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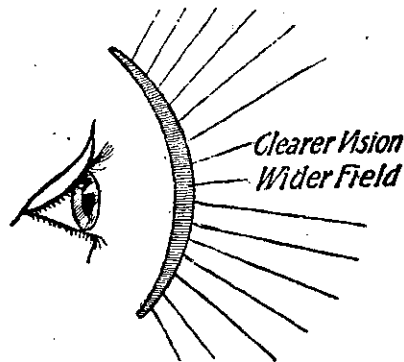
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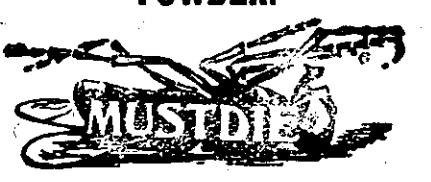
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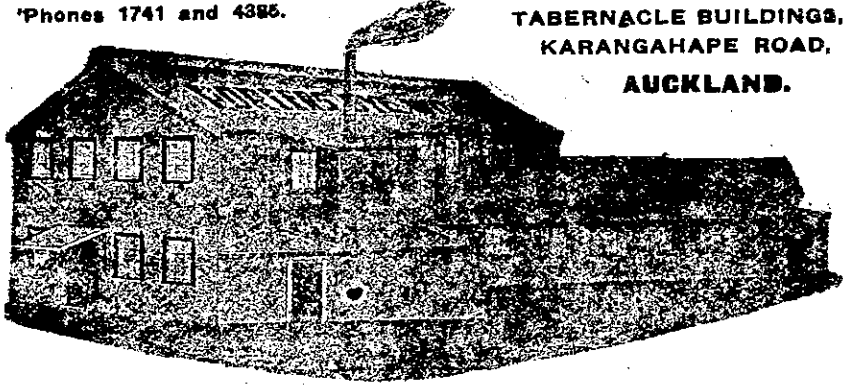
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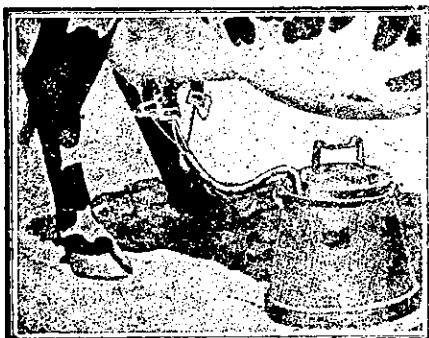
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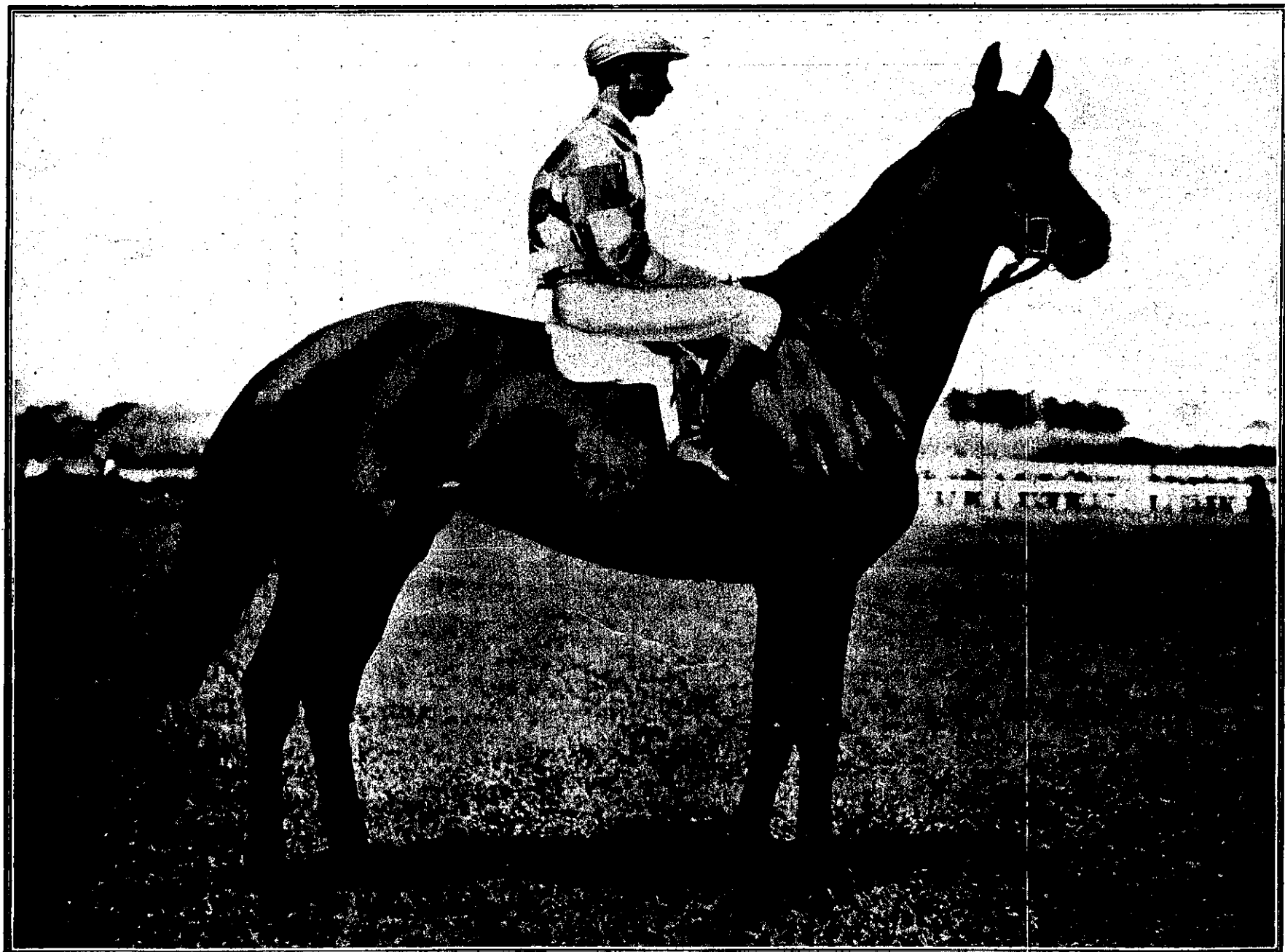
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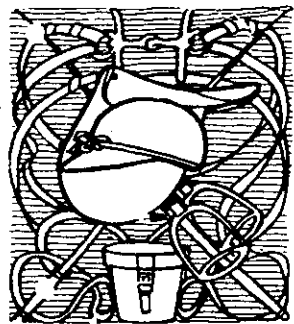
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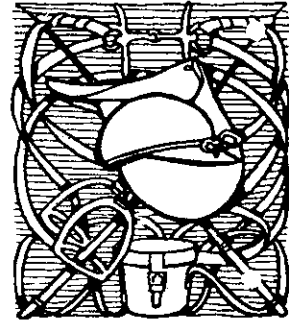
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RACING NEWS



EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

Thursday, January 2.

Acceptances Auckland R.C. spring, at 12 noon.

Saturday, January 4.

Weights Whangarei R.C. summer. Nominations Foxton R.C. annual, at 8 p.m.

Monday, January 6.

Acceptances Northern Wairoa summer, by 9 p.m. Nominations all races with hack conditions, including Trial Plate, Wellington R.C. summer, at 9 p.m.

Tuesday, January 7.

Nominations, accompanied by first forfeit of 1sov, for Doncaster Handicap (one mile) and nominations, accompanied by first forfeit of 2sovs, for the Sydney Cup (two miles), to be decided at Australian J.C. autumn meeting.

Thursday, January 9.

Acceptances Whangarei R.C. summer, by 5 p.m. Weights Foxton R.C. annual

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The Poverty Bay Turf Club will hold their summer meeting on the Makaraka racecourse, Gisborne, on Saturday, February 8, the day following the Gisborne Racing Club's fixture. The club have allotted the sum of £1400 as stake money for the eight events figuring on the card, no race being of less value than 150sovs, so that there is every inducement for owners and trainers to patronise the meeting, apart from the fact that the Gisborne races of the day before makes up a combined two days' carnival by the respective clubs. The chief event to be run at the Poverty Bay meeting is the Turanga Stakes Handicap, of 300sovs, one mile and a-quarter, which is certain to attract a good field of local and visiting horses. The Stewards' Handicap, of 200sovs, six furlongs, will engage the attention of the sprinting division, who, earlier in the day, will have an opportunity of competing in the Telephone Handicap, of 150sovs, five furlongs, a win in which will incur a penalty of 5lb in the Stewards'. Other events on the programme are the Farewell Handicap, of 150sovs, six furlongs and a-half; Cook Hack Handicap, of 150sovs, six furlongs; Hurdle Handicap, of 150sovs, one mile and a-half; Maiden Scurry, of 150sovs, four furlongs and a-half; and the Welter Handicap, of 150sovs, one mile.

The programme is in every way an attractive one to owners, and offers ample opportunities to them of annexing a good stake. Nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr. D. R. DeCosta, on Friday, January 24, at 8 p.m.

TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Te Aroha Jockey Club's meeting will take place on Saturday, March 8, on their up-to-date course, which has been further improved during the past year, and is now one of the best country racecourses in the Auckland province. The meeting promises to be the most successful yet held by the club, who are giving away 1665sovs in stakes. The Te Aroha Cup, of 400sovs, one mile and a-quarter, is the main event to be decided at the meeting, and as in former years is expected to attract a good field of useful handicap horses. The principal sprint race is the Waihou Handicap, of 200sovs, six furlongs, which should be the means of bringing together an array of sprinting talent of worthy calibre. The Ruakaka Handicap Hurdles, one mile and three-quarters, is worth 200 sovs, and an excellent response can safely be looked for from owners in connection with this event. The Farewell Handicap, one mile, is also of 200sovs value, and should fill well. The following events complete a programme which cannot fail to make a strong appeal to owners throughout the Auckland province:—Waitoa Handicap, of 175sovs, seven furlongs; Trial Handicap, of 150sovs, five furlongs and a-half, for horses that have not won a flat race of 50sovs or over at time of entry; Piako Handicap, of 165sovs, six furlongs; and Flying Handicap, of 175sovs, five furlongs and a-half.

Nominations for all events must be made with the secretary, Mr. E. O. Nash, Te Aroha, or with Mr. C. F. Mark, Durham Street East, Auckland, on or before Friday, February 14, at 5 p.m.

HAMILTON RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Hamilton Racing Club have all along demonstrated by their strict adherence to a progressive policy that they are keen to do all in their power to further the interests of the sport and cater to the best of their ability for their ever-increasing list of patrons. Although at present restricted to one day's racing in the

longs, for two and three-year-olds, and a good field is expected to face the starter. The Waimai Handicap Hurdles, of 200sovs, one mile and a-half and 85 yards, caters for those who have hurdlers ready for early autumn engagements, and should be largely availed of by trainers. The additional four events complete a first-rate programme:—Trial Handicap, of 200sovs, one mile; Claudelands Handicap, of 200sovs, five furlongs; Karamu Welter Handicap, of 200sovs, one mile; and the Hautapu Hack Handicap, of 200sovs, six furlongs.

Entries for all events close with the secretary, Mr. R. J. Gwynne, P.O. Box 26, Hamilton, or with Mr. F. D. Yonge, High Street, Auckland, at 5 p.m. on Friday, February 7.

didates, and may be expected to attract a good field of promising performers over the battens. Another event which should fit well is the Otorohanga Handicap, of 110sovs, five furlongs, for horses that have never won a race of the value of 100sovs or races of the collective value of 350sovs at the time of starting. The remaining events on the programme are the Maiden Handicap, of 75sovs, seven furlongs; Te Kumi Handicap, of 110sovs, six furlongs; Welter Handicap, of 110sovs, seven furlongs (minimum weight 8.0); and the Farewell Handicap, of 110sovs, five furlongs.

The club's course is in splendid racing order, while the officials are sparing no effort in ensuring that their patrons will enjoy every comfort and convenience at the forthcoming meeting. Nominations for all events will be received by the secretary, Mr. J. H. Trinnear, Te Kuiti, or with Messrs. Blomfield and Co., Auckland, up to 9 p.m. on Friday, January 24, 1919.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

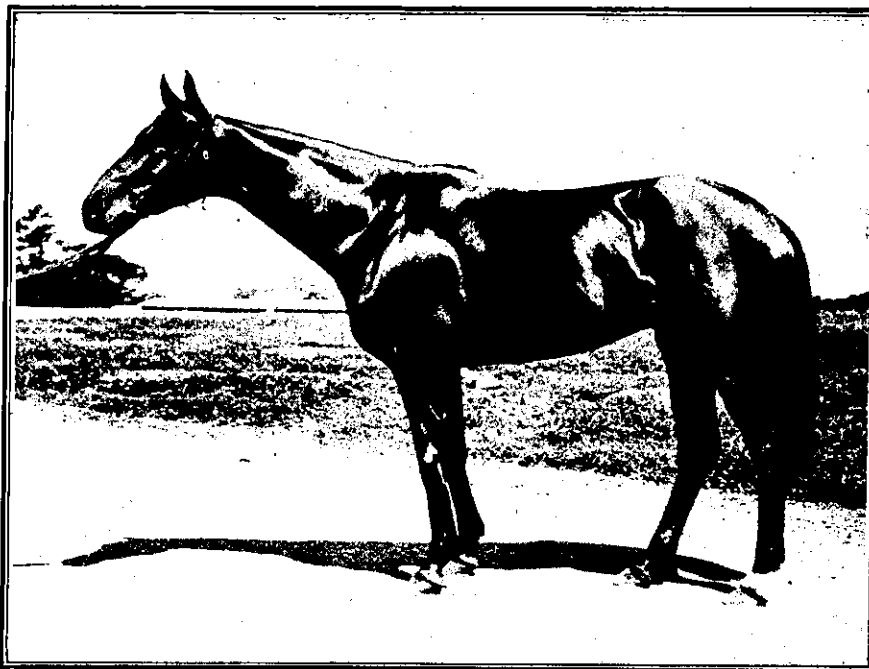
The record meeting experienced on Boxing Day by the Dunedin Jockey Club is another sure indication of the progress which is being made by this enterprising racing body, and augurs well for the success of the autumn meeting of the club, to be held on February 13 and 15 next. A substantial increase has been made in regard to the stakes to be distributed during the two days, and the meeting is assured of wide patronage from all over the Dominion. The Dunedin Cup, one mile and a-half, has been raised in value to 1500sovs, and now ranks as one of the most important handicap events in the Dominion. The field is certain to include many of the best horses in training, the strong inducement offered by the club being calculated to merit the attention of quite a number of owners in the North Island. The Champagne Stakes, of 350sovs, six furlongs, should provide an interesting contest among the crack two-year-olds, and will form a strong attraction on the opening day. The chief sprint event is the Publicans' Handicap, six furlongs, which is now worth 500sovs, and will undoubtedly attract a splendid entry. Other first day events are the Autumn Hurdles, of 200sovs, one mile and three-quarters; Gladbrook Handicap (hack conditions), of 150sovs, one mile; the Apprentices' Plate, of 115sovs, six furlongs, for three-year-olds and upwards that have not won a race of the value of 40sovs or upwards at the time of starting; Stewards' Welter Handicap, of 200sovs, one mile; and the Berwick Handicap, of 130 sovs, seven furlongs.

On the second day, the Dunedin Jockey Club Handicap, of 650sovs, one mile and a-quarter, will occupy chief attention, when another good field, including the majority of the Cup horses, should be found competing for the valuable stake. Great interest will also be centred in the Hazlett Memorial Plate, of 500sovs, one mile, a weight-for-age event for three-year-olds and upwards. The Hopeful Handicap, of 200sovs, five furlongs, is specially reserved for two-year-olds, and strong representation is anticipated from the ranks of the juveniles. The sprinting division will have an opportunity of annexing the 300sovs stake attached to the Flying Handicap, of six furlongs, while the Owhiro Hurdles, of 150sovs, one mile and a-half, will again see the jumping brigade in action. Other events to be run on the concluding day are the Warrington Handicap, of 130sovs, seven furlongs; Waiholia Handicap (hack conditions), of 130 sovs, six furlongs; and the Abbotsford Welter Handicap, of 200sovs, seven furlongs.

Entries for all events, excepting the Apprentices' Plate, are due with the secretary, Mr. H. L. James, on Friday, January 17, at 5 p.m., when forfeits for the Champagne Stakes must also be made. Entries for the Apprentices' Plate are due on Friday, February 7.



Mr. J. Hart's b g TEKA, 6yrs., by Mystification—Tattle. Trained by J. O. E. Jones.



Mr. H. W. Brown's b g FORM UP, 5yrs., by Formative—Pursuring. Trained by H. Eva.

year, the club having temporarily lost one day in view of the curtailment of permits by Cabinet, the officials of the Hamilton Racing Club have arranged a fine programme of eight handsomely-endowed events in connection with their forthcoming meeting, the total stake monies amounting to £2250, an increase of £250 on that allotted for the 1918 meeting. The leading event is the Hamilton Cup Handicap, of 650sovs, one mile and a-quarter, which invariably induces a large entry, including a strong contingent from Ellerslie. The Cambridge Handicap, of 400sovs, six furlongs, is not likely to escape the notice of owners of sprinters, who will welcome the chance of annexing the valuable stake offered by the club for this important sprint event, which is certain to claim a large nomination. A race that will meet with keen appreciation from owners and trainers is the Tamahere Stakes Handicap, of 200sovs, six fur-

TE KUITI RACING CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Te Kuiti Racing Club's annual gathering is to be held on Saturday, February 15, when an excellent programme of eight splendidly endowed events is to be decided, no less than £1175 being awarded in stakes for this popular King Country fixture. Chief in point of interest comes the Te Kuiti Cup Handicap, of 350sovs, one mile and a-quarter, an event which appears assured of a liberal nomination from owners and trainers throughout the Auckland province. The Stewards' Handicap, of 180sovs, six furlongs, should attract some capital sprinters, affording as it does a splendid opportunity to win a good stake. The Hack Hurdles Handicap, of 130sovs, one mile and a-half, is particularly deserving of wide patronage from owners of eligible can-

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

CUP, RAILWAY, AND FOAL STAKES DAY.

There was never a more perfect day on which to commence an important race meeting than Boxing Day at Ellerslie proved. The weather was not only all that could be desired, but conditions generally were such as were favourable to a highly successful meeting: The special trains running once more, the trams doing their best, motor services at a stage of development never previously reached, and all available horse vehicles in commission enabled the holiday-makers to reach the old favourite spot in comfort and in good time. It was a large assemblage, equal, some thought, to any previous muster on the corresponding days, while many considered it beat the attendance of Exhibition year. It is no easy matter to estimate the number, but it is probably safe to say that there were not far short of 25,000 present. There were perhaps not so many at the head of the straight under the pines near the Greenlane side, but in the people's domain below the main buildings there seemed a dense crowd, and it is doubtful whether the lawn and paddock enclosures have held many more at any time.

A lot of people were just spoiling for a race meeting, so long has it been since one was held at Ellerslie, the one resort of many thousands. Then there are the thousands who come to Auckland once a year for the great carnival, and they gather from all quarters of the compass—from the east and west coasts of the North Island, from Hawke's Bay, Wellington and Taranaki provinces, and from every part of the Auckland province. From Canterbury, too, and from Nelson, and no doubt from other parts of the South Island, visitors were in evidence. The returned soldiers, many in khaki, make a formidable force now, and there were well over two thousand, we understand, accounted for through tickets issued. It was indeed a representative assemblage of a fine people well dressed in summer attire, and the beautiful day seemed to have been anticipated by the holiday-makers. The perfect condition in which they found the grounds was a theme upon which they were enthusiastic. The club's gardening staff, under the control of the efficient caretaker, Mr. A. Hill, had made every preparation for weeks and months before, and there was no part of the lawn and enclosures and grounds which did not leave a pleasing effect.

The course was covered with an emerald-like green carpet of grass, closely cut, and the running track was in splendid order for time-making and for the horses to gallop on, though perhaps a little bit hard for a few sore ones. The fields were of a little larger average than usual, due to the fact that there had been less spring racing than heretofore and that four days' racing were being provided. There were never more visiting horses and seldom have there been any better seen at Ellerslie or on other courses in New Zealand. The average class was good, distinctly so, and some in different departments would be fit to race in the best company to be found south of the line on conditions in the matter of weight which would show them to be little below the top standard. There is, indeed, reason to class at least one—Surveyor, who won the Foal Stakes—as a crack of his age, as he stood out from his opponents amongst the fine lot of two-year-olds seen out, while Sasanof has filled out into a particularly nice gelding since we saw him when he came back two years ago much travel-stained, though with a Melbourne Cup to his credit. To this he has added a New Zealand Cup and other important races, and was never quite so good as he is now. There were other good ones, which, however, did not quite so well satisfy the demands made upon them. The racing was good.

The new totalisator was on its trial and women clerks were largely in evidence in the manipulation of the business connected therewith, and they did well. The handling of £76,149 10s. in itself suggests that the totalisator arrangements were good. They will be improved upon as new conditions are fully mastered. It says something for the new machine that a record sum of £13,388 10s. was handled over the Auckland

Cup. This is a New Zealand record. We are quite aware that over some of the races a good deal of money was shut out. That would not be so if people would "shop early." There will always be the late comers. There are matters that will be adjusted as time goes on. The amount handled on Thursday was £4835 10s. less than on the opening day last year. But for a variety of causes it would perhaps have been very much larger, but the shortage need not be put down to any lack of ability or want of experience on the part of the totalisator staff. There will need to be further provision for paying out, and when that part of the business is put on a better footing money will find its way quicker to the machine for re-investment. Congratulations can be offered on the results. The machine formerly in use did not accomplish anything like so much when it was on its trial, for the reason that the staff had to become familiarised with the working, and it was not started at a big meeting like that commenced last week.

We have already stated that the racing was good, and Mr. Macmanamin should be satisfied over the first

Whether this mare will greatly distinguish herself remains to be seen. She was in receipt of a lot of weight from her opponents, but she is now well on the right side.

