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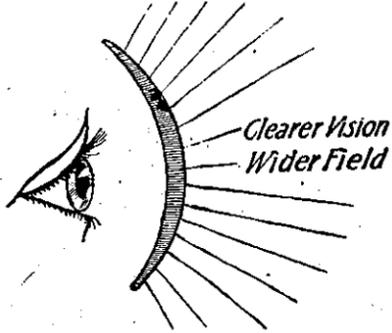
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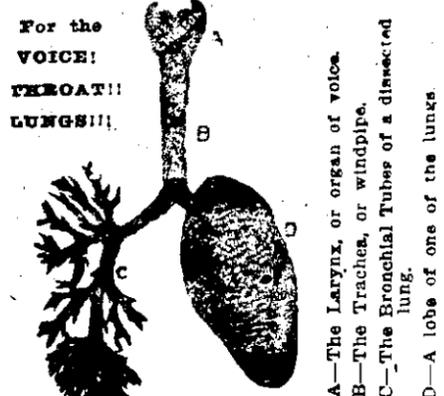
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DATES OF NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1918.

SATURDAY AND WEDNESDAY,

SPRING MEETING, 1918,

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.J.C.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, BY 5 P.M.

NOVEMBER 2 AND 6, 1918.

NOMINATIONS.—Maiden Plate Handicap 1sov, Grey Lynn Handicap Hurdle Race 1sov, Avondale Cup 1sov, Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Henderson Handicap 1sov, Hack Welter Handicap 1sov, Flying Stakes Handicap 1sov, Kingsland Handicap Hurdle Race 1sov, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Plumpton Handicap 1sov, Mount Albert Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, President's Handicap 1sov, New Lynn Hack Handicap 1sov, Nihotapu Welter Handicap 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENTS.—Avondale Stakes (1918) 3sovs, Avondale Guineas (1918) 3sovs.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, BY 5 P.M.

ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Plate Handicap 1sov, Grey Lynn Handicap Hurdle Race 1sov, Avondale Cup 2sovs, Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Henderson Handicap 1sov, Hack Welter Handicap 1sov, Flying Stakes Handicap 1sov.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 (at post). ACCEPTANCE.—Avondale Cup 3sovs.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, BY 5 P.M.

ACCEPTANCES.—Kingsland Handicap Hurdle Race 1sov, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Plumpton Handicap 3sovs, Mount Albert Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, President's Handicap 1sov, New Lynn Hack Handicap 1sov, Nihotapu Welter Handicap 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 (on or about).

HANDICAPS.—Avondale Cup Handicap, Flying Stakes Handicap, Maiden Plate Handicap, Grey Lynn Handicap Hurdle Race, Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap, Henderson Handicap, Hack Welter Handicap.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

HANDICAPS.—Kingsland Handicap Hurdle Race, Nursery Handicap, Plumpton Handicap, Mount Albert Steeplechase Handicap, President's Handicap, New Lynn Hack Handicap, Nihotapu Welter Handicap.

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FIRST DAY.

To start at or about 12.15 p.m.

- 1. JUNCTION HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from stake, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Five furlongs. Nomination 20s, acceptance 30s.
2. FIRST HURDLES HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from stake, and third horse 10sovs from stake. The winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra. One mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
3. ROSELAND HACK HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from stake, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Winner of the Junction Handicap to carry 7lb extra. Six furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
4. SPRING HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs from stake, and third horse 15sovs from stake. The winner of any race of the value of 50sovs or upwards after declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra; of 100sovs, 10lb extra. One mile and a-quarter. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s.
5. FIRST WELTER HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from stake, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Seven furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
6. MAIDEN SCURRY of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from stake, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Weight, 8.0. Winners on the flat at any time barred. Four furlongs and a-half. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
7. FLYING HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs from stake, and third horse 10sovs from stake. The winner of any race of the value of 50sovs or upwards after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb; of 100sovs, 10lb extra. Six furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s.
8. OCTOBER HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from stake, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Winner of any previous race to carry 7lb extra. One mile. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.

SECOND DAY.

To start at or about 12.15 p.m.

- 1. SECOND WELTER HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from stake, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Seven furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
2. MAIDEN SCURRY of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from stake, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Weight, 8.0. Winners on the flat at any time barred. Four furlongs and a-half. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
3. FLYING HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs from stake, and third horse 10sovs from stake. The winner of any race of the value of 50sovs or upwards after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb; of 100sovs, 10lb extra. Six furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s.
4. OCTOBER HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from stake, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Winner of any previous race to carry 7lb extra. One mile. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.

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3. FLYING HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs from stake, and third horse 10sovs from stake. The winner of any race of the value of 50sovs or upwards after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb; of 100sovs, 10lb extra. Six furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s.
4. OCTOBER HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from stake, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Winner of any previous race to carry 7lb extra. One mile. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.

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3. FLYING HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs from stake, and third horse 10sovs from stake. The winner of any race of the value of 50sovs or upwards after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb; of 100sovs, 10lb extra. Six furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s.
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PROGRAMME.

- 1. HUNTERS' FLAT RACE HANDICAP of 120sovs; for qualified hunters, season 1918; second horse to receive 20sovs, and the third horse 10sovs from the stake. Gentlemen riders. Minimum weight, 10.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a distance.
2. TONGAHOE HACK HANDICAP HURDLES of 150sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and the third 15sovs from the stake. Over six flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. high. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile and a-half.
3. TAWHITI HANDICAP (Open) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and the third horse 15sovs from the stakes. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Six furlongs.
4. NORTH TARANAKI HUNT CUP HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE, 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. WAHAI 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 STEEPLCHASE, 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, Wahai 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.

Important Note.—Qualification certificates of all hunters' events must be produced at the scales. 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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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1918.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race of any description at time of starting. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

GREY LYNN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, two miles.

AVONDALE STAKES of 500sovs; second horse to receive 60sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. The breeder of the winner to receive 25sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Colt, 8.0; fillies and geldings, 7.9. By subscription of 3sovs each, payable on the night of general entry. Distance, four furlongs.

AVONDALE CUP HANDICAP of 800 sovs; second horse to receive 70 sovs, and third horse 30sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs and 3sovs at post. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLCHASE HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For hacks and qualified hunters. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, about three miles.

HENDERSON HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, seven furlongs.

HACK WELTER HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won a flat race of 150sovs in value, or flat races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of entry. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, one mile one furlong.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1918.

KINGSLAND HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

AVONDALE GUINEAS of 400sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. The breeder of the winner to receive 25sovs out of stake. Colts, 8.10; fillies and geldings, 8.5 each. By subscription of 3sovs each, payable on the night of general entry. Distance, one mile.

PLUMPTON HANDICAP of 450sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Distance, one mile and one furlong.

MT. ALBERT STEEPLCHASE HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, about three miles.

THE PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

NEW LYNN HACK HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won a flat race of 150 sovs in value, or flat races of the collective value of 400sovs at time of entry. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

NIHOTAPU WELTER HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

Nominations and Acceptances to be forwarded to the Secretary, at the Club's Office, Childers Road, Gisborne. NOMINATIONS for all events close at 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1918. WEIGHTS declared for First Day's Events on or about FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11. ACCEPTANCES for the whole of First Day's Events close at 3 p.m. on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19. WEIGHTS for Second Day's Events declared about 8 p.m. on OCTOBER 24 (night of First Day's Races). ACCEPTANCES for whole of Second Day's Events close at 9.30 p.m. D. R. DeCOSTA, Secretary.

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SPRING MEETING.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1918.

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LEADING SIRES OF THE SEASON.

NOTICE TO STUDMASTERS.

We wish to direct the attention of the owners of stallions to the special opportunities offered through the columns of the "New Zealand Sporting and Dramatic Review" for bringing under the notice of breeders throughout the Dominion the leading sires that are available during the present season. The "Review" each week reaches racing and trotting men in every corner of New Zealand, and no better medium for advertising the different stallions that will be at the service of breeders during the next few months could be obtained than this widely read paper.

Announcements of stallions taking up stud duties will be inserted at a reasonable charge, and a special feature made of reproducing photographs of each sire, together with an article dealing with his pedigree, performances and other qualities. Any further particulars required may be obtained from the offices of the "N.Z. Sporting and Dramatic Review," Box 52, Auckland.

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BY STEPNIAK—MADDER.

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MADDER is the dam of Munjsta (winner C.J.C. Oaks) and dam of Indigo (winner of N.Z. Cup and other races), Rose Madder (dam of Sea Pink, winner of many races), Rubia, Munjeet and Ukraine (dam of Sasanof, winner of Melbourne Cup and other good races).

ALL RED is a beautiful dark bay, 16 hands 2 inches high, on real good feet, with plenty of bone of good quality. He is without a doubt Stepniak's most commanding son, and although he has had but few chances, his stock won just on £5000 last season.

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ALL RED himself was a proved racehorse, and won over all distances, carrying tremendous weights, and Mr. J. H. Prosser, who prepared him for all his engagements, will say one of the most courageous and best constituted horses that he ever put a saddle on.

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HEATHER MIXTURE (IMP.), 12.

By ST. SERF (8), Dam SPRIG OF HEATHER.

(For extended Pedigree, see N.Z. Stud Book, Vol. VII.)

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THE IMPORTED THOROUGHBRED HYMETTUS (16).

Sire CYLLENE, 9 (sire of four Derby winners), dam SWEET BALSAM, by Friar's Balsam (2), dam Ennerdale, by Galliard (13) dam Thirlemere, by Don-Castor (5) dam Windermere, by Macaroni (14) dam Miss Agnes, by Bird-catcher (11) dam Agnes, by Clarion (6).

CYLLENE was a good winner himself and his son Polymelus (3) is now the leading sire in England. His sire Bona Vista (4) is one of the most successful of the sons of Bend Or, from the Isonomy (19) mare Arcadia, who was from The Hermit (6) mare Distant Shore, who was from Land's End, by Trumpeter (1) from Faraway, by Young Melbourne (25) from Maid of Masham.

HYMETTUS is rich in Stockwell and Touchstone strains, and has already proved himself a worthy sire, member of the great Agnes family from which so many brilliant racehorses and sires have descended. He was fourth on the list of winning sires in New Zealand last year, and with 20 winners of place money, including that exceptionally fine colt Hymestra and his full sister Torfreda, has done better than most imported horses the same time at the stud. His progeny are sound and brilliant and for early speed commend themselves. He was a good horse himself, and has thus plenty of credentials for sire purposes.

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LEADING SIRES. — CONTINUED.

TO STAND THE SEASON AT BRACKENFIELD.

B H NASSAU (1910),
A PROVED FOAL GETTER.

THIS beautifully-bred horse was purchased by Mr. G. L. Stead at the highest price ever paid for a stallion imported to New Zealand.

NASSAU did not race at two years old, but he started his turf career by winning the Newmarket Biennial Stakes (one mile), beating Pilliwinkle, winner of the Ascot Derby, Diadumenos and six others.

NASSAU also beat China Cock at weight-for-age.

At four years he won the Manor Handicap (one mile and a-quarter), at Haydock Park; he dead-heated with Asparagus in the Somersetshire Stakes Handicap (one mile and a-half), giving him a year and 10lb; he won the August Handicap at Haydock Park (one mile and a-half), carrying top weight (9.5); and wound up his winning career by annexing the Duke of York Stakes (one mile and a-quarter), at Kempton, carrying 8.1, and beating a particularly strong field consisting of Green Falcon, Wrack, Diadumenos, Carrancho, Honeywood and Wassilsea (winner of the Coronation Stakes).

In the two seasons Nassau won £1700 in stakes, started in 25 races, winning six, and was placed in seven.

On breeding he is by St. Simon's successful son WILLIAM THE THIRD, who was not only a great racehorse but who has been the most prolific sire of winners of any of St. Simon's sons with the exception of Desmond, but William the Third is rapidly overhauling his famous relative, Nassavian, winner of the Princess of Wales Stakes, is by William the Third.

Amongst his winners are Winkipop (£12,175), Willonyx (£11,217), Trois Temps (£8618), Ronde de Nuits (£7583), Roseworthy (£7036), King William (£5228), Battleaxe (£4447), Birlingham (£3579), only to mention a few.

On his dam's side Nassau is a representative of one of the, if not the, most successful branch of the No. 3 family. His dam, STOLEN LOVE, was the dam of Wrinkler, who started in five races at two years old, winning two and running second in the other three. Pietri beat him a head in the Champagne Stakes. Hair Trigger II, who won nearly £8000, beat him when receiving 6lb in the Boscawen Stakes, and Steadfast, who won nearly £27,000, beat him a neck in the Prendergast Stakes, and Steadfast was receiving 9lb. Unfortunately, Wrinkler died early in his three years old career. Cythera, also out of Stolen Love, won the Acorn Stakes.

The descendants of Nassau's great grand-dam, Carina, have been continuous in their successes. Her son, Bruce, was unbeaten in four starts at two years old, won the Grand Prix, and ran fourth in the Derby, his only performances, and he has been very successful at the stud in France. Stolen Love's half sister, Sterling Love was dam of Stirrup Cup, Wedding Bell (dam of Rice), Sarchedon and Kissing Cup, the latter being dam of Cupbearer, Goblet and Tankard. Stirrup Cup was dam of Staz, a good performer in Hamburg, and her daughter by Royal Hampton is dam of two Dutch St. Leger winners in Royal Flower and Royal Blue.

Going a little further back in the pedigree, Estelle was a half sister to Velocipede and Meropie, the great grand-dam of Blacklock's greatest descendant, Galopin. Other great sires from this family include Sir Peter Teazle, Tramp, Stockwell, Ratanian, King Tom, Toxophilite, Musket, Kettledrum, Lanercost, Atlantic and Windhound, only to mention a few.

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PANMURE (IMP.), 2, 1912.
Panacea Forfarshire (6)

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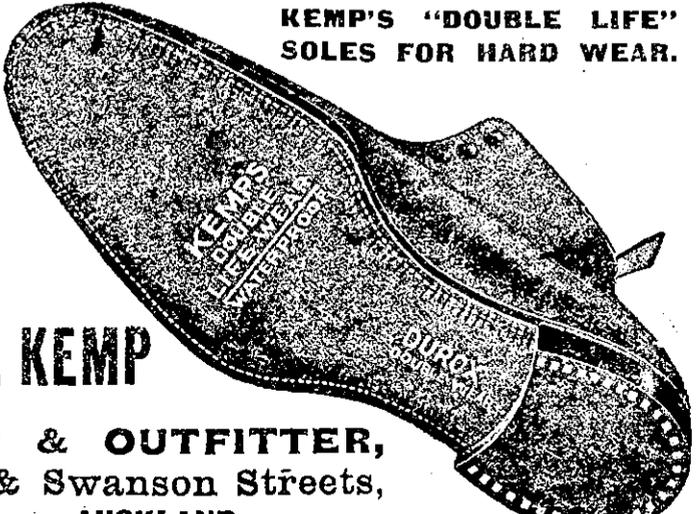
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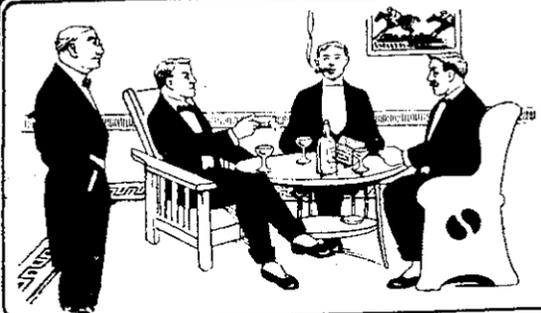
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NEW ZEALAND'S PRIME MINISTER (HON. W. F. MASSEY) OPENS A MOTHERCRAFT TRAINING CENTRE IN LONDON. The Hon. W. F. Massey lately opened at Earl's Court, London, a Mothercraft Training Centre on New Zealand lines. He said that 15 years ago his Government established a Public Health Department. Unofficially connected with that department was a voluntary organisation for motherhood training and infant welfare. Through its agency thousands of infant lives had been saved, and the death rate per 1000 of children under 12 months was now only 48, as compared with 100 in Great Britain and the United States, and from 75 to 125 in Australia, Canada and South Africa. DR. TRUBY KING, who left Dunedin specially with a view to assisting in the great movement at Home for the preservation of infant life, is shown on the left of picture.



BELGIAN ORCHESTRA ARRIVES IN LONDON. THE ORCHESTRA, COMPOSED OF BELGIAN SOLDIERS, WHICH RECENTLY PAID A VISIT TO ENGLAND, IS SHOWN ARRIVING AT VICTORIA STATION, LONDON, WHERE THEY WERE MET BY COUNTESS CURZON OF MEDLESTON.



THE CLUBMAN

Place betting has been largely looked for on Australian racecourses, and would have still been popular with a section of racegoers, but in order to turn people to the totalisator the Government decreed that bookmakers must not go on on those lines. At the annual meeting of the Australian Jockey Club, on this subject Mr. Adrian Knox, chairman, said he had often been amazed at the odds accepted by the public from the placefielders. Commenting on this, the "Bulletin," which cannot be accepted as an advocate for the bookmakers in the light of its policy towards them in the past, says: "There is nothing remarkable in this, but it would be interesting to know whether Mr. Knox's amazement extends to the odds the public take about places under the 60, 20, 20 totalisator system. It cannot have escaped his notice that the odds are often more wildly insane than anything the most ravenous placefielder ever tried to perpetrate. There are occasions when there are no odds at all—when the backer of a second or third runner is handed back less than he put up. If there is anything to be said for such happenings as that this page would like to hear what it is, but though the request for information has been many times made nobody breaks the silence. Take the second and third place-bets paid by the machine at Rosehill on Saturday: Maiden—13 to 1, evens. Highweight—First division, second horse backers lost 25 per cent. of their stake, third 2 to 1; second division, second backers lost 40 per cent. of their stake, third backers laid 20 to 1 'on.' Rosehill Handicap—5 to 2 and 2 to 1. Parramatta Mile—Second backers lost 20 per cent., third 7 to 1. So in five races the punter on a place could find a place-getter each time and lose on three."

There are some weak points about place betting per medium of the machine. In Australia they are getting to learn that there is a difference between accepting fixed odds against or laying stated odds on, and putting money in the machine and having the odds regulated by the investors, so that it becomes a gamble as to what the investor may receive back. The 1-2-3 system, or the 1-2 system as we have it in New Zealand, may be right enough for those who like it, but if it had not been for the fractions by dividing up the money into two dividends the system would have been much longer in being introduced on New Zealand courses. The practice of calculating dividends on the ten shilling basis and not paying out fractions of a shilling was all against backers, and the broken money, even to fractions down to sixpence, must have amounted to a very large sum since the alteration came about. We have always believed that the straight-out machine was the best for the speculating owner as against the cutting-up system. If there had always been one on our courses we are sure that a lot of money that the pencilers have diverted would have found its way on to racecourses. There would certainly have been less double betting, though there will always be a section—and a very large section—of the public trying to win large sums for small investments by backing horses before the day and taking the chance of them running. As matters stand in New Zealand, unless an owner breaks the law—more honoured in the breach than in the observance by many, who run the risk of disqualification—and backs his horse straight out for some important stake with the pencilers, who only operate on a few races in New Zealand in that way, he must either bet 1-2 or not at all. He may feel that nothing short of an accident will prevent his horse winning and put, say, £100 in the machine. The moment he does so he knows he is contributing nearly £13 for the privilege. The pool, which his hundred has swelled to the extent of £87, is divided, £75 per cent. to the winner and £25 per cent. to the second. If his horse should win he gets a fourth less than if the straight-out business was in vogue. Of course, there is the other side of the picture. By a bit of unexpected bad luck, or good luck, his horse only manages to get second.

Under the circumstances it is nice to get back one's stake, a bit more for preference, or a bit less to soften the blow of an unexpected defeat.

Preparations for installing the new Julius totalisator are proceeding at Ellerslie. The first step in that direction has been to demolish the machine set up a few years ago, and which has done so much good service in a short while. It was generally credited with a capacity for doing more business in a stated time than anything in the same line seen in the Dominion, but while it was equal to the work required of it, and might have lived on keeping up its favourable record for some years, the advantages claimed for the new machine which is to take its place are said to be much superior, and there is less risk of a breakdown, and the certainty of being able to cope with a still larger volume of business in less time should it be forthcoming, which

In the report of the annual meeting of members of the Australian Jockey Club, the chairman (Mr. Adrian Knox) stated that the first estimated cost of installing the totalisator at Randwick, which we remember seeing stated would be about £65,000, had far exceeded the committee's expectations and had reached to £82,000. This meant, of course, for the machinery and the elaborate buildings to house the staff. Complaints in connection with the working and paying out at the totalisator at Randwick were made at first, and no abnormal business has been reached so far from a New Zealand point of experience, but it takes people who are new to the work time to get into the right groove, and it is said that expert New Zealanders have expressed surprise that so much has already been accomplished and so few shortcomings have been recorded. What New Zealand experts in totalisator workings do not know would be

to reveal, but we are assured that what business is done will be done with even greater expedition than before, and if horses are not required to be out so long before every race, and paying out methods show corresponding improvement, and people in the paddock, like those outside, can get sums of ten shillings on when they do not want to speculate in larger amounts, then there will be nothing wanting.

The performance last week of the eight-year-old pacing stallion Our Thorpe, who put up an Australasian record of 2min. 6 1-5sec. for a mile against time at Addington, in Canterbury, is one of which his present owner and his breeder and lovers of the American sport, which has taken deep root in this country, should be proud. It has always been claimed that the son of imported O.Y.M. and Lady Thorpe, who was got by Young Irvington and bred by the late Mr. Henry Mace, could do even better than he achieved on Friday, and there was some talk two seasons back of taking him to America. He, however, acquired a habit of jumping as if over shadows on the track, just as horses do that are short-sighted, and on one occasion, if not on more, fell while racing at the top of his speed. It is very pleasing indeed that he has come up fit and well after an easy time last year, during which he only started once in the autumn, in March, and once last June. On the first occasion a second to Cathedral Chimes, who had raced three times previously during the season, went down to him, the going being very heavy, and the next time he was set to give the winner, with whom he was bracketed on the machine, 6secs. Each of the races referred to were over a mile and a quarter. He has been kept going, with the result that he has confirmed the good opinion A. Fleming, his owner and driver, has always held of him. There is no doubt he is a great miler. He is now King of Australasia as a mile pacer, and Adelaide Direct, whose 2min. 6 2-5sec. he beat, is still Queen.

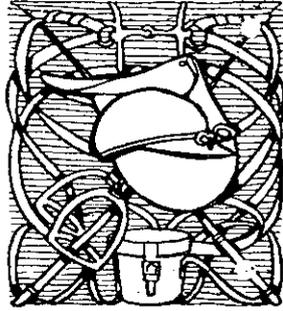
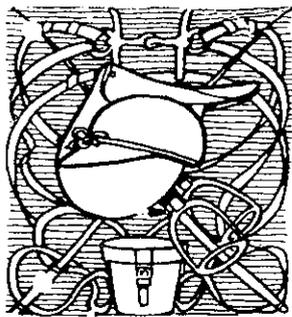
It is interesting to note in the above connection that the handicaps for the New Zealand Trotting Cup have appeared, and as that race is the most valuable in the southern hemisphere, the doings of the sixteen horses engaged during the next twelve weeks will be noted as keenly by the followers of that branch of racing as will be the doings of the horses to be nominated later for the New Zealand Cup. Cathedral Chimes, who was second last year to Adelaide Direct, conceding that mare 3sec., is this year asked to give her 5sec. Adelaide Direct started thirteen times and that was the only race she won. One such stake a year, however, will pay. With that exception, Cathedral Chimes won each of his other four starts afterwards, and it is likely that if he had had a race or two previously, as the mare did, he would have been much closer than four lengths. He beat her in the Free-for-All two days later over a mile and a quarter, and has proved a great consistent horse in his races. If Our Thorpe and Cathedral Chimes and more of the good ones meet in the Free-for-All in November that race should prove of as much interest as any in the trotting and pacing calendar. Whether any of the southern cracks will come to Auckland later in the season and attempt to lift the mile and two-mile purses that are always hung up by the Auckland Trotting Club remains to be seen. We trust that they may. This club has a most attractive programme for the coming season, and the Auckland Trotting Cup is now of more value than any other race in New Zealand next to the New Zealand Trotting Cup, and every inducement is held out for the owners of good ones to continue their visits. They carried away just about half the prize money given in the Auckland province last year, and the visitor is always welcomed, and if he can win in an open field he deserves to do so. Thanks to the efforts of a good many Auckland residents who are in the game now, the southerners do not have matters so much their own way as they were wont to do.



CAPTAIN RICHARD J. SEDDON, of Wellington, who was killed by a shell in France on August 21 last, four days after he reached the front. Capt. Seddon, who was 36 years of age, was a son of the late Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, a former Prime Minister of New Zealand, and saw active service during the South African war.

seems likely in the ordinary course. It is better to be prepared for extraordinary increases than to be behind as was sometimes an experience at Ellerslie until the Julius machine was installed. The advantages of the machine which has been discarded were so much superior to the old ones that it was at once apparent to us that from its use business would be of the up-grade order and more general satisfaction all round would result. We were not mistaken, but at the same time we would have hesitated to gamble largely on the length of its existence, worked as it was on wires which might have required some replacing. The new machine will be worked by electric power when installed by the Auckland Racing Club, but in the meantime by oil engines, and it will, so we are assured, be second to no other so far provided in the Dominion or the Commonwealth, though that at Randwick, installed by the same company, is on a more extensive scale. What the cost of the new machinery will amount to we have not heard officially, but that it will be fairly large goes without saying, and in time we shall know.

worth learning. We invariably hear them quoted as authorities. Perhaps it is because New Zealand clubs on an average have a larger turnover than those in the totalisator States of the Commonwealth, in some parts of which a lot of expense has been incurred in getting the necessary machinery to cope with less business than New Zealand clubs have been getting through. It may be that New Zealand racegoers have more wealth per head on an average than those who attend meetings in the totalisator States where the bookmakers are not working and diverting money, but many clubs have more meetings during each season than New Zealand clubs, and consequently the people in particular areas are being more frequently taxed. If there were double the number of days' racing at Ellerslie during each season we might be certain that the totalisator turnover would average less than for the fewer number. We may expect, while inflated prices continue for our exports, that there will be increased business at the totalisators throughout the Dominion. Whether that will be so at Ellerslie this season with new machines installed remains for time



RACING NEWS

RACING FIXTURES, 1918.

Sept. 11—Dannevirke R.C.
 Sept. 19—Egmont R.C.
 Sept. 19, 20—Ashburton County R.C.
 Sept. 23—Otaki Maori R.C.
 Sept. 26—Geraldine R.C.
 Oct. 3—Kurow J.C.
 Oct. 11, 12—Dunedin J.C.
 Oct. 17, 18—Masterton R.C.
 Oct. 24, 25—Poverty Bay T.C.
 Oct. 26, 28—Wellington R.C.
 Oct. 28, 28—Gore R.C.
 Oct. 28—North Canterbury and Oxford J.C.
 Oct. 28—Waverley-Waitotara R.C.

EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

Thursday, September 12.

Handicaps Otaki Maori R.C. spring, on or about.
 Handicaps Egmont R.C. spring.

Saturday, September 14.

Acceptances Egmont R.C. spring, at 3 p.m.

Monday, September 16.

Acceptances Otaki Maori R.C. spring, at 8.30 p.m.

Friday, September 27.

Nominations for all events (including entries for Trial Stakes) Masterton R.C. spring, at 5 p.m.

MASTERTON RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

The Masterton Racing Club will hold their spring meeting on Thursday and Friday, October 17 and 18, and there is good reason to anticipate a record gathering being experienced. The fact of the meeting being a two-day one will undoubtedly cause many owners and trainers from various parts of the North Island to take their charges to Masterton, as in these days of restricted racing the opportunity thus offered by the Masterton Club of having two days to race on is becoming more and more of a rarity, especially during the spring, and an extra day's racing means a big consideration to those who travel with their horses any great distance. Many advantages may be claimed in favour of a two days' meeting, which particularly in the eyes of the visiting contingent is a decided boon. Trainers often travel considerable distances with their horses, and through some ill luck, either at the starting barrier or during the running of the race, are deprived of a stake which in ordinary circumstances would in all probability have come their way. In the case of the one-day meeting such trainer, unless he should happen to have the horse engaged in another event to be run later in the day, has to make the journey home by no means satisfied with the result of his enterprise. Where another day's racing is provided the outlook is an entirely different one. It gives the trainer a chance to again run his horse on the following day, and win or lose, he must naturally feel much more satisfied with the result than if the opportunity is not available at the meeting in question to test his horse's capabilities on the same course. Another claim often advanced in favour of the two days' meeting is that a horse is frequently benefited by his first day's engagement, and is given an excellent chance to earn distinction on the second day of the fixture, whereas in the case of a one-day meeting the horse, who is undoubtedly improved by his gallop, may possibly have to be taken a lengthy journey to some other meeting run a fortnight after or even later, and as often happens to be the case fails to give the same promise as on the occasion of his previous appearance with the colours up, the interval between his two engagements probably meaning the loss of a good stake. This circumstance, however, does not apply in all cases, as some horses have the happy knack of retaining their form despite arduous travelling, while others appear to be at home on the various courses throughout the Dominion.

The Masterton Racing Club's two-day meeting can, therefore, be relied upon to attract very wide attention, the stakes offered being of a most remunerative character, while the

varied nature of the programme will meet with the appreciation of the club's patrons. The principal event is the Masterton Cup Handicap, of 240sovs (one mile and a-quarter), for which a good entry is assured. The Flying Handicap (open), of 200 sovs (six furlongs), is certain to attract a high-class field, especially in view of the fact that there are now many racing establishments in the Wairarapa which shelter a fairly large number of eligible candidates. In addition to the events named, the following other races are set down for decision on the opening day:— Trial Stakes, of 115sovs, five furlongs; Ladies' Purse Handicap, of 125sovs, one mile and a distance; Masterton Hack Handicap, of 140 sovs, one mile; Ruamahunga Hack Handicap, of 120sovs, six furlongs;

dicap, of 120sovs, six furlongs; and the Electric Hack Handicap, of 115 sovs, five furlongs.

Nominations for all events (including entrance for Trial Stakes) close with the secretary, Mr. A. Hathaway, Box 90, Masterton, on Friday, the 27th inst., at 5 p.m.

