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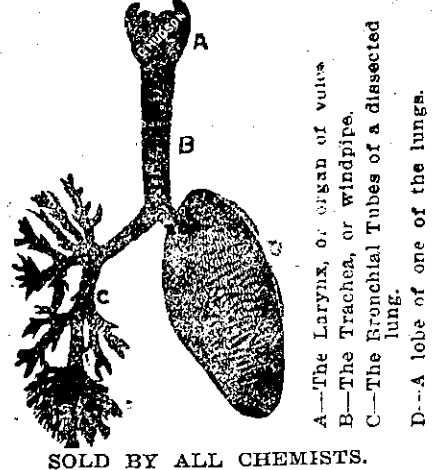
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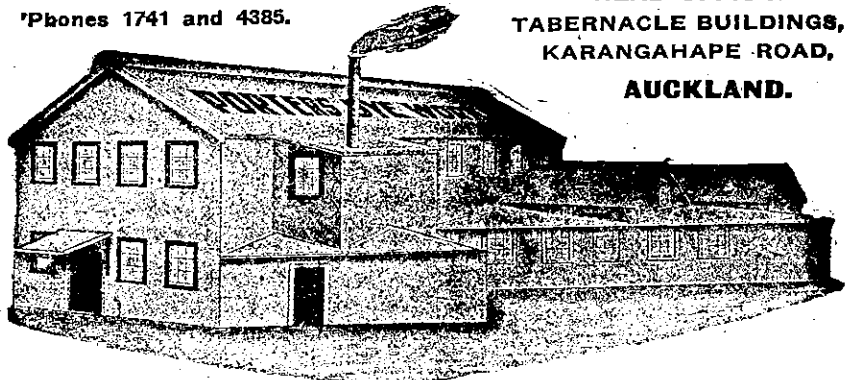
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 5. HANGITIKEI STEEPLECHASE, a handicap of 260sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stake. Nomination 15ov, acceptance 3sovs. About three miles.
 6. ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Six furlongs.
 7. RAILWAY HANDICAP (Open) of 180sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Six furlongs.
 8. TUTAENUI HACK WELTER, a handicap of 110sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Minimum weight, 8.0. Seven furlongs.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events (including the Trial Hack Plate) will close at the Secretary's Office, Marton, on FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1918, at 9 p.m. WEIGHTS will be declared on or about WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1918. ACCEPTANCES for all events (including the Trial Hack Plate) will close with the Secretary at the Office of the Club, Marton, on TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1918, at 9 p.m.

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.

ARTHUR WAY,
Secretary.

Approved in accordance with the Rules of Racing this 3rd day of July, 1918.—WM. HALL, Secretary Wanganui Jockey Club.

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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).

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TURF GOSSIP.

The New South Wales totalisator, during the financial year which ended on June 30, yielded to the Treasury £82,802, representing a capital sum of a shade more than £1,182,885. The machines at Randwick alone handled £500,152 17s. 6d. It is estimated that the next year will yield a great deal more, as the machine is only in its infancy yet. For the month of June the totalisator revenue was £11,307, compared with £3522 last year. The betting taxes produced £59,402, which, added to other racing sources, yielded the Government £142,204 for the year.

In America the Government recently asked the Jockey Club of New York—which has a breeding bureau—for four thoroughbred stallions with a view to breeding the highest type of cavalry remount. The Jockey Club thereupon placed six stallions at the disposal of the Government to select from, adding that others would be found if, for any reason, these were considered unsuitable. The stallions offered had all raced with success, and Monty Fox, one of the half dozen, is by Cesarion, who was brought to New South Wales a few years ago by Mr. I. H. Wheatcroft.

There was a fatal accident at the Kedron Park races in Victoria recently. Sixteen horses started in the second division of the Park Purse, and when near the three furlongs post King Hans, ridden by a southern jockey, Bert Faddy, fell. Wet Sail, Barraboroo and Bronze Boy also came down. The riders—Faddy, Lonie and Sinclair—were taken to the hospital. Faddy, who was suffering from severe concussion, died an hour after admission. Lonie is suffering from injuries to his neck and head, and his condition was very low when the mail left.

For the racing season of 1917-18 in England, 315 races of the value of £99,461 were run, and in Ireland during the same period 357 races of the value of £55,971 were decided. In Scotland only 12 races of the value of £2000 were run. As compared with pre-war times the figures are instructive. In 1913 in England there were 1668 races of the value of £518,673, in Ireland 350 races worth £40,223, or £15,748 less than last year, and in Scotland 86 races worth £13,385. In England and in Scotland there has been less than a fifth of the racing and monetary value of stakes for owners. Under the circumstances a fall in values of racing stock was inevitable.

Various bookmakers have already issued lists of prices for the spring handicaps in Sydney and Melbourne. The shortest-priced horses owe their positions, according to "Pilot," to the layers' assessment of their chances, and not to the fact that they have already been backed. For instance, Biplane is one of those heading the Epsom quotations, and is also prominent in the Metropolitan. He has done really well since his arrival in Sydney, but there is no likelihood of his being a runner for either. The colt's trainer, R. J. Mason, does not like his weight, and is merely awaiting word from Mr. Greenwood before striking him out of both. As remarkable last week, adds the writer, if Biplane starts in any big handicap in the spring it will be the Caulfield Cup.

Writing in the "Mataura Ensign," "Starter" says: Redstart, dam of Neuroma and a Winton Stakes candidate by Vice-Admiral, is running out on her owner's property at Waimahaka, and is in perfect condition. With her is a racy-looking 18-months-old filly by Soldiers' Chorus, and the well-known matron is thought to be in foal to the English horse Markhope. Good Start, by Pallas—Redstart, who ran third in the Winton Stakes of 1916 to Palamon and Porter, is also at present located on the same estate, and may shortly be put in hand for racing.

"Molly's Eyes Are Irish," sang Allen Doone at the Grand Opera House on Saturday night, says the Sydney "Referee," after he had introduced himself to his colleen with a re-sounding kiss. The popular actor might quite as correctly have sung Molly Bawn's audience is Irish. Every mention of the green Isle of Erin met with enthusiastic applause. Allen Doone was in good voice, and sang several charming Irish songs.

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The death is announced of Mr. Thomas Francis McLaughlin, Government Tourist Agent in Dunedin. Deceased, who succumbed to pneumonia, was confined to his room for some five days only. Prior to succeeding Mr. Collett at Dunedin some two and a half years ago, Mr. McLaughlin occupied the position of tourist agent at Invercargill. He is survived by a widow and two of a family.

"The alteration of railway rates which does away with the free carriage of racehorses on the return journey from race meetings is something New South Wales owners and trainers do not appreciate, says "Pilot." Nor does the extra charge seem justified. In Sydney the cost of a three-stall horse box to the ordinary meeting has hitherto been £1 5s., and the doubling of that charge will come hard on many small men. The alteration cannot be due to the cost of labour, as both going and coming from meetings Sydney trainers and assistants practically do all the loading and unloading. At present it merely requires a railway official or two at the horse dock to direct trainers to the boxes allotted them. An increase of 100 per cent. is altogether too stiff, and representations on that score will no doubt be made to the Railway Commissioners." Owners in New Zealand have had to put up with an increase of tariff for some time.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO RACING CLUBS.

A TIMELY CIRCULAR.

In conjunction with their report to the recent New Zealand Racing Conference in Wellington the stipendiary stewards committee recommended that the following circular be sent to all clubs, the recommendation being received by the delegates in attendance:—

(1) That in weighing in, the first four horses be weighed in in sequence.

(2) That an official notice board be placed in an appropriate place so that the result of all inquiries can be officially notified for the benefit of the press and the public.

(3) It is desirable that starters should be instructed to exercise their powers under Rule 6, Part XXV., as soon as a horse starts kicking up or playing up.

(4) The admission to the birdcage, weighing and jockey rooms of persons having no right to be there should be strictly supervised.

(5) Reports have been received that entries, etc., are not confirmed in writing, as required under Part XVI., Rule 4, of the Rules of Racing. It is recommended that the fine of two sovs., provided for in the rule, should be rigidly enforced by the stewards when entries, etc., are not confirmed in writing.

(6) That all clubs should have printed in their race cards the following notice:—"The stewards reserve the right to postpone the times notified in this race card for closing the totalisator, and starting the race, if circumstances, in their opinion, warrant their doing so."

BIPLANE AND DESERT GOLD.

In a recent issue I mentioned it was reported that Mr. T. Lowry's decision to send a team to Australia for the spring meetings depended upon the progress made by his Derby candidate Finmark. If this were so, Finmark must be going on the right way, as the latest announcement by cable from New Zealand is that Mr. Lowry has definitely decided to be represented in Australia in the spring. Desert Gold will be one of the team, and, as on the previous occasion, her stake earnings will be devoted to New Zealand patriotic funds. After all, Australians, and not New Zealanders, are to have the pleasure of seeing Desert Gold and Biplane meet at weight-for-age, and, good as the mare has shown herself, I still anticipate her defeat by Comedy King's son at a mile and a-quarter, if they happen to oppose each other in the A.J.C. Craven Plate. Admittedly it is rather early to give an opinion on that point, as condition must necessarily be a great factor in the result. Still,

without attempting to detract from the merit of Desert Gold's autumn performances in Melbourne and Sydney—it would be difficult to do so in any case—I think Biplane's spring efforts compared favourably with them.—"Pilot," in the "Referee."

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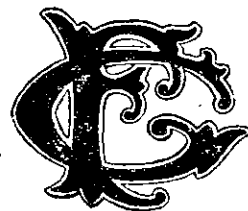
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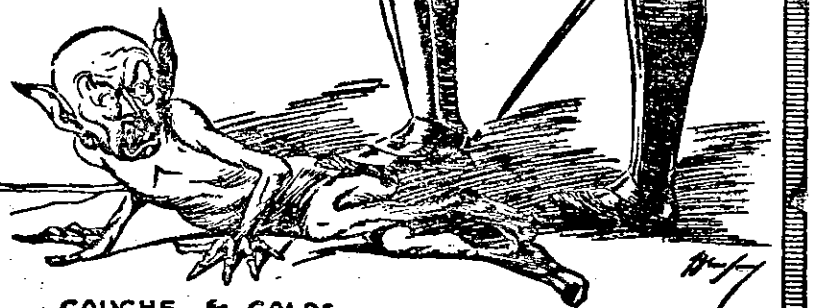
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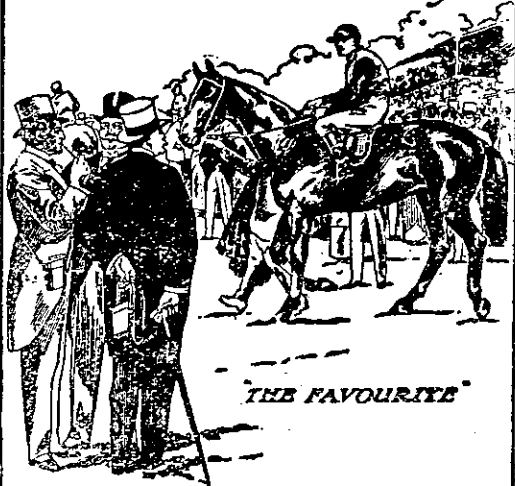
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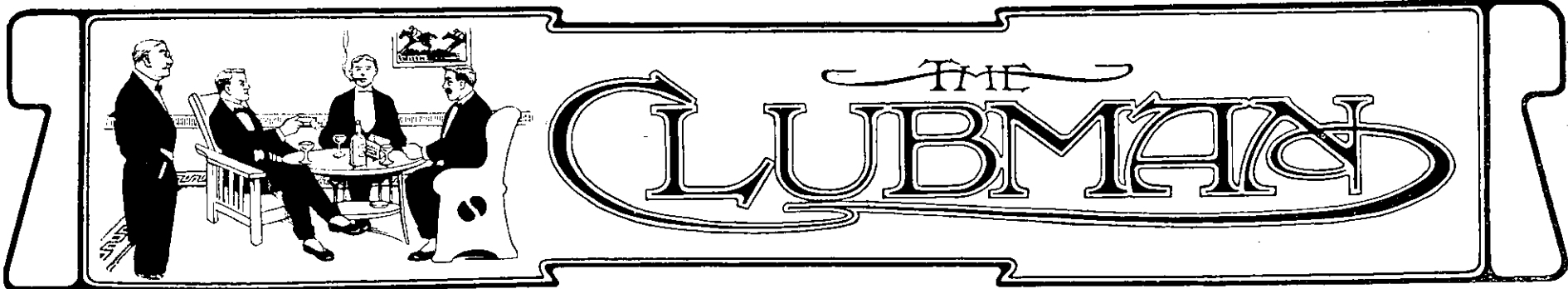


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Weights for the New Zealand Grand National meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club duly made their appearance on Friday last, and a fair number of the horses engaged were at Riccarton, where the meeting is held, earlier in the week, others were on their way and more are under marching orders for the scene. From this it can be judged that the meeting bids fair to be as representative as ever of the jumping stock in particular and of the racing blood of the Dominion in general, and we may assume that the two Grand Nationals, Hurdles and Steeplechase, and the Winter Cup, when the first acceptance is made on August 2, will have as good prospects of success on paper as on any previous occasion since they were first scheduled for the patronage of owners. The stake for each race is a good one, sensibly divided between the placed horses. Were it not that a war is on and that the Canterbury Jockey Club decided not to increase prize money but to devote as much of the profits—indeed, all the profits—of their meetings, over and above the cost of upkeep of the course and expenses, to winning the war objects, they would have been still more valuable.

The weights are being freely discussed in every corner of the Dominion, and it would be idle to try and disguise the fact that hundreds of people, many hundreds we might say, who will not be fortunate enough to be present already have a betting interest in doubles on the two jumping races or the Winter Cup and one or other of the Nationals. Some of the backers will be there to see how their fancies shape, or to get over the disappointment of not seeing them in action at all. Betting in all forms as well as a natural or cultivated love of seeing good horses and capable horsemen at work will attract the people until the crack of doom, and they will continue to take the risks of a start because the prices are more tempting than they could anticipate getting on the day. All this is part of the business. Before the weights appeared quite a number of horses had been backed all over the Dominion, and many pencilers had laid their full books before charts were in circulation. Thus we have favourites made before the weights are published, and indeed with a meeting like Wellington intervening. This will nearly always be the case, however much some deplore the fact that so many people will not wait and do their business through the legalised channel. That some people accept what look like short prices and are offered prices that often appear very much in favour of the layers goes without saying. Looking back at the quotations or prices actually taken about winning combinations it is surprising how seldom very long-priced ones pull through. It does occur occasionally, and the respective winners often pay good prices on the machines. More often, however, horses that return a short price per medium of the totalisator are short-priced on the charts long before the day. We have always contended that the interest is worked up better on the big events when the weights appear long before their decision and when there is pre-post betting over them. We do not hold with those who contend that betting could ever be confined to the totalisator only. It is against human nature. There are good friends of the sport who are always decrying the bookmaker and tote odds law-breakers, who cannot be suppressed, but are merely knocked out by fines or induced in consequence to do their business more surreptitiously. When some do drop out for good others take their places and the attendant risks of detection and punishment.

A lot of horses have been very well backed for the double events referred to above, and there is no need to refer to charts to know which they are. The prompt scratching of Bon Reve before the weights appeared was the action of an owner who thus saved the get-in-early punters some money, as the Boniform gelding would have been heavily sup-

ported; indeed, he had already been coupled in some doubles. His withdrawal led many of his would-be backers to turn their attention to something else. When one fancy goes out another is raised to the same pedestal for that purpose. After the appearance of the weights there were no immediate scratchings of horses. This was not looked for, but while there is likely to be a good response from owners there will probably be a fair weeding out. Owners are for the most part desirous of making the most of opportunities for getting money early if they think they have the cattle capable of landing the goods. That a number of horses will drop out because they are not ready or are infirm or that their prospects from one cause or other, are viewed with disfavour by those who have to pay the expenses of the trip to Riccarton is certain. That Mr. Henrys has worked out his handicaps on lines that suggest that there are plenty of horses in each of the three races with chances is the trend of

when his form under weight and over shorter courses looked very promising. He may not unlikely be seen to better advantage at Riccarton than he was at Wanganui and Ellerslie. Sir Solo has had several tries, but is hardly likely to improve on his best previous efforts and we are disposed to pass this good stayer by for horses more brilliant. Kauri King is very likely to play his best card to date at Riccarton and has given glimpses of form that suggest that he will likely register something worthy of his family. He is a gelding of more than ordinary size and weight carrying ability and just the sort for the game he is at now if kept strictly to it. Wishful has flat performances suggestive of staying ability and has been getting some jumping education that should stand to him. At his weight he certainly reads well. Harbour Light has not been doing a jumper's preparation in public this back end of the season, and it may be because he has not been sound enough to stand the rac-

pata at his best would find some of the opposition too brilliant for him. Paraoa, for instance, should make good at this game and be a useful little fellow with such an impost. There is plenty of Crown Pearl, who was unsound when he retired for a good spell. His light impost now may not assist him to do more than run part of the journey well. He did not race like a stayer on the flat. Jeannot is better seasoned with racing and has fanciers in the south who have seen him racing. Don Francisco is a possibility with the same weight, and Melchikoff is another, though the distance and want of racing experience in public over the battens may come against him. Gold Fran will not go, but Fisher, who has done no schooling to speak of since he ran at the A.R.C. winter meeting, may be found representing the stable. Otara, Lord Nelson and Reformation have all been seen in action, and perhaps Lord Nelson may be the best of the trio. He has but one eye. Nocturnal is a young and well bred horse and may be heard of later on. He has not been seen in public so far.



TWO LEADING OFFICIALS OF THE HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB—Mr. R. E. Harley (on left), the well-known starter, and Mr. A. M. Brodie, honorary veterinary surgeon.

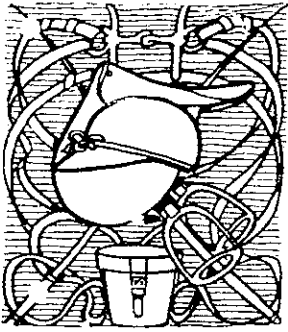
opinion amongst those who are trying to pick the winners just now. We are afraid we cannot help them very much in making their selection thus early.

For the Grand National Hurdle Race, at their weights, past form suggests that there cannot be very much between Gladful, Art and Sir Fisher over two miles and a-half. Whether Sleight of Hand will be as ready as the trio mentioned three weeks hence is a question. Fit as he has been on occasions he would have a big following. The blistering treatment his legs received some months ago has had an improving effects upon his joints, but he may be short of a race or two and the distance in the big steeplechase rather than the weight for this hard-pulling customer might be found too far. Pursefiller is amiss. Gang Awa' has only had two hurdle races. This was at Wanganui in May, and ever since he has been talked of as a likely winner of the National Hurdles because he performed so attractively then. Colorado is another of the same family, a rare good sort who has not run up to expectations since the summer,

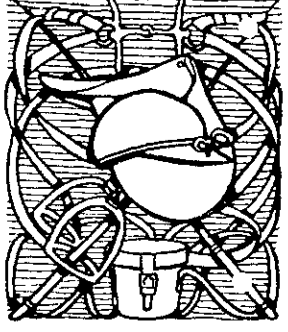
ing. He was troubled last year with shoulder lameness, but ran at Feilding in April, where he was more robust than usual. Colonel Soult has been treated well enough. He needs more experience, however, and though Hopfield has shown himself to be a fast and dashing jumper he has had so little jumping that if he goes south there might be a greater chance of him running in the Winter Cup than in the big hurdle race. There is a doubt as to whether he will go. Iceberg is nicely placed as regards weight, but he was sore in the autumn after winning at Feilding on the flat and backward at Wellington. Gluetanus is consistent and useful and stays, but is not quite so brilliant as could be wished. He will be there. Morecambe has been so often amiss that there does not seem much hope of him doing better than in previous essays, though he is in at a luxuriant weight. He is likely to race at South Canterbury in the interval. Thrace is coming on well with the experience and racing he has been getting and that is what he has needed and he looks to have a good chance. Polydamon is not to go south as was intended. Nau-

The Grand National Steeplechase lot are for the most part ordinary, 16 of the 26 being in on the minimum mark. Of these probably Moddite may prove the most useful. Mr. Henrys would no doubt have made some distinctions amongst this lot had his hands not been tied in fixing the top weight at 12.7. Master Strowan, on form, was entitled to give 3.0 to any one of those so placed. St. Elmn is none too sound, but may be fitter for the racing he has had all the same, and with 9.11, for a horse so often placed, his owner has nothing to complain of. Yellow and Black is a young first season horse, but has had a better chance than most young horses and is ready to run a good race, though he may develop further as time goes on. It is thought that he will represent Mr. Armstrong in the race and not Sleight of Hand. Crib has been more or less thick winded for several seasons, and there is reason to believe that he will not improve on Wellington form. Master Timi may perhaps find the distance too far. We would rather take Moddite and Yellow and Black than any of those written about of those below them. This leaves us with the two top weights, Master Strowan and Waimai, and Collector and Coalition, who we would add to make up half a dozen to be the most prominent if they each see the post. Waimai, with luck, may once again do the country well, and Coalition seems a safe conveyance, who should be well seasoned by the day. Collector is less solid perhaps, but has pace and is clever though he sometimes falls. Good horses do that. With a stand up, he and Waimai and Coalition should be able to test Master Strowan on a course over the distance in which the fences will require a bit more doing, but all the same the indications are that the Foxton-owned gelding will be the public choice and that Waimai, who also has a National to his credit, will also be very well supported, notwithstanding his Wellington form. Many who witnessed his bold display two years ago will be disposed to trust him again, though he has become a bit shifty at his fences.

With 65 in the Winter Cup there are many possibilities, and there would seem every likelihood of a big field and a possible surprise or two, for which the race has been noted on occasions. A third of the horses are on the 9.0 mark, and Fleetham, who recently won at Trentham, is one of them and a young improving English-bred horse who may be preferred to any on the same mark and to many above him. Parisian Diamond and Gazique, in the top half dozen or amongst those over 10.0, may be preferred, and Form Up seems to be improving. Of those between that weight and 9.7, Bedford and Hopfield, and above 9.0 Cardrona, Glenroy and Ixex are those that catch the eye. There is some doubt as to whether Bedford and Hopfield will face the music, though both are well,



RACING NEWS



WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

The Wellington Racing Club have every reason to be satisfied with the season's operations, which testify to the increasing popularity of meetings at Trentham. During the 1916-17 season racing was conducted on ten days at Trentham, the spring and autumn fixtures being each limited to two days, while the summer and winter gatherings both were three-day meetings. The totalisator investments for the ten days amounted to £411,471 10s., an average per day of £41,147. During the 1917-18 season just closed only six days' racing took place at Trentham, a day having been taken off both the summer and winter meetings, while the autumn meeting was cut out altogether. Notwithstanding the loss of four days' racing, the splendid total of £278,922 10s. was invested on the machine during the six days, an average of £46,487 for each day, which is over £5000 per day better than the average recorded throughout the 1916-17 season.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Thames Jockey Club was held on Wednesday evening of last week. The annual report showed that the receipts from all sources for the year had been £2072 7s., and the expenditure £2144 19s. the sum of £685 being paid in stakes. The overdraft amounted to £2201 10s. 9d. at the commencement of the year, and at its close stood at £2274 2s. 10d. The racing taxes for the one day's racing last year amounted to £471 5s. 2. Through the curtailment of racing to one day a loss of £1297 9s. 10d. had been incurred as compared with the two days' racing the previous year. The committee had decided to alter the day of the next races to March 22, 1919, so as not to clash with other clubs offering superior attractions. The committee congratulated the club upon its sound position.

Officers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. A. Bruce; vice-president, Mr. W. Price; committee, Messrs. A. Bruce, Baker, Cornes, Rae, Adamson, and McCormick; judge, Mr. H. Lowe; handicapper, Mr. R. Wynyard; starter, Mr. W. Quarterman.

MASTERTON RACING CLUB.

A SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

The members of the Masterton Racing Club will hold their annual meeting on Wednesday next at Murray's Hall, Masterton, when the annual report and balance-sheet will be presented to members, while the election of officers will also take place. That the club has experienced a most successful year is apparent by the following report from the stewards, which is to be submitted to members by Messrs. A. W. Cave (patron) and C. F. Vallance (president):—"Your

stewards have great pleasure in laying before you the annual report and balance-sheet for the year ended 30th June, 1918. Your stewards are glad to report that they have been able to repay the sum of £1000 off the club's mortgage during the year. During the year the sum of £2490 was given in stakes. The revenue derived from the totalisator was £3517 4s. 1d. The sum of £1793 0s. 9d. has been paid in Government tax. Included in this sum is £833 1s. 6d. special war tax on dividends and £24 18s. for war tax on stakes. An amount of £199 13s. has been expended in top-dressing the plough track during the year. £100 10s. was donated to patriotic funds. The Farm Account shows a profit of £198 2s. 5d. for the year.

"It is with sincere regret that we have to report the loss of a valuable steward, in the late Mr. O. C. Cooper, who succumbed to injuries received in a motor car accident on July 10. The late Mr. Cooper had been steward for a considerable number of years, and his loss is a sad one for the club."

Who will be the one to be left out? This will be for the members to say. Those who have records to show for past services and their usefulness on these committees are generally well known to the members and the owners and trainers and visitors who receive attention at their hands. Some are constant attendants at the racecourse side, and are popular with the trainers and owners. The selection of three stewards from the five members nominated may result in much the keenest contest. Messrs. A. L. Raven and M. J. Lynch are in the field for the first time. Both are business men with some practical racing experience, and as owners have acquired knowledge useful to men whose judgment has so frequently to be exercised during a season's racing. Mr. Raven is secretary to the Breeders, Owners and Trainers' Association, which has a large membership, and has proved a live observant man. Mr. Lynch is conversant with the rules of racing and his legal training is an advantage. Sir Robert Lockhart, who has been

for special consideration. That even five clubs in New Zealand should find themselves in the position to need to ask for the sanction of the president or the powers that be to give a less sum than is netted from the machine may seem surprising to those who know what a lot of revenue is derived from other sources and how really successful practically all clubs have been in their racing experiences. Taumarunui and Waipa are really new clubs with their properties and improvements to be paid for, and the two other country clubs have for some time been making an uphill fight. The Takapuna Jockey Club has never from its inception lacked solid public patronage and plenty of support from owners in the way of nominations and acceptances, and the totalisator turnover from first to last has always been proportionately good. Compared with other clubs in the Dominion most Auckland clubs have taken a foremost place and are in an excellent position financially. Many would have expected the Takapuna Club to have been strong in that respect, also considering the long time it has been in existence, but with a lot of money now to be paid in interest on the cost of improvements and land purchased to enlarge the course, for which purpose a comparatively small amount had been saved out of profits, and with a fairly large indebtedness to be reduced and further improvements necessary and to be provided for, owners will have to be content with less in stakes than is netted from the machine, upon which stake giving has for a good many years been based. Many clubs have purchased land, made courses, built stands and with the money made out of their racing, have paid their way handsomely and have never had to ask for any concessions. Large memberships and energetic capable management, and the support of the public and horse owners has enabled them to forge ahead rapidly. The Takapuna Jockey Club will need to husband all resources and have all the good luck of the past in making fairly large profits, to pay off liabilities and bring its property more up to date and at the same time keep the stakes up to the requirements of the Rules of Racing.



