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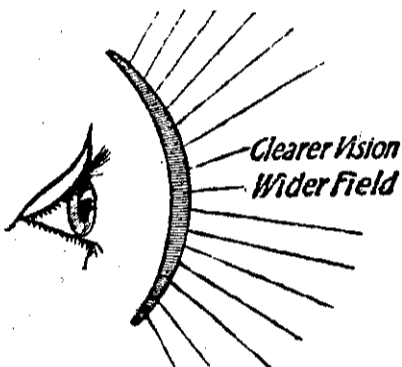
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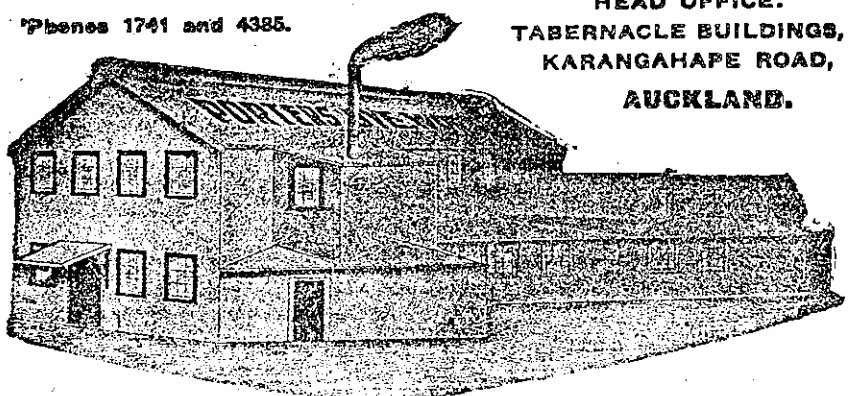
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**PENALTIES.**

The winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty, hurdles or steeplechase 10lb penalty.

**RULES.**

All races to be run under the New Zealand Rules of Racing. All entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Marton Jockey Club, Marton, and entrance money to be enclosed, with name of horse, age at time of entry, name of owner and trainer, pedigree, and colours of rider. All nominations by wire must be confirmed by letter by first mail afterwards.

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**COUNTRY CLUBS IN CONFERENCE.**

**QUESTION OF REPRESENTATION DISCUSSED.**

**IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF PERMITS AFTER WAR.**

**CLUBS AFFECTED TO BE REIMBURSED.**

The annual meeting of the New Zealand Country Racing Clubs' Association was held in the Town Hall Committee Room, Wellington, on Tuesday night last. The president (Mr. A. Bruce) was in the chair, and the following delegates were present: Hon. E. W. Alison (Takapuna), Messrs. H. H. Hayr (Avondale), R. Williams (Napier Park), Patterson (Westport), D. J. Evans (Westland), D. C. McCarty (Ashhurst), H. R. Mackenzie and H. S. Wilson (Pakuranga Hunt Club), Nelson (Whangarei), R. H. Sellars (North Canterbury and Masterton), R. Wynyard (Rotorua), R. Nicholson and Taipura (Otaki), L. R. Freeman (Foxton), McDonald (Horowhenua), J. Glen (Nelson), J. Bairstow (Carterton).

Special reference was made in the annual report to the efforts of the executive to secure from the Government an assurance that at the close of the war the cancelled days of racing would be immediately restored to the clubs from which they had been taken. The executive had urged the Government to insist upon the condition that clubs whose permits had been suspended would be reimbursed from the profits made by clubs allowed to race. It was quite satisfied that the Minister of Internal Affairs would see full justice done to all concerned. The days of racing had been reduced on account of the war. Could any person truthfully say that the military position had been affected by a pin point? The report mentioned the dispute over the Opunake Club's permit, and suggested that applications for dates ought to be sent direct to the secretary of the conference instead of to the district committee. The inadequate representation of country clubs on the Racing Conference was one calling aloud for adjustment. Large districts like Auckland, Otago, and Hawke's Bay should be divided, as the Canterbury district had been divided. Canterbury, by being divided, secured three country club representatives, against two for each of the other districts mentioned. The number of country clubs in each district was: Canterbury 13, Auckland 16, Otago 17, Hawke's Bay 13. On the basis of Canterbury's representation of three members, Hawke's Bay should have three and Auckland and Otago four each. The constitution of the district committees required amendment. Why should the Dunedin Racing Club have 12 representatives on the committee and the 17 Otago country clubs only five representatives? The executive had been advised not to press the matter until after the war. In conclusion the executive expressed a hope that when the war had been carried to a successful conclusion the clubs which lost days of racing last year would have them restored, and that the days of racing taken from the clubs by the 1910 legislation would also be regained.

The report and the balance sheet, which showed a satisfactory credit balance, were adopted.

The following motion was proposed by Mr. A. Bruce:

"That the clubs in each metropolitan district affiliated with the association appoint one delegate each to be and act as local branches of the association."

Mr. Bruce pointed out that the motion did not entail any opposition to the conference or the district committees. But the association had been founded to protect the interests of the country clubs, and members knew of the efforts that these clubs had been required to make in order to get fair hearing. They still lacked their just share of representation on the district committees.

Mr. H. H. Hayr (Avondale) drew attention to the fact that a remit was to be considered by the Racing Conference that affected three members, himself included, to the effect that no paid official should sit on a district. Such a proposal he emphatically stated should meet with the greatest opposition.

Hon. E. W. Alison (Takapuna) said for many years there had been strong feeling throughout New Zealand that the representation on the district committees was inequitable. The metropolitan clubs had 12 representatives and the country clubs only five. This anomaly would have

to be altered. But the association had been told that the matter must stand over until after the war. If paid officials were not to be allowed to sit on district committees, they should be similarly debarred from sitting on the Racing Conference. The proposal made by the chairman could do no harm, though it might not be of immediate benefit.

Mr. H. R. Mackenzie (Pakuranga Hunt Club) said that the organization of the country clubs was sadly incomplete. There should be a country clubs' association in each provincial district, and these associations should send delegates to an annual conference in Wellington. The country clubs were not getting a fair deal at the present time. He suggested that it should be a recommendation from the meeting that an association of all country clubs should be formed in each province of New Zealand, and that each association elect two delegates to attend an annual conference in Wellington in the month of July, prior to the Racing Conference, to work for and protect the interests of the country clubs.

After the motion had been discussed at some length, Mr. Bruce said he believed it would have the effect of bringing country clubs together in each district. The association already represented about 45 out of 60 country clubs. The branches he proposed would be local centres for the protection of the interests of the country clubs, which must fight for their privileges if they were to survive and prosper. He did not believe that local associations would be worth a button. There should be one country clubs' association, with branches in the districts. He would not accept an amendment on the lines suggested by Mr. Mackenzie.

The motion was carried by nine votes to five.

In answer to a question, Mr. Bruce said the Racing Conference would see that clubs which had been deprived of racing days were reimbursed from the profits of clubs which had retained days. The machinery for the operation of the scheme existed.

**RACECOURSE DETECTIVES NOT NECESSARY.**

The president moved:—"That this association again enters a strong protest against the proposal now before the Racing Conference to appoint racecourse detectives at high cost, since it considers that the control of such matters should remain under the direction and at the discretion of the clubs as at present."

Several members supported this motion on the ground that local knowledge was an essential qualification of an efficient racecourse detective. The proposal that the Racing Conference should appoint the detectives had already been rejected by previous conferences. Members stated that the country clubs exercised very great care in the selection of detectives, and were generally successful in the exclusion of undesirables. The country clubs should be left to manage their own affairs in this respect.

The motion was carried.

It was decided, on the motion of the president, that clubs which had been deprived temporarily of their permits should be exempted from the payment of levies during the period of suspension.

The association's levy on the clubs for the ensuing year was fixed at £1 1s.

Mr. A. Bruce was re-elected president and Mr. J. F. Finney, now in camp, was re-elected vice-president. The Hon. E. W. Alison and Mr. H. H. Hayr were elected members of the executive for the North Island, and Messrs. D. J. Evans and Patterson for the South Island.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the president for his untiring efforts on behalf of the country racing clubs.

The annual volume of the English Racing Calendar for 1917 was issued in April. The statistics show that during last season there were in England 315 races of a total value of £99,461, in Ireland 357 races of the total value of £55,971, and in Scotland twelve races of the total value of £2004. These figures show a great reduction from normal times; for instance, in 1913 the table was as follows: England 1668 races of the total value of £518,673, Ireland 350 races of the total value of £40,223, and Scotland 86 races of the total value of £13,385. The number of horses of different ages that ran in 1917 was 1911, whereas in 1913 there were 4055.

STAGE NOTES.

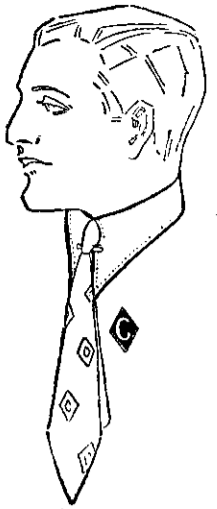
"Model yourself on Ethel!" All those who have seen Miss Sara Allgood in "Peg o' My Heart" will be glad to learn that the magnetic Irish actress is coming back once more with the comedy that her name is indelibly associated with in this country. Ever since she has been away from New Zealand she has been playing this sparkling comedy, and never do the public appear to tire of it. Can you not hear Miss Allgood imitating the snuffy Mrs. Chichester, when she says to the lone little Irish wench: "Model yourself on Ethel!" "Peg" is a delightful comedy for all. It has that universality of appeal which makes its own welcome everywhere, and Messrs. J. and N. Tait have already made a small fortune out of the play. Since "Peg" was written, the author, Hartley Manners, has written another great success, "Out There," which is at present being toured for patriotic purposes in America, with Wolf Hopper ahead to sell the seats by auction.

After looking over the leading men in the companies playing "The Thirteenth Chair" in America, Mr. Bayard Veiller (the author) selected Brinsley Shaw for the Australian season of his drama. The new-comer (says a Sydney paper) is an actor who has a distinguished presence. His name has figured on many New

York programmes in high-class dramatic productions. Mr. Shaw left the stage for three years to direct motion pictures, and returned again when the silent drama ceased to interest him. "There is never quite the same feeling about studio work as there is in acting in the spoken drama," he says. "The appreciation is not so immediate. After one has been trained to know immediately whether audiences are held by a scene, and to be stimulated by their applause, it is cold and cheerless work to direct people for the camera. It is interesting for a while, but anyone who has been schooled in the theatre misses the direct contact with audiences. I should think that a journalist used to writing for a daily paper would experience much the same feeling if he suddenly found himself on the staff of an annual publication. He has to wait too long to get in touch with his public."

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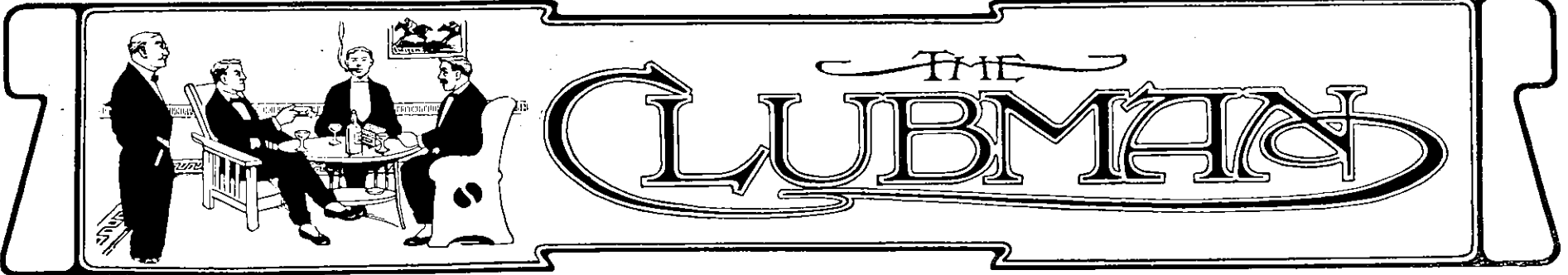
# "HAVELOCK" TOBACCO

Vide Wellington Evening Post, 25th June, 1917.

## A Dainty Comedienne with the English Pierrots.



MISS ELSA LANGLEY, A TALENTED MEMBER OF THE ENGLISH PIERROTS, WHO WILL MAKE THEIR RE-APPEARANCE AT THE TOWN HALL CONCERT CHAMBER, AUCKLAND, ON SATURDAY (JULY 20), UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MESSRS. WILL AND ROB THOMAS.



The Racing and Trotting Conferences held annually in Wellington have been of excellent service to the respective branches of sport, and the expense of sending delegates thereto, at one time an item of expenditure that struggling clubs were opposed to incurring, is not now objected to. All clubs, large and small, send their representatives, who have a voice in the deliberations. The rules of racing, never so perfect, occasionally are found requiring amendment and additions notwithstanding and that various clubs have members who make a study of the rules and are desirous of seeing the code kept up to date, is evident from the list of notices of motion that are dealt with by the racing board of control. The order paper this year was not as long as in some previous years, nor were there many matters that promised a deal of discussion. The various clubs had met prior to the day and directed their delegates how to vote on certain questions, though doubtless a few would be given a free hand so far as some of the suggested amendments and additions were concerned.

The metropolitan, suburban and country clubs should be brought nearer together as the result of the Racing Conference passing the rule regarding the future composition of district committees. Hitherto the number for each of the eight metropolitan districts has been thirteen, five country club delegates and eight from the metropolitan clubs. This lop-sided arrangement was unfair, and threatened to be the cause of trouble, but the fact was recognised and the country clubs were met in a fine spirit, with the result that the future composition of the district racing committees will be five metropolitan and five country delegates, the chairman from the metropolitan five to have the casting vote. Nothing could be fairer than this to our mind. Probably after the war we may have a new metropolitan district or two added to the number already in existence, which were originally arranged on the basis of one for each province. It may be said that while the country clubs of Auckland were represented on the District Committee for that province there had never been any friction. They had pulled well together and the country clubs had received fair treatment. That, however, had not been an all-round experience, and in consequence a change was sought, and the fairness of the suggested change has been recognised by its adoption.

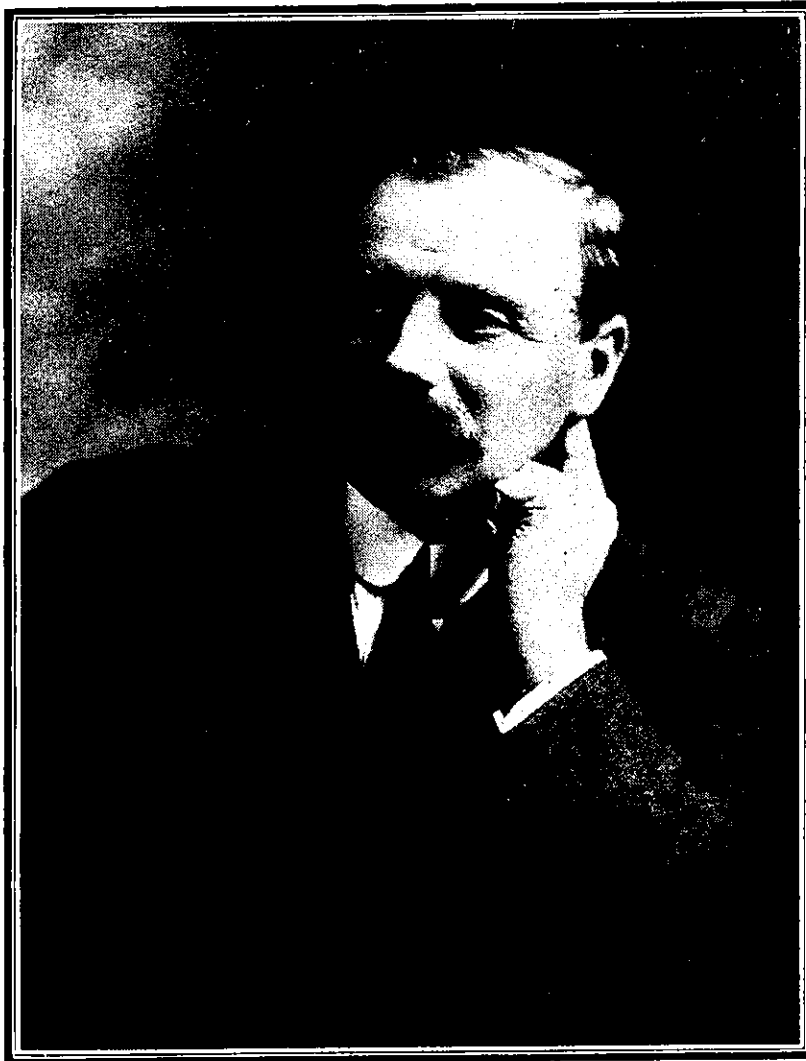
There are obvious objections to paid officials sitting on district committees, but the proposed rule which would have put an end to the practice was not carried by the Racing Conference, for the evident reason that the services of some very useful men would have been lost. Sentiment no doubt carried the day. We did not expect the proposed alteration to Rule 2, Part VII., bearing on the receiving of telegraphed entries delayed in transit and not reaching the secretary before the advertised time. There must be finality in the time for closing down, and the old system of accepting post and telegraph marks of entries lodged before the advertised time led to many complications when in vogue, and we do not want possible repetitions of that sort of thing. The suggested new rule 5a to Part XVI., requiring that all horses in which the same owner has any interest be bracketed on the totalisator, was in the right direction. One of the difficulties, however, that owners who had parted with horses when retaining a contingency interest say with regard to stakes won, would be in becoming acquainted as to whether the new owners intended nominating, accepting or making final payments for races in which the sellers had horses engaged. The new owners, too, would require to make themselves wise to the intentions of those from whom they had purchased or leased horses. The registration of partnership or contingency interests in the official calendar should be sufficient. The penalty for omitting to remind secretaries of registered interests seems severe enough at the minimum of £5.

The Dunedin Jockey Club's suggested alteration for a 7.0 minimum in all flat races other than w.f.a. races received a good deal of support at the Conference last week but was again defeated. It would have been carried two years ago had the unanimous wish of thirteen Auckland clubs been carried out by the representatives of those clubs. The free-hand vote settled it then. The Dunedin Jockey Club is consistent in that it has adopted the 7.0 minimum. All clubs that favour this sensible provision should follow the lead of those that are carrying it out. If only they applied it in hack and minor races where meeting after meeting a proportion of the runners carry over-weight for the reason that jockeys cannot be got under 7.0, others would follow, and the practice would likely become general in a very short while. Though the object of the mover of the proposal that the crouchers should at the discretion of the stipendiary stewards be obliged to lengthen

have nevertheless been lengthening their stirrups, and it has been stated that the same thing is now noticeable in Australia.

The V.R.C. Grand National meeting was concluded on Saturday, and the chief event, the Grand National Steeplechase, was won by Cobram, a gelding that has had no end of experience and racing, and successes and defeats, and some falls, two of which laid the well-known horseman J. N. McGregor out for lengthy periods. Cobram ranks now as one of the veterans of the game. He was well down in the weights with only 9.9 to carry, against 11.11 on Booligal, who was a strong favourite when the meeting started. Raheny, who was third, is a veteran, too, about the oldest of the competitors, and carried 10.4. There were about thirteen starters and New Zealand was not represented—that is to say, by anything owned in the Dominion. It would have been interesting had Master

was an unusually large proportion of falls or mistakes of one kind or other. At the Wellington meeting there were some falls, too, but on the whole the jumping revealed the best qualities of the horses, and some of the contests were particularly entertaining and exciting. A number of more than ordinarily useful competitors there were not seen quite at their best. A few may have improved by the time the New Zealand Grand Nationals are on, but it is to be feared that the best has been seen of several horses that have raced well in the past in flat and hurdle events and from which greater things over country were being looked for. The steeplechase course at Trentham lent itself to horses in the developing stage, and racing there would benefit some of them required for more formidable tasks at Riccarton. There were no serious casualties or deaths through accidents to any of the jumpers at the meeting, and Wellington meetings in that respect have been very fortunate for a long time.



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Their stirrups was defeated, it may perhaps have the effect of causing some of the riders to do so without compulsion. We are sure that some of these "monkey-on-a-stick" men cannot do justice to their mounts, and more particularly when it comes to riding over fences. We have long been satisfied that many of the accidents which have resulted in the stipendiary stewards taking action for careless or foul riding would not have happened had riders concerned not been perched on the necks of their mounts and acting more like passengers than pilots. Riders become accustomed to the short stirrups, but as for controlling their mounts in that style they are not in it with the old-time exponents of riding who got as close to their horses as possible. We do not see horsemen trying to ride rough horses in that style. Charlie Jenkins is an example of a horseman that could ride a rough one with the best, and for a long period he had more winning rides than any other horseman in New Zealand, and, like Bob Derritt, the late Bob Reay, Wally Clifford and other noted horsemen, did not ride short. It is a fact that most horsemen who imitated Sloan crouch in England with more or less success

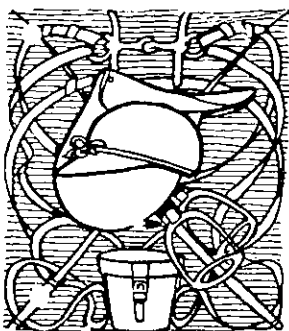
Strowan, Waimai and Bon Reve, and a few more of our most useful horses at their best, been on the scene. They, however, were doing useful service in interesting lovers of the game at Trentham, though Waimai was not seen to the same advantage as the other pair.

Some time ago a writer in a southern paper remarked that Hawke's Bay had produced more good steeplechase horses than any other part of New Zealand, and as if to give strength to his contention and his evident belief, mentioned the names of several horses of note, unconsciously paying an unintended compliment to the Wanganui and other provincial districts where some of them were bred. Hawke's Bay undoubtedly breeds many good horses in every department of the racing game, but the education and development of the jumpers bred there has been somewhat neglected of late. Though there must surely be useful material on some of the stations, only an odd new-comer to the game worth talking about put in an appearance at the recent meetings held at Napier Park and Hastings, where the country was not formidable and there

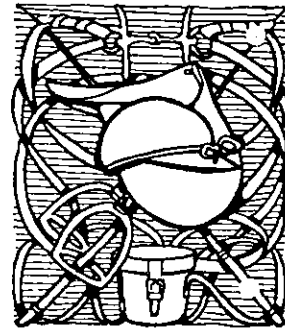
After the Hawke's Bay autumn meeting, where Pursefiller won a double, that mare was in the boom for the Wanganui May meeting and Auckland Great Northern meeting, but missed the final acceptance for the Auckland meeting, after Wanganui. Master Strowan and Gang Awa' were most talked of in a Grand National double connection. Master Strowan has further distinguished himself in the interval by winning the Wellington Steeplechase, and he cannot receive more than 12.7 in the New Zealand Grand National. After the Great Northern meeting Waimai and Bon Reve were most talked of in connection with leading events at Riccarton, and Bon Reve in the interval has come out as a 'chaser and won two out of three races over the fences, while Waimai has only raced once and did not excite the same enthusiasm as was shown after his Great Northern display. Bon Reve will hardly be trained on now for hurdle events, and may be looked upon as a likely candidate for the cross-country event of the year. His class is so good that he will take some beating, and a win in Canterbury for the son of Boniform in either of the chief jumping races there—and more particularly the Grand National Steeplechase—would excite no end of interest, as he was bred there and won his chief flat races there for one of his breeders. These include the Stewards' Handicap, in which he dead-heated with Warstep, and the C.J.C. New Zealand Derby, in which he carried the colours of Mr. W. G. Stead. Bred as he is from a rare staying family, it now seems only a matter of standing a winding-up for him to finish up by winning even more over obstacles than he has done on the flat, and his two Derbies, C.J.C. and Great Northern, and Stewards' Handicap and other successes, brought in over £3700, when he was only three years old, to his former owner. Already he has done what no other dual Derby winner in New Zealand has succeeded in accomplishing. A preparation for steeplechasing is less severe than for hurdle racing, and horses will stand training for either hurdles or country and the racing over obstacles with a greater prospect of keeping sound for such events than in training for flat racing. Bon Reve, Master Strowan, Sleight of Hand, Crib and others of our good jumping horses have at one time or other been under suspicion of unsoundness, and each have been raced on the flat, over hurdles and country.

On Thursday last at the Racing Conference Sir George Clifford referred to a suggestion in his annual report that beyond necessary expenses and upkeep all profits from race meetings be devoted to war purposes. He suggested that all clubs should be circularised with the object of gaining their assent to the use of their funds for war loans or for patriotic purposes. From word he had received from a number of clubs he was sure that all the clubs would fall in with the idea. A motion in this respect was carried unanimously.





# RACING NEWS



## NEW ZEALAND RACING CONFERENCE.

### IMPORTANT MATTERS CONSIDERED.

#### ESSENTIALITY OF RACING IN WAR TIME.

#### BOUNDEN DUTY TO CONTINUE.

The annual conference of the New Zealand Racing Conference was held in Wellington on Thursday, about 40 delegates from the various clubs being present, the president (Sir Geo. Clifford) occupying the chair. In presenting his annual address the president said:—

"Our meeting to-day brings us nearly to the fourth anniversary of the first blow struck by Germany in her crime-stained attempt to force a despotic yoke upon us. Relentless war with far worse than the traditional horrors of war still persecutes the world. Every Briton worthy of the name has striven to bear his individual part in the universal resistance, and all sections of the community have view with each other in collective endeavours. The exceptions are branded with an indelible shame. In this common effort the racing organisation of the Dominion has borne its conspicuous share. Enemies of racing have told us that our continuance of it during war time is a heartless mockery—we retort that it is a bounden duty. The supply of chargers is essential to the equipment of an army even where the modern motor-driven tanks and aircraft are available. Examples of this are frequent in recent operations in France, Palestine and Mesopotamia, and only an ignoramus would deny the necessity of the racecourse test for the effective horsing of cavalry. All the warring Governments have had the foresight to preserve the cream of the turf for this purpose, and, not least, our shrewd adversaries. Every conceivable preparation for future wars is ever in their minds, and they know well that equine courage and endurance are qualities only obtainable by the use of thoroughbred sires. While racing is thus essential to complete military efficiency, we claim for it that it presents no obstruction to war work, that it offers an antidote to the dangerous gloom engendered by continuous foreboding of possible and impossible disasters, and that the large and ungrudged revenue derived from it is of material assistance to the Treasury. As to the last consideration, it is calculated that racing clubs have paid in taxation for this season about £180,000. Voluntary donations since the outbreak of war probably exceed £100,000, and the subscriptions to War Loans £50,000. The taxation paid during the past four years will have reached and probably exceeded £640,000, and that it has not mounted to a still greater sum is the fault of the Government, and not of the clubs. We have readily submitted to the temporary curtailment of the days of racing, but we fail to understand why access to courses should be purposely made difficult when it is perfectly obvious that the railways are sacrificing a very highly profitable business for no perceptible or disclosed advantage.

#### PROPOSAL TO FURTHER AUGMENT WAR FUNDS.

"We have opponents—some are curiously self-persuaded that we are the central figures of a nest of iniquity. With these imaginative gentlemen who have probably rarely, if ever, trod a racecourse in their lives, and who consider it not unseemly to utilise the war in furthering their unreasoning hostility, we cannot deal. Argument and proof are equally ineffective with the invincibly ignorant. There are, however, others who are honestly unconvinced that good and not evil accrues from present racing—I have already said something on this head, but I propose to ask you in committee to work into practical shape a proposal to devote all clear profits of all racing clubs

for the duration of the war to war purposes. This would be more than any other institution has achieved, and will answer those of our friends who may have doubts about the expediency of our perseverance. They may also have forgotten that owners of racing stables owe it to men who have been in their service perhaps for many years, perhaps a lifetime, not to cut off suddenly their means of subsistence.

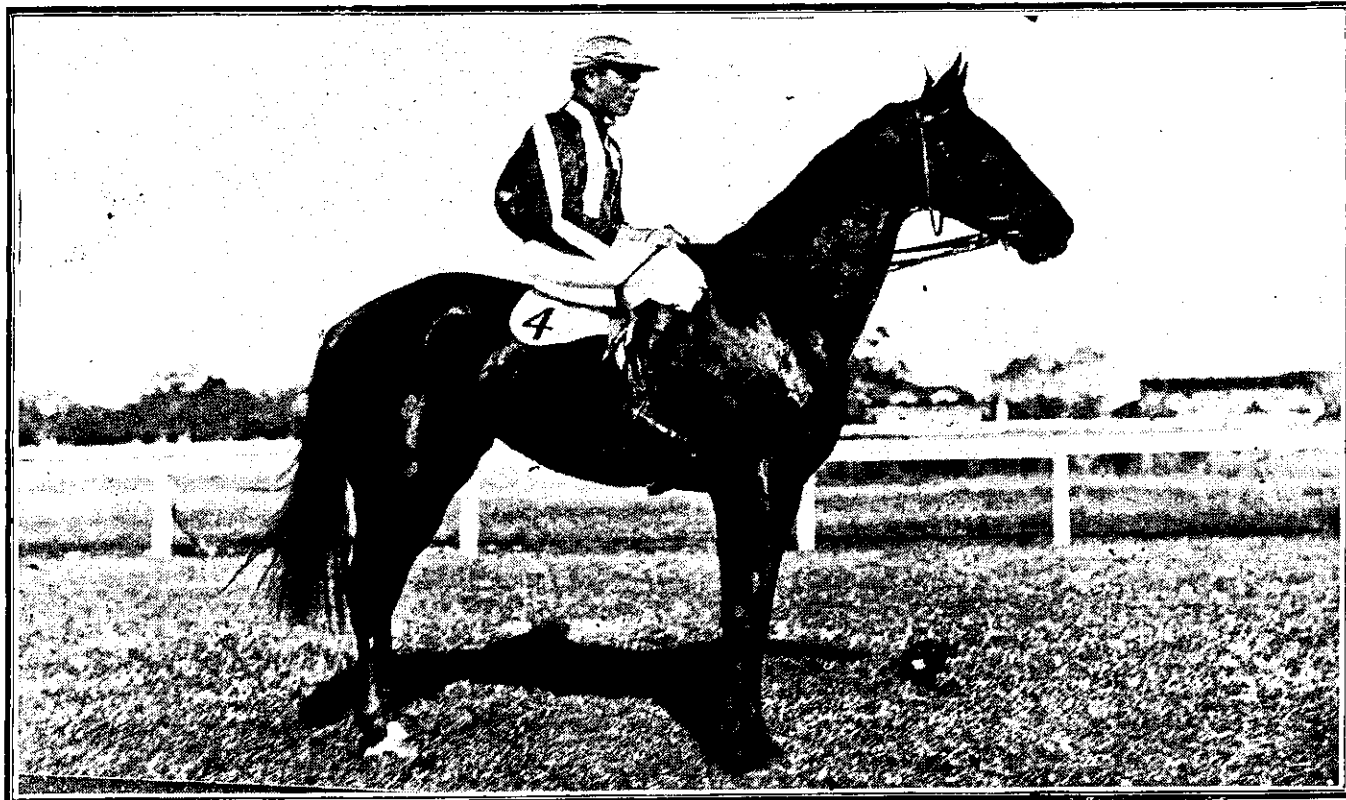
#### ACHIEVEMENTS OF PAST SEASON.

"We may well be proud of the achievements during the past season of New Zealand horses in Australia. We have had large attendances to witness excellent racing on our own courses; we may be assured that these crowds would not have overcome the obstacles confronting them without the keenest love of a recreation, the general honesty of which they are not slow to recognise. The stipendiary stewards have, in unobtrusive ways, helped to create this confidence by their influence and watchfulness. However, malpractice, where it occurs, is rarely rooted in

with satisfaction. Fresh blood of the best strains cannot fail in so favourable a climate to make its influence felt. The records of the best imported mares of the past form a sign-post towards success for the stud master of these later times. For the future we have only to persevere consistently in the policy which the conference has throughout pursued. Comparison of the present with the past well justifies it. None can quote any country in the world which has done so much as our own to promote clean racing for the benefit of its supporters. Where else do we find the bookmakers barred? Where else are proprietary clubs non-existent? Where else is every penny earned by racing institutions devoted to the maintenance of the sport? Our policy has been to gain the confidence of the people by removing all grounds of suspicion. Let us pursue that policy without fear or favour, and if we are but true to ourselves, no fictitious opposition from adversaries without knowledge of our methods or understanding of our principles will avail to injure us."

tailed by the war still raging in Europe, it is essential that many clubs should devote some of their profits to imperative improvements to their appointments. In some cases those needed improvements were urgent ones when the war started, and are ever so much more so now. We trust that during the coming season many of these improvements will be undertaken.

"Racing during the season just closing has maintained a good standard. The class of horses racing has not shown any deterioration. Owing no doubt to the curtailment of racing, fields in many instances have increased in size, and have been occasionally quite unwieldy, especially over short courses. Notwithstanding the large fields often engaged, interference in running from carelessness or otherwise still diminishes. We are pleased to state that we have not found it necessary to challenge the running of many horses during the past year, and in those instances where corrupt practices have been proved, the inevitable punishment has followed. It is a matter for congratulation that in some cases



Mr. H. Brooker's blk g KAHUMANGU, 6yrs., by Papakura—Anser Anser, winner of the Vittoria Hurdle Handicap (1½ miles) on the opening day of the Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting. B. Brooker in the saddle.

the sport of racing; it springs from the excrescences which we have long aimed at extirpating. In these efforts we have not had that full co-operation from the authorities which we had a right to expect. If illegal betting were rigorously suppressed, and the illegality somewhat extended, we should remove most of the inducements to offences on the turf. The paucity of appeals for the year may be a sort of testimony to the good conduct of the sport. We have to thank Mr. C. P. Skerrett, K.C., and Mr. O. S. Watkins for their assistance on the solitary appeal decided by us.

