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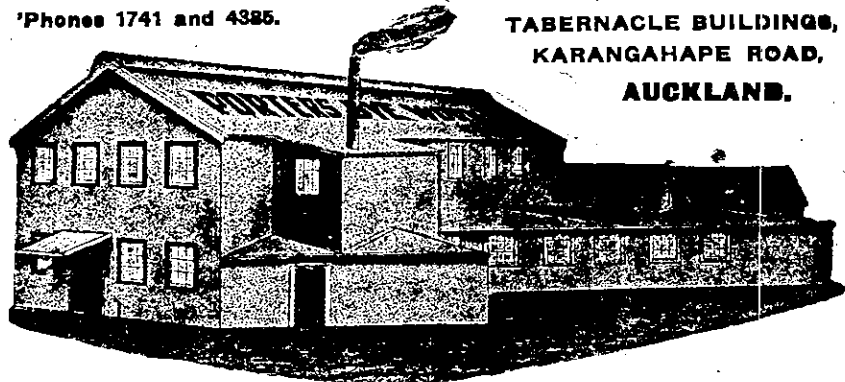
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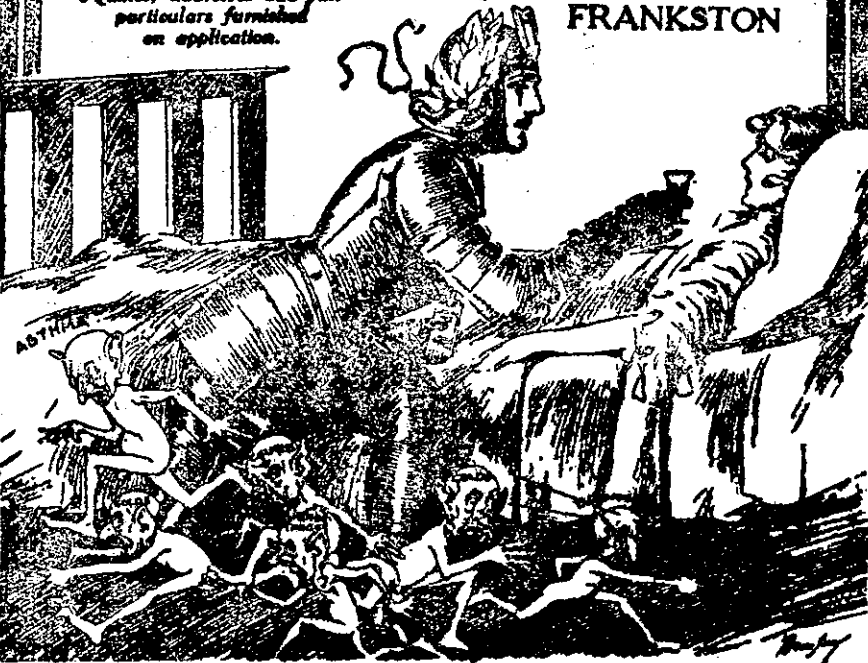
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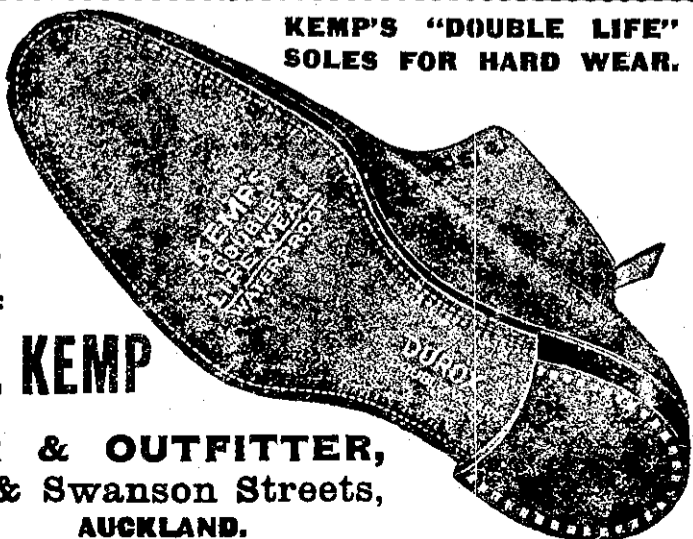
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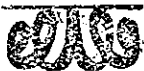
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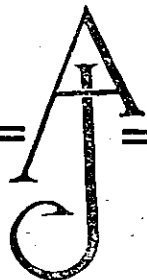
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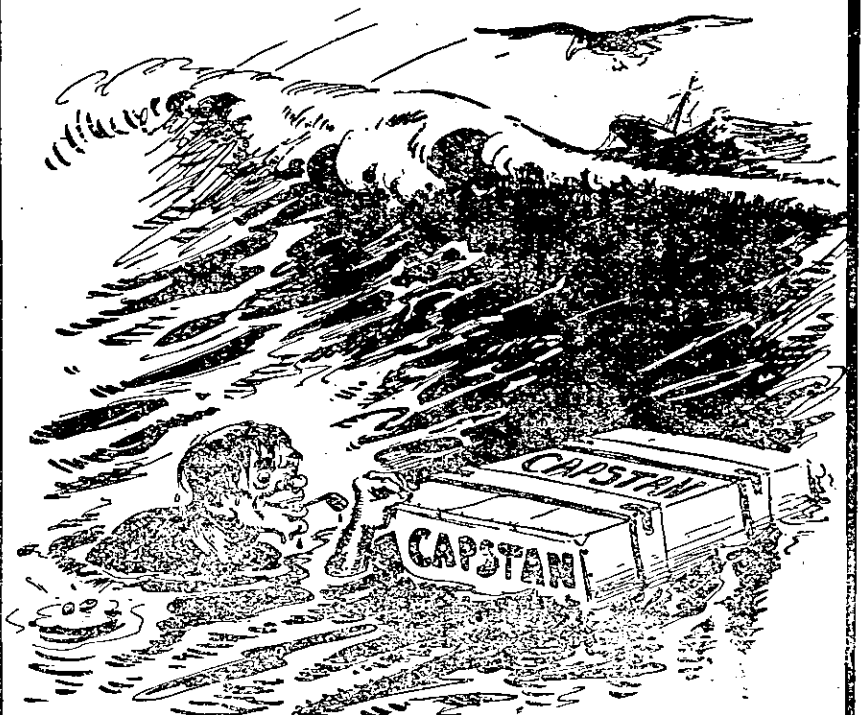
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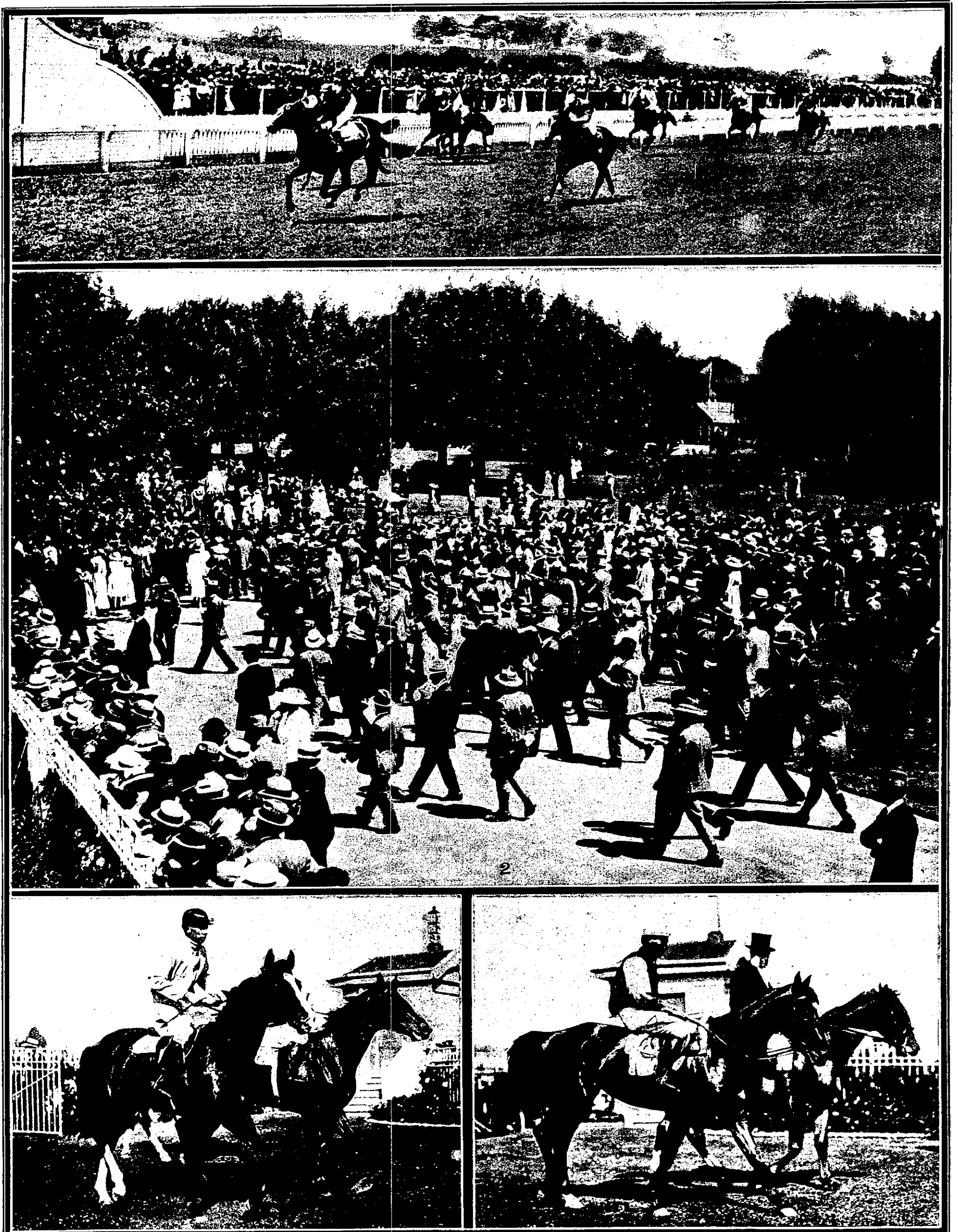
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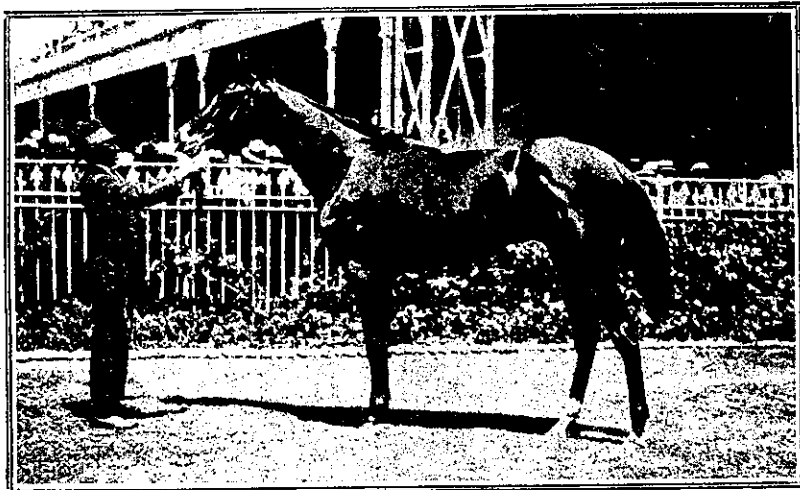
The luck of some racing clubs is proverbial. The Auckland Racing Club is one of the most fortunate in the matter of weather and in all other respects. No other club in the Dominion has such a charming domain and quite such all-round attractions. There is only one Ellerslie, and there the people from all parts of New Zealand and many from parts beyond who can afford or make it convenient to do so assemble when the big meeting of the year is on. They love Auckland most when the Christmas and New Year carnival is on, but they enjoy the meetings held at Ellerslie at any time of year. The meeting commenced on Boxing Day, 1917, despite all drawbacks to transit, could not have started under more favourable conditions. The whole countryside had received a refreshing rain shortly before the day, the weather on the day was perfect, and the programme of events carded for the afternoon was one of the best that a secretary of any New Zealand racing club has been able to present. The horses came from most provinces, the greater proportion were visitors from beyond the headquarters of racing in the North Island, and with one or two exceptions had raced at Ellerslie and elsewhere previously during the season, and most of them with distinction. They came mostly with the strongest of recommendations, and equally strong followings.

Canterbury, Wellington, Hawke's Bay, Taranaki, Poverty Bay—indeed, each sent horses along to the meeting, and strong contingents of men and money to follow the bent of their inclinations. It was quite expected that with the usual four days' racing compressed into three that investments per medium of the totalisator would be largely increased on Boxing Day as compared with the corresponding days of previous years, and so it proved. Investors planked their money down freely, until the total turnover for the day amounted to £80,985, a record for New Zealand. A record crowd was responsible for this. Their speculations were less heavy in proportion to their numbers than at other meetings held during the same period elsewhere. The larger the crowd the less money is gambled in proportion. People do not all go racing to worship at the shrine of King Totalisator, however, though the large majority like to have an interest. Between the little groups that make up a single ticket and the big betting owners, or speculators who do not own horses, but take a pleasure in dashing their money down on those of other people who do, the pools are made up. Their average was larger than ever before, but the sum put through on the Auckland Cup, the chief race of the day, fell just a little short of last year, when a record for New Zealand was reached—£13,315 was the total, and on the Railway Handicap £12,624. These are the pre-post betting events, and despite all legislative attempts to put down betting away from the race-course, it would be safe to say that the investments in different parts of New Zealand and in Auckland over these particular events right up to the day would amount to quite as much, if not more, than was handled on the long-distance event. Some people call this robbing the totalisator or robbing the clubs, but the clubs cannot be robbed of what does not belong to them, and it was quite clear that even with the very fine conveniences the Auckland R.C. have on their property, the most up-to-date totalisator, all the money that people desired to put on could not be taken in the time between the races. People will not invest on the day until they have seen the horses in the paddock or doing their preliminaries, or at least a large number will not do so, and thus a lot of money must go on during a few minutes.

The races were started punctually by Mr. O'Connor, and started well, and lots of money was shut out. More perhaps would have been invested, too, if the paying out could have been

done with as great expedition as the selling of tickets. The large business, however, was handled pretty well, but in this one particular there was room, and always appears to have been room, for improvement. Dividends, excepting in about three instances, were small, and the dead-heat in the Railway between King Lupin and Hymestra (who was coupled with Nanna) provided more tickets to be paid on than ever before. Larger dividends on fewer tickets, it goes without saying, make for greater expedition in the paying out. Mr. McManemin had the satisfaction of seeing good fields and some capital racing, and the Cup field was as representative of New Zealand as any one of its predecessors. Seven of the 17 runners had competed in the New Zealand Cup, including the first half-dozen in that race.

Taking the events in the order they came on the card will be perhaps as well. A nice field of fifteen went out for the Shortland Plate, and the best supported were the Hawke's Bay-owned Silver Tongue and the Palmerston North representative Glendower, but the Takapuna-owned three-year-old, the imported Australian-bred Lord Kenilworth, who had the pace and the luck to get a clear run from a splendid start, never gave anything else a look in and won from end to end, and the other pair, each of which were hampered during running—and along the back Glendower was last but one—were close together, second and third, Lough Ennell, who ran second for some distance, Don't and British Arch coming at short intervals.



THE 1917 GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES WINNER—Mr. H. E. Troutbeck's b g DEMAGOGUE, 2yrs., by Demosthenes—Gold Bond.

The Great Northern Foal Stakes rarely attracts as many runners. Of the ten that lined up, Mr. T. H. Lowry's pair, Finmark and Kilhope, commanded most attention, but Bo-peep and Demagogue, previous winners, also were each heavily supported, and then came Informal, the Auckland representative, whose stock had fallen notwithstanding that he had accounted for all the same lot before with the exception of Kilhope, who he had not met, and Spanner, who was making his first appearance in public. Of the lot he looked on the too robust side. Shortly told, from a good start Pontoon made the running and was joined in the straight by Demagogue, who he bored over towards the stand rails inside the last furlong, but who, escaping more serious inconvenience, was able to go on and win by a length and a-half. Pontoon's serpentine action let Finmark get into second place, and Kilhope, running true, was fourth, and he was perhaps the best colt engaged. Spanner, however, for another green one, ran well for a first start. Informal died to nothing and Bo-peep never showed up, and Shining Light beat both. Two-year-old form is still hard to gauge. The best will be seen later on perhaps. This can be said without detracting from Demagogue's merits. He is a neat, nice gelding son of Demosthenes, who is a distinct success in getting early speed.

There were eighteen runners for the Robinson Handicap, the erratic Empire, who again gave trouble at the post, being made favourite. Pate-tonga, whose owner had been reluctant to do much fast work with him because of his bleeding habit, jumped out and led the field from a good start and continued in front for six furlongs, when Fabrique, Bellacity, Blue Cross and Kereone were all up with him, and they finished well together, three-parts of a length divid-

ing the first-named pair. Fabrique was nearly as good a favourite as Empire, who faded out after failing to get quite into the fighting line.

Much has been written about the Cup horses. It was a racer for backers of favourites, and their running looked too bad to be true and was certainly not like the form of good horses that had so recently been seen to so much greater advantage. Johnny Walker, coupled with Menelaus, was really the favourite, and the pair, which finished nose and nose for the New Zealand Cup, carried double the amount invested on Toatere, who was voted unlucky to lose the Auckland City Handicap at the A.R.C. spring meeting. Snub, who was third in the New Zealand Cup, was third favourite, and a fair amount of support came for the English-bred Cynic, but anything after the first four named would have paid a good dividend. About the condition of the horses it can be said that they nearly all looked well. Seadown seemed to have lightened up rather quickly since his arrival, and Multifual sweated a bit more than some of the others. Sir Ralph and Gold Fran each looked more robust than some of the competitors. Racing had given to the majority a seasoned appearance. The story of the race need not be a long one. It can be described in a very few words. Mullingar was the first and Red Ribbon the last to jump away from a good send-off. Fiery Cross took charge after going about three furlongs, and Red Ribbon followed him, and that was how the race was run from end to end. The chestnut son of Glenapp and Red Cross had all the brilliancy and bowled along passing the people's stand the first time, with Red Ribbon, Mullingar and Adjutant as his nearest attendants. The last-named, on the rails, receiving a bump through

Fiery Cross' dam (Red Cross) as well, she being by Son of a Gun, the Auckland-bred New Zealand Cup winner, who was got by Anteros from the Musket mare Vivandiere. Glenapp was got by Enthusiast, son of Ayrshire, blood which has been very prominent this season in leading winners, Biplane and Cagou being notable instances of many. Fiery Cross is a chestnut, some call him a soft looking one, but he is anything but that and the result proclaims him what few thought him—a genuine stayer. He is more than that, too, in short, he is probably the best handicap horse under weight over a long distance in New Zealand to-day, this remembering that Chortle is still racing, for the last-named is not raced beyond a mile and a-quarter in these days, and Desert Gold is not taking on handicap events. Mr. Roberts talks of giving Fiery Cross a spell, but we hope he will keep him going to the end of the season and let him have a race with the best that can be brought against him at Easter or in April at Wellington.

The Grafton Hurdle Race saw Sir Solo, the Auckland Cup winner of 1913, in good form, and he beat the useful but unlucky Fisher, who ran a good race and justified the support accorded him. Sir Solo is far from a spent light, and seems very sound. Gluetanus is doing better as he gets age, and he finished third. Dan-castor fell and Tatimi broke down.

The Railway Handicap was remarkable for several things. Mr. H. E. Troutbeck started three (Form Up, Simonides and Elocution) and Mr. W. R. Kemball a brace (Hymestra and Nanna) and the field numbered 15 and resulted in a dead-heat between the three-year-old Hymestra and the ever-green seven-year-old horse King Lupin, who won the race as a three-year-old in 1min 13 1-5sec (record time for the event) and had run unplaced in it twice since. He was in great form and when he swept down on Hymestra, who was leading and appeared to have the race won all the way, J. O'Shea had to get busy, and though King Lupin actually headed the colt he responded again, indeed, both did, and they crossed the line locked together. King Lupin had put up two track gallops on the eve of the meeting which brought him into prominence. On the other hand, Hymestra had failed to show a really impressive gallop in private and lots of people were declaring that it would be useless starting him. Nanna was the one that was being backed. She had galloped brilliantly, but yet when it came to racing for keeps there was no cheating on Hymestra's part, and likely the gallop would do him a lot of good, as he had loafed a lot in his work. It was a fine race and Nanna was third, and there is no need to say anything about the others, of whom Gazique ran best, Waiuta, Housewife and Croesus (who is sore) being next. The time was the second best ever done in the race and the best under the weight. King Lupin is a fine horse of very true conformation, but is not a big one and 8.12 is a fair weight for him. Hymestra is also a fine colt. Though he has not grown since he was two years old he seems very solid now and he ran game enough to please. We are never over sanguine about the staying qualities of the Birkenhead horses. His dam is by that horse, but there is a double cross of Musket at the back and that means fighting. Hymettus has not left one so good as this colt. The Waikato-bred one (King Lupin), who, like Fiery Cross, was got by a sire imported by the New Zealand Government, it should be mentioned was handicapped to receive liberal allowances from Form Up and Croesus, who were expected to fight their Stewards' Handicap battle over again. The honours of the race were, of course, with Hymestra, who was carrying 2lb over his w.f.a., while King Lupin had 3lb under his. A number of the horses put up over-weight. Gazique had 1lb, Housewife 5lb, Lady Jack 8lb, Waiuta 11lb and Keep Watch 9lb. There was great enthusiasm at the result.

The Nursery Handicap saw Sir George Clifford's colours carried to victory by a useful colt in Long Range, by Antagonist from Telescope, who started a little better favourite than Killowen, who made the running for four furlongs and then collapsed like a pricked balloon, being passed by First Rain (a nice gelding), the winner (Long Range), Piraeus and Principal Lady in the last furlong.

The business of the day ended up with a fourteen-horse field in the Christmas Handicap. Tinopai and Gamecock ended up the best supported, and then came Hendra and Colonel Soult. Lightning led, but Colonel

others that were well bunched on the outside closing in and lost his rider (F. E. Jones), who had a very narrow escape when he struck the rail and rolled under it. Fiery Cross drew out along the back, but Red Ribbon went after him over the rise at the five furlong post. Then he drew away again, and once more Red Ribbon closed up, only to be shaken off again, and at the distance she made a final effort and just for a few strides it looked as if Fiery Cross was being ridden a little. At this stage Multiply and Cynic headed Mullingar and got close up behind Fiery Cross and Red Ribbon, while Tekka (on the rails) made a good finishing effort, but it was of no avail. Fiery Cross had got them all beaten trying to catch him, and he won comfortably by three-parts of a length, and Red Ribbon still had enough left in her to beat Multiply by half a length, and then came Cynic (a bit further out) and Tekka (next the rails), almost on terms, followed at a couple of lengths' interval by Mullingar, while Rebel was still further back, and then came Multifual and the others well strung out. The pace was on all the way pretty solid and the race was run in record time. The following times were struck by Mr. J. K. Douglas:—One furlong 14sec, two furlongs 26sec, three furlongs 38 2-5sec, four furlongs 51sec, seven furlongs 1min 30 3-5sec, mile 1min 43 2-5sec, nine furlongs 1min 58sec, mile and a-quarter 2min 10sec, mile and three furlongs 2min 23sec, mile and a-half 2min 35sec, and the two miles 3min 25 4-5sec. The last mile and half mile were the fastest, and the improved bend into the straight—which had to be traversed twice—will easily account for the race being a record one. We were sure of fresh track records being made and prepared our readers for this. The winner was bred by Mr. D. H. Roberts, a well-known breeder and owner, who owned the sire and bred

Soult had reached the front in the straight and was looking like a winner at the distance. There Polydamon came from behind and won in good style by a length and a-quarter from the "Colonel," Lightning being handy in third place, with Meltchikoff fourth. Polydamon, the English-bred horse, imported in July, is a rare fine stamp and he returned his supporters a nice dividend.

The results were:—

SHORTLAND PLATE of 300sovs; second 50sovs, third 25sovs. One mile.

- 4—E. W. Allison's ch c Lord Kenilworth, 3yrs, by Kenilworth—Yandangarag, 7.7 (G. Clarke) 1
1—H. E. Troutbeck's b g Silver Tongue, 3yrs, 7.4 (Emerson) 2
2—D. H. Roberts' b g Glendower, 4yrs, 7.13 (A. Reed) 3

Also started: 6 British Arch 7.13 (J. Buchanan), 7 Grand Duchy 7.13 (J. O'Shea), 13 Ma Copper 7.13 (C. Reed), 10 Pierrot 7.13 (W. Ryan), 8 Silts 7.13 (McFlinn), 3 Don't 8.0, inc. 3lb over (H. Robinson), 9 Meltonio 7.7 (Rowe), 12 Demotic 7.4 (Ferguson), 5 Lough Ennell 7.4 (Conquest), 11 Tama-te-Kapu 7.6, inc. 2lb over (Mullins), 14 Actrice 7.5, inc. 3lb over (R. Reed), 15 Runaway 7.2 (Williams).

Lord Kenilworth led all the way from a good start and won by a length and a-quarter from Silver Tongue, who was a neck in front of Glendower. Lough Ennell was fourth, followed by Don't and British Arch. Time, 1min 39 4-5sec.

GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES of 1000sovs; first 600sovs, second 200sovs, and third 100sovs; breeder of winner 100sovs. For two-year-olds. Six furlongs.

- 3—H. E. Troutbeck's b g Demagogue, by Demosthenes—Gold Bound, 8.7 (Gray) 1
1—T. H. Lowy's ch c Finmark, by Finland—War Scare, 8.10 (C. Emerson) 2
5—E. J. Watt's blk c Pontoon, 8.10 (R. Reed) 3

Also started: 1 Killhope 8.10 (O'Shea), 7 Spanner 8.10 (Buchanan), 9 Aircraft 8.7 (Conquest), 4 Informal 8.7 (Deeley), 6 Shining Light 8.7 (McFlinn), 2 Bo-peep 8.5 (A. Reed), 8 Demoiselle 8.5 (F. E. Jones).

Killhope and Finmark were bracketed. Pontoon led from an even despatch, and when joined by Demagogue below the distance bored right out, taking that gelding with him. Demagogue got clear and won by a length and a-half, Finmark getting up second in the last 50 yards, with Killhope fourth, and Spanner fifth. Time, 1min 14 4-5sec.

ROBINSON HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 35sovs, third 15sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 2—Mr. Brentnall's b m Fabriquette, 5yrs, by Vasco—Pabia, 8.8 (Gray) 1
7—W. C. Motion's b m Bellacity, 4yrs, 8.6 (J. Campbell) 2
12—W. Colebourne's br g Blue Cross, 4yrs, 7.0 (M. O'Shea) 3

Also started: 4 Kereone 8.11 (Robinson), 8 Patetonga 8.6 (Conquest), 11 Mossman 8.3 (A. McFlinn), 16 Chiblain 8.0 (W. Ryan), 9 Multive 8.0 (Sinclair), 10 Penniless 8.0 (Clarke), 1 Empire 7.13 (J. O'Shea), 6 Garryowen 7.9 (R. Reed), 3 Independence 7.7, inc. 2lb over (A. Reed), 14 Jocular 7.3 (Metcalf), 5 Bowler 7.9, inc. 7lb over (Deeley), 13 Rock Diamond 6.10 (Hockley), 15 Carmen Sylva 6.10 (Ferguson), 17 Backfire 6.12 (C. Reed), 18 Danseuse 6.10 (Burgess).

Empire, the favourite, gave trouble at the post, but at last a good start was obtained. Patetonga led to the distance and then Fabriquette and Bellacity came, the first-named winning by three-quarters of a length, with Blue Cross half a length away third, Kereone and Patetonga next. Time, 1min 28 2-5sec.

AUCKLAND CUP HANDICAP of 2650sovs (a cup value 150sovs and 2500sovs in specie); second 500sovs, third 200sovs. Two miles.

- 10—D. H. Roberts' ch g Fiery Cross, 5yrs, by Glenapp—Red Cross, 8.8 (J. Campbell) 1
6—F. Dorset's ch m Red Ribbon, 5yrs, by Elevation—Blue Ribbon, 7.3, inc. 1lb over (Conquest) 2
13—T. E. Welch's b g Multiply, aged, by Multifid—Lady Augusta, 7.3, inc. 1lb over (Clarke) 3

Also started: 1 Menelaus 8.12 (Robinson) bracketed with Johnny Walker 7.9 (Deeley), 2 Toa Tere 8.8 (Gray), 12 Teku 8.5 (Emerson), 11 Adjutant 8.5 (F. E. Jones), 3 Snub 8.5 (Buchanan), 14 Multifid 8.2 (J. O'Shea), 7 Mullingar 8.1 (Goldfinch), 8 Seadown 7.10 (A. Reed), 9 Paraoa 7.4 (C. Reed), 5 Rebel 7.0, inc. 3lb over (Rennie), 15 Sir Ralph 6.10 (Ferguson), 4 Cynic 7.5, inc. 10lb over (R. Reed), 16 Gold Fran 6.7 (M. O'Shea).

Mullingar was the first to show in front, but Adjutant and Fiery Cross soon struck the front, and after going three furlongs the last-named was leading and stayed there passing the stand, where Adjutant, who was then about fourth, lost his rider through getting squeezed on the rails. Fiery Cross and Red Ribbon went on in the lead and there they remained, Fiery Cross winning after repeatedly responding when Red Ribbon failed to catch him by three-parts of a length, and the last-named stayed on and beat Multiply, who finished well, by half a length, with Cynic about the same distance away fourth. Teku, Mullingar, Rebel, Multifid, Johnny Walker, Snub, Menelaus, Gold Fran, Toa Tere and Seadown being the order of the others. Time, 2min 25 4-5sec—a course record.

GRAFTON HURDLE RACE of 350sovs; second 70sovs, third 30sovs. Two miles.

- 2—W. Garrett's b g Sir Solo, aged, by Sir Laddo—Wepener, 10.11 (Thompson) 1
1—Nicholson Bros' blk g Fisher, aged, 10.4 (McFlinn) 2
6—D. Twohill's br g Gluetanus, aged, 9.13 (Stan. Reid) 3

Also started: 8 Marconi 10.13 (Hasted), 3 Tatini 10.13 (Flynn), 4 Te Ona 10.7 (Deerey), 5 Tenacious 10.4 (E. Rae), 7 Crispeen 10.0, inc. 5lb over (Mr. Kendall), 9 The Channel 9.0 (Wood), 11 The Celt 9.0 (Anderton), 10 Dancastor 9.0 (Coleman).

