arundel.

Miss Laura Salmond (Wellington) and Miss Jill Hislop (T. maru) have accepted positions of nurse-orderlies at Walton-on-Thames Hospital, England.

The French conversation book composed by Mrs. Helene Cross, of Christchurch, "Soldiers' Spoken French," has had a great success in America, as 180,000 copies have already been sold. Mrs. Cross has been asked to compile another book of the same sort, and will probably do so.

The Girls' Empire Club in Dunedin collected the sum of £118 15s. 6d. for a radium fund. It is intended to secure a supply for the Dunedin Hospital, where it will be largely used for the benefit of returned soldiers.

Miss Alice E. Minchin, of the staff of the Auckland Public Library, has been appointed to the position of librarian to the Auckland University College.

The engagement is announced in the Wellington "Post" of Miss C. H. Aston, second daughter of Mr. F. Aston, Telegraph Office, to Mr. C. McCordle, of Palmerston North.

Miss Annie Bottomley, of Pahiataua, has left for the Waikato, having undertaken the oversight of her brother's dairy farm in the Morrinsville district in order that Mr. Bottomley may engage in an essential industry during the currency of the war.

A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Barnabas' Church, Auckland, on Wednesday, November 23, when Miss Gladys Fox, eldest daughter of Mr. H. J. Fox, Prospect Terrace, Mt. Eden, was married to Mr. J. O. Taylor, wireless instructor. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a graceful gown of white crepe de chine, with a handsome veil falling from a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet. Misses Flossie and Elma Fox were bridesmaids, and the best man was Sergeant Stanley, invalided home after seeing service with the Main Body. The service was fully choral, Mr. C. White presiding at the organ, and after the ceremony, at which Canon McFarland officiated, a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, when the customary toasts were felicitously honoured. The newly-married couple left later by motor car, en route to Rotorua, where the honeymoon was spent. Amongst the numerous presents received was a dainty collection of d'oyleys and tray cloths from members of the Red Cross branch of the Victoria League, the bride being one of the Girls' Committee. The bridegroom, who left New Zealand with the 6th Reinforcements and later returned, intended leaving Wellington on the ill-fated Aurora—he was posted as missing—but at the last moment he changed his plans.

Mr. Gray, principal of the Melbourne Presbyterian Ladies' College, and Mrs. Gray are visiting New Zealand, and have been staying with Mrs. Stewart at Wadestown, Wellington.

Sergeant Ivor Rees, V.C., who returned to Llanelly, Carmarthen, after being decorated by the King and was married there to Miss Martha Jenkins, had cheques for £250 among his wedding presents.

Miss Margaret Thompson, of Clinton, Otago, having completed more than two years in charge of one of the nurses' homes attached to No. 1 New Zealand General Hospital at Walton, has now been appointed secretary to the Entertainment Committee of the New Zealand War Contingent Association at the central offices in Southampton Row.

Melbourne is said to be raving over Miss Mar'e Tempest's costume creations. The celebrated comedy star brought with her to Australia the finest achievements of the costumiere, and these have been displayed to the admiration and wonderment of the men, as well as the envy of the women.

A military wedding was recently solemnised at St. James' Presbyterian Church, Wellington South, when Miss Irene Marley was married to Lieut. T. H. Jamieson, Thirty-fifth Reinforcements. Miss Florence George was bridesmaid, and the bridegroom was attended by Lieut. Evans, Thirty-fifth Reinforcements. The bridegroom and best man left New Zealand with the 4th Battalion of the N.Z.R.B., and after seeing active service in Egypt and France both returned on duty about two months ago.

The wedding of Lieutenant Annandale, R.F.C., and Miss Theodore Caldwell, of York, which took place at All Souls' Church, Ascot, on September 19th, was an air service wedding. Captain Evans, a chaplain of the Flying Corps, conducted the service; Airman-Mechanic Drake, the youngest Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, was at the organ; a Flying Corps officer was best man; a choir of non-commissioned officers and air mechanics sang the hymns and psalms, and officers and men of the Flying Corps formed the congregation.

A Guildford baby girl has been christened "Tankie."



MME. CHARLOTTE MAITRE, wife of the Deputy for Saone-et-Loire, France, has won, among other things, the Croix de Guerre, with two bars, the Gold Medal for Epidemics, and the Legion of Honour. The illustration shows this heroic Frenchwoman in a trench on the front in Alsace, where she was wounded not long ago while engaged in her noble work on behalf of the wounded.

Sister Hetherington, Wellington, was appointed to the staff of Brockenhurst Hospital, in the massage section, on her arrival from New Zealand.

Mrs. F. W. Frankland, formerly of Wellington, has returned from America, and taken up her residence in Foxton.

Boys of the Victoria League, Christchurch, recently gave up their ordinary holiday to plant a field in potatoes and cut the grass of a three-acre section held by a woman living in Bromley, whose husband is at the front, and who was unable, through straitened circumstances, to procure the necessary labour.

An interesting military wedding took place at St. John's Church, Paramatta, Vic., recently, when Lieut. Noel Saunders was married to Miss Inez Hill. The ushers and all the attendants at the church wore war garb, and the girl V.A.D.'s, in spotless white uniforms, added to the war element in the wedding ceremony. The bride has been the Commandant of the Parramatta Voluntary Aid Detachment ever since its inception, over two years ago, and her guard of honour on her wedding day was the V.A.D. girls, who proudly followed the bridal party down the aisle. The best man was Sergeant Tidswell, and Miss Septania Saunders was bridesmaid.

From Paris comes news that "Parisians are wearing frocks of pique, and it should be explained that the new pique is as different as possible from the old stiff, tightly woven variety; nowadays, it is very thin and soft, and may be had in exquisite shades of rose, mauve, yellow, and all light colours. Pique is still used as trimming on frocks of serge, jersey, and satin. One chemise frock of black satin is topped with white pique—the white section extends to the hips. A black satin belt crosses the white about three or four inches above the black satin skirt section, and black satin faces the revers, collar, and narrow cuffs. Although light mourning in character, this frock is very smart, and much in favour with the Parisienne."

Mr. Cyril Maude's eldest daughter, Marjorie, was married recently in New York to Mr. James Buren, a wealthy American. His second daughter, Pamela, who lost her young husband after a few weeks of married life—Major Congreve—was commanded to Buckingham Palace by the King and presented with the V.C., the D.S.O. and the Military Medal, all of which coveted decorations had been won by the gallant young Major. By Queen Mary's request, their baby was christened Mary, after Queen Mary, and Gloria, after her husband's heroism. Queen Mary is her godmother.

Lieutenant Joseph A. Child, Yorks Regiment, of Upper Carr House, Liverpool, Spenborough, who was killed on June 7, left £272 1s. 7d. His will, made on April 14, 1917, on the back of a photograph of a lady, reads as follows:—"In the event of my death I leave all my effects, including all moneys lying to my credit, to this young lady, Miss Mary Pickles, Shirley Villa, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire, England."

Never in the history of fashion has the detail of costume been so much studied as now, writes a Melbourne authority. The success of a toilette by no means depends on the gown only, or gown and hat combined, but it depends on the finishing touches to the whole. The entire success of a gown, for instance, might be gained solely by a belt, and it can be instanced by a straight-hanging, pleated frock of navy blue georgette crepe, which has no trace of trimming of any kind on it, but at the high waistline is a belt of gorgeous beads, a narrow thing in a glory of mustard yellow, jade green, black, white, and a lovely turquoise blue. It is that belt which gave the unimpressive little frock its distinction. And so, with all toilettes nowadays, they owe their success to a belt, a collar, a distinguished sunshade, an impressive bag, perfect shoes and stockings.

