

**AQUATICS**

The Australian sculler, Hagney, who has expressed his intention of proceeding to America for the purpose of rowing Durnan, will also compete in several of the big cycling events in the States. That Hagney is a sprint cyclist of no mean calibre was evidenced the other day when he lowered the colours of the famous American cyclist, Mitten, in a race over 100yds for £5 aside.

Dick Cavill, the well-known swimmer, who left Sydney close upon two years ago for America, has been connected with the Pittsburg Athletic Club as swimming instructor until recently. In a letter to a Sydney friend he states that he has left his former position, and intends going into vaudeville. His act will be similar to that presented by Professor Finney, and he will have the services of his two clever children, Dick and Thea.

Dick Arnst, who is at present on his way to the Old Country to row Ernest Barry on the Thames, has undertaken the trip without trainer or pacemaker, but will secure both in London. Arnst has arranged for Barry to post his £500 expenses in England, but as sculling is a long way from booming at Home just at present he will probably not be able to lift the whole of the amount until after he rows the Englishman. When he pulled Barry on the Zambesi he drew his expenses (£300) immediately he arrived in Africa, but subsequently demanded another £100 (which he got) because of the Zambesi committee not accommodating his party as arranged.

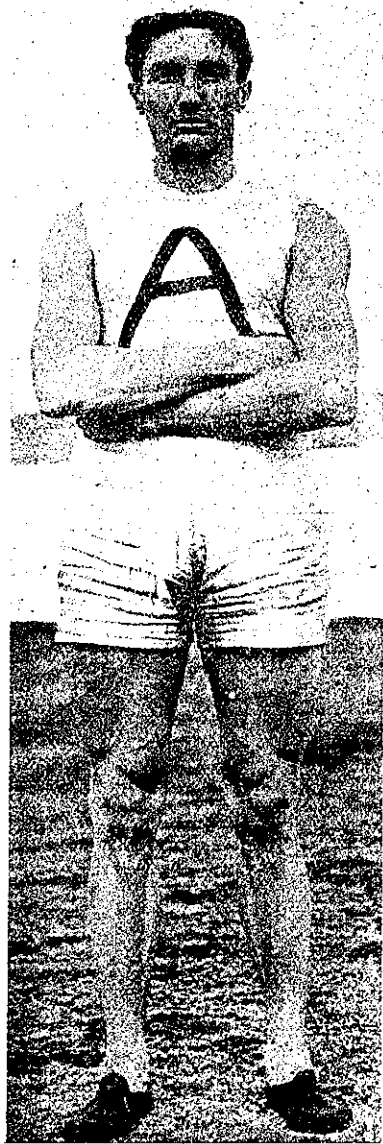
Owing to the fact that Malcolm Champion is not making the trip to the Olympia Games to represent New Zealand in the swimming events, enthusiasts on this side of the Tasman will, so far as Olympic matters are concerned, have their attention engrossed in the doings of the Australian swimming team. In the event of sufficient funds being available, Australia will have four swimming representatives at the Olympic Games, these being W. Longworth, Cecil Healy, Harold Hardwick, and L. Boardman. The three first-named swimmers were chosen outright, but the selection of a fourth man was delayed, and a test race over 220yds held at the Domain Baths in Sydney. In the event in question L. Boardman conclusively proved his superiority over all comers, and won his heat and final in the excellent times of 2min 36sec and 2min 37 sec respectively.

Though it is a matter for regret that the representation of Australasia has been left solely to the swimmers of New South Wales, it is thought that the quartette will succeed in their main objective, viz., the annexing of the international teams' race of 800 metres. That the four members chosen are a speedy team who should represent Australia creditably in the world's championship is borne out by their best times over 220yds (which is about 4yds further than the 200 metres), these being as follows:—Longworth, 2min 27 2-5sec; Healy, 2min 29 4-5sec; Hardwick, 2 min 30 3-5sec; and Boardman, 2min 36sec. Longworth will also probably swim in the 100, 400, and 1500 metres events, Healy, Hardwick, and Boardman in the 100 metres, and Hardwick also in the 400 metres.