Won by a length, two lengths between second and third, next coming Tenacious and Marconi, who ran well for a mile

and a-half, and then Crispeen, who tired to nothing after leading, followed by The Channel for a mile and a-quarter. Dancastor fell at the first fence and Tatini pulled up lame. Time, 3min 45 sec.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 1000sovs; second 200sovs, third 100sovs. Six furlongs.

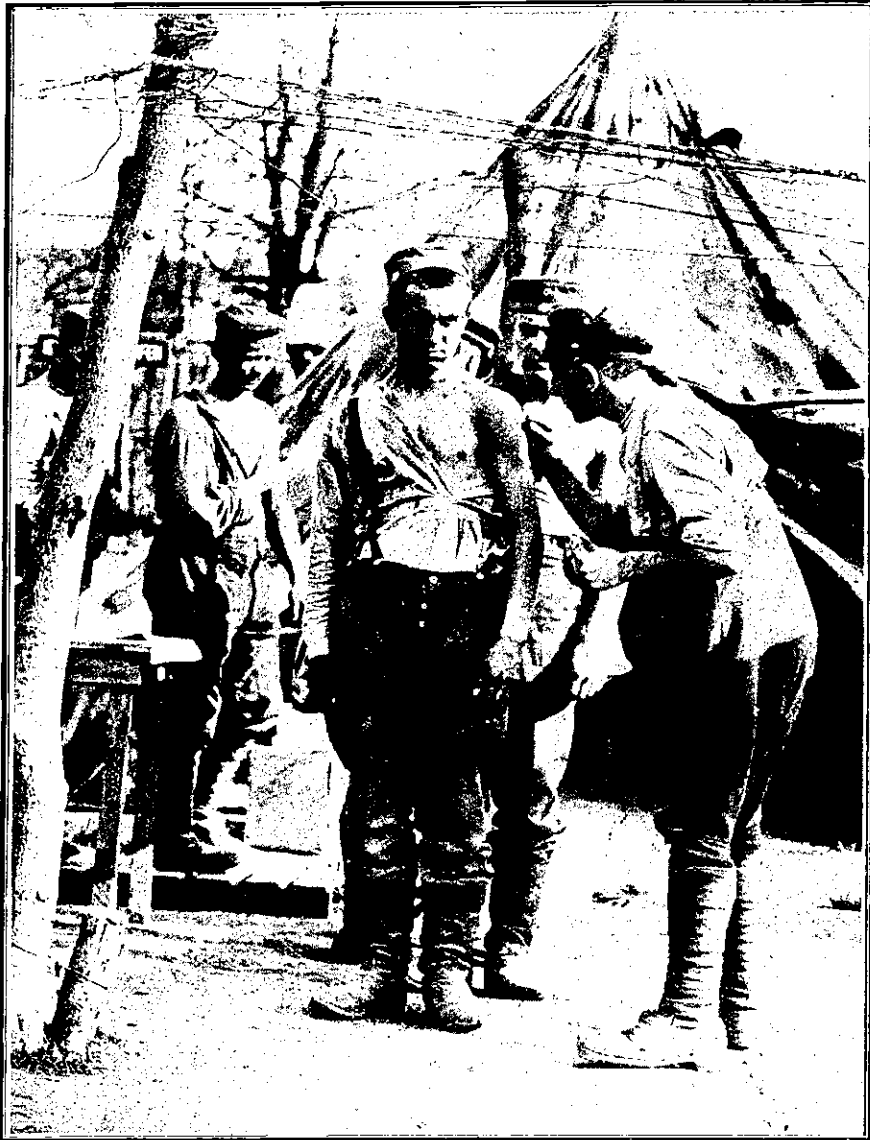
- 1—W. R. Kemball's ch c Hymestra, 3yrs, by Hymettus—Straga, 8.6 (J. O'Shea) 1
2—R. Hannon's ch h King Lupin, aged, by Lupin—St Crispin mare, 8.12 (Robinson) 2
1—W. R. Kemball's br f Nanna, 3yrs, by Martian—Nantes, 7.5, inc. 2lb over (Emerson) 3

Also started: 3 Form Up 9.7 (Sid. Reid), 3 Simonides 8.0 (Gray), 3 Elocution 7.9 (Deeley), 4 Croesus 9.4 (J. Campbell), 8 Gazique 7.13, inc. 1lb over (McFlinn), 7 Wrestler 7.10 (A. Reed), 5 Hopfield 7.10 (Buchanan), 6 Housewife 7.5, inc. 5lb over (R. Reed), 10 Lady Jack 7.4, inc. 8lb over (Conquest), 9 Waitata 7.4, inc. 11lb over (Clarke), 12 All Talk 6.7 (Ferguson), 11 Keep Watch 7.2, inc. 9lb over (Mullins).

Nanna and Hymestra and Form Up, Simonides and Elocution were bracketed. Hymestra, Nanna and King Lupin led, the first-named after passing the five furlong post being clear of his stable mate and was in front till well up to the distance. Then King Lupin came with a run and just headed him near the stands, but the colt responded in time to get up and make a dead heat. Nanna was two lengths and a-half away third, followed by Gazique, Waitata and Housewife handy. Time, 1min 13 2-5sec.

NURSEY HANDICAP of 350sovs; second 70sovs, third 30sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

- 1—Sir G. Clifford's b c Long Range, by Antagonist—Telescope, 7.8, inc. 3lb over (Deeley) 1



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- 3—E. J. Watt's b g First Rain, 7.10, inc. 3lb over (Gray) 2
5—H. E. Troutbeck's br f Piraeus, 7.8, inc. 1lb over (A. Reed) 3

Also started: 8 Kilbeggan 8.1 (Conquest), 4 Cherry Mart 8.1 (Clarke), 7 Comedy Prince 7.10 (Rowe), 2 Killowen 7.10 (J. O'Shea), 9 Taiama 7.8 (Buchanan) and Bonanza 7.5 (R. Reed) bracketed, 6 Canzonet 7.9, inc. 2lb over (Goldfinch), 12 Ko Iwi 7.5 (Ferguson), 13 Ruatara 7.5 (Mullins), 14 Sugarworks 7.4 (Williams), 11 Wish Wynne 7.7, inc. 7lb over (Sinclair), 10 Principal Lady 6.10 (M. O'Shea), 15 Mary Bruce 6.10 (C. Reed).

Cherry Mart and Killowen led in turn, but at the distance Red Rain and Long Range came on, and the last-named won by a length and a-half, Red Rain beating Piraeus a head. Principal Lady was fourth. Time, 1min 2sec.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 350sovs; second 70sovs, third 30sovs. One mile.

- 5—J. N. Heslop's ch h Polydamon, 5yrs, by Polymelus—Damia, 7.11 (W. Ryan) 1
4—J. C. and P. S. Gleeson's br g Colonel Soult, aged, 8.7 (Reed) 2
8—J. C. Lambess' br m Lightning, 5yrs, 7.6 (Goldfinch) 3

Also started: 1 Tinopal 7.12 (Robinson), 11 Royal Irish 7.11 (J. O'Shea), 3 Hendra 7.6 (Gray), 9 Fionuala 7.9 (Emerson), 10 Bingham 7.5 (Sinclair), 2 Gamecock 7.5 (Clarke), 7 Jack Delaval 7.5 (Conquest), 14 Te Papapa 7.4 (Buchanan), 6 Meltchikoff 7.4 (R. Reed), 13 Pendoon 7.0 (M. O'Shea), 12 Rockfield 6.7 (Ferguson).

Lightning was first to draw out and Polydamon slowest to begin from a good start. Colonel Soult drew to the front in the straight, and Polydamon

coming strongly cut him down and won by a length and a-quarter, with Lightning a length further back. Meltchikoff was fourth and Fionuala fifth. Time, 1min 39 2-5sec.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

CHRISTMAS MEETING.

ALTERATION WINS THE HANDICAP.

(From Our Travelling Correspondent.)

NEW PLYMOUTH, Wednesday.

Sporting enthusiasts foregathered here from all parts of the country today, the occasion being the Christmas gathering of the Taranaki Jockey Club, a fixture that is always looked forward to with a high degree of pleasure by racegoers. The weather was all that could be desired, the conditions being perfect, and consequently racing was conducted under very pleasant conditions.

The racing was very interesting throughout, but numerous scratchings in a couple of races reduced the events to a one-dividend field. Nevertheless, the investments on the machine were very considerable, the staff having plenty to engage their attention.

The racing throughout does not call for special mention, the various events

The meeting was splendidly managed by the capable secretary, Mr. E. P. Webster, to whom visitors were under a debt of gratitude for his hospitality and attention to them during their visit to New Plymouth.

People came well provided with the sinews of war, for at the close of the day it was ascertained that £24,112 10s. had found its way through the totalisator, compared with £19,747 handed on the corresponding day last year.

The results were:—

HUATOKI PLATE of 135sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 2—W. Coffey's br g Melita, 5yrs, by St. Paul—Foulshot mare, 8.13 (C. Brown) 1
1—McDonald Bros' blk g Trombone, 5yrs, 8.13 (K. McDonnell) 2
4—M. Roberts' b g Trench Wheel, 5yrs, 8.13 (S. Henderson) 3

Also started: 13 Whakamoia 8.13 (Stockman), 10 Paul Moore 8.13 (W. Ayres), 8 Poka 8.13 (J. Cathro), 16 Royal Divorce 8.13 (B. Clark), 9 Key 8.13 (R. Gilbert), 5 Tiranga 8.11 (L. Nodder), 12 Reopal 8.11 (A. Ward), 17 Espionage 8.11 (E. Croot), 6 Shandon Bells 8.11 (E. Copestake), 11 Genskus 8.9 (O. McCarten), 7 Golden Nugget 8.2 (H. Johns), 12 Perfect Day 7.13 (K. Lambess), 14 Cymro 7.13 (R. Brown), 3 Lady Mylechrest 7.11 (McMillan).

Won by half a length, a length between second and third. Paul Moore was close up fourth, with the rest tailed off. Time, 1min 32sec.

STEWARDS' HACK HANDICAP of 160sovs. Six furlongs.

- 2—P. Johnson's b m Movement, 6yrs, by Advance—Officer mare, 8.4 (K. McDonnell) 1
1—F. Selwood's b g Volo, 4yrs, 8.6 (L. Nodder) 2

Also started: 4 White Ranger 7.11 (O. McCarten), 5 Royal Park 7.2 (C. Brown), 6 Self Alliance 7.0 (R. Murphy), 7 Warmth 7.0 (R. Olive).

Won easily by three-parts of a length, a length between second and third. White Ranger was fourth. Time, 1min 15sec.

RAHOTU HACK HURDLES HANDICAP of 175sovs. One mile and a-half and 100 yards.

- 3—S. Sale's br g Collector, aged, by Conqueror—Grecian Maid, 10.8 (K. Lambess) 1
1—M. Franklin's ch m Veto, 6yrs, by Coronet—St. Clements mare, 9.12 (H. Burt) 2
5—L. Pepperill's b g Otter, aged, 10.1 (E. Cleaver) 3

Also started: 4 Zetes 10.10 (Henderson), 2 Simple Sam 9.13 (A. Ward), 7 Crdon 9.0 (R. Gilbert), 6 Silver Line 9.0 (J. Myles), 8 Polthogue 9.0 (Croot), 9 Speedwell Mac 9.0 (D. Stockman). Dead heat, a length between second and third. Time, 2min 54 2-5sec.

BOROUGH HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs. Five furlongs.

- 4—C. Elmer's b m Pergola, 6yrs, by Marble Arch—Callor Ou, 8.2 (L. Nodder) 1
3—E. George's b m Madam Ristori, 5yrs, 9.7 (McMillan) 2
2—G. Larcom's br g Royal Chef, 6yrs, 8.10 (K. Lambess) 3

Also started: 7 Munition 8.0 (Brown), 5 Rawakore 7.11, 1lb over (Henderson), 6 King Shimose 7.13 1/2, inc. 7 1/2 lb over (O. McCarten), 1 Piano 7.6 (K. McDonnell), 10 Awarua 7.11 1/2, inc. 11 1/2 lb over (J. Cathro), 11 Anserine 7.3 1/2, inc. 3 1/2 lb over (R. Olive), 9 Huza 7.0, less 5lb allow. (F. Cook), 8 Red Line 7.5 1/2, inc. 5 1/2 lb over (C. Brown).

Won nicely by a length, same distance between second and third. Rawakore was fourth, with the rest beaten off. Time, 1min 3sec.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP (Open) of 250sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 1—J. George's b c Alteration, 4yrs, by Elevation—Eduam, 8.0 (S. Henderson) 1
4—P. Coffey's b m Lady Beaufort, 3yrs, 7.12 (C. Brown) 2
2—H. J. Bowman's gr g White Blaze, aged, 8.12 (O. McCarten) 3

Also started: 3 Crawford 8.7 (L. Nodder). Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 2min 13sec.

LEPPERON WELTER HACK HANDICAP of 135sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 1—F. Selwood's br g Dingle, 5yrs, by Husbandman—Rangipuhi mare, 10.13 (O. McCarten) 1
2—J. Kovluski's b g Clavis, 6yrs, 9.2 (R. E. Brown) 2
3—E. J. Fearon's ch m Gipsy Gem, 5yrs, 9.2 (L. Nodder) 3

Also started: 4 Decside 10.2 (Cochrane), 5 Winning Shot 9.2 (Lambess). Won easily in a canter by three lengths, two lengths between second and third. Winning Shot was a close fourth. Time, 1min 32sec.

TIKORANGI HACK STAKES of 125sovs. Five furlongs.

- 1—J. Casserley's b g Revocation, 6yrs, by Cheshire—Applause, 9.0 (L. Nodder) 1
2—E. George's b m Madam Ristori, 5yrs, 9.0 (McMillan) 2
5—A. Alexander's br f Silver Link, 2yrs, 8.0 (C. Brown) 3

Also started: 3 Munition 9.0 (Ward), 11 Guanform 8.0 (R. Brown), 10 Rifle Fire 8.0 (R. Olive), 9 Kaimanawanui 8.0 (H. Johns), 6 Nemaline 8.0 (O. McCarten), 8 Miss Ora 8.0 (Henderson), 4 Piano 8.0 (K. McDonnell), 7 Hushlad 8.0 (R. Murphy). Won a splendid race by a bare half length, a length between second and third. Piano was close up fourth. Time, 1min 2 2-5sec.

FLYING HANDICAP (Open) of 175sovs. Six furlongs.

- 2—H. Spratt's b m Inah, 4yrs, by Coronet—Inaha, 8.0 (L. Nodder) 1
6—W. Brown's b g Starengo, 6yrs, 7.8, inc. 1lb over (R. Brown) 2
4—J. George's b c Alteration, 4yrs, 6.13, inc. 6lb pen. (Ayres) 3

Also started: 1 Hushman 8.6 (O. McCarten), 3 King Chiara 8.4 (K. McDonnell), 5 Astor 7.5 (C. Brown), 8 Hushabye 7.2 1/2, inc. 2 1/2 lb over (R. Olive), 7 Cora Ora 7.0 (F. Cook). Won by a length, same distance between second and third. Cora Ora was fourth. Time, 1min 14 4-5sec.

TURF TOPICS.

Inah won the Flying Handicap at Taranaki in 1m n. 14 4-5sec.

Hopfield is quite out of the boom after his Railway Handicap display.

Pergola and Madam Ristori, first and second in the Borough Handicap at Taranaki, are by Marble Arch.

No more substantial horse ran at Ellerslie than the English-bred Polydamon.

Hector Gray was the only rider at Ellerslie on Boxing Day to ride two winners.

Lady General, by General Latour, once again in evidence at Manawatu. How consistent.

Kitty Bellairs at last—at the Thames. A Thames "Old Boy," her owner, will be proud.

An accident to Birkenvale was the cause of that gelding being withdrawn from the Railway Handicap.

Aged horses that ran up to their best form at Ellerslie on Cup Day were King Lupin and Colonel Soult.

The crowd at Ellerslie on Boxing Day was probably a record one. The people managed to get there, despite the want of a train service.

Alteration has at last had an overdue winning turn, by scoring the Christmas Handicap at Taranaki. Sam Henderson was up.

Longe Range, winner of the A.R.C. Nursery, is a good advertisement for the Auckland-bred Antagonist and Telescope, and is aptly named.

Taranaki tote figures £24,112 10s., against £19,747 last year. Manawatu £48, as against £40,025. The Auckland R.C. do not have increases on their own.

Spalperion a double winner over the obstacles at the Thames, was long overdue, and his owner deserved his successes, as he has had a lot of bad luck with the Spalpeen gelding.

Bo-peep was amongst the two-year-old disappointments last Wednesday in the Foal Stakes. Informal, who looked the most robust of the starters, was another.

Fiery Cross was quite the best handicap horse over a distance seen at Ellerslie on Boxing Day, and upset those who held ideas that suggested lack of staying ability.

Sir Solo, the Auckland Cup winner of 1913, won the Grafton Hurdle Race on his superior staying ability over the unlucky Fisher, who ran his best race.

Pontoon ran Demagogue over from the inside to the outside of the course over the last half-furlong, but Gray got Demagogue clear and his win was meritorious under the circumstances.

Roach rode four winners at the Thames—Spalperion in the Hurdles and Steeples, Campaign in the Hack Race and Cardrona in the Stewards' Handicap. Warner won a double; Dillmore and Cotton each a race.

The totalisator staff at Ellerslie on Boxing Day handled £80,985, and probably the turnover would have reached £90,000 had the investors started earlier and so many had not been shut out.

Three horses trained by T. and K. Quinlivan started in the Railway Handicap and three trained by J. Lowe in the Auckland Cup, and not one of them got "a shop." Some money could have been won against such a contingency.

A lot of people had enough of Johnny Walker last week to last them a long time. The big fellow was all abroad over the Ellerslie course. We should like to see him tried for stick racing. His action will beat him on any but a level course.

Seven horses that ran in the New Zealand Cup competed in the Auckland Cup, and only one of them, Multif, got a place. The rest were headed by Tekā, who was fifth. Multif was eighth and Johnny Walker and Snub ninth and tenth, with Menelaus and Paraoa twelfth and thirteenth.

After working on Monday morning Crispeen, who jumped, was bleeding when he returned from the track.

For the first time for many years the summer meeting of the Auckland Racing Club 's a three days' one.

Most of the best horses than ran at the Canterbury Jockey Club's spring meeting are assisting at the Ellerslie meeting, but a few are racing elsewhere or are not racing at all.

C. Reed, the lightweight rider, complained to the A.R.C. stewards that he had been engaged to ride Wa'uta in the Railway Handicap, and that mare's trainer was ordered to pay him a losing mount.

Though Auckland-owned horses won a few races at Ellerslie on the opening day of the summer meeting, King Lupin was the only one bred in the province, and he proved himself once again an evergreen, and never better than when he dead-heated with Hymestra.

With an improved racecourse at Ellerslie it was only to be expected that some record times would soon be established for the course. Fiery Cross' Auckland Cup performance, 3min. 25 4-5sec., beat Warstep's 3min. 26 3-5sec., the previous best. The Railway Handicap time of King Lupin and Hymestra has only once been beaten, and that was when King Lupin won in 1913 in 1min. 13 1-5sec., at 3yrs., with 7.0 on his back.



MR. COLE on Mr. R. D. Neal's NIGGER, clearing the water jump during the ring competitions at the Auckland A. & P. Association's show.

Though horses from outside provinces have put up most of the best gallops registered this season at Ellerslie, some of the fastest were done by Auckland provincial horses—not Ellerslie-trained, however.

In almost every race at Victoria Park, Adelaide, on Saturday one of the stipendary stewards either went to the start or viewed the contest from one of the turns, and this move is favourably regarded by all sportsmen over this way, remarked a correspondent of the "Australasian."

The owner who races under the assumed name of Mr. F. Preston left Lingerie in until Monday, December 24, at 9.30 a.m., when she was scratched for the Railway Handicap and other engagements. Lingerie cost a few early punters a bit in doubles.

Two of the best gallops registered before the A.R.C. summer meeting were done by horses engaged in the Shortland Plate, with hack conditions. Glendower, with a fair weight up, ran six furlongs outside the trestles in 1min. 18sec., and Silver Tongue got to the end of seven furlongs in 1min. 33sec. Both were beaten by Lord Kenilworth, who did not work then.

When Estland started behind four Cup horses which ran a useful gallop over a mile and a quarter, and the time registered by Fiery Cross was 2min. 19sec., it was stated that he was not looking for time, yet registered the same time as Fiery Cross did over the last circuit. Fiery Cross carried the most weight.

The Auckland-owned two-year-old gelding Informal is regularly referred to as a colt.

Cherry Mart, who picked up a piece of a rake, was only lame temporarily at the time, but has worked and raced since.

Sheila, one of the Messrs. Williams' horses, which dropped out of the A.R.C. Railway Handicap, has no other engagement until the last day. She is in the Newmarket Handicap.

Multifual, Gazque, Tatimi, Multve and Guclian only arrived from Gisborne on the Saturday before the A.R.C. summer meeting. The last-named was sent to the Thames.

Desert Gold appeared to most track watchers at Ellerslie bigger in condition than she has ever previously raced, and she has never looked light at any time.

Birkenvale's withdrawal from the Auckland R.C. Railway Handicap was due to the gelding having met with an accident in his box soon after arrival at Ellerslie. This was unfortunate.

Multiply ran a mile outside the hurdles on the Monday morning before the A.R.C. meeting, close to the trestles, with Hendra to assist him, and ridden all the way, in 2min. 14sec. It was a good gallop, but he had nothing on his feet and was not loaded with weight.

Desert Gold's winnings up to the start of the A.R.C. meeting amounted to £16,415.

The Auckland two-year-olds Informal, Spannax, Bonanza and Hineamaru are entered for the Wellington meeting, also Uncle Ned and Housewife.

Hymestra, while galloping on Saturday morning, knocked one of his hocks rather hard, chipping out pieces of skin, though he did not seem sore at the time as a result.

While working at Ellerslie on Sunday morning, Elocution took charge of her rider, a light boy, and with her clothing on galloped once round the track and then also galloped across the centre of the grounds, apparently without injuring herself.

Cetigne, perhaps the best miler in Australia now Biplane is in New Zealand, and a rattling good young horse, won the A.J.C. Villiers' Stakes, run over a mile at Randwick, in 1m n. 38 1/4sec., carrying 9.4. He won by two lengths and beat Wedding Day (8.7), with Merr'mee (8.7) third.

T. A. Williams, the well-known trainer, is on a visit to Auckland from Sydney, where he has been located for several years since he was acting in a similar capacity at Ellerslie for a considerable time. Williams was the owner of Putty when that gelding won the Auckland Cup in 1905.

J. Patterson, who now trains The Toff, considers that he has discovered the cause of the New Zealander having bled after his races in Melbourne, and states that the trouble has yielded to treatment. The horse has shown no signs of this weakness since Patterson took him in hand.

Several horsemen who have ridden previous winners of the Auckland Cup were up in that race again this year. They were Roy Reed on Cyn'c, J. O'Shea on Multifual, C. Emerson on Tekā, F. E. Jones on Adjutant, J. Conquest on Red Ribbon, and B. Deeley on Johnny Walker.

Overweights were again in evidence at Ellerslie. This at a metropolitan meeting, where so many horsemen assemble and are employed, is the best argument for increasing the minimum. As it was a lot of the riders were "on the muzzle" during the week preceding the meeting, and would go short all this week.

In this year's Auckland Cup the only two owners who had previously won the race and who were represented again, were Mr. F. Dorset, who won with Sir Solo in 1913 and who was a winner in the hurdle race, and Mr. R. Barlow, who won with Depredation last year.

The best dividend paid on Boxing Day at Ellerslie was over Fiery Cross in the Auckland Cup, and it was a substantial one. The next best was in the weight-for-age Shortland Plate, but the only other one to go beyond £5 was that paid on Polydamon in the last race of the day. Most of the dividends, as a matter of fact, were small, and first and second favourites were fairly conspicuous amongst dividend payers, though a few failed ignominiously.

Mr. J. F. Hartland, secretary, informs us that the committee of the Auckland Racing Club have not had before them the question of shifting the judge's box back a few feet from the rails. The subject may be brought up in an official way, but it has not yet been discussed at meetings, and the report circulated to the contrary is incorrect. If there were more finishes under judges' boxes, executive committees of clubs would no doubt give the subject some consideration.

When the horses were passing the grandstand the first time round in the Auckland Cup, Adjutant was bored into the rails and F. E. Jones came off, striking the rail and then dropping to the ground. It looked as if the southern horseman must have been badly hurt, but beyond some bruises and a shaking and being unconscious from the shock for a short while, it came as a relief to all to know that he was soon all right. An enquiry by the stewards satisfied them of the crowding of the horses at that stage, but while they arrived at the conclusion that the fall was caused through interference there was not sufficient evidence to fix the blame on any particular rider; it was caused chiefly by Mullingar, and Goldfinch, his rider, was cautioned.

It is said that Impediment will run in the A.R.C. Derby on January 1st.

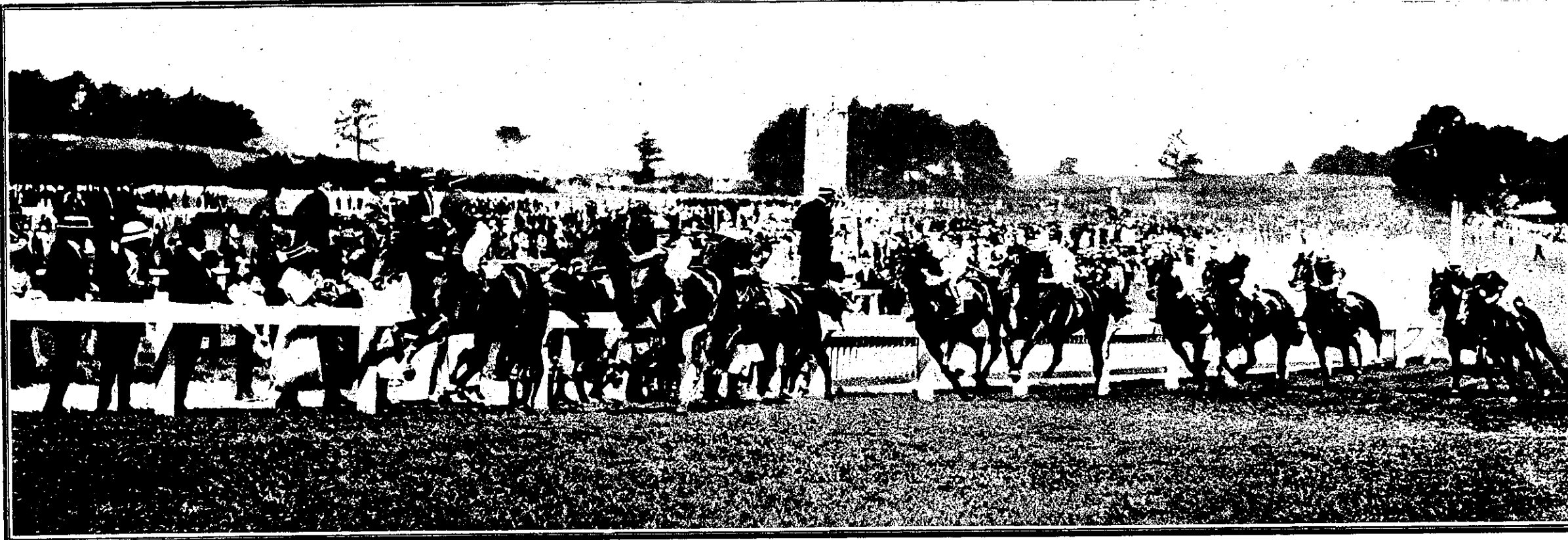
Colonel Soult was not too old for all the field in the Christmas Handicap on Boxing Day at Ellerslie save the English-bred Polydamon. Mr. Gleeson's gelding ran right up to his best form, and looked like a winner well inside the distance.

Kipling, the half-brother to Bobrikoff, from Gossip, looks just the sort to go fast at two years old, but was broken later than some of the others in Mr. Lowry's team, and 's a very nice colt. Bobrikoff was not broken until he was about six months older.

A two-year-old colt that struck us as likely to make a good horse with age if he does not get knocked out before he matures, 's Mar March, by Martian from Two Step. He is a big, loose youngster, with lots of quality, and should pay to wait for—one that certainly wants time, whatever he may do this season. He is in the right hands to be given a chance, we should think. There were a number of well-grown, undeveloped two-year-olds at Ellerslie during the week.

The Auckland flat horses engaged at Ellerslie, with few exceptions, appear to lack the class of the visitors in appearance and galloping ability. King Lupin 'n the matter of looks, though only what can be described as a big-little horse, would more than quite hold his own, and the little mare Tinopal is full of quality, and there are a few more outside the ranks of two-year-olds, of which Informal 's amongst the most shapely. The English horse Polydamon more than holds h's own.

The Race for the 1917 Auckland Cup, of 2650 sovs. (two miles) at Ellerslie on Boxing Day



THE FIELD GOING OUT OF THE STRAIGHT IN THE AUCKLAND CUP—FIERY CROSS, RED RIBBON, MULLINGAR, MULTIFUAL, MULTIPLY, REBEL (NEXT RAILS), GOLD FRAN, DOWN AND SNUB RACING IN THE ORDER NAMED.



THE FINISH OF THE AUCKLAND CUP (TWO MILES)—FIERY CROSS (CAMPBELL), WINS DECISIVELY FROM RED RIBBON (CONQUEST), WITH MULTIPLY (CLARKE) THIRD. T FOURTH, CYNIC FIFTH, MULLINGAR SIXTH AND REBEL SEVENTH.

INTERPROVINCIAL.

WANGANUI.

Promising Three-year-old Colt—Pennon a Probable Starter in Kelburn Plate at Trentham—War Loan Shows Improvement Over Hurdles—Form of Local Horses at Awapuni—Prospects of Marton J.C.'s New Year Meeting—Cello Reported Very Fit.

WANGANUI, Thursday.

A writer in a southern paper has stated that Bay Berry, the three-year-old English-bred colt in Tilley's stable, is likely to make a name for himself when he races. He is certainly a rice cut of a colt, but up to date has done nothing to cause his trainer to regard him as a coming champion. Bay Berry was purchased in Sydney last autumn for Mr. W. Duncan for 800 guineas, and is by Bayardo, so that he is bred well enough for anything. He will make his first appearance in his new owner's colours in the New Year Hack Race at Marton.

W. Rayner hopes to have Pennon fit enough to take to Trentham for the Kelburn Plate. The Coriander filly is making a good recovery from the soreness which troubled her after racing at Feilding, and if her knees do not again go back on her she will visit Trentham.

Provided Zola gets through the racing at Awapuni and Marton without a recurrence of the bleeding, he, too, will be taken to Trentham, where he is engaged in the open welter events, in which he ought to play a prominent part if he goes on all right.

F. Tilley has nothing engaged in the open handicap events at Trentham, and W. Rayner is the only trainer from these parts likely to be represented at the Wellington meeting.