Writes Lady Kitty in the Adelaide "Observer": Have you ever heard of Lilydale? It is a charmingly pretty little spot in the hills, about 24 miles from Melbourne, with a good road, down which motorists madly spin on pleasure bent. Madame Melba has made Lilydale famous by establishing her Australian home there, and having built a marble swimming pool with domed roof held aloft on dignified marble pillars. The swimming pool was one of Lilydale's nine days' wonders. But now its glory is eclipsed. At the local cemetery Madame Melba and some members of the family have had a family mausoleum erected. It is a tomb of granite from the late Mr. Mitchell's Cave Hill estate, with lofty pillars, and entered by a flight of broad steps. The remains of the late David Mitchell and his wife have been removed from the Boorondara Cemetery and placed in the mausoleum, and Melba has epitaphed her father with the words, "Blessed are the pure in heart. Daddy dear." The Springthorne memorial at Kew Cemetery, an exquisite piece of sculpture erected by Dr. Springthorne to the memory of his first wife, which sightseers from all over the Commonwealth visit, now has a rival in the Mitchell mausoleum, and much dust will be raised on the road that leads to the picturesque little cemetery among the hills.

Sir Arthur Pearson is appealing to the public to help him to carry a step farther the splendid work for blinded soldiers that is being done at St. Dunstan's (states the "Daily News"). Something more is needed to encourage bachelor blinded soldiers to marry and surround themselves with families, and also to help those already married with the new babies who may come. The Empire will want the sons and daughters of these men. The Government make a weekly allowance for children born before or shortly after a soldier's discharge from the Army, but there is no allowance for the children of men who marry after leaving the service because of disablement. The generous help that has already been extended to these men shows that the public wants them to lead the happiest lives possible, and feels they should not be hampered by difficulties that forethought can remove. To give blind soldiers the assurance that the children who come to brighten their lives shall be provided for till they can make their own way in the world is the object of Sir Arthur Pearson's new appeal. He hopes to raise a fund to provide 5s. per week for each of the children not cared for by the State. The total required will certainly amount to £250,000, and a sum so large can only be raised by an effort worthy the cause.

Lecturing in Auckland on the subject of "Unpreparedness for Motherhood and the Best Age for Marriage," Dr. Truby King said he thoroughly understood the responsibility in giving advice on the age at which a woman should marry. Looking at the matter from all standpoints he could only think that early marriage was best, and in his opinion eighteen for the women and twenty-two for the men were the most suitable ages, both from the point of view of health, morals, and the nation.

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THE COMING OF CYRIL MAUDE.

"GRUMPY."

The J. C. Williamson, Ltd., firm announce the appearance here of Mr. Cyril Maude. Mr. Maude is acknowledged as one of the great English actors of the day. For close upon a decade he has been the idol of London. As the creator of parts that have become endeared to playgoers the world over he has no rival. It is said, however, that the greatest of all his brilliant impersonations is that of "Grumpy," the role in which he will make his first appearance at His Majesty's Theatre on Friday. Over 1000 times, in both America and England, has he played the part of the irascible and eccentric old lawyer. Everywhere his success has been phenomenal. It would seem that both Melbourne and Sydney received the impersonation enthusiastically, the press criticisms being in all cases of the most flattering nature. Concerning Mr. Maude's performance of "Grumpy," the "Times" of London said: "His characterisation of the title role—a type that Dickens himself might have created—is worthy to rank among the greatest achievements of the English stage. It will be a lasting monument to the genius of Cyril Maude." The story of the play is briefly as follows:—Grumpy's nephew is carrying a diamond worth over £100,000 to his firm in London, and while an imitation is being made in South Africa to be taken to London under escort, the genuine stone is loosely resting in his waistcoat pocket. A thief, in the guise of a guest at Grumpy's house, is on the look out for the diamond, and in the night he attacks the nephew and secures it. He also attempts to induce Virginia, Grumpy's daughter, to elope with him. A camelia which the maid Susan, with whom the nephew has had a mild flirtation, ties with a hair pulled from her head, is the clue to the criminal, and the clever way in which Grumpy follows this clue and brings the villain to grief, saving both Virginia and the diamond, gives piquancy to a really powerful play. There will be six performances of "Grumpy."

"GENERAL JOHN REGAN" AND "THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL."

The first change of programme of this important season should prove a highly interesting occasion for local playgoers. In the one evening (Friday week) Mr. Maude will appear in two totally dissimilar characters, each of which has served to make his name famous. The main attraction is "General John Regan," which has had an enormous success both in England and America. It is a highly-amusing comedy of Irish life in a Galway fishing village, and in it Mr. Maude will be seen as the effervescent and humorous Doctor Lucius O'Grady. The story is replete with incident and becomes the vehicle for the purveying of an infectious humour that is so eminently suited to the art of Mr. Maude. Preceding the comedy is a performance of the famous screen scene from "The School for Scandal," with Mr. Maude as the trusting Sir Peter Teazle. It is safe to say that no greater theatrical attraction has ever been offered here at any time.

"CASTE."

CYRIL MAUDE AS "ECCLES."

Robertson's fine comedy "Caste" will be staged on the final night of the season. It is many years since this clever play was seen here, and it is certain that never before has it been interpreted by such a company as that which Mr. Cyril Maude has associated himself with. Rumour is rife as to the unchallenged excellence of Mr. Maude's performance of Eccles. A leading Australian critic writes of the characterisation as follows: "Mr. Maude is indeed a great artist. He showed us that in his wonderful presentation of 'Grumpy.' He evidenced it again in another splendid portraiture, that of Eccles in 'Caste.' It is a limning of character that is practi-

cally without a blemish. From his first entrance to his last, when the old rascal, having been pensioned by his good-natured son-in-law, retires to the Channel Islands to drink himself to death in comfort, it is one source of sheer delight. A great achievement by a great actor."

J. C. WILLIAMSON'S NEW ENGLISH MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY.

The Christmas attraction at His Majesty's Theatre will be J. C. Williamson's New English Musical Comedy Company, who, during a season of about 12 nights, will stage their two latest and most successful comic operas, "Canary Cottage" and "You're in Love," and they will also revive "So Long, Letty." Since they last appeared here their ranks have been strengthened considerably by the addition of several first-class artists. "Canary Cottage" created a sensation when it was first staged in Melbourne,

members of the company, and that famous London comedienne, Miss Connie Ediss, will doubtless be accorded a big reception when she appears as Blanche Moss in "Canary Cottage," which is generally regarded as the best thing she has ever undertaken. The chorus, ballets, orchestra and dresses and scenic effects will, it is stated, rival anything yet seen or heard in the Dominion.

OPERA HOUSE.

A programme of excellent variety was presented to the usual large audience at the Opera House on Monday night, the change of bill being marked with several turns of unusual merit. Les Bates' Follies of Pleasure disported themselves gaily in a rollicking revuelet entitled "In Mexico," the plot of which gave the comedians abundant opportunity for exercising their proclivities in that direction.

a burlesque boxing bout and an exhibition of hand balancing, the smaller man astounding the onlookers by his facility in lifting and balancing his heavy partner. The Australian Hamptons also made a first appearance with good results, their turn consisting of unique and daring feats on single wheels. McKay and Graham gave an elevated touch to the programme with a high-class musical offering. Miss Graham sang with much acceptance "Coming Home" and was deservedly encored, and later displayed her ability as a pianist by accompanying her partner, whose resonant voice found expression in "Shipmates Mine," "In Cellar Cool" and other numbers, which pleased greatly. The Coleman Sisters gave a song and dance turn and met with a warm reception on their re-appearance, and John Larkin struck out in his usual line of jollity.

