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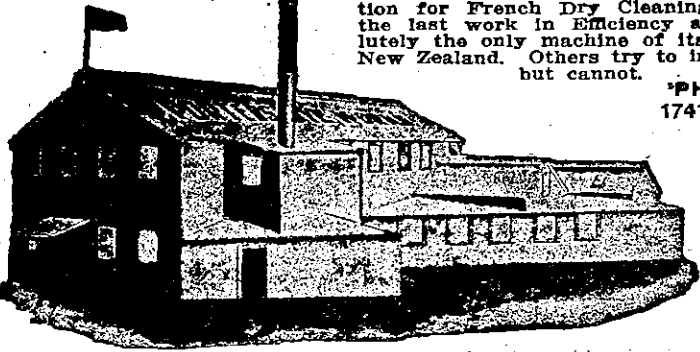
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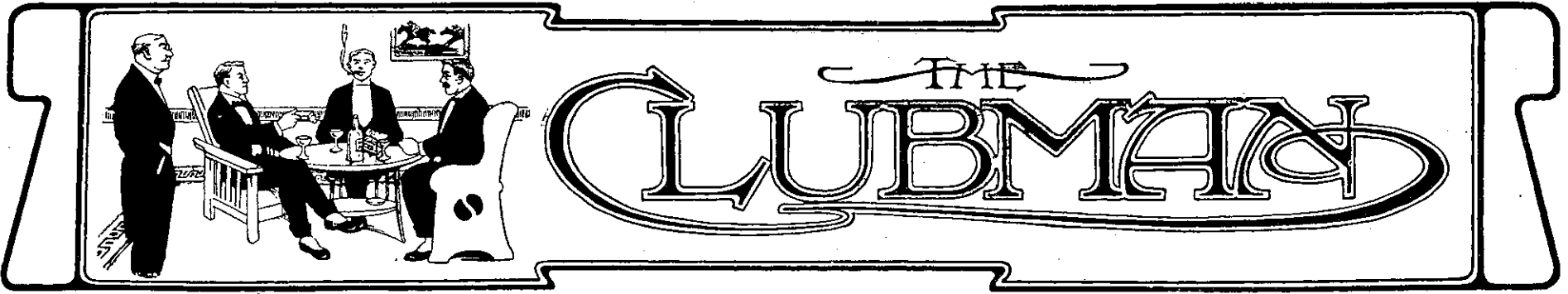
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The Wellington Racing Club's summer meeting will go down to be remembered in turf history for quite a number of happenings thereat out of the ordinary; indeed, of an extraordinary character. The second dead-heat for the Wellington Cup since its inception would have been to place it on the same footing as a few other important handicap races in the Dominion and in the Australasian colonies, or races other than handicap events, but in which two dead-heats have occurred. The fact that the two races in which the same judge (Mr. R. B. Lusk) was unable to separate the two horses in each instance first to past the post makes such a happening in connection with a leading race in New Zealand one which is sure to be talked about by present-day racegoers. Double dead-heats, or dead-heats in successive years, for particular events are so rare that people can well be excused when they express the belief that there are probably no parallel cases in the Dominion or the colonies, or, indeed, in the world. Racing has been in vogue so long throughout the universe that it would be surprising if the dead-heats between Kilmoon (R. Reed) and Oratress (M. McCarten) and between Rewi Poto (R. Reed) and Red Ribbon (B. Deeley) last year were the only ones for a particular event on record, that is in years immediately following each other. Dead-heats in racing events in New Zealand have been fairly frequent, not only for first place, but for second and third positions, and dead-heats for the same races have also come at intervals.

We have witnessed and have read of some of the dead-heats between as many as three horses on different courses in New Zealand such as happened at Trentham last week on the opening day of the Wellington Racing Club's meeting in one of the minor races, the Ruapehu Handicap. What makes that race, in which Nursing Sister (A. Reed), Borealis (G. Young) and Hepta (R. Bagby) were the dead-heaters, the more remarkable is that it came on the same day as the Wellington Cup, in which the judge was unable to separate Kilmoon and Oratress for that, the leading handicap of the meeting. The intervening race, the Telegraph Handicap, run over six furlongs, in which the placed horses, Statuette, Bo-Peep and Michaela, finished nose and nose, or head and head, must have been another thrilling event for the onlookers and the supporters of each of the trio, though the most exciting and soul-stirring contests are not always those that are the very closest. A good deal depends upon the vantage point of the majority of the spectators, and also much as to whether the horses which are taking the most prominent positions, disputing with each other the question of supremacy, are the best backed or outsiders.

When the favourites are found resolutely contesting every inch of the last half furlong or more of a race their partisans and supporters are worked up to the highest pitch of expectancy, but when it so happens that those between which the issue is in manifest doubt up to the moment their numbers go up are outsiders and dire disappointment has taken possession of three-fourths or more of the crowds which have backed favourites already well beaten, then the cheering is less enthusiastic. Though there are good losers on all our courses, backers of successful favourites are usually the more demonstrative. When crack performers, which have become popular meet, and victory, after a well-fought contest, goes to a popular horseman and owner (especially should the horse and owner belong to the district where the race is run), then enthusiasm is noticeably more than ever pronounced. Still the fine sporting spirit of our average racing crowds comes out in the majority of cases when horses, no matter where they have come from, have given of their best and have displayed fine qualities in speed, stamina, or as the case might be, of jumping ability. The

Wellington meeting provided much entertainment of a high-class order for those who love racing for its own sake, and are not swayed by betting considerations, and, indeed, for all lovers of equine battles of the superior order, whether winners or losers.

The Wellington Racing Club's summer meeting was full of interest quite apart from the dead-heats on the first day, and some splendid dividends were returned in some of the races, as a number of the winners started at outside prices. The best price was paid over Statuette (the full sister to Arch Marella), who won the second leg of the double, the Telegraph Handicap, and was probably not often coupled in doubles with either Kilmoon or Oratress, the dead-heaters in the Wellington Cup, in which Karo was one of the most fancied, despite her substantial impost of 9.7. There was much speculation as to how the imported horse, Arrowsmith, would run in the Telegraph Handicap, and, as expected, he ended up favourite, having been well boomed for each race in which he has been a starter. After having every chance of winning, getting out well and meeting

race referred to and was beaten in the run home, the difference in weight would account for that, and it may be that he will run over longer courses with less weight and then be seen to advantage. There is hardly enough horse within his skin to cause anyone to suppose that he would be a champion or a first-class w.f.a. performer.

We opened by remarking on the dead-heats run on the opening day of the Wellington meeting. The Cesarewitch Stakes, one of the long-distance races in England, furnishes the best known cases—at least in an important race—of successive dead-heats. Away back in the fifties of last century three horses, one a four-year-old called Prioress, and two three-year-olds, El Hakin and Queen Bess, carrying respectively 6.9, 6.9 and 4.10, dead-heated, and next year Prioress, who belonged to an American named R. Ten Broeck, carrying 7.9, dead-heated for the same race with Brewer, a horse of the same age, carrying 7.0, both, however being beaten by a three-year-old called Rocket, carrying 6.4. Next year, remarkable to state, the three-year-olds, Artless (5.3) and Gaspard (6.9) fin-

run off, the distance each time being 2½ miles. This was in the Australian Cup. There have been numbers of instances of similar results. We have to go a long way back for some even more remarkable ones. In a heat event of two miles at the beginning of the 18th century two three-year-olds ran a dead-heat. In the next heat they were both beaten, and in the third heat dead-heated again, and their owners divided, thinking it time after letting them gallop six miles. A little later two dead-heats were run over a course of four miles and the two chief actors ran four heats in all, or sixteen miles. As late as 1873, on Oaks day, it is on record that in a selling race there was a dead-heat for a Selling Stakes, of five furlongs. The same horses ran again with the same result, and it took a third heat to decide. These five-furlong goes would be less severe than the longer races referred to.

Among the most famous dead-heats outside New Zealand and Australia so far as British and foreign sportsmen are concerned, were between Cadland and The Colonel for the Derby of 1828! Governess and Gildermere for the Oaks of 1859; Charles II. and Euclid in 1839; Voltigeur and Russborough in 1850 for the St. Leger; Formosa and Moslem, for the Two Thousand Guineas; and Fewacques and Patricien in 1867 for the Grand Prix de Paris, but the records disclose many interesting ones in important races all over the colonies and throughout the world, and we could find material for good "copy" in recounting some of them. Mata, who dead-heated in the Dunedin Cup, beat Sinking Fund in the run off. Mata ran a dead-heat in Australia with a younger rival, won the next race in which he was engaged with other horses, and later on in the same day ran off the dead-heat and won. The New Zealand Cup has provided two dead-heats, one between Fulmen and Ideal, and the other between Warstep and Indigo. The Wanganui Steeplechase in 1883 between the late Mr. Douglas' Ruahine and the late Mr. D. Connolly's Dhudeen, and later by Mr. E. Short's Bootles and the late Mrs. Abbott's Nanthia were notable dead-heat events, the first-named pair in the run off again being locked together, after jumping side by side. As horses that run dead-heats in New Zealand are not now permitted to be raced to decide the question of supremacy at the weights, dead-heats are more quickly forgotten than if their backers had to witness other contests for their money.

Though the meeting of the Wellington Racing Club, which was concluded on Saturday, had bad weather to contend with on that day, the number of horses which contested the eight events gave good average fields, and speculation was so good that though the turnover on the first day fell short of the opening day of the previous year, when the meeting was a two-day one, the average for the three days gave a better average than the two days last year did.

A feature of Wellington's biggest race week was the successful bloodstock sale, for which the Waikanae studmaster, Mr. Ian Duncan, would appear to have reserved his Martian colts and fillies, the seven lots by that horse and one by Boniform realising 6650 guineas, giving an average of 830 guineas each. Five of the number were colts, and the Crimson Rose (at 1100gns.), Nerve and Snowstell youngsters (at 1000gns. each respectively) were well competed for, the other one, from Bebe, going for 525gns. It was remarkable to find the Martian filly from Silver Link topping the sale at 1300gns. This is probably the highest price paid for a numberless one of her age in the Dominion, and it has seldom been equalled at any sole of yearlings for one of her sex. The other Martian fillies, from Tortulla and Torquata, descendants of the same family, made good prices, and the Boniform—Vicella colt, at 700gns., also sold well.



SIR WILLIAM HERRIES (on left) and MR. R. B. LUSK, the well-known racing judge, photographed at the Rotorua R.C.'s recent meeting.

with no interference he was fairly and squarely gathered up by the placed horses over the business part of the journey, and the field was just about as good a handicap lot as could be expected to be produced at Trentham from the number of short-coursed ones in the Dominion, and the placed ones were well served on the score of weights. Statuette has shown brilliancy in hack company in the past, but this was her chief engagement to date, and in proving herself the same class as Bo-Peep, who has run some very fast races over six furlongs at Trentham and on other courses in the Dominion, and about a stone inferior to Michaela, one of the best of southern sprinters, she maintained her character for speed. Statuette carried 7.3 and Bo-Peep 7.8, while Michaela had 8.5. Arrowsmith was unable to present the last-named with 4lb., and finished fourth, with 8.9. Silver Link, who, at her best, is probably 21lb. behind Gloaming (of her own age), carried 9.3, and Acre, who is over a stone or more behind top class as we know it in the Dominion, had 9.1. Spanner may not have been quite at his best, not having raced for some time. He was one of those behind Arrowsmith at the finish, as also were Hymestra (8.6), Tigritiya (8.5), Inah (8.3), Bindle (7.8), Jutland (7.3), and The Speaker (6.7). This gives us an idea of the class to which Arrowsmith belongs, and it may not be too soon to put him down as but a good second-rater over six furlongs. What his best distance is may yet have to be determined. Though he was actually leading not far from home in the

ished so close that their names were hoisted together. For two of the races referred to the fields numbered 35, and for the other 34 starters, which makes the results still more interesting. Thus there were successive dead-heats in the same race in three years, one for all three prizes, first, second and third, the second for the second and third prizes, and the other for first and second positions. There have been dead-heats in particular races from time to time in the Dominion, and a number of races in which there have been dead-heats between three in the Dominion, and also in different parts of Australia. At Ellerslie, at Avondale, Woodville, Trentham and on other Dominion courses dead-heats between three have occurred. A notable one was recorded in the West Australian Derby, between Keston, Culroy (dam of Culprit) and Antaeon, Keston winning the run off. Islamite, Yale Lock and Onslow dead-heated in the Kalgoorlie Cup, Islamite winning the final.

The Spring Stakes, at w.f.a., at Randwick, has provided dead-heats between two. Aurofodina, who won the previous year, dead-heated with Duke Foote the next. Then Duke Foote won straight out the following year. St. Carwyne then won, and the following year St. Carwyne dead-heated with Reputation. Instances of dead-heats in successive years in particular events are very rare indeed, more so than in successive heats between the same horse. Saladin, in 1872, ran two dead-heats with Flying Dutchman, and then won the

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(From Our Wellington Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, January 20.

There was a large attendance for the opening day of the Wellington Racing Club's summer meeting, which commenced on the Trentham racecourse to-day, prominent sporting enthusiasts being present from all parts of New Zealand. The weather in the morning was showery, but later on in the afternoon the conditions became more favourable, and the last few races were run under better circumstances. But for the fact of some light showers being experienced in the early morning the crowd would have been much larger.

The racing throughout was full of surprises, and so well did Handicapper Mr. H. Coyle conceal the winners that only one actual first favourite triumphed during the afternoon. The contest for the Cup was a thrilling one, Oratress and Kilmoon dashing across the finishing line together, the judge declaring a dead-heat. The last race of the day provided further sensation, for after a great battle for supremacy up the straight Nursing Sister, Borealis and Hepta finished together, the judge declaring a dead-heat for the three horses named, all of whom returned very acceptable dividends.

Prominent amongst leading sportsmen seen on the lawn were Sir G. Clifford, Sir J. Ward, Sir Francis Bell, Sir William Herries, the Hons. A. M. Myers, T. M. Wilford and W. D. S. McDonald, and Messrs. A. D. McLeod, M.P., H. M. Campbell, M.P., G. Hunter, M.P., J. Goring Johnston, G. D. Greenwood, A. J. Toxward, R. A. McKenzie, M. McCallum, W. Richmond, F. S. Easton, T. Bevan, C. F. Vallance, E. S. Luttrell, W. Casey, J. Bull, jun., J. F. Buchanan, T. A. and W. Duncan, and S. J. Gibbons, and many others whose names I am unable to recall at the moment of writing.

Mr. C. O'Connor was in good form at the barrier, the send-offs being really first-class, while Mr. R. B. Lusk gave his decisions correctly with one exception, and that was in the Cup, when he placed Red Ribbon third in lieu of Marquetteur, who led practically the whole way. The error was immediately rectified.

The management of the day's gathering was all that could be desired, the secretary, Mr. A. E. Whyte, sparing no efforts to ensure the smooth working of proceedings and the comfort of the club's patrons. He was ably assisted in this direction by his right-hand man, Mr. J. Griffiths.

Mr. J. McGlashan, the club's caretaker, had the lawns and enclosures looking a picture, the well-appointed grounds being much admired by the many visitors to Trentham.

The sum of £49,183 10s. was handled by the totalisator staff, compared with £55,149 10s. for the corresponding day last year.

THE RACING.

Proceedings commenced with the running of the Trentham Welter Handicap, for which Matatane carried the confidence of the public, while Prince Hal came in for spirited support. From a good start the colours of Matatane and Prince Hal were first prominent, but the field had not gone far, however, before the favourite rushed to the front, and holding this position throughout won easily by two lengths from Raifland, who was three lengths in front of Prince Hal, with Explorer close up, fourth.

A fine field of two-year-olds lined up for the Nursery Handicap, five furlongs, and the general remark was heard that it was a long time since such a well-conditioned lot of juveniles had been seen together, the majority of them bearing a well-set-up and muscular appearance. Wel-

done was the actual favourite, while Handy, who had the services of H. Gray, was a good second choice. The race resulted in a big boil over, the winner turning up in La Paix, owned by Mr. E. S. Luttrell, of Christchurch, the southern representative only carrying £121 on her prospects on the totalisator. Coming into the straight La Paix took the lead, and stalling off a challenge by Demand won by a neck, with Blackmail, who was putting in some good work, two lengths away, third. Saima was a close fourth. Two horses in Weldone and Sir Walter whipped round when the tapes were released, and took no part in the race.

Bagdad was voted the best of good things for the Anniversary Handicap, and at no part of the race did his chance of landing the stake appear in jeopardy, the Hymettus gelding revelling in the going and winning at the business end by a length from Ligerie, who, coming fast over the final portion of the journey, beat Penury Rose by a head for second place. Old Gold was fourth and Battle Array fifth.

There were a dozen withdrawals from the Trial Plate, for which Trespass was a hot favourite, while Flight Commander was next choice with backers. The field was fairly close together until the straight was reached, when Trespass went to the front, while Mustard Pot could be seen threading his way through, and in a ding-dong finish the latter lasted long enough to beat Trespass by a neck, with Arch Lassie ten lengths away, third.

There was a fairly big pool in the Telegraph Handicap, over £8000 being invested on the machine. The imported horse Arrowsmith was a big favourite, and carried a third of the money, while Spanner was also well supported. From a fine start the colours of Arrowsmith, Spanner and Inah became prominent, while the first-named showed the way into the straight from Silver Link. In the run to the judge's box Statuette moved up to the leaders, while Bo-Peep and Michaela joined in the fray, a great race being witnessed, in which Statuette prevailed from Bo-Peep by a nose, with Michaela a neck away, third. Arrowsmith was fourth, followed by Bindle and Tigritiya.

The afternoon's racing was concluded with the running of the Ruapehu Handicap, six furlongs, for which Sweet Memory, who has run very consistently during the past few weeks, was made favourite. The race resolved itself into one of the biggest surprises ever seen on the Trentham racecourse, the judge declaring a dead-heat between three horses, viz., Nursing Sister, Borealis, and Hepta, who finished in a line. Nursing Sister and Sweet Memory made the early running, Hymarty and Swanee River being most prominent of the others. Hepta joined Nursing Sister as the straight was entered, while Borealis took a hand in the finish, the trio named passing the box locked together, the judge declaring a triple dead-heat. Parorangi was fourth, and Swanee River next.

The results were:—

TRIAL PLATE of 300sovs; second 60 sovs, third 30sovs. Seven furlongs.
 4—G. B. Starky's ch g Mustard Pot, 3yrs, by General Latour—Prudish, 7.4 (A. Ellis) 1
 1—W. R. Kembal's b c Trespass, 3yrs, 7.8 (A. Reed) 2
 3—F. O. Weine's b m Arch Lassie, 4yrs, 8.0 (McFlinn) 3
 Also started: 8 Active 8.0 (L. Morris), 5 Santorini 8.0 (R. Reed), 9 Blissfulness 7.6 (Hockley), 2 Flight Commander 7.4 (McCormack), 10 Kilgour 7.4 (M. McDonald), 7 Makepeace 7.4 (R. Orange), 6 War Baby 7.4 (Cochrane).
 Won by a neck, 10 lengths between second and third. Blissfulness was fourth. Time, 1min. 29 4-5sec.

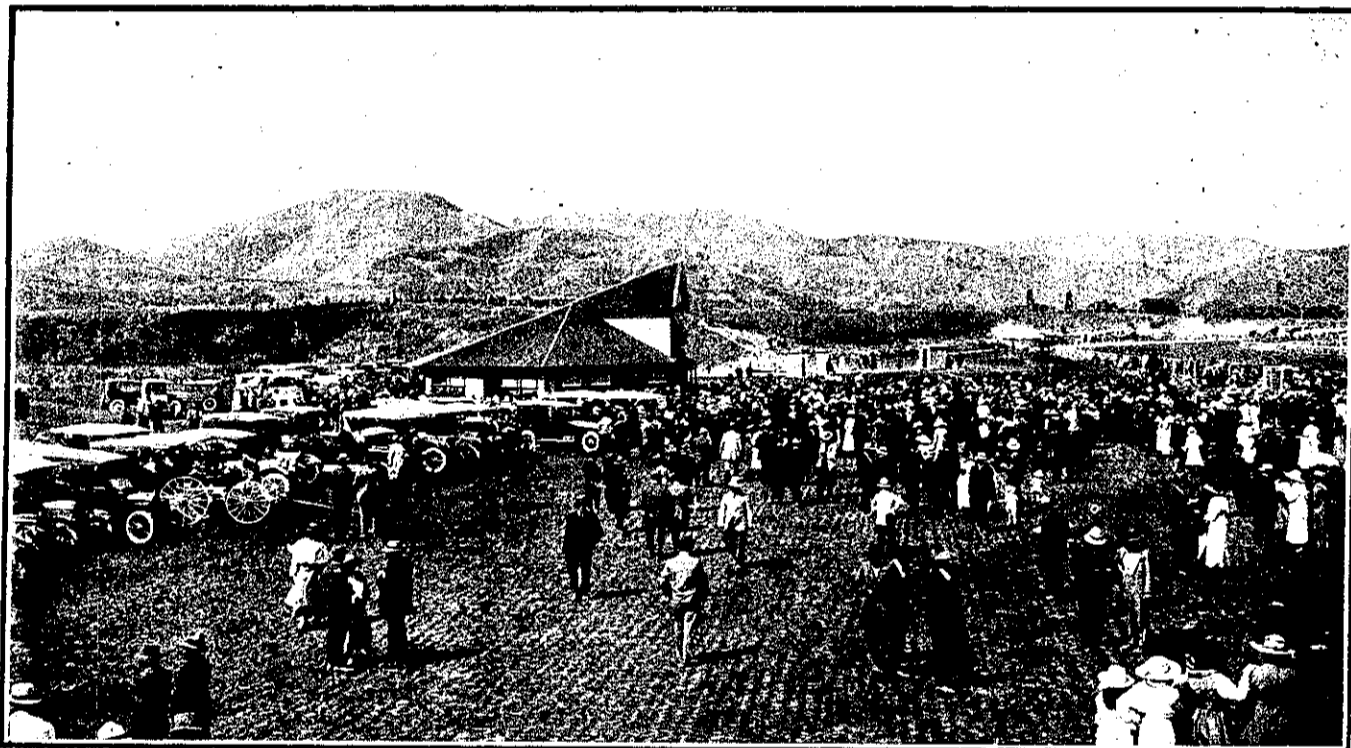
WELLINGTON CUP of 1500sovs; second 300sovs, third 150sovs. One mile and a-half.

4—F. Preston's b m Oratress, by Demosthenes—Equitas, 7.10 (M. McCarten) *
 7—G. L. Stead's b g Kilmoon, 4yrs, by Kilbroney—St. Sophia, 7.11 (R. Reed) *
 13—Mr. Ewart's ch g Marquetteur, 5yrs, by King Mark—By-by, 7.3 1/2 (M. McDonald) 3
 Also started: 3 Karo 9.7 (Deeley), 12 Snub 8.6 (J. O'Shea), 8 Kilrush 8.6 (Olsen), 1 Surveyor 8.4 (Gray), 10 Mascot 8.2 (A. Reed), 9 Battle Song 8.0 1/2 (McFlinn), 14 Red Ribbon 7.11 (H. Young), 16 Impediment 7.10 (Hockley), 15 Alteration 7.11 1/2 (G. Young), 5 Punka 7.9 (L. Morris), 4 Amythas 7.7 (A. Ellis), 6 Rose Wreath 7.7 (Bagby), 11 Paddington Green 6.8 1/2 (McCormack).

A dead-heat for first place, Marquetteur three lengths away third. Surveyor was fourth, Amythas fifth and Red Ribbon sixth. Time, 2min. 35sec.

WELLINGTON STAKES of 750sovs; second 100sovs, third 50sovs nominator of winner 50sovs. Five furlongs.

1—Sir Geo. Clifford's br f Moorfowl, 2yrs, by Autumnus—Kirriemuir, 7.10 (H. Young) 1
 2—G. L. Stead's blk c Right and Left, 2yrs, by Merry Moment—En Parole, 6.12 (McCormack) 2



VIEW OF THE LAWN AND TOTALISATOR HOUSE AT THE Wairoa County Racing Club's New Course, Te Kupenga, during the progress of the recent annual meeting. The course is ideally situated and well laid out, and when the main stand is erected will be up-to-date in every respect.

Much interest was created around the birdcage when the Cup candidates paraded, and as regards looks Amythas presented a splendid appearance, while Oratress also bore evidence of a careful preparation, her racing at Manawatu and Marton having improved her. Over £8000 was invested on the totalisator, and of this amount Surveyor, Amythas, Karo and Oratress carried the bulk. Once the preliminaries were over there was very little delay at the post, the field going away well in line. Passing the stands the first time Marquetteur, who only carried meagre support on the totalisator, was acting as pilot, followed by Kilrush, Rose Wreath, Oratress, Kilmoon, with Karo and Paddington Green at the tail of the field. Marquetteur was still in front as they swept round the back stretch, while the Taranaki horse had a couple of lengths' advantage from Oratress as the straight was entered, with Kilmoon and Punka most handy of the others. With about a furlong to go Oratress drew on terms with Marquetteur, while Kilmoon challenged, a desperate race ending in a dead-heat between Kilmoon and Oratress, though the latter appeared to defeat her rival by a narrow margin. Marquetteur was a neck away, with Surveyor fourth, and Amythas, who put in a phenomenal run up the straight, fifth.

The Wellington Stakes was voted the best of goods for the Chokebore candidate Moorfowl, who carried nearly half the investments on the totalisator. The issue was never in doubt, Sir G. Clifford's representative always being in front and winning easily by a length from Right and Left, with Gasbag eight lengths away, third.

TRENTHAM WELTER HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 50sovs, third 25sovs. One mile.

1—H. M. Campbell's br f Matatane, 3yrs, by Merry Moment—Hope Diamond, 9.0 (H. Young) 1
 7—Wallace and Spring's b m Raifland, 4yrs, 8.13 (Oliver) 2
 2—G. Hume's b c Prince Hal, 3yrs, 9.5 (Campbell) 3
 Also started: 4 Falstaff 9.13 (Deeley), 3 Mandrake 9.2 (Miller), 6 Fulica 8.11 (L. Morris), 11 Explorer 8.7 (Gray), 5 Golden Crozier 8.4 (R. Reed), 10 Prinemps 8.3 (Lowe), 12 Volubie 8.2 (Goodwin), 8 Chaeronia 8.0 (A. Reed), 9 Esperance 8.0 (C. Reed).
 Won by two lengths, three lengths between second and third. Explorer was fourth. Time, 1min. 42 4-5sec.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 400sovs; second 80sovs, third 40sovs. Five furlongs.

12—E. S. Luttrell's br f La Paix, 2yrs, by Bezonian—Peace, 6.10 1/2 (Barry) 1
 5—T. A. Duncan's br g Demand, 2yrs, 6.3 (McCormack) 2
 4—W. E. Herbert's ch f Blackmail, 2yrs, 7.9 (L. Morris) 3
 Also started: 7 Saima 8.7 (Oliver), 1 Weldone 8.5 (J. O'Shea), 8 Canyon 7.11 (H. Young), 2 Handy 7.13 1/2 (Gray), 3 Little River 7.8 (Corlett), 11 Kildee 7.5 (Bagby), 10 Askari 7.4 (Orange), 13 Sir Walter 7.1 1/2 (D. Morris), 6 Insurrection 6.11 (A. Ellis), 9 Pente 7.3 1/2 (M. McDonald).
 Won by a neck, two lengths between second and third. Saima was fourth. Time, 1min. 0 3-5sec.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP of 400 sovs; second 80sovs, third 40sovs. One mile.

1—Mrs. H. M. Campbell's ch g Bagdad, 5yrs, by Hymettus—Asiatic, 9.2 (Walls) 1
 3—W. Richmond's b m Ligerie, 5yrs, 9.1 (Gray) 2
 7—R. Knox's br g Penury Rose, 4yrs, 8.0 (Corlett) 3
 Also started: 9 Hurry Up 9.7 (Oliver), 4 Battle Array 9.4 (Deeley), 10 Burrangong 9.0 (Miller), 6 Old Gold 8.10 (McFlinn), 5 Demagogue 8.7 (Bagby), 2 Nightraider 8.4 (H. Young), 11 Sonnino 8.0 (Green), 8 Royal Exchange 8.0 (A. Reed).
 Won by a length, two lengths between second and third. Nightraider was fourth. Time, 1min. 42 3-5sec.

5—A. B. Williams' br c Gasbag, 2yrs, by Demosthenes—Lady Cecilia, 6.12 (Orange) 3

Also started: 3 Murihiku 8.8 (Bagby), 6 Motuhihi 8.11 (A. Reed), 4 Weary Willie 7.12 (L. Morris), 7 Quip 6.12 (A. Ellis).
 Won by a length, eight lengths between second and third. Quip was fourth. Time, 1min. 0 2-5sec.

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

12—G. D. Beatson's b m Statuette, 4yrs, by Marble Arch—Seatonella, 7.4 1/2 (Hockley) 1
 7—W. E. Herbert's b m Bo-Peep, 4yrs, 7.8 (L. Morris) 2
 3—Y. T. Barren's br m Michaela, 5yrs, 8.5 (Deeley) 3
 Also started: 6 Silver Link 9.3 (McFlinn), 9 Acre 9.1 (C. Price), 2 Spanner 8.10 (Gray), 1 Arrowsmith 8.9 (Olsen), 8 Hymetra 8.6 (J. O'Shea), 5 Tigritiya 8.5 (A. Reed), 4 Inah 8.3 (R. Hunt), 10 Bindle 7.8 (Bagby), 11 Jutland 7.3 (M. McDonald), 13 The Speaker 6.7 (Dixon).
 Heads separated the placed horses. Arrowsmith was fourth. Time, 1min. 13 1-3sec.

RUAPEHU HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 50sovs, third 25sovs. Six furlongs.

11—D. O'Reilly's br m Nursing Sister, 3yrs, by Solferino—Miss Dalrymple, 8.3 (A. Reed) *
 3—F. R. Waller's b g Borealis, 4yrs, by California—Austerlitz, 8.1 (G. Young) *
 14—Mrs. M. A. Perry's br g Hepta, by Demosthenes—Heavenly Twin, 7.7 (Bagby) *
 Also started: 8 Ruddy 9.1 (Oliver), 4 Early Dawn 8.13 (R. Reed), 1 Sweet Memory 8.8 (J. O'Shea), 7 Hymarty 8.5 (M. McCarten), 2 Swanee River 8.3 (H. Young), 12 Philomela 8.3 (L. Morris), 5 Parorangi 8.2 (Hunt), 6 Prodigal 7.10 (Mackie), 10 Furling 7.4 (A. Ellis), 13 Kyoto 7.3 (McCormack), 9 Asterina 7.5 1/2 (Hockley), 17 Idleness 6.13 (Barnett), 15 Russel 6.11 (R. Morris), 16 Mumble 6.7 (Dixon).
 The placed horses finished in a line. Swanee River was fourth. Time, 1min. 13 3-5sec.