A pair of bonny thoroughbred brood mares and their foals on Mr. J. B. Reid's estate at Oamaru—Imported ORANGE PIPPIN (on left) and CYRE, the dam of Kilboy.

A.R.C. ELECTION.

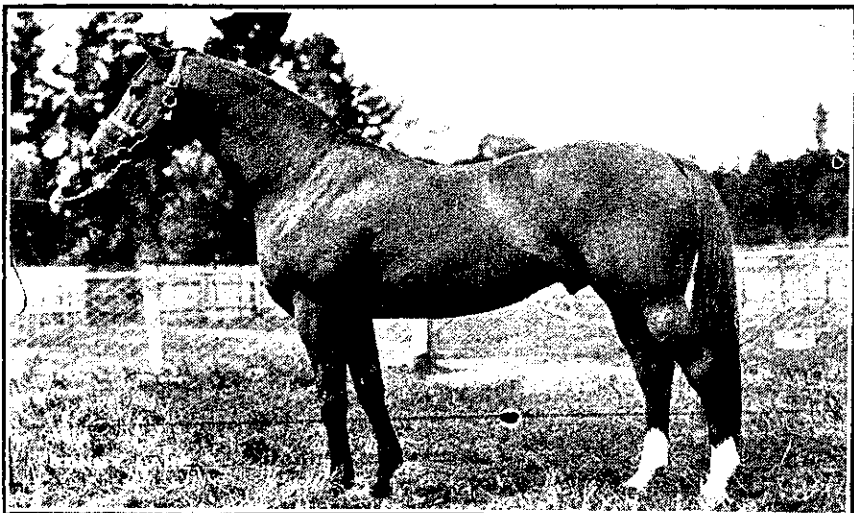
The candidature of a number more members than are required for the positions of stewards to the Auckland Racing Club and of one more than is wanted for the committee, will necessitate contested elections at the annual meeting of members on August 5. It is needless to say that if they all go to the "post," though it is rumoured that there may be one retirement before the day, plenty of interest will be infused into the business. Last week the names of the members nominated were published. There will not be any contests for the presidency and vice-presidency positions, for so many years well filled by the Hon. E. Mitchelson and Mr. T. H. Gorrie respectively, who are amongst the oldest members of the club. On the committee there are also some long-time members, and each of the half dozen nominated is a man of previous experience, some of them seeking re-election. Five of the number are to be elected.

nominated for the committee as well as for a steward's position, and Messrs. J. D. Jones and G. A. Wynyard have already acted as stewards of clubs and in various ways have been useful followers of the sport.

CLUBS AND THE MINIMUM STAKES.

At the recent conference of New Zealand racing clubs, five clubs sought to be relieved of the operation of the rule which requires that clubs must give in stakes a sum at least equal to the net amount derived from the totalisator in the previous year. The clubs that applied for and obtained exemption were the Takapuna Jockey Club, Taumarunui, Waipa, Opunake and Dannevirke Clubs, and each one was able to satisfy the powers that be that there were reasons

Mr. Hassall of Hawke's Bay, has secured a good horse to take the place of Merry Moment, the imported sire he lost recently. Kilboy, by Kilbroney—Cyre, by Cyrenian from Miss Delaval, by Seaton Delaval from Campania, should make a good substitute, as he is bred on the right lines, is a solid constitutioned horse, was an undoubted good two and three year old and a winner from six furlongs to two miles. Included in his winning achievements are the C.J.C. Autumn Handicap, A.J.C. Derby and Trentham Gold Cup, in which he beat Desert Gold at w.f.a.



The imported stallion SUNNY LAKE, by Sundridge—Pearl of the Loch, who is now at the service of breeders, being stationed at his owner's (Mr. J. B. Reid) place, Elderslie, Oamaru.



The stud horse CONQUEROR, who it is anticipated will be at the service of Gisborne breeders during the next few months.

INTERPROVINCIAL

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

WELLINGTON.

H. W. Brown's Representatives Under H. Eva's Charge at Tauherenikau—Death of Keen Sporting Enthusiast—Notes on the Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting—Winter Cup Fancies—Grand National Steeplechase Favourite a Daily Attendant on Foxton Tracks.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

After the splendid showing he displayed at the recent Wellington meeting, it occasions no surprise to find Master Strowan a staunch favourite for next month's Grand National Steeplechase. With this capital 'chaser and Gang Awa', the Foxton owner, Mr. F. S. Easton, has a couple of horses that should show up well at Riccarton.

Kahumangu (Papakura—Anser Anser), bred by Mr. D. Buick, M.P., at the Cloverlea (Ka'anga) Stud, gave a fine exhibition of jumping at Trentham. The black gelding gives every promise of developing into an ideal timber clearer.

Mr. Harold W. Brown, well known in local business circles, is getting quite a respectable team together. At present his private trainer (H. Eva), at Tauherenikau, has in work Form Up, Livland, Paparess and a couple of others, all of whom are showing fair form on the W.R.C. tracks. With the horses he has under his care, "Paddy" should certainly fare well next season.

Contrary to expectations, the Porirua stable of Mr. J. H. Prosser went through the Wellington meeting without a win. All the horses looked well to the eye, and they should, with ordinary luck, be getting amongst the winners early in the new racing year.

Old Undecided gave a glimpse of returning to form when he ran second in the Hack Hurdles on the concluding day at Trentham and returned his admirers a substantial dividend. The gelding has been a use-

ful stake earner for the Willis Street sportsman, Mr. W. Smart, and there is every likelihood of the son of Menschikoff paying his way over the small sticks.

Paraoa gives every indication of paying his way over the fences. With undoubted galloping powers and the ability to jump, the bay gelding should prove a payable proposition when he becomes accustomed to the obstacles.

A well-known horseman, who is well up in the winning jockeys' list, took a sporting wager of 640 to 40 against Volo for the Winter Cup last week. Needless to say, the horse named is a much admired candidate for next month's principal flat race.

Ormesby ran very creditably at Trentham, and there is just a probability of this six-year-old son of Birkenhead winning another hack and hunters' steeplechase during the next few weeks.

Silver Tim proved a disappointment at the Wellington meeting, but with the two gallops he had the chestnut son of Sylvia Park should soon make some amends for his recent defeats. Trainer Ben. Bennett had the horse looking in rare buckle.

Trainer A. Goodman, at Trentham, is still keeping Mount Victoria busy on the local tracks. The much-travelled gelding is thought susceptible of carrying his owner's (Mr. H. Whitney) colours with some success over the hurdles next season.

The local owner, "Mr. Loring," who is a steward of the Wellington Racing Club, does not know what to make out of Seadown, from whom big things are expected in the hurdlng business. The sportsman named, who is known for his astuteness in racing matters, is under the impression that Seadown will eventually rank as a splendid type of a hurdler. The future should reveal the Downshire gelding as a useful stake earner.

The death of Mr. R. T. Bland, a keen sporting enthusiast of the

Lower Hutt, took place on July 13, after a short illness, at the early age of 36. Prior to coming to the North Island, the deceased resided in Nelson, where he was always foremost in all racing coursing and other branches of sport. He was very much respected, being held in high esteem by all with whom he came into contact. He is survived by his widow, who has the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in her sad bereavement.

Tip-up was a much admired southern racer at Trentham, but failed to land the "goods." The son of All Red looked in fine form, and the Otira owner, Mr. A. Beban, is looking forward to recovering a portion of his lost coin at the Grand National meeting next month. The five-year-old has many admirers for his Winter Cup engagement.

Bairnsdale created a surprise when he won the Stewards' Handicap, and his admirers on the totalisator received a dividend of well over a third of a century as a result of the chestnut's exertions.

The Trentham trainer J. Scott had Sardinia looking really well at the Wellington meeting. The brown gelding should soon be doing Mr. J. Fenwick some useful service.

Mr. J. J. Corry, Mayor of Blenheim, had a disappointing visit to the Wellington meeting. The popular "Jack," as he is familiarly called, is beginning to have doubts whether he will ever win a race with Good Hope, who, since coming into the Marlborough sportsman's hands, must have cost him considerable coin of the realm. It takes a lot of reverses to dampen Mr. Corry's ardour for racing, and he may eventually be rewarded with some success with the bay son of Cannie Chiel.

Revocation (Cheshire—Applause) is showing out well in his training exercises under E. Kingan's guidance at Trentham. This six-year-old, who is owned by Mr. "Jerry" O'Meara, of Fashion Plate fame, is expected to be getting amongst the winners early in the new racing season.

The well-known horseman, Hector Gray, has been engaged to ride Volo in the Winter Cup. In this capable jockey's hands the gelding will not lose anything on the score of horsemanship.

Master Boris, who returned his

supporters a dividend of close on two-thirds of a century at the recent Wellington meeting, is a shapely type of a hurdler. This horse is a full brother to Lady Daylesford, who won a race or two a couple of seasons back and who is at present being trained by A. M. Wright at Foxton. Master Boris is though susceptible of developing into a capital hurdler.

Much sympathy is being expressed in sporting circles at the untimely death of Mr. Ormond C. Cooper, of Masterton, who died in Wellington as a result of a motor car accident in Molesworth Street. The late Mr. Cooper was a keen sporting enthusiast and held for some time the position of president of the Pahiatua Racing Club, while since his sojourn at Masterton he has acted as a steward of this club. He was also a delegate to the Racing Conference. The late Mr. Cooper was of a kindly and genial disposition, and his passing away removes a popular personality who will be sadly missed in sporting circles.

Master Strowan, looking fit and well, is a daily attendant on the Foxton tracks, and provided nothing untowards occurs in the interim the gelding will be on hand to contest the principal jumping events at Riccarton next month.

There are many shrewd critics who are looking forward to Kauri King to give a good account of himself at Riccarton. Provided the trip eventuates, the gelding will have many adherents in events that he competes in.

R. J. Horne, at Palmerston North, has in work for next season's racing a shapely sort of a galloper in Belle o' the Camp, a four-year-old mare by Campfire from Marionette, the latter being the dam of Birkenetta, who can gallop to some purpose. The four-year-old is undoubtedly the makings of a decent sort.

C. Pritchard, at Trentham, has Matatua (Birkenhead—Sunbonnet) looking really well just now. The colt, who will be a three-year-old on August 1, is expected to develop into a top notcher.

Mr. Newton King, one of the pillars of the turf in New Plymouth, has the making of a typical galloper in Hallow, a gelding by Hallowmas from White Crane, who later on should prove a payable proposition. Trainer

Notable Performers on the New Zealand Turf.—No. 5: MASTER STROWAN.



THE LEADING STEEPLECHASER OF THE DOMINION—MR. F. S. EASTON'S BR G MASTER STROWAN, AGED, BY STROWAN—ARTIST MARE, WINNER OF THE WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE (3½ MILES). R. McSEVENY IN SADDLE. TRAINED BY D. MCAULEY, FOXTON. MASTER STROWAN, who is a strong favourite for the Grand National Steeplechase, won the event last year. During the past twelve months he has contested seven cross-country events, winning six of his £3125 in stake money.

E. George has the rising three-year-old fast getting up to concert pitch.

Owner J. McKean, mine host of the Criterion Hotel, New Plymouth, went through the recent Wellington gathering without a win, but one of his horses in Primato put up a creditable performance by running second to Royal Park in the Te Aro Handicap in a big field.

At Foxton, trainer F. Robinson has Pomeroy looking really well in view of several up-country race meetings coming on in the near future. The chestnut is credited with some galloping ability, and later on owner F. B. Lovelock should be rewarded for his patience.

Form Up is being inquired after for the Winter Cup. After his success at Trentham the bay son of Formative—Pursuring will not lack supporters in his contests at Riccarton.

SOUTHLAND.

Bad Weather Prevents Training Operations—Mr. R. Miller's Rising Three-year-olds—Zarkoma and Sylva Probable Starters at Timaru This Week—Jock in Commission Again—A. D. McIvor's Strong Team.

INVERCARGILL, July 20.

A light snowfall in the country and heavy rain in and around Invercargill has stopped all work for race-horses during the past few days, with the exception of road exercise between the falls or showers.

At the time of writing it is not known why Giralda was not produced at Trentham, as he was on the spot. In the event of all being well with the Canrobert—Minaret gelding, he will probably be heard from in connection with the hurdle race at the South Canterbury Hunt meeting next week. He may even present bold front in a welter struggle across the flat at Washdyke on Thursday.

It is reported that ex-jockey A. McKay has purchased a nice little farm within a short distance of the Riverton Racing Club's property. "Andy" has a very fair knowledge of agricultural life, and should do well on the land, while there is no reason why his stables should not contain a few gallopers—the property of other people.

G. Easton is at present educating a three-year-old by Glenculloch from Miss May, by Wee Lad. He is one of the sturdy type, but also has good looks and correct shape to recommend him. The stock of Glenculloch appear to be improving as the seasons pass, and breeders should note this fact, as there is no reason why the Clanranald—Madowla stallion should fail in siring valuable turf performers. Easton is putting some nice green horses through his hands this season, and it is safe to say that the Glenculloch gelding is not the worst of them.

It is reported that Golden Webb (by Captain Webb—Daisy Chain) and Pretty Jane (by Martian) have missed to the Auckland Cup winner, Balboa. This is unfortunate, as both mares were useful, and their owner was very keen to raise a few thoroughbreds as an interesting hobby.

The Oreti studmaster, R. Miller, has taken over a range of stabling at Otaitai Bush, near Riverton, and here the veteran horseman A. McKenzie has been placed in charge of two rising three-year-olds by Soldier's Chorus from Folicle (Casket—Parvulu) and Turret (Sant Ilario—Minaret) respectively. Mr. Miller has also taken up the useful-looking Turton, by Crichton, again. The horses are quartered near the Riverton R.C.'s tracks, and if the juveniles show any promise both will probably be entered for the Winton Stakes.

The imported Picton—Flete stallion, Fleetham, rewarded local backers who followed him throughout the Wellington R.C. meeting, as he twice returned dividends out of three starts—second in Trial Plate and winner of Kia Ora Handicap. In his winning effort very few here secured the price, round about double figures, as they supported the English racer earlier in the day, when he finished outside a place in a field of tried and proved handicap performers. The owner of Mr. J. C. N. Grigg's cast-off, Mr. D. Kilkelly, well deserved a win, as Centimetre and Redshire have, so far, failed to win a stake. Mr. Kilkelly supported Fleetham for a similar amount in each of his contests at Trentham. P. T. Hogan's charge should be in rare buckle by the time the Grand National meeting comes round.

The Wingatui trainer, T. Stiven, has been on a visit to his brother in the south during the past week. Mr. R. R. Stiven, who is the owner of

Redowa and Giralda, has been called up for military service.

The Southland steeplechaser Zarkoma ran fairly well and jumped correctly in the Wellington Steeplechase last week, but came to grief in the July Steeplechase on the concluding day of the W.R.C. winter meeting. He had a small body of admirers at home, who supported him on both occasions, but the rank and file of local racegoers would not give him much chance over the galloping Trentham course. Should he stand his ground in the Grand National Steeplechase he will be given a jumper's chance by those who know him. To the writer's mind, it will not do to ignore the son of Sarto and Komuri Maid altogether at Riccarton. He and his stable companion, Sylva, may be found racing between the flags at the South Canterbury Hunt Club gathering next week.

I. G. Coker has had very bad weather to contend with during the past few days, a fact which is all against the preparation of Clynelish, who is to race at the Canterbury Hunt Club and Grand National meetings. If the son of Sout trains on he may strip fairly well at Riccarton, as his mentor has spared no trouble with him for some time past.

It is reported from Riverton that Jock is in commission again. The son of Glenculloch and Folicle ran very badly during the greater part of the season, and it is hard to account for this fact, as he had hitherto proved useful. He galloped with an entire absence of spirit or courage.

In addition to Sir Malt and Glensponse, G. McLean has several juveniles in hand, and as soon as the tracks are declared fit for galloping purposes the novices will be brushed up for pace, to develop them for the Winton Stakes of November next.

It may not be generally known that the Wellington winner Fleetham was used at the stud in Canterbury to a slight extent during the past breeding season. He is a fine-looking horse and several southern studmasters have had an eye on him for some time past, but they may have to await their opportunity with patience, as the son of Picton has very fair racing prospects ahead.

The Gore R.C. have been granted permission to alter the date of their summer fixture, which will now be held on April 2, the Southland R.C.'s autumn fixture eventuating a week later, on April 9 and 10. The Gore R.C. will open the new season in this district, with a spring gathering on October 26 and 28 (Labour Day)—a Sunday will intervene.

A. D. McIvor will control a powerful team at Riverton during the coming season, including Buller, Highwater, Martifors, Gunrest, Burran-gong, Kilmeeby, Staff Officer, the Vice-Admiral—Redstart colt (brother to Neuroma), and perhaps several others.

The Southland-bred Minesweeper (Canrobert—Mabella, by Somnus—Blue Bell) has always been looked upon as likely to develop into a useful hurdler, and it is therefore worthy of note that he has displayed promise at the jumping game in the testing ring at Riccarton, where he is at present located with Mr. W. Kain's Dunedin string.

WANGANUI.

Gang Awa' Progressing Well at Fordell—Mr. J. Bull's Two Candidates for Riccarton—Marton Enjoying Well-earned Spell—Carmel Arch Making Good Progress in His Training—Pennon in Steady Work—Marton J.C.'s Generosity.

WANGANUI, Monday.

Gang Awa' is credited with doing good work at Fordell, and he rules as favourite here for the Grand National Hurdles, in which he has 10.2, so that he has been by no means lightly treated, seeing that he has only one win over the small sticks to his credit, and that in very moderate company. Still, some good judges expect him to run a big race in the National, as they believe him to be the makings of a topnotcher over hurdles.

Colorado has not shown much form lately, but that he is a better hurdler than his recent performances would suggest is beyond question. If he can reproduce the form he showed at summer he will take a power of beating at Riccarton, and it would come as no surprise to see him make a bold bid for victory. As a matter of fact, Mr. Jas. Bull looks to have a fair chance of pulling off the double, with Colorado and All Over, which latter gelding reads well in the Winter Cup with 9.9 on his back.

If Gang Awa' is taken south—and no doubt he will be if he keeps right—he will be accompanied by Arrowfield, though the latter's prospects do not look particularly bright in such a field. However, he promises to be at his very best, judging from the work he is doing, and he might show that he is a better horse than his performances to date would suggest.

Marton has been given a spell since his return from Trentham. The old fellow may be taken up again in view of the Dannevirke meeting.

W. Higgins is giving the Sylvanite gelding which he has in work every chance to become proficient over the small sticks, as he is schooling him twice a week. The gelding jumps well, and as he has a fair amount of pace he should shape well when he makes his first appearance in public, probably at Marton.

Carmel Arch is looking and going well under H. Rayner's charge. The gelding is putting on condition rapidly and he should be in good trim for the early spring meetings. In the past the difficulty has been to keep the Marble Arch gelding well when he did strike form, but he looks more likely to keep going now, having built up during his spell.

Starengo, in the same stable, is beginning to hit out nicely. He did not have the success last season that was expected of him, but he may do better during the coming season.

The English-bred filly Pennon is in steady work again, and is moving much better now than when previously on the track, having lost much of the stiffness which affected her. W. Rayner also has Zola and Vladian in steady work, and both show signs of coming on well.

The big gelding Sonnino, which A. Hall has in work, continues to make capital progress, and if the son of Signor—Helen Portland does not turn out more than useful some good judges will be much surprised.

The Marton Jockey Club has forwarded a cheque for £100 to the Wanganui District Committee as the club's portion of the amount allotted to hunt clubs in the district. The Marton Club has also made the following donations to patriotic funds: Salvation Army, £50; Navy League, £50; Marton Red Cross, £50; Marton district nurse, £50; and French orphans, £50.

WAIARAPA.

Black Hill on the Improve—Master Boris' Big Dividend—Livland's Disappointing Form at Trentham—Hydrus' Winter Cup Engagement—Mr. W. R. Kemball's Successful Season.

MASTERTON, Friday.

The Opaki trainer J. T. Jamieson has been passed by the Military Medical Board, and goes into camp in November.

Gladful ran another good race on the second day at Trentham, but the local horse failed to concede Thrace 37lbs.

When Sir Agnes ran third in the Parliamentary Handicap last week, he was one of the outsiders, but the Carterton-owned gelding was a hot favourite on Saturday, when H. Gray had the mount.

The Riccarton horseman, J. Campbell, who came to Trentham to ride the local horse Multaine in her engagements, was taken ill after the first day's races, and another rider had to be secured on Saturday.

Mr. A. McDonald, of Masterton, is well up in the list of winning owners for the past season, and has won £1,865 in stakes. Another local sport in Mr. Fred. Dorset has won £1,610.

Black Hill was improving with every gallop at Trentham, and trainer Pinkerton should have the son of All Black and Killindini in fine shape by National time.

H. Eva was not long in settling down to his new quarters at Tauherenikau, as on the second day of the Wellington meeting he led Form Up in a winner. As the dividend was a two figure one Mr. Harold Brown must be well pleased with his new purchase.

Although only a few local sports participated in the big dividend paid by Master Boris at Trentham, the win was nevertheless very popular here. The owner, Mr. A. Brightwell, has been connected with the sport for a number of years, and is looked upon as an owner who would not lend himself to anything but fair dealing. W. Garrett seldom springs such a surprise on the public as he did last week.

Livland failed to do any better at Trentham than when trained at Opaki, and a spell would no doubt

be beneficial to the son of Finland and Cantata. Livland has shown a lot of pace on the track, but has failed to repeat it with the colours up.

Hydrus was only started once at the Wellington meeting, and will next be seen out in the Winter Cup, in which event he will have the services of H. Gray. Since joining Jamieson's team at Opaki Hydrus has done a fair amount of schooling over the hurdles, but so far has been kept to flat racing. Next season it is intended to jump him.

The funeral of the late Mr. O. C. Cooper, of Masterton, took place in Wellington on Monday last, and was largely attended, among the cortege being a number of sportsmen from the Wellington, Manawatu and Wairarapa districts. Before coming to Masterton the late Mr. Cooper was president of the Pahiatua Racing Club for a number of years, and was also connected with sport in the Manawatu district some years ago. Among the numerous floral tributes were wreaths from the New Zealand Racing Conference, Masterton Racing Club, Manawatu Racing Club, and Pahiatua Racing Club. As a delegate to the Racing Conference and a steward of the Masterton Club, the deceased gentleman will be greatly missed here.

Mr. W. R. Kemball has every reason to feel satisfied with the past season's racing. Considering this is the Masterton sportsman's first year as an owner, he has done well to be placed third on the winning list with a total of £5405. As in other enterprises with which Mr. Kemball has been connected, he has gone into the sport with confidence, and when purchasing his present horses he has not stopped at the figure when the animal suited him. Over two thousand guineas was paid for Hymestra, and one thousand for the Autumnus—Ukraine colt Vasilkov. In the case of the former it has turned out a good investment, while Vasilkov is untried as yet, but promises to bear out his good appearance and sound breeding. Mr. Kemball also showed good judgment in appointing W. Hawthorne as his private trainer, as, since taking over the management of the racing establishment, Hawthorne has proved himself a capable and painstaking mentor. He has invariably had his charges in the best of condition, and has won three classic races with Hymestra, in addition to three handicaps, and several important races with the other members of his team, winding up by winning the Winter Hurdles at Trentham with Gladful. Mr. Kemball's stables are situated between the Opaki course and the town of Masterton, and are replete with the latest improvements. With a team consisting of Hymestra, Nanna, Gladful, Snub, Wishful, Multaine, Vasilkov, Missland, and several rising two-year-olds to start the new season's racing, both owner and trainer have reason to look forward with confidence to events ahead.

CANTERBURY.

Snow Causes Stoppage of Training Operations—Visiting Horses Arriving at Riccarton—Brambletye and Adjutant in Nice Racing Trim—Mr. E. S. Luttrell's Yearlings to be Shipped to Sydney.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

On Friday morning the tracks at Riccarton were covered with snow, and the after effects will leave them very soft for some days. The stoppage of work that this will occasion may not be detrimental to the horses that have been racing lately in the North Island, but it will make it difficult for local trainers to get their charges fit.

Two early withdrawals from the Grand National Steeplechase are Bon Reve and Rangahere, both of whom are amiss. The former did not pull up at all sound after winning the July Steeplechase at Trentham, and rather than risk a serious breakdown his trainer decided to send the Boniform gelding back to Hastings. Rangahere has been more or less unsound for some weeks, and it is doubtful if his trainer will persevere with him.

Visiting horses have been putting in an appearance at Riccarton daily since the Wellington meeting. Amongst those already at headquarters are Sleight of Hand, Yellow and Black, Reformation, Sir Fisher, Collector, Colorado, All Over, King of the Valley, Meltchikoff, Moddite, Good Hope, Royal Prince, Captain Lock, and Notability.

It was understood that Moddite and Meltchikoff were to be sent back to Elferslie after the Wellington meet-

ing, consequently their appearance at Riccarton came as a welcome surprise.

Several of the horses that arrived from Wellington on Wednesday had a rather bad experience after being entrained at Lyttelton. As the result of negligence on the part of railway officials the boxes containing the equines got very heavily bumped, and it is a wonder that some of them were not seriously hurt. The only real sufferer was Sleight of Hand, who got a heavy blow across the chest. Evidently he was little the worse for his experience, as he appeared fresh enough on the tracks next morning.

On his return from Wellington, P. Hogan took Fleetham, Giralda and Sylva to Timaru for the South Canterbury Hunt Club's meeting. All of them are likely to run prominently in their engagements there.

Brambletye and Adjutant, both of whom are engaged in the Winter Cup, are in nice racing trim. The former has been galloping very attractively in her work, and appears to be equal to holding Adjutant, who is an in and out galloper.

Since his return from the North Island Art has not done a great deal of work, but he is in much better racing trim than before leaving. Given a dry track he is bound to be prominent at the finish of the Grand National Hurdles.

Reports from the North Island mention that Pursefiller is unlikely to be brought south for the C.J.C. meeting.

It is probable that two of Mr. E. S. Luttrell's yearlings will be shipped to Sydney next month. They both claim numerous engagements in Australian juvenile events.

Now that Bon Reve has been withdrawn from the Grand National, arrangements have been made for Stan Reid to have the mount on Collector, and that has naturally brought that gelding's prospects into prominence. When exercised on Thursday morning he appeared to be sore, and his trainer may have trouble in fitting him for such a severe contest.