#### SAD LOSS TO RACING COMMUNITY.

"We have had to mourn sad losses since we met. We shall miss in our deliberations the Hon. J. D. Ormond, whose cerise jacket was the most prominent of all racing colours on our courses, and whose experience and counsel were so valuable to us on the conference, and Mr. Murdoch McLean, who often sat with us, Mr. G. P. Donnelly has also passed away, an enthusiast in racing as in all he undertook, and Mr. J. F. Hartland, one of the best and most courteous of secretaries.

#### ENCOURAGEMENT OF BREEDING.

"Many importations of thoroughbred stallions and mares during the past 12 months will have been noted

#### STIPENDIARY STEWARDS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Stipendiary Stewards Committee presented the following report:—

"The control and management of race meetings by clubs continues to show improvement generally. Officials in most instances endeavour to more strictly abide by the Rules of Racing, and are quick to take advantage of suggestions likely to aid the management of their meetings. It is, however, a matter of regret that effective cleansing of racecourses is still sadly retarded by non-employment of efficient racecourse detectives. The public are entitled to this protection on our racecourses, and will no doubt one day demand it. It is also more than apparent that bookmaking is still rampant, and that a vast amount of illegal betting is at present done on or near racecourses, so that race clubs and the Government are losing large sums of money each year through betting being diverted from its proper channel. This could be mitigated by the adoption of a proper detective system. Although numerous prosecutions under the Gaming Act for bookmaking have taken place during the year past and in many cases large fines inflicted on conviction, it is a matter for comment that punishment of that nature has not had the desired effect.

"Notwithstanding the conditions en-

where efforts have been made to tamper with jockeys and others connected with stables, the culprits have been severely punished. The guessor or spiler is one of the greatest menaces to clean sport.

"Despite the war and curtailment of racing the volume of totalisator investments will apparently show an increase as compared with the 1916-17 season. Practically the only complaints made by the public under this head have been due to insufficient accommodation provided for both receiving and paying by a few racing clubs. This increased accommodation or convenience is a matter which should engross the attention of the clubs.

"Notwithstanding that quite a number of jockeys have been called to the colours during the season, the list of licensed jockeys is again a very lengthy one, and contains the names of many who appear to be in no way qualified to hold a license. We have pleasure in stating that generally the conduct of jockeys during the season has been good.

"We wish to reiterate our opinion that it is essential in the interests of good and efficient racing that no appointment to positions of judge or clerk of scales should be of an honorary nature. It is obvious that as racing has now become a huge business that so far as possible practical

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# INTERPROVINCIAL

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

## WELLINGTON.

**Paddington Green Likely Starter in New Zealand Cup—Missing Turf Registers Recovered—Winter Cup Fancies—A Promising Hallowmas—Culmination Filly—Mr. F. Armstrong's Worthy Trio of Jumpers.**

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The annual meeting of the New Zealand Racing Conference took place in Wellington last week, when many proposals having for their object the improvements and better government of racing matters in the Dominion were carried.

Owner W. G. Emeny, an esteemed New Plymouth sportsman, makes no secret of the fact that he expects his horse, Paddington Green, to see the post for the New Zealand Cup in November next. The chestnut son of Flagfall—Polly Perkins is wintering well, and under the care of the astute Bob Barlow he should be landed at Riccarton in fine condition.

The heavy impost allotted Volo in the Parliamentary Handicap was no doubt the cause of that horse not being found on hand to fulfil his engagements at Trentham. In view of the gelding's past performances it would have been an impossibility for Mr. Coyle to have let him in with a lighter poundage. It will be interesting to see how Mr. J. E. Henrys treats Volo in the Winter Cup, a race, by the way, that the Hawera-trained horse is thought capable of winning.

An interesting incident of the recovery of a couple of stolen turf registers in Wellington has to be recorded. Some five years ago the writer purchased two Australasian Turf Registers, which he fastened on to the carrier attached to his bicycle. He had occasion to leave the bicycle outside some business premises for a few minutes, when, on returning, he found to his dismay that the books, which had been purchased at

a sovereign apiece, had disappeared. Enquiries were made in all parts of the city, but without any trace of the missing books being found. Last week, the writer received a message from Mr. A. L. Wilson, the well-known auctioneer of this town, and on going to this gentleman's office the two registers were found to be in Mr. Wilson's possession. Further enquiries elicited the fact that amongst a sale of unclaimed luggage from the New Zealand Government Railways, conducted by Mr. Wilson recently the missing books, which bore your correspondent's name in large letters, were found. The thief evidently received his just deserts, as he appears to have lost all his personal belongings, so that the stolen books could not have proved a payable proposition. Mr. Wilson generously handed the registers over without any charge whatever. Only quite recently the writer had the misfortune to have his bicycle stolen and on enquiring at the police station he was informed that thefts of bicycles were of common occurrence in Wellington, and there was very little prospect of recovery as the thieves took the machines to pieces, which made identification well nigh impossible.

Volo is the ruling local favourite for the Winter Cup, while All Over, Form Up, and Ibex come next in public estimation. The "wool brokers" are taking no risks, as the prices on offer are ridiculous. From the figures one would opine that the business was very lucrative, and if one succeeded in picking the double he would hardly have sufficient money to pay for a week's sojourn at Lyall Bay.

J. Coyle, at Bulls, has All Over looking in rare buckle just now. The son of All Red should be cherry ripe by the time the C.J.C. meeting comes up for decision next month.

The withdrawal of Sir George Clifford's horses from their Wellington

engagements did not come as a surprise as their preparation had been hindered through the bad weather recently experienced at Riccarton. By the way, the Messrs. H. and A. Cutts are a considerable time in getting into the stride set by their worthy dad, who always invariably provided a winner at Trentham in the winter. They may, however, do better later on.

Mr. W. E. Bidwill, of Rototawai, who has temporarily retired from racing, has a fine stamp of the thoroughbred in a bay filly by Hallowmas from Culmination running out on his place who later on will assuredly be heard of on the turf of this country. The youngster, who will race as Quotation, is a splendidly set up sort, and on looking her over recently the writer was much struck by her muscular appearance. That she is gifted with galloping ability is beyond question, and the future should reveal her as a useful stake earner.

There is a prospect of Lady Louisa being a competitor in the Winter Cup. After her recent meritorious performances the mare is assured of many admirers provided the trip is undertaken. The same stable shelters another useful candidate in Utuwai, who can gallop to some purpose.

Momac, who figures in the Winter Cup, is doing nicely in her training at Featherston under P. E. Hazleman's guidance. The five-year-old mare is furnishing into an ideal galloper, and should, with ordinary luck, carry her popular owner's (Mr. H. E. Card) colours with some success next season.

Hawera will be strongly represented at the Grand National meeting next month, and with gallopers of the calibre of Volo, Styra, Iceberg and Harbour Light engaged followers of the game in the district named should fare well over the fixture.

In Sleight of Hand, Yellow and Black and Nita Mr. F. Armstrong will be worthily represented in steeplechasing and hurdling events at Riccarton next month. The trio named and Reformation should certainly prove a payable proposition to followers over the two days' meeting. It is hoped by the time the races come on that Mr. Armstrong will have recovered from his present indisposition.

C. Millen, or "Plain Bill" as he is familiarly called, has a nice little team in preparation at Normanby (Taranaki). With Coropet, Gloam (Husbandman—Gleam) and several young racers coming on the trainer named should fare well in racing events next season.

At Hawera, R. Brough has Army Service, the well-bred five-year-old gelding by Signor from Helen Portland, owned by Mr. Andrew Laing, of the Inglewood Hotel, fast getting up to concert pitch. The gelding is a shapely sort, and will assuredly do well next season.

H. Nodder, at Hawera, has a shapely sort in Mangatua, a three-year-old by Husbandman from a Sir Agnes mare fast getting into racing trim. The filly is a perfect mover, and should be heard of early in the spring.

R. J. Horne, at Palmerston North, has Mr. Alf. Havill's two horses, Namur and Rora, looking very well just now. Both horses are wintering well, and should be on hand early in the new season to give a good account of themselves.

The North Island is well represented in the Grand National Hurdles, Grand National Steeplechase and Winter Cup, to be run at Riccarton next month. With the class of galloper engaged it is safe to prophesy that the plums of the meeting will be carried off by horses trained on this side of Cook Strait.

## WAIRARAPA.

**Suvla Reported Amiss—Chimera to Rejoin Active Brigade—Torchy Having an Enforced Spell—Sir Solo Schooling Well—Woodlands Hunt Suspends Steeplechase Meeting Until Finish of War—Fatal Accident to Well-known Masterton R.C. Steward.**

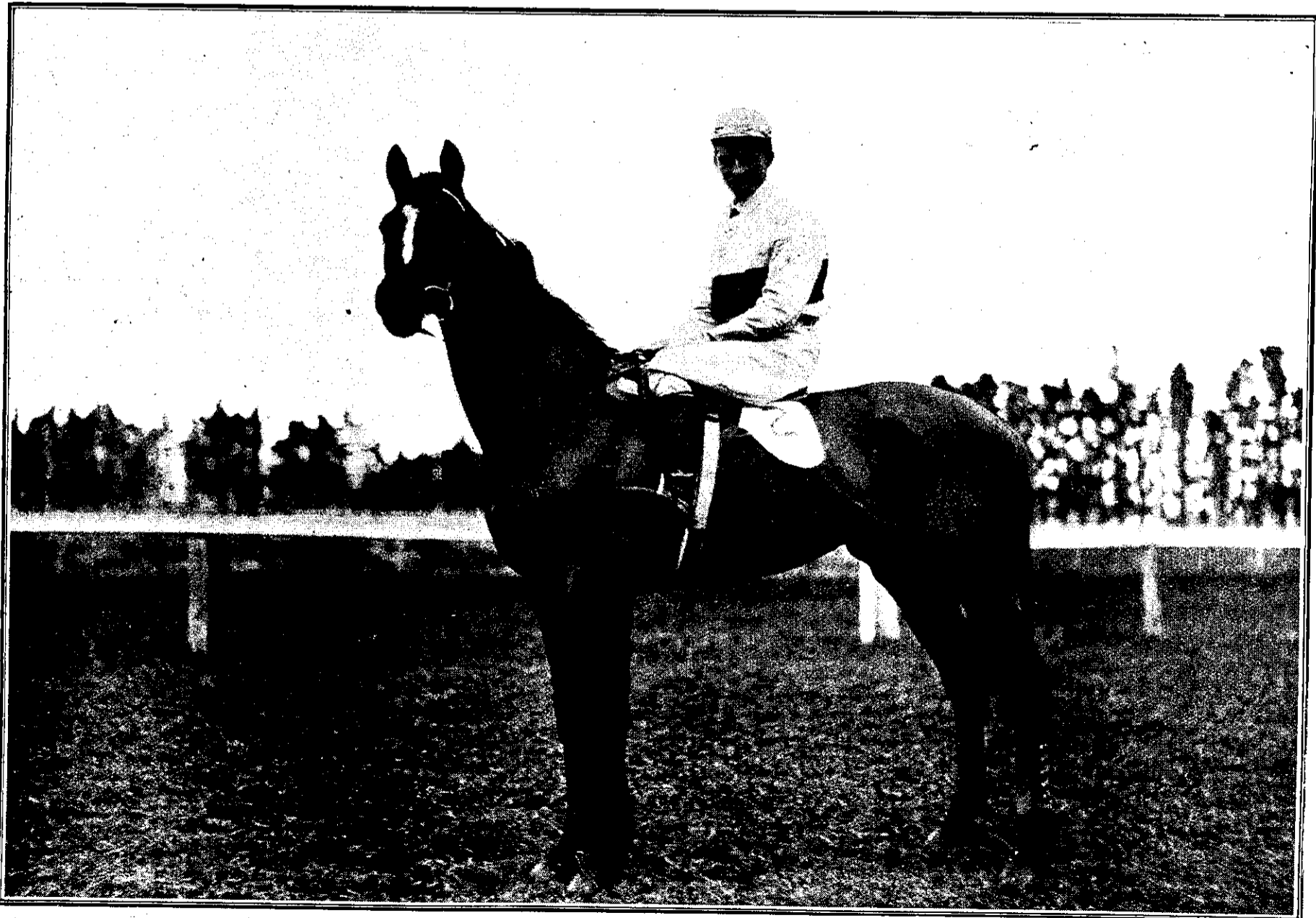
MASTERTON, Monday.

The Acrostic—Grecian Maid mare Suvla went wrong while doing a gallop at Opaki last week, and had to forego Trentham engagements.

Otara (Gazeley—Te Aorangi) has been purchased by Mr. C. F. Vallance, president of the Masterton Racing Club, and ran in his interest at the Wellington meeting.

The lad Baker, who had his leg badly fractured while riding exercise at Napier Park in March last, is still

## Notable Performers on the New Zealand Turf.—No. 4: WISHFUL.



MR. W. R. KEMBALL'S B G **WISHFUL**, 5YRS., BY BONIFORM—DROUGHT, WHO REGISTERED A VICTORY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS FIRST START OVER HURDLES AT THE NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB'S RECENT MEETING. WISHFUL has scored several successes on the flat during the past season, including the Taranaki Cup. A. McDonald in saddle. Trained by W. Hawthorne.

a patient at the Masterton Hospital. Although able to get about with the aid of crutches, it will be some weeks before the full use of the injured limb will be regained.

Chimera is to be taken up again by J. Gravestock next week. The daughter of Finland and Landrail looks fresh and bright after her spell.

It was unfortunate W. Galbraith temporarily losing the services of Comment on the eve of the Wellington fixture, but the injury is not of a serious nature, and the Tauherenikau trainer hopes to have her ready again at National time.

Considering that Sir Agnes Lad had not had a race for several months, the old fellow ran a remarkably good race in the Parliamentary Handicap at Trentham. He was early in the lead and led for well over a mile, finishing a good third. On Saturday he was a little better than even money favourite for the Winter Oats Handicap, and capably handled by H. Gray, the Boris gelding was never in danger of defeat, winning comfortably by a couple of lengths from Detroit, with Kiltess third. The veteran W. Corlett, of Carterton, still owns and trains Sir Agnes.

Both the local jumpers Gladful and Wishful played an important part in the decision of the Winter Hurdles at Trentham. Gladful won rather easily at the finish from Sir Fisher, while Wishful was always prominent and finished just behind the placed horses. W. Hawthorne has the pair in fine racing condition.

Although engaged in the Winter Cup, Lady Black is not likely to see the post, as she is now on the easy list. Mr. Cameron's mare has not shown anything like her true form this season, although T. Pritchard spared no pains in landing her at the post for her races in splendid condition.

Torchy is still suffering from the effects of his fall at Hastings, and there is little hope of him being ready to take his place in the Grand National Steeplechase.

Sir Solo has been schooling well on the Trentham track this week, and the galloping will do the old fellow a lot of good in view of his Riccarton engagements.

W. Hawthorne, who led in the winner of the Royal Stakes at Auckland last December, has four of his team engaged in the 24th Royal Stakes, to be run on the second day of the A.R.C.'s next summer meeting.

The secretary of the Woodlands Hunt (Pahiataua) has received a letter from the secretary of the Racing Conference stating that the conference thoroughly endorses the action taken by the Hunt in deciding not to carry on hunting and to hold no steeplechase meeting during the continuance of the war, owing to the absence of so many members on active service. The Minister of Internal Affairs has also expressed his approval of the action taken by the Hunt, and has given his assurance that such action will not prejudice the Hunt's right to its totalisator permit after the war has ended.

General regret has been expressed throughout sporting and business circles at the tragic death of Mr. Ormond C. Cooper, of Masterton, a steward of the local Racing Club, who was attending the Racing Conference in Wellington as delegate, and when returning to Wellington after the Trentham races on Wednesday evening met with a motor accident which ended fatally. It appears that the motor car in which Mr. Cooper and party were travelling collided with a tram on reaching the city, with the result that Mr. Cooper was severely injured about the ribs and back. He was removed to the Davis Street private hospital, where he lay in a precarious condition until Saturday evening, when he died as a result of his injuries. The other members of the party escaped serious injury. The late Mr. Cooper was manager of the Wairarapa Farmers' Co-operative Association, and was widely respected throughout the North Island.

At the monthly meeting of the Masterton Racing Club, held on Saturday last, an application was received from the Poverty Bay Racing Club, asking the local club to alter the dates applied for for the spring meeting from October 17 and 18 to October 11 and 12. The Poverty Bay dates being October 24 and 25, they did not think there would be sufficient time for horses racing at Masterton to get to their races. It was decided to inform the Poverty Bay Club that this club could not meet them in the matter, pointing out that Masterton had always raced in the week previous to the Wellington fixture, which this year will be held on October 25 and 28.

## SOUTHLAND.

**Gunrest Changes Hands — P. T. Hogan's Horses Located at Riccarton Until After Grand National Fixture—Winton Stakes Increased in Value—Gore R.C.'s Summer Meeting—Winton R.C.'s Prosperous Season—Rongahere Training on Satisfactorily.**

INVERCARGILL, July 12.

The Limphills sportsman, Mr. W. Swale, has disposed of Gunrest, by Calibre—Tinwald Beauty, to "Mr. J. G. Emslie." As the horses raced under the control of the latter are trained by A. D. McIvor, at Riverton, it is safe to say that Gunrest will soon be removed from Invercargill to the care of his old trainer. McIvor was very successful with the Canterbury-bred gelding.

At the present time P. T. Hogan's headquarters are situated at Riccarton, where W. McDonald is taking care of Sylva until his mentor returns from Trentham with Giralda, Zarkoma and Fleetham. Hogan will then remain at Riccarton until after the Grand National meeting, with a trip to Timaru intervening. Sylva, Giralda and Fleetham will probably be raced at the South Canterbury Hunt Club meeting. Giralda has been entered for a welter flat event at Timaru, and it may be found that he can play a prominent part across the flat. It may be noted that the Winter Cup candidate John Barleycorn has also been engaged in the welter referred to. This may mean a race in public for the Sarto horse prior to the big winter gathering at Riccarton.

The value of the Winton Stakes (six furlongs), our only southern race for three-year-olds, has been increased to £200 and this amount is to be distributed in a sporting manner which will appeal to local breeders and owners:—First horse, £140 (including a trophy valued at £20), breeder of winner £10; second horse £30, third horse £20. This allocation of stakes is somewhat unique in its way, but it will prove popular and there is no reason why it should not continue for years to come with the amount of money to be distributed always increasing.

In the event of permission being obtained from the Racing Conference, the Gore Racing Club intend holding their one-day summer fixture the week preceding the Southland Racing Club's autumn meeting next season. This would mean the establishment of a convenient full circuit in the south, with meetings at Gore, Invercargill, and Riverton at intervals of about a week, an arrangement which should meet northern owners. The only drawback to the writer's mind is that the supply of steeplechases might run very low with cross-country events on five days' cards, and this is a very important consideration with the Southland, and Riverton Clubs. Many local owners, riders, and lovers of steeplechasing are in Europe at present, and this fact must be kept steadily in view.

So far, the south has escaped the snowfalls common to Canterbury and elsewhere of late, but the tracks have been very hard at times, as the result of heavy frosts. However, H. G. Coker and J. Boyd have managed to exercise their horses regularly, and the former has been enabled to keep Clynellish up to the collar with visits to Timaru and Riccarton in view.

The annual report to be submitted to the members of the Winton Jockey Club shows that the country turf institution has had a prosperous season. At the beginning of the past year the total cash balance was £112 16s. 2d. This now amounts to £301 12s. 5d., or an increase of £188 16s. 3d. on the season's work. The Winton people have spent a large sum on improvements during the past five years, and have now a highly improved property under their care—they carry out operations on a racecourse reserve, and a very pretty place it is, too. During the season a totalisator record of £21,134 10s. was established, while the Government taxes absorbed £1072 14s. The club has contributed liberally to patriotic funds, and has also forwarded special parcels each year to members and friends serving under arms in the war zone. Quite a number of letters of thanks have been received at various times from soldiers acknowledging the club's special gift parcels, and expressing pleasure at the fact that they have not been forgotten while racing is being carried on in their absence from the home district.

At the time of writing only bare results of the first day's racing are available from Wellington, hence

little is known of the efforts of the southern representatives at Trentham. It was anticipated that Fleetham would run well, and the English horse was heavily supported in the Trial Plate, only to meet with defeat from an outsider. Fleetham was fairly well when he left here, but there was room for some improvement, hence he may reward his plucky owner with a decent stake round about Grand National time. Mr. Kilkelly has been racing for several years now, and his colours have yet to be carried first past the post, although he has paid very fair prices for some of his representatives. Zarkoma does not appear to have made much of a showing in the Wellington Steeplechase, but may do better later on. To the writer's mind he will be better suited by the tall timber at Riccarton next month.

It is understood that a fair price was given for Gunrest, while his first win in his new ownership will entail a further payment.

Giralda was not started on the opening day at Trentham, but if he is amiss in any way nothing is known of the happening at this end. The son of Canrobert can jump big country if necessary, and will make a useful steeplechaser for southern racing next season, as he is clever on his feet and has been faced with all sorts and conditions of obstacles.

It is reported from Wingatul that Rongahere is training on in a satisfactory manner to fulfil his Grand National Steeplechase engagement, but most people who have seen him of late will agree that troubles will arise prior to the son of Sarto being delivered fit and well at the barrier. He was actually purchased as a youngster with a Grand National performance in view, and for this reason alone it would be pleasing to see him win a good race.

## CANTERBURY.

**Riccarton-trained Horses' Efforts at Trentham—Point Blank Makes Good Recovery From Mishap—Minesweeper Shows Promise Over Hurdles—Saxby and Gay Lad Both in Good Fettle—Missouri Joins R. Ellis' Team—South Canterbury Hunt Meeting—Latest Track Work at Riccarton.**

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

Riccarton-trained horses did not fare at all well on the opening day of the Trentham meeting, and the prospects of the local division holding their own with North Island horses in the jumping events at Riccarton next month look decidedly remote.

Mr. Fulton decided not to start Art on either day, as the little fellow is not much good in soft going. He is to be brought back to Riccarton, and given a firm course next month is sure to play his part well in the Grand National Hurdle Race.

Naupata had been galloping so well before going north that he was thought to have more than an outside chance in the Winter Hurdles. Evidently the heavy going quite settled his prospects; in fact, he could not raise a gallop, being in trouble before half the journey had been covered.

As Master Strowan cannot be weighted at more than 12.7 in the Grand National Steeplechase, Mr. Henrys will have a rare task in framing his handicap so as to give the light weights the least chance with Mr. Easton's gelding. The extra two furlongs to be covered at Riccarton in conjunction with the stiffer fences will be all in Master Strowan's favour, for he is undoubtedly one of the greatest stayers and jumpers of recent years.

It was no fault of Crib's that he lost his rider in the Wellington Steeplechase, Collector being mostly to blame. The South Canterbury representative was decidedly short of work, and though the racing will do him a lot of good it is doubtful if he can be quite at his best in a month's time. Even so, he can be relied on to give a much improved showing over the Riccarton fences.

The Southland representative Point Blank, who ricked his shoulder when galloping at Riccarton last week, has made a speedy recovery from his injury. On Thursday morning he was given steady pacing, but his Winter Cup prospects look somewhat remote. His stable companion, Minesweeper, was given a turn over the little obstacles on Thursday morning, and acquitted himself really well for a novice.

The Riccarton horseman, R. McSeveney, rode a creditable race on Master Strowan in the Wellington

Steeplechase, and was widely congratulated on his success. The same pair will be associated in the big cross-country event at Riccarton, as Mr. Easton has retained McSeveney's services for the rest of the jumping season.

It is very probable that McSeveney will have the mount on Gang Awa in the big hurdle race, and already the Provocation gelding is greatly in the boom for that event.

Moorable carried a lot of local support in the Trial Plate at Trentham as a result of her track work before leaving Riccarton. She quite failed to race up to expectations, and will have to improve a lot to have much chance in the Winter Cup.

Master Hamilton's win on Wednesday over country showed that he has made vast improvement in his jumping since going into S. Trilford's stable. When trained at Riccarton the gelding was always inclined to chance the hurdles, and on several occasions came to grief.

The two imported horses, Saxby and Gay Lad, are now regular attendants on the local tracks, and both look in nice order to be got ready for spring racing. W. McDonald has taken a lot of trouble with the latter, and he is almost sure to pick up a good race or two with him in the spring.

A recent addition to R. Ellis' team at Riccarton is the Danube filly Missouri, who was purchased some time ago by Mr. R. E. Hall.

Bon Reve figures amongst the horses engaged in the big cross-country event at the South Canterbury meeting on the 25th inst. In view of his Grand National prospects, however, it is extremely unlikely that the gelding will be included in the field.

On their return from Trentham S. Trilford and P. Hogan will take teams to Timaru for the South Canterbury meeting.

After being off the tracks for over a year Clynellish has been taken in hand again by H. G. Coker. Though he has been gelded the son of Sout is just as wayward on the tracks as ever, and is with difficulty got out to exercise. He may be given a run in one of the flat events at the South Canterbury meeting.

At Riccarton on Saturday morning M. Aynsley treated Scornful, Disdainful and Algidus to useful work, but they are all backward. The Yaldhurst trainer, R. O'Donnell, put in an appearance with Almoner, Nislec, Cyresian, Kilmoon and several rising two-year-olds. They all got through serviceable tasks in the presence of their owner, Mr. G. L. Stead, who has abandoned his proposed trip to Australia for the spring meetings.

Trainer T. H. Gillett has recovered from his recent indisposition, and is again supervising his team's work.

During his father's absence in Australia, P. Mason is supervising the training of Mr. G. D. Greenwood's horses. He has recently taken in hand Indus, who gives a lot of promise.

Most of the Riccarton sportsmen who attended the Trentham meeting returned home on Sunday. They all favour Master Strowan's prospects in the Grand National Steeplechase, but the hurdle race has them puzzled.

Crib could not act in the going on the second day at Trentham so well as he did on the opening day. He will be brought back to Riccarton and given a thorough preparation for the big cross country event.

## WANGANUI.

**Zela and Zola in Work Again—Penon Coming Back to Form—Steady Preparation Being Made for the Spring Meetings—The Easton Double—Ertwhile Prominent Cross-country Rider's Reminiscences.**

WANGANUI, Monday.

M. Gardner took Hyginas to Wellington, but the gelding was withdrawn from his engagements owing to the death of Mr. H. M. Brewer, who was a relative of Mr. A. Symes, who owns the gelding.

Marton was in capital fettle when he left here for Trentham, where he started on the second day, but failed to do any good in the July Steeplechase. He does not like soft going, and this might have interfered with his chance to some extent, but the son of Malachi has evidently lost much of his dash. He should be able to win a race or two yet, though probably the company will not need to be so good as he met on Saturday.

W. Rayner has put Zela and Zola into work again. They are both looking well after their spell, and it should not take long to get them back into racing form. Zola has

built up a lot lately and should be all the better for it.

Rayner has hopes that Pennon will stand up to her work all right, as she is moving very freely and already showing signs of a return to form. The three coming two-year-olds in this stable are all doing as well as can be expected, and have shown that they know how to handle themselves by the way that they gallop in short flutters. The chestnut son of Absurd—Catchfly is a particularly fine-looking colt, and if he keeps sound he should make his mark.

Vladian was very rough when brought in, but he is gradually fining down. He is in steady work on the track, and is bowling along in nice free style. He will not be hurried, as he will not be wanted until the November meetings.

W. Higgins is keeping the Sylvanite gelding which he has in work going steadily, and he promises to shape well over the small sticks, though whether he will have much pace remains to be seen.

The name of Rose Queen has been bestowed upon the rising two-year-old filly by King Rufus—Roscommon, which W. Rayner has in his stable, and which is owned by Mr. Geo. Currie.

Mr. F. S. Easton's pair, Master Strowan and Gang Awa, are likely to touch a very short price for the Grand National double, though some are inclined to think that Gang Awa's prospects would have been much improved had he been given a race at Trentham. However, the son of Provocation is a very free goer, and if he fails at Riccarton it is not likely to be from want of condition. It remains to be seen how he will shape over the hurdles in the big event, as they are fairly stiff, but he appears to be an exceptionally fine jumper over the lower hurdles, and his brilliancy will help to make him a very hard horse to beat if he has any luck at all in the race.

In the course of a chat the other day with Mr. E. ("Teddy") McElwain, who was at one time a prominent cross-country rider and later on owned that fine steeplechaser Odd-fellow, amongst other good ones, the writer mentioned having seen King Don win a race or two in 1880. "Teddy" reminded the writer that he rode King Don to victory twice in one day at a meeting held at Aramoho, and also the same afternoon scored on Silver Thread in another steeplechase event. The three races were run in succession, McElwain winning first on King Don, then on Silver Thread, and then again on King Don. There were good fields in all three events, and thus "Teddy's" performance in doing the "hat trick" was a particularly fine one, especially as the country over which they raced in those days was very much stiffer than is the case to-day. By the way, both King Don and Silver Thread were owned by Mr. J. Higgle. McElwain has not been enjoying the best of health lately, being crippled with rheumatism, but he still takes a keen interest in racing.

The work being done on the track just now is not of particular interest. J. Peachey has the half-sister to Impediment and Miss Fisher in steady work, and has just taken Reparation up again. A. Hall is keeping Sonnino going, and this colt should be in excellent trim by the time the new season opens.

The Sout mare Mahinga, who won pony races and open events during several seasons on the turf, died last week owing to internal troubles. She had got out of the paddock where she had been depasturing and was on the way to the pound at the time she succumbed. An enquiry elicited the suggestion that bots had probably caused her death.

## SUNNY LAKE (IMP.), 10.

CHESTNUT HORSE, FOALD 1912.

By SUNDRIDGE (fastest horse of his time and sire of Sunstar, Derby, etc.) dam PEARL OF THE LOCH (winner of the July Stakes and Granby Plate), by Persimmon (Derby, St. Leger and Ascot Gold Cup), sire of Sceptre and of Prince Palatine, etc., etc. dam Loch Doon (winner of six races), by Bread Knife—The Doon, by Beauclere (Middle Park Plate) from Bouvardia, by Hermit—Bonnie Doon, by Rapid Rhone—Queen Mary.

SUNNY LAKE won the Grantham Stakes at Newmarket, beating such horses as Land of Song; the Wood Ditton Stakes at Newmarket, carrying 9.5, beating Son-in-Law, etc.; the Triennial Stakes at Ascot, beating Polycrates (Newmarket Handicap).

A few nominations available at 30 guineas, and 10s. groom's fee. Grazing of dry mares 5s. per week; wet mares 20s. per week. Every possible care taken, but no responsibility of any kind accepted.

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# TURF TOPICS

Some good 'chasing at Trentham last week.

It is again rumoured that Crib's wind is thick.

The flying Woorak has his list full for the coming season.

Fleetham, winner of the Kia Ora Handicap at Trentham on Saturday, is an English-bred one by Picton.

Rosyth, by Wallace from Cruciform, now six years old, won a minor jumping race in Victoria recently.

Mr. J. Wren has named his Kilbroney gelding Kildennis and his colt by the same sire Kilroy.

Sleight of Hands' legs were encased in bandages when he raced last week at Trentham.

Gladful and Wishful have each won jumping events for Mr. Kembell, whose luck is deserved.

A post mortem after the death of Gluepot revealed that his heart had been ruptured and his liver bruised.

Form Up was not long in returning some of his purchase money to his new owner.

Mr. S. Greenwood, who is 70 years old, has been appointed judge to the Kalgoorlie and Boulder Racing Clubs.

Sir Agnes and Bon Reve were solid favourites for the two chief races at Trentham, which they won on Saturday.

Three horses won at Trentham on Saturday carrying 9.3. They were King of the Valley, Sir Agnes and Thrace.

It is just 17 years since Record Reign carried 12.12 into fourth place in the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race.

King of the Valley was badly left on the first day at the Wellington meeting. He made amends on Saturday by winning.

Master Strowan has won six out of seven of his last jumping engagements and was second in the other event.

An average of twelve per race stepped out at Trentham last week for the concluding meeting of the season of sixteen events.

In six racing days the Ascot (Sydney) pony meetings provided 77 events, and 38 were won by first favourites.

Westcourt, winner of the Melbourne Cup, is reported to have built up wonderfully as the result of a short spell and is expected to race well in spring events at Randwick.

Hyllus, notwithstanding that he has paid two fine dividends this winter, meets with bad luck in starting or in running, as he did when raced by the late Hon. J. D. Ormond.

F. S. Fox was leading jockey in England up to the end of June with 11 wins. Carslake, the ex-Australian, was third on the list with eight victories to his credit.