SECOND DAY.

AMYTHAS WINS RACING CLUB HANDICAP.

METROPOLITAN HANDICAP TO MICHAELA.

MOORFOWL WINS AGAIN.

WELLINGTON, January 22.

Dull but fine weather was experienced for the second day of the meeting, which took place this afternoon in the presence of a record crowd, the holiday accounting for the large attendance. The racing was again very interesting, some capital contests being fought out, the results being a distinct tribute to the handicapping of Mr. H. Coyle. Backers fared better than on the opening day in their association with the totalisator, four first favourites winning during the afternoon.

Amythas won the Racing Club Handicap from end to end, and was not asked to do his best at any portion of the journey. The Moutoa-owned horse was a big favourite, and carried over £4000 out of the big pool on the totalisator, the win being very popularly received, both horse and rider receiving an ovation on returning to weigh in. Mr. F. S. Easton was not present to see his horse win, being busily occupied at the Foxton meeting, where he had several horses racing. Right and Left carried his heavy weight very creditably and scored nicely in the Fitzherbert Handicap. An unfortunate incident occurred during the running of the Kelburn Plate. When well in the straight and leading the field by two lengths Silver Link's saddle slipped back, and McFlinn received a nasty fall. He was immediately picked up by the ambulance, and soon received medical attention. It was found that with the exception of some bruises and a severe shaking McFlinn had miraculously escaped serious injury. But for the accident Silver Link would assuredly have won. Luckily, Silver Link escaped any injury, although she careered around the course with the loose trappings dangling about her. She was eventually caught by the clerk of the course, and brought safely back to the enclosure.

The totalisator staff was kept very busy, no less a sum than £85,445 finding its way through the machine, as against £63,950 10s. for last year. To-day's figures are a record for Trentham. Money was very plentiful, the Douro Cup, Wellington Racing Club Handicap, Metropolitan Handicap, and Camp Handicap each carrying a pool of over £12,000. With such heavy betting the public were not far astray, and in no instance during the afternoon did the dividends run into double figures, the largest return being from Trespass, who won the Douro Cup.

THE RACING.

Racing was resumed with the Mungaroo Welter, for which all the acceptors started. From an even send-off Parorangi was soon out in front, and led to within a few yards of the post, where Railand, coming fast on the outside, got up in time to win by a head, with Chaeronia half a length away, third, and Santorini fourth.

Brackenfield and Lingerie were backed in the order named for the January Walter. Both horses were prominent at the start, showing the way to a bunched field until the distance, where Brackenfield took the lead, and stalling off strong challenges by Nightraider and Old Gold, the favourite got home by a head from Nightraider, a similar distance after whom came Old Gold. Demagogue was close up, fourth.

Demand, Gasbag and Right and Left were backed in the order named for

the Fitzherbert Handicap, and the three horses had the race to themselves, victory going to the last-named by three-parts of a length from Gasbag, with Demand a head away, third. Blackmail was half a length away, fourth.

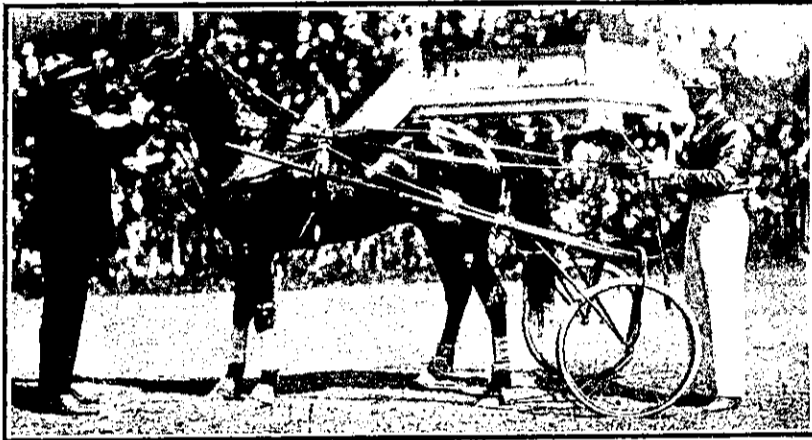
Moorfowl touched a very short odds-on price in the Kelburn Plate, in which there were only four starters, but Sir G. Clifford's representative was lucky to win, for had not Silver Link's saddle slipped when she was leading a short distance from the post the Taranaki mare would undoubtedly have won. Moorfowl was being hard ridden at the time and did not appear to be reducing the mare's lead. Spanner had no chance with the Chokebore two-year-old, who won very easily.

Out of over £12,000 invested on the machine in the Racing Club Handicap, Amythas, who was considered unlucky not to have won the Wellington Cup, carried a very substantial percentage of the investments. The race requires very little describing. From an excellent start Amythas was soon in the lead, and he never allowed his opponents to seriously threaten danger. Once in the straight, which he entered with fully

staff were all well backed in the order named. The colours of Swanee River were prominent until well up the straight, where she fell back, and her position was taken by Trespass, who, running his best race since his arrival in the Dominion, experienced no difficulty in winning by three-parts of a length from Active, who had a bad passage in the early stages and was badly placed on more than one occasion. Borealis was half a length away, third, and Risingham close up, fourth.

Surveyor and Michaela each carried over £3000 on their prospects in the Metropolitan Handicap, while there was heavy support for Acre, Bo-Peep and Chimera. Surveyor led to the straight entrance, where Michaela joined issue, and in an exciting finish the Dunedin horse got the verdict by half a length, with Bo-Peep two lengths away, third, and Chimera fourth.

Mustard Pot was voted the best of goods for the Camp Handicap, which brought the second day's racing to a close. The favourite was always well placed, and taking the lead when the straight was reached ran home an easy winner by a length and a-half from Asterina, with Kinsem close up,



Mr. F. C. Arlington's b g WHISPERING WILLIE, aged, by Woodland Whispers—Gossip, after his victory in the President's Handicap (two miles) on the concluding day of the Auckland T.C.'s summer meeting. Wilson, driver.



A TRIO OF WELL-KNOWN SPORTS MEN.—FROM LEFT: MESSRS. V. RIDDIFORD, E. RIDDIFORD AND G. L. STEAD.

two lengths' advantage, he easily maintained his lead to the post, winning by a length and a-half from Oratress, who was a couple of lengths in advance of Snub, with Red Ribbon and Marquetteur fourth and fifth respectively. Amythas put up a splendid performance by leading practically from end to end. Provided the same tactics had been adopted in the Cup Amythas would have won this race also.

There was some heavy speculation in the Douro Cup, no less than five of the runners carrying amounts running into four figures on their prospects on the totalisator. The bracketed pair, Matatane and Guanaco, were entrusted with nearly £3000, while Starland, Steepholm and Fal-

third. Arch Lassie, who did not jump out too smartly, finished fourth.

The results were:—

MUNGAROA WELTER HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 50sovs, third 25sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 1—Wallace and Spring's b m Railand, 4yrs, by Finland—Land-rail, 9.0 (Oliver) 1
 - 4—W. Higgins' br g Parorangi, 3 yrs, 8.12 (Hunt) 2
 - 6—V. and E. Riddiford's b f Chaeronia, 3yrs, 7.7 (A. Reed) 3
- Also started: 1 Prince Hal 9.2 (Campbell), 8 Red Signal 8.9 (McFlinn), 3 Fulica 8.4 (L. Morris), 7 Explorer 7.13 (J. O'Shea), 5 Santorini 7.13 (R. Reed), 9 Mumble 7.7 (Dixon).

Won by a head, half a length between second and third. Santorini was fourth. Time, 1min. 29 3-5sec.

JANUARY WELTER HANDICAP of 350sovs; second 70sovs, third 35sovs. One mile.

- 1—Murphy and Griffiths' b g Brackenfield, 4yrs, by Boniform—Garraron, 8.9 (G. Young) 1
 - 4—Sir Geo. Clifford's b c Nightraider, 7.12 (H. Young) 2
 - 3—R. A. McKenzie's b g Old Gold, 4yrs, 8.3 (McFlinn) 3
- Also started: 11 Alteration 9.11 (R. Reed), 6 Bagdad 9.8 (Walls), 2 Lingerie 9.2 (Gray), 3 Hurry Up 9.1 (Oliver), 10 Paddington Green 8.4 (Hunt), 7 The Speaker 8.0 (M. McCarten), 5 Demagogue 7.13 (Bagby), 9 Prince Delaware 7.7 (A. Reed).

Won by a head, the same distance between second and third. Demagogue was fourth. Time, 1min. 41 4-5sec.

FITZHERBERT HANDICAP of 300sovs; second 60sovs, third 30sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

- 3—G. L. Stead's blk c Right and Left, by Merry Moment—En Parole, 9.5 (R. Reed) 1
 - 2—A. B. Williams, br c Gasbag, 8.1, inc. 2lb, over (Gray) 2
 - 1—T. A. Duncan's br g Demand, 7.8 (M. McCarten) 3
- Also started: 8 Saima 8.12 (Oliver), 6 Handy 8.5 (A. Reed), 5 Blackmail 8.3 (L. Morris), 14 Kildee 7.9 (Baker), 10 Askari 7.8 (M. McDonald), 4 Pente 7.7 (Bagby), 9 Insurrection 7.0 (Olsen), 11 Mountain Chief 7.7, inc. 7lb over (Hockley), 7 Celmisia 7.0 (W. Tricklebank), 13 Fortune Teller 7.0 (Barry).

Won by three-parts of a length, a head between second and third. Blackmail was fourth. Time, 60 3-5sec.

KELBURN PLATE of 500sovs; second 100sovs, third 50sovs. For two-year-olds and upwards; weight for age. Four furlongs.

- 1—Sir G. Clifford's br f Moorfowl, 2yrs, by Autumnus—Kirriemuir, 6.10, inc. 1lb, over (A. Ellis) ... 1
 - 3—Richmond and Stead's b g Spanner, 4yrs, 9.0 (Gray) 2
 - 4—G. A. Palmer's br m Astinome, 4yrs, 8.11 (Deeley) 3
- Also started: 2 Silver Link 8.11 (McFlinn).

Won easily by three lengths. Time, 47 3-5sec.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 1000sovs; second 200sovs, third 100sovs. One mile and three furlongs.

- 1—F. S. Easton's b g Amythas, 3yrs, by Demosthenes—Gold Treasure, 7.8½, inc. 1½lb, over (G. Young) 1
 - 2—F. Preston's b m Oratress, 4yrs, by Demosthenes—Equitas, 8.7 (M. McCarten) 2
 - 3—W. R. Kembal's b g Snub, aged, by Martian—Lady Disdain, 8.2 (J. O'Shea) 3
- Also started: 7 Mascot 8.0 (A. Reed), 6 Bonnie Maid 7.13 (Deeley), 5 Red Ribbon 7.9 (R. Reed), 4 Marquetteur 7.3 (M. McDonald), 3 Melec 7.2 (Masker).

Won by two lengths, same distance between second and third. Red Ribbon was fourth, and Marquetteur fifth. Time, 2min. 21sec.

DOURO CUP HANDICAP of 500sovs; second 100sovs, third 50sovs. One mile.

- 5—W. R. Kembal's b c Trespass, 3yrs, by Tressady—Totola, 8.5 (J. O'Shea) 1
- 11—W. E. Herbert's ch g Active, 4yrs, 8.1 (L. Morris) 2
- 9—F. R. Waller's b g Borealis, 4yrs, 8.5 (Bagby) 3

Also started: 1 Matatane 8.10 (H. Young) and Guanaco 7.13 (E. Manson) bracketed, 4 Falstaff 8.9 (Deeley), 6 Black Hill 8.5 (Oliver), 2 Starland 8.4 (G. Young), 14 Risingham 8.2 (Hunt), 10 Flight Commander 8.1 (M. McCarten), 13 Swanee River 7.13 (R. Reed), 7 War Baby 7.12 (Gray), 8 Mandrake 7.12 (M. McDonald), 12 Royal Exchange 7.11 (A. Reed), 3 Steepholm 7.5 (A. Ellis), 15 Voluble 6.10 (Dixon).

Won by three-parts of a length, half a length between second and third. Risingham was fourth. Time, 1min. 14 2-5sec.

METROPOLITAN HANDICAP of 500sovs; second 100sovs, third 50sovs. Six furlongs.

- 2—Y. T. Barren's br m Michaela, 5yrs, by Rokeby—Jessie Lewars, 8.7 (Deeley) 1
 - 1—W. G. Stead's ch c Surveyor, 3yrs, 9.0 (Gray) 2
 - 4—W. E. Herbert's b f Bo-Peep, 4 yrs, 7.13 (L. Morris) 3
- Also started: 3 Acre 9.0 (M. McCarten), 6 Maioha 8.0 (R. Reed), 5 Chimera 8.8 (Corlett).

Won by half a length, two lengths between second and third. Chimera was fourth. Time, 1min. 13 3-5sec.

CAMP HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 50sovs, third 25sovs. Five furlongs.

- 1—G. B. Starky's ch g Mustard Pot, 3yrs, by General Latour—Prudish, 8.11 (A. Ellis) 1
 - 3—G. D. Beatson's b f Asterina, 3 yrs, 7.1 (Orange) 2
 - 6—T. A. Duncan's b f Kinsem, 3yrs, 6.10 (Barry) 3
- Also started: 2 Arch Lassie 8.6 (MacKie), 5 Blissfulness 8.1 (Berry), 9 Kilgour 7.11 (R. Morris), 4 Prodigal 7.9 (Pickins), 8 Sycorax 7.7 (B. Morris), 10 Furling 7.3 (Rrask), 12 Idleness 6.10 (Barnard), 13 Prince Mark 6.10 (Toms), 11 Vindictive 6.7 (Cochrane), 14 Stolen Triumph 6.7 (Baker), 7 Hori 6.7 (George).

Won by a length and a-half, half a length between second and third. Arch Lassie was fourth. Time, 1min. 11 1-5 sec.



MR. C. J. BENNETT and TRAINER C. MORSE, photographed on the lawn at Ellerslie after GAZIQUE'S victory in the Grandstand Handicap (1¼ miles) on the concluding day of the A.R.C. summer meeting.



A GOOD COMBINATION—MR. G. D. GREENWOOD (in centre) with his trainer (R. J. MASON) and jockey (B. DEELEY).

THIRD DAY.

AMYTHAS AGAIN SUCCESSFUL.

CITY HANDICAP WON BY BINDLE.

WELLINGTON, Saturday.

The Wellington R.C.'s summer fixture was brought to a conclusion today in wet and showery weather, which continued throughout the day. Heavy rain last night and in the morning suggested to racegoers the probable postponement of the final day's racing at Trentham, but the officials decided otherwise. The first race was run in heavy rain, which continued more or less all the afternoon. Considering the climatic conditions, the attendance was very satisfactory, quite a big crowd assembling to participate in the enjoyable sport promised. The course was soon cut up and fast times were consequently out of the question. The lawns and enclosures also became wet and slippery, but the club very thoughtfully had a large quantity of straw scattered about, which helped very materially to improve the conditions under foot.

Under the adverse climatic conditions the racing was exceedingly interesting, some spirited contests being witnessed. Demand had no difficulty in winning the Hopeful Stakes, and in this two-year-old gelding Mr. T. A. Duncan, of Hunterville, has a very serviceable galloper indeed. Amythas made no race of the Summer Handicap, winning very comfortably. The Demosthenes gelding was second to last going around the back, but put in some fine work. He was never really extended, which made his opponents appear a very moderate lot. Bonnie Maid scored very decisively in the Consolation Handicap from a useful field, which included Royal Stag, who was thought unbeatable. Punka did well to get third. Bindle beat a useful field of sprinters in the City Handicap, included among whom was Michaela, who had registered a convincing win in the Metropolitan Handicap on the second day, and Bo-Peep. In Bindle Mr. W. H. Gaisford has a three-year-old who promises to prove extremely useful. The concluding event went to Swanee River, who beat a useful field of fifteen runners. Descendants of Demosthenes fared very well during the progress of the three days' racing.

All the officials worked hard to make the meeting a success, and in this connection the efforts of Mr. A. E. Whyte and his assistant, Mr. J. Griffiths, were greatly appreciated by those having to do business with the secretarial department. Mr. C. O'Connor was in good form at the barrier, the send-offs being effected with the least possible delay. Mr. R. B. Lusk, although he was somewhat slow in hoisting the placed horses, appeared to have pleased everybody by his decisions during the meeting.

The totalisator staff handled £58,564 10s. during the afternoon, making a total of £193,193 for the meeting, compared with £119,100 for the corresponding fixture last year, which, however, was a two-day meeting.

THE RACING.

Racing was resumed with the Wallaceville Welter, which was run in pouring rain. Black Hill was installed favourite, with Chaeronia next in demand. The latter was quickest to begin, attended by Mumble, but once the straight was reached Messrs. Riddiford's filly easily shook off her rival and won by three lengths, Starland being ten lengths away, third, and the favourite fourth.

Penury Rose touched a short price in the Melrose Welter, and after allowing Demagogue to make play to the distance the Opaki-trained gelding was taken to the front, and, vigorously ridden, won by a clear length from Ermine, with Lingerie close up, third, and Old Gold, who came with a fast late run, fourth.

Demand monopolised the betting in the Hopeful Stakes, while Weldone carried a lot of money. The field ran bunched to the distance, when Demand drew away and, going on, won easily by a length from Fortune Teller, with Weldone close up, third, and La Paix fourth.

Surveyor was the best backed in the Waterloo Stakes, and the race resulted in a very fine contest. Trespass showed the way on to the course proper, when Right and Left took the lead, closely followed by Surveyor. The latter got on terms with Right and Left a few hundred yards from the post, and in an exciting finish won by a head, with Trespass ten lengths away, third.

Amythas was the public choice in the Summer Handicap, and once again the Demosthenes gelding scored very comfortably. Rose Wreath was in charge up to the distance, where

Amythas took charge and, galloping very kindly, won in a canter by a length, with Bagdad three lengths away, third, and Bonnetter fourth.

Royal Stag was the best backed in the Consolation Handicap, while Melee and Punka carried a lot of money. There was considerable delay at the starting post through Paddington Green refusing to face the tapes, but eventually a good start was effected, the Taranaki horse being badly left. Rose Pink immediately rushed to the front, and essayed to win from end to end, the mare's nearest attendant being Melee. At the distance the field closed up, where Royal Stag looked all over a winner, but when well in the straight Bonnie Maid came away and won very easily by two lengths from Royal Stag, with Punka another three lengths away, third, and Paddington Green, who made up his lost ground remarkably well, fourth.

From a fine start in the City Handicap the field ran in close order until the course proper was reached,

8—F. Armstrong's gr f Mumble, 3 yrs, 7.7 (Dixon) 2
4—G. L. Stead's br g Starland, 3yrs, 9.2 (G. Young) 3

Also started: 1 Black Hill 9.4 (Olivier), 5 Arch Lassie 9.3 (McFlinn), 3 Prince Hal 8.12 (Bagby), 6 Red Signal 8.6 (L. Morris), 7 Explorer 7.12, inc. 3lb over (Ferguson).

Won by three lengths, ten lengths between second and third. Black Hill was fourth. Time, 1min. 33 1-5sec.

MELROSE WELTER HANDICAP of 350sovs; second 70sovs, third 35sovs. Seven furlongs.

1—R. Knox's br g Penury Rose, 4 yrs, by Penury—Merrie Rose, 7.10 (Corlett) 1
4—J. Goring Johnston's br f Ermine, 3yrs, 7.12 (M. McCarten) 2
3—W. Richmond's br m Lingerie, 5yrs, 9.1 (Gray) 3

Also started: 9 Alteration 9.7 (Olivier), 5 Old Gold 8.5 (McFlinn), 7 Paddington Green, 8.2, 1lb over (Hunt), 2 Demagogue 7.13 (Bagby), 8 Sonnino 7.8½, inc. 1½lb. over (M. McDonald), 6 Royal Exchange 7.7 (A. Reed).

Won nicely by a length, a similar distance separating second and third. Old Gold was fourth. Time, 1min. 32 3-5sec.

HOPEFUL STAKES HANDICAP of 400 sovs; second 80sovs, third 40sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

(Bagby), 4 Bonnetter 7.0 (McCormack), 7 Battle Array 6.12, inc. 3lb over (C. Carmont).

Won by a length, two lengths between second and third. Bonnetter was fourth. Time, 1min. 44 1-5sec.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP of 450sovs; second 90sovs, third 45sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

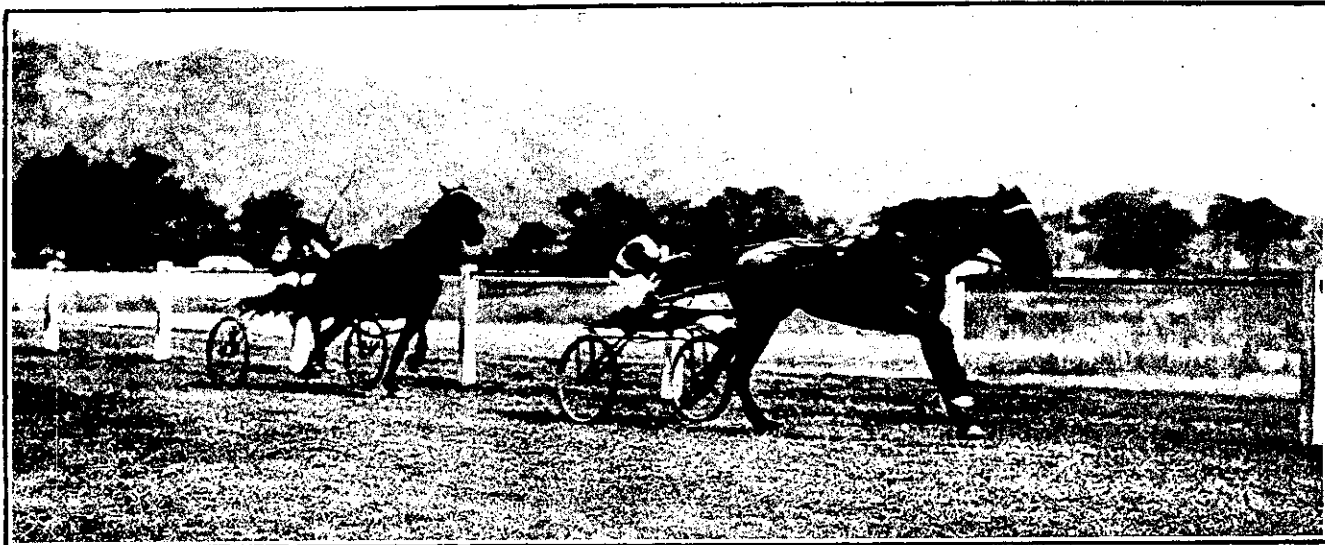
6—P. Soames' b m Bonnie Maid, 5yrs, by Boniform—Happy Maid, 7.11 (G. Young) 1
1—Sir G. Clifford's br c Royal Stag, 3yrs, 8.2 (H. Young) 2
3—W. H. Gaisford's b m Punka, 4 yrs, 7.9 (L. Morris) 3

Also started: 4 Snub 8.2 (J. O'Shea), 9 Impediment 7.9 (R. Reed), 5 Mascot 7.13, inc. 2lb over (A. Reed), 2 Melee 7.6, inc. 6lb over (Bagby), 8 Rose Pink 6.8½, inc. 1½lb. over (C. Carmont), 7 Paddington Green 7.10, inc. 3lb. over (McCormack).

Won by two lengths, with Punka three lengths away third. Paddington Green was fourth. Time, 2min. 12 2-5 sec.

CITY HANDICAP of 500sovs; second 100sovs, third 50sovs. Six furlongs.

3—W. H. Gaisford's b g Bindle, 3yrs, by Solferino—Happy Valley, 7.6 (Bagby) 1
1—Y. T. Barren's br m Michaela, 5yrs, 8.12 (Deeley) 2
2—W. E. Herbert's b f Bo-Peep, 4 yrs, 7.10 (L. Morris) 3



CATHEDRAL CHIMES (J. Bryce, jun.) being paced by the galloper EVENING CHIMES (ridden by J. Bryce, sen.), during his successful attempt to lower the Australasian mile grass record (2min. 11 3-5sec.) at the Wellington Trotting Club's annual meeting at Hutt Park. CATHEDRAL CHIMES covered the distance in 2min. 10sec.



RIGHT AND LEFT (R. Reed), after accounting for the Fitzherbert Handicap (five furlongs) on the second day of the Wellington R.C.'s summer meeting. The second and third horses are GASBAG (H. Gray) and DEMAND (M. McCarten) respectively.

when Astinome showed in front, closely followed by Bo-Peep, with Michaela coming fast. The latter appeared to possess an excellent winning chance half-way up the straight, when Bindle came very quick on the outside and, galloping very resolutely, won nicely by a length from Michaela, with Bo-Peep two lengths away, third, Chimera being fourth.

Sixteen horses were paraded for the Kaitoki Handicap, with which the curtain was rung down on the meeting. From a beautiful start the big field moved off in line, and at the distance they were in close formation with the exception of Swanee River, who was galloping very well in front. The Demosthenes filly outpaced her opponents in the run to the judge's box, finishing up an easy winner by four lengths from Parorangi, who was two lengths in front of Kinsem. The favourite, Mustard Pot, was fourth, and the heavy going may have affected the chestnut's prospects.

The results were:—
WALLACEVILLE WELTER HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 50sovs, third 25sovs. Seven furlongs.
2—V. and E. Riddiford's b f Chaeronia, 3yrs, by Demosthenes—Formality, 7.7 (A. Reed) 1

1—T. A. Duncan's br g Demand, by Demosthenes—Bonheur, 7.3 (McCormack) 1
7—W. Bradford's ch f Fortune Teller, 6.9½, inc. 2½lb. over (R. Orange) 2
2—W. R. Kemball's blk Weldone, 8.5 (J. O'Shea) 3

Also started: 4 Wake 8.5 (A. Reed), 8 Phio 6.8, inc. 1lb over (Barnett), 3 La Paix 7.8 (Barry), 5 Pente 7.6½, inc. 8½lb. over (Bagby), 6 Celmisia 6.11½, inc. 4½lb. over (Ellis).

Won by a length, two lengths between second and third. La Paix was close up fourth. Time, 1min. 2 3-5sec.

WATERLOO STAKES of 500sovs; second 100sovs, third 50sovs. Weight for age. Six furlongs.

1—W. G. Stead's ch c Surveyor, 2 yrs, by Nassau—Pedometer, 8.6 (Gray) 1
2—G. L. Stead's blk c Right and Left, 2yrs, 6.12 (McCormack) 2
4—W. R. Kemball's b c Trespass, 3yrs, 8.6 (J. O'Shea) 3

Also started: 3 Caricature 6.4 (A. Dixon).
Won by a head, ten lengths between second and third. Time, 1min. 14 1-5 sec.

SUMMER HANDICAP of 750sovs; second 150sovs, third 75sovs. One mile.

1—F. S. Easton's b g Amythas, 3yrs, by Demosthenes—Gold Treasure, 8.7 (G. Young) 1
8—F. R. Waller's b g Borealis, 4yrs, 6.9, inc. 2lb over (Orange) 2
3—Mrs. H. M. Campbell's ch g Bagdad, 7.6, inc. 3lb. over (Berry) 3
Also started: 2 Acre 8.5 (C. Price), 6 Spanner 8.5 (Gray), 5 Rose Wreath 7.10

Also started: 5 Chimera 8.4 (Gray), 4 Maioha 7.7 (A. Reed), 6 Astinome 7.2 (G. Carmont).

Won by a length, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1min. 14sec.

KAITOKE HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 50sovs, third 25sovs. Five furlongs.

8—Ebb Simpson's br f Swanee River, 3yrs, by Demosthenes—Northern Rose, 8.0 (C. Reed) 1
3—W. Higgins' br g Parorangi, 3yrs, 8.4 (C. Price) 2
4—T. A. Duncan's b m Kinsem, 3yrs, 6.12 (Barry) 3

Also started: 10 Golden Bubble 9.12 (Gray), 1 Mustard Pot 9.9 (G. Young), 2 Nursing Sister 8.10 (Olivier), 6 Hy-marty 8.5 (R. Reed), 7 Hepta 8.2 (Bagby), 11 Guanaco 8.1, inc. 1lb over (E. Manson), 14 Philomela 8.0 (L. Morris), 9 Blissfulness 7.12 (Goodwin), 5 Steep-holm 7.5 (E. Ellis), 13 Sycorax 7.7, inc. 3lb. over (Hockley), 15 Restful 6.11 (Dixon), 16 Prince Mark, 6.10, 5lb allow. (Toms), 12 Russet 6.8½, inc. 1½lb. over (G. Carmont).

Won by four lengths, two lengths between second and third. Mustard Pot was fourth. Time, 1min. 1 3-5sec.

Nominations for all events to be run at the Waipa Racing Club's meeting, to be held at Te Awamutu on February 21, are due on Tuesday next (February 23) with the secretary, Mr. J. G. Wynyard, Te Awamutu, or with Messrs. Blomfield and Co., High Street, Auckland.

INTERPROVINCIAL

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

WELLINGTON.

The Taranaki and Egmont Meetings—Falstaff and Rossini Purchased by Messrs. V. and E. Riddiford—Notes on the Foxton Racing Club's Gathering—R. Brough's Useful Team at Hawera—Intending Contestants at Pahiatua.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Quite a number of local sporting enthusiasts are planning a trip to the Egmont and Taranaki meetings, which take place early next month at Hawera and New Plymouth respectively. Race gatherings at the centres named are invariably a powerful magnet of attraction with turf followers, and the fact of the approaching fixtures taking place within an interval of but a week separating them is greatly appreciated by visitors, who thus have an ideal opportunity of witnessing four days' racing and also making the sight-seeing trip to Mt. Egmont, which, at this season of the year, presents a very picturesque appearance. Excellent nominations have been received for each meeting, and racegoers are assured of some capital sport. The Taranaki Jockey Club's meeting is to be held on February 4 and 5, and the Egmont Racing Club's fixture on February 11 and 12.

Imaribbon, trained at Spring Creek by A. Rore for Mr. J. J. Corry, the Mayor of Blenheim, won the Foxton Cup on Thursday last from Moutoa Ivanova, who was a firm favourite. The winner returned a nice price, and there is much jubilation amongst Marlboroughites in consequence of the mare's success.

Friends of trainer J. J. Thacker were pleased to see Self Alliance doing him a useful turn at Foxton. The St. Paul gelding is very well just now, and some more successes should come his way in the near future.

The Wellington sportsmen, Messrs. V. and E. Riddiford, have purchased Falstaff and Rossini from Mr. G. D. Greenwood. The former ran in his new owner's colours in the Douro Cup, and although well fancied failed to get amongst the place division.

Import (by Birkenhead—Suratura), from whom big things are expected, got amongst the winners at Foxton, the Birkenhead filly winning very easily from a useful sort in Marble Bar.