LYRIC THEATRE.

"THE BARRIER."

"The Barrier," Rex Beach's famous novel, which has been produced under the author's supervision for picture purposes, will be screened under the direction of E. J. Carroll at the Lyric Theatre on Saturday, for a short season. The story tells of the love for Merridy, a pretty young school teacher from Vermont, by two sturdy men, honest John Gaylord and gambler Dan Bennett, afterwards known as Ben Stark. Bennett wins her almost against her will, and Gaylord retires to his mountain. Merridy is murdered by her jealous husband, who accuses Gaylord of the crime, after the latter has fled with Bennett's little daughter, that she may be saved the evil influences that surround her. The child Necia grows up in the belief that she is Gaylord's daughter and a half-breed. She meets the handsome young lieutenant, who falls in love with her and whom she worships in return, but the Indian blood that is supposed to run in her veins is "the barrier" between them. Poleon Doret, a big-hearted Frenchman, also loves the girl, and it is through his nobility and self-sacrifice that happiness finally comes to her and her soldier lover. The arrival of Dan Bennett under the name of Stark, his recognition of his daughter, the renewal of the contest between him and Gaylord, and the participation in the plot of innumerable other characters cause a succession of happenings that produce thrill after thrill. Special music accompanies the presentation.

Mr. Leo. D. Chateau has come over from Australia to represent Mr. E. J. Carroll's interests in the big film success "The Barrier."



MISS MAUD FANE, the brilliant young artist who will make her re-appearance in Auckland with J. C. Williamson's New English Musical Comedy Company, opening at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, on Boxing Night.

some of the critics declaring it to be the most picturesque and most daring musical play which had up to that time been staged in the Commonwealth. How Melbourne and Sydney playgoers appreciated the play may be gauged by the fact that it attracted record audiences during a longer period than even "So Long, Letty," or "The Pink Lady," while the second opera in the company's repertoire, "You're in Love," proved one of the most popular musical comedies staged in Australia since the outbreak of the war. Playgoers will be glad to welcome that brilliant young comedienne Miss Maud Fane, who has filled the gap occasioned by the departure for America of Miss Dorothy Brunton. Miss Fane achieved an electrical triumph in "Canary Cottage" and "You're in Love," and now shares the honour with Miss Brunton in the race for popularity. Messrs. Field Fisher, Alfred Frith, Fred Maguire, William Greene, Harry Wotton, Jack Hooker, Tom Preston, Seymour Middleton, Harry B. Burcher, Misses Madge Elliott, Dorothy Wells, Rene Connolly, and Cecil Bradley, are other popular

Miss Lalie Brooke made a dashing signorita looking for a husband, and Miss Madge Moore was dainty and fetching in her musical numbers. Mr. Con Moreni put in clever work as Clarence, the sport, and Mr. Les Wharton as Mike Sweeney supplied the broader touches. "Follow the Girls" by Miss Ray Anderson was vivaciously sung, and the well-trained chorus added zest to the proceedings all through. The vaudeville section was rich in surprises. The two Musical Bentleys delighted everyone with their manipulation of the xylophone, opening up new vistas of its melodic possibilities when handled by true artists. A masterly rendering of "Poet and Peasant" by Mr. Bentley was included in a wide range of selections, and encores were demanded again and again in tribute of appreciation. Thurber and Thurber, eccentric comedians, scored heavily in a turn marked by originality, skill and humour. Introducing themselves in a grotesque dance cleverly representing hydra-headed figures they aroused as much consternation as laughter, following up their act with



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After a sixty weeks' season at King's Theatre, the Brandon-Cremer Dramatic Company gave their final performance on Friday night to a crowded audience. During their stay in Auckland they won the affection of many hundreds of patrons, and their popularity was evidenced in the rousing reception each member met with as he or she came on the stage, the play having frequently to be held up until the applause subsided. At the conclusion they were showered with mementoes, the stage being heaped with flowers and other gifts. Mr. Brandon-Cremer made a feeling little speech, thanking all his staff for their united efforts, and the public for their loyal patronage and kind appreciation of the company's work, and at his instigation they were all compelled to say a few parting words—Miss Kathleen Arnold, Miss Alice Rede, Mr. Maurice Tuohy, Mr. W. J. Coulter, Mr. Frank Reis, Mr. Kenneth Carlisle and Mr. Edgar Kenna. Mr. Frank Neil, on behalf of his fellow artists, re-echoed Mr. Cremer's sentiments as to their regret at leaving so many friends, and referred to their happy association with Mr. Cremer himself. "Stock drama is not the easiest thing in the world," said Mr. Neil, "and the pleasure of the engagement depends on the employer. It is due to Mr. Cremer's unfailing courtesy, tact and kindness on all occasions that our work has been made a pleasure to us."

A farewell testimonial to Mr. Cremer was given in the Town Hall Concert Chamber on Monday night, when several hundreds were turned away. In fact, the large Town Hall itself would not have been too spacious to accommodate the crowds who rallied round to say farewell to the popular theatrical entrepreneur. A most enjoyable entertainment was contributed to by Messrs. Frank Neil, Maurice Tuohy, Kenneth Carlisle and other members of the Brandon-Cremer Company, Mr. Rud Petersen, Miss Daphne Knight's dancing pupils, Mr. A. Ripley, Mr. Atkinson, Miss Reba Cohen, and Miss Burmister's two youngest pupils. There was a demonstrative scene at the conclusion, when Mr. Cremer went on the stage and thanked the public and performers for their evidences of goodwill, and assured them that neither he nor his company would ever forget the warm-hearted people of Auckland.

Miss Olive Godwin, an old favourite with Australasian audiences, will be the Princess in the Tait pantomime, "Aladdin."

The following tour has been definitely booked for the New English Musical Comedy Company:—Auckland, from December 26 (Boxing Night) to January 7; Gisborne, January 9 to 12; Napier, January 14 and 15; Hastings, January 16; Palmerston North, January 17; Wanganui, January 18; Wellington, January 19 to February 2; Christchurch, February 4 to 11; Dunedin, February 13 to 18; and Timaru, February 19.

Mr. Raymond Fuller is acting manager at the Opera House during Mr. Geo. Stephenson's absence.



A JOYOUS BEVY IN "YOU'RE IN LOVE," to be staged in Auckland by the J. C. Williamson Musical Comedy Company during the Christmas season.

Miss Winifred La France, who is to play principal boy in J. and N. Tait's Christmas pantomime, has appeared previously in a posing and spectacular act. Last time she appeared under the Fuller banner.

Vaude and Verne, so popularly known to New Zealand vaudeville audiences, are to play "Friday" and "Saturday" in the Fuller Christmas pantomime, "Robinson Crusoe," in Sydney.



THE LATE HUGH BUCKLER, actor and soldier.

Theatregoers will learn with regret of the death in action of Mr. Hugh Buckler, the English actor, who toured New Zealand twice. His first appearance here was in the plays "A Fool There Was" and "A Woman in the Case." In Sydney he organised a repertoire company to play good plays, and for a time in 1913-14 played successfully at the Little Theatre. Towards the latter end of 1914 he toured New Zealand with his own company, playing "His House in Order," "The Great Adventure," "Fanny's First Play," "School for Scandal," "Sweet Lavender," "David Garrick," and "The Gay Lord Quex." On his return to Australia he felt the call, and leaving the management of his affairs to his wife (Miss Violet Paget) went home and enlisted in the Imperial Forces. As an officer he saw a good deal of service, and was killed at the Messines battle a few months ago. Mr. Buckler was about thirty-six years of age.