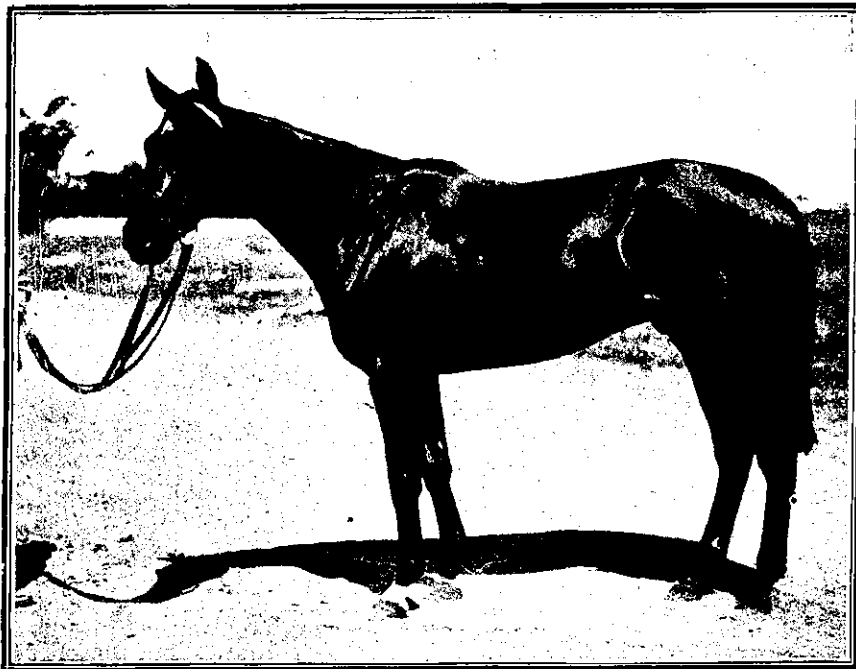
Mr. W. S. Spence, secretary, and staff had the business in their department well under control. The races were got off punctual to time, no putting back of the clock to get more money on races or anything of that sort. Mr. C. O'Connor, the starter, despatched the large fields well, and only in an odd instance or two did any of the horses get off badly. Colonel Soult played an old trick and was absolutely left in the Cup, and the two-year-old Pentagram, who is erratic, was badly at fault in the Nursery Handicap. There were no complaints regarding the riding of any of the horsemen, but during the afternoon an inquiry was begun at the instance of Mr. Alexander, owner of Silver Link, into something he had been told by another owner, Mr. Bennet, owner of Gazique. C. Brown, rider of Silver Link, was on the carpet, but not for the handling of that filly, as some supposed. A number of horses got galloped upon during the races, and in at least a couple of

beating Tigritiya and Melee (the favourite) by over a length, handily, Afterglow being fourth. Lady Energy performed best of the Auckland division. Melee was favourite and Gold Kip second fancy of the public, but the latter is suited by a shorter distance. Hineamaru failed to stay, and thus disappointed many, as she got away well. It was a fair betting race, but the total investments fell short by £1530 of the turnover on the same race last year. Karo was bred by the late Mr. G. P. Donnelly and is owned by Mrs. Perry, a daughter.

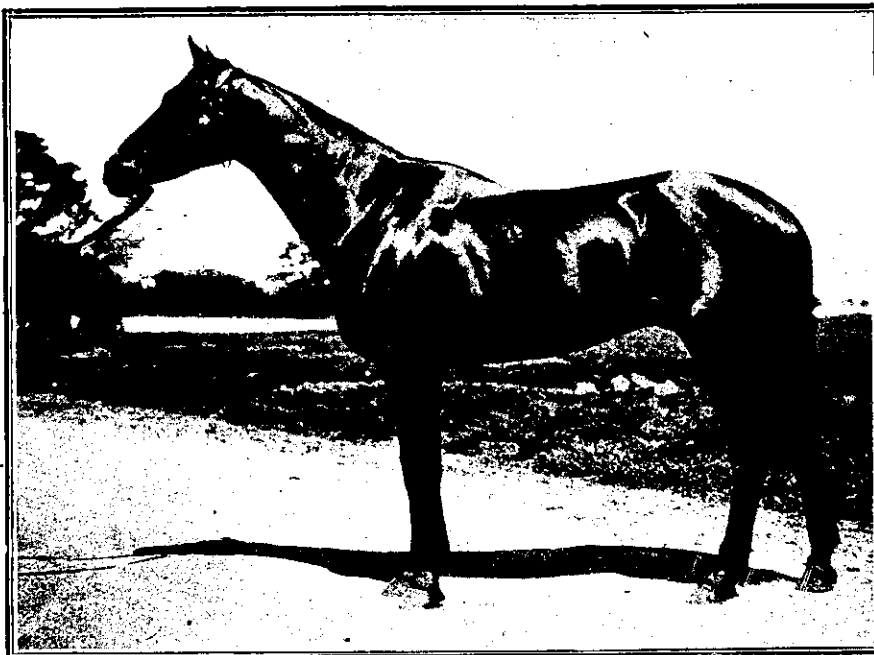
There was the large falling off of £2269 on the next event, the Great Northern Foal Stakes, for which Surveyor was backed to an extent that few two-year-olds have been supported before in Auckland, no less than £3377 being planked on Mr. Gerald Stead's colt, who won and paid by far the smallest dividend of the day. He began well, was steadied while others headed him, and after Crenides and Bitholia had cut at each other Surveyor came along and won in hollow style from the pair of Demosthenes youngsters, neither of which look so seasoned as the winner. That Surveyor is classy he has previously demonstrated by winning the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes and Electric Plate. He is a son of imported Nassau and the Stepniak mare Pedometer, and was bred by his owner. The race was run in 1min. 14.4sec., equalling that of last year, but it does not come near that of Biplane.

Twenty-four were saddled for the Robinson Handicap, Athens II., who ran well at Avondale, and Lionskin, who won for Sir George Clifford, her breeder in Canterbury, being made first and second favourites. How well the position was summed up by the public can be gathered from the fact that only a short head separated the pair at the finish. Di Gama's half-sister, Robur, the fourth fancy, was third, only on sufferance, however as Don't, who she beat, swerved badly at the half-distance and came out of her course towards the outside rails. Queen Abbey made the pace solid for five and a-half furlongs and then retired. The race was run in the good time of 1min. 27.2sec.

The Auckland Cup, the forty-fifth since it was first run under that name and won by the game little Templeton carrying 2.11.19, as most people know, the most valuable race in the Dominion, and it was fitting that there should be a good field for so good a stake. Seventeen of the nineteen carded were produced, the scratching of Mullingar and Kilrush on the day being the withdrawals. This is one of the largest of fields for so long a race, and was only one behind the last field for the New Zealand Cup, horses of much the same class competing; indeed, half a dozen of the starters ran for the southern event, and two that were in the first four in that race were placed. Sasanof, the winner of the Melbourne Cup as a three-year-old and of the N.Z. Cup, with 11lb. more weight than he had in the last-named race, was made a very strong favourite. He looked well, indeed, but was wearing a bandage, but moved in fine style and won many friends as he went his preliminary. There was not much wrong with the condition of any of the runners. Some were a bit more seasoned than others with racing, and no doubt Depredation and Red Dibbon would have been improved by a few races. Rose Pink may have had more than her share. Colonel Soult and Blackall were two that did not appear to relish the task before them, and the last-named did not want to do a preliminary, while the Colonel stopped at the post and took no part in the race. Mascot looked muscular and well off for condition, and served by her light weight went out early and led all the way after the first furlong, first one and then another getting tired of the ordeal of chasing her, those in the first stages, Heathercote and Glendower, being a brace. Along the back and top stretches the second time Mascot went out clear of the field, Heathercote, Glendower, Depredation, Blue Cross and Bingham being most prominent of the others. Red Ribbon and Sasanof then went up, the last-named running into second place before turning for home and raising the hopes of his admirers, but nothing had a chance with Mascot. They were all in difficulties, and she galloped home an easy winner by three lengths from Sasanof, who had made a good run. Blue Cross, staying on, was two lengths off, third. Red Ribbon fourth, close up, and Kilmoon, also sticking to his task, fifth. Depredation, Menelaus, Cynic, Mangamahoe were about next in order, with the rest strung out, some of them



A LEADING AUCKLAND TWO-YEAR-OLD.—Mr. Geo. Green's b g PRINCE CHARLEROI, by General Latour—Alicia. Trained by J. Chaaffe, Junr.



Mr. H. W. Brown's b g CYRISIAN, 3yrs., by Elysian—Cyirma. Trained by H. Eva.

day's experience. The public picked very well—indeed, surprisingly well—though only one actual favourite got home, and that was in the Foal Stakes, a special-weight race. In each race with one exception a favourite was placed, four of them were second, two third and one a winner, and in the largest field, the Robinson Handicap, a short head separated the first and second, Lionskin and Athens II. No Ellerslie-owned candidate succeeded in winning during the day, but Loyal Arch, who was sold on the eve of the meeting for 300 guineas and contingencies, 100sovs. out of the first win and a further 100sovs. out of winnings, was owned and trained at Ellerslie by D. P. Moraghan, who parted with her to Mr. Harold Brown, owner of Cyrisian and Form Up. It was good business as things turned out for both, as the extra hundred came quickly and the new owner won £250 back in stakes, and it is understood had a tidy sum by backing his purchase freely. The value of horses must be gauged by what they can win.

instances accidents occurred that may keep horses from racing further at the meeting. One rider parted company with his mount, Golden Petal, at the barrier, and evidently the gelding was at fault. The racing was not without a little bumping, and that cannot always be avoided when there are big fields. The running was clean throughout, as far as could be witnessed from the stands, though several beaten horses were not ridden out. As may be supposed, there were quite a number of well supported disappointments, and Prince Charleroi in the Foal Stakes was one of the prominent ones, but backers were really expecting too much of the little son of General Latour in the company. Though he had done his work well, there is not enough of him to cope with good big ones under a substantial scale of weights.

The Shortland Plate, under special weights favouring the older horses, drew together twenty-one runners, and three-year-olds had all the best of the argument, that good filly Karo

easing up, while Blackall was the whipper-in.

The race has only once been run faster. That was last year, when Fiery Cross, with 8.8, beat it by 1-5th of a second. The official times given for the various stages of the race show that Mascot ran at an even pace throughout, but some made the last mile a bit faster than the first, and the last half-mile was the fastest of the journey, which was traversed in 3min. 26sec., the first half-mile in 51 3-5sec., the mile in 1min. 43sec., and mile and a half in 2min. 35sec.

The Messrs. Riddiford purchased Mascot as a yearling at the same sale that Mr. W. G. Stead purchased Sasanof, both being by Martian and the same age, and she is a very shapely, bonny mare of medium size. It is 22 years since a lighter weight was carried to victory by Nestor, a three-year-old, and only four times in the history of the race has any horse won with a lighter impost. The honours were all with Sasanof. Bonnie Maid was reported under suspicion of unsoundness before she ran, but she seemed all right in her preliminary. She, however, got galloped on in the race. Seven horses carried overweight in the race, Blackall having 13lb. more than the allotted impost, but that thoroughly soured gelding would or could not race.

The Grafton Hurdle Race saw Sir Solo go out favourite, with Waimai second in demand. The first-named never gave any encouragement to his backers, but Waimai, jumping in great style and showing lots of pace, led practically to the last hurdle and was then gathered up by Loyal Arch, the lightweight, who had the better pace and won handily, Gladful, the top-weight, running into second place. Loyal Arch, whose first win it was over hurdles, paid a fair price, while Gladful was the outsider of the field.

The Railway Handicap field, like the Cup field, was one of the best in the history of the club. Backers went most strongly for Gazique against each of the combinations, King Lupin and Mill o' Gowrie and Hymestra and Nanna, Onslaught being fourth in demand, but well supported also were Form Up and Silver Link. The last-named and King Lupin were out leading early, and King Lupin was really in front about a furlong from home, but being at-

tacked strongly at that stage, where Birkenvale retired. Nanna, Silver Link and Downham were handy, while Gazique was finishing on the outside and Waiuta on the inside. Nanna, staying on, won by about a neck from Gazique, with Silver Link half a length off, third. Waiuta was a close fourth, Downham and Bedford also finishing well, Form Up being nearest of the rest. Gazique was a bit stiff in one hindquarter and began slowly, but finished so well that he really looked unlucky to miss. Hymestra did not get a good run, and Nanna, the winner, was galloped on. Waiuta never ran better, if so well. Mr. Kemball's mare is very consistent, and, like the Cup winner, is by Martian. Her dam, like the dam of Surveyor, is by defunct Stepniak.

The Nursery Handicap was contested by a field of eighteen, Hetaua, a useful-looking black son of Demosthenes in with 7.5, being selected as the pick of the basket, the well-grown Macduff, by Antagonist owned by Sir George Clifford, being the second selection. Mr. Gerald Stead's Sundance, by Sunny Lake, also came in for a lot of support, the Pendil gelding Pentagram being another that carried a good deal of money. He, however, was badly left. A nice bay colt, Solfanello by Solferino, owned by the Messrs. Riddiford, proved equal to the occasion and won nicely by a length and a-half, Hetaua beating Sundance, who finished third under the judge's box, half a length back, though people on the stand were deceived into the belief that she had actually won. Bindle and Heathermoon were next in order. The race was run fast, the winner taking 1min. 1 3-5sec.

The Christmas Handicap brought the day's racing to a close, fifteen starting, Teka being the favourite and Killjoy second in demand. This mare went out after going two furlongs and looked like cracking up the field, but cracked first herself. Uncle Ned came out at the business end and won in good style by two lengths and a-half from All Talk, who beat Teka a neck, with Killjoy and Meltchikoff next.

The results were:-

SHORTLAND PLATE of 300sovs; second 50sovs, third 25sovs. One mile.
4—Mrs. M. A. Perry's br f Koro, 3yrs, by Demosthenes—Kautuku, 7.2 (L. Morris) 1

3—K. S. Williams' ch f Tigritiya, 3yrs, 7.6, inc. 4lb over (R. Reed) 2
1—G. L. Stead's b g Melee, 3yrs, 7.4 (Tinker) 3

Also started: 14 Meltonio 8.2 (Ryan), 16 Master Iney 8.2 (C. Sinclair), 7 Benzine 7.13 (McFlinn), 18 Glucian 7.13 (Harvey), 2 Gold Kip 7.13 (Goldfinch), 19 Master Regal 7.13 (Smith), 10 Persian Prince 7.13 (Emerson), 15 Whitehall 7.13 (M. O'Shea), 11 Black Lace 7.11 (A. Reed), 17 Ditto 7.11 (Rennie), 9 Lady Energy 7.11 (Carmont), 12 Sanaacre 7.11 (Warner), 8 Happy Captain 7.7 (G. Young), 20 Escaped 7.4 (Gollop), 13 Mandrake 7.4 (Ludlow), 5 Demoiselle 7.2 (Ferguson) and Hineamaru 7.2 (C. Brown) bracketed, 6 Afterglow 7.2 (Mackie), 3 Mary Bruce 7.2 (McCurdie) bracketed with Tigritiya.

Won easily by a length and a-quarter, a head separating second and third. Afterglow was fourth and Escaped fifth. Time, 1min 40sec.

GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES of 1000sovs; first horse 600sovs, second 200sovs, third 100sovs, and 100sovs to breeder of winner. Six furlongs.

1—G. L. Stead's ch c Surveyor, 2yrs, by Nassau—Pedometer, 8.10 (C. Emerson) 1
5—Mrs. M. A. Perry's ch g Crenides, 2yrs, by Demosthenes—Gold Thread, 8.7 (Hewitt) 2
4—E. Short's ch g Bitholia, 2yrs, by Demosthenes—Rangaio, 8.7 (McFlinn) 3

Also started: 3 Ermine 8.5 (R. Reed), 6 Rebuff 8.7 (Campbell), 7 Canowindra 8.7 (Rennie), 2 Prince Charleroi 8.7 (H. Goldfinch), 9 Emerald Hill 8.7 (Warner), 4 Parorangi 8.7 (Carmont) bracketed with Bitholia, 8 Princess Charming 8.5 (C. Brown).

Won by two lengths, a head between second and third. Ermine was fourth, and Prince Charleroi fifth. Time, 1min 14 4-5sec.

ROBINSON HANDICAP of 300sovs; second 50sovs, third 25sovs. Seven furlongs.

2—Sir Geo. Clifford's b f Lionskin, 3yrs, by Kilbroney—Counterfeit, 8.6 (H. Young) 1
1—J. Hart's br g Athens II., 3yrs, 7.7 (Deeley) 2
4—J. Harle's b m Robur, 5yrs, 9.0 (Gray) 3

Also started: 11 Don't 8.2 (Manson), 7 Pierrot 8.2 (Ryan), 18 Step 8.2 (Buchanan), 3 Singular 8.0 (Warner), 20 Platoon 7.13 (A. Reed), 15 Tika 7.13 (Sinclair), 10 Multiplane 7.13 (McFlinn), 12 Arch Lassie 7.12 (Chaplin), 14 Slipstitch 7.12 (Dillamore), 17 Miss Leslie 7.12 (C. Brown), 3 Queen Abbey 7.12 (Rennie), 8 War March 7.10 (R. Reed), 16 Empire 7.9 (Ferguson), 6 Mountain Gold 7.7 (M. O'Shea) and Isingarch 7.7 (Mackie) bracketed, 5 New Zealand 7.7 (Goldfinch), 19 Ma Copper 7.0 (Gosper) and Declare 7.0 (Hockley) bracketed, 13 Whitford Belle 7.0 (Harvey) and Debutante 7.0 (Gordon) bracketed, 21 Golden Petal 7.0 (Matheson) and Ko Iwi 7.0 (Carmont) bracketed.

Won by a head, two lengths and a-half separating second and third. Don't was fourth, with Isingarch, Slipstitch and Declare next. Time, 1min 27 2-5 sec.

AUCKLAND CUP HANDICAP of 2750 sovs; second 500sovs, third 250sovs. Two miles.

3—V. and E. Riddiford's b m Mascot, 5yrs, by Martian—Mary of Argyll, 6.13 (L. Morris) 1
1—W. G. Stead's br g Sasanof, 5yrs, by Martian—Ukraine, 9.6 (Gray) 2
14—W. Colebourne's b g Blue Cross, 5yrs, by Marble Arch—Maheno, 6.7 (M. O'Shea) 3
Also started: 12 Snub 9.2 (Campbell), 3 Menelaus 8.11 (A. Reed) bracketed with Mascot, 10 Bonnie Maid 7.9, car. 7.12 (McFlinn), 5 Kilmoon 7.9 (Emerson), 2 Red Ribbon 7.7, car. 7.8 (Deeley), 6 Depredation 7.2, car. 7.5 (R. Reed), 7 Glendower 7.2, car. 7.4 (Ludlow), 8 Rose Pink 7.1 (C. Brown), 9 Heathercote 7.1 (G. Young), 11 Cynic 6.11 (Gordon), 16 Colonel Soult 6.11, car. 6.12 (Ferguson), 4 Mangamahoe 6.10, car. 7.4 (Rennie), 13 Bingham 6.7 (Hockley), 15 Blackall 6.7, car. 7.6 (C. Sinclair).

Won by three lengths, two lengths between second and third. Red Ribbon was fourth, followed by Kilmoon, Depredation, Menelaus, Cynic, Bonnie Maid, Mangamahoe and Glendower in that order. Time, 3min 26sec.

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

4—H. W. Brown's br m Loyal Arch, 6yrs, by Marble Arch—Lady Minnie, 9.0 (Warner) 1
6—W. R. Kemball's b g Gladful, aged, 11.12 (Stan. Reid) 2
2—T. Wilson's b g Waimai, aged, 10.7 (G. Henderson) 3
Also started: 1 Sir Solo 10.12 (R. Thompson), 5 Tenacious 10.0 (E. Rae), 3 Hexton 10.0 (W. McKinnon).

Won by two lengths, a similar distance between second and third. Sir Solo was fourth. Time, 3min 48sec.

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

3—W. R. Kemball's br m Nanna, 4yrs, by Martian—Nantes, 7.10 (C. Emerson) 1
1—C. J. Bennett's b g Gazique, 6yrs, 8.9 (McFlinn) 2
6—A. Alexander's br f Silver Link, 3yrs, 7.4 (C. Brown) 3

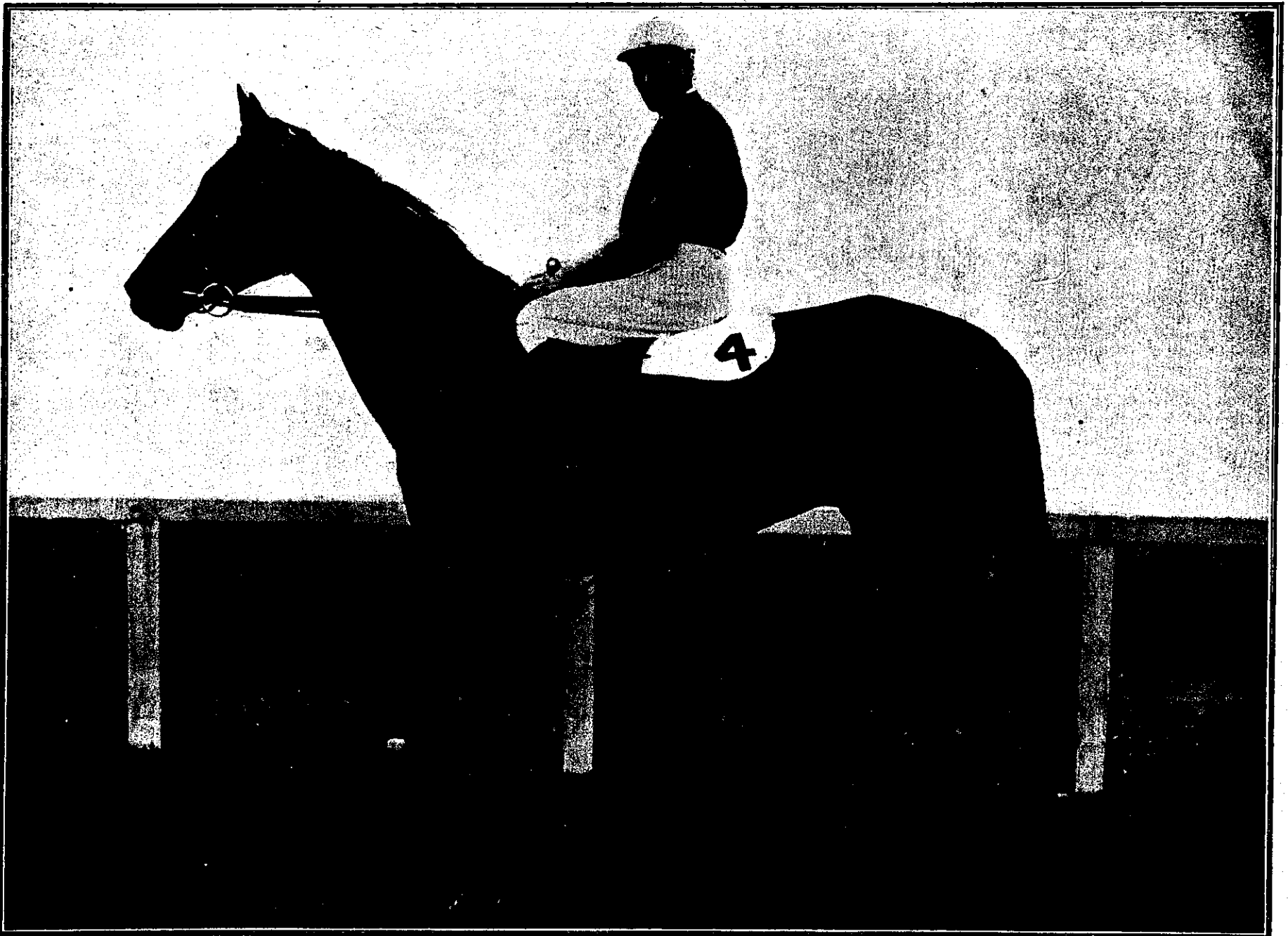
Also started: 2 King Lupin 9.5 (Robinson) and Mill o' Gowrie 7.6 (Rennie) bracketed, 3 Hymestra 9.4 (Campbell) bracketed with Nanna, 5 Form Up 8.11 (Deeley), 4 Onslaught 7.13 (H. Young), 9 Bedford 7.13 (Goldfinch), 7 Birkenvale 7.9 (R. Reed), 10 Downham 7.5 (Dillamore), 16 Cardrona 7.3, car. 7.13 (Warner), 8 Demagogue 7.0 (Morris), 11 Sheila 6.9 (Hockley), 14 Lord Kenilworth 6.9 (M. O'Shea), 17 Gaycium 6.8, car. 6.10 (Tinker), 13 Waiuta 6.7, car. 7.1 (G. Young), 15 Comedy Prince 6.7, car. 7.2 (P. Sinclair), 15 Kilbeggan 6.7, car. 7.3 (Gollop), 12 Arran 6.7, car. 6.10 (Smith).