Luke, who is trained at Otaki for Mr. C. F. Vallance, ran a creditable race in the Hurdles at Foxton. The gelding returned the largest dividend of the afternoon when he ran second to Goldstream on the opening day. On the concluding day he accounted for the Hack Hurdles in a manner which augurs well for his future engagements over the sticks.

R. Brough, at Hawera, has a useful team in work, the list including Halcyon, a two-year-old full brother to Seasprite (Hallowmas—Sea Spray), the full sister to Rossini (Martian—Grand Opera), and Catalini, by Catmint—Symbolism, which a patron of Brough's purchased for 825 gns., and which so far has proved untrainable. With the horses named, "Dick" Brough should bring off a few surprises before the season is much further advanced.

A. Crawford, the well-known trainer, who relinquished possession of his horses in order to proceed on active service with the Thirteenth Reinforcements, has returned to the Dominion, and has taken up his residence at Featherston, where he hopes to soon get a useful team together. During the time he was training and racing, Crawford was always known for his thorough and painstaking methods in handling the horses under his charge, and this fact should weigh with owners when in quest of a reliable trainer. Crawford, who has acquired a suitable property, should find no difficulty in filling his boxes with some useful gallopers.

F. D. Jones, the Riccarton trainer, was deservedly complimented upon the splendid condition that he landed Amythas at the post for his engagements at Trentham. Since going south the Demosthenes—Gold Treasure gelding has improved out of all knowledge. Some time back Mr. F. S. Easton decided that what Amythas required was a change of climate, and his judgment has been rewarded in no uncertain manner by the recent achievements of the three-year-old,

who will be well up amongst the winners when the present season's statistics come to be compiled.

At Trentham, H. Telford is handling a useful sort in Vindictive (Martian—Miss Birkenhead). This three-year-old is a very speedy galloper, and should soon be breaking his maiden status.

Brackenfield again got his name on the winner's list on the second day of the Wellington Racing Club's meeting last week. The Boniform gelding is in the front rank of sprinters in the Dominion, and but for contracting influenza prior to the Christmas meetings the four-year-old would assuredly have credited his owners with one or more stakes during the holiday racing campaign. The horse has made a complete recovery, and should prove a thorn in the side of his opponents during the next few months.

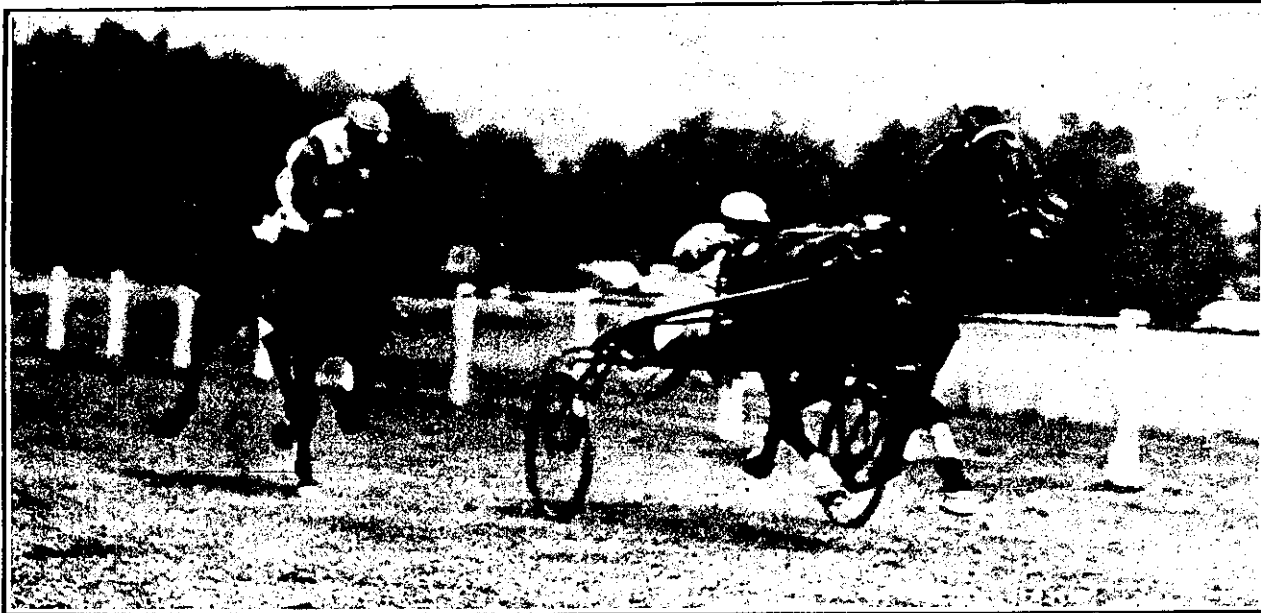
Mosthenes (Demosthenes—Dry Wood) is down to compete at Pahiatua. This juvenile is credited with possessing considerable pace.

F. J. Carmont is taking Lepanto, Gold Problem, American Beauty and Moutoa Camp to Pahiatua. The quartette should pay expenses on the trip.

Asterina is assured of many admirers at Pahiatua. This three-year-old filly is fast coming up to concert pitch.

Matty, who is to compete at Pahiatua, is doing quite all right in her training at Trentham.

Hallowvonia, who is overdue for a win, will be seen out at Pahiatua.



AUTHOR DILLON (B. Jarden) engaged in breaking the Australasian mile grass record of 2min. 11 3-5sec. at the Wellington Trotting Club's annual meeting. He was paced by the galloper RAKAIA, who was ridden by J. Olsen, and got to the end of the mile in 2min. 8sec., thus reducing the record by 3 3-5sec.

This Hallowmas—Merrivonia mare has been considered unlucky on several occasions, but her turn may come in the near future.

During the progress of the local meeting last week, Mr. W. Richmond disposed of Dribble (All Black—Float)—to Mr. F. S. Rutherford, of Canterbury. The Gisborne trainer, C. Morse, took charge of her at Hastings, and she has been transferred to Gisborne, where she will be trained for the future. Dribble has been very successful, and should return a portion of her purchase money at the approaching meetings at Gisborne.

Amythas, who has proved a rare bargain, cost Mr. F. S. Easton 400 guineas as a yearling.

Tropical and Sunny Smile, a pair of the Douglas Estate's two-year-olds, have been turned out for a spell.

Returned visitors from the Foxton meeting speak of the gathering as being very successful and enjoyable, the racing being first class on both days. The starting of Mr. Angus Keith was of a high standard, the send-offs being timed to a nicety, and in this respect Mr. Keith gained many admirers by his excellent work.

After some consideration, L. Wilson has decided to put Reparoa (Sylvia Park—Ustane) to the jumping business. The gelding has been a disappointment on the flat, and may pay his way over the hurdles.

Word from the south states that Mr. Martin, M.R.C.V.S., has removed the splint that was causing that good galloper Fiery Cross to go lame.

SOUTHLAND.

Wairio and Otautau Annual Meetings Both Receive Wide Patronage—Dunedin Forthcoming Racing Carnival Induces Strong Entry From Southland—Bengerop Taken in Hand Again—Riverton R.C. Increase Stakes—Otaitai Steeplechase Eliminated From Second Day's Programme—Dunmuire Changes Hands—Turehana Purchased by Mr. W. Swale—Kilkee Proves a Dual Cup Winner—Notes on the Racing at Wairio and Otautau.

INVERCARGILL, Monday.

During the past week some very fine weather has been experienced, two glorious days falling to the lot of the Wairio Jockey Club and the Otautau Racing Club respectively, with the result that both received extensive patronage for their annual meetings, and the finances benefited accordingly.

About 180 entries from Southland have been made for the Dunedin carnival week, including thoroughbreds and trotters, so it can readily be understood that this part of Maori-land is going to play a prominent part in the forthcoming racing at Forbury Park and Wingatui.

The Wairio Jockey Club's annual fixture on Wednesday last was the most successful in the annals of the club. With interesting racing and a large attendance, the figures were a record for the totalisator returns and other financial results.

At a recent meeting of the committee of the Riverton Racing Club Mr. A. Jones was appointed handicapper and Mr. A. D. McIvor starter for the Eastern meeting, the latter being one of the best-known trainers in the south. He has yet to make his debut as a public starter, but there is no doubt about his ability to send the

current week. Had the club decided to increase the value of the Great Western Steeplechase and retain the Otaitai Steeplechase on the programme they would have won enhanced popularity and probably more profit. The Riverton Club has won high popularity by reason of its encouragement of cross-country racing in the past, and it is hard to understand why the decision referred to has been arrived at.

The well-bred novice steeplechaser Dunmuire, by Glenapp—Remorse, has changed hands, and will in the future carry the colours of Mr. T. Kitt, who has owned many successful jumping horses in his racing career. Dunmuire will remain at Rorke's Drift Lodge, where P. Hogan has a lengthy string of hurdlers and steeplechasers under his control.

The Antagonist—Windwhistle gelding Wild Night is going on the right way in his work, and may be ready and well at the Dunedin fixture.

During the progress of the Otautau meeting on Friday the steeplechaser Turehana (Multifid—Songster mare) was purchased from Mr. W. Kain by Mr. W. Swale, who experienced a profitable time last season with Palladio. The gelding jumped well at Otautau for his new owner, but met with some interference in the race which spoiled his chance.

Eleus has been working along quietly during the past week, and is now bearing a freshened appearance, but his sprinting stablemate Redshire has come in from work once or twice lately nodding his head. This may not mean anything serious, however, as he has often been lame before.

A champion during the current week turned up in the gelding Kilkee, who accounted for both the Wairio and Otautau Cups, the ancient Gunrest acting as runner-up on each occasion. In a way the successes

were very appropriate, as the owner of the Kilbroney—Latchet gelding is a prosperous settler in the district in which the races were decided. In addition to the stakes, Mr. Deegan received a trophy in connection with each race, a neat silver cup for the former event and a very handsome silver tea service for the Otautau race. The winner was one of the outsiders of the field on each occasion. Gunrest, who had been brought to the track in rare shape by the veteran horseman-trainer G. Hope, was unlucky to meet Kilkee with P. Hogan's best polish on. Gunrest's turn came in the final event at the Otautau fixture, when he won the Waikouru Handicap convincingly. There was pronounced cheering when the old fellow came back to weigh in, his owner, Mr. C. Tulloch, being known as a good sportsman from the Bluff, while the public also recognised Hope's part of the performance. The visiting contingent from the Dunedin J. C.'s headquarters, Claverhouse, Borodino and Sedd-el-Bahr were easily beaten in both events under review, but Sedd-el-Bahr's trainer-owner, C. Gieseler, had the satisfaction of leading his representative in a winner after the Wreysbush Welter Handicap at Wairio.

Mr. W. E. Taylor, a leading Invercargill owner, who was a pleased man when Burrangong recently won the Wyndham Cup, has promised the Wairio R.C. a twenty guinea trophy for their big event next season. Trophies are becoming quite a common connection with leading

The stakes for the two principal flat events at the Riverton Racing Club's Easter gathering, the Riverton Cup and Easter Handicap, have been increased by £100 each, and will now be valued at £500 and £400 respectively. The Otaitai Steeplechase has been eliminated from the second day's card, a hack race having been substituted. This hardly seems good business on the claim that there are not enough horses to fill two cross-country events on the one day, when it is noted that fields of eleven and fifteen contested the jumping events at Wairio and Otautau during the

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events in this part of the world, and it can truthfully be said that they are very popular with owners. They are typical of the sporting spirit prevailing in the province, and it is to be hoped that they will increase and multiply as time goes on and thus mark the progress the sport is making in the affection of the public.

After a race full of incidents and mishaps the ancient Heatherlea just got up in the Aparima Steeplechase at Wairio to win that event from Turehana. The third horse, Miss Trixie would probably have won but for baulking. By the way, no less than seven of the starters fell, but the little pony Glenisla fell when leading at the last obstacle but he was a beaten horse at the time.

The useful Red Pal won the Maiden Plate at Wairio cleverly from the favourite, Satisfaction. The winner is a half-sister to Nuroma. Red Pal is trained for her breeder, Mr. J. E. Rogers, of Gore, by P. Hogan. She promises to make a good jumper some day, and has already displayed ability in that direction. Clothilde, who threatened danger at the home turn, was galloped on, and may not race again, Mr. W. Couser, her owner, being desirous of sending her to the stud. Satisfaction subsequently scored in the Wairoki Hack Handicap very easily. The well-bred Marching Order (Soldiers' Chorus—Order, by The Officer—Spot) won the Woodlands Handicap at Wairio easily, but he got off well, which must have helped him materially.

Satisfaction (Bezonian—Satisfaire) won the Crown Stakes, the opening event at the first totalisator meeting at Otautau, for Mr. H. Friedlander. She won easily, but failed later in the day when the penalties aggregat-

WAIRARAPA.

Gladful to be Taken in Hand for Jumping Season—Trotting Becomes Popular in the Wairarapa—Wishful Doing Steady Work—Mr. W. R. Kemball's Team to Compete at Taranaki Meeting—Rieuse in Work Again—Rebuff to Contest G.N. St. Leger at Eilerslie—Trespass' Douro Cup Victory—Form of Local Horses at Trentham Last Week.

MASTERTON, Monday.

Gladful is to be brought in again next week to be prepared for the jumping season. The gelding is much benefited by his spell in the paddock.

Trotting has taken hold of a number of sportsmen in this district lately, and quite a lot of trotters and pacers are to be seen exercising on the racing tracks and roads.

Both the Opaki-trained two-year-olds, Weldone and Sir Walter stood on the mark on the opening day at Trentham, and took no part in the race.

Scornful was brought home to Masterton on his return from Auckland. He lightened up while away, but is to contest the Pahiatua Cup. The stable has Multaine also engaged.

The Tauherenikau-trained Arrow-smith cost Wairarapa sports a good deal of money when he failed on the opening day at Trentham. However, he ran an honest race, and was in the fighting line at the distance.

Mr. C. F. Vallance has engaged Chimera and Little River at the Canterbury Jockey Club's midsummer meeting next month. Mr. A. McDonald has Rose Wreath, Murihiku and Affectation entered.

Wishful is now paddock trained, and seems to thrive on it. The son

Snub usually runs his best races in a small field, and the majority of the stake money won by him has been in weight-for-age events, when the fields have been small. At Trentham on the second day Snub was galloping on well at the end of the Racing Club Handicap, in which he finished third.

Affectation developed soreness on the eve of the Wellington meeting, and had to forego his engagements. The son of Kilbroney—Simper has had a good deal of racing so far this season, and is beginning to show signs that he is not always partial to the training track.

The four Wairarapa-trained candidates which competed in the Wellington Cup failed to get into the money. The best performances were put up by Rose Wreath and Red Ribbon, and both of these were up with the leaders at different stages of the race. Kilrush failed to put any dash into his effort, and Snub was in behind a bunched field and could not get through.

WANGANUI.

Iceberg Recommissioned After a Lengthy Spell—Lift Taken in Hand Again by M. Gardner—Oratress' Remarkable Sequence of Victories—Next Engagement to be Wanganui Cup—Handsome Trophy to Accompany Wanganui Cup Stake—Demand's Win at Trentham—Excellent Entry Promised for Wanganui Trotting Club's Meeting—Attractions for Carnival Week in Wanganui.

WANGANUI, Monday.

C. Jackson has put Iceberg into commission again after a couple of years' spell. The gelding developed

on his part if he could succeed in placing his third Wanganui Cup to his credit, and it is by no means improbable, as the gelding has shown that he is nearly as good as ever by his form this season.

By the way, the silver cup which is to be given to the winner of the Cup race this year by Mr. R. Grace, has come to hand from England, and a very fine specimen of the silversmith's art it is. It is a remarkably handsome trophy, and worth fully £150. It has been photographed, and will be reproduced in the "Review" later on. The owner who has the good fortune to win this fine trophy will have every reason to be proud of it.

It was pleasing to see Mr. T. A. Duncan get a win with Demand, the two-year-old half-brother to Client. This youngster was very unlucky in three or four of his previous efforts, getting away very badly. That he has a lot of pace when he does get going he has repeatedly shown, and he is likely to turn out a really good three-year-old.

Acre was taken to Trentham by F. Tilley, but failed to do any good. It is thought that the heavy going was not to his liking. He will be taken to Hawera for the weight-for-age events there, and will then contest the Jackson Stakes. The field in this latter event promises to be a very fine one, as practically all the best sprinters in the Dominion are engaged in the event, which is to be run on the second day of the Wanganui meeting.

W. Rayner has his team in steady work. Listowel and Zola have not raced since the Auckland spring meeting, and the spell they have recently had appears to have freshened them up well. The two-year-old son of Absurd is engaged in the weight-for-age events at the Taranaki and Egmont meetings, but it is uncertain whether he will be taken up.

The Fordell stable was represented at Foxton by Coolpan and Warning, but neither did any good. Coolpan was started in the hurdles, but hit the first one hard and bashed into one or two others, going right through one. Warning was well backed for the Maiden, but ran indifferently. He evidently has pace, but runs all over the course. On the second day Coolpan could not run owing to an injury sustained on the first day.

The secretary of the Wanganui Trotting Club has received a number of inquiries from owners as to the forthcoming meeting, and the indications are that the entries, which close on Friday week, February 6, will be very large. It is pleasing to know that all trotting men who have seen the new track lately anticipate that with favourable weather on the day it will be in excellent order and very fast. In the circumstances it is hoped that a number of the better class of horses will come here to compete, especially as the prize money is on a liberal scale, and the programme one to suit all classes.

There will be quite a carnival of sport in Wanganui from February 21 to March 1, as the N.Z. championship regatta will be held on Saturday, February 21; there will be a chopping match for £100 aside, and the championship of New Zealand on Wednesday, February 25, together with a handicap chop. On Thursday the Wanganui J.C. Cup meeting will open; on Friday there will be the first day of the trots and the Pooley-Tracey boxing contest at night for a purse of £200. On Saturday there will be more racing, and on Monday the Trotting Club's meeting will be concluded. Such a great sporting week ought to attract a big crowd to Wanganui.

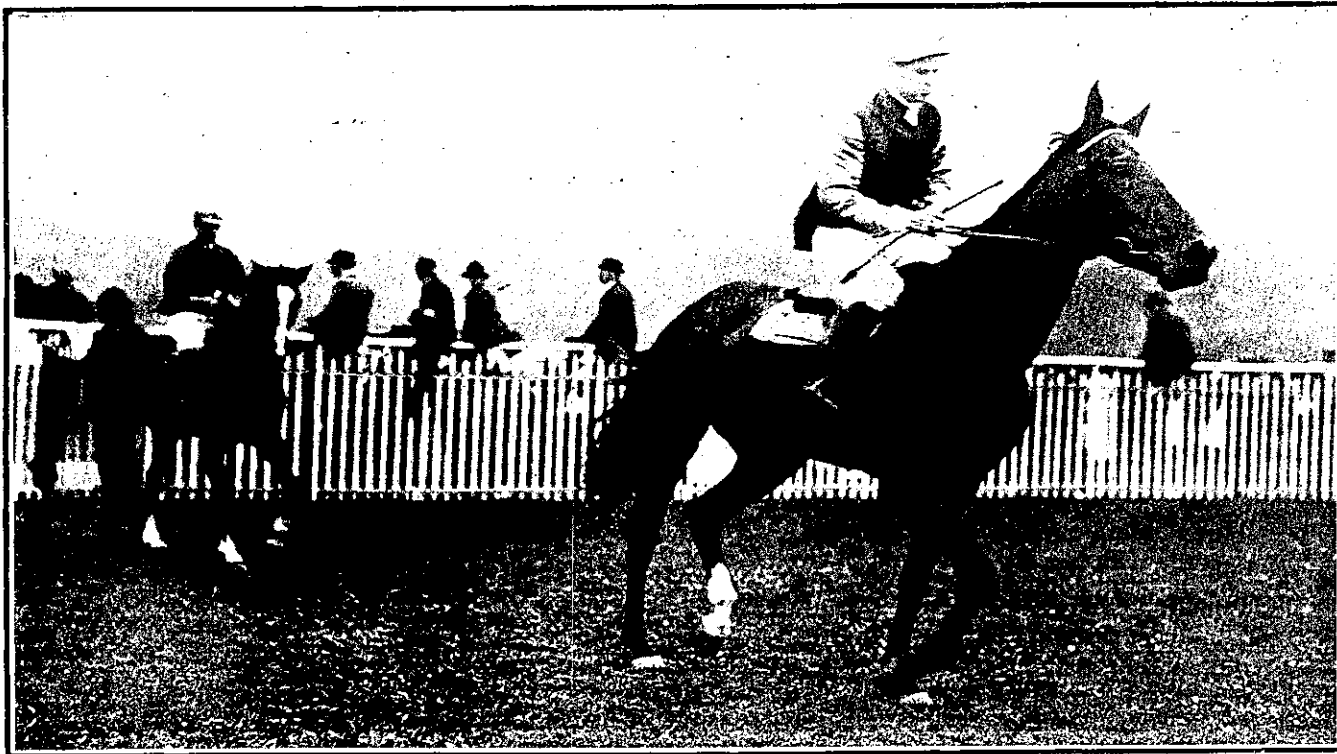
CANTERBURY.

Amythas Proves Best of Season's Three-year-olds—Prospects of Candidates in the C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap—Tip Up to be Taken in Hand Again After a Long Spell—Red Light to be Tried Over Hurdles—Interesting Gallops at Riccarton.

CHRISTCHURCH, Tuesday.

During the past week matters have been decidedly quiet at Riccarton owing to the absence of so many horses and trainers at Wellington. On Saturday the tracks got a thorough soaking, and they should be in the best of order for next Saturday's racing.

Amythas added further to his laurels by romping home with 8.7 in the saddle on Saturday in the Summer Handicap (one mile) at Trentham, giving further proof that he must have been more than unlucky to lose the Wellington Cup. On his



RAILAND (A. Oliver) returning to scale after her win in the Mungaroa Welter Handicap (seven furlongs) on the second day of the Wellington R.C.'s summer fixture. The second horse is PARORANGI (R. Hunt).

ing 24lb. pulled her up, enabling both Sartomart and Pleasureform to beat her. During his visit south this week Trainer C. Gieseler won twice with Satisfaction and once with Sedd-el-Bahr.

The ancient Black Sea, who has been racing over country a very long time, took the Otautau Steeplechase from Glenisla. She might have won in any case, but no doubt the fact that twelve of her rivals dwelt by the way made her task an easy one.

The Otautau Club only set up as a totalisator body within the past eight months, yet it already has a track, totalisator buildings, and other appointments established on the freehold property, an area which now stands its owners a small amount of money. Owing to the liberality with their funds they have sympathisers from other clubs in the home province. It is a great performance to set up business as efficiently as the O.R.C. has done in practically six months.

Record nominations have been received for the Poverty Bay Turf Club's summer meeting on February 12 and 14. No less than 31 horses have been nominated for the Maiden Scurry (4½ furlongs) on the opening day, which event is for horses that have never won a race on the flat. Another first day's event, the Summer Hack Stakes (five furlongs), has attracted 33 entries.

of Boniform and Drought is doing steady work at Opaki, and is quite sound again.

Probate has been doing well at Tauherenikau lately, and trainer Galbraith should not be long in winning a race with the full sister to Comment.

W. Hawthorne is taking Mr. Kemball's team on to Taranaki after the Wellington meeting. Several members of the Masterton string will join those away before Hawthorne returns to Masterton, at the end of April.

Rieuse (Finland—Landrail) is again in work at Opaki after a spell, and Mr. Lloyd's filly shows no signs of the soreness which laid her aside some months back.

Lord Nagar, one of Mr. Kemball's Australian purchases, met with a slight mishap while running out in the paddock last week, but is all right again now. He will be seen out over hurdles during the coming jumping season.

Rebuff continues to grow and looks like being a bigger horse than his full brother, Snub. Rebuff is to go to Auckland at Easter, where he has an engagement in the G.N. St. Leger.

Trespass won the Douro Cup at Trentham in good style, after acting as runner-up in the Trial Plate on the opening day. The Tressady colt carried 8.5, which is a fair weight for a three-year-old. This is the first win of Mr. Kemball's colt since coming to New Zealand, but it should not be the last.

a growth on the knee, but hopes are entertained that this will not trouble him now. Jackson has also added the steeplechaser Polthogue to his team, to be got ready for the winter season.

Murt Gardner is going to try Lift (by Elevation—Eduam) again. When the full-brother to Alteration was a two-year-old it was hoped that he would prove fairly good, but he did not show any pace, and he was spelled for a couple of years.

The Marton sport who races as Mr. F. Preston has had a good innings with Oratress this season. She started by placing the Waverley Cup to her credit, then won a couple of races at Awapuni, and afterwards scored in the Marton Cup. She was turned out in great fettle by F. Tilley for the Christmas meetings, but looked even better when she left Fordell for Trentham, where she ran a dead-heat in the Wellington Cup and followed this up by finishing second in the Wellington R.C. Handicap. As she was well supported in all these races by her owner, he has good reason to be well pleased with the performances of the daughter of Demosthenes—Equitas, who had been rather disappointing until this season.

It is expected that Oratress will make her next appearance in the Wanganui Cup, in which the Fordell stable will also be represented by Client, if the son of Elevation keeps well. It would be a fine performance

latest showings the Demosthenes gelding can lay good claim to be considered the best of the season's three-year-olds; that evidently is the opinion Mr. Henrys holds of him, for in the C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap and Dunedin Cup he has set Amythas to concede 6lb. to Royal Stag, who defeated Rossini in the Great Northern Derby. There is little chance of Amythas and Royal Stag meeting at Riccarton, but if they should come together in the Dunedin Cup the result will be instructive. It was unfortunate that Amythas did not strike form earlier in the season, for it is now by no means certain that he will have a chance of measuring strides with both Royal Stag and Rossini before it closes. Rossini is now owned by Messrs. Riddiford Bros., of Wellington, who will have a job to get the son of Martian right for some time.

The Chokebore stable holds a strong hand in the C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap with Royal Stag and Night-raider, weighted at 9.1 and 7.11 respectively. It is doubtful if the former will be asked to face the starter, but on Trentham form Nightraider must be given a good chance in both his races. There he finished very gamely after having none the best of luck in the early stages.

Should Affectation be got back to his early spring form it will take something pretty good to lower his colours in the big event at Riccarton on Saturday. Next to him Royal Star and Warlove are likely to give the best showings.

Michaela ran three sterling races at Trentham, and with the least luck would have won the City Handicap (six furlongs) on Saturday. As usual she was rather slow to begin, and though making up her ground in great style over the last furlong, she could not quite overhaul Bindle.

A number of North Island horses claim engagements at the C.J.C. summer meeting, including Rose Wreath, Rose Pink, Chimera, Trentham Rose, and Teka, but most of them will probably drop out on acceptance night.

Many horses engaged in the Midsummer Handicap also figure in the Dunedin Cup, and a win by any of them in the former event will necessitate its being rehandicapped in the latter, as there are no fixed scale of penalties.

Furling returned from Wellington on Sunday, but the balance of the Riccarton horses did not reach home till Tuesday afternoon.

A. J. McFlinn has made an excellent recovery from the accident he sustained at Trentham, and hopes to be riding again in the course of a week or two.

T. H. Gillet left Merton on the West Coast at the conclusion of the holiday meetings.

The hurdler Tip Up, after enjoying a long spell, is to be put into work again in a week's time.

H. Ellis intends to make another start on Tyne, who has been off the scene for nearly three months.

The three-year-old filly Kilcain is one of R. Derrett's team. She is doing useful work.

Red Light, by Gay Spark—Portland Lass, in T. Gillet's stable, will be tried over hurdles. He is a plain-looking, useful sort.

The imported horse Motor Patrol, in P. McGrath's stable, is getting into good shape for the autumn meetings. He has not been seriously tried out yet.

The tracks were in fair order at Riccarton on Saturday morning, and some interesting work was done in view of next Saturday's meeting. Winter Wind ran five furlongs in 1min. 2-5sec., Checkmate going with him the last four. Warlove galloped a mile and a quarter in 2min. 14sec., easily beating Glentanner, who joined in over the last nine furlongs.

Clean Sweep beat High Heels comfortably over five furlongs in 1min. 5sec. Algidus got to the end of six furlongs in 1min. 19-1-5sec. Game-

cock covered the same distance in 1min. 16sec.

Counter Attack finished well after doing five furlongs in 1min. 3-2-5sec. Tremena gave Brown Willey a length start and beat him over five furlongs in 1min. 5-2-5sec. Reproachful ran five furlongs, alone, in 1min 4-4-5sec. Warlike was a little better than Single Rose, with Good Hope and Henriette some distance away, at the end of a mile in 1min. 47sec.

Cerberus ran six furlongs by himself in 1min. 17sec. Link Up and Onlooker sprinted six furlongs together in 1min. 20-1-5sec., Listening Post and Some Kid went half a mile along the back in 50-2-5sec., and Fabrinade ran half a mile to the winning post in 51sec.

Bombproof and Warform ran five furlongs in 1min. 5sec., while Recorder beat Foo Chow in 1min. 5-1-5sec. Bon Spec took 1min. 20-2-5sec. over six furlongs, and Moorabbe ran a mile in 1min. 49sec.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The programme of the Auckland Racing Club for their autumn meeting appeared last week and will bear perusal, though nomination day is five weeks away. The Great Northern Champagne Stakes, of 1000sovs., will see some of the juveniles fighting their battles over again, and the Oaks should be an interesting race if only the best of the fillies that ran in Canterbury can be brought together. We continue to be at the mercy of visiting forces for these valuable classic events, and the St. Leger, of similar value to the Champagne Stakes, is the third classic on the programme. The Easter and St. George's Handicaps, of 1000sovs., take some winning, and we have nothing very formidable at this end of the Island to oppose the best of the probable visitors, so far as can be judged at the present time. There are so many meetings on about the same time and in the interval that it is possible that the good ones will be well scattered about. The best of the minor races are the Huia Handicap, a flat race of six furlongs; the Brighton Hurdle Race and Autumn Steeplechase, each of 500sovs.; two two-year-old handicaps of 275sovs. and 400sovs. respectively, and several other races, open or with special conditions, of from 275sovs. to 400sovs. in value. These races form part of a programme which will see a large increase in value next year. Nominations for the handicaps close on February 27 before 5 p.m., and forfeits for the classic races on March 12.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

The fact should not escape the notice of owners and trainers that nominations for all events to be decided at the Wanganui Jockey Club's autumn meeting on February 26 and 28 are due on Friday evening next (January 30) with the secretary, Mr. W. Hall, P.O. Box 15, Wanganui, at 8 o'clock, when second forfeits for the Jackson Stakes (1920) must also be made. Very substantial increases have been made in the stakes to be decided on both days of the fixture, and the Wanganui Cup Handicap, 1½ miles, now carries with it the valuable stake of 1150sovs. and a silver cup valued at 100sovs. presented by Mr. W. R. Grace. A splendid entry may be confidently looked for in the case of this much-coveted event, which ranks as one of the most valuable in the Dominion. The Flying Handicap, of 600sovs., six furlongs, is assured of excellent patronage, while both the Stewards' Handicap, of 400sovs., one mile and 110yds., and the Victory Welter Handicap (for hacks only), of 400sovs., one mile and a distance, can be relied upon to attract record entries. The remaining first day's events are the Westmere Handicap Hurdle Race, of 200sovs., two miles; Petre Hack Handicap, of 200sovs., six furlongs; Juvenile Handicap, of 200sovs., five furlongs, for two-year-olds; and the Wiritoa Hack Race Handicap, of 200sovs., one mile and 110yds.