Since his arrival at headquarters Waimai has not been asked to do much, but little fault can be found with his condition. The big fences at Riccarton and extra journey to be covered should be in his favour for the Grand National.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Mr. H. Hassall Purchases Kilboy—Trials to Join Active Brigade Shortly—F. Davis to Reside Permanently at Woodville—Pursefiller Reported Amiss—Mr. P. Neagle Effects Sale of Valuable Colt—Tekka Galloping Well—Ormesby Purchased by Local Sportsman.

NAPIER, Monday.

Mr. H. Hassall, of Riverslea, has purchased Kilboy from Mr. E. S. Luttrell, and he will use the son of Kilbroney at his stud to replace Merry Moment, whom he recently had the misfortune to lose.

Bon Reve was soon struck out of his Grand National Steeplechase engagement, and local backers have to thank his owner for so soon removing him from the list, for it's a certainty that a good deal of district money would have been invested on him with the double chart merchants had he been left in much longer. Bon Reve is all serene, and the reason that he was scratched was because his owner realised that he had earned a respite from labour, as there is no doubt that during the past couple of months he has been kept real busy, and it is gratifying to know that his efforts were of the productive nature.

Trials, who has been having a let-up for several weeks past, is to be put into work again shortly. The holiday has had the desired effect upon the game, consistent son of Tribulation and Opaline, and his future prospects should be of the gilt-edged grade. His owner, Mr. J. W. White, of Have-lock North, has leased Greta, the younger full-sister to Ample, to Mr. P. Buignan, of Hastings, who in times gone by had Bunting representing him on the running path.

F. Davis, Mr. T. H. Lowry's private trainer, has decided to settle in Woodville permanently, and with that purpose in view has purchased a property there and is having boxes erected on his place. Davis for some considerable time past has had a penchant for the training tracks at Woodville, his idea being that they are second to none, and, in addition, the location is very central.

Mr. F. J. Lysnar has abandoned the projected trip to Australia owing to the breakdown of Pursefiller, who is in a very bad way. It had been arranged that she in company with Diavolo and Polydamon were to cross

the water, but her mishap has sent the scheme adrift. Polydamon has been returned to his owner in Gisborne, and there is every probability that Diavolo will not be seen out in action next month at Riccarton.

The local horseman Rangli Thompson has been engaged to pilot Art in the Grand National Hurdles. The son of Sarto will not lack for knowledge and energy on the part of his rider.

P. Smith, who is best known as the trainer of Trials, whom he has imparted education to since it was decided to put the Tribulation gelding to the racing business, is breaking in a two-year-old filly by Demosthenes out of Ikon for Mr. J. W. White, who bred her.

Mr. P. P. Neagle effected the sale of the coming two-year-old colt by Demosthenes—Heavenly Twin last week to a patron of W. A. Quinlivan's quarters, the figure received being 400 guineas. This is the second sale of a Heavenly Twin production that Mr. Neagle has effected of late, for it is but a short time back since he sold Diavolo for the same sum. Heavenly Twin has proved one of the good things that has come his way, for he has sold four of her progeny, in Theodore, Sir Moseley, Diavolo, and the colt by Demosthenes, for close on £2500, and in addition won a good amount of stake money with the first-mentioned trio. Mr. Neagle has still three of her feminine productions, Evadne and Lady Fulda, both by King's Guest, and Sarah Grand, by All Black.

Teka is going along the right way in his track efforts at Napier Park, and it appears as if he will be seen in action at the National meeting.

Mr. H. A. Russell has purchased Ormesby, and the son of Birkenhead and Arethusa is now one of V. H. Collelo's pupils at Hastings. Ormesby, who was bred by the late Hon. J. D. Ormond, is a half-brother to St. Albert, who in his time was more than useful.

Kautuku, the dam of The White King, Impediment, and Karo, was found dead in one of the paddocks of her owner, Mrs. M. A. Perry, the other day. Last season she produced a full-sister to Impediment and Karo.

MARTON JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

The distinction of opening the new racing season in the North Island will again fall upon the Marton Jockey Club, which enterprising body have arranged a highly attractive programme for Wednesday, September 4. The meeting promises to be an exceptionally successful one judging by the number of North Island candidates who are to be specially prepared with a view to competing at the popular Marton fixture. After a spell of close on two months North Island racing enthusiasts are most keen to renew their acquaintance with the grand old sport, and as the Marton gathering offers them a most favourable opportunity of doing so the club is assured of a very wide share of patronage on September 4 next.

Racing will commence promptly at 11.30 a.m., and as the programme of eight events is of a most enticing character, both as regards the possibilities of winning a stake and the remunerative value of same. The chief event of the day will be the Rangitikei Steeplechase, of 260sovs, three miles, in which a representative field of 'chasers, including a fair percentage of Grand National competitors, should be seen out. Next in importance comes the Marton Handicap (open), of 230sovs, one mile and a-quarter, and the probabilities of a strong field contesting this valuable stake are particularly promising. The big sprint event, the Railway Handicap, of 180sovs, six furlongs, will undoubtedly receive wide attention from owners of eligible candidates, while large fields may be looked for in the remaining four events on the programme, which are confined to hack performers. The events in question are as follows:—Hack Steeplechase, of 150sovs, two miles; Hack Hurdles, of 130sovs, one mile and a-half; Electric Hack Handicap, of 110sovs, six furlongs; and the Tutaenui Hack Welter, of 110sovs, seven furlongs.

Nominations for all events (including the Trial Hack Plate) are due with the secretary, Mr. Arthur Way, Marton, on Friday, August 16, at 9 p.m.

The racehorses Multaine, Gladful, Wishful, Sir Solo, Master Boris, Brown Joe, Sir Agnes, and Hiero were aboard the Mararoa when that vessel experienced such a rough trip last week. They all landed without mishap of any kind.



The stud horse Conqueror may this year be at the service of Gisborne breeders. It was his owner's intention to take that well-known sire to Poverty Bay, but his brothers were away on active service and this interfered with the projected departure. The veteran, who won £1800 at two years old and holds the half mile record of 46 1-5sec, put up at Riccarton, and whose progeny have won over all distances on the flat and over hurdles and country, Collector being his chief representative this season. Mr. H. D. Irwin's commanding thoroughbred has won 27 first and champion prizes in the show ring since he first took up stud duties, and is carrying his years well. His owner is seen riding Conqueror in a photograph taken during the present racing year and this is reproduced in another column.

Amongst the sires to be at the service of breeders in Auckland this year is imported Thurnham, who last year made his bow to the public as a stud horse and with such success that he was patronised to the extent of the number of mares (40) to which he was limited. The son of John o' Gaunt had quite a number of highly bred mares, and a number of them still grace the well-grassed sunny slopes of the stud farm. Four of Messrs. Roulston's mares, from Pukekohe, also Lady Hune, Analogy, Lira, Little Mable and Flagship are there, and the last-named trio are in foal to that horse, which they will revisit. Tiresome and Takalion are two of Mr. E. W. Alison's mares to visit him. Spinster, Self and Pelice, who are in foal to King Mark, and the imported mare Oriveta, who missed to that sire, Jewellery, Cadence and Chain Bangle are other mates booked to Mr. Patterson's commanding horse, who has a fine constitution and can be seen running in his paddock in all weathers, indicating robust health. He is now in his seventh year, and, standing well over 16 hands, is likely to get fine stock. He comes of good winning families on both sides, his sire, John o' Gaunt, was a good stayer and sire, Swynford (one of his sons) being a winner of 25,508sovs, his grandsire, Isinglass, winner of £57,185. His dam, Lady Disdain, is a half sister to Polymelus, leading sire in England, and to Grafton, long-time leading sire in Australia, whose progeny won in the region of £210,000. Polymelus won £16,794, and has sired no end of splendid horses, Pommern, Fifiella and Black Jester in England, and Polycrates in Australia being amongst the many. Thurnham is sure of a good season again.

The southern stud master, Mr. J. B. Reid, has imported Sunny Lake at his Elderslie (Oamaru) farm for service again this year, and as will be seen from his photograph in this issue, he is a particularly fine horse, of much quality and substance and one that breeders cannot fail to avail themselves of. His breeding gives opportunities of getting crosses of new blood of strains that have been prominent in England in recent years. Sundridge, his sire, has left many great horses, including Sunstar, winner of the Derby, and his dam, Pearl of the Loch, was a winner of the July Stakes, one of the chief events in England for two-year-olds, also the Granby Stakes, and she was got by Persimmon, a Derby, St. Leger and Ascot Gold Cup winner, who also sired Sceptre and Prince Palatine. Sunny Lake won the Grantham Stakes, Wood Dillon Stakes at Newmarket and Triennial at Ascot and beat amongst other good horses Land of Song and Polycrates, the last-named winner of the Newmarket Handicap in Australia and now standing at 50 guineas there. Only a few nominations are available for Sunny Lake's service.

Mr. H. R. Mackenzie has Elysian, probably the best son of Soult and sire of Sutala and a lot of useful young horses, in the sale list, and there is a probability of him being sent to Australia in the event of no sale being effected in the Dominion at an early date. It will be a pity if breeders allow this well-performed, good constitutioned and certainly one of the finest looking and best bred of the Soult horses to leave these shores, for there are many parts of the Dominion where his blood is little in evidence and would be of great value. There are so many Soult

mares and mares by St. Simon horses in the Auckland province that the opportunities for sons of Soult, of which there are so many, are limited, and Mr. Mackenzie having dispersed his stud and gone out of the business though he has had offers to retain the son of Dreamland, who was a brilliant two-year-old and raced successfully for five seasons and won up to a mile and three-quarters and was one of the best mares imported. Cadogan left us, and from a great family of winners, has not the convenience to keep this sire going. Mr. Mackenzie also wishes to sell imported Penury, but failing a sale he may be located in one of the country districts near Auckland. His daughters are likely to produce good winners in due course.

Potoa is to stand again in the Hinuera district at his owner's farm. The son of Monoforn and Black Watch was a good racehorse, and comes of the Number 12 family and has much of the Oxford and Sterling blood, and will shortly have some representatives on the turf. Mr. W. C. Ring is only taking a limited number of approved mares to this young horse.

A more solid thoroughbred than All Red, who is again at the stud at his owner's place at Hunterville, it would be hard to find. He is a commanding horse with size and substance, and quality, was a racehorse of top class, a weight carrier and stayer, twice winner of the Auckland Cup, and a strong constitutioned good doer, who has been imparting his excellences to his stock, which have placed him so well up the list of winning sires. He has been limited to approved mares since coming to Hunterville, and last season his list filled early, and this year there remained only four vacancies last week. As will be seen from his advertisement appearing in another column, he claims over twenty winners, and it is safe to say that there are more coming on. No sire at the service of breeders in New Zealand comes from a better family of winners and producers on both sides, Stepniak's family being highly successful, while that of Madder and her sons and daughters has been remarkably so also. Mr. Jas. Bull did breeders in the north good service when he secured so fine and capable a racehorse and sire and located him at Hunterville.

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

EGMONT RACING CLUB'S CLASSIC EVENTS.

Owners and trainers who have eligible horses for forthcoming classic events should make a special note of the two important weight-for-age races which are to be decided at the Egmont Racing Club's summer meeting, to be held in February, 1920. The meeting in question is a two-day one, and on the first day the Egmont Stakes, of 500sovs, for two-year-olds (present yearlings) and upwards at the time of starting, weight for age, will be decided, the distance being six furlongs. On the second day the Hawera Stakes, of 500sovs (one mile) for three-year-olds and upwards at the time of starting, weight for age, will occupy attention. Entries for these handsomely endowed events close with the secretary of the Egmont Racing Club, Mr. V. B. Stratton, on Friday, September 6, no money being required at the time of nomination.

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TURF TOPICS

Good Day has been scratched for the Caulfield Cup.

Amberite, sire of Ngarahquong, won two Derbies and the Caulfield Cup in 1897.

The Caulfield Cup is to be run on Saturday, October 19, and the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday, November 5.

Maori Kit and Ad Ream, two New Zealand-bred horses, are in the sale list in Australia.

The annual meeting of the Auckland Racing Club is to be held on August 5.

Bon Reve's prompt scratching for the C.J.C. Grand National meeting saved early backers some money.

The racing season in New Zealand ends with the South Canterbury Hunt meeting on July 25.

In Australia the racing and trotting clubs submit their lists of fixtures to the military authorities before finally having them passed.

The Egmont R.C. will this year have a spring meeting. It should attract Auckland horses. The date has been fixed for September 19.

The added money for the Queensland meeting, commencing on August 10 and extending over three days, is £5550.

Mr. P. Miller, as president, and Mr. L. C. Hazlett, as vice-president, of the Dunedin Jockey Club, has been re-elected unopposed.

The old Adelaide sportsman Mr. E. Solomon has collected over £2000, mostly from racing men, on behalf of the special Red Cross appeal.

The Te Awamutu pony Ngaroto, rising three years old, has been measured and classed 14.2 in Sydney. She is by Spalpeen from the Australian mare Love.

Narahquong is the third Grand National Hurdle Race winner to be sired by a son of Carbine. The others were Merunqua (by Carbinier) and Arquebuse (by Pistol).

The Auckland owner Mr. "C. Machell" will be represented at the Grand National fixture with Moddite, Meltchikoff and Notability. The trio were taken to Riccarton by E. J. Rae after their exertions at Trentham.

Mr. G. Carrington has decided not to send the English-bred horse Polydamon to Canterbury, and he will thus have about two months' spell before taking up stud duties in Gisborne.

A New Zealand-bred gelding in Association, by Elevation from Black Scotia, made his appearance in a Flying division at Rosebery, on July 6 (says a Sydney writer), and ran well enough to suggest that his visit will not be unprofitable.

A lot of confusion arose during the Wellington meeting owing to the similarity of names. Alteration was spelt Altercation in many of the cards, and Kahungunu was spelt Kahumangu. These mistakes through errors of omission and commission, cost some backers money.

The following mares are booked this season to All Red:—Bonny Helen, Ohiwia, Glory, Tiz, Eastwind, Minora, Martyress, Marinella, Merry Bubbles, Sylvan Song, Headache, Gold Cord, Deploy, Greenleaf, Martlet, Etesian, Waddy, Te Hau, Cantata, Ebb Tide, and Ohau.

Menangle will wind up the current season, so far as the provincial clubs in New South Wales are concerned, on the 31st inst. For the ensuing twelve months the outlook for these four bodies, who will be restricted to 16 meetings, will not be as rosy as that at the commencement of this season, says "Pilot," especially as, in addition to other difficulties, the travelling rate for horses has been increased so much. In this respect New South Wales is not alone.

It is feared that Pursefiller will not race again. Once before she injured herself and it was then reported that she was unlikely to race again, but she came up smiling, and has been a good winner since.

St. Elmn has been an unlucky performer in jumping races this season. He has been placed on five occasions in important races, and secured 570-sovs. in place money. Unfortunately, the St. Ambrose gelding is not sound, and will not stand winding up (says "Sir Lancelot" in the Wellington "Post"). He has been lame since racing at Trentham. An effort will be made to get him to Riccarton, where he ran second to Master Strowan in the Grand National Steeplechase last August.

Master Adam Skirving, a son of the well-known trainer—well-known in Auckland but for a good many years training in Victoria—had his first ride in a race in the Geelong Birdwood Handicap, in which he was on Convivial. The boy shows great promise, and no doubt will be heard of as an amateur rider later on, according to the "Australasian."

In a chat last week with Mr. Edward Sherff, the caretaker of the Avondale racecourse, that official happened to mention what the writer considered a rather unique performance, if not a record. Mr. Sherff was carrying a beautiful brace of long tails. This enthusiastic shootist has paid a shooting license for thirty-five years, and over 5000 birds have fallen to his skill with the walnut—a most notable performance. By no stretch of imagination can the genial caretaker be taken for a lazy man—the 5000 took some trailing.

A loss of about £400 was made over the Williamstown Racing Club June fixture, according to a Melbourne paper. The weather was very unfavourable, but a profit might have been made for the patriotic funds had not the Federal authorities allowed a pony meeting to be run in opposition. Since the war began the Williams-town Racing Club has contributed about £12,000 to patriotic funds. This is a splendid record, and it is evident that clubs in bookmaking States can do their bit well.

There was more betting than usual "in running" over the Grand National Hurdle Race this year. One well-known owner and backer, who had supported Westendale for a good stake, is credited by the "Australasian" writer "Goodwood" with having saved a considerable part of his outlay by backing Westendale during various stages of the race. As long a price as 100 to 5 was actually laid against Westendale in the last round, and even money as the last hurdle was taken.

There has never been an occasion on which the whole of the starters in the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase have finished the course. There have been two small fields of seven, and six got round in Eaglet's year and four when Sussex won. When Guncap won in 1912 only seven out of seventeen finished, and in 1910, when Grafmax scored, eight out of 17. In 1904 nine out of 21 was the result, and in Redleap's year 8 out of 19. On several other occasions only half the field got round. This is since the start in 1881.

The thoroughbred sires Day Comet and Archiestown, imported by the Auckland Country Racing Clubs Breeders Association, arrived in Wellington last week, and were met there by Mr. Frank Marshall, of Morrinsville, who had them entrained for that centre on Thursday, where they arrived on Saturday. Mr. E. D. O'Rorke, who was entrusted with the commission of securing the horses, wrote to Mr. G. Vercoe, a member of the committee set up to arrange for the purchase, giving some further information respecting them with a promise of more to follow. They are both chestnuts, and their breeding we have already furnished. Archiestown is the bigger of the pair and a winner at two and three years old, and Mr. O'Rorke says that he proved himself the best hurdler in England after that age. He is now five years old, a beautiful horse to look at, with plenty of scope and no lumber. Of Day Comet, Mr. O'Rorke declares "there has been no horse of such standing as a classic racehorse ever imported into New Zealand," and as already stated in these columns his dam, Catgut, had produced six foals, all winners. The Waikato there is reason to believe has secured two thoroughbreds that should do good service to the country.

John Bunny got third in the Maiden Steeplechase at the V.R.C. meeting, but he does not yet represent good New Zealand maiden steeplechase form. He comes of the same family as that good mare Lottie, who was his granddam and an Auckland Cup winner.

The four-year-old All Red—Mumm gelding, All Over, has raced with considerable success during the season just closed. His latest victory was gained in the Ladies' Bracelet (1½ miles) at the Hawke's Bay J.C.'s winter meeting. The bracelet presented in connection with this event was the most handsome yet presented by the club.

The late T. Corrigan held the best riding record in connection with the Grand National Steeplechase. He won on three occasions—in 1882 on Great Western, in 1885 on Wymlet, and in 1886 on Game. The late R. Batty won the event twice (Sussex in 1881 and May Be in 1891). J. Kilduff twice (Blackthorn in 1883 and Chippenham in 1884), the late Marston Burke twice (Eaglet in 1889 and Dalmio in 1894), J. S. Edge twice (Fearless II. in 1890 and Trojan in 1893), J. J. Allan twice (Hayseed in 1897 and Mysore in 1899), F. Burn twice (Bribery in 1909 and Grafmax in 1910), and H. J. Morgan twice (on Guncap in 1912 and on Leah Kleshna in 1913).

Mr. R. Hannon, of Hautapu, has the largest team of horses in the Auckland province in winter quarters. They are being fed with a view to racing next season. He has been one of the most successful of North Island owners during the season and the most successful of owner-trainers in the Dominion and is the leading provincial owner. In conversation with Mr. Hannon last week he remarked that none of his horses had been in work since they last raced, and that his lot would eat up a good stake before the opportunity of winning one presented itself again in the Auckland province. The Waikato owner has 15 horses of his own in hand with a view to future racing, not to mention others he is breeding. He rarely goes outside the province, and, like many more Auckland owners, regards the five months' interval between the Auckland Racing Club's June meeting and the resumption of racing at Avondale as out of all reason. Fortunately for himself he has his own farm, track and stables and in a district where he can hunt his jumpers and utilise the roads to do some preparatory work. As he superintends the training of his own horses he has less expense than most owners, and has probably made his racing pay year in and year out for a considerable time. No other provincial owner has been so successful at the country meetings in the Waikato, and he has a fairly large collection of cups and trophies.

With 1200sovs for the N.Z. Grand National Hurdle Race, 1500sovs for the Grand National Steeplechase and 700sovs for the Winter Cup, each run on the opening day, not to mention the minor five races worth 1100 sovs, and the two 500sovs races, Beaufort Steeplechase and Sydenham Hurdles, and the August Handicap flat race of 400sovs, and five other races of the value of 1050sovs, on the second day it can be seen that the programme is well endowed. That it is one of the most popular meetings on the racing calendar there has been a long succession of experiences to bear witness. No meetings brings out the all-round qualifications of horses and riders more convincingly. It is held at a time of year when so many can attend more conveniently than at any other period, and with the big trotting meeting of the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club on during the same week such a varied four days' entertainment is provided as cannot be witnessed anywhere else in Australasia. It is not astonishing that there are so many devotees to all branches of the sport in which horses, be they trotters, pacers, gallopers or jumpers, and their controllers are the central figures of attraction. It is at this time of year that the visitors get most for their money in the way of racing, a majority of the events being run over longer distances than at any other period. It is a less trying time than November week, when the show is also engaging attention and putting an extra strain on so many of the citizens and the breeders of stock, who include many interested exhibitors. With four days racing and trotting of a good healthy variety visitors should have plenty to satisfy them.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Dunedin Jockey Club was held on Thursday evening last, Mr. P. Miller (president) occupying the chair. In moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, the president congratulated the club on a fairly successful year. The racing had been interesting and free from malpractices. There had been two days less racing, but the stakes had been kept up. A good deal had been said about racing during the war, but there was much that could be said in its favour. For one thing, it yielded the Government far more money in the way of taxation than most persons were aware of, and that taxation cost the Government nothing for collection. The spring meeting was the only one at which the expenditure exceeded the receipts, but it must be remembered that at that meeting the two classic events—the McLean Stakes and the Dunedin Guineas—entailed a financial loss. From a racing point of view, however, those events were satisfactory, and advisable to keep going, and the entries for the coming season were highly promising. All the other meetings showed a profit, especially the winter meeting, which was a great success. Owing chiefly to the war, the buildings and course had been more or less neglected, but the time had come when these matters must be given due attention. They must also make provision for the liability of £2900, which would be due in December. The club had a very fine property, with a very small debt, which he would like to see reduced. The curtailment of the railway service had resulted in increased motor traffic to the course, and some provision would have to be made in the way of providing motor accommodation, which at present, he felt sure, was not sufficient. Members would be pleased to learn that negotiations were on foot whereby a piece of ground at the back of the course would be exchanged for a piece fronting the road, which would enable the club to provide the accommodation sought, and at the same time improve the public entrance. Mr. Miller referred to the fact that much had been said and written in the press to the effect that racing was not imperative during a war period. If racing were discontinued the breeding of horses would cease, and he considered that horses, in their particular sphere, were just as essential as men were in theirs. The curtailment of racing had meant a big struggle for some clubs, and he hoped that the war would soon be over and the meetings conducted at full strength.

Mr. E. H. Lough (treasurer) said that the club had had a good year, but not as good as they would have liked. It would have been pleasant to have been able to contribute a large amount to the patriotic funds, but they were not in a position to do so, in view of the debt. It was, however, hoped to be able to give something next year. What could be done in that way would be done. Racing had contributed nearly half a million to the Government in taxation since the war broke out, and the Dunedin Jockey Club had paid this last year £6900 odd. That half million would not have been got by the Government if racing had been stopped, and he would remark that it was paid at once by persons who did not growl about paying. There had been a great deal of fuss about the amount of money invested on the totalisator, but those who complained seemed to forget that the money was merely circulated and not lost to the country.

The motion was carried. Mr. P. Miller was declared re-elected president, and Mr. L. C. Hazlett vice-president, there being no opposition for either office.

A ballot for the four places on the committee resulted in the election of Messrs. A. S. Orbell, J. Gow, T. Elliott and W. Gardiner. The other candidate was Mr. A. B. Armour.



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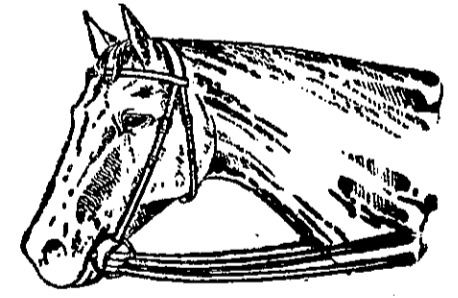
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TURF GOSSIP.

The Victoria Racing Club committee has appointed Capt. C. E. Hobson to the position of stipendiary steward rendered vacant by the death of Mr. J. O'Loughlin. Capt. Hobson is a well-known hunting man and amateur rider. He returned from the front in February, after three and a-half years' service. He was at Gallipoli from the landing to the evacuation, and later served in France. His brother-in-law is Brigadier-General Johnston.

Sylva, who filled the position of runner-up to Stone Ginger and Palladio when that pair dead-heated in the Otago Steeplechase last month, is regarded as a certain starter in the South Canterbury Hunt Club's Steeplechase on Thursday of this week. The Sylvanite gelding is expected to run prominently, and special interest will be attached to his performance in view of his inclusion in the field for the Grand National Steeplechase, in which event he has been awarded the minimum (9.7).

Should he make satisfactory progress during the next few weeks the imported horse Fleetham is likely to be well fancied for the Winter Cup, in which he has been weighted at 9.0. The son of Picton gave evidence of his galloping powers both on the track and in his contests at Trentham, and it may not be wise to leave him out of calculations when the Winter Cup comes up for decision.

The Queensland Minister of Justice (Mr. Gillies) has forwarded a letter to the Queensland Turf Club expressing the opinion that where enquiries are held into the conduct of owners or jockeys, such enquiries should be open to the press and to a representative of the Government.

The Renown—Mystic gelding, Mistic, who has been donated by Mr. G. Gillett, of Gisborne, to the Red Cross Fund in that town, was offered for sale at the Matawhero saleyards the other day, but was passed in at 12 guineas.

The days of racing available next season to racing clubs in the Dominion, taking into account the reduction of one-third for the duration of the war, total 148.

Our Canterbury correspondent writes:—That great pacing mare Soda, who met with a bad accident some weeks ago, has made a good recovery, and is now running out in a paddock. In a few weeks' time she will re-enter Bryce's stable to be got ready for the Trotting Cup.

The well-known Australian-bred trotter Paul Huon changed hands in Christchurch recently, and will in future be an inmate of C. James' stable.

At Riccarton the trotting mentor A. Fleming has a team of seven in preparation for the August meeting, comprising Our Thorpe, Hardy Wilkes, Willie Lincoln, Pitara, Lady Patricia, Erin's Queen, and Nihilist. The last-named is a recent addition to the stable, and though most of his past efforts have been registered under saddle, he gives equal promise as a harness horse. Peter Mac is gradually building up, but it will be some time before he can be conditioned for a severe preparation.

Investors on the two Nationals were hit hard by the success of Narahquong, for his name was rarely coupled with anything for the Steeplechase. It was a great race for the books, according to all accounts.