The well-known English trainer, W. T. Robinson, died on July 1. He trained the winner of the Lincolnshire Handicap three years in succession, the successful horses being Clorane, Winkfield's Pride and Prince Barcaldine. For some years he trained for Mrs. Langtry, and won races for her with the Australians, Mer-man and Maluma. Craganour was a notable horse that Robinson had in his charge.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

The Wellington Racing Club have now issued particulars of their two days' spring programme, which comes up for decision at Trentham, on October 26 and 28, and a glance through the 16 events will convince turf enthusiasts that the club are sparing no effort to make the forthcoming gathering a record one in every respect. In several events substantial increases have been made in the stake money, and the splendid inducements offered to horse owners should result in both islands being well represented at Trentham at the end of next month. The big event of the meeting, the Wellington Handicap (one mile and a-quarter) has been raised in value from 500sovs to 650sovs, and apart from the various cup contests, is one of the richest handicaps in the Dominion. The fact of that important North Island two-year-old classic event, the Wellesley Stakes, of 750sovs (four furlongs), also being run on the opening day will lend additional interest to the afternoon's proceedings, it being expected that a good field will be on hand to dispute supremacy in the juvenile ranks. The Shorts Handicap (six furlongs) is now worth 400sovs, and can be depended upon to induce a particularly strong nomination. The Taita Handicap, of 200 sovs (four furlongs), for two-year-olds, is also set down for decision on the opening day, in addition to which the following events will also be run: First Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase, of 200sovs, two miles and a-half; Rimutaka Handicap (hack conditions), of 200sovs, one mile; October Handicap (hack conditions), of 200sovs, six furlongs; and the Wainui Handicap, of 200sovs, one mile.

Principal attention on the second day will be centred in the Champion Plate, of 800sovs (a cup valued at 100sovs and 700sovs in specie), weight for age, to be run over a mile and a-quarter course. This race is certain to attract a good field, as with Desert Gold away in Australia owners may be expected to nominate much more freely for this event, which, on the last three occasions has been won by the brilliant daughter of All Black—Aurarius. The Pearce Handicap, of 500sovs (one mile), has been raised 100sovs in value since last year, and prospects for a splendid field should be particularly bright. The chief sprint event on the concluding day is the Nainai Handicap, of 300sovs (five furlongs), while another two-year-old event, the Juvenile Handicap, of 350 sovs (five furlongs), is also down for decision. Other events, figuring on the concluding day's programme are as follows: Second Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase, of 200sovs, two miles and a-half; Tararua Handicap (hack condition), of 200sovs, one mile; Spring Trial Stakes, of 200 sovs, seven furlongs; and the Ruahine Handicap (hack conditions), of 200sovs, six furlongs.

Nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr. A. E. Whyte, on Friday, September 27, at 5 p.m., while weights for the first day's events will be declared on Friday, October 11.

H. Gray has been engaged to ride Mr. C. G. Dalgety's horses at the Dunedin meeting next month.

The well-known hurdle horseman, Stan. Reid, has been called upon to again appear before the C2 Medical Board. This will probably interfere with his proposed trip to Sydney for the big Randwick fixture.

Last year's New Zealand Cup winner, Menelaus, has been entered for the open sprint race at Otaki.

Among the entries for the Steeplechase at the Otaki meeting, to be held on Labour Day, is the ex-Karamu hurdler, Bollin. Another well-known hurdler entered for the same event is Jem.



GLADFUL (Stan. Reid) returning to scale after winning the Rangitikei Steeplechase (three miles) at the Marton Jockey Club's spring meeting last week. The second horse is MERRY JACK (A. McDonald).



Mr. A. Atwood's b h BRONK DELAVAL, 6yrs., by Seaton Delaval—Aerial Fire. F. Corlett in saddle. Trained by owner.

Opaki Welter Handicap (open), of 200sovs, one mile; and the Dash Hack Handicap, of 115sovs, five furlongs.

The chief attraction on the second day will be the Waipipi Handicap (open), of 215sovs (one mile and a distance), in which the Cup candidates of the previous day will have a further opportunity of landing a valuable stake. The Telephone Handicap (open), of 200sovs (five furlongs), and the Final Welter Handicap (open), of 200sovs (seven furlongs), will also create wide attention from trainers, while a feature of the second day's programme is the inclusion of the Juvenile Handicap, of 170sovs (for two-year-olds). The remaining events to be decided are the Hack Hurdle Handicap, of 150sovs, one mile and a-half; Grandstand Hack Handicap, of 130sovs, seven furlongs; Railway Hack Han-

The running off of Arlington at the Marton meeting once more brings up the everlasting question of placing hurdles right across the course (remarks the "New Zealand Times"). There can be no valid reason at all why that should not be done; indeed, it is pure conservatism that prevents the idea being put into operation to-day. Take two of the prominent jumpers about these parts to-day, Arlington and Ormesby. They would just as soon run off at a fence as take it, and the next day they, or either of them, would sooner take the jump than shirk it. This running off business is far too common for the financial comfort of the average punter, and the sooner the possibilities of it are minimised to a degree unrecognisable without the aid of a pair of ten-cylinder prisms, the better for all.

INTERPROVINCIAL

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

WELLINGTON.

Notes on the Marton Meeting—Promising Performers Seen Out at the Fixture—Detroit's Convincing Win in Big Event—Penury's Rose's Popular Victory—Cherry Mart Coming on Nicely—Valuable Addition to J. W. Scott's Team.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Returned visitors from the Marton Jockey Club's spring meeting speak of the gathering as being highly satisfactory, while the racing during the afternoon provided a maximum of excitement. Several excellent dividends were returned, and in only three events were the favourites successful. Taken right through, the fixture was an unfortunate one for punters through the continued defeat of several well-backed candidates.

A. Ward, the capable New Plymouth cross-country horseman, headed the list of winning jockeys at Marton with a couple of wins to his credit. Others to salute the judge (Mr. R. H. Aldworth) were C. Reed, R. Reed, Stan. Reid, F. Corlett, P. Raynor and H. Gray.

Paraoa (King Rufus—The Boyne) gave a splendid initial effort over the small sticks at Marton. The gelding gives every promise of developing into an ideal hurdler.

Vacuum looked a little backward at Marton, but the gallop freshened the black fellow up considerably, and in the near future the horse should be seen under favourable circumstances.

In Whetoki, a six-year-old gelding by Master Laddo from Laurestina, the "Parorangi" sportsman, Mr. E. Short, has a horse that should develop into a capital cross-country performer.

Undecided was well fancied by his connections in the Hack Hurdle Race

at Marton, but failed to get amongst the money. The old fellow showed some dash, and a hurdle race may not be beyond his tether during the next few months.

Utuiwai was unfortunate at Marton, but the bay son of San Fran—Waingongono should soon be doing owner D. W. McKegg, of Shannon, some useful service.

A. E. Barnett, at Levin, has his galloper, Toddy, fast getting up to concert pitch. The five-year-old will be amongst the runners at Otaki on the 23rd inst.

As expected, Matatua, trained by C. Pritchard, at Trentham, won the Trial Plate at Marton in very convincing manner. The three-year-old returned a dividend out of all proportions to the excellent gallops that he had been registering on the tracks. The son of Birkenhead—Sunbonnet should be heard of again in the near future.

Moutoa Ivanova, the full sister to Sasanof, ran very creditably at Marton for a green one. The three-year-old certainly shaped well enough to suggest that she should do yeoman service for Mr. F. S. Easton when more matured.

Contrary to expectations the Trentham stable of H. Telford went through the Marton meeting without a win. The team, viz., Devotion, Cotillion and Bo-Peep, all looked well to the eye, and should, with ordinary luck, soon be getting amongst the winners.

It was unfortunate for the Foxton owner-trainer, Alf. Wright, to be robbed of the stake in the Hack Steeplechase at Marton through his horse, Foeman, going inside a flag and being disqualified for the race, which he won very easily. As the gelding was paying an excellent dividend, the loss to Wright was of a substantial nature.

Trainer T. Coleman, who is training Mr. H. McManaway's galloper,

Rio, nearly sprang a surprise on his friends when the black gelding ran third in the Marton Handicap last week. The six-year-old was paying a substantial dividend.

Detroit's win in the Marton Handicap did not come out of its turn, and the brown gelding's success was well anticipated. Trainer E. Penman has the son of Frisco in rare buckle just now, and he must be kept in view for the future.

There are quite a number of critics who are positive that we did not see All Over in his true light at Marton. After the gelding's meritorious display at Riccarton it came as a surprise to find the five-year-old finishing in the ruck last week.

When occupying a prominent position in the Rangitikei Steeplechase Arlington ran off at the brush double. The chestnut can be depended upon to make some amends in the near future, as he is a splendid jumper.

One of the most popular wins at Marton was that of Penury Rose, who is trained by the veteran, R. Knox, at Opaki. The cheering for the winner and owner continued for some time after the horse had returned to the enclosure. The gelding is a good sort, and the success was quite expected by track watchers at Opaki.

W. G. Emeny, mine host of the Royal Hotel, at New Plymouth, has a useful sort of a galloper in Melita, a six-year-old by St. Paul from a Foulshot mare. In Percy Coffey's hands the gelding will have every opportunity of undergoing a thorough preparation.

Friends of C. Millen, the well-known Normanby trainer, were quite taken back by the unexpected surprise he sprang on them last week when Coropett, trained by him for the native owner who races as "Mr. Egmont," won the Railway Handicap from a "hot" field and returned his admirers on the totalisator a dividend of over a quarter of a century. "Plain Bill," as he is familiarly called, was heard to remark that he has another "dark" horse in preparation, who will be heard of in the near future.

Amongst the visitors to Wellington last week was Mr. W. E. Bidwill, the well-known and popular sportsman, of Rototawai, whose many friends will welcome the intimation that he

is at present enjoying the very best of health.

Mr. E. Short's brown colt, Demos, is coming on well, and should soon be getting his head in front. The three-year-old can certainly gallop to some purpose.

The bay filly, Cherry Mart, by Birkenhead from Martia, is coming on nicely under Sid. Reid's guidance at "Wapping Lodge," Awapuni. This bearer of Mr. J. Goring Johnston's colours should soon be accounting for a race or two. By the way, the same owner's galloper, Turpenite, failed to show up at Marton, which is unaccountable after the chestnut's forward running at the recent C.J.C. meeting. His turn, however, may come in the near future.

J. W. Scott, the well-known Trentham trainer, has received an addition to his team by the arrival of a three-year-old full brother to Expect, by Advance—Endeavour, who is built on unmistakable galloping lines. The newcomer shows excellent sprinting powers on the local tracks.

Mr. R. W. Paterson, the well-known ex-metallician and owner of that brilliant mare, Solution, who is now living in retirement in Wellington, has received advice that his second son, Mr. Edward Paterson, who was an engineer on the s.s. Hurunui when that steamer was torpedoed in the English Channel and was amongst the saved, reached London in a suit of pyjamas and without a penny in the world. He subsequently joined the s.s. Kaikoura, and was landed at Newport News, to be operated upon for appendicitis. At latest accounts he was progressing favourably. It may be mentioned that Mr. Paterson lost his only other son, who was killed at Gallipoli while serving his King and country.

The many friends of Mr. M. C. O'Connell, for many years associated with racing affairs in the Wairarapa and now residing in Wellington, where he has been suffering from a severe illness, will be glad to know that he is now on the mend and will soon be well enough to take a greater interest in his favourite pastime. By the way, Mr. O'Connell is represented in racing in Victoria by a couple of excellent gallopers, who are being trained by Maurice McGrath, formerly of Opaki.

Notable Performers on the New Zealand Turf.—No. 12: ORLEANS.



MR. S. W. TATHAM'S BR G ORLEANS, AGED, BY CONQUEROR—JEANNE D'ARC. W. McEWEN IN SADDLE. TRAINED BY OWNER. Orleans' leading performance last season was his win in the Raukawa Cup, of 500sovs (one mile and a-quarter) at the Otaki Maori Racing Club's winter meeting in June last.

SOUTHLAND.

Southland Racing Club's Satisfactory Season—Rorke's Drift to be Prepared for New Zealand Cup—A. D. McIvor's Team Progressing Well.

INVERCARGILL, September 6.

Fine weather is now being experienced, with the result that the caretaker has thrown the Southland Racing Club's tracks open for the current season. The grass, plough, and clay trotting circuits are all in the best of order, and, for once, trainers have commenced the busy period without alleged grievances as to tracks.

A very satisfactory financial position was disclosed to members of the Southland Racing Club at the annual meeting this week. Commencing with a balance of £7137 8s. 8d., and after making the usual depreciation on the buildings and plant, the season closed with a balance of £7405 19s. 2d., and the overdraft at the bank has been reduced from £2413 2s. 4d. to £1585 19s. 10d. The totalisator turnover for the season amounted to £60,882, and that for the summer fixture £36,104, easily constituting a record for the club, and a fresh record for the country clubs of Otago and Southland.

There are fewer trainers in evidence at the Southland Racing Club's tracks this season, but several of the mentors have control of teams of record proportions as far as local figures are concerned. The strongest numerically is that under the care of G. McLean, but P. T. Hogan controls a lengthy string, too, and J. Boyd and H. G. Coker are kept busy with the horses placed in their respective charges.

There are now 187 members on the roll of the Southland Racing Club, of whom 20 are now or have been engaged in the war.

The most appreciated member of G. McLean's team is undoubtedly Glensponse, and it has to be said that the son of Glenapp is not looking as well now as at this time last year. He is wearing a somewhat jaded appearance, and it may be found that he will hardly be ready for the spring meetings, granting that he is a horse who comes on quickly.

The annual meeting of members of the Wyndham Racing Club was held last week, and it was pointed out that the club had experienced a satisfactory season, despite a severe handicap in regard to railway facilities and war conditions generally. The president (Mr. E. J. Traynor) said that the profit on the past season amounted to £138. The receipts from the totalisator were £1000 less than the previous year. The farm account showed a loss of £35, but that was the equivalent of a cheap rent for the racecourse. There were 22 members on active service, of whom four had been killed. That was 20 per cent. of their membership, and it spoke volumes for their patriotism.

It has been officially announced that Rorke's Drift will be specially prepared and entered for the New Zealand Cup. It is quite likely that his connections are confirmed in this course of action by their regrets at not having started the Calibre gelding in the Great Autumn Handicap of last season, but where the 12 furlongs course of the big C.J.C. autumn event would have suited Rorke's Drift, the two miles of the New Zealand Cup will trouble him badly unless he gets in at a moderate weight. In the meantime, the Messrs. Price's horse is doing all that can be expected of him at this time of year. The alteration of the penalty clauses attached to the Cup will permit of Rorke's Drift and other horses being thoroughly extended in public in order to fit them for the November meeting at Riccarton.

At the annual meeting of the Wyndham Racing Club members it was decided to recommend to the executive that they consider the question of making a vote to the patriotic funds; the extension of the lawn embankment, and the erection of permanent starting barriers. In connection with the last-named suggestion it may be explained that the club has for some years past used a portable barrier, which, although very useful where small fields are concerned, does not readily lend itself to the sending away of ten or twelve starters.

It may interest those who have the controls of some northern clubs to know that the Southland Racing Club again reaped a profit from the cultivation of the portions of their property not actually required for racing purposes. In this manner a permanent caretaker and up-to-date

training circuits are provided for where they could almost be out of reach from a financial point of view under other circumstances.

Reports from Riverton are to the effect that A. D. McIvor's team, the strongest numerically that he has ever controlled, are going on the right way. He should have a successful season with Highwater, Gunrest, Martifors, Burrangong, Buller, and other useful horses to represent him. There is little doubt but that horses trained from his establishment will play an important part in southern long distance events this season, as Highwater, Gunrest and Burrangong (apparently) can see out ten furlongs or more when in the best of form.

The Varco—Mango gelding recently purchased by a local owner from Mr. M. Hobbs, of Riccarton, has settled down in his new home, and in the meantime will be treated to road exercise and special care by feminine hands to fit him for his track trials and troubles to come. Those who have seen him at home have a good word to say for the Australian-bred youngster.

WAIRARAPA.

Mr. W. R. Kemball's Large String—Bright Prospects for Masterton Racing Club's Meeting—Mr. Kemball to Take Team to Australia Early in New Year—Success of Masterton Horses at Marton—Local Horses Engaged at Otaki.

MASTERTON, Saturday.

Mr. W. Corlett was asked to put a price on Sir Agnes during the progress of the National meeting, but decided to keep the son of Boris and Miss Foreshore.

Gladful made good in his first outing over the big country, and Mr. Kemball's gelding should be in the

Multaine beat all but Detroit in the Marton Handicap.

This district is not as well represented at Otaki for the approaching meeting as is usually the case, but the following Wairarapa-trained horses have been engaged: Form Up, Galore, Hydrus, Idyllic, Livland, Belle Noir, Consultation and Tuticorn.

Black Hill is looking very well just now, and trainer-owner S. Pinkerton should have the All Black gelding in rare form for the local meeting next month. At the same gathering 12 months ago Black Hill scored over a mile course on the first day, and ran second to Arrowfield over seven furlongs the day following.

The veteran Opaki trainer, R. Knox, scored an overdue win at Marton when Penury Rose won the Electric Hack Handicap. It is now a considerable time since the Masterton trainer led in a winner, and his friends hope that it will be the fore-runner of many more successes with the son of Penury and Merrie Rose.

Although the Taratahi-Carterton Racing Club are at present without a permit, the affairs of the club are being attended to by the following officers: President, Mr. H. R. Bunny; vice-president, Mr. J. Hodder; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. E. Allen; stewards, Messrs. H. A. Bunny, G. H. Eaton, A. C. Feist, R. G. Kemple, W. J. Deubee and W. C. Deller.

Matatua broke his maiden status at Marton when he beat a large field in the Trial Plate. The owner of the Birkenhead—Sunbonnet gelding (Mr. Fred. Jensen, of Masterton) was not present to see his horse win, as he has been confined to his room during the past fortnight. Matatua was bred by Mr. W. Cooper, of Masterton, who successfully raced Sunbonnet a few years ago. C. Pritchard has been responsible for the training of Matatua since July last, and landed him at the post in fine condition. The Trentham trainer was



Messrs. F. S. Murray, F. Andrews and W. Balby, with their bag of game secured during a day's shooting at Opononi, in the Hokianga district.

front rank of 'chasers next winter, as he jumps well and has the pace.

The South Wairarapa Trotting Club has donated £50 to the Red Cross Funds, which makes £80 contributed by the club this year.

W. Hawthorne has at present 15 horses under his charge at Masterton, all of which will carry the colours of Mr. W. R. Kemball.

Multicipal is going along the right way at Opaki, but is not forward enough at present to race, and was allowed to drop out of his Marton and Dannevirke engagements.

Mr. A. Hathaway, secretary of the Masterton Racing Club, informs me that already over 30 boxes have been booked for the spring meeting, and everything points to the club having a record meeting next month.

Master Boris has been on the easy list since returning from Riccarton. He contracted a slight ailment of the throat while away, but is all right again now. Mr. Brightwell's gelding may be given a run at the local meeting next month.

The local trainers, R. Knox, W. Hawthorne and J. T. Jamison, did not return with their charges after the Marton meeting, but went on to Dannevirke.

Belle Noir (All Black—Hazel) will be seen out for the first time this season in the Trial Stakes at Dannevirke. T. Pritchard is also taking up Galore and Idyllic.

Cyrisian, Brown Joe and Suvla have been nominated from this district for the Egmont meeting.

W. Hawthorne expects to leave for Australia about the end of January with Mr. Kemball's team. The horses likely to make the trip are Nanna, Hymestra, Snub, Vasilkov, Miss Gold and perhaps Gladful.

Masterton-owned horses had a good innings at Marton. Matatua won the Trial Plate, Gladful the Steeplechase, Penury Rose the Electric Hack, while

confident he would win, despite the large field, and as the dividend was a good one, the connections had a good innings.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Taunaha Fully Recovered From Mishap—Sarah Grand on Easy List—Crenides' Promising Displays—Hendra to Resume Work Shortly—Almo Making Excellent Progress.

NAPIER, Monday.

Taunaha, the three-year-old son of Demosthenes and Mangaroa, who had the misfortune some time back to come down on his knees, which placed him on the easy list for a period, has now quite recovered from the mishap and is doing good work on the tracks at Napier Park. He is a very shapely colt, and one which with ordinary luck should assert himself in the very near future.

Mr. J. H. Colebourne has bestowed the appellation of Dangerous upon the three-year-old daughter of Hymettus and Derelict, and his colt of the same age by King Mark—Balama will race as Marcus. Both of them are under the care of J. Oldfield, who is also putting another of Mr. Colebourne's representatives through his facings. I refer to Dry Up, the three-year-old son of Demosthenes and Drought, who has now apparently got over the soreness that was so evident with him while being worked as a two-year-old.

Teka, who has been hitting out in good fashion in his rehearsals at Napier Park, is underlined for appearance at Dannevirke this week, and his party are favourable to his chances.

Diavolo, who has been on the invalid list since the Wellington winter meeting, is making an improvement,

and it is anticipated that he will soon be sound and solid again.

J. Bridges, who is in charge of the remainder of Mr. Lowry's team at Greenmeadows, was last week passed as fit for active service, and he goes into camp at the beginning of next year.

Karo, the younger full-sister to Impediment, is one of the local brigade who has been nominated at Dannevirke. She has been doing really well in her work, and her mission should prove fruitful.

Sarah Grand is having a let-up, and the daughter of All Black and Heavenly Twin is holiday-making on her owner's (Mr. P. P. Neagle) farm.

J. Lyford is slipping the work into Bollin, and the son of Birkenhead and Goyt is standing up to his work all serene. He has been nominated for the steeplechase at Hawera, to be run on the 19th inst.

Import, the three-year-old filly by Birkenhead—Suratura, is slipping along satisfactorily in her work on the try-out at Napier Park. She is quick to begin, and over short courses should pay her way.

One of the most promising of the two-year-old brigade at present in work at Hastings is Crenides, the younger full-brother to Simonides. He is a real nice mover, and displays a lot of determination in his efforts.

La Notte (Eiridspond—La Tosca) produced a colt to Wolawa last week at Otatara.

The following mares have been booked to visit Demosthenes this season:—Chakwana, Suratura, Necktie, Lake Placid, Florigid, Sylvan Maid, Jeanne D'Arc, Ukraine, Flora McDonald, The Boyne, Aurarias, War Scare, War Talk, Chuckle, Queen Lizzie, Tino Atua, Te Puia, Asteroid, Cullmination, La Notte, Float, Nottata and Tatters.

Amongst the idlers at Otatara is Hendra, the black gelding by Royal Artillery—Hecuba. After T. Quinlivan arrives at Otatara, which will be after the Dannevirke meeting this week, he intends to put him into commission again.

The connections of Tornea expect him to show to advantage at Dannevirke on Wednesday. There is no getting away from the fact that he is "some" horse over twelve furlongs with the obstacles up.

R. Hatch has been engaged to pilot Teka at Dannevirke, and the same horseman will have the seat on Wapping, who is considered to have first-class prospects.

The Australian-bred gelding Almo is making excellent progress in his efforts on the preparing circuits at Napier Park. The report gained currency some time ago that he had been given away by his owner, Mr. W. Richmond, but some one was peddling hot air, for he is still the property of Mr. Richmond, and is, as of yore, one of G. Jones' pupils.

WANGANUI.

Pennon Makes Steady Progress—Zola to Make His Debut Over Hurdles at Egmont Meeting—Nobleman Getting into Shape—Notes on Likely Starters at Hawera Next Week—J. Peachey's Team Coming on Nicely.

WANGANUI, Monday.

Marton's place in W. Rayner's stable has been taken by a three-year-old colt by San Fran out of a Renown mare. The colt is very much in the rough yet, but is a likely-looking youngster.

Pennon continues to do steady work without any increase in the stiffness which affects her occasionally, and Rayner is hopeful of getting a race or two out of her.

Zola will make his first appearance over the hurdles at the Egmont meeting next week if he goes on all right in the interim. He has shown that he can jump, and there is no doubt about his pace, so that he might win a race or two over the small sticks.

F. Tilley's team which visited Marton did not do much good, Moutoa Ivanova being the only one to run into a place (second in the Trial). She is evidently endowed with a fair amount of pace, and later on is likely to do good service for her owner Mr. F. S. Easton. Arrowfield looked fit enough for anything, but he did not run prominently in the big money though the state of the going might have been responsible for that. Oratress wants a race or two to live her up. Endure was looking at his best, but did not show up.

Nobleman was not paid up for in the big money at Dannevirke. He is gradually getting into shape at Bulls but it will be some time before he is back to form. Since last seen out the Sir Laddo gelding has built up

very much, and the prospects are that he will be better than ever when he strikes form again. It is not certain that he will be a starter in the New Zealand Cup, which is a good race to win, but a bad one to lose, as it often happens that the hard preparation necessary and the race takes so much out of a horse that he is not seen at his best again afterwards.

The weights for the Egmont Racing Club's spring meeting, to be held on Thursday, the 19th inst., are not due until Thursday, September 12, but as Mr. H. Coyle is fairly sure to give satisfaction with his adjustments, the various events are likely to be well contested. It will be interesting to see how Zola shapes in the Hack Hurdles, in which he will have to prove himself fairly good to beat Paraoa, if he starts, and Waitotere can be depended upon to run a decent race.

Hyginas, Staccato and Rewi Poto should be very prominent in the Taiwhiti Handicap, and Coropet will have his work cut out to repeat his Marton victory.

With Robur, Duchess Eudorus and Royal Park engaged in the Waihi Hack a good race is assured. Zela ran well enough at Marton to suggest that she will be hard to beat when next seen out.

The Ladies' Bracelet Steeplechase is likely to provide an interesting contest. Tirau was expected by some good judges to win at Marton, and was prominent for a couple of miles. Lady Bibbero and King's Park should also run well.

If Duchess Eudorus is started in the Telegraph Handicap in preference to the Waihi Hack, she will be well tested if she bumps against Pennon and Staccato, a pair which can gallop five furlongs at a great bat.

J. Peachey had Miss Fisher looking pretty well at Marton, and she ran well enough to point to her as likely to be heard of soon. She will probably be taken to Hawera and should run well, as she appears to have brightened up after last week's race.

The three other inmates of Peachey's stable—the half-sister to Impediment, the four-year-old son of Signor—Helen Portland, and the five-year-old gelding by Booringa (a son of Sir Foote) out of Right Wild—are coming along well in their preparations. All three give promise of being useful when properly ready. They will probably be seen in action at the Waverley meeting on Labour Day.

Dasher Boy was taken to Marton to contest the Hack Hurdles, and looked bright and well, but was not started, as the boy who had been engaged to ride the Strowan gelding failed to keep his engagement.

Castlewood had bad luck at Marton in being left several lengths at the start of the Hack Hurdles, and had no chance of showing what he could do. The Sylvanite gelding jumped well, and later on might show up over the small sticks.

Mr. C. G. Young, of Messrs. Young and Collins, who has been on a health recruiting trip to the United States and England, brought back with him on his return last week a very handsome solid silver prize cup, which he secured to the order of Mr. George Spriggins. The cup, which is valued at 50 guineas, is to be presented by Mr. Spriggins to the Wanganui Trotting Club. It is a massive trophy of chaste design, standing 14 inches high on its 5-inch base of beautifully-turned ebony.

CANTERBURY.

Cynic to Join F. D. Jones' Team—Good Hope's Improvement Over Hurdles—Glendower's New Zealand Cup Engagement—Juveniles in Work at Riccarton.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

Riccarton trainers are bustling many of their charges along in view of forthcoming meetings at Amberley, Ashburton and Geraldine.

F. D. Jones is expecting an addition to his team in the imported horse Cynic, who is to be given a preparation for the New Zealand Cup. One of his older charges in Comely has finished her racing career, and will shortly be mated with the imported stallion Clanenceux.

Percy Mason has just taken in hand a very promising two-year-old filly by Kilbroney from the Grafton mare Iberia. She is owned by Mr. G. D. Greenwood, who is at present on a trip to Queensland.

Very fair support has been accorded the Ashburton Racing Club for its spring meeting, which takes place on the 19th and 20th inst. Included in the entrants for the principal events are several horses who can

be regarded as likely to figure in the New Zealand Cup.

The Wellington sportsman, Mr. H. Whitney, is a liberal supporter of southern meetings, and intends sending a small team down for the Ashburton meeting. His members will also race at Geraldine and Dunedin before returning home.

The Blenheim-owned Good Hope continues to show improvement in his schooling tasks at Riccarton. He is booked to make his first attempt over hurdles at the Ashburton meeting.

Gay Lad and Saxby are being hurried along by W. McDonald in view of early engagements. Both are in great heart, and should pay their way this season.

R. Derrett is slipping the work into Margerine, who will probably be raced at Dunedin. The same mentor has just taken in hand a promising two-year-old by The Welkin from Madama.

Kiljoy and Glendower are both going on nicely in their preparations, and both will sport silk at Ashburton. The latter is already one of the most discussed candidates for the New Zealand Cup.

The Chokebore three-year-olds, Long Range, Heathercote and Lionskin, are all doing well in their preparations. The same stable is also represented on the tracks by several very promising two-year-olds.

During the past week a number of juveniles have been given sprinting tasks and also been exercised at the barrier. Amongst them were: Surveyor, Flight-Commander, St. Anton, Sans Souci, Soinc Kid, Some Kiss, Wild Night, Onslaught, Irish Elegance and Telemo.

An old-time Canterbury sportsman in Mr. George McClure met his death a few days ago as the result of a motor car mishap. Many years ago, Mr. McClure owned The Idler, a successful hurdler, and Much-a-do.

After being out of commission for some weeks, the plough track at Riccarton has been turned up and regraded. It should be in excellent order in the course of a week or so.

Private advice has been received from Sydney that Biplane is rather backward as a result of his brief indisposition. As he is a colt that takes plenty of galloping, Mason will have a task in getting him quite ready for the A.J.C. meeting.

LATER.

Scornful and Disdainful in Great Buckle—Prospects of the Amberley Meeting—Almoner Progresses Well in Preparation at Randwick for A.J.C. Derby.

(By Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent.)

Murray Aynsley has Scornful and Disdainful in great buckle just at present, and both should be returned winners in the near future. Arrangements have been made for H. Gray to do this stable's riding at the Dunedin spring meeting.

King of the Valley will be raced in hack events at Ashburton, and should the going happen to be heavy he is almost sure to show up prominently.

H. Young is back again in Christchurch after his trip to Australia, and will do most of the Chokebore stable riding this season. He will have the mount on Onslaught in the Trial Plate at Amberley, and if the son of Antagonist races up to track form he should take a lot of beating.

Art has been galloping particularly well since the National meeting, and is bound to keep the opposition busy in the Jumpers' Flat Race at Amberley.

