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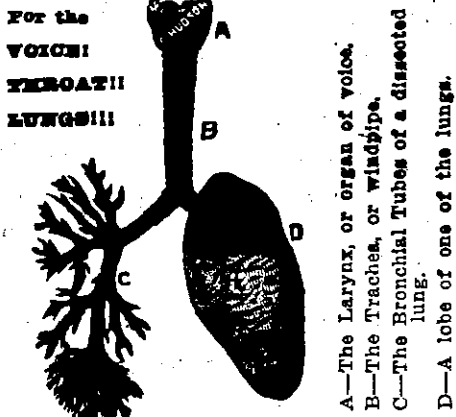
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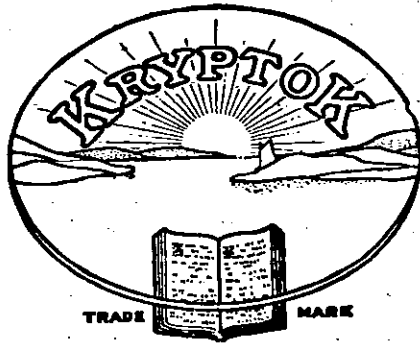
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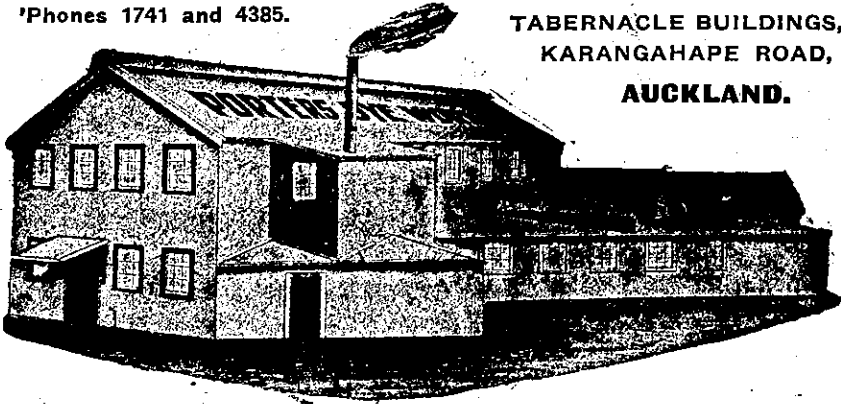
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8. **PORANGAHAU HANDICAP** of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stake. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. Six furlongs and a-half.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1918.

1. **OHITI HACK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE** of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 30s. One mile and three-quarters.
2. **KARAMU HANDICAP HURDLE RACE** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from the stake. The winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Two miles.
3. **JUVENILE HANDICAP** of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Five furlongs.
4. **HAWKE'S BAY STAKES** of 500sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs from the stake. For two and three-year-olds. Weight for age. Winners after August 1, 1917, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250sovs to carry 3lb extra; of 500sovs, 7lb; of 750sovs, 10lb; of 1000sovs, 14lb extra. Maiden three-year-olds at time of starting allowed 10lb. Two-year-olds 7lb. (Closed.) Sweepstake of 6sovs. Six furlongs and a-half.
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DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

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AUTUMN MEETING, 1918.

N.B.—All events close at 8 p.m. unless stated to the contrary.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 (GENERAL ENTRY).

NOMINATIONS all events (except Maiden Hack) 1sov.

ENTRANCE Maiden Hack 2sovs.

SWEEPSTAKE—Hawke's Bay Stakes 6sovs.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19.

WEIGHTS all events First Day.

MONDAY, APRIL 22.

ACCEPTANCES.—Longlands Hack Hurdles 30s., Mangatarata Hurdles 3 sovs, Nursery Handicap 3sovs, Poukawa Hack Handicap 30s., Hawke's Bay Cup 8sovs, Autumn Handicap 3sovs, Porangahau Handicap 4sovs.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 (Night of First Day's Races).

WEIGHTS for all events Second Day by 8.30 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Ohiti Hack Hurdles 30s., Karamu Hurdles 3sovs, Juvenile Handicap 2sovs, Burke Memorial Stakes 5sovs, Scurry Hack Handicap 30s., Okawa Hack Handicap 30s., Farewell Handicap 3sovs, by 9.30 p.m.

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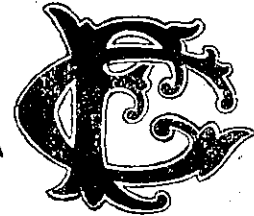
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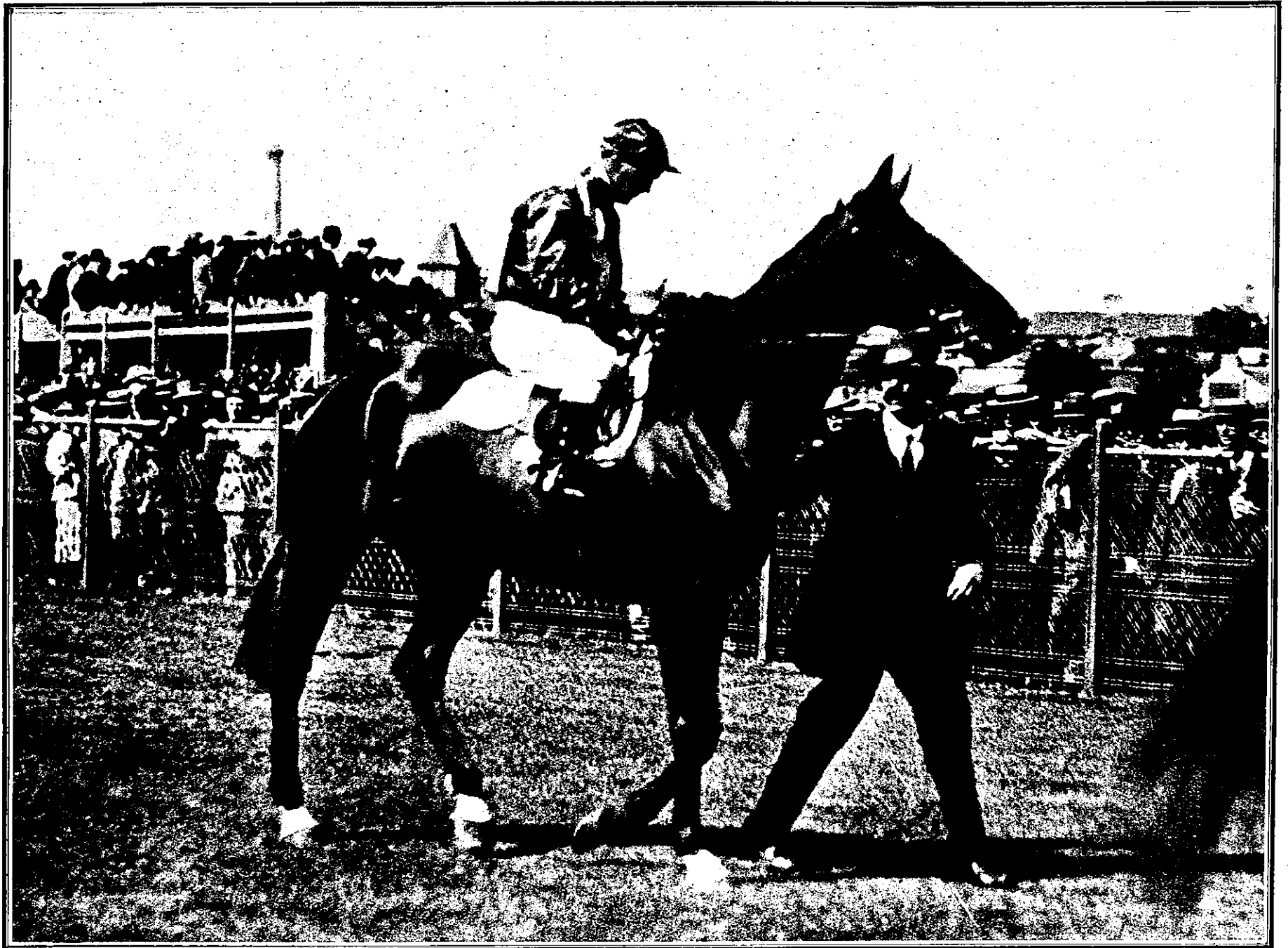
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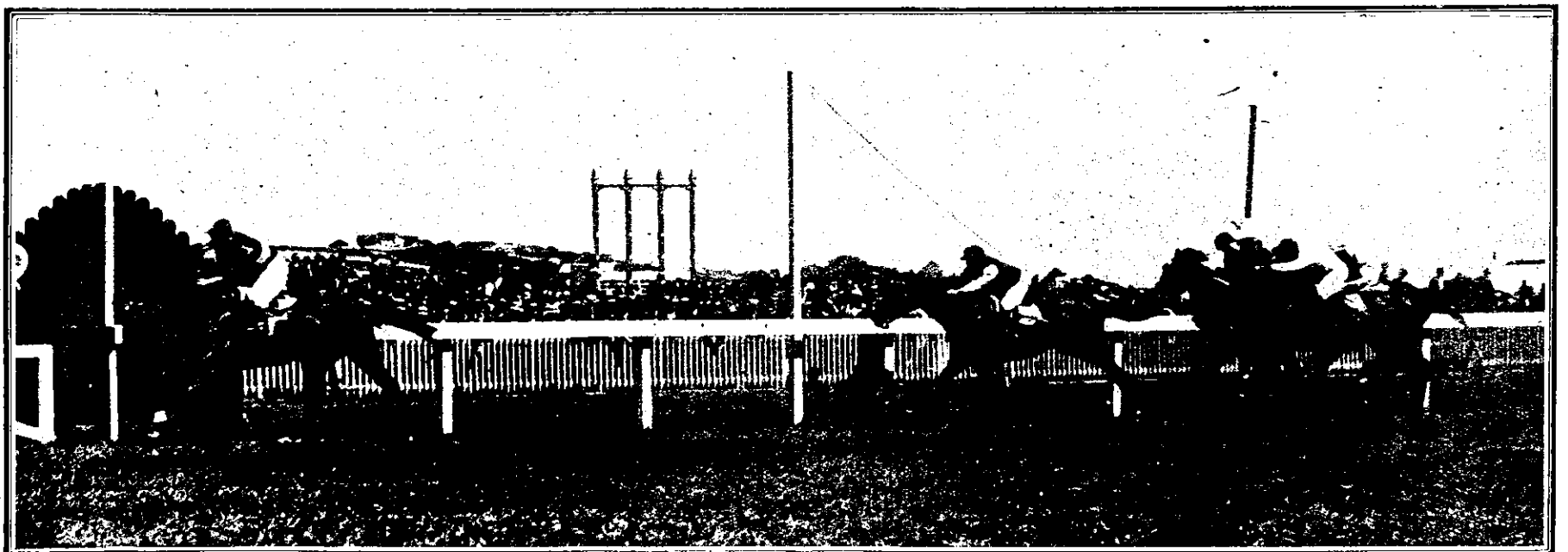
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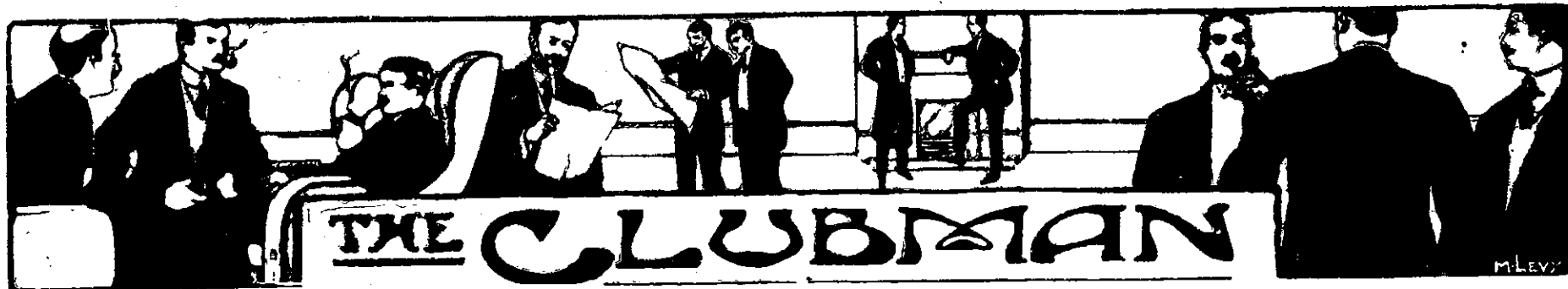
Desert Gold's First Triumph at Randwick (N.S.W.)



MR. T. H. LOWRY'S CHAMPION MARE, **DESERT GOLD** (W. McLACHLAN), RETURNING TO THE ENCLOSURE AFTER WINNING THE AUTUMN STAKES (1½ MILES) IN BRILLIANT STYLE ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING AT RANDWICK.



A POPULAR NEW ZEALAND VICTORY AT RANDWICK—**DESERT GOLD** (W. McLACHLAN) REGISTERS A CONVINCING WIN IN THE AUTUMN STAKES (1½ MILES) FROM **THANA** (A. DAVIS) AND **GADABOUT** (W. FOULSHAM). Three days later she contested the All-aged Stakes (one mile), in which she easily defeated the brilliant Australian miler, **CETIGNE**.



The autumn meeting of the Australian Jockey Club, so fraught with interest this year, chiefly because Desert Gold was representing the Dominion, came to an end on Saturday last. It began particularly well, with an attendance estimated at nearly 60,000—57,000 being officially announced—and was carried over the second stage on Easter Monday with an increased assemblage estimated at about 65,000, and no doubt the third and concluding days were proportionately well attended also. The meeting was successful from the book-making point of view, money being plentiful on the two first days and no doubt all through the piece. The management at the totalisators on the opening day was not all that could be desired, and £27,921 only was put through in the paddock, but on Easter Monday there was a decided improvement, £40,775 10s. being handled inside the paddock, and a total of £57,802 10s. during the afternoon on the six events. This is very good business, all things considered, and with so many pencilers operating. Sporting writers in Sydney are agreed that it seems impossible for sufficient totalisator provision to be made to cope with the whole of the betting business at Randwick. They report the 1—2—3 dividends as very popular, but it will perhaps be time to pronounce more definitely on this feature when the totalisator has been longer in use. The more dividends paid out the more expensive the sport for backers, the fractions alone being heavy. When there are very large fields and the dividend-payers are well concealed it may work out best, but those who like to back their fancies for a straight-out win will not take so kindly to the 1—2—3 compulsory system. With straight-out books and straight-out prices on the day, and a tote that pays firsts only and another paying firsts and seconds, in addition to the 1—2—3 tote, backers would have plenty of variety. The paying out on so many tickets as will be issued is a big matter. Most people want to get their dividends as quickly as possible in order to re-invest. These, however, are matters that will suggest themselves to the powers that be, and can be adjusted, and no one knows the totalisator business better than Mr. Crooper, the secretary of the Australian Jockey Club, whose experience in Western Australia, when things were at their best on the Goldfields, is of value. The cable announced on Monday that just over £144,000 had been handled during the four days.

In our last issue we had something to say about the racing at Randwick on the opening day, and we were then in possession of the fact that Desert Gold had won the Autumn Stakes, one mile and a-half, at weight for age, but we were not then aware that in doing so she had, in addition to Thana and Gadabout, who finished second and third respectively, the English horse Lanus, who was fourth, her old opponent Wallace Isinglass, who is reported to have collided with Kandos, Westcourt, Karanaud King, Kenninghair, The Fortune Hunter, and Rebus—the last-named the Sydney Cup winner—against her. It was in this race that she beat the strongest field, and in her next essay, the All-aged Stakes, she beat the best miler in Australia, Cetigne, for the second time. This race included a lot of good horses, too, but Cetigne is the accredited miler, and he proved it by running second, following his brilliant display in the Doncaster Handicap with 9.12. Desert Gold finished her campaign as brilliantly as she began it—really more so—and was evidently fit and nearer the top of her form than she has been this season. We can all lift our hats to her. Only two horses have beaten her since she has been away, and for Wallace Isinglass it can be claimed that for the heavy racing he has had he has proved a consistent performer and a genuine stayer over a distance. It is clear that up to a mile and a-half Desert Gold has met no equal at weight for age, and that is something to say where there are so many horses, colonial and imported. So far, then, there is reason to exult

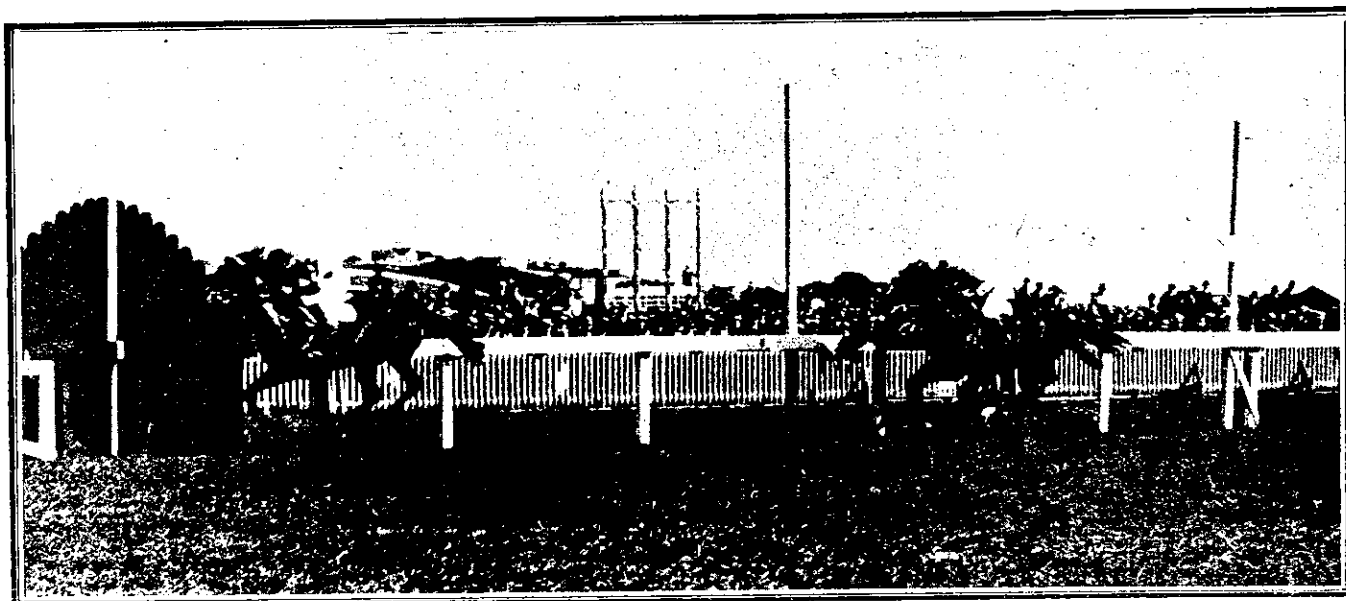
over Desert Gold's achievements, and we quite believe that had she been just as ready and been ridden with less dash and more patience she might have returned to New Zealand with a complete weight-for-age certificate. She has done well to win at a mile, a mile and a furlong, and at a mile and a-half twice, and it is rare to find horses in these days doing equally well at each of those distances inside a few weeks.

The only other horse to beat the New Zealand mare was the four-year-old Wedge, and some people think he should not have beaten her in the Futurity Stakes at Caulfield, though in receipt of 13lb. He is a good horse, however, and has been awarded 10.6 in the Goodwood Handicap, the chief six-furlong race run at the South Australian Jockey Club's meeting. There are seventy horses engaged and the minimum is 6.7. In the Adelaide Cup, one mile five furlongs, he has 9.6, second top weight to Maggie (9.9), and is set to give The Toff 11lb. and Di Gama 15lb. The minimum is 6.7 in that event also and over sixty horses were nominated. From this it would seem that Wedge is a four-year-old of class and is rightly held in much esteem. That Desert Gold was up against a pretty solid proposition when she met him is evident. Though McLachlan has stated that he thinks the mare would beat Wedge at the weights if another opportunity was afforded her, accounts of the race showed that Wedge got up from behind after meeting with some bad luck during the running, and he must have been pretty

sible, but, of course, highly improbable, that she will win anything like the value of the races that have fallen to the greatest of her sex in England, but she has now won more money than any mare in the Australasian colonies, and has come into the select few of winners of over £20,000. A lot of easy money has come her way certainly, and she has not been so severely taxed as some that have raced before her—a reason why she should last longer. She would likely have won a great deal more had she been domiciled in Australia and freely nominated for the classic races there and raced in the weight-for-age events at three, four and five years old and in some of the handicaps as well. During her few weeks' campaign in Australia, while there has been no weight-for-age races for her to race in in the Dominion, she has earned in first and second money a goodly sum, which will go to the patriotic fund for providing hospital cots for invalided soldiers, less expenses incurred over the trip and taxation deductions. Mrs. and Mr. Lowry are to be congratulated upon the success of the All Black mare, and their trainer, F. Davis, must share therein. McLachlan, her rider, deserves a word of praise, too, though we could have wished that her New Zealand pilot, J. O'Shea, who has been associated with her in the majority of her wins, had been taken over at the same time, not that he would have done any better than the crack horseman who did ride her, but it would have been more completely a New Zealand campaign.

Mason, who rode her in New Zealand and went with her to Australia, always regarded her as the best of her sex he had had to do with, though he trained Cruciform and placed her on almost an equally high pedestal.

Having done in the autumn with the Australian and English horses what Biplane did with all-comers in the spring, the first meeting between Desert Gold and Biplane will naturally be fraught with intense interest, and that meeting is in sight, and with ordinary luck in the matter of weather there is every reason to expect that on Wednesday and Thursday next these two cracks will meet, first in the Awapuni Gold Cup, a mile and a-quarter, at weight for age, and next in the Manawatu Stakes, over six furlongs, at weight for age, each with the extreme penalty for previous successes. Desert Gold has won both races named, and last year, with the going heavy, romped over The Toff, Bjerneborg and Bee, the time registered being 2min 14sec, showing how holding the going was. Given clear fine days there will be no excuses for either of the contestants, though with the Comedy King colt there is the fact to be remembered that he is thick winded and that must sooner or later come against him as a racing machine. He is a hard puller, but presuming that he is strung up to concert pitch and his form at Riccarton suggests that he was a lot fitter than at Wanganui, there will be no loitering at any stage of the races in which he takes part. If Mr. Lowry wants to win either or both the races referred to



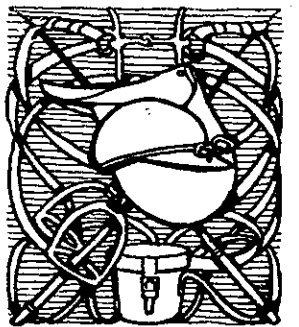
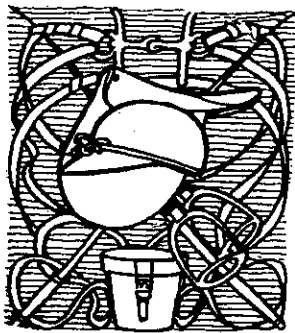
PRINCE VIRIDIS (C. Barden) scores an easy victory from THRICE (R. Lewis) in the A.J.C. St. Leger (1¾ miles), on the opening day of the Australian J.C.'s autumn meeting.

good on the day, and entitled to all the credit we can give him. His Newmarket Handicap form cannot be ignored, and it must be remembered that he was giving weight to Cetigne, the winner, in that race. So much for the form of the best horses in Australia just now.

We have assumed that Desert Gold has been fitter for a severe task over a distance in Australia than she has been in New Zealand, the solid contracts she had before her necessitated stringing her up to concert pitch. She won most of her races in New Zealand without being what would be called raced into form, and some of them when only a little more than half seasoned, and probably lost a few for the same reason, but anything that has ever beaten her has had to race to do so, there has never been any loitering in races in which she has taken part, and never since she was a two-year-old has anything led her in races beyond five furlongs during the early stages. She has almost invariably made the pace after getting settled into her stride. Her record is a splendid one, and there is no reason to doubt her vitality lasting over some years yet, if her owner decides to continue racing her, as we may hope he will, if only to establish further record making and to give her the opportunity of excelling anything achieved in the way of race winning by one of her sex. It is pos-

Now that the New Zealand-owned mare has given Australians a taste of her quality there are sure to be discussions as to whether she is as good as the best of her sex that have raced in Australia. It is hard to determine these matters. People will hold divergent views. Desert Gold is not the only first-class and high-class mare that has been sent on Australian soil. Australians will mention their Wakeful in the same breath and some of them will share the opinion that Cruciform, who went from New Zealand and quite held her own with Wakeful, cannot well be left out of calculations, as they thought Wakeful and La Carabine (as they undoubtedly were) two of the greatest stayers of their sex that ever graced the Australian turf. Thana, who ran second in the Autumn Stakes to Desert Gold, was probably not produced right at her best, but she is the best of her sex now in Australia. Carlita, bred in New Zealand, played a strong hand at times and was no doubt really good. Gladsome was another good New Zealand production, but not so good as Cruciform. Lurline raced too long ago to make comparisons, but we fancy that her great deeds in New Zealand and some of her performances in Australia, when the minimum in important handicaps in which she was engaged in the Commonwealth was 5.4, will be well remembered by racing men of the old school. We know that R. J.

it will have to be with Desert Gold, though he has Estland in both. We hope that Desert Gold and Biplane meet in each of these races fit and well. The better seasoned should be the mare, who has had an uninterrupted course of training and racing. There are other good horses engaged in both events. Bisogne is only in the Cup, and though the three races he had at Ellerslie and Avondale will have brought him on and he may run a very good race it is questionable whether he will be forward enough to do himself justice for a couple of months or more. Koesian's presence was not expected, but his owners is a patron of these races, and his horse has been racing very well of late and may be given a run. Mene-laus is one of our best geldings of his age, but is hardly equal to the top class on w.f.a. terms at this distance. Estland will need to be better than he was at Ellerslie and Wanganui, but profiting by experience his trainer will no doubt have him more prepared, if he is started. Impediment is a sure starter all going well with her to the day, and she is a very consistent filly. The outlook for a good race for the Awapuni Cup is as pleasing as when Chortle Warstep, Merry Roe, Ventura, Balboa and Pavlova met and a record was established after a good race. This time there are three three-year-olds left in.



RACING NEWS

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RACING FIXTURES, 1918.

April 11, 12—South Canterbury J.C.
 April 17, 18—Manawatu R.C.
 April 26, 27—Hawke's Bay J.C. autumn
 May 9—Ashburton County R.C.
 May 14, 15—Marlborough J.C.
 May 23, 25—Wanganui J.C.
 June 1, 3—Dunedin J.C.
 June 1, 3—Auckland R.C.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

Wednesday, April 17.
 Handicaps second day Manawatu R.C. autumn, at 8 p.m.
 Acceptances second day Manawatu R.C. autumn, at 9 p.m.

Friday, April 19.
 Weights first day Hawke's Bay J.C. autumn.

Nominations for all events, with the exception of Lagmor Plate, Ashburton County R.C. autumn, at 9 p.m.

Monday, April 22.
 Acceptances first day Hawke's Bay J.C. autumn, by 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 25.
 Handicaps Ashburton County R.C. autumn, on or about.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

With the Easter meetings now over attention is now directed to the remaining autumn fixtures which are set down for decision this month. The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club will hold their autumn gathering on the Hastings racecourse on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, and the

decided this season, and for that reason alone is certain to merit the attention of owners and trainers of eligible candidates. The Autumn Handicap, of 200sovs., once round, can be relied upon to entice a representative field, while two hack flat events, both to be run over six furlongs, also figure on the opening day's programme. Two hurdle races, the Longlands Hack Handicap Hurdles, of 125sovs., one mile and a-half, and the Mangatarata Handicap Hurdles, of 175sovs., one mile and three-quarters, are set down for decision on the first day, and offer special opportunities to jumpers.

On the second day the important classic, the Hawke's Bay Stakes, of 500sovs., six and a-half furlongs, in which a particularly strong field is engaged, will be the centre of wide interest. The big handicap event will be the Burke Memorial Stakes, of 400sovs., one mile and a-quarter, in which the Cup candidates of the previous day will have a further chance of earning distinction. The two-year-olds will again be seen out in the Juvenile Handicap, of 125sovs., five furlongs while the sprinters will be occupied with the Farewell Handicap, of 200sovs., six furlongs. The Karamu Handicap Hurdles, of 200sovs., two miles, and the Ohiti Hack Handicap Hurdles, of 125sovs., one mile and three-quarters, should provide interesting contests among

MANAWATU RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The prediction made at the time the handicaps were declared that record acceptances would be received for the Manawatu Racing Club's autumn meeting, which takes place at Awapuni on Wednesday and Thursday next (April 17 and 18) has been fulfilled in every respect, the number of horses paid up for on Monday evening last in the eight events to be decided on the opening day ensuring a sterling afternoon's sport. Intense interest is centred in next week's gathering, principally as a result of the anticipated meeting of Desert Gold and Biplane in the Awapuni Gold Cup (one mile and a-quarter), the result of which should settle the controversy regarding the relative merits of these two crack New Zealand performers that has constantly been waged in sporting circles throughout Australasia since Biplane made his brilliant debut at Randwick and Flemington last spring. Despite Desert Gold's meritorious achievements in the Commonwealth during the past couple of months, Australian opinion favours Biplane's prospects of defeating Mr. Lowry's crack mare, whereas New Zealand racing enthusiasts pin their faith to the latter's prowess. It should be

among the final acceptors, and a particularly fine race should be witnessed. The Karere Hurdles has the material engaged to ensure an exciting contest, while the hack events have filled beyond the most sanguine anticipations. The acceptances are as follows, the events being given in the order in which they are to be run:—

KARERE HURDLES HANDICAP of 200sovs., one mile and three-quarters.—Bon Reve 11.13, Harbour Light 11.9, Sir Fisher 11.8, Arlington 11.7, Otter 11.3, Record 10.12, Want 10.9, Prince Delaware 9.13, St. Elmo 9.11, Vacuum 9.9, Lord Ainslie 9.9, The Summit 9.7, Paul Moore 9.5, Foeman 9.4, Mahzoltov 9.3, Taira 9.2, Golden Glade 9.2, Lord Nelson 9.2, Jiu Jitsu 9.0, Nita 9.0.

MAIDEN PLATE of 100sovs., seven furlongs.—Poka 7.11, Skeddaddle 7.11, Papanui 7.11, Advanceful 7.11, Choice 7.11, Half Blue 7.11, Lady Phyllis 7.11, March On 7.11, Royal Reign 7.11, Self Alliance 7.11, Turpinite 7.11, Toddy 7.11, Tiranga 7.11, Utiwai 7.11, Winning Shot 7.11, Gloam 7.11, Justification 7.11, Manahera 7.11, Sunbrite 7.11, Matatuae 6.11, Mallama 6.11, Cyresian 6.11.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 400sovs., one mile and a furlong.—Teka 8.9, Red Ribbon 8.9, Wishful 8.7, Nobleman 8.6, Seadown 8.3, Trials 8.2, Gold Soult 8.1, Glorify 7.13, Miss Deval 7.11, Crowhurst 7.11, Volo 7.11, Tressida 7.8, Gang Awa 7.8, Battle Song 7.7, Orleans 7.3, Lady Louisa 7.1, Hushman 7.0, Kiltess 7.0, Multaine 6.11, Probation 6.10, Good Hope 6.9, Comment 6.7, White Blaze 6.7, Detroit 6.7, Ladify 6.7, Hydrus 6.7, Victoris 6.7.