War Loan was given a turn over the schooling hurdles by himself yesterday, and shaped much better than he did in his previous essay. He will be taken to Stratford on Monday, and might run a good race, though he has not had much experience at hurdling yet.

Endure did not run up to his best track form in the Gilles Hack Handicap at Awapuni, in which he failed to get a place. This gelding does not do well when away from home, and this probably accounts for his disappointing running, though he was not far behind the placed horses.

Marton got into a bad position in the hurdles at Awapuni on the first day, and came down before a mile had been covered.

Although Client failed to win the Manawatu Cup he ran a fine race, and finished a good second behind Nobleman. It was pointed out in these columns more than once that the long-striding son of Sir Laddo could not do his best on the Feilding track, as the corners were too sharp for him; and it was further stated that he would probably do much better at Awapuni, so that his win would come as no surprise to readers of this journal.

Though beaten, Client was not disgraced, as the race was run in record time, and he was in the ruck until the bend was reached. He put on a fine run down the straight, but Nobleman was too good at the weights.

Considering that Zola is not yet ready he ran a very good race in the Hack Welter at Awapuni on Boxing Day, finishing second. The son of Sweet Simon was in front until half-way up the straight, when the want of condition told, and enabled Quinn's Post to get up and beat him. This race is sure to have done Zola good, and he should win before long.

Acre beat all but Lady General in the Fitzherbert Handicap, the defeated ones including Lingerie. The last-named was much fancied by her connections, but Acre was made a hot favourite. This pair will meet in the Stakes to-day, and it will be interesting to see how they shape.

Client and Acre were backed for a lot of money for the Cup and Fitzherbert Handicap at Awapuni, but they each had to be content with second place.

Gang Awa failed to run up to expectations in the Grandstand Handicap at Awapuni, for which event he was made favourite. He is coming on, however, and will be seen to more advantage shortly.

A. Hall will take Turangapito and the San Fran—Polycaste gelding to

Marton. The first-named has been doing good work lately, and, if started in the Railway Handicap, will make things interesting for the best of them. He also figures in the Dash Hack event.

Client will be meeting Nobleman in the Marton Cup on a stone better terms than in the Manawatu Cup, and this should bring them together. In any case, the race at Awapuni would probably do Client more good than Nobleman, and if the son of Elevation is anywhere handy in the straight he will take a power of beating.

Colorado gave further evidence of what a good hurdler he is by winning at Awapuni on Wednesday. It certainly looks as if Mr. Jas. Bull has got hold of another gelding as good as The Native.

Calais was not taken to Awapuni, but is expected to race at Marton, where he should run well in the

HAWKE'S BAY.

Hawke's Bay J.C.'s New Year Gathering—Prospects of Intending Candidates—Promise of Keen Racing.

NAPIER, December 27.

The really good acceptances received by the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club for the first day of their New Year gathering augurs favourably for a successful meeting. The track has been greatly benefited by the rain that has fallen here off and on for the past week, and as there is every indication of seasonable weather the going should be fast, good and true. Lady Kilworth has been shaping so satisfactorily recently in her track rehearsals that her prospects in the Maiden Hack Handicap look to be of the best grade. Multipotent, who is educated at Greenmeadows, has shown more than fair to medium form in his essays, and he should, coupled with Kohinahina, be the most dangerous opponent to Lady Kilworth. Form points to Comment in the Christmas Handicap, while Tavistock, who is fast coming back to the top of his best, is worthy of consideration.



BESTOWING DECORATIONS UPON HEROIC SAILORS AT PLYMOUTH HOE, ENGLAND. A SAILOR RECEIVING THE D.C.M. Twenty-eight sailors and twenty-four soldiers were recently decorated by the Duke of Connaught at Plymouth Hoe.

hurdles. If he and Colorado meet again much interest will be taken in the result, as at Waverley many think Calais would have beaten Colorado had he got over the last hurdle safely, but Colorado's connections are not of that opinion.

Cello is reported to be very fit, and he should keep Turangapito and Hupana very busy in the Dash Handicap at Marton.

Neither Chimera or Astrophel are engaged in the Juvenile Handicap at Marton, which looks like providing a good race between Torfreda, Coolpan and Staccato.

If Colorado starts in the Bracelet at Marton in place of the hurdles he will beat more than will beat him. The San Fran gelding in Hall's stable is likely to run well.

CHILDREN'S RESTLESSNESS.

A feverish and fretful child is a great bother in a household and disturbs the rest of others. Narcotics and soothing syrups should be avoided. Half-teaspoonful doses of Fluenzol (1/8 and 2/8) will rapidly allay feverishness without any injurious effects whatsoever. Health authorities commend Fluenzol.

Taleteller, who will be found in opposition to Comment, Tavistock and co., is a younger full-sister to Tekka, and on that account should command a fair amount of support. If she is made of the same stuff as her well-performed relative a busy period should be ahead of those lined up against her in the Christmas Handicap.

Hexton has been doing everything that has been asked of him, and doing it well of late on the try-out at headquarters, and is sure to come in for patronage good and solid in the Welter Hack. Kahumangu and Altercation also strike the eye as a pair likely to cause bother to Hexton, and if one of the lightweights is to materialise the cloak should fall on Belgian Maid. Trials has great possibilities before him in the President's Handicap, for he is in great nick just now. The most danger should come from Perfidy and Dribble, both of whom have been giving every indication that they are in the best of heart.

If Zeus could be depended upon to give of his best the opposing forces in the Otatara Jumpers' Flat would have a torrid time in their endeavours to master him, but he is such an un-

reliable gee-gee that backers will probably not trust him with their money to a great extent. The Summit is solid and genuine, and on that score will come in for solid support, while Sensitive, who likes the going on the top of the turf, will find the track to his liking. The latter's recent efforts on the test-out have been of such a good grade that he does not read unlikely, a remark which also applies to Atuatoro. Wawata ran a good half-mile the other morning on the preparing circuit at Napier Park, which points to him having a chance in the Two-year-old Handicap, but his light has good prospects of being dimmed by Torfreda. Palm Oil, a massive son of Maniapoto and Larresse, has been shaping satisfactorily, but he appears as if he would be best served by age.

Humorist should find strong support in the Flying Hack, and others who appear to impress favourably are Retard and Gold Shot.

Potentiality has come through a severe test-out, and his replies to the questions put have been of a manner suggestive of early success, and consequently he should enlist a lot of attention from backers in the New Year Handicap. Bagdad and Rau-manuwhiri should prove his toughest opponents.

WELLINGTON.

Taranaki J.C.'s Christmas Meeting—Progressive Club's Innovation—Southerners' Form in Auckland Cup—Notes on the Manawatu Meeting—Foxton R.C.'s Annual Gathering.

WELLINGTON, Friday.

At the conclusion of the Rahotu Hack Hurdles at New Plymouth on Boxing Day the stewards inquired into some bother that was alleged to have taken place during the finishing stages, in which Veto and Collector made a dead-heat of it. Some boring or interference was noticed, and after hearing evidence from those immediately concerned the judge's original placings were not disturbed, and the totalisator paid out on the dead-heaters.

Mr. J. C. Patterson, of Wanganui, who has a wide knowledge of racing matters, was the stipendiary official in attendance at the Taranaki meeting, and with the exception of the hurdle enquiry and a few minor incidents there was nothing that Mr. Patterson could find fault with, the whole business being quite free from any unfair tactics.

An innovation that has been carried out since the last meeting at New Plymouth is the erection of a new judge's box, which is undoubtedly one of the best of its kind in New Zealand. The apartment is extremely roomy, with a telescope showing the placings of the first four horses. As the rules now are compulsory that the first four horses are to weigh in, it is only right that the placings should be shown. This up-to-date contrivance worked splendidly, and was much appreciated by visitors. In connection with the delay in hoisting the numbers in the Hurdles at New Plymouth it may be mentioned that the judge, Mr. J. R. L. Stanford, had vacated the box, as he was interested in one of the horses, and Mr. A. W. Budge, who was acting, was called on to decide such a close finish that there was a valid reason for the delay.

Returned visitors from the Taranaki meeting speak in high terms of the racing as conducted at New Plymouth and the kindness and hospitality extended to them by the club, the comfort of patrons being uppermost in the mind of the club's popular secretary, Mr. E. P. Webster, and his obliging officials. By the way, this week's meeting was a record for the club, both in attendance and totalisator returns, the figures, £24,112 10s., being likely to stand for some years to come. The picturesqueness of the course was much admired, the flower-beds, lawns and enclosures, for the appearance of which Mr. J. Blewman is responsible, being a veritable work of art. Taken all round, the club are to be congratulated on their very successful meeting.

To start three horses in the Auckland Cup and not one of the trio being placed was the record of J. W. Lowe, the Trentham trainer, at Ellerslie on Boxing Day. Menelaus, Johnny Walker and Seadown comprised the trio in question, the former pair of whom have been subjected to a good deal of racing this season, and their defeat was not unexpected in some quarters. It was expected, however, that Seadown would form one of the placed division, as the gelding's track work had been very satisfactory prior to leaving for Ellerslie.

Red Ribbon's showing in the Auckland Cup was fully anticipated by the writer, and for the daughter of Elevation to have met Fiery Cross when the latter was at the very top of his form was indeed unfortunate for Mr. Dorset, who, however, was compensated in some degree for his loss of the Cup when later in the afternoon Sir Solo, a former Auckland Cup winner, accounted for the Pousonby Hurdles. The Masterton owner is singularly successful in his perambulations to Auckland, where he invariably returns with some of the valuable spoils. By the way, Mr. Dorset was drawn in the ballot and goes into camp shortly.

Friends of Mr. W. J. Phillips, the Sandon sheep-farmer, were pleased to see Nobleman winning the Manawatu Cup for him this week, the success being very popularly received. The Sir Laddo gelding has been a capital stake earner for Mr. Phillips, and being only a five-year-old many more wins should come his way. Nobleman is trained at Bulls by J. Coyle, a brother of the handicapper of that name.

Master Moutoa, who was a big outsider on the totalisator for the Manawatu Cup, finished third in that event. The race was run in record time, viz., 2min. 32.5sec., which proves that the Sarto gelding is not quite so bad as he is made out to be in some quarters. The bay galloper should pick up a decent handicap before the present season draws to a close.

Mill Queen (Treadmill—Fire Queen), owned by Mrs. S. H. Ames, widow of the late Mr. "Joe" Ames, accounted for the Trial Plate at Awapuni this week, the seven furlongs being left behind in 1min. 29sec., a capital performance for a maiden with 7.10 on her back. The three-year-old should bring some grist to Joe Ayres' Trentham stable during the next few months, as she is more than useful.

A. Atwood, the Feilding trainer, who goes into camp shortly, had a nice cut of a galloper in Vacuum at Awapuni. The black four-year-old gelding is a decent sort, and should soon be carrying his native owner's colours with some success.

What a good horse Colorado is. In carrying 11.3 to victory in the Tokomaru Hurdles at Awapuni on Thursday last Mr. J. Bull's capable jumper put up a sterling performance. The bay gelding is one of our best hurdlers in training just now, and later on it would occasion no surprise to find the son of Frisco figuring amongst National winners. He is being trained by J. Morris at Marton Junction, this mentor being noted for the splendid condition in which he turns out jumpers. Colorado was ridden by A. McDonald, whose horsemanship is always of a high order.

Mr. E. Short, the "Parorangi" sportsman, scored a double success with Hupana (Advance—Tahua) at the Manawatu meeting this week. The four-year-old mare, who was a hot favourite on both occasions, scored decisively in each instance.

Mr. R. E. Harley's starting at New Plymouth on Boxing Day was of a creditable standard. There were no delays at the post, which fact is always an important consideration with racegoers. It naturally follows that Mr. Harley's fame as a capable starter is spreading, for he was recently appointed to despatch the fields for the Gisborne Racing Club, while many other clubs are making arrangements to secure his services.

Bonnie Maid (Boniform—Happy Ma'd), owned by a well-known local medico and M.P., is coming on nicely under J. Ayres' guidance at Trentham. The three-year-old filly is built on galloping lines, and the future should find her occupying a fair position amongst winning horses.

Risingham (Rokeby—Rose Red), owned by the well-known sportsman who races as Lance Wood, and who lately attained to Cabinet rank in the National Government, was a runner in the Juvenile Handicap at the Manawatu meeting, but failed to get a place. The two-year-old is a good sort, however, and later on should carry his popular owner's colours with some success.

Owners and trainers should not overlook the fact that nominations for all events at the Foxton Racing Club's annual meeting close with the secretary, Mr. Endell Wanklyn, at Foxton at 9 p.m. on Friday next, January 4. The weights are due on the following Wednesday. The club are sparing no pains with a view to making their one-day gathering the greatest success possible.

Chimera, owned by Mr. C. F. Vallance, the genial president of the Masterton Racing Club, again got amongst the winners this week by appropriating the Juvenile Handicap

at the Manawatu meeting on Boxing Day after a strenuous set-to with Astrophel, the latter being defeated by a very narrow margin. Chimera is a promising sort, and will be heard of again later on.

Quinn's Post, owned by Mr. "Eddy" Trevor, a well-known contractor of Palmerston North, got his name on the winning list at the Manawatu meeting on Wednesday. The four-year-old, who was a source of disappointment to T. Wilson, gives the impression that he will yet make good on the racecourses after many failures. Quinn's Post is fairly well bred, being by Field Battery from Inamorata.

Visitors to the New Plymouth races this week noticed with some concern the absence of a totalisator board announcing (in writing) the various dividends paid out. Certainly the club have a fine jockey and totalisator hoist on the outside tracks which is discernible all over the place, but what one wants to see is a notice board containing all the dividends paid out. For instance, a person may be having lunch and miss a race, and would in the circumstances find it somewhat difficult to obtain the correct position. It is to be hoped that the club will provide the long-felt want by the time the Cup meeting comes round in February next.

Mr. T. C. Gormley, of the Egmont Hotel, Hawera, and Mr. Kimbell, manager of the Bank of Australasia at Hawera, both of whom have worked hard in patriotic matters, have set themselves out to collect £5000 for a permanent soldiers' club in Hawera. Many offers of help have already been received, and a musical comedy company has been formed for the purpose of giving entertainments in aid of the fund. Knowing the two gentlemen's pertinacity in these matters, there is every prospect of the proposal becoming an accomplished fact.

The well-known local sporting enthusiast Mr. H. Martindale has received information from the Defence Minister that his brother, J. Martindale, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry on the field of action in France.

CANTERBURY.

Success of Riccarton-trained Horses on Boxing Day—Fiery Cross' Auckland Cup Victory—Kilrea Meets With Mishap at Wingatui—Quickshot Destroyed as Result of Injuries Received Through Fall—A Deserving Win.

CHRISTCHURCH, Friday.

Riccarton-trained horses had a very good innings at the various racing centres on Boxing Day. Fiery Cross had got through such a genuine preparation that his victory in the Auckland Cup came as no surprise, but the price he paid did. No horse in the Dominion has done such a lot of hard work as has the son of Glenapp. Even after his exertions at the New Zealand Cup meeting he was kept right up to the collar, and his trainer is entitled to every credit for the manner in which he got the gelding to the post. It is understood that his owner and his many West Coast friends had a good win over Fiery Cross' success.

Biplane is still in light work, but it will be some time before he is ready to do much. Mason has several others in work, but they are not a promising team.

The Riccarton tracks are almost deserted at present, and are likely to remain so till the return of the horses now in other racing centres.

Kilrea was galloped on when contesting the Federal Handicap at Wingatui, one of her tendons being badly cut. In all probability the daughter of Kilbroney will be retired to the stud.

Riccarton-trained horses were very successful at the Reefton meeting, half of the events, including the Cup, coming their way.

Prior to the Dunedin meeting, Rorke's Drift got cut about when rolling in his box. Under the circumstances he did really well to defeat all but Margerine in the Otago Handicap.

When contesting the Hurdle Race at Wingatui, Quickshot fell and received such severe injuries as to necessitate her destruction. Fortunately her rider (McMullan) got off with a few bruises.

The English-bred mare Henriette, who won the Midland Welter Handicap at Reefton, had not previously figured as a winner though she had been placed three times. She is the first winner in the colours of Mr. A. W. Rutherford, Junior, this season after 11 placed performances by various members of his team.

SOUTHLAND.

Excellent Nominations for the Wyndham R.C. Meeting—Large Entries for the Southland R.C. Summer Meeting—Sir George Clifford to be Represented—Burrangong and Mohawk Expected to Run Prominently—Kilkee Purchased by a Southland Sportsman—Kauwhero's Prospects at Wingatui—Glensponse's Capabilities as a Hurdler—Hot Air Expected to Strike Form.

INVERCARGILL, December 26.

Railway restrictions do not appear to have handicapped the Wyndham R.C.'s annual meeting on January 1, as far as nominations are concerned. Entries to the number of 110 have been received for seven events, as compared with 100 for eight events last season.

The ex-North Islander Awahou became somewhat dull and his old trouble of bleeding threatened to recur last week, consequently J. Boyd treated him to a mild dose of physic and eased him up for a few days. He is very well at present and should be heard from next week provided all goes well in the meantime.

The Southland R.C.'s summer meeting has attracted large entries, all things considered, and the Invercargill Cup has not been neglected by owners with a nomination display of eighteen well-known horses. It is interesting to note that J. McCombe has named Subterfuge as an entrant for the big money.

The Vice-Admiral Lady Talbot gelding, Calibre—Walda filly, and the Rorke's Drift—Lady Talbot colt have been handled and ridden during the past week. The son of Vice-Admiral gave some trouble at first, but eventually settled down like a sensible horse. Rorke's Drift's son, on the other hand, objected to be educated at all, and created an unusual amount of fuss about the matter. He is now an inmate of G. McLean's stable. H. G. Coker has the Calibre—Walda filly in hand, while P. T. Hogan has charge of Vice-Admiral's son.

As Brambletye has been engaged in the Invercargill Cup and Southland R.C. Handicap at the local meeting, while accommodation has been engaged for the daughter of Treadmill and Bonnie Brae, it may be taken for granted that Sir George Clifford is going to be represented in Southland for the first time next week.

The equine hero of last season's Invercargill Cup, Golden King, has been running out for some time past, but is to be taken up again as soon as the New Year fixtures are disposed of.

Two horses expected to race prominently at the Wyndham or Invercargill meetings are Burrangong and Mohawk, both of whom looked to be short of work when raced at the Winton J.C. fixture last month. Burrangong, who is a full-brother to Mystified and Mysteriarch, is trained in company with Mohawk at Riccarton under the keen eye of A. D. McIvor. Another smart galloper from the same R'verton stable, Special Order, may trouble the best of them at the Southland R.C. meeting.

The Winton Stakes winner, Mussulman, was to have been tried out in more select company at the Southland R.C. meeting, but his owner missed the closing of nominations by some hours, and the son of Pallas will now have to be held in reserve for the Wairoa J.C.'s gathering, entries for which are due next week.

The Kilbroney—Latchet gelding Kilkee, who is reported to have been galloping well at Riccarton during the past few weeks, has been purchased by a Southland sportsman and is expected to carry the colours also worn by Giralda for the first time at Wyndham. If the Kilbroney gelding has been doing well at Riccarton he should have no difficulty in winning a race here in the near future. He is to join the string commanded by H. G. Coker, who, by the way, is gathering a new team round him after losing Kauwhero, Aycliffe and Muzzle.

An accident happened to Rorke's Drift the other day, the Calibre gelding running a piece of stray wood into his digestive organs, but the effects are not expected to be a serious handicap to the Messrs. Price's gelding.

In the meantime, Kauwhero and Aycliffe are to race at Wingatui, with the North Otago J.C. meeting to follow, but provided the former is not harshly treated in the Invercargill Cup he may be brought back from the D.J.C. to play his part in the most important race of the season as far as the home province is concerned. Should Kauwhero race at the local track, instead of competing at Oamaru, he will carry a considerable

amount of support in the Invercargill Cup, as hundreds of people have got it into their heads that he is distinctly removed from the moderate class over a distance like a mile and a quarter. He certainly encouraged his admirers at Winton in the belief that he can gallop over a distance of ground.

The colt foal by Solferino from Eager Eyes is doing well and has been greatly admired. The American mare is not to be mated this season, but will probably join the harem of one of the Messrs. Reid's North Otago sires next year.

The White King is reported from Dunedin to be in good shape, hence he will command a very strong following when he is stripped for the sprint events at the S.R.C.'s summer gathering next week.

Glensponse is to be raced in the sprint events at the S.R.C.'s fixture, and when the summer meetings conclude he will probably be given a turn at the jumping game. He jumped fairly well for a novice when tried out over the schooling hurdles last season.

The uncertain Redshire has been galloping in an encouraging manner of late, and may secure a stake for P. T. Hogan's stable at New Year time.

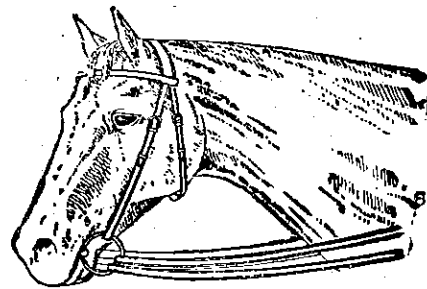
Notwithstanding reports from Riccarton to the effect that Marc Antony is far from at his best yet, the black horse has been engaged at the Wyndham and S.R.C. meetings.

Jock failed badly at Winton after showing winning form at the Gore R.C. spring meeting, but his followers have not lost faith in him and he is expected to strip well at Invercargill.

Highwater has been on the shelf for some time past, and it is now given out that she will not be raced until the autumn fixtures come round. The daughter of Martan is very useful when at her best.

Hot Air raced indifferently at Winton, but may redeem her reputation within a few days of these notes appearing in print. The All Red mare is a smart galloper, and will occasion great surprise in well-informed quarters if she should fail to strike form at an early date.

Some horses of chestnut colour were conspicuous in their races on Boxing Day at Ellerslie. Lord Kenilworth opened the proceedings by winning the Shortland Plate. The Auckland Cup went to Fiery Cross, and Red Ribbon, the only other chestnut in the race, ran second. The Railway Handicap resulted in a dead-heat between the chestnuts King Lupin and Hymestra, and the Christmas Handicap, the last event of the day, fell to the English horse Polydamon, also of the chestnut colour. Lord Kenilworth, the dead-heaters King Lupin and Hymestra and Polydamon are entire, Fiery Cross a gelding.



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NEW YEAR MEETINGS.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's summer meeting will be opened at Hastings on New Year's Day, and will be concluded the following day. The acceptances for the first day are well up to expectations, and give promise of some enjoyable racing. Fourteen horses remain in the principal event, the President's Handicap (one mile and a-quarter), some good performers being included among the number. Several of the horses engaged also claim engagements in the New Year Handicap (six furlongs and a-half), in which a splendid race is anticipated. There are nine acceptances in the Two-year-old Handicap, including Torfreda, Waiwata and Persic. Considerable interest is centred in the Otatara Jumpers' Flat Handicap, in which eleven are at present engaged, while the Christmas Handicap (six furlongs) has caused the owners of eight select sprinters to make the final payment. The three hack events to come up for decision on the opening day should provide big fields, as over a dozen competitors remain in each event after the acceptances have been made. The acceptances for the first day are as follows:—

MAIDEN HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Kohinahina 8.6, Maori Tikonga 8.6, Multipotent 8.6, Hookah 8.4, St. Annes 8.4, Master Iney 8.4, Lady Kilworth 8.4, Main Force 8.2, Multiline 8.2, Malancourt 8.2, Willy's Knight 8.2, Sabine 8.2.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Carlysian 8.13, Comment 8.3, Tavistock 8.3, Otara 7.13, Colonnade 7.7, Carlatour 7.2, Ardent 7.0, Taleteller 7.0.

sterling contest is anticipated. The Ohura Hurdles is attracting special attention, and with 14 horses engaged indications point to an interesting race. The other events are all notable for the excellence of the fields, so that racegoers are promised a bill of fare well in keeping with the high standard invariably set by the progressive Stratford Racing Club. The acceptances are as follows:—

TARIKI WELTER of 125sovs, seven furlongs.—Deeside 9.13, Volo 9.12, Movement 9.11, White Ranger 9.3, Compel 9.1, Gipsy Gem 8.12, Paparess 8.10, Royal Park 8.9, Trombone 8.8, Ju Jitsu 8.7, Trench Wheel 8.7, Tiranga 8.7, Poka 8.7, Lake Bel 8.7, Melita 8.7, Whakamoia 8.7.

STRATHMORE HACK of 125sovs, five furlongs.—Royal Chef 8.13, Marquetteur 8.12, Munition 8.11, Pergola 8.9, Pink Tie 8.7, Silver Web 8.2, Piano 8.0, Anserine 7.7, Jane Douglas 7.7, Miss Ora 7.7, Reopal 7.7, Royal Divorce 7.7, Hushlad 7.7, Key 7.7, Red Line 7.7, Huzza 7.7, Rifle Fire 7.7.

STRATFORD CUP of 550sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Paraoa 8.6, Orleans 8.2, Maniaroa 8.0, White Blaze 7.11, Iceberg 7.11, Hushman 7.10, Crawford 7.7, Golden Grafton 7.6, King Chiara 7.5, Munster 7.5, Dingle 7.5, Zetes 7.2, Attention 6.12, Lady Beaufort 6.11, Fidelio 6.7, Hushabye 6.7.

OHURA HURDLES of 150sovs, one mile and a-half.—Zetes 10.13, Deeside 10.8, Collector 10.7, Otter 10.6, Simple Sam 10.3, Paparess 10.1, Waiture 9.5, Dasher Boy 9.3, War Loan 9.2, Bona Dea 9.2, Speedwell Max 9.0, Paul Moore 9.0, Polthogue 9.0, Silver Tim 9.0.

DOUGLAS HANDICAP of 300sovs, six furlongs.—Glenroy 8.11, Hushman 8.6, Avon Park 8.5, Tree Lucerne 8.5, King Chiara 7.13, Inah 7.12, Stavengo 7.10, Revocation 7.9, Astor 7.5, Cora Ora 7.5, Jean Laddo 7.1, Movement 6.12, Munition 6.10, Royal Chef 6.9, Pervolo 6.7.

MIDHIRST HANDICAP of 150sovs, eight furlongs and a-half.—Dingle 9.5, Paddington Green 9.5, Lady Beaufort

Post 8.0, Cello 7.11, Hupana 7.10, Warmaid 7.3, Vladieau 7.7, Mediator 7.0, Zela 7.0, Jean Delaval 6.12, Sea Foam 6.12, Marziale 6.10, Coral Queen 6.10, Little Ann 6.10, Vivid 6.10, Vacuum 6.10, Mick 6.10, Gold Problem 6.10.

JUVENILE HANDICAP of 200sovs, five furlongs.—Coolpan 8.5, Torfreda 7.11, Mediator 7.5, Manihere 7.2, Staccato 7.0, Demos 6.13, Whakahawa 6.10, Matapua 6.10, Tit Willow 6.10, Sylla 6.10, Oratress 6.10.

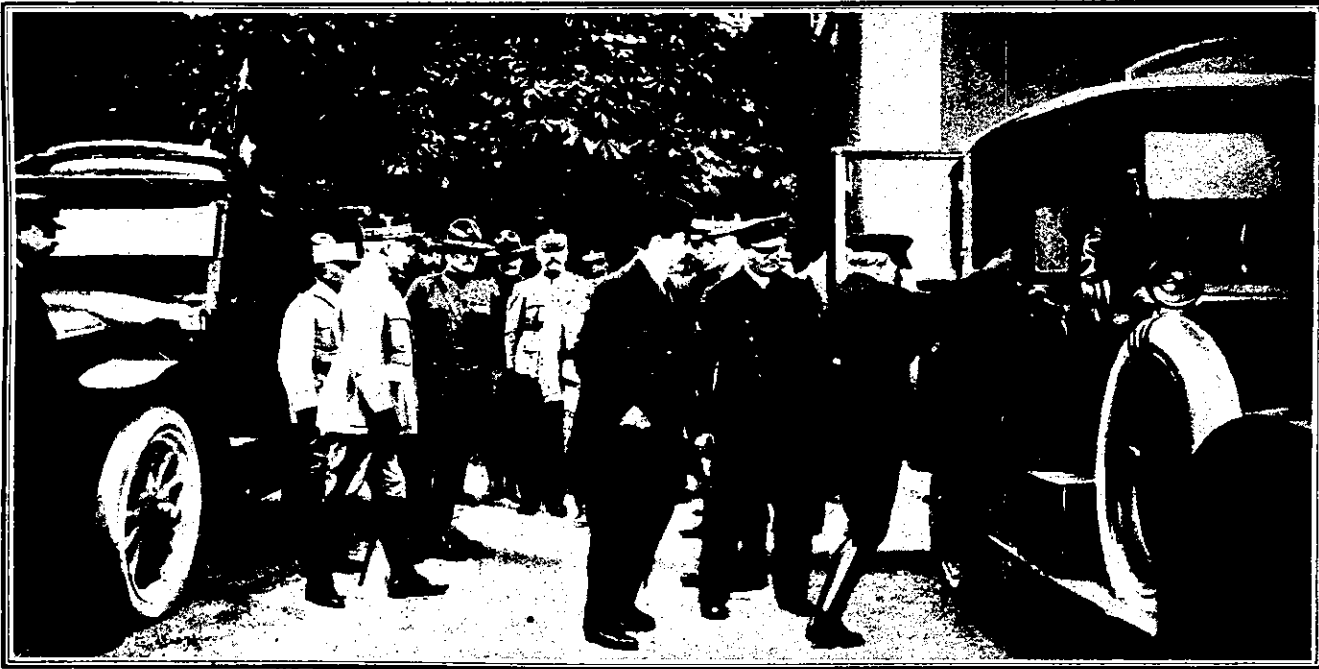
MARTON CUP of 500sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Square Deal 9.0, Client 8.11, Sleight of Hand 8.5, Rangitiro 8.4, Impediment 8.3, Dribble 7.8, Gold Soult 7.8, Multipical 7.3, Nobleman 7.1, Centre 6.13, Potentiality 6.12, Mascot 6.7, Rude 6.7, Namur 6.7.

LADIES' BRACELET of 100sovs, eight furlongs and a-half.—Colorado 12.12, Mattock 12.6, Sir Fisher 12.6, Wild Lupin 11.11, Lord Nelson 11.9, Foeman 11.6, Blue Thread 10.12, All Over 10.11, Briton 10.11, Lotharios 10.11, Engari 10.11, Jackal 10.11, San Fran gelding 10.11, Sail Home 10.7, Seaweed 10.7, General Madero 10.7, Gaekwar 10.7, Lupenite 10.7.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 300sovs, six furlongs.—Nystad 8.12, Rangitiro 8.9, Lady General 8.8, Sweet Tipperary 8.5, Moutoa Queen 7.13, Hyginas 7.10, Waimatao 7.9, Turangapito 7.5, Glorify 7.2, Stavengo 6.12, Interlude 6.12, Bagdad 6.7, Hupana 6.7.