A number of highly-attractive events are set down for decision on the concluding day. The leading event is the Wanganui Stakes Handicap, of 700sovs., 1½ miles, while there is every prospect of an excellent field going to the post for the Jackson Stakes, of 500sovs., six furlongs, weight for age. The Farewell Han-

dicap, of 500sovs., six furlongs, and the Autumn Handicap, of 300sovs., one mile and 110yds., will both assuredly engage wide attention from owners. The remainder of the second day's programme is made up with the Fordell Handicap Hurdle Race, of 200sovs., 1¼ miles; Matawara Hack Race Handicap, of 200sovs., six furlongs; Okoia Two-year-old Handicap, of 200sovs., six furlongs; and the Harrison Hack Handicap, of 200sovs., one mile and a distance, in which the contestants will be ridden by apprentices who have not won 16 races.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club have drawn up a highly-attractive programme in connection with their summer meeting, which takes place at Alexandra Park on Saturday and Wednesday, February 21 and 25. Chief interest naturally centres in the Otahuhu Cup Handicap (harness), of 500sovs., two miles, in which the limit is 4.42. This valuable stake should be the means of attracting a strong field, including several representatives from the south. A further opportunity to land another substantial stake is afforded the Otahuhu Cup candidates later in the afternoon on the opening day in the President's Handicap (harness), of 275sovs., 1¼ miles, limit 2.55, a race which invariably provides a sterling contest. The Railway Handicap, of 200sovs., one mile, limit 2.24, is the only saddle race on the opening day, when in addition to the two principal handicaps the following harness events will come up for decision:—Alexandra Handicap, of 200sovs., two miles, limit 5min. for trotting horses only; Papakura Handicap, of 175sovs., 1½ miles, limit 3.38; Mt. Albert Handicap, of 150sovs., 1½ miles, limit 3.45; April Handicap, of 130sovs., 1¼ miles, for horses that have not won at better than 2.28 for the mile, limit 3.14; and the Trial Handicap, of 130sovs., 1½ miles, for trotting horses only, for horses that have not won at better than 2.32 to the mile, limit 4min.

On the second day the leading harness event is the Dominion Handicap, of 450sovs., two miles, limit 4.42; while the principal saddle race is the Royal Oak Handicap, of 250sovs., one mile, limit 2.20. The Manukau Handicap, of 200sovs., two miles, for trotting horses only, limit 4.58, is also a saddle event, while the remaining handicaps are all for candidates in harness, and are as follows:—Governor's Handicap, of 175sovs., two miles, limit 4.56; Sylvia Park Handicap, of 150sovs., one mile, limit 2.25; Farewell Handicap, of 150sovs., 1¼ miles, limit 3min.; Newmarket Handicap, of 130sovs., 1½ miles, for horses that have never done better than 2.28 to the mile, limit 3.51; and the Special Handicap, of 130sovs., 1½ miles, for trotting horses only, for horses that have not won at better than 2.32 to the mile, limit 4min.

Nominations for all events are due with the secretary, Mr. R. L. Absolum, Gleeson's Buildings, High Street, Auckland, on Friday, February 6, at 5 p.m.

TURF TOPICS.

The Auckland-owned pair Talamai and Tabasco are included in the nominations for the Egmont Cup (1½ miles).

Mr. W. Bunten has sold Don Pacifico to T. Stevens, who formerly trained the San Francisco—Windwhistle gelding.

After the race for the Foxton Cup, M. D. O'Shea, who rode the winner, Imaribbon, was presented with a gold-mounted whip by the president, Mr. J. R. Whyte, on behalf of Mrs. L. Freeman.

Twenty-six horses have been nominated for the Egmont Cup (1½ miles), which comes up for decision on February 11 at Hawera. The entry is of a representative character, and includes Karo (Auckland Cup), Kilrush (Manawatu Cup), Kilmoon (dead-heat Wellington Cup), Dusky Eve (Wanganui Cup), Snub, Client, Bonnie Maid. Alteration and other well-performed candidates.

Mr. F. J. Macmanemin will declare the weights for the first day of the Hamilton Racing Club's annual meeting on Monday next (February 2), while acceptances are due on Tuesday (February 3) by 8 p.m., and must be made either with the secretary, Mr. R. J. Gywnne, P.O. Box 26, Hamilton, or Mr C. F. Mark, Auckland.

Eighteen horses remain in the Egmont Stakes, 1920 (six furlongs), after declaration of the second forfeit, among the number being Silver Link, Golden Bubble, Surveyor, Demand, Rose Wreath, Hymestra, Right and Left, and Parorangi. Fifteen candidates claim engagements in the Hawera Stakes, 1920 (one mile), after payment of the second forfeit, included in the list being Acre, Moutoa Ivanova, Hymestra, Rose Queen, Golden Bubble, Surveyor, Bonnie Maid, Parorangi, Silver Link and Gazique.

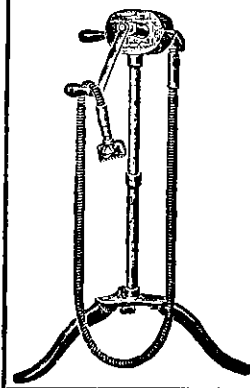
Mr. F. J. Monk, of Puhī Puhī, Marlborough, who has been closely associated with sport in the South Island, being the owner of several trotters, has decided to take up his residence in Auckland. Mr. Monk, who was a successful farmer and settler, has not enjoyed good health since an attack of influenza which he contracted at the time of the epidemic, and he is hopeful that the change of climate will prove beneficial. At a recent meeting of the settlers of Puhī Puhī Mr. Monk was the recipient of a spirit cabinet, while another presentation was made to him of a gold watch by the residents of Puhī Puhī, who also presented Mrs. Monk with a gold wristlet watch.

Twenty horses have been nominated for the Turanga Stakes, of 400sovs., 1¼ miles, the principal event on the opening day of the Poverty Bay T.C.'s meeting next month. Notable entries are Gazique, Teka, Athens II., Goldshine, Cleft, and Cynic. All Talk also figures in the list, while the Thames owned and trained General Stephen and the Auckland-owned Persian King are also among the entrants for this important handicap event. The leading event on the second day, the Sunderland Stakes, of 300sovs., one mile, has attracted 25 nominations, included among which are Gazique, Dribble, Makepeace, Escaped, Cleft, Teka, Athens II., Goldshine, Cynic, and All Talk.

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TELEPHONE HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Marula, Lady Wolawa, Mirk, Gatherer, Magistrate, Tari, Actifid, Lady Gazeley, Carlysian, Lionskin, Oravia, Black Lace.
SUMMER HACK STAKES, five furlongs.—Valley Queen, Maruia, Lady Wolawa, Mirk, War Guard, Chrysostom, Caricature, Gatherer, Queens Up, Magistrate, Admiral Codrington, Kotata, Heavenly Dream, Tipuna, Wawata, Red Edna, Black Perle, Martini, May Bloom, Whanako, Anata, Multilla, Heathermoon, Rippling, Happy Valley, Irupuka, Woodrow, Glengyle, Flywheel, Prince Randall, Ringakaha, Prince Jewell, Hukewhaka.
APPRENTICES' HACK FLAT HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Raffle, General Stephen, Patetonga, Makepeace, Slumix, Hawkesbury, Admiral Codrington, Fiddlestring, Hookah, Mumix, Firespark, Persian King, Pavilion, Woodrow, Multikoff, Hukewhaka.
FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Escaped, Silver Manse, Mirk, Gazique, Dribble, Makepeace, Gatherer, Actifid, Tari, Downham, Lionskin, Vermillion, Multifual, Black Lace, Oravia.

SECOND DAY:
STEWARDS' HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Patetonga, Marula, Lady Wolawa, Mirk, Gazique, Makepeace, Tari, Actifid, Downham, Carlysian, Lionskin, Black Lace, Oravia.
SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and a-half.—St. Omer, Chillies, Strangeways, Maraetotara, Sensitive, Cymer, Chairman, Happy Valley, Multikoff.
COOK HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Raffle, Valley Queen, Lady Wolawa, Waikohu, Makepeace, Gatherer, Makere, Hawkesbury, Queens Up, Slumix, Admiral Codrington, Tipuna, Wawata, Red Edna, Hookah, Lord Astolat, Whanako, Fiddlestring, Mumix, Anata, Multilla, Heathermoon, Happy Valley, Woodrow, Glengyle, Flywheel, Ringakaha, Prince Jewell, Hukewhaka.
SUNDERLAND STAKES, one mile.—Heather Sprig, Goldshine, Escaped, Ehepa, Gazique, Dribble, Makepeace, Orateur, Potentiality, Tari, All Talk, Hookah, Actifid, Crosswords, Persian King, Cynic, Vermillion, Multifual, Cleft, Pavilion, Athens II., Tekka, Woodrow, Rupahu, Black Lace.
MAIDEN SCURRY HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Silver Manse, Valley Queen, Queens Up, Ereth, Slumix, Admiral Codrington, Rotata, Fife and Drum, Sunray, Heavenly Dream, Tipuna, Red Edna, Shadow Dancer, Miss Roseland, Mumix, Thebes, Arbroath, Irupuka, Maori Princess, Bunny, Flywheel, Jovial, Aniti, Prince Randall, Rangikaha, Prince Jewell, br f by King Rufus—Marcella, Hukewhaka, Taringaroa.
PUBLICANS' PURSE, five furlongs.—Marula, Lady Wolawa, Gatherer, Magistrate, Whanako, Actifid, Thebes, Lady Gazeley, Heathermoon, Happy Valley, Carlysian, Lionskin, Black Lace, Oravia, Prince Randall.
ROSELAND HACK, one mile.—Heather Sprig, Raffle, General Stephen, Patetonga, Waikohu, Orateur, Demone, Slumix, Strangeways, Fiddlestring, Firespark, Persian King, Pavilion, Glengyle, Prince Jewell, Woodrow.
FAREWELL HANDICAP, six furlongs and a-half.—Goldshine, Escaped, Silver Manse, Mirk, Dribble, Makepeace, Gatherer, Makere, Red Edna, Hookah, Anata, Multilla, Persian King, Arbroath, Lionskin, Vermillion, Multifual, Glengyle, Rylstone, Rupahu, Gazique, Hythread.

POVERTY BAY TROTTING CLUB.
ANNUAL MEETING.
 Highly satisfactory nominations have been received for the Poverty Bay Trotting Club's annual meeting, which is to be held on the Gisborne Racing Club's course, Te Hapara, on Friday, February 13. The principal event, the Poverty Bay Trotting Cup (two miles) has attracted 14 entries, and an interesting race will be witnessed. Mr. F. W. Edwards will declare the handicaps on Thursday (January 29). The list of nominations is as follows:—
MAIDEN HANDICAP (Harness), one mile and a-half.—Rangiatea Erau, Lady Heathcote, Destiny, Peter, Scott, Stella Co., Gold Bowl, Blue Pedro, Roma, Blue Light, Scottish Child, General Don, Dillon.
PARK HANDICAP (Saddle), one mile and a-half.—Greylock, Taku Tau, Gipsy Lass, Councillor, Diction, Miss Pirate, Chocolate Soldier, My Lock, Rita Grey, Speculator, Wild Lad, Dickbusch.
POVERTY BAY TROTTING CUP (Harness), two miles.—Albert Patch, Petrova, Jack Ashore, Sea Nymph, St. Leo, Jimkin, William the First, Lady Burlington, Jack of Diamonds, Woodvale, Pitarao, Winestra, Wild Lad, Ena Bell.
PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP (Harness), one mile and a-quarter.—Rangiatea Erau, Forester, Jack Ashore, Destiny, Peter Scott, Stella C., Gold Bowl, Dillon, Blue Pedro, Roma, Blue Light, Scottish Child, General Don, Silverlocks.
DOMINION HANDICAP (Harness), two miles.—Greylock, Hal Girl, Gipsy Lass, Councillor, Diction, Chocolate Soldier, Miss Pirate, Rita Grey, Speculator, Wild Lad.
ELECTRIC HANDICAP (Harness), one mile.—Albert Patch, Petrova, Jack Ashore, St. Leo, Lady Burlington, Jack of Diamonds, Woodvale, Pitarao, Winestra, Ena Bell.
COUNTY HANDICAP (Harness), one mile.—Forester, Gipsy Lass, Gladiolus, St. Andrew, My Lock, Makauri Maid.
FAREWELL HANDICAP (Harness), one mile and a-quarter.—Ena Bell, Jack Ashore, Rangiatea Erau, Jimkin, William the First, Dillon, Speculator, Miss Pirate, Silverlocks.

HAMILTON RACING CLUB.
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ANNUAL MEETING.
PARTNER WINS GOLD CUP.
 The Wellington Trotting Club held their annual meeting at Hutt Park on Wednesday in perfect weather, while the attendance reached record proportions. The offer of a £100 purse to any horse lowering the Australasian mile grass track record was responsible for the presence at the meeting of the two cracks, Author Dillon and Cathedral Chimes, and their mission to the Park served as a noteworthy attraction. Author Dillon, driven by his trainer, B. Jarden, made the first attempt, being paced throughout by the galloper Rakaia, with J. Olsen in the saddle. The son of Harold Dillon—Authoresse aroused universal admiration by his free movement and rare pace, and travelling with characteristic evenness throughout he got to the end of the mile in 2min. 8sec., thus lowering the Australasian grass track record (2min. 11 3-5sec) for the eight furlongs by 3 3-5sec. Both driver and horse received a great ovation in recognition of the record-breaking achievement. Cathedral Chimes, with J. Bryce, jun., at the reins, and paced by Evenning Chimes, who was driven in a sulky by J. Bryce, sen., then set out on his attempt at the record. The son of Four Chimes—Jean Armour succeeded in getting over the mile in 2min. 10sec., which was 1 3-5sec. better than the Australasian record on a grass track. In connection with both records it must be mentioned that the track was somewhat dead in consequence of the heavy rain experienced prior to the fixture, which makes both performances all the more meritorious. In fact, it is conceded that under more favourable circumstances Author Dillon would have registered 2min. 4sec. in his attempt.
 The day's programme was productive of some first-rate sport, the fields being good in every instance, while the efforts of Mr. F. C. Thomas, the handicapper, resulted in a number of fine contests. The totalisator officials were kept busy, the sum of £21,039 finding its way through the machine, as compared with £20,686 for the last meeting.
 The gathering was capably controlled by the secretary, Mr. R. W. Short, and his staff, the day's proceedings passing off in a highly-satisfactory and enjoyable manner.
 Sea Nymph was the elect of backers in the Hutt Park Trial Handicap, in which there were seven starters, but Yim Kim set out in the lead at the start, and though the favourite made a big effort to catch the daughter of Bingana in the straight the latter maintained her advantage to the finish, winning by a couple of lengths, Hal Joseph being half a dozen lengths away, third.
 Of the half-dozen saddled up for the Borough Handicap Lelia Denver and Blue Drift were best supported. The latter flattered his backers in the early stages, but over the last half-mile he tired perceptibly and was passed by Delta, who, finishing strongly, won by eight lengths from Annie Black, with Blue Drift a couple of lengths away, third. Tarkorea was fourth.
 The New Zealand Trotting Gold Cup brought out a field of ten runners, favouritism being accorded Partner, with Lochnagar and Emperor most in demand of the others. Partner (10s.) broke at the start, but quickly settled down, Fair Puritan (10s.) assuming the lead. The favourite, however, was in charge as the stand was passed the first time, with Fair Puritan, Birdwood and Emperor following in that order, Lochnagar, who failed to strike a gait at the start, being last. Birdwood improved his position going along the back, but a bad break caused him to drop back.

Partner still had charge when the stand was reached a second time, Our Girl having run up second, while Emperor was lying third. The order was unchanged until the home bend was negotiated, Emperor running up second, but he had no chance with Partner, who ran in a winner by three lengths, Our Girl being a couple of lengths away, third. Mako Mako was fourth and Peter Mac next.
 A quartette was harnessed up for the President's Handicap Trot, the consistent though unlucky Wonderland being made favourite. Captain Rothschild, who was a good second favourite, took the lead at the start and was never in danger of defeat, winning by two lengths from Wonderland, who registered his fifth consecutive second, Beeswing being a moderate third.
 A hot favourite in Kirriemuir suffered defeat in the Wellington Handicap, which attracted a field of eight starters. The favourite showed out in front at the start, but was soon headed by Sea Nymph, who was the outsider of the field, the latter maintaining his advantage to the finish, winning by half a dozen lengths from Kirriemuir, with Plain Rose ten lengths away, third.
 The bracketed pair Glen Mavis and Bigamist claimed most attention on the machine among the dozen which contested the Stewards' Handicap. The former took the lead early, and with Delta and King Lear as her nearest attendants she continued her position in front until the post was reached, registering a length victory from Delta, with King Lear three-parts of a length away, third.
 Emerald Green was selected as the most likely to score in the Petone Handicap, but when in a handy position he broke badly, eventually finishing out of a place. The winner turned up in the Hutt-trained Turo Kwi, who led all the way and prevailed at the finish by five lengths from Brachycombe, with Ururua three lengths away, third.
 The concluding event, the Electric Handicap, was an excellent betting race, solid support being accorded Emperor, Chaos, and Lovelock. Going to the front soon after the start Chaos continued in the lead throughout, winning handsly by three lengths from Our Girl, with Emperor third. Gladeye was fourth.
 The results were:—
HUTT PARK TRIAL HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs. One mile and a-half.
 3—C. Macdonald's b m Yim Kim, 4yrs, by Bingana—Orphan M., 10sec (Holmes) 1
 1—C. L. Kasper's b g Sea Nymph, 9sec (Shaw) 2
 2—H. Palmer's b g Hal Joseph, 10 sec (Maidment) 3
 Also started: 5 Plain Rose 5sec (H. Woodfield), 4 Ladysmith 10sec (Bryce), 6 Pillage 10sec (Dench), 7 Lady Foster 10sec (Cotton).
 Won by two lengths, six lengths between second and third. Time, 3min. 42 1-5sec.
BOROUGH HANDICAP (Saddle) of 150sovs. One mile and a-half.
 5—R. J. Taylor's b g Delta, aged, by Rothschild—Ariada, 2sec (J. Trotter) 1
 4—J. and H. August's b m Annie Black, 10sec (S. August) 2
 2—F. Hickenbotham's b g Blue Drift, 4yrs, 10sec (Pringle) 3
 Also started: 1 Lelia Denver scr. (M. Edwards, junr.), 3 Peace 2sec (Smith), 6 Tarkorea 4sec (Dench).
 Won by six lengths, three lengths between second and third. Time, 3min. 40 3-5sec.
N.Z. TROTTING GOLD CUP (Harness), a gold cup value 100sovs, and 400sovs in specie. Two miles.
 1—J. Coghill's b g Partner, 5yrs, by Petereta—Rothschild mare, 10sec (Fleming) 1
 3—A. E. Webster's b g Emperor, 5 yrs, 8sec (Holmes) 2
 7—R. Fairbairn's b m Our Girl, 9sec (McDermott) 3
 Also started: 9 Tamarisk 9sec (W. Smith), 6 Peter Mac 6sec (K. Smith), 4 Birdwood 7sec (Jarden), 8 Mako Mako 7sec (Brown), 2 Lochnagar 8sec (J. Bryce), 5 Fair Puritan 10sec (Shadbolt).
 Won by five lengths, three lengths between second and third. Time, 4min. 48 4-5sec.
PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP (Harness) of 200sovs. Two miles.
 2—G. Watson's b g Captain Rothschild, aged, by Rothschild—Polly Warbeck, 12sec (Bryce) 1

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1—A. Fleming's gr g Wonderland, scr. (Fleming) 2
 3—M. Edwards' b m Beeswing, scr. (M. Edwards) 3
 Also started: 4 Miss Pirate 12sec (Taylor).
 Won by two lengths. Time, 5min. 8 1-5sec.
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 J. B. Thomson's br h Cathedral Chimes, aged, by Four Chimes—Jean Armour; time 2min. 10 sec (J. Bryce, junr.) 2
WELLINGTON HANDICAP (Harness) of 150sovs. Two miles.
 2—C. Kasper's b g Sea Nymph, 4yrs, by Brent Locanda—Wild Wave, 12sec (Shaw) 1
 1—J. McConaghe's br m Kirriemuir, 12sec (McDermott) 2
 4—H. J. Woodfield's b m Plain Rose, 11sec (Woodfield) 3
 Also started: 5 Hiran Galindo 2sec (Maidment), 7 The Bath 9sec (Dench), 6 War Lord 10sec (Craig), 3 Day Drift 12sec (Munro), 8 Lady Foster 12sec (Cotton).
 Won by eight lengths, ten lengths between second and third. Time, 5min.
STEWARDS' HANDICAP (Saddle) of 150sovs. One mile.
 1—W. Wootton's ch m Glen Mavis, aged, by Harold Dillon—Rose Elect, 12yds (McDermott) 1
 10—R. J. Taylor's b g Delta, 12yds (Trotter) 2
 9—A. S. Kilworth's br g King Lear, scr. (Holmes) 3
 Also started: 1 Bigamist scr. (Fleming) bracketed with Glen Mavis, 8 Hedgewood scr. (Barracough), 2 Rearguard 12yds (W. Smith), 5 Robert Dillon 12yds (Humphries), 7 Miss Havoc 24yds (Edwards, junr.), 11 Pinzora 24 yds (Willett), 3 Gold Queen 36yds (J. Bryce, junr.), 4 Peter Mac 36yds (C. Smith), 6 Lelia 48yds (Frost).
 Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 2min. 41sec.
PETONE HANDICAP (Saddle) of 150 sovs. One mile and a-half.
 4—C. Skill's b g Turo Kwi, aged, by King George—Blue Spec, 17 sec (Skill) 1
 3—W. Murray's b g Brachycombe, 11sec (Murray) 2
 2—M. O'Brien's blk g Ururua, 11sec (E. McDermott) 3
 Also started: 1 Emerald Green 17sec (Pringle), 5 Wallace Reid 17sec (Dench).
 Won by eight lengths, four lengths between second and third. Time, 4min. 18sec.
ELECTRIC HANDICAP (Harness) of 200sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
 2—Mrs. M. Rodger's b g Chaos, 6yrs, by Galindo—Lady Linton, scr. (Jarden) 1
 6—J. Hill's ch m Lelia, 48yds (Frost) 2
 1—A. E. Webster's b g Emperor, 48 yds (Holmes) 3
 Also started: 3 Lovelock scratch (H. Mouldy), 4 Evening Chimes 12yds (J. Bryce), 7 Glad Eye 24yds, 8 Our Girl 72yds (McDermott), 5 Rearguard 12yds (W. Smith).
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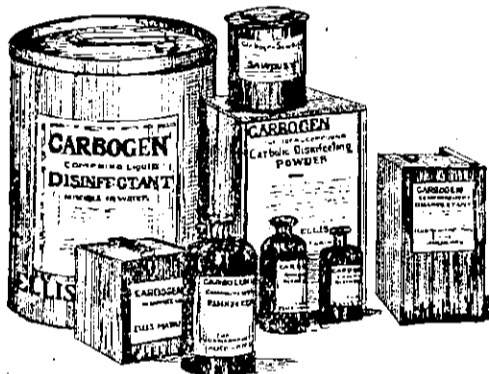
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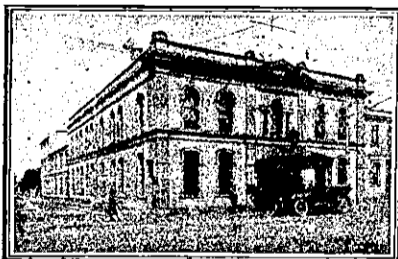
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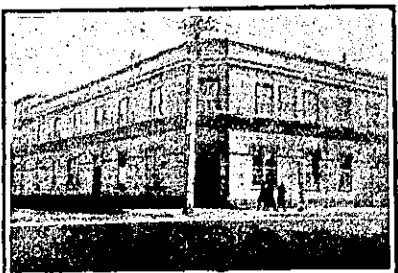
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TURF GOSSIP.

The imported English horse, Arrow-smith, figures among the nominations for the sprint events to be run at the Dunedin Jockey Club's forthcoming meeting.

The death of the six-year-old mare, Belair (Hymettus—Enyo), is reported. The mare, who had been on the sick list for some time, got a leg hung up in a fence, and, being too weak to extricate it, got down in the ditch and died. She was trained by J. McCombe, and raced in the joint interests of Messrs. McCombe and Griffen.

The triple dead-heat in the Ruapehu Handicap (six furlongs), the concluding event on the opening day of the Wellington Racing Club's summer meeting at Trentham, when Nursing Sister, Hepta and Borealis finished in line, the judge being unable to separate them, was made all the more remarkable by the fact that the two first-named were both outsiders in the 17-horse field, while Borealis ruled third favourite. The dividends in all three cases were of a sufficiently remunerative character to place backers of the trio on good terms with themselves, even Borealis returning a handsome price.

After declaration of the first forfeit, the following remain in the Champagne Stakes, of 500sovs (six furlongs), to be run on the opening day of the Dunedin Jockey Club's autumn meeting, which takes place on February 11 and 14:—R. Rewcastle's ch f Ruena, by Solferino—Ruenalf's Daughter; C. Hazlett's b g Windermere, by Sunny Lake—Angele; Sir G. Clifford's br f Moorfowl, by Autumnus—Kirriemuir; Sir G. Clifford's br c Winter Wind, by Antagonist—Wind Whistle; H. H. Fisher's b f Bebehead, by Birkenhead—Bebe; C. G. Dalgety's ch f Reproachful, by Bonny Glen—Lady Disdain; W. Stone's b f Mantua, by Solferino—Rose Salterne; W. A. Nicholls' br g Brown Willey, by Masterpiece—Avarice; R. C. Gillies' ch f Sunshower, by Sunny Lake—Polliwog; E. Russell's b g Listening Post, by Solferino—Eager Eyes.

Double winners at Rotorua were Queen Abbey and Miss Leslie. The last-named was raised 14lb. for her Maiden Handicap victory, and won the Mokoia Handicap (a welter), with 9.10 in the saddle. Queen Abbey was raised 19lb. for her Rotorua Cup success, and that did not stop her from winning the Farewell Handicap with 10.1 up. The minimum weight in each case was 7.0.

Two generals were in evidence as winners at the Northern Wairoa meeting. General Stephen and General Joffre, both by General Latour, whose half sister, Merry Nell (by Marble Arch), won the Railway Handicap at the same fixture, which serves to remind us that the Northern Wairoa Racing Club have reason to be satisfied with the purchase of Marble Arch, whose stock keep winning at meetings all round.

Highly pleasing nominations have been received for the Dunedin J.C.'s autumn meeting, which is to take place at Wingatui on February 11 and 14. Seventeen horses have been nominated for the Dunedin Cup, of 1500sovs, one mile and a-half, including the North Islanders, Affectation, Kilrush, Mascot, Rose Wreath and Rose Pink. The Foxton-owned Amythas, winner of the two principal handicaps at the Dunedin summer meeting, also the Invercargill Cup and Wellington Racing Club Handicap, who is trained at Riccarton for Mr. F. S. Easton, also figures in the list of Dunedin Cup entries.

Waima (not Waimai), ridden by S. Henderson, paid the largest dividend received this season per medium of the tote in the Auckland province, when he won the County Handicap at the Kawakawa meeting. S. Henderson was on Some Boy II, when that fine horse paid over half a century at Avondale when he won the Plump-ton Handicap from end to end.

"Melos" in the "Bulletin" thus writes: It was by a mere accident that Yattendon, prince of stallions, was saved from an early end. When a few days old the illustrious youngster fell into a hole in the paddock at Ramornie station, Clarence River (N.S.W.), and was on the verge of finish when he was discovered. Had he snuffed it the turf would not have had Chester, Grand Flaneur, Calma, Cliveden and other topnotchers.

Mr. R. H. Skipwith has been reappointed starter for the Dannevirke Racing Club's autumn meeting. He has also been appointed to act at the Poverty Bay Turf Club's summer meeting, owing to Mr. A. G. Wood being engaged at Dunedin.

It was recently found necessary to make a rearrangement of the dates on which the respective meetings of the Thames Jockey Club and Ohinemuri Jockey Club are to be held. The Thames fixture will take place on March 6 and 8, while the Ohinemuri gathering will be held on March 17 and 20.

During a visit to Levin about the middle of the present month, the Prime Minister (Hon. W. F. Massey) received a deputation on behalf of local sportsmen, Messrs. J. and A. McLeavey, C. Blenkhorn and J. Proctor, who stated that the township was desirous of securing an additional race day. The Premier promised to favourably consider the matter.

Statuette, who brought off the biggest surprise at the Wellington Racing Club's summer meeting, when, on the opening day, she defeated a strong field in the Telegraph Handicap (six furlongs), returning her supporters a dividend of over half a century, is a four-year-old filly by Marble Arch—Seatonella, and is thus a full sister to Sir Samuel Hordern's crack performer, Arch Marella, winner of many important events in Australia. Statuette is owned by Mr. G. D. Beatson, well known as the owner of Parisian Diamond, and is trained by Sid. Reid. Statuette was one of the early fancies for the last Railway Handicap at Ellerslie, but through an oversight she was not accepted for in that event, her defection proving costly to early double backers.

CONTROL OF ENGLISH RACING.