Disdainful and Melee should be hard to dispose of in the Amberley Cup. The latter is reported to have made great improvement since last sporting silk, and is likely to start favourite.

Derby Day has come on a lot since the National meeting, and should keep the opposition busy in the Hack Handicap at Amberley, while Braid is well placed in the Wattle Handicap.

Mr. G. L. Stead leaves in the course of a few days to witness Almoner race in the A.J.C. Derby. Word is to hand that the Boniform colt has done well since his arrival at Randwick.

CHILDREN'S RESTLESSNESS.

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

MARTON JOCKEY CLUB.

SUCCESSFUL SPRING MEETING.

RECORD CROWD AND GREAT FIELDS.

(From Our Wanganui Correspondent.)

The spring meeting of the Marton Jockey Club was held on Wednesday in fine but dull weather. It rained very heavily the previous day and during the night, but fortunately cleared before racing started, though the track was heavy and it was very wet under foot. There was a record attendance, and the big crowd was provided with some excellent sport, the fields being remarkably large and the racing of a most interesting and thoroughly enjoyable description. As this gathering marks the opening of the new season on this coast the racing is always watched with keen interest in view of future meetings. It is safe to say that several of the unsuccessful horses seen out on Wednesday for the first time were ticked off as likely to be heard of later on when the tracks are firmer, the going, combined with the big fields, preventing them from doing their best on Wednesday. Some fine dividends were paid, which was not to be wondered at in the circumstances. The management of the meeting was good and reflected credit on the club, which is to be congratulated on the success achieved. Mr. Arthur Way, the secretary, had the arrangements in capital order, and he is deserving of great praise for the smooth manner in which the programme was got through. Mr. H. Coyle had good reason to be satisfied with his handicapping, which was largely responsible for the big fields and capital racing, while Mr. C. O'Connor, the starter, got in some of his best work at the barrier. Speculation was very brisk, the sum of £30,777 being handled, as compared with £22,184 last year.

Proceedings opened with the Hack Hurdles, for which nine were withdrawn, thirteen facing the starter. The start was an indifferent one, four or five getting away badly, Castelwood being left several lengths. Atuatoro and Janitor made the early running, and then Bjorneborg took command and led to the last hurdle, where Paraoa, coming with a fine run, got on terms, and going on won by two lengths. Castelwood was never able to get near the leaders, and finished a long way back, last. Undecided was prominent at the bend, but then dropped back.

The great field of twenty-nine lined up in the Trial Hack, Mr. Jas. Bull's pair, Tit Willow and Omahu, carrying the bulk of the money. Kipling received solid support, while Moutoa Ivanova and Cotillion both had a number of friends. The last-named got all the best of the start and led to the bend, where Moutoa Ivanova moved up and headed Cotillion. Once heads were turned for home Matatua came with a fine rush, and, catching Moutoa Ivanova, went on to win nicely. The winner showed good form, and is evidently a bit above the ordinary, but three or four of those which finished behind the three-year-old Birkenhead gelding are likely to be heard of to advantage later on, notably Cotillion, Hessian, Kipling, Tit Willow and Moutoa Ivanova.

Five were withdrawn from the Hack Steeplechase, eleven facing the starter, Gaekwar, the topweight, carrying most money, Tirau coming next in public estimation. Lady Renown toppled over at the first obstacle, and Juan fell at the back. Tirau was in front for the greater part of the journey, but Foeman and Gaekwar passed the Spalpeen gelding in the straight, Foeman passing the post well clear of Gaekwar, but the latter got the stake, Foeman having gone inside a flag, as did also Tirau, which finished third, as did Kurnalpi and Hoatu. King's Park and Dunrobin were placed second and third. There can be little doubt but that Foeman would have won had he gone the right course, and it was therefore very unlucky for his connections and his backers that the mistake should have been made by his rider.

Altercation was the only defection from the Marton Handicap, fourteen being left in. Colonel Soult carried most money, All Over being slightly better fancied than Lady Louise, the best backed of the others being Kauri King. From a good start Detroit was the first to show out, but was steadied, Orleans carrying on the running for half the distance, when All Over took charge, but Rio quickly displaced the All Red gelding. Rio led into the straight from All Over, but Multaine and Detroit raced to the front once heads were turned for home, Detroit getting the verdict comfortably from

Multaine. All Over found the distance too far for him and dropped back to sixth. Colonel Soult was prominent at the bend, but then faded right out of the contest. Arrowfield was never in the fighting line.

There were eight starters in the Rangitikei Steeplechase, Lady Renown declining her engagement. Gladful was made a warm favourite and won easily. Marton took the lead at the start, and opened up a big gap, but after going two miles Gladful and Merry Jack passed him, the favourite winning as he liked by four lengths, Marton being 100 yards away, third. Nita and Papatere were the only others to finish, Ormesby falling, Arlington running off a mile from home, and Record losing his rider at the back, half a mile from home. Gladful showed his ability to jump the big fences, though he struck the stone wall a quarter of a mile from home very hard, when racing with Merry Jack. He lost three or four lengths, but got going again and had too much pace for the Merriwee gelding in the run home.

The Electric Hack Handicap was contested by fifteen, Oratress being most fancied, though there was solid support for Vladieau, Rajput and Idle Talk. Rajput jumped off in front, followed closely by Livland, the former leading into the straight, where Penury Rose came with a good run and scored in fine style from Rajput, Gold Problem running up into third place, just ahead of Zela and two or three others. Duchess Eudorus ran well enough to suggest that she will get amongst the winners very shortly.

Coropett paid a thumping dividend in the Railway Handicap, in which 18 started, Hyginas being the popular pick, though there was good money for Bo-Peep, Devotion, Glenroy and Elocution. In the early stages of the race Demos made play, and he looked a winner at the turn into the straight but then cracked up, apparently not being quite ready yet. Elocution and Coropett went to the front, but Astrophel came with a rattle, but could not catch Coropett, the Coronet gelding finishing well. Glenroy was fourth. The favourite was never prominent, and neither was Bo-Peep.

For the concluding event, the Hack Welter, 22 saddled up, Royal Park being made a firm favourite. Endure and Turpinita were also well backed. It was a good race, War Scot, Hastie and Royal Park racing in that order to the turn for home, where the favourite took command, and, going on, won comfortably from Wapping. The latter put in a brilliant finish, and his turn should come soon.

The results were:—

HACK HURDLES of 130sovs. One mile and a-half.
1—Slattery and Lile's b g Paraoa, by King Rufus—The Boyne, aged, 10.8 (A. Ward) 1
2—C. Prior's b g Bjorneborg, 5yrs, 9.7 (S. Henderson) 2
3—A. Symes' ch m Waitotere, aged, 9.3 (F. Flynn) 3
Also started: 4 Vacuum 10.9 (W. D. Young), 5 Dancaster 9.12 (J. Preston), 6 Atuatoro 9.6 (F. Tutchen), 2 Undecided 9.3 (H. McSeveney), 8 Janitor 9.3 (A. McDonald), 10 Manawapanga 9.0 (R. Thompson), 11 Gwynne 9.0 (D. Packer), 12 Miss Lark 9.0 (R. McSeveney), 13 Whetoki 9.0 (K. Lambess), 14 Castlewood 9.0 (E. Copestake), 6 Classification 9.0 (J. Kaan).
Won by two lengths, four lengths between second and third. Janitor was fourth. Time, 2min 59 3/5sec.

TRIAL HACK PLATE of 110sovs. Five furlongs.
4—F. Jensen's b g Matatua, by Birkenhead—Sunbonnet, 3yrs, 7.11 (C. Reed) 1
6—F. S. Easton's b f Moutoa Ivanova, 3yrs, 7.9 (M. McCarten) 2
7—W. W. McKegg's b f Utawai, 5yrs (C. Carmont) 3
Also started: 11 Kamanawanui 8.13 (L. Nodder), 14 Wakatuku 9.13 (A. McDonald), 9 Toddy 8.13 (H. Robinson), 19 De Geur 8.13 (P. Holland), 8 Khatmandu 8.13 (W. Price), 9 Gatherer 8.11 (A. McFlinn), 12 Belle of the Camp 8.11 (R. McSeveney), 18 Bernice 8.13 (N. Hawken), 6 Lagan 8.11 (J. Roach), 1 Omahu 8.11 (H. H. Morris) and Tit Willow 7.9 (L. Morris) coupled, 10 Newland 8.11 (H. Goldfinch), 13 Blighty 8.9 (C. Emerson), 16 Courtfield 8.0 (A. Reed), 2 Kipling 8.0 (C. Price), 18 Jingleform 8.0 (R. Edgar), 16 Admiration 7.11 (H. McEwen), 17 Zela 7.11 (P. Raynor), 20 Hurry Up 7.11 (R. Reed), 3 Cotillion 7.9 (H. Gray), 9 Blended 7.9 (D. Anderson), 21 Goldconder 7.9 (C. Owens), 18 Tunatau 7.9 (C. Sinclair), 5 Hessian 7.9 (H. Smith).
Won easily by two lengths, a length between second and third. Utawai was fourth. Time, 1min 7 3/5sec.

HACK STEEPLECHASE of 150sovs. Two miles.
2—L. H. Collinson's br g Gaekwar, by Ghoorka—Phyllis, aged, 11.10 (A. McDonald) 1
9—J. O'Donnell's ch g King's Park, aged, 9.7 (Stan. Reid) 2
6—J. W. Fitzpatrick's br g Dunrobin, aged, 10.11 (F. Tutchen) 3
Also started: 4 Foeman 11.0 (Burt), 1 Tirau 10.3 (J. Roach), 3 Kurnalpi 10.2 (A. Ward), 8 Advancer 9.13 (R. McSeveney), 10 Lady Renown 9.11 (J. Tilsley), 5 Juan 9.9 (A. Lawrence), 7 Hoatu 9.7 (W. D. Young), 11 Martinello 9.7 (Holman).
Lady Renown fell at the initial obstacle, while Tirau, Foeman, Kurnalpi and Hoatu ran inside the inner flag going out of the straight the last time. Foeman eventually won by five lengths

from Gaekwar, but was disqualified, the judge's placings being given as above. Time, 4min 22 1-5sec.

MARTON HANDICAP of 230sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 5—G. Wrelling's br g Detroit, by Frisco—Fishermaid, aged, 7.6 (R. Reed) 1
- 8—W. R. Kembal's br m Multaine, 6yrs, 7.0 (C. Reed) 2
- 10—H. McManaway's blk g Rio, 6 yrs, 6.7 (C. Stratton) 3

Also started: 4 Kauri King 8.7 (H. Goldfinch), 7 Orleans 8.0 (W. McEwen), 1 Colonel Sout 8.0 (A. Reed), 3 Lady Louisa 7.13 (H. Gray), 2 All Over 7.13 (L. Morris), 12 Melchior 7.11 (Schmidt), 9 Hydrus 7.3 (R. Bagby), 6 Arrowfield 7.0 (M. McCarten), 10 Hastie 6.12 (D. Barnett), 11 Bronk Delaval 6.12 (Corlett), 10 Ladify 6.7 (G. Carmont).

Won comfortably by a couple of lengths, a length between second and third. Lady Louisa was fourth, with Hydrus next. Time, 2min 18 2-5sec.

RANGITIKEI STEEPLECHASE of 260sovs. Three miles.

- 1—W. R. Kembal's b g Gladful, by Birkenhead—Gladisla, aged, 11.5 (Stan. Reid) 1
- 2—W. H. Gaisford's br g Merry Jack, aged, 9.9 (A. McDonald) 2
- 7—Morris and Hammond's br g Marton, aged, 9.12 (E. Copestake) 3

Also started: 3 Arlington 11.7 (S. Henderson), 4 Nita 9.12 (J. Kaan), 6 Record 9.9 (F. Flynn), 5 Ormesby 9.9 (J. Tilsley), 8 Papatere 9.9 (H. McSweeney).

Ormesby fell, while Arlington ran off. Won easily by four lengths, with ten lengths between second and third. Nita was fourth. Time, 6min 37 2-5sec.

ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 110 sovs. Six furlongs.

- 7—R. Knox's br g Penury Rose, by Penury—Merrie Rose, 3yrs, 7.0 (F. Corlett) 1
- 3—J. O'Donnell's br g Rajput, 8.3 (C. Price) 2
- 5—E. Nash's ch g Gold Problem, 7.11 (C. Emerson) 3

Also started: 11 Robur 9.2 (Gray), 1 Oratress 8.3 (M. McCarten), 8 Duchess Eudorus 7.12 (W. Ryan), 6 Melita 7.10 (B. Morris), 2 Vladieau 7.9 (L. Morris), 12 Zela 7.7 (P. Raynor), 14 Star Glow 7.7 (J. Hockley), 4 Idle Talk 7.6 (H. Adams), 13 Sea Foam 7.0 (C. Reed), 15 Miss Fisher 7.0 (M. Gray), 9 Livland 7.0 (S. Bagby), 16 Jane Douglas 7.0 (N. McDonnell), 10 Crystal Palace 7.0 (D. Anderson), 17 Ta Ta 7.0 (C. Owens).

Won by two lengths, a neck between second and third. Zela was fourth. Time, 1min 22sec.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 180sovs. Six furlongs.

- 13—Mr. Egmont's br g Coropett, by Coronet—Clompett, aged, 6.7 (P. Raynor) 1
- 5—W. H. Gaisford's br g Astrophel, 7.13 (B. Morris) 2
- 4—W. Couper's blk m Eloquution, 7.10 (H. Watson) 3

Also started: 2 Devotion 8.3 (Gray) and Bo-Peep 7.10 (L. Manson) coupled, 13 Mascot 8.3 (A. Reed), 1 Hyginas 8.1 (C. Emerson), 10 Depredation 8.0 (R. Reed), 7 Hyllus 7.10 (L. Hewitt), 6 Demos 7.0 (L. Morris), 3 Glenroy 7.8 (S. Bagby), 9 Bairnsdale 7.3 (M. McCarten), 8 Vermillion 7.2 (F. Corlett), 12 Rose Pink 7.0 (W. Mancer), 11 Cyrilian 7.0 (M. McEwen), 14 Starengo 7.0 (C. Reed), 15 Cherry Mart 7.0 (E. Reed), 11 Vandubhe 7.0 (E. Ferguson).

Won by three-parts of a length, half a length between second and third. Glenroy was fourth. Time, 1min 19 2-5sec.

TUTAENUI HACK WELTER of 110 sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 1—Ogle and Jury's ch g Royal Park, by Sylvia Park—Rose Belle, 9.3 (H. Gray) 1
- 10—W. Simpson's ch g Wapping, 5 yrs, 10.4 (R. Hatch) 2
- 5—W. McKegg's b g Utuwai, 8.4 (C. Carmont) 3

Also started: 4 Hastie 10.2 (A. McDonald), 14 Polynesian 9.10 (L. Nodder), 2 Endure 9.8 (C. Price), 6 Glucian 9.2 (S. Henderson), 7 Ibra 8.7 (J. Roach), 11 War March 8.7 (A. McFlinn), 12 Jiu Jitsu 8.3 (H. Goldfinch), 3 Turpenite 8.3 (R. Reed), 17 Amberine 8.2 (L. Morris), 14 War Scot 8.0 (W. Ryan), 21 Guianform 8.0 (D. Anderson), 19 St. Demetrius 8.0 (McEwen), 20 Waipunua 8.0 (W. Tamplin), 9 Grand Duchy 8.0 (C. Emerson), 8 Notability 8.0 (Schmidt), 16 Mick 8.0 (A. Reed), 18 Arihia 8.0 (H. Mancer), 13 Willys-Knight 8.0 (M. McCarten), 15 Orison 8.0 (W. Price).

Won by two lengths, half a length between second and third. Mick was fourth. Time, 1min 37sec.

A NEW RECORD HOLDER.

OUR THORPE: 2.6 1-5.

(From Our Christchurch Correspondent)

A big crowd collected at Addington on Friday morning, when A. Fleming drove his great pacer, Our Thorpe, against Adelaide Direct's mile record of 2min 6 2-5sec. Just before nine o'clock, Our Thorpe made his first appearance, having the assistance of the galloper, Moddite. Breaking away just in front of his pacemaker, Our Thorpe reeled off the first quarter in 32sec, and when he crossed the half-mile post in 1min 2sec it looked certain that "Father Time" would get his wings clipped to some purpose, as the pacer was still bowling along as if revelling in his task. Rounding the turn towards the straight Our Thorpe was noticed to falter, and lost his stride. This was occasioned by Fleming turning his head to call instructions to Moddite's rider, as during the slight interval the pacer almost got on to the rails, having to be pulled right out to avoid trouble. He had got to the six furlong post in 1min 34sec, leaving him with only 32 1-5sec to reach the judge. This he managed to do, thereby completing the journey in 2min 6 1-5sec, which lowered the existing record by only a fifth of a second. Only for the mishap, it is quite certain that Our Thorpe would have done even better, for his driver estimates that it cost him quite one second. On the result being announced, Our Thorpe and Fleming were given a great reception, and general regret was expressed that there will be no further opportunities of seeing the son of O.Y.M. on the tracks, as he leaves for GORE to take up stud duties.

ELLERSLIE ITEMS

One of the most forward three-year-olds at Ellerslie is the Monoline filly, Billie Burke. She is very much on the small side, but for shape and make is hard to beat. She possesses plenty of propelling power at the back of the saddle.

Ohaupo (Spalpeen—Waimangu), the full sister to the defunct Glendalough and Pionnuala, was tried over the little sticks, but fencing alone she made several mistakes. These may not be repeated with more practice.

Mr. Robert Walker recently had the old Spalpeen hurdler, The Celt, destroyed. The gelding was founded in the feet. Mr. Walker kept the horse nearly six years, during which period he had a win at Takapuna and Hamilton respectively, and a few place earnings.

Last week Mr. Chas. Walker, of Mt. Albert, brought his gelding, Signature (St. Amans—Legs), home from the Thames, where he had been wintering, preparatory to being put into work for the new season.

A returned expert from the Marton fixture told the writer that Colonel Sout could not have captured the Marton Handicap with a stone less in the saddle.

The Australian-bred mare, Duchess Eudorus, made her first appearance in the livery of her new owner at the Marton meeting. The little chestnut daughter of Eudorus ran a clinking good race till the latter stages of the contest, eventually finishing fourth. The ground was all against the small-footed, light-fleshed little mare. She has been used to hearing her feet rattle on tracks like macadam.

Miss Jack, dam of Jack Delaval and Lady Jack, the latter of whom went to the bottom in the mined Wimmera, has foaled a filly to Robert the Bruce. Cadence, by Cyrenian from Lute, has foaled a colt to Royal Sout, and visits Thurnham.

Mr. Ben. Bourke, connected with racing for the last 25 years and a man whose services were valued by the clubs, died on Friday last. The late Mr. Bourke had been in bad health for the past 12 months.

Jucaranda jumped seven of the big schooling battens proficiently, and will be given a run at the Egmont Racing Club's spring fixture.

The Thames owner-trainer, C. Winder, is removing his team to Ellerslie, where he can have the pick of half a dozen tracks.

All the work on Tuesday morning was done on the sand track, the only grass rink open being the two-year-old circuit. Most of the work was of a medium pace character.

The Avondale Guineas candidates, M'owing Bowl and War Tank, are rounding up into form, and are a compact pair.

The other Avondale Guineas candidate, Spanner, and the diminutive Billie Burke, are very forward. The former left three furlongs behind in very decisive fashion, going alone.

Platoon is back again, apparently quite recovered from his recent indisposition. His stable mate, Vandubhe, looks none the worse for the Marton journey. She put three furlongs past in fast time.

Colonel Sout has not yet lost his punch. He downed the filly Koiwi at the end of a short sprinting match.

Bombardo, one of C. Coleman's charges, is back again in work. E. Pope has brought Falstone back. He went wrong and did not start at the Marton meeting.

E. J. Rae has returned from his trip south, but left the horses behind for the Dannevirke, and, probably, the Egmont fixtures.

The friends of G. Irwin will be glad to learn that he has left the hospital. His mare, Independence, was working on the tracks this morning.

L. Coleman schooled Welshman over four of the big hurdles. The gelding gave a good display over the timber.

Comedy Prince is on the improve. Pierrot and Kibeggan put in easy pace work. The former has not been up long.

Hautere and Larry put in easy pace work, while their stable mate, Windorah, sprinted alone on the sand. This three-year-old has engagements at the Egmont spring meeting.

Hopie is progressing nicely under the care of the returned soldier, Chas. Hodder, having started to build up.

Tenacious, Bingham and another of Rae's charges were worked on the tan by Bert Rae and an assistant. The trio look bright and healthy.

Thrace and Hineamaru put in easy tasks, while their stable companion, Spanner, slipped along at top over three furlongs, probably the best of the morning from a time point of view. The colt looks a bit above himself.

Whitford Belle put up a nice sprint over a few furlongs. The filly has improved.

Pukeatua and Loyal Arch jumped two of the small battens, the former cutting out the first. They then went over four big hurdles, the mare finishing well, while Pukeatua cut out the last of the big timber.

The hurdle gelding, Ma Copper, is in work again, and is being trained by his owner.

The five-year-old mare Lady Eunice (Multifid—Couchacoucha) was sprinted three furlongs. The mare has not been up more than six weeks, and satisfied her owner that she warranted proceeding with her preparation.

The way to check a cough or cold is knowledge worth much more than gold; So, as you'll catch a cold some day Read, mark and learn the surest way. Spread extra blankets on your bed, And just before you lie your head, Drink down a steaming dose, be sure, Of well-stirred Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

TROTTING.

NEW ZEALAND TROTTING CUP.

HANDICAPS DECLARED.

The following handicaps have been declared for the

NEW ZEALAND TROTTING CUP of 2500sovs, two miles.—Cathedral Chimes scratch, Admiral Wood 2sec, Author Dillon 3sec, Adelaide Direct 5sec, Sherwood 6sec, John Dillon 7sec, Matchlight 7sec, Oinako 8sec, Agathos 8sec, Erin's King 8sec, Money-maker 9sec, Emilius 9sec, Evelyn 9sec, Frandocia 10sec, Sungod 10sec, Hardy Wilkes 10 sec.

It is reported that an attempt upon Our Thorpe's mile record of 2min 6 1-5sec will be made by Cathedral Chimes at the patriotic trotting meeting to be held in Christchurch on October 5.

The Forbury Trotting Club have re-appointed Mr. Brinkman handicapper, Mr. Dunne starter, Mr. Leedham judge, and Messrs. Gore and Hazlett timekeepers, and have authorised stakes amounting to £1500 for the spring meeting.

Cathedral Chimes is quoted at a very short price for the New Zealand Trotting Cup. He has ruled the market since the entries were made, but since the declaration of handicaps he has firmed down to almost a shadow.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING,

SATURDAY AND MONDAY,

OCTOBER 26 AND 28, 1918.

OFFICIALS:

President: J. B. Harcourt. Vice-Presidents: W. H. S. Moorhouse and C. P. Skerrett. Stewards: J. W. Abbott, C. W. Chilman, J. G. Duncan, Dr. H. A. H. Gilmer, W. G. Johnston, E. Riddiford, C. W. Tringham, and O. S. Watkins. Judge: W. H. Hartgill. Handicapper: H. Coyle. Starter: C. O'Connor. Timekeeper: A. Laurenson. Clerk of Course: E. Rawlinson. Clerk of Scales: H. M. Bishop. Surgeons: Dr. W. E. Herbert and Dr. P. F. McEvedy. Hon. Vet. Surgeons: C. J. Reakes and H. A. Reid. Acting-Treasurer: W. S. Wheeler. Secretary: A. E. Whyte.

FIRST DAY,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1918.

- 1. FIRST HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE (Handicap) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and the third horse 20 sovs from the stake. For hacks and qualified hunters. Nomination 1 sov, acceptance 1sov. Two miles and a-half.
- 2. RIMUTAKA HANDICAP (Hack Conditions) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and the third horse 20sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile.
- 3. TAITA HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and the third horse 20sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Four furlongs.
- 4. WELLINGTON HANDICAP of 650 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and the third horse 50sovs from the stake. The winner of any race or races of the collective value of 100sovs after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty; of 200sovs or over, 7lb penalty. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 5sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
- 5. OCTOBER HANDICAP (Hack Conditions) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and the third horse 20sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Six furlongs.
- 6. WAINUI HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and the third horse 20sovs from the stake. Minimum weight in handicap, 7.7. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile.
- 7. WELLESLEY STAKES of 750sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and the third horse 25sovs, and the nominator of the winner 50sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts 8.7, geldings 8.4, fillies 8.2. All horses remaining in after the 27th day of September, 1918, must pay the full subscription of 8sovs. Four furlongs. (Closed.)
- 8. SHORTS HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and the third horse 25sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY,

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1918.

- 1. SECOND HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE (Handicap) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 20sovs from the stake. For hacks and qualified hunters. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. Two miles and a-half.
- 2. TARARUA HANDICAP (Hack Conditions) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and the third horse 20sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. One mile.
- 3. SPRING TRIAL STAKES of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and the third horse 20sovs from the stake. For horses that have not won a race of the value of 40sovs at the time of nomination or an open race of the value of 50sovs at the time of starting. For three-year-olds and upwards. Three-year-olds 7.8, four-year-olds 8.7, upwards of four years 8.9. Fillies allowed 5lb, and geldings 3lb. Entry 2sovs. Seven furlongs.
- 4. PEARCE HANDICAP of 500sovs; second horse to receive 70sovs, and the third horse 30sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 4sovs. One mile.
- 5. JUVENILE HANDICAP of 350sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and the third horse 25sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Five furlongs.

PENALTIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the winner of any race of the value of 50sovs and upwards after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra; of two or more races of the value of 50sovs and upwards each 10lb extra in handicaps. No penalty to be incurred in open events for wins in races with hack conditions.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

N.B.—All events close at 9 o'clock p.m. unless stated to the contrary.

NOMINATIONS for all events close on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1918, at 9 o'clock p.m.

WEIGHTS declared for First Day's Handicaps on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1918.

ACCEPTANCES for First Day's Handicaps close on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1918, at 9 o'clock p.m.

FORFEIT due for Champion Plate before 9 o'clock p.m.

WEIGHTS for Second day's Handicaps declared on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1918, at 8 o'clock p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for Second Day's Handicaps close on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1918, at 9 o'clock p.m.

A. E. WHYTE, Secretary.

SALE OF THOROUGHBREDS AT CAMBRIDGE.

AT their ANNUAL SPRING HORSE FAIR, the FARMERS' AUCTIONEERING CO., LTD., will offer, on the Third Day of Sale, viz., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, at 1 p.m., the following Thoroughbreds:—

On Account D. Barry, New Plymouth: Madam Vivat, 6 years old, by Cheshire, dam Vivat (No. 17); yearling colt foal at foot by Campfire.

Miss Formation, 4 years old, by Formative, dam Rangao, by Gold Reef, her dam, Rangipo (bred by G. P. Donnelly); yearling colt foal at foot by Campfire, and in foal to Campfire.

Bold Stroke, 5 years old, by San Francisco—Brave Heart (No. 14); yearling colt foal at foot by Campfire.

Ristori, by Royal Artillery—Helen Faucit (No. 18), aged. Two-year-old Colt, by Husbandman, dam Madam Vivat, by Cheshire.

On Account of J. McNicol, Te Aroha: Thoroughbreds—Brown Gelding, 3 years old, by Glen Albyn—Monoform mare.

Bay Filly, 3 years, by Glen Albyn—Waterwood. Brown Filly, 4 years, by Glen Albyn—Scotch Lady.

Brown Filly, 3 years, by Glen Albyn—Orphelin. Bay Filly, 3 years, by Glen Albyn—Waipupu.

Hackneys—Bay Gelding, 3 years, by Glen Albyn—Blue Light mare. Brown Filly, 3 years, by Glenalbyn—Loco.

Also, on account of James Twohill, Thames: One Thoroughbred Filly, 3 years, by Glen Albyn—Vile.

One Thoroughbred Gelding, 2 years, by Glen Albyn—Vile.

On Account of H. Bromley: Pedigree Stallion, Berne Robert.

On Account of N. Harris: Four-year-old Thoroughbred Mare, by Glengowrie—Field Battery mare. Three-year-old Thoroughbred Mare, by Wauchope—Field Battery mare.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

S T A R T E R.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the position of STARTER to the above Club for Meetings in January, April and June, to be with the undersigned on or before October 1.

Applicant to state salary required. For further information apply to H. S. MOSS, Secretary, Hastings.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SALE OF PRIVILEGES, 1918-1919.

TENDERS are invited for Purchase of the following RIGHTS:—

- (1) BOOTHS.
- (2) FRUIT STALLS and OUTSIDE CATERING (INCLUDING DERBY STAND).

Highest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

W. S. SPENCE, Secretary.

TURF TOPICS

The successful riders at the Marton meeting were: A. Ward, C. Reed, A. McDonald, A. Reed, Stan. Reid, Corlett, P. Rayner, and H. Gray.

Mr. Herb. Birch, mine host of the Waikato Hotel, Hamilton, has gone into camp. Mr. Birch has no horses in training at the present time.

Polycrates' first foal has made its appearance in Australia, and is a brown filly out of imported Flightiness (by Matchmaker). The foal is stated to greatly favour its sire.

Kill'em, the gelding full-brother to Kilboy, who raced in Australia last spring in Mr. E. Lutterill's nomination and was sold later on, won a welter at Williamstown over a mile course recently.

The Hamilton Racing Club gave £2000 in stakes last season for their one-day meeting—a record for a one-day club—and they made a profit after paying £1382 as taxation to the Government.

It will be probable that Mr. W. R. Kemball will send one of his two-year-olds north for the Avondale Stakes and A.R.C. Welcome Stakes, and perhaps an older one to accompany the youngster.

The Bill for granting an increased percentage of totalisator receipts to New South Wales country clubs has been drafted, and, according to the "Referee," it is shortly to be introduced. It merely awaits the sanction of the Cabinet.

A. Taylor is fairly losing the other trainers in England this year. An exchange says that eight of his horses have won 14 races of a total value of £19,704 up to July 5. The Hon. G. Lambton, with 11 races and £8185 in stakes, was second up to the date mentioned.

The apprentice, J. Kelso, who has won two races on the speedy and good mare Poitrina, is also a smart schoolboy footballer. He was one of the Sydney Primary Schools to play in Brisbane recently.

At the annual meeting of the Hamilton Racing Club the new committee, Messrs. J. Dalgleish, A. N. Dingle, E. Goodwin, F. R. Seddon and S. Tapp, were asked to consider the advisability of including longer distance races and a steeplechase in the next programme.