NEW YEAR HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs, seven furlongs.—Zola 9.11, Hastie 9.4, Namur 9.3, Quinn's Post 9.3, Mystified 9.3, Lady Edith 8.10, Coral King 8.4, Bay Berry 8.4, Zela 8.4, Signorella 8.3, Vascovia 8.0, March On 8.0, Vivid 8.0, Vacuum 8.0, Gold Problem 8.0, Jackal 8.0.

STEWARDS' WELTER HANDICAP of 225sovs, eight furlongs and a-half.—Multipical 9.4, Black Ada 8.11, Zola 8.5, Colorado 8.2, Mystified 8.0, Arrowfield 8.0, Combustion 8.0, War Star 8.0, Victoris 8.0, Fore 8.0, Vascovia 8.0.



M. POINCARE, PRESIDENT OF FRANCE, PAYS A VISIT TO THE AMERICANS ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN FRANCE. The President is shown entering a motor car after the inspection, while directly behind him is M. Painleve, the ex-Premier. In the background can be seen General Pershing (Commander-in-Chief of the Americans) and General Petain.

WELTER HACK HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Blackall 9.9, Hexton 9.4, Kahumanga 8.13, Dusky Eve 8.10, Altercation 8.10, Waiaka 8.4, Ohoreka 8.3, Sunbright 8.3, Hylami 8.3, Powder King 8.2, Vascovia 8.2, Fornick 8.0, Sir Multitud 8.0, Ore Ore 8.0, Belgian Maid 8.0, Mainia 8.0.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Trials 8.5, Ladoguer 8.3, Dribble 8.3, Cleft 8.2, Multipical 7.12, Ohlvia 7.12, Bon Reve 7.10, Perfidy 7.10, Raumanuwhiri 7.3, Castalia 7.7, Flash Lady 7.0, Maraetotara 7.0, Mysterial 7.0, Blackall 7.0.

OTATARA JUMPERS' FLAT HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Pursefiller 11.5, Bon Reve 10.13, The Summit 10.4, Atuatoro 9.13, Zeus 9.12, Con 9.10, Arlington 9.4, Fashion Plate 9.2, Kohinahina 9.0, Sensitive 9.0, Tornea 9.0.

TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP, four furlongs.—Torfreda 8.5, Waiwata 8.0, Persic 7.11, Maioha 7.8, The Pagan 7.5, Thebes 7.5, Palm Oil 7.5, All Brown 7.5, Asterol 7.5.

FLYING HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Astrophel 8.11, Vermillion 8.5, Grand Idea 8.4, Humorist 8.3, Gold Shot 8.3, Hexton 8.2, Master Timi 7.11, Black Lace 7.10, Retard 7.8, Perrier 7.5, Woodlark 7.5, Tinkler 7.5, Sabine 7.0, Metalum 7.0, Willy's Knight 7.0, Maorilander 7.0, Queen Lizzie 7.0.

NEW YEAR HANDICAP, six furlongs and a-half.—Crowhurst 8.10, Carlysian 8.9, Potentiality 8.7, Dribble 8.7, Cleft 8.6, Raumanuwhiri 8.4, Otara 7.11, Castalia 7.10, Colonnade 7.5, Whakahoki 7.3, Bagdad 7.3, Mysterial 7.0, Queen Lizzie 7.0.

STRATFORD RACING CLUB.

NEW YEAR MEETING.

With the Taranaki Jockey Club's summer meeting now over the interest of racegoers is centred in the Stratford Racing Club's gathering, which takes place on the Stratford racecourse on New Year's Day. Excellent acceptances have been received for all events, and the prospects of a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon's racing are particularly bright. No less than 16 horses remain in the Stratford Cup, of 550sovs (one mile and a-quarter), and the quality of the field, combined with the able manner in which each contestant has been handicapped, is such as to ensure one of the best races possible to witness in any part of the Dominion. A strong field is also engaged in the Railway Handicap (six furlongs), and a

8.11, Henry Clay 8.2, Fidelio 7.13, Pergola 7.11, Compel 7.7, Clavis 7.7, Gipsy Gem 7.4, Lady Mylchrest 7.3, Trombone 7.0, Trench Wheel 6.12, Poka 6.12, Shandon Bells 6.12.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 150sovs, six furlongs.—Cora Ora 9.1, Volo 8.10, Movement 8.8, Marquetteur 8.7, Munition 8.6, Pergola 8.3, Pink Tie 8.1, White Ranger 8.0, Beaufort 7.9, Gipsy Gem 7.7, Royal Park 7.4, Lady Mylchrest 7.3, Perfect Day 7.1, Kemra 6.13, Self Alliance 6.13, Lady Glide 6.13, Primaleo 6.13, Lake Bel 6.12, Awarua 6.12, Red Line 6.12, Warmth 6.12.

MARTON JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The highly satisfactorily acceptances received in connection with the Marton Jockey Club's summer meeting augurs well for the success of this popular fixture, to be held at Marton on New Year's Day. With the form of the Manawatu Racing Club's meeting of the previous week as a guide, racing enthusiasts will have something on which to base their calculations, and there is every reason to anticipate a record gathering in all respects. A splendid acceptance of 14 has been received for the Marton Cup (one mile and a-quarter), and judging by the calibre of the horses engaged, a great race should be witnessed. The Railway Handicap (six furlongs) has attracted 13 acceptances, the field being a high-class lot, so that the second "leg" of the double should be productive of an interesting contest. Record fields are engaged in the Hack Hurdles and the Ladies' Bracelet, while 11 figure in the Juvenile Handicap (five furlongs), including Coolpan and Torfreda. The other events have all been liberally patronised by owners, and racegoers are certain of a first-rate afternoon's sport. Some interesting notes in connection with the meeting will be found in our Wanganui correspondent's letter. The first race is timed to start at 11.30 a.m. The acceptances are as follows:—

HACK HURDLES HANDICAP of 175 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Portland Lady 11.9, Colorado 11.3, Miss Sation 11.0, Mattock 10.10, Mahzoltov 10.3, Want 10.4, Foeman 10.3, Tornea 10.1, Calais 10.1, Combustion 9.13, Lady Amal 9.6, Dasher Boy 9.0, Pawerewere 9.0, Mairua 9.0, Sail Home 9.0, Stroller 9.0.

DASH HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs, six furlongs.—Turangapito 9.2, Quinn's

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The Poverty Bay Turf Club have now made public the details in connection with their summer programme. The meeting is to be held on the Makaraka Racecourse on Saturday, February 9, and, being held two days after the Gisborne Racing Club's fixture is certain of wide patronage. Among the events to be decided is the Turanga Stakes Handicap, of 300sovs (one mile and a-quarter), which should attract a splendid field, while the Stewards' Handicap, of 200sovs (six furlongs), can be depended upon to result in a generous response from owners of sprinters. The other events are all of 150sovs value each, so that many trainers from other districts will undoubtedly recognise in the Poverty Bay Turf Club's summer meeting an ideal opportunity of racing members of their string with the prospects of picking up some valuable stake money. Entries for all events close with the secretary, Mr. D. R. De Costa, on Friday, January 25, at 9 p.m.

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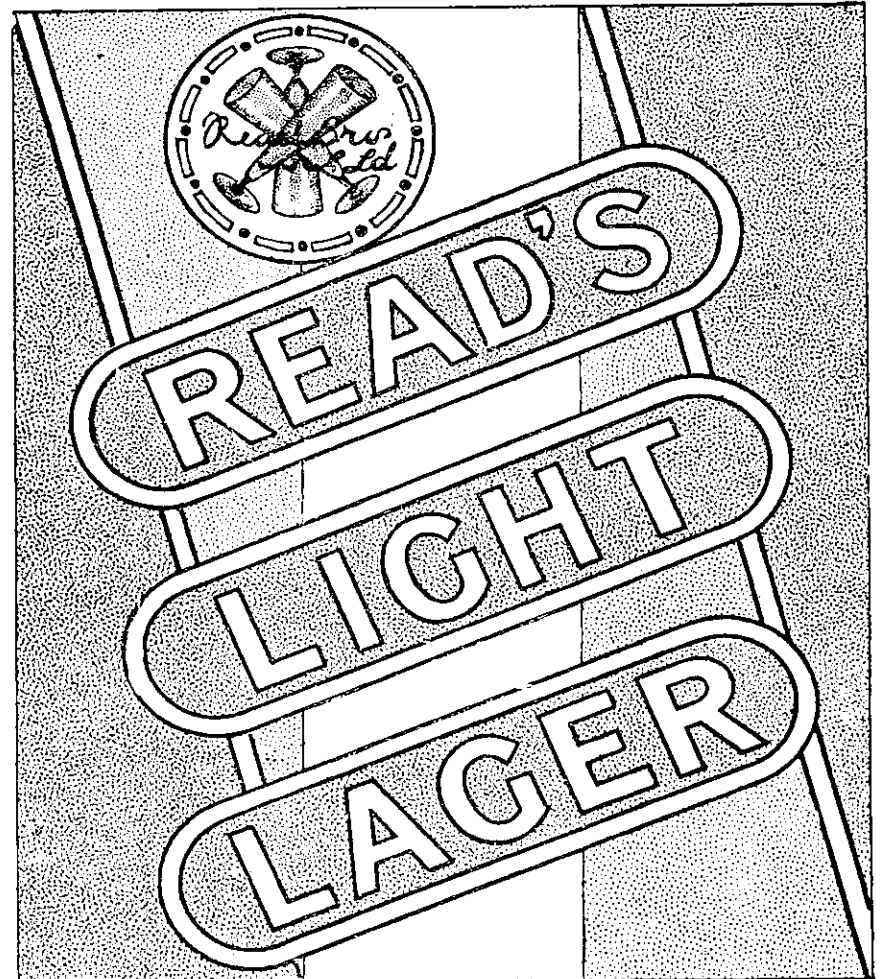
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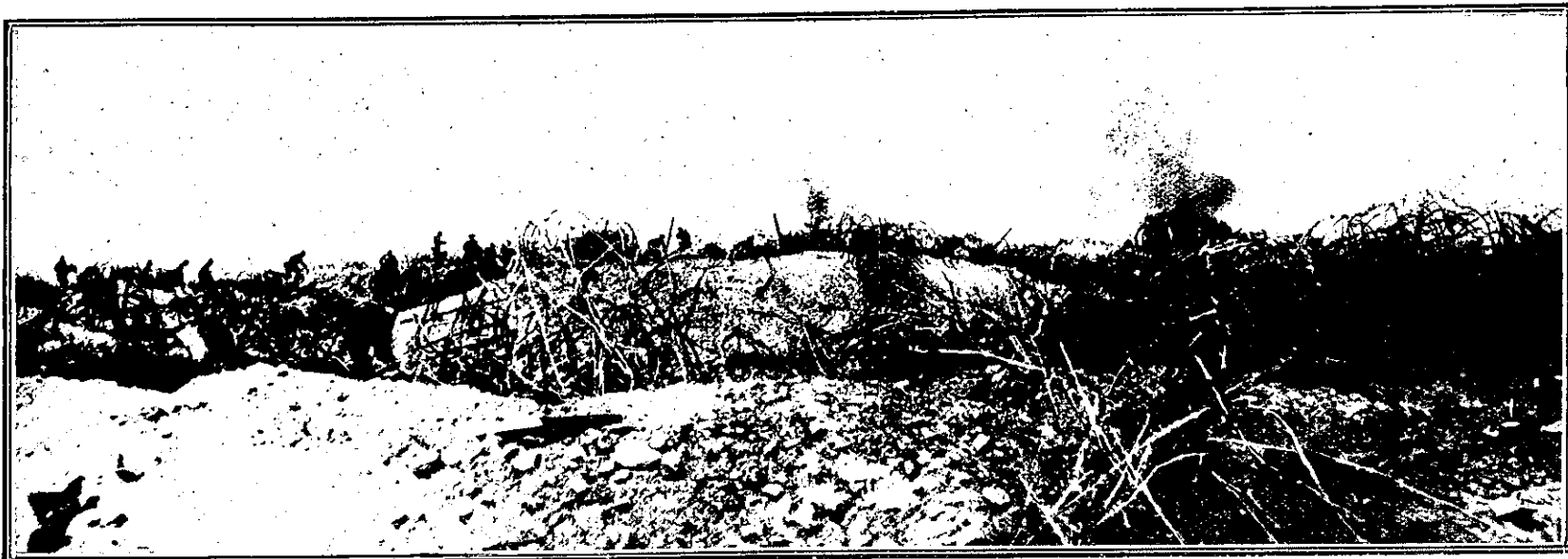
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AN AMMUNITION DUMP ON THE BRITISH WESTERN FRONT. SOLDIERS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN LEVELLING THE GROUND AND STACKING THE AMMUNITION IN READINESS FOR IMMEDIATE USE. Before stacking ammunition the ground, which has been terribly cut up by shell-fire, has to be levelled. Note the mules at work with scrapers. In the hurry up of the British advance, ammunition often arrives before the ground is levelled.

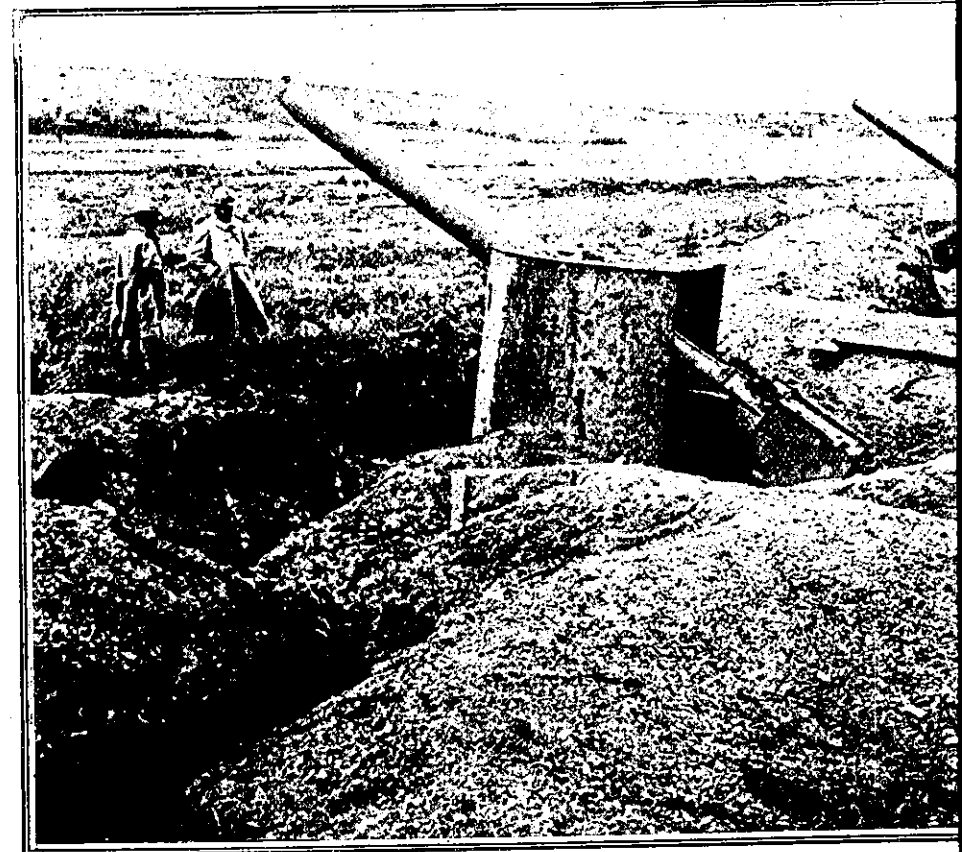


NOTTINGHAM'S GIFT TO NEW ZEALAND.—PRESENTATION OF A MODERNLY-EQUIPPED AEROPLANE TO THE DOMINION IN RECOGNITION OF HER SPLENDID WAR EFFORTS. A NOTEWORTHY GATHERING IN THE FAMOUS ENGLISH MANUFACTURING CENTRE ON THE OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE VALUABLE GIFT, WHICH IS SHOWN IN THE ILLUSTRATION. A latest type aeroplane, costing £2000, was presented to the New Zealand Government by the Nottingham Chamber of Commerce on October 27, amid a scene of enthusiasm, the occasion being a memorable one as showing the appreciation of the fine work accomplished by the Dominion's troops in assisting the Old Country.

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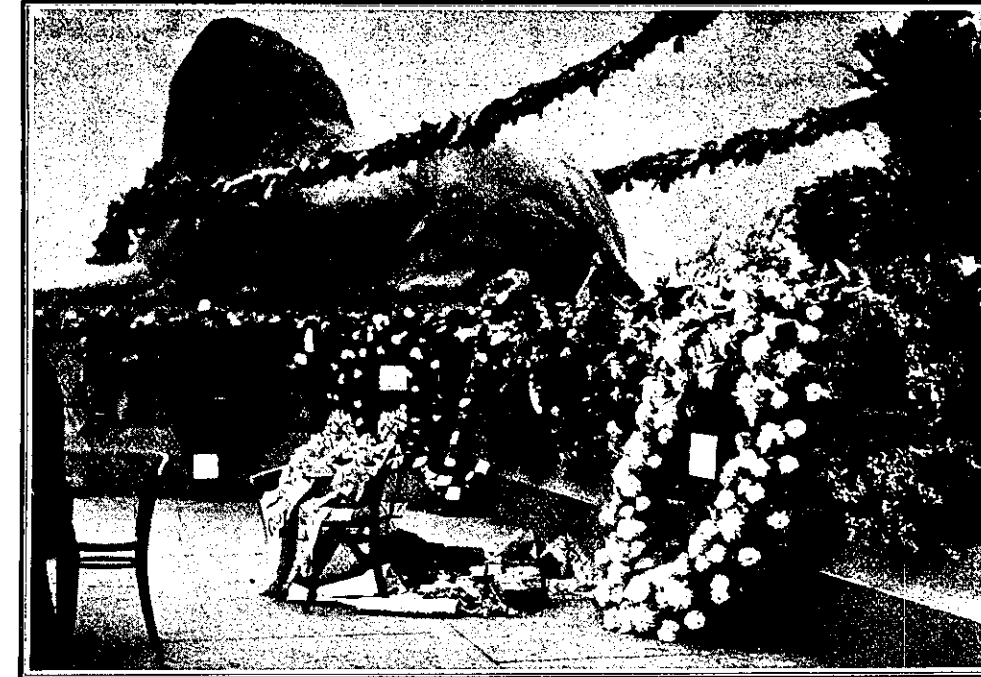


FRENCH GENERALS AND OFFICERS ASSEMBLED AT A POINT BEHIND THE FRONT. HERE PRESIDENT POINCARÉ CONFERRING DECORATIONS UPON THE GENERAL WHO TOOK PART IN THE SEVERE FIGHTING AT YPRES, SOON AFTER THE LATTER PART OF 1917.

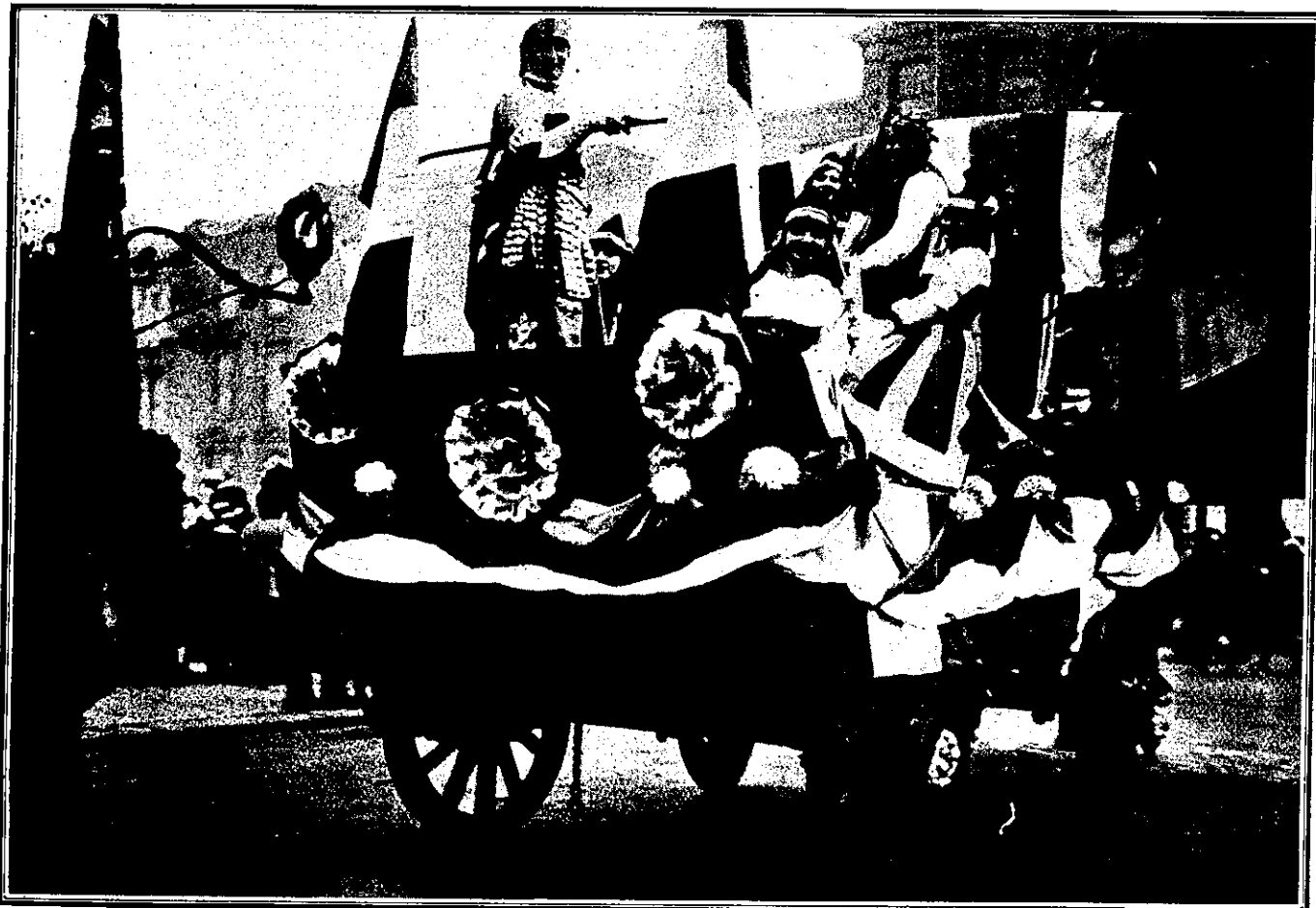
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ALDWYCH THEATRE NOW ANZAC HOSTEL. The Aldwych Theatre, London, the scene of many theatrical successes, has been converted into a very delightful "hut" by the Australian Y.M.C.A. for the accommodation of Overseas troops. The theatre stalls have been removed and a pleasant lounge substituted. A number of Australian soldiers are shown enjoying its comforts.



EMBLEMATIC OF A GREAT BRITISH NAVAL VICTORY.—NELSON WREATH occasion of the 112th anniversary of Trafalgar, which was celebrated on October 21. The Nelson Column in London was adorned with over eighty floral tributes. Relatives of the fallen are shown placing wreaths. The illustration shows the wreaths round the base of the column.

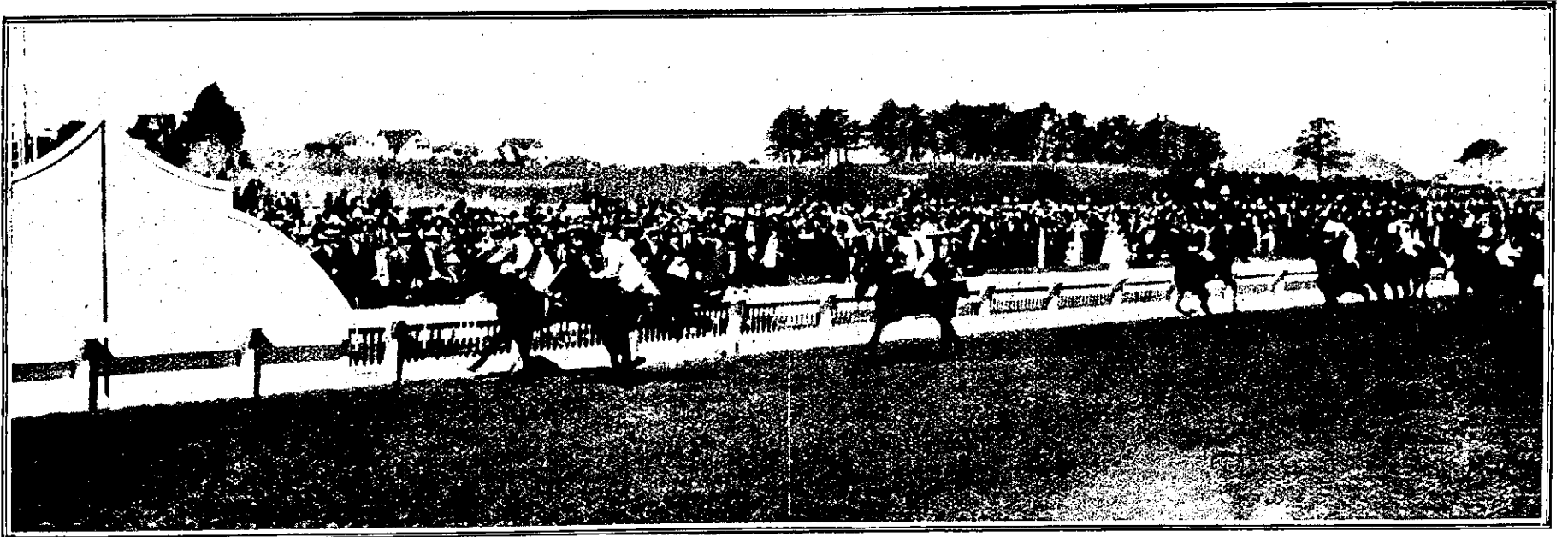


"YE OLDE DEPTFORD FAYRE."—The village of Deptford, England, recently made a special effort to help the funds for the British Red Cross, culminating in a pageant which paraded the streets. The Belgian car, appropriately decorated, which is shown in illustration, was a conspicuous feature of the pageant.



THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO WOOLWICH DOCKYARD.—TWO GIRL "REDCAPS" DRAW ATTENTION AND SALUTED AS THE QUEEN AND PRINCESS PASSED BY, KNOWLEDGING THE SALUTE. Her Majesty, who was accompanied by Prince of Wales, was shown a variety of military equipment, a specialty being made of this work.

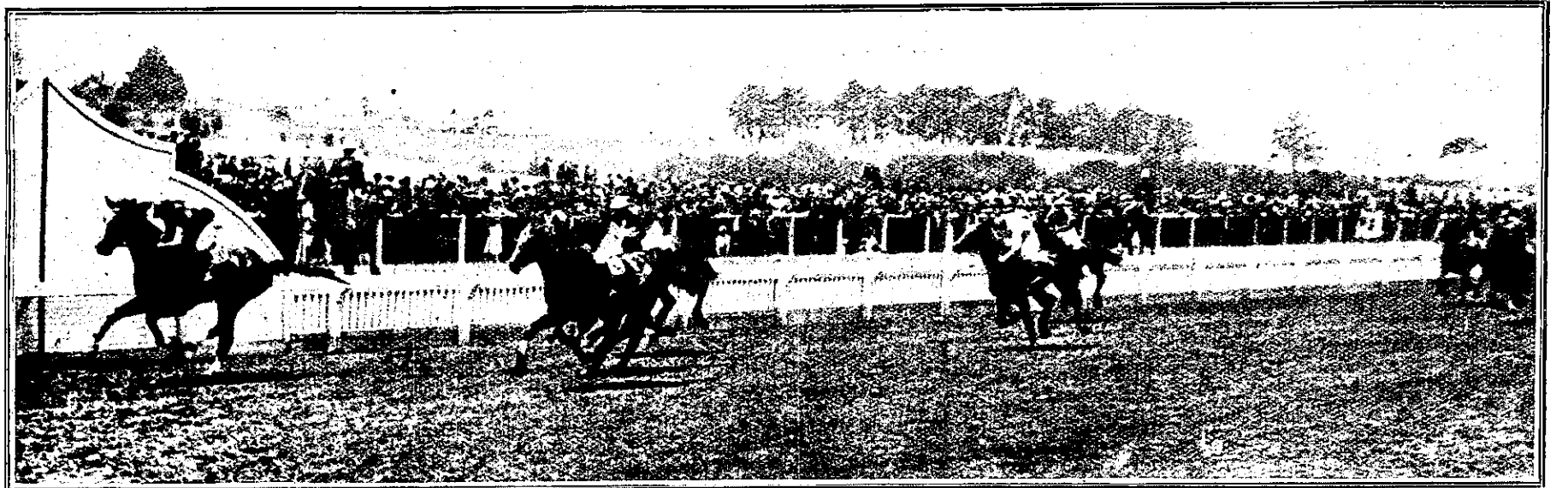
The Opening Day of the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting.



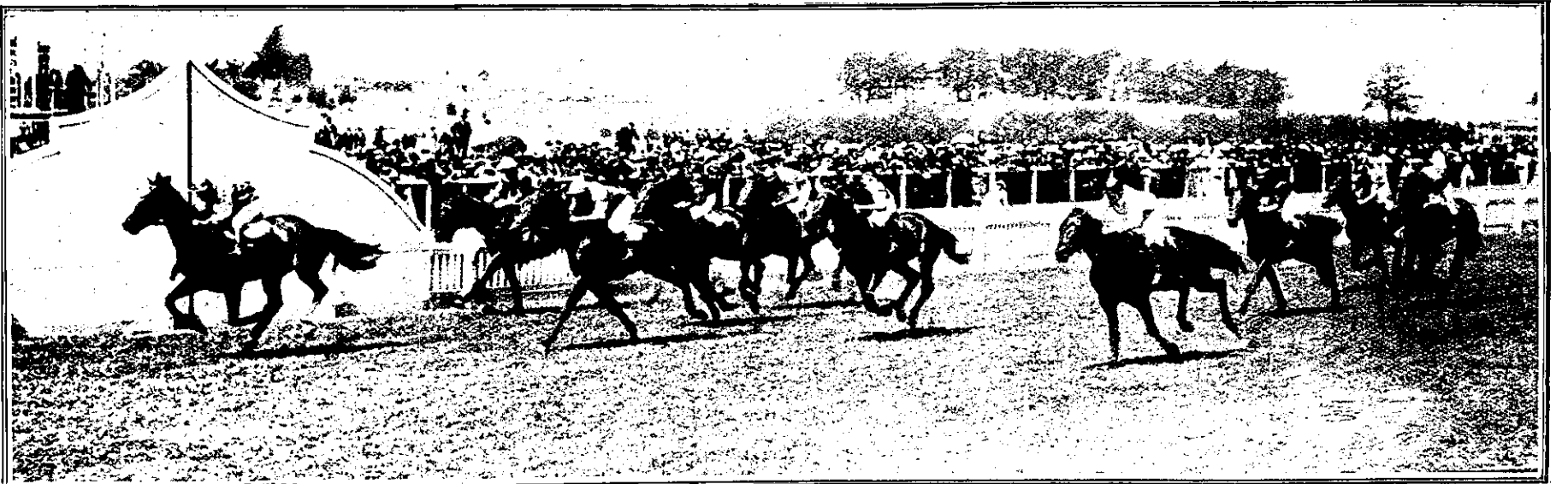
HYMESTRA (J. O'SHEA), NEXT RAILS, AND KING LUPIN (H. ROBINSON) DISPUTING SUPREMACY IN THE RAILWAY HANDICAP (SIX FURLONGS), IN WHICH THEY DEAD-HEATED. NANNA (EMERSON) THIRD.