Many Australians still in this country, remnants of the A.I.F., are among my correspondents on the subject of English racing, and with hardly an exception they criticise its management and cost (says an English writer). Widespread interest, not un-mixed with perturbation, must follow the news that the Jockey Club is shortly to review the whole question of its control over racecourse receipts. If the stewards are sincere

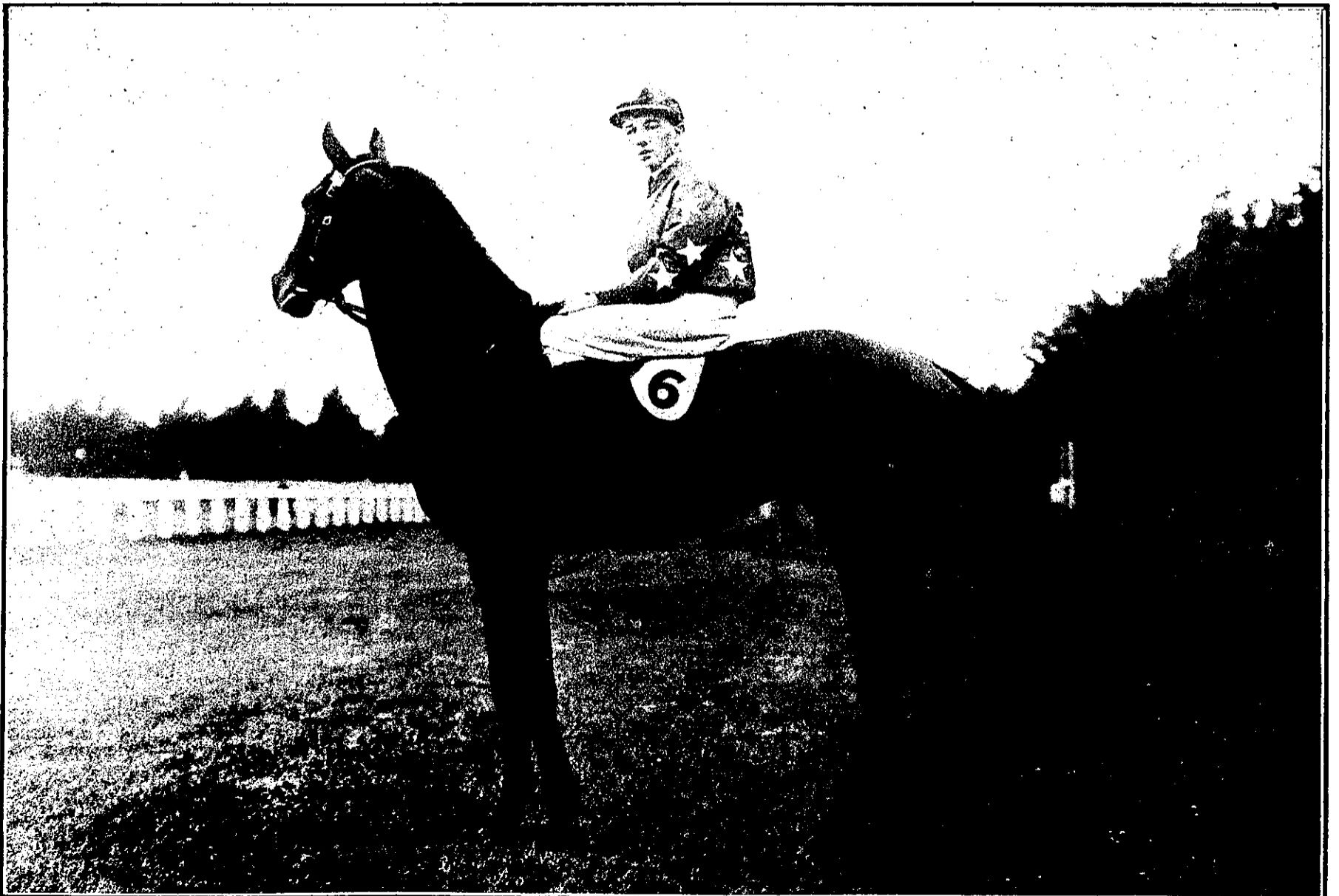
in bringing up this matter, and no reason whatever exists for supposing otherwise, then it should mean a considerable step in the direction of those after-the-war reforms which have been so much talked about.

Powerful interests are involved, and any proposal drastically to reduce unrestricted profits would be sure of fierce opposition. But all rule, authority, and power must be with the Jockey Club, irrespective of private interests, subject, of course, to a due regard for right and justice. I find fault with the composition of the club, and have often lamented its inertia of supervision, but the principle of government is right. There must be no interference with the Jockey Club, except to energise it and bring it into line with the altered conditions of racing. However much we may deplore it, the fact confronts us that racing has become largely a business. Thank goodness, some of the old sporting spirit still remains, but it is up against strong elements of commercialism which, too, like the Gaiety giantess, grow and grow.

There are rumblings of reform, and it is most devoutly to be hoped that the Jockey Club have at last put hands to the plough in earnest. A supine policy has too long prevailed not only as regards supervision but also in the matter of methods. Great changes have come over racing in the last twenty years even, demanding in my humble opinion new methods. But with the exception of the starting gate, which we took in fear and trembling from Australia, little or nothing has been done to up-to-date the management of the turf, although by almost general consent it is now so much a business with the majority as to make the methods of other days look antiquated.

Lord D'Abernon and Mr. Frank Curzon's suggestions of reform to the Jockey Club's committee of investigation are so much special pleading on behalf of centralised racing and the parimutuel. I look on this centralisation idea as a thoroughly bad one from every point of view. I venture to suggest that much more valuable information could be got from a man like Mr. Lionel Robinson, who has lived and raced both here and in Australia, and is in a position to supply comparisons from personal experience. South Africa and India might also be resorted to for likely hints.

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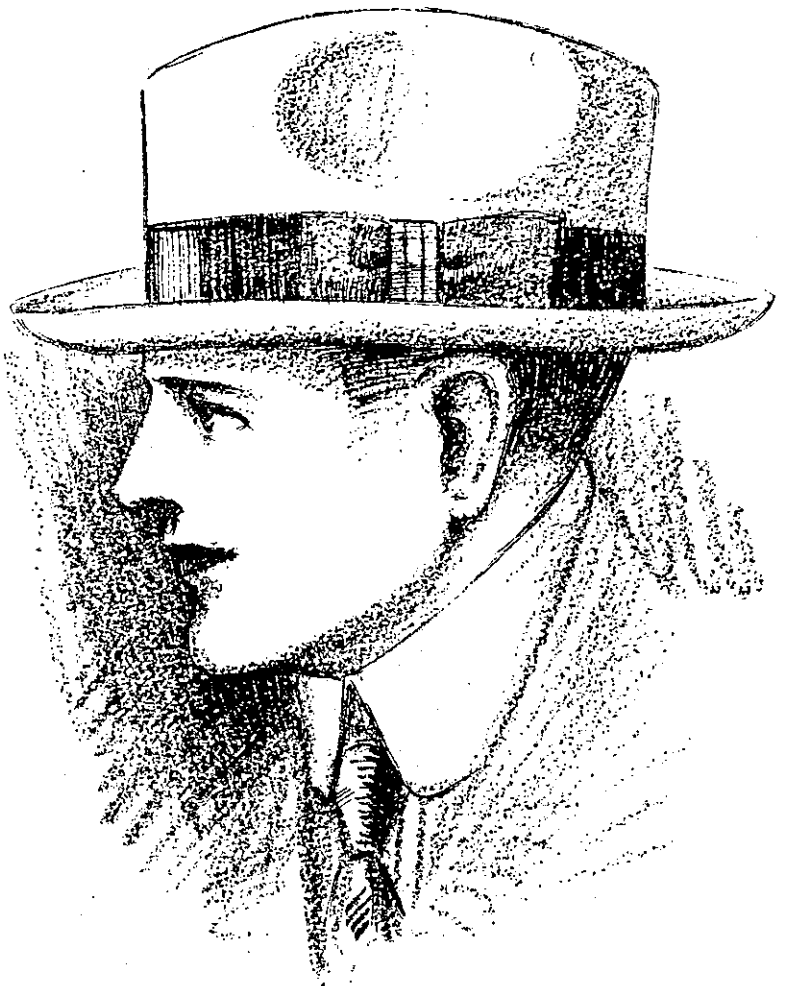
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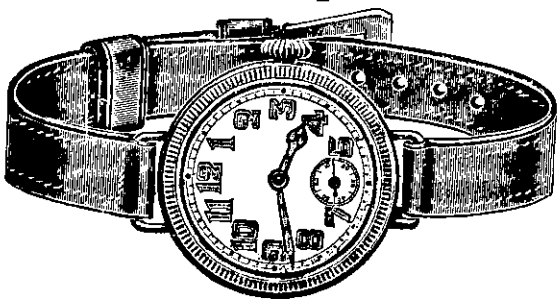
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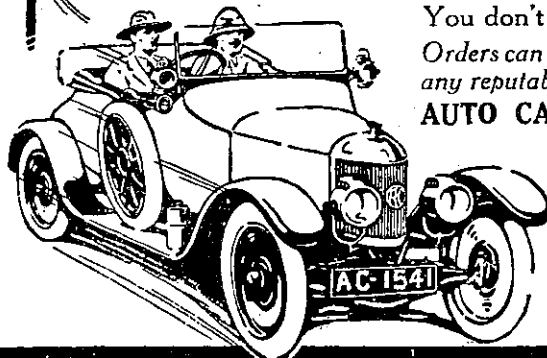
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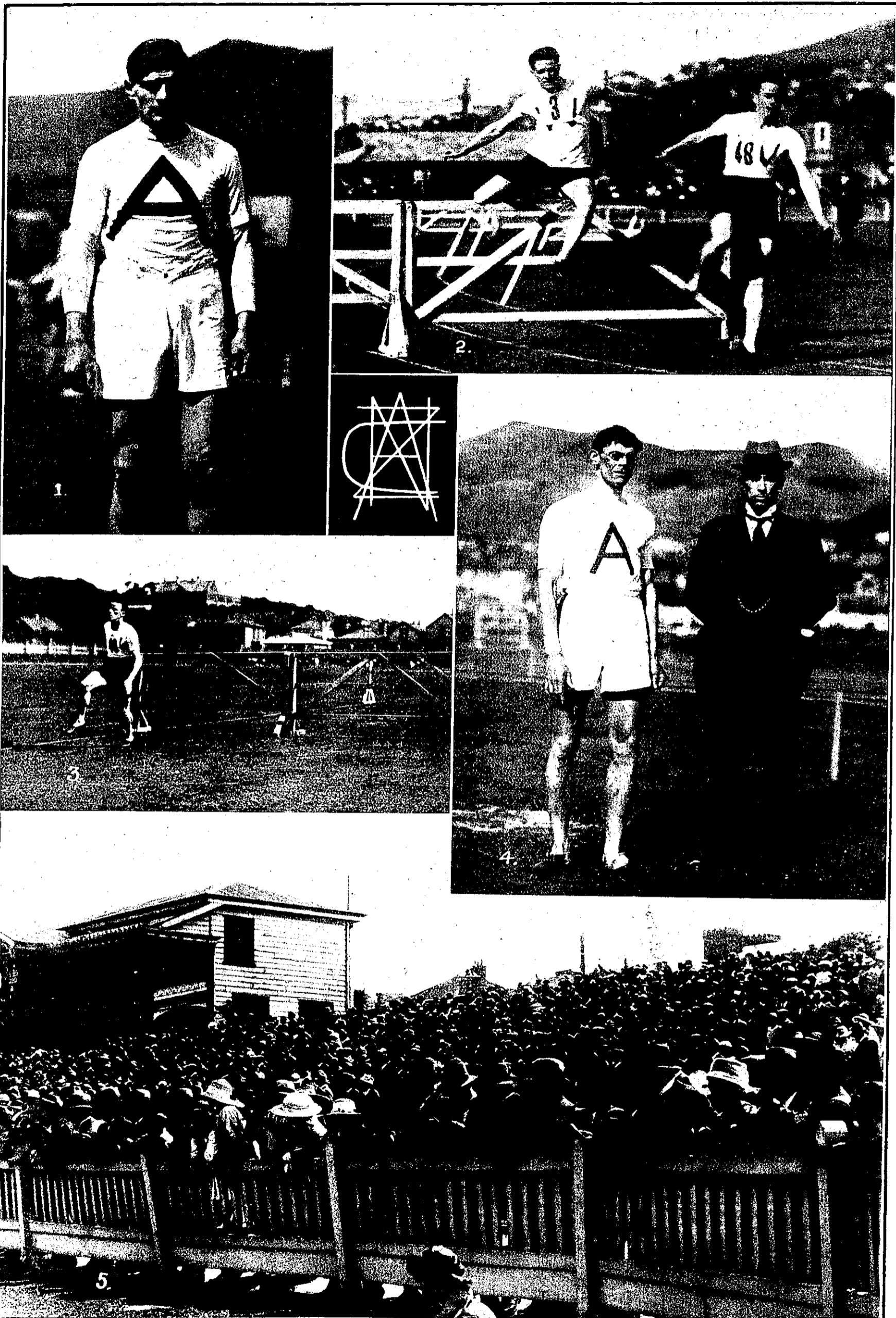
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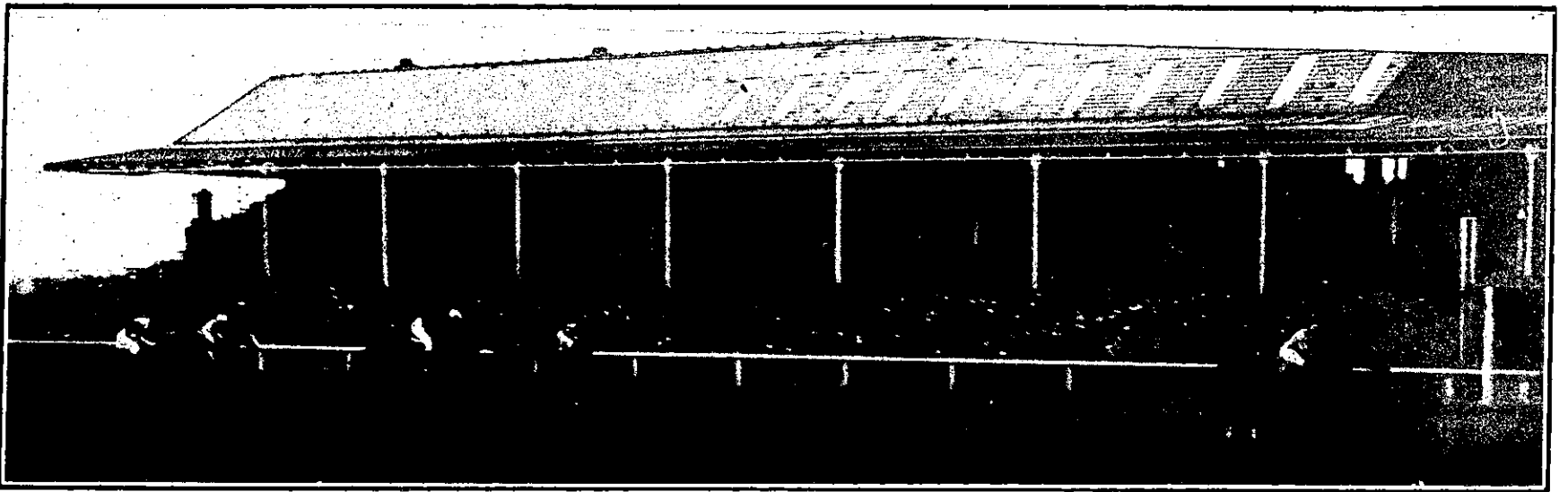


The Revival of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Championships on the Basin Reserve, Wellington.



1. G. DAVIDSON (Auckland), winner of the 100yds. and 220yds. Championships of New Zealand. In the final of the former event his time was 9 4-5s., thus equalling the English and the New Zealand and Australasian records. 2. H. E. WILSON (Wellington), the winner, leading G. AITKEN (Wellington) over the last fence in the 440yds. Hurdles Championship. 3. The crack Wellington hurdler, H. E. WILSON, winning the 120yds. Hurdles Championship, in which event he put up the remarkable time of 15sec., thus lowering the Australasian and New Zealand record of 15 3-10sec., held by G. P. Keddell since 1911. 4. A. W. DORMER (Auckland), on left, winner of the 440yds., 880yds., and One Mile Championships, and W. H. POLLOCK (Wellington) who is the only other runner to have won these three distance events in one afternoon, he having earned this distinction at the N.Z. Championship meeting at Wellington in January, 1904. 5. A section of the crowd, which numbered over 6000, watching the N.Z. Amateur Athletic Championships on the Basin Reserve, Wellington.

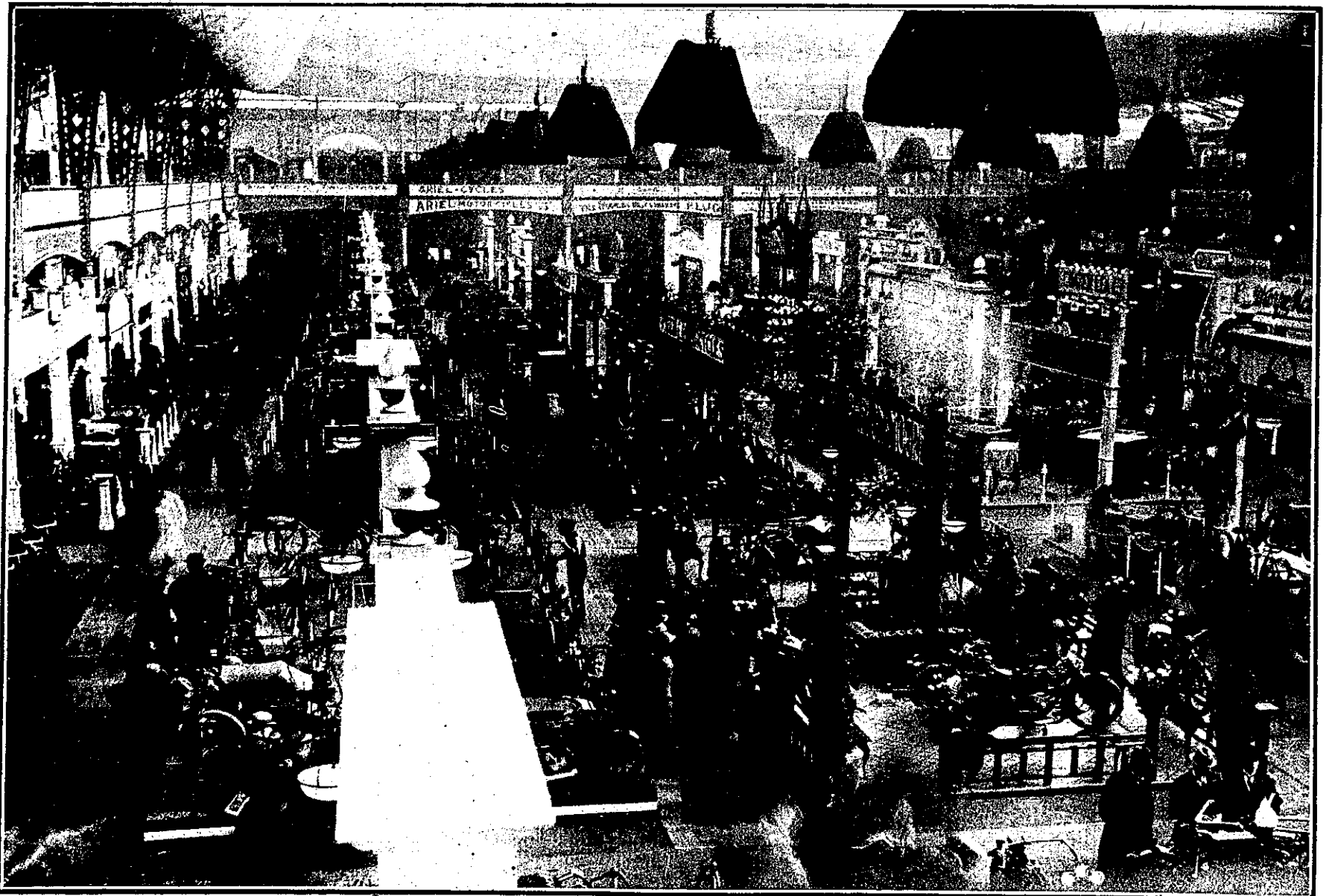
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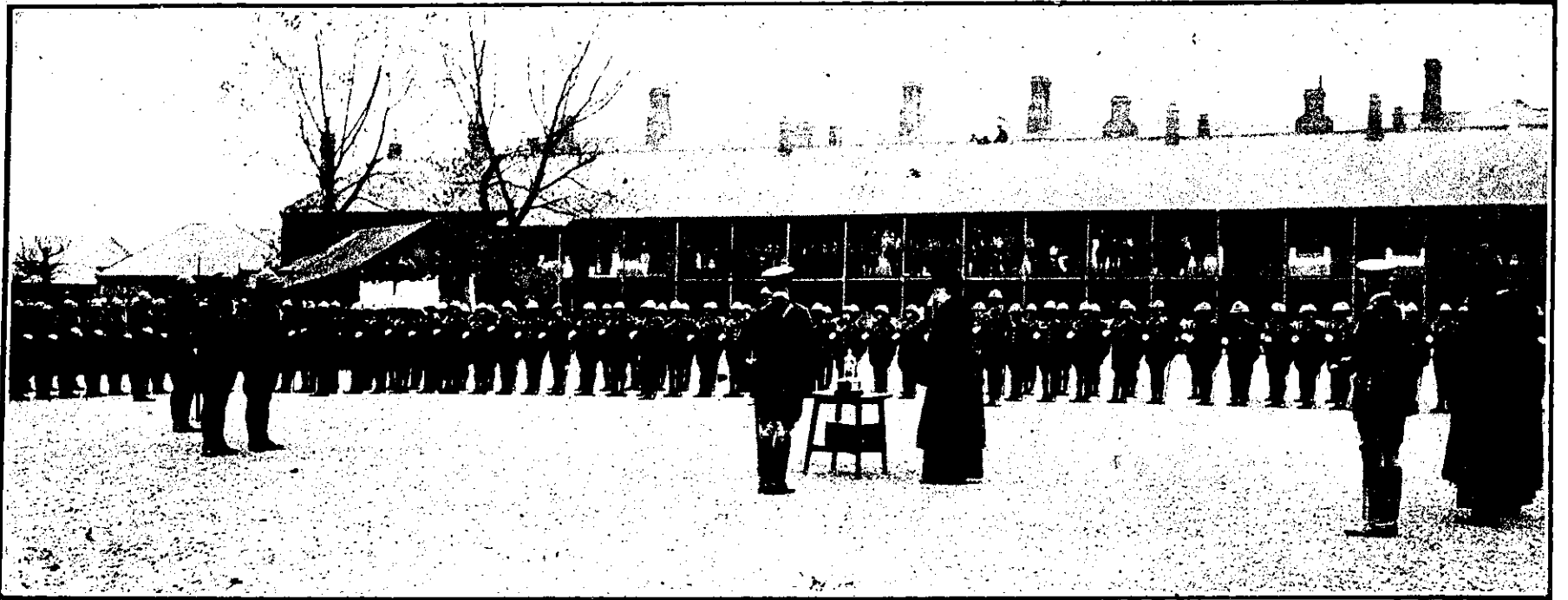


THE INAUGURATION OF A SERIES OF DANCES AT AUSTRALIA HOUSE, LONDON, PROVES EXTREMELY POPULAR. — FLASHLIGHT PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT AUSTRALIA HOUSE, THE HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON OF THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT, ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST OF THE SERIES OF DANCES.



THE MOTOR CYCLE AND CYCLE SHOW OPENS AT OLYMPIA, LONDON. — A GENERAL VIEW OF THE WONDERFUL EXHIBITS. FOLLOWING THE WORLD'S GREATEST MOTOR SHOW, THE THIRTEENTH OLYMPIA EXHIBITION, WHICH WAS HELD FROM NOVEMBER 7 TO 15, THE MOTOR CYCLE AND CYCLE SHOW TOOK PLACE FROM NOVEMBER 24-29, AND PROVED A REMARKABLE CENTRE OF ATTRACTION, VISITORS ATTENDING IN VERY STRONG FORCE ON EACH DAY OF THE EXHIBITION.

Important Military and Police Functions at Home which were attended by Royalty.



A STATUETTE FOR THE QUEEN.—HER MAJESTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER RECENT VISIT TO HOUNSLOW TO REVIEW THE 18TH HUSSARS WAS THE RECIPIENT OF A SILVER STATUETTE OF A HUSSAR ON HORSEBACK.

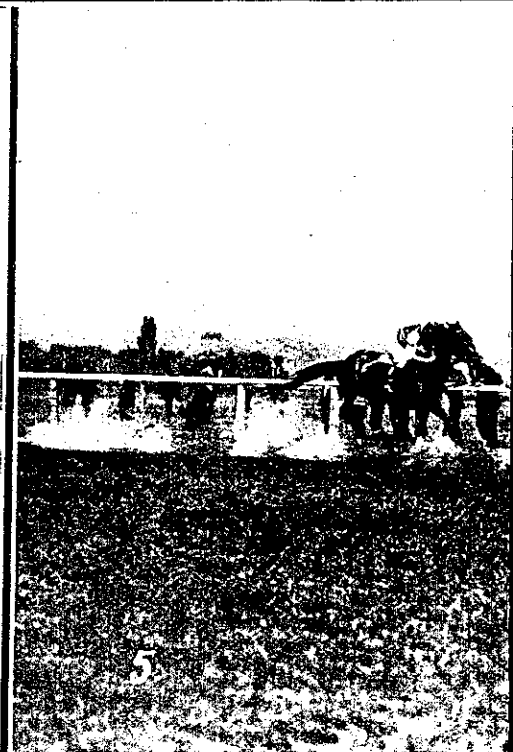
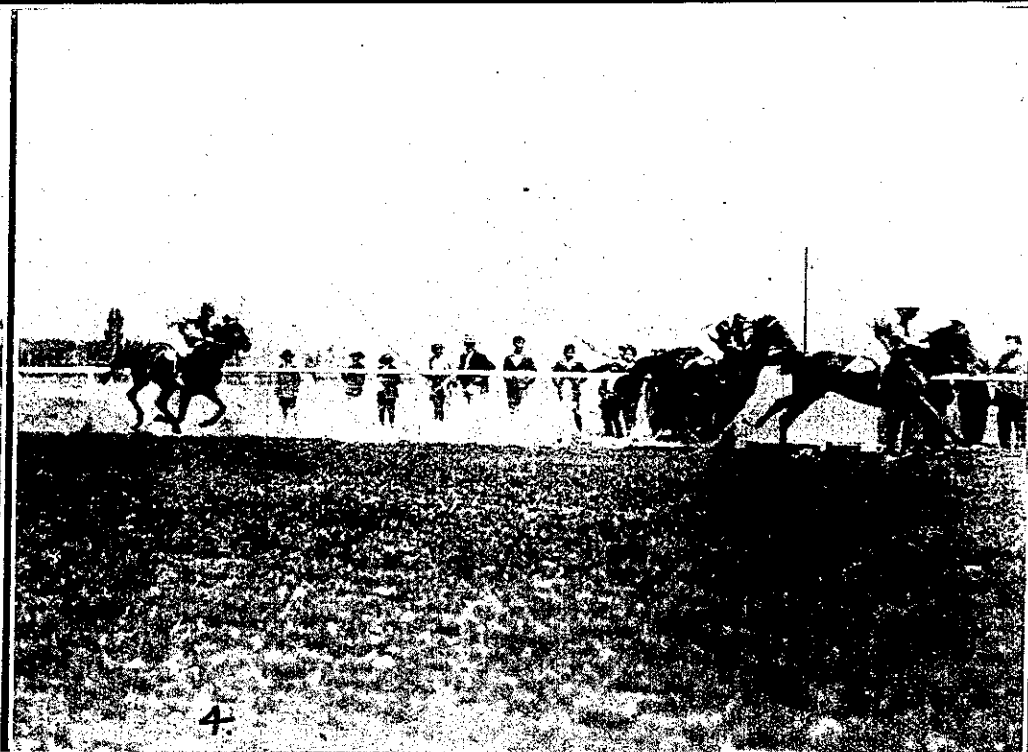
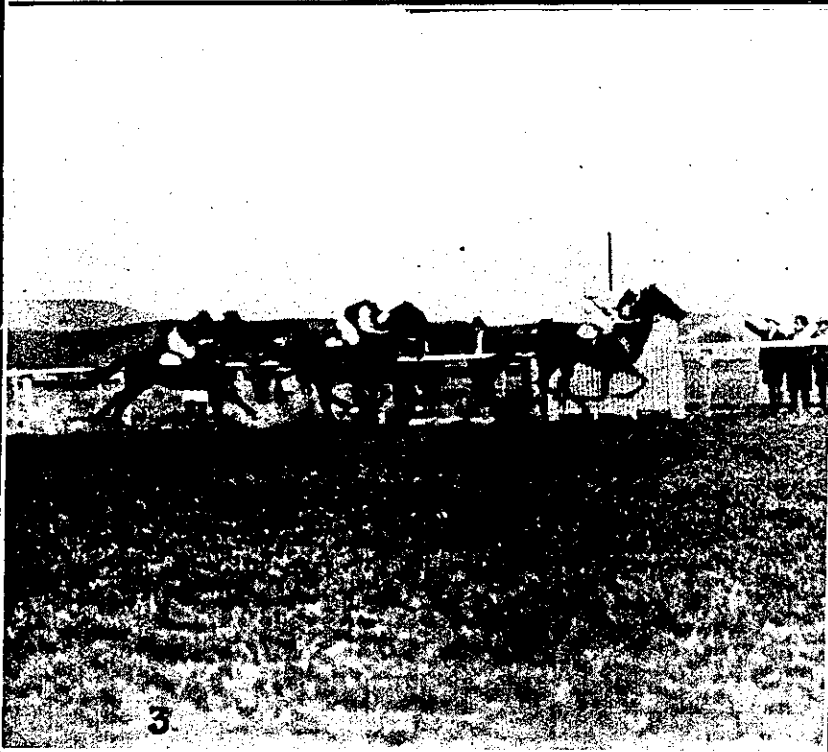
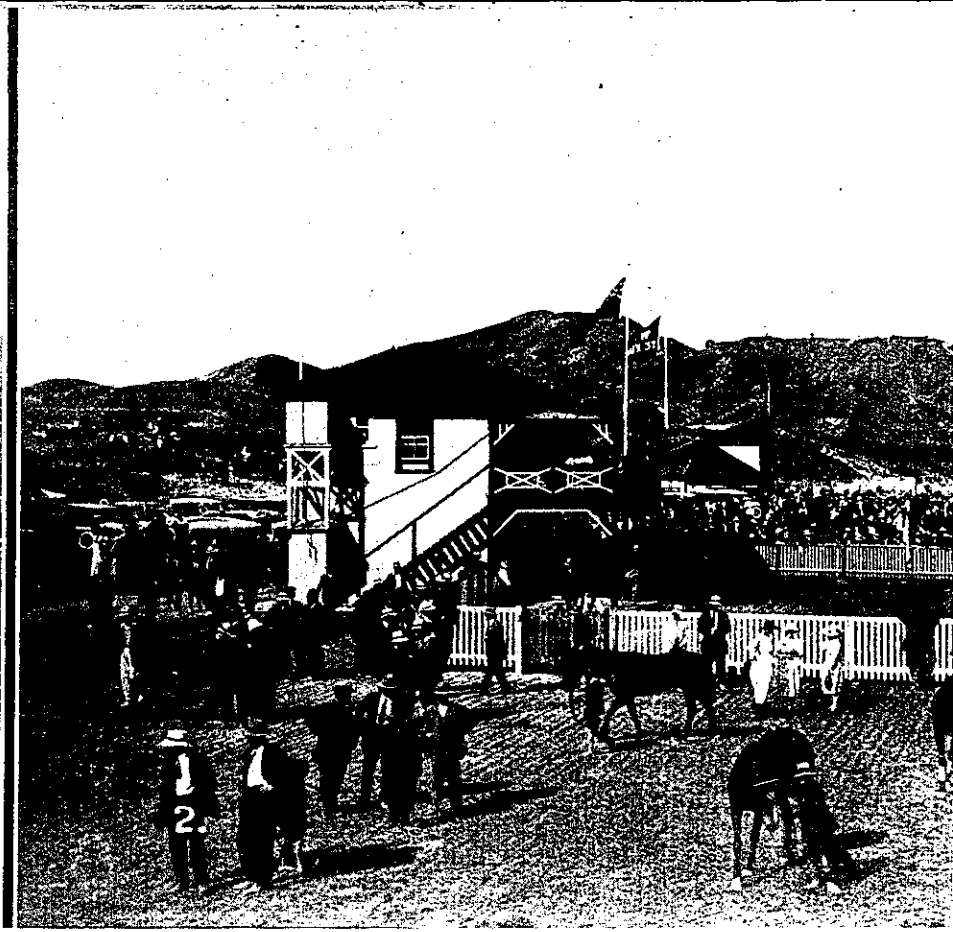


PRINCESS LOUISE HANDING A PRIZE TO SERGT. WEBB DURING THE COURSE OF THE LONDON METROPOLITAN MOUNTED POLICE HORSE SHOW, WHICH WAS RECENTLY HELD IN PERK'S FIELD, ADJOINING KENSINGTON PALACE.