An extract from Rex Beach's well-known book, "The Barrier": "I've just begun to realise what I am," said Ned; "I'm not respectable. I'm not like other women, and never can be. I'm a squaw—a squaw!" "You're not," he cried. "No honest man can marry me; I'm a vagabond." "By God! who offered you that?" Gale's face was whiter than hers now. The tempest of emotion swept her along. "He can play with me, but nothing more; and when he is gone another can have me, and then another and another and another. In time my man will beat me, just like any other squaw. I suppose, but I can't marry. I can't be a wife to a decent man." She was in the clutch of an hysteria that made her writhe beneath Gale's hand, then she leaned exhausted against a post and wiped her eyes, for the tears were coming now. "There's fifty good men in this camp would marry you to-morrow." She sobbed back: "I mean real men, not miners. I want to be a lady. I don't

want to pull a hand sleigh and wear moccasins all my life. I want to be loved—I want to be loved. I want to marry a gentleman with clean finger nails."

During Mr. Cyril Maude's visit to America, a member of his cast in various productions was Miss Dorothy Cumming, who appeared under the J. C. Williamson management in Australia, and has returned to play Grumpy's dranddaughter.

Mr. Bentley, who is appearing this week at the Opera House, was for many years conceded by the vaudeville profession as one of the three greatest single xylophonists in the world, and was soloist with the Duluth Symphony Orchestra for a season.

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GREENROOM GOSSIP.

Not only as an actor but also as a manager has Mr. Cyril Maude, the great exponent of the immortal "Grumpy," held a prominent place in the theatrical profession in London. The creator of "Grumpy" has played under his own management in London during the past 15 years, conducting his own theatre, the Playhouse.

The Fuller firm are so satisfied with the success of the stock dramatic company in Melbourne with its policy of a new piece every week, that they have decided to try the same idea in Sydney, and in their new Majestic Theatre, Newtown, have installed Kate Howard and her dramatic company.

Miss Muriel Starr and Mr. George Barnum, the producer, stopped over in Hawaii long enough—while on their way to Australia and America—to get local colour for the production of "The Bird of Paradise," which is to be Miss Starr's opening piece at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne. The action of "The Bird of Paradise" takes place in Hawaii. It is the story of a white man who falls under the spell of a Hawaiian girl, and allows the lotus life of the islands to draw him away from the interests of his own sphere of life. Miss Starr appears as the Hawaiian girl, Luana.

Miss Kathlene MacDonell's latest success in Sydney has been scored in "The Rainbow," as a girl fresh from school—a charming piece of femininity. There is a simplicity about the story that is decidedly refreshing, and the play is said to include "just such a series of events as might befall any family."

Somerset Maugham's delightful comedy, "Mrs. Dot," will be the final production of the Marie Tempest-Graham Browne Company at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne, where the company is entering on the last nights of the farewell season prior to leaving for New Zealand. "Mrs. Dot" ran hundreds of nights in London, where both Miss Marie Tempest and Mr. Graham Browne appeared in the original production. It is considered one of the wittiest comedies on the English-speaking stage.

Miss Tien Hogue, sister of Trooper Blue Gum (Lieutenant Oliver Hogue) and daughter of Mr. J. A. Hogue (formerly Minister for Education), has recently made a success of Posy in "Quinneys" at the Playhouse, Sydney. Miss Hogue was understudy for Miss Sara Allgood in "Peg o' My Heart."

Messrs. J. and N. Tait have combined with Messrs. Bert Bailey and Julius Grant to produce the pantomime "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp," at the King's Theatre, Melbourne, this year. No expense or trouble is being spared to make this gorgeous production something unique in the annals of pantomime.

Thus a prominent Sydney critic acclaims Cyril Maude:—Mr. Maude possesses charm and magnetism not unlike those of Joseph Jefferson. As the astute octogenarian "Grumpy," who hides a warm heart under a gruff exterior, and who sets out with undaunted energy, despite his years, to unravel the mystery of a robbery and achieves his purpose, Mr. Maude is at his best. The play is a melodramatic comedy. It has served to establish Mr. Maude as one of the greatest character actors ever seen on the Australian stage.

The numerous playgoing friends in New Zealand of Mr. Richard Stewart will be interested to learn that his daughter, Mione, has started in the profession, making her first public appearance at the Repertory Theatre, Sydney, last month. The Sydney "Morning Herald" notices her performance as follows: "At the end of her first scene from 'Rigoletto,' after the youthful actress had garnered profuse gifts of flowers, Mr. Walter Bentley (with whom she is in training), referred to the fact that she was the scion of a family so distinguished upon the Australian stage since her grandparents' days to the present time that the occasion might almost be considered historic. (Applause.) 'I hope their mantle may fall upon this child of the third generation,' continued the actor-manager. 'She is assisting us in a movement to further the comfort of our heroic boys at the front, which is a good beginning anyway, and I would ask her to remember three things, Faith, Hope, and Charity, during her future career; Faith towards her managers and the public, Hope as an inspiration to perseverance and hard work, and Charity towards those around her as the greatest of all the graces.' (Cheers.) Miss Mione Stewart, who is tall and slender, with a strong family resemblance to the most famous of her predecessors, opened as Nina to the well-known Rigoletto of Mr. Bentley, supported by the Assunta of Miss Ruby Black. In the central scene she displayed a low, sweet voice that carried well, a clear enunciation, and a vivid suggestion of the gentleness, affection and yearning for the gaiety of a larger life, which characterised the too strictly-guarded girl. However, Miss Stewart had much more scope as Helen to the Modus, admirably solemn and dull, of Mr. J. McAnenny. Here her sense of humour and playful archness satisfied old playgoers that 'there was stuff in her,' and that experienced training had thoroughly prepared her for a start on the regular stage."

Miss Ruth Budd, "the singing, swinging Venus," is crowning all vaudeville acts in New Zealand at present. Prior to appearing in a single act, she used to perform an act with her brother. The boy, however, had bad luck. After the pair had been in partnership a few years he met with a serious accident during their turn at a theatre in the United States. Result: hip disease, and Ruth had to perform on her own. The accomplished slip of femininity does all the tricks her brother did, and is considered by eminent critics to be the greatest lady trapeze artist in the world.

News has been received that Major Evelyn Beebohm, nephew of the late Sir Herbert Tree, has been killed in action.

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Some 564,620 feet of picture film were examined in New Zealand by the censor (Mr. William Jolliffe) during the month of November, bringing up the total for the eight months since April 1st, 1917, to 3,381,890 feet. Only one picture was turned down in November, but eighteen cuts were made in other films.

SOUTHERN STAGE NOTES.

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, December 10.

Messrs. J. and N. Tait's New Comedy Company opened a five nights' farewell season at the Grand Opera House last Saturday evening with "The New Henrietta," a play pulsating with interest, and covering a range of emotions from the topmost pitch of excitement to the limits of mirth. The company's second offering gave them a great chance of displaying their histrionic ability, especially amongst the men folk. It is to be hoped that Messrs. J. and N. Tait will again in the near future send this company to New Zealand. They are a brilliant combination, and have made many friends in New Zealand.

The Cyril Maude season at the Grand Opera House was a great success in every way. The last night of the season was devoted to the production of "Caste," with Mr. Maude as Eccles. If there are any complaints about the Irish brogue spoken by the members of Mr. Maude's company in "General John Regan," they have an effective reply in most instances. Mr. Maude is of Irish family from Tipperary, Miss Betty Murray was born and reared in Belfast, Mr. Stephen Scanlon is a Dublin man, and Mr. Robert Ayrton is also from Dublin.