The operations of the Military Service Act have brought to light some unexpected information, and celebrities have been located where least expected (says a Wairarapa paper). The last celebrity to come to light is Tod Sloan, the famous jockey, who has produced documentary proof of his identity to the authorities in Wellington. Tod Sloan is still of military age, and has been classed as fit for service.

Sunny Park, the idol of Coonamble racegoers, won his 61st race at the recent Gulargambone meeting, says "Pilot," who adds that he has a long way to go to equal the performance of old Wexford, who some years ago won over 120 races throughout the West and South.

"Malt Flag given to Defence Department" is the mystifying heading to a newspaper announcement. Malt Flag, explains "Woomera" in the "Australasian," is not a misprint for Malt Flagon, but happens to be the name of a racehorse. Just for a moment it seemed to be a case of another red flag—with the customary white froth on the top of it.

Narahquong's jockey, H. Eames, in the Grand National Hurdles, was formerly connected with the pony courses, and last year rode successfully in Java.

It is reported by the Melbourne "Age" that one bookmaker laid a wager of £1500 to £10 against the Grand National Hurdle Race winner, Narahquong, while several bets of £100 to £1 were taken about the chestnut prior to and on Saturday. Some backers, however, accepted 33 to 1 and 40 to 1 on the course, but the majority of the paddock ringmen were offering 50 to 1 prior to the start. The bookmakers generally have never scored so heavily for many a day. Besides his time-making record Narahquong established a record for prices which has never been approached in the cross-country event in the past, and will take a lot of beating. One lucky punter is said to have secured £200 to 10s.

are four oilfields here, so petrol is very cheap compared to Australia. We called at Borneo on our way to Java, and at Balikpapan I saw one of the largest oilfields in the world. It is really a fine sight. Racing in Java is absolutely the opposite to South Australia in almost every respect. To begin with the big day of a meeting is always on a Sunday morning. There are 10 races in a day. The first is run at 8.30 a.m., and the last about 12.30 or 1 o'clock. Everybody sleeps in the afternoon, and at night they gamble at roulette or ecarte. The races are run right-handed, as at Randwick. The first race is for amateur riders, and there are generally one or two for native riders. The latter are very funny. They ride without boots, and grasp the stirrups with their toes. They ride very good work, but the majority of them lose their heads altogether in a race. They do not have a clerk of course here, and when you win a race you come back on your own. You get a great reception from the stand, pull up in front of the winning post to be photographed, and receive congratulations. A native takes off your saddle, everybody shakes hands with you, and pats you on the back, and then you weigh in. Everything is happy go lucky. In fact it is a huge picnic. When a jockey gets on the scale to weigh out he is asked

The continued absence of rain in Sydney, while not at present affecting courses to any extent, is not viewed with equanimity in certain quarters, and a break of the "drought" would no doubt be welcomed by all concerned, says "Pilot." In New Zealand we have been getting a double share of wet.

In the House of Commons recently, Mr. Prothero moved the second reading of the Horse Breeding Bill, the object of which, he explained, was to regulate the stallions which travelled for hire or were exhibited in public places or markets or shows. The Army had recently bought a number of light and heavy horses, and the reports from the remount officers disclosed a very serious state of affairs. A letter from the War Office was quoted in the report of the committee appointed by the President of the Board of Agriculture in regard to the supply of horses for military purposes. In that report, which was published in 1915, the War Office stated that owing to the inferiority of many of the sires a large number of these horses were of so poor a stamp as to be of no military value. The committee to which he had referred recommended the compulsory registration of stallions, and that would be carried out under the Bill. It would embrace not only pedigree stallions, but all other stallions. The Bill would also apply to Scotland and Ireland. It was read a second time.

During both days of the Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting the opportunity was availed of to give a number of two-year-olds a sprint down the straight at Trentham. On the first day one of Mr. H. Whitney's juveniles, by Autumnus—Aema, sprinted in company with Sunburst (Boniform—Rose Petal), one of J. McLoughlin's promising pupils, the pair hitting out freely. On the concluding day, a quartette of youngsters hailing from J. Lowe's training establishment were given a sprint in between the races. The juveniles consisted of a colt by Martian—Intelligence, a filly by Demosthenes—Formality, a King Rufus colt and a colt by Solferino—Rosalind. The quartette all displayed galloping ability.

Mr. J. H. Finney, president of the Nelson Racing Club, and vice-president of the Country Racing Clubs' Association, has joined the Forces, and is at present in Featherston Camp.

It is stated that Cathedral Chimes, Admiral Wood, Author Dillon and Adelaide Direct may meet on the concluding day of the N.Z. Metropolitan Trotting Club's August fixture.

The consistent Century Hurdles winner, Sir Fisher, who since carrying Mr. M. Hurley's colours to victory in that event has filled the position of runner-up in both the Great Northern Hurdles at Ellerslie and the Winter Hurdles at Trentham, left Wellington last week for Riccarton, where his owner will put the finishing touches on the Maniapoto gelding's preparation for the Grand National Hurdle Race.

Mr. R. Hannon, the well-known Waikato owner and trainer, is easily the most successful owner in Auckland during the 1917-18 season. Altogether Mr. Hannon's horses won for him during that period the substantial sum of £4107 10s. in stakes, being seventh on the list of winning owners for the Dominion, a distinctly creditable achievement. The most successful of the other Auckland owners were: Messrs. Jas. Hand (£1355), A. L. Raven (£1255), W. and V. Casey (£1130), W. Casey (£1120) and E. W. Alison (£1020).

The leading stake earners in New Zealand for the 1917-18 season were: Estland £3785, Fiery Cross £3232, Finmark £3160, Impediment £2860, Menehaus £2850, Hymestra £2625, Desert Gold £2550, Master Strowan £2425, Bon Reve £2320, Client £2065, Informal £1965, Volo £1770, Nobleman £1725, Parisian Diamond £1679 10s., Margerine £1640, Red Ribbon £1610, Teka £1555, Nanna £1507, Coalition £1460, Ladogeur £1460, Nystad £1415, Gazique £1360, Glendower £1357, Vagabond £1330, Wishful £1305, Slight of Hand £1270, Chortle £1220, Croesus £1220, Heathercote £1215, Biplane £1200, Form Up £1200, Multiply £1200, Demagogue £1190, Waimatao £1180, Rorke's Drift £1155, King Lupin £1150, Collector £1140, Bonnie Maid £1115, Bo Peep £1090, Lingerie £1055, Wrestler £1020, Sir Fisher £1000, Waimai £1000.



IN SUPREME COMMAND OF THE ALLIED ARMIES ON THE WESTERN FRONT—GENERAL FOCH, the famous French strategist, who is now engaged in fighting the Battle of the Marne over again. General Foch, who was born in 1861, is best known as the victor of the Marne, having been mainly responsible for the terrible defeat inflicted upon the Germans in the first autumn of the war, while he also created a most favourable impression by the able manner in which he directed the French offensive on the Somme in 1916.

Mr. J. F. Monten (official time-keeper on the metropolitan racecourses in South Australia) has received the following interesting letter from the lightweight rider W. Marshall:—"Pension Entrenom, Malang, Java, May 8, 1918. Dear Fred,—At last I have made a start at Java. The opening meeting of the season took place at Batavia last Saturday and Sunday. I had three rides the first day, and rode two thirds and one second, but on the second day I went one better, and rode a winner, a second and two thirds. The next meeting will be held here at Malang on May 19 and 20. The horses entered here are not nearly as good as at Batavia, so my string looks like winning four or five races. I am training and riding for Mr. Ong Shjung Sam, a very wealthy Chinaman. He has six horses in work, and I am trying to get him to buy three more, and should I manage to win 10 or 12 races for him I will have a pretty good time financially. Well, Java is indeed a strange and wealthy country. Just fancy an island only half the size of Victoria with a population of 33,000,000, and over 40 volcanoes. Everybody seems to have plenty of money, and motor cars are everywhere. There

what horse he is riding and what race it is in. You can weigh out four or five races ahead if you like. There is no set time for any race to be run, except the first. They just run them off when they are ready, but there is not much time wasted, as it is too hot to do anything after midday."

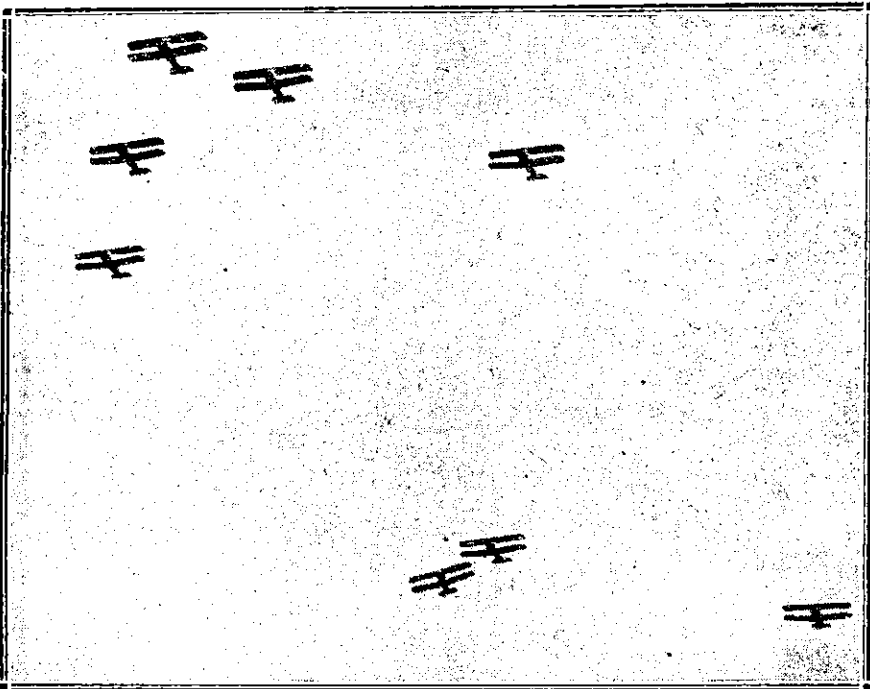
Probably those who enjoyed the opening day of the winter race meeting at Flemington were the returned soldiers and sailors who had only that morning landed in Melbourne after long service on land and sea. The interest and variety they added to the scene are difficult to describe, writes "Queen Bee" in the "Australasian." We stay-at-home folk, who were out in thousands, appeared so different by contrast. Our facial expressions are somewhat careworn, and generally not a little anxious. And have we not all aged in these past few years? They, on the contrary, were bright and cheerful, even gay, and appreciated the smallest attentions paid them. Especially was this so with the bluejackets, each of whom wore a tuft of wattle in his white cap, and carried a spray in his hand, which he flourished when trying to attract the attention of a friend.

The South Canterbury Hunt Club's meeting on Thursday brings the 1917-18 racing season in New Zealand to a close. As the list of winning owners is unlikely to be altered to any extent by Thursday's meeting at Timaru, the following record of the amounts won by the most successful owners in New Zealand during the past season will prove of special interest:—T. H. Lowry £10,185, V. and E. Riddiford £5724, W. R. Kembal £5405, D. H. Roberts £4914, Sir Geo. Clifford £4706, W. Duncan £4160, R. Hannon £4107 10s., G. L. Stead £3057 10s., F. S. Easton £3041, H. A. Knight £2870, H. E. Troutbeck £2645, F. Sellwood £2600, F. J. Lysnar £2412 10s., H. Neagle £2320, J. Goring Johnston £2205, E. H. Baracq £2020, A. McDonald £1865, W. E. Bidwill £1745, W. J. Phillips £1725, P. Hart £1715, E. Short £1710, G. D. Beatson £1697 10s., G. D. Greenwood £1688, W. H. Gaisford £1615, F. Dorset £1610, L. McKenzie £1585, A. B. Williams £1490, P. Soames £1475, C. W. Richmond £1455, C. J. Bennett £1360, Jas. Hand £1355, T. E. Welch £1340, M. Williams £1330, K. S. Williams £1315, H. Whitney £1312, A. J. Shearsby £1255, A. L. Raven £1255, F. Preston £1245, Jas. Bull, junr., £1245, G. F. Hardy £1220, W. E. Herbert £1215, R. A. McKenzie £1210, F. A. and V. N. Price £1155, J. B. Reid £1139, W. and V. Casey £1130, W. Casey £1120, S. Sale £1110, J. Hurley £1090, D. Morton £1056, E. W. Alison, junr. £1020.

Mr. Alfred E. T. Watson, who has been in charge of the sporting columns of "The Times" for some years,

Messrs. Weatherby. The Royal owner was never called upon for another shilling, and drew large sums upon several occasions. At one time something like £50,000 was standing to His Majesty's credit. The vicissitudes of ownership are strikingly illustrated in a comparison of the amount won in stakes from year to year by bearers of the Royal purple and scarlet jacket. In 1896, Persimmon's year, His Majesty was credited with a sum of £28,733 10s. In 1899 the total was only £3082 18s. 6d., and this rose the following season to £31,744 5s. The fees earned by Persimmon as a sire are divided, in a handsome little volume, especially published, into public and private, and add up respectively to £107,370 and £19,530. Persimmon's brothers, Florzelli II. and Diamond Jubilee—the latter of whom was sold for £30,000—liberally contributed, the grand total of the fees earned by the three amounting to £269,495 5s."

At various times Mr. Watson has discussed the question of betting systems and the totalisator, and was one who was always against the suggestions that machine betting would be introduced into England, which some writers now seem to think not at all improbable. He has ever been a backer of his fancies, judging from his writings, always in a mild way. One little story in his latest book in dealing with betting may be quoted. It is as follows:—"A dignitary of the church once did me the honour of expressing a wish to meet me. He was incumbent of a church at Ken-



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and had been editor of the "Sporting and Dramatic News" for many years previously and of the "Babminton Magazine" from its inception, and who has written several books dealing with hunting the turf, and some of the leaders connected therewith, has given the world another interesting volume entitled "A Sporting and Dramatic career." The reminiscences of this interesting writer, best known as "Rapier," are always looked for. Mr. Watson thus explains the reason for his latest work: "I am not pretending that the demand has been by any means strong or general, and I am inclined to think that my excuse is a much better one. For now not far short of half a century it has been my business to supply articles, criticisms, stories, for all sorts of daily, weekly, and monthly publications. I have written several books, and this addition to the number is produced simply in the exercise of my profession, because I was offered terms which I thought satisfactory. Experts, therefore, have thought that the book would appeal to readers. It remains to be seen whether they are correct, but I humbly beg to be acquitted of vanity in sitting down to write it. The task is undertaken for the sake of the cheque on delivery of 'copy,' and such royalties as may follow." This is candid.

Here is one interesting extract from the volume: "King Edward was one of the few owners who have found racing remunerative. Lord Marcus Beresford told me that when he was entrusted with the management of the King's horses he received a cheque for £1000 to open an account with

sington, and, amongst other positions, chaplain to the House of Commons. I asked him to lunch at my club, and was rather apprehensive that he would have a dull meal. Though I went to church when I could, as so many men do who are not generally suspected of the habit, I was very little acquainted with the ecclesiastical subjects which I thought my guest might be likely to discuss. We seated ourselves, and his reverence began with the question, 'Did you back Lourdes yesterday for the Nursery?' I regretted that I had not done so. 'I did,' he replied. 'As soon as I saw the handicap it struck me that he had from 7lb. to 10lb. too little, so I had a good race.' Here was something about which I could talk, and the personage of whom I am speaking is by no means the only cleric I have known to take the odds."

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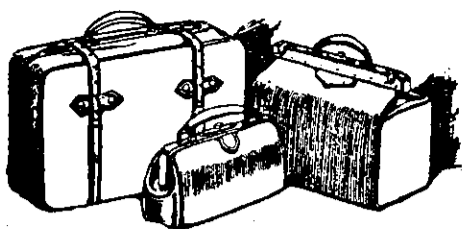
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4. NORTH TARANAKI HUNT CUP HANDICAP STEEPCHASE, a cup value 25sovs, presented by the Taranaki Jockey Club, and 200sovs in specie; second horse to receive 35sovs, and the third horse 20sovs from the stake. For qualified hunters, season 1918, that have never won a stake exceeding in value 150 sovs at time of nomination. Minimum weight, 10.7. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 2sovs. About three miles.
5. McRAE MEMORIAL (Open) of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and the third horse 15sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. One mile and a quarter.
6. WAIHI HACK HANDICAP of 130 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and 110 yards.
7. LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP STEEPCHASE, a bracelet value 20sovs and 130sovs in specie; second horse to receive 20sovs, and the third horse 10sovs from the stake. For qualified hunters, season 1918. Minimum weight, 10.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. About two miles.
8. TELEGRAPH HACK HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and the third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Five furlongs.

PENALTIES.
The winner of any race after the declaration of weights may be re-handicapped.
No penalty to be incurred in an open race for having won a hack race.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES
And amounts to be forwarded.
NOMINATIONS for all races (1sov each) close on THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1918, at 8 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES for the Hunters' Flat Race Handicap 1sov, Tongahoe Hack Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Tawhiti Handicap 2sovs, North Taranaki Hunt Cup Handicap Steeplechase 2sovs, McRae Memorial 2sovs, Waihi Hack Handicap 1sov, Ladies' Bracelet Handicap Steeplechase 1sov, Telegraph Hack Handicap 1sov close on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1918, at 3 p.m.
WEIGHTS declared on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1918.

N.B.—The foregoing programme is subject to revision by the committee prior to closing, as to dates of entry, acceptances, etc.
The committee reserve the right to alter the date on which the handicaps appear should they deem it fit to do so.
Nominations and acceptances will be received at the time and the dates mentioned at the Office of the Club, Hawera. Telegraph office closes at 5 p.m.
No entry will be received after the hour named under any pretext whatever.
Definition of Hack.—As per Rules of Racing, Part XI.
All nominations and acceptances made by telegram must be confirmed by letter immediately afterwards.
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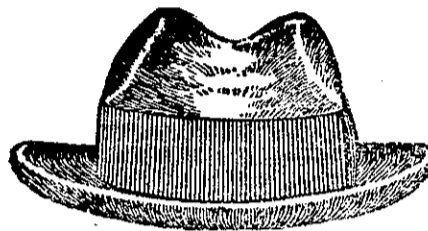
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CORPORAL P. AMOS (M.M.), of Waikato. Killed in action.



TROOPER RUPERT WHITWORTH MCKENZIE, 16th Imperial Camel Corps, of Birkdale, Auckland. Killed in action in Palestine.



FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT T. D. H. ALDERTON, R.F.C., of Remuera, Auckland. Killed in aeroplane accident at Norfolk, England.



PRIVATE RAKAPA AKENA, of Rangitukia, Auckland. Died of sickness at Brockenhurst, Eng.



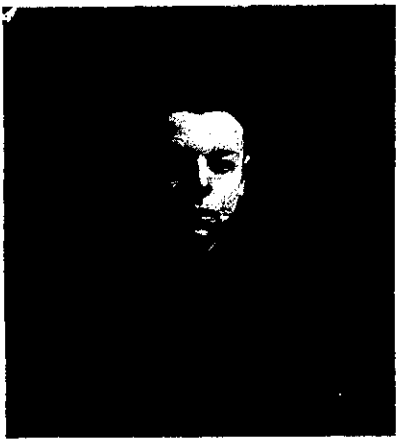
PRIVATE JERRY RATA, of Mangamuka, Auckland. Died of sickness.



PRIVATE M. J. COOPER, of Dannevirke, H.B. Killed in action.



PRIVATE ARTHUR BRUNT, of Opotiki, Bay of Plenty. Killed in action.



PRIVATE G. F. JUPP, Australian Infantry, of Birkenhead, Auckland. Gassed and died from wounds.



RIFLEMAN CHAS. H. AUTRIDGE, of Thames, Auckland. Killed in action.



PRIVATE J. H. McCONVILL, of Wanganui. Killed in action.



GUNNER JAMES DAWSON, of Hikurangi, North Auckland. Killed in action.



PRIVATE ROY R. WILSON, of Opotiki, Bay of Plenty. Killed in action.



LANCE-CORP. JOSEPH SLADE, of Whangamata, Auckland. Died from wounds.



PRIVATE SAMUEL S. ALLOM, late of Queensland, formerly of New Zealand. Killed in action with Australian Infantry Forces.



LANCE-CORP. WM. HARCOURT ALLOM, of Cambridge, Waikato. Wounded.



SERGEANT F. R. HOGARTH, of Mt. Eden, Auckland. Died from sickness.



PRIVATE JAMES McINTOSH, of Clinton, Otago. Killed in action.

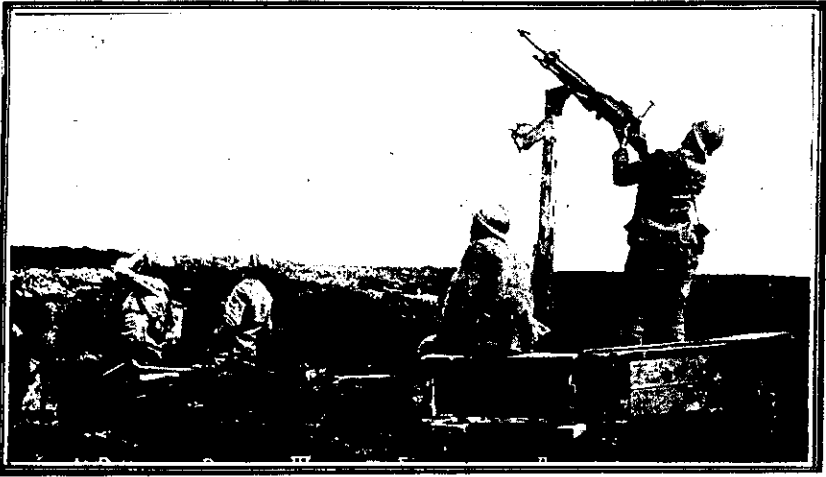


LANCE-CORPORAL C. HAYES, of Lower Hutt. Died from wounds.



LANCE-CORP F. H. JONES, of Arch Hill, Auckland. Died from wounds when prisoner of war in Dusseldorf Hospital, Germany.

With the French during the Battle of Picardy and the Disembarkation of Americans at a French Port.



FRENCH GUNNERS AWAITING THE APPROACH OF A GERMAN AEROPLANE DURING THE BATTLE OF PICARDY. The French mitrailleuse is shown directed towards the enemy 'plane.



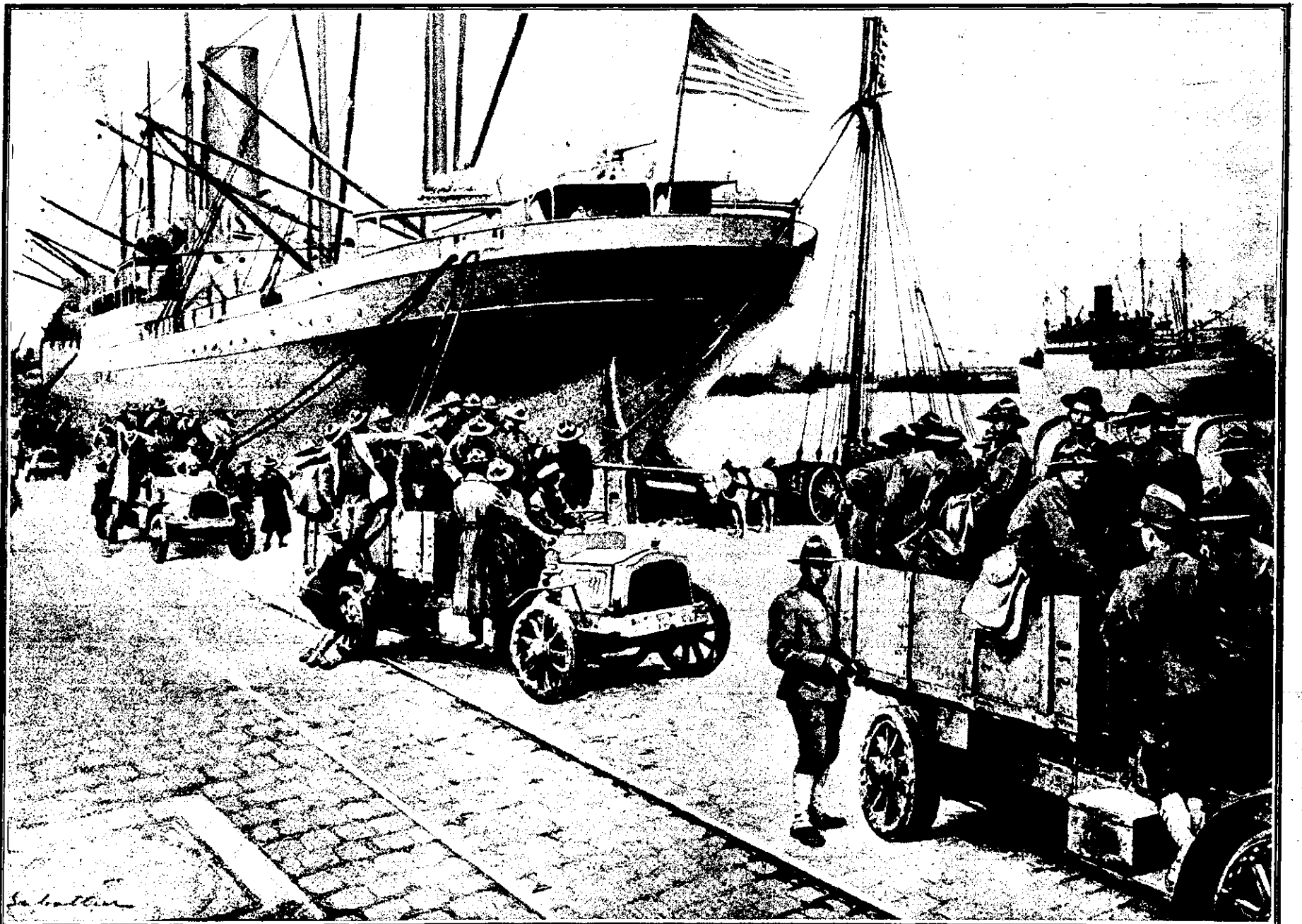
AFTER THEIR HEROIC EXPLOITS IN THE BATTLE OF PICARDY. FRENCH CAVALRY RETURNING FROM THE COMBAT.



GROUP OF GERMAN AVIATORS TAKEN PRISONER DURING THE FAMOUS BATTLE OF PICARDY.



A FRENCH MASCOT WELL KNOWN TO THE TROOPS WHO FOUGHT IN THE BATTLE OF PICARDY. THE FIGHTING COCK OF THE VILLAGE OF GRIVESNES.



A BUSY MORNING SCENE AT A PORT IN FRANCE WHERE AMERICAN TROOPS ARE LANDING ALMOST EVERY DAY. THE SCENE OF ACTIVITY WHICH IS WITNESSED EVERY TIME AN AMERICAN TRANSPORT REACHES HER FINAL DESTINATION IS INDEED A STRIKING TESTIMONY OF THE MAGNIFICENT WAR EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES, WHOSE GALLANT TROOPS HAVE ALREADY PROVED THEIR STERLING FIGHTING QUALITIES ON THE WESTERN FRONT, WHERE THEY HAVE INFLICTED HEAVY LOSSES TO THE GERMANS, BESIDES TAKING A LARGE NUMBER OF PRISONERS.