An attempt is being made by a number of local bodies and some residents to get rid of the Richmond racecourse near Melbourne. The ground is sought for other purposes.

Horses for courses. Sir Agnes winner of the Winter Oats Handicap at Trentham on Saturday, has won a number of times at Trentham in soft going, but this was his most important achievement.

The tote turnover at Ascot on 11 races was £12,605, and at Warwick Farm (Sydney) on seven races reached £5268. The Ascot meeting is a pony one and thus beat the horse meeting, which clashed.

"Pilot" says that it is surprising that Victoria has better jumpers than New South Wales, mentioning that the prize money for jumpers at four meetings in July and August totals £10,600.

Piano, who was third in the Kia Ora Handicap, the final race of the season at Trentham, was backed to a good tune by away-from-the-course punters.

Stan. Reid further increased his winning total over obstacles at the Wellington meeting, and has beaten all New Zealand totals for a considerable time.

The death of the stud horse Flavius, who, a few years ago, was looked upon as a coming sire and whose progeny have been winning for some time, is announced from Australia.

A "masterful" trio at Trentham were Master Hamilton and Master Strowan on the opening day, both favourites, and Master Boris on the second day, the greatest outsider to succeed.

Bon Reve has been referred to as a game little son of Boniform, but it is a stretch of the imagination to call the very shapely and solidly made and rare conditioned brown little.

Master Boris paid one of the best dividends of the season when he scored on Saturday in the Talavera Hurdles, beating old Undecided. Last year he won a maiden plate in the Wairarapa, beating a moderate field.

Cobram, winner of the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase, is by the Carbine horse Bundook, half-brother to Seahorse, a New Zealand Cup winner, New Zealand Derby winner, and a winner in England over hurdles and country.

Judging from the way St. Elmn ran at the Wellington meeting he has still a kick left, but his form is far from good. The big gelding may do better at Riccarton. He overshadows most of our 'chasers in size if in no other respect.

The All Black gelding Yellow and Black was evidently in very forward condition at the Hawke's Bay meetings, and may probably not show the improvement a lot of people have been expecting this season, but still may land a good stake.

The motor accident which befel Mr. O. C. Cooper, a prominent man of affairs in the Wairarapa, when on a visit to Wellington last week, ended in the death of that gentleman, and is much to be deplored.

Hector Gray's total of winning rides for the season is a really good one, especially as the number of race meetings held during the season showed a big reduction. Gray certainly made the most of his opportunities, and his score stands at 63 wins.

After most of the races had been run at Richmond, near Melbourne, the police advised the management to stop as they considered the track unsafe owing to heavy rain. Whether the management would have gone on taking the risk of accident is not stated.

Thrace, who won the Final Hurdle Race at Trentham, would likely have won a much more important race if he had had a proper course of schooling work. He had the very liberal allowance of 37lb from Gladful, who has been fitted for his business. Friends were pleased to see his owner get a decent win.

King of the Valley started eighteen times last season without a win, and a number of times this season and without better results than getting a little place money in about 25 starts. It showed a bit of pluck to take him from home so far to run in "Town Hall" company. His win at Trentham was well deserved.

Sixty thousand pounds were being raised in Kentucky from licensed racing clubs, £32,000 from horse owners, £15,000 from breeders, £8000 from jockeys and trainers, and £5000 from racing club employees, these amounts representing 10 per cent. of gross receipts, sales and earnings. This is the way money is got for the Red Cross in America.

In the nominations for the V.R.C. Maribynong Plate appear the names of youngsters either out of New Zealand-bred mares or by New Zealand-owned sires. They number about 20. Mr. E. J. Watt has four entered, two being colts by Beragoon and imported Roseworthy respectively, the others fillies by Wolowa. A number of Kilbroney's stock appear in the list in different ownerships.

Six first favourites won at the Wellington meeting. They were Kahumanga, Master Hamilton, Master Strowan, on the first day, and Sir Agnes, Ormesby and Bon Reve on the second day.

Twelve months ago Gladful ran second in the Winter Hurdles at Trentham to Leonta and second to Tararu Jack in the Final Hurdle Race. This year he won the Winter Hurdles and finished second to Thrace in the Final Hurdles.

The totalisator turnover at the Wellington winter meeting was a record for a two-day meeting at this season of the year. On the first day £42,306 was handled, and on Saturday £57,657 10s. was put through. Nearly £10,000 was invested on the concluding race, won by Fleetham.

The judges appointed by the Racing Conference have dismissed the appeal of W. S. Young, jockey, from the decision of the Wanganui District Committee in regard to the horse Ihex, and have ordered that further investigation be made by the Manawatu Racing Club.

Last year the July Steeplechase at Trentham was won by Master Strowan, who went on to Riccarton and won the Grand National Steeplechase. Will Bon Reve, this year's winner, do the same? St. Elmn was third last year and second this in the same race.

The Sout mare Soutloria, one of the best of the Winnie family while racing in New Zealand and who was sold for the thick end of 1000 guineas to an Australian buyer, is now in foal to the imported horse Eaton Lad. Soutloria was placed under offer to an Auckland breeder during the week.

The interest is sometimes taken out of big meetings by the racing at small meetings preceding them, sometimes increased, however. The week before the V.R.C. Grand National meeting, at Williamstown 17 Grand National Hurdle and nine Grand National Steeplechase candidates started there, but neither of the winners were amongst the number.

The entries received by the Australian Jockey Club for the Breeders' Plate, Champagne Stakes, Derby and St. Leger show a falling off in the aggregate of 110, and in the case of the Gimcrack Stakes and Sires' Produce Stakes an increase of 20, while the December Stakes by a coincidence has 264 nominations, the same as last year.

Detroit, by Sir Frisco from Fishermaid, who ran second to Sir Agnes in the Winter Oats at Trentham on Saturday, has a half brother at or near Opotiki, by Sylvite. He traces back on his dam's side to Fair Helen, a Traducer mare who won amongst other events the Rangitikei Handicap in 1875, when that race was two miles and a-half.

In Australia horses in commission for jumping events have been fairly numerous this season. In addition to the loss of Caibye and Gluepot, who were engaged at the V.R.C. meeting, Royal Precedent, a Grand National Hurdles candidate, died after doing a gallop. At Randwick H. Rayner lost a two-year-old by John o'Lorne from Sweet Form, who collided with the fence after work when leaving the track and had to be destroyed.

Polydamon, who has had no special training for jumping, was given a run over hurdles at Trentham on Saturday. He won at his only previous start over hurdles in England. He is to go to the stud at Gisborne next month after his return from Canterbury. Two English-bred mares the property of Mr. De Lautour await him there, as well as others already booked. The mares owned by Mr. De Lautour are Slipstitch and Heather.

Referring to the liberality of some New Zealand owners in giving funds for patriotic purposes, "Pilot," in the "Referee," says: "To those who can find no good in any totalisator country it must be galling that New Zealand has some owners who lead all ours in this respect. Perhaps those of Australia's owners and breeders who have delivered themselves on closeness of New Zealand owners in some matters will try to equal their liberality in others during the coming season. They could afford to." Surely it is not anticipated that the totalisator will enable owners to accumulate more wealth or open their hearts or purses more freely.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

WINTER MEETING.

GLADFUL ANNEXES HURDLES.

MASTER STROWAN THE STEEPLECHASE

The Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting, which was held on Wednesday and Saturday last, created a fresh record for a fixture held at Trentham at this period of the year, and furnishes striking testimony of the popularity of the club's gathering with sportsmen from all parts of both Islands, who were present in stronger force than ever.

The day's racing was commenced with the Vittoria Hurdle Handicap, from which Seadown, Giralda and Undecided were withdrawn, leaving 15 starters, including the Auckland Meltchikoff. Kahumangu was made a warm favourite, Otara, Reformation and Delage being most in request of the others.

Delage and Reformation piloted the field almost from start to finish, but their exertions commenced to tell as the pair raced for the final obstacle, where Kahumangu drew on terms, and, finishing much fresher than his rivals, won comfortably by four lengths from Delage, who defeated Reformation by half a length for second honours.

Backers would have nothing but Master Hamilton for the First Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase, and he eventually wound up a solid favourite, Arlington and Advancer being the only other candidates to be given serious consideration from a speculative point of view.

The day's racing concluded with the Te Aro Handicap, in which there were 21 starters, most support being accorded Whiro, with Primato, Royal Park, Glucian and Manu the best fancied of the others.

The big event of the meeting, the Wellington Steeplechase, then attracted the attention of enthusiasts, and with only Merrie Lad and Vasular missing from the field, it was generally contended that the dozen candidates who paraded in the birdcage would provide a race worth going many miles to see.

year's New Zealand Grand National Steeplechase winner, Master Strowan, who is a firm favourite for next month's event, was a pleasing incident to record, and Mr. F. S. Easton's crack chaser was always a warm favourite with backers. Sleight of Hand was second choice, a little better backed than the consistent Coalition, while Collector, Bon Reve and St. Elmn were all entrusted with a good share of support.

The only defection from the list of acceptors for the Parliamentary Handicap was Haumakaka, 15 horses taking their places at the barrier. The Taranaki-owned White Blaze, with H. Gray in the saddle, was made a staunch favourite, after whom the most fancied candidates were Detroit, Orleans, Iceberg and Tressida.

Eight horses were saddled up for the Winter Hurdles, for which Sir Fisher claimed most support, the Auckland representative Thrace being next in request, with the bracketed pair Gladful and Wishful third pick.

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VICTORIA HURDLE HANDICAP of 150sovs. One mile and three-quarters. 1-H. Brooker's blk g Kahumangu, by Papakura-Anser Anser, 6yrs, 10.2 (Brooker) 1

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 200sovs. Six furlongs. 10-J. J. Adams' ch g Bairnsdale, by Bezonian-Sonoma, 5yrs, 9.0 (H. Robinson) 1

Won by half a length, a length between second and third. Time, 1min 19 2-5sec.

WON BY FULLY 100 YARDS. Time, 6min 12 2-5sec.

FIRST HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE of 200sovs. Two miles and a-half. 1-W. J. Going's b g Master Hamilton, by Grand Cross-Miss Hamilton, aged, 11.0 (Lorrigan) 1

TRIAL PLATE of 150sovs. Six furlongs. 7-E. Mandich's br g Royal Prince, by Royal Soult-Mary Ann, 3yrs, 9.11 (P. Brady) 1

WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE of 1000sovs. About three miles and a-quarter. 1-F. S. Easton's br g Master Strowan, by Strowan-Artist mare, aged, 12.5 (R. McSeveney) 1

PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP of 400 sovs. One mile and a-quarter. 7-Mrs H. M. Campbell's ch g Bagdad, by Hymettus-Asiatic, 3yrs, 9.0 (F. Ellis) 1

WINTER HURDLES of 600sovs. Two miles. 3-W. R. Kemball's b g Gladful, by Birkenhead-Gladisa, aged, 11.0 (Stan. Reid) 1

TE ARO HANDICAP of 150sovs. Seven furlongs. 3-Jury and Ogle's ch g Royal Park, by Sylvia Park-Torbelle, 5yrs, 9.5 (H. Robinson) 1

BON REVE WINS STEEPLECHASE. The meeting was concluded on Saturday, the weather being perfect, a record winter crowd being present at Trentham.

There were no defections from the Liverpool Handicap, in which backers experienced another severe set-back. Of the 11 starters, Tip-up was in most demand, with Hyllus, Sardinia and Fleetham all well supported.

Up on the scene in time to notch a three lengths' victory from Sardinia, the son of Formative, despite his 11.0 burden, finishing with a remarkable burst of speed. Merrie Poto was a length and a-half away third, Fleetham being fourth.

Ormesby, who would undoubtedly have won on the first day but for running off at the last fence, was made a warm first choice, and he justified the confidence of his backers by duly landing the stake after being ridden a judicious race by F. Flynn. Gaekwar was half a length away, second, while Arlington was a moderate third.

Thirteen horses went to the post for the Crofton Handicap, including the Auckland quartette Glucian, King of the Valley, Royal Prince and Benzine, who, with Manu, were the heaviest backed candidates in the order named.

Sleight of Hand was withdrawn from the July Steeplechase, in which a dozen faced the starter, favouritism resting with Bon Reve, with Coalition, St. Elmn and Moddite all claiming a wide circle of supporters.

H. Gray was given the mount on Sir Agnes in the Winter Oats Handicap, and consequently taking into consideration that horse's form in the Parliamentary Handicap on the opening day, it was not surprising to see the Boris gelding sent out a hot favourite.

The bracketed pair Gladful and Wishful were better fancied than Thrace for the Final Hurdles, but the latter improved upon his first day's form, and secured a two lengths' victory from Gladful, Styrax being a mediocre third.

TALAVERA HURDLE HANDICAP of 150sovs. One mile and a-half. 13-A. Brightwell's ch g Master Boris, 6yrs, by Boris-Fair Lady, 9.0 (F. Wyett) 1

LIVERPOOL HANDICAP of 200sovs. Six furlongs. 8-H. W. Brown's b g Form Up, 4 yrs, by Formative-Pursering, 11.0 (Sid. Reid) 1

SECOND HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE of 200sovs. Two miles and a-half. 1-G. A. Palmer's b g Ormesby, 6 yrs, by Birkenhead-Arethusa, 10.8 (F. Flynn) 1

JULY STEEPLECHASE of 500sovs. About three miles. 1-H. Neagle's br g Bon Reve, aged, by Boniform-Dreamer, 11.13 (Stan. Reid) 1

WON BY HALF A LENGTH. Time, 6min 4 1-5sec. CROFTON HANDICAP of 150sovs. One mile. 3-H. Swaffield's ch g King of the Valley, aged, by Waikaranga, 9.3 (A. McFlinn) 1

## NEW ZEALAND RACING CONFERENCE.

(Continued from page 9.)

posts indicated. We think it desirable that during the winter months clubs should not include in their programme any event starting later than 4 p.m. This matter has been well brought home to the public by the curtailment, and in some instances, total cessation of train services on race days. In spite of the difficulties encountered in reaching race meetings by the public under war conditions, attendance has been well maintained, which goes to show that racing, when properly conducted, induces many thousands of persons to enjoy a healthy outing."

The following remit came before the conference at the request of the stipendiary stewards committee:—"Racecourse detectives shall be appointed by the New Zealand Racing Conference, or by the committee thereof nominated for that purpose, and with such powers and subject to such regulations as from time to time may be conferred or approved by the conference." Most of the speakers considered that there was no necessity for such appointments, and that the various clubs were well able to watch for such abuses, and the motion was lost by 24 votes to 11.

## APPOINTMENTS.

The stipendiary stewards committee was reappointed as follows:—Sir George Clifford, Bart., Hon. W. H. Herries, Hon. O. Samuel, Messrs. W. E. Bidwill, E. A. Campbell, P. Miller and O. S. Watkins.

The report of the dates committee in regard to the dates of race meetings for the 1918-19 season was adopted, and the committee was re-elected as follows:—Hon. E. W. Alison, Messrs. W. E. Bidwill, E. Goodbehere, P. Hunter, H. Lowry and P. Miller.

The Hon. E. Mitchelson moved the re-election of Sir George Clifford as president. He said that all were indebted to Sir George Clifford for his good work in the interests of racing. The Hon. O. Samuel seconded the motion. Every year, he said, increased their appreciation of his great services and of his exceptional qualifications for the position. He was a man universally respected. The motion was carried amidst applause. Sir George Clifford said that he would not have been able to do the work but for the excellent assistance of the secretary (Mr. H. R. Sellars). The conference passed a motion thanking the president for the zealous manner in which he had carried out his duties.

Mr. Arnaud McKellar was reappointed auditor, while the Hon. O. Samuel was elected a trustee in place of the late Hon. J. D. Ormond.

## AMENDMENTS TO RULES.

The following motion from the Taranaki District Clubs was carried:—"That a 'district committee' is to mean a committee consisting of the chairman and five members of the committee of the metropolitan club to be elected by the committee of the metropolitan club and of five delegates to be elected by the totalisator clubs in the metropolitan area. The chairman of the committee of the metropolitan club shall be ex officio chairman of the district committee. Five to form a quorum."

Mr. W. F. M. Buckley's motion that no person who is the paid official of any club shall be eligible for election as a delegate to the district committee was lost. Another motion by the same gentleman to the effect that: "The programme of every meeting at which the totalisator is used, or at which the total amount to be given in stakes exceeds £100 per diem from September 1 to June 6 inclusive shall include two flat races per diem of not less than one mile. The programme of every meeting from June 7 to August 31 inclusive shall include at least one maiden or hack steeplechase, and if such programme includes one or more flat races, there shall be one flat race of not less than one mile and a quarter," was heavily defeated.

Hon. E. W. Alison's motion to validate acceptances, etc., "where entries, acceptances or declaration of forfeits having been made by telegram lodged with a telegraph office at least two hours before the advertised time have, through any cause, been delayed in delivery to the place advertised for receiving such entries, acceptances and declaration of forfeit," was lost. Mr. E. Goodbehere (Wanganui District Clubs) in discussing the motion maintained that there was no need for things to be left till the last moment, while the president said that in order to guard

against possible fraud a definite hour was needed.

Sir George Clifford moved that the following new rule be introduced, but the motion was lost:—"All horses in which the same owner has any interest shall be bracketed on the totalisator, and owners of such horses shall give notice to the secretary of the club not later than the hour of acceptance or final payment. If notice is not so given the owner shall be fined by the stewards in a sum of not less than 5sovs, and not exceeding 100sovs; and also shall be liable for any loss occasioned directly or indirectly through omission to give such notice. For the purposes of this rule a husband shall be deemed to have an interest in any horse in which his wife has an interest. Executors of the will of a deceased owner who have no personal financial interest in horses under their control as such executors shall not be under obligation to bracket such horses with horses privately owned by themselves."

The following motion by the Hon. O. Samuel was carried: "Every license issued by a district committee shall, subject to suspension or cancellation, entitle the person therein named as trainer or jockey to train or ride (as the case may be) during the term mentioned in the license." The mover said that the question had arisen through the issuing by the Taranaki Club of a license to a certain prominent jockey. Doubt existed for a while whether the license issued was valid, and therefore whether a stake won by a horse ridden by a jockey holding such a doubtful "license" could be withheld. The object of the motion was to make the position clear.

The Dunedin Jockey Club moved an amendment to an existing rule that the minimum weight to be carried by any horse in any handicap flat race shall be 7.0 (instead of 6.7). The motion was lost.

The following addition to rules was moved by the Hon. O. Samuel and carried: "Any district committee may appeal to the conference from any determination of any other district committee in pursuance of which a license is granted:—

The following amended rule was agreed to: "Races in which any horse is debarred from entry by reason of his winnings having amounted to a specified amount are hack races, and the word 'hack' used in the title of any race shall be deemed to indicate that it is a hack race."

The following new rules were proposed and lost:—

"That the crouch seat be forbidden in hurdle races and steeplechases and all riders to have their stirrups lengthened to the satisfaction of the stipendiary stewards."

"If the stewards or any person specially deputed by the stewards for the purpose, find that the stirrup leathers of any jockey (by reason of their undue shortness) render the jockey unable sufficiently to control his horse in hurdle races or steeplechases without endangering himself and other jockeys or horses in the race, the stewards, or person so deputed, may require the stirrup leathers to be lengthened."

A new rule which was approved was: "If it be intended to run a horse in shoes heavier than racing plates the owner or trainer of such horse must report the fact to the stewards prior to weighing out."

The following proposed amendment and new rules respectively were approved:—

"If no dividend winning ticket be taken in any race, or if any race be declared void, the amount paid on the purchase of each ticket for that race shall be refunded on production and delivery of the ticket, less the usual commission."

"If no dividend winning ticket is taken on the first horse, the dividend shall be paid on the second horse only. If no dividend winning ticket is taken on the second horse the dividend shall be paid on the first horse only."

Another new rule which was adopted was:—"Every club during the month of August of each year, shall forward to the secretary of the conference an audited balance sheet, showing the receipts and expenditure of the club during the previous racing year."

The conference decided to take no action in regard to the application to remove the balance of the disqualification imposed on a jockey named F. Langstone by the Westland Club.

It was reported that the following clubs had been given permission for a less sum to be given in stakes than the net amount derived from the totalisator in the season 1916-17:—Takapuna, Taumarunui, Waipa, Opuake and Dannevirke.

## HAWKE'S BAY NOTES.

[From Our Correspondent.]

**Dry Up Resumes Work—Local Representatives Fare Well at Trentham—A Handsome Two-year-old Colt—Multiply and Eligible Benefiting From Spell—Lord Laddo Placed on Easy List.**

NAPIER, Monday.

V. H. Collelo has got in hand a half-brother by Sir Laddo to Sir Fisher. When his time arrives to take part in the business he will run in the interests of Mr. E. J. White, of Porangahau.

Dry Up (Demosthenes—Drought) is again in work at Napier Park. This rising three-year-old half-brother to Wishful is an exceedingly nice, even stamp of a horse, who on looks should assuredly pay his way.

Matatane is the name that has been chosen for the two-year-old half-sister to Sauli and Parisian Diamond, by Merry Moment. She is the property of Mr. H. M. Campbell, and is receiving her education at the hands of Trainer W. Stone, at Hastings.

Local backers, who came at the district horses competing at Trentham on Wednesday, got out of the wood, and as a result showed a slight profit, for had a ticket been purchased on each equine trained in the "Bay" a profit of about three pounds would have figured on the balance-sheet.

Barcarolle, Mulatto and Sheila are in the private sale list.

The reported sale of Impediment to Mr. W. R. Kemball, of the Wairarapa, for 1300 guineas, was all so much hot air, for the well-performed daughter of Demosthenes and Kautuku is still requiring a buyer.

The rising two-year-old son of Demosthenes and Hard Wood, who is the property of Mr. C. E. Twist, of Greenmeadows, is growing into a beautifully-moulded colt, and his movements are indicative of speed of a high grade. His dam is a daughter of Birkenhead and Dryad, who claims half-sisterhood to Reliance and other good bygone turf performers.

Bon Reve and Sir Agnes, who scored at Trentham on Saturday, were sent through from Wellington as the right things to be on, and consequently backers profited accordingly.

Multiply and Eligible are improving with the holiday that is being their portion. At present the pair are enjoying their fling on their owner's (Mr. T. E. Welch) station at Wanstead.

Mr. W. H. Gaisford, of Oringi, the well-known owner, has been passed as fit, and he shortly leaves for camp. Mr. Gaisford is vice-president of the Waipukurau Jockey Club, who also have another representative in Mr. P. E. Wall, a steward of the club, in camp.

The locally-owned St. Elmn occupied the same position in the July Steeplechase at Trentham on Saturday as he had filled last season in the same event, when he acted as runner-up to Master Strowan.

Lord Laddo, the full-brother to Nobleman, who had been demonstrating that he could fence fast and clever in his schooling exercises over the obstacles, has gone amiss, and has been turned out to recuperate. His owner, Mr. Keith White, of Porangahau, has been drawn in the ballot.

## AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

The following is a list of the nominations of office-bearers of the Auckland Racing Club for the season 1918-19:—President, Hon. E. Mitchelson; vice-president, H. T. Gorrie; committee (five to be elected): S. Bradley, Fred. Earl, Sir Robert D. S. Lockhart, M. M. McCallum, Oliver Nicholson, H. O. Nolan; stewards (three to be elected): J. D. Jones, Sir Robert D. S. Lockhart, M. J. Lynch, A. L. Raven, G. A. Wynyard.

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## ELLERSLIE ITEMS

Bedford, Penniless and Hopfield are circling the tracks in their best form. It seemed a pity that one of the trio did not have a flutter at the Wellington winter fixture.

The one-time brilliant pony mare, Mahinga, has gone the way of all horse flesh. She was recently found dead at Remuera. The mare won in Australia at the Kensington meeting, besides capturing races in the Dominion. She was owned and raced by Mr. Webber.

Transfer, the little hunter, was recently sold by Mr. R. Dunn, of Papanui, to the Timaru sportsman, Mr. Murdoch Kerr, an enthusiastic hunting man.

F. Stenning has Lady Bunyan, a big-framed half sister to Ulster in work. The mare is one of the lean kind and will take a lot of building up. Her two stable companions, Aircraft and Arch Lassie, are of different conformation and colour. They are both doing well.

The chestnut colt in W. Moberley's care, by Earliston—Hair Net, has been named Sandy McDonald. Modderley also has a filly by Eudorus from Marie Belle, Lady Huna, a well developed juvenile, and a local-bred filly Irene Bruce of his own well forward.

Mr. James Hill has a couple of Marble Arch youngsters from Marie Regina. They are a shapely pair, but are still in the green state, but are well grown.

J. Chaafe seems to have the most forward rising two-year-old at Ellerslie, by General Latour—Elicia. This young gentleman, Prince Charleroi, is handling himself nicely in his sprinting essays, showing brilliancy and pace over short courses.

The Maniapoto gelding Fisher is included among the afternoon division, and is rounding up into solid shape.

The barrier shy Turangapito was given a good try out at the tapes last week by W. Sharpe, both with and without a rider. He is the most hardened case at headquarters in this direction.

Mr. W. Kemp is handling a good sort of a rising two-year-old gelding by Marble Arch—Miss Ethel, a half brother to both Lady Bruce and Miss Bruce. The youngster is well grown and solid without showing any grassiness. He is named Emerald Hill.

E. Pope's filly Gold Plane, by Merry Moments—Radium, who was a squibby little thing a few months ago, has developed into a shapely juvenile. She appears fast on the tracks.

The staff of men on the improvements at Alexandra Park are making good progress with the loose boxes and the steps in front of the grandstand. They are calculated to accommodate between 1000 and 1500 inclusive of the grandstand proper.

The Thames Jockey Club have made a common sense move in putting back their annual date in December and in coming in at the end of the country circuit, a few days after the Paeroa meeting on March 22. The Thames Jockey Club was up against a stone wall clashing with a powerful metropolitan club like the Auckland Racing Club, the leading club of the Dominion. The writer ventures to predict a change of fortune in the next fixture of the Thames Jockey Club. A meeting early in October would have been a good move this year.

Ellerslie-trained Thrace, Papatoetoe-trained King of the Valley and the Avondale-trained Royal Prince were Auckland-owned winners at the Wellington meeting. King of the Valley was sold after the meeting for 150 guineas.

The promising young hurdler Hibernia, a brother to the useful hurdler Tararu Jack (now racing in Sydney), fell on the roads, and A. Julian thinks has broken some ribs.

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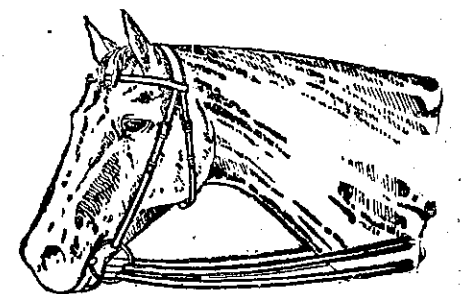
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## TURF GOSSIP.

There is every prospect of the South Canterbury Hunt Club's steeplechase meeting, which takes place on Thursday next (July 25), providing those who make the trip to Timaru with a splendid day's racing for the wind-up of the season. Acceptances for all events are due to-morrow (Friday, July 19), and are being awaited with considerable interest. The field at present engaged in the chief event, the South Canterbury Steeplechase (2½ miles), numbers fourteen, including Bore, Master Hamilton, Vascular, Golden Butterfly and Palladio.

The North Canterbury and Oxford Jockey Club will hold their annual meeting on October 28.

The following officers for the ensuing year were re-elected at the annual meeting of the New Brighton Trotting Club:—President, Mr. A. M. Loasby; vice-president, Mr. A. Duncan; treasurer, Mr. G. Pengelly; committee, Messrs. W. E. Thompson, J. Westerman, B. McKenna, W. J. Hopkins, T. G. Fox, G. H. James, A. J. Harper, G. Scott, W. H. Denton, and F. Drewitt.

Battle Eve, who won the Minook Two-year-old Handicap at Caulfield on June 22, is by the imported horse The Welkin, from the New Zealand-bred Land Rose, who used to race in the South Island. She is by Finland from Rose Shield, by Hotchkiss from Rose of Wellington, by St. Leger.

A horse like Joseph's coat, of many colours, was mentioned by a delegate at last week's conference of the New Zealand Trotting Association in Wellington. The delegate, in supporting a resolution that the owner of a trotting horse shall be compelled to register the colour of his horse, declared that he knew of a horse that had changed its colours thrice within a few months. It was a horse of many colours. "If I had not seen the brute," declared the delegate, "I would not have known him. One month I treated him as a brown horse, inside of six weeks he had changed to black, and would you believe it that a few weeks later the brute had changed to another colour." In the face of this the conference decided that in future owners of trotting horses shall be compelled to register their colours before racing a horse.

Miss May McDonald, known in New South Wales as "Jockey Jack," offered to fill the place of any jockey enlisting, and to keep his position open till his return. She decided on making the offer as the next best thing to her own services on the battlefield being refused. The desire to help her country—as a man—has been so irresistible that if she could now get away in some unit or other where she would be among horses she would gladly jump at the chance. For 10 years "Jockey Jack" has dressed and lived and worked as a man. She follows the occupation of a horse-trainer, rider, clipper, breaker-in, and teacher of riding. Her life has been crammed full of experiences which have been more often bitter than sweet. She has ridden all sorts of horses, from the harmless old pack-horse to the maddest buckjumper of the Wild West.

At a meeting of the executive of the Manawatu Racing Club last week it was decided to distribute £4100 out of this year's profits amongst various patriotic organisations. The club's contributions to patriotic purposes since the war started show a total of £11,500, which is indeed a highly creditable record.

Many months ago two horses were landed in South Africa without fuss or publicity (says a Johannesburg writer). In fact, only a few persons on board the ship knew of the existence of two long-coated hacks. Where have these animals gone to? What were the names of the animals in England? Is it not a fact that 300 guineas was paid for one of these hacks whose "nick-name" represented a well-known English winner? "Pedigree unknown" covers up a big scandal at times. Why will the authorities allow any horse without a sire or dam's name to run at all? Surely all thoroughbred sires and dams don't run wild all over the country, just on pleasure bent.

"Don't forget the wowser," said the president of the Country Racing Clubs' Association at the annual meeting in Wellington last week. "He has his eye on us, and we have to keep our eye on him. He is there to take advantage of any favouring breeze. It was listening to the wowser to a large extent that lost us many racing days last year. If it had not been for the efforts of some racing men who came here to fight for the interests of the country clubs we would have lost one-half the days instead of one-third."

The annual report presented to the members of the New Brighton Trotting Club stated that owing to the curtailment of racing the club was deprived of two days' racing, the result being that the revenue had materially decreased, and in consequence the owners had had less money distributed amongst them—a condition to be regretted. The meetings held had been in every way a success, and the public had been supplied with racing of a very interesting character. The past Derby created a great amount of enthusiasm, and members could rest assured that this classic event was now well established, and had become extremely popular with both owners and the general public. There were quite a number of essential improvements in prospect, but so long as the existing state of things caused by the war

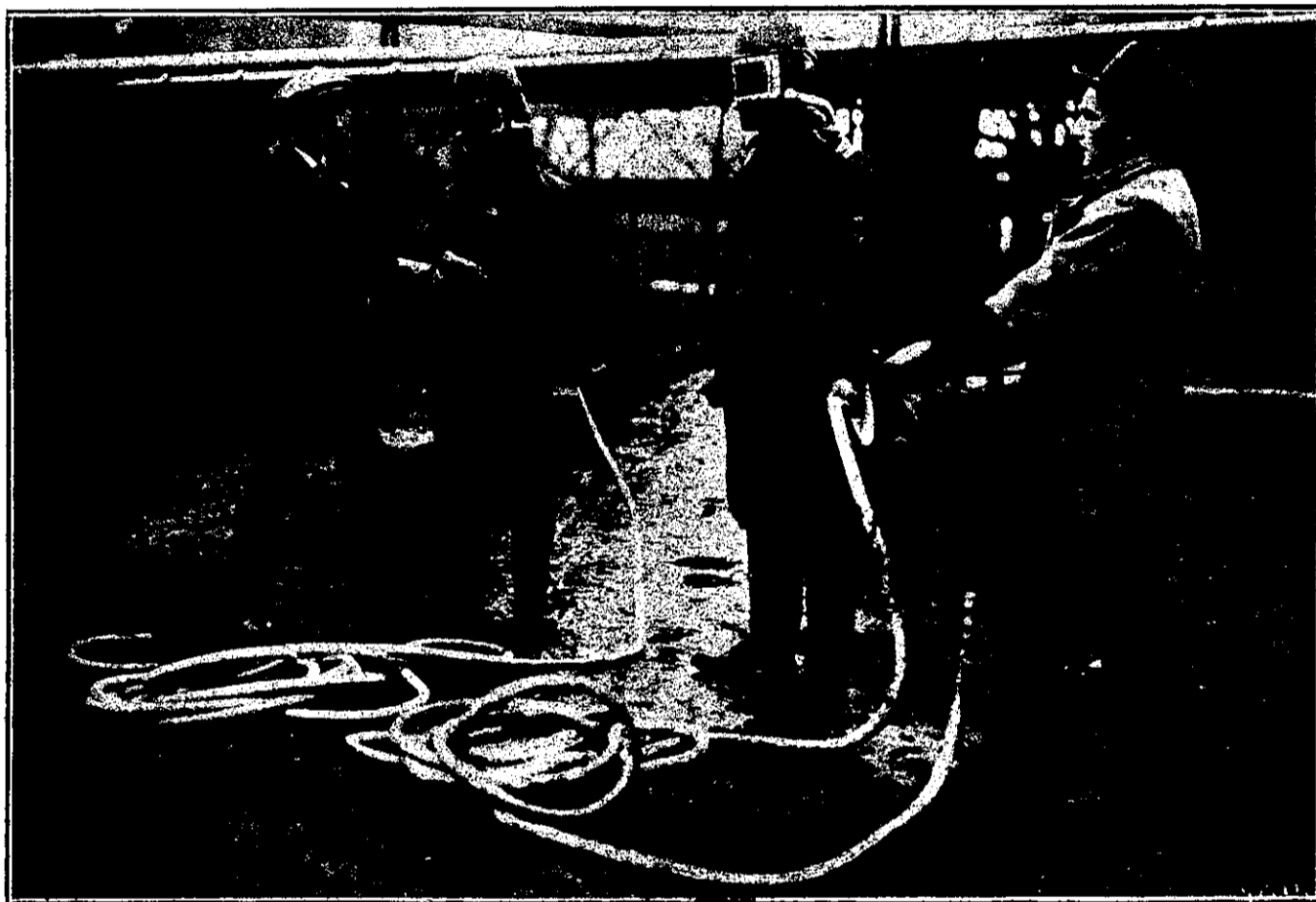
would give them security against their present debts, and allow them to carry on, taking such a portion of the profit as would help them considerably. Further, he thought that the cutting out of the race trains was a mistake, for by running them, and taking a tax from the passengers, the Government would be doing a good thing. Referring to the club's rules, he criticised the starting, handicapping and waiting systems. As regards amateur races he said that he thought them necessary, but it was hardly fair, in his opinion, to ask struggling suburban clubs to hold these when the wealthier clubs did not do so.