MANAWATU SIRES' PRODUCE STAKES (TENTH) of 600sovs. For two-year-olds. Six furlongs.

Sire	Produce	St lb
Sir Geo. Clifford's ch c Heathercote, by Boniform—Heatherbrae		9 0
T. H. Lowry's ch c Finmark, by Finland—War Scare		9 0
W. Casey's ch g Informal, by Demosthenes—Formality		8 11
T. H. Lowry's b c Killowen, by Kilbroney—Success		8 10
A. McDonald's b f Torfreda, by Hymettus—Straga		8 0
Mr. M. A. Perry's br f Karo, by Demosthenes—Kautuku		8 0
F. Preston's b f Oratress, by Demosthenes—Equitas		7 9
W. E. Herbert's ch c Active, by Boniform—Effort		7 9
Lance Wood's b c Risingham, by Rokeby—Rose Red		7 9
G. D. Greenwood's br f Afterglow, by Demosthenes—Sunglow		7 6
G. L. Stead's b c Kilmoon, by Kilbroney—St. Sophia		7 4

LINTON HACK WELTER HANDICAP of 130sovs., one mile and a distance.—Colorado 9.13, Polynesian 9.9, Queen Lizzie 9.9, Demotic 9.7, Gipsy Gem 9.4, Quinn's Post 9.0, Midnight Star 8.13, Warmth 8.9, Consultation 8.9, Elevate 8.9, Idyllic 8.5, Pervolo 8.4, Lady Edith 8.1, Master Strowan 8.0, Whiro 7.13, Lady Mylchrest 7.12, Coalition 7.12, Belgian Maid 7.11, Renzi 7.10, Torchlight 7.0, Occasion 7.7, Moutoa Camp 7.7, Poka 7.7, Half Blue 7.7, Knockmore 7.7.

WOODHEY HACK HANDICAP of 120sovs., six furlongs.—Queen Lizzie 8.13, Ayah 8.13, Rajput 8.11, Ibox 8.11, Melita 8.6, Momac 8.6, Blue Cross 8.6, Engari 8.5, Galore 8.4, Humorist 8.4, Pomroy 8.2, Imaribbon 8.0, Wapping 7.13, Marenga 7.12, Mystified 7.9, Oravia 7.9, Exclusive 7.8, White Ranger 7.6, Crosswords 7.4, Gold Problem 7.4, Formaline 7.2, Idle Talk 7.2, Blue Gown 6.12, Royal Park 6.10, Rising Tide 6.9, Romance 6.9, Knockmore 6.9, Miss Margaret 6.9, Livland 6.9.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP of 300sovs., six furlongs.—Croesus 9.13, Hymestra 9.9, Parisian Diamond 9.9, Form Up 9.6, Acre 8.10, Inah 8.9, Lady General 8.6, Birkenvale 8.2, Turangapito 8.1, Hyttus 7.13, Lady Black 7.13, Astrophel 7.12, Bonnie Maid 7.9, Gamecock 7.7, Jean Laddo 7.6, Hyginas 7.5, Staccato 7.3, Rawakore 7.3, Ohiwia 7.2, Comment 6.13, Avon Park 6.11, Starengo 6.10, Vermilion 6.10, Sea Lord 6.10, Astor 6.10, George 6.10, Association 6.10, Hushabye 6.7, Tirana 6.7.

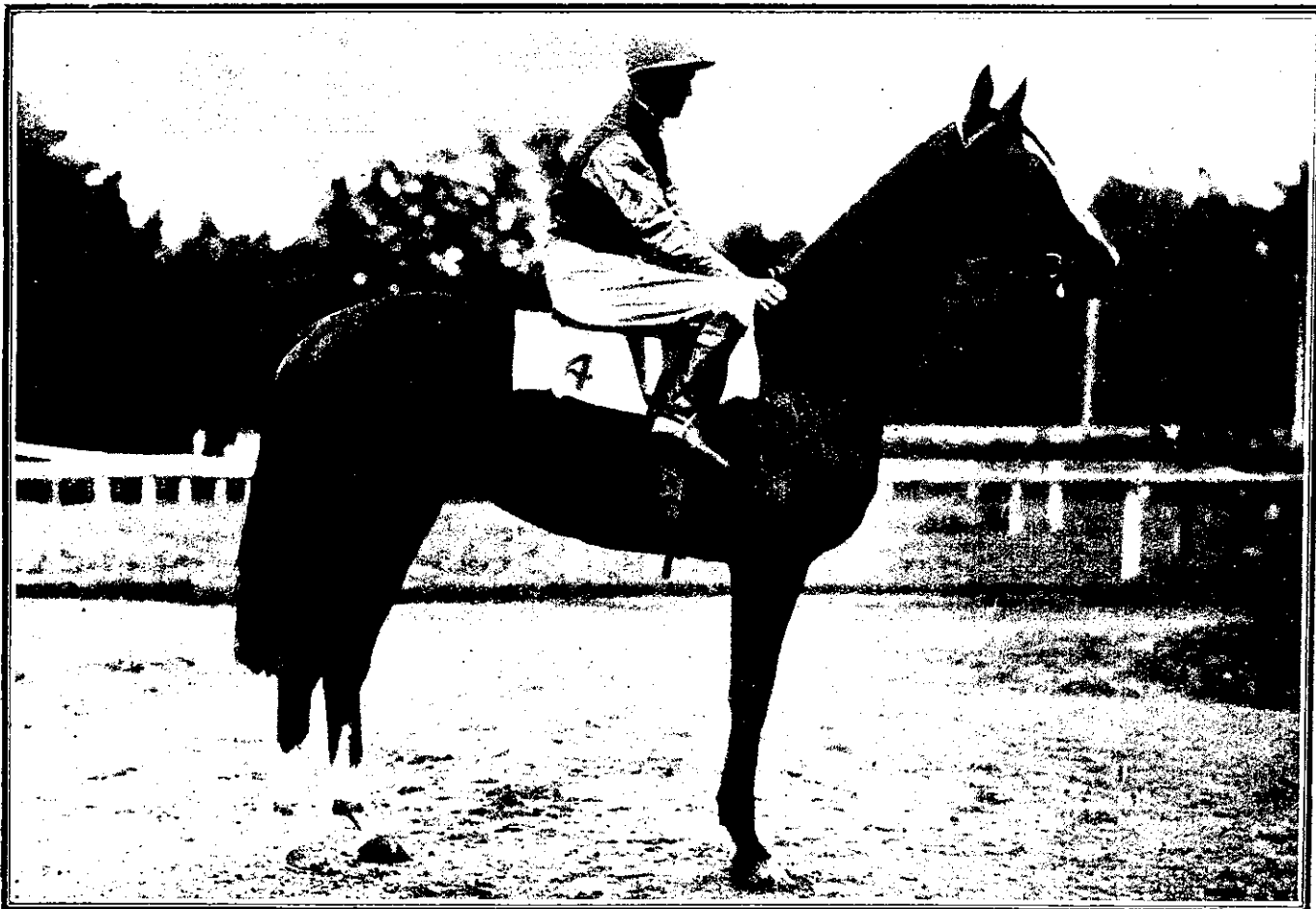
AWAPUNI GOLD CUP of 575sovs. (a cup value 100sovs and 475sovs in specie). Weight for age. One mile and a-quarter.

Sire	Produce	St lb
A. Alexander's ch h Bisogne, 5yrs. by Bezonian—St. Evangeline		9 2
T. H. Lowry's b m Desert Gold, 5yrs. by All Black—Aurarius		9 0
G. L. Stead's br h Koesian, 4yrs. by Elysian—Kowerewere		8 11
V. and E. Riddiford's b g Meneleus, 4yrs. by Martian—Love-lorn		8 11
T. H. Lowry's br c Estland, 3yrs. by Finland—War Scare		8 6
G. D. Greenwood's blk c Biplane, 3yrs. by Comedy King—Air Motor		8 6
E. H. Baracq's ch f Impediment, 3yrs. by Demosthenes—Kautuku		8 4

SECOND DAY.

The chief event on the second day is the Manawatu Stakes (Fourteenth), for two-year-olds and upwards, to be run over six furlongs. After the final payments had been made on Monday night last the following horses remain in the race in question:—

MANAWATU STAKES, of 500sovs. (for two-year-olds and upwards); six furlongs.—Impediment, Gamecock, Biplane, Crowhurst, Nystad, Birkenvale, Hymestra, Estland, Desert Gold, Hyttus, Ohoreka, Koesian.



THE WINNER OF THE C.J.C. GREAT EASTER HANDICAP (seven furlongs)—Mr. J. Goring Johnston's b c NYSTAD, 4yrs., by Finland—Pas Se ul. G. Clarke in sadd'le.

two days' racing carnival promises to be liberally patronised by owners, as with the season rapidly drawing to a close the meetings become fewer. The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club have made special efforts to maintain the high standard invariably associated with autumn racing at Hastings in drawing up a highly attractive programme in connection with the approaching gathering. Chief in order of precedence is the Hawke's Bay Cup Handicap, of 700 sovs., one mile and a-half, to be decided on the opening day. The event in question should attract a large number of the best performers throughout the Dominion who are well forward for their winter engagements, and a particularly strong field should be in evidence to contest this richly-endowed race on April 26. The principal sprint event on the opening day is the Porangahau Handicap, of 300sovs., six and a-half furlongs, which should meet with a splendid entry from the ranks of sprinters. The Nursery Handicap, of 225sovs., for two-year-olds, is one of the few events for juveniles that remain to be

the leppung division. The Scurry Hack Handicap of 115sovs., and the Okawa Hack Handicap, of 115sovs., once round, complete the second day's programme, so that the two days' racing should constitute an excellent attraction to enthusiastic followers of the turf. Nominations for all events, with the exception of the Maiden Hack Race (first day), close with the secretary, Mr. H. S. Moss, Box 13 Hastings, on Friday, April 12, at 8 p.m.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

The programme of the Auckland Racing Club for the Great Northern Steeplechase meeting, which is the best two-day programme ever issued in New Zealand, in which jumping races comprise half the number of events, will bear the perusal of horse owners and will require their attention on April 26 for the chief events, G.N. Hurdles, G.N. Steeplechase, Winter Steeplechase, Cornwall Handicap and York Welter Handicap. The programme appears in this issue.

known definitely within the next day or so whether the long looked forward to meeting of the pair will eventuate next week or not, and there is little doubt that a record crowd of sportsmen from all parts of the Dominion will be on hand at Awapuni to see the champions measure strides in what should prove the greatest race in the turf annals of the Dominion should such contest materialise.

Apart from the meeting of Desert Gold and Biplane, the representative fields engaged in the other events give promise of some spirited contests. Twenty-seven horses have been paid up for in the Autumn Handicap (one mile and a furlong), including Teka, Red Ribbon, Wishful, Nobleman, Gold Soult, Glorify, Tressida and Gang Awa'. Twenty-nine sprinters remain in the Telegraph Handicap, Croesus, Hymestra, Parisian Diamond, Acre, Bonnie Maid and Turangapito being among the number. The Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (six furlongs) is creating wide interest, the crack two-year-olds from the leading racing centres figuring

TURF TOPICS

The Wairarapa R.C. will invest £1000 in War Bonds.

Bisogne was the gentleman of the Avondale Handicap field.

Miss Deval was sore both before and after she ran for the Feilding Cup.

An average of over fourteen horses per race ran at the Avondale meeting.

Miss Ellice can go fast, but staying is not her forte. She wants a long time off the scene.

There were 115 starters in the eight races at Avondale on Saturday, and the dividends totalled over £91.

Good dividends were the order of the day at the Avondale meeting. Three were of the double-figure order.

The going was very heavy at the Waipukurau meeting, and the times must have been the slowest on record.

Toatere broke down in the Feilding Cup three furlongs from home, and may prove difficult to train in future.

Snow King, who was nominated for races at Ellerslie won again recently in New South Wales at a country meeting.

Plymouth made good as a chaser at Randwick on Saturday. Mr. W. G. Stead apparently made him for someone else.

The cab'e informed us on Saturday that Kilboyne (evidently meant for Kilboy) and Good Day have returned to New Zealand.

Sporting writers before saying a word by way of approval or apology for certain horses should submit their copy to the censor.

Prince Bardolph has run some good races this season, and his form on Saturday over a mile and a half in the Dangar Handicap was good.

Total investments for the two days of the Auckland Racing Club's autumn meeting amounted to £121,540, or £17,454 in excess of last year.

Mr. Raven is to be sympathised with over losing his Spalpeen mare Glendalough through the accident met with in the steeplechase at Avondale.

Total investments for the two days of the Canterbury Jockey Club's Easter meeting amounted to £82,620, or £15,469 in excess of last year.

Total investments for the two days at the Feilding meeting came to £78,844, or £15,644 in excess of the two corresponding days of last year.

F. Tutchin has only had a few rides since he came back from camp life, and won the double at Avondale on Thrace and Golden Glow respectively.

Hymeona did the double layers a good turn on Saturday, but his Ellerslie friends had deserted him and there were no hundreds away this time.

Linacre colts fetched 1450 and 1250 guineas respectively at the recent Sydney yearling sales. Acre and Sanacre are two of that sire's gets in New Zealand.

Amongst the purchasers at the recent yearling sales in New South Wales was Mr. R. Carter, who took Agnestes and Dood from Auckland to race there.

A lot of people are hoping that the grey Iceberg will be found competing in hurdle events during the next few months. Coronet left a useful customer in that gelding.

Breeders in the Poverty Bay district will be pleased to learn that the imported five-year-old English horse Polydamon, a No 5 horse, is to be located there, having been purchased on behalf of the well-known stud-master, Mr. Gaine Carrington. Mr. Hislop has reserved the right to use the horse for a few mares.

Bronzetti, who is second best to Prince Viridis amongst Australian three-year-olds, won the Rouse Handicap on Saturday over a mile and three furlongs.

The Morris brothers, B. and L., were in evidence at Avondale, the one on the resurrected good dividend payer Persian Prince and the other on Hymeona.

Whitehall, by Marble Arch from Zinnia, who ran fourth in the Maiden at Avondale, was one of the longest-priced ones of the starters, and may get a race in the spring.

The ancient Golden Glow, after a lapse of three years, put up another time record for the Chevalier Steeplechase at Avondale. He will be four-year-old next foaling.

Some sports, including one or two from the Auckland province, backed every horse on one day of the Canterbury Jockey Club's autumn meeting, and lost something over £6.

The sum of £40,404 was handled at the totalisators at Avondale on Saturday. This exceeded the amount put through on the first day of the last autumn meeting by £12,079.

Mr. G. W. Fuller, State Secretary, N.S.W., has promised a deputation the revision of the Totalisator Act to provide a higher percentage for country clubs. Why not all clubs?

There are not many non-triers in the autumn, and particularly when there is nothing or so little to wait for, yet people declare that a recent winner was brought to light unexpectedly.

Some commissions were placed in Australia by New Zealanders for yearlings to be disposed of during the week at Randwick, but the total of their purchases, if any, will not be known until later.

When Hymeona showed a clean pair of heels to the opposition in the Railway Handicap on Saturday, that three-year-old had Cadrona, Mossman, Fabriquette and Lightning, four consistent performers, amongst his followers—none more consistent than himself.

Arch Lassie has raced consistently, but to the fact that apprentices were in evidence in the Juvenile Handicap at Avondale may be ascribed Ruatara's position of second. Mr. Ring's Elysian gelding paid the second best dividend of the meeting.

Impediment has beaten Bonnie Maid more than once this season up to a mile and a-half; Bonnie Maid has beaten Estland a mile and three-quarters, Estland has beaten Biplane a mile, Biplane has beaten most of the best horses in Australia, just as Desert Gold has done, over varying distances up to a mile and a-half. Now where are we?

Rebel has made steady improvement since the middle of the season and may yet win a good race. He begins too slow to do much good in big fields on small courses. The chances are that he might have done better had he been emasculated earlier than he was.

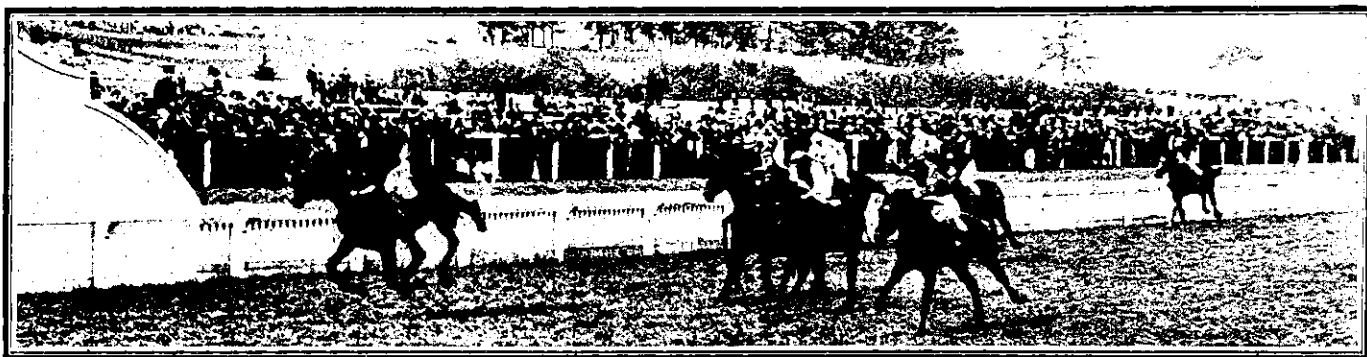
Happy Valley, by Bunyan from a Natator mare, proved about as fast a maiden candidate as has been raced at Avondale for some time. He is a six-year-old gelding, and was purchased cheaply by Mr. Frank Loomb, his owner-trainer, whose friends were pleased to see him get a win.

Madam Ristori must be put down as one of the big disappointments of the Avondale meeting, but she was only one of the lot completely carried off their legs by the Hymettus gelding Hymeona, whose win must have been as big a surprise to immediate connections, who are good bettors, as was Madam Ristori's poor showing to some of those who were following Gray's mount.

New York never did race at his best right-handed. After jumping the fence at the five-furlong post at Randwick he landed into the course proper and his rider jumped him over the white railing to get back on to the steeplechase track, after which he raced into third place, but broke down, straining the tendons in both forelegs, and may not race again. Bad luck this, as he was a good little chaser.



THE FIELD GOING OUT OF THE STRAIGHT THE FIRST TIME IN THE ST. GEORGE'S HANDICAP (1½ MILES), ON THE CONCLUDING DAY OF THE A.R.C. AUTUMN MEETING—TRESSIDA (M. O'Shea) showing the way to IMPEDIMENT (next rails), COLONEL SOULT, FIONNUALA (next rails), and RED RIBBON in that order.



THE FINISH OF THE ST. GEORGE'S HANDICAP—IMPEDIMENT (H. Gray) scores an easy win from RED RIBBON (on outside), with TRESSIDA (in centre with white sleeves) third.

Bedford, who may be forward enough to do himself justice in June, was one of the neatest geldings that stripped on Saturday. Bunyan would get them right if he got the mates.

£1 invested on each of the starters in the handicap races on the second day of the Feilding meeting would have left a profit of £55. There were 73 starters and the dividends amounted to over £128.

Mr. T. H. Lowry cabled Mr. J. M. Johnston, secretary of the Manawatu R.C., that Desert Gold would be on hand to assist at the Manawatu meeting, all going well with her on the trip over from Sydney.

Mangamahoe was a well-backed disappointment in the Mt. Roskill Handicap at Avondale on Saturday, the son of Charlemagne II. petering out in the straight, where he was expected to come on and finish.

Gazeley, who has been for seven or eight seasons in the Gisborne district and has taken eight first and special prizes, will stand higher up the sire's list this season than heretofore. His gets are racing with age.

Gazique had to be taken on trust for the extra quarter-mile in the Avondale Handicap, but Gazeley's son played his part well and deserved his first success over that distance. Rebel and he were first and second favourites.

Amongst the best dividend payers of the autumn meetings were Royal Chef, Lord Ainslie, Marquetteur, Jean Laddo and Fore at Feilding; Hymeona and Ruatara (second) at Avondale.

The V.R.C. handicapper has never left any doubt as to how he regarded the Llangibby horse Lanus. By placing him on top in handicap events he evidently regarded him as better than anything racing in the States over a distance, and recent form confirms that view, though he only just beat Wallace Isinglass over the three-mile course at Randwick.

The writer has met two punters who each had over half a hundred of the best on Estland and have not yet got over the surprise at his defeat in the G.N. St. Leger. By the way, where did the big Hawke's Bay punter have his money?

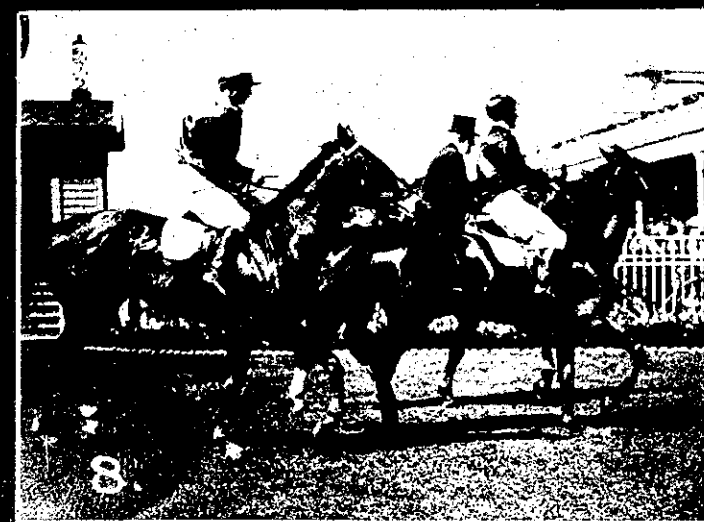
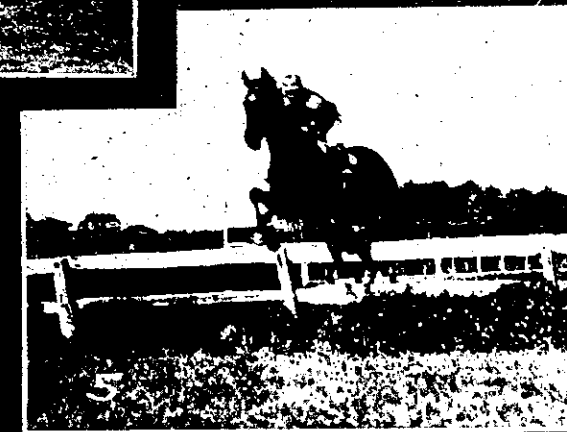
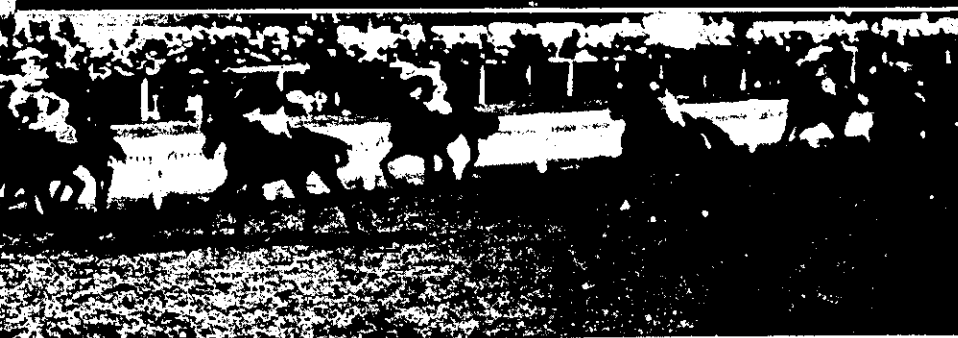
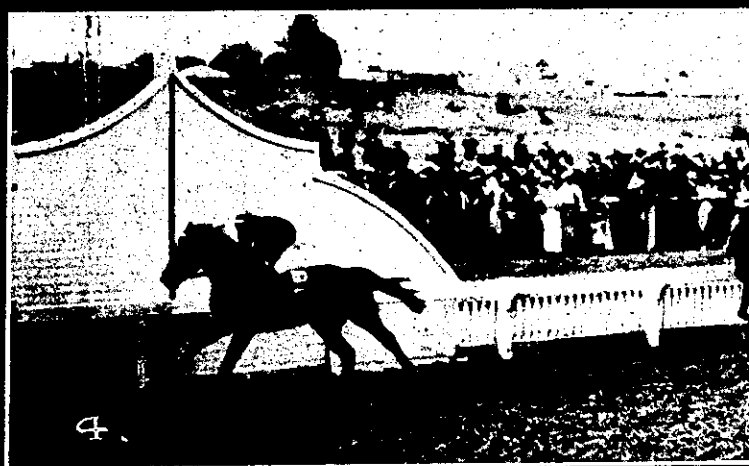
The high-priced English horse Redfern gave a glimpse of his form in the Final Handicap at the A.J.C. meeting, when he got second to King's Bounty. He was reckoned one of the best performers in England that ever left there for the colonies.

The Avondale Handicap has only twice been run faster than Gazique (8.7) won in. This was by Phosphorus (7.5) and Mullingar (7.6). Blieriot carried 8.9 when she won in the same time as Gazique. The first winner, Firefly (by Artillery), and Gazique, the last, are the only two bred out of the province to succeed.

Gazique beat Housewife in the A.R.C. Easter Handicap two lengths and a-half when they finished second and third respectively in that race at a difference of 15lb. in weight, and it looked odds on that he would beat her in the Avondale Handicap when meeting her on 13lb. better terms. Her win in the interval at Ellerslie was not too highly assessed, as she again had the consistent Waluta just behind her in the Avondale Handicap as at Ellerslie. The result has shown Gazique's second to Parisian Diamond and his win over a shorter course at Ellerslie were underestimated. Some solid backers went for Rebel in preference, however, at the death-knock.

Some New Zealanders who visited Australia and were following the fortunes of Desert Gold have expressed their opinions that Wedge should not have beaten her in the Futurity Stakes and that Wallace Isinglass had a bit of luck to beat her over two miles. According to some accounts Wedge came from behind and was really unlucky in the race he won. Wallace Isinglass, according to cable, was at one stage twenty lengths behind the New Zealand mare in the two mile race, so she must have run herself out. We have seen no account of how the different stages of the race were run, but in her case the pace was evidently not well regulated, being too fast to last.

Snapshots taken at Ellerslie during the progress of the Auckland Racing Club's Successful Au



1. Winner of the Great Northern St. Leger Stakes (1 1/4 miles)—Mr. "P. Soames'" b f BONNIE MAID, 3yrs., by Boniform—Happy Maid. Trained by Ayers. 2. SILVER LINK (C. Brown), after her victory in the Victoria Handicap (five furlongs) on the concluding day. 3. Mr. Ewen W. Alison's (jun.) b c SPANNER, 2yrs., by The Nut—Dudu. J. Buchanan in saddle. 4. HYMEONA (H. Gray) scores an easy victory in the KIP (H. Goldfinch) and BELLACITY (J. O'Shea) in the Mangere Handicap (six furlongs). 5. GLUEPOT (Henderson) leading BONNIE JEAN at the last fence of the double in front of stand in the opening day. 6. BONNIE MAID (A. J. McFlinn) returning to scale after her sensational defeat of ESTLAND in the Great Northern St. Leger Stakes. 7. HINEAMARU (J. Buchanan), winner of the Cnslow Stakes on the opening day. 8. HOUSEWIFE (H. Gray) returning to scale after winning the Stewards' Handicap (one mile). The second horse is WAIUTA (R. Reed). 9. HYMEONA (H. Gray), after accounting for ESTLAND in the Mangere Handicap (six furlongs).

INTEPROVINCIAL

WELLINGTON.

Sweet Tipperary Enjoying Brief Spell
—Notes on the Form Displayed at the Easter Meetings.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Quite the most profitable, and, by the way, the only win secured by a locally-owned horse during the Easter racing campaign was that of Bonnie Maid, owned by a Wellington medico and M.P., who races under the name of Mr. P. Soames. This mare, who is by Boniform from Happy Maid, won the St. Leger Stakes at the recent A.R.C. meeting from a hot favourite in Estland, who was considered unbeatable. The performance was a meritorious one, and both owner and trainer Joe Ayers have been congratulated upon the result.

Messrs. Dwan Bros. withdrew Sweet Tipperary from all the Easter meetings, it having been decided to give the handsome black mare a brief respite from activity. She has won a considerable sum in stakes, and well deserves a holiday, as she has been racing since she was a two-year-old. This mare is a very free goer, and in all her races has been ridden without whip or spur, and always does her best. Her only fault is her impatience at the barrier, being invariably anxious to get away.

In Oratress, the two-year-old filly by Demosthenes from Equitas, the well-known sportsman Mr. "Sam" Gibbons has a typical galloper and one sure to fare well on the race-courses. The two-year-old filly made many friends by her showing at Feilding, and is certain to be heard of again later on. The dividend returned was of microscopical proportions, but as "Sam" races for the "love of the sport" the price made no difference.

T. McGrath has taken up his residence at Mr. Rupert Morrison's stud at Blairlogie, where imported Hymetus will be at the service of breeders this season. This fine horse has furnished into a fine stamp of the thoroughbred.

Mr. W. Grey's Khatmundu was considered unlucky in getting beaten at Feilding. Alf. Wright has the four-year-old in fine form, and he should be heard of later on.

Mr. J. E. Henrys had a lengthy list in dealing with the handicaps for the Manawatu meeting, and appears to have done his work well. If only twenty per cent of the horses weighted see the starting post there will still be sufficient material to provide a couple of days' interesting racing.

The Hawera owner-trainer "Hoop-iron" Goodwin had Winning Shot looking well to the eye at Feilding. The four-year-old mare should soon be doing Taranaki-ites some useful service.

A feature of the first day of the Feilding meeting was the success of Iceberg in the Cup and Royal Chef in the Flying Handicap, both of whom are trained at Hawera. The former returned a nice price, while Royal Chef's dividend was a very substantial one.

Some capital dividends were returned at Feilding, those on Royal Chef, Lord Ainslie, Marquetuer, Lord Nelson, and Jean Laddo running into substantial double figures. Taken right through, the meeting was unfortunate for backers, who experienced a severe buffeting in their encounter with the totalisator.

Nystad, after many failures, got amongst the winners at the C.J.C. meeting. The win did not come out of its turn, and nobody will begrudge Mr. J. Goring Johnston the win to which he is undoubtedly entitled. Trainer G. R. Price—who, by the way, takes up military duties shortly—was deservedly complimented upon the fine condition in which he landed Nystad at the post.

Flying Camp is well down in the weights for the Manawatu meeting. This descendant of Campfire can gallop and jump to some purpose.

Mascot, owned by the Messrs. V. and E. Riddiford, just failed to capture two good stakes in her starts at the C.J.C. meeting. To run two seconds is very disconcerting, but the descendant of Martian may do better on her next appearance with the colours up.