The Irish Derby, run at the Curragh meeting on June 25, was worth £3000 to the owner of the winner, and was accounted for by Captain G. Loder's chestnut colt King John, by Roi Herode from Miranda. There were only seven runners, and King John, starting at 3 to 1 on, won in a canter by eight lengths.

The ex-Victorian jockey, B. Carslake, was still going strongly in England up to the end of the first week in July. S. Donoghue was first with 38 wins for 143 mounts at that time, but Carslake was second with 21 for 101, and in winning percentage the two named were well ahead of all the other riders. The other Australian, Langford, shared ninth place with O. Madden, each having won nine races.

It is probable that the last has been seen of Marton on the race track. He was out in front for two miles in the big steeplechase at Marton, but the pace was slow, and when Gladful and Merry Jack got going in earnest the veteran was soon struggling in the rear. He has evidently had his day, and it is understood that he is to be turned out. He was a brilliant hurdler when in his prime, and has kept going remarkably well, but it is little use going on with him now that he has lost his dash.

On Thursday, the third day of their annual spring horse sale, the Farmers' Auctioneering Co., Ltd., will offer at Cambridge, at one o'clock, on account of Mr. Dan Barry of Hawera, Mr. J. McNicol, of Te Aroha, Mr. Jas. Twohill, of Thames, and other owners, about twenty thoroughbreds, including a number of young mares, with foal at foot and in foal again to Campfire, and fillies of varying ages by Glen Abbey, and a number of young geldings and two-year-old colts by Husbandman, who is leaving good stock. They should attract the notice of breeders and racing men.

Bon Spec, who won nicely at the North Otago winter meeting, is doing well in his work at Riccarton.

C. Reed has been retained to ride Matatua, Preparation, Kiltess and Revocation at Dannevirke.

The well-known trainers H. J. Jeffery, J. T. Jamieson and F. G. Carmont have been passed fit for active service. W. Bell, the jockey, also goes into camp next month.

Word from Dunedin states that Kilboyne has built up well during the winter, and is big, but he soon fines down with galloping, and D. Henderson may have him ready pretty early.

W. Dwyer has set up as a public trainer at Marton, and has in work Amberine (Kilbroney—Ambrosian) and a three-year-old gelding by Halloween—Crucinella.

J. Bryce, the successful trotting mentor, is to have the training of Oxenhope, and it will be interesting to note if he can revitalise the old gelding and improve him in the same manner as some of the light harness brigade under his charge.

The Dunedin mentor C. Gieseler has four horses in preparation for the Ashburton meeting—viz., Sedd-el-Bahr, Plastic, Royal Star, and Preludium. Thaddeus, in J. Rutledge's stable, and Black Mountain, in J. Rae's, are also Ashburton candidates.

On returning to his stall at Rosehill, after running in the Auburn Handicap, George Graves, a fancied Epsom candidate, lashed out at a horse in the next stall, and got both hind legs over the rail. Fortunately, he took matters quietly when he found himself in an awkward position, and was lifted off without apparently having done himself much damage. One of his hocks was injured, but it was thought not seriously.



The well-known racehorse HASTIE, aged, by Sweet Simon—Lady Officer, who has been presented by Mr. E. Short, of Fuling, to Mrs. Myers, of Wellington, to be raffled for the Soldiers' Fund in aid of children and orphans. HASTIE has five wins, 22 seconds and 13 thirds to his credit, his last victory being registered at the C.J.C. meeting last month.

J. Stewart has taken over Mr. Mesant's stables at Mosgiel, Otago, and will in future train Mr. Wolseley Kain's team from that centre. At present only Marsa and the Calibre youngster are in active commission.

The well-known mare Lady Louisa, by Campfire—Countess Cole, made her last appearance on the race track when she contested the big handicap at Marton last week, and she will in future do service as a stud matron.

There were more three-year-olds than horses of any other age racing in the flat events at the Marton meeting. Thirty were paid up for, and nearly all ran. Twenty-five four-year-olds were accepted for, twenty-eight six-year-olds, and some fifty odd older horses, but many of the six and aged division were in the three races for jumpers. It is satisfactory to find so many three and four-year-olds in commission. Many of the three-year-olds claim engagements in classic races during the season, and some of them will be seen figuring in other than hack events as the season advances. It seems practically certain that some will figure in the Avondale Stakes and Great Northern Guineas. The winners at three years old, Penury Rose and Matatua, are not engaged, but Moutoa Ivanova, who was second to the last-named, claims quite a number of important classic engagements during the season, and is in the Great Northern Guineas and races run in Canterbury at the same time.

Mr. A. S. Tonks, whose death was announced last week from Hawera, was well along from the Wanganui-Taranaki coast as a stock auctioneer in partnership with Mr. R. H. Nolan, who has been in England doing valuable service for New Zealand soldiers during the war. The late Mr. Tonks always took an interest in sport and was associated with the various racing, hunting and polo clubs of the district. Golf and bowling claimed his attention, too, but for some time he had been in failing health. Prior to settling in Hawera about a third of a century ago, Auckland was his home, and it was there that his funeral took place. It is needless to say that the deceased sportsman made many friends among the settlers with whom he was associated in business, and he will be missed at the A. and P. Association's shows on the coast, as he was a breeder and exhibitor.

We are more concerned about our Dominion horses, but a Sydney paper asks: "How are the imported nags going to shape in the big spring handicaps? Last September-November the dark ones from England were more honoured in the breach than the performance. The previous spring was a great time for the foreigners. One of them just missed the Epsom, another won the Metropolitan, three filled the Caulfield Cup places, and two of them were only beaten by a Maorilander (Sasanoff) in the Melbourne Cup. There is a stronger force of imported horses among the entries this season than ever before, so unless they make a great show in the results it will seem hardly worth while to bring horses all the way from Europe for racing purposes. At present a lot of them look very dangerous, and it would be interesting to hear the best price on offer against an English-bred horse winning the Caulfield Cup, anyhow.

Auckland sent thirteen—unlucky number—horses to the Marton meeting. One of them, Tirau, managed to get third in the Hack Steeplechase, but he and the winner and others were disqualified for going inside a flag, and Dunrobin, another Auckland, got a tinner of the stake money through being placed third, though there was no merit in his performance. The luck of the stables represented was in striking contrast to that of those represented at the N.Z. Grand National meeting, the first meeting of the new season.

The victory of British Arch at Moorfield, on Australian soil, over hurdles, is the first for a son of Marble Arch so far as we are aware. Though not an important success, it is nevertheless one that may lead up to better things in the future, as the half-brother to Kauri King has only been at the jumping game a comparatively short while and was purchased to make a "stick" horse of. Several of Marble Arch's progeny may be found scoring over the battens during the season, and it would not surprise us were more of them tried at the jumping game.

Bjorneborg, who ran second to Paraoa in receipt of 14lb. at Marton, may yet win a race over obstacles, but this five-year-old brother to Estland and Finmark is handicapped, not by weight certainly, but by a trouble that prevents even the possibility of him ever being seen to great advantage. He was a gross youngster, unlike his brothers, and was gelded, and, as we all know, won twice at two years old and was second four times, third three times and unplaced three times. He left off at two years full of promise, and won the Wanganui Guineas shortly after entering on his three-year-old career; and was second in the Great Northern Guineas; Auckland R.C. Handicap, A.R.C. Easter, A.R.C. and N.Z. St Legers, and Manawatu Longbush Handicap, and third in the Auckland Cup, Auckland Plate, Wellington Consolation, Wanganui Stakes, McVay Memorial and Awapuni Cup. Unfortunately, Bjorneborg became musical and won nothing for his Gisborne purchaser last season, only starting a few times. There is no doubt he was a good stayer, and might have become a really good gelding but for his wind infirmity—and what a hurdler or cross-country horse!

NOMINATIONS.

OTAKI MAORI RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

The entries received for the Otaki Maori Racing Club's spring meeting, which takes place on Monday, September 23, are of a satisfactory nature, and the weights, which will be declared immediately after the Dannevirke meeting, will be awaited with more than ordinary interest. Thirteen horses claim engagements in the principal event, the Teone Makitonore Memorial Stakes (one mile and a-quarter), while 16 have been entered for the Flying Handicap (six furlongs). The Tatimi Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase has met with a good response from owners and trainers, and the race should provide an interesting contest. As expected, the nominations for the hack events are of the most encouraging character, and some keen racing is certain to be witnessed in this department. The list of nominations is as follows:—

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Demos, Lisp, All Over, Glorify, Mene-daus, Jean Laddo, Bo-Pee, Bairnsdale, Sardinia, Galore, Cyrisian, Astrophel, Hyllus, Sea Lord, Persian Prince, Waimatao.

DOMINION DAY HANDICAP, one mile.—Torchlight, Polynesian, Matatua, Gold Problem, Sea Foam, Mystified, Mih Queen, Wapping, Elevate, Transmission, Willys-Knight, First Line, Idle Talk, Classification, Manu, Quinn's Post.

TATIMI HACK AND HUNTERS' STEEPLCHASE, two miles and a-half.—Bollin, Whetoki, br g by Paddy's Land, Juan, Undecided, Flying Camp, Kurnalpi, Lady Renown, Papatere, Jeni, Lynne, Record, Gaekwar, Hoatu, Kurapai, Gwynne, Waitore, Kaitu's Park, Poeman.

TEONE MAKITONORE MEMORIAL STAKES, one mile and a-quarter.—All Over, Sweet Tipperary, Ladify, Mascot, Kiltess, Delays, Devotion, Form Up, Bronk, Orleval, Hydrus, Hastie, Sea Lord, Detroit.

STEWARDS' HACK WELTER, six furlongs.—War Scot, Blighty, Occasion, Falstone, Ahika, Utuwal, Coing, Skedaddle, Courtfield, Cotillion, Whakatana, Sea Foam, Belle o' the Camp, Rajput, Namur, Kipling, Idyllie, Livland, Trickery, KEREIHI ROERA, Idle Talk.

KEREIHI ROERA WELTER, seven furlongs.—Goldstream, Glorify, Ladify, Kiltess, Jean Laddo, Undecided, Sardinia, Revocation, Square Deal, Wapping, Hydrus, Sweet Tipperary, Sea Lord, Altercation, Detroit.

WELTER HACK HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Sabine, War Scot, Whetoki, Talitha, Toddy, Occasion, Sacramento, Gold Problem, Utuwal, Skedaddle, La Pucelle, Wonder, Matatua, Consolation, Grand Duchy, Tuticorn, Mystified, Orion, Dick, Star, Lady Beaufort, Transmission, Lepanto, Willys-Knight, Lady Edith, Katmandu, Manu, Quinn's Post.

ENTRIES.

MAIDEN PLATE, five furlongs.—Old Gold, Tamaiti, War Scot, Stirrup Cup, Restful, Toddy, Naughty Girl, Courtfield, Beloved, Cotillion, Rene Rose, Jinglefong, Belle o' the Camp, Kipling, Orion, Belle Noire, Bonny Briar, Lepanto, Stutter, Gratification, Montalvo, Yankee Jack.

Several members of the Porirua team are expected to make their debut at the Otaki meeting on the 23rd inst., among their number being Lisp and Stirrup Cup.

Kipling and Grand Duchy, until recently trained by F. Davis, are now members of J. Coyle's Bulls stable. Both competed unsuccessfully at Marton. Kipling is trained by Mr. J. G. Collins, of Rangitikei Line, who raced Lorelei and other horses some seasons back. Grand Duchy is owned by a Wellington sportsman, who will race as Mr. "G. Leslie."

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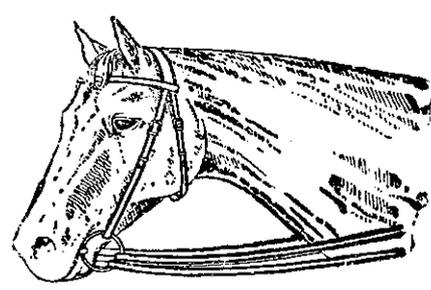
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TURF GOSSIP.

The well-known Christchurch trotting mentor, J. Bryce, has 35 horses in commission at the present time.

It is the intention of J. Ayres to have Battle Array (Signor—Carissima) schooled over hurdles.

J. O'Shea arrived in Sydney on Tuesday, August 27, and is to take up his quarters at Randwick, so as to be able to ride Desert Gold and other members of Mr. T. H. Lowry's team in their work on the track. The crack New Zealand horseman was evidently on the invalid list upon his arrival in Sydney, as it was stated in the "Sun" next morning that, owing to blood poisoning following on a slight wound while riding, O'Shea would unfortunately be confined to his bed for a few days.

The three-year-old colt Melee (Marian—Fornless) will make his first appearance this season in the Amberley Cup this Thursday. Melee only started three times in the Dominion as a two-year-old, and on his last appearance won the April Stakes at the South Canterbury Jockey Club's autumn meeting. Mr. G. L. Stead will also be represented at the Amberley meeting this week by Bonetter, a three-year-old filly by Boniform from Brayton, an Australian-bred mare by Bardolph—Zaza, by The Admiral—The Charmer, a well-known Australian family. Bonetter, who is a first foal, did not compete as a two-year-old. C. Emerson will ride Melee, and A. Tinker, who is apprenticed to R. D. O'Donnell, Bonetter.

A mild sensation recently occurred at a race meeting at Wyong (N.S.W.). Tarawera, by Knightlight (imp.) from Parting Glass, was produced for the second division of the Novice Handicap, in which he was weighted at 8.10. The New Zealand horseman, E. Lowe, had the mount. Backers came so solidly for Tarawera that he was soon installed a sound favourite. The race requires little description, as Tarawera simply romped home the winner, with Perlmutter as his nearest attendant. Upon going to scale Lowe could not make the weight, being 7½ lb. short. Short weight being declared, the race was awarded to Perlmutter, and an inquiry was instituted. A missing lead-bag, covered with a horse rug, was found on the rail in the stall where Tarawera was saddled up, where it had evidently been overlooked by trainer Shaw. For this carelessness Shaw was fined £10. The error is said to have cost the stable and the public a big loss in stakes and prospective winnings.

The well-known trotter, Robert Dillon, has been sold by Mr. R. Hudson, of Dunedin, to a Westport sportsman, who should soon get a return for his outlay with the son of Harold Dillon at West Coast meetings, as in moderate company he will be more than useful.

The annual report of the Wellington Trainers' Association states that during the year the members of the association had been reduced by the death of Mr. G. M. Reed. Mr. C. Pritchard represented the association at the funeral. The committee of the association had worked amicably with the executive of the racing club, and the caretaker, Mr. J. McGlashan. The representations made by the association had always been considered, and in most cases, adopted by the club. During the year several noticeable improvements had been effected at the course which were greatly appreciated by trainers. Considering that the association was practically in its infancy it had fulfilled its purpose, and no doubt its usefulness would be felt during the coming season. The members of the committee are: Messrs. J. McLaughlin (chairman), J. Ayres, J. W. Scott, J. W. Lowe, C. Pritchard, and H. Telford.

S. Mordan, at one time a prominent jockey, died in England in June. He never rode a Derby winner, but went very close to it on Bruce in 1882, being defeated by Shotover, ridden by T. Cannon, whose version of the race was as follows: "Sammy Mordan thought Bruce was a certainty for the Derby, and he promised his wife a sewing machine if he won. A sewing machine in those days was like a motor car now.

Bruce almost had the Derby won, and Mordan, half-way up the straight, began to sing out: 'The husband of Sammy Mordan's wife has won the Derby. The husband of Sammy Mordan's wife has given her a sewing machine. The husband of Sammy Mordan's wife has won the Derby; the husband of Sammy Mordan's wife—' Bruce, while this was going on, was close to me, and I could hear Sammy talking, and could guess what would happen. Mordan let his reins go, and Bruce swerved away from the rails. I had been waiting for this, and shot my mare through, and before Mordan knew where he was Shotover had won the race."

On the second day of the Queensland Exhibition meeting last month, Venerable won the Metropolitan Handicap, of 1000sovs (one mile and a-half). Venerable is by Achilles—Monarda (Birkenhead—Balm), one of the mares sent from Waikanae stud by Mr. I. G. Duncan in 1913.

The biggest drawbacks to the prohibition movement (says the West Australian "Sportsman") are its advocates. In this respect it suffers like the temperance campaign of which a noted English statesman aptly remarked: "The worst enemies of temperance are the intemperate temperance reformers." What reasonable citizen would like to have the communities of this State patterned after the model conceived by the suppressionists who interpret all enjoyment as wickedness? To these warped types the stage, the boxing arena, the picture-film, the race-course all are so many creations of the devil. Not content with bogging themselves in the swamps of gloom, they shriek to have their fellows

Bonnie Maid last year's Great Northern St. Leger winner, is reported to be acquitting herself creditably on the tracks at Trentham. The daughter of Boniform—Happy Maid should do her owner, "Mr. P. Soames," some useful service during the present season.

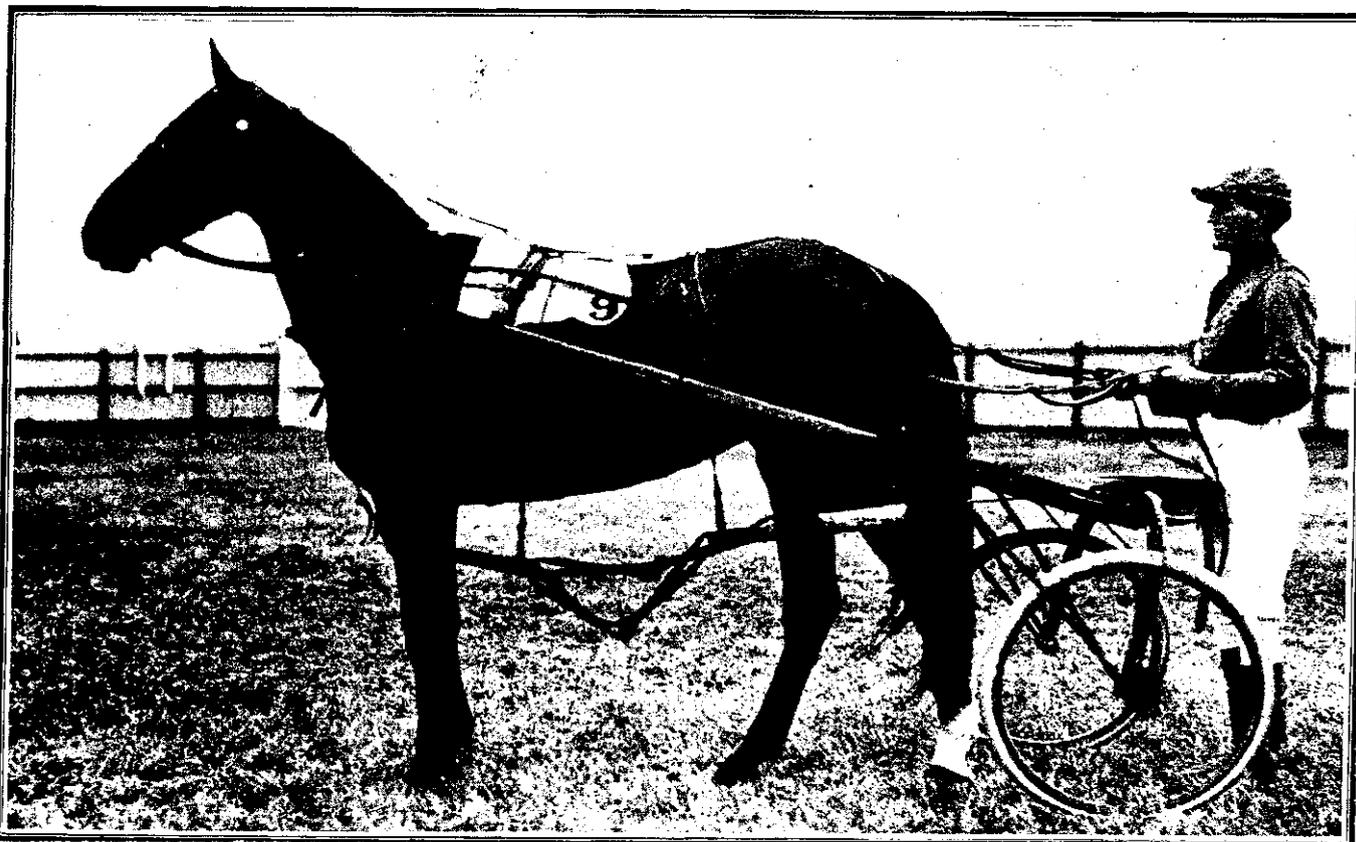
Rose Pink, held under lease from her breeder, has been purchased by Mr. Whitney. At the conclusion of her racing career she will go into that well-known Wellington sportsman's stud.

Racing circles in Western Australia are more than a trifle perturbed over the existence of a jockey ring there. A recent inquiry into an accident that occurred at Goodwood indicated that a close relationship existed between a section of the boys riding. The staunchness with which they stood for each other, even at the expense of contradicting previous statements, and denying well-known facts, provided much food for thought. Other prior and more recent incidents strengthen the belief that a well-organised ring exists in the Western State. It may be broadly accepted, that in a greater or lesser degree, jockeys' rings exist in every State (remarks the Sydney "Sportsman"). They may have their origin in camaraderieship, and in many respects may be quite harmless, but in the majority of cases their influence is baneful to racing. We understand that in Victoria there is a riders' ring, that is controlled by the notorious Black Hand Gang, who direct it as they wish. The depredations of this band of bravos appear to be accepted as the correct thing over the border.

was achieved by Lady Anzac, who is well known in the country districts of New South Wales. Of her 32 races she won eight. As a rule, good horses ran on fewer occasions. Of the really high-class performers, Wallace Isinglass was stripped most often. He had a tile at 18 races, and won five of them, while of the prominent two-year-olds, the one which ultimately proved master of his age for the season, Outlook, was required to do most work. He ran in 10 races for five wins.

The tracks at Randwick are now being freely used, and with the near approach of the spring meeting unusual interest is centred in the work. Reports just to hand from Sydney show that on Wednesday, August 28, easily the best six furlongs of the morning was that credited to Biplane's two stable mates, Gloaming and Molyneux. They traversed the distance in 1min 17sec, with light boys up, and, keeping close to the inner rail. Biplane was extended over seven furlongs, but he was going along at a leisurely even-time pace for the first three furlongs, so that he did well to get the full journey in 1min 33sec. The last half mile took 50½sec. He was ridden by R. W. Brennan.

W. H. McLachlan, upon his return to Sydney from Queensland, where he rode with success at the Exhibition meeting, stated to a Sydney "Sun" representative that Bunting, who promised to play a prominent part in the big events of the spring here and in Victoria, has gone amiss. After the weight-for-age event he won on the first day he pulled up in sound condition, but on the morning of the Metropolitan Handicap it was



Mr. E. G. McCullough's b m CAPRICCIO, 6yrs., by O.Y.M.—Cappadocia, winner of the August Handicap (two miles) at the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club's recent meeting. E. McDermott, driver.

drawn into the blackness. Prohibition is but the start; if they won on this, the other things they disapprove of would be marked for slaughter in turn. More dangerous than prohibition itself would be the added power its acceptance would bring to the narrow advocates who fathered it. Like many "good" men, the prohibitionists seem to have the odor of hypocrisy around them. They wish to carry their fad through, not on its merits, but disguised and camouflaged as a war necessity. "For the period of the war only" is a lying claim, and the users know it. They want prohibition all the time, and they slay their own cause by attempting to make it look like something that it is not—a war measure.

H. Burt, who was connected with the Porirua stable before he went into camp, has since been rejected for military service.

De Gama, who has been racing in Adelaide for some time without doing any good, is back once more in the stable of his old trainer, G. Delaney, at Caulfield.

Lanius has arrived in Sydney from Queensland for the purpose of having the finishing touches put on his preparation for spring engagements. Lanius is owned by the Queensland sportsman, Mr. A. G. Nobel.

One interesting phase of the racing reported in the latest issue of the Australian Turf Register for the season which closed last month is that some horses are shown to have started in 30 races or more. From the index it is gathered that about 8000 horses raced during the 12 months, but the majority of them had very few runs, and the inference is that a great many were tried, found wanting so far as speed was concerned, and were probably relegated to a more utilitarian purpose than racing. On the other hand, the Register shows some horses work hard for their living. The number of those who took part in more than 20 races during the year would run into hundreds, while there are many who were stripped for 30 or more contests. The record for the season is shared by two horses, each of whom ran for 39 stakes. They were Cocoroo (by Warroo), who won 11 times in his 39 starts, and St. Fitz, a Western Australian, who captured only six prizes after all those efforts. Fair Desmond, an imported horse by Lally, had 37 runs for only one win, and the Victorian Dhul Dhul, by Bonnie Chiel, achieved exactly the same record. Red Signal, by Linacre, was out on 35 occasions for six wins, and there were half a dozen horses who carried silk for 34 races, but the best winning record of those that had more than 30 starts in the season

found that his leg had "filled," and as it was feared that he would break down if he were given a run, he was scratched for his engagement, and immediately placed on the easy list. Bunting has always been unsound in one limb, but the member causing trouble this time was one of his "good" legs. It is questionable whether his trainer can pull him round in time to come south for his important engagements at Randwick, Caulfield and Flemington. McLachlan was keenly disappointed that the horse should have gone amiss. He was, he said, the best performer at the meeting, won his race with the greatest ease, and would have taken a treble during the three days.

In its lengthy history, only three mares, in Briseis, Auraria and Acrasia, have won the Melbourne Cup. Thirteen years have elapsed since the last of the trio, Acrasia, led the field home, and this gives hope to admirers of Desert Gold that the turn has arrived for another mare to succeed in the big two-mile handicap. Carrying 13lb. over weight-for-age, Wakeful (10.0) ran Lord Cardigan (6.8) to half a length in the Cup of 1902, and five years ago Belove (7.0) was second in the much-discussed Cup won by Posinatus, while Nada, Alix, Apple Pie and Carlita were mares to run third in the race in the last three decades.

Desert Gold is a strong tip for this year's Cup, and at 9.6—exactly weight-for-age—she must be voted a splendid chance. Her owner, Mr. T. H. Lowry, is said to be keen on his champion ending her turf career with a Melbourne Cup success. Though not as brilliant at two miles as over a lesser journey, Desert Gold represents the right class, and after all Melbourne Cups are seldom won by any but really good horses.

Commenting upon the appointment of a Government totalisator inspector "Sentinel," in the Otago "Times," writes: "It is fully and pleasingly recognised that the appointment was made in the public interest, but it should not be overlooked that we have also a Racing Government, which has, for many years, out of pure love of the sport, worked hard to elevate it to the highest possible plane, and no one can deny that a great deal, indeed, has been achieved in that direction. In fact, one could honestly claim that outside interferences in our racing is totally unnecessary. This is a result of the supervision which has been exercised for many years. It is quite legitimate for one to lodge objection against any such outside interference, even if it is so important as the introduction of the finger of a paternal Government into our racing pie. One could rest quite satisfied with the appointment if it was final, and not the forerunner of others made by the same authority; but so long as the world revolves we will have politicians making big bids for popularity, and if they once start climbing the fence on to racecourses, one does not know what will happen."

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PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1918.

- TRIAL STAKES** of 115 sovs; second horse 15 sovs and third horse 5 sovs from stakes. Weight: Two year-olds 7.7, three-year-olds 8.6, four-year-olds and upwards 9.0. Mares allowed 5lbs and geldings 3lbs. For horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25 sovs. Entry 40s. Five furlongs.
- FLYING HANDICAP (OPEN)** of 200 sovs; second horse 35 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s. Six furlongs.
- LADIES' PURSE HANDICAP** of 125 sovs; second horse 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from stakes. Minimum weight 11.0. Open to hacks only, and to be ridden by gentlemen riders. Nomination 20s, acceptance 30s. One mile and a distance.
- NOTE.**—A Gold-mounted Whip, donated by Mrs C. F. Vallance, will be presented to the rider of the winning horse in this race.
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- OPAKI WELTER HANDICAP (Open)** of 200 sovs; second horse 35 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from stakes. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s. One mile.
- DASH HACK HANDICAP** of 115 sovs; second horse 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1918.

- HACK HURDLE HANDICAP** of 150 sovs; second horse 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from stakes. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. One mile and a-half.
- GRANDSTAND HACK HANDICAP** of 130 sovs; second horse 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Seven furlongs.
- TELEPHONE HANDICAP (Open)** of 200sovs; second horse 35 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from stakes. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s. Five furlongs.
- JUVENILE HANDICAP** of 170 sovs; second horse 25 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs from stakes. For two-year-olds. Nomination 20s., acceptance 50s. Four furlongs.
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- FINAL WELTER HANDICAP (Open)** of 200 sovs; second horse 35 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from stakes. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s. Seven furlongs.
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NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all events (including Entrance for Trial Stakes) close with the Secretary at his office, Queen Street, Masterton, on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1918, at 5 p.m.

WEIGHTS for the First Day's Races will be declared on or before FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1918, and for the Second Day's Races at the Secretary's Office, Queen Street, Masterton, on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1918, at 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day's Races close with the Secretary at his Office, Queen Street, Masterton, on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1918, at 5 p.m., and for the Second Day's Races at the Secretary's Office, Queen Street, Masterton, on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1918, at 9 p.m.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

All races to be run under the New Zealand Rules of Racing.

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The attention of owners and trainers is drawn to the fact that the Club have erected 60 loose boxes on its course at Opaki, and those wishing to secure loose-boxes must forward their application with a fee of £1. Accommodation has also been provided for trainers and jockeys, and those requiring accommodation must, when applying for boxes, forward a fee of £1 5s. for trainers and £1 5s. for jockeys, which amount will cover one week or fraction thereof. **This Rule will be strictly adhered to, and no boxes will be secured unless the cash is remitted with application.**

When nominating, the name of the trainer must be given, also the registered racing colours, so as to enable same to appear in the race book.

No horse will be permitted to start until the Jockey Accident Fund Fee has been paid.

All entries by telegram or telephone must be confirmed in writing at once.

A. HATHAWAY,
 Secretary.

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Submitted to and approved by the Wellington District Committee.—A. E. WHYTE, Secretary Wellington District Committee, August 5, 1918.

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SPRING MEETING.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1918.

- MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP (Saddle)** of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third 5sovs each from the stake. **FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY.** For all horses that have never won at better than 2.25 to the mile at time of start. Limit, 4.6. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.
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- SPRING HANDICAP (Harness)** of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4.42. Nomination 3sovs, acceptance 4sovs. Distance, two miles.
- ONEHUNGA HANDICAP (Harness)** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third 10sovs each from the stake. Limit, 4.52. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. Distance, two miles.
- MOUNTAIN TROT HANDICAP (Harness)** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 3.48. **FOR TROTTING HORSES ONLY.** Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3½ sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.
- STEWARDS' HANDICAP (Saddle)** of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third 10sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.26. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile.
- OCTOBER HANDICAP (Harness)** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 15sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.54. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3½sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.
- ELECTRIC HANDICAP (Harness)** of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third 10sovs each from the stake. Limit, 2.27. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

No nomination will be accepted unless accompanied by fees.
 No competitor will be allowed to start unless all fees are paid.
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 No horse will be allowed to compete in hopples in races for trotters only.
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Placed horses on any day may be entered for any succeeding day of the Summer Meeting, such additional entry must be made before 7 p.m. on the first day of the meeting for the second day, and before 7 p.m. on the second day for the third day.

The Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry and to exclude any person or persons from the ground without giving any explanation.

Before any horse can be entered for Handicap Races the Provident Fund fee must be paid to the Secretary of the New Zealand Trotting Association, under a penalty of disqualification, vide Rules of Trotting.

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SPRING MEETING, 1918.

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NOMINATIONS for all events close on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, at 5 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

ACCEPTANCES for all events close on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, at 5 p.m.

HANDICAPS.

HANDICAPS for all events to appear on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

ACCEPTANCES.

ACCEPTANCES for the Great Northern Derby, 1918, close on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, at 5 p.m.

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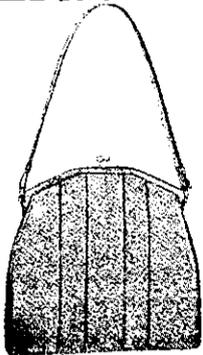
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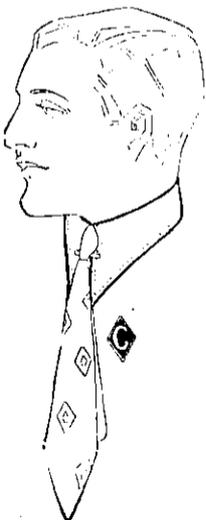
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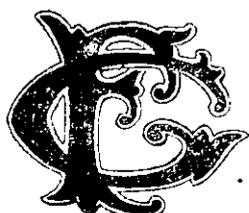
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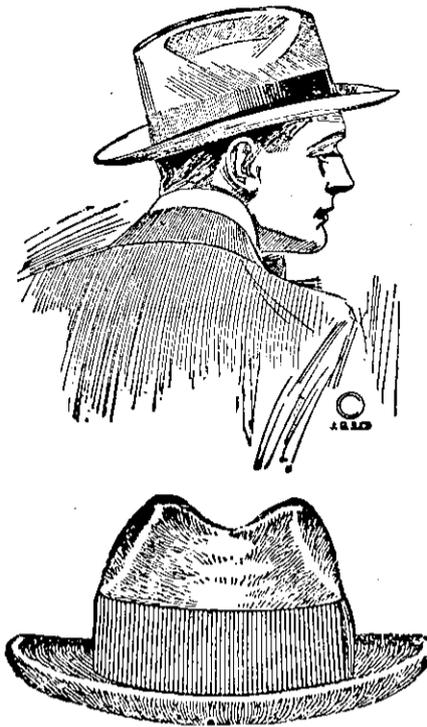


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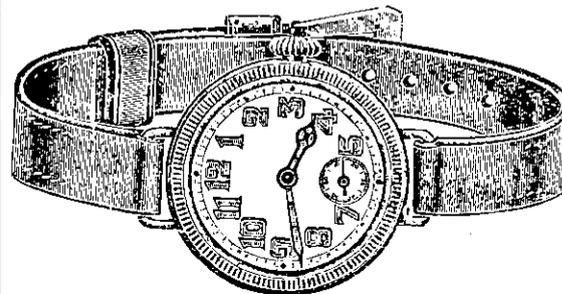
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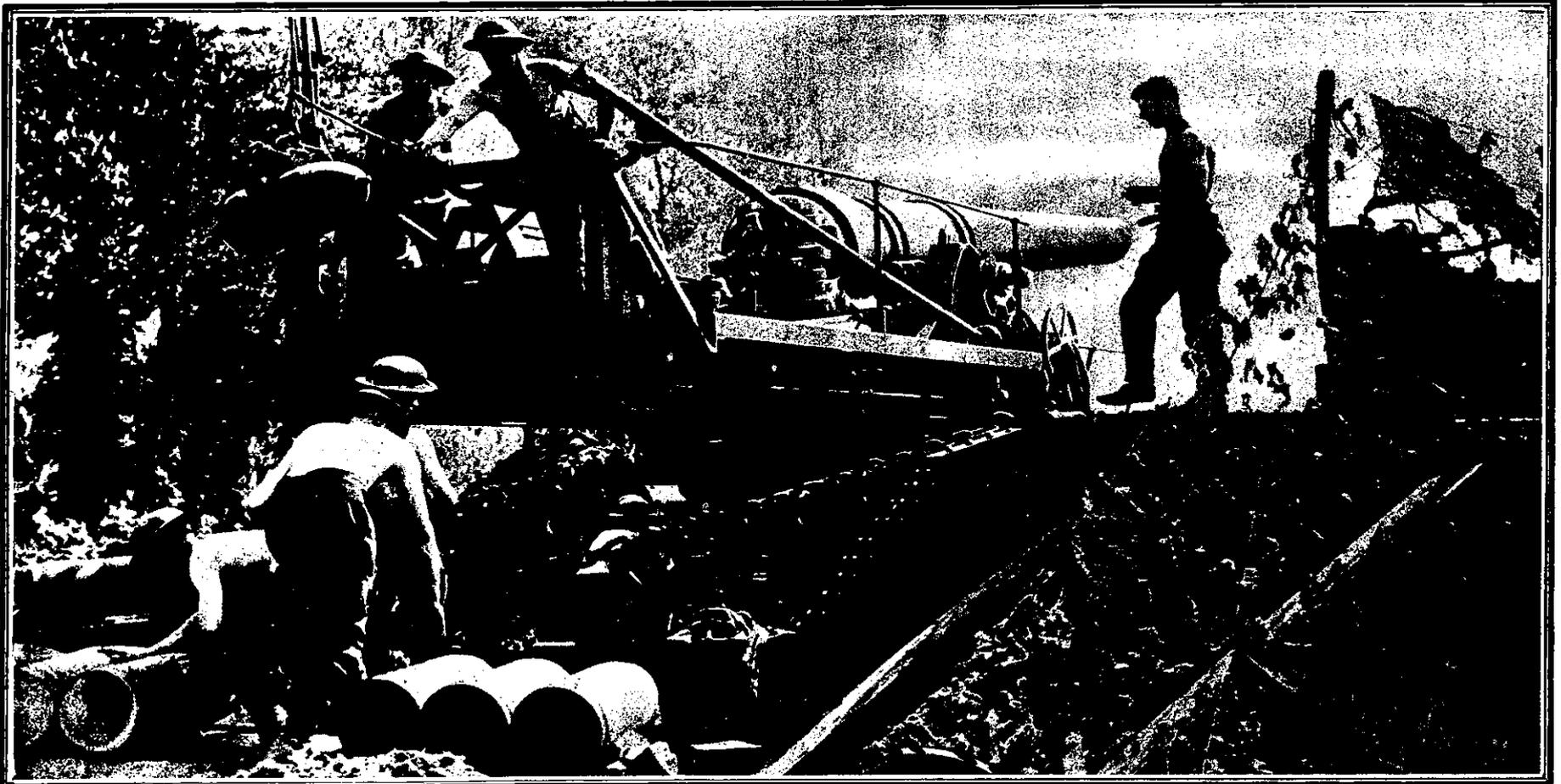
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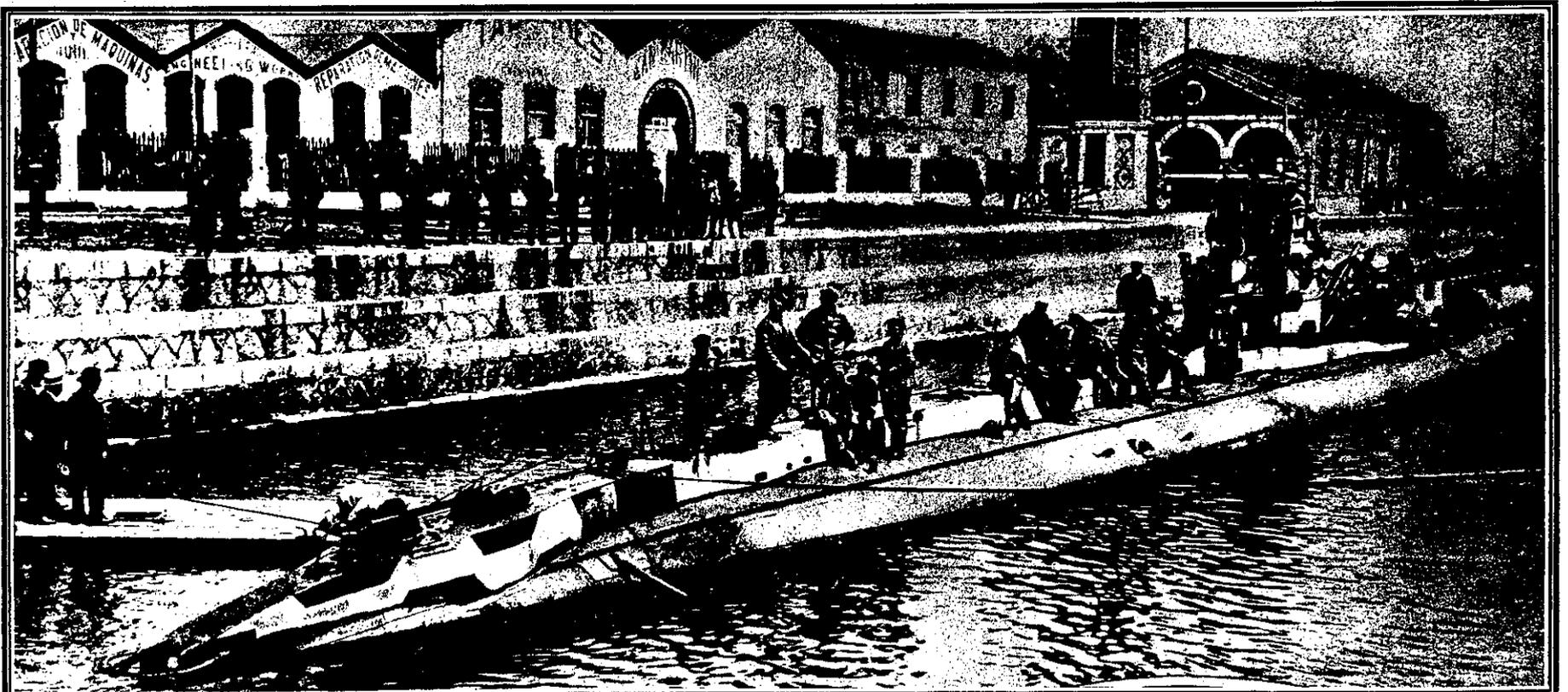
SIDELIGHTS ON THE MOST TERRIBLE WAR IN HISTORY.



AN IMPRESSIVE SCENE AT THE BURIAL AT MULL OF OA, ISLAND OF ISLAY, ON THE BLEAK WEST COAST OF SCOTLAND, OF 44 AMERICAN SOLDIERS, WHOSE BODIES CAME ASHORE NEAR THIS POINT FOLLOWING THE SINKING OF THE AMERICAN TROOPSHIP, TUSCANIA. The mourners are a detachment of men from the Tuscania, left behind to attend the services, a firing squad of Scotchmen who volunteered to serve in this capacity, and gray-haired Islayans, who dug the huge grave. The Stars and Stripes shown were made by women of Port Ellen, who sat up all the night before to do so when no American flag could be found in the village.

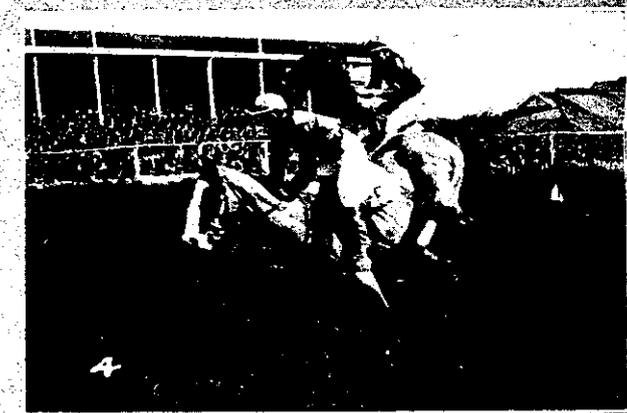


A GREAT FACTOR IN BRINGING ABOUT THE GERMAN RETIREMENT ON THE WESTERN FRONT. BRITISH GUNNERS, STRIPPED TO THE WAIST IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE INTENSE HEAT, OPERATING A HUGE FIELD PIECE ON THE FLANDERS FRONT.



A GERMAN SUBMARINE. UC-56, LYING AT SANTANDER, SPAIN, WHERE SHE INTERNED HERSELF ON MAY 24 LAST AFTER HAVING BEEN SEVERELY DAMAGED AT SEA IN AN ENCOUNTER WITH AN AMERICAN PATROL YACHT. The UC-56, designed primarily for mine-laying, is here shown elaborately camouflaged, with her crew lounging on deck.

Snapshots at the Marton Jockey Club's Spring Meeting.



1. The finish of the Hack Hurdles—PARAOA (A. Ward) wins from BJORNEBORG (S. Henderson). 2. PARAOA and BJORNEBORG (on left) returning to the enclosure. 3. MERRY JACK, runner-up to GLADFUL in the Rangitikei Steeplechase. 4. TIRAU (J. Roach) leading the field over the brush fence in front of stand the first time in the Hack Steeplechase. 5. FOEMAN (H. Burt) winning the Hack Steeplechase from GAEKWAR (A. McDonald). Foeman was disqualified for running inside a flag. 6. A snapshot showing Trial Plate candidates in the birdcage. 7. Two well-known lightweight horsemen riding at the meeting—Ashley Reed and C. Emerson. 8. A view of the saddling paddock. 9. Getting ready for their Rangitikei Steeplechase engagements.

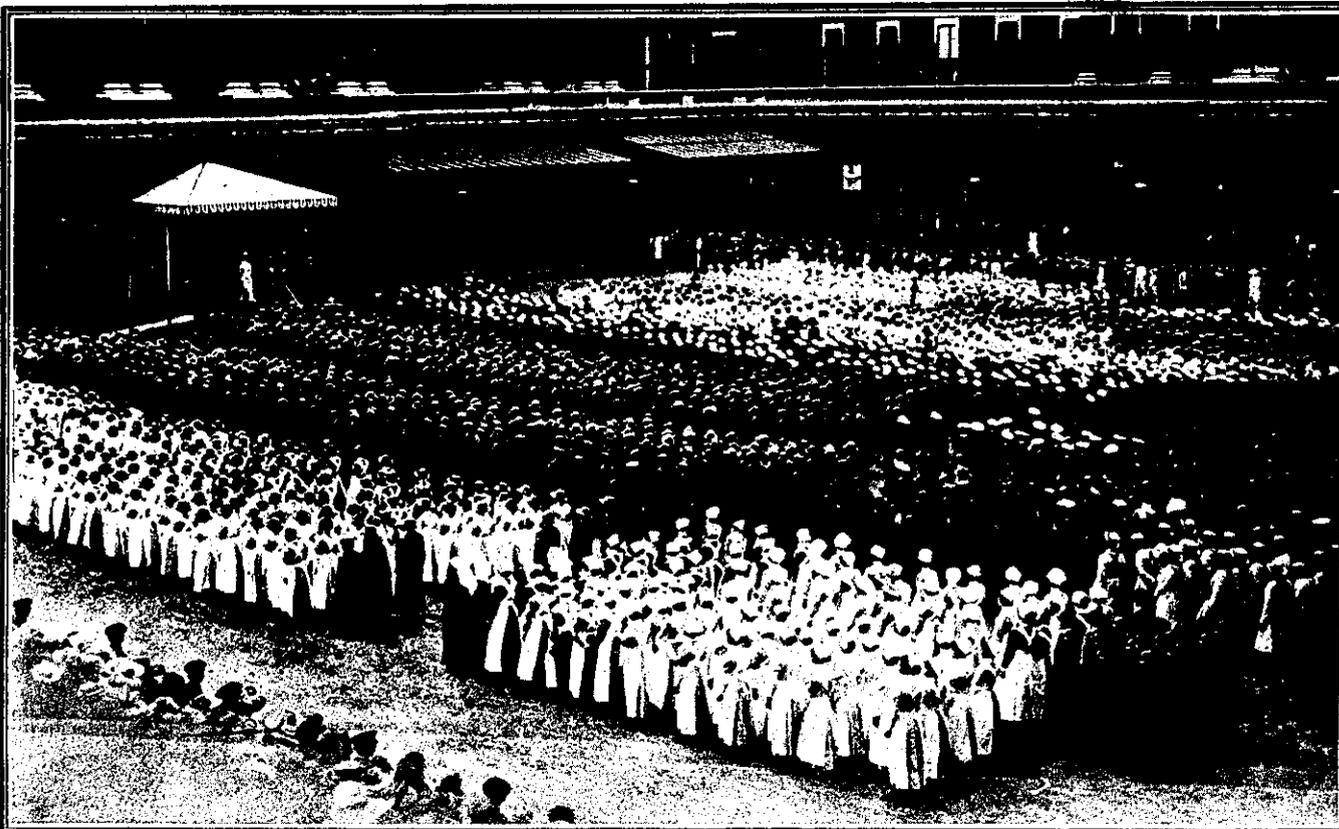
Important Happenings at Home and Abroad, including a Sensation in Dublin.



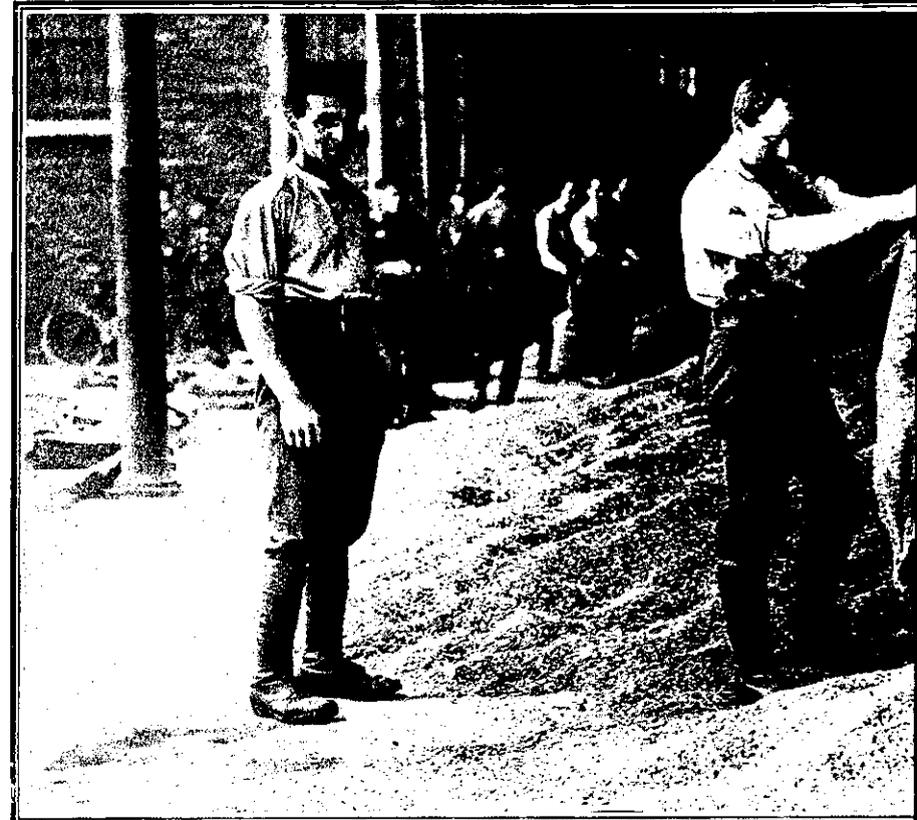
THE LATEST STYLE OF RAINCOATS.—GROUND SHEETS UTILIZED BY THE CANADIAN TROOPS IN FRANCE.



WITH THE HEROIC FRENCH FORCES. PRESENTATION OF FLAG TO THE SCHOOL OF AVIATION.—M. Dunesnil, Under-Secretary of State for Aviation, accompanied by Capt. Battle and Lieut. Fontaine, presented to the Cadets of the School of Aviation, flags which are shown by the aviators, Capt. Battle and Lieut. Fontaine.



PAYING HOMAGE TO THE KING AND QUEEN ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SILVER WEDDING. Nearly 3000 women war workers marched to Buckingham Palace, where an address was read to Their Majesties by Miss F. H. Durham, C.B.E., Chief Woman Inspector, Ministry of Labour. The illustration shows thousands of women assembled at Buckingham Palace, the King and Queen being under the canopy seen on the left.



DISCOVERY OF A HUGE AMMUNITION HOARD IN DUBLIN. A recent search of the premises in Smithfield, Dublin, by the Military, resulted in a sensational discovery on premises in Smithfield, Dublin, of a huge hoard of ammunition. The illustration shows soldiers emptying suspiciously large boxes of corn were found to contain some 40,000 rounds of ball cartridge. The hoard was discovered in a room in the city of Ireland. The illustration shows soldiers emptying suspiciously large boxes.

Viscount French's Visit to Belfast, and Recent Patriotic Functions at Home.



HIS MAJESTY'S REPRESENTATIVE IN IRELAND, FIELD MARSHAL VISCOUNT FRENCH PHOTOGRAPHED IN BELFAST ON THE OCCASION OF HIS FIRST VISIT TO BELFAST IN HIS NEW CAPACITY. Viscount French is seen being welcomed by leading officials and patriotic workers upon his arrival at Belfast.



THE LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND'S FIRST VISIT TO BELFAST. Viscount French visited Belfast and spent a very busy 4½ hours in the northern city. He was seen at the Red Cross Fete. Viscount French is shown near centre of group, on the left side of Belfast.



PRINCESS MARY (IN CENTRE) LENDS VALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE PATRIOTIC MOVEMENT AT CHELSEA, ENGLAND. Princess Mary's presence put the final glorifying touch to the Chelsea Fair, recently held in the Royal Hospital Grounds. The Princess is shown receiving a collecting box from a very small worker for the good cause.

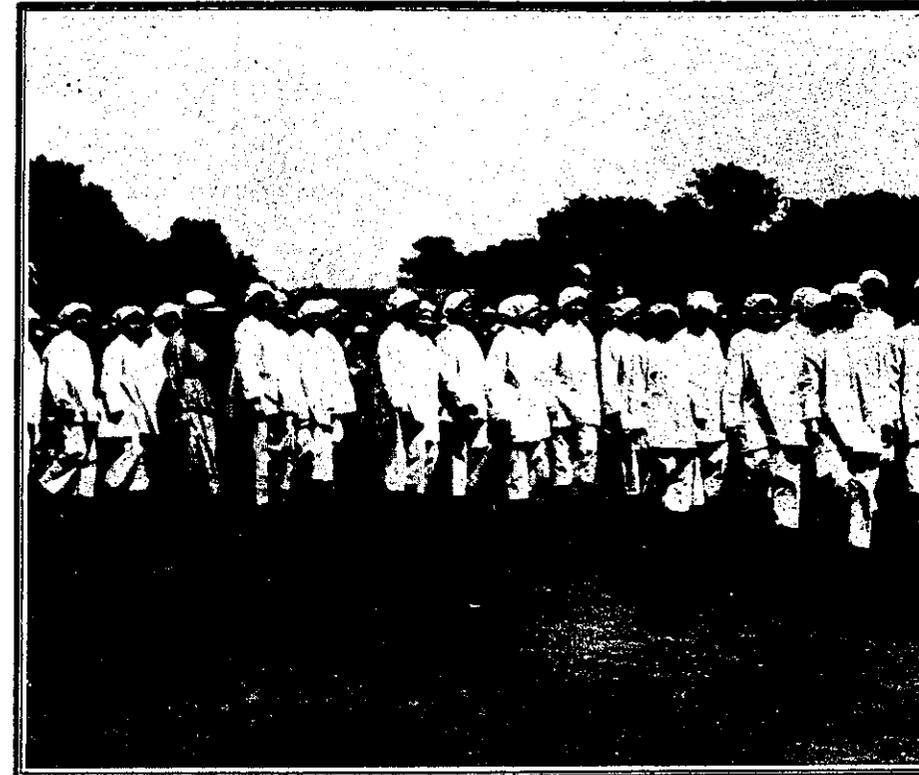


BEACONSFIELD'S OLD ENGLISH REVELS.—"Ye Old Fair" at Beaconsfeld, Bedfordshire, was recently held with all proper antique ceremony and old-world atmosphere. The Marquis of Lincolnshire (speaking), Lord Burnham (in hunting costume) took part in the opening ceremony.

Characteristic Snapshots of War-Time Sports and Carnivals in and around London.



"YE OLD FAIR." THE RESIDENTS OF BEACONSFIELD REVIVE THE OLD ENGLISH REVELS AS A POPULAR MEANS OF AUGMENTING THE RED CROSS FUNDS. "Dr. Johnston" is depicted arriving by coach with a charming companion.



BRITISH WOMEN'S SILVER WEDDING TRIBUTE TO THE KING AND to the King and Queen, on the occasion of Their Majesty's silver wedding nearly 3000 women war workers, wearing the uniforms of their corps an onstration of loyalty. A detachment of women are shown marching Palace.



THE WOMEN'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS ENJOY A MERRY DAY AT BATTERSEA PARK, LONDON. The sports held by the W.A.A.C. proved of a most varied and interesting character, and were witnessed by a large number of people. The illustration shows the Toffee-catching Competition, which caused endless amusement.



ENTERTAINING THE LARGE CROWDS WHICH PATRONISED THE HELD IN THE HOSPITAL GROUNDS AT CHELSEA. A CRINOLINE

The Opening of the North Island Racing Season—The Marton J.C.'s Record Gathering



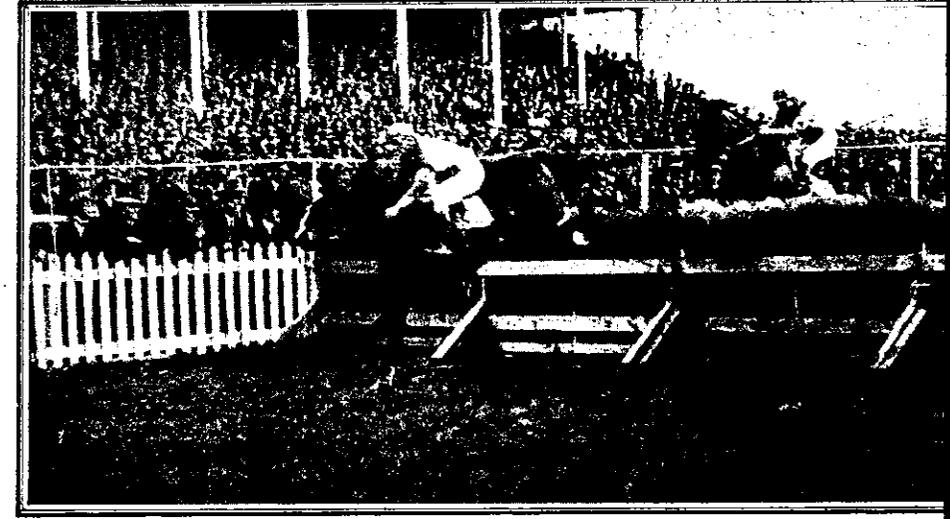
JUST AFTER THE START OF THE MARTON HANDICAP (1/4 miles)—DETROIT (the winner) racing on the outside of the leading trio.



THE LEADING DIVISION AFTER NEGOTIATING THE BEND INTO THE STRAIGHT IN THE MARTON HANDICAP—RIO (C. Stratton) has command from HYDRUS (R. S. Bagby), next rails, with DETROIT (R. Reed) lying third.



THE LARGE FIELD RETURNING TO SCALE AFTER THE DECISION OF THE TRIAL HACK PLATE, IN WHICH THERE WERE 29 STARTERS.

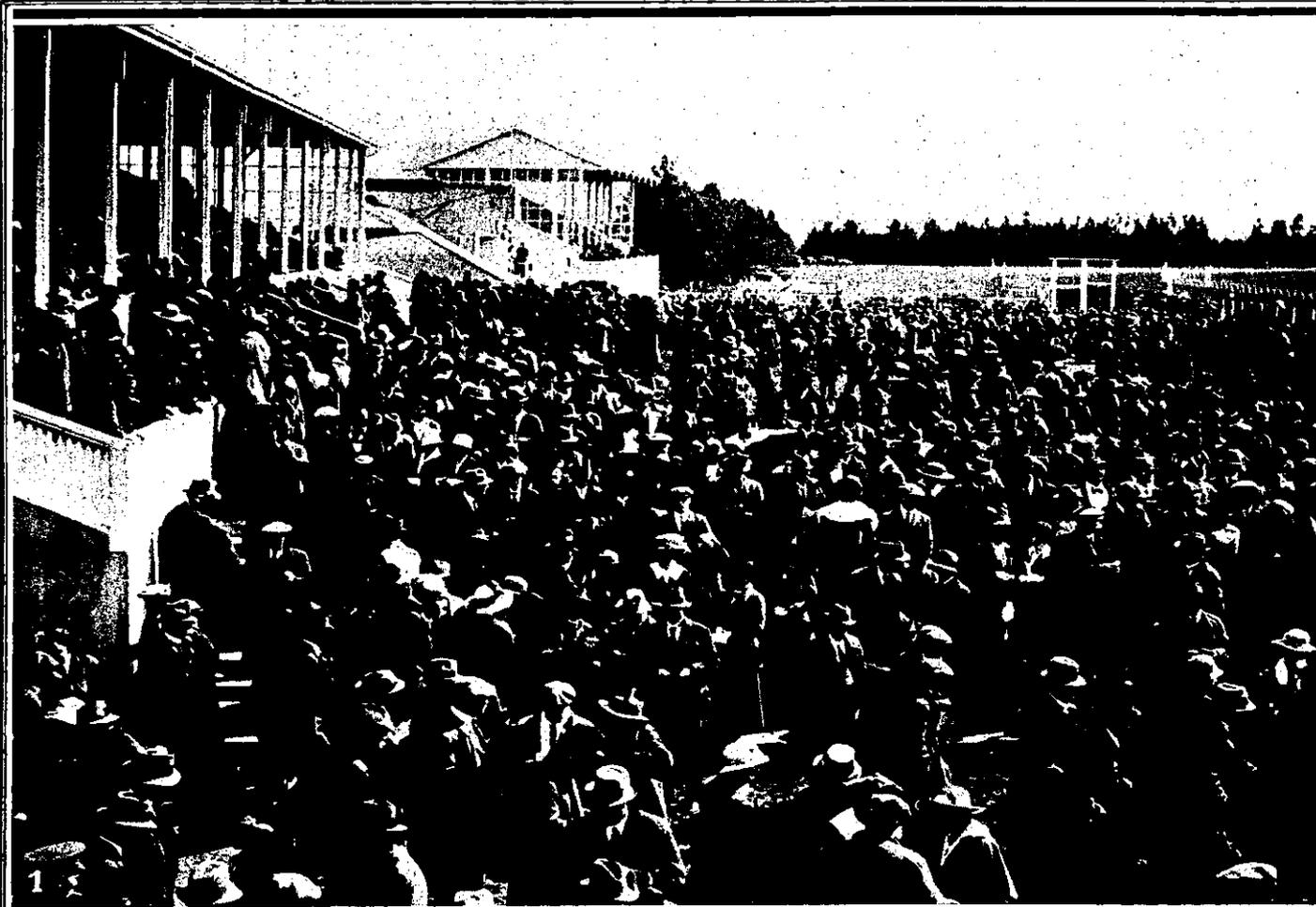


AT THE SECOND FENCE OF THE DOUBLE BRUSH IN FRONT OF THE STEEPLECHASE (THREE MILES).—MARTON (E. Copestake) has charge and GLADFUL (the winner).