Australasia will also be represented in the women's section of the swimming events, the representation again resting solely with New South Wales. This State has a brilliant individual performer in Miss Fanny Durack, who gave proof of her prowess during her recent visit to Auckland, while there also seems a remote possibility of a representative team being available for the women's teams' race. The Ladies' Association has decided to nominate both Miss Fanny Durack and Miss Mina Wylie for selection, the latter to go in the event of sufficient funds being available for two. There is also a probability of a third lady, also an excellent swimmer, making the trip at her own expense, and with Miss Dorothy Hill available in England, a brilliant representative team would be at hand to represent Australasia in the ladies' teams' race. Miss Durack can safely be trusted to acquit herself more than creditably in the individual events, as on considering her late phenomenal performances there appears to be no woman swimmer in the world capable of defeating the popular New South Wales and Australian champion over any distance. Her success

in the ladies' diving is more problematical, as she may find different standards of judging in force to those prevailing in this country. The other three ladies would be very creditable second strings for at least the 100 metres event.

The Auckland Rowing Club held a series of trial fours on Saturday for gold brooches (ladies' nomination) presented by the Commodore, and trophies donated by Mr J. Negus, a former member of the club. The final was won by Sinel's crew by over a length. The winning crew consisted of C. Sinel (stroke), R. Wilson, Stainton and A. King (bow).



**JACK DONALDSON,**  
World's champion sprinter.

**CYCLING AND MOTORING.**

**CLARKE DEFEATS LAWSON.**

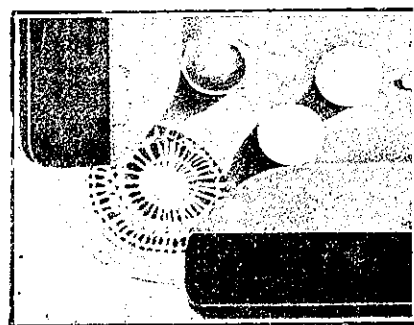
Describing the great match between the famous Australian cyclist, A. J. Clarke, and the crack American rider, Ivor Lawson, the best two out of three heats, for a side wager of £50, a Sydney paper says:—In the first heat the pacemaker led Clarke to the bell, with Lawson hanging on to his wheel. When he left the track Clarke went a length ahead and made the pace a cracker. After the lap had been half covered, however, Lawson made a brilliant spurt, and shot to the front. Stalling off a determined challenge within 150 yards from the finish, Lawson was on the wheel of the pacemaker in the next, but in the second lap Clarke punctured, and as it was "puncture no race" an adjournment had to be made for a new wheel. Away once more Lawson again followed the pacemaker, with Clarke at his wheels. At the bell Lawson sprinted out, and for the space of 50 yards increased his lead by inches. Then the Victorian made one of his famous sprints, and, shooting out, he swept past Lawson like a greased streak, and fished home at terrific pace an easy winner by nearly three lengths.

In the third heat Lawson sprinted ahead again at the bell, but Clarke made another magnificent dash, and, catching the American, raced him side by side until within 100 yards from the post, where an additional spurt sent him ahead the winner of a most exciting finish by half a wheel. The time for the last heat was 2min 21 4-5sec.

The very meritorious performance, considering all the circumstances, accomplished by Mr R. J. Lewis last month in motoring from Sydney to Brisbane—over 700 miles—in 76 hours, which constitutes a record between the two cities, has stimulated a Brisbane motorist—Mr R. Trevethan, of the Town and Country Motor Co—to undertake the task with a view to improving Mr Lewis' time. The road in places is declared to be remarkably bad; in fact, Mr Lewis was bogged for three hours! In addition he had many delays—from punctures, taking wrong turns, foggy weather, etc.—hence his actual running time amounted to less than half that claimed as record, viz., 32hrs. His greatest handicap, however, was, when 100 miles had been covered, that his mechanic took ill and had to be sent back by rail to Sydney.

**BILLIARDS.**

When John Roberts took up the English juvenile billiardist, Tommy Newman, it was generally considered that his idea was to use him as a kind of buffer to George Gray, after the latter had turned down the man who had "made billiards popular." Now, it comes about that the chicken has emerged from the protecting wing of J. R., and issued a challenge to take 4000 in 16,000 from any player in England. This challenge should show Newman's real quality, if any one of the big guns accept the defiance. If it is a genuine challenge and not thrown out for a selected someone (previously notified of its appearance) to pick up, something good will come from it, and at the start of quarter of the game Gray should have little trouble in securing young Newman's billiard locks if composition balls are the playing material. Anyhow, Tommy Newman is such a promising player that he is almost sure to be one of the elect of English billiards before he is many years older.



Certified plan of the position used by T. Reece in his world's record break of 499,135, unfinished, in 1907, at Messrs Burroughes and Watts's saloon in Soho-square. It was observed that the red ball revolved vertically once in 250 strokes, and the opponent's ball horizontally once in 800 strokes.

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