The "Bulletin" thus refers to racing conditions per medium of the totalisator in the Dominion:—One of the surprises in Maoriland incidental to the war is the increase in the totalisator turnover. When the disturbance started and the younger section of the community began to drift away in thousands the racing clubs commenced to reckon on having a cold time in the cashbox. But their revenues are greater than ever. Tote investments have not grown by an odd thousand or so here and there, but have bounded upwards by barrowloads everywhere. At small meetings it is the same as at big ones—cash wheeled up in ever-increasing volume. Whether it is that the old men have all gone mad or the army

## IS ROARING HEREDITARY?

Mr. W. Allison, the Special Commissioner of the London "Sportsman," writing on this subject, says: "I remember advising Mr. W. R. Wilson to buy an unsound "class" horse—Bill of Portland—for 1000gns. rather than a sound mediocrity for the same sum, and he took that advice, with good results; but, on the other hand, my dislike to mediocrities or bad horses may have been carried too far, for time was when I was asked by cable to advise whether Simmer (by St. Simon out of Dutch Oven) was worth buying for Australia. I had seen Simmer at Kingsclere when he was in training, and knew that he was too bad to be ever started in a race. Moreover, he was no beauty, so I advised against that purchase. Nevertheless, someone else sent him out, and even he sired good winners, including two of the Champion Stakes, viz., Dividend in 1905, and again in 1907. Bobadil (son of Bill of Portland) got the Champion Stakes winner, Pendil, of 1909.

"From these and many other proofs at the Antipodes, we may assume that roaring, from an hereditary point of view, is negligible, and I question very much whether it is not equally so in England. It would be hard to find a more tremendous roaring combination in any pedigree than in that of Ajax and Adam, the famous bro-



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were in existence it was considered inadvisable to proceed with any important works. The taxes paid to the Government during the past year amounted to £2213 15s. 1d.

Messrs. W. Baird and B. Sunbury's 'chaser Palladio, who dead-heated with Stone Ginger in the Otago Steeplechase (three miles) last month, figures among the field engaged in the South Canterbury Steeplechase, to be decided next week. Golden Butterfly, who won the Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase at Wingatui on the same afternoon, also claims an engagement in next week's big cross-country event at Timaru.

The ex-Auckland representative Achilles appears among the entries for the Hadlow Hack and Hunters' Hurdles, to be run at the South Canterbury Hunt Club's meeting next week. The Auckland-owned and trained hunters, Seville and Transfer, also both claim engagements at Timaru on Thursday next. The meeting is creating wide interest.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the New Brighton Trotting Club at Christchurch, the president (Mr. A. M. Loasby) said that it seemed to him that the Government had made a mistake in curtailing racing. They had not reduced the totalisator turnover, but had reduced the amount of sport and increased the clubs' expenses. If the Government were wise, they

is giving the pay-roll a flutter only the heavens can tell, but about the intense popular anxiety to pick winners no possible doubt exists. Meanwhile the law which prohibits the publication of dividends in the newspapers is doing so well that the entire population knows exactly what has happened five minutes after the numbers go up. This wowserish prohibition against printing the most important occurrence incidental to the greatest national pastime or foolishness or whatever it is, is a queer business. It looks as if Maoriland goes racing in the same spirit as a lot of it habitually goes to get a beer.

The career of the hurdle racing novice Picaform was ended last month at Cheltenham, South Australia. He came to grief in the contest over the small battens, and, breaking his shoulder, he was destroyed. Picaform was bred at Naryilco by Mr. A. C. Macdonald, and was by his New Zealand sire Equiform from Picayune. He won several races on the flat and gave some promise over hurdles.

As Rongahere has been nominated for the Grand National Steeplechase his connections must be in hopes that he will survive a preparation for the big event of the year where cross-country fences are concerned. Judging from his appearance at the D.J.C. winter meeting (says a southern writer), an anxious time will be experienced in getting the son of Sarto to the post at Riccarton.

thers, who combined Ormonde, Prince Charlie, Chattanooga (a terrible roarer), and Araucaria, the roaring last daughter of the roaring Pochahontas. But Ajax and Adam were both of them sound as a bell."

Commenting on this, "Pilot," in the "Referee," says: The question of whether roaring is hereditary has long been productive of discussion, and while some authorities hold that it is, others scout the idea. Possibly it may not be exactly hereditary, but it is reasonable to suppose that the progeny of stallions or mares so affected are more predisposed to it than those descended from parents entirely free from such infirmity. In Australia some roaring sires have given us racehorses that could get any distance, but others of their descendants have "whistled" badly, to say the least of it. Bright Steel was credited with being a whistler when he left England, but probably the Australian climate benefited him. Anyhow, those who scoff at the hereditary idea can point out that his mating with Trinkett (a mare tubed for roaring early in her career) gave the Australian turf a Melbourne Cup winner in Westcourt, and that others of Bright Steel's sons have done fairly over a distance.

"There never was a worse roarer than Bill of Portland, nor was there any more successful stallion. He sired a Champion Stakes winner, Bobadil, and a Melbourne Cup winner, Merriwee, and his sons, Maltster and Bobadil, are two of the best stal-



lions in Australia at the present time. Grafton was another shocking roarer sent out from England, and he, too, scored enormously, as, barring his wind, he well might do, being a half-brother (by Galopin) to Polymelus. Peru, by Grafton, won the Champion Stakes, three miles, in 1908. Tartan, a grandson of Prince Charlie, won this race in 1905. I mention these cases not because they surprise me, in the least, but because so many people imagine most illogically that roarers cannot sire stayers."

To this we might add that Lochiel, who is said never to have left a roarer, was got by Prince Charlie. Apremont was a roarer, and left some roarers and thick-winded horses, and he was nearer to Pocahontas than any other sire that reached the Dominion. Musket was a roarer and left a few roarers, as did an odd one or two of his sons. Climatic influences have probably more to do with the disease than anything else, and the lack of knowledge or neglect to

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**FRESH CODE OF RULES CONSIDERED.**

At the annual New Zealand Trotting Conference, held in Wellington last week—the president's report at which appeared in our last issue—the principal business to occupy the attention of the delegates from the various trotting clubs represented was the consideration of a fresh code of rules prepared by a committee appointed at last year's conference. These rules were adopted with certain amendments.

An important amendment made to the rules was that every owner or lessee racing a trotting horse will be compelled to register his colours before using his horse in a race.

the president. An amendment proposing to leave such power in the hands of the executive was defeated.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. John Rowe (Auckland); vice-president, Mr. W. J. Gore; executive, Messrs. E. Roberts, C. Mackay, and C. M. Olivier.

Rorke's Drift's brother, Point Blank, has been entered for the Winter Cup, but may not be forward enough to play a leading part (remarks the Southland critic, "Sir Modred"). However, he looks like developing into a useful horse and has already shown that he can gallop well, with a preference for distances over and above seven furlongs. It has been noticed that he generally stays on well in his races. At the same time, his public displays make him out to be rather too slow off the mark to emerge successfully from a contest for the Winter Cup.

The Southland-owned pacer Matchlight has left B. Jarden's care and will in future be trained by J. Bryce at Oakhampton Lodge.

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treat colds and influenza in their first stages are responsible for the development of roaring in horses that may or may not be predisposed to the trouble. Few sires really enjoy the distinction of having had many gets without at least an odd one or two failing to remain entirely free from affections of the wind.

Another decision was that the power to appoint judges was left in the hands of the president instead of delegating the power to the executive. Further, it was decided to cast on owners the responsibility of notifying handicappers of the performances of horses.

A further question considered was whether the starting should be by seconds or by yards, and it was decided to leave the question over for a year.

A new rule proposed by the Wairarapa Trotting Club was: "That the provident fee of 5s. must be paid on every horse direct to the New Zealand Association before such horse shall be eligible to be nominated for any trotting race run under the New Zealand Rules of Trotting in the Dominion. Any owner nominating a horse for which the provident fee has not been paid shall be fined £5 for every offence."

The motion was amended to read: "That the provident fee of £1"—and carried.

The following remit was adopted: "That it be a recommendation to the incoming executive to review the permits reduced under war conditions, and if a reduction be necessary for 1920, the reductions be a fair proportion from one-day permits to two-day permits and more."

The following motion was lost on a show of hands:—"That the Westport Trotting Club be granted the 26th and 27th days of December on which to race for the season 1918-19, and that one day be taken from Ashburton; also that in future, during the continuance of the war, Westport and Ashburton race alternately two days and one day respectively year and year about."

It was decided to leave the power of appointing judges in the hands of

A new Bill is to be submitted to the Transvaal Provincial Council dealing with bucket shops. This measure will provide for the establishment of a Tattersalls (not necessarily the present one), in which ante-post and starting price betting will be allowed, but only by those bookmakers who have first satisfied the authorities appointed by the Provincial Executive as to their bona fides and put up the necessary guarantees. Applications for bookmakers' rights in the new establishment will have to be made direct to the Provincial Executive or to the Committee appointed by it, and it is expected that many of those people now controlling bucket shops will be among the applicants. Under the new scheme the Provincial Council will derive fresh revenue in the way of license fees and the tax on betting, and according to those people intimately connected with starting price betting one effect of the new Bill will be to close up the shops which prior to the Betting Act of 1909 were unknown on the Reef. Indeed, the Bill will contain clauses dealing most stringently with any future attempts at shop betting, and the punishment in the event of a conviction will be particularly drastic.

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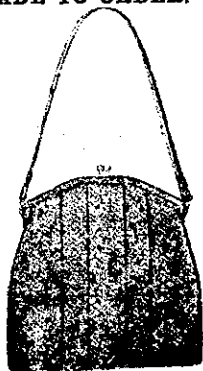
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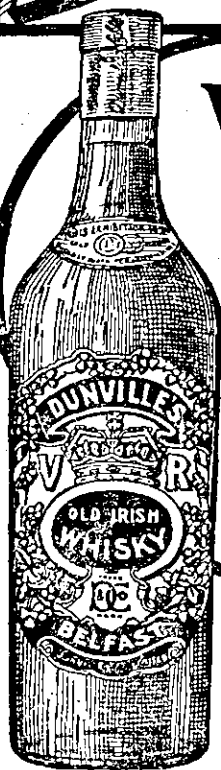
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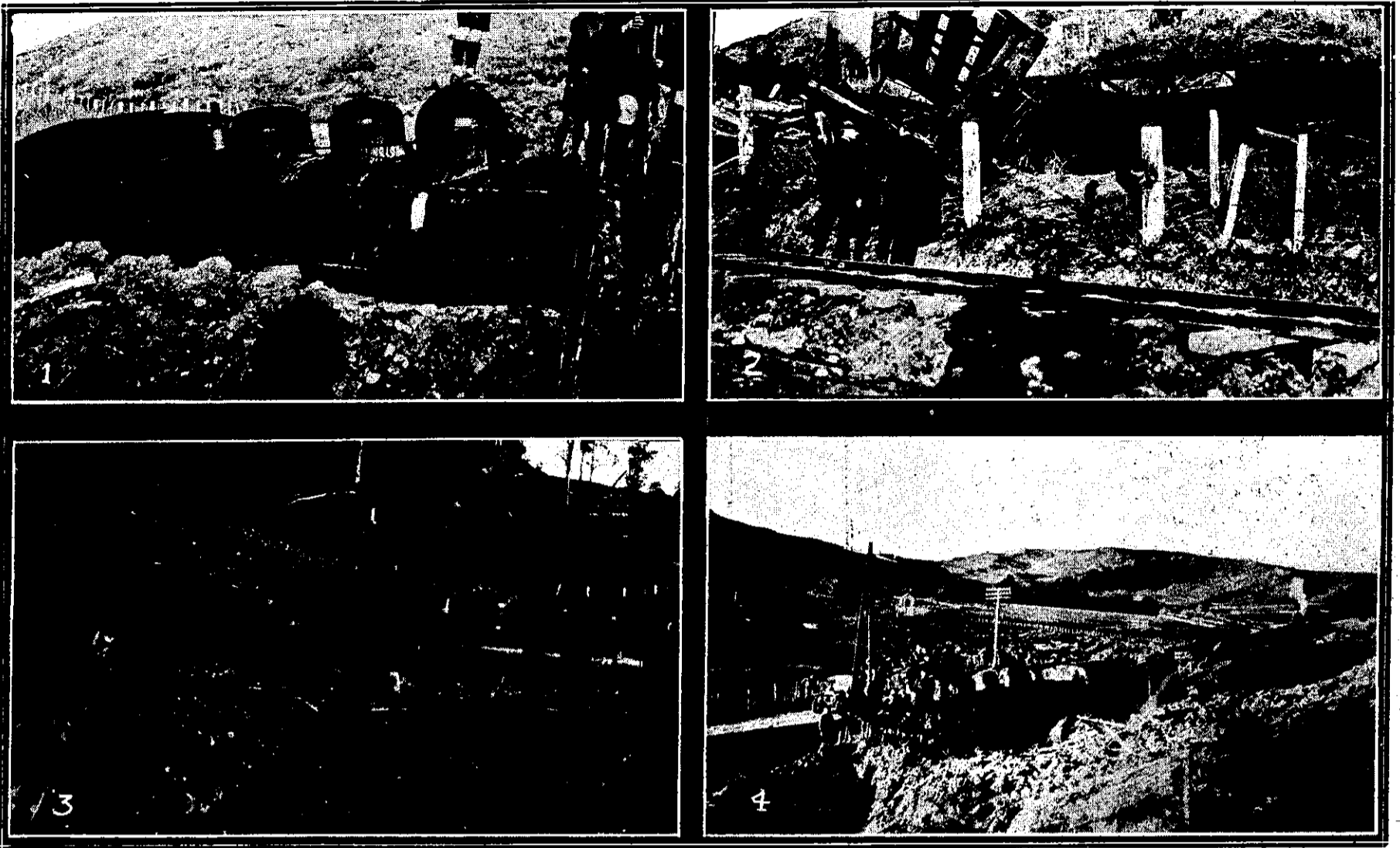
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1. View of the engine firmly embedded among tons of slush which came down during the landslips, completely blocking the Main Trunk line between Taihape and Hunterville. 2. Some of the wrecked waggons which suffered as a result of the train's collision with the landslips. Altogether 13 trucks of the train were smashed to matchwood. 3. The engine and tender photographed shortly after encountering the slip near Hunterville. The engine and tender at first fell on their sides, but additional earth coming down forced them almost on their wheels again. 4. Dislocation of traffic on the Main Trunk Line owing to serious landslips. Goods train running south from Taihape runs into the slip near Hunterville, the engine, tender and several waggons being derailed.

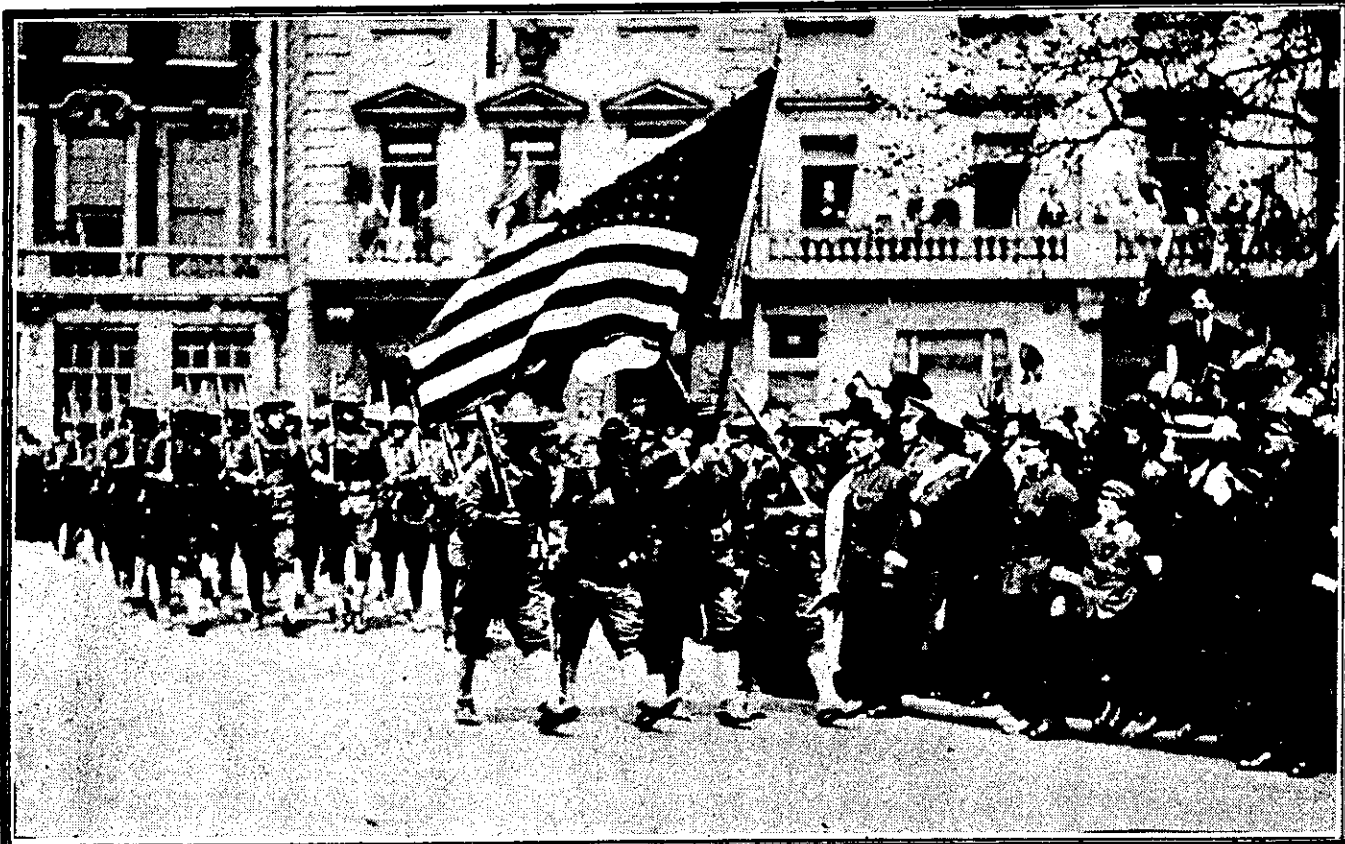


### With the Gallant Serbian Army in Albania—Interesting Snapshots during their operations in that Territory.



1. Leading Serbian officials discussing the war situation. Mr. Pashitch and Prince Alexis. 2. Peter I., King of Serbia, proceeding to Old Scoplie Church with his generals. 3. King Peter of Serbia on the path of exile in Albania. 4. Serbian infantry parading at Scoplie Fortress. 5. Prince Alexander of Serbia pays an official visit to his troops. 6. A veteran Serbian leader, Voivoda R. Putnik. 7. Serbian soldiers following the colours. 8. Serbian soldiers fighting a rearguard action.

Inspiring Demonstration in London of how the New World and the Old have joined hands in the Common Cause



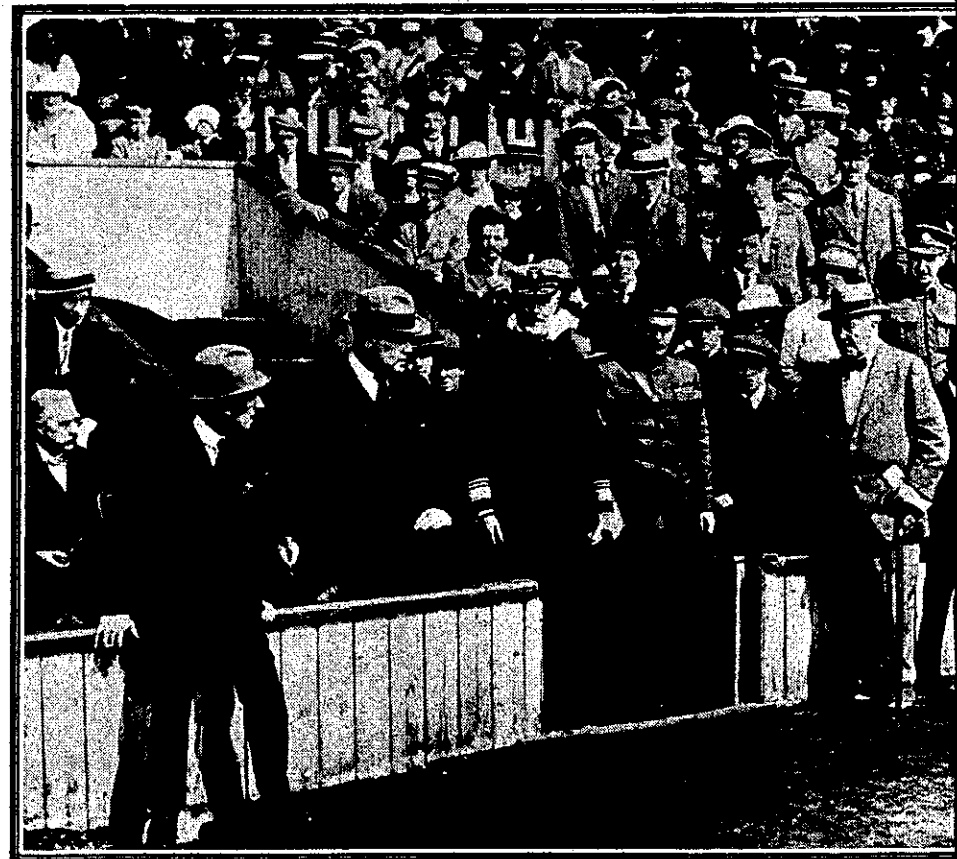
AMERICAN TROOPS' STIRRING MARCH OF TRIUMPH THROUGH THE STREETS OF LONDON. Passing the American Embassy, where the American Ambassador and Admiral Sims took the salute. Three battalions of American soldiers, nearly 3000 in all, participated in the march.



THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR (DR. PAGE) AND ADMIRAL SIMS TAKING THE SALUTE AS THE TROOPS PASSED. THE AMERICAN TROOPS PASSED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, WHERE THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND ADMIRAL SIMS TOOK THE SALUTE. IN THE LINE THERE WERE ALSO THE BANDS OF THE IRISH GUARDS AND THE BAND OF THE GRENADIERS.



U.S. CIVIL WAR VETERANS BRING UP THE REAR OF THE GRAND PROCESSION OF AMERICAN TROOPS THROUGH LONDON. Outside Buckingham Palace the King, the Queen and members of the Royal Family extended an enthusiastic welcome to the three battalions of young American soldiers, who were symbols of the armies of millions that are coming over.



A LARGE CROWD OF LONDONERS TOGETHER WITH ADMIRAL SIMS WATCHING AN EXHIBITION OF BASEBALL BY THE SOLDIERS OF THE AMERICAN ARMY. THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN TROOPS IN ENGLAND HAS BEEN ATTENDED WITH INTEREST AND RECOGNISED THAT THE BRITISH NAVY AND THE AMERICAN ARMY WILL IN THE END WIN THE WAR.

Keeping up a Steady Flow of Reinforcements from the Dominion—Some members of the "Forty-Seconds"



REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT INSTALLED IN THEIR CAMP QUARTERS AT TRENTHAM.



ENJOYING THE EXPERIENCES OF CAMP LIFE. GROUP OF SOLDIERS PHOTOGRAPHED IN THEIR QUARTERS AT TRENTHAM.

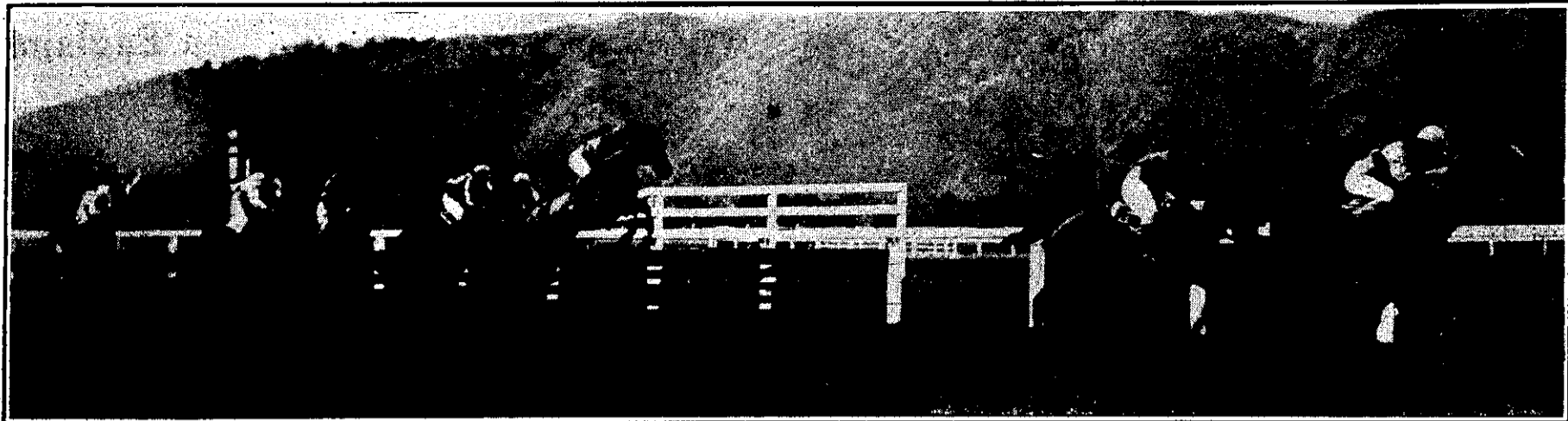


MEN FROM THE MANAWATU DISTRICT WHO HAVE TEMPORARILY FORSAKEN CIVILIAN LIFE FOR THAT OF THE SOLDIER.

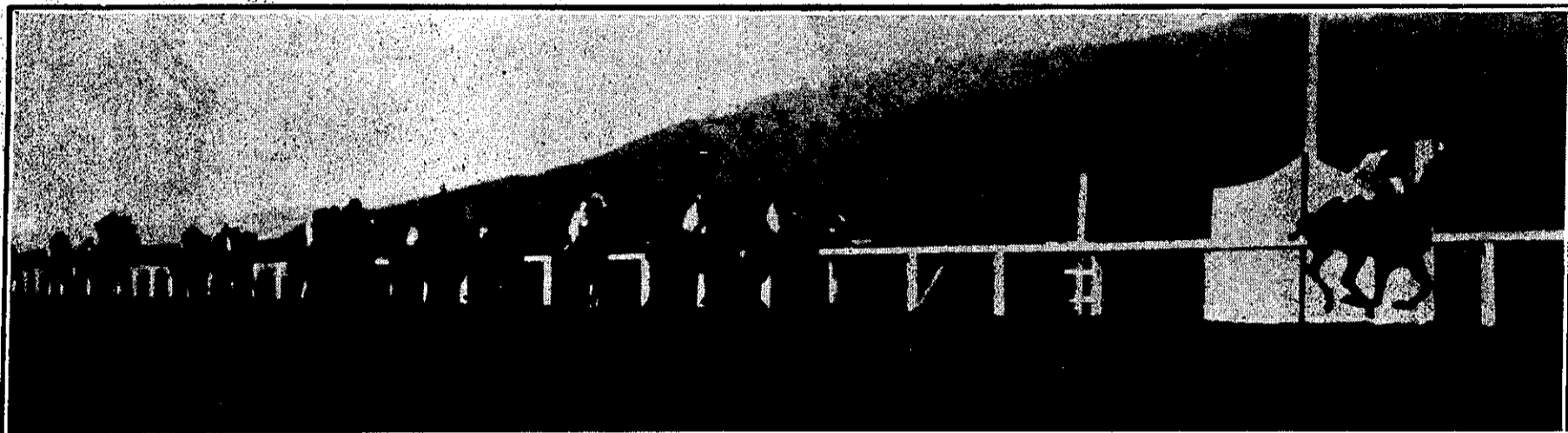


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# Some Sterling Contests at the Wellington R.C.'s Winter Meeting at Trentham.



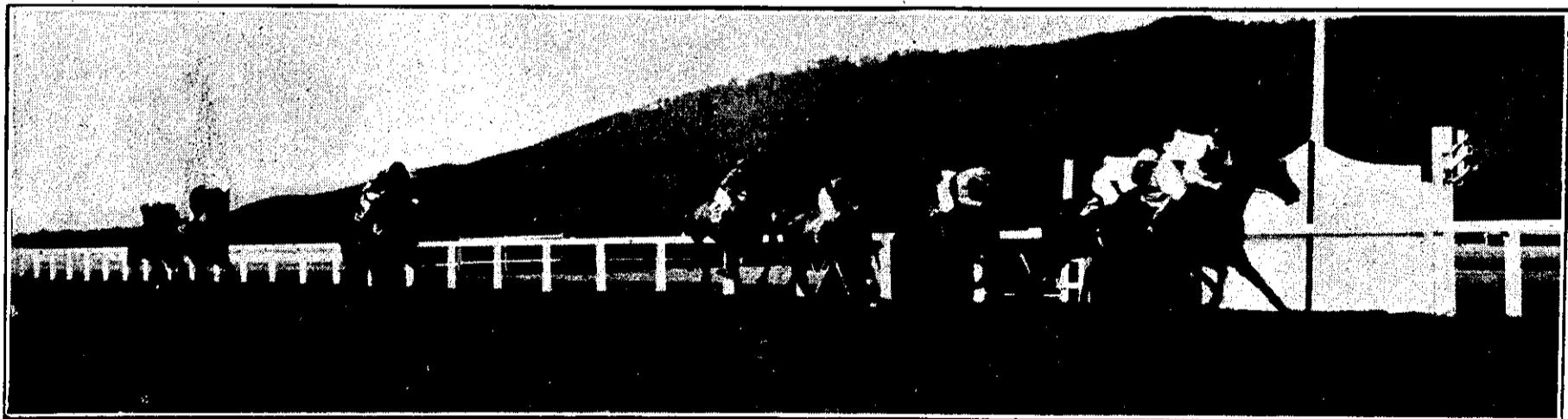
THE FIELD AT THE SECOND FENCE IN THE VITTORIA HURDLE HANDICAP (1½ MILES)—DELAGE (F. Flynn) showing the way to REFORMATION (J. Kaan).