A VIEW SHOWING THE LARGE CROWD AROUND THE TOTALISATOR AT THE MARTON MEETING.

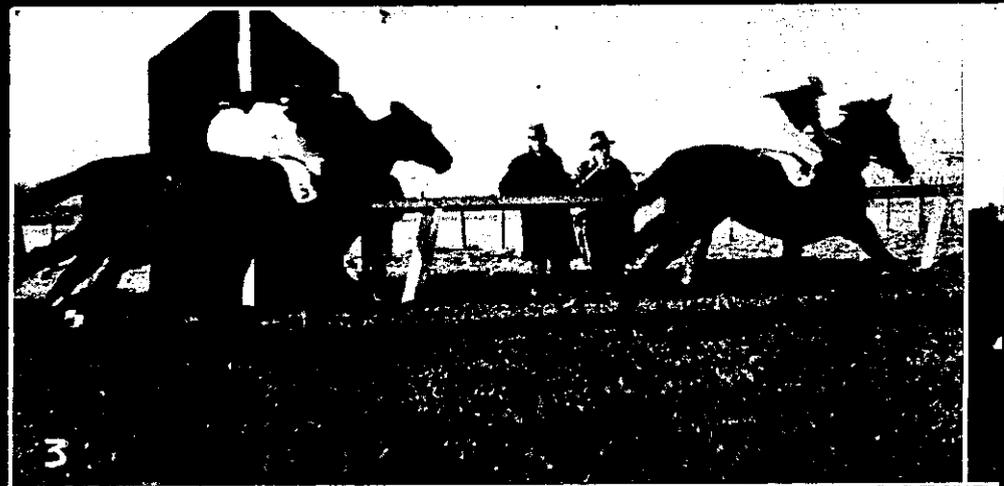
The Spring Venture of the Marton Jockey Club Provides Some Sterling Sport.



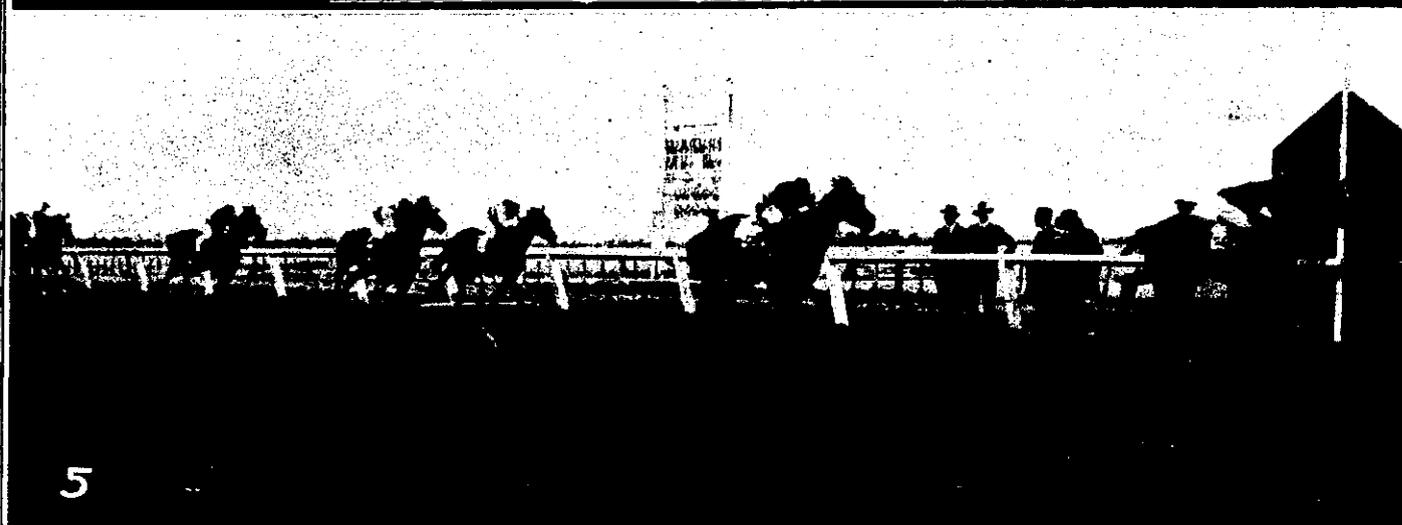
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1. View of the lawn and portion of the main stand, with outside stand in distance. 2. ARLINGTON (S. Henderson) leading MERRY JACK (on left) at the double brush in front of stand the first Steeplechase (three miles). 3. The finish of the Electric Hack Handicap (six furlongs)—PENURY ROSE (F. Corlett) scores a surprise victory from RAJPUT (C. Price), with GOLD PROBLEM (C. Copestake) leading at a brush fence in the Rangitikei Steeplechase. 5. MATATUA (Con. Reed) scores a convincing win from MOUTOA IVANOVA (M. McCarren), with UTUWAI (C. Carmont) leading in front of the stand in the Hack Hurdles (1½ miles)—From left: BJORNEBORG (S. Henderson), JANITOR (A. McDonald), and ATUATORO (F. Tutchet):

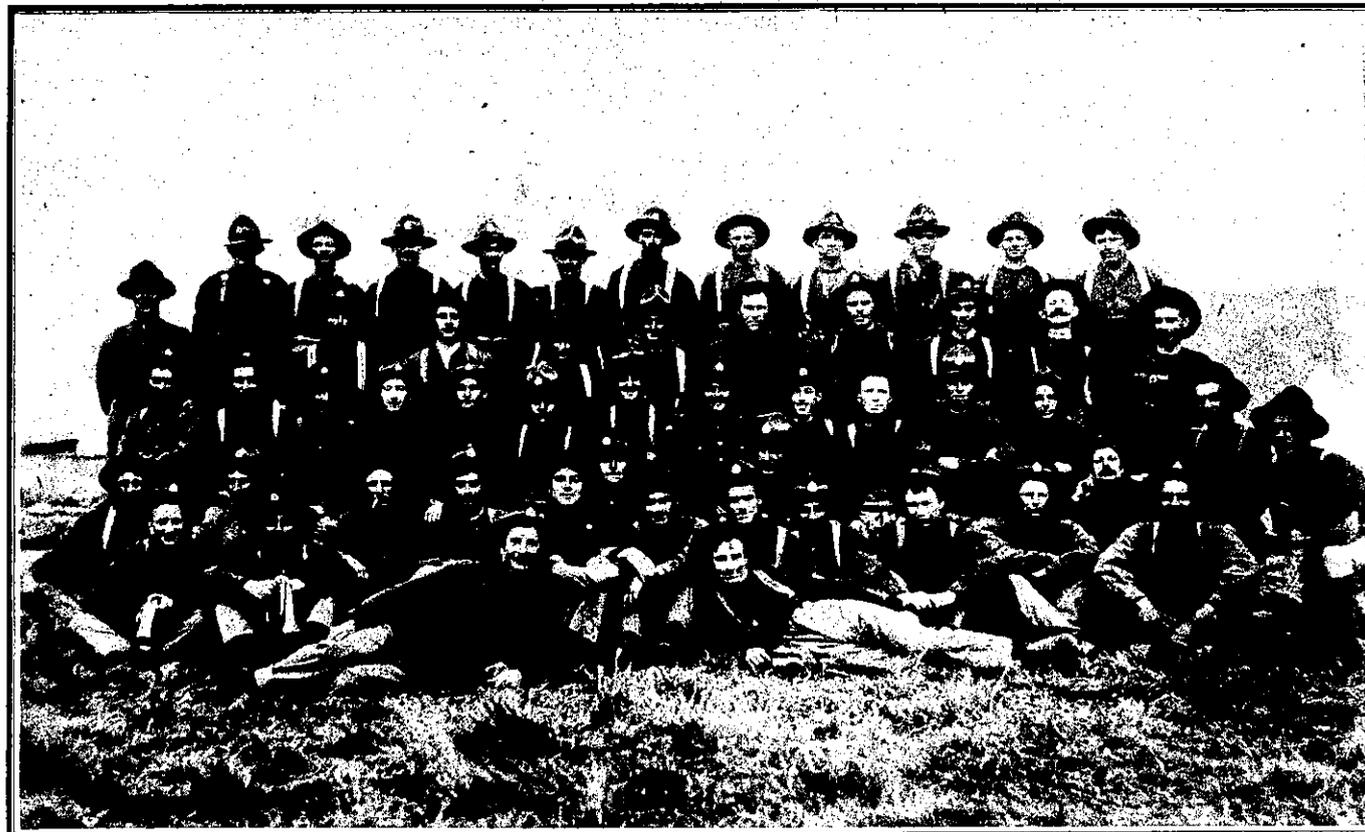
Ready to Assist in the Final Push—Some Members of the 45th. Reinforcements at Trentham.



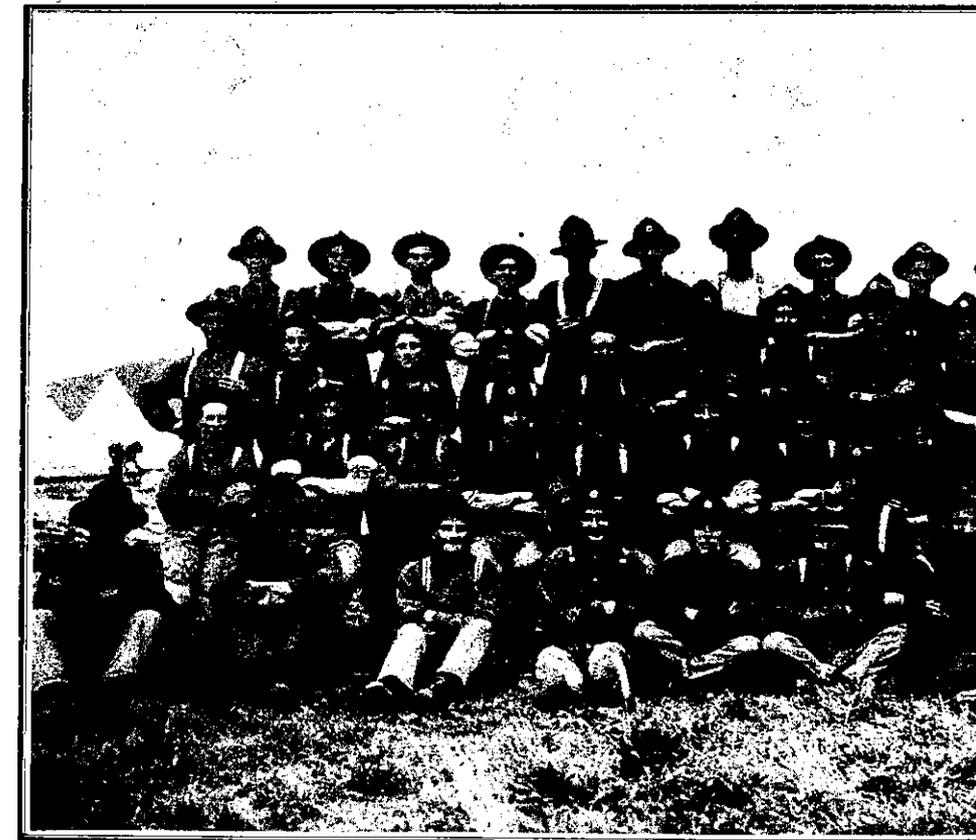
AUCKLANDERS UNDERGOING MILITARY TRAINING AT TRENTHAM PRIOR TO PROCEEDING ON ACTIVE SERVICE.



A GROUP OF STURDY WANGANUI SOLDIERS IN THEIR QUARTERS.



AUCKLAND AND WAIKATO MEN EAGER TO UPHOLD THE TRADITIONS OF THEIR GALLANT COMRADES.



READY TO REINFORCE THEIR BRAVE FELLOW CITIZENS AT THE FRONT—AUCKLAND MEMBERS OF THE "FORTY-FIFTHS."

GREENROOM GOSSIP

That "Frenchy" musical play, "Oh! Oh! Delphine," was staged at Her Majesty's, Melbourne, on Saturday night. The new piece comes to Australia with a unique record, for it is numbered amongst the biggest musical successes of London, Paris and New York. The cast is an exceptionally strong and attractive one, including George Welch, Nesta Barry, Oliver Peacock, Reginald Roberts, Jack Ralston, Phil Smith, Gladys Moncrieff, Phyllis Amery, Florence Young, John Ford, Eva Webber, Olive Godwin, Addie Lennard, Kitty Downes, Cyril Ritchard.

J. C. Williamson, Ltd., appear to have shattered the old illusion that 13 is unlucky. "The 13th Chair" has proved one of the biggest dramatic successes the firm has ever handled. When "Katinka" has finished its run at Her Majesty's, Melbourne, it will have completed its thirteenth week. Number 13 has proved decidedly lucky so far as J. C. Williamson, Ltd., are concerned.

Miss Sara Allgood had her first experience in playing before the cinematograph camera before she came to New Zealand, appearing in a charming little play called "Just Peggy," which no doubt will be seen here before long. Miss Allgood informed a pressman that she greatly enjoyed the experience, but had to admit that film-acting had its drawbacks. For instance, she said that once a thing was done—a motion made, an arm waved, a head tossed or a finger moved, or an eyelid lifted before the all-seeing eye of the camera—there was no altering it—it was hopelessly irrevocable, and one could not—never got the chance—to improve on a performance as one can on the ordinary stage. "When you play a part on the stage," said Miss Allgood, "either you or the producer will find means of improving it by adding touches here and there, or refraining from doing something that 'felt' wrong, but once a picture is taken it cannot be altered—at least it could be by taking it all over again, but that is not to be thought of with celluloid ribbon at the price it is." Did you see the film? "Yes," said Miss Allgood, "the greater part of it, and do you know, when I first saw myself talking and chatting and smiling on the screen I had a sensation similar to the one I have experienced in coming out of ether, and could not look at myself for quite a while. Then they ran through a part of it again, and I got more used to myself. I saw lots of faults in myself that I could cure. I hope I will get the chance to later on."

Messrs. Adams and Waters, the creators of Potash and Perlmutter, who are appearing in these roles in "Business Before Pleasure" at the Criterion, Sydney, have made a big success personally as well as in the comedy. A newspaper man who interviewed them declared that they were as funny off the stage as they are on. He described them as "the embodiment of the humour of the Hebrew race." "Business Before Pleasure" has broken all records for comedy at the Criterion Theatre, Sydney.

J. C. Williamson, Ltd., have secured the Australian and New Zealand rights of D. W. Griffith's film masterpiece, "Hearts of the World." Mr. George Tallis, managing director of the firm, writing from New York by the last mail, said that "Hearts of the World" was drawing capacity business in New York, and had broken even the record of "The Birth of a Nation." "It is powerful, thrilling, and with a story that appeals to the heart," wrote Mr. Tallis, "and is altogether a wonderful picture."

The New English Musical Comedy Company added another to its list of successes with the production of "Oh, Boy!" at Her Majesty's, Sydney. This light and bright musical comedy was the musical success of the season in New York, and is particularly suited to the Musical Comedy Company. It is crowded with catchy numbers and dances, and is lavishly produced. The dressing is described as "gorgeous." "Oh, Boy!" will be staged in Melbourne in the near future.

On Sunday evening I looked in at the Palace Theatre (says a writer in a recent issue of the London "Daily Mail"). A despairing attendant shook his head. "There's not room to squeeze your foot in," he said. But even despairing attendants can be persuaded to modify their views. I walked at the back of the aisles and found them crowded with soldiers, standing up, while every seat was occupied. Then locating some friends in the stage box I went round to them. From there I could get a view of the great theatre, packed as I have never seen it packed before with American soldiers. A famous American admiral was in the stalls just in front of me. Soldiers and officers and nurses crowded everywhere. The initials "U.S." "U.S.R." and "U.S.A." on the coat collars told all the branches of the Service that were represented, Regulars, State Militia, and the National Army. This was the Sunday evening entertainment now being arranged for the American troops. Even the brilliant performance on the stage, where the greatest English entertainers gladly gave their services, could not draw one's eyes from the scene in the body of the theatre itself. And when, after a little while, we all stood to attention and the band played the American and the British National Anthems, I am not ashamed to admit that for a

WELLINGTON NOTES.

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, September 9.
The re-appearance of that popular Irish actor, Allen Doone, at the Grand Opera House last Wednesday was greeted by a most enthusiastic audience, to welcome him in one of his finest impersonations, viz., Larry O'Shea in the comedy-drama "Lucky O'Shea." There is a delightful buoyancy in the actor's representation of Hibernian character that appeals strongly to the average playgoer. In the part of Larry Mr. Doone is given every scope to display his histrionic abilities, and does so to the very utmost. As the colleen, Miss Edna Keeley played with a pretty feminine charm, being especially effective in her scenes with Mr. Doone. The supporting members of the company are all well placed in their allotted parts. "Lucky O'Shea" will be played for six nights, after which will come a series of popular revivals, including "Tom Moore," "The Bold Soger Boy," "The Parish Priest," and "Molly Bawn."

Mr. Doone promises an early tour next year with several new comedy-dramas. He is always welcome.

The Wellington Professional Orchestra still continues to keep up its high

MUSIC NOTES.

(By "G" String.)

The programmes for the coming tour of the famous French soprano, Mlle. Antonia Dolores, are said to be framed on lines which have long been followed by this gracious singer. One sees very old songs therein, and Alpine peaks of operatic oratorio, and songs of the French school, and finally a selection of modern English songs. Mlle. Dolores is at present touring Queensland with great success, and will be in New Zealand in a few weeks' time.

The annual choral and orchestral concert of the Brisbane Austral Choir was given in the Exhibition Concert Hall on September 28. This choir has made it a rule since the commencement of the war to give a big concert each year in aid of some patriotic fund, and this year it was devoted to that most deserving organisation, the Red Cross Society. The concert recently given was an unusually attractive one for several reasons. This year is the centenary of the birth of the great French composer Gounod and the choir hit upon the happy idea of celebrating the occasion by producing one of his works, "The Redemption."

It is stated that Siegfried Wagner has composed another opera. How many he has composed altogether is not clear, but all seem to have been failures. Some years ago he protested against being taken musically as his father's son. His music, he said, was assumed to be an offshoot of that of the creator of "Tristan and Isolde" and found wanting. Thereupon the critics took it as in no way related to the great Richard, but found it just as faulty. Yet no composer appears to have begun his career with so many things to help him as Siegfried Wagner had. He was given a fine general education, and, apart from the instruction he received from two famous masters, must have had assistance from his brother—the greatest musical mind of his time—that most people would consider priceless. Moreover, he was left a large fortune, and an opera house at Bayreuth that had already the traditional readings of the Wagnerian school, laid down by Wagner himself. But Richard Wagner could not transmit the genius he possessed in such an astounding degree to his son, or, if his son had any, it needed perhaps steeling through the fire—the bitter struggle of self-denial which seems as necessary to great achievement as genius itself. Siegfried Wagner's latest essay is a compound, entitled "It is all Puck's Fault," of three dozen fairy tales a la Grimm. The music is said to be a copy of Humperdick in his "Hansel and Gretel." One writer says: "It is spoiled by over-scoring, which is just what one would have expected."



LEYWOOD AND NORELL, an up-to-date novelty duo, whose mode of entertaining is much appreciated by Auckland Opera House audiences.

minute or two I could not see clearly; and I certainly would not have liked to venture to talk. For it came to me what this thing meant—the two great Anglo-Saxon nations joining hands in the fight for world liberty.

There is a little story attached to the hard, over-baked biscuits which the voluble Mrs. Gilmore tries on De Luxe Annie (Miss Emelie Polini) in the J. and N. Tait success. These biscuits, it may be said, are a popular delicacy in the country where Annie is supposed to encounter the boardinghouse-keeper, and when "De Luxe Annie" was staged in that part of the world there was a feeling that the play was gyping a national institution. In one town there also happened to live a lady who might have been Mrs. Gilmore's sister, and the manager of the touring company required all his tact and diplomacy to explain that the author when sketching the character of Mrs. Gilmore was not possibly thinking of her, nor was he alluding to her well-known skill in making the local biscuit. In fact, explained the manager, neither the author nor himself had known of her existence until she had called in to voice her protest.

state of efficiency. The concert given on Sunday evening, the 1st inst., was a brilliant one, the programme submitted including a classical selection from the works of six famous composers, viz., Grieg, Tschaiowsky, Dvorak, Ponchielli, Matt and Beethoven. The gem of the evening was Grieg's suite, "Peer Gynt," the orchestration of which was excellent. Mr. H. Moschini wielded the baton in masterly style.

During his sojourn in Wellington Mr. Frank Levy has made himself felt in many ways. He has got the town billed as if for a circus, and everywhere is evidence of "stickers" in the shape of a shamrock with the words inscribed "Allen Doone is coming soon." Mr. Frank Levy is, I consider, one of the best touring managers in Australasia at the present time.

It is some time now since we have had a visit from the Messrs. Wirth, but from what I can gather this energetic firm contemplate another descent on New Zealand about the end of the year. The company which the Messrs. Wirth have got together for this season's tour is a strong one, and includes Les Montforts, in the sensational act the Loop of Death; the Cevines, who are described as the Six Maniacs on the Wire; Tex Bailey, with his performing horses, dogs and sheep; the Garcias, wonderful acrobats; Miss Belle Onva, dashing gymnast; Reeman and Ransfield, whirlwind jockeys; the Winskills and the Zandil Sisters, acrobats.

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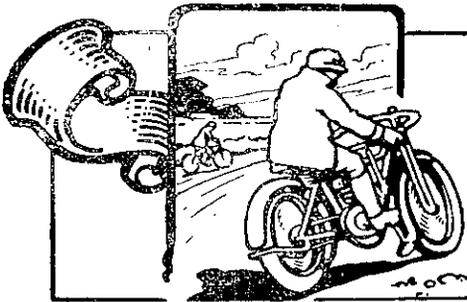
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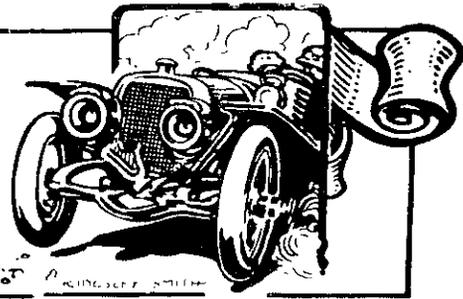
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MOTORING & CYCLING



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

The Government has decided to adopt regulations submitted by the Hon. T. M. Wilford, Minister of Marine, for the safe handling of petrol and similar inflammable oils at the wharves of New Zealand.

The Hon. Gabrielle Margaret Ariane Borthwick, daughter of the late Lord Borthwick, has registered her workshops for the training of women motor drivers and mechanics as a limited liability company. The woman bargee is proving a success, and motor-boat drivers have done excellent work on experimental trips.

James Marshall, aged eighteen years, while cycling into Timaru collided with a trap, a shaft of which struck him in the chest. He died immediately.

In the course of his summing-up in the claim against the Dunedin and Kaikorai Tramway Company, arising out of a recent collision, His Honor Judge Sim remarked that tramcars have the right of way over other classes of street traffic. In other words, in every case in which a tramcar and any motor car, cycle, lorry, trap, or other similar vehicle would collide if both continued on their way, it is not the tram which must yield but the other vehicle. Of course, most road users have an idea that this is so. In any case, it is not wise to argue the point with a tramcar any more than it is to do so with a locomotive or a traction engine. Whenever you think of taking the risk of crossing in front of an approaching tram, say to yourself: "What if the motorman doesn't see me in time, or his brakes fail?"

An effort is to be made by the Otago Motor Club in the direction of securing some of the motorists who are non-members.

Two young Wellington women recently made application to be permitted to join the Flying School at Sockburn as students, but the Canterbury Aviation Company decided that the request could not be entertained.

Lieutenant T. Alexander, of Auckland, who has been on service with the Motor Boat Patrol, has been invalided back to New Zealand.

A few days ago it was announced that Flight-Lieutenant S. Dawson, son of Mr. Robert Dawson, of Masterton, had landed in Denmark, and has now been interned. Dr. Dawson received the following cable message from his son from Edinburgh: "Escaped from Denmark. All well."

Miss Alys Gower Burns, of Christchurch, who has been doing war work in England, is now a member of the Royal Motor Air Force, and is now busily engaged in driving motor cars, presumably in connection with aerodrome transportation.

Mr. F. J. Nathan, of Palmerston North, who has just returned from Australia, says that the price of practically everything is controlled even down to petrol and kerosene tins. One man was heavily fined for asking more for petrol tins than the price fixed.

According to the "New York Times," Major-General William Brancker, of the British Royal Air Force, has gone to America to arrange for military aeroplane flights from the United States to Europe and to pave the way for sending American aircraft abroad on their own power. It is calculated that a successful flight to Europe would, by wear and tear, consume less than one hundred hours of the life of an aeroplane or seaplane, leaving it a life of from 400 to 500 hours to be spent in fighting the Germans.

Reserved judgment was delivered by Mr. W. G. Riddell, S.M., at the Wellington Magistrate's Court, in the case in which A. E. Hollings claimed £50 from the Zealandia Motor Importing Company, Ltd., in respect to services rendered in regard to the arranging, importing, and sale of cars. After reviewing the evidence, the Magistrate non-suited the plaintiff with £2 2s. costs.

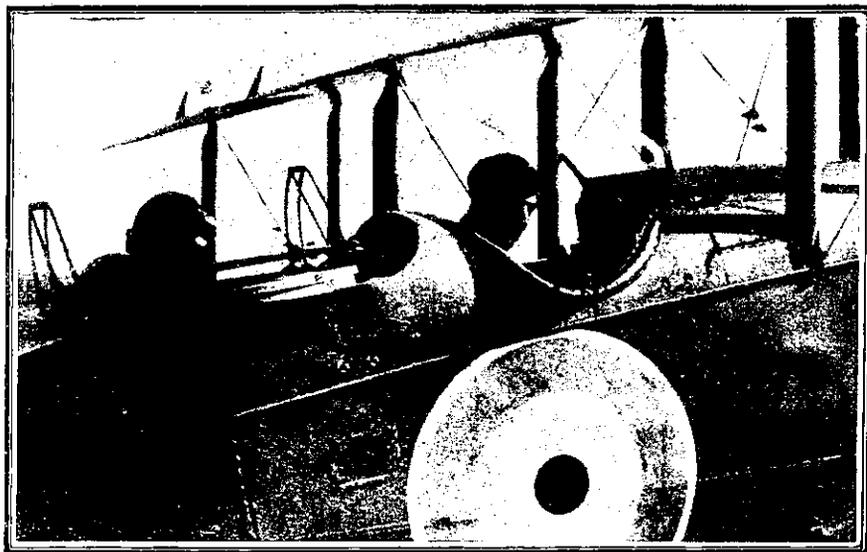
One would imagine that some of our local authorities fear that the Germans are coming to Otago, and consequently wish to leave certain roads in as bad a condition as possible, remarked Mr. W. Stuart Wilson to a Press reporter. Having recently motored over the Main North road, he states that from Mount Cargill to Goodwood it is rapidly deteriorating and getting into its former state of disrepair. Motorists in Victoria have been digging into statistics, added Mr. Wilson, and find that in the duty they pay on cars, petrol, etc., they are paying the interest for all the money spent on their roads. That is to say that the rest of the community get their roads free. It would be interesting to know if this applies to New Zealand.

Provision was made on the Christchurch Hospital Board's estimates for the purchase of a motor car for the use of the Health Inspectors and

is something to be said for the proposal, but there is reason also in the alternative proposition that the rule of the road should be altered and the foot traveller left alone. In almost every country wheeled traffic keeps to the right, and although it is true that objections have been raised to the practice, these have been so few and feeble that it may be said that keeping to the right is generally approved. The practice works well, and the only serious objection urged to its adoption is that it would involve a change in the design of mechanically-driven vehicles, the driver's seat being transferred from the right to the left side. The assumption is, however, too sweeping. The change in the position of the seat might be desirable, but it is not an absolute necessity. The argument is that the driver must, to appreciate the position of his vehicle, sit on the side next to the traffic coming in the opposite direction; but he must also keep an eye on the kerb or boundary on the other side. The fear of colliding with traffic being met with would be diminished if drivers imitated the successful candidate for the coachman's job. Candidates were asked how near they could drive to the edge of a precipice, and when they had all voiced their ideas on the subject the job was given to the man who said he would drive as far away from danger as he could.

There is every probability of a motor cycle reliability trial being held about Christmas time, over the little-known but picturesque interstate route between Melbourne and Sydney, via the Coast Road. The motor cycle clubs of New South Wales and Victoria are now considering the feasibility of the route, and the incidentals preliminary to a definite announcement as to holding the event. It is an ideal course for an interstate test, and one that would try out both riders and machines.