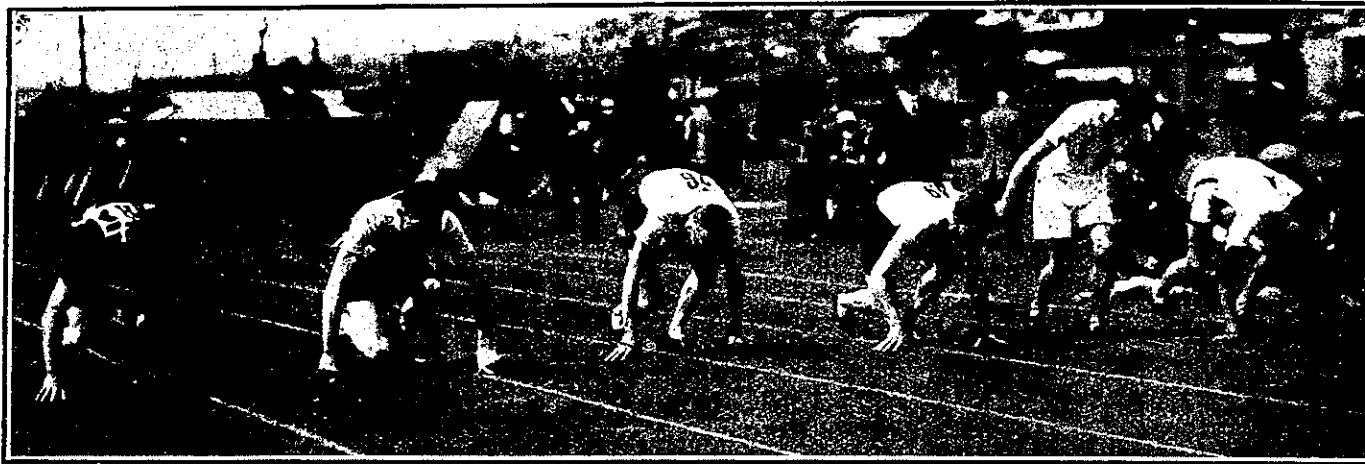
QUEEN MARY REVIEWS HUSSARS AT HOUNSLOW—HER MAJESTY AT THE SALUTING BASE DURING THE MARCH PAST. QUEEN MARY RECENTLY VISITED HOUNSLOW TO REVIEW THE 18TH HUSSARS (QUEEN MARY'S OWN), OF WHOSE SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENTS AT THE FRONT SHE WAS KEPT CONSTANTLY INFORMED DURING THE GREAT WAR.

The Wairoa County Racing Club Open their New Course with a Record Summer Meeting

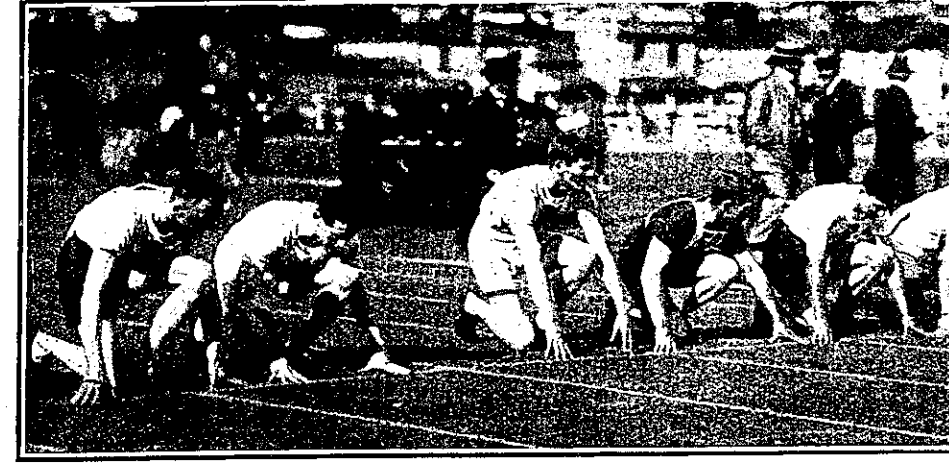


1. Patrons around the totalisator at the Te Kupenga racecourse, during the progress of the first day's races at the Wairoa County R.C.'s annual meeting. 2. General view showing the stands and grounds at the new racecourse at Te Kupenga, Wairoa, H.B., on the occasion of the official opening at the Wairoa County R.C.'s meeting this month. 3. GLENGYLE (S. Reid) winning the Wairoa Cup from ANATA and SILVER MANSE. 4. THE FINISH OF THE WAIROA CUP (1 1/4 MILES)—ATHENS II. (S. Reid) defeats LORD MUSKERRY, with CLEFT third. 5. PAVILION (H. Reid) winning from RAFFLE in the Trial Hack Handicap (seven furlongs).

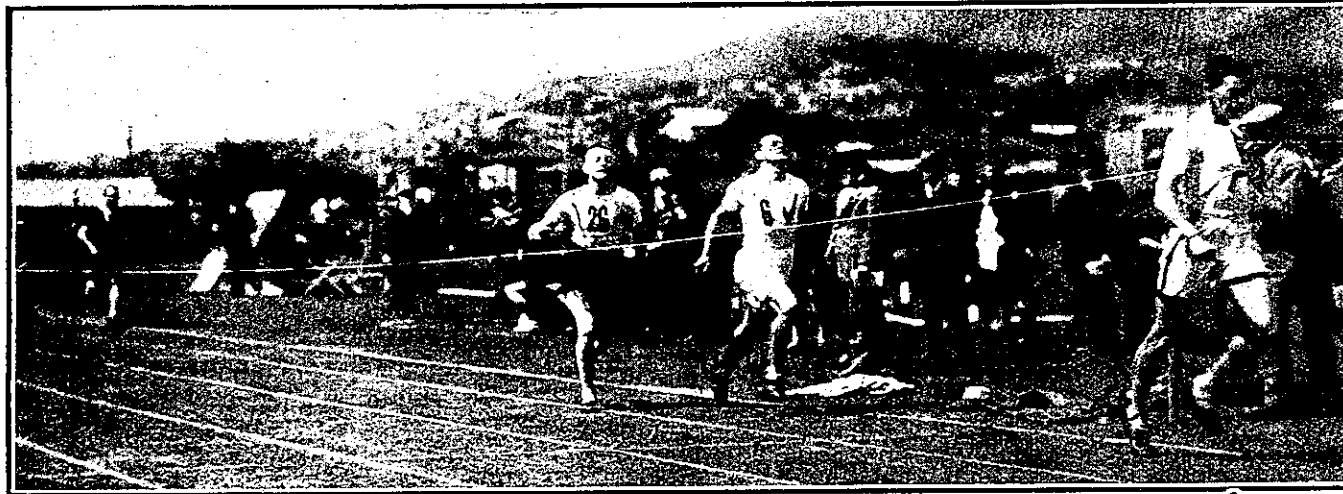
Some Record Breaking Performances at the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Championships in Wel



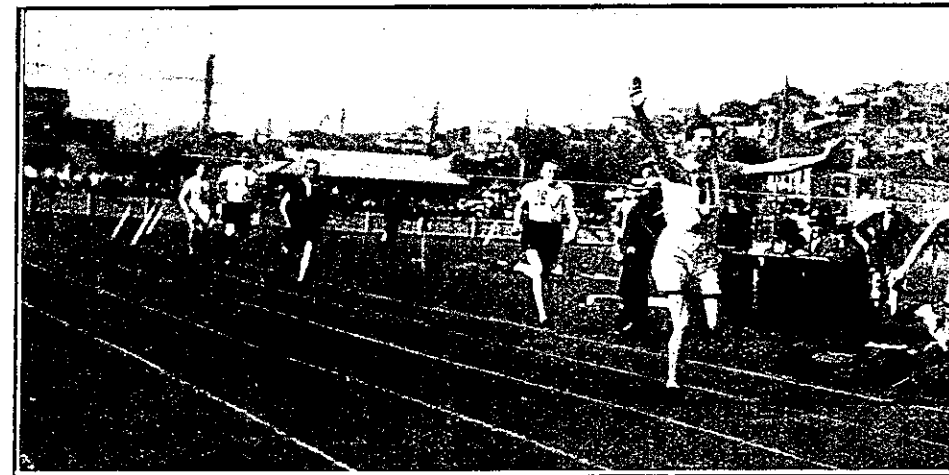
THE START OF THE 880YDS. CHAMPIONSHIP.—DORMER HAS THE INSIDE RUNNING.



THE START OF THE 440YDS. CHAMPIONSHIP



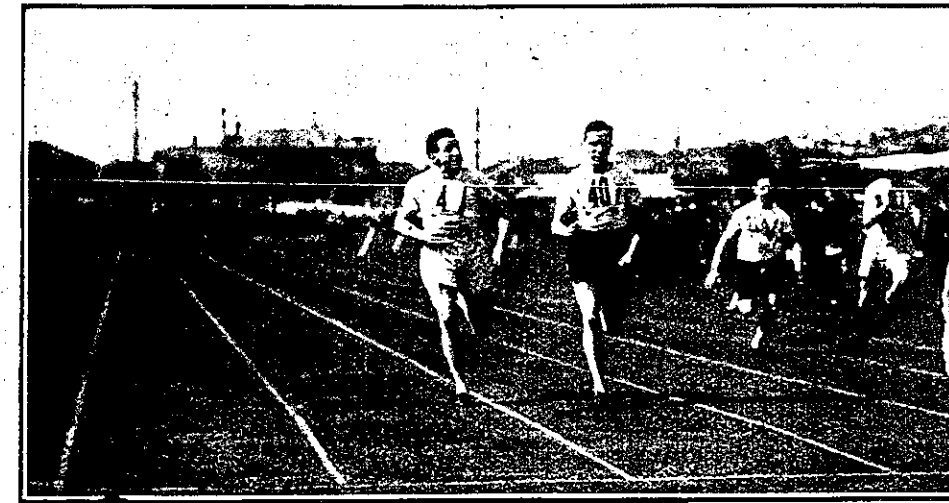
DORMER (Auckland) winning the 880yds. Championship, BURK (Wellington) just beating LUSK (Canterbury) for second place.



A. W. DORMER (Auckland) registers an attractive win in the 440yds. Cham (Otago) second, and G. H. LUSK (Wellington) third



G. DAVIDSON (Auckland), all in white, narrowly defeats H.E. WILSON (Wellington) in the Final of the 100-yds. Championship in 9 4-5sec., L. TRACEY (Wellington) being third.



THE FINISH OF THE 220YDS. CHAMPIONSHIP—G. DAVIDSON (Auckland) from L. A. TRACEY (Wellington), on left, with N. A. J. BARKER



THE SOCIAL WORLD



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

The engagement is announced of Miss Vera Caselberg, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myer Caselberg, "Rosetta House," Masterton, to Mr. Jack Mendelsohn, of London.

Miss Browne has tendered her resignation as matron of the Gore Hospital, and intends to leave for Australia in March.

Miss Rowlands, who has been in England for some years, has returned to Wellington, and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. H. Miles, Hobson Street.

Four New Zealanders who have lately qualified at the London School of Massage are Miss Sylvia Brown (Timaru), Miss F. Scott (Auckland), Miss Bennett Brown (Otago), and Miss Dement (Nelson).

The engagement is announced in Christchurch papers of Miss Mary Hosking, daughter of Mr. Justice Hosking and Mrs. Hosking, of Wellington, to Mr. Cousett Stephen, of Sydney.

The Misses Lily and Ethel Wilson, who, during their stay in England were official visitors to Walton-on-Thames, returned to their home by the Kigoma.

"That's always the way, I suppose," said The Freak—"turn a cold shoulder on a man, and he wants to kiss it."—"The Girl in Love," by Charles Service.

Three queens—Mary, Alexandra and Maud (Norway)—five princesses, and four princes in fancy dress, danced at a servants' ball at Sandringham, where the Royal Family had the largest and merriest Christmas-making for many years.

The engagement is announced in a Wellington exchange of Miss Kathleen Andrews, second daughter of Mrs. Andrews and the late Mr. E. J. Andrews, of "Yarnicombe," Petone, to Mr. Everard Stace, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Stace, of "Tokomaru," Picton.

More than one bride lately has flouted superstition—Miss Cecilia Peel, for example, daughter of Mrs. C. S. Peel, the well-known writer, wore a bridal gown with a train of green. The going-away hat had a wreath of bright green leaves, and the nine bridesmaids were dressed in green.

Miss Thurston, C.B.E., R.R.C., formerly matron of Christchurch Hospital, who recently returned from England by the Kigoma, in speaking of the work of the New Zealand nurses during the war, says that wherever they were sent they made a reputation for competence, good training, reliability and pleasantness, and many eulogiums reached her from military and medical authorities, giving her the greatest pleasure and gratification.

Together with the rest of the gay world, I have been to Olympia (writes Mrs. Jack May, in the "National News"), mercifully under an escort of keenly technical minds, whose exhortations on the rival merits of open or sleeved covered cylinders, new lubricating contrivances, left-hand levers, etc., have left me, I am hoping, a wiser woman when my mind has emerged out of a certain bewilderment. As an always interested observer of humanity, however, what struck me most was the calm ignoring by my sex of the lure of the gorgeous limousines, and the bee-line taken by the majority of women for the exposed chassis, and the astonishing acumen they displayed in picking out defects and improvements.

A wedding of considerable interest to Aucklanders took place on January 5 at St. Pancras Church, London, when Miss Ava Symons, who is well known in musical circles in the northern city, was married to Mr. W. S. Prouse, of Wellington, son of Mr. John Prouse, the well-known singer.

Bishop Mules and Mrs. Mules, of Nelson, celebrated their golden wedding on January 19. Mrs. Mules was Miss Laura Blundell, a member of the well-known Blundell family, pioneer settlers in the Nelson district, Captain and Mrs. Bundell having come over from India in the very early days of the colony.

Miss Maclean, Matron-in-Chief of the New Zealand Army Nursing Service, gave an afternoon tea at the Pioneer Club, Wellington, for Miss Thurston, C.B.E., R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief of the N.Z.A.N.S. in England, who has recently returned from England, and all nurses who have lately come back from overseas service.



On the Lawn at the Wairoa County Racing Club's recent meeting on their new course at Te Kupenga, Wairoa, Hawke's Bay.

"Christchurch is called the 'City of the plains,'" said Colonel R. J. Collins, at the bowling smoke concert in Christchurch, "but I would rather call it 'the City of Gardens of New Zealand.' As a city of gardens it stands first. Wherever you go, whatever street you take, you see beautiful gardens and beautiful surroundings."

Miss Helen Hamerton, daughter of Mr. A. H. Hamerton, manager Government Insurance Department, Christchurch, has been awarded the "Victor Harris Memoriam Gold Medal," competed for every year throughout the Dominion by violin candidates at the local centre examinations of the Associated Board.

Just before the performance of "Yes, Uncle" started at the Municipal Theatre, in Napier, Miss Beryl Anderson, a member of the company, lost a heel off her shoe whilst descending the stairs at the back of the stage, and had the misfortune to fall rather heavily, sustaining several bruises.

A friend tells me (says a "Daily News" writer) that for the first time in five years she has bought a new dress without acquiring a new lot of wrinkles during the transaction. "I came through the ordeal unscathed this time by paying a professional critic of clothes 10s. to go with me and superintend the job of buying two dresses and two hats. The absence of worry was worth twice the money. The critic makes a living by giving advice and moral backbone to shoppers. She has a trained eye and a charming manner. Possibly she could not fit a dress herself, but she knows how other people ought to do it."

Miss Daisy Kennedy, the distinguished violinist, and Miss Topsy Doenau are staying at "Cargen" while in Auckland.

The new colours, according to a fashion writer abroad, are lovely, though it cannot be denied that some of them may prove difficult to wear. A beautiful shade of garnet red, in some instances spoken of as liberty red, is a leader, while a close second is a soft olive green known as okra. In one instance this lovely shade in duvetyn is used to great advantage in a tailleur with a collar of fitch. The yellows of the fur blend beautifully with the green. At the moment, perhaps, the most popular shades are the golden-browns. Peace grey, or dove grey, is charming, especially with shoes, stockings and gloves to match, and with a hat in a dark colour or in black. For evening there is nothing shown but colour. Every known colour is blended into the expensive brocades that make up the

Miss Louise Mack, who is rapidly recovering from the effects of her exposure on the Tararua, has received a letter from the secretary (Mr. Mark Maxton) of the Greytown Committee of the Mt. Hector Tourists' Track: "I wish to congratulate you and Miss Knox on being the first ladies to do the through trip from Otaki to Greytown. Some have gone from Otaki to Mt. Hector, and others from Greytown to Mt. Hector, but none have done the through trip before."

Women generally, it would seem, derive much happiness from their faculty of living in the moment. They possess this faculty in a much higher degree than men. They do not think that they might be elsewhere, differently employed, in other company half their time, as men do. Even in moments of pleasure men are always inclined to look forwards or backwards. That phrase, "How happy I was then, if I had only known it," is used ten times by men for once by women. A woman knows when she is happy, and if at such times she speaks of the future, it is nearly always in recognition of the present fact—"Let us do this again some time. Bring me back here one day. We shall never have a greater treat than this."—A Man and His Lesson. By W. B. Maxwell.

At St. John's Church, Featherston, on December 14, the marriage was solemnised of Miss Muriel Helen Fenwick, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fenwick, of the Bank of New Zealand, and Mr. Ralph H. McClure, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. McClure, of Ruawai. The Rev. J. G. S. Bartlett performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a frock of ivory crepe de chine, with a tunic of brocaded silk crepe, trimmed with a deep fringe at the foot, the georgette sleeves and neck being embroidered with seed pearls. Her veil of soft tulle and lace was fastened to the head with clusters of orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of sweet sultan and lilies. Miss Nina Verity, of South Canterbury, was the only bridesmaid, and Mr. Walter McClure was best man.

At St. George's, Hanover Square, on October 21, the wedding took place of Brigadier-General H. D. O. Ward, C.B., C.M.G., Royal Artillery, to Mary, daughter of the late Right Hon. Charles Milnes Gaskell and Lady Catherine Milnes Gaskell. The Hon. Charles Hill-Trevor was best man, and the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Milnes Gaskell. There were neither bridesmaids nor pages. The wedding gown was of grey charmeuse and georgette, trimmed with oxydised embroidery, and the bride's hat was of grey velvet. She carried a bouquet of pale pink roses. The bridegroom was A.D.C. to Lord Ranfurly during his governorship in New Zealand, and the best man was his private secretary. Brigadier-General Ward served throughout the war, and was four times mentioned in despatches.

A wedding of interest to Aucklanders took place at the Catholic Church, Lower Hutt, Wellington, on January 21, when Mr. Grey Thorne-George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thorne-George, of Auckland, was married to Miss Anthony, of England, who recently arrived in New Zealand by the Kigoma. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Fitzgibbons, and the bride was given away by Mr. Vivian Riddiford. There were no bridesmaids, but Mr. Godfrey Thorne-George attended his brother as best man. The bride wore a beautiful frock of soft white satin softly draped with lace and silver. A long tulle veil, which fell past the hem of her skirt and formed the train, was fastened with sprays of orange blossom. The ceremony was a very quiet one, only relatives and a few intimate friends being present. Afterwards the guests were entertained to tea by Mrs. Vivian Riddiford, the bridegroom's sister, at her home at the Hutt.

Mrs. Fitzclarence Roberts, a well-known musician, who died in Sydney recently, was a sister of the late Mr. James Copeland, of the firm of Marshall and Copeland, who carried on an extensive brewing business for many years in Dunedin. The late Mrs. Roberts lived at St. Clair for some time prior to leaving for Australia to join her daughter, Mrs. Collins, of Nindoombah, Queensland. Besides Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Roberts left two daughters, Mrs. Bryan Haggitt, of Invercargill, and Mrs. Hunter Macandrew, Wellington. Her only son, Mr. Anstey Roberts, died in Dunedin some years ago.

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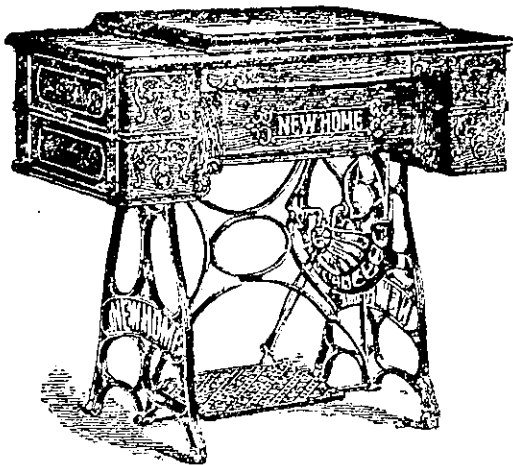
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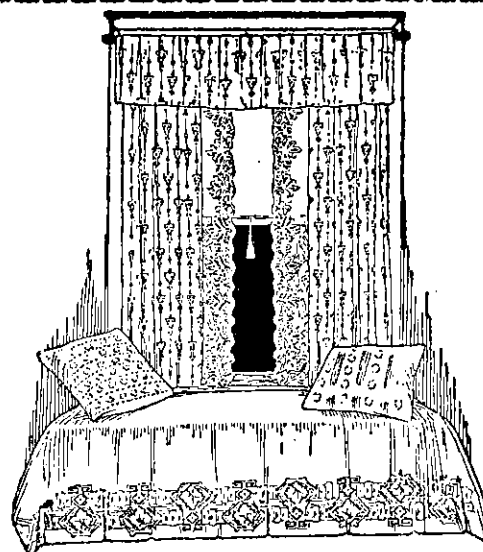
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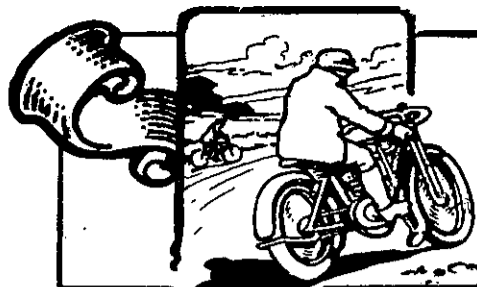
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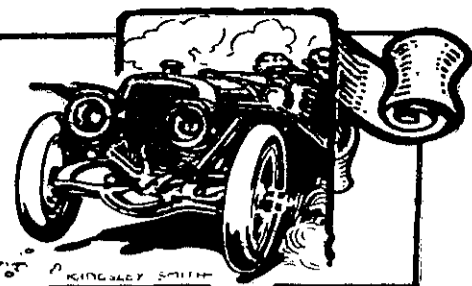
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Mr. H. McIntosh, city motor inspector, stated in the Christchurch Magistrate's Court that the city by-laws were being amended to allow a passenger to be carried on the back of a motor cycle if a side-car were attached, and if a special seat apart from the carrier were provided.

"It is not enough to have a light on a motor cycle. The light must be a sufficient one," Mr. V. G. Day, S.M., told a Christchurch motor cyclist who was brought before him on a charge of riding his machine by night without lights. "What is called the 'bobby dodger' is no good," the magistrate added.

A party of motorists recently made the trip between Wellington and Auckland in a three-seater car in excellent time, although not attempting to put up a record. The distance between Auckland and Wellington, via Napier, is over 500 miles, and this was covered in twenty-two hours.

The Wairarapa Automobile Insurance Company held a meeting at Greytown last week. The question of what cover to put on cars was discussed, but it is to be further considered; also the position of "first members" as against those joining subsequently. Five new members joined. Mr. Howard Jackson was elected to the directorate. The question of those members who have not paid premiums for two years was discussed, but adjourned.

Regarding the proposed beach patrols at New Brighton, the Mayor of Christchurch has received a letter from the Pioneer Bicycle and Sports Club recommending that in addition to their other duties the patrols should have control of all traffic, and see that a safe speed limit is observed, especially in the vicinity of the pier and those portions of the beach where the public congregate thickly. The Mayor intends forwarding the communication to the Mayor of New Brighton.

At the last meeting of the Wairarapa Automobile Association it was decided to erect a fence at the summit of Rimutaka Hill, also to have the sides of that road fenced. Donations of wire for this purpose have been received. The secretary was elected a representative on the Automobile Union. Messrs. Elgar, Booth, Wilson, Holmes, Benton, Stewart, White, and Bunny were appointed delegates to the union. It was decided to hold the motor trials on February 12 on the Tauherenikau course. The sum of £130 was allocated to be divided between eight events.

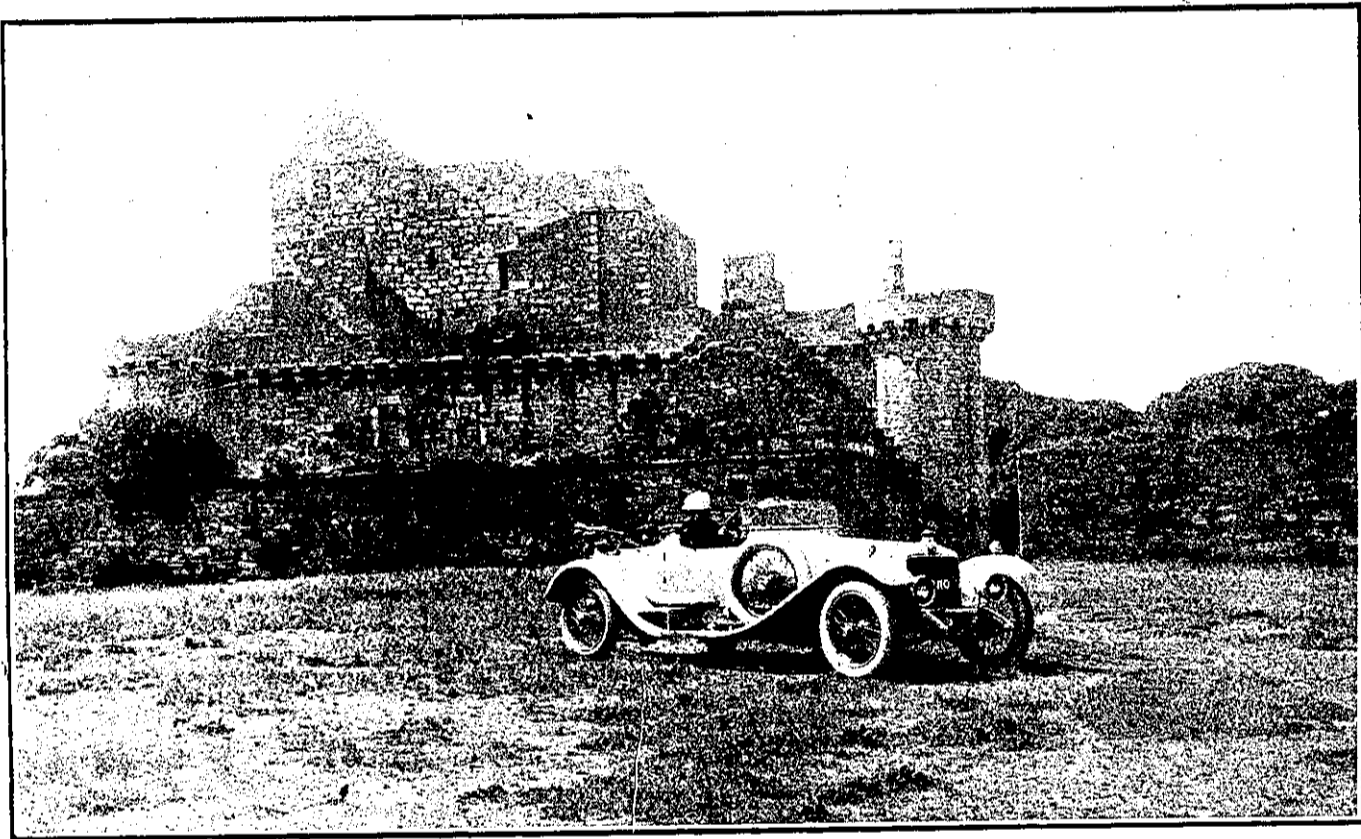
Their Majesties King George and Queen Mary, accompanied by Princess Mary, visited the Olympia Automobile Exhibition. The Royal party arrived by car with Sir Brian Godfrey Faussett and Col. Wigram in attendance, being received by Mr. Frank Lanchester, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders; Messrs. E. M. C. Instone and J. Maughffing, vice-presidents, and Mr. A. S. Mays Smith, hon. treasurer; Messrs. F. R. Simms and Sydney Straker, past presidents of the S.M.M.T.; Sir Arthur Stanley and Sir Julian Orde, representing the Royal Automobile Club. Miss Betty Lanchester presented a handsome bouquet to the Queen. Generally, the King showed himself in close touch with the motor movement, and frequently enquired as to the number of cars being produced. Few people at the show seemed to realise that the King is himself a motorist, and, as a naval officer, knows a great deal more about engineering details than the average motor car buyer.