Prominent Artistes in the "Pageant of Freedom" recently produced in London in aid of the Red Cross.

The greatest interest was centred in the successful "Pageant of Freedom," which was recently performed at the Queen's Hall, London, many popular and celebrated artists being included in the cast. The performance was held in aid of the Red Cross funds, forming the principal item in the Women's Great Week for the Wounded.



1. MISS ALICE O'BRIAN AS "FRANCE." 2. LADY HERRIGAN AS "CHRISTIANITY" AND MRS. CLIFFE FREDERIC AS "MOHAMMEDANISM." 3. MADAME CLARA BUTT AS "BRITANNIA," WITH MISS THELMA WALDRON AS "YOUTH." 4. MRS. WISEMAN AS "JERUSALEM." 5. GROUP OF ARTISTS WHO TOOK PART IN THE PAGEANT INCLUDING MADAME CLARA BUTT, THE WORLD-FAMED SINGER, WHO IS SHOWN AS "BRITANNIA."

Loyal Devotees in the Cause of Empire.



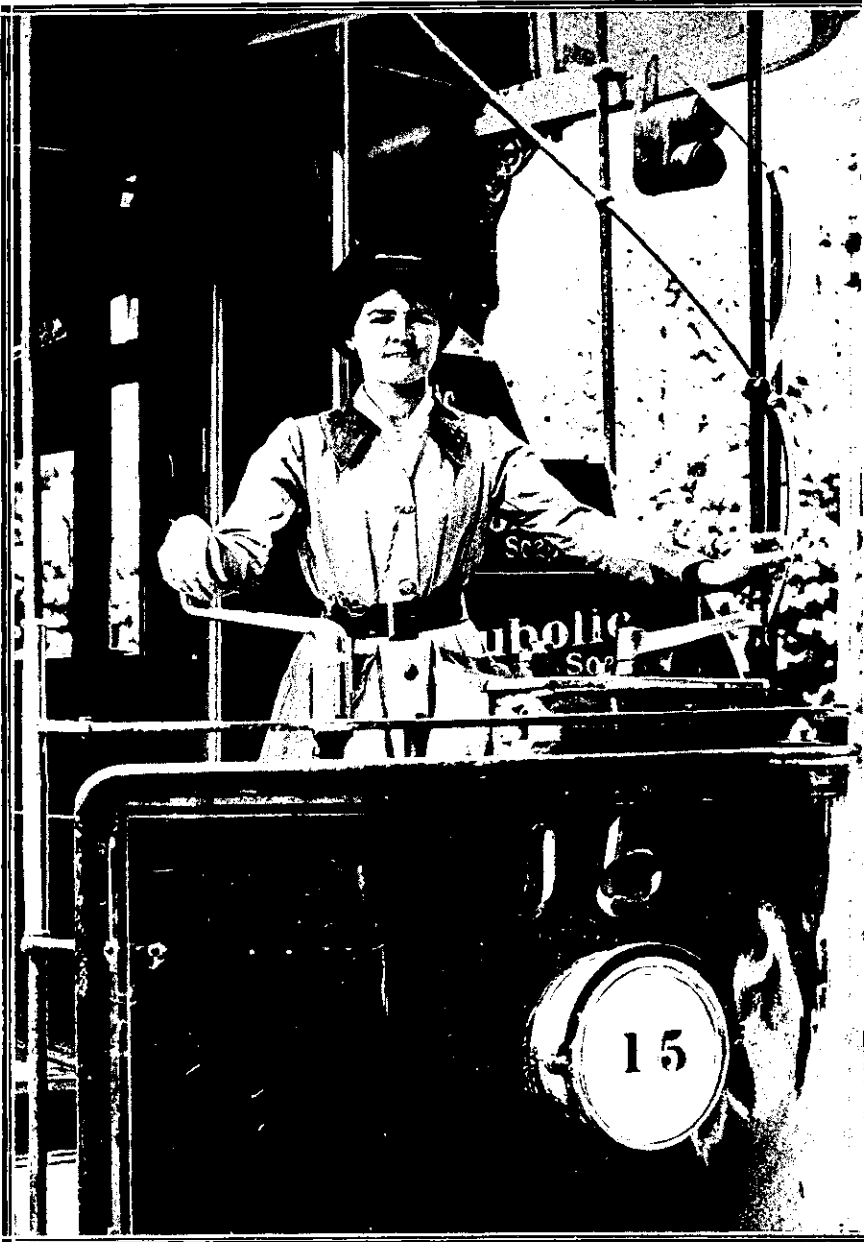
PRINCESS ALICE, COUNTESS OF ATHLONE, PRESENTS THE PRIZES AT THE CANADIAN FORESTRY CORPS SPORTS HELD IN WINDSOR GREAT PARK, LONDON. The Princess is shown with her daughter, Lady May Cambridge.



PORTION OF THE AUCKLAND DISTRICT QUOTA OF THE FORTY-FOURTH REINFORCEMENTS PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE DRILL HALL PARADE GROUND, RUTLAND STREET, BEFORE MARCHING DOWN QUEEN STREET LAST TO ENTRAIN FOR TRENTHAM CAMP.



PAYING A LAST TRIBUTE TO A VETERAN ENGLISH SOLDIER. THE FUNERAL OF COLONEL THE HON. C. R. HAY DRUMMOND, THE CRIMEAN VETERAN, AT SUNNINGDALE CHURCH, BERKS. Standing at the graveside are the Earl of Kinross (with walking stick) and Major Claude Hay.



A TYPICAL LONDON WOMAN TRAM DRIVER. The war has made it necessary to replace thousands of tram, motor omnibus and motor car drivers in England with women drivers, who have shown remarkable aptitude in handling the different vehicles. The female driver shown is employed on the Walthamstow Council Tramways.



Duke of Bedford presents O.B.E. Medals. A large number of war workers in England recently received medals of the Order of the British Empire from the Duke of Bedford, K.G., for acts of exceptional bravery and endurance in the course of their occupations. Our illustration shows Miss L. M. Ede, of Harlesden, receiving her medal.



Princess Patricia of Connaught opening a pictorial exhibition at the People's Palace, Mile End, London. The coloured official war photographs, brought together by the photographic section of the Ministry of Information, which have been exhibited at the Grafton Galleries, are now removed to the People's Palace.



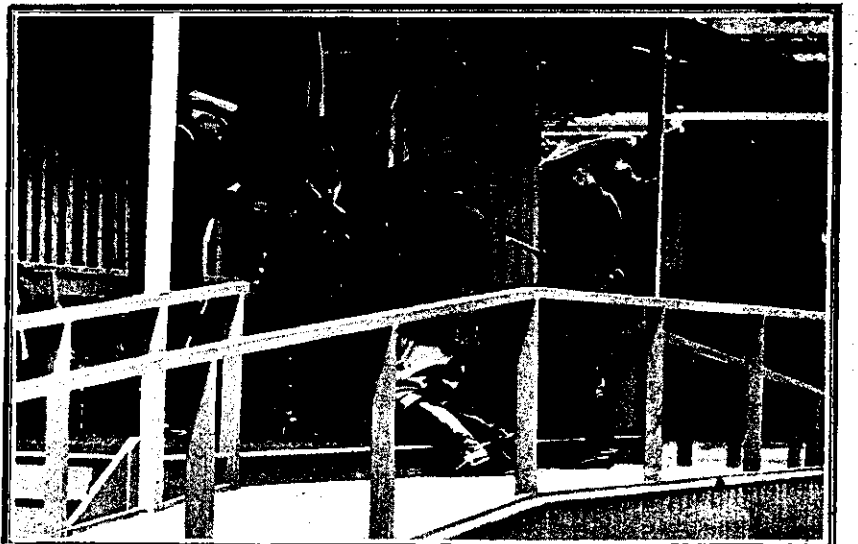
How the Women's Auxillary Aid Corps keep fit in war time. The W.A.A.C.'s employed at the military convalescent hospital, Epsom, Eng., are trained in Swedish gymnastics and folk dancing during the evenings under the instruction of the Canadian Gymnastic Staff. The illustration shows a lesson in boxing.



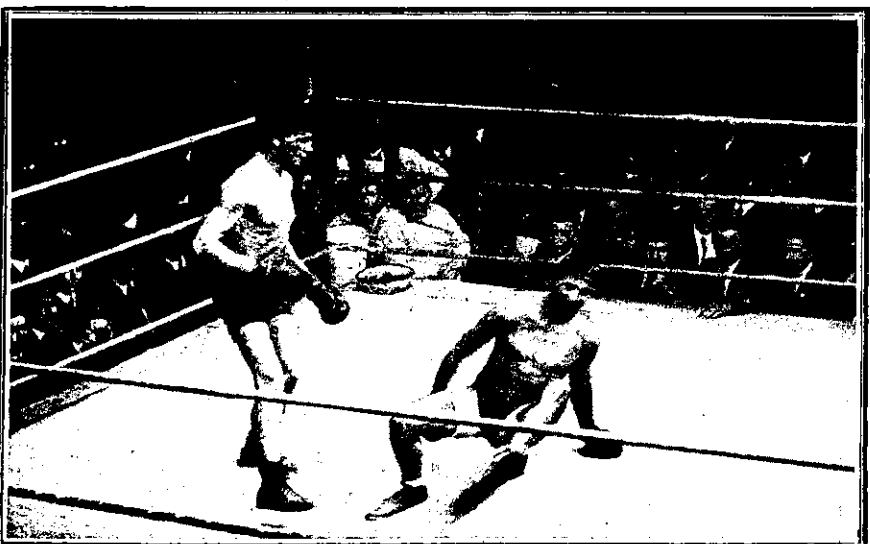
London police flock to colours. Six hundred men of the Metropolitan Police who recently "joined up" marched on May 21 last from Scotland Yard to various railway stations to report at their Army depots. They formed a fine body of potential fighting men. The illustration shows Sergeant Cator, V.C., M.M., Croix de Guerre, with police recruits.



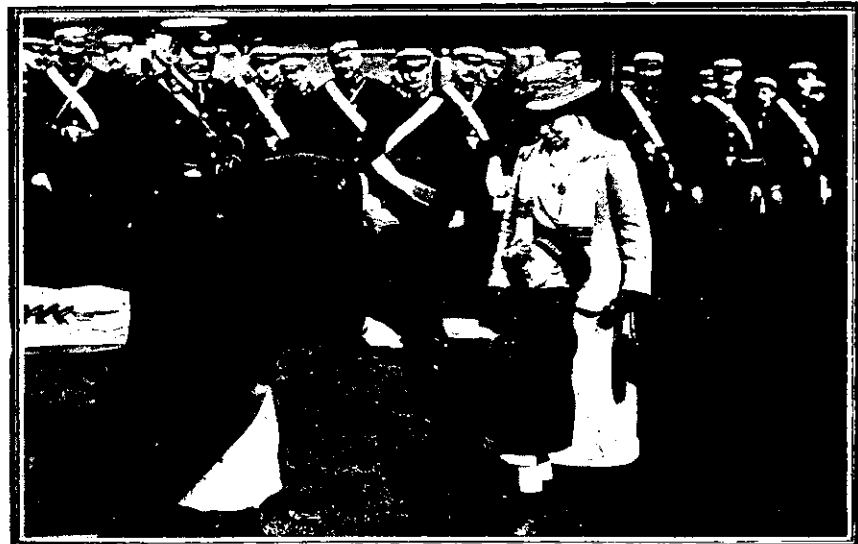
Well-known American Labour delegates who were recently received by the King at Buckingham Palace. From left: Mrs. Spraggon, Mrs. Grenfell and Miss Higgins.



V.C. winner receives Knighthood during an open air investiture at Buckingham Palace. Lieutenant-General Alexander Cobbe, V.C., who received the K.C.B. and C.S.I., being knighted by His Majesty.



A great fight at The Ring, London. Intense excitement prevailed during the 20-round featherweight boxing contest between Joe Conn, of Stepney, and Billy Fry, of Wales, recently fought in London. Conn, who is seen down in illustration, proved an easy winner on points. He was the cleverer throughout, and won the decision deservedly, though the loser showed great pluck and strength.



Presentation of Mons Ribbons to ambulance men. The little son of F. S. Hall, who is still serving with the unit, receiving his father's Mons Ribbon from Lady Maud Wilbraham, who presented long service medals and bars to members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in the Temple Gardens, London. A number of members of the corps also received the Mons Medal for services with the ambulance section of the First Expeditionary Force in France.

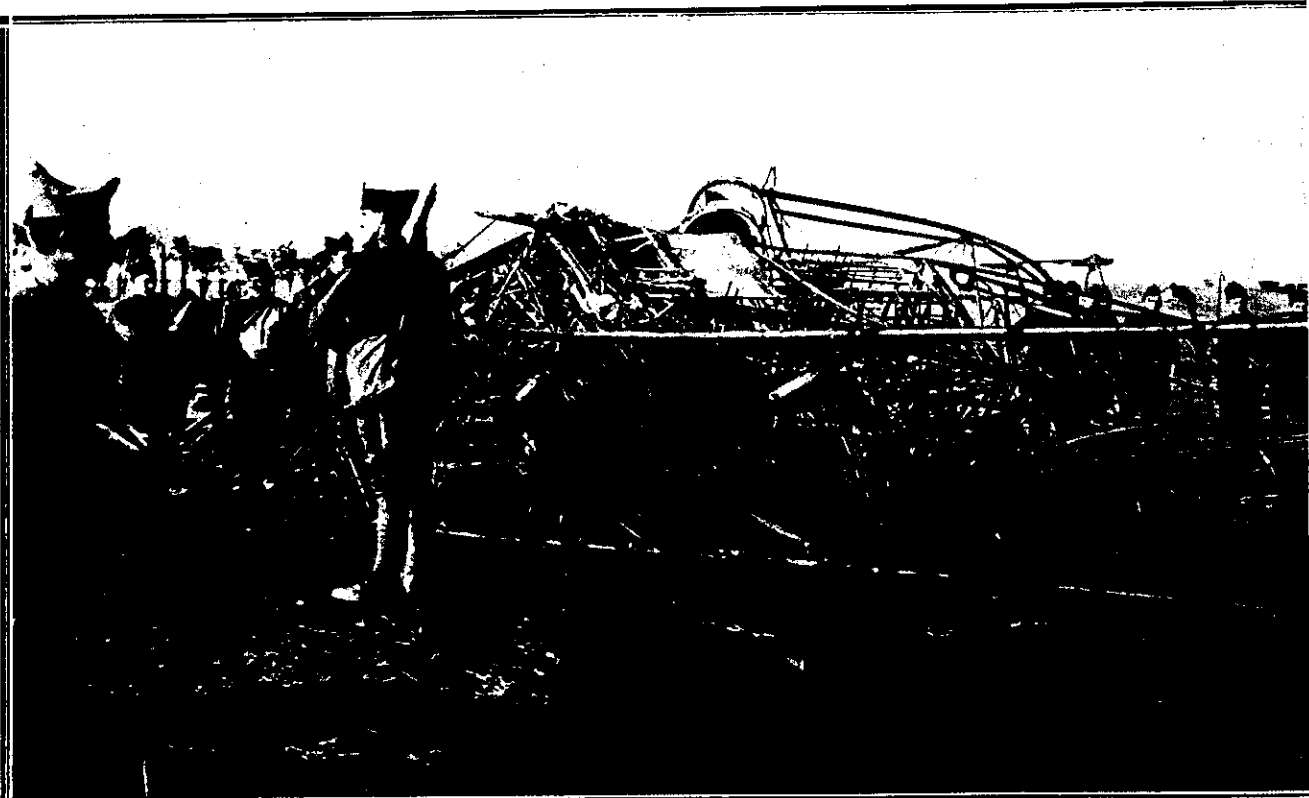
Official French Photographs of the Battle of Picardy, one of the most costly and decisive Engagements of the War.



FRENCH SOLDIERS IN A FRONT LINE TRENCH AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BATTLE OF PICARDY.



A BATCH OF GERMAN PRISONERS CAPTURED BY THE FRENCH DURING THE BATTLE.

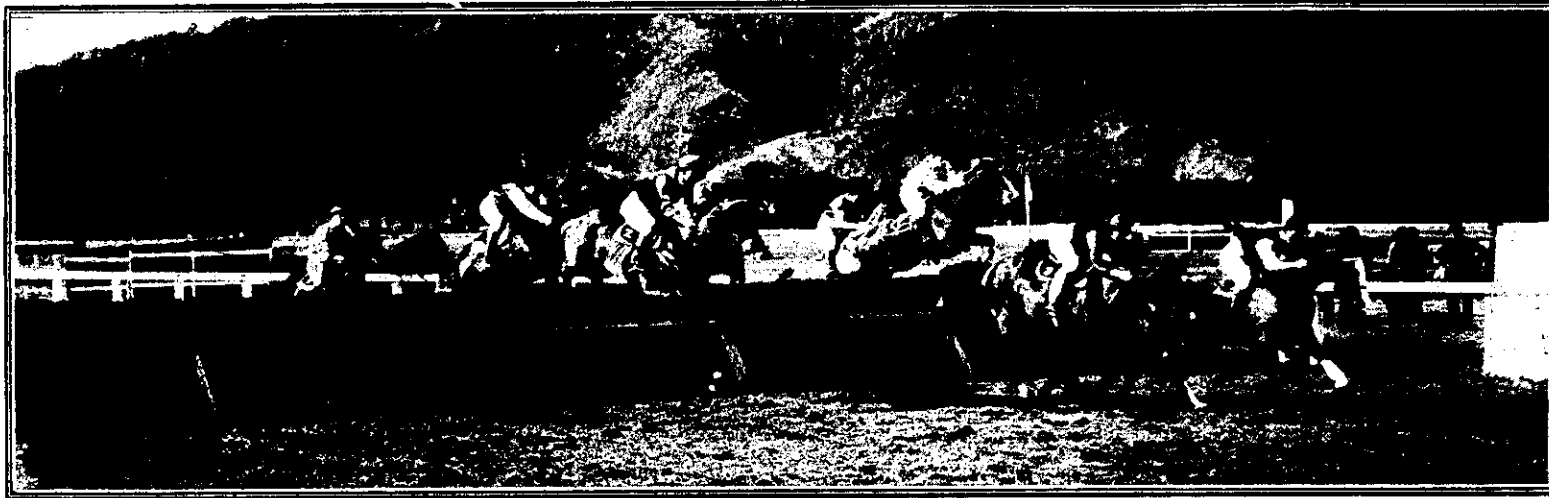


DEBRIS OF A GOTHA AEROPLANE BROUGHT DOWN BY FRENCH ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS DURING THE COURSE OF A GERMAN RAID ON PARIS.



FRENCH ARTILLERY ENGAGED IN SHELLING THE GERMAN POSITIONS IN PICARDY.

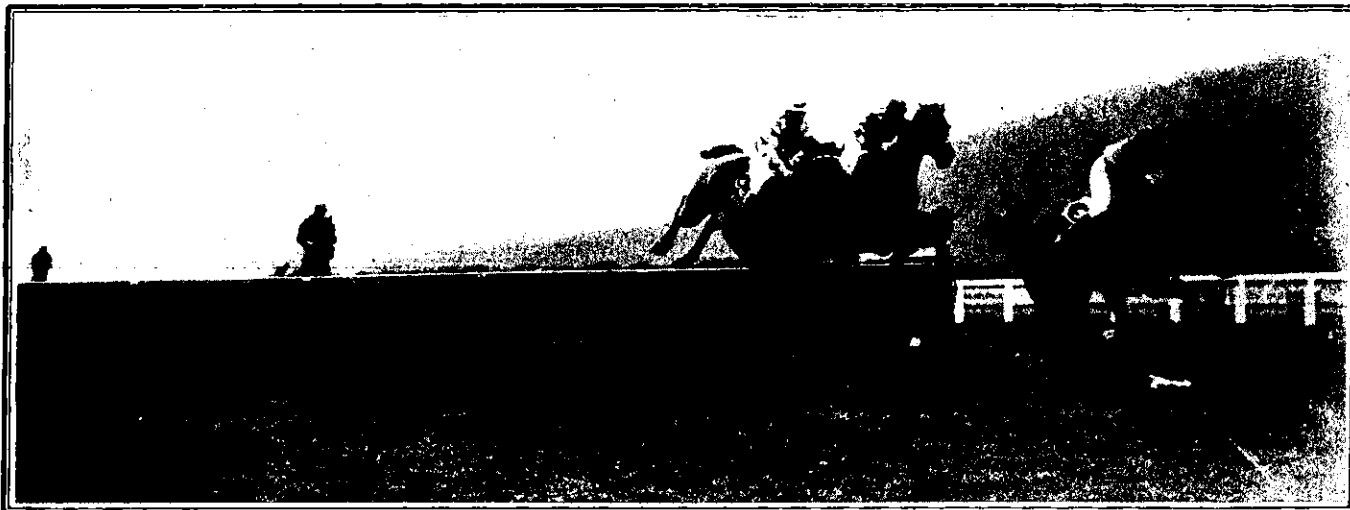
Close of 1917-18 Racing Season in the North Island—The Concluding Day of the Welling



At the first fence in the Second Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase—SILVER TIM (J. Tilsley) sets out as pilot, followed by ORMESBY and MASTER HAMILTON.



The field taking the water jump in the July Steeplechase—MERRIE LAD racing in the



Negotiating the last obstacle in the July Steeplechase (three miles)—ST. ELMN (R. Thompson) leading COALITION (H. McSweeney) and BON REVE (Stan. Reid), the winner, who is shown on inside. MODDITE is seen following.



At the water jump in the Second Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase (2½ miles)—MERRIE LAD, the winner, showing the way to MASTER HAMILTON (H. McSweeney).

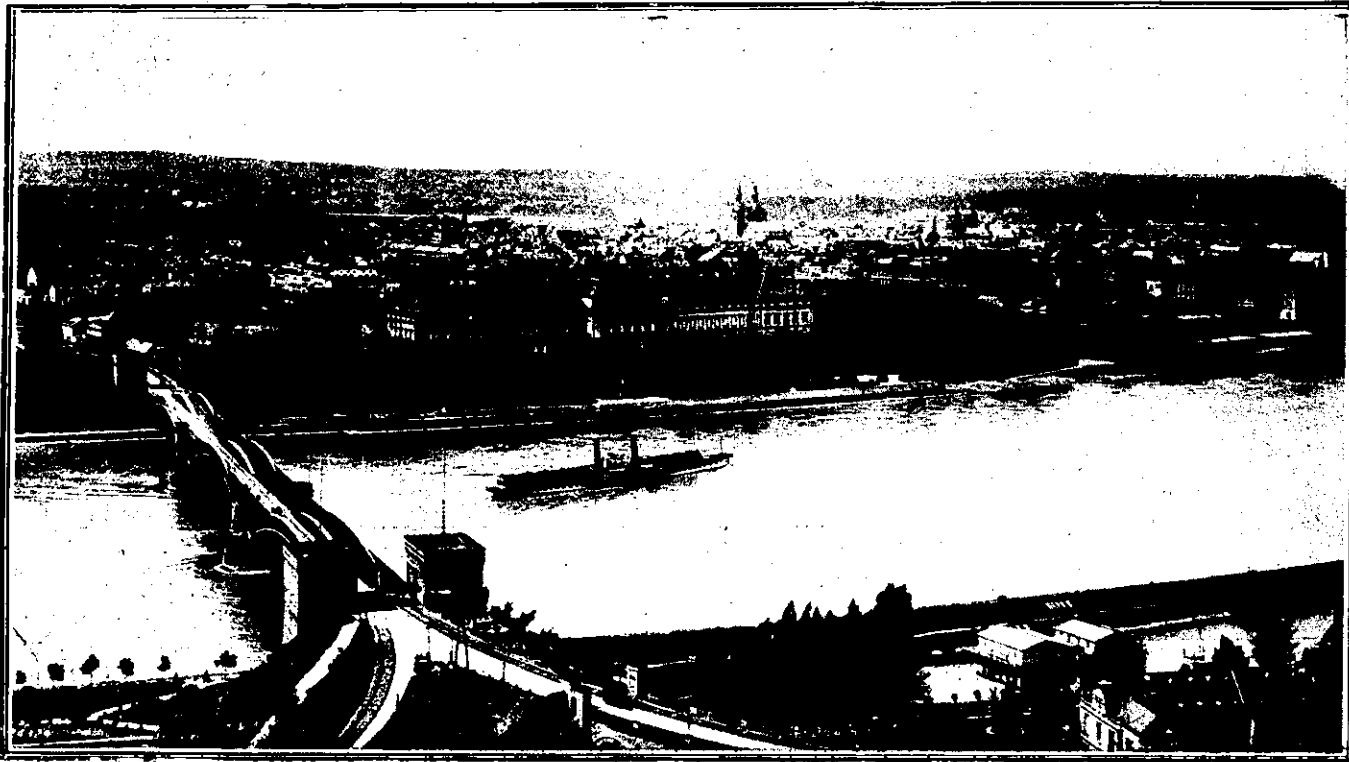


ORMESBY (F. Flynn) negotiates the last fence in the Second Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase slightly in advance of GAEKWAR (W. J. Bowden), whom he defeats by half a length.

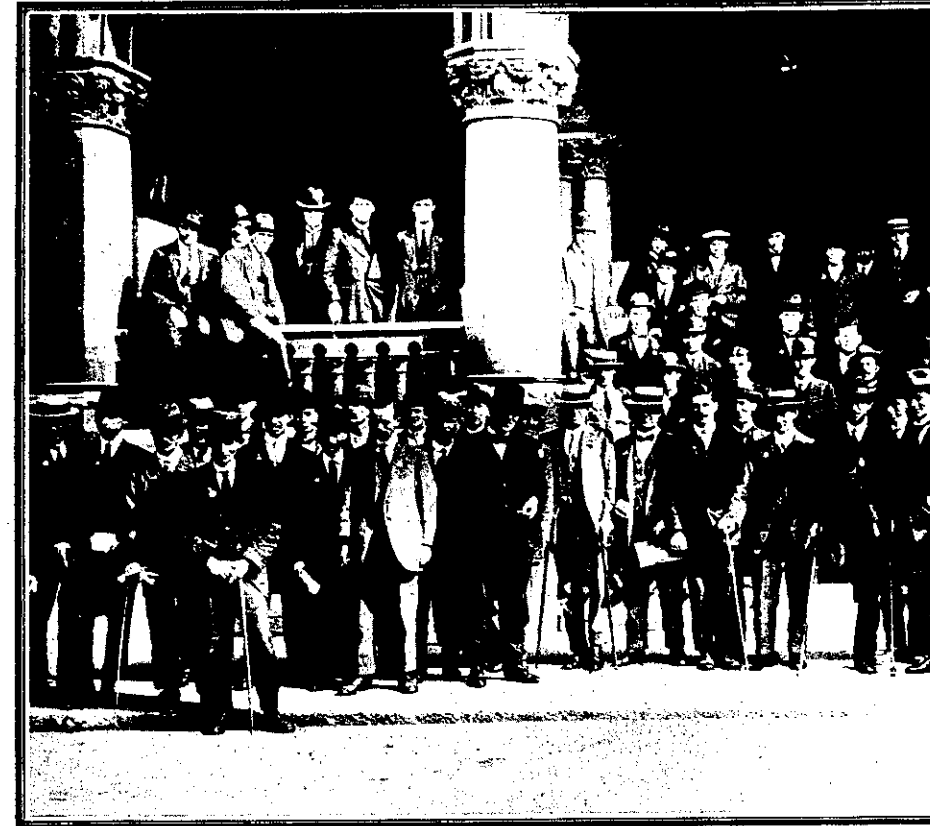


A good finish in the Liverpool Handicap (six furlongs)—FORM UP (Sid. Reid) scores a surprise victory, with MERRIE POTO (T. Pritchard) third.