Won by a length, half a length between second and third. Waiuta was fourth. Time, 1min 14 4-5sec.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 350sovs; second 70sovs, third 30sovs. Five furlongs.

5—V. and E. Riddiford's b c Solfanello, by Solferino—Rosale, 7.8 (A. Reed) 1

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A USEFUL PERFORMER OVER VARYING DISTANCES.—MR. C. J. BENNETT'S B G GAZIQUE, 6YRS., BY GAZELEY—PAULEEN, WHO PROVED RUNNER-UP TO NANNA IN THE RAILWAY HANDICAP ON BOXING DAY. A. J. McFLINN, RIDER. TRAINED BY G. MURRAY.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

CHRISTMAS MEETING.

A RECORD GATHERING.

HENRY CLAY WINS THE HANDICAP.

(From Our Travelling Correspondent.)

NEW PLYMOUTH, Thursday.

The Christmas meeting of the Taranaki Jockey Club, which took place to-day on the club's picturesque race-course at New Plymouth, will long be remembered as the most successful in the history of the club. The attendance constituted a record, the crowd present being very much in excess of previous years, while the turnover from the totalisator showed an increase on last year's figures, which proves conclusively that the club has the confidence of the public.

Owing to the new totalisator regulations, there was considerable delay through the altering of the figures on the machine in practically every race, with the result that the last race was run over one hour behind the scheduled time, many of the club's patrons missing their trains home and being compelled to remain in town for the night. The delay in ringing up the final numbers on the totalisator was very tantalising, and there is undoubtedly room for improvement. It is to be hoped that the club will take action with a view to having the defect remedied before the Cup meeting comes up for decision in February next. Certainly the arrangements in this direction were a long way behind compared with previous meetings, when the final totals always appeared with promptitude.

Mr. A. Morse, of Stratford, officiated as starter, and his despatches were marked by an evenness that evoked much favourable comment from those present. The placings of the various winners were capably attended to by Mr. J. R. L. Stanford, who from his vantage post in the judge's box gave his decisions promptly and accurately. Despite the fact that he had some close finishes to decide his placings met with general approval.

Mr. T. H. G. Lloyd, a well-known solicitor of Dannevirke, who used to race a horse or two some years ago, acted in the capacity of a stipendiary official but owing to the cleanness of the racing, which has always characterised the Taranaki Jockey Club's meetings, there was nothing to necessitate an enquiry. The various contests were keenly fought out, the issues being in doubt in many instances right up to the moment the winning line was crossed.

Taken right through the racing was very interesting, affording a well-deserved tribute to Handicapper H. Coyle, who, by the way, was not present to witness the results of his excellent work.

The contest for the principal event, the Christmas Handicap, was productive of a very fine race. Winning Shot essayed to win from end to end, and it was only in the final stages that Henry Clay caught the bay mare, and a ding-dong battle ensued over the last four hundred yards, with the result that Henry Clay squeezed home by a neck, while the fast-finishing Dingle beat Winning Shot by a similar margin, with Paddington Green close up, fourth. Several capital dividends were paid out during the afternoon, those of Guianform and Tirana running into substantial double figures.

As is usual with Mr. E. P. Webster, the club's secretary, everything worked well in the secretarial department, and visitors, many of whom were present from Wellington and the Wairarapa, carried away with them many happy recollections of the kindness extended them by the officials of the Taranaki Jockey Club. Mr. Webster's efforts were ably seconded by Mr. B. H. Chaney, a steward of the club, who was assiduous in his attention to visitors to the meeting.

People came well provided with the sinews of war, for at the close of the afternoon's racing it was ascertained that the totalisator staff had handled £25,097, compared with £24,113 for the corresponding day in 1917, the increase thus being £984, which is considered highly satisfactory, as the Taranaki Club is one of the few clubs that showed an increase over the holiday meetings.

The Railway Department delayed several trains to meet the requirements of sporting enthusiasts, with the result that people were enabled to reach home the same night, although quite a large number missed

the trains through the delay experienced on the totalisator.

NOTES ON THE RACING.

In the opening event, the Huatoki Plate, a big surprise proved in store for backers, Guianform, a three-year-old son of Guianforte—Avaunce, coming with a late run and defeating Applaud comfortably in an exciting race up the straight, the favourite, Hallow, being third. Genskus, who was heavily backed, could only finish fourth. The winner was nicely handled by the capable lightweight N. K. McDonell. Romance showed up prominently in the early stages, but compounded after turning the bend for home, where he was in command.

The Advance mare Movement, who is owned and trained by Percy Johnson, was made a slightly better than even money favourite for the Stewards' Hack Handicap, in which Marquetteur and Momac were also well supported. The Auckland horseman, S. Henderson, took Movement to the front when the barrier lifted, and the issue was never really in doubt, as he easily maintained his lead, winning by six lengths from Momac, with Munition third.

P. Johnson also provided the winner of the Rahotu Hack Hurdles, in the St. Paul gelding Simple Sam, who practically led from end to end and returned his 342 supporters a good dividend. Veto, who was favourite and had the services of S. Henderson, and Golden Grafton monopolised the bulk of the investments on the totalisator, and proved Simple Sam's most dangerous opponents. Going along the back Golden Grafton drew almost on terms with Simple Sam, with Veto handy, but neither had a chance with P. Johnson's jumper in the run up the straight, the latter easily accounting for Golden Grafton by four lengths, with Veto third.

The good field of 13 starters lined up for the Borough Hack Handicap, a warm favourite being found in the ex-Karamu representative Piano, formerly owned by the late Mr. J. McKean, of New Plymouth, and now running in Mrs. M. McKean's name. Occasion and Carmel Arch also carried solid support. Jane Douglas, Piano and Carmel Arch made the early running, the favourite losing her position racing towards the bend into the straight, which Carmel Arch was the first to enter, with Jane Douglas second. The pair looked to have the issue to themselves when L. Nodder brought Madam Ristori along with a nicely-timed run and succeeded in securing the judge's verdict by a neck from Carmel Arch, with Jane Douglas half a length away third.

Rewi Poto and Hiero were the only withdrawals from the Christmas Handicap, for which nine were saddled up, Henry Clay, who had the services of S. Henderson, being elected favourite, with Alteration, Munster and Perfect Day most in demand of the others. The race was a splendid betting one, £3924 10s. being invested on the totalisator, being a record amount for any one event at the meeting. Winning Shot had charge from Dingle and Paddington Green passing the stand, the daughter of Signor—True Shot increasing her lead going along the back, where Munster displaced Dingle in second position, the favourite being fourth. The order was unaltered as the field raced to the straight entrance, Winning Shot commencing to tire at this stage, coming back to her field. Henry Clay headed her into the straight, while Dingle joined in the struggle, a fine race resulting in a win for the favourite by a neck from Dingle, who was a similar distance in advance of Winning Shot, Paddington Green being fourth.

The victory of the favourite, Nemaline, in the Lepperton Welter Hack Handicap gave S. Henderson his third winning ride during the afternoon. There were 18 starters, Nemaline being a very warm order, with Trombone the only other contestant to receive solid backing, the pair carrying over half the investments on the race. Nemaline won all the way, scoring comfortably by a length from Tiranga, with Trombone a similar distance away, third.

Vance was considered invincible in the Tikorangi Hack Stakes, and was backed accordingly, 1127 tickets being taken out on her number, Madam Ristori, who had won the Borough Handicap earlier in the afternoon, being second choice with less than half that number invested on her prospects. Eleven lined up at the barrier, where Passin' Through proved fractious, and was responsible for kicking A. O'Hare, the rider of Occasion, so severely on the thigh as to necessitate his removal to the hospi-

tal in an ambulance, this being the only regrettable incident at the meeting. Bisognio was smartest away, with the favourite next, and Passin' Through handy. The field was bunched entering the straight, and an exciting finish was witnessed, Madam Ristori, with a characteristic run, securing the verdict from Passin' Through by a length, with Vance a similar distance away, third.

The 13 carded for the Flying Handicap was reduced to six starters, Movement being about a £250 better favourite than Hushman, the pair carrying considerably more than half the investments on the race. The favourites were completely routed, for Tirana, the outsider of the field, took charge from the barrier rise and was never headed, winning by a length from Starengo, with Hushman, who finished very fast, a neck away, third. The favourite was fourth.

The results were:—

HUATOKI PLATE, of 135 sovs; weight for age. Seven furlongs.

- 10—N. Brown's blk g Guianform, 3yrs, by Guianforte—Avaunce, 7.13 (McDonell) 1
- 4—Conza Bros.' b g Applaud, 8.13 (D. Scott) 2
- 1—N. King's b g Hallow, 7.13 (W. Ayres) 3

Also started: 12 Takanganui 8.11 (Richmond), 5 Te Toa 8.13 (Henderson), 9 Reopai 9.5½, inc. 6¼lb over (E. Stockman), 15 Khartoum 9.7, inc. 8lb over (Fowler), 7 Lord Formby 8.11 (Ruscoe), 14 Spinifex 8.11 (McCormick), 8 Romance 8.11 (Nodder), 13 Cammy 8.11 (McRandall), 2 Genskus 8.11 (W. Price), 3 Otonga 8.11 (Fitzwater), 6 Anserine 8.9 (Hale), 11 Halcyon 7.13 (K. Lambess).

Won by half a length, a similar distance between second and third. Genskus was fourth. Time, 1min 31 2-5sec.

STEWARDS' HACK HANDICAP of 160sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—P. Johnson's blk m Movement, aged, by Advance—Officer mare, 9.2 (S. Henderson) 1
- 3—H. E. Card's b m Momac, 8.7½, inc. 1½lb over (A. O'Hare) 2
- 6—B. T. Bennett's b m Munition, 7.11, inc. 3lb over (Ayres) 3

Also started: 2 Marquetteur 9.3 (W. Price), 5 Kaimanawanui 7.12 (Nodder), 4 Self Alliance 7.2 (McDonell), 7 Sea Sprite 7.0 (McCormick).

Won by six lengths, half a length between second and third. Sea Sprite was fourth. Time, 1min 15sec.

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

- 4—P. Johnson's ch g Simple Sam, aged, by St. Paul—Foulshot mare, 9.7 (W. Ayres) 1
- 2—E. George's b m Golden Grafton, 10.0 (McRandall) 2
- 1—R. Brough's ch m Veto, 10.2 (S. Henderson) 3

Also started: 3 Polthogue 9.9 (Ward), 6 Speedwell Mac 9.7 (B. Clarke), 7 Master Grecian 9.0 (R. Turner), 5 Master Webster 9.0 (Hawken).

Won by four lengths, six lengths between second and third. Speedwell Mac was fourth. Time, 2min 54 2-5sec.

BOROUGH HACK HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Five furlongs.

- 4—E. George's Madam Ristori, 5yrs, by Marble Arch—Ristori, 9.0 (L. Nodder) 1
- 3—C. D. Tyler's b g Carmel Arch, 8.6 (W. Price) 2
- 7—Cecil Arden's b m Jane Douglas, 7.2½, inc. 2¼lb over (McDonell) 3

Also started: 2 Occasion 8.2 (O'Hare), 1 Piano 8.4, inc. 5lb over (Henderson), 5 Munition 7.9 (W. Ayres), 6 Metallum 7.6 (Rowlands), 9 Elevent 7.0 (A. McCormick), 10 Havasack 7.4, inc. 4lb over (L. Jones), 13 Spredagle 7.6½, inc. 6¼lb over (A. Lee), 8 Huiopoto 7.8, inc. 8lb over (Richmond), 11 Royal Divorce 7.0 (Hamilton), 11 Solita 8.9½, inc. 23lb over (McRandall).

Won by a neck, half a length between second and third. Elevent was fourth. Time, 1min 2sec.

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

- 1—R. Johnson's ch g Henry Clay, aged, by Signor—Amai, 7.9 (S. Henderson) 1
- 6—F. Selwood's b g Dingle, 8.2 (W. Price) 2
- 8—A. Alexander's b m Winning Shot, 6.11½, inc. 2¼lb over (Hamilton) 3

Also started: 2 Alteration 8.0 (Nodder), 5 Royal Park 7.13, inc. 3lb over (Lambess), 7 Paddington Green 7.10½, inc. 3¼lb over (Ayres), 3 Munster 7.3 (McDonell), 9 Gipsy Gem 6.5, 5lb allow. (Johnson), 4 Perfect Day 6.7 (McCormick).

Won by a neck, a similar distance between second and third. Paddington Green was fourth. Time, 2min 11sec.

LEPPERTON WELTER HACK HANDICAP of 135sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 1—J. Dwyer's b m Nemaline, 4yrs, by Husbandman—Nora Paul, 9.0 (S. Henderson) 1
- 3—F. Hoskin's b g Tiranga, 9.4 (L. Nodder) 2
- 2—McDonald Bros.' blk g Trombone, 9.12 (McDonell) 3

Also started: 5 Clavis 9.7, inc. 5lb allow. (Johns), 9 Normanby 9.7 (A. Ward), 4 Applaud 9.4 (D. Scott), 7 Compel 9.4½, inc. 2¼lb over (Fitzwater), 11 Lord Formby 9.0 (Ruscoe), 10 Prince Formby 9.0 (F. Anstis), 8 Marshal Neil 9.0 (W. Price), 6 Cadet 9.4 (Ayres).

Won by a length, a similar distance between second and third. Compel was fourth. Time, 1min 30 2-5sec.

TIKORANGI HACK STAKES of 125 sovs. Five furlongs.

- 2—E. George's b m Madam Ristori, 5yrs, by Marble Arch—Ristori, 9.2½, inc. 2¼lb over (A. Ward) 1
- 5—R. E. Laurent's blk g Passin' Through, 8.0 (Nodder) 2
- 1—J. S. Parson's ch m Vance, 8.0 (W. Price) 3

Also started: 3 Occasion 9.0 (O'Hare), 4 Piano 9.0 (McDonell), 9 Cammy 8.12½, inc. 12¼lb over (McRandall), 6 Bisognio 8.0 (Henderson), 7 Marble Bar 8.0 (W.

Ayres), 8 Some Boy 8.0 (McCormick), 10 Master Curran 8.0 (Lambess). Won by a length, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1min 2 3-5sec.

FLYING HANDICAP (Open) of 200 sovs. Six furlongs.

- 6—G. Mulrae's br g Tirana, aged, by Coronet—Tarina, 7.8 (McDonell) 1
- 3—W. Brown's b g Starengo, 8.7 (W. Price) 2
- 2—Clout Bros.' br g Hushman, 8.9 (L. Nodder) 3

Also started: 4 Royal Chef 8.11 (W. Ayres), 1 Movement 8.3, inc. 7lb pen. (Henderson), 5 Momac 7.0 (McCormick). Won by a length, a neck between second and third. Time, 1min 14 2-5sec.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

NOBLEMAN WINS CUP.

Favoured with fine weather the Manawatu Racing Club's summer carnival was opened at the Awapuni course on Boxing Day under ideal conditions, and the prospects of some keen racing attracted a very large crowd, including visitors from all of the leading provinces in the North Island. Those present were rewarded with a highly enjoyable afternoon's sport, large eflids going to the post, and with the track in excellent order a number of close finishes were provided, while in every instance the events proved of a most interesting character. The secretary, Mr. J. M. Johnston, had the arrangements essential for the success of the meeting well in hand, and the afternoon's proceedings were carried out with commendable smoothness and precision. The judge's box was occupied by Mr. J. H. Perrett, who acted for the club in that capacity for the first time, and his placings, which left no room for doubt regarding their accuracy, were hoisted promptly in every instance. M. A. Keith had some big fields to contend with, but this did not prevent him from despatching them in a fair and even manner. The Manawatu Cup resulted in a splendid contest, victory going to Mr. W. J. Phillips' Sir Laddo gelding, Nobleman, who also annexed the event last year and later on won the Wellington Cup. Favourites fared badly during the afternoon, Affection being the only one to score, Mr. J. E. Henrys having set backers a difficult problem.

The totalisator investments amounted to £40,240, as against £48,401 on Boxing Day 1917.

There were no defections from the Trial Plate, in which 19 faced the starter, Mr. F. Easton's Moutoa Ivanova being installed favourite, with Utuwal, Sacramento and Esperance best supported of the others. Papanui led from Yankee Jack in the early stages, but the Highden three-year-old Hurry Up was in charge entering the straight, and though challenged by Yankee Jack won comfortably, Papanui finishing third.

The 18 acceptors for the Tokomaru Hurdles were reduced in number to 11 as the result of late scratchings, the Wanganui representative Zola claiming most attention, with Kurapai, Vacuum and Ore Ore most in request of the other candidates. The last-named was leading as the field passed the stand, but was displaced by Zola going out of the straight, with First Line and Lord Nelson racing at the head of the others. Going along the back stretch Waipunoa improved his position and was on terms with the leaders entering the straight. In the run to the post Waipunoa quickly had the favourite's measure, and ran home an easy winner by a couple of lengths, Lord Nelson being third and Kurapai fourth.

Despite his indifferent running at the Avondale meeting, the topweight, Kipling, claimed most supporters for the Gillies Hack Handicap, Red Signal, Penury Rose, Ahika (who was bracketed with Gold Problem) and Mill Queen all coming in for solid support. King's Armour and Mill Queen made the pace a cracker, leading to the straight entrance, where they were joined by Ahika, a good finish, in which Cotillion put in her claim, resulting in favour of Ahika by a head from King's Armour, with Cotillion third.

All of the ten acceptors for the Manawatu Cup paraded for that event, the Fordell representative, Client, being a better favourite than last year's winner, Nobleman, with Battle Song, Dusky Eve and Detroit most in request of the others. Rewi Poto and Master Moutoa being the outsiders of the field. The last-named was first away when the barrier rose, with Multive, Nobleman and Ladogeur as his nearest attendants. Ladogeur was in command as the field passed the stand, with Master Moutoa, Multive and Nobleman racing in that order,

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CONDITIONS.

Winners after declaration of weights liable to be re-handicapped. ENTRIES for all events close with the Secretary, Mr. R. J. Gwynne, Waikato Times Buildings, or P.O. Box 26, Hamilton, on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1919.

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WANGANUI TROTTING CLUB. (Approved by the N.Z. Trotting Association.)

TO BE HELD ON THE WANGANUI RACECOURSE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1919. (Day between Wanganui Jockey Club Meeting.)

OFFICERS:

Patron: A. G. Bignell, Esq. President: His Worship the Mayor of Wanganui, C. E. Mackay, Esq. Vice-Presidents: Messrs. F. C. Faber, T. H. Nixon, J. W. D. McBeth Stewards: President, Vice-Presidents, and Treasurer (ex officio), and Messrs C. Brodie, J. R. Foster, N. B. Garner, E. Lucena, R. McNiven, T. E. Jeffcoate, J. G. Swan, W. R. Tuck, Hon. Judge: H. M. Speed, Assistant Hon. Judge: W. S. Glenn, Handicapper: F. W. Edwards, Starter: Ruyves Webb, Hon. Clerk of Course: Frank Jones, Hon. Clerk of Scales: J. G. Swan, Hon. Time-keepers: Messrs George Broadhead, T. H. Nixon, M. T. Souness, and W. R. Tuck, Hon. Surgeons: Dr. A. H. E. Wall and Dr. Hatherly, Hon. Vet. Surgeon: P. Maxwell Egar, Hon. Treasurer: G. S. Vance, Solicitor: C. E. Mackay, Secretary: W. M. Falconer.