What is sure to prove one of the biggest attractions ever sent by the J. C. Williamson management to New Zealand will be the coming of Miss Marie Tempest, who opens a tour at the Grand Opera House on Boxing Night with "The Marriage of Kitty." The famous English comedienne will be supported by Mr. Graham Browne, also a celebrated English actor, and a company of the leading artists of Australia. It is said that Miss Tempest and Mr. Browne are able to extract mountains of fun from this rare comedy. From the com-

mencement to the close the theatre is said to ring with merry laughter at the subtleties of Miss Marie Tempest. Mr. Graham Browne is also credited with drawing an exceptionally clever portrait of the vain aristocratic noodle halting between two women. Not the least of Miss Tempest's assets is a sympathetic singing voice—a voice trained by the great Garcia, and his method is evidenced by her singing of the French song in the second act of the comedy. Amongst the supporting members of the company are Miss Gwen Burroughs, Miss Millie Engler, Mr. Sydney Stirling, and Mr. Leslie Victor.

MUSIC NOTES.

(By "G" String.)

Madame Maggie MacCann, the popular Scottish vocalist, who recently returned to Australia from a successful tour of Great Britain and America, gave her first concert in Melbourne at the Auditorium last Wednesday evening, the 5th.

The projected New Zealand tour of the famous vocalists Madame Evelyn Scotney and Mr. Howard White has been abandoned. This brilliant pair have to return to America at once to fulfil contracts already made.

Madame Charvin, more widely known as Miss Yvonne Leverrier, the brilliant Franco-Australian pianist, died in Sydney on November 10. Miss Leverrier showed remarkable talent for music at an early age. She studied for years in Paris and Vienna, and developed into an artist with a highly-finished style, eminent in the perfection of her technique.

Madame Alma Gluck, one of the most successful singers in the United States at the present time, began earning her living as a stenographer in a New York law office, and rose to fame on the operatic stage in the short space of six years. Though she had sung from childhood, the last thing her parents thought her suitable for was the musical profession, so they let her go into an office. And she became so interested in the law that she made up her mind to be a lawyer, and even matriculated at the law schools of the University of New York. Later she was advised to cultivate her voice, and did so, with the result that she has signed a five years' contract to sing at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York.



MISS LALIE BROOKE, an attractive member of the "Follies of Pleasure," appearing at the Auckland Opera House.

This year Miss Maggie Dickson, the premier danseuse of the J. C. Williamson pantomime, "Dick Whittington," will have as partner Mr. Sidney Yates, who has already appeared under the J. C. Williamson management. Both will take a prominent part in the ballets and spectacular dance scenes.

Mr. C., the clever entertainer, who, with his partner Miss Maud Courtney, is proving a strong draw on the Fuller circuit, doesn't believe in the raconteur having to wait for a laugh. It is the audience who should do the laughing, he reckons. Mr. C. has been appearing as a raconteur for over ten years. Previous to this he was on the stage as a double-voiced singer. It was Tony Pastor, doyen of American vaudeville, who first suggested that he should become a monologue entertainer. At this time Mr. C. was appearing at Tony Pastor's theatre in New York. In the course of his singing Mr. C. used to slip in one or two little stories, and it was through the telling of these that Mr. Pastor came to the conclusion that storytelling was Mr. C.'s true métier. "In pretty well all my stories," says Mr. C., "I follow the principle of omitting the last sentence. I let the last sentence—that is to say, the joke—suggest itself. Audiences like to be taken into your confidence in this way."

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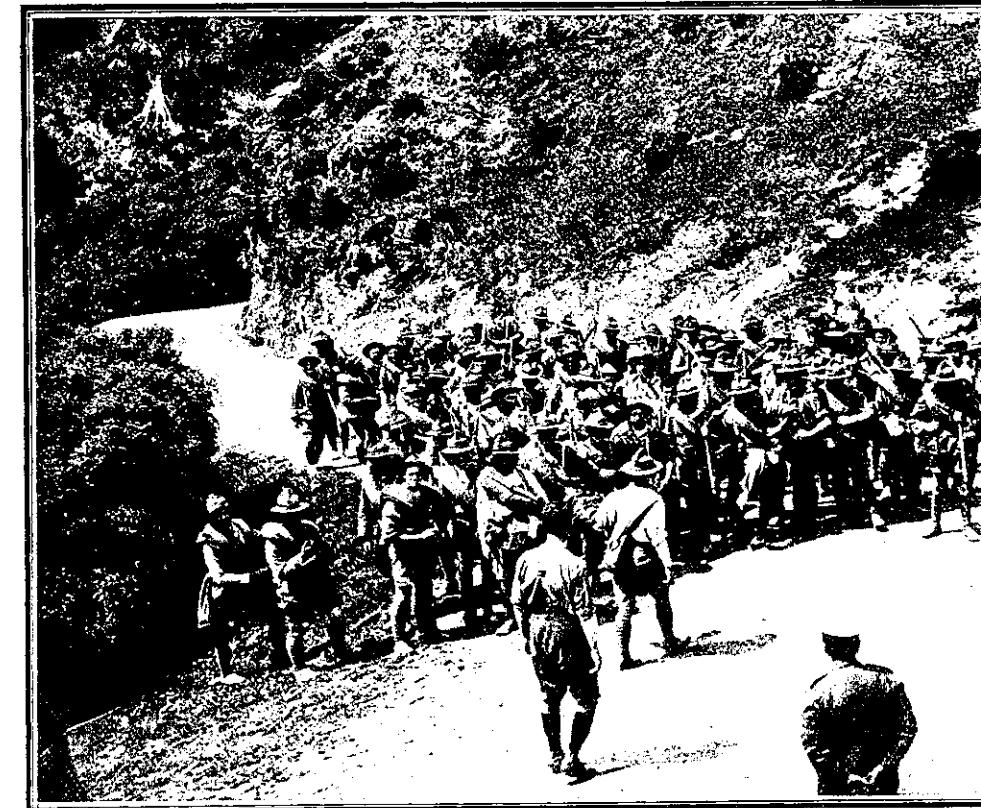
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HERE AND THERE.

The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. W. F. Massey, arrived in Auckland on Sunday and left in the evening on a tour of the Waikato. After visiting Rotorua and the Bay of Plenty he proceeds to Te Aroha and the Thames, and will return to Auckland on Friday.

Lieutenant-Colonel Russel Rendle, principal medical officer at Samoa, has arrived in Auckland on sick leave.

Archdeacon Williams, of Hawke's Bay, is spending a few days in Auckland.

Mr. and Mrs. Eliot Davis have returned to Auckland after a trip to Australia.

Mr. F. B. Mansfield, Wellington, has been appointed secretary to the Palmerston North Hospital Board.

Messrs. H. Lightband, of Christchurch, G. Fenwick, of Dunedin, and H. Vavasour, of Marlborough, have returned to New Zealand from a visit to Australia.

Mr. H. Corry, general manager in Australia for the Cunard Line, arrived in Wellington last week.

Mr. Dan Riddiford, Wellington, brother of Messrs. V. and E. Riddiford, who has been an officer in the Grenadier Guards for about two years, has won the Military Cross.

Mr. E. W. White, M.A., LL.M., of Christchurch, son of Mr. J. White, headmaster of the Musselburgh School, Dunedin, has been appointed Registrar of the Courts at Apia.

Major D. J. Sweetzer, Infantry Instructor, Featherston Camp, has been appointed Camp Adjutant at Trentham in succession to Major F. H. Sampson, D.S.O., who is taking up instructional work.