A peculiar case was heard in Wellington recently before Mr. Justice Hosking and a jury in the Supreme Court. The circumstances were these: On May 7th last Mrs. Catherine Lawrie, the wife of James Lawrie, went to the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Wallace, at Minerva Street, in Newtown to do some laundry work. Lines were stretched across a yard and right-of-way, and were attached to a chimney and a stable. While Mrs. Lawrie was hanging out clothes in the dusk of evening, H. A. Godfrey, a grocer, of Mein Street, drove up the right-of-way in a motor lorry. The hood of the lorry caught a line and dragged down the chimney, and Mrs. Lawrie was caught in the debris, and received a severe injury to a leg, which had left her lame. Wherefore she claimed special damages for medical treatment to the amount of £30, and general damages to the extent of £471 on the score of negligence. On the other side, contributory negligence was alleged. Mr. T. Neave appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. H. F. O'Leary for the defence. A good deal of evidence was taken, and the jury visited the scene of the accident. Frank S. Stavely, the owner of the premises, stated that the defendant had a garage at the end of the lane, and no permission was given to Mrs. Wallace to have a clothes-line drawn across. His Honor, in summing up, remarked that it was the duty of the plaintiff, on erecting an obstruction, to warn the defendant on the matter, and the latter was only called upon to observe reasonable precautions. The jury returned a verdict in favour of the plaintiff for £75 general damages and £30 medical expenses. Consideration of law points raised was deferred.



FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT HORACE C. LLOYD IN HIS FLYING MACHINE. He was a member of the first New Zealand Expeditionary Force, which went to Samoa, subsequently going to Australia, proceeding to England with the Commonwealth Forces. Within a fortnight of landing in London he was accepted as a cadet in the Royal Flying Corps, and in three months he secured his commission and was at latest flying on the East Coast of England.

The Board has recently purchased a suitable second-hand car. Hitherto the Health Inspectors have had to make long journeys by motor cycles and the car has been obtained to replace the motor cycle for these long journeys. The motor cycle will still be used in connection with visits of inspection not involving the covering of big distances.

Here is a good Ford story. It was a bright spring morning and a Rolls Royce glided along the highway. In its wake a superb Sunbeam followed and also disappeared through the portals of a stately mansion. Then a Ford swung round, but the gates did not open. "Impossible! Impossible!" sighed the old keeper. "You are a Christian Scientist. You think you have a car, but you haven't."

As a result of activities of the "Safety First" campaign an old controversy has been revived (states a Johannesburg motor writer). It appears that the promoters of the movement referred to have recommended that pedestrians should be required to keep to the left instead of to the right. The reason assigned in favour of the change being that, as wheeled traffic keeps to the left, the foot passenger would then face the stream of traffic nearest him, and would therefore be less likely to step in front of it than when, as now, the nearest line is overtaking him. There

"Right here I am reminded that the temperamental differences of the Allied nations are shown most aptly. I think in the fashion in which the aviators decorate their gorgeous pets," writes Irvin S. Cobb in an American paper. "Thus it befalls that an Italian machine generally carries a picture of a flower on its sides. It is characteristic of the race that a French machine usually wears either a valorous, sonorous name, or the name of a woman—perhaps the name of the aviator's sweetheart. . . . But your average British airman is apt to christen his machine 'Old Bill,' or 'Gaby,' or 'Our Little Nipper,' or 'The Walloping Window Blind.'"

The Clutha "Leader" states that while Mr. Frank Mitchell was proceeding to Dunedin the other morning in company with his father, Mr. G. F. Mitchell, and brother, Mr. A. Mitchell, in a motor car he had the misfortune to collide with a Dunedin party going south in the vicinity of Lookout Point. The driver of the Balclutha car, intending to pass a smaller car, was running abreast of this one, when at a bend in the road the Dunedin car (a large Buick) came up, and, it is alleged, the driver of this pulled on to the wrong side of the road. Mr. Mitchell's car and the Buick collided head on. Considerable damage was done to the front of each car. The occupants escaped with a severe shaking, and the cars had to be towed to Dunedin.



FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT HORACE C. LLOYD, of the Royal Flying Corps. He is 23 years of age, being the eldest son of Mr. H. W. Lloyd, jeweller, of Wellington, and was educated at Wellington College.

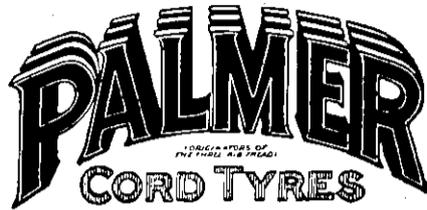
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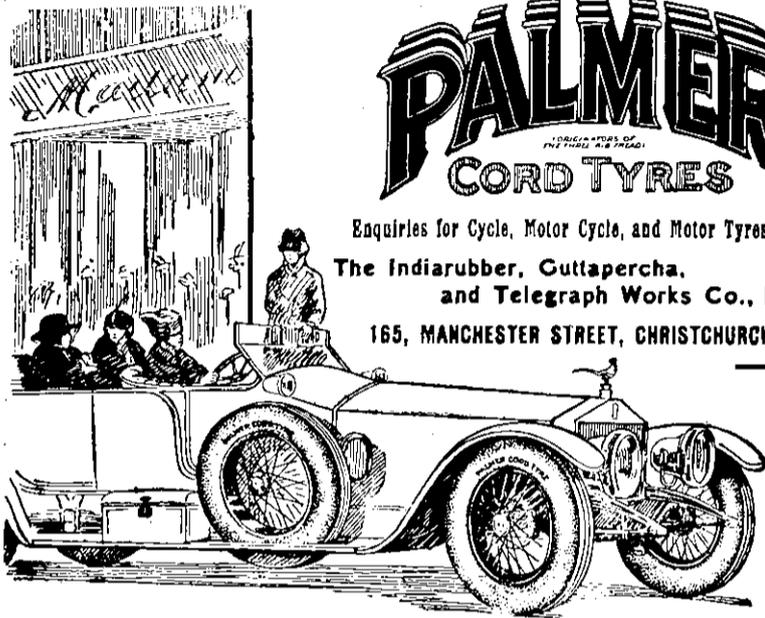
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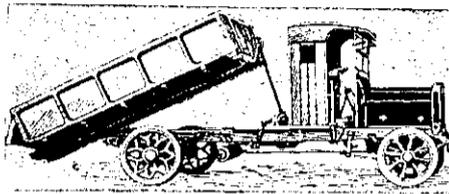
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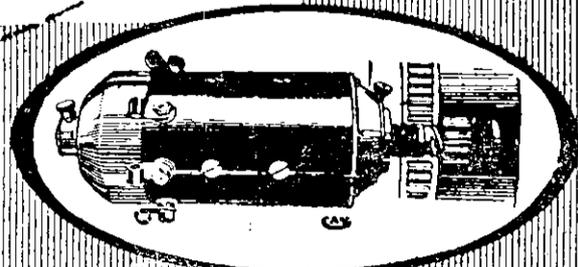
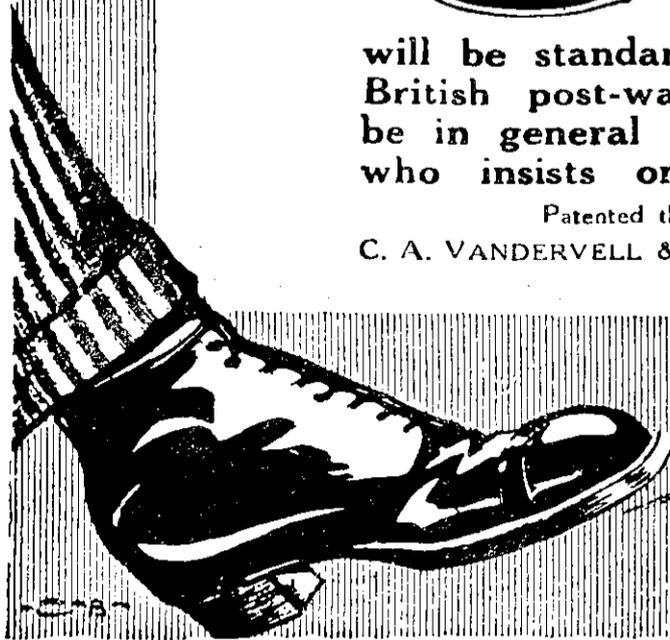
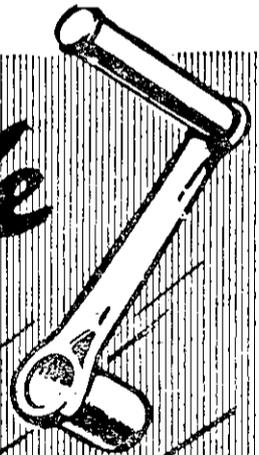
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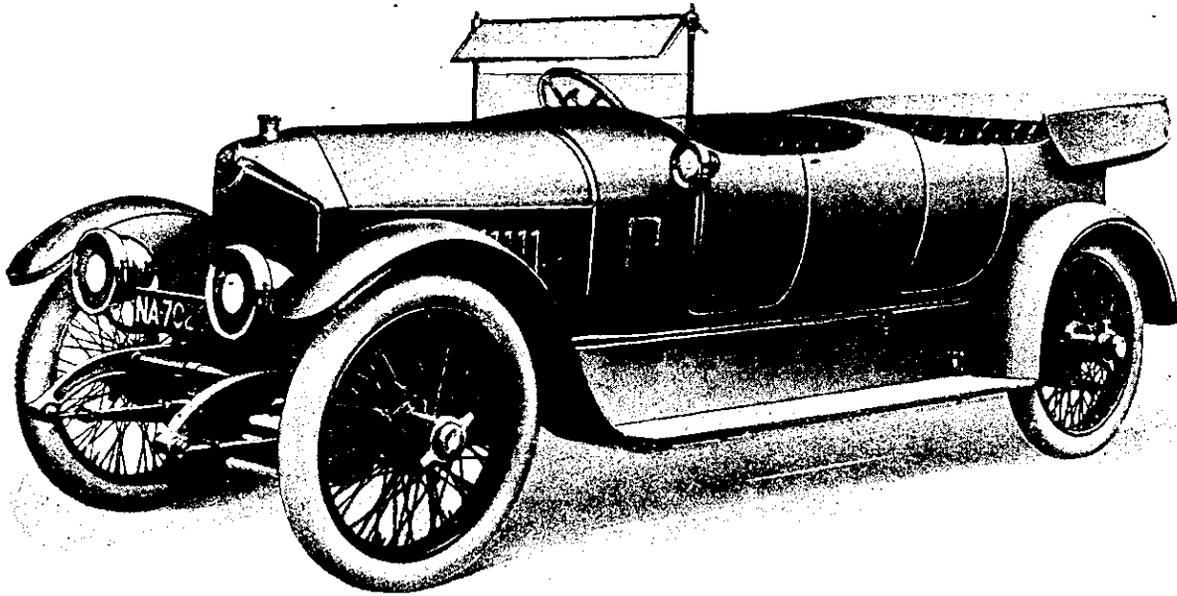
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The Hon. Arthur M. Myers (president of the Overseas Club) has received from the Air Ministry at Home formal acknowledgement of the gift aeroplane presented to the Royal Air Force through the medium of the Overseas Club, by Mr. E. R. Jackson, of Wanganui. The aeroplane mentioned was one of eight machines presented on Empire Day from overseas patriots. This brought up the total number of machines donated by the Overseas Club at that date to no fewer than 165, at a cost of £269,000. "Each aeroplane 'gifted' in this manner," commented Mr. Myers, to a Wellington interviewer, "carries with it not only much assistance and encouragement to the Royal Flying Corps, but also means additional strength in the direction of victory. New Zealand has now presented six aeroplanes to the Air Service, each one of which, should it be destroyed or otherwise put out of action, will at once be duplicated by the Imperial authorities, under its original title; so that in peace or war New Zealand's gift machines will be continuously in commission, playing their part in the work of Empire building. The growth of our aerial arm has been swift and dramatic. In the early days of the war, the pioneer Air Force that left the shores of England for the front consisted of four small squadrons. At the present time, the newly-created Air Ministry at Home, governed by a council comprising the chief heads of the different sections of the department, controls many tens of thousands of men, and is responsible in its offices in London for the mapping out of the whole strategy of the air war. That the science of flight is one that is now admitted to be of paramount importance to the continued life and safety of the nation, is also indicated by the fact that there has recently been established a professorship of aviation at the London University, and this chair has been endowed by Sir Basil Zaharoff to the extent of £25,000. Another 'sign of the times' is the establishment of a committee at Home for the purpose of inquiring into the development of aerial civil communications between the various parts of the Empire after the war, and on this committee the overseas Dominions (including New Zealand) are fully represented. It is, therefore, especially gratifying," added Mr. Myers, "to know that New Zealand is awake to the importance of the art of aerial navigation. She possesses two thoroughly efficient training schools for pilots, and has sent Home dozens of skilled and daring flyers, whose work has been of much value during the war. Amongst the factors that are bringing victory within sight and are instrumental in preventing the death or incapacitation of thousands of our men at the front, none looms larger than does our intrepid Air Service."

The American Bureau of Standards in its last annual report, refers to certain materials on the market known as petrol intensifiers, for which the claim is made that when added in small quantities to petrol an increased engine efficiency is secured. The Bureau has tested six of these preparations, and also a sample of petrol alleged to be treated by a secret electrochemical process. A six-cylinder automobile engine, driving an electric absorption dynamometer, was used in the tests, and though this apparatus was highly sensitive no increase in power could be detected as a result of using the so-called intensifiers or the treated petrol.

The benefits from standardisation of airplane parts was recently demonstrated in France in connection with landing and assembling of the now famed Liberty aeroplane. One shipment arrived in France and parts taken indiscriminately from various cases. In less than two hours machines were assembled and in the

air. It is worthy of note that the training airplanes are now flying 220,000 miles a day in America, from which a fair idea can be gathered of the vast number of aviators who are being trained for service on the western front.

What is to be regarded as the "maximum" in the way of usefulness where the horse-power capacity of a motor cycle is concerned? That is a question which can be easily disposed of if answered by the rule which applies to usage and the practice commonly followed. Nominally, at all events, 8 h.p., or, as some prefer to put it, 7-9 h.p., is the highest rated horse-power attributed to the most powerful models at present on the market, although they have gone as high as 10 and even 12 h.p. in the United States. Dealing with the broad aspect of horse-power ratings and the actual power development of motor cycle engines, it is necessary to draw a line of distinction between the two. It may be accepted with safety that a motor cycle fitted with a so-called 8 h.p. engine is in reality propelled by one of at least one-third greater power, and we know from practical experience, that the difference between rating and actual output is even a wider one than this. A heavy side-car outfit, well loaded up with passenger and luggage, and taking into consideration the many factors which help to throw added

work upon the engine, such as road profile and weather conditions, requires a fairly large engine to meet all requirements. In normal circumstances an 8 h.p. engine (according to rating) is ample to meet all demands. One of 6 h.p., being really about 8-9 h.p., can do practically all that is required of it, and a smaller one still with suitable gearing will leave but little to be desired. Reserve power, of which we hear so much, provides a comfortable feeling for the driver, who is out in all weathers and has to keep up a fairly fast schedule when on business bent, but for all ordinary purposes the reserve is provided by the gear box as well as in the engine, the two working together and forming in combination a means of providing against overload to an extent which is hardly ever likely to be overstrained.

The value of the private motor cars belonging to various members of the audience at the Gisborne Opera House one night recently was estimated at £20,000.

Writing to his wife in Wellington, Corporal Gerald FitzGerald, of the 28th Reinforcements, gives particulars of the death of his brother, Captain Roy FitzGerald (M.C.), late of the Gloucestershire Regiment and Royal Flying Corps, in an air fight on July 1. The two brothers were camped 15 miles away from each other, and had met only the week before Captain FitzGerald was killed. Owing to his being an escaped prisoner of war from Germany, Captain FitzGerald was not supposed to fly over the line on the western front. However, he insisted upon doing so, and it was on his second flight that he met his death. He was in a Brit-

ish aeroplane observing for our artillery fire, and was escorted by four other aeroplanes. They were attacked by seven Fokker biplanes, and Captain FitzGerald was shot through the head. The petrol tank was also caught by the enemy, and the machine was forced to land, fortunately in our lines without catching fire. A car was at once sent for Corporal FitzGerald, but as his battalion was on the move, it did not find him early enough to enable him to be present at his brother's funeral. The pilot (whom Corporal FitzGerald saw in hospital) was wounded in the face, and one of our escort was shot down in flames. Captain FitzGerald (who was an old Wellington College boy) is buried at Vignacourt, 61st C.C.S., British Cemetery.

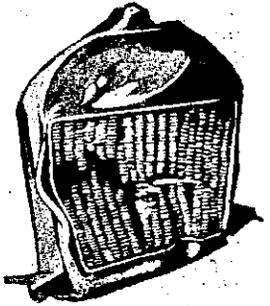
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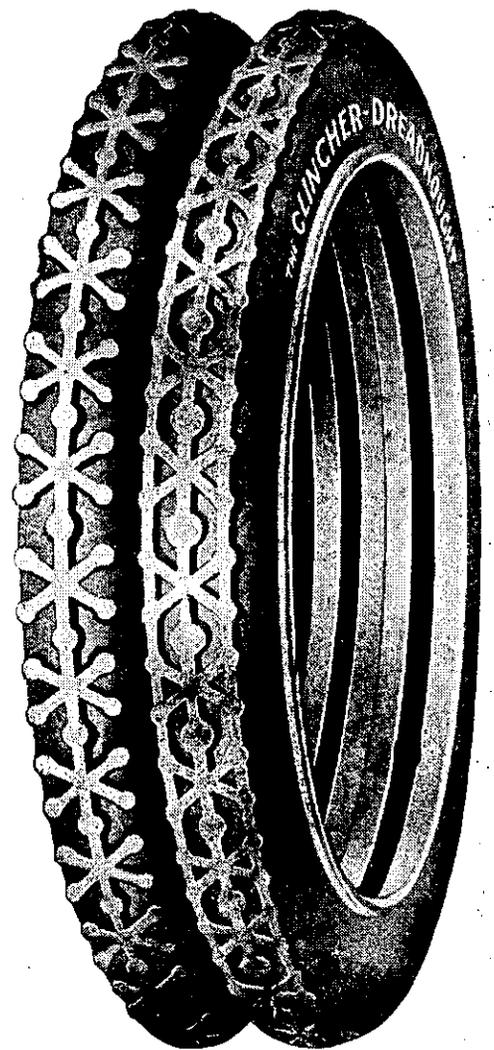
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THE SCARLET TROUBADOURS.

It would be a pity to miss the last nights of the Scarlet Troubadours, that happy band of costume comedy entertainers at present holding high revelry in the Town Hall Concert Chamber. An evening spent with them will be found an agreeable relaxation, for the company specialise in melody and mirth, and their talent covers an endless range of solos, duets, sketches, monologues, burlesques and dances. Miss Lalla Knight has a soprano voice of engaging sweetness, and her numbers are received with much acceptance. Miss Madoline Knight, contralto, is another sure favourite, and her reception nightly proves that she has a big following of admirers in her old home town. In duets with Miss Ward there is a delightful blending of voices. Miss Ivy Davis sparkles through the programme with infectious gaiety, her doll specialty with Mr. Courtney Ford being a most popular item. Mr. Ren Millar's splendid singing of "The Sands of the Desert" is worth going a long way to hear, while Mr. Harrison scores an equal success in "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes." Their duet, "Ye Banks and Braes," arranged by Mr. Kennedy Black, evokes enthusiastic applause, and they are obliged to repeat it at each performance. One of the biggest successes

is a medley of popular airs given in character by Messrs. Andrew Pace, Kennedy Black, Ren Millar and W. Harrison. This was compiled by Messrs. Black and Pace, and stands out as an example of artistic dovetailing. Mr. Black was responsible for the harmony, and the result is so satisfying that the audience demand its repetition. Every popular familiar song title is covered, from "The Lost Chord" to "Good Bye-e." Then there are dances by Miss Hilda McMurtry, light comedy sketches by Messrs. Hawthorne, Livingstone and Ford, an amusing nautical scene enlivened by song and dance, and a melodrama skit entitled "The Midnight Mail," in which all the merry coterie disport themselves.

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As the orchid is to the violet so is "Romance" to "The Cinderella Man," but Miss Kathlene MacDonell fitted her art to each, scoring in one with her amazing emotional power and in the other through the appeal of her own sweet femininity. "The Cinderella Man" was played last Thursday and Friday, its fanciful note striking a cord that attuned itself readily to



Camouflaged! The "feminine" performers in "Y Go Crook," a musical medley recently produced in France by the N.Z. Divisional Entertainers under Lieutenant Shayle Gardner's direction. Reading from left to right their names are: Ptes. Pinches, James, Gunner Nelson ("leading lady"), Pts. Tidy, Hardey, Harrison. The fidelity of their make-up is an excellent reflection of their strict attention to detail.

the audience. With the deep tenderness put into her work as the modern fairy godmother by Miss MacDonell, the gentle chivalry of Mr. Charles Waldron as the penniless poet, and the delightful human touches of both, "The Cinderella Man" will remain in the memories of those who saw it as a cameo of fragrant sentiment. Miss Emma Temple effectively energised the character of the "great She-Bear," and Mr. Charles Brown as the irascible millionaire, Mr. Roy Redgrave as the kindly old lawyer, and Mr. Plumpton Wilson as the faithful servant did capital work. "The Rainbow," which was presented on Saturday, was another charming little comedy, in which Miss MacDonell exercised her natural vivacity and sunshine of spirits as Cynthia, peace-maker. Mr. Charles Waldron as Neil Summer, estranged from his wife, gave another fine etching of character, the quietly emotional parts between him and Cynthia being adroitly handled. Miss Emma Temple put in some clever comedy work, and Mr. Roy Redgrave, Mr. Kenneth Brampton and Miss Beryl Bryant added to a thoroughly adequate performance. "Daddy Long Legs" made a popular revival and farewell on Monday and Tuesday, Miss MacDonell giving an ideal conception of the part of Judy Abbott, the charity girl, commanding smiles and tears at will from the audience as she depicted the varying phases of the orphan's career. Mr. Waldron, polished actor that he is,

was the Jervis Pendleton ("Daddy Long Legs") that we all loved in the book, and there was never a moment when the utmost charm was not extracted. At the concluding performance the curtain was raised again and again, and the Canadian star and her distinguished colleague were given due homage for the rare treat afforded in their repertoire of fine plays. The company play at Palmerston North on Thursday and are due in Christchurch on Saturday.

OPERA HOUSE.

Heading the bill at the Opera House this week in an amusing novelty turn are the Lampini Bros., who have an inscrutable offering in the Rasputin Illusion, presented in the form of a wax head model which talks and answers questions at the instigation of Lampini. Some smart sleight-of-hand tricks are performed by one of the brothers, and the other does some laughable acrobatic work in the course of his "dummy" stunts. They start off with weird tricks that hold the attention of the audience, and when they have brought them up to astounding point drop the bottom out of mystery and expose the tricks as if by accident. The act caused plenty of merriment at its first showing on Monday, and the performers established themselves in favour from the

"Miss Wycherly is great in a feminine Grumpy without the tricks and grunts," comments the "Bulletin" on this artist's work in "The Thirteenth Chair."

The Tivoli Theatres claim to have the two smallest comedians on the Australian musical comedy stage. They have Billy Rego in Melbourne, and Chris. Wren in Sydney.

Miss Mabelle Morgan, of former pantomime fame, is back in New Zealand under the Fuller regime, and is a leading feature of the Al Bruce Revue Company at present in Dunedin.

Oscar Asche has acquired an American-made play entitled "Oh! Lady!"

Tenor Walter Kirby is reported to be seriously ill in Brisbane.

Miss Violet Trevenyon is playing a return season in New Zealand on the Fuller circuit.

A matinee for the Irish Guards' war funds organised by Lady Paget at the Empire Theatre, London, realised £4500. Mr. Kipling's "The Irish Guards," with music by Mr. Edward German, has been presented to the regiment by the author with the MS. and a hundred signed copies of the song.

Mr. George A. Highland, who is producing "Oh! Oh! Delphine" in Melbourne for J. C. Williamson, Ltd., was also the producer of the piece at the Shaftesbury Theatre, London, and also in New York. "Delphine," said Mr. Highland, "has always been one of my favourites. It has a snap and sparkle all its own which can only be comprehensively described as 'Frenchy.' The piece is based on a French play, 'The Villa Primrose,' by M.M. Georges Berr and Marcel Guillemaud. I feel sure that Melbourne playgoers will find 'Delphine' as much to their liking as 'Katinka,' though in quite a different vein."

Sybil Atholwood, the only child of the well-known character actor, J. B. Atholwood, is in the Tivoli revue, "Time, Please."

"Never have I seen an artist arouse such enthusiasm in Dunedin as Cappelli," says Mr. Scott Colville on his return to Auckland, "and I've taken some stars around—Clara Butt, Harry Lauder, John McCormack, Kirkby Lunn, amongst them. Everywhere it was the same."

The Scarlet Troubadours conclude their Auckland season on Friday night and are due at Dargaville on Saturday. They visit Whangarei on the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

A paragraph going the rounds that Mary Pickford, movie star, was born in Dunedin and her correct name was Dolly Nicholson, has set up quite a lively interest, and several Dunedinites up here have racked their brains trying to recall that they went to school with her. Mr. Kennedy Black, business manager of the Scarlet Troubadours, and a native of Dunedin, says he only remembers that when she first did picture work in America her name appeared on the screen as Dolly Nicholson and later it was changed to Mary Pickford, but it's news to him that she is a Dunedin girl. And that set the ball rolling about other well-known theatrical folk who originally hailed from the southern city, of whom Mr. Black recalled on the spur of the moment: Bland Holt, of spectacular drama note; Walter Bentley, of Shakespearian fame; Chas. Willoughby and Clutnam, song writers; Jerome Patrick, who made a success on Broadway and is now with the Aerial Forces; Wynford Hunter, also in America; Frank Foster, now with the Beecham Opera Company; Mabel Manson, London balladist; Joseph Brennan, monologist in Sydney James' company; Ernest Drake, tenor with a great career before him; Amy Murphy and Dorothy Gardner, just to mention a few.

Cyril Mackay is appearing with Emelie Polini in "The Invisible Foe."

CORRESPONDENCE.

RE "LOOK WHO'S HERE."

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I have just seen a cutting from the "Sporting and Dramatic Review" dated 8/8/18, in which Mr. Jack Waller makes many statements, or shall I say mis-statements? It is not the first time Mr. Waller has "aired" the news that he went to England on behalf of the Austral Gardens Co., Adelaide, to engage my company and myself—a fact he seems very proud of—but here let it be understood that it was for the Austral Gardens Company, and not for Mr. Waller, that I decided to come out. Although I can truly state that in England I gave Mr. Waller his first start two or three years before this with his then newly-formed "Butterflies" Company, what on earth have these things to do with his rather pathetic monologue "Look Who's Here," as referred to above? It is very amusing to read Mr. Waller's statement: "I amalgamated the 'Royal Strollers' with my then 'Ideals of 1916.'" Here are the facts as briefly as I can put them, which I am prepared to prove. Mr. Waller tried to get the Palace Theatre in Sydney, but could not do so. At my suggestion—not his—we agreed to amalgamate and produce a show together, afterwards called "Look Who's Here"—a title adopted from a London revue, which took me some time to convince Mr. Waller was a good one. I personally booked the Palace Theatre, Sydney, from Mr. Harry Skinner, who would not let it to Mr. Waller. I designed the costumes with my own pen—these were made by Mr. Waller's sister-in-law, an exceedingly clever costumier, who may have slightly altered my designs. I sketched and made the models for the scenery, which was made and painted by my stage manager, Mr. Northcote. I did the sketches for the posters, with the exception of one, "Hundreds turned away nightly," which Mr. Waller had copied from Pellissier's Follies in London. For the rest, I leave it to the public to judge—further comment is unnecessary. I have never yet compared myself with Mr. Waller as a performer or producer (?)—modesty forbids. This, again, I am only too willing to leave in the public's hands; but I most emphatically protest against Mr. Waller's mis-statement, "At the conclusion of our Sydney season I purchased the properties of 'Look Who's Here.'" He certainly agreed to do so, but has never fulfilled his agreement. I challenge Mr. Waller to allow me to publish the facts in full. After a few more "dreams" we shall probably hear of Mr. Waller producing my "Royal Strollers," originating the "Passing Show" title, or producing my latest and greatest success, "Pierrot Pie." Mr. Waller is a very fortunate man in having so many excellent artistes in his company, and such a show as "Look Who's Here" with these artistes deserves every bit of the success it has achieved in New Zealand—a success I expected to see and was glad to hear of—and all the harm I wish them is continued success, but Mr. Waller simply hates anybody else to be successful. With apologies for trespassing on your valuable space. Believe me, yours truly,

SYDNEY JAMES.

Castlereagh Street, Sydney, August 24, 1918.



MR. GEORGE T. ADAMS, advance manager for the Scarlet Trubadours, now playing a season in the Dominion.

"Peg o' My Heart's" dates for the next few days are as follow: Feilding, Thursday, September 12; Hunterville, September 13; Taihape, September 14; Ohakune, September 16; Taumarunui, September 17; Te Kuiti, September 18; Te Awamutu, September 19; Otorohanga, September 20.

Fuller's vaudeville in Sydney is now housed in the big Grand Opera House, while the National Theatre is being constructed. The Opera House will be occupied until Christmas, when it will be given over to pantomime. By that time the National will be reconstructed, but the name will be changed to Fuller's Theatre. Two shows every day will be the policy of the new place.

Miss May Norell, of the Leywood and Norell combination at the Opera House, has a fine sense of dress value which she turns to good account in their act. Last week she was the envy of all women beholders in a lovely coat of white Manchurian fur bordered with wide bands of seal and set off with the cutest of tight-fitting hats. This week she is wearing an emerald green and gold frock that suits her admirably. In the course of her travels in the East she has acquired a magnificent collection of furs, and she tells of a unique experience she had after appearing before the King of Siam in his palace. She was wearing a tiger catskin coat which she had purchased in Rhodesia and which immediately attracted the King's fancy. Next day a royal emissary called on Miss Norell to see if she would sell the coat. She couldn't very well refuse and it changed hands at a very enticing figure. One of her treasures is a pendant representing the gold order of the Court of Siam, presented by the King. Mr. Leywood was manager in India and China for the late Chung Ling Soo, and he has many interesting reminiscences of that clever conjuror, who met with so untimely a fate in London. With his captivating partner he has travelled all parts of the world. They were in Australia a few years back under engagement to Rickards. Miss Norell (who is Mrs. Leywood in private life) is a granddaughter of that famous American actor, Joseph Jefferson.