A STERLING FINISH IN THE NURSERY HANDICAP (FIVE FURLONGS)—LONG RANGE (B. DEELEY), ON OUTSIDE, DEFEATS FIRST RAIN (H. GRAY), IN CENTRE, BY HALF A LENGTH, WITH PIRAEUS (A. REED) THIRD, AND PRINCIPAL LADY (NEXT RAILS) FOURTH.

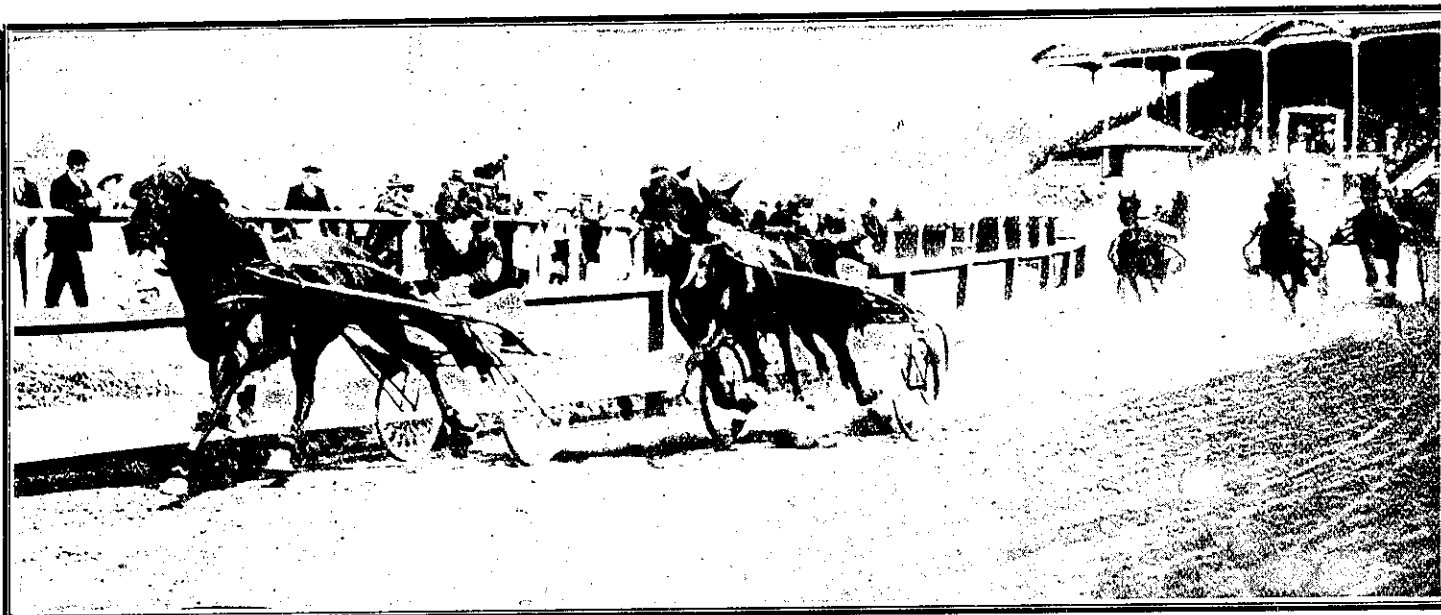


LORD KENILWORTH (G. CLARKE) WINS THE SHORTLAND PLATE (ONE MILE) FROM THE FAVOURITE, SILVER TONGUE (EMERSON), WITH GLENDOWER (A. REED) THIRD.

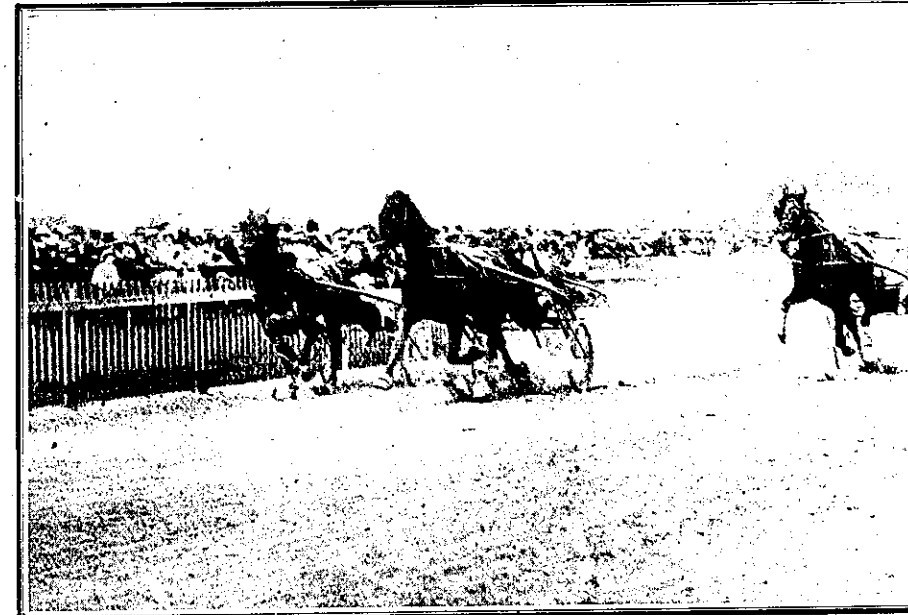


FABRIQUETTE (H. GRAY) SCORES A CONVINCING VICTORY FROM BELLACITY (J. CAMPBELL) AND ELUE CROSS (M. D. O'SHEA) IN THE ROBINSON HANDICAP (SEVEN FURLONGS).

The Opening Day of the Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting at Alexandra



SCIENTIST (J. T. PAUL) LEADING TATTLES (RINNIMONT) AND GRATTAN CHIMES GOING OUT OF THE STRAIGHT IN THE EDEN HANDICAP (TWO MILES).

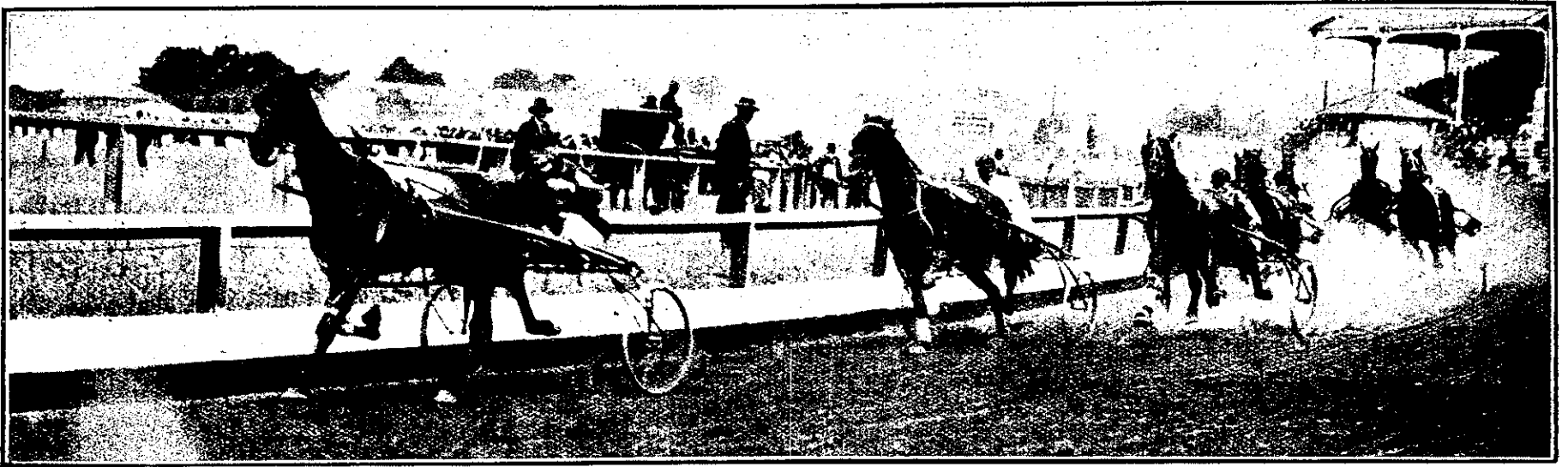


THE FINISH OF THE EDEN HANDICAP TROT.—HOVA (G. PAUL), SCIENTIST (NEXT RAILS), WITH GRATTAN CHIMES

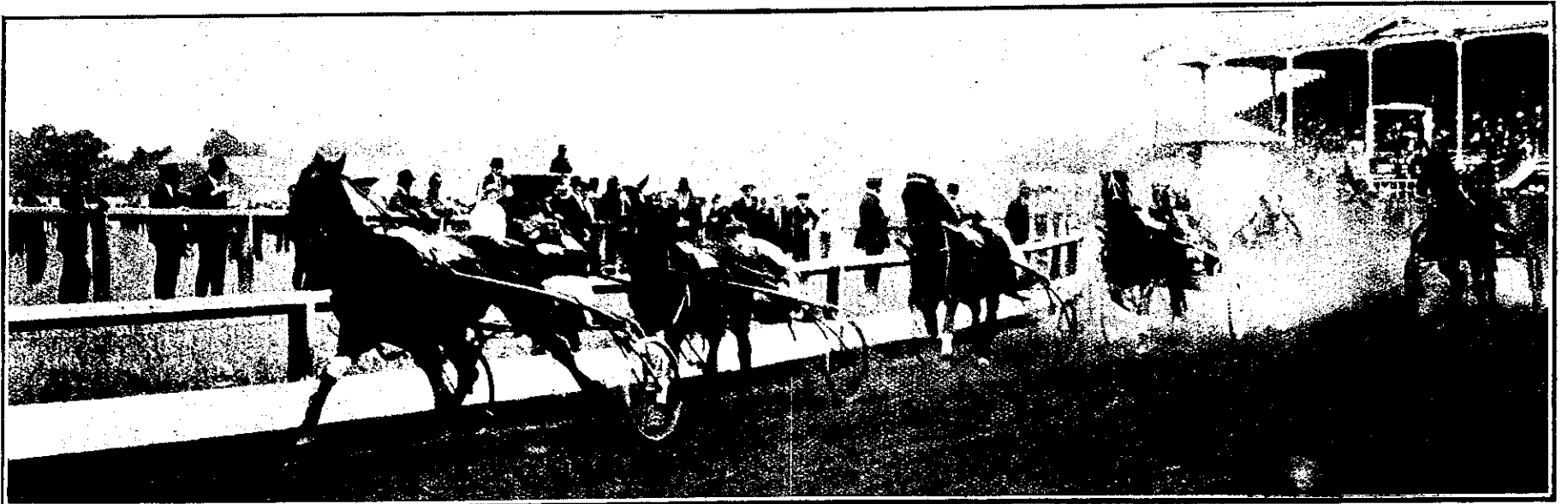


A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE MAIN STAND AND LAWN AT ALEXANDRA PARK ON CUP DAY AT THE AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S RECORD SUMMER MEETING, SHOWING THE BUILDING IN DISTANCE.

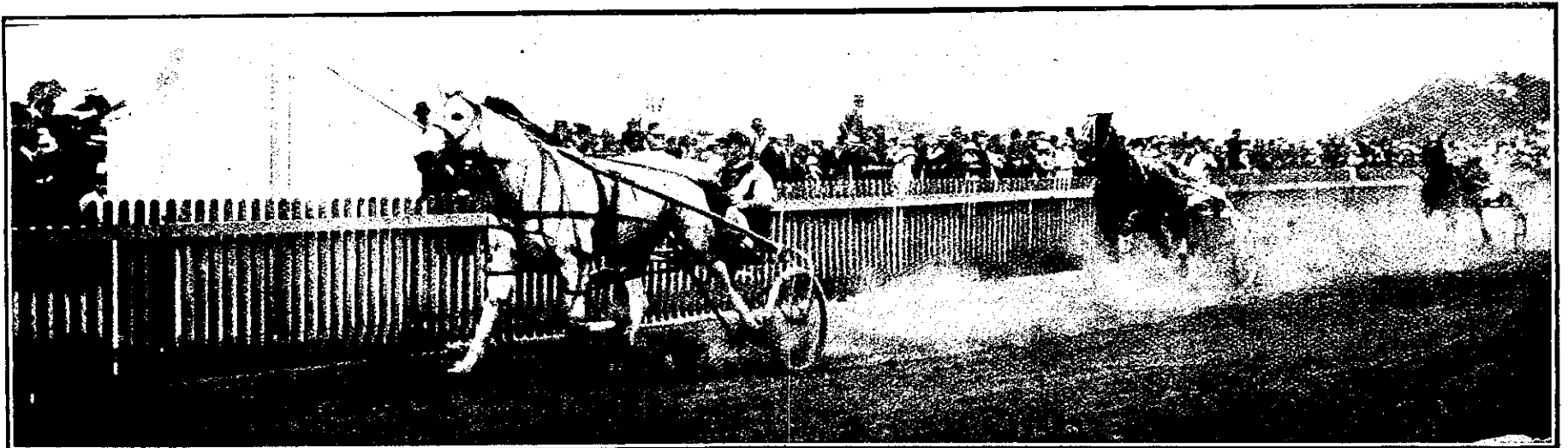
The Auckland Trotting Cup and the Great Northern Trotting Derby.



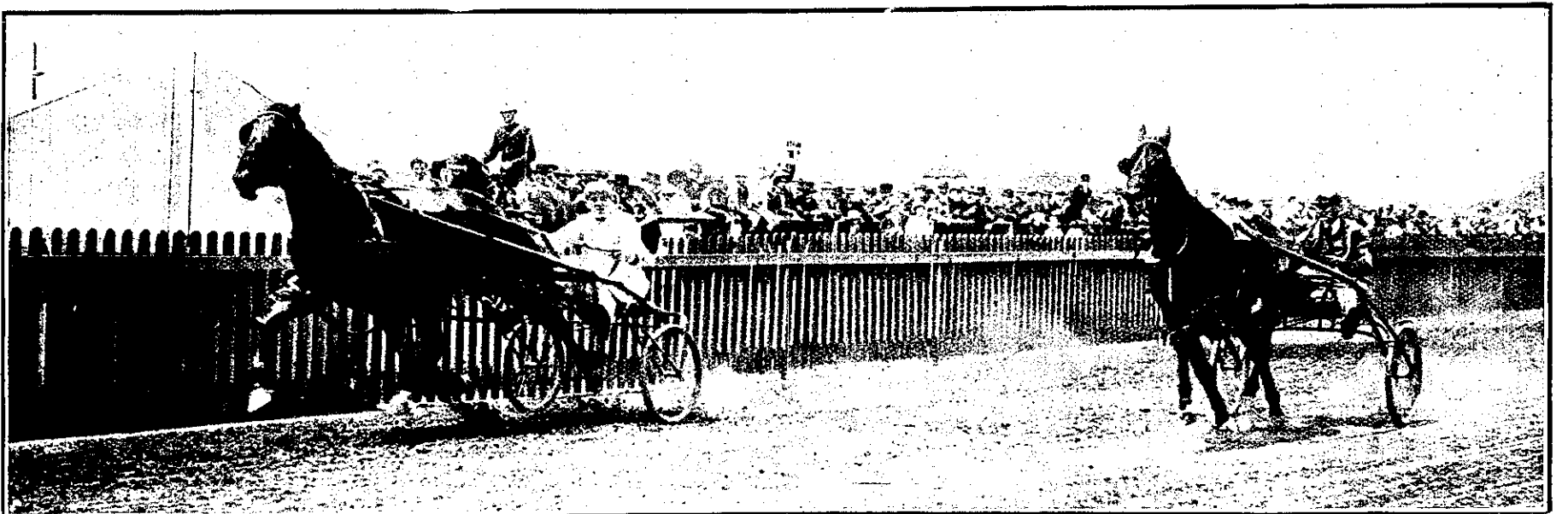
GOING OUT OF THE STRAIGHT THE FIRST TIME IN THE AUCKLAND TROTting CUP.—CHID (J. BRYCE) LEADING HAROLD JUNIOR (BROWN), SIR FULHAM (JULIAN), DERBY DILLON (ROBERTSON) AND WAVERLEY (RICHARDS) IN THE ORDER NAMED.



THE FIELD ENTERING THE FINAL CIRCUIT IN THE AUCKLAND TROTting CUP.—CHID SHOWING THE WAY TO SIR FULHAM, HAROLD JUNIOR, WAVERLEY AND DERBY DILLON, WITH THE SCRATCH HORSE, STEEL BELL, CLOSING UP ON THE FIELD.



THE FINISH OF THE AUCKLAND TROTting CUP (TWO MILES).—STEEL BELL (LYNCH) WINNING FROM WAVERLEY (T. RICHARDS), WITH AUSTURIO (CUNNINGHAM) THIRD.



THE FINISH OF THE GREAT NORTHERN TROTting DERBY (ONE MILE AND A-HALF).—PRESIDENT WILSON (HENRICKSEN) DEFEATS QUEEN CHIMES (J. BRYCE) BY A NARROW MARGIN.

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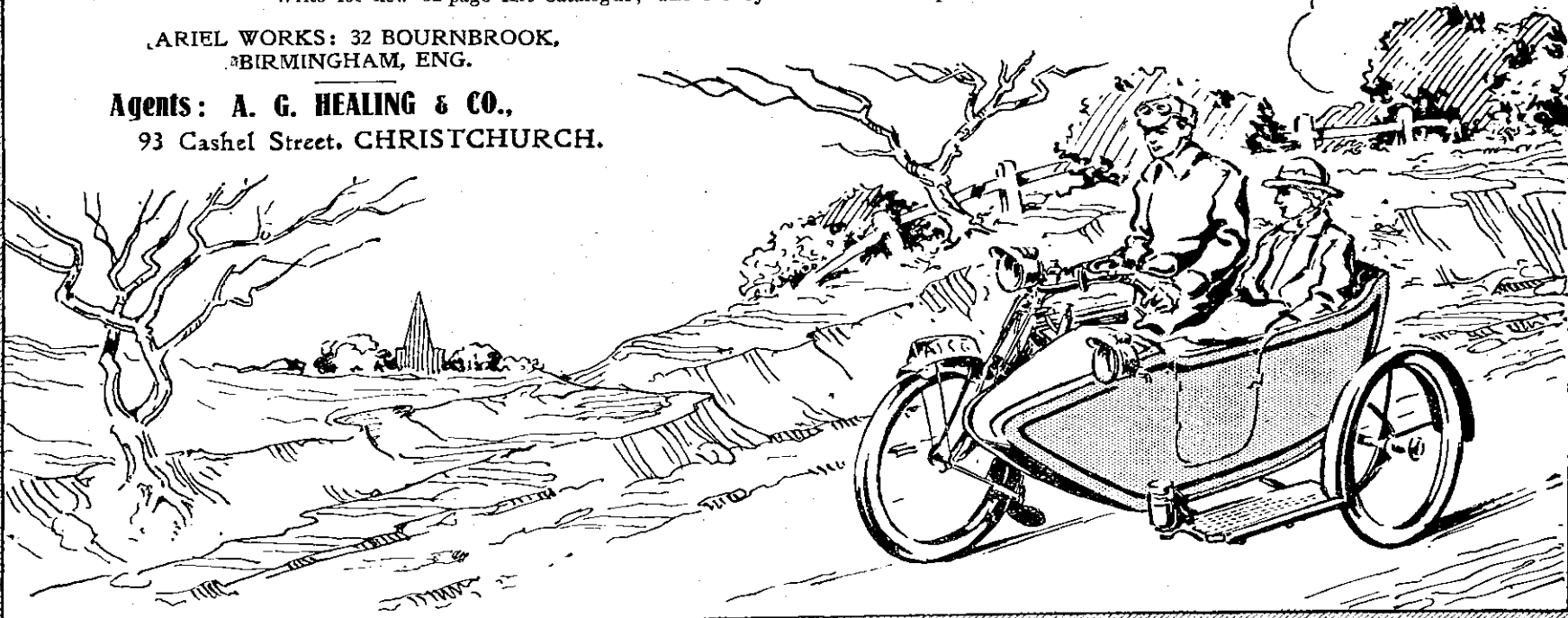
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RACING REVIEWED.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

LADY ENERGY WINS CUP.

The Thames Jockey Club held their annual gathering at Parawai on Boxing Day in perfect weather, racegoers assembling in strong force, a fair percentage of visitors from Auckland being among those present. The racing was of a most enjoyable nature, the Goldfields Cup in particular being productive of an exciting race, in which Lady Energy accounted for last year's Cup winner, Munster, after a keen struggle up the straight. Spalperion put up a good performance by capturing the Handicap Hurdles and later in the afternoon leading the field home in the Handicap Steeplechase. The Auckland horseman, J. Roach, was responsible for piloting four winners, winning on the flat, over hurdles and cross-country. The totalisator investments amounted to £9079 for the afternoon. The results were:—

HANDICAP HURDLES of 85sovs. One mile and three-quarters.
S. Gyde's ch g Spalperion, aged, by Spalpeen—Sophia, 9.7 (J. Roach) 1
F. Hand's b m Carbitness, aged, 9.3 (Tapp) 2
J. D. Macfarlane's br g Glenhow, aged, 9.0 (Warner) 3
Also started: Silver Lupin 10.0 (J. Preston), Surrey Park 9.0 (T. Scott). Silver Lupin set out as pacemaker, but came to grief at the fourth fence. Spalperion then having command, and he was never headed, winning by half a length. Time, 5min 24 3-5sec.

MAIDEN HANDICAP of 65sovs. Six furlongs.
P. V. Norman's ch m Flying Gowrie, 4yrs, by Glengowrie—Punuwai, 7.12 (Warner) 1
R. J. Graham's ch g Cabellero, 4yrs, 7.7 (D. Rice) 2
H. Heale's br g Campaign, aged, 7.12 (J. Roach) 3
Also started: Riga 9.8 (Tapp), Miss Leslie 7.12 (Means), Tuipa 7.8 (Dillamore), St. Diamond 7.7 (Kennedy), Kidderminster 7.6 (H. Stockley), Picador 7.6 (T. Scott), Monatour 7.6 (Preston), Rosori 7.6 (Colton), Rexona 7.6 (Martin). Tuipa was left at the post. A good finish resulted in Flying Gowrie winning by three-parts of a length. Time, 1min 15 4-5sec.

BOROUGH HANDICAP of 70sovs. Five furlongs.
D. J. Lynch's b m Kifty Bellairs, 6yrs, by Obligado—Sweet Alice, 8.5 (Warner) 1
W. J. Graham's b g Corregidor, aged, 8.4 (Rice) 2
J. Twohill's br m Declare, 5yrs, 7.8 (Martin) 3
Also started: Princess Bee 7.4, Ohine 6.7.

Kitty Bellairs shot out when the barrier lifted and the issue was never in doubt, the speedy daughter of Obligado winning by three lengths. Time, 1min 2 3-5sec.

GOLDFIELDS CUP of 150sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

A. Mitchell's b m Lady Energy, 4yrs, by Carl Rosa—Energy, 7.0 (Dillamore) 1
R. McMIKEN's b g Munster, aged, 8.13 (J. Roach) 2
R. E. Wright's br g Glenspire, aged, 9.5 (Tapp) 3
Also started: Pre-eminent 6.8 (Preston), Novation 6.8 (Harvey), Wainera 6.7 (Rice).

A splendid race up the straight resulted in favour of Lady Energy by half a length. Time, 2min 9 1-5sec.

HACK RACE of 65sovs. Six furlongs.
H. Heale's br g Campaign, aged, by Campfire—Winnie, 8.7 (Roach) 1
C. Winder's b g New Zealand, 3yrs, 8.2 (Warner) 2
D. Forrest's br m Orpheum, 6yrs, 8.0 (D. Rice) 3

Also started: Miss Leslie 8.7 (Means), Tuipa 8.3 (Preston), Picador 8.0 (Scott), General Stephens 8.0 (C. Kennedy), Ohne 7.12 (Schmidt), Watatapai 7.12, Strideaway 7.12 (Martin), Moneymoon 7.10 (Harvey), Itosori 7.10 (Colton), Newlant 7.7, Shinrone 7.7. Campaign won by a length from a rank outsider in New Zealand, who returned a dividend of over a score. Time, 1min 16 3-5sec.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 80sovs. Six furlongs.
A. W. Beveridge's ch g Cardrona, aged, by Lupin—Natator mare, 7.12 (Roach) 1
W. J. Graham's b g Corregidor, 8.4 (D. Rice) 2
R. E. Wright's br g Glenspire, aged, 9.6 (Tapp) 3
Also started: Kitty Bellairs 8.5, Riga 7.3, Flying Gowrie 6.10. Cardrona got away smartly and won all the way, scoring by a couple of lengths. Time, 1min 15sec.

HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE of 105 sovs. Two miles and three-quarters.
S. Gyde's ch g Spalperion, aged, by Spalpeen—Sophia, 9.10 (Roach) 1
J. Williamson's Hautere, aged, 10.8 (J. Kelly) 2
E. J. Rae's br g Captain Lock, aged, 9.9 (Preston) 3
Also started: Ranza Mist 10.12 (McRandall), Uister 10.7 (Turner), Gluterino 9.9 (Tapp), Dunrobin 9.7 (T. Scott). Gluterino fell at the first double. Spalperion led all the way and won by three lengths.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 65sovs. Seven furlongs.
Alexander and Bruce's b g Soutlane, aged, by Sout—Lady Winnie, 7.3 (Colton) 1
J. J. Barrett's Glucian, 7.6 (Owen) 2
A. S. Mazzoney's Keystone, 5yrs, 8.0 (J. Roach) 3
Also started: Bezmar 7.6, Wainera 6.7, Monatour 6.7. Won by two lengths.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The Dunedin Jockey Club's summer meeting was held on Boxing Day in perfect weather. The attendance was good. The totalisator handled £17,495

10s., as against £17,978 10s. for the first day last year. The results were:—

SUMMER HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.
3—Silver Shield (J. Kaan) 1
1—Cast Iron 2
2—Prairie Fire 3

Also started: 4 Quickshot, 5 Thruster. Quickshot, when in the lead, jumped into the corner at the hurdle in the straight, and toppled over inside, tearing herself so badly that she had to be shot. McMullan, her rider, was not badly hurt. Silver Shield led into the straight and won by a length and a-half, the third horse being four lengths away. No time was taken.

SALISBURY HANDICAP. One mile.
3—Leaping Burn (F. Porter) 1
1—Subterfuge 2
7—Micky Free 3
Also started: 2 Glenshire, 4 Benefit, 8 Aircliffe, 5 Placid, 6 Lawsuit. Won by nearly half a length, a length between second and third. Time, 1min 44 3-5sec.

OTAGO HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.
3—Margarine (W. Bush) 1
1—Rorke's Drift 2
2—Marsa 3
Also started: 4 Ardenvhor, 5 Marc Antony. Won by a length, with Marsa five lengths further back. Time, 2min 38 2-5sec.

TRIAL STAKES. Seven furlongs.
4—Michaela 1
2—Harlequin 2
4—Porter 3
Also started: 7 Dumbell, 6 St. Anstiel, 3 Centimeter, 5 Aye Ready, 8 Catina. Won by half a length, eight lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 31sec.

FEDERAL HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
1—Kauwhero 1
1—Spectral 2
5—Sir Malt 3
Also started: 2 Kilrea, 4 Robert Bell, 3 Son. Won by a length, same distance between second and third. Time, 1min 17 1/2sec.

OTOKIA WELTER. One mile.
1—Euripos (F. Ellis) 1
4—Redowa 2
2—Spangle 3
Also started: 3 Ogier, 5 Wild Pilgrim, 6 Whipcord, 7 Quirinus. Won comfortably by three-parts of a length. Time, 1min 44 2-5sec.

BURNSIDE HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
Helicon (A. McKay) 1
3—Triple Entente 2
5—Leaping Burn 3
Also started: 4 Belair, 2 Bomb, 1 Rokealine, 8 Marianne, 11 Wingform, 10 Barley Rigs, 9 Swale, 6 All Pink. Won by half a length, same distance between second and third. Time, 1min 17sec.

FAREWELL HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.
4—Benefit (R. H. Ellis) 1
1—Comely 2
3—Placid 3

Also started: 2 Palamon, 6 Quirinus, 5 St. Anstiel. Won by three-parts of a length, with three lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 30sec.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The summer racing carnival in the Poverty Bay district will be opened on Thursday, February 7, when the Gisborne Racing Club will hold their meeting at the Te Hapara course. An excellent programme has been arranged, which should, apart from the local patronage that is ensured, be the means of attracting a strong contingent of visiting horses to the fixture. The Gisborne Cup Handicap, of 400 sovs (one mile and a-quarter), is a much-coveted event, and the prospects of a good entry for the race in question are decidedly bright. Gisborne is every year becoming more widely famed as one of the most progressive racing centres in the Dominion, and the wisdom of starting their horses at fixtures held there appeals strongly to owners and trainers in various parts of the North Island. The Flying Handicap, of 175sovs (six furlongs), will meet with a deserving response from the sprinting brigade, and with hack, welter and hurdle events to also engage the attention of those wishing to give their horses a chance to earn distinction early in the new year a record entry should be received on Friday evening, January 18, by 9 p.m.

Quite a number of track gallops were borne out by results at Ellerslie on Wednesday, but the value of a number of others was discounted badly by the lack of form of the horses on the day. The gallops of King Lupin and Hymestra, the dead-heaters in the Railway Handicap, were extremes that met. King Lupin registered the best six furlongs before the meeting, and Hymestra was beaten in four and five-furlong sprints each time. He would not have been as good a favourite as his stable companion, Nanna, in the race had they been running in different interests.