A cable message to the Australian papers states that Alexander Boyd, an Australian and a petty officer in the Royal Naval Air Service, who was taken prisoner in September, has been sentenced to imprisonment for a year in Germany for referring to the Germans as Huns. Boyd's mother is endeavouring to obtain the cancellation of this unjust sentence. Boyd states that he used the words inadvertently, and he did not intend to insult his captors.

At the recent Nelson College sports A. Keath broke the college record by clearing 5ft. 6in. in the running high jump.

Boys are buying new bicycles because they are getting so much money, said a cycle dealer at Middlesex Sessions, complaining that there is no sale for second-hand machines.

Before he left for the front Lieut. A. R. Douglas, son of Mrs. Douglas, of Mount Royal Station, Christchurch, expressed a wish to his mother that if he should get knocked out in the war she should give £100 to Waitaki High School, where he was educated, the interest to form a prize for agriculture and wool classing. Since his death Mrs. Douglas has given £105 to the school as a memorial for her son, and the board intends with the money to institute annual prizes for wool classing and agriculture.

To the collection of Allied swords in the Tower of London, one from the Montenegrin Government has been added.

Far better to see things through, far better another year of war, if it must be, than to leave it to the baby in the cradle to do it over again, said the Bishop of London, preaching at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London.

Captain Owen R. Lloyd, Shropshire Light Infantry, who had been awarded the Military Cross, has died from wounds. His two brothers, both captains in the same regiment, have won the D.S.O. and M.C. respectively.

Of over 46,000 street accidents which occur every year in London, a great proportion are caused by people stepping off the near side of the footpath, said Mr. Blain, of the London Omnibus Company, at Blackpool. If the rule of the footpath were reversed, he believed three-quarters of the accidents might be avoided.

Of 14,450 Cambridge men on service, 1872 have fallen, 2622 are wounded and missing, 8 have won the V.C., 210 the D.S.O., and 729 the M.C.

Nine young women were at London Guildhall recently sworn in as special constables on the Great Eastern Railway.

Tallow candles, train oil lamps, and other means of lighting used in the far distant times of the past will perhaps become Denmark's only method of lighting in the near future, said the Danish Home Secretary.

Experiments are still being made in England with the object of finding effective body armour for troops. The difficulty, however, is to find armour which will stop high-velocity projectiles and at the same time is not burdensome to the wearer. In certain cases armour is worn by bombing parties, but its use is not general apparently even with them.

Mr. George Tansley, farmer, Wisbech, England, was recently fined £300 for having sold King Edward seed potatoes above the fixed maximum price. The excess profit on 12 transactions, it was stated in the police court, was £211. He pleaded ignorance of the fixed price.

Captain J. C. Foster, Lincoln Regiment, whose death in action is announced, is the third of three brothers to fall in successive Augusts, the first and second being killed in 1915 and 1916 respectively on their mother's birthday.

The Minister of Munitions has issued an order taking over the 1917 flax crop grown in the United Kingdom when harvested, and also all flax grown in the United Kingdom at any time which is not in the hands of a flax spinner for the purpose of his business, and of all other supplies, except Russian flax, in the United Kingdom. Maximum prices are fixed for the various grades.



LADIES' LONG DISTANCE SWIM IN ENGLAND.—THE FOUR COMPETITORS PHOTOGRAPHED SOON AFTER THE START. Four lady competitors started in the long distance swim, starting from Greenwich Hospital to Richmond Lock, the distance being 20 miles. The contestants failed to complete the course, the race being declared void. Miss Eileen Lee and Miss Gant swam the greater part of the distance.

Twenty thousand women clerks are employed on British railways.

Captain A. H. Thorpe, harbourmaster at Lyttelton, and Miss Thorpe, his daughter, have returned home after a trip to Australia.

Mrs. Field, of Baldock (Herts, Eng.), has had her baby girl christened Vimy in memory of her husband's death in action at Vimy Ridge.

Lieut. Gilshan, of Palmerston North, who joined the Main Body and went away in the ranks of the Wellington Infantry Regiment, is returning to New Zealand on leave. He fought with his battalion on Gallipoli and subsequently took part in the fighting in France. For services in the field he was awarded the Military Medal. Latterly he has been at Oxford Training College following on promotion given him after the battle of Messines.

For refusing to permit an operation on his son, aged 10, without which there was danger to the boy's life, Edward Hayfield was at Bristol, Eng., recently sent to prison for three months.

When the cases of 900 clerks from the five leading Scottish banks appeared before the Edinburgh Recruiting Tribunal, the military representative said there were 931 men of military age in the Edinburgh banks on August 31 last. The tribunal decided to take 138 of the younger men, one-third at once, the second lot on November 1, and the remainder on December 1.

The "Wanganui Chronicle" tells how a mystery in connection with a missing £50 note was cleared up the other day. Nearly a year ago, the principal of a certain educational institution not one hundred miles from Wanganui had forwarded to him, under registered letter, a £50 note, and after the letter had been signed for by one of the attendants at the school it was placed in a letter-rack, whence it disappeared. The matter was reported to the police, and although enquiries were made there was no result, and as time went on the money was regarded as a dead loss. A fortnight ago some boys were bird-nesting near the school, when they discovered a small tin with a £50 note inside, and it was duly returned to the principal of the institution. It is surmised that one of the pupils stole the registered letter, and on finding a £50 note inside was frightened to endeavour to cash it, and therefore hid it in the spot where it was accidentally discovered.

A roach said to be the largest ever landed, weight 3lb. 10oz., length 19in., girth 14in., has been caught by Mr. W. Cutting, of Hull.

There are now 7000 soldiers in training or working for the 1918 agricultural programme to bring 3,000,000 more acres of land under cultivation in England. For training as traction drivers 500 have been supplied and 100 as drivers of steam ploughing or threshing tackle.

Dr. Addison, Minister of Reconstruction, distributing prizes at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, urged the fullest use of medical schools to make up for war wastage. The civil medical wastage, he said, was nearly 1000. The recruitment in 1918 would be barely 900, and in 1919, when war depletion would be most severely felt, only 500. He exhorted the students to avoid a narrow professionalism as they would the plague.

Some interesting facts regarding the early history of Turua, near Thames, were mentioned by Sir Joseph Ward when opening a post office at that township last week. He said that mention was made in Captain Cook's voyages of the great navigator having landed not far from Turua before the European colonisation of New Zealand. For many years after Turua was a native settlement of considerable importance. Some of the evidences of this, which were still to be seen, showed that considerable use was made of the land by the natives. Quite a number of old Maori implements had been found in recent years, and there were at least two tapu places where natives had been buried.

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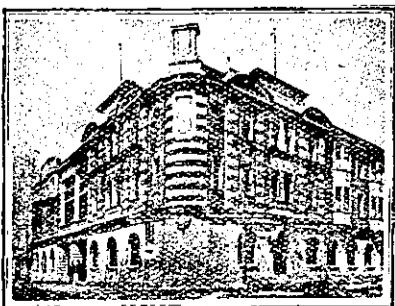
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German prisoners of war have been set to reconstruct and render navigable the old Basingstoke Canal, a valuable waterway for Aldershot Camp.

Mrs. A. Lucas, of Wellington, has been advised that her son, Private Martin Thomas Gould, 4th Light Horse Field Ambulance, Australian Imperial Force, has had the Gold Medal conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Serbia for conspicuous services in the field. In November, 1916, Private Gould, then in the 2nd Machine Gun Squadron, received the Military Medal for bravery in the field, and on December 1, 1916, was mentioned in despatches (General A. J. Murray's Egyptian command) for distinguished services.