In Toa Tere and Flying Camp the New Plymouth owner, Mr. J. Hawkins, should be worthily represented at the Manawatu meeting. Both horses are capital gallopers, and the future should reveal them as average stage earners.

The Messrs. V. and E. Riddiford will have a useful team to carry their colours at the Manawatu meeting. In Cooing, Mascot and Exclusive they have a trio that are shortly due for a win.

WANGANUI.

Ding'e to be Tried Over Hurdles—Nobleman in Good Fettle—Form of Intending Competitors at Awapuni—F. Tilley's Team for Manawatu Meeting.

WANGANUI, Monday.

It is understood that £500 was the price paid by Mr. Geo. Gibson, of Hawera, for Dingle. The gelding is to be tried over the hurdles.

Nobleman is said to be doing good work at Bulls, and hopes are entertained that the son of Sir Laddo will be fit enough to run one of his best races at Awapuni in the Autumn Handicap, in which he appears to be well treated, as he has only 8.0.

W. Rayner is giving Leonta some good solid work in view of approaching engagements. The Conqueror gelding was not accepted for in the Karere Hurdles to be run on the opening day at Awapuni.

If Turangapito could be relied upon to behave himself at the barrier his chance in the Telegraph Handicap at Awapuni would look to be second to none. He has 8.1, and if he gets away at all well the Prudent King

three former are in tip-top form, but Gang Awa' has so far this season failed to run up to expectations, and Bayberry has yet to show that he is any good. It is understood that he has given indications on the track of being able to gallop, but his displays in public have been disappointing.

Since the Feilding meeting Dasher Boy and Starengo have not been asked to do much. They both look very well. Dasher Boy is not engaged in the hurdles at Awapuni, but Starengo figures in the Telegraph Handicap at 6.10.

The winter meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club is to be held on the 23rd and 25th May. The principal events on the opening day are the Wanganui Steeple, of 650sovs.; the Century Hurdles, of 425sovs.; the Connolly Handicap, of 325sovs.; and the Borough Handicap, of 275sovs. On the second day there will be the Winter Oats, of 250sovs.; the Grandstand Steeple, of 385sovs.; the May Hurdles, of 320sovs.; and the Empire Handicap, of 275sovs. The hack events are all well endowed, and the club should receive big entries.

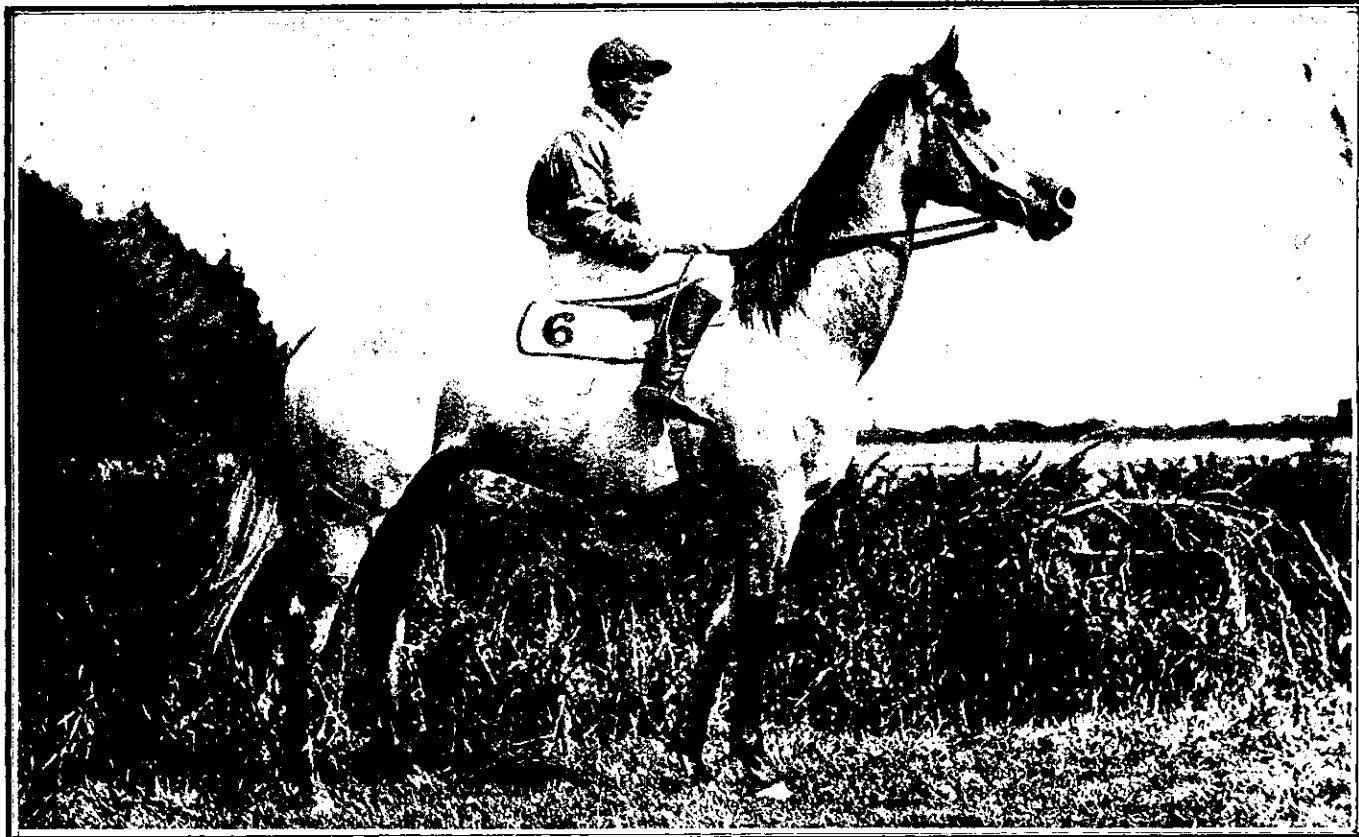
W. Rayner is keeping Zela and Marton going steadily. The former is not engaged at Awapuni, and Marton will not be seen out again until the winter meeting at Wanganui, when he will no doubt be a starter in the steeplechase. He is looking remarkably well, and such a fine jumper might win another cross-country race or two before he finally retires from the track.

The likelihood of Biplane, Estland and Desert Gold meeting at Awapuni is creating a lot of interest amongst racing enthusiasts, both of New Zea-

Mexican and Maxine Elliott narrowly defeated Nystad in the Templeton Handicap. Mohawk was knocked back after reaching the straight when attempting to get a position on the rails, but C. Emerson then brought him out to the centre of the course and he ran home gamely with less than a head to the good.

Mr. Colin McDonald, who at one time acted as secretary to the Southland Racing Club, died here on Monday last. The deceased, a well-known land and estate agent, was a keen sportsman some years back. He was a brilliant bicycle rider in his youth and competed prominently in the Austral Wheel Race and other valuable races during a sojourn in Victoria, while he successfully owned, rode and trained trotting horses in Southland as an amateur. He also took a great interest in boxing, and at times acted as judge and referee at tourneys conducted by the local Boxing Association. The deceased was a highly-respected citizen, and a great believer in both boys and girls being brought up to box, swim and generally engage in all manly exercises. His advocacy of the noble art for girls was practically demonstrated in his own family with success.

The Riverton Cup went to a genuine southern supporter of the turf, in Mr. W. Kain, and pleasure was expressed at his first success with his recent purchase, Marsa, by Martian—Nantes. The mare was turned out by C. Gieseler looking particularly well, and this fact contributed to her being elected to the position of favourite. The race was run at a slow pace over the early stages, and when it came to a sprint home Marsa defeated Thaddeus by three-quarters of a length. Rorke's



WINNER OF THE TWO PRINCIPAL HANDICAPS AT THE FEILDING JOCKEY CLUB'S EASTER MEETING.—Mr. F. Jewell's gr g ICEBERG, 6yrs., by Coronet—Snowflake, who accounted for the Feilding Cup (1½ miles) and the Easter Handicap (¼ miles).

gelding will make things very interesting for the best of the others. He looks all the better for his race at Feilding, and so does Ibex. The latter appears to be improving with every gallop, and though he has soon got well up in the weights, the son of San Fran—Polycaste is likely to run well in whatever events he starts at Awapuni. He has 8.11 in the Woodhey Hack, of six furlongs.

On his form at Feilding it will be some time before Harbour Light will be at his best, but a race or two should bring him along well. The Sylvia Park gelding has been paid up for in the Karere Hurdles, to be run at Awapuni on Wednesday of next week.

M. Gardner has both Hyginas and Staccato engaged in the Telegraph Handicap at Awapuni. The former has been doing good work at Waverley recently, and now that the sting is well out of the ground this gelding is likely to run well in sprint events, as he appears to be as fast as ever.

Staccato has gone on the right way since the Rangitikei meeting, and should run prominently in the open six-furlong event at Awapuni if started, as she is nicely weighted at 7.3. Astor showed considerable improvement at the Feilding meeting to his previous efforts this season, and with 6.10 at Awapuni he ought to cut out a merry six furlongs.

F. Tilley intends taking Coolpan, Acre, Clilent, Gang Awa', Moutoa Camp and Bayberry to Awapuni. The

land's turf champions having accepted for the event in question. If Desert Gold appears certain to be a starter a big crowd will journey from Wanganui to see the race, as Biplane is reported as a sure starter.

SOUTHLAND.

Riverton R.C.'s Annual Fixture—Death of a Respected All-round Sportsman—Mohawk's Form at Riccarton.

INVERCARGILL, April 5.

The Riverton Racing Club's annual fixture attracted large attendances each day, and the experiment of holding the fixture on Saturday and Easter Monday following proved an unqualified success. Two financial records were established, in that the totalisator investments amounted to £35,860 10s., while the gate receipts ran over £1350. The steeplechase races were very interesting, and, as usual, formed the principal attraction, meeting with the approval of many new visitors to the district, who, tempted by good weather and dry roads, came from Dunedin and other northern centres by motor cars.

A substantial amount of southern money followed Mohawk to Riccarton, and those who supported the American horse in the Great Easter Handicap and lost persevered next day, in addition with others, and benefited financially when the son of

Drift was always with the field, but the sprint at the finish was not in his line and he finished three lengths away, third. Balboa ran, but was never prominent.

On the second day of the Riverton fixture the principal flat race was won by Thaddeus, who was in receipt of 17lb. from the Cup winner, Marsa. The pair were together at the distance, but Thaddeus then drew out to score by a couple of lengths. Golden King finished third, but was never dangerous. Rorke's Drift was fourth and put up a fairly good fight under 10.6. Gunrest ran badly, and it is evident that he will not be ready for some time to come yet.

Mohawk was unlucky in the Great Easter Handicap at Riccarton, as his pilot, little R. S. Bagby, was riding in the race under difficulties. When turning his horse round to commence his preliminary canter, Margerine kicked him on the ankle and knocked him out of the saddle. It was thought for some time that the lightweight would not be able to carry out his engagement, but he stuck to his task and rode a good race under the circumstances. In any case, Mohawk is not a small boy's horse, being a big, powerful animal. As his owner is going to the front in a few weeks' time Mohawk has been placed on the private sale list, but remains in W. McDonald's stable at Riccarton in the meantime. He is to be raced at the forthcoming South Canterbury meeting.

The Great Western Steeplechase at Riverton, the leading cross-country race of the Southland season, was won for the second time by the bandy-legged little Recharge, by Renown—Tomboy. He drew away at the finish and scored by 150 yards from Yarkoma, a promising full-brother to Rongahere. Although Turehaua and Chappal Moh were going well out in front when they came to grief, Recharge would have won in any case. On the second day of the fixture, Chappal Moh slipped his field and looked like coming home by himself in the Riverton Steeplechase, but he made a mistake and Recharge had a long lead with only one fence to jump. However, 12.4 pulled the little chap up over the latter stage, and Yarkoma got up to head him off by four lengths. The Sarto—Komuri gelding, Yarkoma, has been very successful between the flags this season in Southland, with four wins to his credit, and may develop into a useful chaser under P. T. Hogan's care. Hogan won two other cross-country events at the meeting, landing the Waiau Steeplechase with Dalton, by Ahei—Miss Stent, and the Otaitai Steeplechase with the highly-bred Sylva, by Sylvanite—Jenny Moore, owned by Mr. L. C. Hazlett, of Dunedin. Both horses have given Hogan a great deal of trouble in different ways, and his success with them is a feather in his cap. Dalton, who is owned by the master of Rorke's Drift Lodge himself, has suffered from ailments, strains, and knocks over a course of about three years, while Sylva has been difficult to school, but now goes generously enough. Sylva may never carry a great deal of weight to advantage, but he can gallop well on the flat between his fences. It is not often that Hogan gets a chance to try out well-bred horses at his beloved steeplechasing

P. T. Hogan trained Tin Soldier, by Calibre—Tinwald Beauty, winner of the Wallace Hack Handicap at Riverton. He is somewhat in the rough as yet, but may turn out useful in due course. The four-year-old brother to Gunrest is owned by Gunr. P. A. Price, now at the front, who is a sport-loving son of the senior partner in the ownership of Rorke's Drift.

CANTERBURY.

Biplane in Fine Racing Trim—Almoner's Disappointing Form—Track Gallops at Riccarton—Comely and Scornful on Easy List—Two Promising Yearlings.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

All the North Island horses that raced at the C.J.C. meeting have taken their departure. They were hardly as successful as usual, for Nystad was the only one of their number to secure a big stake.

Most of the locally-trained horses were given a slight let-up after their exertions. Biplane is one of the few that was kept right up to the collar, and on Thursday morning he rattled over six furlongs in his usual brilliant style. He is under orders for Palmerston North, where the Awapuni Gold Cup will be his special mission. The flying son of Comedy King is none the worse for his Riccarton exertions, and when stripped at Awapuni will be in even better racing trim. In this respect he will have an advantage over Desert Gold, for the mare can hardly be at her best after her hard campaign in Australia and the subsequent travelling.

Quite the disappointment of the C.J.C. meeting was the poor form shown by Almoner in his two essays. His trainer states that the colt had

horses for jumping honours at the Grand National meeting.

It is a remarkable fact that not a single sire had more than one winning representative at the autumn meeting, also that two imported horses in Mohawk and Gay Lad won races.

Glendower has been having an easy time since winning the Great Autumn Handicap. His stable companion, Fiery Cross, is still out of work, and is unlikely to race again this season.

LATER.

(By Telegraph.)

At Riccarton on Saturday morning Biplane cast six furlongs behind in very free style. He was brought home over the last half mile by Afterglow, who is on the improve.

Gay Lad and Mohawk were associated over six furlongs and finished on terms. It was a smart piece of work on the part of both imported horses, and suggests them racing prominently at the South Canterbury meeting.

Though slightly lame in front, Charley gave Majestikoff a good dressing down over five furlongs. Tremena showed a great burst of speed in the early stages of a gallop over six furlongs, but was stopping badly at the finish.

Comely has been causing her trainer some trouble lately, and will be given a few weeks' spell.

Scornful has been thrown out of work, but Aynsley intends keeping Disdainful going to race at the Ashburton meeting.

Riccarton stables will be represented in the cross-country events at the Timaru meeting by Vascular, Golden Butterfly and Paremata. The last-named pair were given a turn over the big fences on Saturday morning, and both shaped well. Vascular has not done much work, and can hardly be at his best.

Since racing at Riccarton the West Coast-owned Xanthos has been operated on and will do his future racing as a gelding.

Recently R. J. Mason has started on two very promising yearlings, who are evidently to be got ready for early racing next season. They are a colt by Martian from Grand Opera and a colt by Solferino from Anitea.

Euripos, in F. D. Jones' stable, was operated on for throat trouble a few days ago. He has made a good recovery, but is to be given a short spell.

ASHBURTON COUNTY RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The officials of the Ashburton County Racing Club have drawn up an attractive programme in connection with their autumn meeting, which takes place on Thursday, May 9. The principal event is the Ashburton Cup, of 400sovs (one mile and a-quarter), for which a good entry is assured. The Grove Farm Handicap, of 175sovs (six furlongs), should occupy the attention of owners of sprinters, while an event of particular interest is the Lagmor Plate, of 120sovs (five furlongs), for two-year-olds and upwards. In addition to a hurdle race, two hack events and a welter handicap, a harness event is provided for trotters, so that the programme is one likely to receive wide patronage, no less than 1355sovs being distributed in stakes for the eight races. Nominations for all events, with the exception of the Lagmor Plate, close with the secretary, Mr. A. A. Fooks, Box 33, Ashburton, on Friday, April 19, by 9 p.m.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

WINTER MEETING.

THURSDAY AND SATURDAY,

MAY 23 AND 25, 1918.

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FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1918.

1. **BOROUGH HANDICAP** of 275sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs.
2. **HACK STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP** of 175sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov.
3. **WANGANUI STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP** of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50 sovs from the stakes. Over the Wanganui Steeplechase Course; Distance, about three miles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 5sovs.
4. **KAITOKE HACK HURDLE HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 15 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about one mile and three-quarters; over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov.
5. **CENTURY HURDLE HANDICAP** of 425sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles and a-quarter; over nine flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs.
6. **CONNOLLY HANDICAP** of 325sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a-quarter. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs.
7. **PURUA HACK FLAT HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and 110 yards. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1918.

1. **WINTER OATS HANDICAP** of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs.
2. **BALGOWNIE HACK HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov.
3. **GRAND STAND STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP** of 385sovs; second horse to receive 80sovs, and third horse 30sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles and a-half; over such course as the stewards shall direct. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2½sovs.
4. **RATA HACK HURDLE HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, about one mile and five furlongs; over six flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov.
5. **MAY HURDLE HANDICAP** of 320 sovs; second horse to receive 45 sovs, and third horse 25sovs from the stakes. Distance, about one mile and three-quarters; over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs.
6. **EMPIRE HANDICAP** of 275sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2½sovs. To start at 4.20 p.m.
7. **FAREWELL HACK FLAT HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 15 sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Minimum weight, 7.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov.

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DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES

And amounts to be forwarded to Secretary Wanganui Jockey Club.

WINTER MEETING.

MAY 23 AND 25, 1918.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1918, at 9.30 p.m.

NOMINATIONS—Borough Handicap 1 sov, Hack Steeplechase 1sov, Wanganui Steeplechase 1sov, Kaitoke Hack Hurdles 1sov, Century Hurdle Handicap 1 sov, Connolly Handicap 1sov, Purua Hack Flat Handicap 1sov, Winter Oats 1sov, Rata Hack Hurdles 1sov, Balgownie Hack Flat 1sov, Grandstand Steeplechase 1sov, May Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Empire Handicap 1sov, Farewell Hack Flat Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1918, (on or about).

WEIGHTS for Borough Handicap, Wanganui Steeplechase, Century Hurdle Handicap, Connolly Handicap, Hack Steeplechase Handicap, Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, Purua Hack Flat Handicap.

MONDAY, MAY 20, 1918, at 9.30 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Borough Handicap 2sovs, Wanganui Steeplechase 5sovs, Hack Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Kaitoke Hack Hurdles 1sov, Century Hurdle Handicap 4sovs, Connolly Handicap 3sovs, Purua Hack Flat Handicap 1sov.

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1918, 8.30 p.m. (at or about).

WEIGHTS for Winter Oats, Grandstand Steeplechase, Balgownie Hack Flat, Rata Hack Hurdles, May Hurdles, Empire Handicap and Farewell Hack Flat.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1918, at noon.

ACCEPTANCES.—Winter Oats 2sovs, Grandstand Steeplechase 2½sovs, Balgownie Hack Flat 1sov, Rata Hack Hurdles 1sov, May Hurdles 2sovs, Empire Handicap 2½sovs, Farewell Hack Flat 1sov.

W. HALL, Secretary.



POTENTIALITY (R. Reed), after accounting for the President's Handicap (1¼ miles) on the opening day of the Auckland R.C.'s autumn meeting.

game, but, in Sylva and Yarkoma, he has two thoroughbreds under his care, if they are nothing else.

Kilmedy was produced for the first time in Southland at Riverton and easily won the Trial Stakes, but was beaten out of a place in her second essay, the Farewell Handicap. The Kilbroney mare is an attractive galloper, however, and will do better later on. She is owned by two local sportsmen who race as "Mr. J. G. Emslie," and it has to be placed on record that they won two other races at the fixture with the aid of Burringong, by Mystification—Stepdaughter, a four-year-old brother to Step, Mysteriarch and Mystified. He is a very slow horse on his legs, and may not have won at all but for getting out well at both attempts. In the Second County Handicap, his second race, he galloped up to the barrier as it rose and slipped his field at the outset. The starter fined jockey A. McKay £2 for his "enterprise," and the stewards subsequently increased the penalty to £5. Prior to getting off to a move-up, McKay made a similar attempt, and the fact that he managed to finally beat the starter, Mr. H. Thompson, of Christchurch, caused a great deal of dissatisfaction and spoiled what promised to be a good race, in which Kazan and Aycliffe would undoubtedly have had powerful claims.

The veteran Riverton trainer J. Hymers turned out three well-conditioned winners at the local meeting, viz., Kilbrogan, Samiel and Bon. The first-named is an improving horse, but Bon was favoured by the fact that he had only 7.9 to carry, a 5lb. apprentice allowance bringing him to the weight at which he can give of his best form.

done everything asked of him before the meeting, including a trial with Koesian that made his prospects in the Champagne Stakes look particularly bright. In face of this his indifferent form is difficult to account for.

Hylans greatly disappointed his connections by his poor showing in the Kildare Hurdles, in which he was beaten a long way from home. In some quarters the Hymettus gelding has been regarded as a rod in pickle for the next Grand National Hurdles, but those opinions have now undergone a change.

The imported colt Gay Lad, who was purchased in England by Mr. J. Grigg, created a very favourable impression by the decisive manner in which he accounted for the opposition in the Addington Handicap. The son of Cellini and Gaysome is engaged in several races at the South Canterbury meeting, and his prospects of landing a stake there look particularly bright.

F. D. Jones has had an addition to his useful team in a two-year-old son of General Latour and Prudish. This nice looking juvenile was purchased at auction a few days ago at 240 guineas by Mr. R. McDonald.

Vascular is being sent along in view of winter engagements and may be one of the best of the Riccarton

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CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

CONCLUDING DAY.

GLENDOWER WINS GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAP.

BIPLANE SCORES IN CHALLENGE STAKES.

(From Our Christchurch Correspondent.)

Racing at Riccarton was concluded on Tuesday under favourable weather conditions, Monday being dull but windless. There was again a very large attendance, and those present were treated to an enjoyable afternoon's sport. Benefited by the first day's racing the track was in almost perfect order, with the result that every race was run at a solid pace. There was evidently no shortage of money for speculative purposes, as the day's total reached £40,696, making £82,620 for the meeting, as against £67,351 last year, an increase of £15,270.

Despite his excellent showing on the first day, Jeannot was little better fancied than Bore for the Peerswick Hurdles. He soon took charge, and, jumping in improved style, never gave the opposition a look in. Six furlongs from home The Summit made a run that carried him within a length of the leader, but when it came to a finish he could not foot it with the son of Charlemagne, who is still susceptible of much improvement.

Torfreda's great performance in the Champagne Stakes was of such an impressive nature as to justify the strong support accorded her for the Autumn Nursery Handicap. True, she had the steadier of 9.3 in the saddle, but with the firmer going and a weaker field to meet it looked odds on her prevailing. Starting as brilliantly as usual she had a comfortable lead at the end of two furlongs, where Kilmoon and Afterglow were her immediate attendants. Soon after half the journey had been covered Deeley had to shake her up, and a little further on she threw up the sponge. Then Scornful came along with a well-sustained effort which landed him a comfortable winner from Afterglow and Kilmoon. Both the latter pair are not as yet at their best, and there are decided possibilities associated with Mr. Stead's colt, who was making his first public appearance. He is a well-developed son of Kilbroney and St. Sophia, and stuck to his task really well for a green colt. The hard race she had on Monday rather than the extra poundage accounted for Torfreda's poor showing, but too much notice should not be attached to it.

Tremena upset the calculations of backers by making a runaway race of the Yaldhurst Welter. She and Jingo carried on the running for most of the journey, and when the latter retired the North Canterbury-trained mare had matters all her own way. Battle Eve put up a good fight under his big weight, and it is only a question of his keeping sound to win a good race. Hot Air, the favourite, was badly left and never got near the leading division.

Almo's poor showing on Monday led to his withdrawal from the Great Autumn Handicap, leaving a useful field of nine to contest the old-established event. The Trentham pair Menelaus and Mascot found most support with backers, most of the others being almost equally fancied. Ascalaphus acted as pacemaker for over a mile, at the end of which he was beaten. Then Glendower took up the role of pacemaker, and stalling off challenges by Margerine, Mascot and Adjutant ran home a comfortable winner by nearly two lengths from Mascot. Evidently his hard race with Bagdad on Monday had sharpened the Glenapp gelding up, for he showed plenty of speed in the early stages and stayed on better than any of his opponents. Mascot and Margerine both raced right up to expectations, but Menelaus failed to sustain his run over the last part of the journey.

Cooing's fine run at the end of the Gimcrack Handicap on Monday was evidently not overlooked by backers in the Addington Handicap, as she was made a very staunch favourite. Getting none the best of the start she never got into the fighting line and only managed to finish fourth. An English-bred candidate in Gay Lad was always well placed, and, drawing away in the home straight, scored one of the easiest wins of the meeting. Gay Lad was imported by Mr. J. Grigg, and is trained by J. McDonald. For a first effort he showed a lot of promise, and is sure to win good races next season if he keeps sound.

As generally anticipated, the Challenge Stakes proved to be the best of good things for Biplane. He did not get going quite so smartly as Koesian and Hymestra, but with heads in line for home soon had their measure. No horse could have done more than Biplane accomplished, and the only pity is that there was not something in the race capable of fully extending him. Once again Heathercote finished in front of Almoner, but the latter put up a much better fight than in the Champagne Stakes.

The American-bred Mohawk was made a good favourite for the Templeton Handicap, and just got there in the last stride. A furlong from the post it looked any odds on Nystad prevailing so nicely was he striding along just in front of his field. When challenged by Mohawk he responded gamely enough, but succumbed to the lighter-weighted candidate. Killjoy was putting in good work at the finish, but Daytime faded out under pressure.

An excellent afternoon's sport was brought to a conclusion with the Final Handicap, for which Disdainful and Glorify were in most demand. The latter confirmed his excellent showing by running home an easy winner from the unlucky Achilleides. Disdainful, on the other hand, was never prominent.

The results were:—

PEERSWICK HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.
1—Jeannot, 10.2 (L. Hegarty) 1
3—The Summit, 9.0 2
2—Bore, 11.8 3
Also started: 4 Cast Iron 10.6.
Won by two lengths. Time, 3min 17 sec.

AUTUMN NURSERY HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
3—Scornful, 7.12 (A. Reed) 1
2—Afterglow, 7.9 2
4—Kilmoon, 7.11 3
Also started: 1 Torfreda 9.3, 4 Meelee 7.11 (coupled with Kilmoon), 6 Braid 7.9, 5 Sir Fanciful 7.5.
Won by two lengths, half a length between second and third. Time, 1min 13 1-5sec.

YALDHURST WELTER. Seven furlongs.
8—Tremena, 7.7 (H. Watson) 1
7—Achilleides, 8.4 2
2—Battle Eve, 9.8 3
Also started: 4 Comely 9.2, 1 Hot Air 8.12, 6 Hydrus 8.3, 3 Spangle 8.2, 9 Xanthos 8.0, 5 Jingo 7.7.
Won easily by four lengths, a neck between second and third. Time, 1min 26 4-5sec.

GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAP. One mile and a-quarter.
7—Glendower, 6.13 (R. S. Bagby) ... 1
1—Mascot, 7.3 2
4—Margerine, 8.8 3
Also started: 1 Menelaus 9.3 (coupled with Mascot), 3 Wishful 8.11, 2 Adjutant 8.8, 6 Ladogeur 7.12, 5 Ascalaphus 6.13, 8 Rose Pink 6.7.
Won by a length and a-half, a neck between second and third. Time, 2min 33 1-5sec.

ADDINGTON HANDICAP. One mile.
7—Gay Lad, 7.0 (H. Watson) 1
3—Missouri, 8.3 2
8—Kimbolton, 7.11 3
Also started: 4 Bagdad 9.9, 10 Kilrush 8.13, 5 Landen 8.4, 1 Cooing 8.4, 2 Love Token 8.4, 3 Lovesick 8.3, 6 Bon d'Or 7.13, 11 Rosevear 7.7, 9 Claverhouse 7.0.
Won by six lengths, half a length between second and third. Time, 1min 40 4-5sec.

CHALLENGE STAKES. Seven furlongs.
1—Biplane, 9.4 (B. Deeley) 1
3—Heathercote, 7.8 2
2—Almoner, 7.11 3
Also started: 4 Hymestra 9.4, 2 Koesian 9.0 (coupled with Almoner), 5 Hyttus 8.11, 6 Eleus 6.7.
Won by four lengths, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 26 4-5sec.

TEMPLETON HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
1—Mohawk, 7.11 (C. Emerson) 1
4—Nystad, 9.3 2
7—Killjoy, 8.1 3
Also started: 2 Croesus 10.1, 8 Nanna 8.9, 6 Kilboyne 8.3, 5 Gamecock 7.7, 9 Merton 6.7.
Won by a nose, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 13 1-5sec.

FINAL HANDICAP. One mile.
2—Glorify, 8.9 (J. Olsen) 1
4—Achilleides, 7.2 2
6—Thames, 7.2 3
Also started: 1 Disdainful 8.10, 5 Brambletye 8.3, 3 Majestikoff 7.0, 7 Xanthos 6.7.
Won by a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 40 3-5sec.

Thrace, in the company, was a particularly well-treated horse in the Hack Hurdles Handicap race at Avondale, and though he had done no schooling to speak of since qualifying for jumpers' flat races last season, and had only been popped over a few hurdles on the Thursday before the meeting, was solidly supported for the race he won, and the issue was never in doubt. Kinkora, who made the running and ran second, carried 5lb. overweight.