TERRACE HACK WELTER HANDICAP of 150sovs. Seven furlongs. 4-V. and E. Riddiford's b. f. Cooing, 3yrs, by Boniform-Ringdove, 8.8 (A. Reed) 1

AWAPUNI HANDICAP of 250sovs. Six furlongs. 2-K. S. Easton's br m Moutoa Queen, 5yrs, by Charlemagne II. -Stressa, 7.11 (H. Young) 1

CAMP HANDICAP of 200sovs. One mile and 55 yards. 3-F. J. Lysnar's br g Blackall, 6yrs, by All Black-La Noite, 7.0 (B. Morris) 1

TROTTING.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

STEEL BELL WINS THE CUP.

PRESIDENT WILSON THE DERBY.

It was a record crowd that witnessed the sport provided at Alexandra Park by the Auckland Trotting Club on Thursday, and the visitors were well repaid. There were some very fine races, and a very popular mare in Steel Bell won the Auckland Trotting Cup in good style from the back mark, putting up a record time performance for the race. The Great Northern Trotting Derby only drew two competitors, but they were both of good class and the race between them was of the keenest description throughout.

The next event, the December Handicap, resulted in another race confined to a pair. These were the favourite, Breadalbane, and the third favourite, Huon Gratton. Jimmie Harden's sulky met with an accident, the driver standing up on the shafts for half a mile of the journey, when he pulled off. He was second fancy. It very rarely happens that two horses cut out such a fast mile and a-half in this class of race, but they went nearer a 2.20 gait than to 2.30 all through, and Breadalbane won with only a little to spare.

The Auckland Trotting Cup was contested by a dozen runners. The public made Chid, driven by J. Bryce, favourite, Steel Bell being next in request, Peter Mac, Harold Junior and Asturio each having friends. Starting away from her mark well, Steel Bell, it can be said, commenced to lessen her handicap without delay, and though the favourite struck the front early he failed to keep his place, Waverley and Asturio staying on better. The last-named was a bit unlucky, but Waverley had every chance. Steel Bell went in such style, however, that she had the race as good as won a furlong and a-half from home and the rest was easy, and she came home two lengths ahead of Messrs. Richards fine horse, Asturio being three lengths away. Harold Junior and Whispering Willie were also beating the favourite. Steel Bell covered the two

miles in 4min 33 4-5sec, which is the best from a back mark ever accomplished on the course, and the cheering when she won could be heard a long way off. Mr. Roe's grey is most consistent, and there has never been a more popular performer in Auckland. She won three years ago, but has gone on improving steadily ever since.

An old public favourite in the black stallion Hova caused a surprise by winning the Eden Handicap Trot from a mark well back, and, being an outsider, his supporters received a dividend approaching a quarter of a century. Scientist, still less fancied, came in second and his backers too got a substantial dividend. Sweet Memory, the favourite, cut up badly, and Theseus and Amberite failed to run up to expectations.

In the Parnell Handicap Manuka Park failed once more when carrying good support. Scottish Queen was in front practically all the way and beat Miss Rolfe by two lengths. Lieutenant was a fair third.

A pair of nice three-year-olds came out for the Great Northern Derby. "Mr. F. J. Remington's" fine colt President Wilson, purchased from his breeder and trainer (Mr. William Kerr) and driven with great coolness by A. Hendricksen, after allowing Queen Chimes, who went without a break or skip throughout, came with a final run over the last furlong, and once in front had a little to spare and won by a neck. The colt was too keen for his work, and his supporters were never very sanguine until the straight was reached, but he came at the right end and satisfied them. As showing what a useful filly Queen Chimes is, Mr. Corrigan's representative came out and won the St. Heliers Handicap after a close race from Treanac in the good time of 2min 24 1-5 sec. Jimmie Harden, the favourite, failed to leave the mark until all chance was gone. Victor G. and Prince Child came in third and fourth. In the previous race, Dorothy Dimple, the second favourite, ridden with great confidence by N. Cunningham, beat Beckom, ridden by Bryce, Junr., by half a length, a neck in front of Fashionwood.

The results were:-

INTRODUCTORY TROT HANDICAP (Saddle) of 100sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 1-J. R. Corrigan's br g Armentieres, 5yrs, by Wildwood Chief - unknown, 12yds behind (W. Scott) . . . 1
- 8-T. Allen's b m Cella, 5yrs, limit (Allen) 2
- 2-W. Douglas' b m Miss Murphy, 5yrs, limit (Smallfield) 3

DECEMBER HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 1-G. Cormac's b g Breadalbane, 4 yrs, by Diadem-Black Angel, 12 yds behind (Leggett) 1
- 3-C. R. Bailey's b g Huon Gratton, 5yrs, limit (McMasters) 2
- 9-F. Whitehead's blk g George the Fourth, 4yrs, 12yds behind (A. Julian) 3

AUCKLAND TROTTING CUP HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. Two miles.

- 2-T. Roe's gr m Steel Bell, aged, by Gold Bell-King George mare, 96yds behind (Lynch) 1
- 6-Richards and Weston's br h Waverley, 6yrs, limit (Richards) 2
- 5-"Mr. Weymouth's" b g Asturio, 6yrs, limit (Cunningham) 3

EDEN HANDICAP TROT (Harness) of 250sovs; second 35sovs, and third 15 sovs. Two miles.

- 8-Geo. Paul's blk h Hova, aged, by Pirate-Murmur, 96yds behind (Geo. Paul) 1
- 9-J. T. Paul's b g Scientist, aged, limit (J. T. Paul) 2
- 5-J. D. Piper's b m Gratian Chimes, aged, 36yds behind (Nyhan) 3

Bells 60yds behind (Barraclough), 10 Kirikiriroa 96yds behind (Kelsey), 11 King Capitalist 120yds behind (Smith), 6 Blackthorn 132yds behind (Wyatt). Won by half a length, three-quarters of a length between second and third. Tattles was fourth and Blackthorn fifth. Time, 4min 50 3-5sec.

PARNELL HANDICAP (Harness) of 150sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. Two miles.

- 3-N. Nordquist's b m Scottish Queen, 5yrs, by Diadem-Black Angel, limit (N. Nordquist) 1
- 2-R. T. Reid's ch f Miss Rolfe, 4yrs, 36yds behind (Julian) 2
- 9-F. O. Weine's b g Lieutenant, aged, 86yds behind (Hall) 3

GREAT NORTHERN TROTting DERBY of 350sovs; second 70sovs, and third 30sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 1-F. J. Remington's b c President Wilson, 3yrs, by Wildwood Junr. -Wattle 1
- 2-J. R. Corrigan's b f Queen Chimes, 3yrs, by Coldstream Bells-Vanquish (Bryce) 2

GREAT NORTHERN HANDICAP (Saddle) of 200sovs; second 30sovs, and third 15sovs. One mile.

- 2-N. Cunningham's gr m Dorothy Dimple, aged, by Papanui-Lady Linton, limit (Cunningham) 1
- 1-F. Johnston's blk g Beckom, aged, 48yds behind (Bryce, Junr.) 2
- 3-C. Arden's b g Fashionwood, aged, 12yds behind (Barraclough) 3

ST. HELIERS HANDICAP (Harness) of 150sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. One mile.

- 2-J. R. Corrigan's b f Queen Chimes, 3yrs, by Coldstream Bells-Vanquish, 24yds behind (J. Bryce) . . . 1
- 7-W. J. Brad's br g Treanac, aged, limit (J. T. Paul) 2
- 11-S. Galbraith's rn g Victor G, aged, 24yds behind (H. Gladding) . . . 3

BLOOD WILL TELL.

In speaking of the operations of the Australian Light Horse in Palestine, Reuter's correspondent recently cabled to Australian papers:-"One lot of horses was once only twice watered in 100 hours, and covered over 50 miles of sand country. The animals frequently go 30 or 40 hours without a drink. It is a marvel how they have stood it so long." One more tribute has, therefore, been added to the excellence of the Australian horse, and the lads fighting in the desert have good reason to be thankful that they are so well mounted, on horses that owe their worth to the fact of them having so much thoroughbred blood in them. Anti-racing faddists should note the remarkable things done by Australian horses in this war, as we can thank racing for having brought them up to such a high pitch of excellence. Ever since the horses have had a chance to do something, the Anzacs have written home in scores praising their capabilities, and all have unanimously agreed that the thoroughbred strain counts for everything in the production of a cavalry horse.-"Referee."

RACING FIXTURES 1917-18.

- Dec. 26, 29, Jan. 1-Auckland R.C.
- Jan. 1-Wyndham 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.

- 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.
- Tuesday, January 1. Weights second day Hawke's Bay J.C. summer, at 8.30 p.m. Acceptances second day Hawke's Bay J.C. summer, at 9.30 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 3. Handicaps Northern Wairoa R.C. summer.
- Friday, January 4. Nominations all events Foxton R.C. annual, at 9 p.m. Nominations all races with hack conditions Wellington R.C. summer, at 9 p.m. General entries Takapuna J.C. summer, at 9 p.m.

WAIKATO TROTTING CLUB.

(Under N.Z. Trotting Association.)

ANNUAL MEETING.

To be held at Hamilton on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1918.

Patrons: J. A. Young, Esq., M.F., R. F. Bolland, Esq., M.P. President: Mr. E. Goodwin. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. J. Dalgliesh, H. Rowland, J. Teddy, Stewards: Messrs. C. L. Innes, Stewart, Robb, J. Clarkin, Newell, Speight, Potts, Clarkin, McDonald, Fraser Smith, Tapp, Coates, McKindry. Judge: J. Teddy, Esq. Starter: Mr. F. W. Edwards. Handicapper: Mr. F. W. Edwards. Clerk of Scales: Mr. C. Stevens. Clerk of Course: Mr. A. B. Cassidy. Timekeepers: Messrs. Harker and Innes. Secretary: Arthur J. Smith.

PROGRAMME

(Under Rules New Zealand Trotting Association.) Approved by the N.Z. Trotting Association.

- Races will be run in following order: 1. INTRODUCTORY HANDICAP (Optional) of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For unhopped trotters only, for horses that have never won at better than 2.40 to the mile at the time of nomination. Limit, 4.15. Distance, one mile and a-half. Nomination 20s., acceptance 20s.
- 2. CLAUDELANDS HANDICAP (Harness) of 60sovs; second horse to receive 7sovs, and third horse 3sovs from the stake. For horses that have never won at better than 2.34 to the mile at time of nomination. Limit, 4.3. Distance, one mile and a-half. Nomination 20s., acceptance 25s.
- 3. WAIKATO TROTting CUP (Harness) of 170sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. Limit, 4.56. Distance, two miles. Nomination 30s., acceptance 35s.
- 4. FRANKTON HANDICAP (Harness) of 60sovs; second horse to receive 7sovs, and third horse 3sovs from the stake. Distance, one mile and a-half. Limit, 3.50. Nomination 20s., acceptance 25s.
- 5. STEWARDS' HANDICAP (Harness) of 110sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Limit, 2.28. Distance, one mile. Nomination 25s., acceptance 35s.
- 6. RAILWAY HANDICAP (Harness) of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Limit, 3.42. Distance, one mile and a-half. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
- 7. HAMILTON HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. For unhopped trotters only. Limit, 5.10. Distance, two miles. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
- 8. FAREWELL HANDICAP (Saddle) of 70sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs, and third horse 3sovs from the stake. Limit, 3.8. Distance, one mile and a-quarter. Nomination 20s., acceptance 25s.

NOMINATIONS for all events close with Mr. F. D. Yonge, Secretary Otahuhu Trotting Club, Auckland, or the Secretary Waikato Trotting Club, Hamilton, at 9 p.m., on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

HANDICAPS to appear on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

ACCEPTANCES for all events close with the Secretary at Hamilton, at 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

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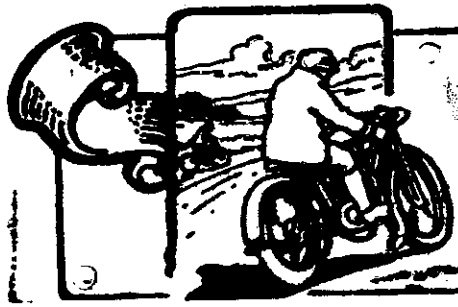
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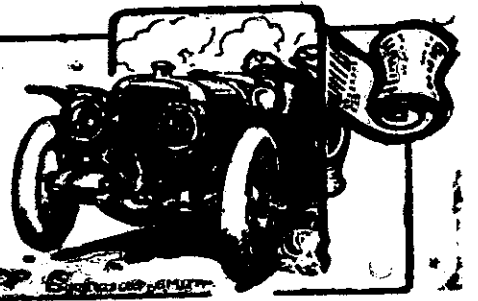
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MOTORING & CYCLING



Some of the leaders of that section of the French press devoted to trade matters in connection with the cycle and motor industries are raising a strong protest against the total abandonment or suppression of activity among cycle and motor manufacturers during the war. They raise the point that those firms who can do so should be allowed to keep up at least a sufficient production to keep some of their machines on the market, if only for the sake of retaining goodwill in their trade names.

A marked decline is taking place in the exports of motor tyres from the United States. Thus the shipments during the seven months ending with July last only reached a total of £1,587,200, as compared with £2,169,590 in the corresponding period of 1916.

The Administration des Domaines, the Department which is entrusted with the sale of war-worn cars and motor vehicles discarded from the French Army, has lately submitted for consideration a new scheme for the disposal of such machines. It is proposed that the cars should be divided into three distinct categories: (1) those which are in fairly good condition and the engines of which will run; (2) those which, while in fairly good condition, require some repairs to the engines before they will run, and (3) those which are badly worn. As far as possible cars of the same make and horse-power are to be grouped together, each vehicle being provided with a card showing the year of construction and the estimated value of the machine. The cars would be placed on view for a certain period to enable interested parties to inspect them and submit their offers in sealed envelopes. The cars would be sold to the highest bidders, singly in the case of those in good condition and those requiring slight repairs, and as regards those in poor condition, in lots. The plan is said not to have met with the full approval of French motor traders, with the result that the matter is still under the consideration of the authorities.

Both the country and the Government are waking up at last to some sense of what aircraft means in this war. But neither the country nor the Government has yet translated its theoretical realisation into practice (remarks the London "Daily Mail.") The need for aeroplanes to blind the enemy's eyes, to bomb his cities, to harass his communications, to direct our artillery, and to protect British towns is, like the need for high-explosive shells eighteen months ago, unlimited. To make those shells and the guns to fire them Mr. Lloyd George turned the heavy steel and iron industries inside out. What is needed now is a similar upheaval in the lighter wood and metal trades and their dedication to the manufacture of aeroplanes. No furniture ought to be made in Great Britain while the Army and Navy are short of aeroplanes. No factory ought to be turning out pianos and cabinets and office fittings, and such like luxuries, while the nation lacks one of the most essential aids to victory. The Germans are working like beavers on their air service, hoping still to snatch from us our hard-won advantage. Everyone in these islands who gives a single unnecessary order for articles made out of wood and metal is helping them to realise that hope, and every day that the Government hesitates to come down heavily on the waste of industrial energy that is still going on adds 24 hours not merely to the postponement of victory but to the chances of defeat.

The Nurse Cavell ambulance, a large motor, yellow-painted with the Red Cross on its sides, is to make its appearance on the Dunedin streets shortly. Last week, in front of the Dunedin Hospital, it was named and dedicated by Lady Ward in the presence of members of the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, of the honorary medical staff and of the St. John

Ambulance Association. Mr. W. E. S. Knight (chairman of the Board) welcomed Sir Joseph and Lady Ward, and gave a history of the movement leading up to the building of the ambulance. The sum of £470 was donated by public subscription, and, the Government subsidy being added, sufficient was in hand to provide an up-to-date ambulance. At the request of the chairman, Lady Ward named the car and dedicated it to the memory of Nurse Cavell. Lady Ward said it was with much pleasure that she accepted the invitation to dedicate the Nurse Cavell ambulance. The womanhood throughout the British Empire, and in all parts of the civilised world, would always have the most loving memories of the work and the sacrifice of this noble woman, Nurse Cavell, in the cause of humanity. The Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward spoke of the manner in which the early settlers had put their stamp upon Dunedin as men of force and ability, and said that to-day there were men of the same calibre in the city, carrying out works that would have the most beneficent effects on the town and the whole district surrounding it for many years to come. He alluded to the exceedingly good

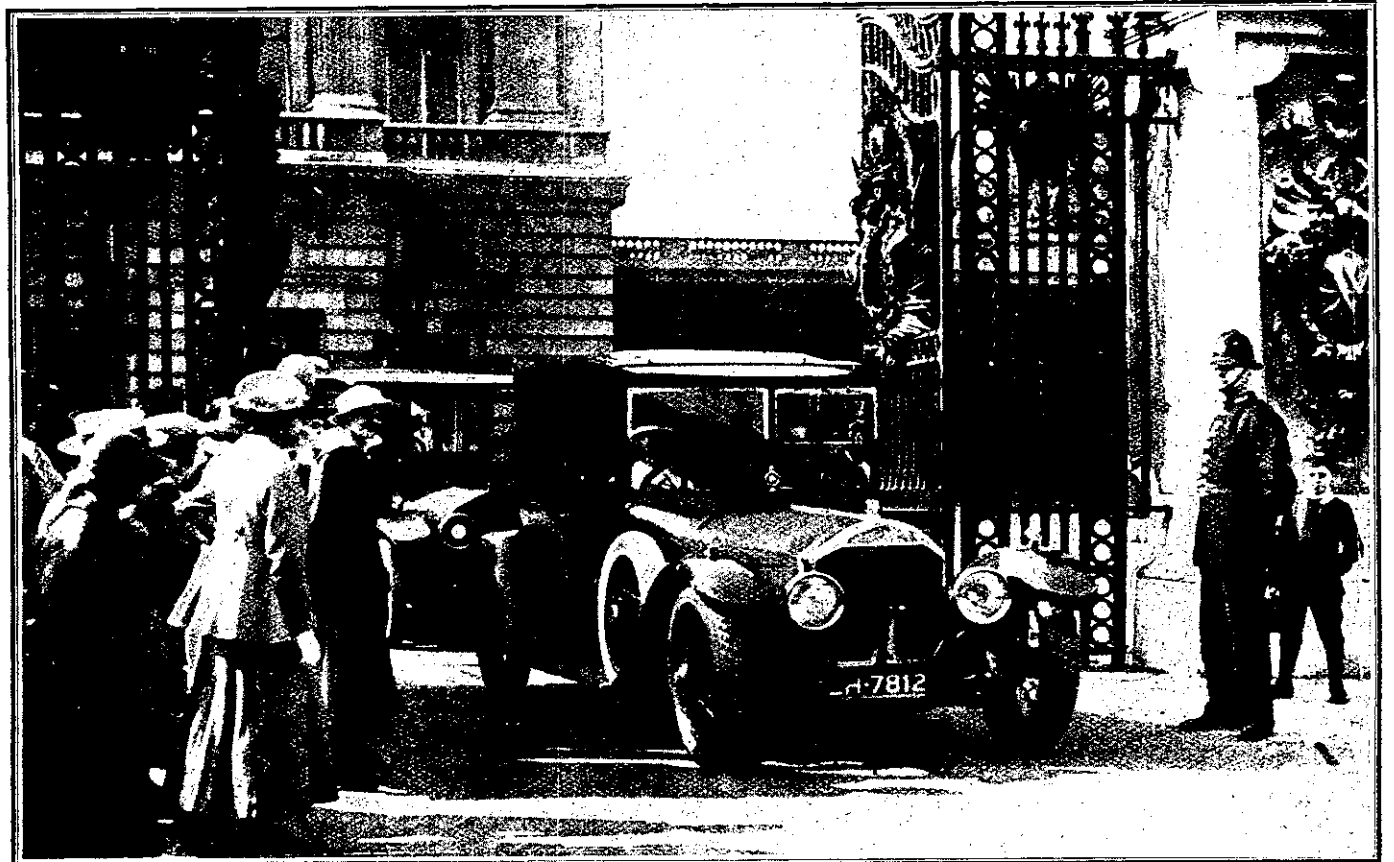
of suffering humanity. Might God bless it and speed it on its errands of mercy.

The annual balance-sheet of the Ford Motor Company has been issued, and shows some remarkable figures for the fiscal year ending July, 1917. The business transacted for the twelve months exceeded £70,000,000, and 785,432 cars were made and sold, showing an increase of 251,511. The average daily output of Fords was 2618. With new plant going into operation in October, the daily output was anticipated to reach 3000 cars. Employees number 37,000. Cash on hand includes bank deposits amounts to over £9,000,000. The company anticipates a big increase in business for 1917-1918, as in addition to making "Fords" it is now manufacturing hundreds of thousands of aeroplane cylinders for the American Government, also 40,000 war trucks and thousands of ambulances. It is interesting to note that in 1903-4 the output of the company for the year was only 1700 cars, just about half of the greatest daily output of this now gigantic concern.

Before the war, if an aeroplane was provided with one horse-power for

aeroplanes are now in service which have power plants from two to as high as twenty-four cylinders. The rotary form which has been developed in France is a popular type for certain work, but for the most part the engines contrived are of the eight or twelve-cylinder V-form. Some of the aerial motors have been really complicated tyres made light by the skilful proportioning of parts and the use of the best and most expensive materials of construction, such as chrome nickel and chrome vanadium steels; others are refined, simpler forms, modified from current automobile and racing engine practice. Indeed, the most successful engines may be considered as following conventional engineering rather than "freak" design, the only noticeable departure from this rule being in the rotary cylinder forms.

It is recognised by authorities the world over that taxi-cab work affords one of the severest tyre tests. When a make of tyre is used in hundreds on a fleet of taxi, and the average mileage results are high and the running cost per mile low, then one can be certain that good all-round results can be anticipated by motorists in general. The chairman of directors



A 30-35 h.p. six-cylinder Napier car leaving Buckingham Palace on the occasion of a recent investiture by H.M. the King of the new Order of the British Empire, of which Order the honour of Commander has been conferred upon Mr. H. T. Vane, managing director of Messrs. D. Napier and Son, Ltd.

work of the St. John Ambulance Association at Home, and said it was appropriate that this fine motor ambulance should be handed over to the local association for the worthy work in which it was engaged. Mr. M. Cohen congratulated the St. John Ambulance Association in becoming the owner of a useful adjunct to its activities. At the time the idea of an ambulance was mooted it was recognised as an urgent necessity, and the money for it was forthcoming in short time. He was pleased that local firms had succeeded in turning out the body of the car in a manner that could not be surpassed. As the ambulance was a somewhat heavy machine to run long distances, he suggested that a lighter car might be procured to bring in cases from the country districts. The Rev. V. G. Bryan King said he had great pleasure in accepting, on behalf of the St. John Ambulance Association, the custody, care and management of the beautiful motor ambulance which had been dedicated to the memory of Edith Cavell, the noble martyr nurse of the British race, whose memory would never die. As she spent her days and gave her life in ministering to the sick, suffering and dying, so this ambulance would ever be at the service

about every twenty pounds weight it was considered capable enough for use over the battle lines. At the present time aeroplanes having this ratio of weight to horse-power are used only for instruction purposes at primary training flying fields, because they are much too slow and do not have the climbing ability that is required in modern warfare. The fast scouts may have one horse-power for every eight or ten pounds weight, and in some cases of recent development the proportion has been even lower than this. If we consider briefly the requirements of the aviator, it will be evident that the most important is securing maximum power output with minimum mass, and at the same time it is desirable to conserve as many of the good qualities existing in standard automobile motors as possible. The development of light motors has been carried on in all of the warring countries, though each group of belligerents has worked on somewhat different lines. The Germans have concentrated their efforts on vertical cylinder motors of the Benz and Mercedes types, and have seldom used engines having more than six cylinders. The Allies, on the other hand, have experimented with numerous types of engines, and

of one of the finest and largest taxi services in Australia has recently written the Dunlop Rubber Company congratulating them on the wonderful results obtained from the hundreds of Australian "Dunlops" in use on their fleet of cars. Many of the tyres have run over 10,000 miles—one did 13,441 miles—but the most important point of all—the average result—is the best the company, the City Motor Service Proprietary, Ltd., of Melbourne, has ever had. As this company has not restricted itself to one make of tyre only, but has tested out others with a view of keeping running costs at the minimum, the superiority of the Australian "Dunlop" affords further testimony to the fact that there is no need for Australian motorists to send their money out of the country for imported tyres.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Allsopp have left Auckland on a motor trip to Taupo and other country districts.

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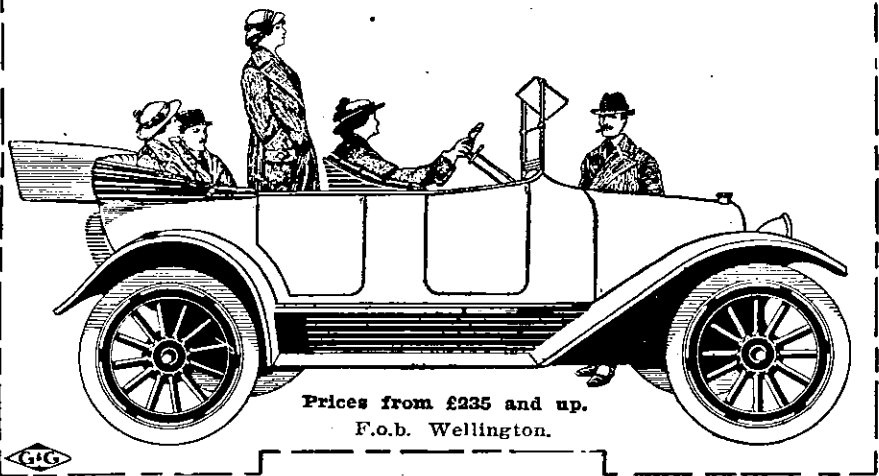
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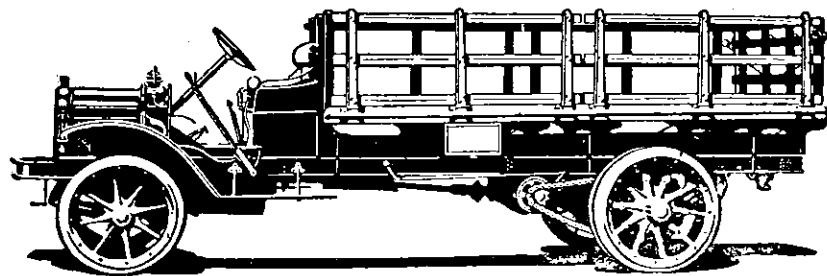
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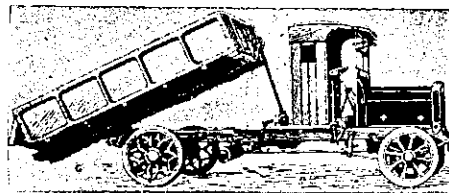
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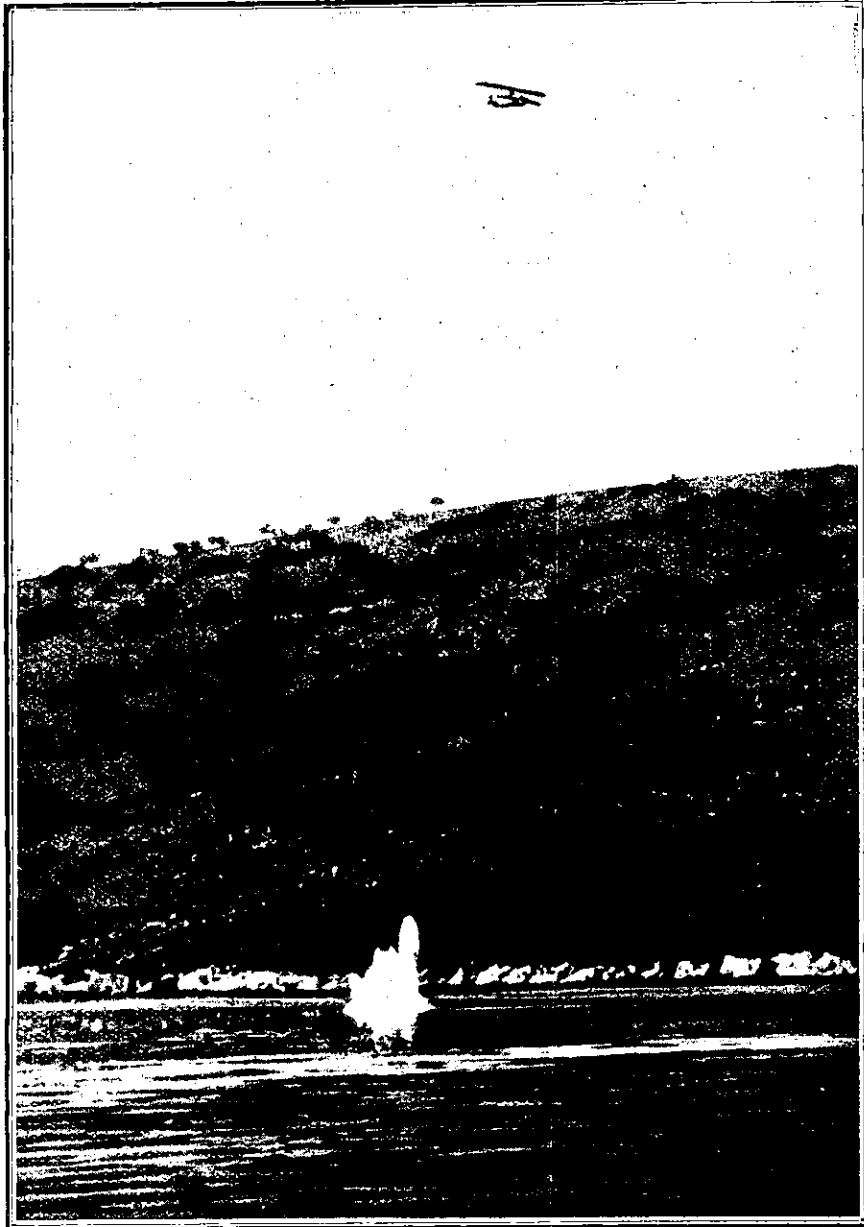
Probably no agricultural machine developed since the early days of the self-binder has been the subject of as much study and inquiry on the part of the farmer as the farm tractor, as now known. From an annual sale in the United States of a little over 1000 five years ago, the tractor trade has grown to a business of great proportions and possibilities, so that the sale in 1915 reached 22,500 machines, while during 1916 it went beyond the 70,000 mark.

American experts evidently anticipate that the U.S. automobile factories will find their operations disorganised to a large extent by the active participation of the country in the war. The Naval Consulting Board appointed by the United States Admiralty has expressed the opinion that not more than 15 per cent. of the American automobile factories will be able to keep on with their regular work. A very large proportion of them, no doubt, will be employed manufacturing aeroplane engines, and other will be converted into shell factories. Thus the automobile works will only be able to turn out as many cars as were needed for export purposes before the war, and we may look for a marked shortage in the supply of American automobiles.