A point of considerable moment to motorists was raised at the Auckland Police Court, when a charge was heard before Mr. J. E. Wilson, S.M., against E. C. Turner, of driving a motor car in Queen Street without being in possession of a certificate that he was entitled to do so. The evidence showed that the car was being driven by Mr. Turner under the supervision of the traffic inspector, who was testing his efficiency to drive before granting a certificate. The provisions of the latter specify that the driver must be able to handle a car efficiently amongst traffic, and Queen Street is invariably chosen as part of the testing ground. For the defence, Mr. Towle pointed out the anomaly of the by-law that anyone qualifying for a license was practically invited into the forbidden area, and then laid himself open to prosecution. The magistrate agreed that

Few motorists have ever driven in a motor car chassis minus mudguards; if they had they would be amazed at what they see on a day's run out on the open road. As one watches the flexing and jolting of the front springs, the chattering action of the front axle, the jumping and bumping of the front wheels over the road inequalities, one marvels. Then turning round to see what's happening at the rear of the chassis at 25 miles an hour over an ordinary give-and-take country road. In a whirl of dust, the wheels, springs, driving shaft, are all in violent action. The tyres pound the road—on the ground, then off it—the springs are alive doing work that amazes one. How light strips of steel can stand up to such terrific work is astounding. How the comparatively light shackles and bolts hold up against such barbarous treatment is, to say the least, remarkable. The differential and

Mr. Hugh Gillies, of Masterton, who was judging at the Nuhaka Show, sustained a bereavement while on the show ground, his son, Mr. Norman Gillies, having been thrown from a high-powered motor cycle near Sandon. The body was found by the side of the road with a fractured skull. Marks on the road indicated that the cycle (which was last seen travelling at a very rapid rate) had skidded. The deceased had only recently returned from active service.

An extremely large shipment of motor cars was contained in the Gharinda, unloaded at Lyttelton last week. There were about 110 motor cars for Christchurch, as well as about the same number of motor cycles. In addition there was a small number of motor tractors and a large amount of motor car and cycle parts and machinery.



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it was in the interests of the motorists and public that the driver should demonstrate his ability amongst traffic, and recommended the withdrawal of the case, and this the sub-inspector consented to. The traffic inspector pointed out that it was the universal practice to test those qualifying for their certificate in busy thoroughfares, and mentioned that of about 8000 cases he had put through he had found it necessary on only about a dozen cases to defer the sanction of the license.

The excessive speed at which many motor cars and motor cycles are driven in the Mount Albert district was commented on at a meeting of the Mount Albert Borough Council. The council agreed that such a speed constituted a menace to public safety, and resolved to request the police to watch for the offenders.

Fast times are being registered on the American motor speedways these days. One of the latest registered is 100 miles on a Harley-Davidson motor cycle, ridden by Burns, a Californian, in 67 minutes 57 seconds, a sustained speed of 88 miles per hour. This performance was registered in competition. Other fine rides at the same sports meeting held on the Sheepshead Bay track, New York, were: 2 miles in 71 3-5sec., and 50 miles in 32min. 57 2-5sec. From the look of things it will not be long before 100 miles is accomplished in an hour on a motor cycle. The late Percy Lambert (England) was the first carist to cram 100 miles into the hour, driving a 25 h.p. Talbot 103 miles 1470 yards in 60 minutes on Brooklands track in February, 1912.

back axle are thumping about, whilst the driving shaft, flexing in its universal joints, silently transmits its power with a slight purr through to the pair of Dunlop tyres on the driving wheels. That cotton and rubber can withstand such action, plus the strain of transmitting the drive, and stand it for thousands of miles, is incredible. Yet that is what goes on all the time you are motoring, only it is masked under the mudguards. What an object lesson such a drive is! It is a pity all motorists could not have the experience—if they did there would not be so much fast driving over bumpy road surfaces, and certainly less complaint when springs break and tyres wear out.

One of the outstanding features of the recent Olympia Motor Car Show in London was the obvious decrease in the purchasing power of money. Chassis worth £600 before the war are now nearly double the money, and the same with the lower-priced cars. It is not only the chassis that is bringing such big figures, for the prices quoted for some of the best of the bodies is astounding. Fancy £1160 being asked for a coupe body, and motorists rushing the makers for replicas of it! Yet it's a fact. The price of this body is about what one could buy a Rolls-Royce chassis for before the war. Truly the world holds many surprises.

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At the Cook Hospital Board's last meeting a letter was received from Mr. H. E. Hill (the acting-coroner) with reference to the recent fatal accident on the Kaiti beach. The letter pointed out that a horse-drawn vehicle was the only ambulance available, and as the occasion was a holiday there were no horses about, and the injured man had to be taken to the hospital in an ordinary car. The coroner at the inquest forwarded the following rider to the jury's verdict to the board: "That in the opinion of the jury, after hearing the evidence, there should be a motor ambulance in Gisborne, as the horse conveyance is too slow." The coroner added that the matter seemed to be one of urgent public necessity. Mr. Humphreys pointed out that the board was negotiating for a motor ambulance, and was not overlooking the matter. He was of the opinion that a horse should be kept at the stable handy in case of an urgent call in the meantime, even if it meant extra cost to the board. Mr. McCliskie supported the suggestion of the former speaker. Mr. Coleman suggested that the new motor ambulance should be kept in the fire station, where it would be ready at all hours to go out without delay. Mr. DeCosta moved that the letter be replied to, pointing out that the motor ambulance was being secured and the matter had been before the board for the past two years; also pointing out that the board was making arrangements for a horse to be kept at the stables, especially for the ambulance. Mr. Tomblason mentioned a "trailer ambulance," which could be hitched behind any ordinary car, and which was used on the war fronts during the period of the war. Mr. DeCosta's motion was carried.

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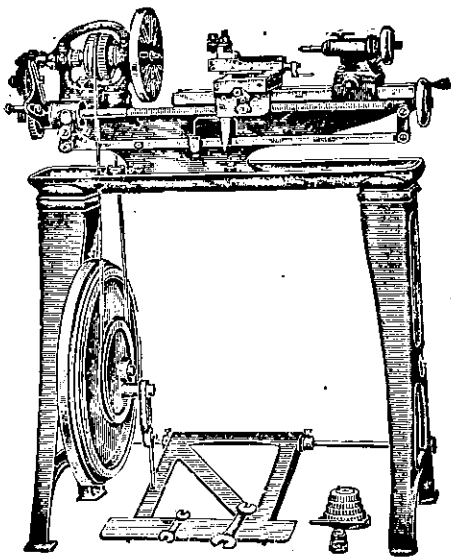
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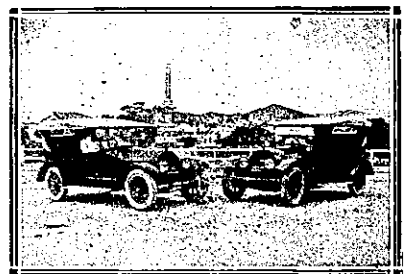
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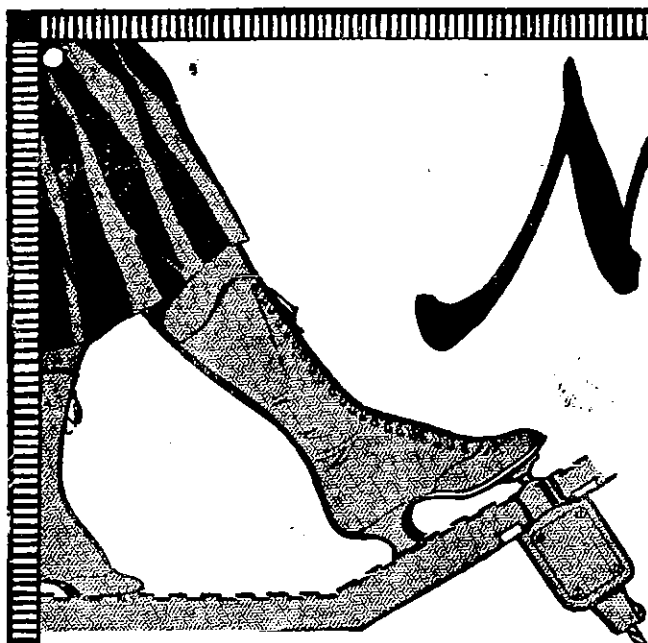
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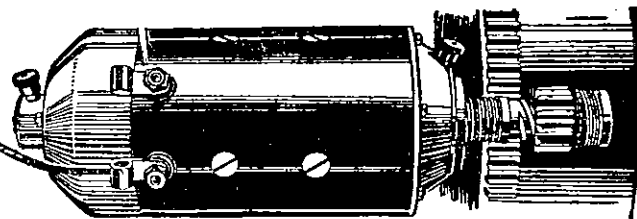
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Some 85,000 people are now employed in America making Ford cars, the daily production of which totals 3100. It is a remarkable output, and even then is 400 cars a day short of the present demand.

The possibilities of Hamilton becoming a landing place for mail-carrying hydroplanes were discussed by the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce recently, when the president (Mr. G. Parr) said that so far the aerial mail service had only been considered to coastal towns. He believed an efficient service could be worked between Auckland and Hamilton, where there were two excellent landing places in the river and lake. It was decided to ask the Postmaster-General to place Hamilton on the list of towns to which experimental flights are to be made.

Proposed new traffic regulations were recommended to the Auckland City Council by the Mayor, Mr. J. H. Gunson, as the result of observations made by him when abroad recently. He suggested, pending a statement going more fully into details, that "safety zones" for passengers boarding or alighting from tram-cars be introduced, and that two be placed at the top of Symonds Street and another at the terminus opposite the General Post Office. These "zones" were protected areas, over which wheeled traffic might not pass at all, and within which tram passengers might safely alight from or await cars. This would require a by-law, which, it was recommended, be enacted. Its terms might be such as would enable the application of the principal to other parts of the tramway system within the city, should it be deemed desirable. In controlling congested traffic areas in many large cities this scheme had been a great success. The matter was referred to the committee of the council as a whole.

Evidence was given at the Wellington Magistrate's Court one day last week by Inspector F. W. McCourtie that as motorists were returning to the city after a recent race meeting certain cars greatly exceeded the speed limit of 25 miles per hour. The driver of the Inspector's car said that his machine was capable of doing seventy miles per hour, and his car was "all out" when the offending motorist, Hector McClean, was overhauled. The Inspector put the speed of McClean's car at fifty-five miles an hour, and that, too, on a busy road. Captain Hennah and Mr. R. D. Hanlon, J.P.'s, imposed a fine of £5 and 7s costs. John S. Swinson, who had driven his car at fifty miles an hour on the same date, was also fined £5 and costs, and Frank William Williams, whose car had attained a speed of 40 miles an hour, was fined £3 costs for having "cut corners" on the way to town.

Writing to the "Post" in reference to street accidents, A. P. Hailey has the following to say: "I know that in some parts of America the pedestrian is summoned as well as the driver of the vehicle, and the one in fault is fined. A by-law framed on these lines here would make both parties liable, and would make a pedestrian look up and down a street before crossing. The seat of the trouble seems to be that the general public consider that the motorist is always to blame, quite overlooking the fact that it takes two to make an accident as well as a quarrel. How many times have accidents happened through people stepping off the footpath in front of a moving vehicle, in some cases resulting in the driver being charged with manslaughter? I have driven cars down both Cuba and Willis streets when there were more people on the road than there were on the footpath, and, when sounding the horn to clear the way, it is often taken as a personal affront. I wonder what these people would think if the car was driven on the footpath? As a member of the Wellington Automobile Club, I intend to do all in my power to get them to move in this direction, as I feel certain that, if the pedestrian as well as the driver of the vehicle was summoned, it would do away with 80 per cent. of the road accidents.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. James, of Auckland, and their daughters are on a motoring tour of the Dominion.

The conference of South Island delegates to consider the advisability of forming a South Island Motor Association is to be held in Dunedin on Thursday, February 12, at 3 p.m.

Recent cabled advices from London and New York notify a big jump in the price of cotton, in some cases the increase being nearly 100 per cent. This will be bad news for motorists, for motor covers are comprised of half cotton, the best the world produces, and the rise in price must in time influence the selling price of motor covers—in fact, all classes of tyres.

The Harley-Davidson motor cycle is almost daily gaining in popularity throughout the Dominion, its excellent service under the most severe conditions leaving no doubt as to its absolute suitability for the New Zealand roads. Both the solo mount and the machine with side-car are in popular demand with devotees of motor cycling, and the Harley-Davidson agents, Messrs. Merson Bros., 170-172 Symonds Street, Auckland, are kept extremely busy in coping with orders for new machines, supplying accessories, etc., and attending to the requirements of the ever-increasing army of Harley-Davidson riders.

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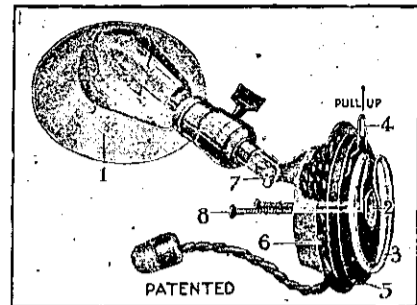
In dismissing a charge against a motorist for exceeding the speed limit on the Ashburton bridge recently, the magistrate, Mr. W. R. McKean, had the following to say:—"It would seem that the by-law, in so far as it purports to limit the speed to 10 miles an hour, is a dead letter. The benefit intended to be conferred by the by-law covers no doubt the safety of the travelling public, but it is clear, from the evidence of the prosecution, that the safety of the travelling public is in no way imperilled by the driving of a car at twice the speed permitted by the by-law. The by-law is not of purely local concern, for it affects the right, common to all, to use a public highway, and the rule is that such a by-law must be scrutinised with greater care than one that affects only the inhabitants of a particular locality. If a speed of 20 miles an hour is safe—according to the evidence it is—then the limitation of 10 miles is unnecessary and of no benefit either to the inhabitants of the locality or to the public generally, and the by-law is therefore unreasonable. The informant demonstrated his method of timing cars crossing the bridge, and, I do not doubt, endeavoured to be quite impartial; but mistakes, I am satisfied, have been made, and I think that they have been made in this case."

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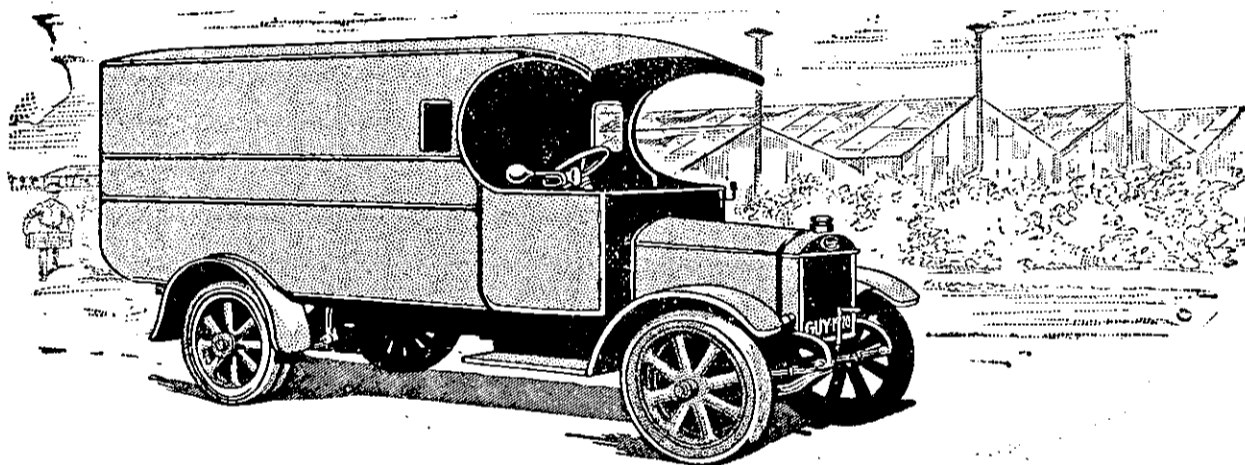
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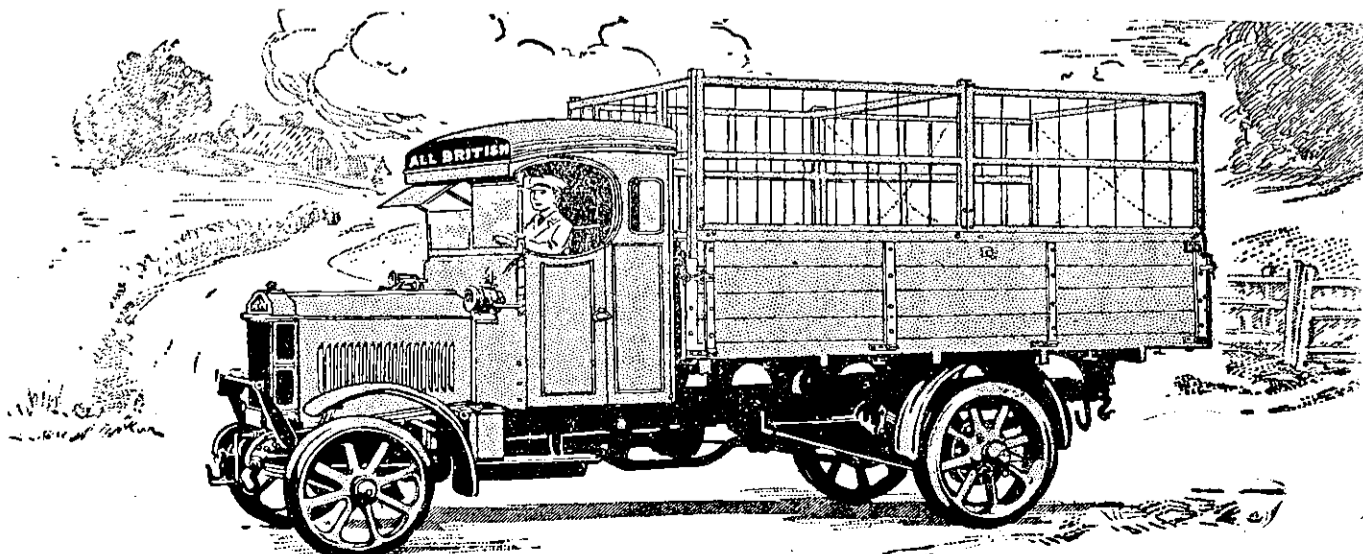
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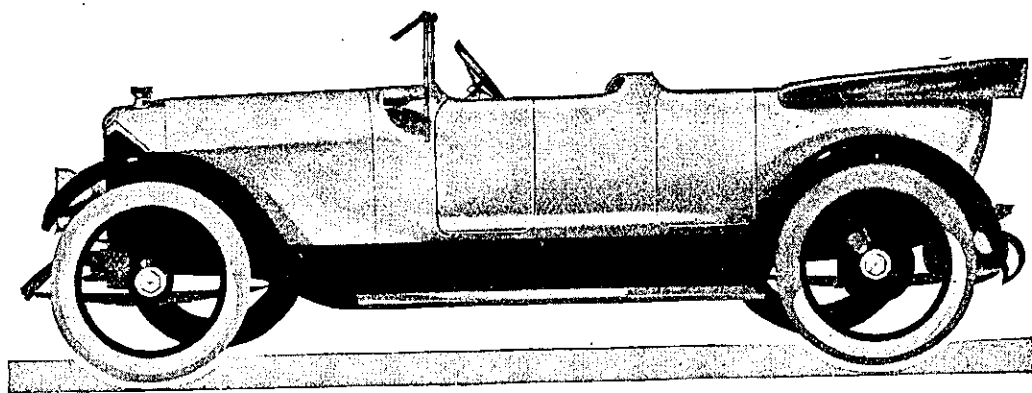
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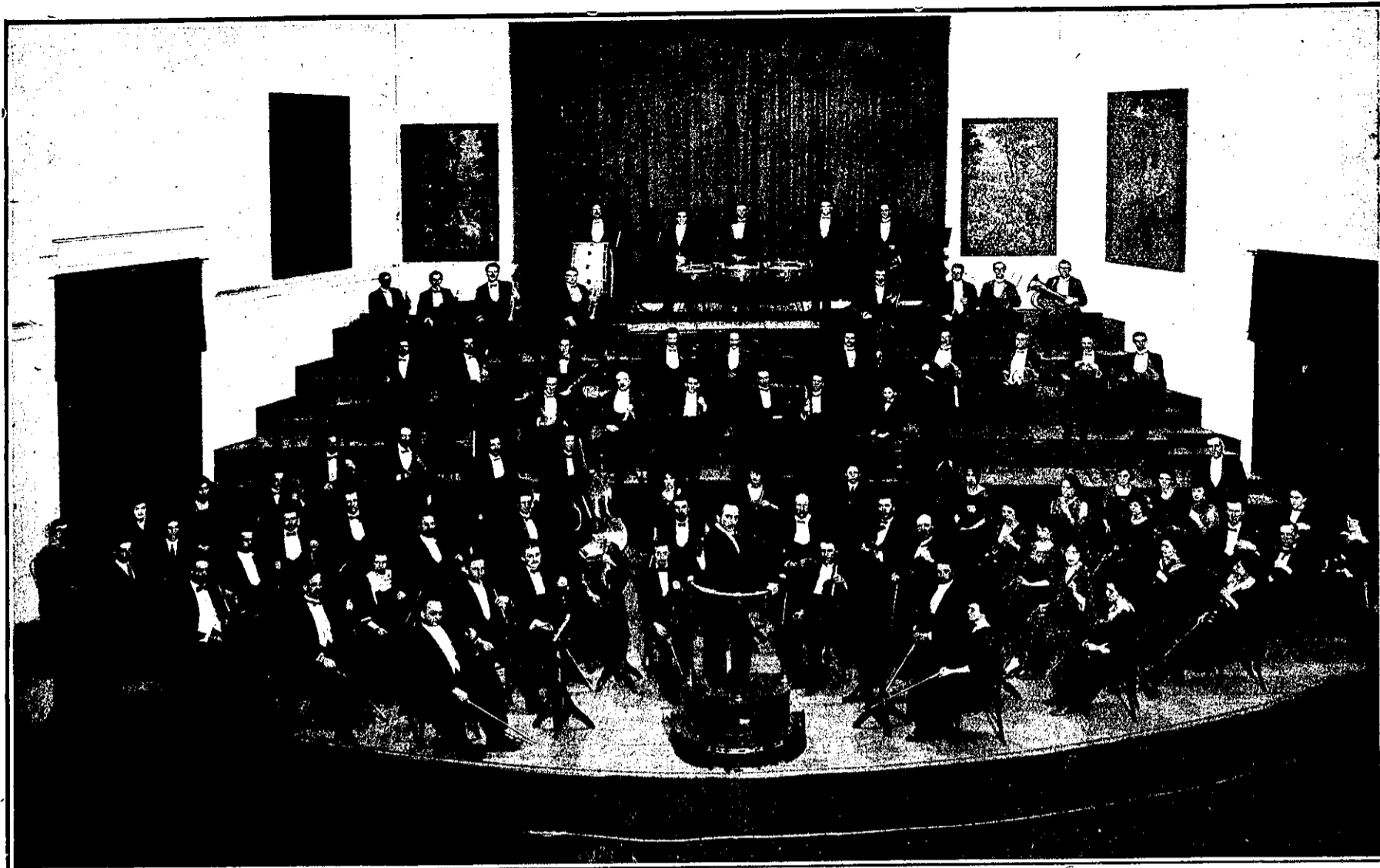
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CONDITIONS.

NOMINATIONS for all events close with the Secretary, Te Awamutu, or with Messrs. Blomfield and Co., High Street, Auckland, on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1920, at 9 p.m.**

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Mr. Henry Buck (says the Melbourne "Herald") states that the reported death of Mr. Jack Waller and the rumours of various misfortunes to the members of his company are without foundation. Mr. Buck is in receipt of letters and programmes from Colombo, Calcutta, Bombay, Poona, and Karachi, dated late in November. The company witnessed the arrival of Sir Ross Smith at Karachi, and sent letters by his machine to Australia.

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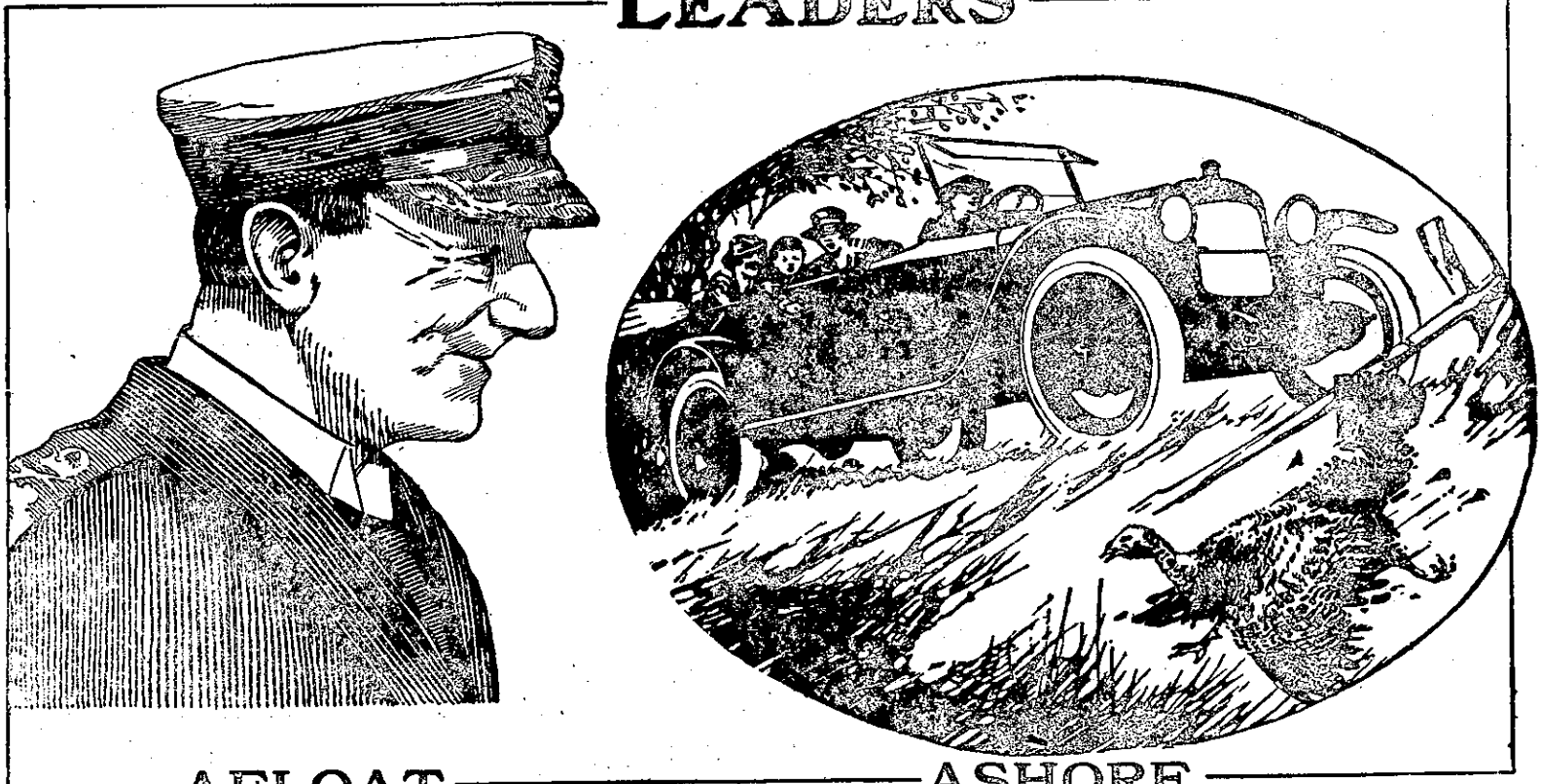
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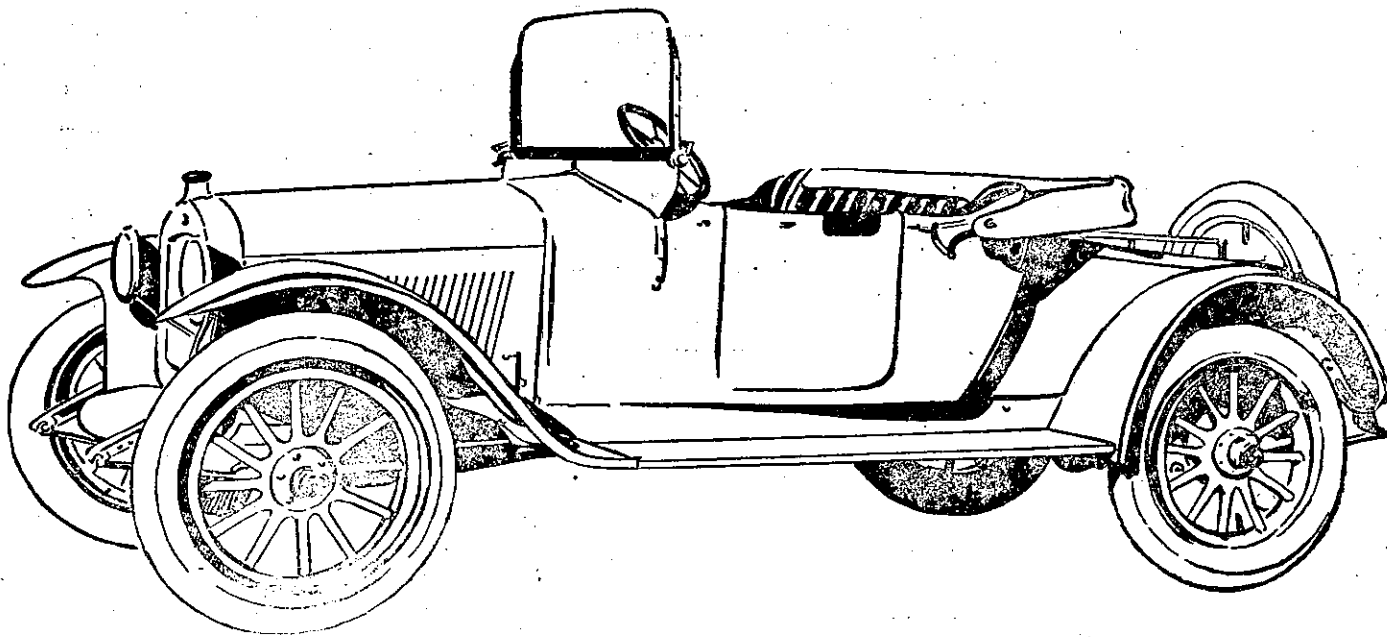
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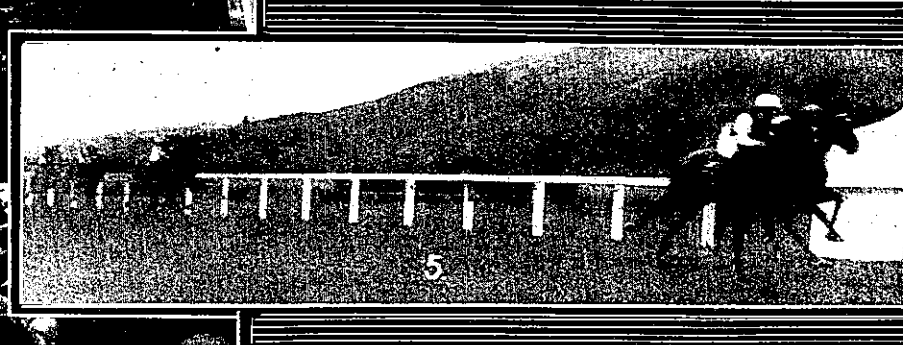
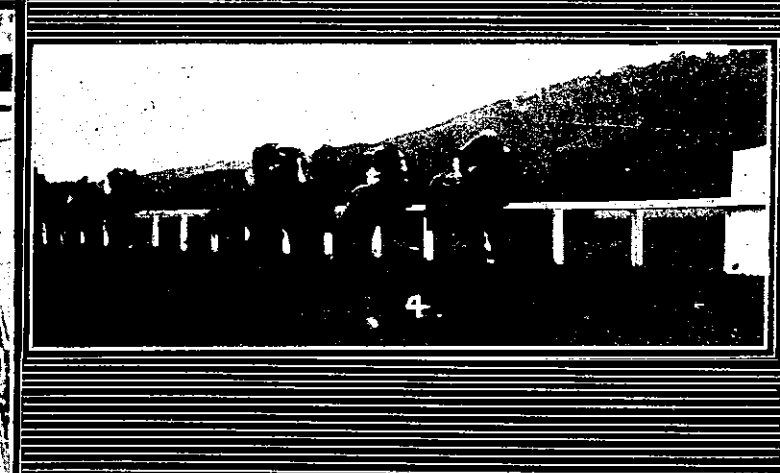
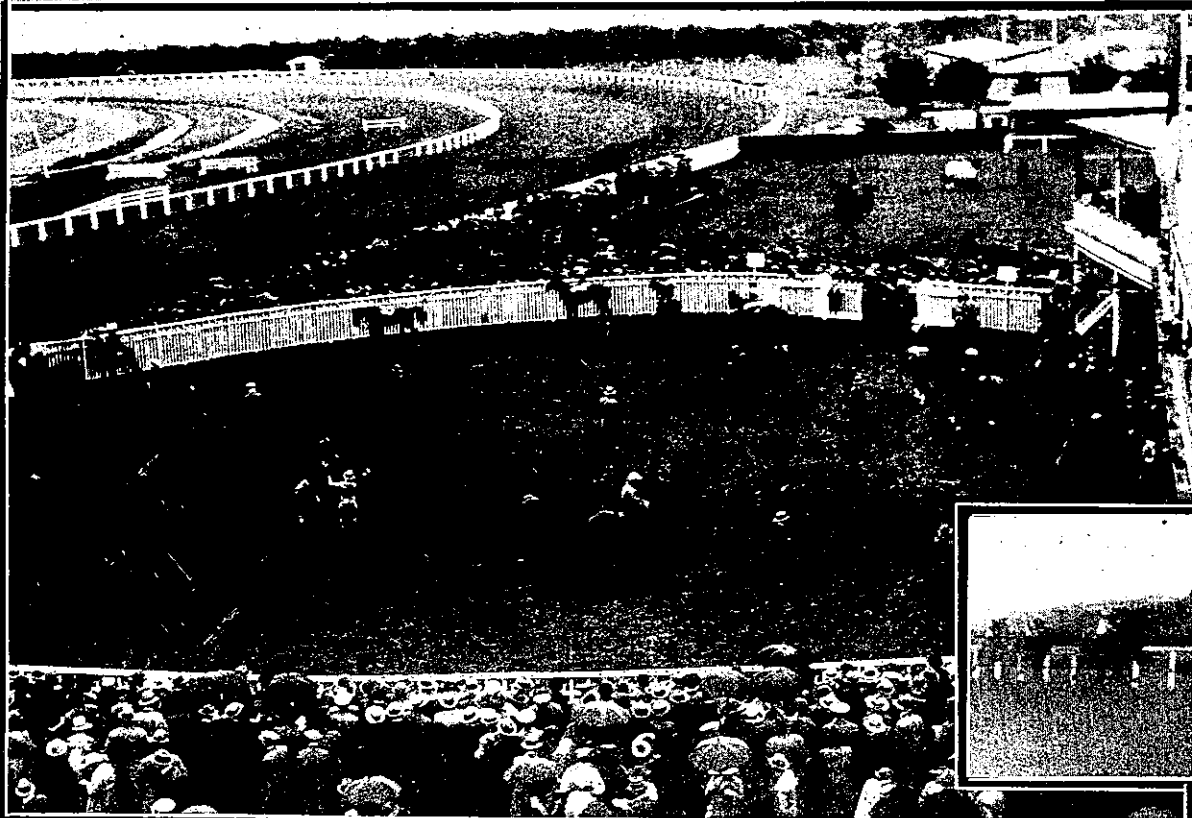
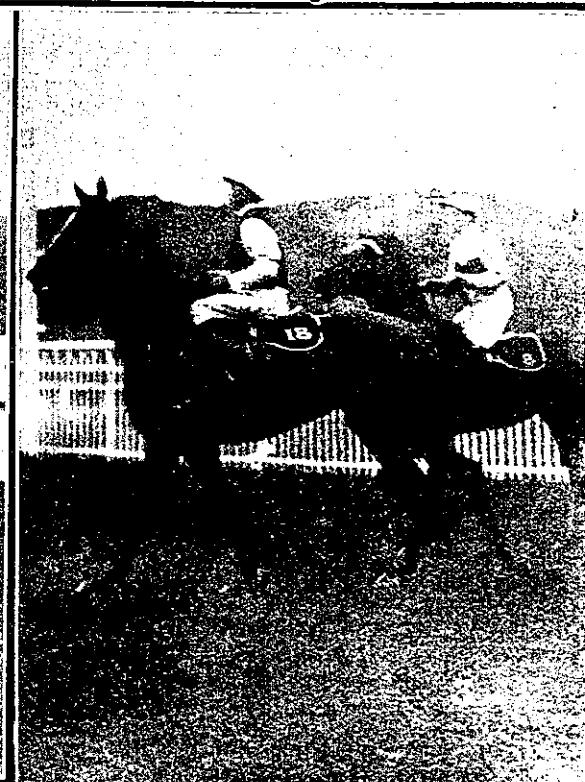
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DAISY KENNEDY'S ART.