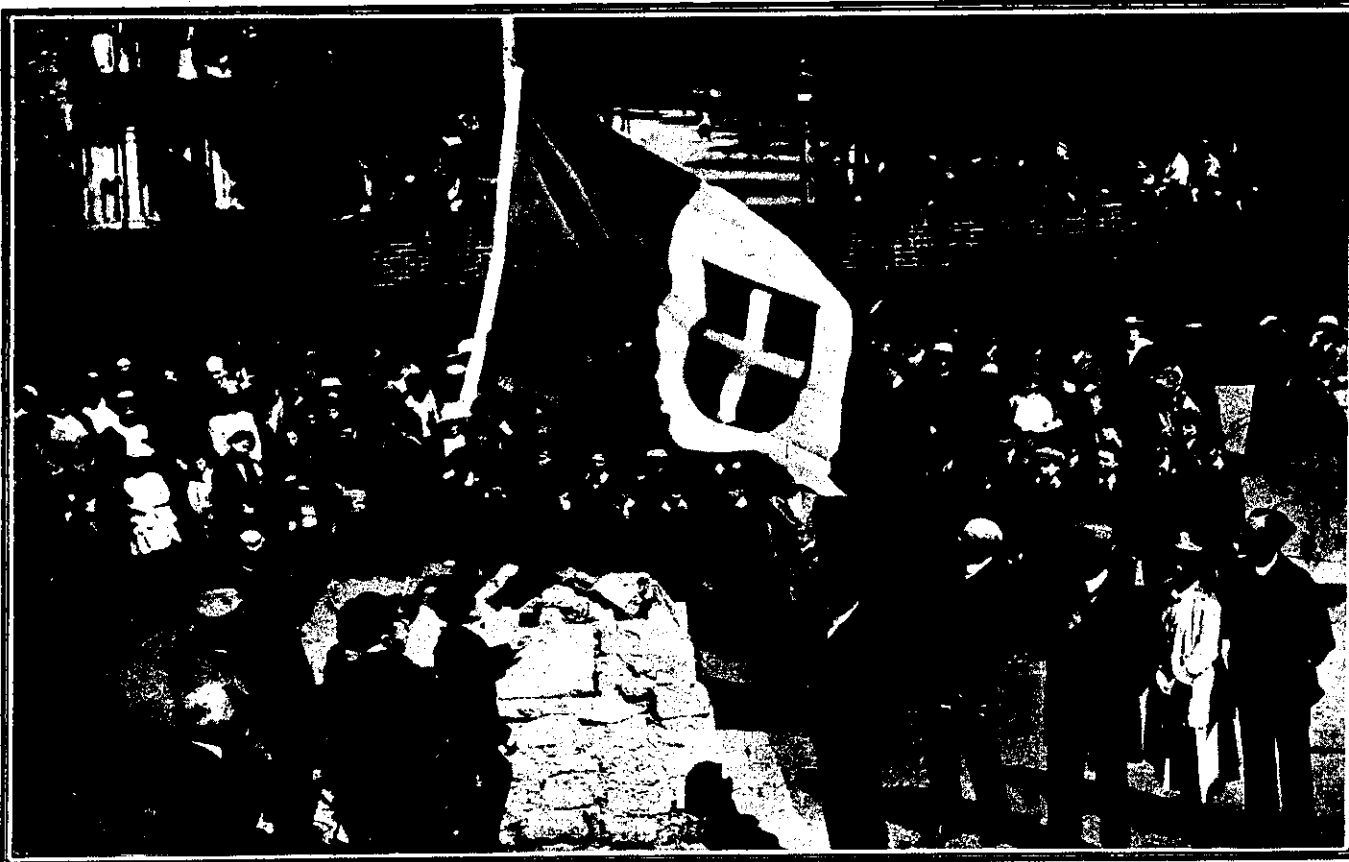
Important War Happenings in Various War Centres.



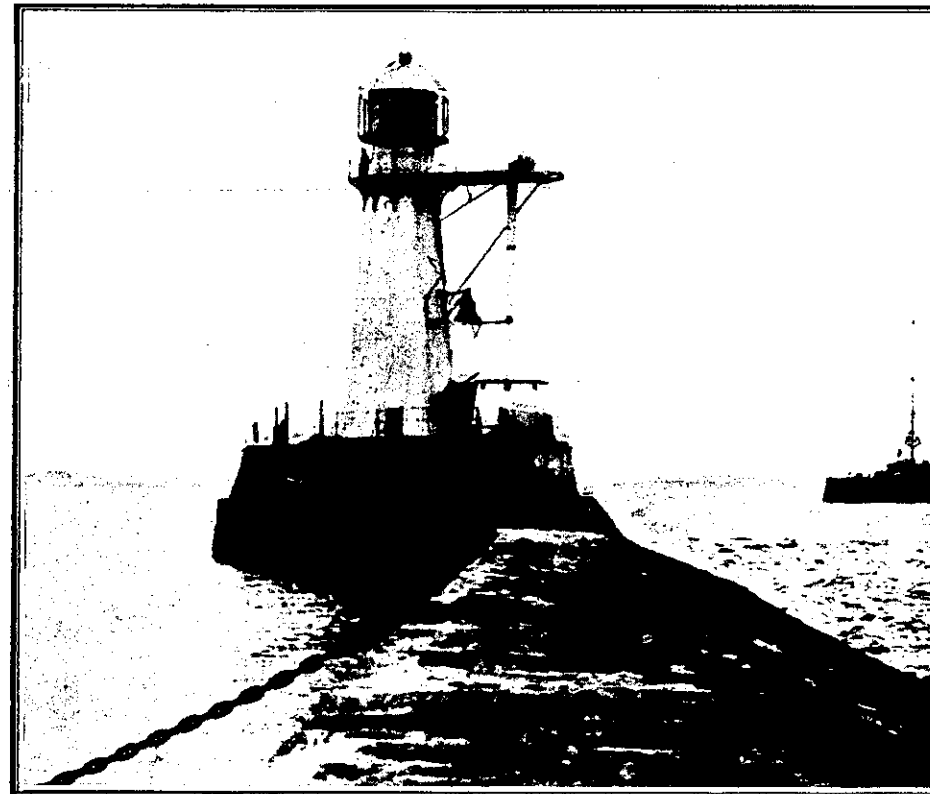
EFFECTIVE BRITISH AIR RAIDS ON RHINE TOWNS.—COBLENZ, A GREAT GERMAN MILITARY DEPOT AND MANUFACTURING CENTRE, WHICH HAS RECEIVED MUCH UNDESIRED ATTENTION FROM BRITISH BOMBERS.



DISCHARGED SOLDIERS IN CONFERENCE. Delegates assembled outside (land) on the occasion of the first annual conference of the National Federation of Sailors and Soldiers, at which about 800 delegates from all parts of



THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF ITALY'S WAR ENTRY BEING CELEBRATED IN ENGLAND. Unfurling the Italian Flag at the inauguration of a war memorial at St. John's School, Ealing. The flag was unfurled by Count Durini, secretary of the Italian Embassy, representing the Italian Ambassador,



ENEMY WARSHIP IN ODESSA HARBOUR. The cruiser Hayadiyer shown nominally Turkish but in reality German, is the first battleship in the enemy's hands in the Black Sea Port of Odessa.

GREENROOM GOSSIP

Theatre-goers will be pleased to hear that Mr. Allen Doone has specially engaged Mr. Harrington Reynolds for his forthcoming tour of New Zealand. Mr. Reynolds has many admirers as the result of former visits under various managements, and he will add considerable strength to a popular company.

A letter from Harry I. Cohen (formerly of Dunedin), written on May 26, shows that current entertainments in London were all suffering from the jading effects of a very hot spell, while also the May raid had exerted maleficent influence upon attendances at night shows. Even the sensational success of "The Lilac Domino," the first venture of the new producer, J. L. Sachs, for whom Mr. Cohen is representative, has abated a little its first four weeks' record of £13,000 gross. But, on the other hand, the new manager appears to have scored another bull's-eye with the American aviation musical comedy, "Going Up," enclosed notices about which proclaim it the play of the month, and particularly extol the work of Joseph Coyne, principal comedian. Both "The Lilac Domino" at the Empire and "Going Up" at the Gaiety appear to be installed for long runs, according to the writer's confident opinion. It is indeed remarkable how business has kept up during the year in all the London houses, even through the fateful month of March, when the Huns' spring drive on the west front commenced.

Miss Margaret Wycherley and the mystery drama by Bayard Veiller, "The Thirteenth Chair," are reported to be the sensation of Sydney. The Criterion Theatre is nightly crowded by thrilled and mystified audiences. All the Sydney newspapers are highly eulogistic regarding the play and the star, as well as the supporting cast. The "Sydney Morning Herald" referred to Miss Wycherley's "wonderful creation," and said, with regard to the play, that "nothing quite like it has been seen upon the modern stage." The "Daily Telegraph" pays Miss Wycherley the unique compliment of describing her performance as being so natural that she does not appear to be acting at all. The play, says the critic, is "an undoubted dramatic triumph." According to the "Sunday Sun," "The Thirteenth Chair" is "an unusual play, vivid, thrilling, and surprising." The "Sunday Times" says it is "one of the most absorbingly interesting plays ever offered in Sydney."

An indication of the valuable work which is being done by the Anzac Buffet in London is contained in the third annual report of the London branch of the Australian Natives' Association. During the year under review (says a Melbourne paper) the committee was relieved of the financial problems "which had furrowed the brows of previous committees." The satisfactory change was chiefly due to Miss Ada Reeve's appeal to Australians on behalf of the buffet, and to her the committee records "a lasting debt of gratitude." Miss Ada Reeve at that time had remitted £14,000 to the committee. Some of the members of the committee, following upon this windfall, were inclined to be lavish in their expenditure, but the committee generally took the view that it is the trustee of public funds, which must as far as possible be conserved. The report refers to the need for larger premises, and regrets that none is available.

As a symbol of the cordial feeling between the two allies, the French Government has sent to the United States a military band under the leadership of Captain Gabriel Pares, former conductor of the celebrated Garde Republicaine. This band, composed of veteran soldiers who have been decorated for bravery under fire and many of them wounded in battle, is giving a series of concerts in the military camps and for the American public in some of the principal cities. At the express solicitation of the Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, and the High Commission of the French Republic, the National War Work Council of the Y.M.C.A. has assumed entire charge of this band during its stay in America.

SOUTHERN STAGE NOTES.

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, July 22.

Signor Cappelli, the noted Italian tenor, whose velvet notes charmed the hearts of everyone who heard him with the Gonsalez Italian Opera Company some months ago, is to give three concerts in the Grand Opera House on the 27th, 29th and 30th insts. Cappelli must be numbered amongst the very best tenors we have ever heard—perhaps the best as far as tone, pure and simple, goes. Associated with the famous tenor will be Mr. John Amadio, prince of flautists, and originally a native of Wellington. In Australia, Mr. Amadio is at the head of his branch in the musical profession. To his marvellous powers as an executant is an amazing verve, power and breadth of control that puzzle all who hear him. Other members of the company are Miss Vera Bedford (soprano), Signor Lucien Cesaroni (basso), and Mr. Harold Whittle (accompanist).

Malini, the clever magician and card manipulator, opened a short season in the Town Hall Concert Chamber on Saturday evening last, prior to undertaking a tour of America. Malini is much impressed with New Zealand, and intends returning here at an early date.

The long-looked-for event of the theatrical year is the coming of the revue "The Bing Boys are Here," which opens a season at the Grand Opera House on August 6th, extending until the 17th.

Jack Waller's "Look Who's Here" company is at present playing a very successful season at the Grand Opera House.

Mr. Bernard F. Page, the city organist, has been rejected as ineligible for active service.

It is gratifying to know that the English Pierrots, after visiting the principal towns of the North Island, will play a return season in Wellington during the month of September, prior to "jumping" to Perth, Western Australia. This clever company is always welcome in Wellington.

MUSIC NOTES.

(By "G" String.)

Carl Muck, the German ex-conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, has now been arrested as an enemy alien and "lodged in gaol." It was Muck who not long since refused to allow his orchestra to play "The Star-Spangled Banner" at a concert he was conducting, to the natural disgust and indignation of every patriotic American present, and there was no end of a fuss over his action. Since then, Muck, who was dismissed from his Boston appointment, has now proclaimed himself a Swiss. He will now, however, have any amount of time on his hands to think over matters.

Mlle. Antonia Dolores is at present still continuing her tour of the principal towns of New South Wales. It is said that her singing is better than ever, the rest having apparently done her wonderful vocal organ a great deal of good. Up to the concerts in Sydney in May she had done practically nothing for three years, the exceptions being her appearances on behalf of the Red Cross and other war funds,

in which manner she was instrumental in raising some thousands of pounds.

The Boston Opera House fell into strong hands last March when Lee and J. J. Schubert purchased the magnificent building for about one million dollars, quoted as the biggest single transfer of theatrical property recorded in America. The Schuberts intend to arrange seasons, both by the New York Metropolitan Opera Company and the Chicago Opera Association, with Caruso, Galli-Curci, and other stars.

In a review of Gallie's "Students' Practice in the Staff," a Scottish paper says:—"Possibly a slightly larger proportion of exercises in the broader rhythms (3/2, 4/2, and 6/4) would have an improvement." The Scot's mind eye rins on bawbees.

Madame Schumann-Heink, the German operatic contralto, who in the early stages of the war made statements of a distinctly pro-German character, was at latest advices singing from the steps of the sub-Treasury in Washington in aid of America's latest Liberty Loan. Now, what do you think of these Germans?

Allen Doone's first production in Auckland will be "Lucky O'Shea," a fine, striking drama that has proved a great money-maker in Australia. Miss Edna Keeley will be Mr. Doone's leading lady again.

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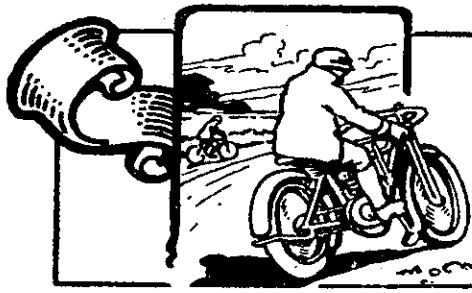
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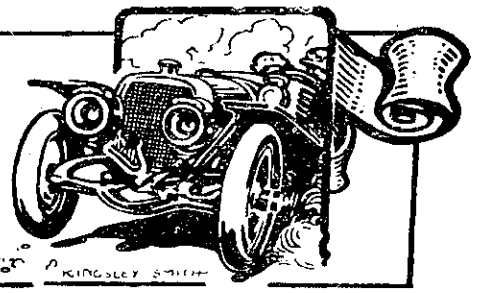
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Photographs of private motorists in their cars, snapshots taken while on tour, or accounts of motoring trips and other items of interest to car-owners, will be inserted in these columns if posted to "New Zealand Sporting and Dramatic Review," P.O.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

There are 374 members on the roll of the Auckland Automobile Association.

An amendment has been made in the Wellington city motor by-laws, the effect of which will be that vehicles cannot be driven on the wrong side of the road past stationary tramcars.

The executive in charge of the Wellington Voluntary Motor Corps consists of Mr. J. P. Luke (chairman); Lieutenant-Colonel A. F. Roberts and Captain W. Pryor (organisers); Messrs. L. R. Partridge and H. W. Lloyd (committee); and Mr. H. J. Stott (secretary). Some eighty motorists have thus far enrolled, but it is desired to add to this number.

A scheme has been set on foot in New South Wales by means of which all the girls' schools of that State will co-operate in providing a battleplane to swell the number already sent to the theatre of war by New South Wales. Each battleplane costs £2700, and as there are 150 girls' schools in the State, the average amount to be raised in each school is £18. The name suggested for the New South Wales girls' schools battleplane is "Kookaburra"—an essentially Australian name. The scheme has been taken up with great enthusiasm by most of the schools throughout the State.

During the year 1917-18 the number of taxi-cabs licensed in Wellington was 135, also 57 motor waggons, 25 motor expresses, and 18 motor stage carriages, together with 184 drivers. To the end of March, 1918, 1320 certificates of ability, and 425 certificates of competency to drive motor cars were issued, and the total number of vehicles registered with the Wellington City Council to above date was 3552. The motor inspector (Mr. L. S. Drake) in his annual report states: "Owing to the increased use of mechanically propelled vehicles our traffic by-laws are in urgent need of being overhauled and consolidated."

At the annual meeting of the Auckland Automobile Association the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. W. H. Hemingway; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. H. Wynyard, J. C. Hardy and G. Henning; committee, Messrs. C. F. Bennett, J. Moody, C. J. Ellerbeck, R. S. Spinks, M. M. McCallum, A. Grayson, H. T. Shepherd, S. Gordon, E. Bagley, and G. Brooks; auditor, Mr. E. C. Pinker. Dr. de Clive Lowe and Messrs. R. B. Spinks and G. Henning were elected life members in recognition of their long and valued work in the interests of the association. Mr. W. H. Hemingway was appointed to represent the association at the annual meeting of the New Zealand Automobile Union.

Electric power (according to the New Zealand Railway Review) will be the motive power used in the Otira tunnel. The Review states: In a few weeks' time the headings of the Otira tunnel will meet, but it will be many months ere the big hole can be opened out, lined and provided with permanent way for through traffic. We now hear that the line is to be electrified, the idea of using petrol-electric motors having been abandoned.

A collision occurred in Christchurch between two motor cycles, each with a side-car attached. One cycle was ridden by Mr. W. Carrington and the other by Mr. Charles Begg. Both men were thrown over the handle bars, and Mr. Begg, who was unconscious when picked up in the side channel, died after being admitted to the hospital. His wife was in the side-car, but was uninjured. Mr. Begg was about 39 years of age, and was employed in a responsible position by the City Council electrical department. He was well known in Dunedin.

"It is very essential that motor vehicles should have their registration numbers plainly and properly displayed," observed Mr. F. V. Frazer, S.M., at the Wellington Magistrate's Court, referring to a charge against Claude Cornforth, who, according to the police evidence, had driven a car through the city without having a number attached. "It is the only way in which a car can be identified in most accident cases. It does not seem to be generally known that the new regulations insist on the registration number being affixed at both front and back of the car instead of at the rear of the machine only." A fine of £1 and costs (7s.) was imposed.

"There are several alterations and additions required to the motor by-law. One is a severe penalty if any person, other than the one to whom a driving certificate has been issued and is named in such certificate, misrepresents himself to be the person so named in the certificate," states the motor inspector (Mr. L. S. Drake) in his annual report to the Wellington City Council. "This was done in one case by a person to whom a soldier leaving the country gave his driving certificate, but, fortunately, the fraud was discovered in time. Another requirement is that if a motor driver

the question of dazzling headlights was still unsolved. The statute law on the matter was clumsy, and the by-law in force was, in the opinion of most motorists, hardly satisfactory. Prosecutions, however, had been few, probably because the by-law was as unreasonable as the statute law was unworkable. He explained what had been done in the direction of forming a good roads association, but expressed regret at the apathy shown by motorists. The reason, he believed, was that they felt that if they took an active interest people might believe they were selfish "motor hogs" out for their own ends. That was a ridiculous attitude, for the matter of good roads was of national importance.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, U.S.A., has for some years been experimenting with internal combustion engines, as used on motor cars, and recently effected considerable improvements to suit them for railway work. While it is recognised that locomotives propelled by internal combustion engines, having regard to the relatively high cost of petrol and other motor fuels, are not to be recommended for all installations, yet they will be found of value in localities where water for steam-raising purposes is scarce, and where

of the D.S.O. to one of its most able flying officers. When called on for a speech the guest of the evening, after returning thanks briefly, gave the health of Baron von Richthofen (the German crack airman, now dead), and the squadron duly honoured the toast. The act illustrates the feeling of the corps towards the man who has killed more of its members than has any other German, but who has fought cleanly.

According to the "Motor Cycle" (England), there is at least one private designer who has a 6-cylinder V-type engine in course of construction as a motor cycle power unit. He has spent "165 Saturday afternoons and 14 Sunday mornings on the job." The cylinders are 60 x 60 mm., the total capacity being 1020 c.c., while the complete engine will occupy less space in a motor cycle frame than does a four-cylinder Henderson engine. The foregoing is interesting, but many users of these machines would like much better to know when the shaft-drive engine will materialise and enable them to dispense with both the chain and belt transmission.

Several of the British motor journals have expressed the opinion that the only way to ensure anything like peace and plenty for the motorist within a reasonable time after the



Londoners travelling by motor to the suburban areas under novel conditions. A motor car and double-decker omnibus traversing the flooded roads in the Lea Valley. The Lea Bridge road was recently flooded by the backwater, foot passengers and vehicles encountering many difficulties in passing over this particular route.

is convicted on a charge of drunkenness whilst in charge of a car, dangerous driving, or theft, or overcharging, particulars of such conviction should be endorsed on the driver's license and certificate, by the court or town clerk, and the holder made to produce the same wherever he applies for a license, so as to enable a record being kept. A person at the present time may be convicted of some dangerous offence and breach of our traffic by-laws and go elsewhere and produce an absolutely clean ticket. Under our exceptional traffic by-law motor waggons are restricted as to times and speed in certain streets, and these need revising. Also motor waggons are in great demand by picnic parties in summer and by racegoers at race times. I suggest that a license to carry passengers be issued for these vehicles at a certain fee per day, the license to be issued if the seating accommodation is safe and passes inspection. At present these vehicles have to be licensed as stage carriers and pay the same fee as motor buses playing the whole year round."

In the absence of Mr. Arthur Cleave the annual meeting of the Auckland Automobile Association was presided over by Mr. W. H. Hemingway. In moving the adoption of the annual report, the chairman mentioned that

the cost of coal or electricity would make either steam or locomotives an expensive, if not a prohibitive, investment. Engines for railway motors are therefore of special design. Where in the largest of these motors (23 tons weight) a six-cylinder engine is employed, in the standard sizes the motive power is supplied by a vertical water-cooled engine comprising four separate cylinders, the bore and stroke ranging from 4¼ x 5½ in. for 3½-ton motors to 6½ x 8 in. for the 9-tonner. For engine-cooling purposes a large radiator with fan is fitted at the front of the machines. Ignition is by high tension magneto, or by coil and accumulator, as desired, while the lubrication system is a combination of pressure-feed and splash. In regard to fuel consumption the makers state that, when running under normal or rated load, it works out at one-tenth of a gallon per horse-power hour, and that for most requirements it may be estimated on a basis of an average development of half the rated horse-power throughout the working day.

Nowhere does chivalry survive more strongly (writes the editor of the "Aeroplane") than in the fighting squadrons of the belligerent air services. Not very long ago a squadron of the Royal Flying Corps gave a dinner in celebration of the award

coming of peace is by means of that much-debated liquid, alcohol. It is stated that, so far as present indications go, it is the only fuel that will ever be permanently available in unlimited quantities for the Kingdom, and if it must come, surely the sooner the better. It is considered that petrol will be extremely scarce for many months after the war, and that it is rather annoying that there is an almost unlimited supply of fuel held up entirely by antiquated Government restrictions on its sale—restrictions, by the way, in no way connected with its use by motorists as such.

Along with many other commodities British bicycles and component parts are becoming most difficult to procure. One of the scarcest lines is chains; and not a few cyclists are now realising what a difference the war has made even to the operation of a simple bicycle. Some cycle agents and assemblers, who had imported a quantity of chains of the best quality—Renold's, to wit—will not now part with one for a sovereign, when once they were obtainable for less than half that amount, preferring to fit them to the machines they build and sell. Although many other lines are quite as scarce, the chain is one very vital part of the bicycle, and to give even a reasonable amount of satisfaction it must be good—and the best is never too good.

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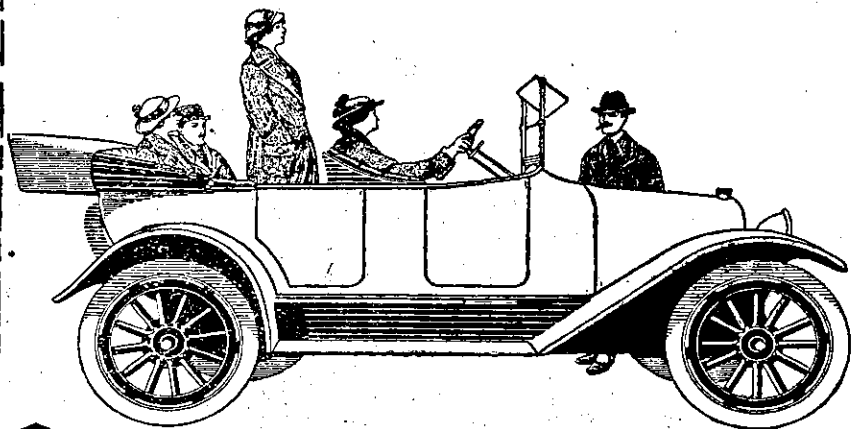
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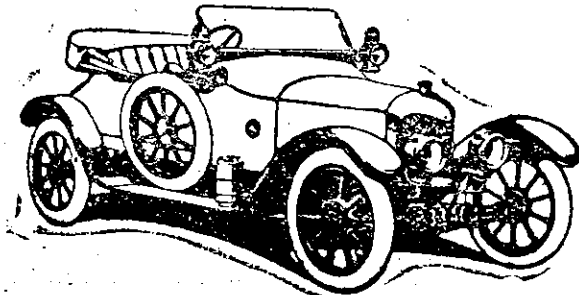
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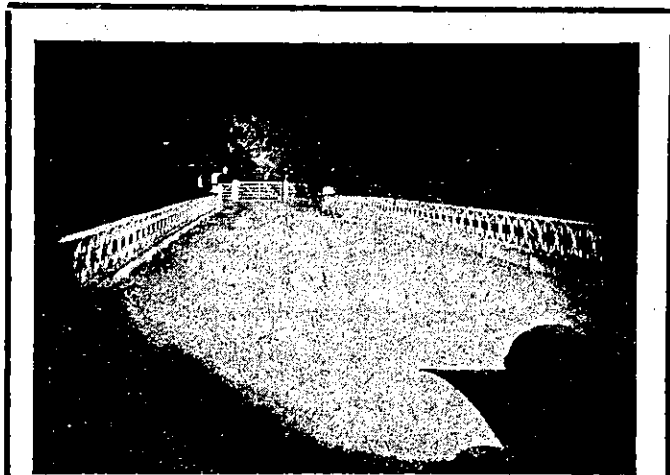
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Flight-Lieutenant T. D. H. Alderton, aged 23, who was killed by aeroplane accident at Norfolk, England, on June 16, and whose portrait is reproduced elsewhere in this issue, was an old Auckland Grammar School boy, taking both Junior and Senior Scholarships and matriculation, New Zealand University, also London University Matric (Home Study). He joined the Public Works Department (engineering branch) in 1911, and became assistant engineer in 1915. He had local charge of the Okahukura tunnel works, and after successfully "holing" the big tunnel he volunteered for service, and, joining the Kohimarama Flying School, gained his commission in the Royal Flying Corps and left for England. He was held in the highest esteem by the department, and was considered one of the most brilliant young engineers in the service. The Minister of Public Works, writing to his parents, "deplores the loss of one of the most promising young engineers in my department." The engineer-in-chief says: "He gave every promise of becoming an ornament to his chosen profession and rising rapidly in the service." The Under-Secretary for the department says: "His death is regarded as a distinct loss to the department and to his profession." The District Engineer at Taumarunui, Mr. Baker, says: "He had unusual talents and was one of the most promising young men in the department." He was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Alderton, of Remuera, and his elder brother, Lisle (solicitor), is serving as a first lieutenant on a flagship in the Mediterranean.