- 1. MAIDEN HANDICAP (Saddle), of 50sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs, and third horse 3sovs each from the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race at time of starting. Limit, 4.6. Nomination 15s, acceptance 25s. One mile and a half.
2. MORTON MEMORIAL STAKES (Saddle), of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Limit, 3.10. Nomination 20s, acceptance 30s. One mile and a quarter.
3. KIRKWOOD HANDICAP (Saddle) (for unhopped trotters only), of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Limit 4 minutes. Nomination 20s, acceptance 30s. One mile and a-half.
4. WANGANUI CUP HANDICAP (Harness) of 230sovs, and Cup value 75 guineas, presented by G. Spriggins, Esq.; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Limit, 4.58. Nomination 30s, acceptance 50s. Two miles.
5. GONVILLE-CASTLECLIFF HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Limit, 5.15. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Two miles.
6. PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP (Harness) (for unhopped trotters only) of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Limit, 5.10. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Two miles.
7. LIVERPOOL HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Limit, 5.5. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. Two miles.
8. FAREWELL HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Limit, 3.8. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s. One mile and a-quarter.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS, accompanied by fees, close with the Secretary at 6 p.m. on FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1919. HANDICAPS appear on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1919. ACCEPTANCES for all events close with the Secretary at 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1919.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- 1. Kirkwood and President's Handicaps for unhopped trotting horses only.
2. All races to be run under rules of New Zealand Trotting Association. The winner of any race after declaration of handicaps may be re-handicapped.
3. Order of running subject to alteration.
4. The attention of all persons nominating or accepting with horses is particularly directed to the following: All Nominations and Acceptances must be accompanied by the necessary fees, otherwise they may be rejected. Nominations made by telegram or telephone must be confirmed immediately in writing.
5. The previous performances of the horses must be given at time of nomination, also colours of the riders, under a penalty of 1sov.
6. The Stewards may call upon the owner to prove to their satisfaction the bona fides of his horse at any time, or in any manner they may desire. In the event of their not being satisfied with the identity of any horse they may refuse to allow him to start or take part in the meeting.

- 7. All horses must be ridden or driven out to the end of the race.
8. All disputes and objections arising out of racing shall be settled by the Judicial Committee.
9. Nominations must state the bona fide owner of the horse.
10. No jockey will be allowed to ride or drive unless in full jockey's colours and breeches.
11. Any jockey not weighing out within 10 minutes after ringing of bell or not returning saddle cloths immediately at conclusion of events, will be fined £1, which will be strictly enforced.
12. All protests must be made in writing, and accompanied by a fee of £5 to be forfeited if the protest is dismissed.
13. All protests must be in the hands of the Secretary within ten minutes after the decision of the race.
14. Every person applying for admission to any course, and every person entering or endeavouring to enter a horse for any race, and every person having or subsequently acquiring any interest in such horse shall be deemed to accept all the conditions and restrictions imposed or implied by the Rules of Trotting and to be barred from questioning the action of the Conference, Appeal Judges, Association, Club, Racing Club or Body, Committee, Stewards, officials agents or servants in respect of any such person or horse, or any person connected therewith otherwise than is provided for in Part XXX., Rules of Trotting.
15. All horses or ponies entered at the meeting must be registered with the New Zealand Trotting Association prior to nomination.
16. Drivers, riders and trainers must hold current season's licenses.
17. Provident Fund fee (£1) must be paid to the Association before nomination, otherwise a fine of £5 will be imposed.

W. M. FALCONER, Secretary. P.O. Box 59.

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING. On the Makaraka Racecourse on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1919.

OFFICERS:

President: J. W. Nolan, Esq. Vice-President: J. Clark, Esq. Hon. Treasurer: F. W. Nolan, Esq. Stewards: Messrs. R. Sherratt, J. L. Bowen, J. Maynard, A. R. Hine, K. S. Williams, G. Reynolds, W. L. Rutledge. Judge: R. B. Lusk, Esq. Starter: Mr. A. G. Wood. Handicapper: Mr. H. Coyle, Clerk of Totalisator: Mr. W. O. Skeet, Clerk of Scales: Mr. M. DeCosta, Clerk of Course: Mr. W. A. Stephens, Secretary: Mr. D. R. DeCosta.

To start at 12.30 p.m.

- 1. COOK HACK HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Six furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
2. HURDLE HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. One mile and a-half. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
3. TELEPHONE HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Five furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
4. TURANGA STAKES HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 20sovs from stake. The winner of any race of the value of 50sovs after the declaration of weights to carry 3lb extra; of 100sovs, 5lb extra; of 150sovs, 7lb extra; of 200sovs, 10lb extra. One mile and a-quarter. Nomination 20s., acceptance 60s.
5. MAIDEN SCURRY of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Winners on the flat at any time barred. Four furlongs and a-half. Weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
6. WELTER HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. One mile. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.
7. STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 15sovs from stake. Winner of Telephone Handicap 5lb extra. Six furlongs. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s.
8. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Winner of Telephone Handicap, Turanga Stakes and Stewards' Handicap to be re-handicapped. Six furlongs and a-half. Nomination 20s., acceptance 30s.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES

To be forwarded to the Secretary at the Club's Office, Childers Road, Gisborne.

NOMINATIONS for all events close on FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1919, at 8 p.m.

WEIGHTS declared on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 (Night of Gisborne Racing Club's Meeting), at about 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for all events close on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, at 9.30 p.m.

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TURF TOPICS.

The cable says that the Villiers Stakes produced an extraordinary event. Owing to confusion of the colours the judge placed Panacre third, whereas Sydney Damsel was actually third. Panacre was about fourteenth. The mistake was not noticed in time to rectify it.

Mr. G. A. Palmer, of Upper Hutt, who raced Grit Lawless and Ormesby, is working a four-year-old filly by Maniapoto that handles herself well on the track. She joins the Ladoga Lodge team after the New Year, but will not be required to race until the autumn.

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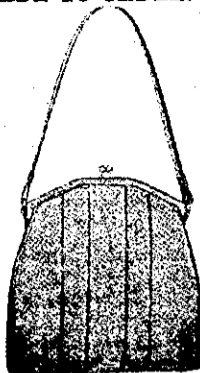
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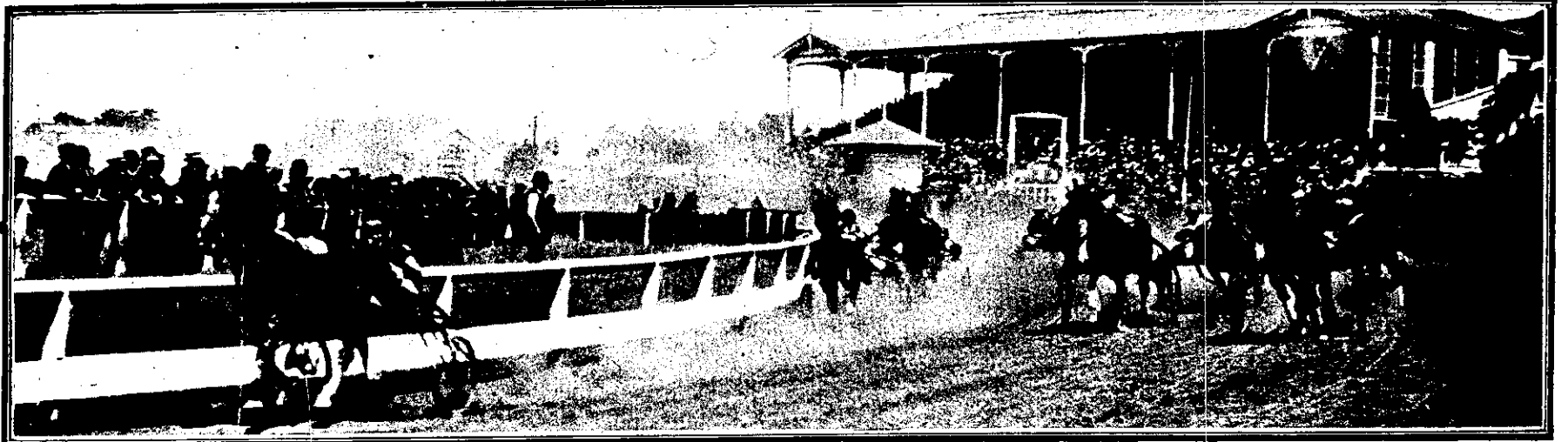
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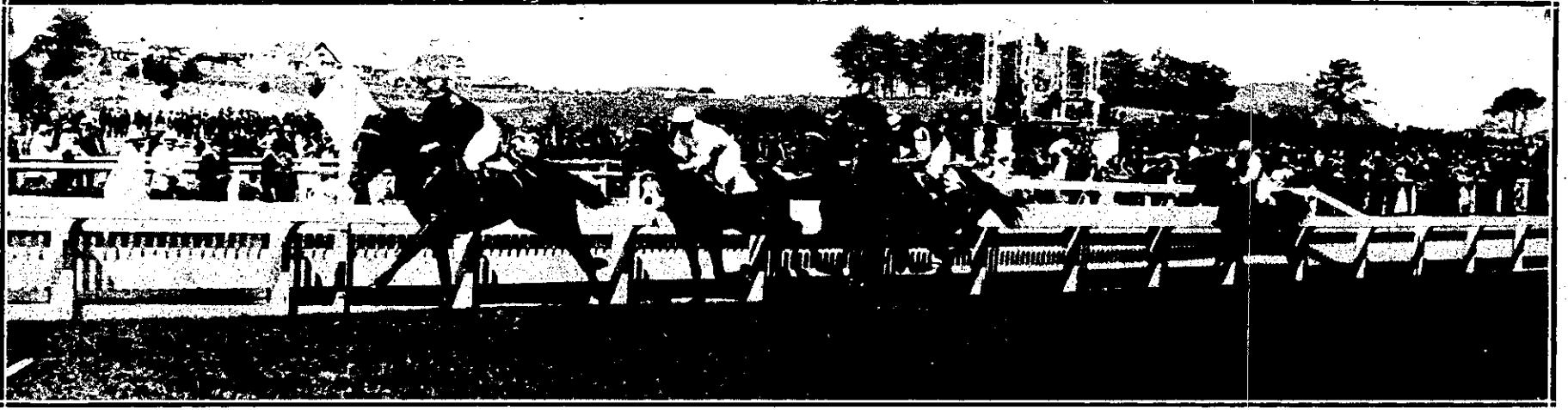


TEMPLE (CUTTS), NEXT RAILS, AND NEIL DENIS (HENDRICKSEN), ON OUTSIDE, SHOWING THE WAY TO LEEWOOD (B. JARDEN) ENTERING UPON THE FINAL CIRCUIT IN THE DECEMBER HANDICAP (1½ MILES).



THE FINISH OF THE DECEMBER HANDICAP (1½ MILES)—NEIL DENIS (HENDRICKSEN) WINNING FROM LEEWOOD (B. JARDEN).

The Opening Day of the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Carnival at Ellerslie.

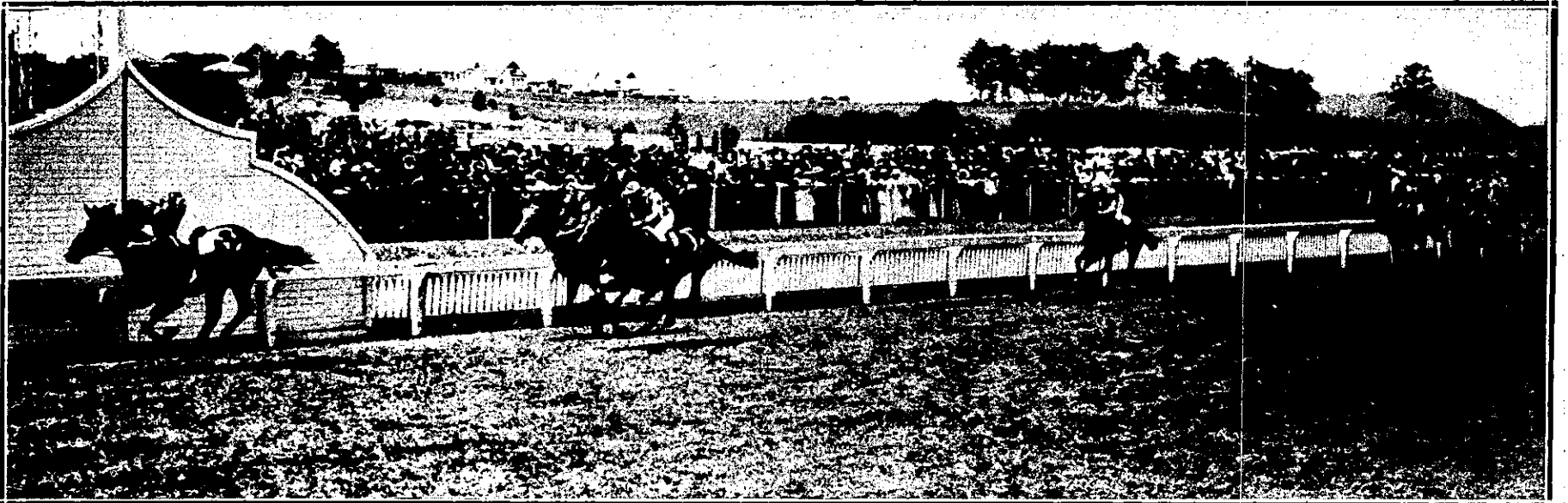


THE FIELD GOING OUT OF THE STRAIGHT IN THE GRAFTON HURDLE RACE (TWO MILES).—WAIMAI (G. HENDERSON) SHOWING THE WAY TO GLADFUL (S. REID).

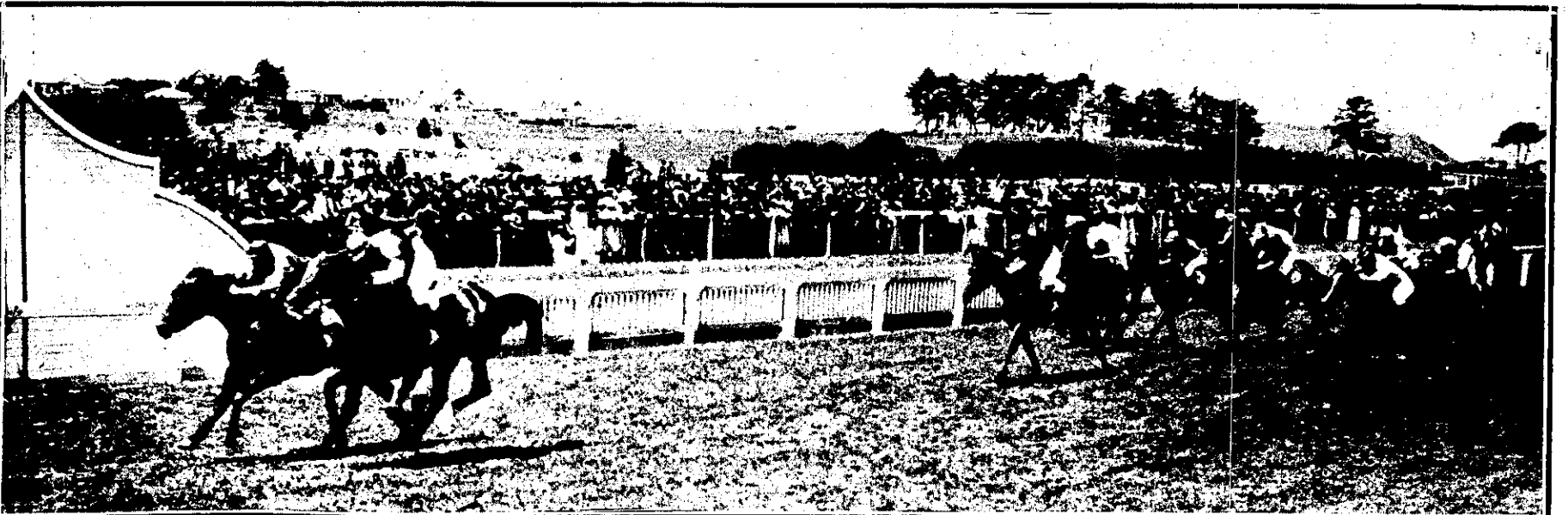


The Great Northern Foal Stakes winner, SURVEYOR (C. Emerson), after his decisive victory in the important two-year-old classic. CRENIDES (L. Hewitt) second.

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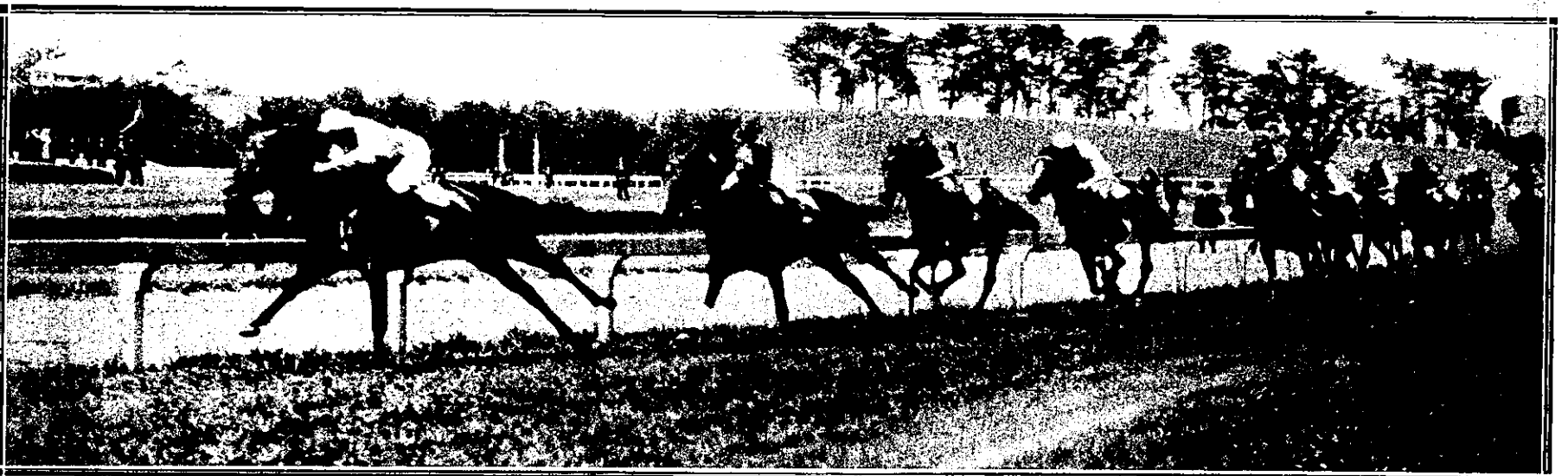
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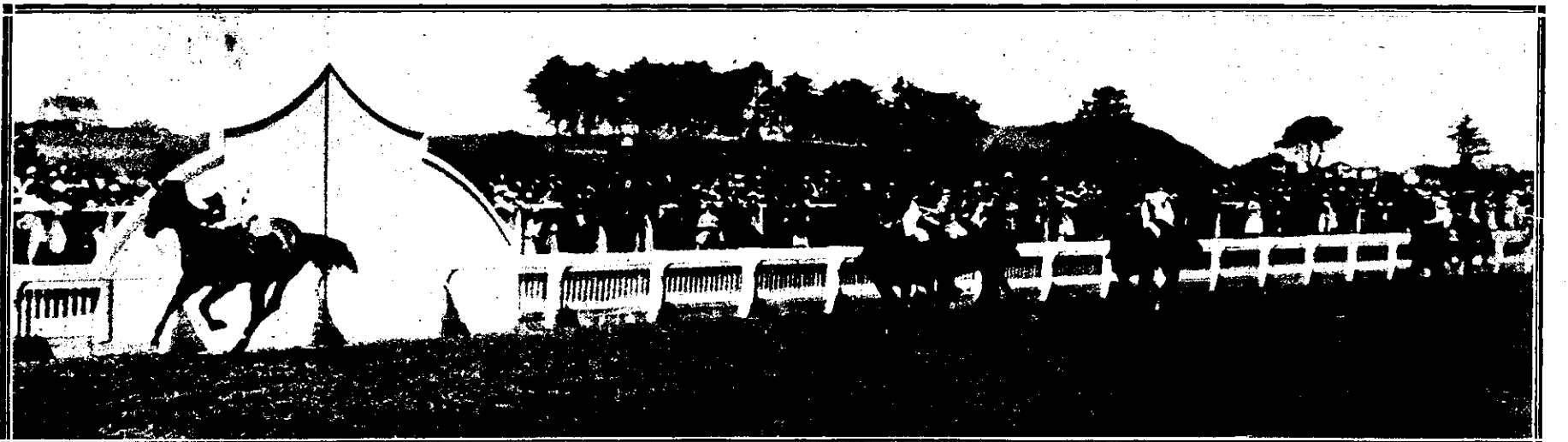
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THE FIELD GOING OUT OF THE STRAIGHT IN THE AUCKLAND CUP (TWO MILES)—MASCOT SHOWING THE WAY TO HEATHERCOTE, GLENDOWER, DEPREDAATION (NEXT RAILS), BLUE CROSS, ROSE PINK AND BINGHAM IN THE ORDER NAMED.