After the car has been used for a considerable length of time, it is likely that the surfaces of the pedals will have become worn quite smooth. Their use may, under such condition, involve a certain amount of risk, in that, should sudden pressure be applied, the foot may slip off sideways. This condition can be easily remedied by removing the pedals from the car and roughing the surface by a series of punch-marks. The pedal is clamped in a vise, and after covering the surface with chalk, a number of diagonal lines are drawn, and at each intersection of the lines a punch-mark is made with a punch-nosed chisel and hammer.

The opinion is expressed by many motor cycle experts in England that the belt as a power transmission medium will not very long survive when we once again settle down to "normal" conditions and designers are able to concentrate their efforts on the further improvement of the motor cycle. The belt may be expected to last a long time yet for lightweight machines and even those of medium power, but for the heavy 6 h.p. to 8 h.p. side-car combinations it is, in the opinion of some, virtually doomed. It is also anticipated that the chain-cum-belt class of drive will be dropped for any machine above the 3½ h.p. rating. This opinion is based, it appears, upon the experience gained under war conditions, and although the belt has done wonderfully well in circumstances of unusual stress, the opportunity has occurred for the chain to exhibit its superiority. The "Motor Cycle Trader" (Eng.), in commenting upon the above prediction, states that they find it difficult to sub-

scribe to this view. "Our own experiences and those of others with the most powerful engines made have shown us that, provided of course the belt



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An interesting tyre test was recently conducted by one of Australia's leading taxi companies. The firm had been using Australian Dunlops

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Colonel Reynolds (staff officer of the A.I.F. Aviation Corps) says that it is doubtful if any unit was more greatly responsible for the successes in Palestine and the capture of Jerusalem than the Australian flyers. They were entrusted with the principal long reconnaissances and were frequently selected for the most dangerous tasks across unknown country, sometimes flying 250 miles a day. They unflinchingly achieved their objectives. Colonel Reynolds has returned from Palestine delighted with the wonderful reputation which the Australians earned. "If I told you all that Allenby and Chauvel and other generals have said of the boys you would think I was exaggerating. It is impossible for words to convey the idea of the appreciation in which by common consent the Australians are held. They are the finest squadron in the campaign. Many have been there for eighteen months practically without a rest. They are sometimes aloft eight hours a day. It is a great mental and physical strain, yet they are never missing when a dangerous job is about. The men are drawn from the Light Horse, which supplied some of the finest material, the work requiring coolness and judgment. Long flights across the lines often involve facing superior forces and faster machines. The Australians' higher skill enables them to evade the Germans, with the result that casualties are comparatively low. I have watched several machines return freely speckled with bullets, and the officers unwounded. The work of the present push is interesting, bombing aerodromes, railway stations, and bridges, pursuing and relentlessly machine-gunning Turks, and not allowing them a breathing space, thus contributing greatly to their defeat. The pilots are extraordinarily keen, carrying on day and night. The squadron commander is perhaps the keenest of all. I saw him fly out alone on two nights after a hard day's work."

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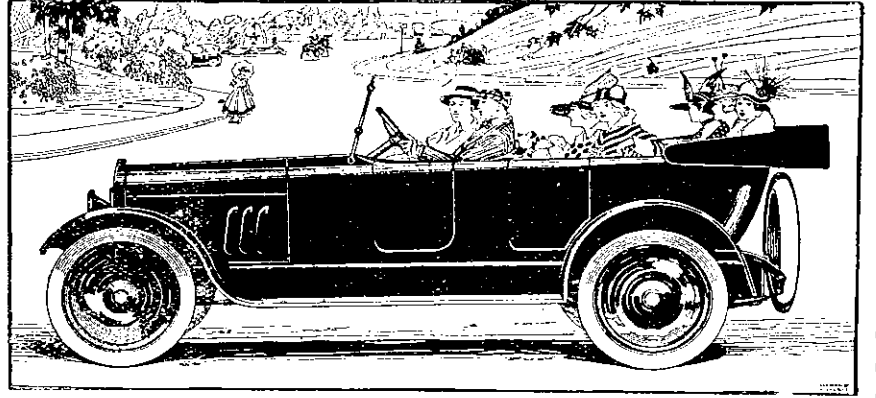
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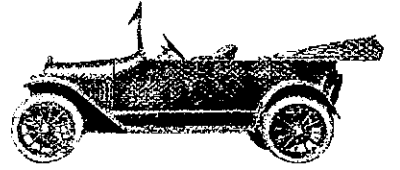
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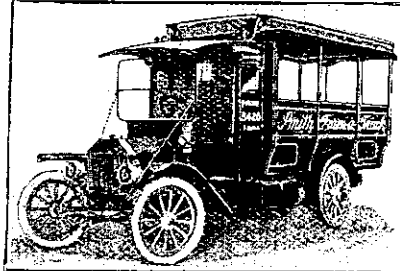
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Mrs. and Mrs. W. J. Napier, of Devonport, are spending the Christmas holidays at Lake Taupo.

Dr. Agnes Bennett, who has been in command of one of the units of the Scottish Women's Hospitals in Macedonia, is returning to Sydney, having been invalided home after malaria.

The engagement is announced in an exchange of Miss Mavis Cato, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cato, to Mr. Herrick Tonkin, son of the late Captain J. C. Tonkin, both of Napier.

The funeral of Sister E. K. Cooke, who was accidentally killed while attempting to cross the lines in front of a tramcar in Alexandria on September 8, took place at Hadra Cemetery, the burial being made with full military honours. Sister Cooke, who was a daughter of the late Mr. Henry Cooke, of Grafton Road, Auckland, was in England when war broke out, and after serving with the French nursing service for eight months, went to Egypt and had been for two years on the staff of the 17th General Hospital.

At a garden party at Eltham, Mrs. H. J. Barnard, who is leaving for Wellington shortly, was presented with several gifts from the various patriotic guilds of the town in recognition of her great efforts for the cause of the soldiers. The presentations were made by the Mayor, Mr. T. B. Crump, and the Hon. W. Carncross.

After a long journey by motor car or train the woman who wishes to gain a sense of real invigoration should imitate the example of the Frenchwoman who, though she may only have ten minutes before she appears at table d'hote, invariably goes through the following practices: First she removes her travelling dress and gives it to the femme de chambre to be brushed. Then, dipping one corner of the towel in cold cream or white vaseline, she gently rubs the whole of her face, neck, and arms with this grease; after this another corner of the towel is saturated with eau de Cologne and water and the cold cream is wiped off. Finally, a rinsing of cold water is given, and the same process is then applied to her neck and shoulders. After a thorough drying with a soft towel, a dust or powder is applied to the face, neck and hands, and the traveller feels a new woman. If there is time her feet are also sponged and powdered, and the application of a spray filled with eau de Cologne to her hair will help to remove the traces of dust. All these processes are excellent for the hygiene of the skin, and the traveller only requires ten minutes to execute them all.

The engagement is announced in southern papers of Miss Ruth Shircliffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shircliffe, of Wellington, to Major E. S. Harston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harston, of Napier.

A quiet wedding took place at Knox Church, Parnell, on December 4th, when Miss Emmie C. C. Vazey, Auckland, was married to Mr. Harry Hill, Bradford, Yorkshire, the Rev. G. K. Stowell officiating. The bride, who was given away by her aunt, Mrs. A. Adams, Epsom, wore a smart frock of shell pink shantung, with pink straw hat lined with fawn and finished with a flower buckle, and she carried a bouquet of pink roses. Miss Esme Ellis, the bridesmaid, had on a grey shantung frock and black crepe de chine hat, her bouquet being composed of pink sweet peas. Mr. E. B. Webster, Parnell, was best man. The bridegroom, who is engaged on motor patrol work around Auckland, was in his uniform.

Charged at West London with stealing a fuse, two pellets, and a primer from a munition factory, Mrs. Hannah Willey, Fulham, said: "My sister liked the colour of the hair of a mate of mine and I told her I thought it was coloured by the stuff of which the pellets are made. I brought her some home to brush her hair with." Mr. de Grey: "What kind of colour does it dye the hair?" "A dark brown—a chestnut colour." "Auburn?" "Yes, that is better." "Have you tried it?" "No, but some of my mates have." Mr. de Grey discharged the accused, but warned munition workers against taking such articles out of the factory, as they were highly explosive.

Miss Marie Tempest, who is at present playing in Wellington, was the great Garcia's last pupil, and she gives an amusing account of her first meeting with the illustrious teacher of singing. "I had just arrived in

about. One day he told me I was to sing Mendelssohn's 'Infelice' with the Symphony Orchestra at St. James' Hall. When I came off the platform after this public appearance Garcia came into the artists' room, put his arm about me, and kissed me. From that time onward he was kindness itself. I followed up by winning the Royal Academy silver medal for piano-forte, the gold medal for English declamatory singing, and also numerous medals for elocution."

Women are doing a larger and larger part in replacing men and releasing them for active service at the front (says a writer in the London "Daily Mail"). Every week sees an increase in their duties. A very large part of the transport work that was up to recently done by young soldiers is now done by women, and the young men have been sent to the depots. Not so long ago large numbers of

lined the trenches would be even more horrible than the war as we have known it. And yet it is idle to shut our eyes to this possibility.

Miss Marie Tempest, the noted English comedienne, told a press representative that she always gets her stage gloves a size larger than she wears in the street. "One's hands," she said, "must not have tight-fitting gloves on them when one is acting. It would be impossible to express anything with them if they had not the requisite amount of freedom."

"May I beg most earnestly that greater thought be given to the girl's future life work, and that she be not pushed haphazard into some respectable occupation, however unsuited she may be for it?" said Miss Butler, headmistress of the Auckland Girls' Grammar School, in her annual report. "So many girls who are utterly unfitted to teach try to enter the teaching profession—and not only do themselves a grave injustice, but also the children who are entrusted to them. To my mind it is all a part of the discipline and training of a girl that she should be taught to choose her future career in those fields where she is most fitted to work, and where in consequence her work will benefit the community most. . . . So, may I ask, that as part of your patriotism you will make it your business to find the niche in life into which your daughter will best fit."

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Mrs. Harry Rainger, Epsom, has gone to Napier for the holidays, and will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jordan.

A London cable announces the death of Dr. Elizabeth Garrett-Anderson, aged 71. The late Dr. Elizabeth Garrett-Anderson, M.D. (Paris), was notable as a pioneer of women to practice medicine and occupy important public positions. She began to study medicine in 1860, but the College of Surgeons and Physicians refused to admit her to their examinations. She obtained a license to practice from the Society of Apothecaries in 1865 and then passed the medical examinations of the University of Paris, and obtained the M.D. degree in 1870. She was the wife of the late J. G. S. Anderson, managing director of the Orient Line, who died in 1907.

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An interesting ceremony.—Twenty-eight sailors and twenty-four soldiers were recently decorated by the Duke of Connaught on Plymouth Hoe, Eng., the ceremony being followed by a march past of men of both Services. The illustration shows Mrs. Hayes receiving her son's Military Medal.

London from Paris, and wore a wonderful dress of bright Stuart tartan. It was very tight-fitting, and buttoned all down the back. These were the days when every woman showed her figure. My waist was 19 inches. I had called upon Garcia to have my voice tried. At the time I was studying pianoforte at Trinity College. Over horn-rimmed glasses Garcia glowered at me. I sang the Ernani scena. I was very full of 'buck' and was quite unperturbed by the fact that the room was full of pupils. "I suppose you think you can sing?" he said; and then he gathered himself together and roared: "Go home and take off those corsets. Never let me see you with a 19-inch waist again!" For the first six months he led me the devil's own life. I used to cry over my lessons. He would get into a towering rage and throw the music

soldiers were employed as waiters and cooks in officers' messes. Now in every officers' mess that I know, from Aldershot to small units in the country, there are women cooks and waitresses. Trained women have gone by the thousand to France in organized and disciplined groups to do all kinds of work at the base, from running telephone exchanges to keeping accounts, and from acting as transport drivers to serving as military cooks. As the war goes on the problem reduces itself more and more to the question of man power and money power. We do not let our womengo anywhere near the front. The Germans some time ago declared that if it became necessary their women would serve in the ranks and fight in the front lines. May this last dread step be avoided. For a war where women shouldered the rifle and

about himself, and when a man has been talking about himself solidly for an hour, and looking into a woman's eyes as well, he is in grave danger. A man runs a greater danger from his tongue than from his heart."—"The Folly of Innocence," by Holloway Horn.

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The J. C. Williamson New English Musical Comedy Company are hitting to a nicety the mood of huge holiday audiences at His Majesty's Theatre this week with "You're in Love," the exhilarating play by the authors and composers of "High Jinks" having its New Zealand premiere on Boxing Night. "You're in Love" is no Sunday school text. The motif is somewhat risky. Hobby Douglas and Georgiana, bent on marrying each other, have their plans frustrated by Georgiana's guardian, a grass widow, who will only consent on the bridegroom signing a year's contract to abstain from kissing his bride except in the presence of the guardian. The contract is duly signed and the much-harassed pair set off on their honeymoon on board the steamer "High Hope" with the chaperone and bridesmaids. A sleep-walking bride, a vigilant aunt and an ardent husband conspire to strike the top notes of embarrassment and hilarity, while the dialogue is tempered with liting scores and captivating dances. Miss Maude Fane with her piquant charm and beautiful singing voice is wholly delightful as Georgiana, making the hit of the production in her number "I'm Only Dreaming," sung while swinging over the auditorium on the ship's boom. Much merriment is caused every evening by the efforts of male admirers in the stalls to gain possession of her dainty shoes as she passes over their heads, and, needless to say, the enchanting artist is always deprived of these souvenirs. "Day Dream Isle" and "Naughty! Naughty! Naughty!" are two other alluring numbers of Miss Fanes. Miss Connie Ediss, breezy and buoyant, with a style peculiarly her own, rattles through the part of the marplot with gusto and scores hearty laughs at her tirades against marriage. Miss Cecil Bradley, the pretty little Australian who has lately forged to the front, makes a bewitching Dorothy, acting with spirit and singing her numbers engagingly. Mr. Fred. Maguire is brimful of life as Lacey Hart and uses his pleasing baritone voice to admirable effect in solo and ensemble work, "Loveland," in association with Miss Maude Fane, evoking a vociferous recall. Mr. William Green makes a handsome bridegroom and also sustains the vocal requirements to a satisfactory degree. Mr. Field Fisher and Mr. Alfred Frith thoroughly explore their comedy parts, the former as the tip-seeking boatswain, and Mr. Frith as the much-married curate. A specialty turn is the "Sailor Dance" of Messrs. Jack Hooker and Tom Preston, the nimble pair being encored again and again for their clever work. Miss Madge Elliott is warmly applauded for her artistic interpretation of the "Rose" dance, and with Mr. Hooker makes the "Tally Ho" duo an outstanding pleasure. The ballets are original and picturesque and the dressing alluring. "You're in Love" will be played for the last time on Monday night, being replaced on Tuesday by "Canary Cottage."

"CANARY COTTAGE" ON TUESDAY.

In Melbourne the critics took exception to some of the scenes in "Canary Cottage," but this did not detract from its success. The Sydney papers on the other hand lauded the musical treat and the "Evening News" there printed: "There is only one possible disappointment in store. If the public except to be shocked, as was the Melbourne critic at the first production in that city, they will have first to experience a considerable change of heart. Practically the only daring feature is the colour scheme. For the rest Sydney folk are not likely to take objection to the diverting, if promiscuous, philanderings of the principals in the free-for-all region of musical extravaganza." Allied with the humorous story of "Canary Cottage" is the bizarre colouring and dressing. Miss



MISS CONNIE EDISS, in the startling costume she dons in "Canary Cottage," the dazzling musical farce in which the London comedienne is said to be at her best.

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"SO LONG LETTY."

After five performances of "Canary Cottage," that most fascinating of musical comedies, "So Long Letty," will be revived for the last night of the season, Monday, January 7. The doings of the two wives and husbands who changed places are appetisingly told, and a night of jollity is promised. Miss Maude Fane takes the part Miss Dorothy Brunton played in the original production, and Miss Cecil Bradley is substituted for Miss Marie Eaton.

The Haverley Irish-American Revue Company open at the Opera House on Monday, January 7.

OPERA HOUSE.

Miss Ruth Budd is the magnet that is drawing the crowds to the Opera House this holiday week, and the Fuller proprietary have shown their discrimination in choosing such a wonderful artist to "star" the bill. Miss Budd combines dangerous feats with vaudeville art and levens it all up with her winning personality that gets across the footlights to every portion of the house. Opening with a song and a dance, she later introduces her audience to the intimacy of her dressing room, following this up with some amazingly perilous acts. After a few preliminary feats on the stationary rings, she swings until the rings cut an arc which at its height brings her in the forward swing right over the orchestra, and as high as the top of the proscenium arch. In this wild swinging arc, and to the accompaniment of clever badinage and snatches of song, she performs a series of hair-raising stunts

that compel a furore of applause. Mr. Ted McLean and Miss Genevieve Lee are in the forefront of popularity for their smart comedy sketches, these artists having the knack of blending humour and emotion with a correct sense of value. The Klentos are agreeable comedians who give an agreeable flavour to a varied bill and meet with an enthusiastic reception. The Creole Fashion Plate creates interest and curiosity with his ability to sing soprano or baritone, and puzzles the audience for ten minutes or so as to whether it is a male or a female impersonator. The Alerts in their thrilling bayonet act, McKay and Graham in a cultured singing turn, and Les Bates' Follies of Pleasure flaunting themselves in their latest musical melange, make up a rare vaudeville offering for amusement-seekers. On Monday the programme will be supplemented by Rio and Helmar in a posing act.

The lucky securer of Miss Maude Fane's shoes during the boom scene in "You're in Love" may have the souvenir autographed by Miss Fane on application to the manager (Mr. John Farrell) in return for a donation to the Blind Soldiers' Fund. Additional interest will be attached to the coveted morsels on Monday night, when a £1 War Bond will be placed in one of the shoes, so the energies of aspiring owners—if it is possible—will be redoubled!

Mr. George Stephenson, his friends will be pleased to learn, has recovered from his recent illness and resumed his managerial duties at the Auckland Opera House.

Mr. J. P. O'Neil, that clever exponent of Irish character, is a member of the Tom Haverley Company.

"My two real loves are comedy and cooking. Of the two, I think I would sooner win applause in the latter art. On my farm in New York State I exercise this domestic virtue with inordinate pride. All the old farmers round about come to see me, and from five in the morning till ten at night I am making things for the cupboards. My letters from the farm tell me that they are all asking when I am coming back. That pleases me more than anything I can say. And I shall always regard the remark of one old farmer—it was repeated to me by one who overheard it—as the greatest compliment ever paid to me. He was going home after eating a meal at my table. Very comfortable was he feeling. Across a field he saw a neighbour. 'Say,' he shouted to him, 'there most certainly ain't nobody 'round here can cook like Connie Ediss.' I hope to live to cook another dinner for that old man. But what I most hope is to return to my own England—and dear old London. They don't mind there whether I'm old, or fat, or anything. Just so long as I can learn a part, I know that there are warm hearts to welcome me."—Miss Connie Ediss.

Sincere regret will be expressed in local musical circles at the death of Mr. Henry Gilleece Dutton, which took place at his residence, Mt. Eden, on December 25. Mr. Dutton came to Auckland from England in 1910, to take up the position of music master at King's College, Remuera. Since 1911 he has been organist at St. Sepulchre's Anglican Church. He held also the position of local secretary for the Trinity College Examination Board, and conductor of the Auckland Savage Club. Mr. Dutton composed several orchestral pieces, one of which was played at the last performance by the Bohemian Orchestra. Several of his works have been played by the London Symphony Orchestra. He was 33 years of age and leaves a widow and one daughter.

It is reported that Mr. Roland Staveley, who began his histrionic career as an amateur in Dunedin, and who was for many years with J. C. Williamson touring companies, is to produce an Australian-made five-reel feature film.



A scene from "CANARY COTTAGE," the dazzling musical farce which replaces "You're in Love" at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, on Tuesday, January 1.

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MADAME ELSIE DAVIES AND ITALY.

Madame Elsie Davies, the dramatic soprano who came over from Australia to sing in the Wellington Choral Society's performance of "The Messiah," has given a "Dominion" representative some interesting details about her vocal career. After receiving a groundwork in Melbourne from Madame Gabrielle Boema, a one-time prima donna, Madame Davies went to Italy and studied in Milan, learning the language and studying the prima donna roles in the dramatic operas of Verdi, Donizetti, Rossini and other composers. "These are the operas one must study in Italy, as it is the repertoire that is always in demand there," said Madame Davies. "The reason is two-fold—they form the basis of the best training for operatic work, and on account of their age the playing rights are not so expensive as they are for more modern opera. The practice in Milan is to work hard at the language and the operas until your teacher thinks you are ready to face an audience, then through an agent or impresario an engagement is secured for you to appear in one of the roles you are best adapted for in one of the smaller towns. In my case the role was the name part in 'Norma,' and the town Ancona. Since then I have sung either in opera or concert pretty well all over Europe, including Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, and, of course, the United Kingdom. In Stockholm I sang under Hoffcapelmeister Henniberg, who is not well known here, and under Landon Ronald in London.

"I invariably sing in Italian, simply because it is the real language of song throughout Europe. Germany and France have their own singers, who sing in their own tongue, but Italian is really the accepted language of song. You never hear of an Italian singer using any other than his own language. That is because it is the best language to sing in—soft, flowing, free from harshness and constructed on a foundation of open vowels. And to get the beauty out of the language one must know it

thoroughly; one must live amongst Italians long enough to be able to talk freely with them, and understand their temperament and mental attitude towards life and music, for the opera to them is an essential part of their lives. They never tire of the operas of their great composers. Even 'Il Trovatore' is a perpetual favourite with Italians. When all else fails, put up 'Il Trovatore.' It is to them what 'East Lynne' is to the British drama. They know every note of the opera, and are keen critics, so if you please them you may be tolerably sure that you're not so bad."

Writes a leading Sydney dramatic critic of Miss Marie Tempest:—"Comedy is a blessed gift. It is the rarest of stage attributes. As you grow old and it becomes more difficult to laugh, you begin to realise this distressing fact. It is for this reason I welcome Marie Tempest. In her laughter seems to be imprisoned. It looks out of her eyes, plays round her mouth and puts lines of fun all about her smiles. She can point a line, heighten a situation and colour a scene and you don't know how she does it. You don't know whether it is art or individuality. All you can surmise is that it is a little of each. And you really don't worry much about the cause. The effect contents you. In the first place it is without effort. There are no tricks. It is the unadulterated essence of laughter, spontaneously released. As I have said, it is a blessed gift. We should enjoy it while we may. But how comes it that it is so rare? Of the big-scene actress there is no dearth. In New York there are a dozen. There are also a few in London. Neither in London nor New York, however, can high comedy stars be found. There is only one—Marie Tempest."

Miss Marie Tempest gave Anthony Hope his first stage production. This was "Nell Gwynne," for which she commissioned Edward German to write the music, and thus the world received the famous "Nell Gwynne Dances."



MADAME ELSIE DAVIES, the gifted dramatic soprano, who came over from Australia to fulfil an engagement with the Wellington Choral Union in their performance of "The Messiah." Madame Davies made a most favourable impression with her resonant voice and soulful interpretations.

Mr. Charles A. Wenman, the producer, and Miss Minnie Everett, the ballet mistress, had a difficult and embarrassing position confronting them when it came to the selection of the girls who were to represent Germany in the War Ballet in the J. C. Williamson "Dick Whittington" pantomime at Melbourne Her Majesty's. When the selection was made, the girls picked refused to go on. They declined, they said, to represent Germans. Mr. Wenman and Miss Everett called for volunteers, but none were forthcoming. At last a simple expedient was agreed upon—to select the girls by ballot. This was agreed to, and those who drew the blanks were picked as the "Germans." They accepted the position as gracefully as could be expected.

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GREENROOM GOSSIP.

Australia is well represented in the cast of the principals in the J. C. Williamson pantomime, "Dick Whittington." Australian-born are the principal boy (Miss Vera Pearce), the principal girl (Miss Pauline Bindley), the principal dancer (Miss Maggie Dickson), the Fairy Queen (Miss Ethel Walker) and Miss Connie Cayley, who appears as Rupert ("second" boy).

"Every woman going on the stage," says Miss Marie Tempest, "should learn singing, not because she is ever likely to be called upon to sing, but that she might enjoy the benefits derived of this subject being her curriculum. We learn at singing poise and repose, and also how to manage one's breathing properly. It often makes me angry to see young girls going on the stage without any qualifications, no rock bottom foundation on which to build. The theatrical profession ought to take its work more studiously. It is really only the people who do this succeed." Miss Tempest went to the topmost station by developing her gifts, first as a singer and then in high comedy.

Miss Norma Mitchell, who accompanied Miss Muriel Starr from America, is appearing as the American girl, Diana, in "The Bird of Paradise" at Melbourne Theatre Royal. Miss Mitchell has done a good deal of important work on the American stage. One of her recent appearances was in New York with Miss Marie Tempest and Mr. Graham Browne in a comedy entitled "Her Husband's Wife." Miss Mitchell has also played in David Belasco and other productions.

Says Miss Marie Tempest: "Charles Frohman was not infallible in his judgment of plays by any means. He refused to let me play Clyde Fitch's 'Truth' in London. He insisted that it would fail. After arguing for months he at last said, 'Well, have your own way.' I did, and played the piece for over a year to enormous business in my West End London theatre.

Writes the dramatic critic of the Sydney "Daily Telegraph" of Miss Marie Tempest: "If warm-hearted demonstrations of approval wherever opportunity was afforded throughout the running of three acts of sparkling comedy—for that is what 'The Marriage of Kitty' really amounts to—may be taken as the criterion of the success of an artist, then Miss Marie Tempest scored one of the most pronounced triumphs known to the Sydney stage. If genius means spontaneity of action, a something that can only be suggested by the inadequate word—a humanity—then Miss Tempest is pre-eminent."

Mrs. Johnston-Toplis, whose brilliant soprano has delighted Auckland audiences, was principal vocalist at the first performance given by the Christchurch Male Choir on December 20. Her numbers were the aria, "Roberto o tu che Adoro," and "Il Bacio," her interpretation of both receiving flattering comments.

Mr. Hugh J. Ward, now in New York, representing the J. C. Williamson, Ltd., of Australia, through Sanger and Jordan, has obtained the producing rights to several Broadway successes for Australia and New Zealand. A lump sum of £200,000 in advance royalties was paid. It surpasses any previous amount paid for reproduction rights in this respect. The plays are "Business Before Pleasure," "Parlour, Bedroom, and Bath," "The High Cost of Living," "Oh, Boy," "The Scrap of Paper," "Maytime," "The Man Who Came Back," "The Willow Tree," "Oh, Oh, Delphine!" "The Aviator," "A Tailor-made Man," and "What Next?"

Mr. Ford Waltham, the well-remembered basso with the Dandies, has signed on with the Fullers.

Several real Hawaiians are going to Melbourne for the Muriel Starr production of "The Bird of Paradise" at the Theatre Royal. These were specially selected in Hawaii by the local authorities on account of their remarkable physique, the proficiency in playing the ukulele and dancing the hula-hula. Miss Muriel Starr, on her arrival in Melbourne, was met at the railway station by a large crowd, which indicated that the actress' popularity had not waned during the time she has been absent from Australia. Miss Starr said that she was delighted to get back again. In New York, she said, the favourite pastime of the theatrical people who had been to Australia was to meet together on Sunday nights and talk of the happy times they had had in that country. "It feels just like coming home," said Miss Starr, "to be back amongst all my dear friends again."

Hawaii, the loveliest fleet of islands that lies anchored in any ocean is the location for the story of "The Bird of Paradise," in which Miss Muriel Starr is making her re-appearance in Australia. Mark Twain's description of these islands is well worth quoting, especially as it is the key to the central incident in the play: "No alien land in all the world has any deep, strong charm for me but that one; no other land could so longingly and beseechingly haunt me, sleeping and waking, through half a lifetime, as that one has done. For me its balmy airs are always blowing, its summer seas flashing in the sun; the pulsing of its surf-beat is in my ears; I can feel the spirit of its woodland solitudes; in my nostrils still lives the breath of its flowers."

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Miss Nellie Kelle, principal boy of the Fuller pantomime, "Robinson Crusoe of Rainbow Island," the Sydney Grand Opera House Xmas attraction, has never waned in popularity with vaudeville audiences since her first appearance in Australia, and her brief excursion into other realms of amusement proved how well fitted she was for the handsome young man of pantomime.

Miss Muriel Starr had an exceedingly interesting time in Hawaii when, on her way to Australia, she spent some time amongst the islanders to study the hula hula and other dances and ceremonies performed by the Hawaiians. A native chief, by

arrangement with the American authorities, took her in hand, and his princes and family honoured her as their guest. "I was never more surprised in my life," says Miss Starr, "at the sumptuous hospitality they accorded me, the refinement and charm of their manner of living, and the affection and sentiment that characterised the family circle. In America, where I appeared as Luana in the 'Bird of Paradise,' I was taught the native dances by the producer, but I wanted to see the real thing in Hawaii, and took the opportunity. Mr. Barnum, the producer, accompanied me, and the result you see in the wonderful local colour and atmosphere of Hawaii reproduced in 'The Bird of Paradise.'"

Associated with Miss Muriel Starr in the Hawaiian play, "The Bird of Paradise," at Melbourne Theatre Royal, are Messrs. Frank Harvey and Louis Kimball. They represent two distinctly opposite types. Mr. Kimball is seen for the first time in a serious character, that of a young American physician, who degenerates through coming under the sensuous influences of the South Seas. Mr. Harvey's role is that of a beach-comber, who is regenerated by the uplifting effect of coming into contact once more with the purity of womanhood, after his manhood had lain dormant for years of a lotus-eating life of abandonment in Hawaii.

Miss Marie Tempest will open her much-talked-of season under the J. C. Williamson management at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, on Saturday, February 16, with "The Marriage of Kitty." Her memorable first appearance in this city will further introduce Mr. Graham Browne in a leading character which he played in London at the Duke of York's Theatre, also in New York. In this way a fine performance should be assured of this comedy, which is said to be as refreshing as a glass of iced champagne on a hot summer's day.

J. C. Williamson, Ltd., have engaged for inclusion in their "Dick Whittington" pantomime a remarkable specialty act. This is the Camille Trio, whose humorous acrobatic performance is something to scream over.