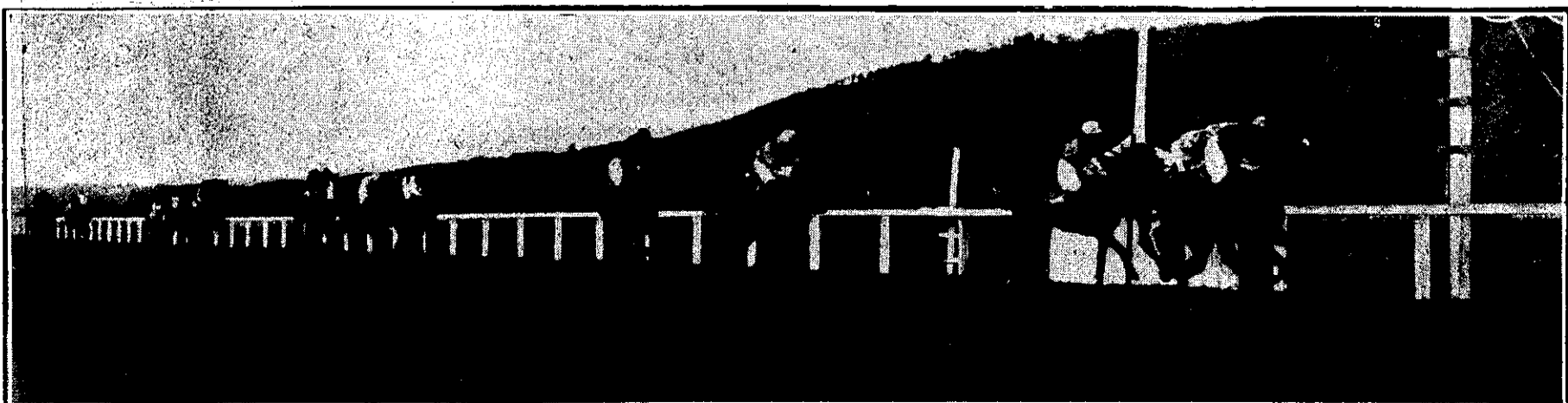
THE AUCKLAND REPRESENTATIVE, ROYAL PRINCE (P. BRADY), SCORES A RUNAWAY VICTORY FROM FLEETHAM (W. ROBINSON) AND DICK (G. YOUNG) IN THE TRIAL PLATE (SIX FURLONGS).



NEGOTIATING THE FIRST FENCE IN THE FIRST HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE (2½ MILES)—ORMESBY (F. FLYNN) LEADING MASTER HAMILTON (H. LORRIGAN), THE WINNER.

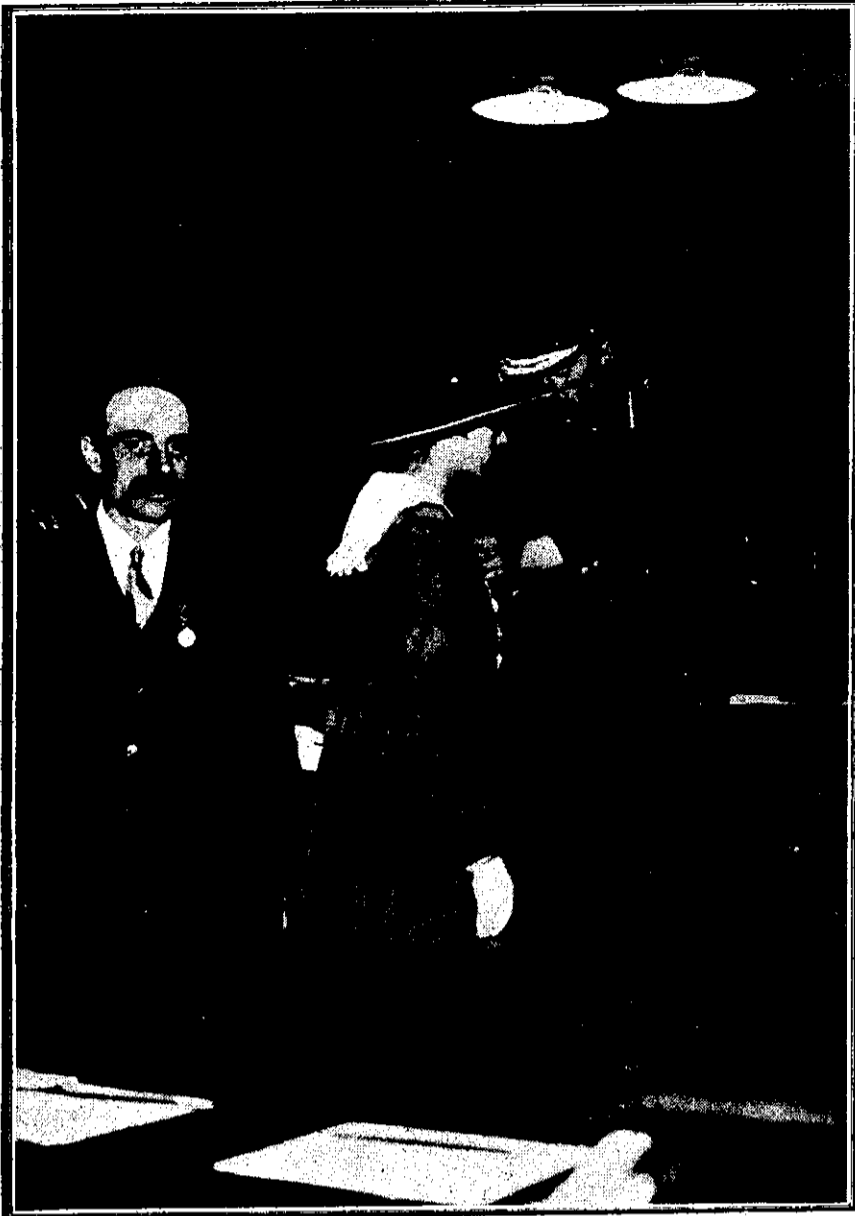


BAIRNSDALE (H. ROBINSON) WINNING THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP (SIX FURLONGS) FROM SARDINIA (A. REED), WITH HYLLUS (L. HEWITT) THIRD.



THE FINISH OF THE PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP (1½ MILES)—BAGDAD (F. ELLIS) SCORES A SURPRISE VICTORY FROM DETROIT (H. YOUNG), WITH SIR AGNES (L. HEWITT) THIRD.

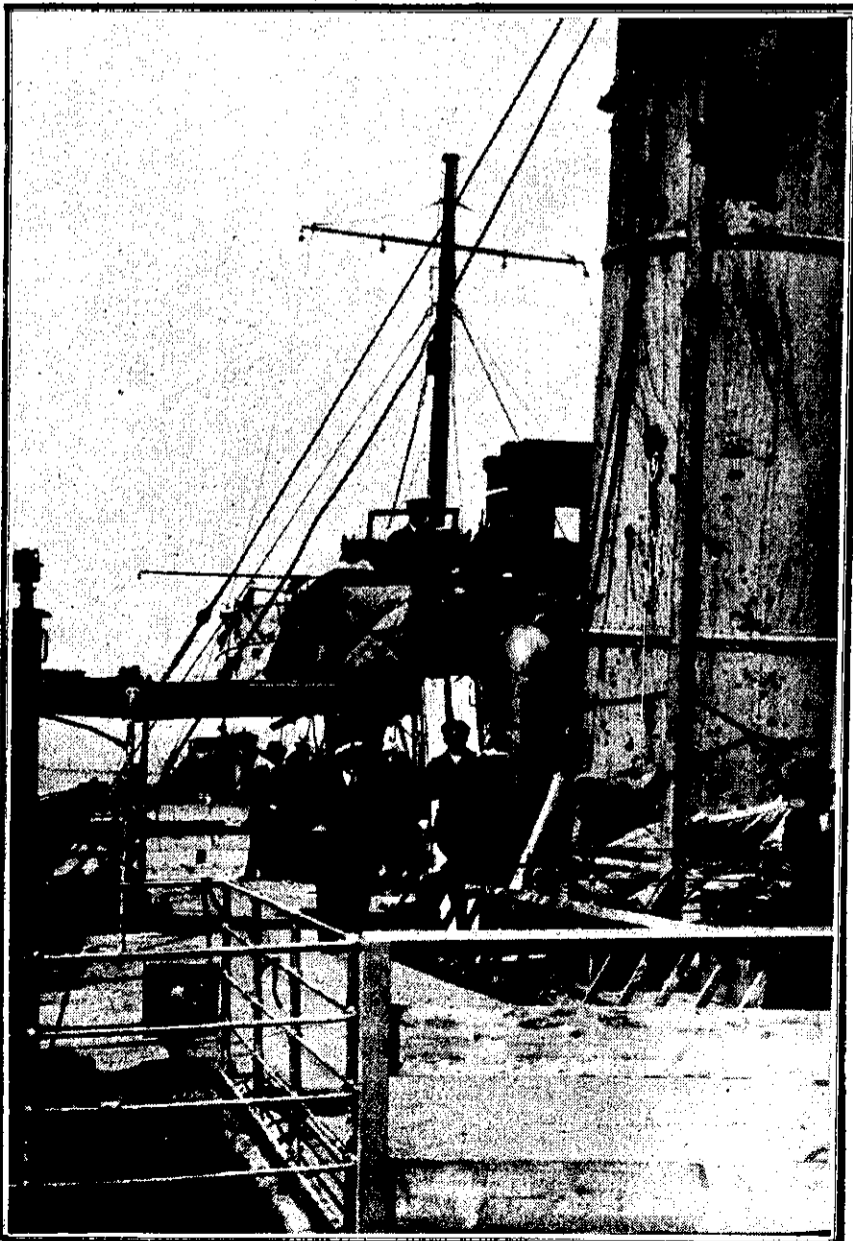
# Heroism and Devotion to Duty portrayed in latest Snapshots from England.



**DECORATED FOR COURAGE AND SELF SACRIFICE.**—MISS AGNES MARY PETERS being presented by Lord Leconfield with the British Empire Medal in recognition of her great courage and the fact that she continued to do work of an exceptionally dangerous character, which resulted in an accident by which she was totally blinded. The presentation recently took place in London.



**GROUP OF BRITISH AIRMEN** who were instrumental in bringing down a German Gotha during an ambitious aerial night attack over England, which, however, was doomed to failure. The nearest figures in the group are the pilot and observer of one of the victorious British machines.

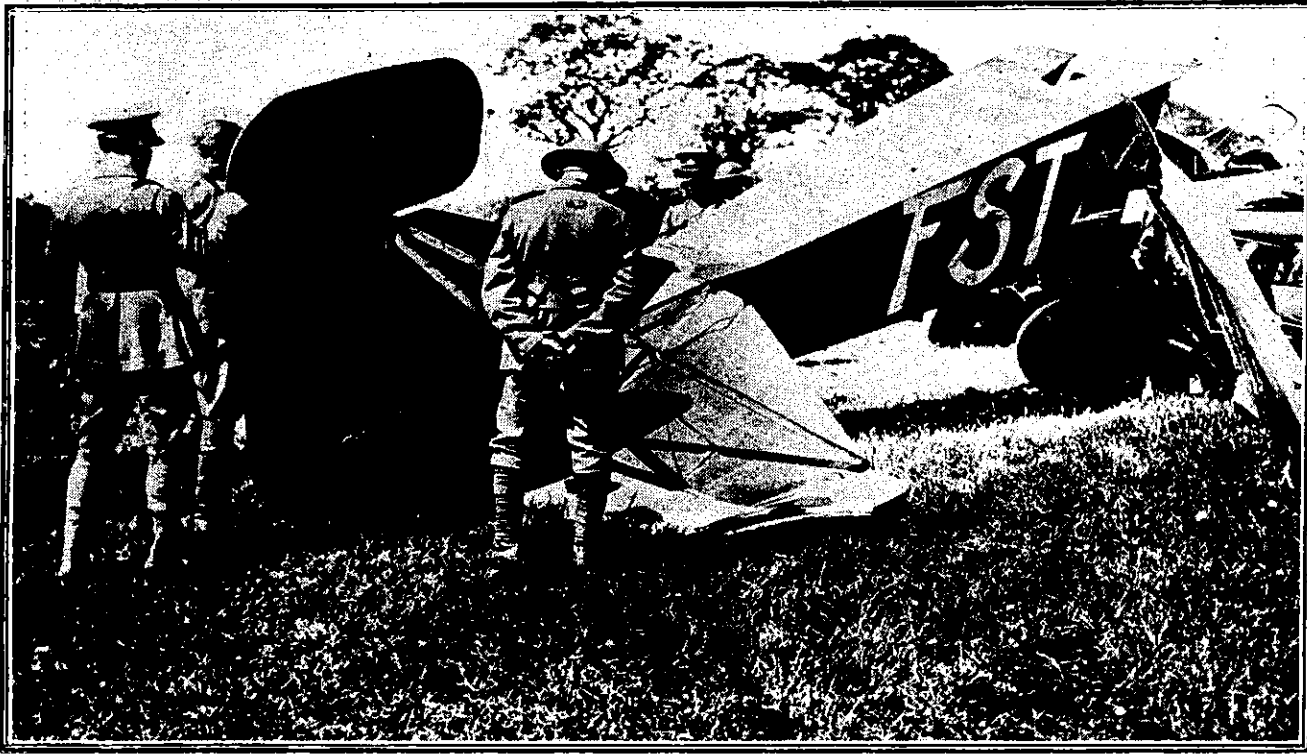


**PROUD OF THE SCARS WHICH THEIR VESSEL SUSTAINED DURING HER ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE MEMORABLE NAVAL RAID ON ZEEBRUGGE.** Deck view of the ferry boat Iris, which on returning from the raid was called upon to do a new kind of war service at Portsmouth. She was immediately berthed at the naval port and thrown open to visitors, the fees charged for admission being donated to naval charities. Note the funnels and remains of the bridge.

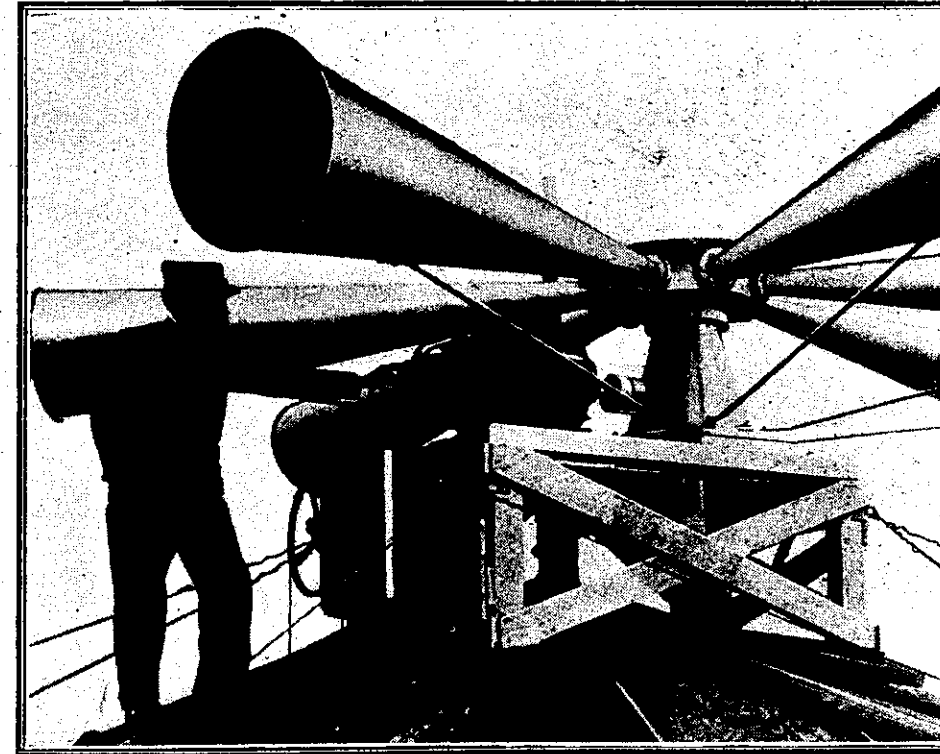


**"OLD GLORY" IN LONDON STREETS.**—A GREAT PUBLIC WELCOME TO THE SOLDIERS OF THE UNITED STATES. A regiment of American troops, consisting of three battalions of the New Army, recently created remarkable enthusiasm as a result of their march through London. The illustration shows the celebrated flags of the United States heading the procession. The Americans passed Buckingham Palace on their route, and as the Stars and Stripes went by the King gave a special salute.

# War in the Air—Gotha Aeroplanes' Attack on London Ends Disastrously to the I



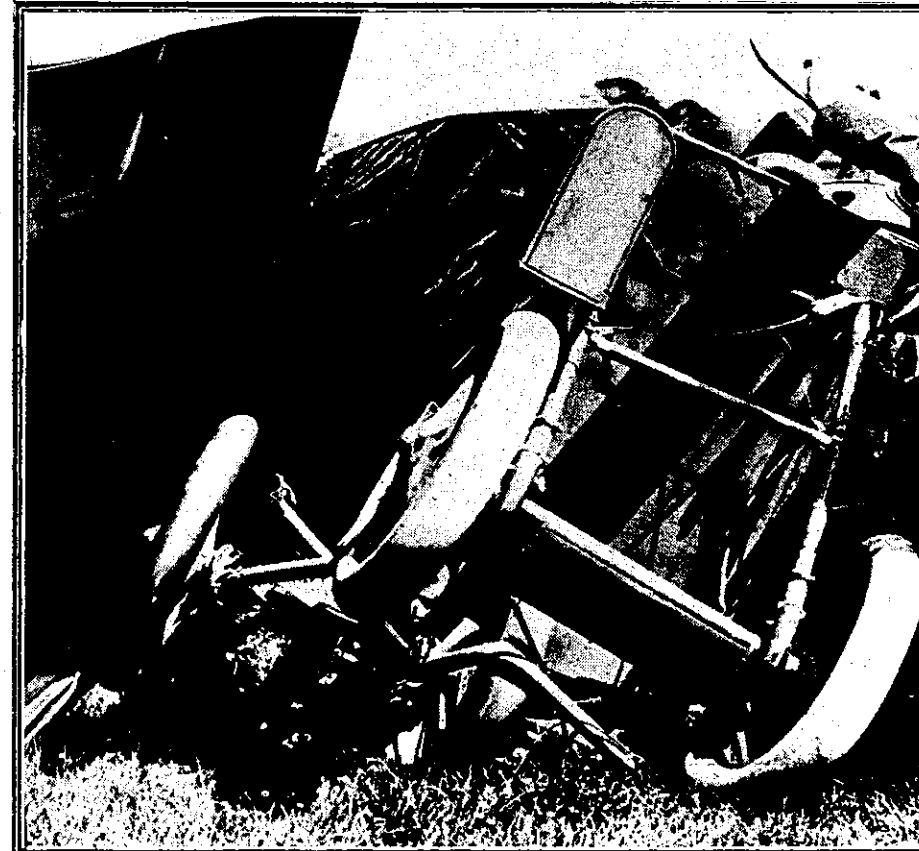
A TRIUMPH FOR BRITAIN'S AIRCRAFT DEFENCES.—THE HORNET'S BROKEN TAIL. A German aeroplane brought down during a recent aerial attack over England.



AN INGENUOUS DEVICE FOR WARNING THE CITIZENS OF PARIS OF RAIDERS. One of the 26 sirens which have been installed in the principal of enemy attacks. The device shown has been placed on one of the towers to give a distinctive sound and warn all the citizens in go



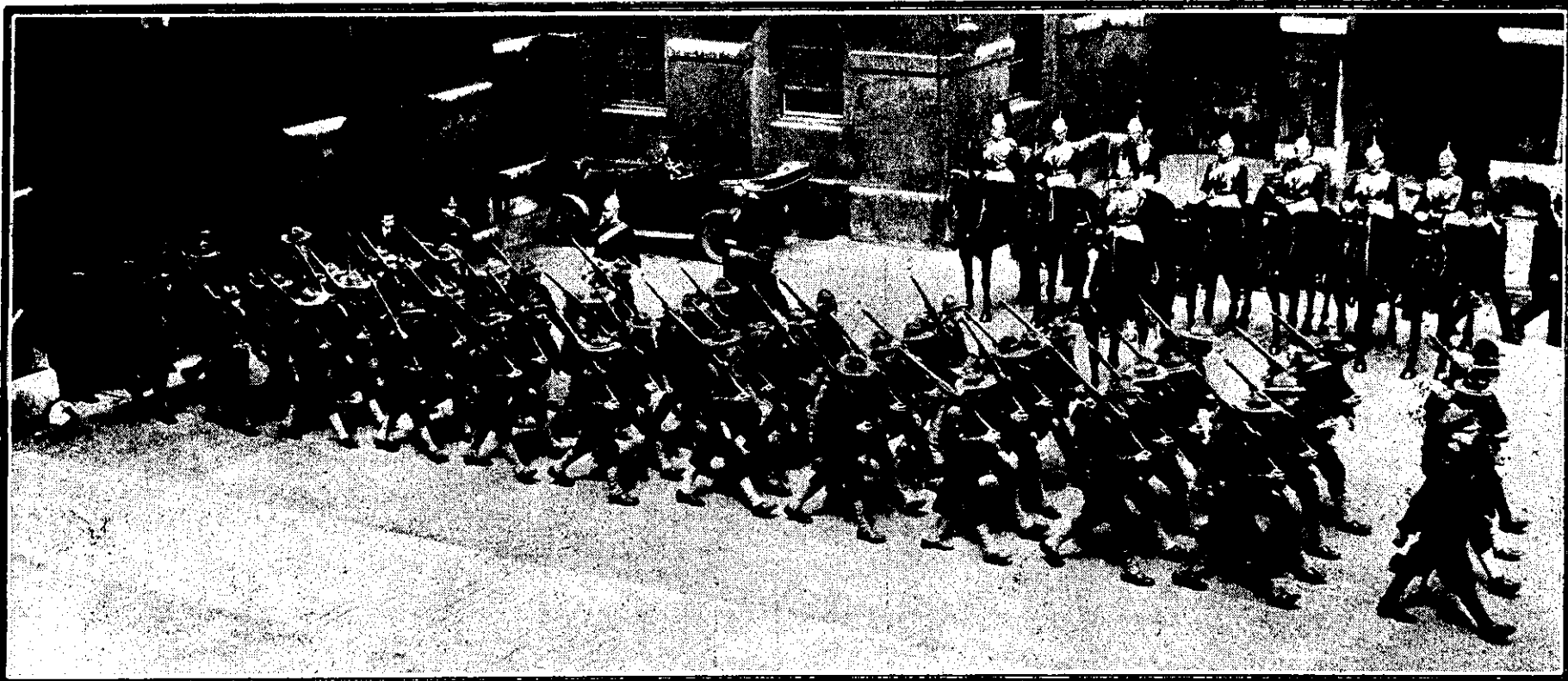
OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE VIEWING A CRASHED GOTHA, ONE OF FOUR GERMAN 'PLANES DESTROYED DURING A NIGHT RAID ON LONDON. On the extreme right is Lieutenant Gilbert, M.C., and next to him Captain Haines, D.S.O. The second figure on left is Major Merlis Green, D.S.O., M.C., while on his left (looking down) is the pilot of a victorious machine.



BRITISH AIRMEN EXAMINING THE WRECKAGE OF ONE OF THE GERMAN 'PLANES RECENTLY BROUGHT DOWN IN ENGLAND BY THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT G



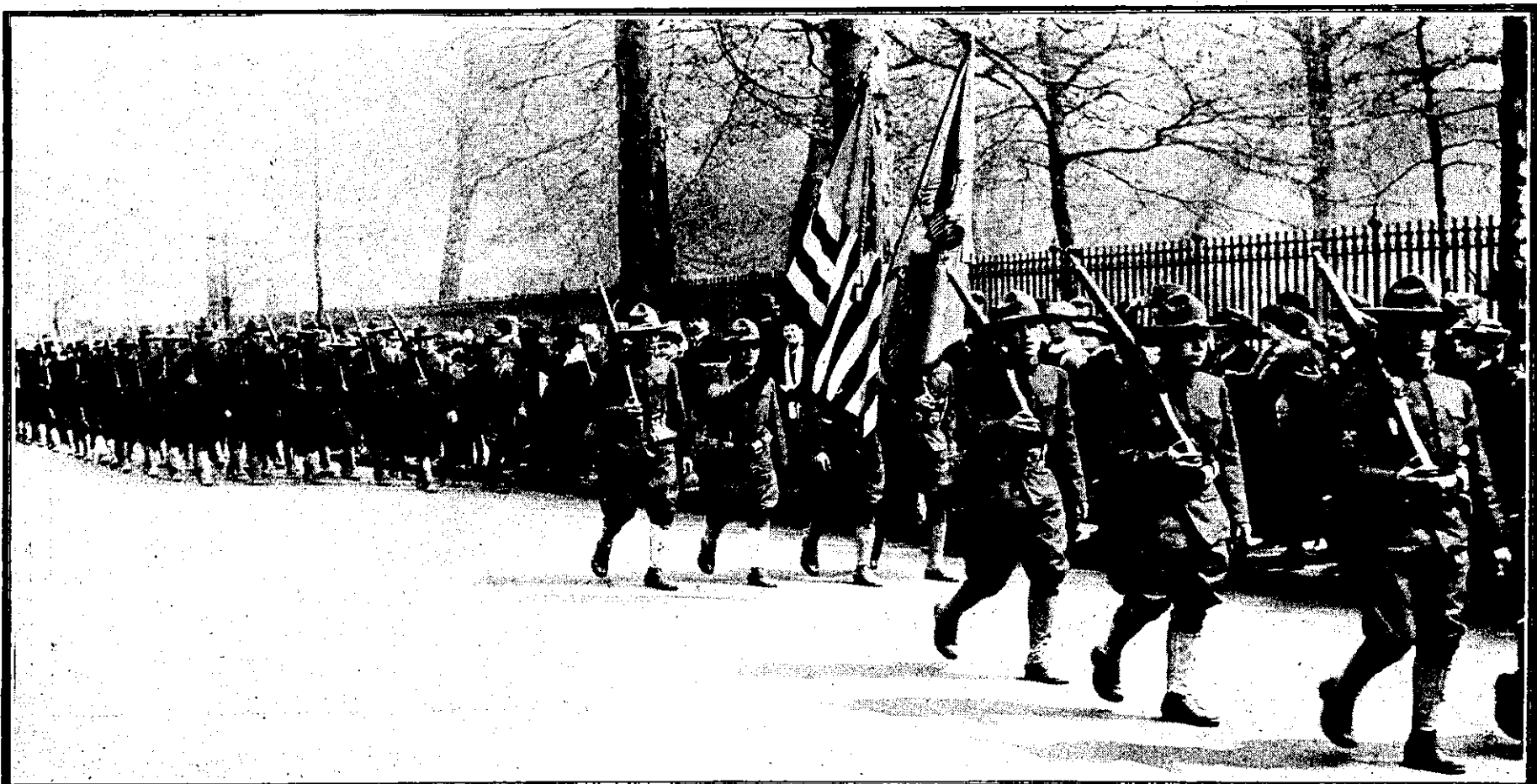
# American Troops in London provide a Stirring Spectacle.



TYPICAL AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO ARE EAGER TO HAVE THEIR FIGHTING QUALITIES TESTED ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF EUROPE. AN AMERICAN CONTINGENT PASSING THROUGH THE HORSE GUARDS, WHITEHALL, LONDON. The First Life Guards, who formed the guard, turned out whilst the column passed through the gates, an inspiring spectacle being presented by these splendid types of manhood who have united for the purpose of crushing a cruel and ruthless foe.

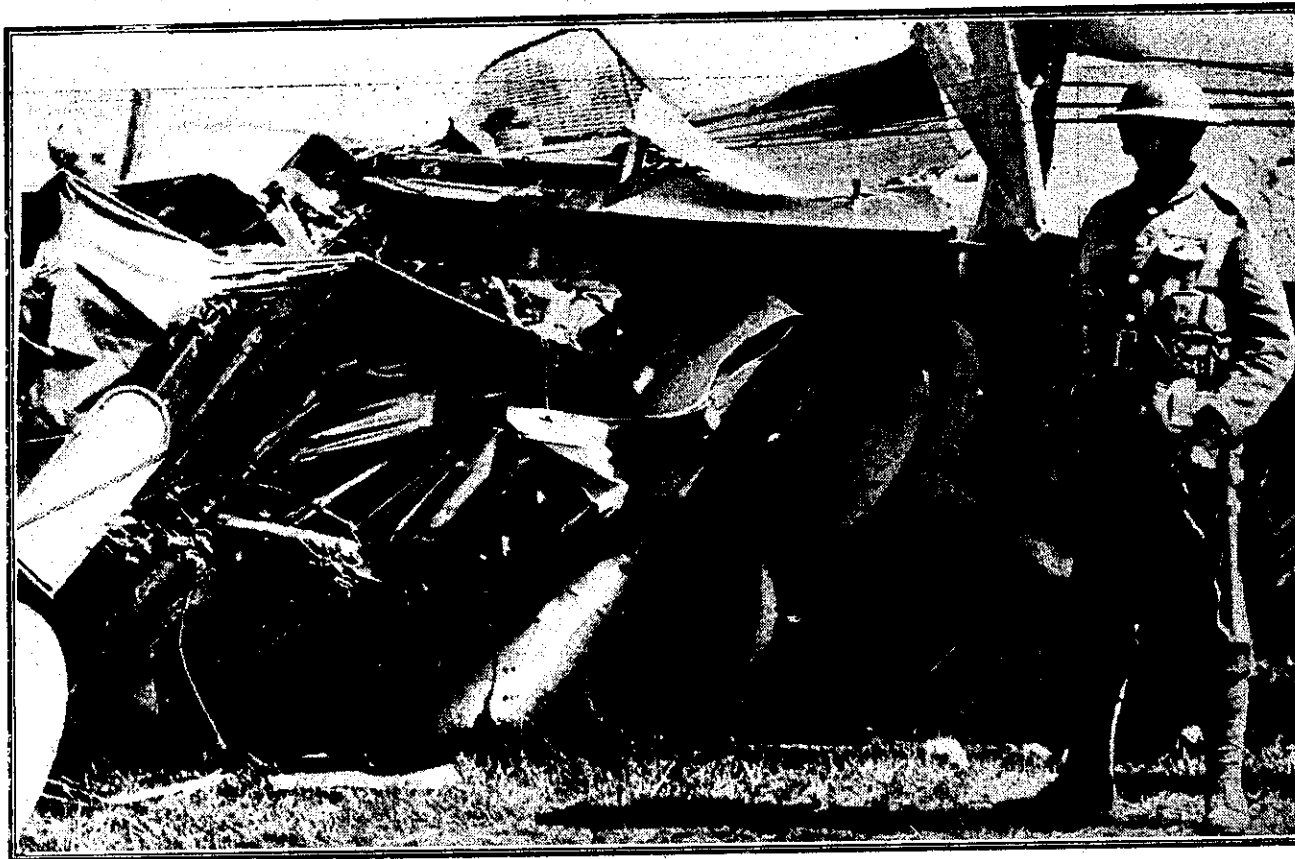


DETERMINED TO MAKE THEIR PRESENCE FELT WHEN DESPATCHED TO FRANCE TO AID THEIR BRAVE COMRADES FROM THE UNITED STATES.—AMERICAN TROOPS MARCHING THROUGH THE WEST END, LONDON, SOON AFTER DISEMBARKATION IN ENGLAND, PREPARATORY TO PROCEEDING TO FRANCE. The expeditious manner in which America has already despatched over a million men to France is the most gratifying omen from an Allied standpoint in connection with the 1918 campaign, and the maintenance of this remarkable war effort is undoubtedly destined to bring the final triumph of the Allied cause much closer.



A PROCESSION WHICH THRILLED LONDONERS—AN AMERICAN CONTINGENT MARCHES THROUGH THE STREETS OF THE METROPOLIS, CREATING AN EXCELLENT IMPRESSION, THEIR SPLENDID PHYSIQUE, SOLDIERLY BEARING AND TRAINED APPEARANCE AROUSING MUCH ENTHUSIASTIC COMMENT. THE ILLUSTRATION SHOWS THE STARS AND STRIPES AND THE AMERICAN EAGLE BEING PROUDLY BORNE THROUGH PICCADILLY.

**A Triumph for England's Air Defences - German Bombing Aeroplanes meet their fate d**



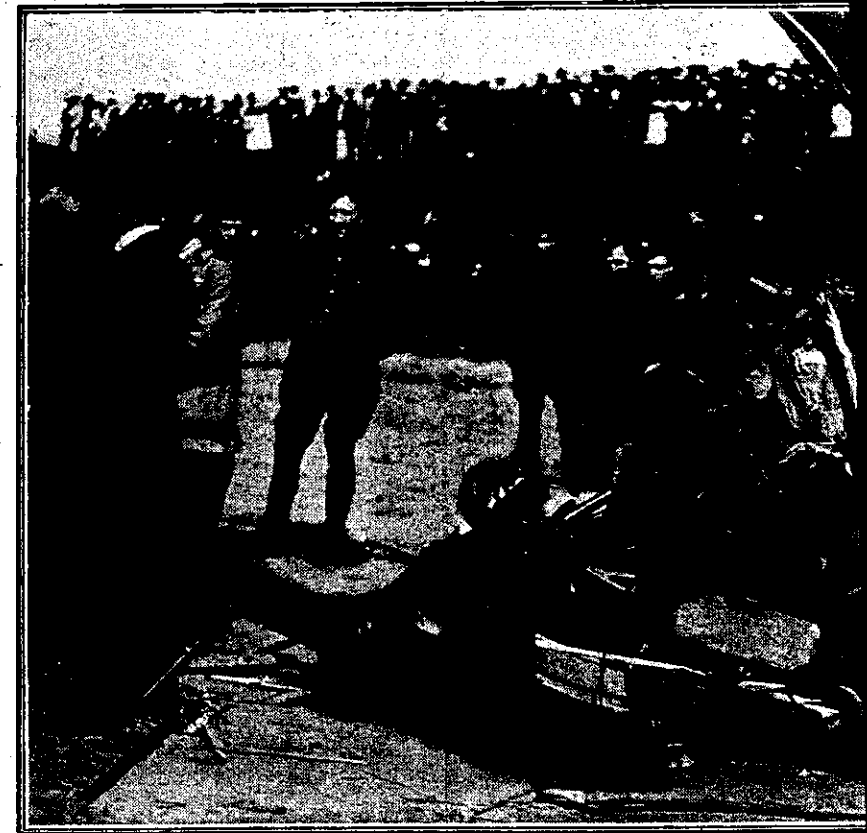
**GERMAN BOMBING AEROPLANE AND CREW PAY THE PRICE FOR THEIR RUTHLESS INVASION OF ENGLAND.** A tangled mass of ruins all that remained of a Gotha machine, one of the raiders, after coming in contact with Mother Earth. One of the unused bombs is observed lying against a wheel of the machine.