The various Maori kaingas in the South Island raised over £259, by which effort they have been enabled to forward, through the Lady Liverpool and Mrs. Pomare's Maori Soldiers' Fund, not less than 8000 mutton birds as a gift to the Maori soldiers at the front and in hospital. The leaders in the movement were the Bluff natives, who, with Colac Bay's assistance, contributed £12 5s. in cash and donated 1000 of the mutton birds.



Gold cigar case, set in diamonds with Royal monogram in rubies, presented by His Majesty King George V. to Mr. Cyril Maude after a command performance of "Grumpy" at Balmoral Castle, September, 1913.

Second-Lieutenant L. C. Leggatt, an old Etonian footballer, who was recently killed in France, went into action wearing his college wall scarf round his neck because, he said just before the attack, "it had never seen anything but a crashing victory." He was the keeper at Eton of perhaps the strongest college wall side there has been.

Among new names given by the United States Navy to the seized German liners are: Vaterland (the biggest liner) to Leviathan; Kranprinzessin Cecilie to Mount Vernon; Kaiser Wilhelm II. to Agamemnon; Hamburg to Powhatan; Rhein to Susquehanna; the George Washington, President Grant, and President Lincoln will not be re-named.

While there has arisen something of a new understanding of the child, the records for 1916 still show a large amount of ill-health, of bodily impairment, and of physical and mental defect, says Sir George Newman, Medical Officer to the Board of Education, London, in his annual report. Of the six million school children, he says, many are too dull and backward to derive benefit from schooling. Upwards of one in ten are in the same position from uncleanness, and one in ten are malnourished. Probably not fewer than half the children are in need of dental treatment—one in twelve urgently so. One in twelve are also defective in eyesight, and more than one in twenty-four suffer from diseases of the ear, throat, and lymphatic glands. Then come skin diseases, disorders of the heart, infectious diseases, and tuberculosis.

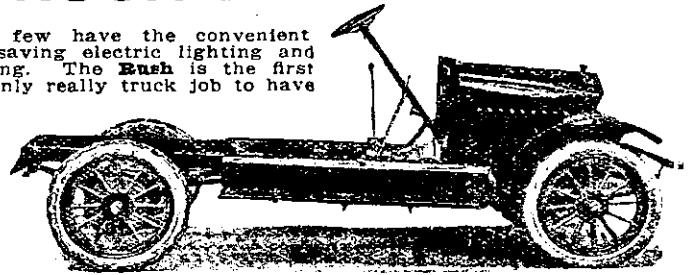
News has been received of the death at Parnham House, Beaumestri, England, of Mr. Edward Moorhouse, who was a well-known identity in New Zealand some years ago. The deceased, who had reached his 82nd year, arrived in New Zealand during the early days of the Canterbury settlement. Later he settled in the North Island, where he was part owner and manager of Owaoko and Muri-muto sheep sections, in the centre of the island. In 1883 he married the only daughter of the late Hon. W. B. Rhodes, of Wellington, and soon afterwards returned to England. His eldest son, who did grand work as an aviator in France, and was awarded the Victoria Cross, died of wounds. His other children are a son, who is in the Royal Artillery, and two daughters, one of whom is married to the only son of Bishop Ryle, Dean of Westminster. Mrs. Moorhouse survives him. Colonel W. H. S. Moorhouse, of Wellington, is a nephew of the deceased.

The completion of the Australian Trans-continental line brings Perth within four days of Sydney. As it is now only partly ballasted, the speed of the trains will be kept down to about 30 miles an hour, but when the ballasting is complete the average speed will be increased to 44 miles an hour, so that the time for the 1052 miles of the new line will be reduced to 24 hours, and the time from Melbourne to Perth is about 62 hours. A passenger leaving Sydney on Sunday night for Melbourne would catch the Adelaide express at 4.30 p.m. on Monday and reach Perth on Thursday. The first-class fare from Sydney to Perth is £12 4s. 6d., exclusive of sleeping berth charges, which will be 10s. a night first-class and 5s. a night second-class. Meals will be served at rates varying from 1s. 9d. to 4s. As an experiment there will be even bathrooms.

The week's guests at the Grosvenor Hotel, Timaru, included the following:—Mr. A. H. Miles, Captain L. Miles, Miss Miles, Miss Duthie, Mr. Shepley, Mr. L. D. Bamfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bruce, Mrs. H. L. Fox, Mr. W. Baird, Wellington; Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson, Invercargill; Mrs. B. L. Hodgson, Hapuka; Mr. W. Thomson, Mr. N. A. Nash, Mr. Elder, Mr. Ramsden, Mr. A. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Neill, Mr. D. V. Gain, Mr. E. W. Ackland, Mr. J. Stone, Mr. W. B. Penney, Master Neill, Mr. S. Sincok, Dunedin; Mr. H. P. Whinham, Dr. R. Chesson, Mr. A. Queree, Mr. R. Hamilton, Mr. J. F. Grierson, Mr. G. B. Cumming, Mr. H. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. McCullough, Mr. C. Boyes, Mr. A. Partridge, Mr. Gordon Snoad, Mr. S. T. Hinksman, Mr. R. King, Mr. E. Cross, Mr. R. Humphreys, Christchurch; Mr. F. G. Neill, Albury Park; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamilton, Miss Kitty Hamilton, Ashwick; Mr. and Mrs. J. de Winter, child and maid, Mr. W. de Winter, Cape-town; Mr. and Mrs. McMichan, Melbourne; Mr. and Mrs. H. Black, Kurow; Mr. John Ford, Foxdown; Mr. H. W. Airey, Auckland; Mr. A. Herzel, Sydney.

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As for the slang of soldiers, at its best it is on a far higher level than the slang of Cabinet Ministers. "Gene west" is a fine image for one who has died. Mr. Ward Muir tells us that it is also applied to things that have been broken. Thus, a broken jug has "gone west." This, however, is clearly a humorous extension of an image that is as beautiful as a legend. Admirable again is "to get the wind up," meaning "to feel afraid." In time, it may be, the phrase may be worn smooth of its image; in the meanwhile it pleases one like literature. Other phrases which Mr. Ward Muir quotes are: "Goes in off the deep end"—used of an officer or n.c.o. who administers a specially severe reproof—and "going to the pictures" as a euphemism for a soldier going under the surgeon's knife in the operating theatre. He also quotes a soldier whose "plates of meat" had got frost-bitten, and who afterwards said: "When I went sick the doctor thought he'd rumbled me swinging the lead. But as soon as he spotted them there toes of mine—the ones that is gone—I could see he knew I'd clicked a packet, square dinkum, this trip." "Square dinkum" is apparently the Australian for "sure enough." To "rumble" is to detect. To "swing the lead" is to malingering. And the meaning of "clicked a packet" is not difficult to guess at.

Before the New South Wales Registrar in Bankruptcy (says an Australian paper), Rudolpho Gonzalez, of the Italian Opera Company, was examined by the Official Assignee. Bankrupt stated that about a year and a-half ago he brought the company to Australia. The artists were engaged for his brother, Joseph Gonzalez, who was a resident of Sydney. Witness' salary was £12 a week, but it was lowered by £2 for the last three months of the season. He also received a seventh, amounting to about £1160, of the net profits. The profits made by bankrupt out of the company's tour were sent to Italy for the maintenance of his mother and her three sons. Continuing, bankrupt said that he had no means to pay the Supreme Court judgment which Innocenti Olinto, a member of the company, had obtained against him. He played cards a little, but did not lose much. His living expenses were about £7 or £8 a week. There were no losses on the Australian tour.