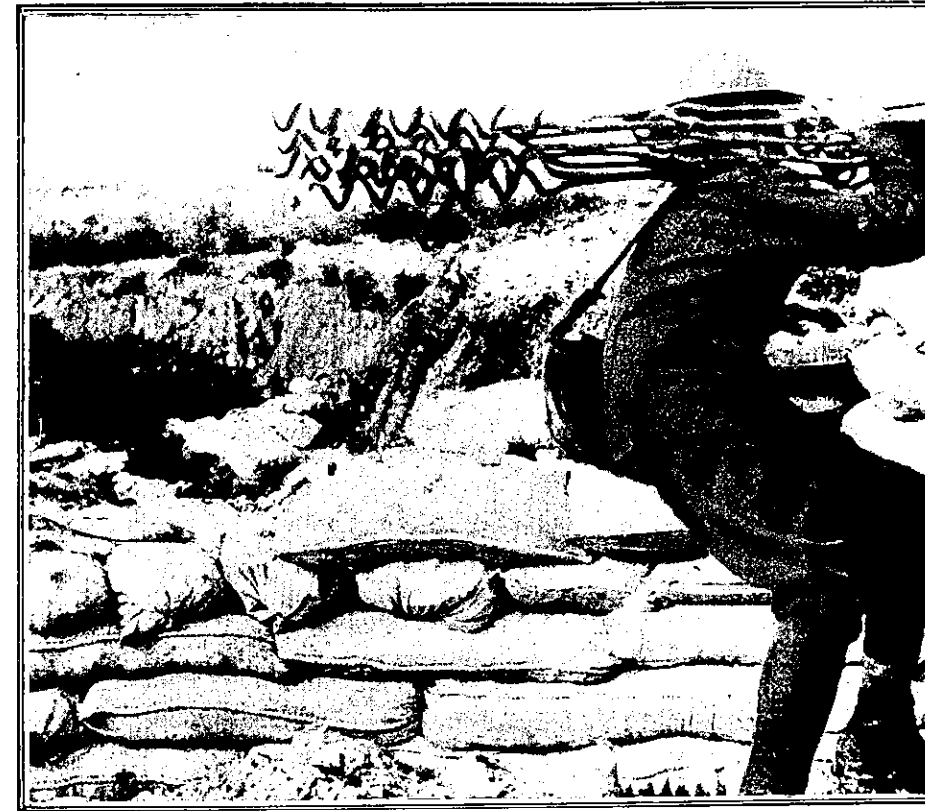


MISS GENEVIEVE LEE AND MR. TED MACLEAN, popular artists appearing in comedy sketches at the Auckland Opera House.

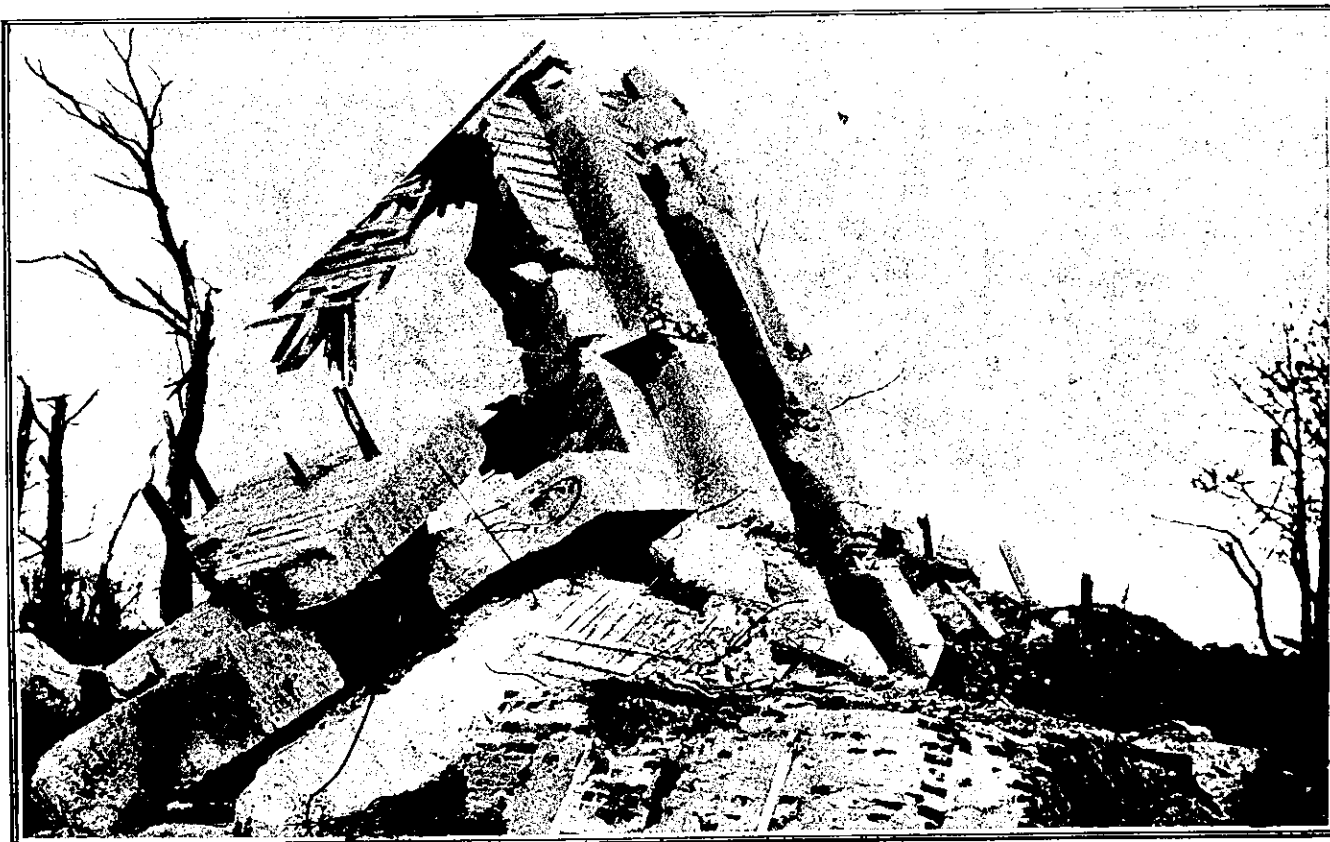
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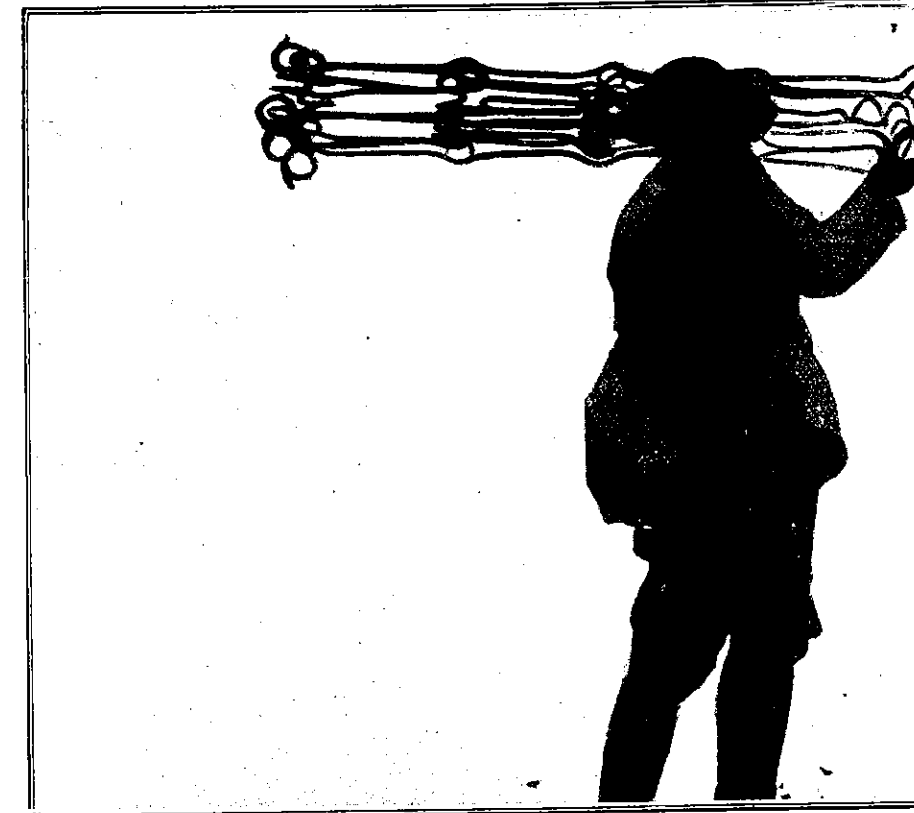
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NOVEL DEVICES EMPLOYED BY THE BRITISH FOR THE PURPOSE OF BARBED-WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS. A British soldier taking up corkscrews of barbed-wire in front of new positions.

THE TOURIST and TRAVELLER

HERE AND THERE.

Sir George Clifford, of Christchurch, president of the New Zealand Racing Conference, is in Auckland, staying at the Grand Hotel. He is accompanied by Lady Clifford and Miss Clifford.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowry, of Hawke's Bay, are spending the holidays in Auckland, and are staying at the Grand Hotel.

Sir James Carroll and Lady Carroll are paying a visit to Auckland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Troutbeck, of Hawke's Bay, are staying at the Grand Hotel, Auckland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Patterson, of Christchurch, are in Auckland for the races.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Riddiford, of Wellington, are amongst the visitors to Auckland for the holidays.

The traffic to Rotorua this Christmas is reported to have been greater than in previous years, unusually heavy bookings being recorded on the Auckland expresses.

Bombardier A. R. Grainger, Auckland, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in action on July 31. He left New Zealand with the Eighth Reinforcements and served continuously until last July, when he was wounded and sent to Walton-on-Thames.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Roulston, Hastings, are on a visit to Auckland.

The accommodation at the Dawson's Fall Mountain House (says a New Plymouth paper) is being tested to its utmost capacity, every available corner having been booked weeks since. The holiday-makers staying at the house include visitors from all over the North Island, and from as far south as Christchurch and Dunedin.

News has been received from the front that Flight-Lieutenant George Hood, son of Mr. F. Hood, of Upper Plain, Masterton, fell a distance of 2000 feet and sustained such injuries as necessitated the amputation of one of his legs.

Sir James Mills has resigned from the finance committee of the New Zealand War Contingent Association. The resignation was accepted with regret.

The Hon. W. Fraser, Minister for Public Works, has been on a tour of the Lakes District, Otago.

Private Don Mathieson, who has been wounded in France, is the son of Major Mathieson, Commandant of the German Internment Camp at Somes Island. He saw service on Gallipoli before going to France, and was the crack shot of the Otago Battalion, as well as one of its representatives on the football field.

Mr. Evelyn Wrench, hon. organiser of the Overseas Club, has received a commission in the Royal Flying Corps.

News has been received that Captain Geoffrey de B. Devoreux has been promoted to the rank of major. Major Devoreux is now in England, at Sling Camp.

Mr. M. Lynskey, whose death occurred recently at Kaiapoi, had resided in that town for 55 years. He was connected with the Magistrate's Court at Kaiapoi, Rangiora, Leithfield, Amberley, and Oxford, besides being Registrar of Pensions. One of his sons is Mr. M. J. Lynskey, an inspector of the Wellington Education District.

Mr. N. D. Hood has been transferred to Canterbury after thirteen years as Inspector of Machinery and Marine Surveyor in the Nelson and Marlborough district. He was made a presentation at Christchurch recently by Mr. W. Pike, a member of the Blenheim Borough Council, Messrs. Parkes Bros., and other Marlborough steam users.

Major J. Macintosh Bell, Canadian Highlanders, formerly chief of the geological survey in New Zealand, was wounded in France, and after recovering in England was appointed for special service in Russia, where he was early in November.

"The Raratongan Contingent has done such good work with the New Zealand Forces in Palestine," states the Hon. Dr. Pomare, Minister in Charge of the Cook Islands, "that the officer commanding on that front has asked for more reinforcements, and we are arranging for another contingent to be sent from the Islands."

After a sum of £19 was abstracted from a private letter box in Masterton the conscience of the thief apparently troubled him, or her, for a sum of £13 has been returned, with expressions of regret.

Lance-Corporal E. C. R. Young, who left New Zealand with the 28th Reinforcements, has received a commission in the Royal Navy. When he enlisted, Mr. Young was an engineer on one of the Union Steam Ship Company's steamers, and had been for some time in the transport service. He is an ex-student of Canterbury College.

Sergeant George Taylor, who has been killed in action, was one of Feilding's most brilliant footballers, and narrowly missed being accepted in the famous All Black team. He met his death soon after reaching the front.

"I always envy one who is making a first visit to Venice," says Miss Marie Tempest, the celebrated English actress, "but I think of all the cities London is the most fascinating for those who are prepared to love it. I can never be away from it long without I feel its call—the murmur of the traffic and the scent of the parks. And then rural England is so beautiful. I know your New Zealand boys will never forget the wonderful old Homeland of our race."

Word has been received that Private S. J. Lloyd Rees, of the 7th King's Liverpool Regiment, was killed in action in France on July 31st. Private Rees was a son of Mr. W. J. Rees, of Auckland, for many years with Messrs. Archibald Clark and Sons.

The present angling season, reports the "Manawatu Standard," has proved one of the most disappointing on record, owing to the unsatisfactory state of the rivers. Very few fish have been taken, and these principally with the worm. Practically no fly fishing has yet been done.

Lieut. H. T. B. Draw, Canterbury Regiment, was one of two officers left in his battalion after the severe fighting in October (writes the London correspondent of the "Post"). On coming to London on short leave, he was sent to Walton Hospital, suffering from gas poisoning. Lieut. Draw was a member of the "Post" literary staff, Wellington, when he enlisted.

In connection with the Hamilton Regatta and Carnival, to be held on Anniversary Day, January 29, 1918, applications for space for side-shows and rights of games will be received up to January 12. Further particulars may be obtained from the secretary, Mr. B. Harris, as announced elsewhere.



THE WORK OF GERMANY'S PIRATES.—ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE RUTHLESS SUBMARINE POLICY. WATCHING A STEAMER SINK. Our illustration is reproduced from a photograph taken of the ship about seven minutes after she was struck.

Mr. Charles Parker, one of the pioneer settlers of New Zealand, died recently in Wellington, at the age of 81 years. He arrived in the Dominion sixty-one years ago, and lived for a number of years in Wanganui and the surrounding districts before going to Wellington.

Captain D. McDougall, pilot in the service of the Otago Harbour Board, has been appointed harbourmaster at Timaru.

His Majesty King Peter of Serbia has awarded the Medal for Merit and Zeal to Sapper Colin Lovell-Smith, of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, son of Mr. W. S. Lovell-Smith, for meritorious services rendered with the Salonika Expeditionary Force.

"A Victoria Cross has been given to a young submarine commander for a deed which shows that the spirit of our Navy is still of the very highest," writes Sir Thomas Mackenzie from London. "One day he suddenly sighted two German submarines, one of which he was smart enough to sink, and the other was so taken by surprise that the crew surrendered. He then took command of the German submarine (it might be said that he is an excellent German scholar), transferred the uniforms from the German officers to his own, and set out for Heligoland, and on arrival he sent a wireless, purporting to detail his exploits and the number of British ships he had sunk, and asking for further instructions. He was told to proceed in a certain direction, accompanied by a German destroyer. In due course he sank the destroyer, returned home and received a well-earned Victoria Cross."

The death has occurred of Mr. George Robson, one of Napier's oldest and best-known citizens. The late Mr. Robson was born in London in 1841, and arrived in Hawke's Bay by the ship *Halcione* in 1874.

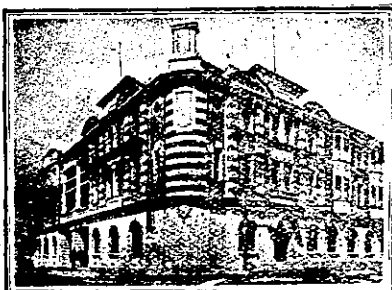
The Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. W. F. Massey, stated to an "Evening Post" representative that the total payments by the Imperial Supplies Department on account of the Imperial Government for produce purchased in New Zealand up to 15th December, amount to £42,158,224.

Lieutenant K. R. Park, of the Royal Flying Corps, son of Professor Park, of Otago University, has been awarded the Military Cross and a bar to the Military Cross, on both occasions for gallantry and devotion to duty in the field.

At least one Queenstown boy has reached "Tipperary," the township of the Green Isle which has been immortalised in song by our boys—in fact, by the people in every corner of our broad-cast Empire. Writing from Tipperary to his sister, Mrs. P. Mackenzie, of Walter Peak (says the Lake Wakatipu "Mail"), a short time ago, Private Mathews, one of the fine sons of the Rev. R. T. Mathews, a former vicar of Wakatipu, says:—The above address may surprise you, but all things considered "Tipperary" is not such a long way off after all. It is a little larger than Queenstown, and very muddy (at present). Fancy my being in Ireland—"Shure, it is a great country altogether." Out of compliment to the song a convalescent camp has been established here, and here I am recruiting prior to going into an Officers' Training Camp in England." Private Mathews was gassed in France, which necessitated his removal to hospital in England.

Mr. James Coughy, of Taupiri, has received advice that his son, Gunner John Coughy, of the Machine Gun Corps, has been awarded the Military Medal.

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"The generosity of the New Zealand people for all purposes has become very well known here," says the High Commissioner in a letter to a friend in Wellington. "The Dominion contributed about 12s. 6d. in every £ for the relief of Belgians in Belgium. Of the £122,000 contributed for the relief of the dependants of those who lost their lives in the Jutland Battle, New Zealand sent £100,000. I attended the annual meeting of the Navy League, and made some inquiries with reference to the spending of the money. The league purposes using much of the money for the education of the children of those who were maimed or lost their lives, but I really think that this is the duty of the Home Government. I have been enabled to place on the Navy League Committee representatives of New Zealand in the persons

the privacies of his womenfolk, the play of his children, the shrine of his hearth."

Additional information regarding the passports required by persons leaving New Zealand for various countries has been obtained by the Government through the Foreign Office. The rules are particularly severe with regard to all countries in the war zone, and intending travellers should make their intentions known to the Internal Affairs Department in ample time.

The season for the taking of godwits (curlow) in the North Island (elsewhere than in the Auckland acclimatisation district) is to be from January 1 to March 31. The birds may not be trapped, netted, snared, or taken by any other means prohibited by the Animals Protection Act.



A HUMOROUS BOUT WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE RECENT THEATRICAL GARDEN PARTY HELD IN THE HOSPITAL GROUNDS, CHELSEA, ENGLAND. MR. NELSON KEYS AND MR. LESLIE HENSON PARTICIPATING IN AN AMUSING GLOVE FIGHT, WHICH WAS REFERRED BY MR. EUGENE CORRI.

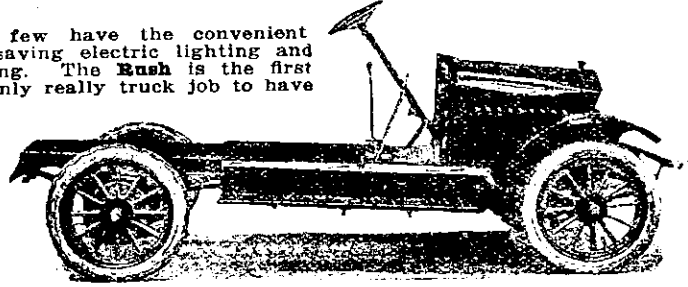
of Mr. Douglas McLean and Mr. James Coates.

In "John Ayscough's" book, "French Windows," is given a terrible picture of a French village from which the Germans had been expelled by the advancing Allied armies. The author passed from one house to another, "finding in each the same ruin, havoc, spoiling, desecration, filth and shame; you would say that hands of malevolent apes had been holding spiteful, senseless, ingeniously destructive carnival there, as though long kept under by the superiority of man, they had seized a moment of anarchy for revenge—not revenge of an injury, but of man's hated superiority. So they had outraged man's sense of decency and reverence; had marked for peculiar insult and desecration the things man holds sacred by Nature—

Included in the list of guests at the Grosvenor Hotel, Timaru, last week were:—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. and Miss Waddell, Fairlie; Mr. and Mrs. S. Paterson and child, Messrs. Humphreys, H. J. Hill, R. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cordery, J. Henly, E. Amyes, G. E. Curry, C. B. Kline, H. M. Coulson, W. H. Skinner, S. Jacobs, J. H. Tabatt, H. Andersen, A. L. Tucker, J. A. Philp, A. Querec, J. F. Grierson, C. W. Anderson, Mesdames J. Duncan, Alex. Duncan, Christchurch; Messrs. Walk, W. G. Hurley, J. Cleghorn, H. Henderson, W. G. James, J. Marett, C. Miller, W. Miller, T. Blanchard, G. Williamson, J. McCombie, A. Bedford, C. Taylor, A. Fish, T. Grant, W. Duff, F. Griggs, R. Mayall, T. Drummond, J. Shaw, H. W. Macdonald, N. A. Nash, P. Beaumont, J. M. Power, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cannon, Dunedin; Mr. R. Massey, Sydney; Mr. A. Linds, London; Messrs. J. E. Henrys, L. Henrys, R. H. Aldworth, S. Lonigan, W. D. Griffin, Captain J. B. Rainey, Wellington; Mr. and Mrs. T. Russell, Messrs. S. R. Thomson, W. K. Dooley, Oamaru; Messrs. R. Macaulay, Temuka; Lieutenant and Mrs. B. L. Joll, Hawera; Mr. and Mrs. H. Black, Kurov.

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THE REBUILDING OF FRANCE.

The idea that enormous quantities of material will be immediately in demand to rebuild the destroyed sections of France and Belgium once peace comes seems mistaken. "We shall not be able to buy many things until we have something to sell which will bring us money to buy with," said a citizen of Ypres, the most ruined of cities and where the wreckage is still pounded by shells.

No civilian inhabitants are allowed to live in the city, but an indication of how reconstruction will begin is evident in the shanties which have been built near the front, often in the zone of shell fire. Boards, discarded oil cans beaten flat, salvaged tiles or bricks, and any other kind of material that can be procured at no expense are used to make a shelter for a man and his family.

When the refugee returns to his ruined village or town in the fighting zone his first object will be a roof over his head before he sets out to reclaim acres which have grown up to weeds and are pock-marked with shell holes; or, if he is in business, he will want any kind of temporary premises on the site of his old place of business—which he will occupy because it is there that his old customers may expect to find him.

The simple wooden houses which the army has built for "rest camps" for the soldiers when out of the trenches will become squatter settlements. Only less amazing than the amount of material which the army will leave behind because it is not worth transporting back to England will be the use of the thrifty French and Belgians will make of it. For up to the very moment of peace, whether it comes this year or five years hence, the army must have ample material in reserve for continuing the war.

Lumber, wooden supports for barb wire, timbering for the trenches and dug-outs, all will be adapted to their necessities by impoverished people who have suffered from the loss of property and enforced idleness. Any funds they have saved will be needed for immediate capital to buy stocks of goods or farm implements and animals. It will probably be years before the permanent buildings will take the place of temporary shelters.

The restoration of such splendid public buildings as the Cloth Hall at Ypres and the Hotel de Villa in Arras will come only when the civic prosperity will permit, unless an indemnity or a Government grant is distributed for the purpose. Even in that case the first practical use of money and labour will be to restore business to something like its normal functions.

Two wounded soldiers, on the top of a London motor bus, were chatting about their experiences since they got back to "Blighty." "The nicest thing I've struck," said one, "happened to me yesterday afternoon. I was looking at a bookshop window when an old lady touched me on the arm and said, 'Are you fond of reading, my boy?' I pleaded guilty, and after a little chat about favourite authors and so on, the old lady said, 'Just come in and choose a book you would like.' And she didn't even ask me if I wanted to get back to the firing line," added the soldier, with evident appreciation of the old lady's kindness.

Orders have been placed in Canada by Great Britain for 22 steel vessels, of 3400 to 8800 tons, with a total tonnage of 150,000. The vessels will carry supplies from Canada to Great Britain and are to be launched this year or early in 1918. Orders for wooden ships to the value of £2,000,000 are under construction.

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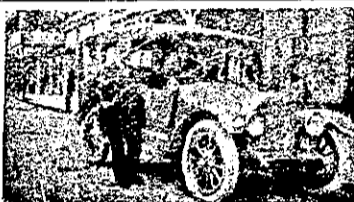
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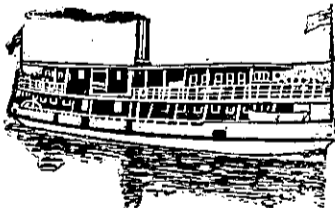
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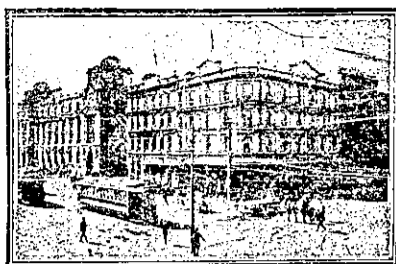
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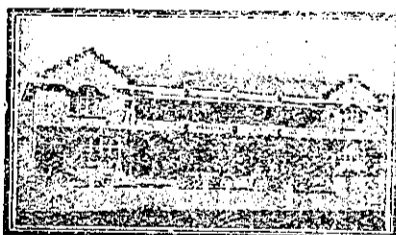
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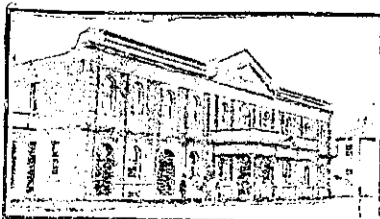
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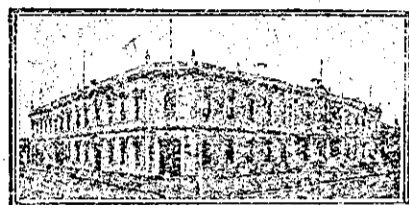
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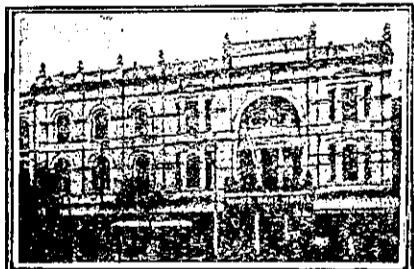
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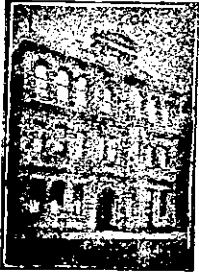
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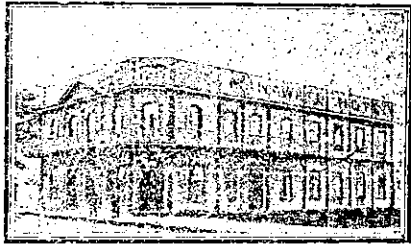
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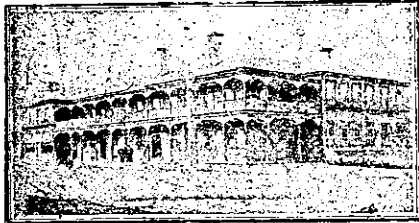
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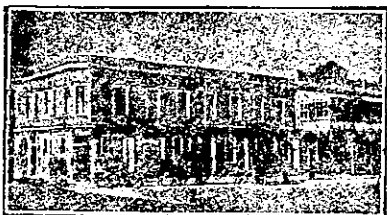
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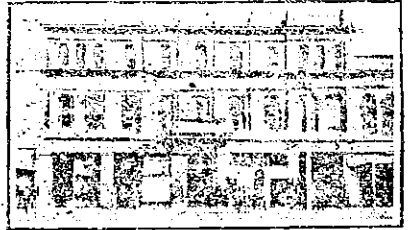
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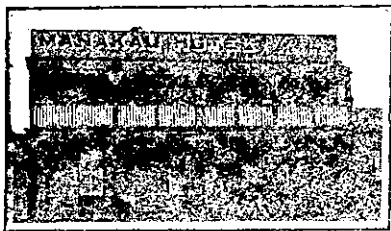
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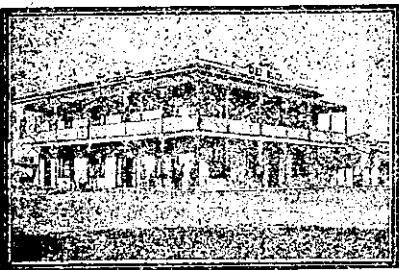
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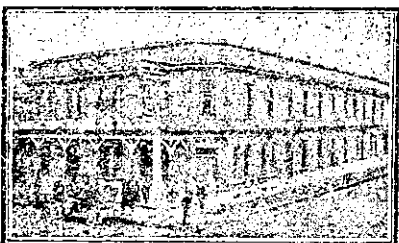
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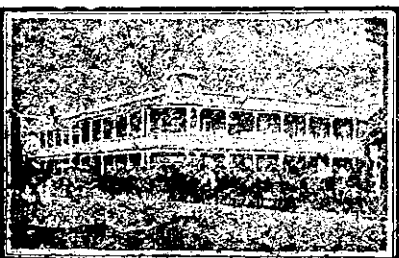
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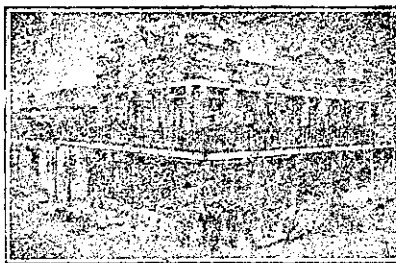
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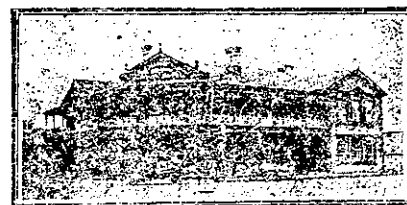


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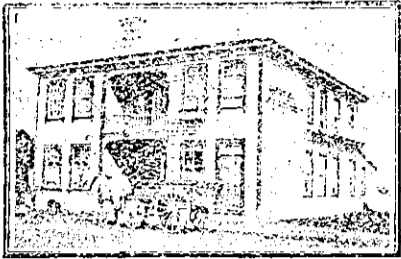
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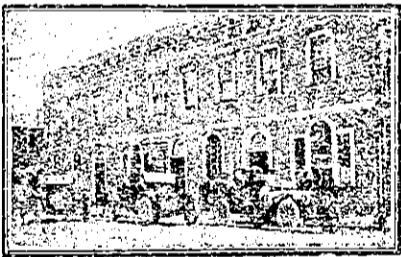
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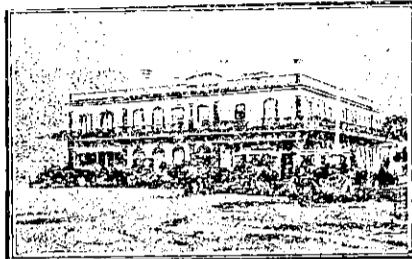
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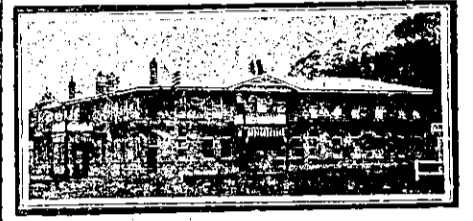
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