When Estland beat Biplane in the Wanganui Guineas Mr. T. H. Lowry was reported to have said that he was surprised, but thought that there could not have been much wrong with Biplane because he had won the Jackson Stakes two days before in good time. He will find it hard to

believe that Bonnie Maid is better than his colt, who has won two Derbies and other good races, besides running second twice to Desert Gold on w.f.a. terms. It is, of course, possible



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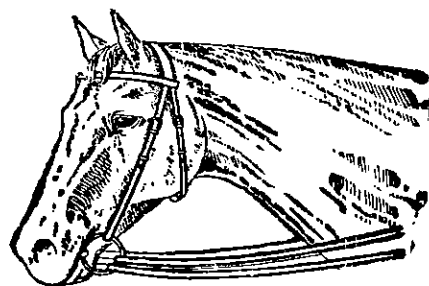
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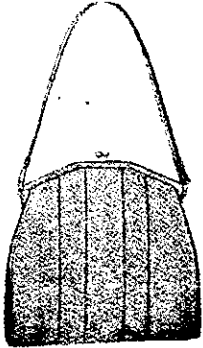
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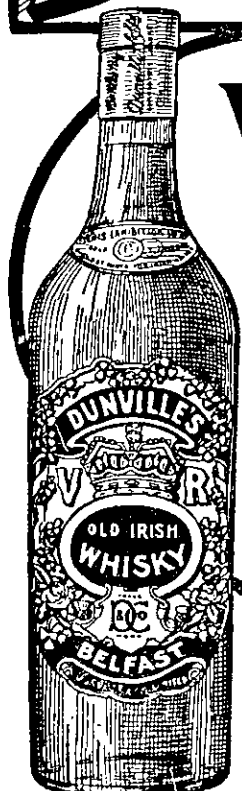
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Snapshots at the Rangitikei Racing Club's Recent Annual Meeting at Bulls



1. Group of well-known horsemen present at the meeting. From left: R. Reed, R. Manson, A. Reed, H. Young and W. Bell. 2. A portion of the crowd around the totalisator. 3. Mr. J. F. McKel (Rangitikei Racing Club) and friends. 4. Whiro (W. Young) after accounting for the Maiden Hack Handicap (seven furlongs) on the second day. 5. Mr. Geo. Price, the well-known trainer (on left) in front of the totalisator during speculation on the Fraser Memorial Stakes. 7. "Paddy" Malone, the veteran Gisborne trainer. 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. Enthusiasts photographed on

Instances of how the French are devoting their Energies to the Allied Cause



A STREET SCENE IN SOLFERINO, ITALY, SHOWING FRENCH ALPINE CHASSEURS BARGAINING WITH THE ITALIAN VENDORS IN THE MARKET. These rugged fighters, who have been despatched to the Italian front, are specially qualified for taking part in the difficult operations in the mountainous regions where the Austro-German attacks have been launched.



FRENCH SOLDIERS AND INHABITANTS CLEARING AWAY THE DEBRIS BY THE WAGON FARE LEADING INTO THE VILLAGE OF HAM AFTER THE GERMANS HAD DESTROYED THAT LOCALITY. Young and old all join in the work of getting the town into shape, and the above illustration shows a number of children among the willing helpers.



THE EMPLOYMENT OF TRAINED DOGS BY THE FRENCH ARMY. A scene outside one of the military kennels. These dogs are frequently used by the French Army for the transport of munitions on small sledges and for carrying victuals to the troops, whilst they have proved invaluable in seeking out wounded soldiers. Special kennels are provided for these brave animals, which are well cared for in their comfortable quarters on the various fronts.



FAMOUS FRENCH MOUNTAIN FIGHTERS IN ITALY. THESE ALPINE CHASSEURS ARE A PROOF OF THEIR SPLENDID FIGHTING CAPABILITIES IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE WAR. SHOWN ENJOYING A RESPIRE FROM ACTIVITY IN A STREET.

[French Army Photographic Service. By courtesy of the War Office.]

War Leader's Return, and typical French Aerial Manoeuvres.



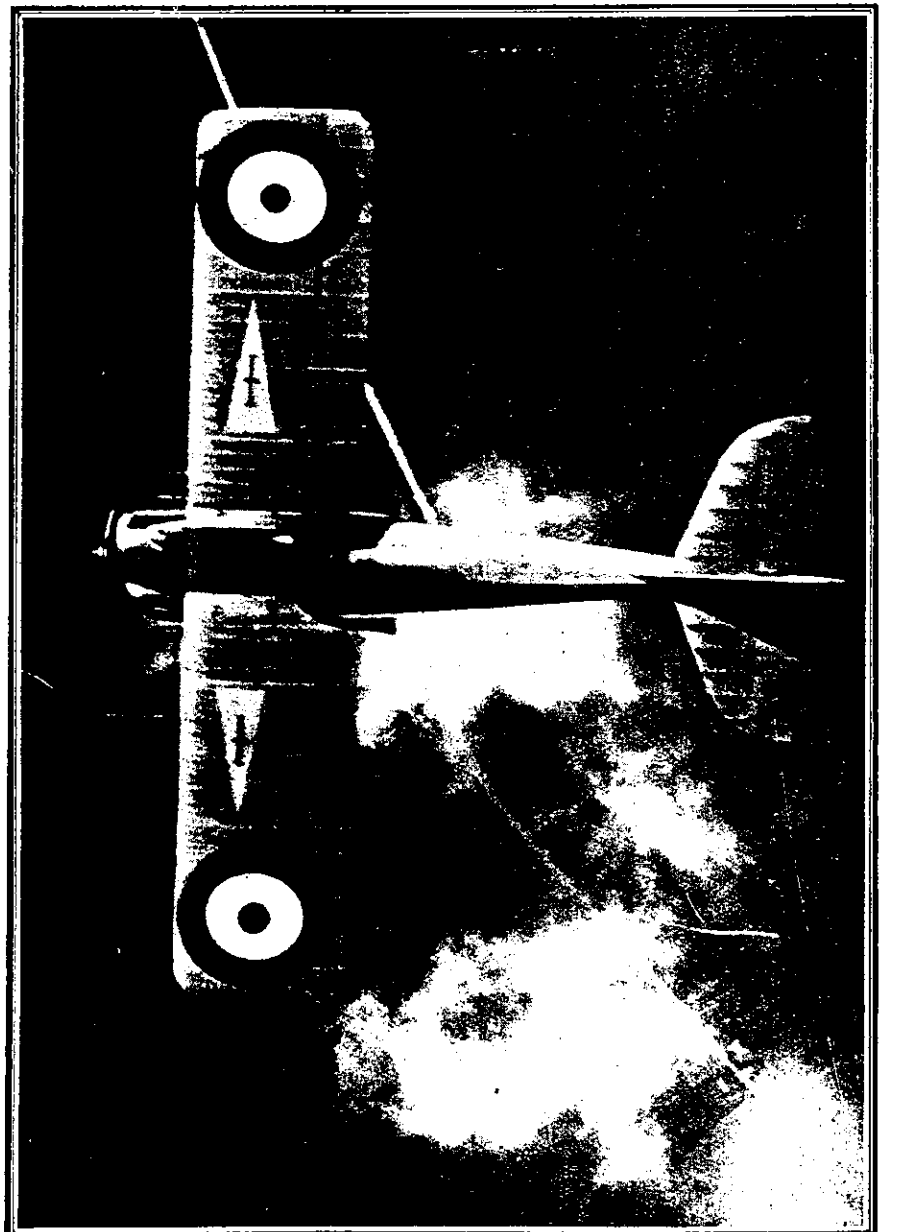
GENERAL SARRAIL, FORMERLY GENERALISSIMO OF THE ALLIED FORCES ON THE SALONIKA FRONT, RETURNS TO PARIS. THE GENERAL IS SHOWN BEING WELCOMED ON HIS ARRIVAL AT THE STATION.



THE NEW YEAR SKATING SEASON IN LONDON. SOLDIERS ENJOYING THEMSELVES ON THE ICE AT WIMBLEDON DURING THEIR FURLOUGH. The soldier on right is helping his comrade to keep his feet.

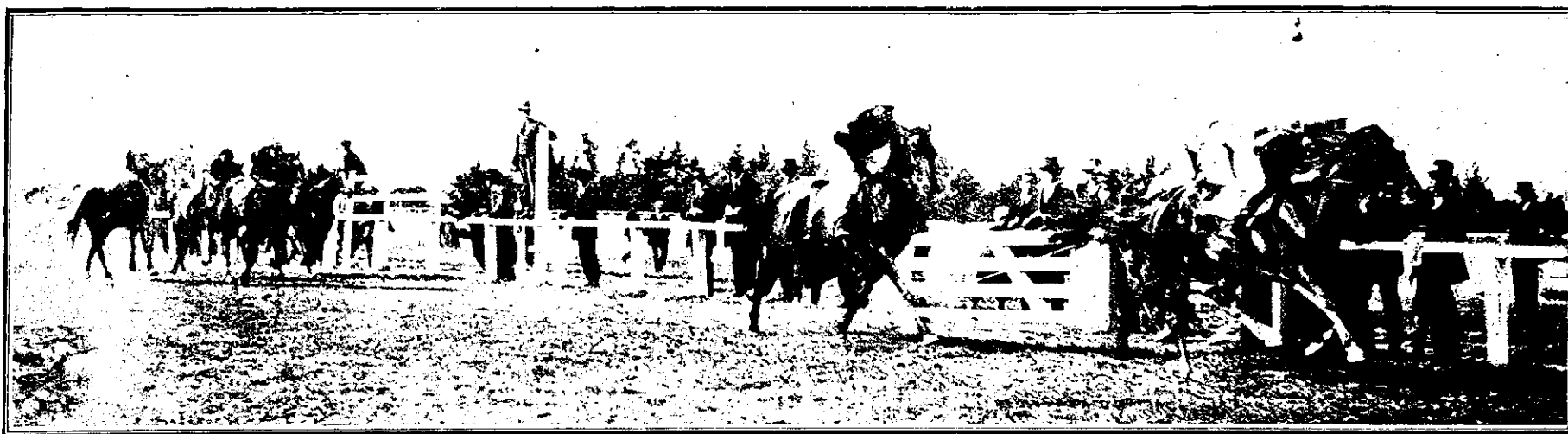


AN AEROPLANE DUEL IN MID-AIR. THE FRENCHMAN WHOSE MACHINE IS ON TOP, WAS VICTOR. It is rarely that a photograph of an air battle is secured, as the airmen near by are too busy to take photographs. This one was taken by an observer.



LOOKING DOWN FROM ABOVE THE CLOUDS. A REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPH OF A FRENCH CHASER FLYING AT A HEIGHT OF ABOUT 10,000 FEET. It was taken from a sister machine. The clouds floating beneath the machine do not obscure the view of the fields and roads, which are clearly outlined.

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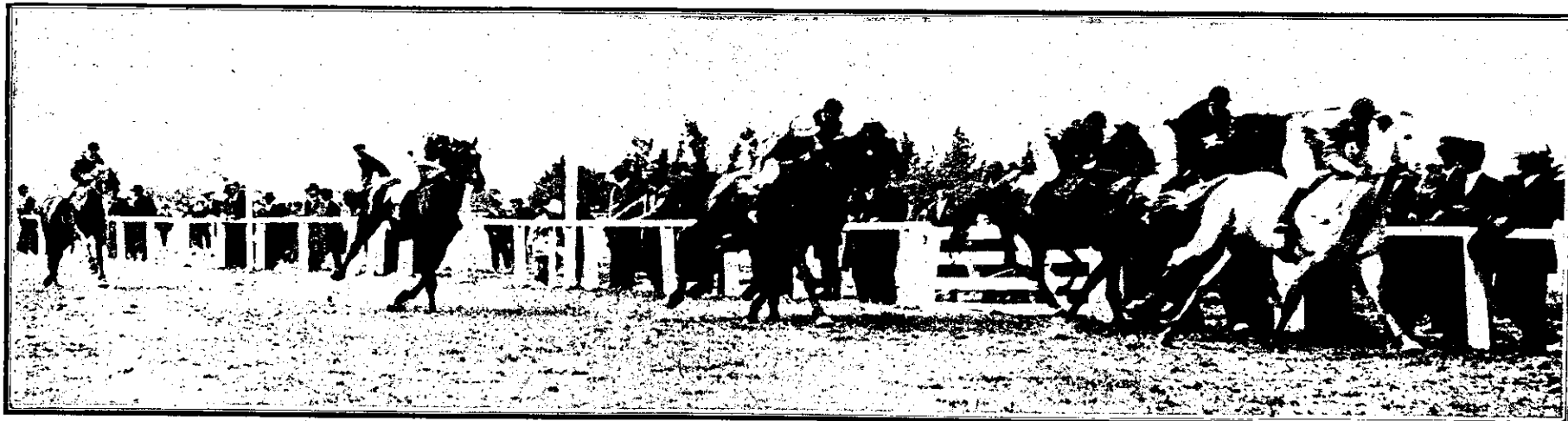
A CLOSE FINISH IN THE OROUA HACK HANDICAP (ONE MILE AND 54 YARDS)—FORE (L. MORRIS) DEFEATS SARDINIA (J. O'SHEA), IN CENTRE, WITH MULTIVE (H. GRAY), NEXT RAILS, THIRD. WARMTH (C. PRICE) FOURTH.



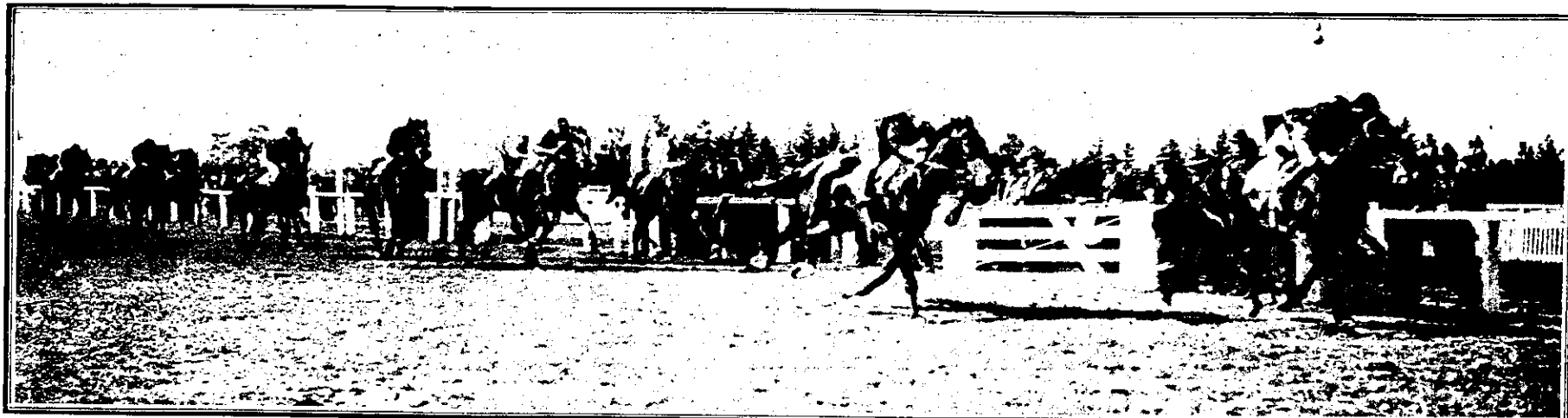
AT THE HURDLE IN FRONT OF THE STAND THE FIRST TIME IN THE KIMBOLTON HURDLES (1/2 MILES)—FLYING CAMP (F. FLYNN) LEADING LORD AINSLIE (ON OUTSIDE).



THE FIELD GOING OUT OF THE STRAIGHT IN THE EASTER HANDICAP (1/4 MILES)—LADY BEAUFORT (AYERS) LEADING ORLEANS, ICEBERG (NEXT RAILS) AND MIDNIGHT STAR.



THE FINISH OF THE EASTER HANDICAP.—ICEBERG (ANDERSON) WINS FROM ORLEANS (McEWEN), WITH DINGLE (H. GRAY) THIRD.



JEAN LADDO (W. McKEOWN) BRINGS OFF A BIG SURPRISE IN THE DENBIGH STAKES (SIX FURLONGS), DEFEATING TWO HEAVILY-BACKED CANDIDATES IN INAH (C. PRICE) AND WAIMATAO (W. PRICE).

RACING REVIEWED

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

GAZIQUE WINS HANDICAP.

SOME BIG DIVIDENDS.

The Avondale Jockey Club's autumn meeting was this year a one-day fixture, in order to conform to the Government mandate for a reduction in the number of meetings. Coming so soon after the A.R.C. autumn meeting, a number of horses engaged thereat remained or were kept going for the popular western suburb meeting, and the fields, as usual, were very satisfactory, the average being more than maintained, which must have pleased the handicapper, Mr. J. L. Henrys. The racing was good, too, while the starting was altogether of a character that left nothing to complain of, Mr. Harley, who officiated in the spring, again being in his place at the lever. A lot of money was handled at the totalisators, the sum of £40,404 10s. constituting a record for the course for one day, being £12,079 over the amount handled on the first day last year and £8058 10s. over the corresponding Saturday. This is in keeping with the doings of other clubs similarly affected, but more business could have been done had the facilities been greater. Mr. H. Hayr (secretary) and staff got through their parts well. The course was never quite so good in all respects and the grounds generally wore a well-kept appearance. The inconvenience of train arrangements, or want of arrangements, was again considerably felt, and made the day's racing a bit more expensive to those who are fond of the sport. Vehicular traffic by road was abnormal, but fortunately the roads are now very good. The crowd was a well-dressed, good-humoured one, and the dividends, most of which were good and some of them large, helped to cheer those fortunate enough to secure them. Aucklanders know how to win and lose with a good grace when they find everything above-board, and on Saturday in that respect nothing seemed out of place. There were several accidents in the shape of falls, but none serious to horsemen, the only regrettable one being the collision with the course rails leading from the steeplechase course to the course proper of Mr. Raven's thoroughbred mare Glendalough, who as an act of mercy had to be destroyed. The loss of such a well-bred mare is much to be regretted, because of her usefulness, monetary value, and the prospect there was of future usefulness. Moreover, she was owned and raced by a local sportsman who plays the game.

The business of the day commenced with the Maiden Plate Handicap, for which there were twenty-two runners, the combination Mr. S. G. Lindsay's

Debutante and Mr. George's Danseuse, both trained by Mr. Lindsay, being very solidly supported, so much so that there was two and a-half times as much money on the pair by Marble Arch as was invested on Mr. F. Loomb's Happy Valley, by Bunyan from a Natator mare. Lady Lyddite was another that was strongly backed. Shortly told, Happy Valley went to the front early, led all the rest of the journey, and won by about four lengths, showing qualifications apparently not altogether a sealed book to some backers, who helped themselves accordingly. General Stephen was second, while Mr. W. C. Ring supplied the third in Tama te Kapu. Whitehall, who finished fourth, was a very big outsider indeed, but like some of the gets of Marble Arch shows that he has galloping ability. All Talk, carrying 6lb. overweight on top of his already top weight, got fifth, and Moneymoon sixth.

Nine saddled up for the Juvenile Apprentices' Handicap, and the number included Auckland's best two-year-olds, Informal, Hineamaru and Spanner. The first-named, still a bit backward, was well loaded with dead-weight to carry his lightweight apprentice, and so was Hineamaru, though not to the same extent. That is, of course, a disadvantage. Lady Petain got rid of her rider before the start, and when brought back was left when the barrier was raised. Miss Ellice went away to the head of affairs with a good burst of speed, but was headed at the home bend, where Arch Lassie, Ruatara (an outsider) and Spanner drew up, passing her with heads fairly in line for home, and that is how they finished. Arch Lassie being quite two lengths to the good, and then, nearly the same distance off, came Spanner, Canzonet beating Informal (the favourite) for fourth place. Arch Lassie has raced well previously and is an improving filly.

The punters fastened on to Thrace for the Handicap Hack Hurdles, and the Poseidon gelding was a good deal more fancied than Yankee Doodle and Plenipotent. Kinkora, carrying 5lb. over, led after Swastika and Campaign and Yankee Doodle fell. Mummer broke down with less than a mile gone, and Thrace, gathering up Kinkora in the straight, won easily by nearly two lengths, with War Time a similar distance away, third. Silver Pine, Plenipotent and Companion were next. The Celt fell at the last hurdle, winded. The superior speed of Thrace pulled him through and he quite outclassed the lot that opposed him.

In the Avondale Handicap, Gazique led Housewife, Paddington Green, Waita and Bisogne past the stand and out of the straight, with Uncle Ned, Rebel and Colonel Soult in the rear. Along the back Gazique still led Housewife, Waita, Paddington Green and Bisogne close up. Gazique led Housewife into the straight, and Rebel coming from behind drew up, but it was no use, as Gazique drew away again and won by two lengths, Rebel a length clear of Housewife, with Waita, Colonel Soult, Bisogne, Cynic, Fionnuala, Demotic, Paddington Green, Uncle Ned and Royal Irish in order. The first half-mile was timed by Mr. Speight to take 54sec.,

six furlongs 1min. 18 3-5sec., mile and a-quarter 2min. 8sec.

Mangamahoe was made favourite in the twenty-horse field in the Mt. Roskill Hack Handicap, Fisher being nearly as well supported. Miss Leslie, Gold Kip and Blue Cross carrying most money of the others. Keystone got a bit the best of the send-off, but soon Miss Leslie, Gold Kip and Persian Prince took up the running. The last-named went up and joined Miss Leslie three furlongs from home, and Mangamahoe and Woody Glen followed them into the straight, Fisher (who was disappointed) and Lady Energy being handy. When it came to racing home Persian Prince showed his breeding and finally won by about three lengths from Lady Energy, who was finishing on with Fisher, the pair passing Gold Kip, Carmen Sylva, and Glucian also passing Mangamahoe, Woody Glen, All Talk and Blue Cross being handy.

The Chevalier Steeplechase was interesting with happenings of the burlesque order so common at Avondale, and an unfortunate accident, which cost one of the competitors, Glendalough, her life, through coming hard in contact with the course railing leading from the steeplechase ground to the straight for the finish. The Channel, Glendalough, Gluterino and Golden Glow were leading most of the way, Otter having run off after going a circuit, while Styra was pulled up. Golden Glow assumed command less than half a mile from home, and led The Channel over the last fence, after jumping which Hopye, finishing all on one rein right under the judge's box, passed and beat The Channel, four lengths each way being the verdict. Ranza Mist, Hautere and Gluterino were at longer intervals. Old Golden Glow, who is nearing his fourteen years, put up a record for the race, the time, 6min. 4sec., being 3sec. better than he registered three years ago.

Cardrona and Madam Ristori pretty evenly supported, Rekanui, Fabrique and Stilts carried the bulk of the money in the Railway Handicap, Lightning being the next best fancied. Cardrona ran up to his best form, but nothing had a hope with Hymeona, the winner, who won by quite four lengths after getting clear, in the first half-furlong, of Hopfield and Cardrona. Mossman, who was all but one the extreme outsider, his table companion Stilts carrying £15 for every one invested on him, was third, three lengths behind Cardrona. No field has ever been more demoralised. Hymeona carried them all off their legs and must have put up a track record, the time being 1min. 14sec. His connections have backed him consistently, and he has raced consistently, always there or thereabouts, but their money was not on him on Saturday that is evident, as he paid a splendid price. Fabrique, Lightning, Persian Prince, Hopfield and Madam Ristori finished in order.

A fitting close to a good day's racing was brought about in the Titi-rangi Welter Handicap, with fourteen starters, Kauri King being the cause of trouble, and with Soultane losing ground at the start. Pendoon and British Arch were the best supported, and after them Melchikoff and Glendalough. Rockfield forced the pace after

passing the stands, old Jack Delaval, Gold Fran and Pendoon being next in order as they ran along the back and into the straight, where the last-named pair headed Rockfield, and fighting out a good finish crossed the line, a dead-heat being recorded. Rockfield was nearly a length off, with British Arch about the same distance away, well out on the track, and Munster and Hyllus next.

The results were:—

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. Six furlongs.

2—F. E. Loomb's ch g Happy Valley, 6yrs, by Bunyan—Natator mare, 8.3 (Robinson) 1
 9—J. Twobill's b g General Stephen, 3yrs, 8.0 (R. E. Brown) 2
 8—W. C. Ring's b g Tame te Kapu, 3yrs, 8.6 (B. Deeley) 3

Also started: 10 All Talk 9.0 (Stan. Reid), 1 Debutante 8.2 (Gray) and Danseuse 8.2 (P. Brady) bracketed, 7 San-acre 8.2 (C. Browne), 16 Whitehall 8.2 (Warner), 19 Miss Thame 8.2 (Williams), 5 Moneymoon 8.2 (J. O'Shea), 14 Active 8.1 (McFlinn), 18 Hibernia 8.1 (B. Morris), 11 White Sox 8.1 (Chaplin), 15 Royal Prince 8.1 (Patten), 12 Cordite 8.1 (L. Morris), 21 Whitford Belle 8.1 (Hamilton), 6 Notability 8.1 (Ryan), 13 Newlant 8.1 (Goldfinch), 3 Lady Lyddite 8.0 (Conquest), 4 Rangit Aroha 8.0 (R. Reed), 17 Monatour 8.0 (R. Preston), 20 Erinagh 8.0 (Ferguson).

Won by three lengths, two lengths between second and third. Whitehall was fourth. Time, 1min 15 2-5sec.

JUVENILE APPRENTICE HANDICAP of 150sovs; second 20sovs, third 5sovs.

For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

2—F. O. Weine's b f Arch Lassie, by Marble Arch—Lassie Doon, 7.0 (R. Preston) 1
 7—W. C. Ring's br g Ruatara, 7.0 (Downing) 2
 3—W. Alison's (junr.) Spanner, 8.4 (Erickson) 3

Also started: 1 Informal 9.5 (M. D. O'Shea), 3 Hineamaru 8.12 (Ferguson), bracketed with Spanner, 4 Canzonet 8.3 (Rowe), 6 Miss Ellice 7.7 (McCurdy), 5 Principal Lady 7.0 (P. Sinclair), 8 Lady Petain 7.0 (Hamilton).

Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Canzonet was fourth, with Informal a head away fifth. Time, 1min 3sec.

HACK HURDLE RACE of 180sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

1—E. W. Alison's (junr.) Thrace, 5 yrs, by Poseidon—Cremona, 10.7 (F. Tutchon) 1
 5—S. Bradley's ch g Kinkora, 4yrs, 9.0 (Kelly) 2
 10—W. Kemp's b g Wartime, 5yrs, 9.0 (Chaplin) 3

Also started: 3 Plenipotent 10.8 (E. Rae), 2 Yankee Doodle 10.4 (T. Scott), 6 Companion 9.10 (Henderson), 9 The Celt 9.8 (J. Preston), 4 Mummer 9.6 (Stan. Reid), 13 Glenore 9.1 (Warner), 12 Silver Pine 9.1 (Erickson), 10 Campaign 9.0 (Anderton), 7 Te Kapara 9.0 (Roach), 8 Swastika 9.0 (Coleman).

Campaign, Yankee Doodle, Swastika and The Celt fell, while Mummer broke down. Thrace won by a length and a-half, a similar distance separating second and third. Time, 3min 21sec.

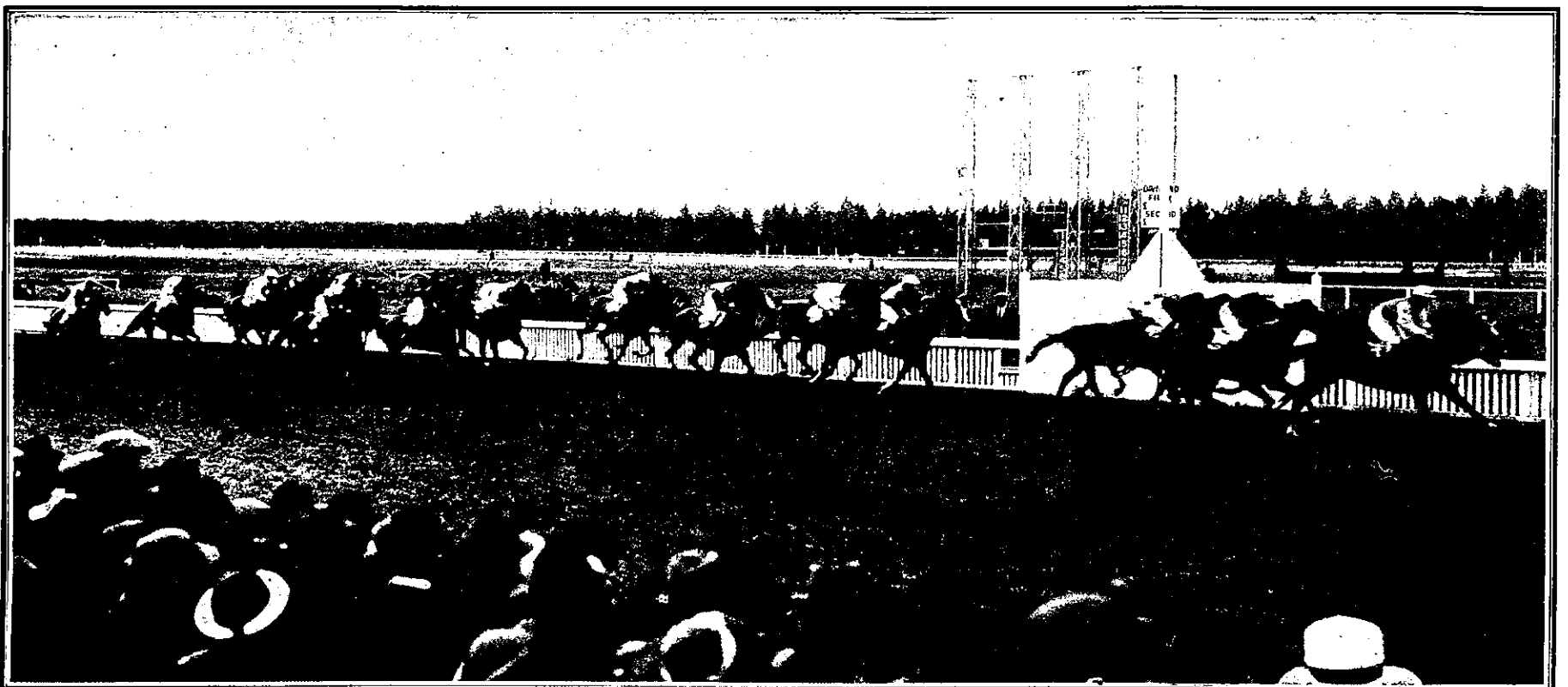
AVONDALE HANDICAP of 500sovs; second 40sovs, third 10sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

2—C. J. Bennett's b g Gazique, 5yrs, by Gazeley—Pauline, 8.7 (A. McFlinn) 1
 1—R. Hannon's b g Rebel, 4yrs, 8.6 (H. Robinson) 2
 11—E. Alison's blk m Housewife, 5 yrs, 8.5 (J. O'Shea) 3

Also started: 3 Bisogne 9.6 (Stan. Reid), 8 Fionnuala 8.9 (R. Reed), 5 Uncle Ned 8.7 (Goldfinch), 6 Royal Irish 8.5 (Gray), 4 Colonel Soult 8.5 (Buchanan), 7 Cynic 7.12 (Deeley), 9 Waita 7.7 (R. E. Brown), 10 Paddington Green 6.13 (L. Morris), 12 Demotic 6.12 (M. D. O'Shea).

Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Waita was fourth and Colonel Soult next. Time, 2min 8sec.

MOUNT ROSKILL HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second 20sovs, third 10 sovs. One mile and a furlong.



THE FINISH OF THE C.J.C. GREAT EASTER HANDICAP (SEVEN FURLONGS)—NYSTAD (G. Clarke) wins from GLORIFY (F. Corlett), with KOESIAN (C. Emerson) third.