**THE RELIC OF AN AMBITIOUS GERMAN AIR RAID OVER ENGLAND.** Wreckage caused as a result of its enforced descent. A British aircraft engine is visible amid the mangled mass of what once constituted a late model Gotha.



**GERMAN AIR RAIDER RECEIVES ITS JUST DESERTS DURING ITS INFAMOUS MISSION OVER LONDON.** A Gotha lying where it crashed to the ground in an English field.



**EVIDENCE OF THE MOMENTUM WITH WHICH IT STRUCK THE GROUND.** The wreckage of the aeroplane brought down during a recent night raid over England. The wreckage is being guarded by British airmen. The raid cost the Germans four of their machines.

# GREENROOM GOSSIP

Miss Margaret Wycherley and "The Thirteenth Chair," the famous American mystery drama, have achieved a wonderful success at the Criterion Theatre, Sydney. It was, indeed, a triumph of the play and the famous dramatic star who created her role in America. The audience were amazed at the startling realism of the piece and the remarkable character acting of Miss Wycherley in the role of Rosalie Le Grand, the spiritualistic medium. It is long since such a sterling dramatic triumph has been made in Sydney.

Mr. George Tallis, writing from New York, referred to a number of productions which have been secured for Australia by J. C. Williamson, Ltd. Mr. Tallis said that "Oh, Boy," the musical play to be staged in Sydney next week by the New English Comedy Company, was still going strong after many months, and was a phenomenal success. Another big musical hit is "What Next," and a musical play with a strong element of novelty was "Going Up," a musical version of "The Aviator," in which aeroplaning is introduced. Mr. Tallis found the "Potash and Perlmutter" play, "Business Before Pleasure," doing tremendous business. In this, the two Hebrew partners are depicted with all their trials and tribulations in the picture business. Other comedies still running and which will be staged in Australia by J. C. Williamson, Ltd., are "The High Cost of Loving" and "Nothing But the Truth."

George Welch, the diminutive comedian, has apparently solved the problem as to how to be in two different places at the same time. Welch appears as Knopf, the cafe manager, in "Katinka," at Melbourne Her Majesty's, and is also a feature of the cabaret scene in the Muriel Starr production of "The Man Who Came Back," at the Theatre Royal. In this scene the comedian does an eccentric dance that brought down the house on the opening night. He is billed on the programme as "The Unexpected Guest," and introduces into the cabaret scene a good deal of enlivening humour as the inebriated guest who casually wanders in and proceeds to brighten things up in the vicinity.

The "Liverpool Courier," a copy of which came to hand by the last mail, records the success of W. S. Percy in "The Boy," the musical version of "The Magistrate," which J. C. Williamson, Ltd., have secured for production in Australia. "The play's chief figure," said the "Courier," "was a comedian who gave as funny a performance as anyone may ever hope to see. Mr. W. S. Percy, as Mr. Meebles, had not a moment during his long and frequent appearances that was not rich in comedy or by its delightful comicality did not prove an irresistible occasion for laughter. It was an extraordinarily good performance."

A return was recently compiled by the Fuller office of the number of people employed on the circuit in Australia and New Zealand, when it was found that just over 700 artists, musicians, stage hands, front-of-house attendants and cleaners were engaged, which is a pretty extensive salary list in these times. In addition to a big list of vaudeville artists, the Fullers are directing the following complete musical companies:—Paul Stanhope Company in Melbourne, Walter Johnston Company in Adelaide, Jack Kearns Company in Perth, Bert Le Blanc Company at Fremantle, Stuffy and Mo Company in Brisbane, Tom Haverley's Company in Auckland, Walter George's Company in Wellington, Harry Farrow's Company in Christchurch, and Al Bruce Company in Sydney, all doing splendidly. In the domain of drama the Fullers are directing Allan Wilkie's tour, besides playing a new piece every week at the Grand Opera House, Sydney, the Princess Theatre, Melbourne, and the Majestic Theatre, Newtown, so the executive staff of the concern have their hands full.

"Why did the great pianist refuse to play?" "Temperament. He got mad because his name was printed in smaller type on the programme than the name of the piano on which he was to perform."

Judging by the demand for the music of "Katinka," the J. C. Williamson production at Her Majesty's, Melbourne, is one of the greatest successes the firm has ever achieved. Thousands of copies of the complete score have been disposed of, whilst of the individual numbers, the pigeon song, "Rackety-Coo," is prime favourite. One well-known firm of music sellers likened the rush on "Katinka" music to that which characterised the "Merry Widow" boom at its highest. Meanwhile, at Her Majesty's, "Katinka" is still drawing packed houses, and is booming bigger than ever. Seats have to be booked days ahead.

The English Pierrots, who open in Auckland on Saturday, are not only decidedly musical and gifted with bright and breezy humour which is most infectious, but each member has the happy faculty of co-operating with his fellow in such a manner that the harmonious effect gained is entirely spontaneous. The repertoire of the Pierrots is most extensive, and many of the features have been written by the members of the company, of which there are ten performers, comprising singers, raconteurs and comedians.



MR. LESLIE HOLLAND AND MISS HILDA GUIVER, in a laughable episode in "The Bing Boys Are Here," the big J. C. Williamson Revue, now showing at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland.

Simultaneously with the first production in Australia of "The Man Who Came Back," the production of this drama in New York was to commence the twentieth month of its run in that city. It is also being played at the present time in San Francisco, Boston, and in several of the stages.

Oliver and Lucifer Bing are discussing the attractions of life in their home town. "There's the circus!" exclaims Mr. Holland. "But it only comes once a year," retorts Mr. Cannot, "and the only flirt is the fat lady. No; I want to rise with the sun, and go to bed with the moon. It want to go to London to see the underworld."

Miss Valeska Suratt is the first American actress to receive a pilot's license to drive a hydroplane.

Lieutenant C. H. Bovill, Coldstream Guards, has been killed in action. He was well known as a writer of lyrics, and was associated with several popular West End (London) productions. One of his big successes was made with the Empire Theatre revue "Everybody's Doing It," which was written in association with Mr. George Grossmith.

## WELLINGTON NOTES.

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, July 15.

Jack Waller and his clever company opened a season at the Grand opera House last Saturday evening with a revised edition of his revue, "Look Who's Here." In the programme a special feature is made of a series of sketches entitled "In the Trenches," visualising the characters made famous by Captain Bairnsfather. Every item on the programme is absolutely new, being chosen from a library collected by Mr. Waller during his recent visit to Australia. Jack Waller still heads the list, and Fred Dennett, Wylie Watson, Gregory Ivanoff, Howard Hall, Ada Smart, Cecilia Gold, Patsie Hill, Marjorie Simms and the three Whites all take their respective places, whilst Simms Waller continues to wield the baton at the head of the Purple Band.

The Wellington season of the J. C. Williamson pantomime "Dick Whittington" was in every way a record one.

The Wellington Amateur Operatic Society have decided that this year's

bination is one that does itself the greatest credit. Everyone is talented and a great worker, and there is a fine esprit de corps between them, which makes for that dove-tailing and complete harmony necessary to the success of any combination.

## MUSIC NOTES.

(By "G" String.)

It is reported that Mr. Edward Branscombe, who sang in New Zealand with the Westminster Glee Singers some years ago, is joining the teaching staff of the Sydney Conservatorium. Mr. Branscombe's singing of "The Lowland Sea," with a charming tenor voice, is a pleasant memory of that tour. It might also be mentioned that Mr. Branscombe was the first to introduce the concert comedy company to the Dominion, and they were the original Scarlet Troubadours.

The Wellington Choral Union has decided to give a performance of "Elijah" in the Town Hall on August 14 as a complimentary benefit to Mr. Robert Parker, the well-known conductor, who is retiring from the arena of music as a conductor of public performances. As a tribute to Mr. Parker's long and honourable association with music in Wellington the net proceeds will be handed to him. Mr. John Prouse will once more sing his masterpiece and Miss Mina Caldwell will sing the contralto music free of charge.

The musical world has sustained a great loss in the death of M. Wasili Safonoff, at the age of 66. M. Safonoff was a Russian, and visited England for his first time about seven years ago. At one time director of the Moscow Conservatoire, he achieved fame as a pianist and teacher, although the general public in England and on the Continent knows him best as the man who conducted without a baton.

It is not generally known that Miss Elsie Rosslyn, the cultured soprano of the English Pierrots, at present touring New Zealand, is a daughter of Mr. T. Jones, the city organist of Adelaide. Mr. John Lemmone, the eminent flautist, is Miss Rosslyn's uncle.

Madame Elsie Davies, the soprano who sang in Wellington last year under engagement to the Wellington Choral Union and who has appeared in leading roles in Italy, made her first appearance in Sydney with the Royal Philharmonic Society on Thursday, July 4. This singer is the wife of the secretary to the Consul-General of the Commonwealth for Italy, and only returned to Australia about two years ago. Madame Elsie Davies adopted the stage name of Italia de Medici because her husband's mother was one of the historical family of Medici and an operatic artist also. Madame Davies has sung in London with Landon Ronald's new Symphony Orchestra.

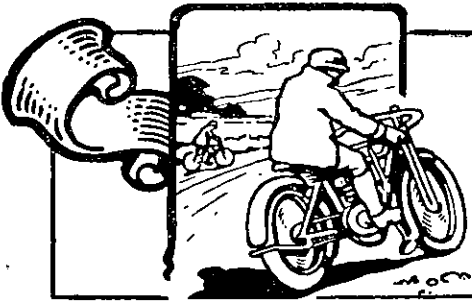
Estelle Aubrey and Mae Riche, two pretty and accomplished young American dancers appearing on the Fuller circuit, have played together in vaudeville for six years, resisting several invitations to join the "movie" forces. They have danced in every city in the U.S.A., and also given exhibitions in many of the Liberty theatres erected in the soldiers' training camps.

An echo of "The Bing Boys" is heard in the following incident: Two airmen flew from Scotland to London. Their journey was made at the call of duty. The visit to the capital was of short duration, but they decided to have one last glimpse of a revue before returning to Scotland preparatory to their departure for the front. So they went to see "The Bing Boys" at the Alhambra. Their journey had occupied a little under four hours, and they were only just in time for the night performance. They landed at an aerodrome in the north of London and went down west. The only seats they could obtain were in the dress circle, but when the revue began they found that they were both still deafened by the roar of the engines, and they could not hear a sound from the stage. They approached the manager and asked if they could be placed somewhere nearer. When he heard the circumstances he made it possible, and they sat the performance out to the end. An hour later two machines rose from the aerodrome in the north of London and sped off through the night to Glasgow.

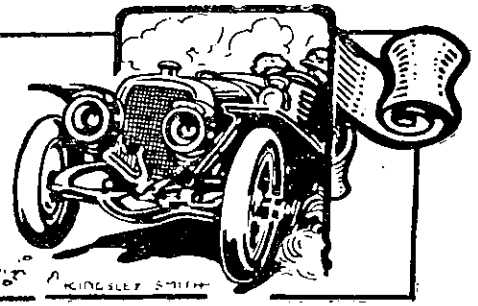
production will be the fine Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera, "The Gondoliers." This decision should be received with unmixed pleasure after the amount of trashy stuff we have had served up to us lately. The fact that the Amateur Operatic Society are going to produce "The Gondoliers" recalls the first performance of the comic opera in Wellington by amateurs some 18 years ago, with the following cast of characters:—Marco, Mr. E. J. Hill; Guiseppe, Mr. George Parsons; Don Alhambra, Mr. T. M. Wilford; Duke of Plaza Toro, Mr. W. D. Lyon; Duchess, Miss Ettie Maginnity; Giametta, Miss Jennie Sheen; Tessa, Miss Leila Spiller; Luiz, Mr. Horace Stebbing; Casilda, Miss Rosa Bradshaw; Antonio, Mr. H. Plimmer—a really fine cast. Mr. W. D. Lyon was splendid as the Duke, whilst Mr. T. M. Wilford did some of his best work as the Inquisitor. If the Society can produce as good a cast of principals this year they need have no fear as to the result of the coming season.

Malini, the clever magician and card manipulator, opens a short season in the Town Hall Concert Chamber on Saturday evening next.

The English Pierrots finished a season of eight and a-half weeks in the Town Hall Concert Chamber last Saturday evening. This clever com-



# MOTORING & CYCLING



Photographs of private motorists in their cars, snapshots taken while on tour, or accounts of motoring trips and other items of interest to car-owners, will be inserted in these columns if posted to "New Zealand Sporting and Dramatic Review," P.O. Box 52, Auckland.

Four more men have gained their tickets at the Aviation School at Sockburn, these being E. Kingberg (Taranaki) and C. Williamson, K. Matson and L. Garland (all of Christchurch). The number of pupils who have passed up to the present is now 104.

L. H. Stewart, the fourth son of Mr. J. R. Stewart, of Dunedin, has joined the Royal Flying Corps, and is leaving for the front in the course of a few days. He graduated in the Flying School at Christchurch, and successfully passed for his pilot's certificate. He is a Manaia boy, a former student of Wanganui College, and has only just passed his twentieth year, and is a fine specimen of a young New Zealander, being 6ft. 2in. in height.

In the Year Book of the Auckland Automobile Association for 1918, appears an interesting article on "Industrial Alcohol." The spirit can, it is stated, be made from fallen fruit, grain, beet, molasses, potatoes, rice, turnips, etc., the cost of distillation being small. In the United States distillers get 1s. 10d. per gallon, and it is estimated the cost of production is 11d. per gallon. One advantage of wood alcohol is that it dissolves in water, whereas other motor spirits float on the surface. It is pointed out, on the other hand, that the heating power of alcohol is less than that of gasoline. Wood alcohol can be made from sawdust, scrap wood, shavings, stubble, straw, chaff, corn cobs, etc., the sulphuric acid problem being the key to the economical production of both this and industrial alcohol.

The number of private and industrial motor vehicles registered in the United States of America in 1916 was 3,512,996, and last year the total had mounted to 5,148,063.

In a motor car case at the Supreme Court, Wellington, counsel told His Honour the Chief Justice that the car was sold in Wellington in July of last year, left for Featherston on July 16, but did not arrive at its destination until October! Sir Robert Stout smilingly suggested that the distance could be walked in less time, and was incredulous of counsel's statement that "after all there was not really much wrong with the car; repairs being incidental to the ownership of any car."

Sub-Lieutenant Thomas Turnbull (son of Mr. William Turnbull, Wellington) has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve for the part he took in the recent naval operations at Zeebrugge and Ostend. Lieutenant T. Turnbull left New Zealand about 18 months ago with the first Expeditionary Motor Patrol Force, and has been on active service in the North Sea ever since. His brother, Lieutenant William Turnbull, is also in the motor patrol service.

His Honour the Chief Justice (Sir Robert Stout) delivered judgment in the Supreme Court, Wellington, last week in the appeal case Walter Smart v. Ernest Craig. The original action was brought by Smart for the recovery from Craig of a sum of money for payment under a hire purchase agreement in respect of a motor car. Craig counter-claimed for damages for alleged misrepresentation. The Magistrate held that there had been no misrepresentation, but that what was said by Smart's agent was warranty. The appeal was on the point of whether there was a warranty or a representation, and his Honour held that what was said by Smart's agent was perfectly innocent, and that he believed what he had said, but what he said amounted in law to a warranty, and, therefore, since the warranty was not borne out by the facts the damages were properly given by the magistrate. The appeal was dismissed with £7 7s. costs.

"The 'Waacs' are fine with the motor ambulances," says a soldier who has just arrived badly wounded in London from the fighting in Belgium. "They are cheering up the wounded wonderfully with their smiles and thoughtfulness for our comfort. When I arrived at the base they were jolly kind and looked after us like mothers. One girl brought out her cigarette case and handed it round. The driver of the ambulance came round to see if there were any bad cases. She saw that I was a bit badly knocked about and said she would drive slow enough to make it quite comfortable. The girls were all bright and merry, and you should see how the chaps' faces lighted up, although some of them were suffering considerable pain. There are no girls more popular out there than the 'Waacs' and the fighting men cannot speak too highly of the splendid work they are doing."

"I desire to make it known that the drivers and riders of motor vehicles in the Government employ are the worst offenders in respect of fast travelling in the streets of the city. Because they are in the Government service they think they are a law unto themselves. Mr.

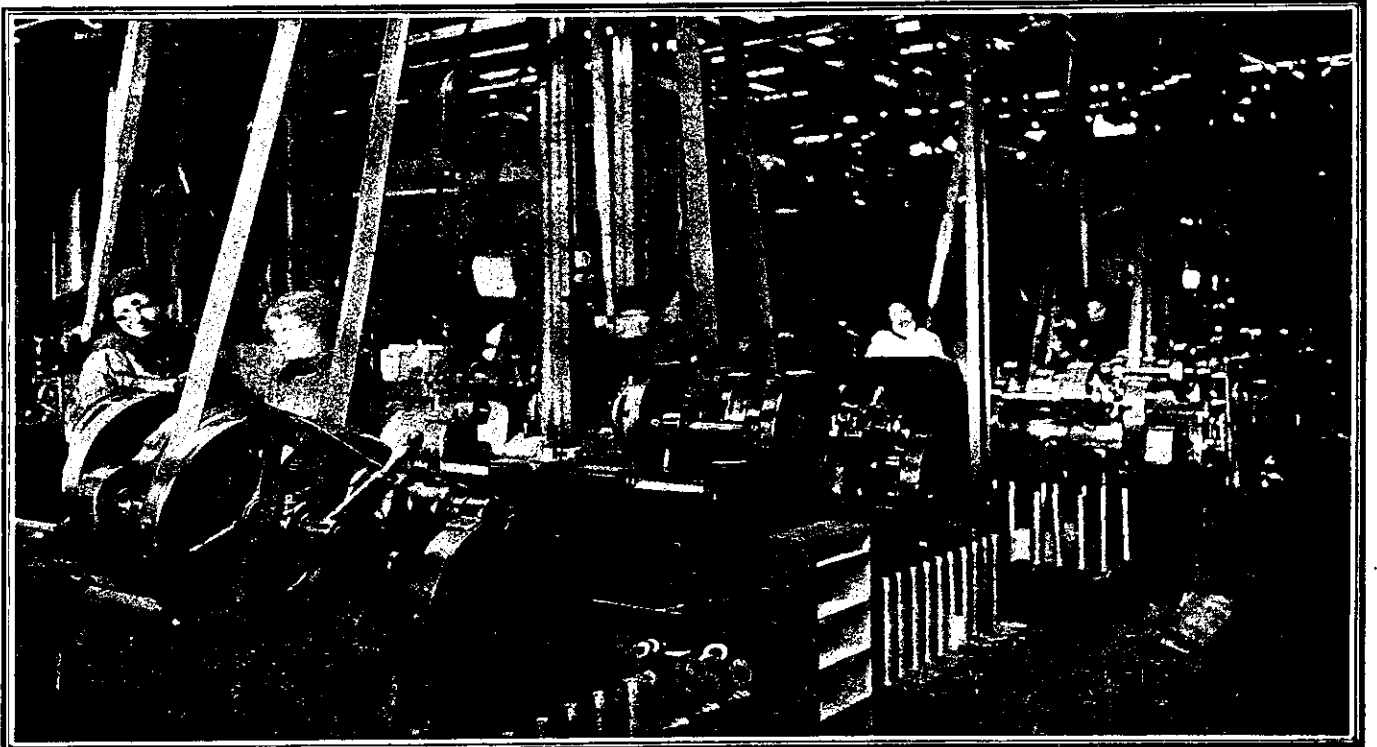
The phonograph is proving a useful adjunct to observation officers on duty in the air. These officers have found difficulty in making notes of details as quickly as they see them. Observation airplanes are now fitted with a registering phonograph, into which the officers speak through an acoustic tube.

It has for some time past been rumoured that the surplus of last year's British potato crop may possibly be utilised for the making of alcohol, who, in turn, may take the place of petrol as a driving power, and also for heating and cooking purposes. Scientists and chemists agree that it may be a common sight in the future to see cars, buses, motor vans and taxis driven by alcohol from the potato.

In a recent supplement to the London "Gazette," in which Admiralty awards of the D.S.O., D.S.C. and D.S.M. are announced, particulars are given of a plucky feat performed by Leading Mechanic Sydney Francis Anderson, D.S.M., who is awarded the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal. After repairing while in flight the petrol system of his machine, which had been damaged in action with enemy

rades. This is no easy task, nor was it easy for Richthofen to bring down our 'planes, even when they could be manoeuvred into the right position for the dealing of the coup de grace, but a good deal of credit was due to his "circus" as well as to him. Richthofen was married five months ago to a German millionairess. The Kaiser recently conferred on him the Order of the Red Eagle, and is said to have appointed him his equerry-airman. His brother brought down Captain Ball, the British "crack" airman.

Touching on dirigible balloons in the course of a lecture in Wellington, Lieutenant-Colonel Sleeman considered that the only advantage this type of aircraft had was its ability to hover, also its being able to receive and send wireless messages. However, the dirigibles were in great danger from anti-aircraft guns. The advance in anti-aircraft guns had been tremendous. The guns could fire to the maximum height at which an aeroplane could fly, namely, 20,000 feet. He did not think that any machine could go higher than 20,000 feet, because airmen who had reached this altitude had bled from the ears, eyes, and nose. Possibly someone



WOMEN EMPLOYED IN A FRENCH FACTORY DEVOTED TO THE MANUFACTURE OF AEROPLANES. The most up-to-date machinery is installed, and the women shown have become thoroughly skilled in all branches of aviation work.

Justice Edwards has remarked on the pace these machines travel through the streets," said Mr. J. O'Shea (city solicitor) when a lad, employed by the postal authorities, was charged before Mr. F. V. Fraser, S.M., in Wellington, with riding a motor cycle at night without having a light attached. The magistrate said there was less excuse for a Government official to ride without a light than another person, as lamps and other equipment are supplied to the officials.

A motor ambulance driver at the front writes: "Some of the lorry spares I have seen that have been captured from the Huns show considerable ingenuity in the way of shock-absorbing wheels. By springs and concentric hubs they manage to absorb some of the road shocks. The tyre is always iron, and this, of course, is a handicap. The brass-work of the magnetos and dynamos, where fitted, is as tiny as can be managed. The engine of one broken-down lorry was in good repair, and, as an instance of Hunnish spite, the ignition had been advanced so that the first man who tried to start the engine—as any chauffeur would—would sustain a broken wrist for his pains. The lorry is now in Paris, where all the fresh captures go, and perhaps some day we shall find it in a museum to show what Fritz could do to save his country, and what he would like to do when he saw there was a possibility of losing the war."

aircraft, he noticed trouble in the right engine. Asking the pilot to slow down as much as possible, he climbed out on to the lower plane and made extensive repairs. The work, which was done entirely in the open and in a wind force of 90 miles an hour, took over one and three-quarter hours and saved the machine.

Baron von Richthofen, the most famous of German airmen, has been brought down by the British in the Somme Valley. His body was recovered and buried with full military honours. One by one famous airmen have won their last victories and have been themselves brought down, writes Mr. Hamilton Fife in the "Daily Mail." Yesterday it was Richthofen's turn. He was the most famous of the enemy's "star" pilots. As a pilot he was brilliantly skilful and resourceful. All our men gave him full credit for that, but they did not think he was entitled to so much fame for his "victories" as the Germans insisted upon conferring on him. He led what our airmen called a "circus," meaning a number of 'planes which always went about with him. The "circus" would manoeuvre one of our machines into a position in which it could be struck at, and then Richthofen would deliver the blow. He was in much the same case as the espada in the bull-ring, the bull-fighter whose task it is to kill the animal after it had been weakened and worried by his com-

might invent a mask that would combat the rarefied air. The disadvantage of an aeroplane of not being able to hover would never be overcome, he was afraid. The aeroplane always had to be making a forward motion.

Mr. J. B. Clarkson, managing director for Hope Gibbons, Sons, and J. B. Clarkson, Ltd., Wellington and Christchurch, arrived safely in London, via America, on business. He is interviewing British motor manufacturers and explaining to them Australasian requirements, writes a correspondent.

According to English advices just to hand, officers of the Royal Air Force are to provide themselves with one suit of the new uniform without delay. To assist officers in obtaining uniforms of the pattern approved for the Royal Air Force, a grant of £10 is to be made from public funds to officers who have already received a khaki allowance, and £30 to naval officers if they hold field rank, and £25 to naval officers up to the rank of captain in the R.A.F.

We read that in a discussion on the pluckiest flying feat on record in an R.F.C. mess in France, the place of honour was given to Bleriot's memorable flight from Calais to Dover in July, 1909. The machine had never previously been in the air long enough to cross the Channel, and it was uncertain whether it could maintain sufficient height to alight on the cliffs.

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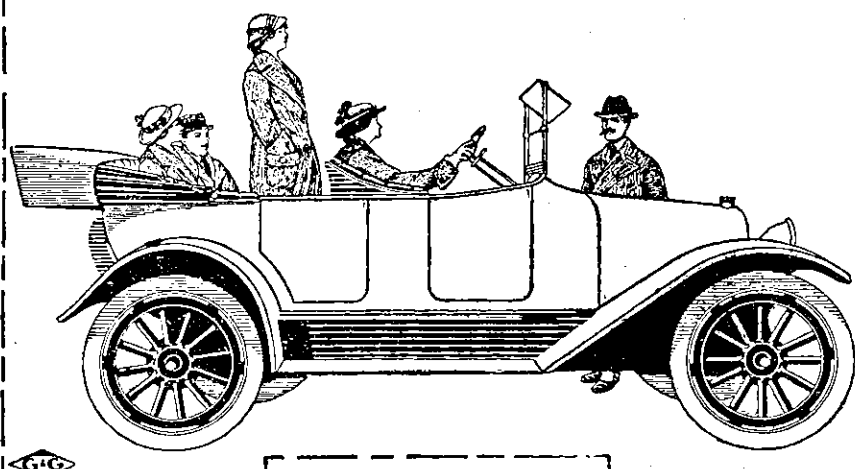
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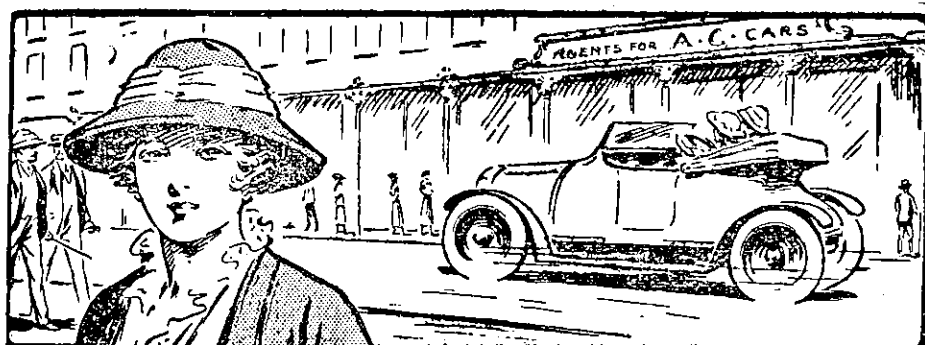


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## DISTRIBUTION OF PETROL.

## BOARD OF TRADE INQUIRY.

State control over the importation, sale and distribution of petrol has been decided upon by Cabinet as a result of the unsatisfactory position in regard to the distribution of oil fuel. The Board of Trade investigated the matter at the request of Cabinet, and have prepared regulations, of which the following is a summary to deal with the difficulty:

(a) All persons desirous of importing petrol supplies into New Zealand should approach the Minister in Charge of Munitions and Supplies, who will be guided by the advice of the Board of Trade.

(b) When petrol is landed in New Zealand, it is to be distributed by distributors who will be approved of and licensed by the Minister in Charge of the Munitions Department, on the recommendation of the Board of Trade.

(c) These approved distributors will be subjected to certain conditions as regards the quantities of supplies sold to consumers, and as to the price. The chief of these conditions are:

1. No license will be required by distributors who acquire from importers a lesser quantity than four thousand gallons within any period of 28 days, but those distributors who receive more than four thousand gallons within any such period will have to comply with the conditions as published, which include the question of retail price as fixed for the four main centres.

2. Distributors must also undertake not to supply any individual with more than four weeks' supply of petrol for his requirements, and it will be imperative on those applying for petrol to clearly indicate, by answer to a series of questions on a prescribed form, what their requirements are, and their holdings at the moment of application.

3. Every person shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable under the regulations who

(a) Acquires the ownership or possession of petrol in breach of the provisions of the regulations; or

(b) Commits any breach of the terms or conditions on which a license has been granted to him under the regulations; or

(c) Obtain any such license on a false representation; or

(d) Fails to make any return required from him in pursuance of the regulations; or

(e) Fails to make such return which is false in any respect; or

(f) Makes any false representation for the purpose of obtaining a supply of petrol from any other person.

4. The consumer will be required to make returns to vendors in accordance with the gazetted regulations, and the penalties for failure or breach are very heavy, as indicated above.

While supplies of petrol appear to be ample for New Zealand's requirements, it will not be necessary to classify users further than as follows: (1) Government and local bodies; (2) businesses and professions; (3) pleasure users.

The onus of seeing that the more important and essential users get what preference is necessary will be upon the licensees and distributors.

A petrol committee, consisting of those interested in the trade, will be appointed to be associated with the Minister in Charge and the Board of Trade.

The maximum retail prices will be for Class A (petrol, motor spirit, benzine, naphtha and gasolene) and Class B (distillate and naphthalite):

	Per case of not less than 8 gallons.	Per tin of not less than 4 gallons.
At Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.		
Class A ..	27 6	13 9
Class B ..	22 6	11 3
At Napier and Timaru.		
Class A ..	28 0	14 0
Class B ..	23 0	11 6
At Wanganui, New Plymouth, and Gisborne.		
Class A ..	29 0	14 6
Class B ..	24 0	12 0
At Invercargill.		
Class A ..	29 6	14 9
Class B ..	24 6	12 3

At any place other than these ports the maximum retail price of petrol shall be the maximum retail price fixed as aforesaid for the port from which the seller customarily obtains his supply of petrol, or where there is no such customary port of supply, then for the nearest port, together in each case with such addition to the maximum retail price for that port as is equivalent to the actual cost of transportation from that port to the place of sale.

Before the war, when a man set about buying a car, generally his ideas would be that he wanted something at between £200 and £250, or between £300 and £350, or between £700 and £800. In other words, at that period, most intending owners were in such a position that, on a car salesman showing sufficient cause, they could exercise appreciable latitude in the matter of the actual sum

With the annual statistical abstract published by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, U.S.A., is a statement that brings home forcibly the fact that motor haulage has become a predominant factor in passenger transport. The motor vehicle carries annually almost double the number of passengers conveyed by the whole of the railways in the United States and Canada. Yet, it is pointed out, the capital of the motor industry is only about one-thirtieth of that invested in railroads. "It does not require," proceeds the statement, "a very vivid imagination to picture the future of the automobile industry. The huge task of world reconstruction after the war is certainly going to create an unprecedented demand for motor-propelled vehicles." To meet the coming road traffic, the United States will expend upwards of 52 millions sterling on highway construction and improvement during the current year, which was decided upon through a developed appreciation of the utility of motors as a means of relieving the congestion on the railways.

The Toronto-Hamilton Highway Commission (Canada), which controls 40 miles of concrete roadway between these two chief industrial centres, has

announced that it is prepared to take care of motor waggon traffic on this model road. Regulations have been adopted by the commission for the governing of the use of the highway by "commercialised" traffic running on a schedule basis. This has been done in anticipation of the inauguration of a regular motor waggon service between the two cities by companies authorised to conduct a public motor transportation business. Vehicles in the service will be licensed for the purpose by the commission, and will operate under special regulations. This is the first move in Canada to supervise the operation of trade motors on a regular route. These regulations will not restrict the free use of the road for transportation purposes by those manufacturing concerns which have factories along the route and which will be using many vehicles for private delivery.

The production, importation, distribution and consumption of petroleum in Italy has now been brought under State control. The available quantities, deducting the amount set aside for Government requirements, are until further notice to be exclusively reserved for the needs of agriculture and for lighting purposes.



Advantages of motor transport availed of in Mesopotamia by the British military authorities. A Napier business vehicle adapted to rail traction conveying a unit of 27 men from a certain point to the front. That a moderate-powered motor lorry can transport such a body of men with ease and speed to any desired point on the railway system is, indeed, remarkable.