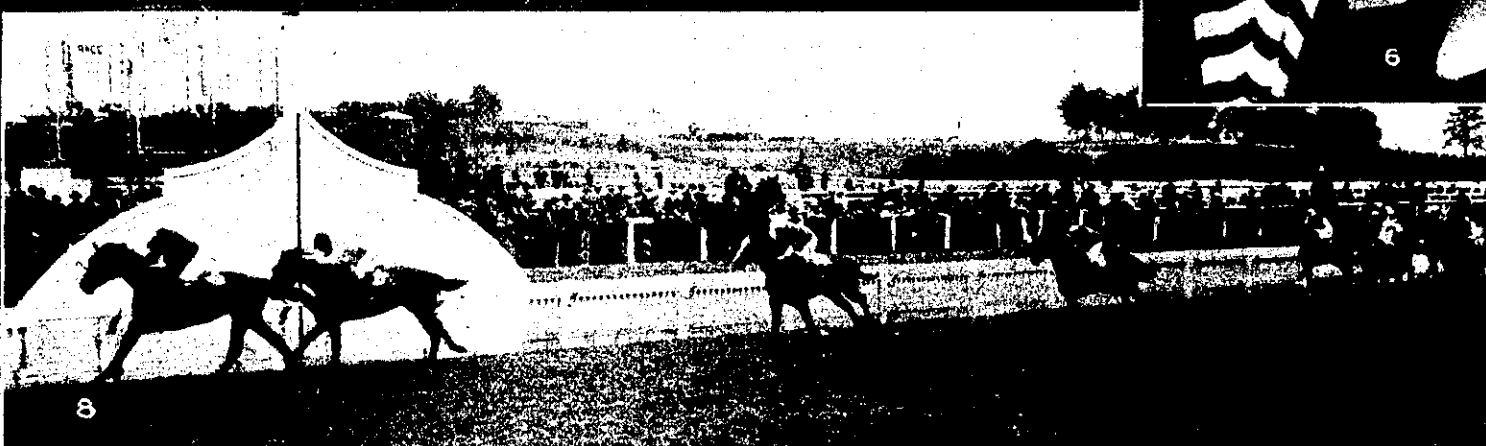
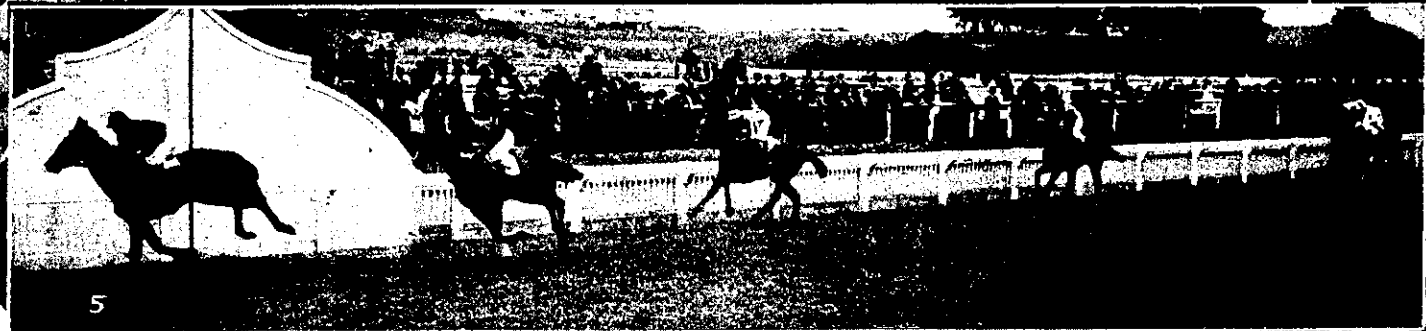
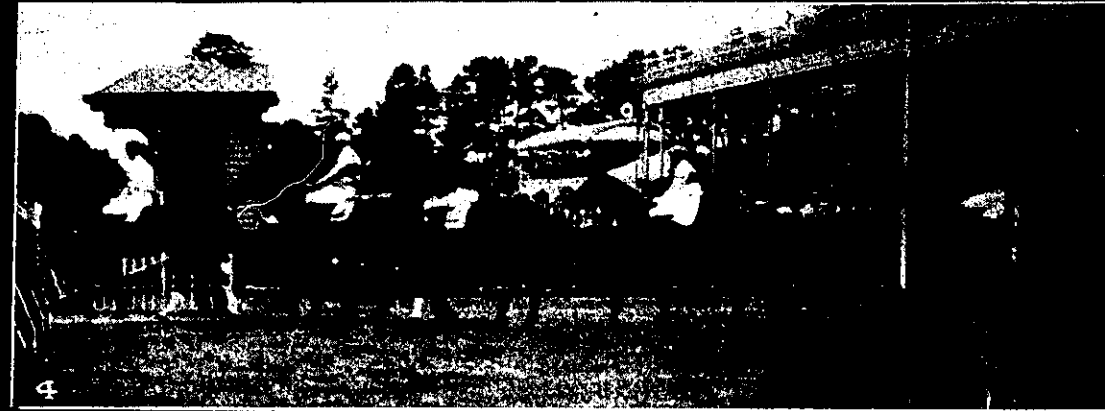


AFTER NEGOTIATING THE BEND INTO THE STRAIGHT IN THE AUCKLAND CUP—MASCOT STILL HAS CHARGE WITH SASANOF (H. GRAY) IN SECOND POSITION, AND BLUE CROSS, DEPREDAATION AND RED RIBBON FOLLOWING IN THAT ORDER.



THE FINISH OF THE AUCKLAND CUP (TWO MILES)—MASCOT (L. MORRIS) SCORES AN EASY WIN FROM SASANOF (H. GRAY), WITH BLUE CROSS (M. O'SHEA) THIRD, AND RED RIBBON FOURTH.

The Second Day of the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting at Ellerslie.



1. TWO PROMINENT VISITORS—MONS. LE COMMANDANT D'ANDRE (on left), A.D.C. to General Pau, of the French Mission, and MONS. LEON HIPPEAU (on right), French Consul in Auckland. 2. GENERAL PAU, the favourite, SURVEYOR (C. Emerson) defeats the favourite, SURVEYOR (C. Emerson) in the Twenty-fourth Royal Stakes (six furlongs), with WARPLANE (Bagby) third, and BITHOLIA fourth. 3. GENERAL PAU, the favourite, SURVEYOR (C. Emerson) defeats the favourite, SURVEYOR (C. Emerson) in the Twenty-fourth Royal Stakes (six furlongs), with WARPLANE (Bagby) third, and BITHOLIA fourth. 4. ISLINGTON PLATE CANDIDATES LEAVING THE BIRDCAGE TO COMPETE IN THE IMPORTANT MILE EVENT. 5. THE FINISH OF THE ISLINGTON PLATE (ONE MILE)—GLOAMING (B. Deeley) wins decisively from SASANOF (H. Gray), with KARO (L. Morris) third. 6. MADAME HIPPEAU, wife of the French Consul, on the lawn at Ellerslie. 7. GLOAMING (B. Deeley) returning to scale after establishing an Australasian mile record (1min. 37.1-5sec.) in the Islington Plate. 8. TAIAMAI (M. O'Shea) registered in the Bowen Handicap (six furlongs), with QUEEN ABBEY (Rennie) second, and HAPPY VALLEY (Dillamore) third.

NEW ZEALAND'S ROLL OF HONOUR



PRIVATE J. J. CALIARI, of Kanieri, Westland. Died of influenza at Samoa.



PRIVATE W. J. ARMSTRONG, of Timaru, South Canterbury. Died from sickness.



TROOPER McLEAN, of Ti-tree Point, Hawke's Bay. Died from pneumonia in Egypt.



SECOND-LIEUT. R. G. CHRISTOPHERS, of Dargaville, Northern Wairoa. Died from wounds.



RIFLEMAN T. W. WATSON, of Auckland. Killed in action.



RIFLEMAN N. SHAW, of Hawera, Taranaki. Killed in action.



RIFLEMAN CHAS. LUCAS, of Westport. Killed in action.



RIFLEMAN C. R. SHARMAN, of Levin, Wellington. Killed in action.



TROOPER F. J. MERSON, of Gisborne. Died of bronchial-pneumonia at Suez.



PRIVATE G. L. HOOD, of Mt. Somers, Canterbury. Wounded.



LANCE-CORP. W. H. WATSON, of Spreydon, Christchurch. Died from wounds.



DRIVER SIDNEY BRADLEY, of Nelson. Died from bronchial-pneumonia at Codford, Eng.



RIFLEMAN PERCY O. DOUGLAS, of Dannevirke, Hawke's Bay. Died from wounds.



PRIVATE W. T. CORBETT, of Palmerston North. Died from wounds.



PRIVATE J. AITKEN, of Winchester, Canterbury. Killed in action.



RIFLEMAN PETER M. KEAN, of Waikaka, Southland. Killed in action.



LANCE-CORP. C. CALIARI, of Kanieri, Westland. Wounded.



LANCE-CORP. ROBERT BROWN, of Wangatua, Otago. Killed in action.



GUNNER WILLIAM ROBERT GAWN, of Dunedin. Died at sea.



SERGEANT J. I. PEAT, of Dargaville, Northern Wairoa. Died from malarial fever in Palestine.

NEW ZEALAND'S ROLL OF HONOUR



GUNNER K. MCKENZIE, of Mangarimu, Wellington. Died from wounds.



RIFLEMAN ANDREW J. SINCLAIR, of Kaikorai Valley, Dunedin. Killed in action.



GUNNER JOHN L. CRANBY, of Napier, H.B. Died of bronchial pneumonia in London.



PRIVATE A. E. ANDERSON, of Belfast, Canterbury. Died of pneumonia in France.



RIFLEMAN L. I. BEAUREPAIRE, of Hawera, Taranaki. Killed in action.



PRIVATE NORMAN FARLAND, of Palmerston North. Died from sickness at Trentham.



LIEUT. A. R. BLENNERHASSETT, of Wanganui. Killed in action at Le Quesnoy.



PRIVATE A. F. HORSMAN, of Waitakerei, Auckland. Died from wounds.



RIFLEMAN A. SHARP, of Petone, Wellington. Killed in action.



SERGEANT ALF. W. PURDY, of Ponsonby, Auckland. Killed in action.



TROOPER FRED. TUCKER, of Island Bay, Wellington. Killed in action in Palestine.



RIFLEMAN W. R. ASKEW, of Riwaka, Nelson. Killed in action.



RIFLEMAN W. H. A. SCOTT, of Napier, H.B. Died from sickness in Napier Hospital.



RIFLEMAN W. MCINTYRE (D.C.M., M.M.), of Rangiwahia, Wellington. Killed in action.



PRIVATE EUGENE F. O'SULLIVAN, of Heathcote, Victoria. Enlisted in N.Z. Seriously wounded at Bapaume.



SERGEANT A. L. MIDGLEY (M.M.), of Hobsonville, Auckland. Died from wounds.



RIFLEMAN ROBERT GREEN, of Gisborne. Killed in action.



LANCE-SERGT. A. H. MELLAR, of Waitara. Died from wounds.

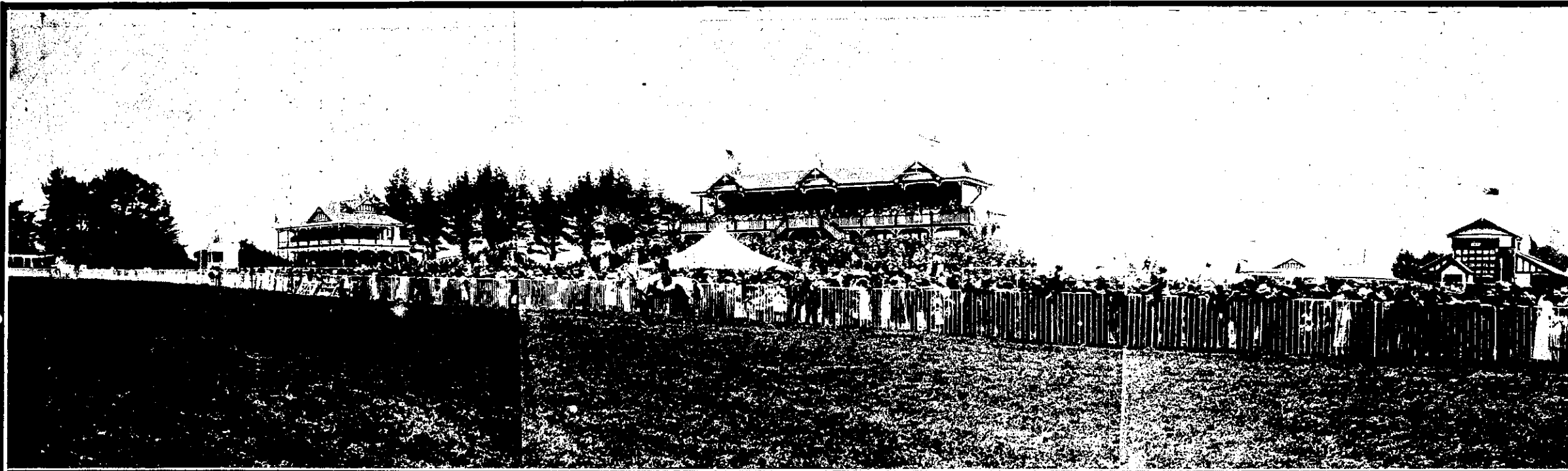


PRIVATE OSCAR ALAN MINCHER, of Northcote, Auckland. Died of pneumonia in Codford Hospital, England.



SERGT. R. T. CORSBIE (D.C.M.), of Christchurch. Killed in action.

The Taranaki Jockey Club's Christmas Meeting at New Plymouth on Boxing Day.



1. A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE GRANDSTANDS AND APPOINTMENTS ON THE PICTURESQUE NEW PLYMOUTH RACECOURSE DURING THE PROGRESS OF THE TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB'S CHRISTMAS MEETING AT NEW PLYMOUTH ON BOXING DAY. 2. THE START OF THE CHRISTMAS HANDICAP (1 1/2 MILES). 3. MADAM RISTORI (A. Ward) wins the Tikorangi Hack Stakes (five furlongs) from PASSIN' THROUGH (W. Price) third. 4. A PRETTY SCENE ON THE LAWN BEHIND THE MAIN STAND AT NEW PLYMOUTH RACECOURSE. 5. THE FINISH OF THE CHRISTMAS HANDICAP (1 1/2 MILES)—MADAM RISTORI (A. Ward) scores a neck victory from DINGLE (W. Price), with WINNING SHOT (Hamilton) third. 6. AN EXCITING FINISH IN THE BOROUGH HACK HANDICAP (FIVE FURLONGS)—MADAM RISTORI (A. Ward) on outside, defeats CARMEL ARCH (W. Price) by a head, with VETO (S. Henderson) third.

GREENROOM GOSSIP

A good laugh is provided by Mr. Walter W. Ellis' new three-act farce, "A Week End," at the Kingsway, London (writes our correspondent). Mr. Ellis is well-known as the author of that funny "Little Bit of Fluff." In "A Week End" there are the two naughty married men, who, unknown to each other, bring their equally naughty sweethearts to the house of Professor Carino, well knowing that amiable gentleman will be away. There is a porter who falls in love with one of the girls, thinking she is a married woman and "unattainable." She's nothing of the kind, and, indeed, makes all the running—and a very hot pace, too. One of the men has pretended to be a secret service man, an idea the other wicked 'un also uses. Then there is the real secret service man who is on the track of the wrong woman, and there are the two wives of the erring hubbies who, of course, turn up at the wrong time, as does the professor. Mix the whole together and stir well from 8 to 10.30 and everyone enjoys themselves.

be the appearance in the play of the Hawaiian Hula-Hula dancers, whose incorporation in the cast will give realism and atmosphere to the piece. A very fine cast has been engaged to support Miss Starr in the drama. It includes Maggie Moore, Marion Marcus Clarke, Norma Mitchell, and Bertha Ballenger; while the male roles will be filled by Frank Harvey, Louis Kimball, Edwin Lester, J. B. Atholwood, and many other well-known artists.

A photograph showing David Wark Griffith, the motion picture director, and two of the monks in a little French village in Picardy, is perhaps one of the most interesting pictures thus far to reach the United States from the devastated regions of France. Little did Mr. Griffith or his two companions know when this photograph was taken nearly two years ago that this very spot on which they stood would to-day be the centre of interest in the world war. From day to day the public is learning of the heroic efforts of our troops in giving assistance to the British and French soldiers in this very section of France, which has been the centre of the great arena in which terrific fighting has taken place. In the little village of Ham, too, there has been encounter after encounter within but a few short weeks. This section also was visited by Mr. Grif-

A cable message to the Australian papers states that Miss Madge Titheradge, the well-known actress, formerly of Australia, has been granted restitution of conjugal rights by the English courts against her husband, Mr. Charles Quartermaine, an actor. Miss Titheradge, whose father was so popular in Australia for many years, visited Australia in 1913 with the late Mr. Lewis Waller's company. Mr. Quartermaine was a member of the same company. They were married shortly after their return to London.

"Nobody's Widow" was revived in Sydney by the Williamson Company, headed by Miss Muriel Starr. The play was the third revival of the season, the other two being "Within the Law" and "Bought and Paid For."

Twenty-three performances given in 17 American cities of Mr. J. Hartley Manners' play, "Out There," enriched the American Red Cross Fund by £136,000. When staged in Melbourne "Out There" was a failure, being withdrawn after a very brief run. In the light of the experience in Melbourne the play was not staged when the company went to Sydney.

Miss Muriel Starr had an interesting time in Hawaii when on her way to Australia, she spent some time amongst the islanders to study the

A new act, as far as Australia is concerned, has been engaged by the Fullers. Realising that thousands of Anzacs in France have been delighted with the efforts of various French entertainers from the music halls, they have imported a little bit of France to Australia. The act that will be given over their circuit is that of Mlle. Rieuse and M. Georges Roger. The former is a delightful dancer and an inimitable parodist of the Salome and various oriental styles. Both sing delightful French songs in French, though the man offers some humorous broken English efforts. In all probability the two French performers will figure on the opening programme at Fuller's new theatre in Castlereagh Street, Sydney, now rapidly nearing completion.

Among the big specialities in "The Babes in the Wood," Fullers' pantomime which opened in Sydney during the Christmas holidays, is the illuminated windmill, with its living freight of feminine beauty. Another spectacle is the finale, "Australia's Glory," a huge and beautiful tribute to the boys who fought. This touches entirely new ground, and has been originated and designed by Rege Robins. Mrs. Edwards, who has originated many beautiful costumes for the Fullers, is responsible for the wardrobe.

M. B. Figman, the American comedian, and his leading lady, Lolita Robertson (Mrs. Figman), are in Melbourne preparing for their season of "Nothing But the Truth," at the Theatre Royal, under the J. C. Williamson, Ltd., management. To be with them are Mat Barnes and Pirie Bush in the parts they enacted with Mr. Figman and Miss Robertson in America. Barnes is a "fat-man comedian," and Bush is the slender young Australian who made a hit as a member of Fred Niblo's company. In "Nothing But the Truth" he will be seen in a typical "boob" part.

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MISS ELSIE CRAIG AND MR. EUBASTIAN SMITH IN AN AMUSING SCENE IN MR. WALTER W. ELLIS' NEW THREE-ACT FARCE, "A WEEK END," AT THE KINGSWAY THEATRE, LONDON.

Mrs. Eddie Burns (Miss Le Clerc), whose husband died here during the epidemic, intends returning with her baby to her parents in South Africa. She will leave on the first boat for Sydney.

"Hearts of the World" is really world history in the making and will, in addition to its dramatic qualities, be treasured as a rare document of the present struggle to make the world safe for democracy.

Few actresses of emotional drama have made such an impression upon New Zealand audiences as Miss Muriel Starr, who leaped into prominence and favour immediately upon her debut here. Miss Starr should have a great reception and a warm welcome upon her re-appearance, especially as she comes with a new piece, a drama of love and life in the South Sea Islands, written by Richard Walton Tully, and entitled "The Bird of Paradise." The star will play the character of Luana, a Hawaiian girl, a part that will give full scope for her rare emotional abilities, and a part in which she has already played with great success throughout America and Australia. A novel feature of the production will

fit and his band of players in their work of securing scenes for "Hearts of the World."

Lina Cavaleri, the famous beauty and star of grand opera, made her third screen appearance in the film "A Woman of Impulse," released in September. In this photoplay, adapted by Eve Unsell from the stage play by Louis K. Anspacher, which was produced with success in 1909, much of the story of Mme. Cavaleri's own career is said to have been reproduced.

It has just been nineteen months since David Wark Griffith first set foot on French soil to begin the taking of the 120,000 feet of film that he secured for his latest screen triumph. The entire province of Picardy was visited again and again in the various tours of the Griffith party, and the blood-soaked ground of the village of Ham is the exact locale where many of the most important scenes were enacted for "Hearts of the World." Lillian and Dorothy Gish, great favourites among the movie "fans," and Robert Harron, another player for the films, accompanied Mr. Griffith on all these tours.

hula-hula and other dances and ceremonies performed by the Hawaiians. A native chief, by arrangement with the American authorities, took her in hand, and the princess and family honoured her as their guest. "I was never more surprised in my life," says Miss Starr, "at the sumptuous hospitality they accorded me, the refinement and charm of their manner, of living, and the affection and sentiment that characterised the family circle. In America, where I appeared as Luana in 'The Bird of Paradise,' I was taught the native dances by the producer, but I wanted to see the real thing in Hawaii, and took the opportunity."

"Friendly Enemies," the comedy drama which J. C. Williamson, Ltd., are to stage in Adelaide shortly for the first time in Australia, received a fine advertisement from President Wilson at the first night performance in New York, when he publicly said that "I hope that the spirit of this beautiful play will make itself felt all round the world."

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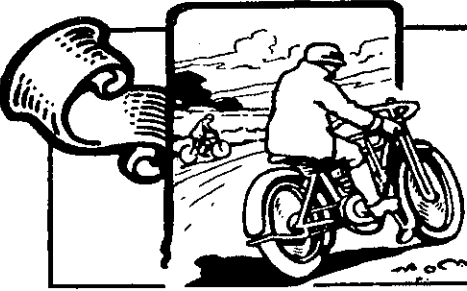
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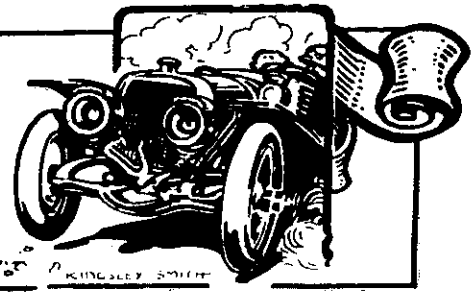
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MOTORING & CYCLING



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.

INTER-STATE RELIABILITY TRIAL BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.

The proposal to inaugurate an inter-State reliability trial between Melbourne and Sydney, as outlined in a communication from the Dunlop Rubber company, met with a favourable reception generally, but there were a few motorists who considered it inopportune, at least so soon after the cessation of hostilities. In this connection, however, it should be said that no date was mentioned as to the time at which it might be held, because it was fully realised that many months must elapse before we could obtain shipments of cars in the ordinary way (writes our Australian correspondent). Again, it was recognised that to introduce the keen interest in the performances of the motors, as was manifested in the early stages of automobilism, it would be advisable to have as many post-war models of the different makes of motors participating, so that we could form, by comparison, a true estimate of the value of the many improvements—major and minor—which we can reasonably expect on the new models. To this end it was thought we could arouse the interest of the British and European car manufacturers in a big inter-State trial, and probably induce them to each enter one or more of their products with a view to demonstrating their greater efficiency, and to retaining their hold on the Australian market. It will be seen, therefore, that many months necessarily must elapse before the cars could be made available and reach us, and as it is certain that the present season would be too early for such a result, it might be advanced that the Christmas holidays of next year would be the earliest available date for such a competition. Another added interest in the contest was the suggestion that a new course should be adopted—a course that would present the average conditions met with on touring over average Australian roads—and the route to Sydney via Gippsland, past Mallacoota, and along the South Coast road was proposed. This route contains all sorts and conditions of road surface, and we are indebted to Mr. Geo. R. Broadbent, the well-known mapman, for some particulars of the course. It may be said her that as Mr. Broadbent has now in the press a special motor guide of this route, framed on the same lines as those already published of the route between Adelaide and Melbourne, and that between Melbourne and Sydney via Albury, the particulars available are accurate.