Sitting on the doormat of an Australasian politician at the Savoy the other day (writes a London correspondent to the Sydney "Sun"), and brooding darkly on the ways and deeds of politicians in general, I suddenly became aware of an approaching vision of golden hair, radiant smiles, and fluffy silks and chiffons. Something tickled a memory-chord, and brought back an almost forgotten supper party on the stage of a certain theatre the night before I left Australia, four years ago. The vision laughed—a laugh as musical as the note of a magpie, from lips curved as Cupid's bow. Then my desolate doormat became a magic carpet, and upon it stood the good little Australian fairy Dot Brunton, gracious and entrancing as ever. "Oh, it's good to be here," she said; "I only got in from America yesterday, and already I've seen some real Australians. Do you know what it feels like when you are right away from home? But, of course, you do, for you've been through it! I was in America for—how many years, mother?" Mrs. Brunton, likewise beaming, had now arrived, and remarked that perhaps "months" would be nearer the mark, though it seemed ages. "Anyhow, it was long enough to make me thoroughly homesick," said Dorothy. "We were nearly all the time amongst total strangers, and oh! I did miss all my old pals. Here in London I know there are lots of people from home, and it is lovely to see all our soldier boys about the streets. My brother Jack is here at the military headquarters, too, and I am looking forward to a happy time."

Harold Neiman, who plays one of the amusing twins in "Samples," the Tivoli revue, has made a complete study of the American tramp. "In United States," he says, "they are known as hoboes, and the majority are fairly decent fellows, who only have one ambition in life. They just want to loaf their way through life with a place in the sun. Even if anybody took them up and offered them a good position they would not accept it. Many of them are college chaps, who find work a bore and want to forget mathematics. The hoboes have secret signs, which they leave on fences and gates so that those who follow in their footsteps may know a good or a bad thing when they strike it."

Dame Nellie Melba was an interested member of the audience at the first performance of "The Thirteenth Chair" at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne. Miss Margaret Wycherly, the wife of Bayard Veiller, the author of the play, who scored a triumph as Rosalie la Grange, the spiritualistic medium, paid a graceful compliment to the diva in the course of the speech she was compelled to make at the close of the performance. Miss Wycherly said that she had come out on the same boat from America as Dame Melba. She had heard her sing in New York, now she had the still greater honour of playing before her. "What greater inspiration and incentive to do one's best could there be than to have in the audience the world's greatest singer?" asked Miss Wycherly, amidst applause.

Miss Genevieve Ward, the famous tragedienne who recently celebrated her eightieth birthday in London, has produced a book of reminiscences under the title of "Both Sides of the Curtain," in collaboration with Richard Whiteing. She toured Australasia with W. H. Vernon in 1884-5. On the operatic stage Miss Ward had been known as Madame Guerrabella, an Italianised form of the name to which she was entitled as the wife of a Russian nobleman, Count Constantine de Guerbel. As a corrective to the many erroneous accounts that have been given of this marriage, Mr. Whiteing tells the story at length. It appears that while she was still a girl in her teens, travelling in Italy with her mother, Count Constantine wooed her and was accepted. As there was then no Russian Church either in Nice or in Turin, the young couple were married by civil contract at the American Consulate, on the understanding that the daughter should return to her mother's home until all the parties could go to Paris for the completion of the ceremony in the Russian Church there. Count Constantine, meanwhile, trusting to the fact that by Russian law the civil marriage was not binding without the religious ceremony, was arranging to marry an heiress, a daughter of the Russian Ambassador at Naples. Mrs. Ward, on learning of this, at once set out with her daughter for Petrograd, to lay the matter before the Czar. In the end Count Constantine, who was still wandering in France and Italy, was overtaken by an Imperial messenger, and ordered to report himself at Warsaw for the religious ceremony, which took place in due course; but the bride left the bridegroom at the church door never to see him again, although he followed her to France. Years later she heard of his death at the close of a sordid career. "She never sought a divorce," says Mr. Whiteing, "as she had no desire to marry again. She did not claim his estates. All that she took at his hands was all she wanted—the right to bear his name." The name, too, she dropped when her operatic career came to its premature end.

Cappelli will give two concerts in Auckland (September 14 and 16), after which he goes to Hamilton, September 17, 18; Rotorua, September 19; Gisborne, September 23, 24; Pahiatua, September 26; and Wellington, September 28, 30.

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Mrs. E. W. Sharman, of Auckland, is paying a visit to Dunedin.

Nurse Little, who was on the Marquette when it was sunk in the Mediterranean, has arrived in New Zealand.

At St. Matthew's Church, Masterton, on Tuesday week, Miss Schofield, of Tinui, was married to Mr. Atack, son of Mr. W. H. Atack, manager of the New Zealand Press Association.

The engagement is announced in an exchange of Mr. W. Deans, third son of Mrs. Deans (Riccanton), to Miss Russell, daughter of Brigadier-General Sir A. Russell and Lady Russell, of Hawke's Bay.

The Auckland Ladies' Golf Club made over £300 at the Red Cross shop, heading the list for this year's week-end efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Skeates, of Mt. Eden, celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday week. A re-union was held at the residence of their son, Mr. Ernest Skeates, Birkenhead.

"Daffodil Day" in Auckland, organised by the Victoria League, realised £560.

Sister Rose Fanning, formerly of Christchurch, who is now at Brockenhurst Hospital, England, has received the decoration of the Royal Red Cross for valuable services in connection with the war.

Sister Emily Nutsey, formerly of Northcote, Auckland, has received the decoration of the Royal Red Cross. The decoration is bestowed by His Majesty the King at Buckingham Palace, the nurses afterwards being received by Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

New Zealand's Tribute to France was practically demonstrated in Auckland by the success of the "Kermesse Francaise" in the Town Hall last Wednesday and Thursday, the taking being well over £1500. The interior of the building presented a whirling scene of animation, with gaily caparisoned stalls arranged along the sides and innumerable vendors in national costume, while there were side attractions in abundance and raffles and guessing competitions aplenty. Extra diversion was provided in the evening in the way of ballets by Miss Daphne Knight's pupils, choruses from "Les Cloches de Corneville" by talented amateurs, items by the Navy League Originals and a stirring rendition of "La Marseillaise" by Mrs. Patrick Cole. All the patriotic organisations had stalls, including the Women's Patriotic League, Navy League, Victoria League, Girls' Realm Guild, Soldiers' Wives and Mothers' Committee (National Reserve), and Civic League.

The Tahitian Stall proved a great draw at the "Kermesse Francaise" at the Auckland Town Hall. It was resplendent with beads, necklaces, fans and kits, all gifts of native handiwork, presented by the Governor, the French residents and the natives of Tahiti. Madame du Temple, of Papeete, was in charge. Madame Hippeau, wife of the French Consul, also took a prominent part. The French Club had excellent representation. No one worked harder than Madame Villeval, who, with others of her compatriots, was inspired with the one motive to show what the French women can do for the great cause. Madame's mascottes of wool figures, representing Ninette and Rintintin, were much admired for their quaint design and found a ready sale.

Mrs. C. H. Ensor, of Christchurch, has returned from a trip to Australia.

Miss Cowan, who is travelling through New Zealand on behalf of the Chatauqua movement, was entertained at the Pioneer Club, Wellington, where she gave an interesting chat on what are called "Fraternalities" in America.

The Military Medal has been awarded to Australian Staff Nurse Pearl Corkhill. During an enemy air raid she attended wounded soldiers, regardless of her own safety, though the enemy were overhead. Her example was of the greatest value in allaying the patient's alarm.

"I have often been accused of running a matrimonial agency in the service, but I can only say that the orders of the Director of Medical Service are that I shall not interfere in any way with Cupid," said Miss Macdonald, matron-in-chief of the Canadian Nursing Service.

Sir E. Burne-Jones' "Garden of Pan" was bought at a sale of the collection of the late Lily Duchess of Marlborough at Christie's, London, for £1207, for Melbourne Art Gallery; his "Beguiling of Merlin" sold for £2730.

At a meeting of the Workers' Educational Association in Christchurch, the Hon. G. W. Russell referred to the serious decline in the Dominion birth-rate, which had fallen by nearly one per cent. during the last thirty years. This was particularly regrettable when accompanying an increase in wealth and prosperity. He regarded it as a deliberate limitation of families, and considered that legislative action was imperative.

Bearing on the above question, it is interesting to note from the New York "Globe" that the United States' participation in the war is already having an effect on the birth-rate of the country, and there is a marked tendency to increase the birth-rate among the native-born Americans. This tendency is marked especially among two classes—the well-to-do, among whom children had become unfashionable, and an element of the less-privileged community that preferred few children or none because of economic circumstances. The first class is moved by patriotic considerations, the second by easier financial conditions.

The text of the new home card distributed to American homes by the Food Administrator includes the following:—"The food hoarder is working against the common good and

The official at the other end of the line said, in a matter-of-fact tone: "The King and Queen desire to call at the Eagle Hut, and will be there in a few minutes." The secretary at first thought that somebody was trying to play a joke on him, but when he became convinced that the King and Queen were really coming, he stammered something about wanting time for preparation. The official explained that the visit was to be purely informal, and the King would prefer that no preparation of any kind be made, as he wanted to see the hut under ordinary working conditions. So no preparations of any kind were made. "What is the most distinctive American dish you have here?" the King asked. "I want to sample it." The Y.M.C.A. secretary did not have to think a minute before he answered: "Buckwheat cakes are the best thing we have got." The King and Queen sat down at an oil-cloth-covered table beside a group of khaki-clad American aviators and a few bluejackets from an American battleship. They each ate a plate of buckwheat cakes hot from the griddle, with a generous covering of genuine maple syrup. Both finished their portions, politely refused a second helping, but declared themselves unanimously in favour of the adoption of buckwheat cakes into the British national menu.



A charming incident depicting the interest of Royalty in patriotic functions: Princess Mary receiving a collecting box from a small helper at the Chelsea Fair, which was held in the Royal Hospital Grounds recently.

Miss Edith Tucker, of the Hastings High School, has accepted a position on the staff of Banks College as mistress in charge of the Boys' Preparatory Department.

The most crowded hours in Regent Street, Oxford Street, and other popular shopping centres in the West End of London are now said to be between 12.45 and 2 o'clock, when war-working men and women go shopping. At 2 p.m. the streets clear as if by magic.

The grants made for the past year from King Edward's Hospital Fund for London amounted to £190,000. In ten years the total sum distributed was £1,614,000.

Princess Mary was present in the "Old Vic" Theatre, Waterloo Road, London, at a dramatic, musical, and drill display by members of the clubs affiliated to the National Organisation of Girls' Clubs. The audience, mainly of working girls and their friends, welcomed the Princess with a song composed for the occasion by Mr. Hugh Mytton, "Our dear and fair Princess," to the tune of "God bless the Prince of Wales."

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King George and Queen Mary tasted American buckwheat cakes for the first time on June 25, at the Eagle Hut of the American Y.M.C.A. The visit was a surprise, and made at the King's own suggestion. Late in the afternoon the secretary at the Eagle Hut received a telephone call.

On June 11, at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, the marriage was celebrated of Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Shepherd Allen, D.S.O., and Bar, son of the late W. S. Allen, M.P., and of Mrs. Allen, of Woodhead Hall, Staffs, and Miss Mary Isabel Hay Foster, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Foster, of Auckland, New Zealand (says the "British Australasian"). The service was choral, and a guard of honour was formed by the men from the bridegroom's regiment. The bride, who was escorted up the aisle by Sir Charles Wade, and in the absence of her father was given away by her mother, wore a graceful gown of ivory charmeuse, with touches of silver and pink. Her veil was worn with a wreath of myrtle and orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of white roses. Major West was best man, and the bride's sisters, the Misses Esther and Dorothy Foster, and little Miss Eflia Morley, were bridesmaids, the first two wearing primrose crepe de chine and georgette, and the little girl a jade frock with a tulle cap and wreath. After the ceremony a reception was held at 29, Ashburn Place, S.W., kindly lent by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morley.

A strikingly interesting article on the "Psychology of Colour," by Howard Kenneth Greer, appears in a recent issue of the "New York Herald." Here are a few of his aspects, which will make a vivid appeal to the feminine imagination: "The wife who drapes her apartment in turkey-red merely because she fancies the colour, cannot hope for domestic bliss in her household. The woman who gowns herself in peacock blue cannot outlive the vanity and pride that it represents. Like the haughty peacock with its iridescent plumage of the same hue, she will find admirers aplenty, but few will find courage to approach the circle of intimate friendship. . . . We wear black because it suggests the end of things. We assume white because its spotlessness breathes of purity. The bull, who has no colour schooling, inadvertently feels the pressure of brilliant red. Green has become our most comfortable colour, because nature has accustomed us to its abundance. The bluer and clearer the sky, the more serene the atmosphere. Marine blue is as constant as the ocean's depths. Yellow, the heart of the flame, is the beginning of life and existence, and the warm reds are the warmth and friendship that emanate from it."

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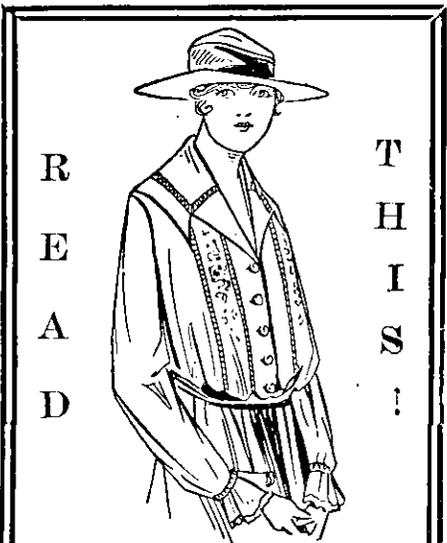
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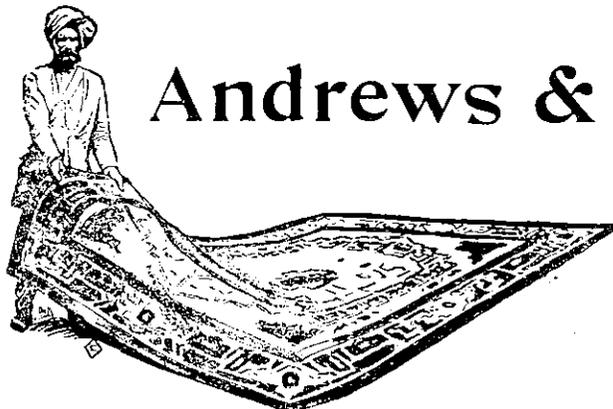
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Mr. Dan O'Reilly, formerly a well-known Hastings resident, has returned to New Zealand after several years' residence in the Old Country.

Mr. H. B. Farnall, sub-librarian at the Auckland Public Library, was presented by the staff with a travelling bag as a farewell gift before leaving to take up his duties as chief librarian of the Invercargill Athenaeum Library.

Mr. and Mrs. Seay, of Christchurch, who have been on a trip to Australia and around the Islands, returned last week.

Lieut. Frickleton, V.C., has gone to Cambridge to undergo treatment for his lungs.

That there should be no thing in this country as returned soldiers looking for employment was a point made by Father Doyle in an address at the Leys Institute, Auckland. The returned men, he said, had been through so much that they were worthy of the best attention that could be given them.

A very successful hare-drive was held at Rakaiia, Canterbury, to provide hares for the wounded soldiers in England. The shoot took place on the north side of the river, where the hares proved plentiful. The total for the day was 100.

Speaking at the Orphans' gathering in Wellington, His Excellency the Governor-General said the Red Cross and the Order of St. John had been called on this year for £1,500,000 for British prisoners of war, and that was why they were asking for a special effort. So far as Germany was concerned, only a certain amount was allowed to be sent—six parcels per month costing £3 10s. 6d. per man, and including food, tobacco, and bread.

About 520 delegates attended the Town-planning Conference at Brisbane. New Zealand's representative, Mr. S. Hurst-Seager, informed a Christchurch reporter that the big impression made on all the delegates was the necessity to "do it now." They realised how, on every hand, the loss of great opportunities in the past had entailed enormous difficulties for the future. At the same time, tree-planting in streets was being strongly advocated, and the pole nuisance was being combated. The remedy in this case was to put down a tunnel to carry all the water and sewer pipes, electric lines, telephones, and so on. The original cost of such a tunnel would be more than compensated by the saving effected in the non-cutting up of roads.

Mr. Alfred Warbrick, of the Tourist Department, Rotorua, has been visiting Wellington.

Mr. J. A. Tubbey, of the Union Steam Ship Company's Auckland office staff, has retired after twenty-eight years' service with the company. He left for Russell last week, and before his departure was presented by the members of the staff with a cabinet of pipes. Mrs. Tubbey was also presented with a silver-mounted handbag. Mr. A. B. J. Irvine, the local manager, made the presentations on behalf of the subscribers. Mr. Tubbey, who has been cashier in the local office for the last sixteen years, previously spent twelve years as purser on various Red Funnel steamers.

"The sooner we make the National Government wake up and drop the go-slow policy, the better it will be," said Mr. D. Buick, M.P., in seconding a motion at the conclusion of the lecture given in Palmerston North last week by Mr. E. E. Stark, Christchurch city electrical engineer, on hydro-electric power. "No doubt," added Mr. Buick, "it will be the job of the members of the House to wake the Government up, and I am going to make one to do it. If they won't wake up and do things, we will get somebody else to do them."

Mr. J. Hislop (Under-Secretary for Internal Affairs) is leaving for Australia on a health visit.

Mr. H. E. Kempthorne, manager of the New Zealand Insurance Company, Wellington, is leaving for New York, where he will open a branch of the New Zealand Insurance Company.

Lieutenant C. F. Atmore, who has been awarded the Military Cross, is a son of Mr. Edward Atmore, Napier manager for the Alliance Assurance Company, and a former resident of Wellington, and grandson of the late Captain J. T. Steele. Lieutenant Atmore left New Zealand as a second-lieutenant with the 18th Reinforcements, and earned his first lieutenantcy on the field. Over a year ago, at the Messines battle, he was badly wounded and gassed, and he was in England from June, 1917, to March, 1918, during part of which time he was acting as a Stokes gun and trench mortar instructor. He then returned to the front, where his actions have earned him a distinction.

Writing from Palestine in June, Lieutenant Frank Moore, of Johnsonville, Wellington, says: "The alleged beautiful Valley of the Jordan is a — of a place for poisonous snakes. Two of our men lost their lives from bites. The vipers had twisted around these men's legs while they slept. The Australians grab the reptiles by the head and tail when their quarters are invaded, but I would not touch one for 10 pounds."

The life of a country ranger is not altogether an enviable one. The Otaki ranger is no exception to the rule, and recently had anything but a pleasant experience. He had just impounded a horse, and the owner, a native woman, was so aggrieved that she and another Maori woman set out to rescue the animal, and, at the same time, have revenge on the ranger, who was discovered in the vicinity of the public pound. The two women attacked the ranger and beat him with sticks unmercifully for some time, giving him such a bad run that he was obliged to seek a neighbouring house for refuge. It is probable, states an exchange, that the matter will be further ventilated in court.

The late Rev. A. R. Gordon, M.A., the news of whose death from wounds has been received, was second minister of the Dundas Street Methodist circuit, Dunedin, prior to enlisting in the 7th Reinforcement as a private. About four months ago he received a lieutenant's commission. He was educated at the Otago Boys' High School, and at the Otago and Auckland University Colleges. Prior to entering the Methodist Theological College at Auckland he was one of the staff of Messrs. Adams Bros., solicitors, Dunedin. After two years of theological training he was received as a minister on probation, and appointed to Dunedin. His brother, Sergeant L. G. Gordon, who has gained the Military Medal, is at present at the Officers' Training College at Oxford. The late Lieutenant Gordon's father resides at Dunedin.

1884 onward for 22 years he was engaged in the carrying trade between Niue and Auckland, and in the latter place is as well or even better known, as the owner of the old trading vessel Ysabel, than he is anywhere in Polynesia outside Tonga. And now, only the other day or the other month, when the German Firm was liquidated in Tonga, he bought up the entire concern, lock, stock, and barrel, throughout the group, save Nukualofa. The captain is 74 years of age, and says he retired from active business life two years ago. He amuses himself with this harmless fiction, albeit he pleads guilty to the little deal in Tonga just mentioned. When he does finally retire it will probably be only when the grim enemy approaches before whose advance all must retreat."

Is there any profiteering in New Zealand? The answer to that question depends on what you consider is profiteering (remarks a Taranaki paper). For instance, a purchaser went into a business place in New Plymouth and purchased a hundred-weight of soap at 4s. In the afternoon he met a friend who advised him that there was going to be a rise in the price of soap, and recommended him to purchase some more. Accordingly he went back to the same store a few hours later to purchase another hundredweight. He got the surprise of his life when he found that the price had jumped from 4s. to 8s. Is that profiteering?

At a large sports meeting at Woking, J. Lindsay, of the N.Z.E.F., was



MOURNING THE DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN MAORI CHIEF AT WANGANUI. Relatives and friends sitting round the coffin containing the remains of Moana Tauru (shown in framed portrait) prior to the interment.

Speaking at a luncheon at the National Liberal Club, London, on June 26, Mr. John Hodge, the Pensions Minister, said that he was going to make in a short time a great public appeal for £3,000,000 at least to give that assistance to disabled soldiers and sailors which the Royal Warrant did not allow him to make. He did not want to send the man suffering from tuberculosis into the workshop, for that meant sentencing him to death, but he desired to place him on the land, and that, he considered, was the proper function of the Ministry over which he presided.

In reference to the statement that the American steamer Faith, which is built of concrete, is to visit the Dominion, Dr. Thacker, M.P., sent the following telegram to the Minister of Marine: "I notice that a concrete ship is coming to a New Zealand port. It would be most desirable to send her on a tour of the large ports of the Dominion as an exhibition of war efficiency." Mr. Wilford replied, thanking Dr. Thacker for his suggestion, and stating that it would be considered.

Colonel Logan, who has been Administrator of Samoa since its capture by the New Zealanders in September, 1914, has applied to the New Zealand Government for furlough. If the application is granted, Colonel Logan will take his leave about Christmas time, and during his absence the duties of the position will be carried out by Colonel Patterson.

"The Doyen of the South Pacific," as he has been appropriately styled—Captain W. Ross—was a bird of passage by the most recent steamer, on his way to Tonga, says the "Samoa Times." He has travelled a long way on the highroad of material prosperity since those days, now over forty years ago, when he first visited Samoa. At the time he was one of the crew of a vessel visiting the island, and was working for £4 a month. While there on that occasion he drove several head of cattle from Apia to Fasitouta, passing on the way through two opposing armies of the Samoans, who were engaged in one of their periodical struggles to settle who should be king. Afterwards, from the year

beaten in the final of the 100yds., chiefly by the starter's pistol which misfired oftener than not. In the furlong he won his heat from 14½ yards against V. F. Watts, Finchley, on the 18½ mark, and C. J. O'Brien, N.Z.E.F., at 15½. The final he managed easily, although on the outside. In the Mile Relay Race the New Zealand Command Depot beat the Reserve Hussars Regiment, the 12th Canadians, and the M.G.C., Cavalry. The team consisted of Corporals Mason, O'Brien, Lance-Corporal Mexted, and Private Lindsay. Mason gave his side a good lead, and Mexted and Lindsay also gained ground. Mason was first in the finals of the 880yds.—time 2min. 1½sec.

The launch of the Faith, which is the largest concrete ship yet built, was recently successfully carried out at a Pacific port. She is 320ft. in length, with a displacement of 7900 tons, being ten times longer than any other concrete boat up to the present built in the United States. The builders state that they can turn out 54 similar vessels in 18 months.

It is understood that a big field of coal has been located on the State mine reserve at Point Elizabeth (says the "Westport News"). The quality is something between a lignite and a brown coal. Outcrops had been observed indicating the presence of the black diamonds, but it was only recently that the extent was known. Had the field been thoroughly prospected before coal mining was entered upon, the railway would probably have been carried along the coast instead of making a diversion inland, and have enabled the whole field to be worked more cheaply.

Although the paper shortage is acute throughout the British Empire at the present time, necessitating rigid economy in many ways, this position has been brought about principally owing to the difficulty which exists in regard to the importation of the goods. Despite the scarcity of paper supplies being experienced by publishers, the actual prospects of the paper-producing industry after the war never were better. Canada, a land of promise at all times, will be well to the fore in the supply of pulp for paper making, the special spruce, white and with adequate length, abounding in the forests of the Dominion. Balsam fir, although inferior to spruce on account of its resin content, can also be used for paper-making, and this forms part of the wealth of the Dominion forestry as well. Remarkable progress had been made before the war in the development of Canadian wood pulp growing and export. More than 12½ million dollars worth was exported in 1914, but since then the figure has risen to 26 million dollars. Some idea of the vastness of the Dominion can be gleaned from the fact that in New Brunswick the 12 million acres of forest represent over 9270 million cubic feet of timber and 84 million cubic feet of annual growth. Of this 53 per cent. is spruce and fir. This, of course, only refers to paper made from wood pulp. The better qualities, made from rag are likely to be scarce even after the war. Meanwhile, paper is becoming scarcer and ever soaring in price.

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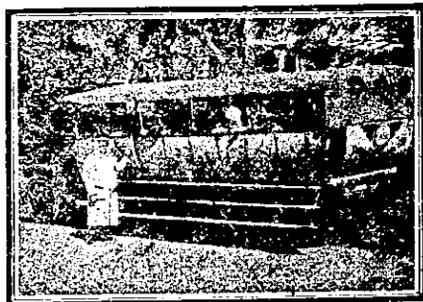
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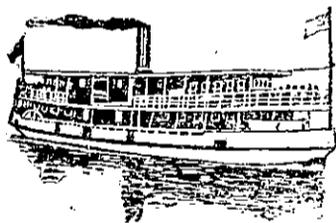
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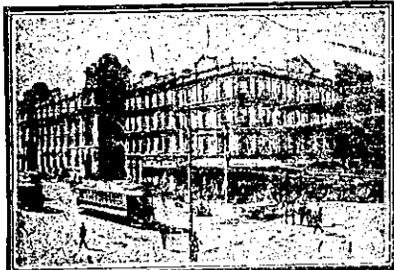
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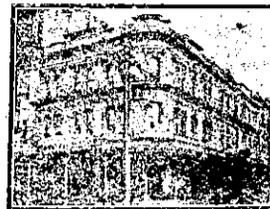
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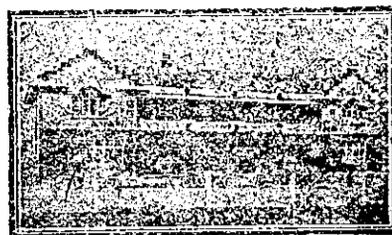
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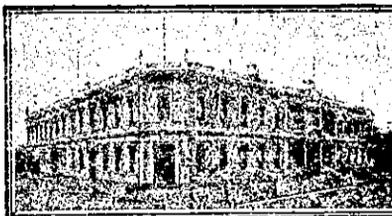
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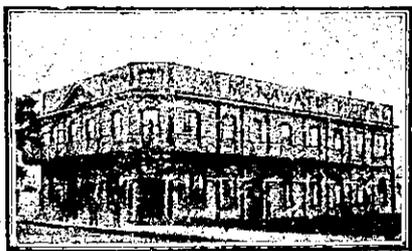
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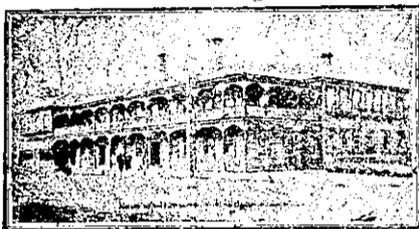
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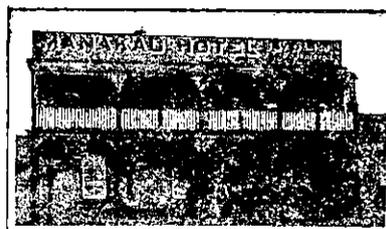
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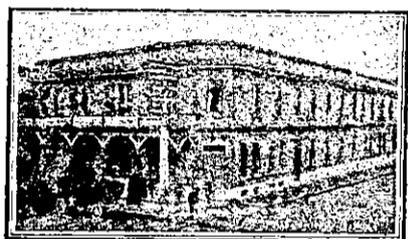


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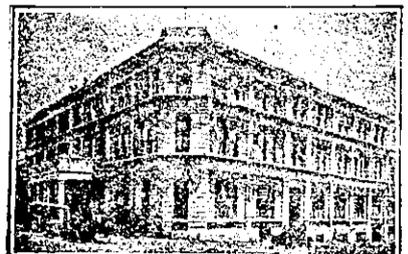
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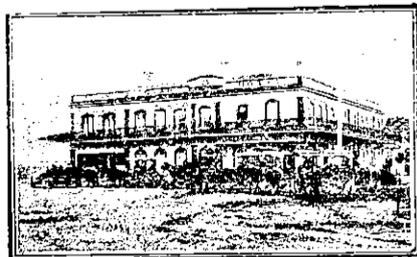
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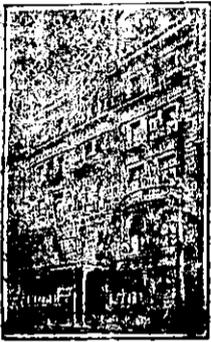


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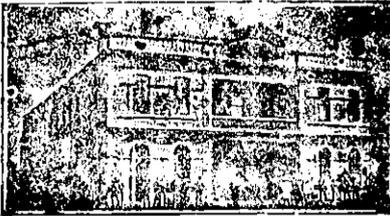
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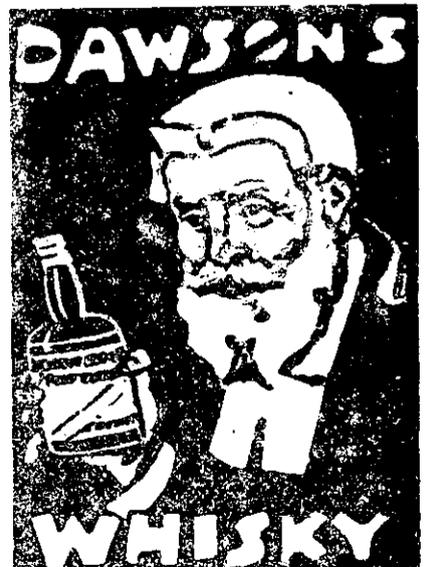
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