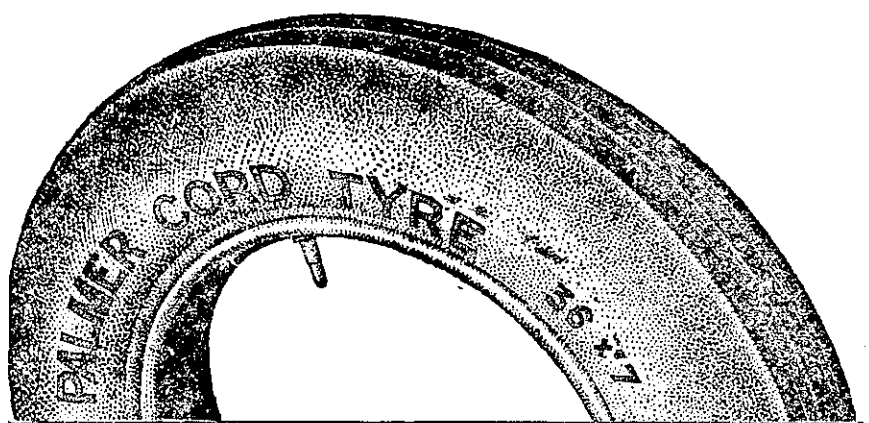
paid most nearly to satisfy their requirements. At home the first observable motoring after-effect of the war will be to confine the individual car purchaser within a very much closer price range. While there will be always a certain demand for cars produced to sell wholly irrespective of cost, a big increase is to be looked for in the call for cars produced with each model to fit a certain price category. After the war the man with a £200 vehicle in his mind will not be in a position to pay £225 for one; nor will the man with a £400 car in mind be able to pay £500 because it will enable him to obtain a machine superior to anything that will be available for the lesser sum. His limit will be £400, and nothing above that price will interest him as a buyer. In other words, to meet the post-war demands of the public the motor trade will have to keep retail price in mind to a much stricter extent than has been needful in the past.—H. Massac Buist, in "The Autocar."

Lack of proper lubrication is a fruitful source of trouble in connection with valves, either through over-lubrication causing carbon deposit or lack of lubrication leaving the surface dry. In either case, the action of the valve is affected, especially of the exhaust valves, for they are exposed to extreme heat. The general result is sluggish action, but in extreme cases the valves may get seized or stuck in their guides. Outside oiling is only a temporary relief, and entails the trouble of taking off the cover plates. Hence it is generally the case that the valves are neglected.

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Mr. T. O. Jones, who has lately returned to New York from a business tour to Japan on behalf of the United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, reports that there are excellent motor trade prospects in Japan, and that the country is purchasing more large and expensive cars than ever before. According to Mr. Jones, during the first nine months of last year 600 cars were imported into Japan, as compared with 218 during the whole of 1916.

In the United Kingdom the motor-vehicle registrations during the war have steadily declined. In the United States the reverse has happened. During 1917, which was America's first year of the war, there was an increase of 1,396,324 cars and motor cycles over 1916. The total registration in the United States on January 1, 1918, was 5,000,000, which means that there is one motor vehicle to every 20 people in the country. Two years ago there was one for every 40 people. In the British Isles the pre-war ratio was one motor for every hundred people.

No other overland inter-state route has attracted so much attention and aroused so much interest amongst motorists as that connecting Sydney and Melbourne via the South Coast Road and Gippsland. The numbers of cars and motor cycles which traversed the route last season was greater than in all previous years combined. What is needed now to make it the most popular overland tour in the Commonwealth is a motor guide on the same lines as those already published defining the direct routes between Melbourne and Sydney and Melbourne and Adelaide; and we learn that such a guide is being prepared. It will take the form of a descriptive route map of the South Coast Road from Sydney, showing all the resorts—Bulli, Kiama, Wollongong, Narooma and Eden to Mallacoota, while from Melbourne will be shown routes to The Lakes, Buchan Caves, Marlo and right through Gippsland to Mallacoota, and the two combined will form the through route between Melbourne and Sydney. It is a most picturesque trip, there being some hundreds of miles of beautiful valley, mountain and coastal scenery.

That wild animals may successfully be pursued by aeroplane is shown by a story from California. A well-known pilot took a sharpshooter among the hills near Rosco and surveyed the country in wide circles. By the aid of field glasses they discovered two prowling coyotes stalking a covey of quail. The pilot shut off his engine, glided down to within a hundred yards of the coyotes, and put the machine on an even keel, while the sharpshooter, steadying himself against a strut, brought down both animals in turn. A third coyote was added later, and then a couple of bobcats were bagged.

The fact that the term "Australasia" had proved conflicting to overseas exporting houses was brought under the notice of the Auckland Chamber of Commerce last week by the Auckland Motor Traders' Union of Employers. It was stated that had there been no such comprehensive name, Australian and New Zealand agencies would have been placed separately, with considerable advantage to New Zealand. The council of the chamber decided to send a remit on the matter to the forthcoming conference of New Zealand Associated Chambers of Commerce.

A London cable states that Sir Basil Zaharoff has given £25,000 to establish a professorship of aviation at London University.

A Swedish company has been formed for the purpose of establishing a system of transport over high-ways and through forests by means of motor road trains. The concern will devote its energies principally to the conveyance of timber for the Swedish Fuel Commission, but also will engage in general transport work on a large scale. The road trains will consist of a tractor and four trailers, and in order that the road surface will not be adversely affected, the wheels of the vehicle will have a width of not less than 12 inches. In winter the trailers will be replaced by sledges and the tractors specially fitted for moving over snow-covered roads.

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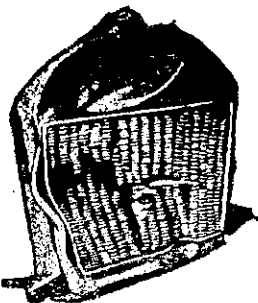
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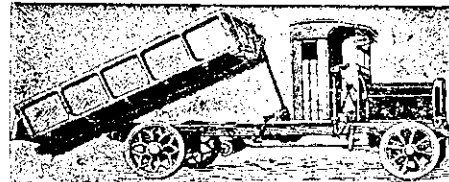
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# THE SOCIAL WORLD



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

Mrs. Porter, honorary organising secretary of the Women's National Reserve, has returned to Wellington from a tour in Hawke's Bay and Gisborne.

The engagement is announced in the Christchurch "Sun" of Mr. C. N. Denham, of the Bank of New Zealand staff and son of Mr. Edward Denham, Sumner, to Miss Ruth Livingstone, M.A., third daughter of Mr. T. Livingstone, Christchurch.

The King has awarded the Military Medal to six women for gallantry during an air raid in France which destroyed the women's auxiliary camp, and also for removing wounded from the vicinity of an exploding munition dump.

Miss Mary Edwards, a Sydney artist, was in Wellington last week on her return voyage to Australia after a trip to Papeete.

Three thousand girls from the training colleges and universities have left London to assist in the harvesting of the flax crops.

Dr. Grace Murray, of America, who has been visiting New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, left Wellington last week for Sydney.

The wedding took place recently at St. Stephen's Church, Dulwich, England, of Sergeant J. G. Smith (son of Mr. Jas. Smith, of Rangiora), of the New Zealand Mounted Ambulance Corps, to Sister D. B. Lawrence, of Homedale Auxiliary Hospital.

For over three years Mrs. Frank Messenger (New Plymouth) has been making leather hand and knitting bags, and devoting all the profits to war work. She has just completed a tally of 2000, a record worth having.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilson, of Takapuna, are on a visit to Christchurch.

The Christchurch Red Cross has established a kitchen at its comforts depot to make cakes for the soldiers in the military hospitals.

The engagement is announced of Miss Doris McIntyre, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McIntyre, Lower Hutt, Wellington, to Staff Q.M.S. Ian A. Mackay, son of Mrs. K. J. Mackay, Parnell, Auckland.

Mrs. Chateau, wife of Mr. Leo D. Chateau (representing E. J. Carroll's interests in New Zealand) has come up from Wellington to spend a holiday in Auckland.

"How are the girls turning out as telegraph messengers?" inquired a "Dominion" reporter of the Superintendent of Telegraphs (Mr. Talbot). "Excellent!" said Mr. Talbot. "Much, very much, better than expected. They are smart and attentive to duty, and in these times, when it is simply

The marriage took place at the Roman Catholic Church, Parnell, on July 4, of Miss Violet Nathan, third daughter of Mrs. J. A. Millar, of Auckland, to Mr. John R. Mackenzie, of Hamilton, a returned soldier. The bride wore a smart cream gabardine costume with white fox furs and a cream hat. She carried a lovely posy of violets. Miss Ivy Nathan was bridesmaid, and Mr. Percy Lomax, of Motueka, was best man. The bridegroom will be remembered as one of the All Black football combination which toured California a few years ago.

To have beautiful hands care should, first of all, be taken as to how the hands are washed. Tepid or warm water, soft water should be used, and a good emollient soap should be selected, and after washing the hands all soap should be rinsed off before they are dried. This latter process should be thorough, so that the flesh is not left moist. A rub over with oatmeal powder is advisable, as the meal will absorb any lingering moisture. By going to a



WEDDING GROUP PHOTOGRAPHED ON THE OCCASION OF THE MARRIAGE OF MISS VIOLET NATHAN, THIRD DAUGHTER OF MRS. J. A. MILLAR, AUCKLAND, TO MR. JOHN R. MACKENZIE, OF HAMILTON.

The engagement is announced in Wellington papers of Miss Gwendoline King, daughter of Mr. Thomas King, Bulls, to Mr. William Henry Gibson, of Beckfield, KIWITEA.

The chief thing noticeable sartorially at the Wellington steeplechase meeting, says a writer in the New Zealand "Times," was the all-prevailing fur coat. Nearly every lady present wore one, either all day or at least when the air became keen towards evening, and those who did not sport a whole coat of fur wore stoles and muffers, some of these being very fine specimens. Next to furs the noticeable thing was boots, and it is evident that "war standard" boots have not yet been thought of in New Zealand. Boots were very high, and in some cases quite decorative articles of attire.

Staff-Nurse Violet Barker, N.Z.A.N.S., is leaving New Zealand on a further term of service abroad, this time on transport duty. Miss Barker returned to New Zealand from abroad after two years' service about three months ago, and has lately been nursing at Trentham Military Hospital.

The Hon. W. F. Massey while in London opened the Babies of the Empire Mothercraft Training Centre, under the auspices of the Overseas Club Patriotic League. Mr. Massey said that thousands of children had been saved through the work of the Plunket nurses and the public health organisation in New Zealand.

Women are never stronger than when they arm themselves with their own weakness.—Mme. de Graffigny.

Nurse B. C. Roydhouse, daughter of the former editor of the "Sunday Times," has returned to Auckland after a visit to her parents in Sydney. Miss Roydhouse was attached to the Whangarei Hospital.

Wife (as husband starts for the office): "Have you got everything, dear?" Husband: "Yes—season ticket, registration card, sugar, butter, and tea ration card, meat card, bread, match, and tobacco cards, and travel permit."

Questioned in Christchurch regarding the food situation in England, Dr. Jessie Madison, who has recently returned to the Dominion, said that the position was not anything like as desperate as it was sometimes pictured. Rationing was under the charge of the Food Control Board, and was managed in all fairness. "Of course, it is a fact that English people are becoming thinner," said Dr. Madison. "Personally, I lost a stone in weight, but I do not think people are any the worse for not being stout. The English people are taking the rationing of food very well, even humorously, and altogether the general spirit of 'Now we're in it, we'll stay it through,' is one that promises very well to assist in every way the determination of our Empire's leaders to pursue the war to a victorious finish."

impossible to get boys, the girls are answering splendidly. Mind you, we are looking after them well. I have 40 girls at work in Wellington, and so far have not refused any that look at all suitable for the work. Their neat costume has been much admired, and everyone says how well they look. The girls start at 15s. a week, and, in addition, we provide them with a dress, overcoat, macintosh, cloth hat, sou'-wester, and leggings, so that they are always well protected in all kinds of weather. The experiment has proved quite a success. No girl messenger is employed after 5.30 of an evening; indeed, the greater number get away at five o'clock. Only boys are employed of an evening."

A "Silver Trail" evening, organised by Miss Basten and her students, is to be held in the Town Hall on Thursday (July 11). Admission is 1s. and two clean tins with lids. The tins are required by the Dominion Gift Committee to pack sweets, cube sugar, tobacco, cigarettes, etc., and any size up to 1/2 lb. will be accepted. The function will take the form of a conversazione and there will be a few stalls for cut flowers, fancy goods, golliwogs, sweets, etc. The main feature, however, will be a silver trail competition. The whole of the net proceeds will be handed to the Auckland Women's Patriotic League. Mrs. J. H. Gunson (Mayoress) will open proceedings.

toilet specialist every three or four months to have the hands and fingernails attended to, and watching attentively how the work is done, a girl should be able to do her own manicuring at home in the interval, and thus keep her hands in perfect condition at very little cost.

A glimpse behind the "mystic veil of the future" discloses just a hint of the trend of spring fashion, says a Sydney writer. Already some of the shops are in the throes of mid-winter sales, in preparation for the incoming stocks for brightening weather. Variety is conspicuously the keynote of advance styles, especially in coats and skirts, which, judging by the frequency with which they meet the eye, are to be greatly worn during the spring and early summer. Coats follow on no stereotyped lines, though there is a decided fancy for straight-cut examples buttoned closely from bust to hem, loose-fitting and having a big patch pocket low down on each side, and on the left side of the bust the usual little slit pocket.

More than three hundred and fifty nursing members have died in the service during the war (writes Olive Dent, author of "A V.A.D. in France"). A tiny roll of honour, it is true, compared with the greater one. But chivalry still lives, stubborn, tenacious, and we women are shielded from every danger that can be kept from us. We are very proud of our honoured roll, proud of the deeds of our



dead and the companionship they share. Killed by shell, bomb, torpedo, drowning, dysentery, fevers, sickness, cut off in the flower of womanhood, life was very sweet. But they least of all would regret the cause of their going or wish it otherwise. Only we who were brought close to them think at times of the eager, willing feet, the gentle, every-ready hands, the never-flagging service, the easily-earned laughter, the abundant welling sympathy . . . the sweet tenderness of the help given to restless wanderers through the Valley of the Shadow. And now they in turn have crossed the Valley and gained the glory of that company. Imagine a sun-bathed hillside, receding to a purple blue haze and stretching to a silver-ribbed river, a green film on each levelled brown field, each bush and hedgerow an abiding place of song birds. Round an open grave stand "at attention" nursing women and khaki men, a cordon, a firing party, and a bugler. Under the Union Jack is a rough wooden coffin with a slight girlish burden, and over it comes the mellow, dignified tones of the padre in the words of the Burial Service and an address—"Be faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

One of the most wonderful things in these wonderful days has been the attitude of the women (says the "Daily Mail"). At the front the women in khaki, the nursing sisters, V.A.D.'s, and W.A.A.C.'s have done their part in hours of great danger, under heavy shell fire, with a quiet determination worthy of the mothers and sisters of our Empire. At home the vast hosts with dear ones on the fighting front keep their anxieties hidden and face the world with the demand that something more may be found for them to do to help England. Work is awaiting them. This is to be the women's year. They have already done enormously in this war. They will do much more. The call has gone out for many more recruits for V.A.D.'s—i.e., untrained voluntary assistant nurses in hospitals. The able-bodied young woman without definite war occupation will soon be looked upon with the same reproach with which three years ago we regarded the young man who had not entered the war. An American visitor recently told me (continues the writer) that what chiefly impressed him in England was the way our women had undertaken war work. "I have visited the different Allied countries," he said. "Nowhere else have I seen anything like it. The large numbers of young women in khaki and the great armies of them in the munition shops are a revelation of what women can do. Young girls are not content to wear pretty uniforms. They are working hard, ugly work, working long hours, at hard physical tasks, and looking so cheerful over it that one would believe they really enjoyed it. Your women are the real goods."

The queen carnival in the Thames district in aid of the Red Cross funds has concluded after a six weeks' campaign. The voting for the local queen closed on Saturday night, with the result that the Hauraki Plains queen, Miss O'Carroll, was elected by a considerable majority over the Valley queen, Mrs. Bax, the voting being: Hauraki Plains, 222,346; Valley, 162,363; Soldiers (Miss Marie Clendon), 102,791; Navy (Mrs. S. Hague-Smith), 74,084. For each vote a charge of threepence was made, with the result that £7019 16s. was secured. There is still more to come in.

Such a suggestion is utterly foolish, says the "Nursing Mirror," referring to the proposal of a New York authority to test girls desirous of becoming nurses by liberating white mice in the room where they are being examined. "Many a girl, keen, hard-working, sympathetic, reliable, and even possessing special aptitude to act as a nursing-helper," it is added, "might be foolish about the wee, sleekit beastie, but would not feel a tremor when assisting at the dressing of a terrible wound."

Mr. and Mrs. R. Wynyard and Miss Wynyard, of Devonport, Auckland, are at present on a visit to Wellington.

In New York there is a good plan for helping the Red Cross. Every shop has a depot, and each customer is asked to give an hour's time helping to roll bandages or to give a donation.

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**Christchurch.**  
The fourth of the Red Cross matches for this season was played at Shirley. There were twenty-five entries. Mrs. Richards was the winner, Mrs. Murphy being second, and Miss Rita Cracroft Wilson third. The club also took the opportunity of saying farewell to W. Iles, the club's professional coach, who is leaving to go into camp. Mrs. Wigram, as captain of the club, presented Mr. Iles with a wristlet watch.

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The adventures of the two yokels who went up to London to sow their wild oats are affording a blithesome entertainment to the crowds still flocking to His Majesty's. Mr. Jack Cannot and Mr. Leslie Holland as the Bing Boys, and Miss Minnie Love as Emma, who likewise sees life, exult in the comedy situations; Mr. Cannot with his irrepressible jollity, Mr. Holland in his Peter Doodly style, and Miss Minnie Love, deft in her touches and ever radiant. The trio are enough in themselves to dissipate the megrims, but there is as well extravagant embellishment in the way of haunting music, dazzling scenes, bizarre dressing and the hundred and one novelties that go to build up a stupendous revue. "The Bing Boys" will be at His Majesty's up to and including Saturday, after which they proceed south, opening at Hawera on the following Monday, thence to Wanganui, Palmerston North, Napier, Hastings, Masterton, and Wellington (July 31).

## OPERA HOUSE.

In spite of wind and rain, there was the customary crowded audience at the Opera House on Monday night, and they signified general approval of the various turns submitted by the Fuller Proprietary. An agreeable return was made by Miss Maud Courtney and Mr. C., the two artists who make such a hit everywhere with their singing topicalities. Their latest version of "I Would Still Love You" went bigger than ever, and at the conclusion Mr. C. expressed his appreciation and promised further new verses as the week progressed. Miss Winifred La France arrested attention in fresh songs and dress creations; one, a tight-fitting tunic of peacock blue sequins skirted with an upturned frill of wired lace and head gear followed out in the same lines. The other was a becoming wrap in a warm shade of rose bordered with white fox fur. "The Siren of the Deep" specialty was an effective finish to Miss La France's act. Ward Lear re-appeared in a whistling and comic turn and had a hearty reception from his old friends. Toby and Billy Wells introduced themselves in an acrobatic and Roman ring turn and performed some skilful and daring feats with ease. The Haverley Musical Farce Company were seen in "Murphy Marooned," a burlesque on "Robinson Crusoe." The Kewpies were again features of the production, and they had to take encores for their graceful work in "Hawaiian Butterfly" (Miss Merle Stewart appearing to good advantage in the solo), and "Pretty Baby," with Miss Claire Lloyd as soloist. "Dixie Land" was another effective ballet to give the Kewpies an opportunity, and altogether they form an enjoyable part of the show. Mr. Tom Haverley and Mr. J. P. O'Neil, as Murphy and Casey, kept the laughs going with a will, and Mr. Billy Maloney did his share. A bare-foot dance by Misses Laurel Barratt and Rosie Flood was another sample of how the Kewpies excel.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Countess of Liverpool were present at "The Bing Boys" last Thursday evening.

Mr. Clyde Cook and Miss Maie Baird get tremendous applause for their dancing turn in "The Bing Boys." Later on Mr. Cook does some clever eccentric stepping that gets him a big hand.

The English Pierrots have just done an eight and a-half weeks' season in Wellington.

Mr. Frank Levy has re-joined the managerial staff of Allen Doone and arrives in Auckland shortly ahead of the Irish actor. The Dominion tour opens in Auckland about the end of the month with "Lucky O'Shea."

## CAPELLI'S CONCERTS.

### A RARE MUSICAL TREAT.

With the beauty of Signor Capelli's voice still fresh in their memories, there was a large and enthusiastic audience at the Town Hall Concert Chamber on Saturday night to renew acquaintance with the brilliant Italian tenor of the recent Gonzalez Grand Opera Company on his opening concert tour of the Dominion. Capelli has a voice of rare quality, robust and virile and engagingly sweet, evidence of its power and flexibility being given in his opening number, "O, Paradiso" (Meyerbeer). Vividly sung was "On With the Motley" from "Il Pagliacci," and no one could listen unmoved as he visualised the sufferings of the unfortunate Pagliaccio making merry for the public while his heart is torn with jealousy. A delightful piece of vocalisation was the Spanish serenade "Lolita," while dramatic fervour and artistry marked the Romanza "O tu che in seno agli Angeli." After each effort the great singer aroused his audience to almost a frenzy of enthusiasm, and he generously yielded to all the demands made. Verdi's popular "La Donna e Mobile" being included in the encores. Even at the closing number the audience remained in their seats until Capelli gave them an additional song. Besides Capelli there was Lucien Cesaroni, with a bass voice of good range and splendid enunciation powers that found expression in the "Prologue" from "Pagliacci," and Verdi's "Infelice e tu Credevi," his hearers showing their approbation in no uncertain style. With such sincerity and intensity of style did he sing the "Marseillaise" that he had to repeat his performance. Miss Veronica Bedford disclosed herself as a brilliant soprano singer with a keen appreciation of dramatic colour, her songs being "Vissi D'arte" (Puccini), "Carmena" (Wilson), "Ichabod" (Tschalkowsky), and "Serenade" (Gounod). The latter was artistically supplemented with a flute obligato by Mr. John Amadio. The flautist, Mr. Amadio, made an easy capture with his facile playing, his numbers covering Schubert's entrancing "Cradle Song," Chopin's famous "Valse, Op. 64," Moskowski's "Serenata," a fantasia and a study embodying the effects of two flutes. Mr. Harold Whittle accompanied with unerring judgment, showing artistic co-operation with the artists. The concluding concert of the Auckland season will be given on Thursday (July 18). No true music lover should miss these fine artists.

In "The Deemster" every situation has been sanded with the consummate art of a director who understands his work thoroughly, keeping the action in a continuous flow of interest and bringing out the dominant notes of the story in sharp relief. The picture is crowded with impressive scenes, and all these dramatic apexes have been linked together without any break in continuity or suspension of interest. Derwent Hall Caine's work as Dan Myleera places him at once in the front rank of our screen portrayers. "The Deemster" will be shown in Auckland shortly under E. J. Carroll's direction.

Miss Margaret Wycherley paid a happy compliment to the Australian artists associated with her in the production of "The Thirteenth Chair" in Sydney, when she said, in the course of her speech of thanks at the end of the first-night performance: "I have seen five productions of this play, including my original production in New York. I would like to say this, that I had to come to Australia to meet the best all-round cast I have ever played with." As Miss Wycherley is the wife of Bayard Veiller, the author of the play, she may be accepted as a competent authority on the subject.

For gorgeousness of setting no stage spectacle has eclipsed the "Chu Chin Chow" scene in "The Bing Boys" backed as it is with ladders of girls.

## A SURE WINNER.

### MISS MINNIE LOVE.

Transpose the name of Minnie Love and you'll know what all playgoers do! This is not an acrostic. It is just by way of emphasising Minnie Love's great popularity on the Australasian stage.

Theatrical-loving folk took a fancy to this fascinating English artist on her first visit to New Zealand in June, 1915, when she displayed her charms and ability as principal boy in the J. C. Williamson pantomime "Cinderella." She hadn't a great deal to do in that performance, but, to adapt a catchy ditty, "what she did, was good."

The following year she was over with the Royal Comic Opera Company, playing "Gipsy Love," "Our Miss Gibbs," "The Dancing Mistress," etc. Her third visit was with "The Pink Lady" company, the repertoire including "The Merry Widow," with Minnie exercising her witticisms in the title roles of both, and here she is again crowning all her achievements by her alluring ways and delightful comedy work in a strenuous leading role in "The Bing Boys are Here."

"Upset about the Wimmera? I should just think we were. You know that is the boat we were to come over in. As it was we had to come direct from Melbourne to Wellington, and I can tell you we didn't altogether fancy the idea of the journey. We had a jolly send-off from our friends in spite of an 'I-don't-envy-you' look on their faces, and we did our best to look merry and bright. But it wasn't easy! Fearing the worst and hoping for the best I had made my will before leaving. But, luckily, I was soon too sick to be frightened! Mal-de-mer had claimed me for its own! And by the time I was able to sit up and nibble a little asparagus on toast we were in Wellington. But it was a nerve-wracking trip all the same, and we were all very thankful when it was over."

Miss Love just recently received a cable from Drury Lane asking her to go back to an engagement, but her contract with the J. C. Williamson firm takes her into 1919. "But I don't want to outstay my welcome," she added with undue fervour. Is there any other imported actress in the musical line who has been continuously engaged with the J. C. Williamson, Ltd., firm for such a lengthy period?

Miss Minnie Love confides that she is employing her spare time writing a scenario for the movies. She hasn't settled on a title for it yet, but there are to be plenty of comedy scenes in it. She hopes to figure therein, of course.

An interesting arrival in Australian theatrical circles is Miss Eva Kelland. This charming actress is known throughout England and Africa as The Australian Girl. She has been the leading lady of all Espinosa's (the producer of the revue now at the Tivoli) revues in England, and of many other revues. Eva was born in Australia, and left the country when quite a child. She climbed the ladder to success step by step, and has now come back as a star.

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THE ENGLISH PIERROTS.

The English Pierrots, whose previous visits to the Dominion gained for them the reputation of providing a clean, bright entertainment, devoid of any semblance of vulgarity and containing plenty of originality and charm, will appear at the Town Hall on Saturday next. In their class of entertainment they occupy front rank, and their extensive experience of what is best suited to the public has resulted in a state of perfection being reached, which has earned for them the highest approval wherever they have appeared during the past fifteen years. The company consists of ten performers, each an accomplished artist in his or her own particular line. Special features are the musical sketches, into which are introduced clever witticisms and smart patter. Included in the personnel is Mr. W. P. Turner, the quaint comedian, whose cheery personality and fine comedy will be recalled with pleasure on the occasion of his previous visits. Miss Elsa Langley, the dainty little comedienne, who has been associated with the company for over ten years, is still with the combination, as is Miss Billy Wilson, whose special featuring of child impersonations will be favourably recalled. Referring to the Pierrots' recent Sydney season, the "Critic" says: "The quality of the English Pierrot entertainment leaves no doubt in the mind of the lover of good comedy that this compact combination thoroughly deserve the great success achieved." The English Pierrots come with a reputation built on merit, and doubtless their appearance is being awaited with pleasurable anticipation. The personnel of the com-

Mr. John Farrell, who is at present in Auckland as business manager of "The Bing Boys," recently volunteered for active service, but on medical examination was rejected on account of his eyesight. Mr. Farrell is an Australian and one of J. C. Williamson's best-known managers.

Little Elsie Dick, whose photograph is reproduced herewith, is a clever little Wellingtonian of nine years of age, possessed of a natural instinct for rhythmical and artistic movement. She has appeared in public on several occasions for patriotic purposes, her interpretative skill marking her already as a child who should go far in her art. Her teacher, Miss Gladys Campbell, has chosen her as solo dancer in a big patriotic function to be held next month. Elsie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dick, both well-known in Wellington for their musical attainments. They are at present strengthening factors in "The Bing Boys" orchestra, Mr. Dick playing the cello and his wife the double bass.



LITTLE ELSIE DICK, a gifted Wellington dancer.



MISS MYRTLE POWER, a dainty artist appearing in "The Bing Boys" at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland.

pany remains the same as on the occasion of their last visit, with the exception of two artists, Miss Elsie Rosslyn (soprano) and Miss Rima Young (at the piano), both having gained excellent credentials by their clever work in Australia. The fine programmes presented by this company will doubtless go a long way towards enhancing their popularity. The box plan is at Wildman and Arey's.

There was quite a notable gathering of members of the theatrical and musical profession in Wellington one day last week. There were Signor Capelli and his supporting artists (at present in Auckland), the Scarlet Troubadours, Mr. Maurice Ralph (representing "Peg o' My Heart"), the members of the "Dick Whittington" Pantomime Company, and the English Pierrots all in town. At one street meeting there were no fewer than nineteen mummers present, representing five distinct companies.

I used to be a martyr to bronchitis, A victim sad of winter ills and ails, Till I was told by chatty Mrs. Rightis, Of a remedy that really never fails. The winter time now scarcely seems to try me, Tho' I sometimes get a twinge, you may be sure; But I always keep a large sized bottle by me, Of Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

The many New Zealand friends of Mrs. Dick Stewart will be glad to know that she is making a splendid recovery after a very serious operation, which was performed by Dr. George Armstrong, of Sydney. The operation was entirely successful, and Mrs. Stewart hopes to be about again in the course of a few weeks.

The Allan Wilkie company are at present playing a highly successful season at Her Majesty's Theatre, Brisbane, and will, later on, play some of the other centres of Queensland and N.S.W. before returning to the Grand Opera House, Sydney, in a repertoire of new plays.

"Harry Lauder," says the New York "Dramatic Mirror," "playing a brief engagement at the Metropolitan Opera House, is using art for patriotic purposes. About half of his act is devoted to the singing of songs he has made famous, supplemented by a few new ones, whereas the remainder of his period on the stage is utilised in an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Liberty Loan and the Harry Lauder appeal for crippled soldiers. It is all to the credit of the comedian that he puts more heart and feeling into his war talk than into anything else he does. 'Marching With the President from the North, South, East and West,' 'I'm Going to Marry 'Arry on the Fifth of January,' and 'We 'A' Go Home the Same Way' are among the most effective of Mr. Lauder's new numbers."

"The Enemy Within," a stirring picture to be shown in Auckland shortly, deals with the internal plotting of the spies who placed the mines which sank British ships in coastal waters and who guided the piracy in the Pacific of a German raider. Reginald ("Snowy") Baker, Australia's famous athlete, takes the leading part, viz., Jack Airlie, the Australian special agent who fought and defeated the spies. "The Enemy Within" will be shown under the direction of Mr. W. A. Low.

Charlie Chaplin, when making his initial effort, "A Dog's Life" for the First National Circuit, required a number of dogs, and enlisted the aid of the Los Angeles Pound. The response was twenty-one animals, and at the end of the week they knew Chaplin was their kind master, and were ready for their scenes. Then the trouble arrived. Charlie had become attached to every dog, but the people in the vicinity complained of the barking and howling at night, and the authorities stepped in. Charlie was forbidden to have more than twelve dogs on the place.

Mr. John Hopkins came up to Auckland to see Capelli start off on his Dominion tour.

Mr. G. S. Douglas-Macaul, representative of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, passed through Auckland this week on his way south ahead of the company. The Fisks have been tripping around the Bay of Plenty and Goldfields districts, doing excellent business everywhere. They were at Whangarei at the beginning of this week, and are due at Hamilton in a few days, thence playing towns along the line.

Cyril Maude's manager, Alfred Turner, thus extols New Zealand in a letter from America to "The London Referee":—"We sailed for New Zealand on November 22, and opened at Wellington on November 27. I had no idea that New Zealand was so beautiful, and the more I saw of it the more beautiful I thought it. It is full of variety and charm. The rivers are perfect, and fishing is the national sport. The scenery is the grandest I have ever seen. The people are charming. They speak with a perfect accent, and are most hospitable. I hope some day to return to New Zealand—it is my ambition."

Margaret Wycherley, who is playing in "The Thirteenth Chair," writes interestingly in the Sydney "Theatre": "Since I have been in a position to decide what I would and would not play, I have made one rule and stuck to it. I will always play a good part. By that I don't mean something showy; but a part in which I can see possibilities. There are those whom the managers have elected to star who insist upon a certain kind of part—that is, they specialise. I don't. I have no preferences so long as the part is well written and is in touch with human nature. In 'The Thirteenth Chair,' as you know, I impersonate an old woman. What I now have to fight against will be a disposition on the part of managers to offer me every old-woman character that is written. I would prefer not to play another old woman for some years, because I hold that the great test of any actor or actress is versatility. If I can do anything to break down the type system I will do it. Nothing has so injured acting as an art as casting to type or specialisation by actors along certain lines. Anyone who loves the theatre cannot help regarding this modern development in acting with dismay. I believe in the French model, which is imaginative and creative where the actor is concerned. For people to come on the stage and play themselves is not art."

SHE LIKES SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

MISS WINIFRED LA FRANCE.

A single turn that takes 30 minutes in the showing means there must be something in it out of the ordinary, even in these days of glorified vaudeville.