6—L. Carmon's br g Persian Prince, 5yrs, by Persian Knight—Florence McCarthy, 7.8 (B. Morris) 1
 7—A. Mitchell's b m Lady Energy, 4yrs, 8.2 (L. Morris) 2
 8—J. E. Thorpe's blk g Fisher, aged, 8.1 (Warner) 3
 Also started: 1 Mangamahoe 9.8 (H. Robinson), 5 Blue Cross 8.11 (McFlinn), 4 Gold Kip 8.7 (Deeley), 3 Miss Leslie 8.2 (Gray), 10 Keystone 8.1 (J. O'Shea), 12 Revenue 7.12 (Husband), 15 Woody Glen 7.12 (M. D. O'Shea), 17 Sleepy Jack 7.10 (H. Goldfinch), 13 Independence 7.9 (Williams), 15 All Talk 7.8 (Chaplin), 8 King of the Valley 7.7 (Conquest), 9 New Zealand 7.6 (R. Reed), 20 Glucian 7.6 (C. Browne), 11 Carmen Sylva 7.1 (Perguson), 18 White Sox 6.8 (Hamilton), 14 Singular 6.8 (Cotton), 9 Monatour 6.7 (R. Preston).
 Won by three lengths, a couple of lengths separating second and third. Carmen Sylva was fourth. Time, 1min 55 2-5sec.

CHEVALIER STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 40sovs, third 10sovs. About three miles.

3—W. J. Woods' ch g Golden Glow, aged, by Saracen—Jeanette, 9.10 (F. Tutchen) 1
 6—W. C. Ring's b g Hopye, aged, 10.1 (Warner) 2
 1—Mr. Victor's ch g The Channel, aged, 9.13 (Henderson) 3
 Also started: 7 Styx 10.9 (Chaplin), 2 Otter 10.7 (Stan. Reid), 8 Glendalough 10.3 (J. Preston), 4 Glutino 9.13 (J. Anderton), 9 Hautere 9.12 (Kelly).
 Styx was pulled up, while Glendalough collided with the rail entering the course proper, her injuries being of so serious a nature as to necessitate her being shot. Golden Glow won by a couple of lengths, four lengths separating second and third. Time, 6min 4sec.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 40sovs, third 10sovs. Six furlongs.

10—A. Asprey's b g Hymeona, 3yrs, by Hymettus—Eona, 7.5 (Morris) 1
 1—A. W. Beveridge's ch g Cardrona, aged, 8.10 (J. O'Shea) 2
 12—R. Montgomery's b g Mossman, 6yrs, 7.7, inc. 1lb over (Dillamore) 3
 Also started: 13 Bedford 8.12 (Buchanan), 9 Hopfield 8.11 (McMillan), 6 Lightning 8.5 (Goldfinch), 3 Rekanui 8.0 (Robinson), 4 Fabr'quette 7.7 (R. Reed), 5 Stills 7.7, inc. 1lb over (C. Browne), 2 Madam Ristori 7.10, inc. 5lb over (H. Gray), 7 Arran 7.2, inc. 3lb over (Perguson), 15 Flying Gowrie 6.7 (Hamilton), 11 Alf. Delaval 6.10, inc. 3lb over (P. Sinclair), 14 Bellacily 6.7 (M. D. O'Shea), 8 Persian Prince 6.11, inc. 4lb over (Cotton).
 Won easily by four lengths, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 14sec.

TITIRANGI WELTER HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. One mile and a furlong.

6—P. E. Pope's blk g Gold Fran, 6yrs, by San Fran—Fairy Gold, 8.8 (J. O'Shea) 1
 1—Grant and Hodgson's ch g Pendooon, 6yrs, by Penury—Cardoon, 8.6 (McFlinn) 2
 8—E. W. Alison's ch g Rockfield, 4yrs, 8.0 (Buchanan) 3
 Also started: 4 Glenopal 9.8 (Robinson), 7 Kauri King 9.6 (Goldfinch), 3 Melchikoff 9.5 (Ryan), 5 Munster 9.2 (R. Reed), 2 British Arch 8.8 (Gray), 13 Analogue 8.2 (Warner), 10 Hylus 8.0 (Mullins), 12 Tatterley 8.0 (C. Browne), 11 Soultane 8.0 (Deeley), 9 Jack Delaval 8.0 (Chaplin), 14 Billy Wiggs 8.0 (Erickson).
 A good finish resulted in a dead-heat. Rockfield being a length away third. British Arch was fourth. Time, 1min 55sec.

WAIPUKURAU JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

(From Our Napier Correspondent.)

Alarm clocks were ringing in the homes of many racegoers on Easter Monday morning, and there was a very general order of "Call me early, mother, dear," on the part of Napier sports, for the day was the day of the Waipukurau Jockey Club's annual race meeting, and the only train by which one could be sure of being in time for the first race left about 6.30 a.m. Consequently if the racegoer did not wish either to miss the first race or his breakfast he had to be early astir. The Waipukurau meeting is always one of the most popular of the year with Hawke's Bay sportsmen, and no matter how inconvenient the train arrangements may be the public will find their way there somehow. The Waipukurau meetings have long since gained the reputation of being the most successful held by any one-day club in the Dominion. Judging by this year's meeting, the reputation is not likely soon to be lost. In spite of all the drawbacks of an indifferent train service, of the distance from town, of two days' steady rain on the previous days, the attendance was actually a record, and there must have been between 6000 and 7000 people on the ground. The meeting was, as it always is, admirably run; in this respect it yields to none that I know of, and can give points to most. There is no more capable secretary than Mr. W. G. Nightingale, there are none, I think, with a greater knowledge of the racing game.

There was one drawback to this year's meeting, and one only—the state of the track. It was so sodden by the continuous heavy rain of several days before that horses sank into the soft spongy ground right up to their fetlocks. None of the races were run faster than what would be good three-quarter pace on an ordin-

ary track, but the horses were doing their utmost and they were all very tired when they finished each race. To say that the form at the meeting is likely to be very much altered later on is only to state what is obvious. Some of the competitors simply could not act in the sticky going.

The totalisator investments were about £1000 below last year's figures, but this result must really be regarded as most satisfactory, as there were practically no commissions and big betting during the day, and many backers arrived on the ground too late for the first race and missed the second also because the horses were late in being sent down to the starting post.

The starting of Mr. R. E. Harley was particularly good, and Mr. Harley came in for a good deal of congratulations for his efforts. Mr. R. H. Aldworth, as judge, was also the right man in the right place.

The racing commenced with the Maiden Race. There were eight starters, with Torchlight carrying most bullion. Transmission was also well backed, with Antler a quiet tip in certain circles. Asterial looked well, but it was no two-year-old's job to win a seven furlongs race in such going, and after showing a bold front with Torchlight for five furlongs Asterial dropped back. Transmission had most left in her at the finish, and she won handily from Belgian Maid.

The field for the Easter Handicap numbered six. Haumakaka was installed favourite, Maraetotara following him in the betting. Neither appeared to find the track to their liking, and after Tavistock had endeavoured to make a runaway race of it Hylami caught him in the straight, and, galloping over him at the business end, won by three lengths. Mysteriarch was a poor third.

What has been written about the Easter may be written about the Hack Handicap, with just the alteration of names. Of the six starters Whakahoki was in most demand, Kahumanga coming next. Powder King, like Tavistock in the previous race, made all the running to the home bend, where Whakahoki came along and settled him without an effort.

Cleft was the outsider of the three runners for the Waipukurau Handicap, the favourite being Perfidy. Cleft led all the way and won without being pushed in the slow time of 2min 51 4-5sec for the mile and a-quarter. Perfidy was second, and Silver Tongue, who was somewhere about the home bend when Cleft finished, was third—and last.

The five two-year-olds in the Oringi Handicap were by no means a select lot, but the public went for Pavilion, who looked strong enough to carry the grandstand. Marula and Barcarolle were next in order of favouritism. When the tapes were released Barcarolle jumped back and lost several lengths. This enabled Pavilion to get a good break on, and he entered the straight with a commanding lead, but he tired to nothing in the last furlong, and Barcarolle, coming from the back with a surprisingly strong run, won by three or four lengths from Pavilion, with Marula still further back in third place.

Eight was the main in the Ladies' Handicap, and the public seemed undecided what to make favourite. Eventually Sabrenui finished up in that position, True Gun being second fancy. Neither of the pair struck the front at any stage of the race. Idealism led off, and, bowling along at an even gait, it looked as though he might not be caught, but he had to pay the penalty of lack of condition (he had only been in training a few weeks) and the more seasoned Belgian Maid, hard ridden, caught him a hundred yards from home and sealed her first win.

The largest field of the day (nine) faced the starter for the Hatama Hack Handicap. Queen Lizzie, with Hewitt as pilot, was the most in demand, but Humorist and Pao each carried a lot of money. Queen Lizzie led most of the way, and won rather easily from Gold Shot, with Humorist close up third. Queen Lizzie was the only favourite of the day to have her number hoisted in first position.

The last race of the day, the Flying Handicap, was, as often happens, the biggest betting race. With only five runners, Sheila, who had Hewitt

Tho' a cold in the head seems a simple thing
 'Tis the cause of discomfort and suffering;
 You have inflamed nostrils and aching eyes,
 And incessant sneezing your temper tries;
 'Tis a weary affliction that all have endured,
 It is easily caught and easily cured;
 That is to say, quite easy and sure
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in the saddle, was sorted out as the best of good things, but there was always plenty of good money forthcoming for Vermillion, while Cleft was well befriended, despite a 7lb penalty. Vermillion and Tavistock struck the front early, but the latter failed to stay there, and when heads were turned for home Vermillion was left alone in her glory, the hopes of the others being buried. Cleft came on the scene in the last furlong, and though he failed to make any impression on Vermillion's lead, he just got up in time to beat Tavistock for second place by a head.

The results were:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.
 2—Transmission 1
 5—Belgian Maid 2
 3—Torchlight 3
 Also started: 9 Remote, 8 Copyright, 6 Multum, 10 Best Man, 7 Taleteller, 3 Antler, 4 Asterial.
 Won by four lengths, with two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 53 4-5sec.

EASTER HANDICAP. Once round.
 5—Hylami, 7.5 1
 6—Tavistock, 8.6 2
 2—Mysteriarch, 7.0 3
 Also started: 1 Haumakaka, 3 Purse-filler, 4 Maraetotara.
 Won by half a length, with Mysteriarch six lengths away. Time, 2min 28sec.

HACK HANDICAP. One mile and a-quarter.
 1—Whakahoki, 8.3 1
 6—Powder King, 7.11 2
 5—Blackall, 9.1 3
 Also started: 2 Kaihumanga, 3 Sensitive, 4 Mania.
 Won by ten lengths, six lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 42 3-5sec.

WAIPUKURAU HANDICAP. One mile and a-quarter.
 3—Cleft, 8.13 1
 1—Perfidy, 8.11 2
 2—Silver Tongue, 8.3 3
 The only starters.
 Won by six lengths, Silver Tongue being two lengths away. Time, 2min 53sec.

ORINGI HANDICAP. Five furlongs.
 3—Barcarolle, 7.9 1
 1—Pavilion, 7.9 2
 2—Marula, 7.9 3
 Also started: 4 The Speaker, 5 Brown Aster.
 Won by two lengths, with Marula five lengths away. Time, 1min 21 4-5sec.

LADIES' HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.
 7—Belgian Maid, 10.8 1
 3—Idealism, 11.6 2
 5—Mysteriarch, 11.10 3
 Also started: 4 Zeus, 3 Jem, 1 Sabrenui, 2 True Gun, 6 Tarn.
 Won by six lengths. Time, 3min 40sec.

HATAMA HACK HANDICAP. Five furlongs.
 1—Queen Lizzie, 8.11 1
 5—Gold Shot, 8.4 2
 3—Humorist, 9.0 3
 Won by a length, with a head between second and third. Time, 2min 21sec.

FLYING HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
 2—Vermillion, 7.13 1
 3—Cleft, 8.11 2
 4—Tavistock, 8.8 3
 Also started: 1 Sheila, 5 Mazama.
 Won by two lengths, with Tavistock half a head away. Time, 1min 35sec.

AN URGENT DUTY.

It is now generally admitted by those controlling the destinies of the Empire that the critical stage of the war has now been reached, and the next few months should reveal to the world whether or not the terrible slaughter in Europe is to be carried on throughout the fifth year of war. The Germans are throwing every ounce into the scale in a gigantic effort to gain an early decision and so save their tottering Fatherland, while the Allied armies are meeting them with that pluck and determination which must sooner or later spell deserved victory. No sacrifice is too great in the eyes of these heroic soldiers, who realise that the Huns must be beaten at all costs, and they are willingly giving their lives for the Allied cause. Next to the imperative question of reinforcing these brave lads is the urgent need to raise the huge sums required to meet the heavy expenditure involved in carrying on the war to a victorious end. Australia is responding magnificently at the present time to the War Loan that is being raised in that country, and New Zealanders are also experiencing a further appeal to their patriotism to support the Liberty War Loan, which should prove another tribute to the Dominion's allegiance to the Old Country. The soldiers who have gone forth from these shores are at present gaining further laurels on the battlefields of Europe, and it is to them that those remaining behind owe an everlasting debt of gratitude, which they can in part repay by subscribing to the Liberty Loan being raised in our midst, applications for war bonds in which will close on Monday next, April 15. Nobody in a position to invest money in this worthy proposition can afford to ignore the appeal for further funds to enable the Dominion to carry out her obligations to the Empire, and as the date for the closing of applications is fast approaching the present is the time for action.

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AUTUMN MEETING.
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- PROGRAMME.**
- AUTUMN HURDLE HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. About one mile and a-half.
 - LONGBEACH HACK HANDICAP** of 120sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 37s. 6d. Seven furlongs.
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FEILDING JOCKEY CLUB.

EASTER MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

OUTSIDERS PERSISTENT WINNERS.

The weather was again fine, the course a bit faster than on the first day and in good order, the racing most interesting, speculation very keen, and remarkably large dividends the order of the afternoon. The total investments reached to £38,052, which was £6087 in excess of last year, bringing the investments for the two days to the large sum of £78,844, the increase thus being £15,644 in excess of the corresponding meeting of last year. The starting of Mr. Angus Keith was very good all through both days, the races being got off punctually, while with the exception of two cases of careless riding, ending in pronounced interference, in one instance with results that might have proved serious, the racing appeared to be very clean. The installation of the new totalisator house and machines had already proved at previous meetings a step in the right direction, and the acquirement of land to enlarge the club's property is another course that results have warranted. The meeting was in all respects a record one.

There were thirteen starters for the Kimbolton Hurdles, Parewanui, who fell on the first day, being made favourite, Mahzoltov, who won the race the previous year, being second in request, Dasher Boy and Con having most friends of the others, of which Harbour Light was an extreme outsider. Ratana, Lady Amal and Sir Fisher were at forlorn-hope prices, while Lord Ainslie, who hit a couple of hurdles hard on the first day and then dropped back, was at liberal odds. The last-named, jumping fast, led pretty well all the way with Parewanui, and ended up a two lengths' winner in 2min. 45 2-5sec., Dasher Boy, Arlington, Mahzoltov and Con being the next to finish. The topweights were beaten some lengths by Con, but Harbour Light, who is big, kept closer to his field than on the first day, and Sir Fisher may do better next time he starts. Lord Ainslie, who is by Gazeley, paid a big dividend.

The Waiata Stakes attracted fourteen runners, the Demosthenes—Equitas two-year-old Oratress, with H. Gray up and carrying 3½lb. overweight, being made favourite, while Winning Shot, who had run second to Ibez on the previous day in the Maiden over the same distance under a stone higher scale of weights, was second in demand. She showed her consistency, too, but the two-year-old beat her after a capital race, the Ghoorka gelding Khatmandu being close up, third, Genskus running fourth and showing some improvement on first day form.

The Easter Handicap attracted eight starters, Gang Awa' and Dingle, the last-named with 4½lb. overweight, being the best supported, Iceberg coming after a big drop in third place in the list. Dingle led Orleans and Gang Awa' past the stand the first time, and there was no change along the back and until turning for home, Iceberg was fourth, close up, at that stage, the field being well bunched. A fine race down the straight ensued, Iceberg getting up inside the half-distance to win by a bare half-length from Orleans, who beat Dingle by about the same margin, with Midnight Star and Gang Awa' handy.

In the Oroua Hack Handicap a favourite was made of Gipsy Gem, Sardinia being nearly as well supported. Multive, Clavis and Quinn's Post were the next fancied. The race resulted in an overdue win for the Advance mare Fore, who started at an outside price, stalling off Sardinia, Multive and Warmth in the run home.

In the Denbigh Stakes, which followed, Waimatao and Inah were the two best backed, but once again an outsider upset calculations. This was Jean Laddo, who ran a fair race on the first day. After Inah and Waimatao had raced each other pretty hard and led into the straight, Jean Laddo got up and beat the pair with a good finishing run. The others close up were Astrophel, Starengo, Birkenvale, Blairfinde, and Avon Park. Jean Laddo is half-sister to Orleans and Demos.

In the Rewa Hack Handicap, which followed, Marenga, carrying H. Gray (S. 2½), and Association, a useful three-year-old carrying 9.8, were the best supported of the ten runners. The winner turned up in the outsider of the field, a three-year-old chestnut

son of imported King Mark called Marqueteur, who defeated the four-year-old Polynesian by half a length, Marenga about the same distance away, third, while Engari and Pervolo were close up, with Association and Piano also handy. Polynesian was the second biggest outsider, and would have paid within a few shillings of as much as the winner had she scored.

The Awahuri Hack Welter, with eight runners, provided the best finish of the meeting, five of the starters being nearly in line as they were passing the main stand, the race going to the biggest outsider, in Lord Nelson, who won by a head from Hastie, the third favourite, while Consultation, the second favourite, was a head away, third. March On (an outsider) and All Over (the favourite) were within half a length, fourth and fifth, with Momac on their quarters and White Ranger and Self Alliance together, handy.

In the Makino Welter, with which proceedings concluded, there were a

dozen starters, and Volo, the second favourite, beat King Chiara, the favourite, by a length and a-half, Lady Louisa a neck away, third, Kiltess and Hushman being close up.

The results were:—

KIMBOLTON HURDLES HANDICAP of 200sovs; second 40sovs, third 20sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 9—S. Kirkpatrick's b g Lord Ainslie, by Gazeley—Lady Ainslie, 6 yrs, 9.0 (W. Bowden) 1
- 1—G. Penfold's br g Parewanui, aged, 10.12 (H. Burt) 2
- 3—A. E. Brenner's ch g Dasher Boy, 6yrs, 9.4 (N. Hawkins) 3

Also started: 10 Sir Fisher 11.13 (A. Ward), 8 Arlington 11.11 (L. Trull), 13 Harbour Light 11.9 (J. Kaa), 4 Con 11.0 (Mulcahay), 7 Flying Camp 10.7 (F. Flynn), 5 Foeman 10.2 (A. McDonald), 2 Mahzoltov 9.10 (Davis), 6 Jiu Jitsu 9.5 (J. O'Connell), 11 Ratana 9.4 (Olive), 12 Lady Amal 9.1 (McSweeney).

Won by two lengths, a length between second and third, with Mahzoltov, Con and Harbour Light next in order. Time, 2min 45 2-5sec.

WAIATA STAKES of 150sovs; second 30sovs, third 15sovs. Minimum weight 8.0. Five furlongs and a-half.

- 1—F. Preston's b f Oratress, by Demosthenes—Equitas, 2yrs, 8.3½, inc. 3½lb over (Gray) 1
- 2—Goodwin and Alexander's b m Winning Shot, 4yrs, 8.0 (Sinclair) 2
- 9—W. Grey's br g Khatmandu, 4yrs, 8.0 (L. Morris) 3

Also started: 9 Romance 8.7, inc. 7lb over (J. O'Shea), 13 Samarang 8.0 (P. Raynor), 12 Half Blue 8.0 (R. Young), 7 Genskus 8.0 (W. Price), 5 Nematine 8.0 (R. Reed), 3 Bayberry 8.0 (C. Price), 6 Tiranga 8.0 (W. Anderson), 10 Mick 8.0 (B. Morris), 11 Gloam 8.0 (W.

2—J. F. Fenwick's br g Sardinia, 5 yrs, 9.0 (J. O'Shea) 2

3—W. Arnott's b g Multive, 6yrs, 8.7 (Gray) 3

Also started: 5 Quinn's Post 8.3 (W. Young), 4 Clavis 8.1 (R. Reed), 9 Mystified 7.11 (Nodder), 3 Warmth 7.10 (C. Price), 6 Beauforte 7.2 (Anderson), 8 Royal Park 7.0 (McEwen).

Won by a bare length, a neck between second and third, Warmth was fourth, Clavis fifth and Mystified sixth. Time, 1min 45 2-5sec.

DENBIGH STAKES HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 50sovs, third 25sovs. Six furlongs.

- 9—S. W. Tatham's b m Jean Laddo, by Sir Laddo—Jeanne d'Arc, aged, 6.10 (McEwen) 1
- 2—H. Spratt's br m Inah, 4yrs, 8.10 (C. Price) 2
- 1—M. Williams' b g Waimatao, 9.7 (W. Price) 3

Also started: 7 Birkenvale 8.5 (W. Bell), 5 Royal Chef 8.2 (Anderson), 3 Astrophel 8.1 (R. Reed), 10 Avon Park 7.7 (Ayers), 4 Starengo 7.6 (Morris), 6 Hupana 7.6 (C. Reed), 8 Gaycium 7.3 (McDonald), 12 Blairfinde 6.7 (Raynor), 11 Colonnade 6.10, inc. 3lb over (McCarten).

Won by half a length, same distance separating second and third, Astrophel, Starengo, Birkenvale, Blairfinde, Avon Park and Colonnade next in order. Time, 1min 14 3-5sec.

REWA HACK HANDICAP of 200sovs; second 40sovs, third 20sovs. Six furlongs.

- 10—Mr. Ewart's ch g Marqueteur, by King Mark—By By, 3yrs, 7.9 (McDonnell) 1
- 9—G. Seffert's br m Polynesian, 4yrs, 9.1 (Nodder) 2
- 1—F. T. Hall's br g Marenga, aged, 8.2½, inc. 1½lb over (Gray) 3



MANGAMAHOE (H. Robinson), after his meritorious win in the Nelson Handicap (one mile). The second horse is **BLUE CROSS** (R. Reed).

Also started: 3 Engari 8.10 (Young), 5 Piano 8.1 (L. Morris), 4 Pervolo 7.13 (R. Reed), 6 Lady Edith 7.13, inc. 1lb over (Sinclair), 7 Goldbearing 7.0 (C. Reed), 8 Advanceful 6.10 (Styles).

Won by half a length, a length between second and third. Engari was fourth, Pervolo fifth and Association sixth. Time, 1min 15 2-5sec.

AWAHURI HACK WELTER of 200sovs; second 40sovs, third 20sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 8—H. J. Cameron's ch g Lord Nelson, by Signalman—Horatio, aged, 7.12 (W. Bell) 1
- 3—E. Short's br g Hastie, 6yrs, 9.10 (W. Young) 2
- 2—W. E. Bidwill's b m Consultation, 6yrs, 8.12 (W. Price) 3

Also started: 1 All Over 10.2 (A. McDonald), 4 Momac 9.7 (R. Young), 5 White Ranger 8.7 (D. Anderson), 6 Self Alliance 8.2 (McCarten), 7 March On 7.7 (R. Reed).

Won by a head, same distance separating second and third. March On, All Over and Momac each nearly in line. Time, 1min 30sec.

MAKINO WELTER HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 50sovs, third 25sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 2—T. Pine's b g Volo, by Husbandman—Beautiful Star, 4yrs, 9.6 (S. Reid) 1
- 1—A. Raynes' br g King Chiara, aged, 8.6 (Gray) 2
- 5—R. Buckman's b m Lady Louisa, aged, 9.1 (C. Carmont) 3

Also started: 8 Hushman 9.8 (Nodder), 3 Ohiwia 9.6 (Pritchard), 6 Kiltess 9.4 (W. Bell), 7 Probation 8.12 (W. Price), 4 Astor 8.3 (J. O'Shea), 11 Tirana 8.2 (Anderson), 9 Namur 7.7 (McEwen), 13 Victoris 7.7 (R. Young), 10 Bahrsdale 7.7 (C. Reed).

Won by a length and a-half, a neck between second and third. Kiltess was fourth, Hushman fifth, Tirana sixth and Astor seventh. Time, 1min 28 4-5sec.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1918.

IMPROVERS' TROT HANDICAP (Saddle) of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. **FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY.** For horses that have not won at better than 2.35 to the mile. Limit, 4.5. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

MANGERE HANDICAP (Harness) of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. For horses that have not won at better than 2.30 to the mile. Limit, 3.56. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

CAMPBELL HANDICAP (Harness) of 300sovs; second horse to receive 45sovs, and third horse 20sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4.43. Nomination 2½sovs, acceptance 4sovs. Distance, two miles.

EASTER HANDICAP (Harness) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4.58. Nomination 20s., acceptance 3sovs. Distance, two miles.

HOBBSON HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 3.39. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

STEWARDS' TROT HANDICAP (Harness) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs each from the stake. **FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY.** Limit 3.45. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 3sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

CORNWALL HANDICAP (Harness) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.19. Nomination 2sovs, acceptance 2½sovs. Distance, one mile.

MARCONI HANDICAP (Saddle) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.26. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1918.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES AND HANDICAPS.

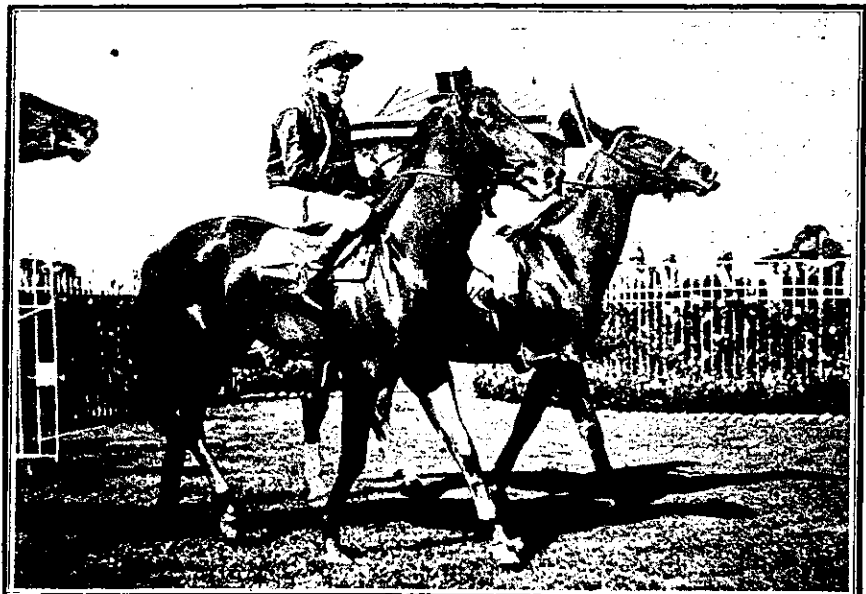
NOMINATIONS.
NOMINATIONS for all events close on **THURSDAY, MARCH 28, at 9 p.m.**

ACCEPTANCES.
ACCEPTANCES close on **FRIDAY, APRIL 5, at 9 p.m.**

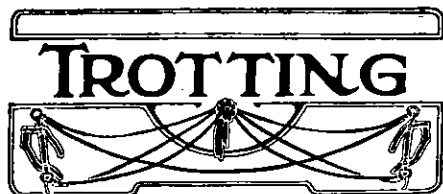
HANDICAPS.
HANDICAPS to appear on **APRIL 2.**

RULES AND REGULATIONS.
No nomination will be accepted unless accompanied by fees.
No competitor will be allowed to start unless all fees are paid.
No competitor will be allowed to start unless colours, dress and gear are in good order and condition.
No horse will be allowed to compete in hoppers in races for trotters only.
Rule 172 New Zealand Rules of Trotting.—By the entry of or endeavouring to enter a horse, every person having or subsequently acquiring any interest in such horse, shall be deemed to accept all the conditions and restrictions imposed or implied by these Rules, and to be barred from questioning the action of the Club or other body holding a sports meeting or any official of the Club or such other body in respect of such horses, or of any person connected therewith otherwise than is provided for in Part XXX. of the Rules.
The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry and to exclude any person or persons from the ground without giving any explanation.
Before any horse can start the Provident Fund fee must be paid, under a penalty of disqualification, vide Rules of Trotting.
All Entries and Acceptances to be addressed to the Secretary, Durham Street, Auckland.
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C. F. MARK,
Secretary.



The Great Northern Champagne Stakes winner, **FINMARK** (J. O'Shea) returning to the enclosure after his successful effort.



TROTTING FIXTURES.

April 13—Auckland T.C. autumn
 April 19—Manawatu T.C. annual
 April 20—Otago T.C. autumn

**WAIMATE PLAINS TROT-
 TING CLUB.**

A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

ST. LEO WINS CUP.

Glorious weather prevailed for the Waimate Plains Trotting Club's annual meeting, which was held on the Egmont Racecourse on Easter Monday, the attendance constituting a record. Satisfactory fields were seen out in each event, and though the favourites annexed five of the eight events the afternoon's sport was of a most interesting character. A dozen candidates came out for the Waimate Plains Cup, which was won by Mr. E. H. Cucksey's St. Leo, the victory being a highly popular one. Mr. C. J. Preston, president of the club, made the presentation of the silver cup attached to the race to Mr. Cucksey, while Mrs. J. Quin, wife of a vice-president of the club, decorated Queen Chimes with the blue ribbon after that filly's victory in the Taranaki Futurity Stakes.

The day's proceedings passed off in a thoroughly enjoyable manner, a special word of praise being due to Mr. G. A. Holder, the capable secretary, for the general excellence of the arrangements. Mr. J. Tompkin despatched the fields in good style, while Mr. W. G. Garrard, stipendiary steward, kept a watchful eye on the running of the various events, which were entirely free from malpractices. The totalisator staff were kept extremely busy, no less than £17,084 being invested on the machine, as against £10,850 last year, an increase of £6,234. Details of the racing are as follows:—

**AUROA MAIDEN HANDICAP (Harn-
 150sovs. One mile and a-half.)**

- 1—C. Arden's br g Jewel Wood, 8sec (Barracough) 1
- 3—J. F. Butler's blk g Albert Patch, 8sec (Owmer) 2
- 4—J. R. Corrigan's br m Messines, 4sec (F. Holmes) 3

Also started: 3 Wild Lass scratch (J. Bryce), 2 Capsicum 6sec (Shadbolt), 5 Lincoln Jersey 6sec (Pitcher).
 Passing the stand Jewel Wood was showing the way to Albert Patch and Messines, and the trio maintained their positions to the finish, the favourite defeating Albert Patch by a length, Messines being 80 yards away third. Wild Lass was fourth. Time, 3min 53 1-5sec.

**NORMANBY HANDICAP (Saddle) of
 70sovs. One mile and a-quarter.**

- 3—H. Jones' br c Hal Junior, 11sec (J. Shaw) 1

- 5—J. Nyhan's b f Molly Chimes, 5sec (J. Bryce, junr.) 2
 - 2—J. Lynch's Inora, 10sec (C. Green) 3
- Also started: 1 Goodrich 1sec (Cameron), 11 El Rosa 2sec (Adams), 8 Wild Daisy 4sec (Barracough), 9 Sjabok 4sec (Shadbolt), 10 Rexcordium 5sec (Richards), 4 Little Hector 5sec (A. Pringle), 6 Marinoto 5sec (Kasper), 7 Master Grattan 11sec (J. Lynch).