A young man who went motor cycling in Wellington and a lady friend who accompanied him, riding on the pillion of the machine, had a narrow escape from a serious accident the other evening. The cyclist was proceeding towards the Government Buildings. He was well over to the left side of the road when passengers in a city-bound tram and others in the vicinity noticed the bike swerve violently further to the left, and immediately afterwards saw the machine drive head-on to a motor car which, proceeding uphill, and, meeting the tramcar, which was pulling up at a stop, had crossed well over to its wrong side of the road. Fortunately, neither the motor cycle nor the car was travelling at a fast rate, but the impact threw both the rider of the machine and the pillion rider some six or eight feet on to the footpath. Strangely enough, neither was seriously hurt, though the front wheel and fore part of the cycle were battered badly out of shape, and the radiator of the motor car was somewhat damaged.

Various members at the annual meeting of the Auckland Automobile Association spoke in strong terms against the centre pole system, which it was stated had been responsible for several accidents, some being fatal. One member said the removing of a short section constituted an element of danger where the poles recommenced. It was decided to make further representations on the subject. In a general discussion upon the possibilities of alcohol as a substitute for petrol, one member stated that tests in Auckland had not been successful on account of failure in carburation, but another maintained that this trouble was removed by raising the compression power of the engine. The secretary stated that correspondence had passed between the executive and the Department of Agriculture on the subject, and the Department had advised that there was not sufficient material available in any one place in New Zealand to make the production of alcohol payable. It was further stated that an Auckland syndicate, after investigating the matter of producing alcohol very fully, had decided that it could not be a payable venture. The meeting decided to refer the matter to the new executive for further investigation.

It is the intention of the Timaru A. and P. Association to try to arrange for an aeroplane from the flying school at Sockburn to be on exhibition at their next show, and to have flights made from the show ground.

The statement of accounts in connection with the Auckland Automobile Association show a surplus of income over expenditure of £116 2s., and the accumulated funds now total £757 15s. 11d. A further sum of £100 has been invested in New Zealand War Bonds, and donations of ten guineas each were made to the Red Cross and Women's Patriotic League, and £5 to the Featherston Camp.

Kostin, a Russian, was the first airman to loop the loop. Kostin used a Henry Farman machine, and the attempt was made without design.

A cable message has been received announcing the death in England of Mr. Erl Williams, youngest son of the late Mr. T. C. Williams, and of Mrs. Williams, of Wellington. The deceased, who was 32 years of age, left for England over two years ago, and after serving in a flying corps joined the motor service. The cause of death was influenza and pneumonia.

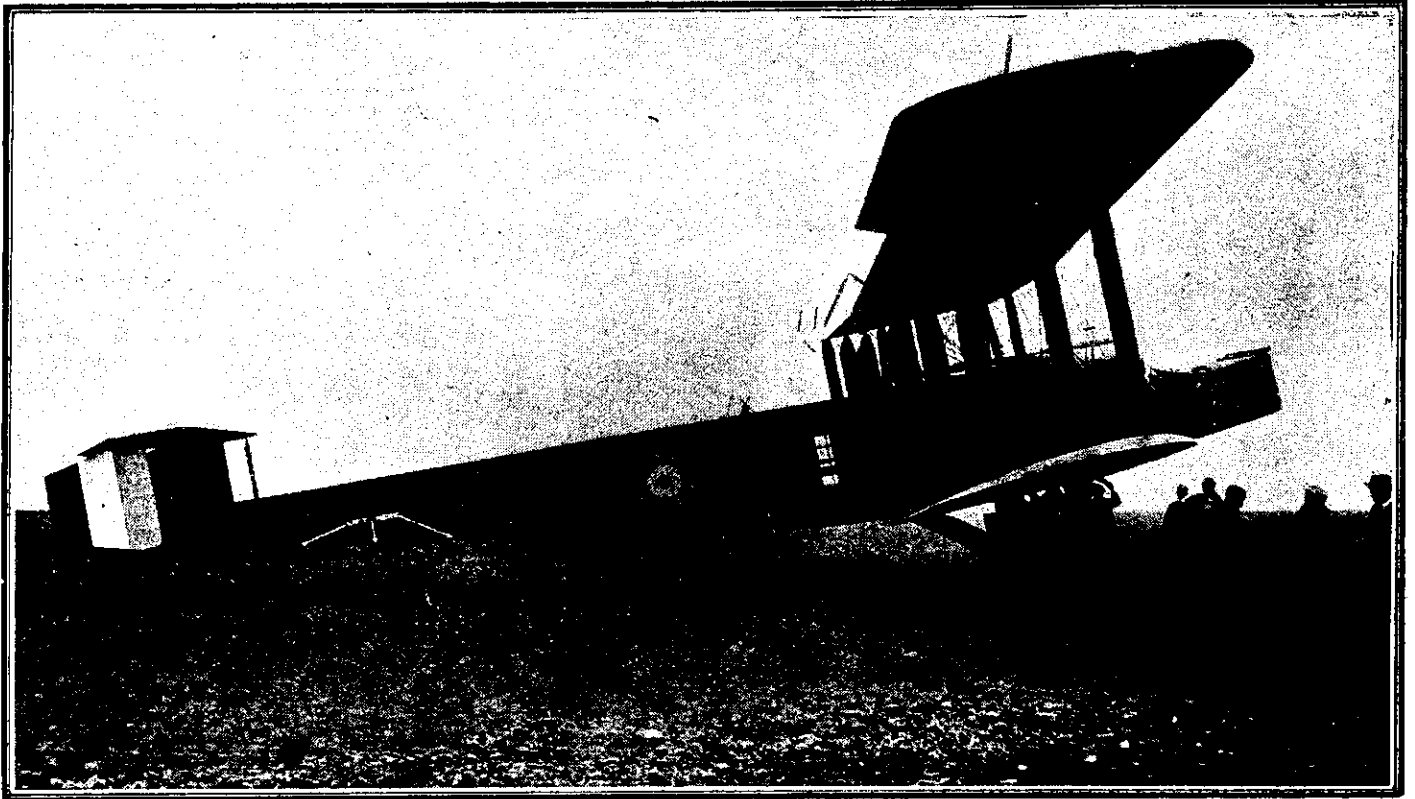
A conference of representatives of local bodies was held at Milton, Otago, last week to discuss the question of heavy motor traffic on the main roads.

Dealing with the great advance in farm tractors, Mr. G. N. Hall stated, before the New Zealand Council of Agriculture in Wellington, that a well-known American motor firm has added 195,000 square feet to their experimental shop, and are now manufacturing small farm tractors on a scale that will not even be eclipsed

by their output of motors. In this tractor factory, they will not only build the motors, transmission gears and radiators, but they intend making their own raw material from the iron ore, and when I was at the factory site last year, they were commencing work on a small canal that was to enable the ore boats to come from the lake direct to the factory.

For 14 days the Horowhenua County Council has taken a tally of vehicles, etc., that have passed a given point in the centre of the county with a view of considering the advisability of erecting toll gates for the upkeep of the main road. As a result it was proved that over £3000 would be secured yearly.

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It should be emphasised that there is nothing to prevent selling at lower prices than those gazetted. It will be a penal offence for anyone, under the regulations, to order or obtain possession of a quantity of petrol which exceeds his average four-weekly requirements, and any holder at present storing petrol will be penalised under the regulations for obtaining supplies in excess of essential requirements for a four-weekly period.

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New motor signals are now in use in America. They are as follows: Arm pointed up means driver will turn to the right. Arm pointed straight out horizontally means driver will turn to the left. Arm pointed down means driver will slow down without turning.

The Borough Council received a complaint from a local resident (says the Manawatu "Standard") against a taxi driver for failing to keep an engagement. The facts as set out were that the driver conveyed a party of visitors to the writer's residence, and an arrangement was made that he was to return in the afternoon to take the visitors to the railway station. He failed to do so, and but for another taxi coming along they would have missed the train which might have meant a serious interference with business arrangements. The council also received an explanation from the taxi driver, who stated that he had had a bad puncture whilst fulfilling an engagement out of town, and could not possibly get back in time. Councillor Crabb said if a driver made an appointment he should arrange with someone else on the stand to keep the engagement if he could not do the work himself. It was decided to ask the driver to meet the council over the matter.

"What is the average life of usefulness of a horse on the city streets?" a witness was asked at the Wellington Magistrate's Court. "Seven or eight years generally, if the animal is well looked after," was the answer, "but its useful life is by no means ended then, for it is good for several more years of farm work on soft ground."

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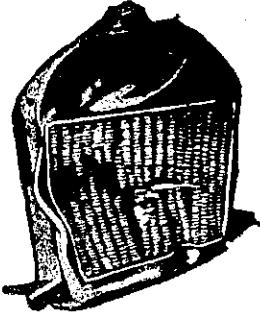
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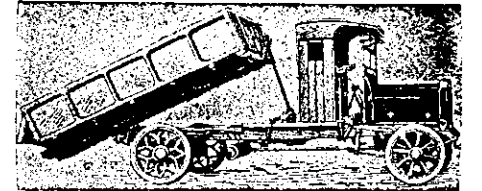
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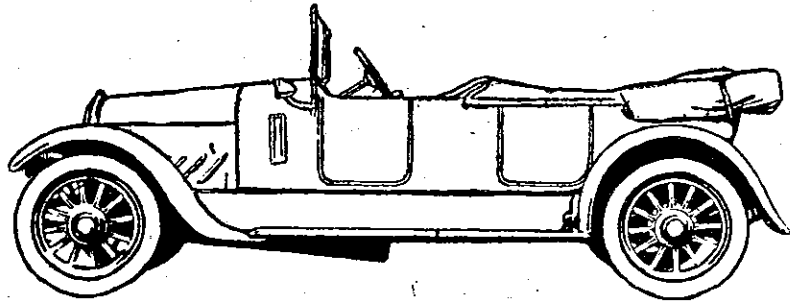
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Mrs. C. E. Maguire and Mrs. J. A. Burmester, of Auckland, have been awarded special Navy League decorations for their services in connection with the Navy League Relief Fund.

Miss Ethel Mountfort, of Wanganui, has left for San Francisco, where she is to be married to Lieutenant E. Claye, at present on military duty in the States, says an exchange.

Mrs. Colville, wife of the late Rev. A. H. Colville, has arrived in England in company with her mother, Mrs. Peat, of Feilding.

A London cable states that Mr. Bonar Law announced that a conference had been appointed to consider the admission of women members to the House of Commons.

Miss Minnie Love wears some commandment-breaking dresses in "The Bing Boys." One is an enchanting scheme of mauve charmeuse and pale blue bespangled ninon, made in long lines closely fitting the figure, and topped with a quaint hat set at the back with coq plumes. Her feather costume was another ravishing creation. It was built of the palest pink ostrich plumes, the flounced skirt being made with slightly bouffant effect, and the bodice faintly glistening with diamante net. The hat was in the same delicate shade as the frock, and was massed with huge graceful plumes in various gradations of pink. Another smart frock struck an emerald green note with a freakish hat, and parasol en suite. The "Chu Chin Chow" costume was all ablaze with glittering gems and was bewilderingly beautiful in every accessory.

Staff-Captain Mary Booth, of the Salvation Army, in France, writes:—"Some people in England seem to think that visitation of hospitals means going round with a handkerchief in both hands, wiping tears away, but this is not so. True, we do sometimes wipe the tears away, but our business is to drive them away. One of our visiting officers is gifted in many ways, but I think her greatest gift is her hearty laugh and charming smile. Only to hear her laugh makes one want to join in, before one actually knows what she is laughing about. The other day she even made a boy laugh who was crying because he could not go to 'Blighty,' and the doctor who happened to be in the ward at the time was so pleased that, turning to the man, he said: 'Your visitor has brought you luck to-day, and I am going to mark you for "Blighty."' Needless to say, there were many longing eyes; they hoped she would stand and laugh by their bedsides."

Sapper T. Larking, N.Z.E., was recently married at Coventry, England, to Miss Carrie Knight, a well-known member of the Blackpool Lyric and Amateur Operatic Society. Mrs. Larking had previously done a good deal of Red Cross nursing, but is now a Government inspector of munitions. Sapper Larking was one of the Main Body.

The work of making the soldiers' Christmas puddings in Wellington has begun. Mrs. Murphy and a party of workers from the Town Hall went out to Ngahauranga last week and commenced operations. A generous gift of 79½ dozen eggs, sent per Mrs. Simpson (Hunterville Patriotic Society) was greatly appreciated.

At the bottom of the Atlantic lies a jewel-bound copy of Omar Khayyam. It was on its way to America in the ill-fated Titanic, which struck an iceberg on its first voyage and foundered.

Miss Hilda Nixon, daughter of the Rev. J. Nixon, of Rotorua, has been spending a few days in Auckland, where she was the guest of Her Excellency the Countess of Liverpool, at Government House. Miss Nixon is recognised as invaluable in patriotic and amateur entertainments, her talent both as a vocalist and pianist causing heavy demands on her services. With her natural buoyancy and effervescing spirits, she cannot help but be a livening factor, while her planologues and character studies are far removed from the amateur status. In fact, serious weight has been brought to bear on the advisability of her taking up a stage career, and there is every probability that some day she will follow it up. At present, however, she shows an enthusiasm in war work that is most inspiring, and her greatest pleasure is to be able to do something for "the boys."



MISS JANET MURRAY, an ardent patriotic worker, who is in charge of the Red Cross Depot in Auckland. It was Miss Murray's suggestion that gave impetus to Alexandra Rose Day in Auckland, which resulted in a sum of £1660.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Morrison, of the Wairarapa, have been on a visit to Auckland.

Speaking at a Red Cross Executive meeting in Christchurch, the chairman (Mr. J. A. Fleisher) said that the administrative expenses were so low that 19s. 8d. out of every £1 received went for the benefit of the sick and wounded. This was on account of the large amount of volunteer work which was being done.

The plainest and simplest costume can be given a touch of distinction and smartness by the introduction of a few beads, and, provided they are carefully and neatly stitched to a foundation, and the colours chosen with some regard to blending, there is little art required in turning the fascinating decoration to account.

Instead of conventional mourning American women will wear a black band on the left arm, with a gilt star on it for each member of the family who has fallen in the war.

Here is a recipe for a dainty dish: Peel and slice six apples, and stew them with six tablespoonfuls of sugar and the grated rind of one lemon. Beat to a pulp, and set aside to cool. Beat the whites of two eggs, and add them to the cold apple pulp. Beat till quite white and stiff, then pile in a glass dish, and serve.

Mrs. A. M. Myers has been spending a few days in Auckland.

Mrs. P. Pittar, of Gisborne, is spending a holiday in Auckland.

Miss Gwladys Cundy, of Feathers-ton, is on a visit to Auckland, and is the guest of Mrs. C. Jansen, Takapuna.

Miss Rima Young's frock was much admired by the feminine portion of the English Pierrots' audience on Saturday night. Composed of soft filmy ninon, it had loose strappings of pale blue satin ribbon about an inch in width on the skirt and bodice, while in lieu of sleeves were bands of blue tulle, and the waist was finished with bunchy tulle bows in the same shade, setting its dainty wearer off to perfection. And, by the way, she makes all her own frocks.

A wedding of much interest was celebrated at St. Peter's Church, Willis Street, Wellington, on July 15, when Miss Janet Ola Stout, daughter of the Chief Justice, Sir Robert Stout, and Lady Stout, was married to Captain Trevor Holmden, M.C., of the Worcestershire Regiment, son of Mr. Holmden, of Kelburn. Captain Holmden left New Zealand with the Main Body, N.Z.E.F., and has served with distinction in Gallipoli and Mesopotamia. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Wellington, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Kempthorne. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a coat and skirt of cream gaberdine and large hat of leghorn with blue brocaded ribbon bow and large pink rose. She carried a bouquet of violets and freezias, and wore her mother's wedding veil as a scarf, with pretty effect. The bridesmaid was Sister Cronin, of the Napier Hospital, who wore a navy blue costume and black velvet hat, and carried a bouquet of violets. The two little children of Mrs. Webb (sister of the bridegroom) also attended the bride, the little girl wearing white muslin with a blue sash and black velvet hat, and the boy in Scout costume. Mr. Thorne George was the best man, and Dr. Kington Fyffe presided at the organ. A reception was held after the ceremony by Sir Robert and Lady Stout at their home on The Terrace. Only the relatives of the bride and bridegroom were present, and a few old friends, including Sir John Findlay, and Miss McDonald, matron of the Napier Hospital. The wedding was a violet one, the table being decorated with these flowers, which also appeared on the wedding cake. The bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon in a car decorated with the Union Jack, Scottish, and New Zealand flags, while a returned soldier, in uniform, was the chauffeur. Captain Holmden, who is on furlough, returns shortly to the front.

Here is an interesting fashion note from Paris:—"Heads are receiving an unusual share of attention just at present. In the evening some extraordinary jewelled head-dresses have been worn with the demi-toilette, which, by the addition of a film of tulle at the neck, keeps within the law, or the military ban, against evening dress. The first maisons of Paris are making these picturesque head-dresses for their clients, probably to the despair of the remaining coiffures. Hats, too, are being adapted to the individual type more and more. Fifteen years ago, only one firm in Paris actually built hats upon the heads of its clients, laying the material, fold by fold, and pinning it into place. Today, almost all the milliners make individual models in this way. Therefore, the hat of the moment is almost never seen upon the head of a woman of the real world. It is this fact that makes a fashionable gathering so interesting to a student of models. Turbans of black satin, draped in Hindoo style, are very popular, as are satin hats loosely veiled with tulle."

At St. Aidan's Church, Remuera, on July 16, the wedding took place of Miss Edie Ellen Gill, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. W. Gill, Cameron Street, Remuera, to Captain A. McGregor Grant, who is on the medical staff of the Auckland Hospital. The bride was charmingly gowned in white georgette mounted on silk with court train lined with pale pink. Her tulle veil was arranged in a coronet fashion, and she carried a lovely bouquet. The bridesmaid was Miss Emmie Gill, who wore a white crepe de chine frock with panels of lace and a smart black straw hat banded with pink tulle. Mr. Hubert Coates was best man, and the Rev. A. Fowler was the officiating clergyman. After the ceremony a large number of guests were entertained by the bride's parents, a large marquee being erected on the lawn, and the customary toasts were felicitously honoured. Dr. and Mrs. Grant are spending their honeymoon in Melbourne.



COUNTESS MARKIEVICZ, who took an active part in the Sinn Fein movement, and has since been arrested.

As an example of war prices, the Hon. T. M. Wilford remarked in Wellington that a quantity of linen, drill, and other materials, which could have been bought for £1400 four years ago, cost £3460 to-day.

A baby carnival held in the Tokomaru Bay district resulted in £2778 11s. being raised for patriotic purposes.

The engagement is announced of Professor Park, of Otago University, to Miss Janie Gray, daughter of Mr. James Gray, Milton House, St. Clair, Dunedin, says an exchange.

Miss Laura Barnes has returned to Christchurch from Australia.

Captain Hartnell (a returned soldier) has informed the Mayoress of New Plymouth that mittens are a most acceptable gift to send soldiers on active service, and should be sent during August.

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Robertson have arrived in Wellington from England, and are the guests of Mrs. Shircliffe.

In order to extend the usefulness of the St. Helens hospitals it has been decided by the Minister for Public Health to open an outdoor department to furnish advice to expectant mothers.

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Sir Robert Stout, Chief Justice, is at present on a brief holiday visit to Rotorua.

LADIES' GOLF.

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT AT HAMILTON.

The championship tournament held by the Hamilton Ladies' Golf Club on July 10th, 11th and 12th was well supported by Auckland golfers. The links were in splendid order and the play throughout the tournament was excellent. Some of the visitors put in very good scores. The final of the championship for the Ellis Challenge Cup attracted a number of spectators, who saw a good match between the Misses S. and M. Payton.

The first round of the championship was as follows: Miss M. Macfarlane defeated Miss Z. Provis, 2 up; Miss S. Payton defeated Miss Wilkinson, 5 and 4; Miss M. Payton defeated Miss Cussen, 5 and 4; Miss Upton defeated Mrs. Dargaville, 3 and 1. In the second round Miss S. Payton defeated Miss M. Macfarlane, 4 and 3; Miss M. Payton defeated Miss Upton, 6 and 5. In the final, Miss S. Payton defeated Miss M. Payton, 1 up at the eighteenth hole.

The other events were won by the following:—First Medal Handicap: Miss M. Macfarlane, 98—21—77. First Bogey Handicap: Mrs. D. Hay, 1 up. Second Medal Handicap: Miss Z. Pro-

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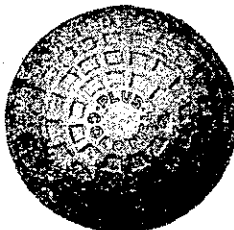
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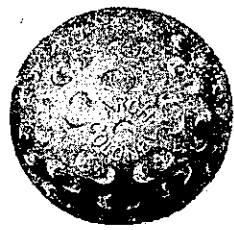
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LYRIC THEATRE.

"THE DEEMSTER."

Dan Mylrea, the part played by Derwent Hall Caine in his father's picture which is to be produced at the Lyric Theatre on Saturday, August 3, under the aegis of E. J. Carroll, is the son of the Bishop of the Isle of Man. The Bishop wants Dan to become a minister, but he prefers to be a fisherman. The Deemster has a son and daughter, Mona, who agrees to marry Dan when he can obtain her father's consent. Her brother, Ewan, becomes Dan's bitter enemy when the Deemster tells him that Dan is secretly meeting Mona at night. Ewan assumes there is something dishonorable in these meetings and vows to kill Dan. In a fight Ewan is killed and his body buried at sea. But it comes back with the tide, and Dan is held for murder. The Bishop is forced by the Deemster to preside over his son's trial, where the only possible verdict is guilty and the punishment is death. But the Bishop condemns Dan to be cut off from the people, no tongue to speak to him, no hand to touch him, and in death no hand to bury him. For seven years Dan lives an exile, when a plague visits the island and the Bishop sends for an Irish monk who has an antidote for this dread disease. The monk comes to the island, but is shipwrecked and dies in Dan's arms. Dan disguises himself as the monk and returns to his people, administering the antidote for the plague and saving the lives of the people. So runs this powerful and absorbing story, its power being accentuated in the film by wonderful photography.

Miss Edna Keeley, Allen Doone's leading lady, is an actress with a pretty feminine charm set off with a pleasing brogue, and all her movements are easy and natural. The passages in her love scenes with Mr. Doone are daintily given, and the more serious phases of the different roles are marked with genuine feeling. Miss Keeley has a large number of friends in the Dominion who are bound to give her a hearty welcome.

"Have you seen Muriel Starr with 'The Man Who Came Back?'" were the words that glared at the clever American actress from every wall in Melbourne. Having a sense of humour, Miss Starr enjoyed the joke as much as the publicity man who had been responsible for it. The result was an impetus to the boom "The Man Who Came Back" has been enjoying at the Theatre Royal.



MR. MAURICE LYNCH, a popular member of the Allen Doone Company.

The first play chosen by the United States Government to tour the various military camps in America is "Turn to the Right," the charming piece J. and N. Tait presented in Australia and New Zealand.

Miss Emilie Polinic (starring in "De Luxe Annie") was awarded the "Green Room" cake for June.

Miss Ethel Bashford, of the Allen Doone company, is a niece of Miss Maggie Moore, and has had many useful hints in stage lore from her talented aunt.

At the Grand Opera House, Wellington, members of the theatrical fraternity farewelled two members of the Stage Employees' Union now in camp, Messrs. J. Foley and C. Malin. The Hon. T. M. Wilford made a speech, and musical items were contributed by Miss Patsie Hill, and Messrs. G. Ivanoff and F. Dennett, and Mrs. Summers. The two guests received wristlet watches, Mr. McKenna making the presentation and wishing the recipients luck and bon voyage. Opportunity was also taken to make the function a send-off to six other members of the union who are shortly entering camp.

Mr. John Hopkins' two attractions both started off auspiciously on their Dominion tour. Signor Cappelli created a regular furore in Auckland at his four concerts, and the Scarlet Troubadours simultaneously made good in Wanganui.

J. C. Williamson's "Dick Whittington" Pantomime Company held a three days' billiard tournament at Christchurch on July 16, 17 and 18, at the Commercial Travellers' Club. The final drew a large audience on the 18th inst., and resulted in a popular win for Mr. Arthur Stigant (the Dame). Mr. Stigant owed 20 points. Mr. Billy Le Brun (the Cat) was the runner-up. Mr. Stigant in a neat speech thanked the club, who had not only placed their billiard-room at the actors' disposal, but also donated the first prize, a handsome case of pipes.

Mr. Maurice Lynch, well-known to theatregoers throughout the Dominion, has toured America since his last visit to New Zealand. When Mr. Doone re-formed his company he cabled for Mr. Lynch, who is invaluable in character work, and again secured his services.

Mr. Alf. Truda, of Wellington, has been engaged by Mr. John Hopkins as interpreter and translator on the Cappelli tour. The translations appearing on the programmes prove most helpful to patrons in following the Italian excerpts, and as Signor Cappelli speaks very little English, Mr. Truda's services are freely requisitioned.