The full distance by this route is 680½ miles, of which not more than 80 miles may be termed bad under ordinary conditions. There are many stretches of excellent road both in Victoria and New South Wales which more than compensate for the indifferent sections. From Melbourne to Swan Reach—13 miles east of Bairnsdale—a length of 190 miles in all, the road is fair to good—excellent for 90 miles. Thence to Nowa Nowa is a typical bush track, but beyond is the worst stretch en route, of some 15 miles, and until within 6 miles of Orbost, when there follows a length of graded mountain road of 90 miles, to Genoa, fair to good if dry and with a ruling grade of 1 in 19. From Genoa to Eden (Twofold Bay) there are 40 miles of indifferent bush road, but passable, and as the streams—Genoa, Kiah, and Nulliga rivers, and the Timbillica Creek, which once gave trouble to travellers—are now bridged, the chief difficulties are removed. From Eden along the South Coast road, a distance of 316 miles, motorists will find little to trouble them; it is hilly, but the surface generally is good, while the scenery is most attractive. Already much interest is being directed to this alternate route between the capitals, and

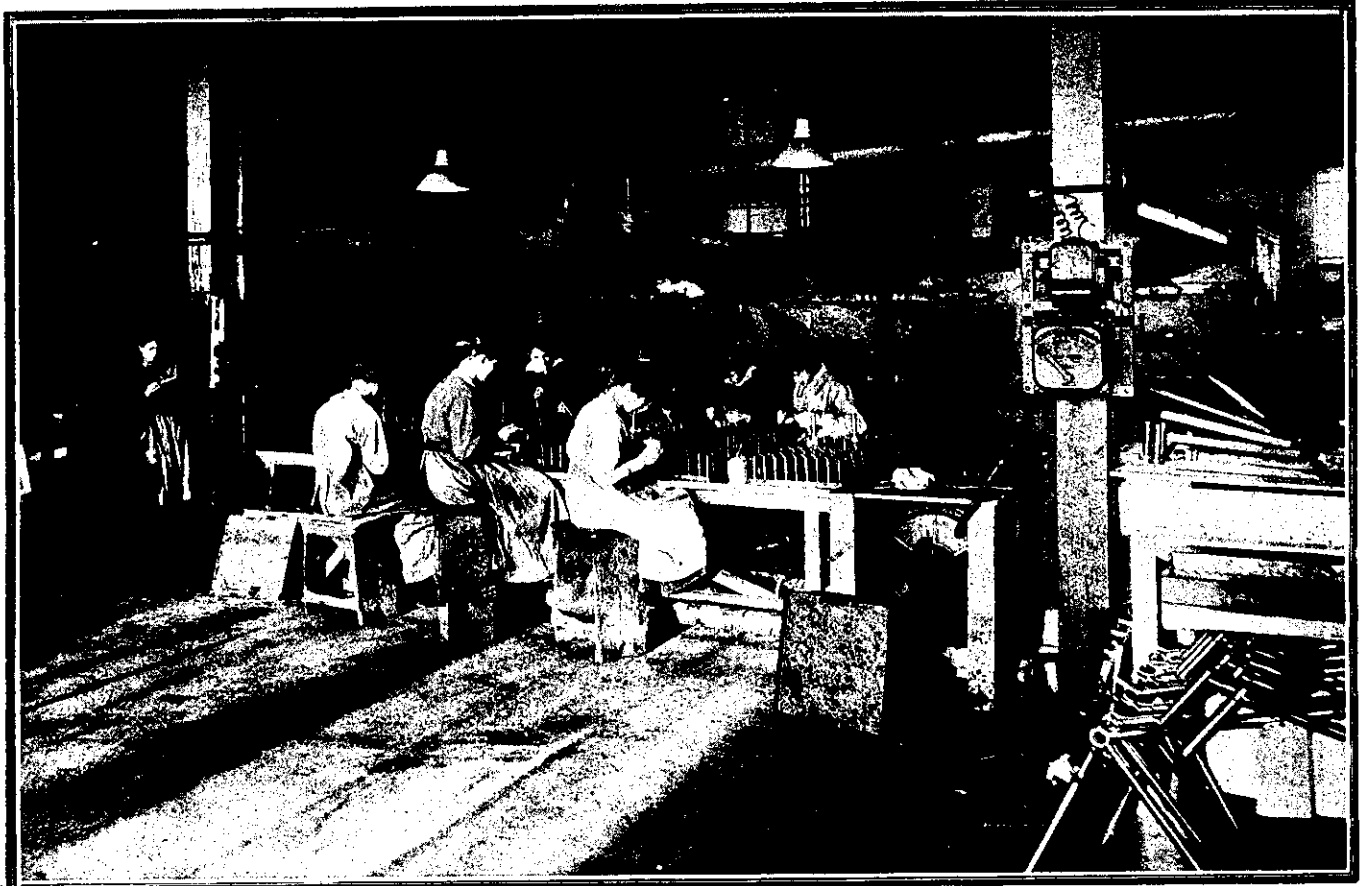
has been deepened by the proposal of the Dunlop Rubber Co., and the promise to provide the "Liberty Cup," value 100 guineas, as a trophy. The matter is now being considered by the automobile clubs in both States, which were desired to undertake supervision of the trial should it materialise.

At last meeting of the Canterbury Automobile Association, Mr. A. S. Clarkson, for the Soldiers' Car Committee, reported that, during October the car did 12 trips, carrying 108 men and covering 489 miles. During November and up to the 12th of that month, the car did 11 trips, carrying 90 men and covering 413 miles. The car was placed at the disposal of the Epidemic Relief Committee on November 13th, and up to December 7th it covered 2306 miles, or 92 miles per day. The committee placed on record its thanks to Mr. Woods for his kindness in voluntarily taking

on road construction and maintenance, also labour-saving machinery; that the other local bodies who are also faced with the same difficulties as ourselves be invited to contribute towards the cost of sending an engineer to America." Cr. Liffiton ably supported the motion, and was strongly backed by a minority of the councillors. The others, however, considered that there was ample information to be had in American pamphlets, that if it were necessary to send an engineer the Government should pay his expenses, and that if American engineers could not decide amongst themselves as to which was the best type of road, how could a New Zealand visitor settle the question?

For many years, and especially during the war, cycling as a sport has been at a low ebb throughout the Commonwealth, save, perhaps, in the case of road-racing, when, prior to the

many motorists who, so long as their tyres do duty, fail to periodically inspect them for latent weaknesses. Not having had the blissful experience of repairing a puncture, perhaps for several months, the condition of the cover is quite unknown, and so long as the tyre gives service the driver is disinclined to disturb matters. Some day there comes a blow-out—the penalty of freedom from tyre troubles—and if nothing else follows—nothing of a more serious nature as a result of the burst cover—the motorist may perhaps regard himself fortunate. Careful periodical inspection of the tyres after almost every outing often repays the driver, for although the cover may be sound, it may not reveal any defect whatever, he may find a nail or stone, or other foreign substance, embedded in the tread, which only needed time and use of the car on the road to find its way right through the cover, which might eventually result in more than a mere puncture.



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charge of the car during the absence of the association's driver. As a slight mark of appreciation of Nurse Maude's splendid work, it was unanimously decided to have her motor car overhauled and painted free of cost to her, and also to elect her an honorary member of the association. The chairman of the North Canterbury Hospital and Charitable Aid Board wrote thanking the association for the splendid work carried out by members of the association during the influenza epidemic. But for the work done by motorists, the board considered it would have been very difficult to cope with the epidemic.

Owing to the way in which the motor has revolutionised traffic during the last few years, and the terrific cost of road making and maintenance, Cr. Liffiton moved at the Wanganui Council meeting. "That in view of the fact that in the near future there must be heavy expenditure in road construction, owing to the enormous amount of wear and tear caused by motor traffic, and also taking into consideration the heavy cost of maintenance which has to be faced every year, it is advisable to send a thoroughly competent engineer to America to enquire and report fully

outbreak of hostilities, the various clubs throughout the States made this phase of racing a leading feature. When recruiting commenced no sport suffered more severely than cycling; 90 per cent. of the riders—a larger proportion in some States—were accepted for service, which demonstrated the physical advantages of cycling. As a matter of fact, the League of W.A. Wheelmen lost almost the full strength of racing members, and for three years there was no meeting called simply because a quorum was unobtainable. While in the northern States—New South Wales and Queensland—amateurism is fairly strong, it had not so good a following in Victoria or South Australia, consequently the sport languished to a greater extent, because of the differences, notably in Victoria, between the league and the clubs. It was patched up to some extent for a while, but now has become so marked that the Inter-Club Cycling Association seems to have discarded the league, and issued a prospectus to form a syndicate for the purpose of reviving an Austral Wheel Race meeting in Melbourne next Easter at the Exhibition.

Timely advice to motorists is given in a recent circular issued by the Dunlop Rubber Co. respecting not only the treatment of tyres, but also their inspection, because of the near approach of hot weather, a few samples—isolated days, truly—of which we lately have had. There are

At the meeting of the Otago Motor Club the chairman (Mr. A. E. Ansell) made a presentation to the retiring president (Mr. J. A. Roberts) of a gold pendant in the form of the club's monogram. Mr. Ansell said Mr. Roberts had occupied the position of president for four years. He had worked consistently in the interests of the club, had regularly attended meetings, and the present very satisfactory state of the clubs' affairs was largely due to his efforts. Mr. Ansell made special reference to the activities of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts in making arrangements for the conveyance of returning soldiers to their homes by motor cars, his remarks being heartily applauded. Mr. Roberts briefly responded.

At a meeting of the Otago Motor Club a letter was received from the secretary of the Good Roads Association of New Zealand, asking the club to form a branch in Otago. It was decided that a deputation, consisting of Messrs. Ansell, J. A. Roberts, and H. W. Reid, wait on the Expansion League to consider what could be done to forward the work in Otago.

At recent flying tests conducted at the New Zealand Flying School at Kohimarama, Auckland, the Royal Aero Club's certificates were gained by Mr. J. H. Cornfoot (Feilding) and Mr. H. J. Wardell (Masterton).

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At a meeting of the Otago Motor Club, Mr. A. E. Ansell (president) stated that it was quite impossible for the club to conduct the transport of returning soldiers to their homes without the unanimous assistance of all motorists. The committee had

drafted a circular, which would be posted to every motorist in Dunedin, giving some idea of the work the club had done in meeting returning soldiers and conveying them to their homes, and soliciting the assistance of owners in the good work.

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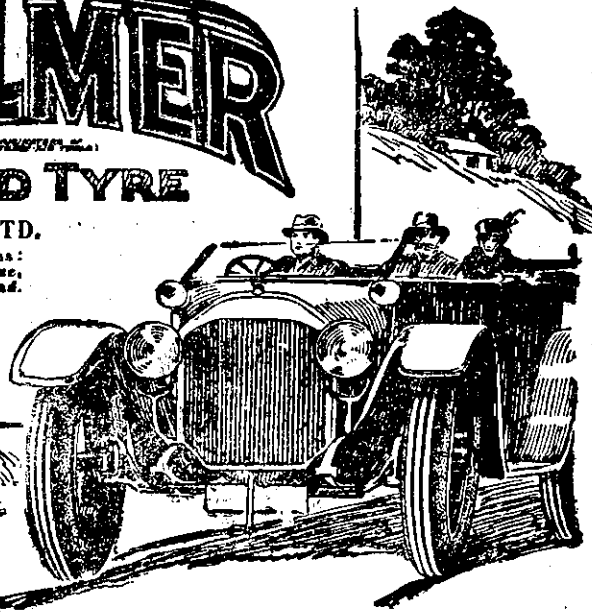
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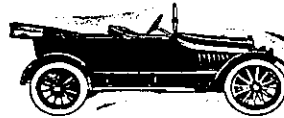
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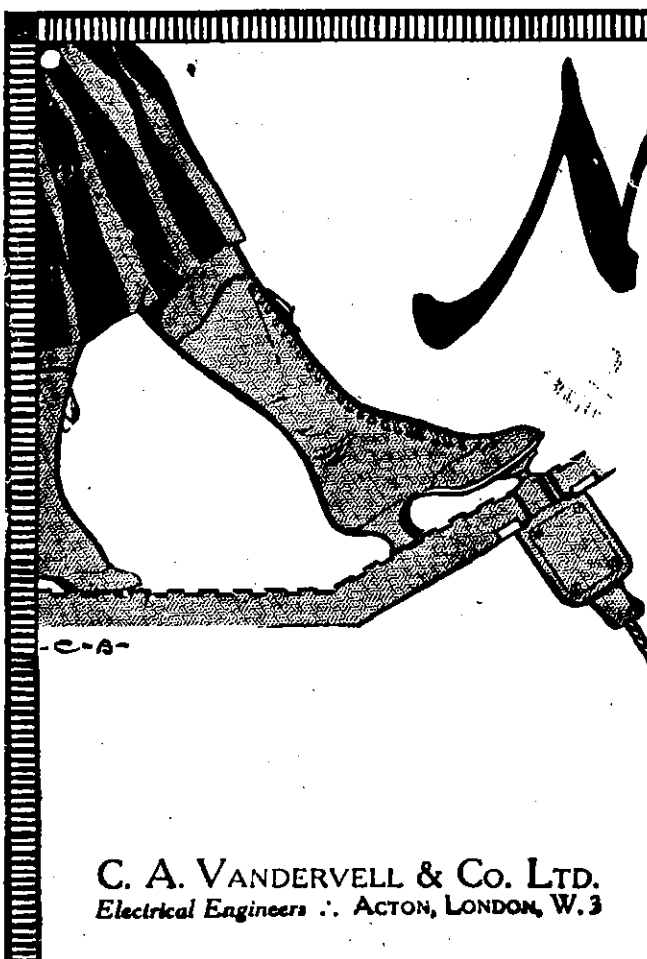
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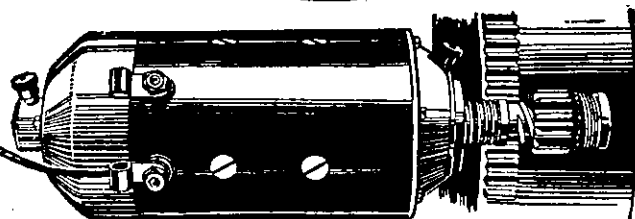
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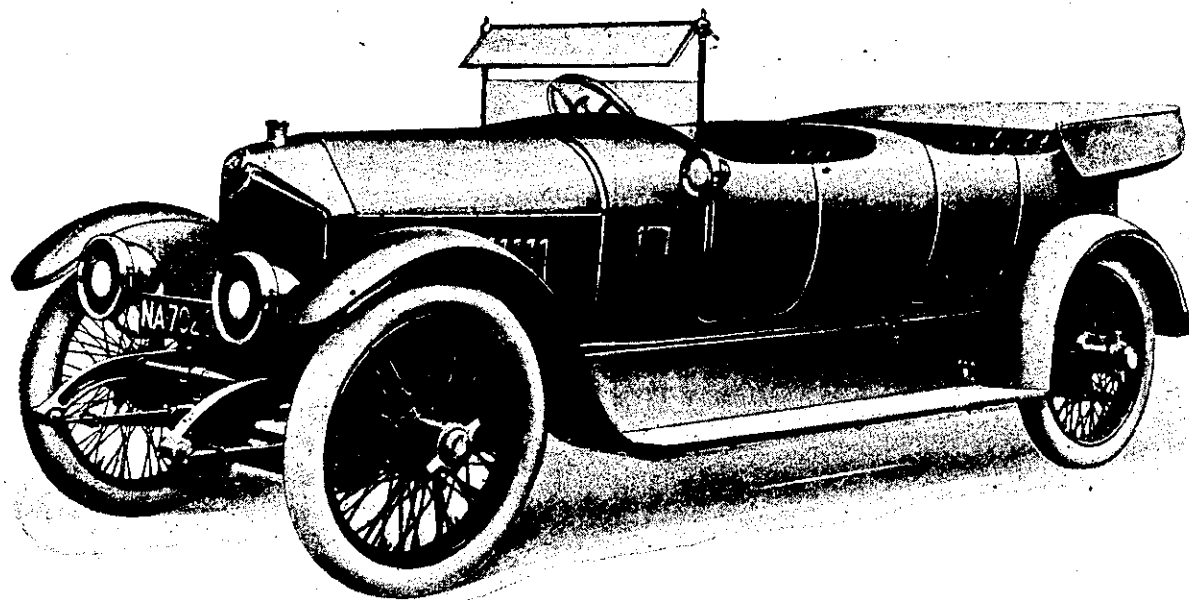
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Nominations for all events (including the Maiden Hack) to be run at the Foxton Racing Club's annual meeting on January 22, close with the secretary, Mr. Endell Wanklyn, Foxton, on Saturday next (January 4) at 8 p.m.

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HANDICAPS.

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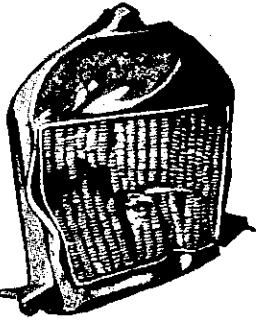
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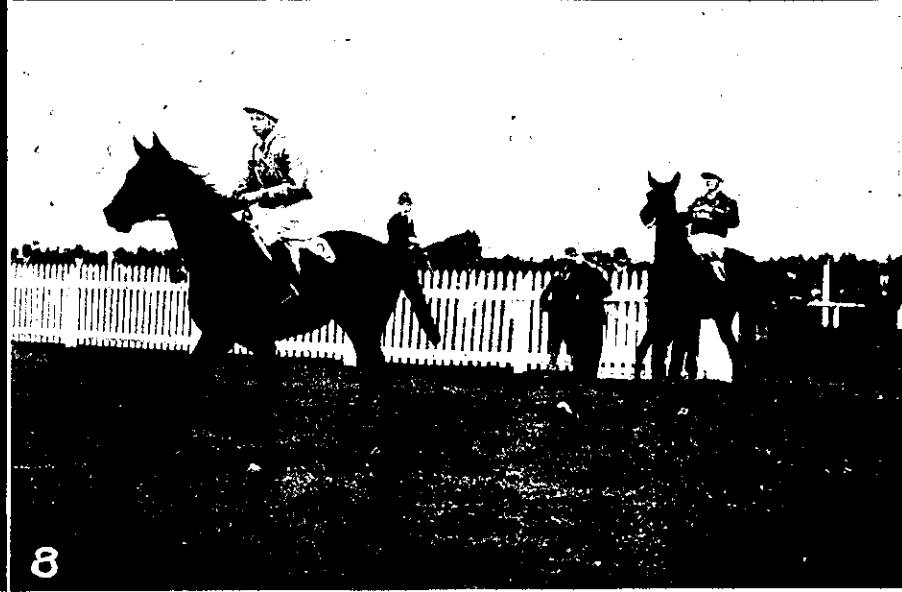
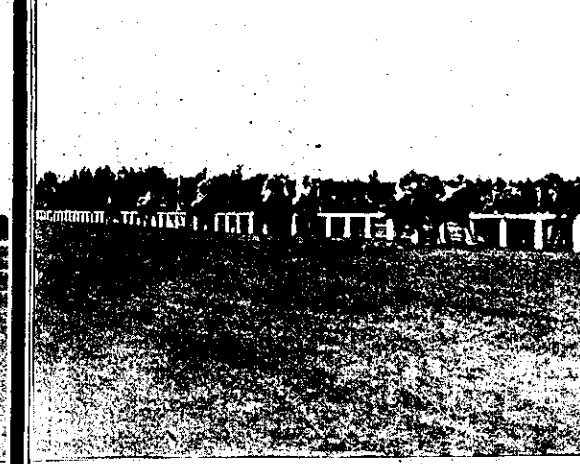
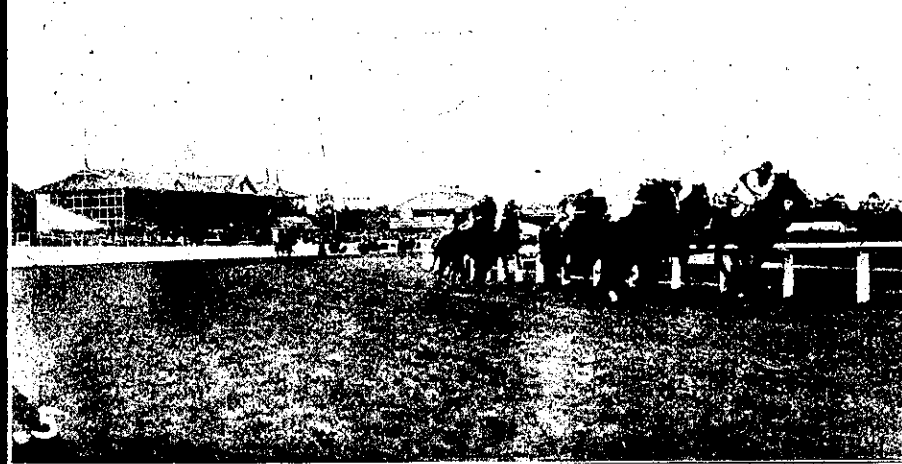
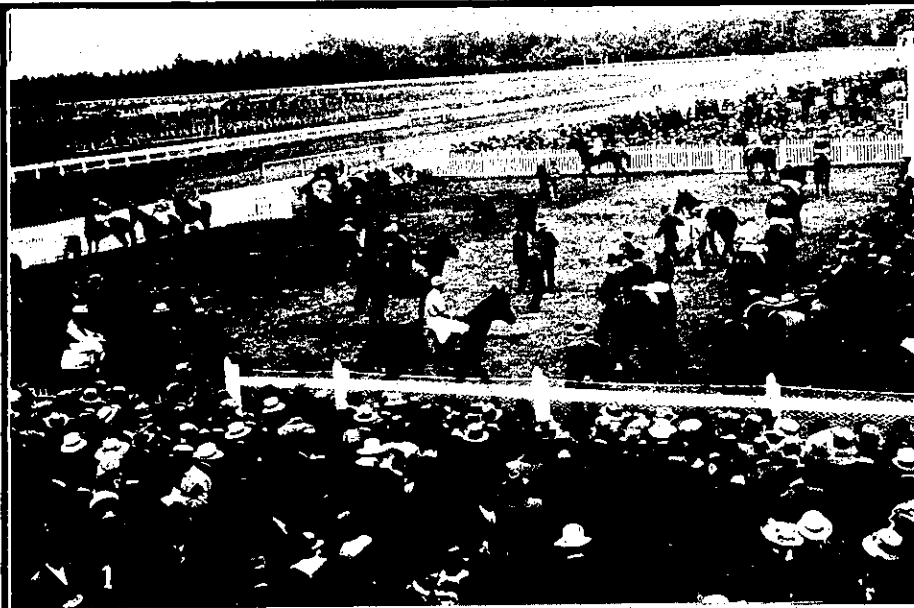
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AT AWAPUNI ON BOXING DAY.