Master Hal led past the stand from Inora and Master Grattan, and still had charge as the field went along the back, where Goodrich improved his position, and was second to Hal Junior entering the straight, Molly Chimes being third at this stage. An exciting race up the straight saw Hal Junior prevail under pressure by half a length from Molly Chimes, Goodrich being five lengths away third. Goodrich's rider failed to weigh in, the horse being disqualified and third place awarded to Inora. Time, 3min 7sec.

**WAIMATE PLAINS CUP (Harness) of
 265sovs; second 40sovs, third 25sovs
 from stakes. Two miles.**

- 1—E. H. Cucksey's b g St. Leo, 11sec (A. Pringle) 1
 - 5—J. Parkinson's blk m Star Queen, 1sec (F. Holmes) 2
 - 7—C. R. Bailey's ch g Huon Grattan, 7sec (McMaster) 3
- Also started: 10 Lord Lytton scratch (Kasper), 2 Sir Gavin 6sec (J. Bryce), 8 Hova 6sec (G. Paul), 3 Waiteranui 7sec (Jones), 4 Quadroon 7sec (Brown), 11 Gold Girl 8sec (Kinnimont), 12 Prince Child 10sec (Shepherd), 8 Eileen 11sec (Rhodes), 6 Galindo Belle 11sec (Nelson).

St. Leo went to the front early, with Star Queen, Galindo Belle and Quadroon as his nearest attendants, this being the order as they entered upon the final circuit. Waiteranui and Gold Girl were pulled up as the result of a collision between the two sulkies near the six furlong post. St. Leo trotted freely and once into the straight with a good advantage. In his favour victory was assured, Mr. E. Cucksey's representative scoring a popular win by ten lengths from Star Queen, three lengths after whom came the Auckland candidate, Huon Grattan. Galindo Belle was fourth and Quadroon next. Time, 4min 57 4-5sec.

**TARANAKI DISTRICT HANDICAP
 (Saddle) of 55sovs. One mile and a-half.**

- 4—W. J. Coates' b m Proud Bess, 10sec (Coates) 1
 - 9—A. Hopson's br g Gipsy Mac, 12 sec (Hopson) 2
 - 5—H. I. Slight's b m Pehu, 12sec (Slight) 3
- Also started: 9 Cliff scratch (Humphries), 6 Albert Cha'n 4sec (Putt), 7 Mawhiti 6sec (Mounsey), 12 Repulse 12 sec (Campbell), 8 Takaka 12sec (Gibbs), 13 Whiffler Boy 12sec (Pitcher), 10 J'majon 12sec (Mitchell), 11 Wildwood King 12sec (Clifton), 3 Nancy Wilkes 12sec (Morris), 2 Luna Dillon 12sec (Paul), 1 Maqueda 12sec (Parker).

Going along the back stretch Luna Dillon and Proud Bess appeared to have the race to themselves, but the former broke badly, completely spoiling her chances, Paul being unable to get her to settle down again. Proud Bess went on without putting a leg wrong, and gained a somewhat easy victory by fully 100 yards from Gipsy Mac, six lengths after came Pehu. Luna Dillon was fourth. Time, 4min 0 2-5sec.

**TARANAKI FUTURITY STAKES (Har-
 ness) of 150sovs. For three-year-olds.
 One mile and a-half.**

- 1—J. R. Corrigan's b f Queen Chimes (J. Bryce) 1
- 2—J. Nyhan's b f Molly Chimes (D. Nyhan) 2
- 3—J. Dench's b f Tatsy Dillon (J. Dench) 3

The only starters.
 Queen Chimes took the lead from the start and was never seriously troubled, winning without being extended by over a dozen lengths. Molly Chimes finished well getting up in time to defeat Tatsy Dillon by a couple of lengths for second honours. Time, 3min 48sec.

**HAWERA HANDICAP (Harness) of
 100sovs. Two miles.**

- 4—T. Aitchison's b g Rubican, 14sec (A. Pringle) 1
- 2—T. Roe's b m Tattles, 12sec (Kinnimont) 2
- 5—C. Arden's ch h Todd Bells, 5sec (Barracough) 3

Also started: 7 Hova scratch (Paul), 1 Mayfield 8sec (Bryce), 3 Amberite 10 sec (Gee), 6 Lavin'a 14sec (Adams).
 Amberite left before his time and was called off in consequence. Rubican soon established a big lead, with Tattles and Todd Bells as his nearest attendants, but he never allowed the latter pair to get within striking distance, scoring a comfortable victory by 10 lengths from Tattles, who was close on 100 yards in advance of Todd Bells. The favourite was fourth. Time, 5min 2 3-5sec.

**STRATFORD HANDICAP (Harness) of
 80sovs. One mile and a-half.**

- 1—H. McNaughton's blk h George Ackwood, 6sec (Bryce) 1
 - 2—J. R. Corrigan's b g Xavier, 4sec (A. Pringle) 2
 - 6—G. Paul's br m Sirene, 6sec (Paul) 3
- Also started: 5 Master Hal scratch (Jones), 12 Sjabok scratch (Calvert), 11 Wild Daisy scratch (Barracough), 8 Star Queen scratch (Holmes), 3 Amberite 1sec (Gee), 7 The Weaver 2sec (Green), 4 Calmly 2sec (Shadbolt), 9 Marinoto 2sec (Kasper), 10 Tim Wilkin 3sec (Goodger).

Xavier had command as the field raced past the stand, Sirene being second at this stage, and the favourite next. The latter moved up second going along the back stretch, but Xavier was the first to turn for home. The latter looked certain to score, despite a strong challenge from the favourite, who gradually made up his leeway in the run to the post and amid a scene of enthusiasm headed Mr. Corrigan's representative in the last stride. Sirene was 12 lengths away third, and Star Queen fourth. Time, 3min 51 4-5sec.

**ELTHAM HANDICAP (Saddle) of 125
 sovs. One mile.**

- 1—J. H. Lloyd's ch g Waiteranui, 5sec (Shaw) 1
 - 4—C. R. Bailey's ch g Huon Grattan, 4sec (McMaster) 2
 - 2—A. Brown's ch g Quadroon, 6sec (Brown) 3
- Also started: 7 Lord Lytton scratch (Kasper), 5 Normintson 3sec (Robertson), 3 Celtic 3sec (Barracough), 6 Gold Girl 5sec (Kinnimont).

Quadroon was the early leader from Waiteranui and Huon Grattan, and as the straight was reached the trio were bunched together, a fine race being promised up the straight. Great excitement prevailed during the run to the post. Waiteranui gaining the judge's verdict by a neck from Huon Grattan, with Quadroon a couple of lengths away third. Celtic was fourth. Time, 2min 18 4-5sec.

ACCEPTANCES.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The Auckland Trotting Club will hold their autumn meeting at Alexandra Park on Saturday, when a very large crowd is anticipated at the popular convincing ground at Epsom. The acceptances received by the secretary, Mr. C. F. Mark, are of a gratifying nature, and some excellent racing should be witnessed. The principal event is the Campbell Handicap (two miles), in which a dozen well-known candidates figure, Steel Bell conceding the other 11 horses starts ranging from 60yds to 120yds. The other events are all well off as regards the fields engaged, so that the contests should prove close and interesting. The acceptances are as follows:—

IMPROVERS' HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Wild Nut limit, Favour Royal limit, Canberra limit, Anita limit, Waikoukou limit, Gova limit, Marquede 12yds behind, Gold Rod 12yds, Miss Murphy 12yds, Mutu 12yds, Toiler 24 yds, Dignity 36yds, Sandy Patch 60yds, Jaylyn 60yds, Kereone 96yds.

MANGERE HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Buesant limit, Sabiska limit, Witch Hazel limit, Newlando 12yds behind, Charming Rod 12yds, Gallantry 12yds, Ruanni 12yds, Jewel Fashion 24 yds, Lord Rose 36yds, Te Awa 36yds, Sweet Lillian 48yds.

CAMPBELL HANDICAP, two miles.—Derby Dillon limit, Bundura limit, Huon Grattan 12yds behind, Pitara 12 yds, Astur'o 24yds, Harold Devon 24yds, strategy 24yds, Lord Lytton 24yds, Harold Junior 36yds, Lieutenant 48yds, Waverley 60yds, Steel Bell 120yds.

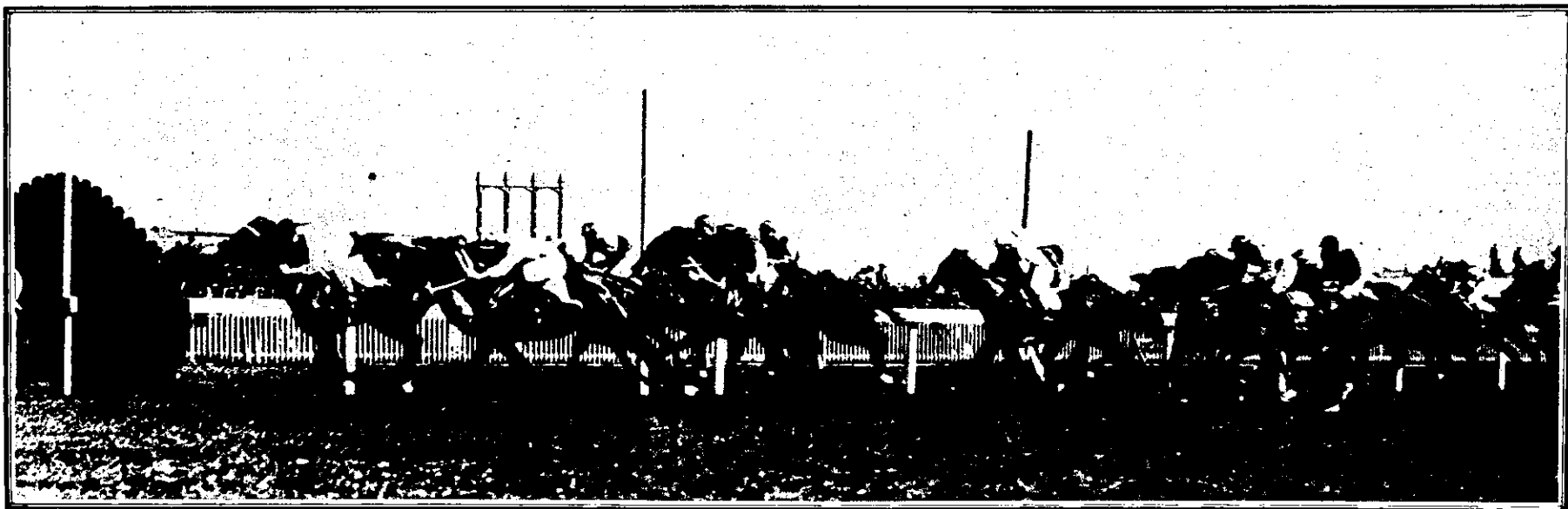
EASTER HANDICAP, two miles.—Tattles limit, Bushchild limit, Goodrich limit, Manuka Park 24yds behind, Prince Child 36yds, Gallipoli 36yds, Kirikiriroa 48yds, Leo Bell 48yds, Shanghai 72 yds, Tim Doolan 72yds, King Capitalist 72yds, Will o' the Wisp 120yds.

HOBSON HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Rotomanuka limit, Jimmie Harden limit, Manukau Park limit, Selkirk 12yds behind, Kempsey 12yds, Hymen 24yds, Quadroon 24yds, Gold Girl 48yds, Bronze Patch 48yds, Erin's Queen 48yds, Lucille 48yds, August Child 48yds, Reuben 48yds, Sympathy 60yds, Pearl d'Or 60yds, Sundial 60yds, Miss Rolfe 60yds.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Miss George limit, Sweet Memory limit, Tattles limit, Rita Galindo limit, Amberite 12yds behind, Miss Huon Junior 12yds, Hint 12yds, Scientist 24yds, Lady Park 36yds, Grattan Abbey 60yds, Kirikiriroa 72yds, King Capitalist 96yds, Blackthorn 120yds.

CORNWALL HANDICAP, one mile.—Brown's Nugget limit, Salamander limit, Vice-Admiral limit, August Child limit, Normintson limit, Bundura limit, Huon Grattan 12yds behind, Derby Dillon 12 yds, The Linnet 12yds, Waverley 12yds, Alf, McKinney 12yds, Harold Junior 12 yds, Lord Lytton 36yds, Steel Bell 48 yds.

MARCONI HANDICAP, one mile.—Master Grattan limit, Belgian Queen limit, Marinoto limit, Rotomanuka limit, Jimmie Harden limit, Gallipoli limit, Kempsey 12yds behind, Silver Black 12 yds, Full Sail 12yds, Selkirk 12yds, Leo Bell 24yds, Victor G. 24yds, Hymen 24 yds, Quadroon 24yds, Tim Doolan 24yds, Shanghai 36yds, Gold Girl 36yds, Sundial 48yds, Erin's Queen 48yds, Bronze Patch 48yds, Reuben 48yds, Will o' the Wisp 60yds, G.M. 60yds, Asturio 60yds, Pearl d'Or 60yds, Strategy 60yds.



DAME ACRE (P. MAHER) WINS THE DONCASTER HANDICAP (ONE MILE) IN BRILLIANT STYLE FROM PANACRE (G. HARRISON) AND CETIGNE (A. WOOD), AT THE AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING. There were 23 starters, and Dame Acre covered the mile in 1min. 38sec.



THE FINISH OF THE SYDNEY CUP (TWO MILES), RUN ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE AUSTRALIAN J.C.'S AUTUMN MEETING—REBUS (C. O. DAVIES) WINNING FROM SHADOWLAND (F. DEMPSEY), WITH LANIUS (H. CAIRNS) THIRD, AND PRINCE VIRIDIS FOURTH.

HANDICAPS.

MANAWATU TROTTING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Manawatu Trotting Club's annual meeting, which takes place on the Awapuni racecourse on Friday, April 13, is being eagerly looked forward to by trotting enthusiasts, and, judging by the large number of horses engaged in the various events, a splendid afternoon's sport is promised. The following handicaps have been declared by Mr. F. W. Edwards, and acceptances are due on Saturday next (April 13), with the secretary, Mr. A. H. Manson, at 10 p.m.:

MAIDEN HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Sir Robert Wood limit, Lincoln Jersey limit, Rudge Wood limit, Lady Foster 12yds behind, Prince Dillon 12 yds, Komako 12yds, Wee Bell 12yds, Bantry Girl 12yds, Reindeer 12yds, Highwood 12yds, Taikorea 12yds, The Bathe 24yds, Annie Black 24yds, High Admiral 36yds, Lady Somerset 36yds, Lady Irving 36yds, Plain Rose 72yds, Elsie Drift 72yds, Wild Lass 72yds, Albert Patch 84yds, Rejoice 108yds, Elmo Junior 120yds, Jewell Wood (ineligible).

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Capsicum limit, Inora limit, Silverlocks limit, Sirene 12yds behind, The Weaver 24yds, Warlock 48yds, Little Hector 60yds, Xavier 60yds, Calmly 72yds, Wild Daisy 72yds, Jessie Dillon 72yds, Proud Spring 72yds, Hal Junior 72yds, Cupid Whispers 84yds, Dandy Jack 96yds.

NOTES.

Everything looks in good trim for the Auckland Trotting Club's autumn meeting, which takes place on Saturday. The tracks, lawns and grandstand are all in good order.

On Saturday some useful work took place, the course favouring fast times. Several of the candidates for Saturday's events were tried out.

Steel Bell ran smoothly over a mile and a-half, driven by J. Lynch and paced by a galloper.

Pearl d'Or traversed a mile and a-half, assisted by Selkirk. The former pleased the track habitués most. An overdue win is coming to Pearl d'Or.

Malcolm has Charming Rod, Lady Burlington and Sundial keyed fully up to concert pitch. Sundial ran a mile and a-half on Saturday, but taking the trial from a time point of view it was on the slow side. The daughter of Starchild registered 3min 45sec.

Quadroom seemed to please more than his stable companion Shanghai at the end of a mile and a-half. They each put in a clean and workmanlike finish up.

Rita Galindo, Mutu and the rest of Orange's team have not been hurried in their preparation, but are in mellow racing fettle.

Harold Junior looks in corking good condition, but was on the easy list on Monday morning, jogging round the tracks anxious to extend himself.

Koss Heaton is keeping his maiden straight-out trotter, Nancy Drift, in healthy condition. The filly is only in the initial stage of the game.

The pacing gelding Jimmie Harden, by Harold Dillon—Rothschild mare, has been responsible for some fair work. Jaylyn, in the same stable, has picked up and made improvement of late in his style of work.

Malcolm has eased up the rising two-year-old by Waverley, recently sold in the Haymarket, till next spring.

The old-time pacing gelding Prince Rufus broke down last week, and will probably be given a lengthy spell.

Manuka Park, Comedy Chief and Miss George all look well forward at the present time, and although the first-named's running proved disappointing at the Hamilton Trotting Club's meeting the handsome black may yet make good.

On Tuesday morning amongst the visitors at headquarters was Mr. T. Lowe, owner of Steel Bell, who witnessed a go between his mare, Asturio and Derby Dillon over a mile and a-half, the two first-named finishing abreast in 3min 33 3-5sec. The ground had been harrowed too.

Gold Boy led Jimmy Harden over the same distance in 3min 44 1-5sec, not much separating the pair.

W. Abbott sent Tim Doolan, Brown's Nugget and Strategy separately. They are in good fettle.

D. May sent Favour Royal along for good work.

Clark, in charge of M. Edwards' team of six, put them through useful tasks. Edwards himself was expected to arrive on Wednesday to give them the finishing touches.

Tattles pleased the onlookers by the resolute style he covered a mile and a-

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MANAWATU T.C. HANDICAP, two miles.—Orurangi limit, Miss Havoc limit, The Weaver limit, Xavier limit, Sally Brass 12yds behind, Calmly 12yds, Dillon Direct 24yds, Tim Wilkin 24yds, Some Boy 24yds, Fair Puritan 24yds, Legacy 36yds, Galindo Belle 36yds, Kate Zolock 48yds, Todd Bells 48yds, Master Hal 48yds, Erleen 60yds, St. Leo 72yds, Huon Grattan 168yds.

AWAPUNI HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Nancy Wilkes limit, Chocolate Soldier limit, Maqueda limit, Mawhiti limit, Plunder limit, Pehu limit, Othello limit, Astorias 12yds behind, All Steel 12yds, Neil Gow 12yds, Speculator 12 yds, Skylight 12yds, Ned Dillon 12yds, Pert 12yds, Proud Boy 12yds, Wildwood King 12yds, Tariki 12yds, Desmond 24 yds, Cue 36yds, Brachycome 36yds, Lavinia 48yds, Succory 84yds, Cliff 84yds, Beeswing 108yds, Greywood 120yds, Bobby B. 132yds, Red Ball 132yds, Jessie's Dream 192yds.

LADIES' BRACELET, one mile and a-half.—Tofua limit, King Cole Junior limit, Lady Foster 12yds behind, Prince Dillon 12yds, Capsicum 12yds, Wee Bell 12yds, Bantry Girl 12yds, Reindeer 12 yds, Taikorea 12yds, Highwood 12yds, Lincoln Jersey 12yds, The Bathe 24yds, Annie Black 24yds, High Admiral 36yds, Lady Somerset 36yds, Inora 60yds, Haurua 60yds, Plain Rose 72yds, Peter Bell 72yds, Elsie Drift 72yds, Lylock 72yds, Albert Patch 84yds, Rejoice 108yds, Lockwood 108yds, Jewell Wood 108yds, Elmo Junior 120yds, Hal Junior 180yds, Cupid Whispers 192yds.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—The Weaver limit, Proud Spring limit, Dandy Jack limit, Trooper Dillon limit, Molly Chimes limit, Little Jewel limit, Topsy Dillon limit, Goodrich limit, Orurangi limit, Galindo Belle limit, Erleen 12yds behind, Legacy 12 yds, Miss Havoc 12yds, El Rosa 12yds, Hedgewood 24yds, Lovelock 36yds, Linotype 48yds, Lucille 48yds, Celtic 60yds, Galvanita 72yds, Waiterani 108yds.

PALMERSTON NORTH HANDICAP, two miles.—Othello limit, Maqueda limit, Mawhiti limit, Chocolate Soldier limit, Plunder limit, Pehu limit, Sir Robert Wood limit, All Steel 12yds behind, Neil Gow 12yds, Ned Dillon 12yds, Bantry Girl 12yds, Pert 12yds, Proud Boy 12yds, Komako 12yds, Loch Lomond 24yds, Cue 24yds, Lady Irving 24yds, Desmond 24yds, Peter Bell 48yds, Lavinia 72yds, Succory 84yds, Beeswing 108 yds, Greywood 108yds, Red Ball 132yds, Todd Bells 192yds, Jessie's Dream 216yds.

FAREWELL HANDICAP, one mile.—Thelma McKinney limit, Warlock limit, Haurua limit, Wallace Reid limit, Little Hector limit, Xavier limit, Wild Daisy 12yds behind, Jessie Dillon 12yds, Guess 12yds, Goodrich 12yds, Molly Chimes 12yds, Sally Brass 12yds, Cupid Whispers 24yds, Rexcordium 24yds, Trooper Dillon 24yds, Some Boy 24yds, Tim Wilkin 24yds, Little Jewel 36yds, Van Coronado 36yds, Dillon Direct 36 yds, Dandy Jack 36yds, Master Hal 36 yds, Galindo Belle 36yds, Hedgewood 60 yds, St. Leo 60yds, Arbiter 84yds, Galvanita 96yds, Huon Grattan 108yds, Waiterani 120yds.

Miss Chevalier, Hymen (Giesen's maiden trotter) and A. Shepperd's Gold Bell—Princess Ena filly were all adding their quota to the morning's toil on Monday.

On Monday morning A. Julian got a very nasty fall while driving the pacing mare Jewel Fashion. The mare crossed her legs and came down, giving her driver a painful shaking up.

T. W. Price has left nothing to chance in the preparation of Hint, Waikoukou and Pearl d'Or. This trio should strip in good trim on Saturday.

Kuanui was working with Jewel Fashion when the latter came down. Papanui's daughter, who looks well, was driven by Cunningham.

M. Edwards' team of six horses arrived on Saturday afternoon, looking remarkably well. They are Sympathy, Mikot, Harold Devon, Leo Bell, Lara Rose and Vice-Admiral. They jogged on Monday.

R. Hall had both Lieutenant and Silver Black at Epsom last week. The former pleased over a couple of miles, driven by his trainer. Silver Black tired in the run home over the last portion of a mile run, with a six stone lad up.

Derby Dillon was putting in nice work in company with Dorothy Dimpie at the end of last week. The pair dashed over a couple of miles at top.

Miss Rolfe, in saddle, pleased the onlookers one day last week. The daughter of Ribbonwood was reeling off short distances in the most approved pacing style, making friends by the brilliancy she displayed.

Kelsey has Kerone and the ancient trotter Kirikiriroa circling the tracks in useful style. Both are looking in good trotting trim.

Sweet Memory is about at the top of her best form. The same cannot be said about her half sister and stable mate Sweet Lillian. The mare goes a bit tender on the tracks, which wears off after warming up.

The acceptances show the good all round average of 15 per race in the eight events carded.

Quite a number of trotters and pacers are being prepared in the Waikato. Te Awamutu being the headquarters of trotting owners there.

Belgian Queen has found a new owner in "Mr. Humphries." She has been placed in T. Cotton's charge to be prepared. The same trainer has Rose Sweet in work.

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half, and may have improved since he ran at Wanganui.

Charming Rod and Prince Child covered the same distance. Comedy Chief joined in over the last half or more of the journey.

Sundial put in a useful mile and a-half alone.

Harold Junior sprinted some nice half miles.

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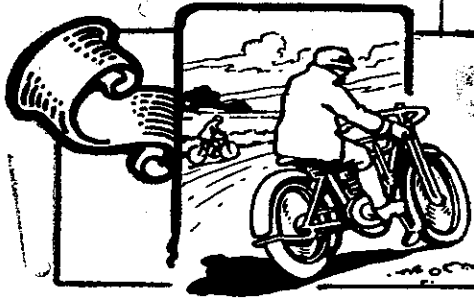
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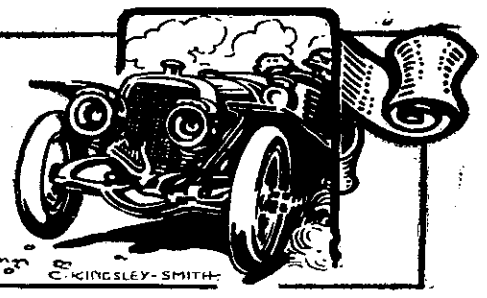
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At the motor cycle sports held in Napier on March 30, the lightweight championship was won by F. Springfield, on a Douglas. In the Open Handicap, Mangham beat Coleman after an exciting race, H. R. Crawley being third.

Mr. Gordon Elliott, son of Mr. M. A. Elliott, of Palmerston North, has been successful in passing his tests at the Auckland Flying School, and will leave for England at an early date to join the Royal Naval Aerial Service.

"One way to get over the trouble with dazzling lights on motor cars," said Mr. W. G. K. Kenrick, S.M., at the Magistrate's Court at Palmerston (reports the "Standard"), "is to have a by-law like they have in Auckland, providing that the light must be thrown on the road a certain distance in front of the car."

Five more pupils of the Canterbury Aviation Company passed their tests last week, namely: Messrs. E. G. Webster (Little River), D. McKay (Spreydon), W. B. Brown (Wellington), W. D. Dunlop (Aramoho), and N. S. Hartson (Napier). Colonel Chaffey and Captain D. M. Robertson expressed themselves as particularly gratified with the work of the young airmen. One of the fliers took up with him some potatoes to act as mock bombs, which he dropped in the course of a figure eight descent with such precision that the first fell within three feet of its intended mark. General approbation was expressed at the success of the experiment.

An institution has just been opened at Balham, S.W. (Eng.), which gives free instruction to men in the use of artificial limbs. The equipment of the school includes steps, sloping footways, a "grass" walk, etc., to accustom men to the use of artificial legs on varying surfaces, and there is also a bicycle to tempt the more venturesome. Ultimately the idea is to train the discharged soldier in a trade, or possibly to enable him to return to his pre-war occupation.

According to a report presented to the Wellington City Council by the motor inspector there are now 135 taxi-cabs licensed in the city. There was recently considered by the by-laws committee, which recommended that, in view of the number of vehicles being more than adequate for the public requirements, each additional application should be granted only when the committee was satisfied that the vehicle complied in every respect with the motor inspector's requirements. This was agreed to.

Only a week or so ago there appeared in many illustrated papers the picture of a French officer who had both legs and one arm shot away, but who had been supplied with new limbs so splendidly fashioned and adjusted by the surgeon that he is now able to drive a motor car with ease and safety to himself and his passengers. He may be seen any day driving on the Paris streets, and scarcely to be distinguished from men who have never been to the war at all.

The Wellington City Council has decided that a license of a taxi-cab driver, who had been convicted for being drunk whilst in charge of a vehicle and for colliding with a woman and child in Featherston Street, should be suspended. Respecting another taxi-cab driver, convicted

for drunkenness, it was resolved that he should be given a warning that only because of his past long and satisfactory service in a branch of the corporation employ would he be granted a monthly permit during the next licensing year, and also informed that such permit will be immediately terminated if a repetition of his offence is reported. A certificate of ability to drive a motor car was issued to a returned soldier whose eyesight is temporarily affected through an injury received whilst on active service, in view of medical opinion that his eyesight will soon be normal.

It is remarkable the mileage that can be obtained from a well-made motor car, driven with care and discretion. An authentic case is recorded where a 20 h.p. car travelled over 262,000 miles, consumed 15,000 gallons of petrol, used more than 200 tyres and has been driven by 25 different drivers. It is estimated that the car is still good for another 100,000 miles. The distance already travelled is equal to nine and a-half times round the world.

quiescent attitude of our motoring associations, have triumphed. The unrestricted use of coal gas, at its present stage of development, is undoubtedly necessary for it to make the progress that is desired. It is the car owner denied petrol who will experiment with gas. Licensed users of petrol will go on using that fuel to a very great extent. The announcement appears somewhat contradictory in its terms, for it is stated that it is not intended either to prohibit the use of coal gas or to license the quantity purchased. It seems clear, however, that the intention is to prohibit all unnecessary motoring, or the use of cars for purposes which many would regard as necessary, but a cold official mind would consider to be otherwise. We regret the step that is forecasted. It seems to be based upon a desire to reduce expenditure upon labour in the manufacture of gas containers. In face of the indifferent attitude displayed to the enormous waste of labour on the manufacture of luxuries, a subject upon which the daily press as a whole remains discreetly silent, we can only view the coming action with

necessary room for the engine and boiler to be mounted in line. The boiler, which is of the multitubular type, is 12in. high and 9in. in diameter and has 120 half-inch copper tubes which carry a working pressure of 500lb. A seamless steel was used for its construction, with screwed-in ends, which are electrically welded. The burner is of a simple type with pilot, and is arranged for burning paraffin fuel. The engine is of the single-cylinder double-acting type, of 2½in. bore and 2½in. stroke, and is coupled direct to the back driving shaft. Thus arranged, the engine is geared 6½ to 1. The circular tank is divided into two parts, one containing fuel and the other water, the former being fed under pressure to the burner. The boiler feed is pumped through two water heaters, first through an exhaust heater and afterwards through a coil placed in the fire-box. The exhaust is condensed as much as possible by a surface condenser, the hot water being returned to the boiler and uncondensed steam escaping. The machine was tried on the road, and would steam steadily at



GROUP OF AUCKLAND BOYS, MEMBERS OF THE 38TH REINFORCEMENTS, PHOTOGRAPHED IN CAMP AT TRENTHAM.

Motoring has had a further set-back in England. Just when the use of coal gas was beginning to be adopted in lieu of petrol to enable owners to get some use out of their vehicles, the Board of Trade has decided to bring coal gas under the same regulation as applying to motor spirit. It is not intended to prohibit the use of gas for motor vehicles in so far as, subject to other considerations, it may be available, nor to license the quantity that may be used, but to confine its use to essential purposes only. This probably means that coal gas will only be available for commercial use, doctors, etc., and the every-day motorist, who used his car for utility purposes, will still have to keep it in the garage. In commenting upon this decision, the "Light Car" (England) says: "It cannot be denied that the announcement by the Board of Trade, reported covering the use of coal gas, is a body blow for those who had great hopes of this fuel rendering us independent of petrol supplies after the war. For the moment, the anti-motoring interests, assisted by the

regard to the use of coal gas in motor vehicles as paltry."

An instance of long cycle tyre life has just been brought under the notice of the Dunlop Rubber Company. A cycle shod with Dunlop tyres was purchased by a Victorian shearer early in 1910, and, despite the fact that heavy loads have been carried over thousands of miles of the roughest of roads and bush tracks, the same tyres have been in use up to March this year. Nearly eight years' continual riding on one set of covers is a remarkable record of durability. During this period, 14,970 miles were travelled (recorded by cyclometer) and only two punctures were sustained (in the back wheel) during their life. As a tyre record this takes some beating.