Murry Livingston, the famous American protean actor, who will be a star feature at the Opera House, Auckland, has an act of many excellencies. First, he never leaves the stage and what time his body is being garbed in strange raiment his head is seen by the audience and he continues to talk behind a curtain, while his fingers are busy with buttons and hooks. Livingston, therefore, never breaks the continuity of his act, which describes Life's Dreamers. His changes of costume are managed with amazing rapidity. Four and a-half seconds only are taken to make the transformation from a tattered miser with greasy locks and ragged clothes to an immaculate man about town. Livingston promises to be one of the finest features the Fullers have introduced. He is a big salaried man and he gives good value.

"I was never in doubt as to how Australian audiences would accept Mr. Guy Bates Post from the time I first saw him in New York, eight months ago," says Mr. E. J. Tait of J. and N. Tait, under whose direction Mr. Post is visiting Australia. "I have been in touch with theatrical affairs for the past eighteen years, and something would have been radically wrong if Mr. Post had not been the boom he is. The standard of theatrical production in Australia is very high, comparing with other parts of the world, and consequently theatregoers are very discerning and will not have productions which might possibly be successes elsewhere; but give them a play or an artist of more than ordinary merit, then they flock to support the attraction."

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TOURIST AND TRAVELLER

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. S. E. McCarthy, S.M., of Napier, has been promoted to be Senior Magistrate for Christchurch, in place of Mr. H. W. Bishop, retired on superannuation, and Mr. C. E. Cutten, S.M., to be Senior Magistrate at Auckland, in the room of Mr. C. C. Kettle, S.M., retired on account of ill-health.

News has been received in Wanganui of the death at Darnley, Yorkshire, of Mr. Herbert Briggs, at one time conductor of the Wanganui Garrison Band.

Gunner W. Hunter-Gray, a Main Body man, who has been on service for over three years and a-half, has returned to the Dominion on three weeks' furlough.

Mr. Thomas Moss, of the National Efficiency Board, states that over 20,000 farmers and farm labourers in the Dominion have already been accepted for military service abroad.

Mr. A. A. Winslow, American Consul-General, has received advice that his late secretary, Sergeant S. D. Hill, has been accidentally killed. The late soldier was a native of Kentucky, U.S.A., and was the first American to enlist from Auckland under his own nationality.

"I hope sincerely," said the Minister of Agriculture at the Council of Agriculture in Wellington last week, "that this will be the last year of this dreadful war. Last March the outlook was very black, but now that it is known definitely that America has 1,000,000 men in the field there is a feeling of greater confidence."

Mr. B. E. Murphy, M.A., B.Com., LL.B., has been appointed lecturer in economics at Victoria College. Mr. Murphy is at present a partner in the legal firm of McIntyre and Murphy, Feilding.

Mr. J. M. Baxter, secretary to the Franklin Agricultural and Pastoral Society, Pukekohe, has been appointed secretary to the Waikato Agricultural and Pastoral Association.

Mr. T. W. Leys has been re-elected chairman of the Auckland University Council.

Mr. W. G. Rae, Australasian representative of the London Polytechnic, who has been on a visit to the United States, passed through Wellington recently on his way back to Melbourne.

Dr. Walshe, who has been in charge of the Thames Hospital for some years, has been accepted for military service, and leaves early in August.

One applicant before the Service Board at Te Aroha stated that his poultry had returned him 10s. per head clear last year. His gross return from his farm of 25 acres last year was well over £400. The Board complimented him on the results of his efforts practically single-handed.

Mr. J. Beswick, postmaster at Lyttelton, has been transferred to Tauranga.

The Auckland Education Board has decided not to appeal for any teacher called on active service.

According to a statement made by the Hon. A. M. Myers, acting-Minister for Finance, the revenue for last month was £1,616,916, as compared with £1,325,912 for the same month last year, an increase of £291,004.

Mr. A. B. Speakman, late of the Huddart-Parker Company's service, died at Auckland on July 12. Mr. Speakman was well-known in shipping circles, and to the travelling public some years ago, when he was a purser on a number of the company's steamers. When the company opened a branch office in Auckland, Mr. Speakman was appointed chief and claims clerk, from which position he retired about a year ago owing to his health failing. He was 39 years of age.

M. Chayet is being succeeded by M. Campana as Consul-General for France in Australasia. M. Campana has been attached to the French Ambassador's staff in London.

A hare drive at Waipiata for the benefit of the patients in the New Zealand military hospitals at Home, resulted in a bag of 114 hares, secured by 13 guns.



MR. HARRINGTON REYNOLDS, who will make his reappearance in Auckland with the Allen Doone Company.



DERWENT HALL CAINE (SON OF THE AUTHOR, HALL CAINE) AND MARIAN SWAYNE in "The Deemster," a super feature film to tour New Zealand for the first time, opening at the Lyric, Auckland, on August 3.

"We must do more for the returned soldiers," said Sir J. Carroll at a meeting of the Gisborne Trotting Club. "These boys come back, they have done their bit, and yet you allow them to roam about. The Government are to blame."

At a meeting of the Ashburton Acclimatisation Society, held recently, it was decided to make an offer to the Canterbury Society to restock the Rakaia and other rivers in Canterbury with yearling trout, the Ashburton Society agreeing to defray its share of the cost up to £40. Mr. J. M. Cambridge tendered his resignation as a member of the Council, after 30 years' service, and it was decided to place on record the Society's appreciation of the valuable work he had done in the interests of the Society.

At the civic reception in Wellington to M. Chayet, ex-Consul-General for France in Australasia, Captain Barclay waxed enthusiastic about the French people. "They are," he said, "the people who cannot be dismayed, the people who cannot be beaten, and the people of whom Germany is eminently afraid."

The Otago Acclimatisation Society is taking practical steps to improve the fishing at Tomahawk Lagoon next season, says the "Daily Times." Quite recently 240 trout of fair size, which had been taken from the Water of Leith and stripped, were liberated in the lagoon. Last year 1000 two-year-olds were put into the lagoon, many of which must still remain there, so that anglers ought to meet with good sport in the coming season.

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The challenge of the Canterbury branch of the Red Cross Society to lay a copper trail between Dunedin and Christchurch has been accepted by the Otago branch. The trail will be laid on the basis of 2s. per yard, and each branch aims at raising £40,000. The funds raised by the Otago branch will be devoted to the British Red Cross Society and the Soldiers' Convalescent Home at Montecillo. It is intended to start the laying of the trail early in August, and the effort will be brought to a close on October 18.

During the last passage of the Moe-raki from Wellington to Sydney service was held on board on Sunday, both morning and evening, and the offertory was devoted to the relief of the shipwrecked seamen of the Wimmera. One of the saloon passengers asked the officiating minister to suggest that, in addition, a concert be held on the following day (Monday), and the proceeds added to the Sunday offertory (£3 12s.); and still another suggested the taking of a subscription list round the saloon passengers, offering to head the list himself. These suggestions were acted upon, with the result that a further sum of nearly £23 was added to the fund, which totalled over £31 at the close of the concert. This amount was handed to the captain by the promoters, for the relief of the wrecked seamen of the steamer Wimmera as a thank-offering to Almighty God for their own immunity from the perils of the deep. The captain, in returning thanks for this contribution to the funds of the Royal Humane Society for the relief of shipwrecked seamen, stated that, owing to the casualties at sea occasioned by the war, the society required every penny that could be raised to meet the demands upon its resources.

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Speaking at the public meeting held last week in Palmerston North under the auspices of the Second Division League, Mr. D. Buick, M.P., who was present by invitation, said that he was not going to make any pledges to the meeting nor was he going to tell any tales out of school, but the Financial Assistance Board was not carrying out the intention of Parliament. There was too much "cheese paring," and while he did not know if the Board or the National Government was to blame, it was quite safe to say that matters were not always satisfactory. He felt that the time was not far distant when they were going to have a great national upheaval, and the National Government would not come out on top. "I do say," said Mr. Buick, "that we could do very well with a change." A voice: When are we going to get a chance? Mr. Buick: "It is no use; you can't get Parliament together. They are on top; you won't get a chance." Parliament would not be called together until the two wanderers came back, and he believed Parliament would be called together about the last week in October. Then there would be a pretty stormy sitting.

In the course of a tour in Australia, Mr. R. A. Wright, M.P. of Wellington, was greatly impressed with the prosperity which was everywhere in evidence. Statistics gave solid proof of the wealth of the community in the value of products exported, and the people and places of business confirmed the evidence of the statisticians. "If the spectre of drought does not loom up," said Mr. Wright to a "Post" reporter, "Australia is in for a boom time; but already the absence of rain in New South Wales is creating an uneasy feeling. There has been no rain for five months, and people are recalling the signs and experiences which preceded the big drought of 1895, and the seven lean years following."

The Thames has lost one of its best-known identities in the death of Mr. John Watson. A native of Glasgow, Mr. Watson came to New Zealand in 1863, and was associated with the firm of A. and G. Price, engineers and ironfounders, from the time of its establishment at Onehunga in 1868, first as its accountant, and eventually as a member of the partnership. In 1872 the firm removed to Thames, where it erected engineering works



PRIVATE ROLAND V. CONWAY, of Greenlane, Auckland, who has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field of action. Private Conway, who is a son of the Auckland trainer, P. Conway, is the first jockey in New Zealand to receive the Military Medal.

Captain T. W. Wilcox, assistant marine superintendent at Lyttelton, has been appointed chief clerk in the Marine Department.

The annual value of the New Zealand war pensions now amounts to £1,364,143.

Mr. J. McCarroll, of Aratapu, has been presented with an illuminated address by the Auckland Commercial Travellers' Association, in recognition of the aid he has given the association in raising money for patriotic purposes.

Professor Goddard, of Stellenbosch University, has announced that he proposes to lead a South African expedition to Enderby and Kemp Lands (in the Antarctic) after the war, undertaking geographical exploration of 2500 miles of coastline and other investigations.

which eventually expanded into one of the largest iron manufacturing establishments in New Zealand. Mr. Watson took a prominent part in military affairs in the early days, when Thames was in its heyday of volunteering. A couple of years ago he came up to Auckland to live, and settled at Remuera, where his death occurred. He is survived by Mrs. Watson, six sons and two daughters. One son has lately returned from the front, and another is a member of the Royal Army Medical Corps. Messages of condolence have been received from all parts of the Dominion and overseas.

A committee has been formed in London in connection with the New Zealand High Commissioner's Department to secure war trophies for a war museum.

Second Lieutenant A. H. King, of Wanganui, who left New Zealand as a private in the Second Reinforcements, has been awarded the Military Cross.

Private Ralph S. Murphy, formerly of Napier, and well-known in the wool business, has been chosen from those permanently unfit for field service as instructor in wool-classing, etc., to convalescent soldiers in England.

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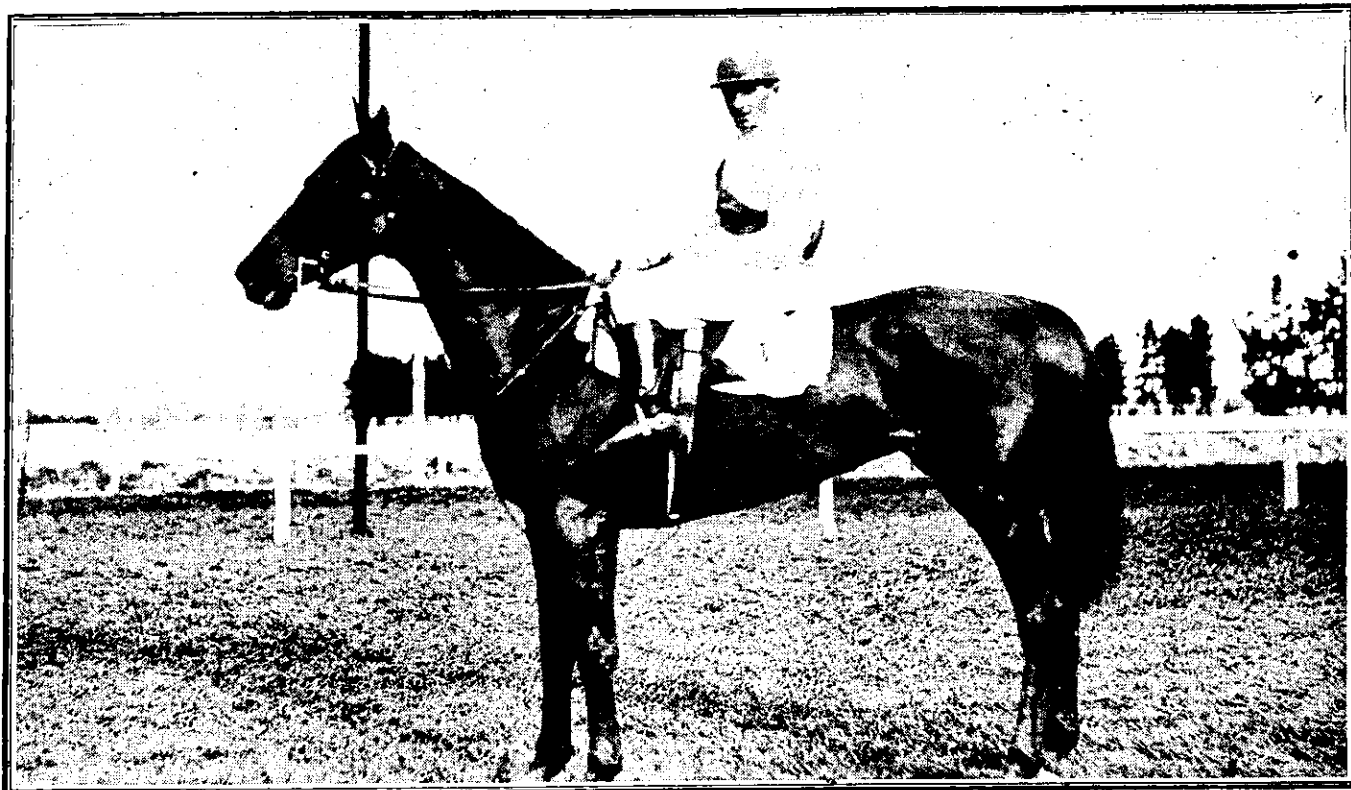
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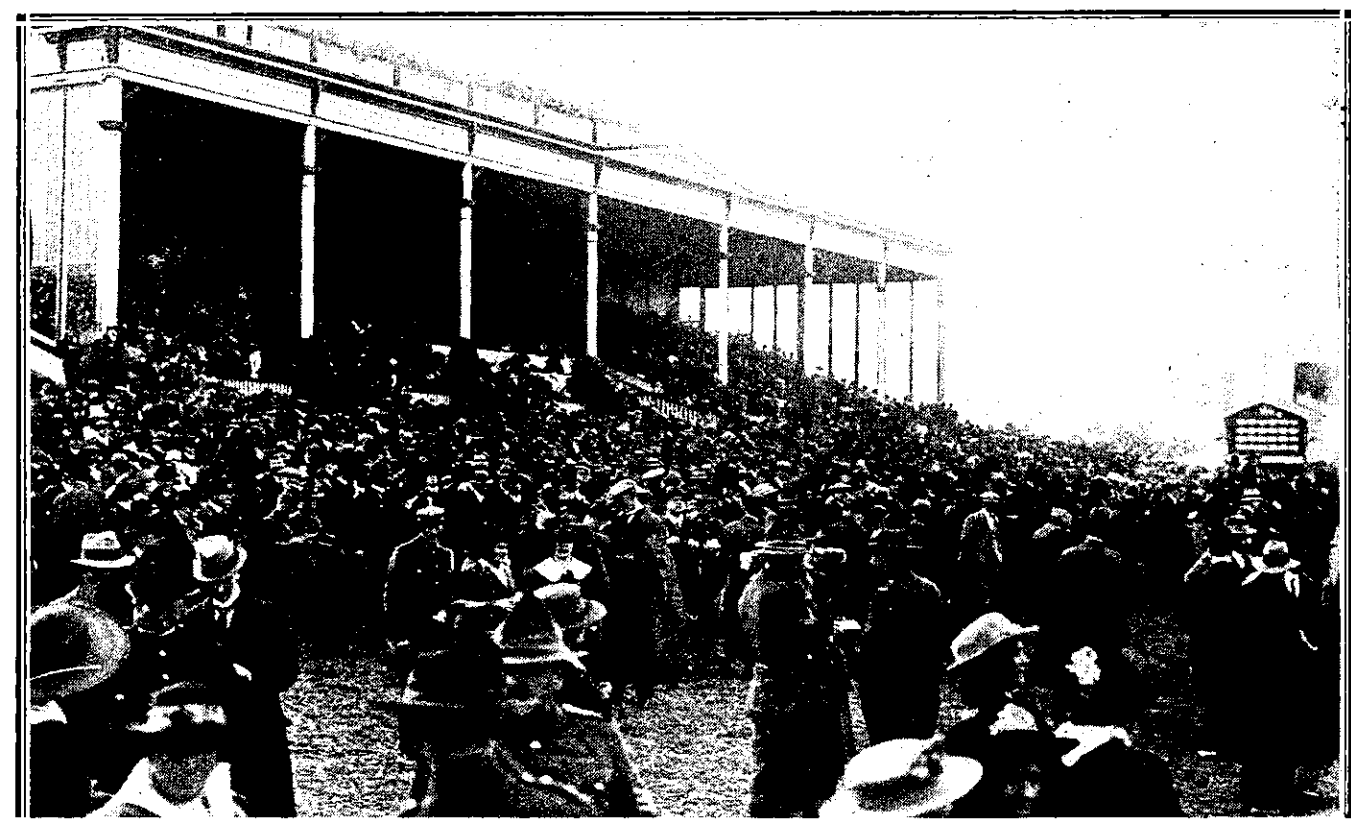
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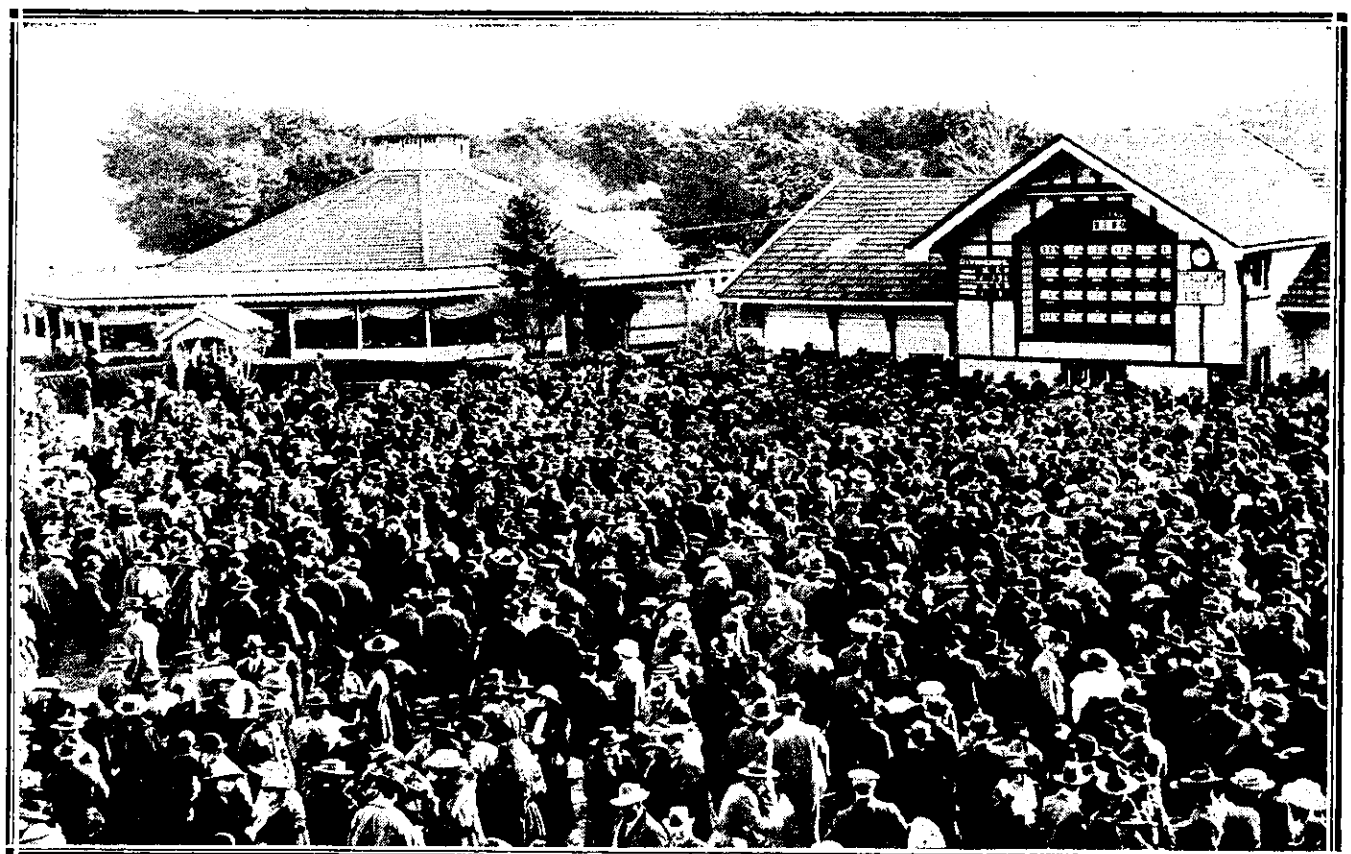
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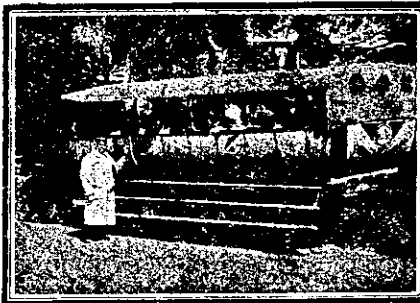
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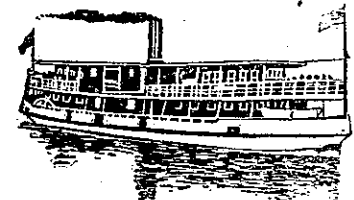
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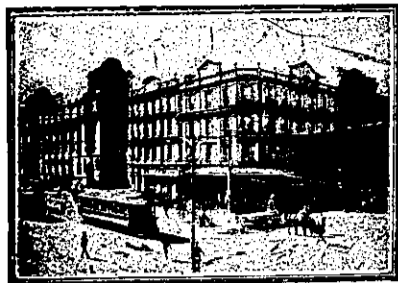
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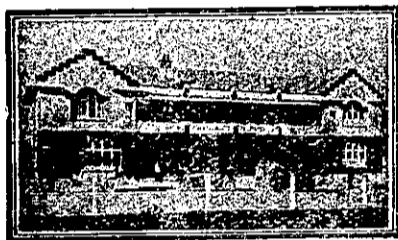
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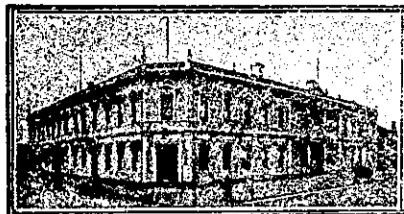
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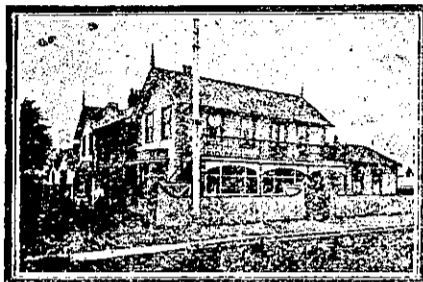
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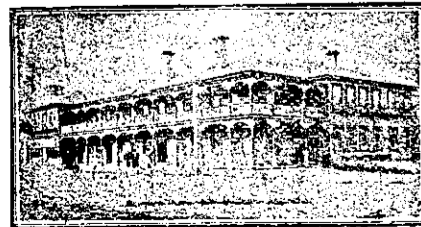
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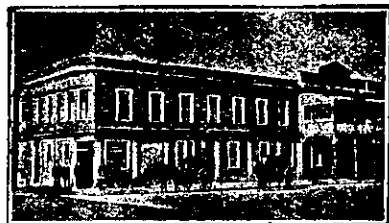
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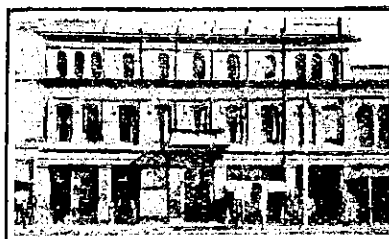
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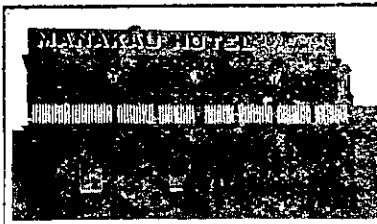
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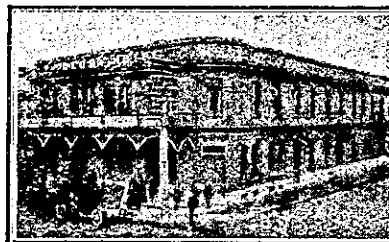


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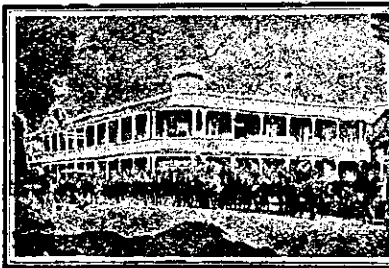
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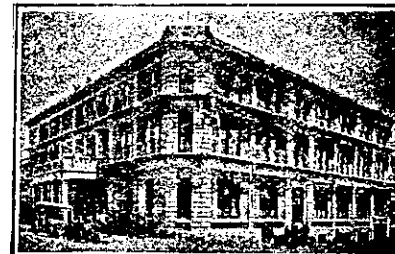
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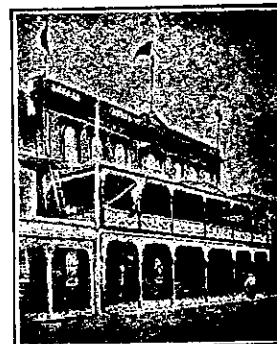
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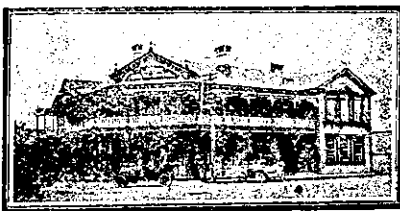
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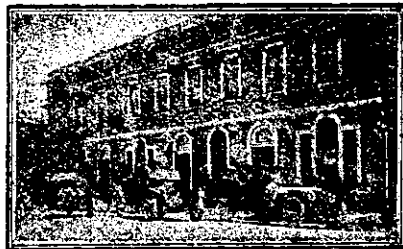
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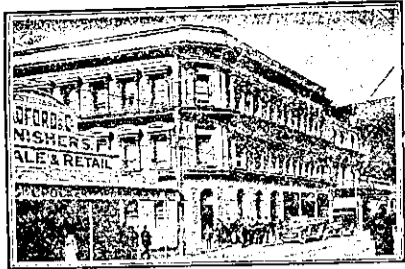
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