THE STAGE

OPERA HOUSE.

Signor Cappelli, the brilliant Italian tenor, is the star attraction at the Opera House again this week. Visitors to town should not miss this great treat offered them by the Fuller firm, as Cappelli's voice places him in the front rank of world famous singers, and his art is of such supremacy that he receives homage from all parts of the house. The Gilfain Trio, whose musical pot pourri signalled them out for special favour on a previous visit, are sure head-liners, their costume songs and dances and manipulation of Scotch and Irish bagpipes constituting a performance of unusual talent and enjoyment. Brull and Hemsley with a penchant for character studies hold up the audience with their amusing work and have to pay the penalty for popularity. Murfayne in xylophone selections reaches the summit in this particular line of work, and is encored several times. This rare feast of vaudeville is supplemented by the Walter George Sunshine Players in a musical comedy entitled "In Sunny Japan," the spirit of the piece being aptly expressed in a series of haunting melodies and bewitching dances. Mr. George Storey bears the burden of the comedy in his irresistible fashion and the other members have parts to give scope to their musical proclivities.

It was bad luck that dislocation of shipping should have barred the J. C. Williamson attractions from arriving in time to open up the holiday season in Auckland and Wellington. Theatre goers, not to mention the anxious managers who had everything in readiness for a tip-top opening, hoped against hope that a boat would arrive from Sydney in due time, but the fates willed otherwise. Up to the time of going to press, Mr. Robt. Williamson had received no definite word as regards the departure of the Muriel Starr Company from Sydney, but it is confidently expected they will be here in the course of a few days.

Mr. John Farrell is in the south busily booming "Hearts of the World" for J. C. Williamson, Ltd. He wires from Christchurch that the picture created a great sensation, and the production is more stupendous than "Intolerance," Griffith's other masterpiece.

General Pau, the leader of the French Mission, and his associates were the guests of the Hon. A. M. Myers, Acting Minister for Finance, at the Opera House on Saturday evening. The party included M. le Commandant d'Andre, A.D.C. to General Pau, M. Andre Siegfried, M. Bader, M. Corbiere, M. Leclercq-Motte, M. Mathieu, Captain Bryan, Mr. Meadows Smith, Mr. J. H. Barr, the Hon. A. M. and Mrs. Myers, M. Hippeau (French Consul) and Madame Hippeau. They were received by the manager, Mr. Brodie Mack, seats in the dress circle being reserved for them. On their entry they received a tumultuous welcome from the large audience, the band playing the "Marseillaise." There was another scene of enthusiasm at the close of the performance, the distinguished visitor being accorded an ovation which he graciously acknowledged.

The Fisk Jubilee Singers are giving concerts in Christchurch this week.

The death is reported in South Africa of Mr. Carlton Chase, the immaculately dressed artist who was a member of Bert Le Blanc's Revue Company. Mr. Chase first came out to Australia with the original Grafters Company.

"De Luxe Annie" was revived by J. and N. Tait at the Palace Theatre, Sydney, on Boxing Night. Miss Emelle Polini, of course, was again in the leading role.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandon-Cremer send greetings from Sydney to all their New Zealand friends.

A feature of the representation of "Hearts of the World," now showing in Christchurch, is the specially-written music performed by a full operatic orchestra.

Hearing of the sudden death at His Majesty's Theatre, London, of Mr. Joseph D. Langton, solicitor, who, through Sir Herbert Tree's will, became trustee and executor at the theatre, Mr. Oscar Asche stopped the performance of "Chu Chin Chow" and refunded the audience its money.

Latest news of the Cherniavskys is to the effect that they are leaving South Africa for a tour of India and the Far East.

Mr. W. Barrington Miller, of Sydney, managing director of the Union Theatres, a director of Australasian Films, Limited, and a controlling hand in many other motion picture ventures, is retiring from active control of picture enterprises on account of ill-health. Mr. Miller proposes to spend some months in the Dominion prior to leaving on a lengthy trip to America, England and the Continent.

Sydney is having its full quota of theatrical court cases, says an Australian paper. Lillian Tucker, formerly of the Taits, has been suing for libel, Daisy Yates is suing J. C. Williamson's firm for £1000, Eva Kelland is suing the Tivoli Circuit, and Ben and John Fuller are defendants in an action brought by Sir Hall Caine regarding "The Woman Thou Gavest Me."

Mr. Andrew MacCunn, musical director for J. C. Williamson, Ltd., who recently returned from a trip to America, says the best orchestral music he heard in New York was at the picture theatres. Some of the orchestras comprised between forty and fifty musicians, and they played admirably music of a higher standard than one heard in the legitimate houses where the orchestras never exceeded eighteen instrumentalists. In the drama and comedy theatres there were no orchestras at all.

Dame Nellie Melba, who leaves for England soon after her farewell concert in Melbourne, after a patriotic concert tour through Britain, will go to France, returning to London in time for the season at Covent Garden in June. Since the war Dame Nellie Melba has collected £70,000 for Red Cross purposes through concert enterprises. About £40,000 was raised in Australia.

The services of Mrs. Johnston-Topliss, the accomplished soprano, were requisitioned by Dr. Bradshaw for the Christchurch Male Voice Choir Christmas concerts. Mrs. Topliss was in fine voice, and her programmed numbers on both occasions had to be supplemented threefold, so insistent was the applause. She achieved her biggest successes in the aria "O Pieto si per quell amor," from "Giocanda," and in Santuzza's song "Mother, You Know the Story," from "Cavalleria Rusticana."

Harry Lauder, the great Scotch comedian, who is returning to Australia under the J. and N. Tait management this year, has not lost his gift of genial repartee. Recently when he was appearing at an American theatre, and was thanking the audience for its appreciation in a little speech at the close, a man in the pit shouted, "Speak louder, Harry, I can't hear you." "You would if ye'd paid a wee bit more for your seat and come closer," answered the comedian readily, and the retort of the interrupter was drowned in the general laughter.

"While on the subject of musical comedy, in my opinion we more than favourably compare with this form of entertainment in America in presentation and in voices," writes Mr. Andrew MacCunn, in an article in Sydney "Theatre." "Our productions are better dressed. They are ahead of us in artistic lighting, in which they secure some genuinely beautiful effects."



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Ben. and John Fuller have installed a new sliding roof at the Melbourne Princess Theatre. The house reopened with a new version of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Mr. Duncan Neven, who is managing an Australasian tour for Mdlle. Dolores, sends a line to say the New Zealand season will open early in February.

According to Miss Emelle Polini, President Wilson was a regular visitor to the theatre when she was in the United States. The actress mentions that the President's attendances at theatrical entertainments became more frequent in proportion to the increasing gravity of the national situation. "He confessed that the hours he spent in the theatre had to him just that value found there by Abraham Lincoln," says Miss Polini.

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THE SOCIAL WORLD



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The engagement is announced between Miss Molly Levy, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Harry Levy, of Hillside, Wollahra, Sydney, to Captain Harold L. Nathan, R.H.A., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nathan, of "Wickford," Princes Street, Auckland.

Major Sir Robert Walker and Lady Walker are staying at "Mon Desir" Hotel at Takapuna.

Sir George Clifford and Miss June Clifford, of Christchurch, are spending the holidays in Auckland.

Mrs. Moore, of Wellington, secretary of the Anti-German League, is spending the Christmas holidays at Rotorua.

Miss May Kissling, of St. Stephen's, Auckland, who has been visiting friends in Wellington, has returned home.

Miss Barr, principal of the New Plymouth Girls' High School, is spending a vacation in Christchurch.

A Washington message states that it is officially estimated that 10,000 American soldiers have married French girls since the war began.

The engagement is announced in a southern paper of Miss Kathleen M. Anderson, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson, Christchurch, and Flight-Lieutenant W. Brett Wood, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Walcot Wood, St. Albans, Christchurch.

Speaking of dress at Melbourne races in November, a writer in the "Australasian" says:—Any number of white coats and skirts put in an appearance, generally of satin, gaberdine, serge, or cloth. When one speaks of "white" it must be understood as covering tones ranging from chalk to cream, in which can be included parchment white, clay white, magnolia white, snow white, and ivory white. Some such coats and skirts bore quite a long history, and many a woman proudly boasted that she had worn the same suit on Steeplechase Day last year, and, with a little luck, intended to do so next year if the cost of clothes should be as it is now.

The marriage took place at St. Peter's Church, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch, on December 18, of Captain Vernon Douglas Donaldson, New Zealand Dental Corps, son of the late Dr. Donaldson, and Mrs. Donaldson, of Dunedin, to Miss Dorothy Viola Nicoll, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Nicoll, of "Stonycroft," Hornby. The Rev. H. T. York was the officiating clergyman. The bride wore a frock of cream charmeuse, made on lines of the utmost simplicity, the train being lined with crepe georgette. A veil of exquisite Limerick lace, the gift of the bride's godmother, was arranged over a circlet of orange blossoms. The attendant bridesmaids were Miss Marjorie Nicoll and Miss Queenie Clarke-Johnson, of Wellington. Master Rex Harper, who acted as page boy, was picturesquely garbed in a cream silk smock. The best man was Captain Leslie Macfarlane, N.Z.M.R., and the groomsmen Mr. Arthur Nicoll.

Reference to women's rights to sit in Parliament was made in Dunedin by Sir James Allen, who said that the matter would undoubtedly be brought up again next session. He voted against it on the previous occasion, but did not intend to vote against it again.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Riddiford, Wairarapa, are in Auckland at the Grand Hotel for the races.

Mr. E. S. West, M.A., formerly on the staff of King's College, has been appointed English master at the Napier Boys' High School.

The engagement is announced of Miss Gertrude Applegate, Coromandel, to Mr. Kenneth Salmond, son of Sir John Salmond, K.C., Solicitor-General.

The engagement is announced in an exchange of Miss Vera Humphries, third daughter of Mr. H. Humphries, of Napier, to Major W. H. Johnson, M.C., late of the N.Z.E.F., younger son of Captain Johnson of Wellington.

One London club has a Red Cross collecting-box, into which any member who uses the word "camouflage" is compelled to put five shillings. This is bringing back into use the word "disguise."

Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Shaw and Miss Marie Clendon, of Thames, are spending the holidays at Kawau.

I feel certain there are many things we won't do after the war (thinks an Englishwoman). We have learned our lessons of energy and thrift. I cannot imagine any butterfly women after the war. We have learned to use our heads and our hands, and we will want to continue. I do not believe we will waste any food and fuel as we did, nor will we be afraid of being considered "mean" if we look after these things ourselves. We will not be so inconsiderate of servants either, and we won't plant only flowers in our gardens.

Miss Lorimer, principal of the Nelson Girls' College, is spending her vacation at Mount Cook.

Mrs. White-Parsons, of Christchurch, intends taking up residence in Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stead, of Amberley, are in Auckland, staying at the Grand Hotel.

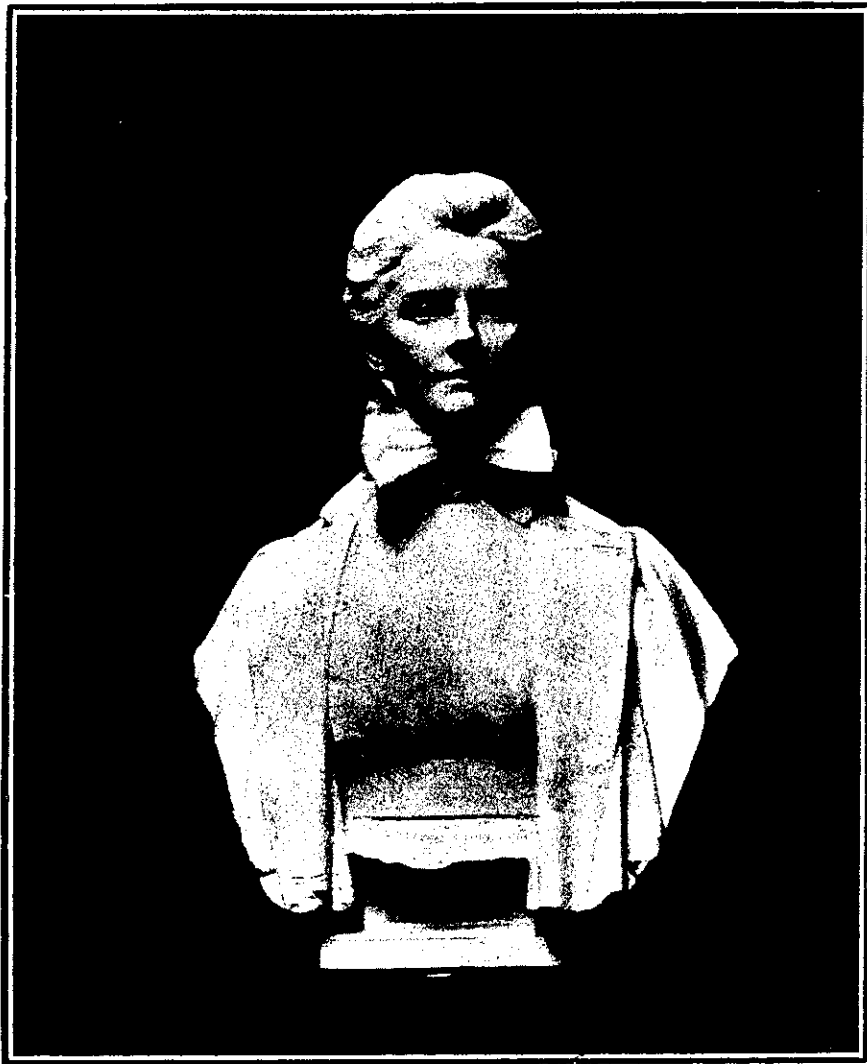
His Excellency the Governor-General of Australia and Lady Helen Munro Ferguson will probably say good-bye to Australia before Easter. His Excellency (reports Melbourne "Argus") was appointed on March 2, 1914, and was sworn in at Melbourne on May 8 following. The term of office for the Governor-General of the Commonwealth is five years, and it is understood that His Excellency is anxious to return to England before the term of his appointment expires.

Fringes are coming in, and will be more seen later, says a fashion writer. Fringes will appear with sleeveless coats—the coat for quite a depth from the waist down absolutely "in ribbons." This sleeveless coat will sometimes be no coat at all, but conform to the figure by means of gathers at the side and from the mid-hip it will be fringed to a hand depth. Adapted with a flaring sleeve with a generous mandarin cuff the effect will be excellent. Once fringes are given their fling, they will take and have it in dead earnest. We shall have fringed necks, sleeves, sashes, of course, and even, perhaps, a fringed over-florence. Again there is the fringed brim of the hat—that is, a fringe over it, though, needless to say, this is nothing new.

Nurse Maude, that well-known worker in the cause of humanity, makes the following splendid suggestion in the columns of the Christchurch "Press" with reference to the recent epidemic:—"I would suggest that the name and address of every proved and efficient organiser, nurse, and helper should be registered, as it is not given to everyone to carry out duties of this sort at a moment's notice. In the event of any future epidemic we want to be able to start where we now leave off. With such a register as I suggest, containing the names of workers in the town, the city blocks, and the country, I would guarantee that, if called upon, within twelve hours I would be able to start where we leave off. Would not that be an immense advantage? In addition to the register of the names of efficient workers, I would suggest that a list should be prepared of the buildings that have proved suitable for work of this character. Possibly some of the buildings now in use have been found not quite suitable, and better ones must be found and noted. With these records in existence a telegram at any minute would get matters in train. We have learned many lessons during the past few weeks, and for humanity's sake don't let us forget them. It is talent that is wanted on these occasions, and talent has been discovered during the present epidemic, and we must not lose sight of it. Will every city, town and country district in the Dominion give these suggestions their instant and thorough consideration?"

Last month Florence Young completed a period of 28 years on the stage. She first appeared as Casilda in "The Gondoliers" at the Princess Theatre in Melbourne. Also in the cast on that occasion were Henry Bracy, Sydney Deane, Maggie Moore, Howard Vernon, Charles Ryley, Flora Graupner, Violet Varley, and the inimitable "Billy" Elton. Since then there has been no more popular exponent of the most melodious roles in comic opera and musical comedy than Florence Young, nor one who has so consistently displayed such varied and consummate artistry. With the exception of a two years' visit to America, Miss Young has spent the entire time in delighting Australian and New Zealand audiences.

Everyone is urged to sing their cheeriest songs now that the war is over and the flu flying quickly away, and oh, the joy of it, "No Rubbing" Laundry Help, now obtainable from all stores at 1/- per packet, containing sufficient for seven weekly washings.



A PORTRAIT BUST OF THE MARTYRED NURSE CAVELL, one of the interesting exhibits which have been collected for the Imperial War Museum, to be shown at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, London.

Tulle still persists in having its own way, is the opinion impressed on us by a Melbourne dress authority. And its ways are so many and so varied. Sometimes a length is swathed coyly round the neck, and tied with a large, floppy bow at the back. Sometimes it is draped over the shoulders, and left to float in nonchalant fashion at the back. Sometimes the harem arrangement is adopted, which conceals the lower part of the face entirely from view. (And sometimes when one sees the appalling amount of salve plastered on some lips, one wishes this fashion were more universal.) And yet, again, it takes another form by softly falling in shadowy effect around the tiny brims of the latest millinery recruit. The most popular thing in dress effects to-day is tulle.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Adams, of Thames, are spending the holidays at their bungalow down the Puru Coast.

Deep regret was manifested in the New Zealand colony of Johannesburg and the Rand at the sudden and unexpected death on October 7th, from heart failure, of Mrs. R. W. Gilbert, wife of Mr. Gilbert, of the Gilbert Agency and Importing Co., Ltd., Johannesburg. She belonged to a well-known Lyttelton (Canterbury) family, and before her marriage was Miss Katrine Rachael Aschman.

The engagement is announced (says the Sydney "Sun") of Miss Mollie Barnard, only daughter of the late Mr. L. S. Barnard, of Newcastle, and Mrs. Barnard, of Strathfield, and Lieutenant A. T. Day (late 20th Battalion A.I.F.), second son of Mr. and Mrs. Day, of Christchurch, New Zealand.

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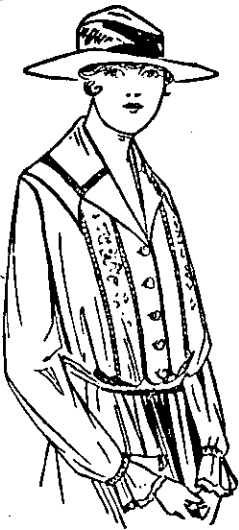
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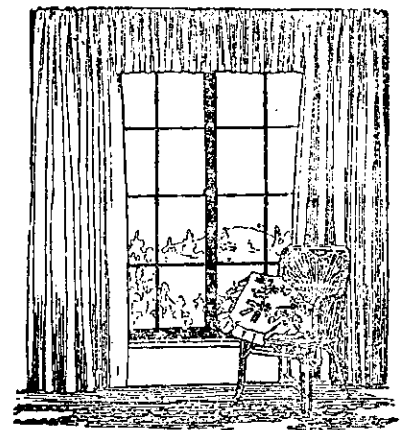
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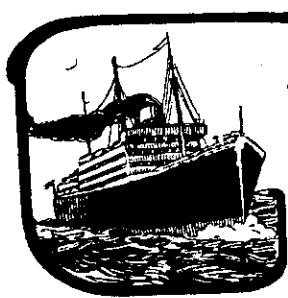
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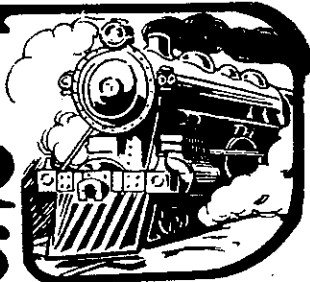
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Captain Walter Manning, who has just retired from the Union Company's service, has settled down in Wellington.

The Hon. T. M. Wilford, who is spending a holiday in Timaru with Mrs. and Miss Wilford, is devoting his time to golfing and fishing.

Mr. F. D. Wood, headmaster of the Rotorua District High School, who has recently returned from active service, is to resume his position at Rotorua from February 1.

Mr. James Hislop (Under-Secretary for Internal Affairs), accompanied by Mrs. Hislop, arrived at Whakaitane last week from Sydney. Mr. Hislop has been visiting Australia for health reasons.

The Auckland Cricket Association has appointed Mr. Moss Ballin its delegate to the N.Z. Cricket Council, which has its headquarters in Christchurch. Mr. Ballin was for many years a prominent figure in all kinds of amateur sport in Auckland.

The death occurred at the Royal Oak Hotel, Wellington, of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Orr Guthrie, New Zealand Medical Corps. Since the Military Service Act had been brought into operation Colonel Guthrie had been a member of the Wellington District Medical Board. He was a son of the Rev. Dr. John Guthrie, of Glasgow and London. His only son, Capt. Errol G. Guthrie, N.Z.M.C., was killed at Armentiers. Colonel Guthrie's only brothers are Dr. John Guthrie, of Christchurch, and Sir James G. Guthrie, the well-known painter, of London. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

The following war statistics are of interest:—The cost of the war to New Zealand up to September 30th was £51,417,650, excluding pensions. For the past financial year pensions amounting to £1,122,052. For the current year the total is estimated at £1,500,000. The total of war loans authorised is £86,000,000. The total raised to September 30th this year was £61,905,264. A sum of £50,000 is on the Estimates for repatriation. A sum of £500,000 has been mentioned as the probable cost within a measurable future.

It is felt by those soldiers who were on their way oversea when the armistice was signed, and who have since been recalled to Australia, that it is due to them to be given some recognition by the Government as men who had actually embarked upon war service (says a Melbourne message to the Sydney papers). So far no official announcement has been made as to whether these men will be issued with the official returned soldiers' badge. In military circles the opinion is expressed that any soldier who actually embarked from Australia for active service will eventually receive the King's war medal.

The will of the late Mr. Andrew W. Rutherford, formerly M.P., of Mendip Hills, which has been proved for probate, is dated June 29, 1917, states a Press Association message from Christchurch. It contains a list of some ten legacies to relatives, but most of these are revoked by a codicil dated September 18, 1917. Under the will and the codicil, as far as the former is confirmed by the latter, the testator's wife, Emily Rutherford, is given all the household furniture, china, glass, trinkets, etc., at the homestead at Mendip Hills. The house at Mendip Hills and the out-buildings, with 20 acres of land, are left in trust to her during her life. After her death they will be held in trust absolutely for the testator's son, Norman Rutherford, a junior. The sum of £5000 is given to Isabel Scott Robinson, testator's daughter. The trustees are instructed to realise from the residue of the estate sufficient to pay certain expenses and the legacies, and to hold the remainder in trust absolutely for Norman Rutherford.