A steam-driven motor cycle machine, constructed and designed by Mr. William Taylor, in England, has many original features. The frame is that of an old F.N. shaft-driven machine. This has the enclosed bevel drive slightly altered to give the

25 miles per hour. A higher speed could be enjoyed for short spurts. Its rather heavy weight, trouble with the burner in a high wind, exhaust steam, small water carrying capacity and the wastefulness of the single expansion engine in steam at this high pressure were a few unsatisfactory points observed. The rise in steam pressure on a sudden stop did not tend to make one feel at ease in the saddle. With the scarcity of lighter spirits for fuels for internal-combustion engines, the steam motor cycle may yet come into more general use in England.

England is still purchasing large quantities of American motor waggons for military purposes. For the nine months ending last September no less than 5820 motor waggons, valued at £3,091,940, were shipped to England. For the corresponding period of 1916, 4723 similar vehicles were imported from the States. On the other hand, passenger cars declined from 11,815 in 1916, to 963 in 1917, a drop representing over £1,500,000.

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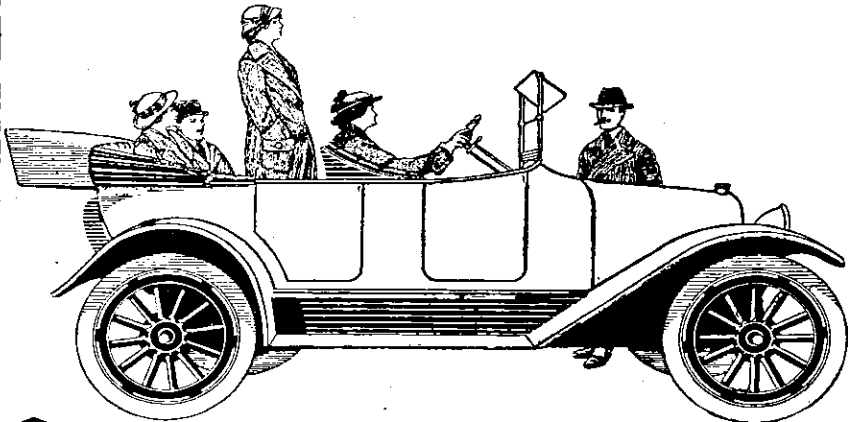
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Cycles and motor cycles to the value of £16,355 were imported into Spain during May last, as compared with only £5758 in the corresponding month of 1916.

A motorist charged at Invercargill with failing to notify change of ownership of a car said that he was unaware of such a by-law. In his opinion the vendor ought to tell the purchaser. Senior-Sergeant Burrows said that evidently people did not read the papers, for these cases were continually cropping up. The Magistrate, in imposing a fine, pointed out the necessity for notifying the change of ownership.

Following on recent happenings, the By-laws Committee of the Wellington City Council have made the following recommendations to that body:—"That the Wellington Hospital and Charitable Aid Board be informed in terms of the Motor Inspector's report, in reply to its request for information as to what speed limit the council will permit for its motor ambulance while being driven through the city on specially urgent occasions; and also that the board be informed that, in consequence of numerous complaints, having been received regarding the speed at which the motor ambulance is driven in the city, unless greater care is exercised by the driver for the protection of the general public, the council will take steps to prevent him driving in future." Councillor Godber said the hospital authorities had brought the man to book, and told him that unless he was more careful they would have to get another driver. In the case in question, the life of a woman was saved by the driver getting her there at such a fast pace. Councillor Wright said the other side of the question was that by rapid driving people might be killed. If the man had a clear run, let him drive as fast as he liked, but the lives of the public must be cared for. Councillor Luckie said the committee was of opinion that a 15-mile limit was sufficient. This man had, however, come under the unfavourable notice of the inspector. Councillor Fitzgerald said the man should be told not to go fast through the principal

streets. Councillor Godber: He has been instructed not to do so. The recommendation was adopted.

Two motorists in England were summoned recently for contravening the Motor Spirit Restriction Order. Neither could attend the court, as there was no other means of travelling than by motor car, and they were afraid of risking further prosecution. They were fined 5s. each. They need not have been afraid to travel to the court by motor, says an authority, as that is one of the purposes for which motor spirit may be used. "Performance of a public duty" includes attendance at or upon any court of justice.

Motoring from Auckland recently, says a Waikato paper, the Rev. Lambert, of Te Awamutu, picked up a pedestrian who was trudging his weary way in the same direction. The passenger duly alighted on reaching his destination, and the car proceeded on its way, but when in the Te Rore district the driver, looking round, discovered that the hood and upholstery of the back seat were well ablaze. The hood was quickly removed and the flames suppressed, but not before the hood itself was destroyed, huge gaps burnt in the upholstery and the varnish at the rear of the car all blistered. Mr. Lambert acted the good Samaritan to a complete stranger, and so the loss is irrecoverable so far as he is concerned, but the incident teaches a

lesson to motorists to make it a firm rule that the butt-ends of cigarettes are thrown well over the side and not backwards, as is presumed to have happened in this instance.

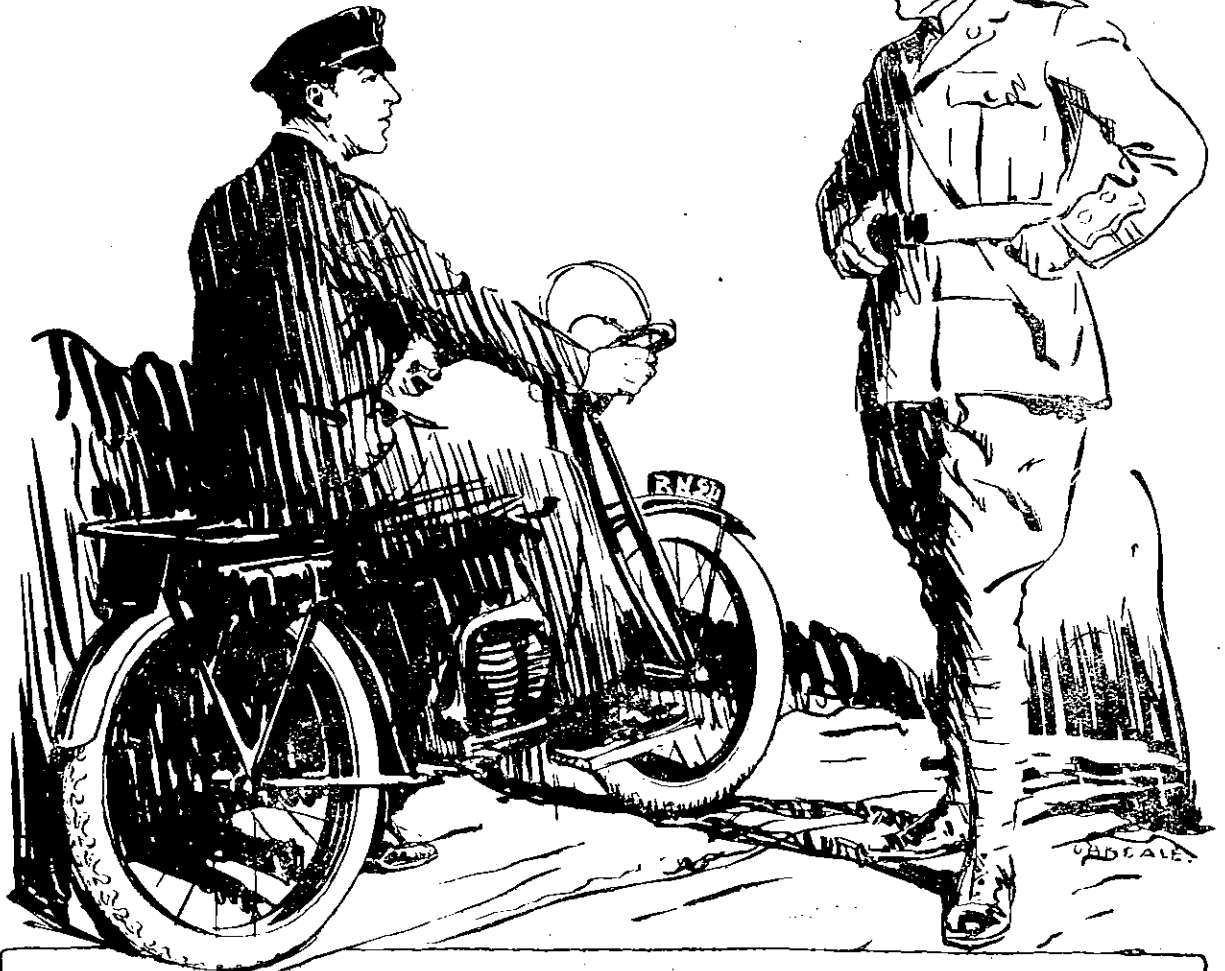
Mr. Barnet Glass passed away at his residence in St. Kilda, Melbourne, last month, after an illness extending over several months. Mr. Glass, who was in charge of a hose and waterproof department in a large factory in Manchester (England), came to Australia in 1870, the time of the gold rush. He decided to manufacture waterproof garments in a small way, and also to import general rubber goods. He proceeded to England, and purchased a plant for manufacturing rubber goods; but on arrival the maritime strike was on, and the plant was returned, and Mr. Glass abandoned the project. In 1897 his son-in-law proceeded to England, and purchased a complete plant for a rubber works, which was opened at Kensington by Hon. A. Deakin and Messrs. Watt and Best, this being the first rubber goods factory to be opened in the Southern Hemisphere. Difficulties arose owing to shortage of labour and heavy losses were made. In 1905 the company amalgamated with the Dunlop Rubber Co., but a law suit eventuated. Mr. Glass, with the assistance of his son and son-in-law, decided to restart business, and so formed the nucleus of the present-day company, Barnet Glass Rubber Co., Ltd., one of the largest rubber concerns in Australasia. Mr. Glass leaves a widow and five children by a former marriage—Mrs. Ormiston, Mrs. P. Glass, Miss Nina Glass, Mr. E. Glass and Mr. J. Glass. The deceased was interred in the Melbourne General Cemetery, a large number of representative citizens following the cortege.

Within a year after the authorities of Foochow, China, had finished an eight-mile stretch of well-constructed macadam road, 90 bicycles were in daily use in that city. Prior to the building of this modern road there was, it is stated, not a wheeled vehicle in the district.

It has been computed that 77 per cent. of the world's motor cars are to be found within the borders of the United States of America. Every fifth family in that country now owns its motor car, and five per cent. of the population is now dependent on the automobile for its living.

The whole motor van service of the Gas Light and Coke Company, London, is now in charge of Miss M. Barrett, who has risen since the war from being a typist in the office until she now controls a great department hitherto run by a man. "As one man after another left, this woman took his place," said Mr. Milne Watson, the managing director, to a "Daily Mail" reporter. "She arranges for the petrol supplies, keeps records of running costs, arranges for all repairs, interviews men and women motor van drivers, and controls the entire business with great accuracy. We have over 2000 women now working for the company. They cannot drive the heavy lorries or do heavy stoking, but I think they do everything else. We have had small barrows made for them to wheel, and we lighten the heavy work as much as possible. The girls did not like wearing trousers at first, but when I saw one working on a coke heap with big feathers in her hat and high-heeled boots I made up my mind that that fashion must go. So we provided them with trousers and overalls and we barred high heels."

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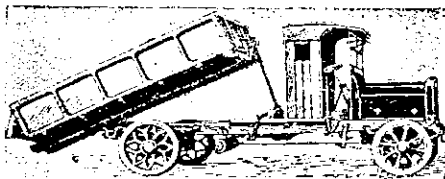
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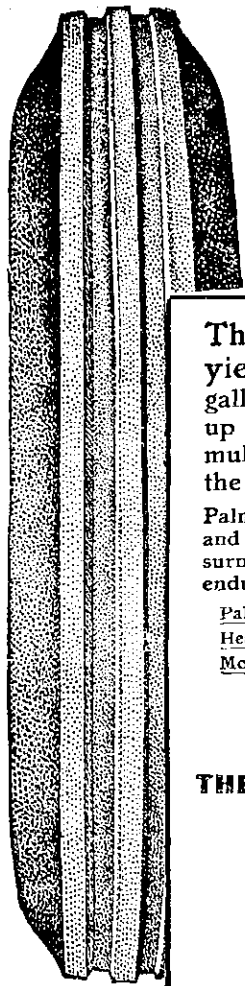
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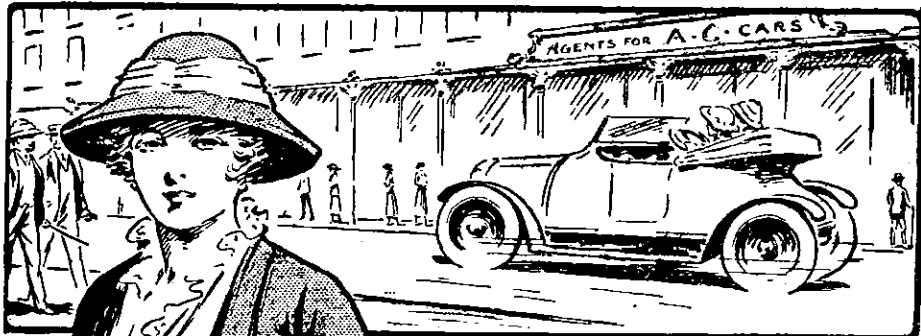
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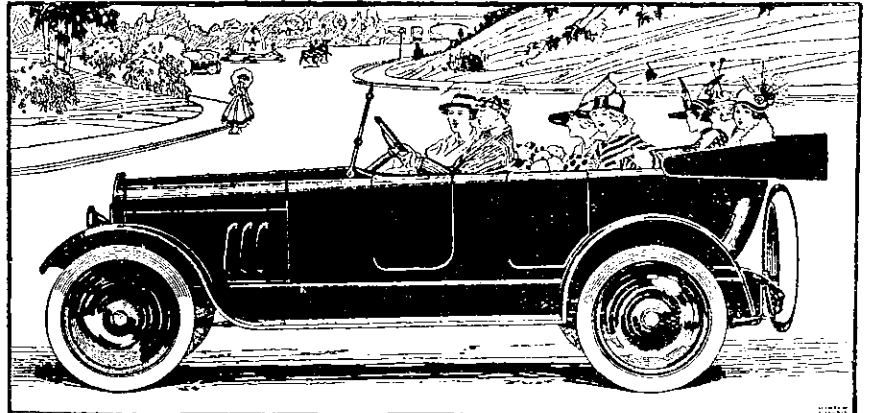
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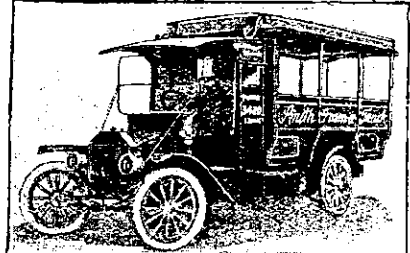
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THE SOCIAL WORLD



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His Excellency the Governor-General and the Countess of Liverpool have returned to Wellington from Christchurch.

Mrs. W. H. S. Moorhouse, of Wellington, president of the Wellington Nursing Division of St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, has been appointed by His Majesty the King as a Lady of Grace of the Order of St. John. Mrs. Moorhouse has been a prominent worker in the St. John Ambulance Association.

Mrs. Seymour Thorne George, of Auckland, has been paying a visit to Rotorua, staying at Grande Vue.

Sister Parkinson, who is leaving the staff of the Devonport Convalescent Home (Auckland) to take up nursing duties at Cambridge, was farewelled by the voluntary nurses, and presented with tokens of their regard.

The engagement is announced of Miss Beth Stoddart, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Stoddart, of Wanganui, formerly of Waitara, to Captain Harry Daniel, son of the late Captain J. Daniel, Penzance, Cornwall, England, says an exchange.

The Misses Goldie, Auckland, are on a visit to Christchurch.

The Misses S. E. Jackson, E. Melville and E. M. Griffin, the Auckland delegates to the National Council of Women's Conference, have returned from Wellington.

A sum of £1000, being part of the winnings in Australia of the mare Desert Gold has already been forwarded by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowry, of Hawke's Bay, to be devoted to the benefit of the soldiers' ward at the Napier Hospital.

The death occurred on a steamer on March 23 of Mrs. Coldicutt, wife of Dr. C. E. A. Coldicutt, of Auckland, while on tour. Mrs. Coldicutt, who had not been in good health, developed bronchial pneumonia and death followed. The remains were brought to Auckland. Mrs. Coldicutt was the only daughter of the late Mr. C. A. Wells, of Leicester, England.

An interesting wedding took place at St. Peter's Church, Wellington, on Wednesday week, when Lieutenant C. T. White, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. White, Ashburton, was married to Miss Doris Irene Pudney, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Pudney, of Wellington. The bride looked charming in a cream gabardine costume and a picture hat, and was attended by Miss Madge Griffiths and Miss Audrey Bedell, a niece of the bride, as bridesmaid, both wearing dainty cream frocks and picture hats. Lieutenant Cocker, a fellow officer of the same reinforcements as the bridegroom, acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. Watson. The wedding breakfast was partaken of at Godbers, when the customary toasts were honoured. The honeymoon is being spent in the South Island. The bride's going away costume was of fawn colour, with a blue hat. The bridegroom went away with the Ninth New Zealand Reinforcements and was in the Somme battle. He is now posted back to the Fortieth Reinforcements.

Miss G. M. Ward, for 11 years second assistant in the secondary department of the Feilding District High School, has received an appointment in the Hamilton High School.

The engagement is announced of Miss Gen Butler, eldest daughter of Mr. P. Butler, "Hillsview," Medbury, North Canterbury, to Mr. A. N. Hancock, Christchurch, late of Wellington and Eltham, says the Christchurch "Press."

It makes us pause and think how well off we are in New Zealand when we come across paragraphs like the following in English papers: "Users of hotels should note that, while Tuesdays and Fridays are to be meatless days in London, Wednesdays and Fridays will be the days beyond the limits of the Metropolitan Police Area. Chance visitors will have to bring their own sugar."

The wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church, Suva, on March 5, of Mr. Henry A. B. Bentley, of the Customs Department, Fiji, to Miss Jessie Eleanor Waldron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waldron, of Auckland. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Polynesia. The future home of the bride and bridegroom will be in Suva.

The last English mail brings news that Mr. Warwick Braithwaite, of Dunedin, son of the late Mr. Joseph Braithwaite, is doing well at the Royal Academy, having won the Goring Thomas scholarship, also a prize offered by Farjeon for the best melody composed by his pupils. Mr. Warwick is also one of the associate editors of the new academy journal, the "Academite."

The members of the Women's Institute at Scaynes Hill (Sussex) have been taught to repair boots and shoes and are now learning from a tinker to mend pots and pans.

The Rev. W. A. Keay, assistant-curate of St. Mark's Anglican Church, Wellington, has been appointed to the charge of St. Sepulchre's Church, Auckland, rendered vacant by the death of the Rev. A. H. Colvile.

The wedding took place in Trinity Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, recently, of Sister Mary Watt, N.Z.A.N.S., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Watt, of Abergeldie, to Major Frederick Cameron, D.S.O., N.Z.M.C., son of Mrs. Cameron, and the late Mr. Hugh Cameron, of Ashburton. Chaplain T. H. Roseveare performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, was in dress uniform of grey crepe de chine, with scarlet satin military cape and cap of white ninon. Miss G. Watt and Miss Cameron attended as bridesmaids, and wore frocks of white crepe de chine with grey picture hats. Captain G. N. McDiarmid, N.Z.M.C., was best man, and the groomsman Private W. C. Mackay.

The American young woman is going to be a big factor in the war (says Frank Dilnot in the "Daily Chronicle"). There is an idea that American women are pampered and flattered by their men folk to a degree unknown to our country. This may be true of patches of American society, especially in the richer circles, but it is not correct in essence among what for want of a better term may be called the middle-class girls—that is to say, the young women with opportunities for a moderate education and a taste for reading, and who sometimes from choice, and occasionally from necessity, find their own living in the world. It is not true either of a good many of those in other circles, of those young women, for instance, who are not rich, but who lead a comfortable home life with their parents or are given a moderate allowance. Through one and all of these girls runs a vein of character and temperament which really makes them into a new race of women to strangers from Europe. They are, perhaps, a little keener than our English girls, a little harder, a little more companionable for men—which doesn't mean that they are necessarily more attractive as sweethearts or wives. They talk frankly, smoothly and understandingly on matters. Almost without exception they are warm-hearted in their personal relationships, at times swiftly impulsive, and yet one is startled frequently by a certain cold-blooded attitude towards life. It comes as a reminder that they are the inhabitants of a new country, still bearing traces of primitive struggle.

I was travelling from Washington to New York (continues the writer), and at lunch time it was my fortune to be at a table with four girls of from 18 to 21 coming down from college. They were strangers to me. One of the lunch courses was an attractive-looking confection served with honey. A table courtesy enabled me to ask my neighbour the name of it. "You have never heard of waffles?" she replied, and they all laughed heartily. And then they insisted on serving my plate with some of their waffles, also with some of their honey—and then, with open delight, watched me experiment. And from then until we reached New York, two hours later, those four girls talked in a hurricane of interest with the stranger they had found, talked about books, scenery, politics, and the charms of New York compared with Washington, where they were compelled to spend term time. I cite this incident because it stands out in contrast to the usual manners and methods of the American girl, as compared with our own. Mrs. Grundy herself is not more severe with casual acquaintances than the American young lady as a rule. There is generally no suspicion of a merry smile, no glint of friendly laughter with the young American girl, no camaraderie, no reliance on the gentlemanliness of men short of a formal introduction. You may get a frigid "Thank you" if you pick up a dropped handkerchief; that's the limit. But this surface coldness, particularly noticeable to an Englishman, has its counterpart in a thoroughness of friendship once you have been accepted in a circle, a friendship which has a depth and comprehensiveness which is very stimulating. It would be embarrassing if it were not so obviously genuine. The secret of the American young woman is her intensiveness. She never does things by halves, whether it is taking up a hobby, studying a profession, or falling in love. She knows no rest till she has reached the very limit of the experience into which she has thrust her interest. The war has given the women here new directions for effort. A score of organisations are on foot. In trains, tramcars, omnibuses, even in the picture palaces you find women knitting comforters in olive-brown wool. But I believe that this is but the beginning. When the need arises—if it should arise—for women's help on an organised basis the women of America will be capable of surprising the world.



Group photographed at the marriage of Lieutenant C. T. White and Miss Doris Irene Pudney, which took place at St. Peter's Church, Wellington, on March 27. The bride and bridegroom are in the centre of picture and reading from left to right are: Lieutenant Cocker, Miss Griffiths, Mr. G. Pudney, Miss Bedell.

A military wedding took place on Wednesday, March 26, at the Epsom Methodist Church, Auckland, when Miss Hazel B. Trembath, third daughter of Mr. F. Trembath, late of Thames, was married to Lieutenant J. R. Thorburn, Third Auckland Mounted Rifles, who is home on furlough, having left New Zealand with the Main Body. The Rev. W. Burley officiated. The bride looked dainty in white silk with ninon sleeves and the orthodox veil becomingly arranged. The bridesmaid was Miss Dorrie Davis, who wore a shell pink crepe de chine frock with hat to match. Lieutenant North was best man and Mr. Ken. Trembath groomsman. Among the guests were the bride's two younger sisters, Misses Nellie and Katie Trembath, who had on navy blue costumes.

Overstaying their leave in London, two typists at Aldershot Headquarters, were handed on by the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps authorities to the civil police for neglect of public duty. They spent two nights in the cells and were each fined £1 ls. at Aldershot.

A great many women, even among those who devote much care and thought to the wardrobe, make the mistake of regarding accessories as a sort of unavoidable anti-climax to an otherwise satisfactory costume, points out a fashion writer. The same persons who can choose a gown or tailored suit with unflinching good taste will often, strangely enough, wear with it accessories that were never in this world meant to be congenial with that particular costume. And it is true that a gown can be no more successful than its very smallest accessory. That is why so many costumes just miss being entirely and satisfyingly smart. There are so many things to be considered in choosing the small things that go to make a costume complete, and nowhere does the rule of the eternal fitness of things hold so hard and fast. Women who would be horrified at the thought of wearing a lace collar with a riding habit, make just as serious blunders in the accessories they wear with their tailored street costumes. Therefore, Madame, if you wish to be smartly turned out, consider well thine accessories.

At present, states an English writer, most of the camouflage in connection with the big guns of the British Army is done by Frenchwomen. To the untrained eye it would seem that the cream and bronze and green and other colours that make a howitzer look like a caterpillar or a nightmare are dashed on anyhow, but there are definite principles to be observed if the highest degree of invisibility is to be attained. The design is drawn out, and the Frenchwomen, on piece rates, do the rest.

The other day (says a London writer) I witnessed a pathetic incident while washing my hands in an hotel. Two young officers entered, strangers to each other, one with his left coat sleeve empty, the other with his right arm in a sling. They looked at each other, and one of them said with some diffidence: "Shall we wash hands together?" Whereupon each washed the other's hand, dried it, and after this novel introduction they went off to luncheon.

There is an old Spanish legend that soon after the importation of the orange tree, by the Moors, one of the Spanish monarchs had a specimen of which he was very proud and of which the French ambassador was extremely anxious to obtain an off-shoot. The gardener's daughter was aware of this, and in order to provide herself with the necessary dowry to enable her to marry her lover, she secured a slip which she sold to the ambassador at a high price. On the occasion of her wedding, in recognition of her gratitude to the plant which had procured her happiness, she bound in her hair a wreath of orange blossoms; and thus, so runs the legend, inaugurated the fashion which has become universal.

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THE STAGE

FIXTURES.

HIS MAJESTY'S FIXTURES.

March 30-April 13—"Seven Days' Leave" (Allan Wilkie).
 May 3-11—Ada Reeve Vaudeville Co.
 May 16-25—J. C. Williamson Royal Comic Opera Co.
 July 1—Sydney James and The Strollers

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

"THE STORY OF THE ROSARY."

After a successful week's run at His Majesty's Theatre, "Seven Days' Leave" was replaced on Monday night by another of Walter Howard's dashing plays, "The Story of the Rosary." With its atmosphere of war and romance, influenced by the fine acting of Mr. Allan Wilkie and his company, it appealed to a large audience who followed with keen interest the stirring incidents revolving around a Servian regiment of dragoons. The story tells of the steadfast love and devotion of Captain Paul Romain in contrast to the bitter rancour and hatred of his cousin, Captain Philip Romain. Both are in love with the Princess Venetia Sabron, who, however, favours the former and becomes his wife, just as war has been declared. Later, Paul is believed to have been killed, and Karl Larose, Paul's good friend, saves Venetia from the machinations of Philip. Venetia decides to seek peace by entering a convent, but at the psychological moment Paul returns after being a prisoner of war, and the gallant soldier and his bride are happily re-united. Mr. Allan Wilkie distinguished the role of Captain Paul Romain with his manly bearing and sincere acting, and enlisted the heartfelt sympathies of the audience. Mr. Vivian Edwards gave a study of Karl Larose, faithful friend and soldier, that stands out as his finest work. Mr. Walter Hunt showed his undoubted ability in the masterly way he handled the role of Captain Philip Romain, his touch being delicate and incisive in suggesting villainy. Mr. Henri Doret and Miss Adele Inman supplied the light comedy element to good effect. Miss Marie Ney played the part of the Princess with charm and showed herself keenly appreciative of dramatic colour. Mr. Herbert Leigh nicely appreciated the value of the kindly old priest's lines. Mr. Robert Inman as the colonel, Mr. Ronald Riley as Nicodemus Winkel, and Miss Nellie Ferguson as a nun fitted adroitly into their respective characters. The production was well staged, most realistic being the hurling of a shell with destructive effect into a building, while the convent scenes, the singing of "The Rosary" by Miss Olive Stevens, and the spectacular effect illustrative of the title all contributed to strengthen its appeal to the audience. The season closes on Saturday night.

OPERA HOUSE.

SERGEANT COPELAND AND THE KID.

The sway of vaudeville cannot be gainsaid, and the Opera House sees its old familiar patrons at every change of programme. It is not the easiest thing in the world at the present time to secure uncommon turns, but there is one on this week's bill that stands by itself. It is supplied by Sergeant Copeland and the Kid and is as neat an exposition of telepathy as one could wish. The Kid is barely eight years of age, and nothing is too hard for him to accomplish in the way of a test. He sits on the stage blindfolded, while his father, also blindfolded, walks amongst the audience and handles various articles—watches, coins, inscribed medals, tie-pins, pocket-books—which the Kid accurately describes. There is no possible communication between the two, as in some instances Sergeant Copeland does not speak at all, yet the boy minutely describes them, giving particular details of their appearance and even giving names and dates inscribed inside watches and purses. The Kid's amazing qualities are fur-

ther demonstrated in a remarkable test with figures, the whole exhibition being uncanny in the extreme. The Kennedy Trio—Lance (flute), Laurie (cello), and Miss Doy Adelle (piano)—captivate everyone with their delightful act, these artists proving their worth in interpreting classical numbers. It is a high-class act that gets over well, and is a testimony to the up-grade of vaudeville. McKay and Graham, vocalists, also share this distinction, their songs being well chosen and rendered in exceptional manner. Kelly and Drake are a fillip to any bill and meet with an enthusiastic reception for their joint offering of song and patter, the man bringing down the house with his grotesque dancing. Mr. Ted MacLean and Miss Genevieve Lee are scoring again in an original sketch by the appealing name of "Ootsey," which gives scope for the dramatic abilities of both. Mr. Clarence Crawford and his xylophone selections add welcome variety to the vaudeville section. The second half of the entertainment is provided by the Paul Stanhope Revue Company in one of their merriest frivols, entitled "Topsy-

gado emphasised the baneful note with a skilful understanding of the character, and Mr. William Ewart favourably impressed everyone with his clear-cut work as the detective. Miss Kathleen Arnold was appealing as the banker's daughter, Marie de Brisson, and Miss Alice Rede was excellent in an unenviable character part. Miss Lillian Colenso, the smart little soubrette, made a big success as a merriment producer, and was backed up by Mr. Herbert Linden, a new-comer with a wide Australian experience. Mr. W. J. Coulter as Jean Barbelou, the cut-throat, capably lived up to the part, and Mr. Edgar Kenna and Mr. Jack Deeney capably sustained the remaining principal parts.

"It's Always the Woman," a new four-act drama recently secured by Mr. Brandon-Cremer, will be presented for the first time in New Zealand at next Saturday's matinee. This is the first of a large number of new plays recently added to the company's repertoire, and is said to be replete with sensations of thrilling interest, brightened by amusing dialogue and laughable incidents.

Mr. Allan Wilkie only played two dramas in Melbourne during a seventeen weeks' season. These were "Seven Days' Leave" and "The Story of the Rosary," which he is presenting to New Zealand playgoers.

Mr. Paul Stanhope and his slogan "Fine! Fine! Fine!" will be missed from the Opera House after this week, a seven weeks' run closing on Saturday night. It is certainly some record holding the audience so long with a revival, Mr. Stanhope's previous stay also registering seven weeks, and it says much for his qualities as a comedian, producer and judge of the public that he knows how to hit their taste. Those who have laughed themselves into hysterics over the absurdities of Spike Murphy, the burlesque Irishman whose character Mr. Stanhope assumes, get rather a shock when the actor reveals himself as a smart, good-looking young man, of serious mien.