Miss Winifred La France furnishes a case in point, her act which is delighting Opera House audiences in Auckland being a tribute to her ability and ingenuity to entertain. Miss La France was in New Zealand four years ago under the Fuller management with a somewhat similar turn that established her reputation for originality. Since then she has improved and elaborated it out of all conception, working into it many new ideas and presenting it in New York and over a wide circuit in America with continuous success. She returned to Australia a few months ago, under special engagement to J. and N. Tait to play principal boy in their pantomime "Aladdin," her charm and shapeliness making her a happy choice. At the conclusion of the season she accepted a lucrative engagement on the Fuller circuit with her big spectacular novelty "The Siren of the Deep," the praises of which have already been acclaimed in the southern cities.

Miss La France is an artist of personality and original ideas, as one may easily imagine after seeing her entertainment. She gets her audience first of all in a vivacious song or two, which she handles most cutely, then she serves up a number of amusing show-signs, and finally astounds them with her transformation novelty. And not the least of all her successful methods to arrest the eye and the senses is her faculty for dressing, which she possesses facile princeps. Her costumes bear this out. And no orthodox frocking either! They all strike a freakish note—and a pretty costly one, too, coming as they do from one of Broadway's most famous couturieres. "I believe in novelty and originality," says the piquant Winifred, "and I like something different from any one else."

Says "Sylvius" in the "Dominion": The oft-reiterated report that Miss Isabel Wilford, of Wellington, is about to go on the professional stage is not correct.



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# TOURIST AND TRAVELLER

## HERE AND THERE.

Mr. W. Downie Stewart, M.P., of Dunedin, is on a visit to Auckland.

In a speech at Helensville, Sir James Allen said that New Zealand to date had sent away 95,000 soldiers and over 22,000 had returned.

Lieutenant E. R. Black, youngest son of Mr. G. J. Black, of Gisborne, has been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in Palestine, and is returning to New Zealand on duty. Lieutenant Black left with the 2nd Reinforcement in 1914, and has seen service in Egypt, Gallipoli and France, being severely wounded at Armentieres.

Dr. H. Ick-Hewins, of Manaia, has been appointed resident surgeon to the Dunstan Hospital. Among the applications for the position were three lady doctors.

Mr. R. G. Robinson, superintendent of State forestry operations in the South Island, is resigning from the Department after nineteen years' service.

Lieutenant Ezra A. Dobbie, of the Black Watch, is at present in Dunedin on leave for six months to recuperate from wounds and general debility as the result of active service. He has served with the British forces in Egypt, Macedonia and France, and also in Ireland.

Shooting on the New River on Sunday (says the "Southland Times"), Messrs. Charles Mumford and J. Thomson secured a fine bag of 31 grey ducks. A number were also lost to the shootists because of the flooded state of the country.

Mr. W. P. Archibald, a well-known breeder, has resigned the management of the Karamu station (Hastings), with which he has been connected for many years, in order to take up farming on his own account.

The Wellington Savage Club sent a handsome wreath to the grave of Captain Dave Kenny, one of the prominent members of the club, who died recently at Walton Hospital.

Speaking at a meeting of the Christchurch Technical College Board of Governors, Mr. C. H. Opie, who is chairman of the Canterbury Education Board, stated that out of the 130,000 children in the Dominion, 60,000 never went beyond the fourth standard in the schools.

If the scarcity of typewriters becomes more acute, one will probably find these helpful contrivances only in the British Museum (says the London correspondent of the "New York Herald"). They are as expensive as motor cars were before the war, and the end is not yet. The reasons for the big rise in price are the prohibition of manufacture here, the restriction on importations, and the enormous increase in the clerical forces of London due to the war. The United States may prepare for the biggest typewriter export business after the war it has ever known. "We have had to ration ourselves in machines for a long time," says the sales manager of a typewriter company. "If you were to put down £100 for a new machine we could not supply you. Even our remodelled machines fetch as much as £30. These cost about £8 before the war. A man wrote us the other day offering a second-hand machine for £100."

A farmer who was appealing for his son, who had just come to military age, told the Military Service Board at New Plymouth that he had 16 children, nine of whom were sons, and four of them had gone to the front. The Board adjourned the appeal sine die, adding its congratulations to the appellant for his family's record.

Mr. G. F. Wright, of the well-known Sydney firm of Maten and Wright, stock and station agents, has returned to Sydney after a business trip to New Zealand.

With regard to the ploughing up of grassland, of which one hears so much nowadays, it is not generally realised how long such land takes to form, says an English journal. At Oxford some of the colleges are proud of their ancient lawns. A rich American, touring round the place, was much struck by the velvety turf of these "quads," and he made minute enquiries of the gardener of one college as to the method of laying down and maintaining the grass. "That's all, is it?" he exclaimed, when the whole process had been carefully described. "Yes, sir," replied the gardener, with a twinkle in his eye, "that's all, but we generally leave it three or four hundred years to settle in!"

Mr. R. G. Robinson, Superintendent of State Forestry in the South Island, has resigned, after 19 years' service, to accept the position of Superintendent of Selwyn Reserves, Canterbury.

Recent reports from American railroads indicate that approximately 70,000 men have left railway service to join the colours. Inquiries addressed to all lines 100 miles in length or over brought replies from 119 railroads with a combined operated mileage of 201,081, or about 77 per cent. of the mileage of the country, says the "Railway Age." These roads reported that 54,381 officers and employees had joined the armed forces of the United States since the declaration of war, of whom 1417 received commissions.

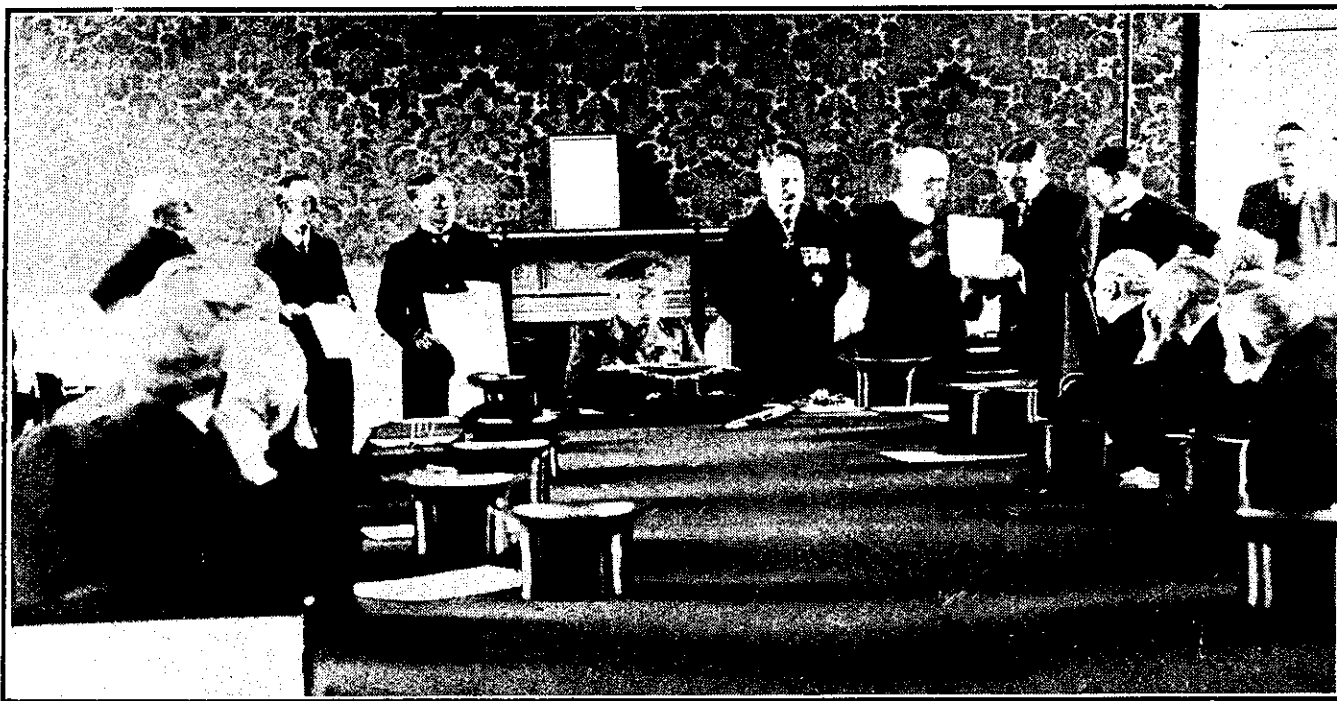
"I know a man who had 8000 sheep and 800 head of cattle, who went into camp and left only his shepherd in charge," said Captain Macdonnell at the Appeal Court, at Palmerston North, endeavouring to convince a hesitating appellant of the practicability of one man running two small farms.

Mr. Lloyd George and the Overseas Prime Ministers are attending the War Council at Versailles.

Lieutenant W. Cecil Leys, who has been on active service for the last two or three years, in connection with motor-transport operations on the Salonika, French, and Mesopotamia fronts, returned to Auckland last week.

M. Chayet, late Consul-General for France in Australasia, has, after six and a-half years' residence in Sydney, been transferred to Guatemala, in Central America. M. Chayet, who has been spending a short time in New Zealand en route, was given a civic welcome in Wellington.

Major F. G. Massey, son of Mr. W. F. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand, has been awarded the D.S.O.



FIELD-MARSHAL LORD FRENCH BEING SWORN IN AS VICEROY OF IRELAND. VISCOUNT FRENCH, THE NEW LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND, IS NOW DULY AND FORMALLY INSTALLED IN HIS HIGH OFFICE. The ceremonies by which he became invested with full authority as Viceroy in Ireland were simple but impressive.

Mr. J. Meek, managing director of the Vacuum Oil Company, left Wellington last week on a trip to Sydney.

It was reported at a meeting of the Auckland Acclimatisation Society that since July 1, 1600 beaks had been brought to the office of the Auckland Society, and a reward of sixpence per beak paid. Hawks were very easily trapped and large numbers could be secured.

Surviving passengers of the Wimmera who left for Sydney by the Huddart-Parker Company's Riverina last week included Mrs. Croft and her six children, Mrs. and Miss Browning, Mrs. White, Miss Alice Durn, and Mrs. Burt.

It is stated amongst those who should know (says the Otago "Daily Times") that there is likely to be a severe shortage of seamen and firemen in New Zealand in the near future. The reason for this possibility is said to be consequent on the number of men who are deserting from New Zealand ships on each of their trips to America and Canada. The wages for both seamen and firemen are considerably higher in America to-day than those ruling here, and this is put forward as the chief reason for the men thus taking the opportunity to leave their vessels illicitly for the purpose of signing on on American steamers. For instance, the rate for firemen on the Pacific coast of America is 75 dollars a month, as compared with the award rate in the Dominion of about £13. One seaman was asked how the New Zealand vessels returning from America made up their crews. He replied that "anybody" was signed on, the majority of them certainly not being expert seamen or firemen.

There are now about a dozen different means of communication in the Army—lamp, flag, heliograph, shutter, telephone, telegraph, power buzzer, contact-aeroplane, despatch rider, carrier pigeon, and messenger dogs. Round the last-named there is gathering a wealth of romance, for the dog's value as a messenger is being daily proved in the Army. There has been formed in this country a dog school for training dogs in the arduous and important work of message-carrying under fire. The messages are fastened in a pouch on the dog's collar; and, judging from the excellent results the animals are giving, the time should not be far distant when the names of certain heroic dogs will be as well known to the public as the names of our greater generals. There is an amazing interest attached to the daily life of a messenger dog. Each animal has a kennel of its own, which it is taught to regard as its own private property; and this kennel is taken with the dog to its final destination over-seas. Moreover, the keeper of a kennel of dogs is never changed; thus the dogs regard one man, and one man only, as their master. This is an important factor when the animals are taken to the trenches and liberated with a despatch in the pouch. As soon as the dog returns with a message it is rewarded with food. This reward always takes the same form—either meat, or bones, or some other delicacy—so that immediately a dog is released with a message it dashes off home in anticipation of the customary tit-bit which awaits it. To this end the soldiers in the trenches have orders not to pet the dogs or to give them any food whatever. The idea is that the messenger dogs should have a very "thin" time of it, so that when they are unleashed with a message their earnestness to get "home" will be stimulated.—Augustus Muir, in the "Daily Mail."



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A Sydney man, writing from London, relates a little story showing what an important part a "meat card" plays in the social life of the day in unmerrie England. The correspondent says he was strolling through Trafalgar Square one evening not long ago, when he met an old friend, a very wealthy landowner from the north of England. The Englishman was delighted to meet the Australian, and insisted upon him having dinner with him. The invitation was accepted with pleasure, and the two strolled along to London's most swagger hotel for an impromptu meal. When the waiter came round for the order and demanded the meat cards, it was discovered that the Sydney man had left his at home, and although the host was financially in a position to buy up the whole hotel, he could not secure one ounce more meat than his own card entitled him to, so the meal proceeded with a division of the minute portion allowed for one, and as there was very little else except fish and a few kickshaws, the two friends had to console themselves with intellectual conversation.

Mr. M. W. P. Lascelles, at the conclusion of a lecture in Dunedin on Y.M.C.A. work, mentioned that he had seen during his visits to the various fronts, the keen disappointment of some of our soldiers upon hearing time after time the words "Nothing for you to-day" when they applied at the window for letters. Many expressed surprise that church folk, members of lodges, and so on had not taken the trouble to write soldier members who were away fighting. It was all very well, said Mr. Lascelles, to have a Roll of Honour in church or lodge room, and to feel pride in reading it, and to pray for those whose names were on it. But they could do more—they could write the lads. Nothing made a soldier "buck up" more than a letter from home.

They were at present compelled to plant a certain number of trees each year, and so exports of coconuts were increased through their planting. The scheme was directed towards promoting further plantations by natives in the vicinity of their villages. The Government would assist in the matter, and part of the products would be directed to the full benefit of the natives, and the rest would go indirectly for educational purposes, particularly technical education. It was intended to impose a tax for the purpose. If possible machinery would be used in the developments. The population was 350,000, and 8000 natives were employed on indentures at present, and 2000 casually. The trouble was that life could so easily be sustained in that country that great effort was difficult to promote. The chief missions were the Anglican, Catholic, Wesleyan, and London Missionary Society. The Wesleyans had a similar system in Fiji, and it had done good. Such were the general outlines awaiting final settlement. The tax also would be applied towards preventing and abating the diseases indigenous to the natives. Hook worms were one of the worst, and a doctor from the Carnegie Institute in America had been in Papua and reported upon it. One of the objects of the Carnegie Institute was to attend to such matters.

"Was I wounded?" exclaimed the exasperated Tommy in surprise. "No, num, not at all. You see, there's a careless chap in our company, and the night I got hurt he'd been eating oranges, and throwing the peel all over the battlefield. So, of course, when I went to see 'Aig ter ask if the night were dark enough ter have some fireworks, blow me if I didn't slip on one of them bits o' peel and cut me finger on a salmon tin."

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According to the "New Zealand Locomotive Engineers' Journal," "the depletion of the locomotive running staff—caused by resignations and enlistments—is becoming a more serious matter than some people seem to realise. There are few cleaners entering the service, and those who do so are in a year or two called to the 'colours,' so it seems a waste of time taking them on at all unless exempted from military duty. This system, of course, is going to hit the man in charge of a locomotive very hard, because there will be no trained men to assist him in his work in running the train. When we get back to a normal state of affairs it will be found that locomotives will be manned by firemen who have had no practical training, and this will place a great load of responsibility upon the engineer. The inevitable result of such a state of affairs will be a very serious accident, and, as usual, we expect, the engineer will be called upon to 'carry the baby.' There have been object lessons given all over the world of placing unskilled men upon a locomotive, and many homes have been plunged into deep mourning, and the State has had to shoulder huge compensation claims. The depletion of the staff on our railways in the locomotive department has got far below the safety line, and if not taken in hand soon will prove to be irrecoverable."

Sir Samuel Evans, in the Prize Court, London, recently gave judgment in the cases raised by neutral shipowners practically contesting the legality of the British Order in Council, compelling neutral ships to call at a British port. The Order, he said, had for its object restriction of the commerce of the enemy in retaliation for their submarine campaign. Could it ever be forgotten that the Lusitania was torpedoed and sunk when she was carrying nearly 2000 persons? "No more callous or cruel crime," Sir Samuel said, "has been committed since the day of Cain. The first murderer seemed to have felt some shame and remorse as she denied the crime at the outset, and afterwards moaned that his iniquity was more than could be forgiven. But the authors and instigators of the inhuman, fiendish atrocity of the Lusitania were such beings as could rejoice and revel in it. Lest the civilised world, which stood aghast at the crime, might misunderstand or forget it, they struck a medal of a vile kind to celebrate and commemorate it." Sir Samuel decided that the British Order was not excessive, and gave judgment against the neutral shipowners. Leave to appeal was granted.

In a recent Gazette the Secretary of Marine issues the following warning:—"It has been brought under the notice of this Department that a package of charged electric cell batteries was recently shipped at an overseas port and brought to New Zealand. Such charged batteries are very dangerous, as they are liable to start fires in a ship's hold. Shipmasters are therefore cautioned against accepting them for shipment on their vessels."

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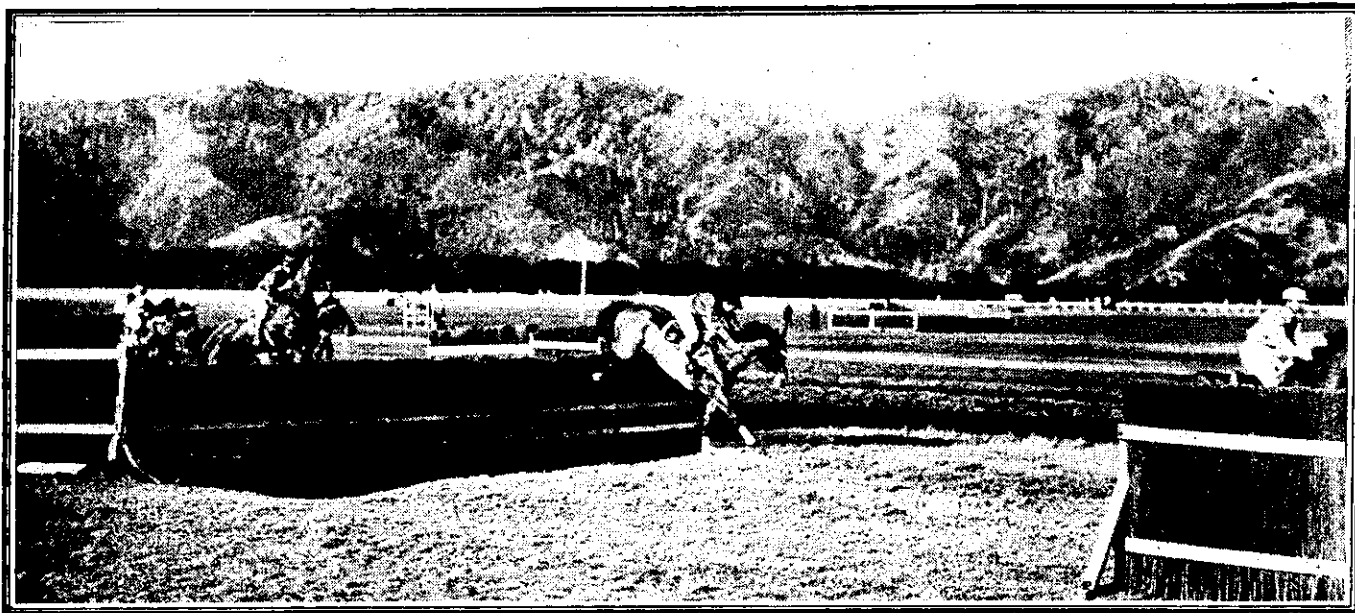
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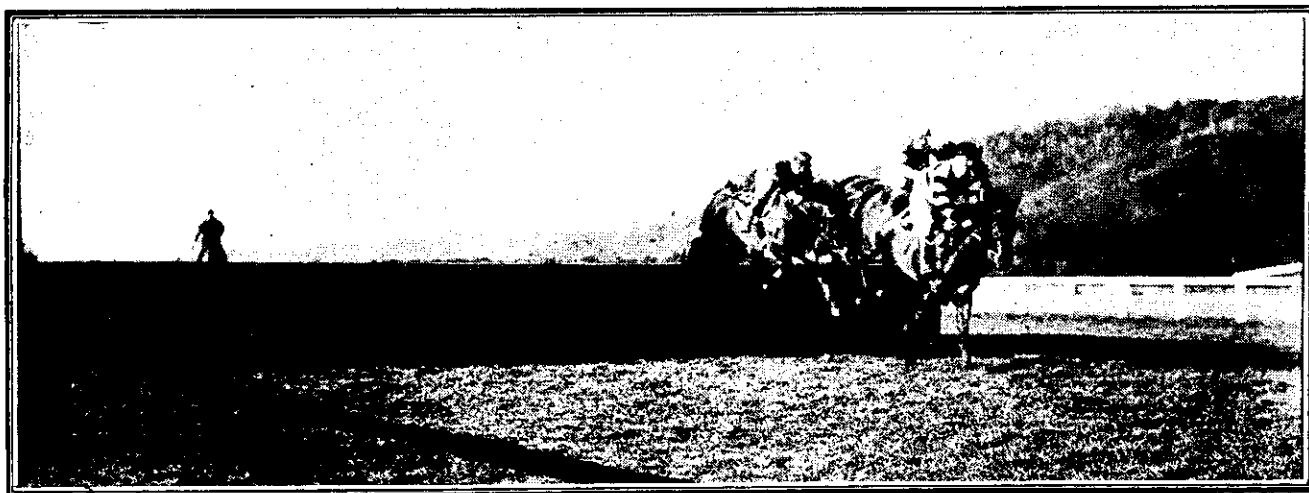
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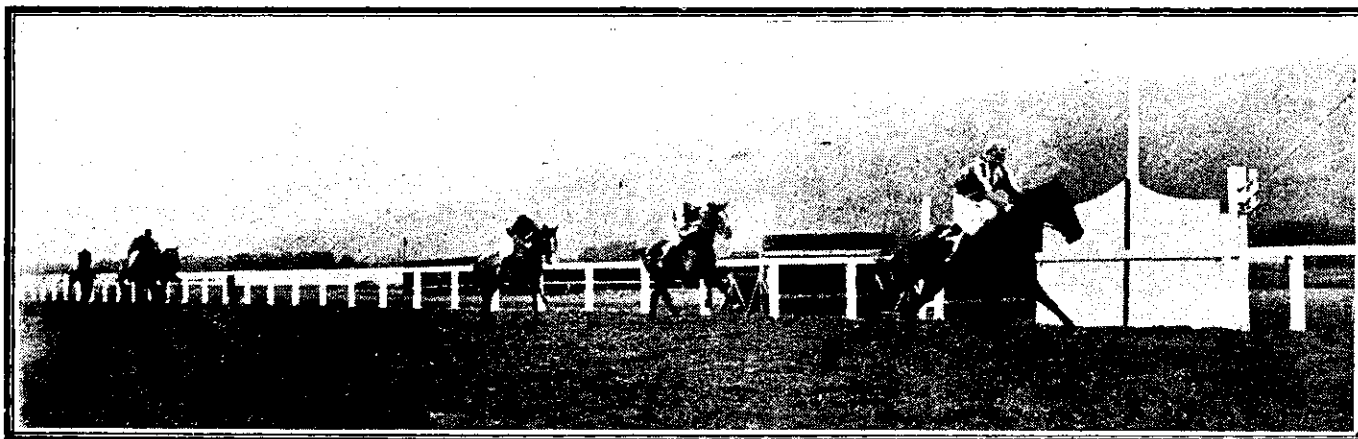
Discussing the industrial aspect of Papua, the Australian Minister for Territories (Mr. Glynn) recently stated, says the Melbourne "Argus," that he had finally settled a scheme in conference with the Lieutenant-Governor of Papua, which aimed at greater production by the natives.



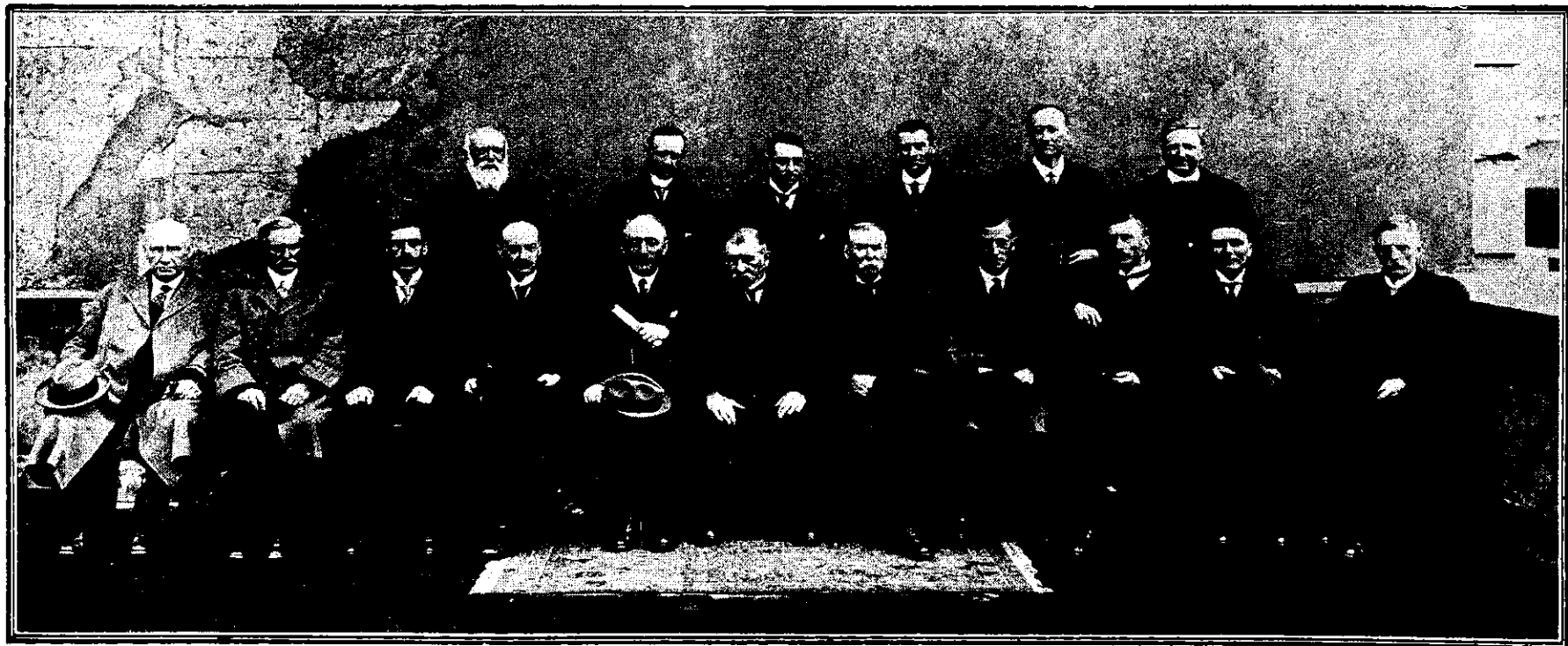
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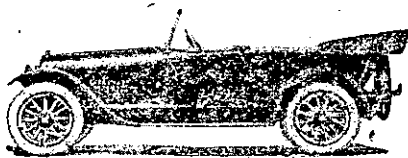
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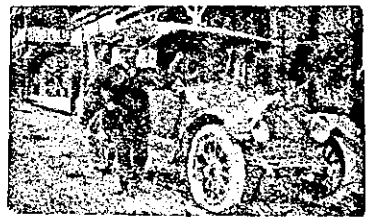


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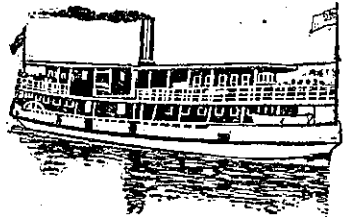
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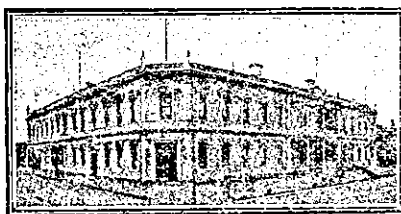
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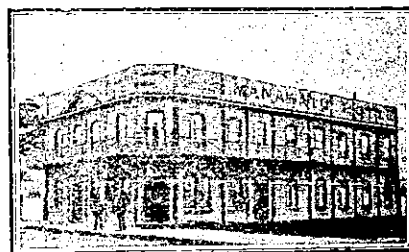
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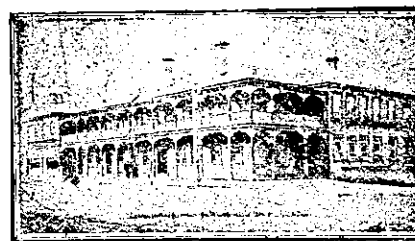
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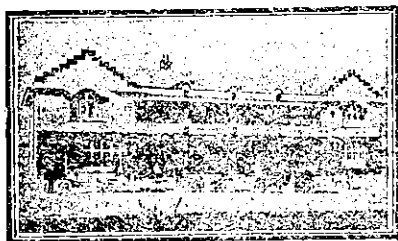
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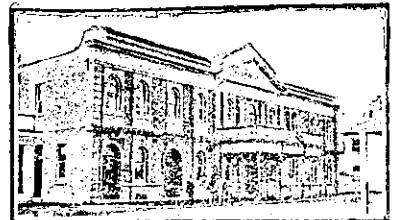
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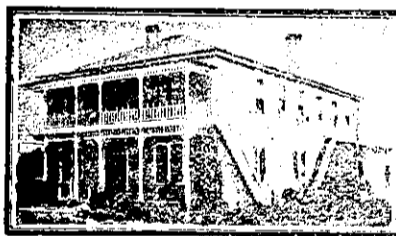
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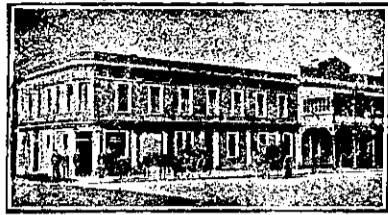
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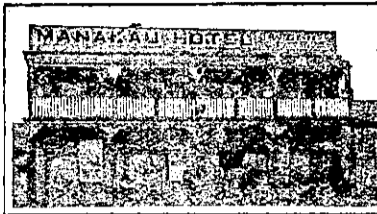
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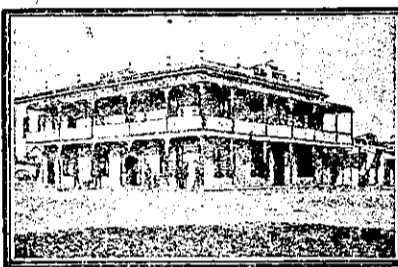


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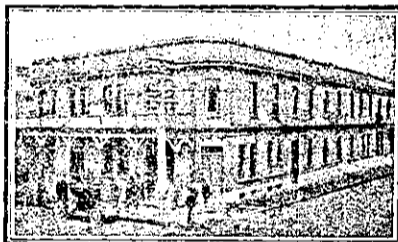


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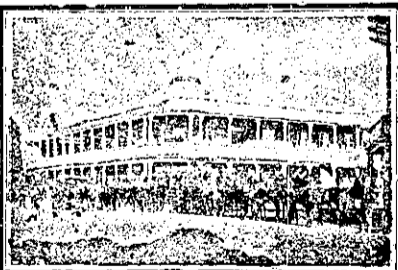
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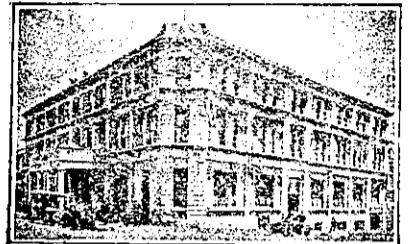
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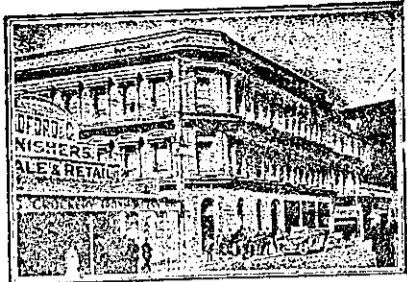
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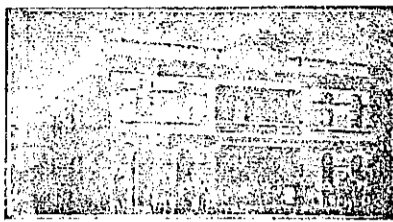
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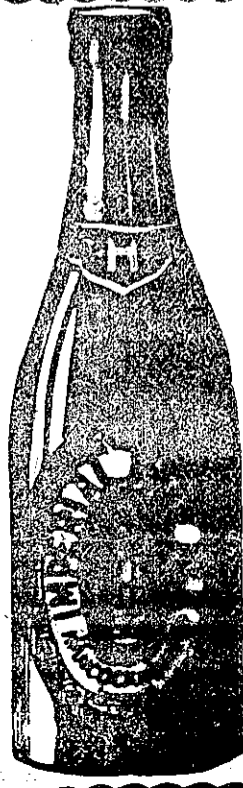
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