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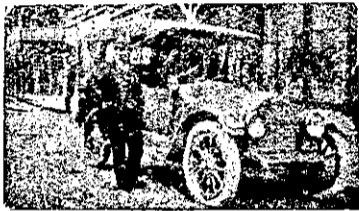
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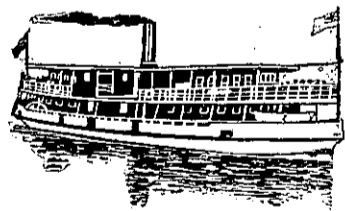
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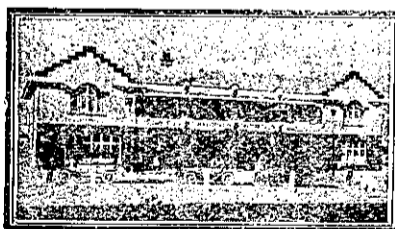
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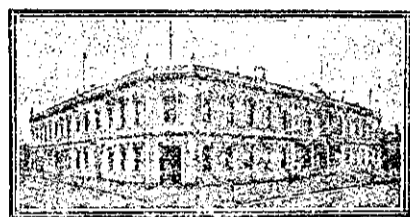
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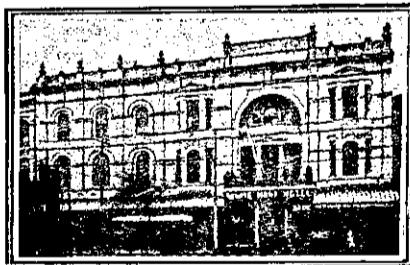
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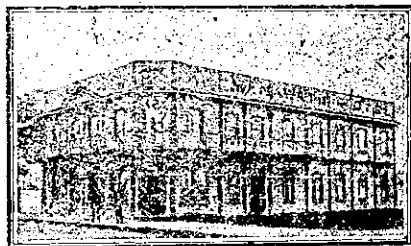
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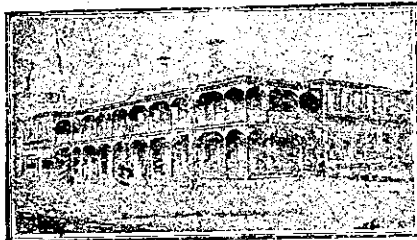
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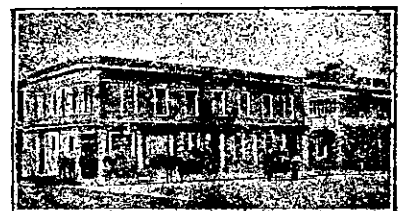
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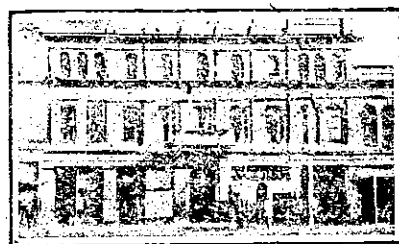
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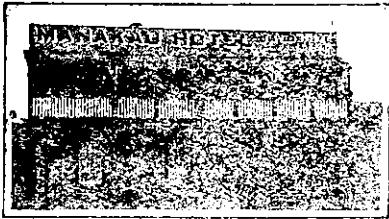
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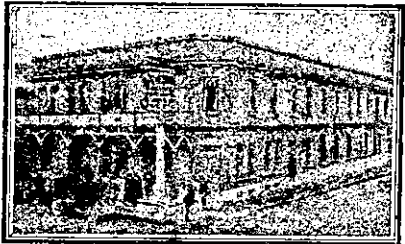
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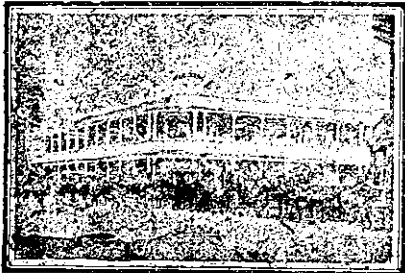
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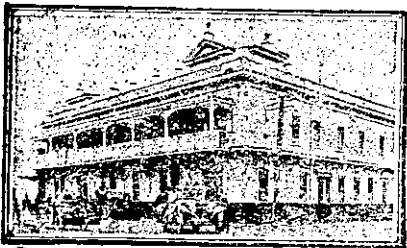
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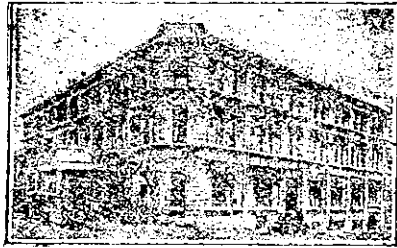
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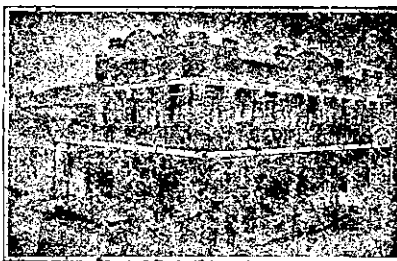
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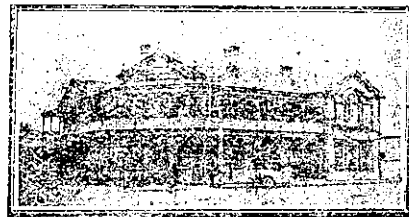


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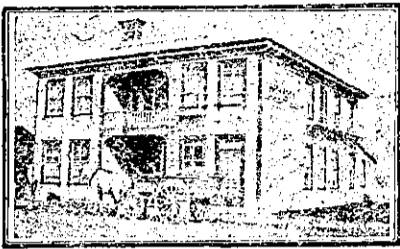
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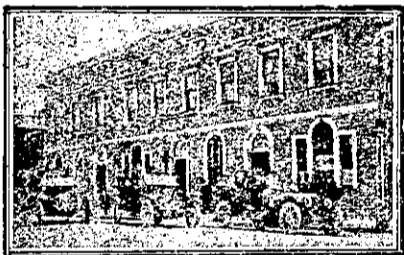
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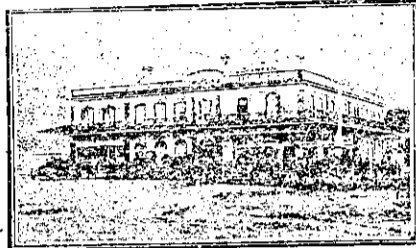
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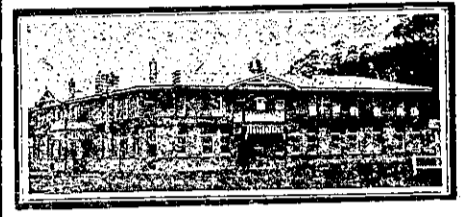
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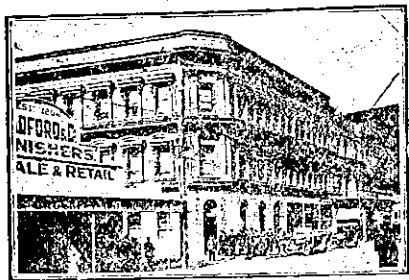
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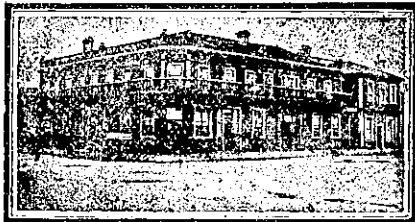
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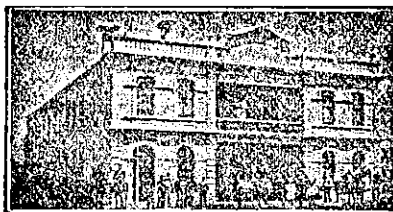
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