Christmas among colonial troops in England will be a happy season, eight days' leave and free transportation having been granted.

Mr. A. Stubbs, who has occupied the position of registrar of the Supreme Court in Dunedin for a number of years, has been transferred to Auckland.

Colonel A. S. Herbert, N.Z.M.C., who has been Government balneologist at Rotorua for 16 years, has resigned. The resignation will take effect at the end of the present season, when Dr. Herbert will leave for England.

Under a "Gazette" notice recently issued certain species of birds indigenous to New Zealand are not to be deemed protected. The schedule includes hawks of all species, kea (or mountain parrot), black shags, white-throated shags, and sea-shags. Protection is suspended till December 30th, 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. L. Cooper, of Sydney, are visiting Auckland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Riddiford, of Wellington, are in Auckland for the holidays, and are staying at the Grand Hotel.

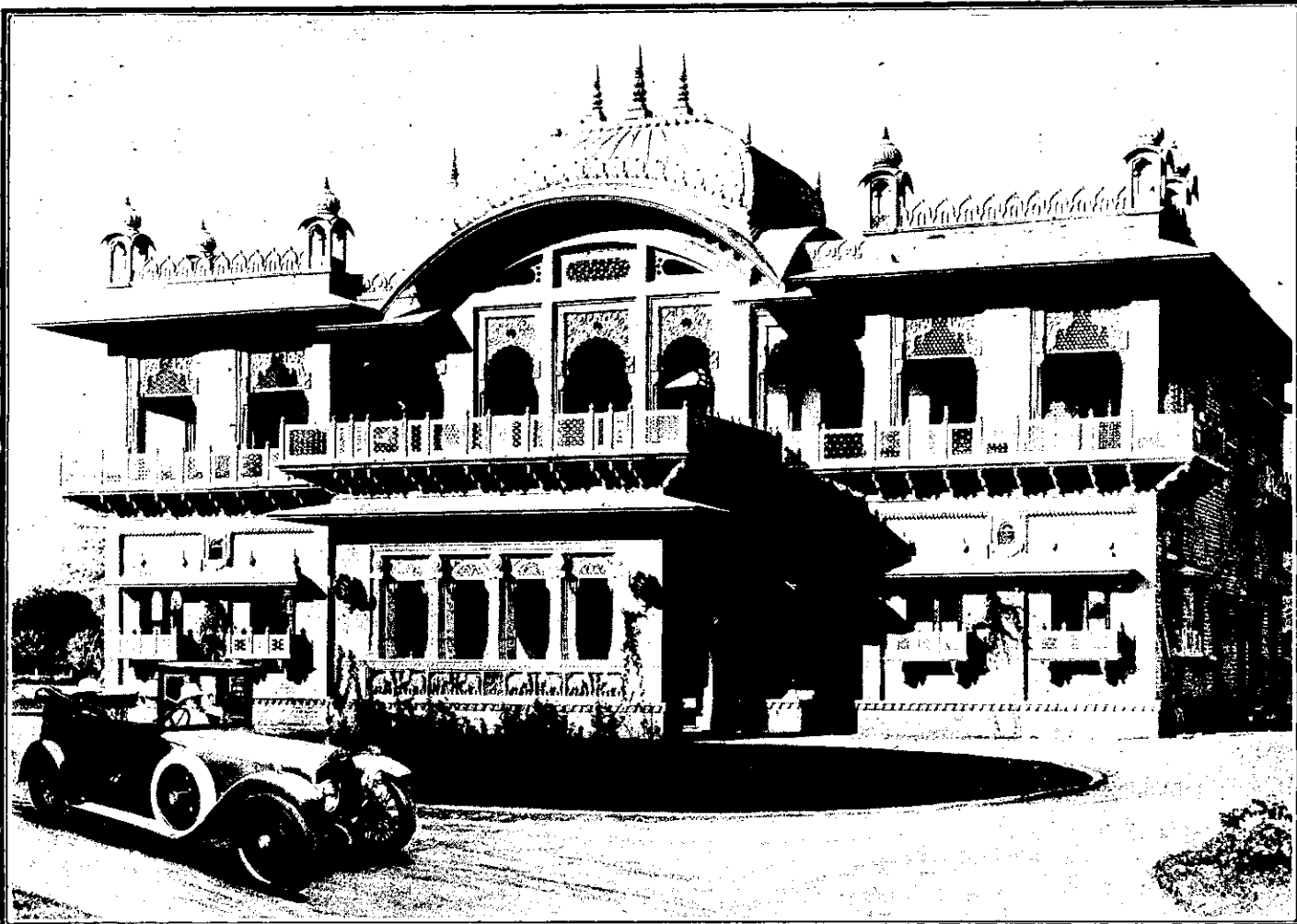
Lance-Corporal Anthony D. Meaney, of Waiwera, has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery on the field of action. He is 21 years of age.

The new ferro-concrete bridge spanning the Shotover at Arthur's Point, Otago, is now nearing completion. The approximate cost of the bridge, which is the first of its kind to be constructed in New Zealand, is £4500.

Early in the New Year military service boards will be formally gazetted out. Some practically finished by November 30, and the others by December 7. From those dates all travelling allowances or other payments to members ceased.

the award, "for most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the Chunuk Bair Ridge, in the Gallipoli Peninsula, on August 7, 1915," contained the following:—"After the New Zealand Infantry Brigade had attacked and established itself on the ridge, Corporal Bassett, in full daylight and under a continuous and heavy fire, succeeded in laying a telephone line from the old position to the new one on Chunuk Bair. He has subsequently been brought to notice for further excellent and most gallant work connected with the repair of telephone lines by day and night under heavy fire."

Town-planning is receiving enthusiastic support in South Australia in connection with the repatriation of her soldiers. On the banks of the Murray a large training farm is turning soldiers into agriculturists, who are given land of their own as soon as they obtain diplomas of efficiency. Community centres in town and country are provided for in the new plans of settlement.



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Mr. W. S. La Trobe, Director of the Wellington Technical College, has been appointed to the new office of superintendent of technical education for the Dominion, at a salary of £700 per annum. Mr. La Trobe was born at Ngaroto, in the Waikato district, and is 48 years of age. He was educated at the Paterangi School, the Auckland Grammar School, and at Cambridge University. He spent ten years in England, and for eight years of the period he was lecturing in the Engineering School attached to Cambridge University, under Professor (now Sir James) Ewing, at present president of Glasgow University.

The Bishop of Wellington, the Right Rev. Dr. Sprott, conducted a dedication service at St. Alban's Church, Eastbourne, Wellington, to the memory of the late Captain R. J. S. Seddon (killed in action near Bapaume). The memorial was a bell, donated to the memory of the late officer by Captain and Mrs. Knox Gilmer.

It is understood that the Government has paid £10 10s. per acre for the Westmere estate (Wairarapa). A Masterton resident who knows the property well states that it is cheap at the price. It will probably be cut up into six or eight farms, access to which will be gained by the Te Wharau and Westmere roads.

After almost 46 years of service in the Union Bank of Australia, Mr. F. T. Morgan, manager of the Gisborne branch, will retire early this year. He has been given six months' leave, commencing on February 11, which will complete his term of service up to the retiring age.

A very pleasant gathering was held at the Metropolitan Hotel, Auckland, when the local staff of the T. and G. Mutual Life Assurance Society entertained the local manager, Mr. L. G. Smither, and his two assistants, Messrs. Hastwell and Gregory, to dinner. During the evening Mr. Fitt, on behalf of the staff, presented to Mr. Smither a silver entree dish, suitably engraved, as a token of the high esteem in which he is held.

A public reception was accorded Lieutenant C. R. G. Bassett, V.C., of Auckland, at the Town Hall on Tuesday night. The Deputy-Mayor, Mr. A. J. Entrican, presided, and the Hon. A. M. Myers, Minister for Customs, represented the Government. An address was presented on behalf of the Grammar School Old Boys' Association, Lieutenant Bassett being an old boy of the school. Lieutenant Bassett, V.C., who is a son of Mr. F. C. Bassett, of Burleigh Street, was the first New Zealander to win the highest military decoration in the great war. The London Gazette of October 15, 1915, which announced

Mr. James Campbell ("The Times" correspondent with the French armies) states that before the armistice was signed, although he was aware that another ten days would see the surrender of the whole German army, Marshal Foch deliberately renounced the greatest victory in history because his conscience would not permit him to sacrifice a single additional life among the allied soldiers when it was within his power to make a victorious peace.

Netting in Lake Hawea is reported to have met with little success this season, very few fish having been obtained by this method. Fly fishermen have accounted for most of the rainbow trout secured, and several were recently taken in the lake near Timaru Creek by Mr. Butterworth, of Dunedin, to whose efforts the successful introduction of this variety, as far as Lake Hawea is concerned, was largely due. Other anglers have taken fair numbers from Timaru Creek, several having been secured some miles from the lake.

It was stated in the annual report presented to members of the Viticultural Society of Victoria that the 1918 vintage was the worst on record for many years (reports the "Age"). Owing to the prevalence of black spot, oidium, and downy mildew, many vineyards had no vintage at all, and those that did experienced con-

siderably reduced yields. The 1917 vintage produced 1,302,660 gallons of wine, as against 1,380,367 gallons for 1916 being a decrease of 77,707 gallons. This was very bad. But the 1918 figures recorded the great shrinkage of 502,008 gallons compared with 1917, Victoria having made only 800,660 gallons of wine, of which a considerable quantity would go to the still. As a natural result, wine was very scarce and prices high. Fortunately South Australia had a record vintage, which had relieved the situation somewhat. The area under bearing vines was slowly year by year increasing, there being now 18,900 acres in Victoria, as against 18,604 in 1917. The non-bearing acreage showed an increase of 1875 acres, there being now 6336 acres under non-bearing vines, as against 4460 in 1917. The total number of vine growers in Victoria is 1843, an increase of 92 more than last year.

In the near future hospital ships, as such, will be a thing of the past, as far as New Zealand is concerned. The Defence Department will still control the vessels, but they will be known as ambulance carriers. This re-classification provides for the "red cross" being removed from the sides of the ships, and, in addition to the carrying of troops, they will also be allowed to carry certain classes of cargo.

Yacht racing, which was abandoned in Sydney at the commencement of the war, is to be resumed early in January. At a meeting of the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club it was decided to start the season on January 18 with a rendezvous on Sydney Harbour. The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, the Motor Yacht Club of New South Wales, and the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club have been invited to participate in the function, which is to be carried out on an elaborate scale, equal to pre-war days.

Mr. A. V. King, of Otautau, has been appointed postmaster at Lyttelton, in succession to Mr. J. T. Cameron. Mr. King has been about 40 years in the postal service, and previous to being stationed at Otautau was at Blenheim and Dunedin.

Recently provision was made by the Government for returned soldiers securing advances from the State for the purchase of houses up to the amount of the Government valuation upon the properties. The other day (says the Christchurch "Press") the widow of a soldier who was killed in action 18 months ago, and who has four children, made application to the Government Lands Department for such assistance, but was informed that the Act did not apply to her. The woman said she was being turned out of the house she was renting, and as her husband had lived in it, she wished for the sake of old associations to remain in it, which she could do if she bought it.

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Senator Millen (Minister for Repatriation) announced the other day in Melbourne that in order that no hardships should be incurred by the dependents of soldiers upon active service through the depletion of patriotic funds, it has been decided that these funds shall be replenished by payments from the Repatriation Department.

As a result of a tally kept by the lighthousekeeper at Gabo Island (says a message from Melbourne), it is announced that from March to August 91 whales passed Gabo Island, some coming so close as to rub against the rocks. Seven were seen in a single day, and it is thought that many passed in the night unobserved. Many are now returning.

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Sir James Wilson has been re-elected chairman of the Manawatu County Council, with which body he has been a valuable member for many years.

The committee of the Wellington Choral Union has decided to recommend the appointment of Mr. H. Temple White as conductor of the society in succession to Mr. Robert Parker, who is retiring this year.

Remarkable developments have occurred in England during the past few months, says an English paper, in the methods of treating shell-shock cases amongst soldiers, and other cases of neurosis which have arisen as the result of war service. Long-standing and apparently hopeless cases of paralysis, loss of speech or hearing, and other functional nervous diseases, have been cured in a few days—sometimes in a few minutes—by purely persuasive treatment and without the aid of hypnotism or electric massage.

Mr. J. C. Williamson, chief postmaster, Auckland, who is to succeed Mr. R. B. Morris as Chief Inspector, joined the service in 1877, and was for many years attached to the general post office in the capacity of chief correspondence clerk, second clerk, and prior to his transfer to Auckland as chief postmaster he was chief clerk at the General Post Office.

A leading sheep farmer stated to a Hawera "Star" representative that the position in regard to shearers for this season's wool is serious. Sheep farmers in that district have always depended largely on the Maoris, and unfortunately they are not now available in any number. The epidemic, too, has been responsible for a lot of trouble. A runholder in the Wanganui hinterland, who has 40,000 sheep to shear, had 25 men at work in his sheds when the influenza attacked them. Four died, and most of the others were seriously affected. Whereas shearing is mostly finished about Christmas, many farmers have not started. The shearers, said the informant, are not in sight. What wool has come in was shorn before the epidemic came. The position he emphasises as very serious. It is difficult to say when the shearing will be completed.

Mr. Edward Dowd, who recently died at the Wairau Old People's Home, had reached the venerable age of 100 years and six months. The deceased was born at Glasgow, Scotland, on June 24, 1818. His parents were Irish, and his father was a horse dealer whose operations involved extensive travelling over the United Kingdom. The centenarian came out to Australia as a lad, and was for many years engaged in gold mining there. He arrived in New Zealand 57 years ago, and took part in the Gabriel's Gully gold rush. Subsequently he applied himself to stock droving throughout the South Island, and experienced a full share of the hardships associated with the pioneer days when roads were practically non-existent over the greater extent of the country. For about 40 years, comprising the latter portion of his long life, he worked as a station hand for the Goulter family, in the Marlborough district, and he was so employed until about a year and a-half ago, when he entered the Old People's Home. Throughout his hundred years he enjoyed splendid health and up till a fortnight ago, when sheer old age brought him to bed, he retained his physical and mental faculties in a remarkable degree. Mr. Dowd never married.

Mr. R. B. Morris, Chief Inspector, General Post Office, who has been appointed first Assistant Secretary in place of Mr. F. V. Waters, deceased, has had a somewhat varied experience in the activities of the Department. His first appointment in the Department was at Timaru in 1875. In 1891 he held the position of money order clerk, Wellington, and in 1903 he took up the position of chief clerk, Christchurch. Five years later he assumed the position of inspector of savings banks, and shortly afterwards returned to Christchurch as chief postmaster. Soon after the war broke out he was selected for special duties in the Defence Department, and subsequently was appointed chief inspector.



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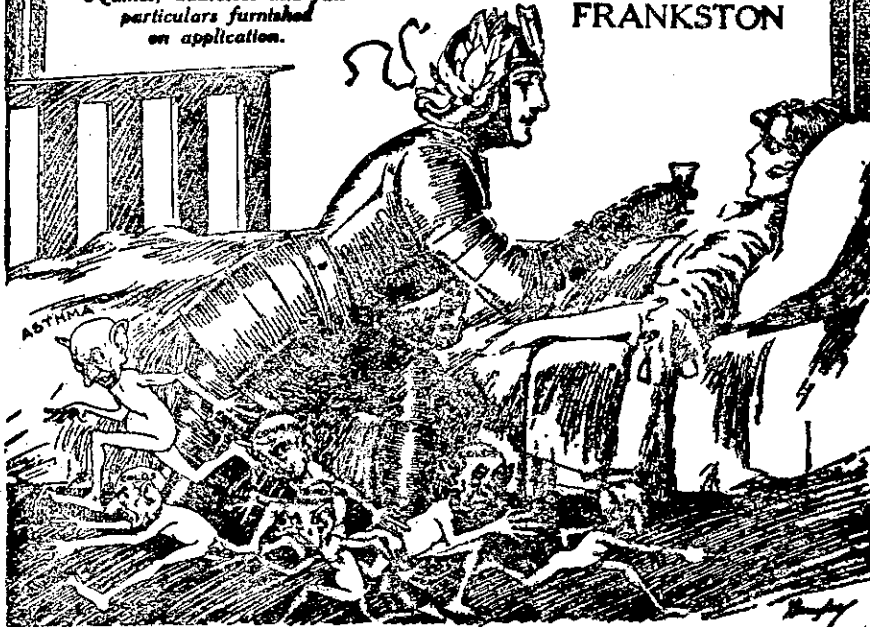
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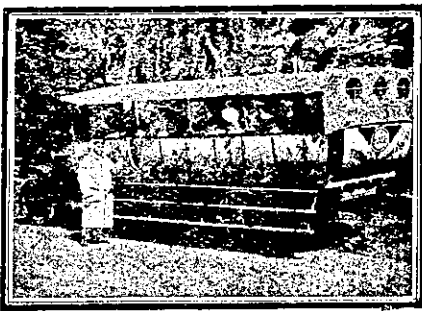
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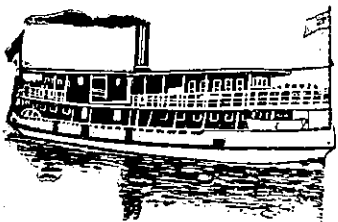
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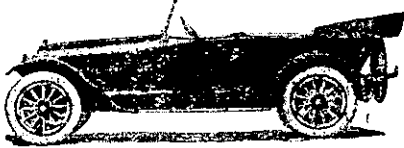


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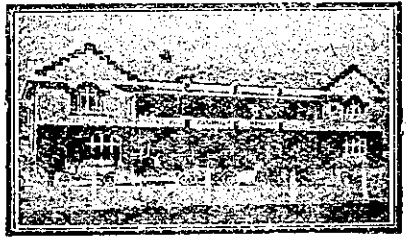
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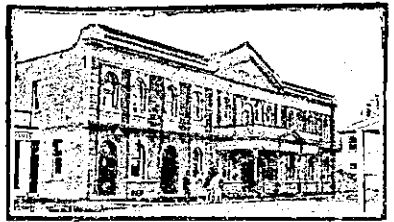
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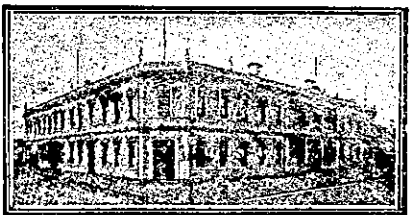
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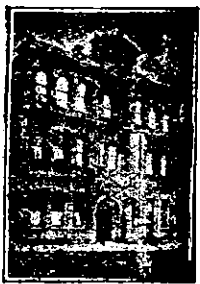
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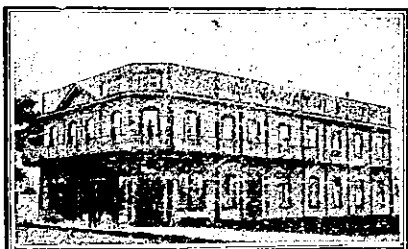
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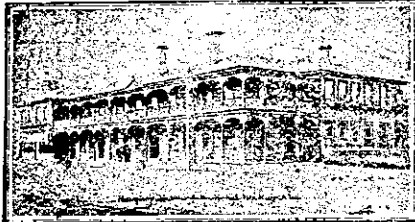
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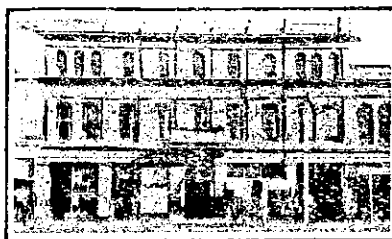
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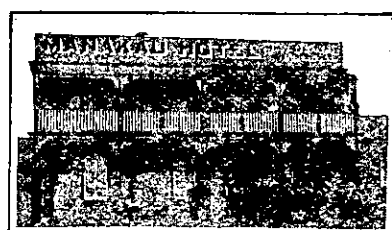


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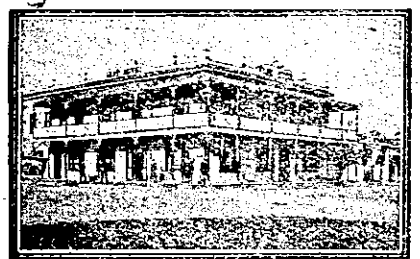
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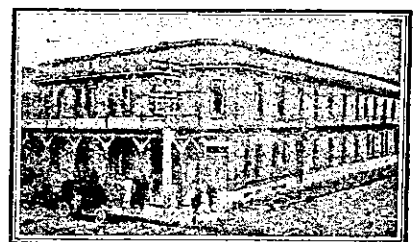


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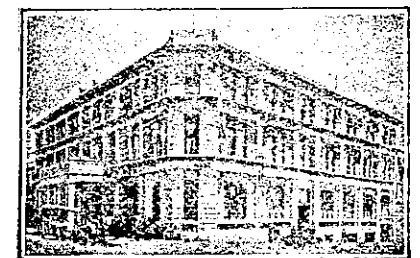
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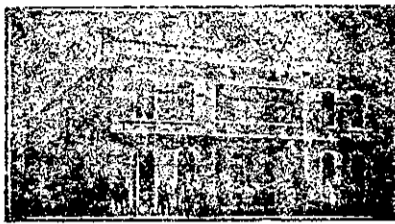
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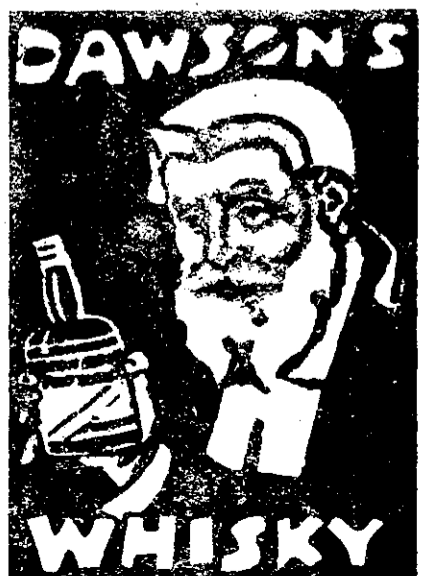


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