Miss Ada Reeve came over from Sydney in a boat that brought some 70 or 80 returned soldiers, and it goes without saying that she was a fast friend of theirs before the boat touched land. "I went down to them just in the most informal manner," she told a representative of the Christchurch "Sun." "Several of the company went with me, and we just talked with them, and I sang to them—without a piano. They showed us their photographs and relics, and told us about the homes to which they were going, and asked us if we knew what was going on there now. I told them about the Returned Soldiers' Clubs that I had visited when I was in New Zealand last time, and I enjoyed our meeting as much as they did. You see," Miss Reeve went on quaintly, "I always feel like the boys who get the Victoria Cross when I meet with so much gratitude and appreciation—I wonder what I get it for. For I love so much doing what I can for the boys—love to meet them and entertain them, and give them a good time. It is pure pleasure to me. And then I wonder what it's all about when I get thanked so much. But all the same it's great, it's just splendid to feel that you are doing something for them—something that they like. These are the things I value," and with that Miss Reeve produced her membership card from the Returned Soldiers' Association, Napier, with the special endorsement, "Till you come back—may it be soon." And she touched the brooch she was wearing—a patriotic device in gold and enamel from the Dunedin Returned Soldiers' Association, bearing her initials surmounted by a crown, while on either side appeared New Zealand's national emblem in gold—a fern leaf. There is an inscription on the back stating that it was presented to Miss Reeve in token of gratitude for all she had done on behalf of soldiers. "But I'm not begging this time," she said. "I have sent £14,000 to the Anzac Buffet already, so I am asking for no money on this trip, but I go on entertaining the soldiers wherever I am."



LISTENING TO "THE ROSARY." An incident preceding a big love scene in "The Story of the Rosary."

Turvey," which gives abundant opportunity for comedy, ballets and songs. This is the last week of the Ginger Girls, the Grafters' Quartette, Mr. Paul Stanhope, Mr. Val Newman, Mr. Will Raynor, Miss Helen Le Cain, Miss Lottie Newman, and Miss Edna McCall.

KING'S THEATRE.

That top-liner in blood-curdlers, "The Face at the Window," attracted a large audience at King's Theatre on Saturday night, when the Brandon-Cremer Dramatic Company gave full value to its sensational incidents. The plot revolves itself into a battle of wits between Paul Gouffet, an eminent detective, and Chevalier Lucio Delgado, alias "Le Loup," a notorious assassin. The sheeting home of the crimes is only accomplished after a series of thrilling incidents, most gruesome of which is the reanimation of a dead body by electricity. Mr. Kenneth Carlisle as Del-

IN PERSONAL TOUCH.

The Allan Wilkie company will appear in Hamilton on Monday, April 15, thence playing Wanganui (17, 18), Palmerston North (19), Napier (20, 22), Hastings (23, 24), Dannevirke (25), Masterton (26).

Mr. Scott Colville leaves this week for Christchurch to prepare the way for Mr. Sydney James and the Strollers, who open in the southern city on May 2. Mr. Colville says Mr. James has something in the nature of a surprise, but he is not able to divulge it yet. At any rate the public can look for something extra special.

Mr. J. Holland, treasurer of the Allan Wilkie company, is making his first visit to New Zealand.

If you don't believe in the occult, go and see the Kid at the Opera House. An X-ray isn't in it with him, while his figure work is astounding. It is said that he can answer in a few seconds any of the 250,000 computations in a ready reckoner.

It is the intention of the Fuller Proprietary to invade the smaller towns from time to time with vaudeville. Tentative visits have proved most successful, a two nights' season in Wanganui recently being played to enormous business. "It is only a matter of time," said Mr. George Stephenson, manager of the Opera House, "when the tentacles of Fuller vaudeville will be stretched out to every town. Of course, there is a difficulty just now in getting artists from England and America for the circuit, but arrangements have now been completed to keep the list going with top-notchers for the next six months."

J. and N. Tait's production of "Peg o' My Heart" is entering its third year in Australia.

The Walter Johnson Revue Company re-open at the Opera House next Monday.

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FOND ILLUSIONS DISPELLED.

Over 150 voices were tried at Her Majesty's Sydney, in answer to a call for choristers for the J. C. Williamson Royal Comic Opera Company. The "Sun" gives a newsy account of the trials. Mr. Andrew McCunn made the vocal test, and Miss Minnie Everett ran her eye over the applicants to see whether they measured up to the standard set for appearance.

There were 20 women to every man. The ladies were taken first.

Gustave Slapoffski, when conducting a voice trial some years ago, coined a descriptive phrase that has never been equalled in the theatre. He reported that it was mostly "domestic singing" that he had heard. It was very prevalent that day.

What, however, struck those who "stopped, looked and listened" while the voice trial was in progress was the great illusion under which numbers of people labour.

It had its pathetic side. If it had not it would have been humorous. But one could not laugh when women

well. Then back to Australia, where I was attached to the Cyril Maude company. Mr. Maude brought his company with him, so I had only an insignificant part in 'Grumpy,' but I have an excellent part in his second production, 'General John Regan.' We open in San Francisco in March. Mrs. Scanlan, who is at present in Paris, after travelling all through Algeria and Tunisia, joins me there. (Mr. Scanlan married in Johannesburg Miss Olive Brook, who came out with the Herbert Landeck Sketch Company.) I understand we do seasons in the principal cities, and wind up in New York. I have a great admiration for New Zealand, with its genuinely hospitable inhabitants. It is a wholly delightful country, and the kindness extended to the stranger is a boon to poor devils like myself, who have to career round the world to get a living. Scenically it is a joy to the eye, and theatrically considered, except for the heavy cost of transport, it is a good proposition. The audiences in Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch are exceptionally good to play to, and I was amazed to find in several small towns (10,000 to 12,000 inhabitants) magni-

Mr. Messenger Bellis, of the Allan Wilkie company, is studying Maori lore while on the New Zealand tour, and spends his spare time unearthing native legends.

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in the late forties of ample figure, cherished the idea that the stage offered a career to them.

There were, of course, many bright, attractive girls, but their vocal limitations were against them for the most part. It was a study to watch each candidate being put through it. Some were intensely nervous, some confident as could be, and it was generally the nervous ones who showed vocal quality.

In every case the applicants were asked to sing the scale. One would take it with an impetuous rush, another with a dreamy legato, while one or two would stop for breath and resume the offensive.

Out of the number who submitted themselves to the test 14 were regarded as likely to fill requirements. Of these a few had been with the management before.

The lesson of the voice trial was that the chorus girl is a highly specialised product. The girl who can pass the test, vocal and physical, is not easy to find. It gives one quite a new idea of the chorus girl.

There are, no doubt, many who imagine that the qualifications are those possessed by the average flapper. Many who attended at Her Majesty's that day no doubt cherished this illusion.

In the case of about 140 the idea, however, was dispelled.

Mr. Stephen Scanlan, the very able actor who was recently in New Zealand with the Cyril Maude company, writes interestingly of his doings to "Stage and Cinema," the newsy little Johannesburg theatrical medium. "I've had constant work and a fairly easy time (I have only played sever parts since leaving South Africa). As the Doctor in 'Damaged Goods,' I lectured on syphilis for five months throughout Australia and New Zealand, playing to capacity business. I was then sent round New Zealand again (still under the J. C. Williamson management), supporting an American star, Miss Florence Rock-

ficently equipped Municipal Opera Houses. These are let to travelling companies at an average rental of £20 per night—a pretty stiff figure, but, as far as I could see, a paying arrangement for both sides. When I finally (D.V.) reach my little flat in far-off Hampstead, I feel sure New Zealand and South Africa will both call me strongly."



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GREENROOM GOSSIP.

Mr. Peter Dawson, the fine vocalist, is going into camp in Australia early in May.

Miss Amy Murphy and Mr. Phillip Newbury are proving a strong draw on the Fuller bill in Dunedin, both artists being well known in the southern city.

In his Australasian tour under the J. C. Williamson banner, Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson will be supported by his wife (Gertrude Elliott, a sister of the better-known Maxine), and will play Shaw's "Antony and Cleopatra," Jerome's "Passing of the Third Floor Back," and Kipling's "The Light That Failed."

Messrs. Wirth Bros., following their custom, gave the poor children of Sydney a bun and gingerbeer treat and a free circus performance, at the Hippodrome, on Good Friday.

On Sunday, April 7, a special train left Sydney for Melbourne, carrying the biggest company, numbering 250 people, that the Williamson management has ever transferred from one town to another. They reach Melbourne on Monday.

Miss Margaret Le Roy, of the Royle Trio at Fuller's National Theatre, Sydney, danced her way into prominence in a London production, "The White Cat," at Drury Lane. Later she danced at the same theatre in a production of "The Prodigal Son," the Hall-Caine play. Williamson's brought her to Australia, and she frivelled pleasantly in "The Arcadians." For twelve months she has been with Fullers in vaudeville, and confesses to a strong liking for that branch of the profession.



MR. WALTER HUNT, a prominent player with the Allan Wilkie Company.

A big step up in his chosen profession has been achieved by Mr. Harry I. Cohen, who, says the Dunedin "Star," has been appointed to manage the Empire Theatre, London, for Mr. Sacks, a well-known London manager. The Empire, formerly a music hall, is one of the largest of the London theatres. The opening production last month under the new regime was the musical piece "The Lilac Domino." Prior to this appointment Mr. Cohen was managing the "Damaged Goods" season at the St. Martin's Theatre.

"The Cinderella Man," in which Miss Kathlene MacDonell is appearing at Melbourne Theatre Royal, was written by Edward Childs Carpenter, who is declared to have made £50,000 out of the play. The idea of "The Cinderella Man" came to him after reading a fairy story, "The Snow Queen." After putting down the book he thought of the fairy stories he had read, and his mind dwelt on "Cinderella." Then the idea suggested itself—why not a man who is like Cinderella? The next day he sat down and started the play. It took him six months to write. "But," as Edward Childs Carpenter says, "I have found it well worth the trouble." There is a quaint bohemian atmosphere about "The Cinderella Man," summed up in an incident that forms the central pivot of the story. The sympathetic daughter of a millionaire has for a neighbour a poor author who resides in an attic room in an adjoining building. She resolves to visit him, bringing him some of the necessities she knows he must be lacking. So

she makes her way across the intervening roofs to the author's poorly-furnished room, and presents him with a choice collection of dainty things to eat. Later, a friendship springs up between the girl and the writer, who thinks the millionaire's daughter is the companion of his neighbour.

"Robinson Crusoe," at the Bijou Theatre, Melbourne, is upsetting all records in the way of successful pantomimes, even those of the "Bun-yip" pantomime. Mr. Victor Prince is the author, producer and chief comedian. Mr. Charles Zoli follows him closely in the latter capacity, and Miss Nellie Kolle makes a splendid principal boy.

SOUTHERN STAGE NOTES.

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, April 8.

The J. C. Williamson Royal Comic Opera Company opened their Dominion tour at the Grand Opera House on the evening of Easter Saturday with the musical comedy "The Red Widow," and were greeted by a holiday audience that packed the big theatre to the doors. In fact, many late-comers were refused admission, and sorrowfully turned their thoughts to other places of amusement. "The Red Widow" is well on a plane with other musical comedies we have seen in New Zealand in recent years, being full of smart dialogue and musical numbers. After a run of five nights it was replaced by the exhilarating musical cocktail "Mr. Manhattan," an American musical production that is packed with good things in the way of whimsical dialogue and catchy songs. "Mr. Manhattan" will enjoy a run of three performances, the last five nights of the season being devoted to the staging of the musical play "Katinka," which is to receive its Australasian premiere in Wellington.

The many friends in New Zealand of Mr. Hugh D. Wilson will be glad to know that he is amongst them once more, having been appointed exhibitions manager to the New Zealand Pictures Supplies, Ltd. Mr. Hugh Wilson was for several years closely associated with Mr. Henry Hayward in the Dominion. Subsequently he acquired picture interests in Dunedin, which he sold to great advantage. In Australia he was the Queensland representative of the Union Pictures, Limited, for some time. Later he was manager for the Waddington Picture Theatres when they joined up with J. C. Williamson, Ltd., but when those theatres were absorbed by the Union Theatres, Ltd., Mr. Wilson left and subsequently accepted the offer of the New Zealand Pictures Supplies, Ltd., to come to Wellington. Mr. Wilson has already taken up his new position, in which he will have the supervision of about 140 picture theatres.

Mr. Jack Walter's "Look Who's Here" revue company opened a short farewell season in the Town Hall Concert Chamber last Thursday evening with a new edition of "The Passing Show." This clever combination have established themselves as great favourites with the playgoers of Wellington, and are playing to first-class business. Whilst touring the country towns Mr. Waller took the opportunity of writing to a friend in Wellington, stating that he desired to sincerely thank the members of the Red Triangle Committee who took part in the presentation to his company during their final performance in Wellington a few weeks ago. He says the presents will always "be treasured by us as a souvenir of a most enjoyable season in Wellington, and the fact of our being able to help the Red Triangle fund to such an appreciable extent added additional pleasure to our stay."

MUSIC NOTES.

(By "G." String)

The Musicians Union of Australia recently passed the following resolution:—"That the Musicians' Union of Australia has entire confidence in its secretary (Mr. O'Brien), and resents the unjust and uncalled-for remarks of Judge Rolin." The Theatrical Employees' Association has also passed the following resolution:—"The Australian Federated Theatrical Employees' Association (N.S.W. branch) views with alarm the attacks made by judges of the Industrial Court of New South Wales upon union secretaries, and particularly the attack made by Judge Rolin against the secretary of the Musicians' Union. In the opinion of this executive the remarks were unjust and uncalled for, and as an executive of an affili-

ated union we have every confidence in Mr. O'Brien."

The death of Mr. Joseph Hyde-Parker, at the age of 84, occurred at the Awapuni Old People's Home a few days ago. The deceased was a professor of music, and was a native of London. He arrived at Wellington in the early 'sixties, and followed his profession for many years with great success in the Empire City. He was then for a short period in Wanganui, and went to Palmerston North in the

middle 'eighties. He followed his profession in that town till compelled by deafness to give it up. He was well known to a large circle of the older settlers, and his abilities were always at the disposal of his fellow-townsmen for any good cause. He was predeceased by his wife, who died about three years ago.

The death is announced from London of M. Claude Achille Debussy, the famous French composer, at the age of 56 years.

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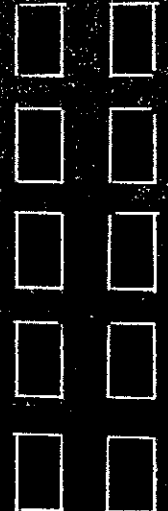
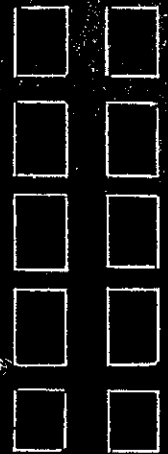
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THE TOURIST and TRAVELLER

HERE AND THERE.

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Captain E. T. Perkins, of the Royal Artillery, who originally left New Zealand with the Main Body, is in Wellington on furlough.

Captain Swales Eyre, of the Union Company's steamer Kakapo, who has been on a holiday to Australia, has returned to New Zealand.

Dr. Drummond Ferguson and Mrs. Ferguson, formerly of Auckland, have left for Australia.

Mr. G. S. Strack, M.A., has been appointed to the staff of the Palmerston North High School. Mr. Strack, who is a son of Mr. Strack, rector of the Hawera High School, recently returned from the front, where he saw considerable service.

Captain J. Thompson, M.A., has been appointed lecturer in French at Victoria University College (war appointment). Captain Thompson, who had a brilliant career at Otago University, spent a year on the staff of the Waitaki High School, but gave up teaching to go to the front. After a year in Gallipoli and a year in France he has now returned wounded and has been discharged.

Mr. James Ames, City Valuer, Wellington, and Mrs. Ames have left on a holiday visit to Rotorua.

Mr. J. W. Brodie, who has just returned to Wellington from a business visit to America, has been appointed general manager for New Zealand for the British Empire Trading Company.

Recent visitors at the Grand Hotel, Auckland, were: Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Watkins, Lower Hutt; Mr. J. G. Rutherford, Dunedin; Mr. and Mrs. Robertshawe, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Knight, Dannevirke; Mr. and Mrs. Beatson, Hastings; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bull, Wellington; Mr. A. Loudoun, Napier; Lieut.-Col. Barcroft, N.Z.M.C., Hastings; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowry, Hawke's Bay.

Lieutenant A. F. Watchlin, R.N.R., who left the command of the Union Company's tug Terawhiti over three years ago to join the Navy, is spending a month's leave in Wellington.

The hotels and boarding-houses at Rotorua were well filled for the Easter holidays, though there was a noticeable absence of the overcrowding that has been such a feature in former years at that period. Last year, of course, the traffic was abnormally heavy, owing to the interest aroused by the Waimangu eruption which took place on April 1, just prior to the Easter holidays, so that could not be taken as a criterion. Unfavourable weather and the curtailment of railway facilities were largely responsible for the falling-off in numbers, and the great war, of course, leaves its mark on the tourist traffic overseas. Enquiries elicited from authoritative sources that most of the visitors nowadays come from New Zealand and Australia, some from India and the Straits Settlement, and just a few from America. There was not quite the usual rush for the trips either, owing to the wet weather. The round trip had to be put off on Easter Sunday, though Mr. W. T. Carr, managing director for the Motor Coaching Company, Ltd., reported excellent bookings. The smaller trips to Waka-rewarewa were well patronised in spite of the rain, and motors and buses did good business. Later on in the week the weather was more amenable, and the round trip was readily availed of. There's a fascina-

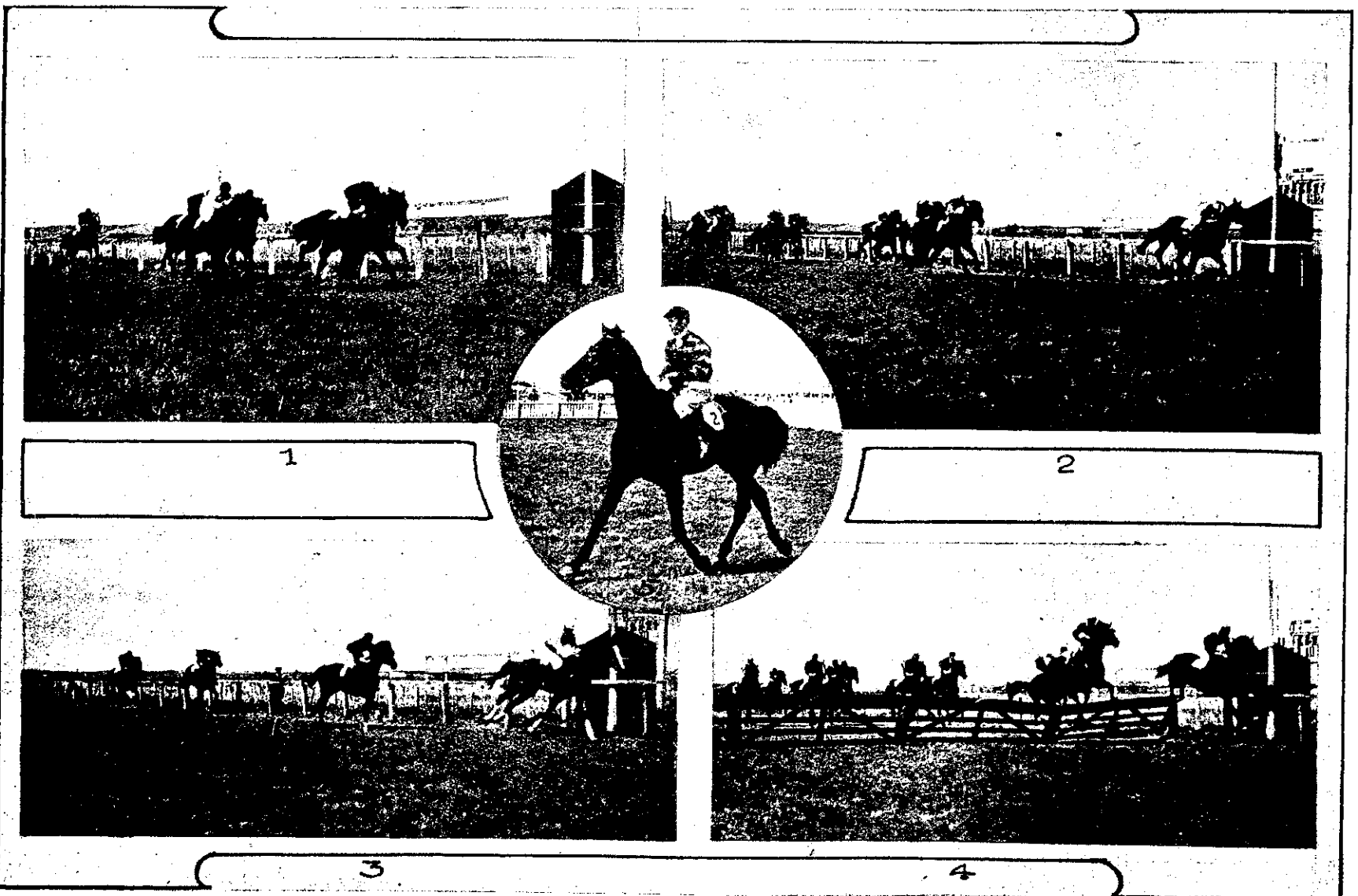
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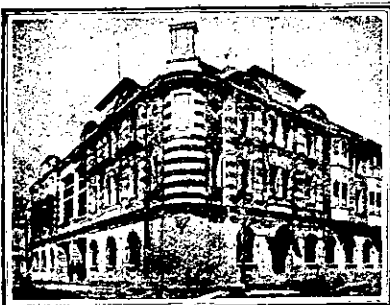
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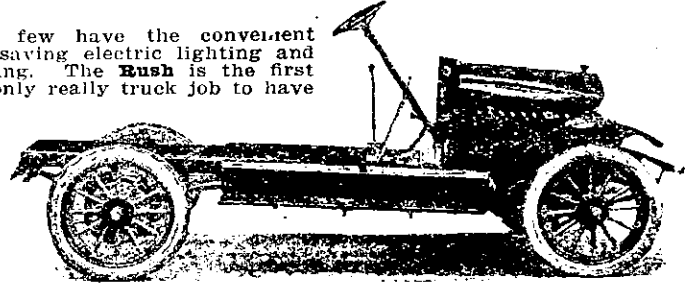
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TOURIST AND TRAVELLER.
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The Rev. Clement Houchen, M.C., who was among those mentioned in dispatches at the end of December by Sir Douglas Haig, will return to New Zealand shortly, having been declared by a medical board unfit for general duty within a year. He was severely wounded in the head on October 4th, and, though improving generally, has lost the sight of his left eye. Mr. Houchen was vicar at Te Kuiti before leaving for the front.

Two New Zealanders who hold commissions in the Royal Flying Corps are on furlough. They are Captain J. G. Stewart, M.C., of Timaru, and Second-Lieutenant A. M. Hislop, of Hastings. Captain Stewart left (from Auckland) as a Second-Lieutenant in the original Divisional Train, fought in Gallipoli, where he won the Military Cross, and in France. He joined the Royal Flying Corps in April last as an observer, having previously been promoted captain. He qualified a little later as a pilot, and served for some time in the neighbourhood of Passchendaele. Lieutenant Hislop enlisted as a trooper in the Wellington Mounted Rifles. He served in Gallipoli, and after the evacuation was with the mounted troops on the Sinai front. He obtained a R.F.C. cadetship in November, 1916, and went straight to England for training. After obtaining his "wings" he was sent across to France, and has seen much service there, taking part in the Cambrai offensive.

Expert disagree in regard to methods of physical training just as much as doctors do about medicine; and so it is not surprising to find that doubt has been thrown upon the efficacy of the Swedish system of setting-up exercises and that experiments are being made along new lines altogether. In France, Lieutenant Hebert, an officer of the navy, has worked out a new method of physical training based upon his very close study of nature. He abandons the Swedish system entirely, and with it all artificial gymnastics, exercises with dumb-bells, elastic pulleys, and so forth. Hebert's starting point is found among the savages and animals of the African wilds. The gymnasium training, he contends, hardens a man's muscles and does not adapt him to the hardships which have to be endured in modern warfare. On the other hand, a trained horse has never been put through a gymnasium, while a monkey, which can climb trees, run on all fours and jump about without experiencing any strain, is, according to Hebert, a far better developed animal than the best athlete produced by artificial training. Under Hebert's system, therefore, the men in training are half naked in order to toughen their skins; and amongst the exercises they perform in this condition are tree climbing, running on all fours, lying on their stomachs, rolling over the ground, fording streams and going through almost every kind of animal movement and in all sorts of weather conditions. Lieutenant Hebert's method is gaining recognition throughout France, and since his visit to the United States is being considered for the purpose of being experimented with in the training of American soldiers. The Hebert exercises are something more than physical exercises, inasmuch as many of them provide the basis of actual military operations, such as charging with the bayonet. Agility is frequently of much importance as strength and endurance, and it is in this respect that the new system appears to have a great deal to recommend it. But like so many new methods, it can only supplement the essentials of an active life in the open air.



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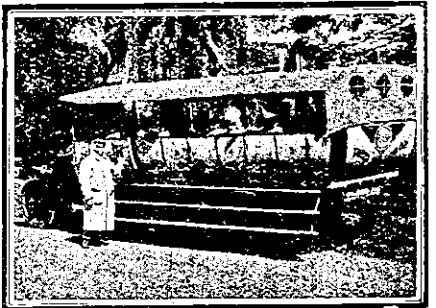
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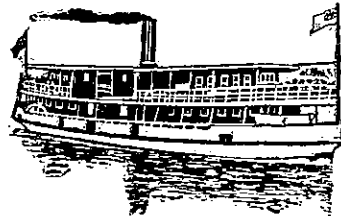
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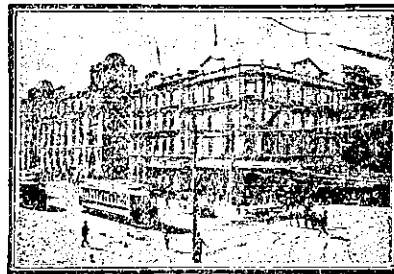
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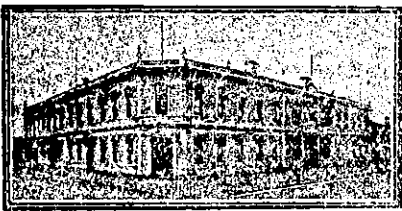
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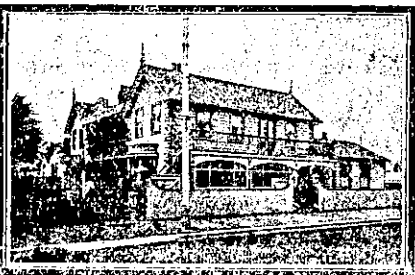
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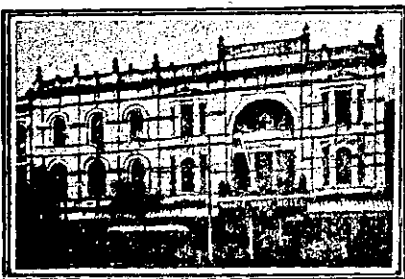
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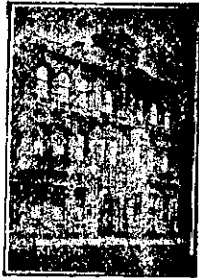
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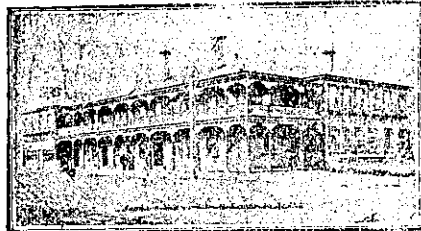
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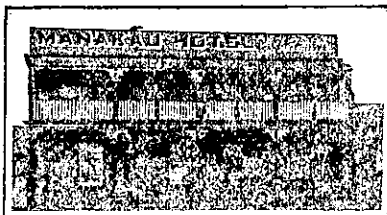
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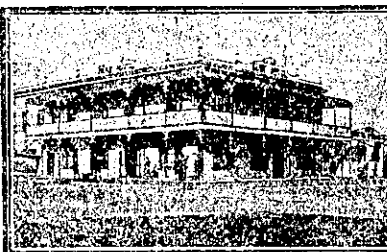
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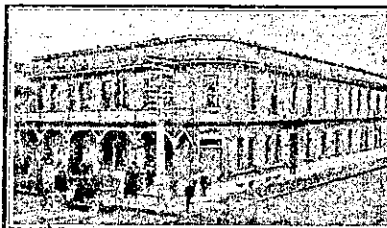


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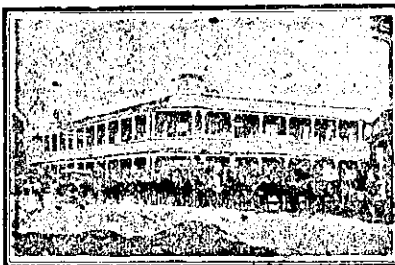
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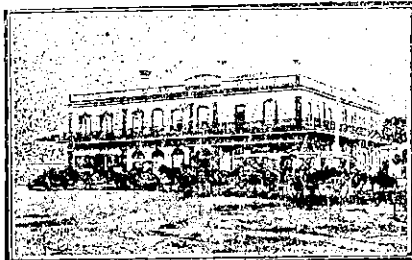
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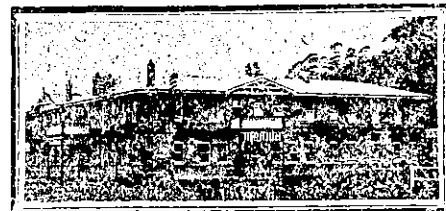
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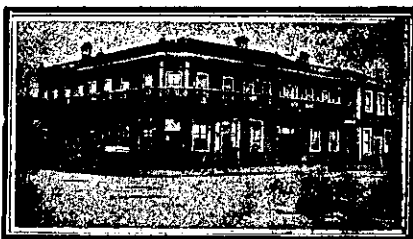
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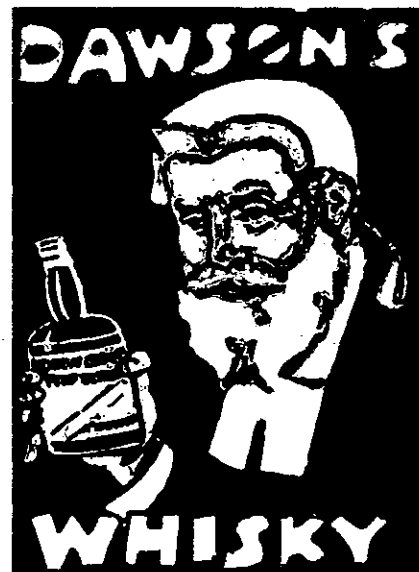
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