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In presenting such a genius of the violin as Miss Daisy Kennedy, Messrs. J. and N. Tait would seem to have crowned their achievements as entrepreneurs of all that is supreme in the world of art. Miss Kennedy, with her divine gift, has been holding large audiences spellbound, and not only as a virtuoso does she command rapt attention, but as the embodiment of exquisite femininity she compels instant admiration. Her first programme opened with "Variations on a Theme by Corelli" (Tartini), which exemplified her dexterous fingering and surety of execution. Couperin's "Chanson Louis XIII. et Pavane" was a symphony in grace and delicacy, and grand and inspiring was her treatment of the first movement of Tchaikowsky's famous "Violin Concerto in D Major." Three unaccompanied pieces by Bach—"Bourree in B Minor," "Andante in C Major," and "Prelude in E Major"—proved a further enthrallment, and amongst a feast of tremendously appealing numbers were "Dragonflies" (Nandor Zsolt)—marked by peculiarly characteristic effects—"The Lark" (Glinka-Balakireff), "Berceuse" (Tor Aulin), "Russian Dance" (Zimbalist), "Swing Song" (Ethel Barnes), and "An Old French Hymn." After each item the artist received a veritable ovation, so unerringly did she express the sentiment and mood of every piece in her interpretations and make it potent to her hearers. Miss Topsis Doenau, as accompanist, not only adorns her own art, but with an affinity of ideas brought about by long association with Miss Kennedy, helps to bring about an idealisation of results.

So masterful has been Miss Kennedy's achievement in Auckland that the four arranged recitals have not been enough to satisfy the increasing audiences in the Concert Chamber, and the management have decided to extend the season to Thursday and Saturday.

MURIEL STARR'S FAREWELL.

THREE IMPORTANT PLAYS.

The second production will be an association with so popular a leading man as Mr. Frank Harvey, and supported by a first-class dramatic company, under the direction of J. C. Williamson, Ltd., will doubtless be hailed with distinct pleasure. Of all the high-class emotional actresses that have visited us for a decade no more popular or talented artist has been seen than Miss Muriel Starr. She will appear in Auckland for an eleven nights' season, commencing Saturday, February 7, with three new plays which come to this city with exceptional reputations, viz., "The Silent Witness," "Common Clay," and "Three Faces East." The former, which will be the opening piece, shows Miss Starr in one of her greatest impersonations, that of Helen Hastings, the unhappy mother of an unfortunate son—a character of a most exacting nature, which runs the entire gamut of the emotions during its exposition. The author of "The Silent Witness" is Otto Haubach, who wrote "Katinka," the musical comedy which achieved much popularity in the Dominion some time back. It is said to be full of mystery and thrill, with a strong dramatic story of sustained interest, and it also possesses the valuable quality of "suspense."

"COMMON CLAY."

The second production will be another successful drama, "Common Clay." The story deals with the moral responsibility of men to women and girls of lower station whom they betray. The unfortunate female in "Common Clay" is Ellen Neal, who, after a career of shame, makes a genuine effort to reform, by accepting domestic service in a

gentleman's household, only to encounter therein one who had been chiefly responsible for the mode of life she had previously led, and to be still further pestered and eventually betrayed by the gentleman's son. Her demand that something should be done for her child leads the father to consult his lawyer, who, in a discussion on morals generally, confesses to an indiscretion in his youth similar to that of his client's son, and in the end it transpires that Ellen Neal is none other than the daughter of this very lawyer.

"THREE FACES EAST."

The third and final production of the season will be the sensational and thrilling spy play "Three Faces East," a drama showing Germany's subtle methods of gaining information before and after the war. The plans for the eleven nights' season will open at Wildman and Arey's on Thursday, February 5.

performed some dangerous looking feats with not only the utmost unconcern but with evident enjoyment. Prolonged applause was their reward at the conclusion. Will and Linda Newman in their skill-cum-absurdity cycling act caused plenty of merriment. The Falvey Sisters had innumerable recalls for their dainty harmonised numbers. Renaux and Arta were again a popular turn, their xylophone offerings including the overture "Raymond," "Bing Boys," and a medley of rags and catchy airs. Miss Lillian Fontenoy was heard in a couple of well-suited ballads. Mr. Paul Stanhope's Revue Company made a merry break with their frivolity in "Eric-a-brac," which was a pot-pourri of songs, dances and nonsensicalities. In the latter Mr. Stanhope was the leading conspirator, and he was well aided and abetted by Mr. Mark Erickson and Mr. Ernest Pitcher. The Grafters' Quartette, the Singer Girls, and the soloists—Misses

PRINCESS THEATRE.

"WITH CAPTAIN SCOTT IN THE ANTARCTIC."

Unique in the annals of photography is the picturisation of Captain Scott's memorable expedition to the South Pole, which is attracting crowded sessions day and night to the Princess Theatre. The wonders of the unknown region are revealed in their true light, the exceptional climatic conditions and intense light of the frozen regions conducting to faithful photography. The unusual nature of these pictures, apart from the profound interest commanded by the heroic men who gave their lives for the honour of their country and the advancement of science, makes them of universal interest. For instance, there is the Killer whale, a vicious and destructive animal of the deep that makes life miserable for the docile Weddell seal, and its young, and, in fact, for every other species of that zone. The artist was fortunate enough to film a large school of these deep sea monsters attacking mother seals, showing the extraordinary tactics resorted to by the old seals to save their young. These whales, through concerted effort, actually upheave thick sea-ice in their desperate attempt to precipitate the seals into the water after they have been frightened out of it. Another remarkable feature is the wonderfully graphic reproduction of Mount Erebus, an active volcano in actual state of eruption. Every movement of the little heroic band of explorers is closely followed, the embarkation, life at the base, the setting out of the three sledges for the South Pole, the discovery of the Norwegian flag at their goal, the return, and the ice cairn against the southern sky. Here and there the antics of penguins and seals add bright touches of humour to the tale, and the interest of the picture is heightened by explanatory readings by Messrs. Easter and Ruston.

Miss Emelie Polini is making another big success in Sydney for the Taits with "The Little Damozel."

Mr. Robert Williamson, after a brief detachment from the managerial staff of J. C. Williamson, Ltd., has ahead of the Muriel Starr Dramatic firm, and arrives in Auckland to-day ahead of the Muriel Starr Dramatic Company.

One of the new J. C. Williamson productions will be the latest London comedy success, "Tilly of Bloomsbury," by Ian Hay. It is described as a tale of mingled laughter and tears. A special company is being organised, and will include several well-known artists from London, picked to represent their particular "types."



MISS BATHIE-STUART, a piquant and versatile musical entertainer, well-known to New Zealand audiences.

OPERA HOUSE.

One of the best first-halves seen for some time is a reason why the Opera House should be crowded every night and matinee this week. Monday night's large audience demonstrating its keen approval of the vaudevillian fare provided by the Fuller firm. An exhilarating first appearance was made by Preston and Ferrin, dancers well out of the ordinary, from the moment of their original entry (in which the tall member distinguishes himself comically on skates) to their final exit, when both give a demonstration of eccentric solo dancing. Their work all through is marked by neatness of stepping and originality of movements, and they well deserved the hurricane of applause they received. In the first grade, too, were Marzon and Florence, a man of Herculean strength and a girl who is as pretty as she is intrepid. Some skilful balancing feats on a tall pedestal paved the way for the sensational climax, in which a silver ladder played a prominent part. With the long ladder balanced on her partner's shoulder, Florence climbed the rings, and perched on the top she

Maude Miles, Ethel Bennetto and Helen Le Cain—livened up the proceedings considerably, and were responsible for much of the brightness of the show.

A glance through a recent issue of the "South African Pictorial" locates quite a number of entertainers popular with New Zealanders. Allen Doone, after one of the most successful tours any company has ever enjoyed in South Africa, returned to Johannesburg and was playing in "Sweet County Kerry." Rogers and Rieuse, the French dancers who made such a hit on the Fuller circuit, were making similar havoc with Kimberley audiences. Dan Thomas was producing and playing dame in the pantomime "The Babes in the Wood," with other well-remembered Fuller artists in the cast—Miss Naomi McQuoin as principal boy, Miss Nellie Fallon as principal girl, and Mr. George Taylor as the baron. Walter Emerson and Gwen Hasto were on the Orpheum bill, and Sterling and Love on the Empire.

Miss Daisy Harcourt, a well-known comedienne, who has made good abroad, will be the star attraction at the Opera House next week.



MISS VIOLET HARRIS, pianist with the Allan Wilkie Dramatic Company, at present in Dunedin.

INVASIONS ON THE FULLER CIRCUIT.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO BEGINNERS.

According to Mr. Clym Edgares, manager of the Auckland Opera House, several top-notch acts have recently arrived in Australia, having been booked from America by Mr. Ben Fuller. A real live parson is one of them—the Rev. Frank Gorman, who, concluding that the church did not pay him a living wage, decided to go into vaudeville and use the money from his engagement to establish a church which he intends to run on business lines. He admits the church is as much a business as anything else, and is confident that if it is run on commercial lines it must prove a success. Mr. Gorman, one of whose trump cards is singing, will appear in Auckland about May.

The Artois Brothers are responsible for a sensational act with a pantomime flavour. Their comedy is polished and they can get the laughs even in the midst of the most thrilling feats. They are due here in April.

Another star pair are Macnamara and Clinton (a man and a girl), whose offering consists of a musical satire on the ways and manners of customs officials. The girl arrives with a trunk of dainty garments; the man is a customs officer, and the resultant sparring which ensues may be easily imagined by those who travel. He is said to be an agile comedian with unusual methods.

Corporal Joe Nathan is another headliner on the list. He has a great reputation as a versatile genius in American vaudeville, and from all accounts keeps the audience speculating as to what he will do next. As his title indicates he has done his part in the theatre of war.

George Hall, whose talent as a raconteur has been proved on a previous visit, returns after some years' absence in America. He opens in Christchurch next month with a racy budget of new stories.

Aspirants to vaudeville—singers, monologuists, acrobats, novelty performers, etc.—have a sympathetic confidant in Mr. Edgares, who has given a start to quite a number of local acts on the Fuller circuit. Renaux and Arta are one pair for example, and their manipulation of the xylophone shows they know how to deliver the goods appreciably. Mr. Edgares points with pleasurable pride to the fact that it was he who recommended Davis and Lee, that natty balancing couple whose inclusion is a draw on the very strongest bill. "If an act shows promise," says the local manager, "we can give and guarantee five years' continuous work. Any that come to me I'm prepared to give them personal attention and help them forward as far as possible with any knowledge that I possess."

MUSIC NOTES.

(By "G" String.)

Paderewski's supreme skill in piano playing probably came as much from his being born a Pole as from his being born a musician. For the skill was largely a matter of sheer hard work and self-discipline—of a savage energy which in another orbit might have guided half a dozen trusts. On the education of every finger was lavished as much pains as go to the instruction of the children of a good-sized township.

Madame Ada Crossley announces her retirement from the concert platform. Unlike a good many world singers, she has no desire to give a series of farewell concerts, and has bidden the great general public a silent farewell. Never was a truer Australasian than Madame Crossley, and never a singer nearer to the people's hearts. She was born in Victoria, and commenced her studies in 1892. In 1894 she went to London, and has since then appeared at every great festival of the Empire.

Miss Minnie Love is shining brightly in "Oddments," the latest Melbourne Tivoli revue. Another particular favourite is Mr. C. H. Workman.

The J. C. Williamson management report that a record season has been experienced with the Grand Opera Company, the takings in Wellington for the fifteen nights and one matinee exceeding those of any previous opera company, either comic or grand.

Mrs. Brough, with her husband (Mr. Cyril Bell), recently returned to Australia after a long stay in London. Mrs. Brough says "Chu Chin Chow"—in which, by the way, her sister, Miss Bessie Major, is appearing—may now be called an institution. To the people of England it has become like the National Gallery and the British Museum, only much more popular. Nothing affects its phenomenal run. Mr. Oscar Asche and Miss Lily Brayton frequently drop out of the cast for long holidays, and, indeed, it is not uncommon for all the principal parts to be filled by understudies, and still the theatre is packed. Mr. Bell intends going into business in Australia.

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WELLINGTON NOTES.

(By "Lorgnette.")

WELLINGTON, January 26.
The Wirth Brothers and their huge circus and menagerie will this evening open a most strenuous season, as they advertise to give five matinees. It is stated that this season has outdone all their previous efforts, and the show to be presented is second to none. Some big talk, but it is a fact, for from southern notices it is proclaimed to be the greatest show that has ever visited the Dominion.
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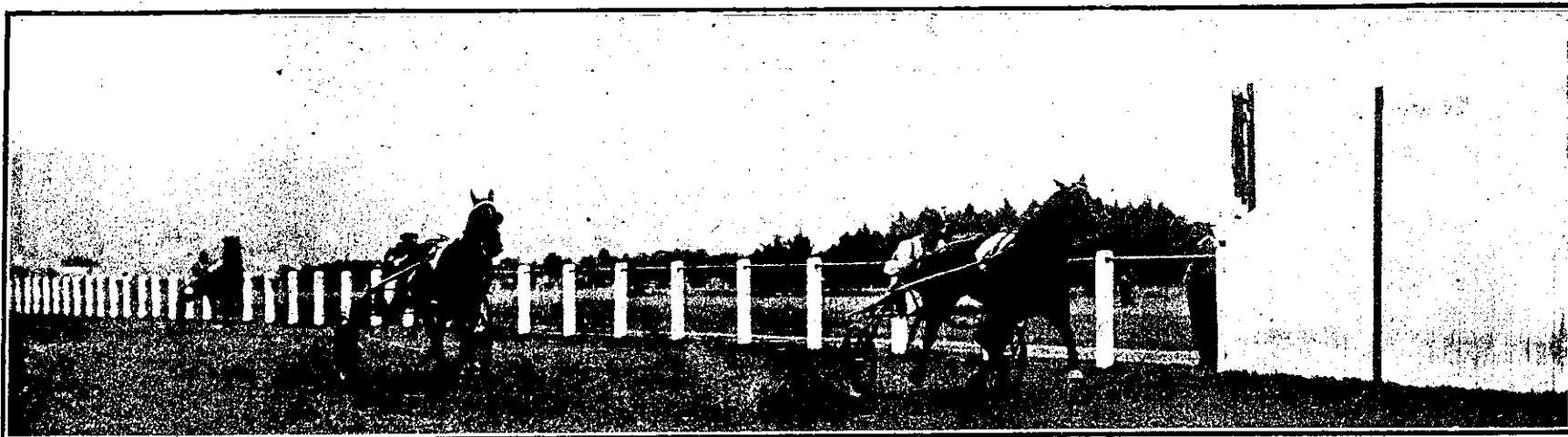
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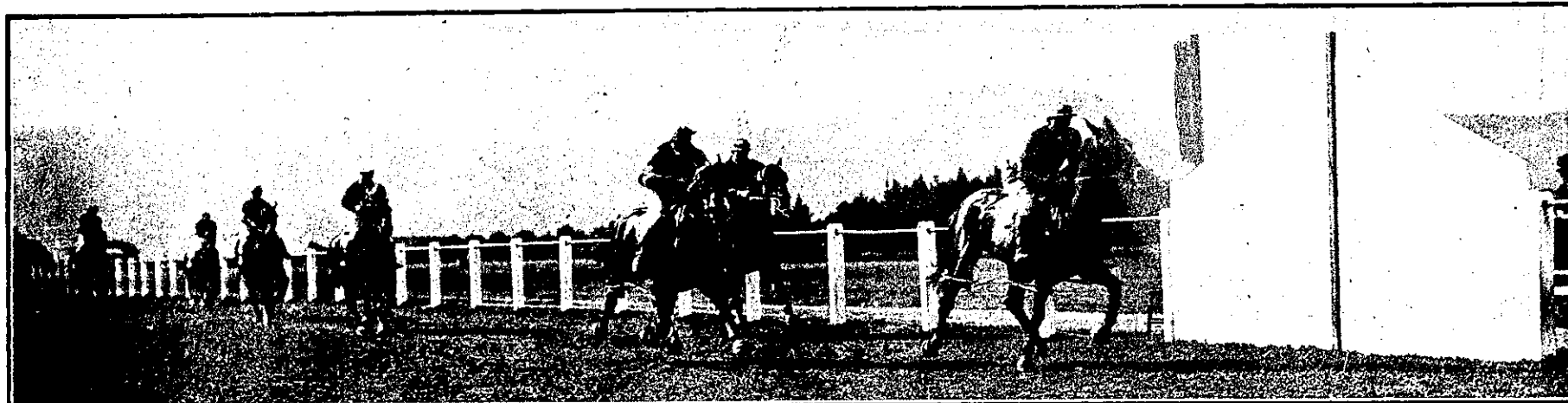
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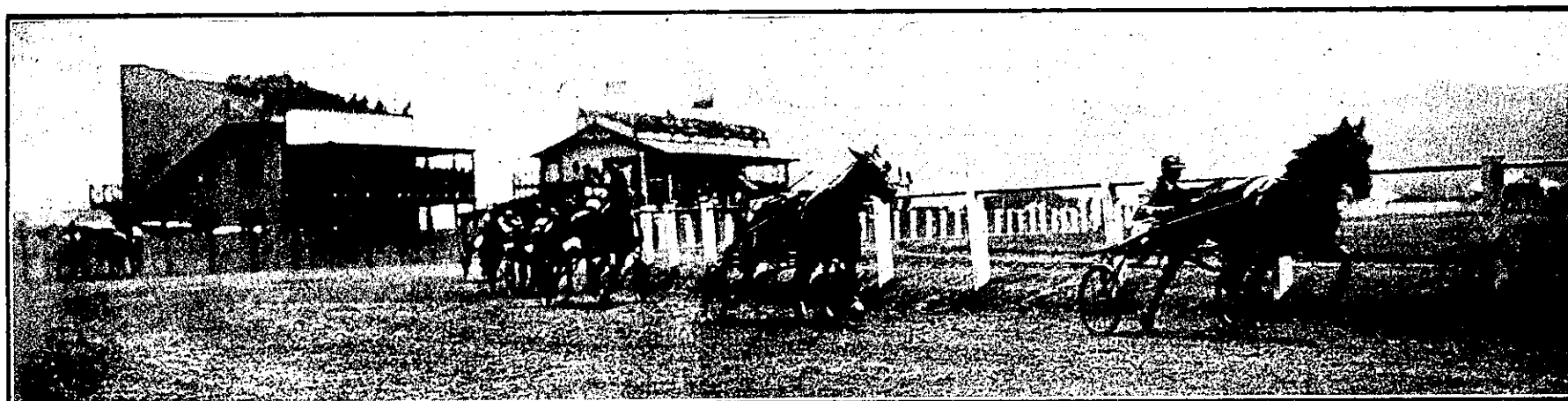
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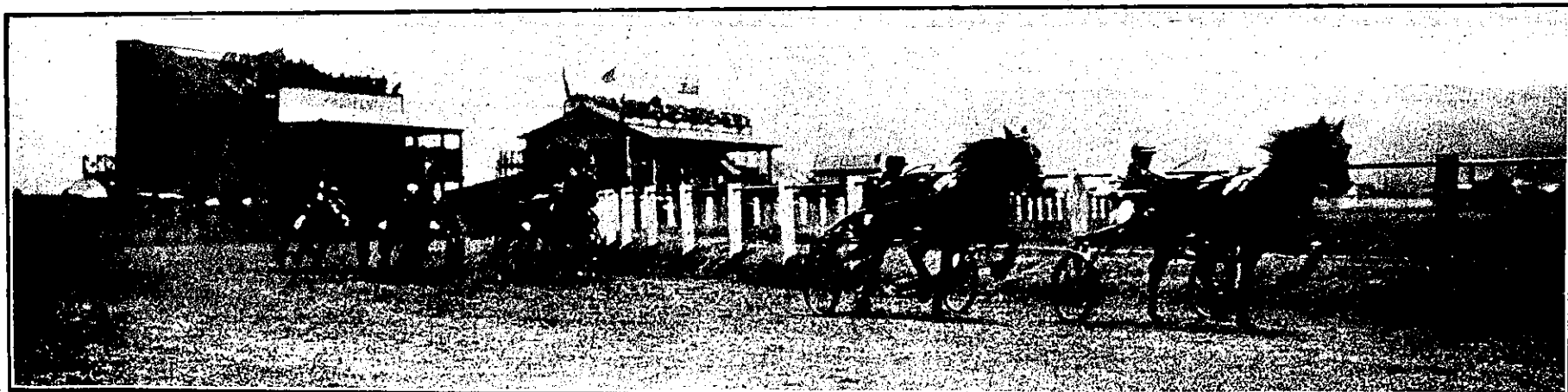
DELTA (J. R. TROTTER) WINNING THE BOROUGH HANDICAP (1½ MILES) FROM ANNIE BLACK (S. AUGUST), WITH BLUE DRIFT (F. HICKENBOTHAM) THIRD.



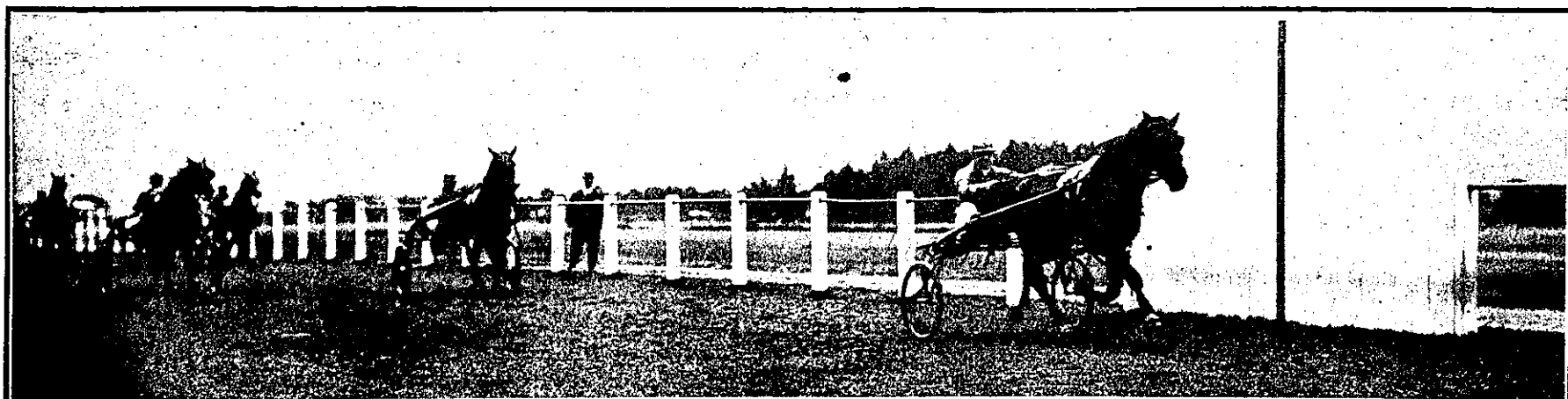
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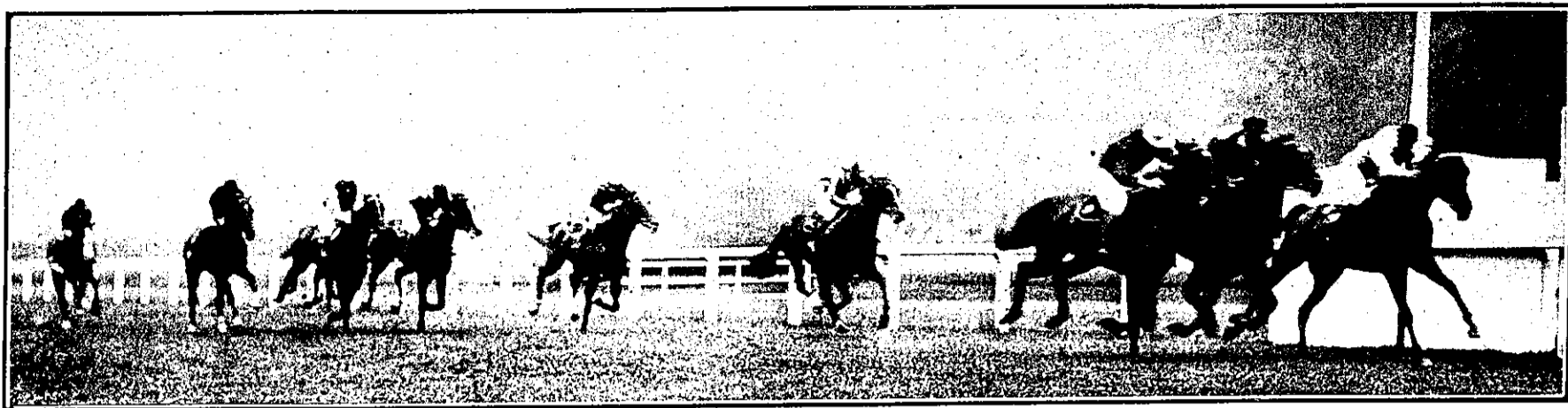


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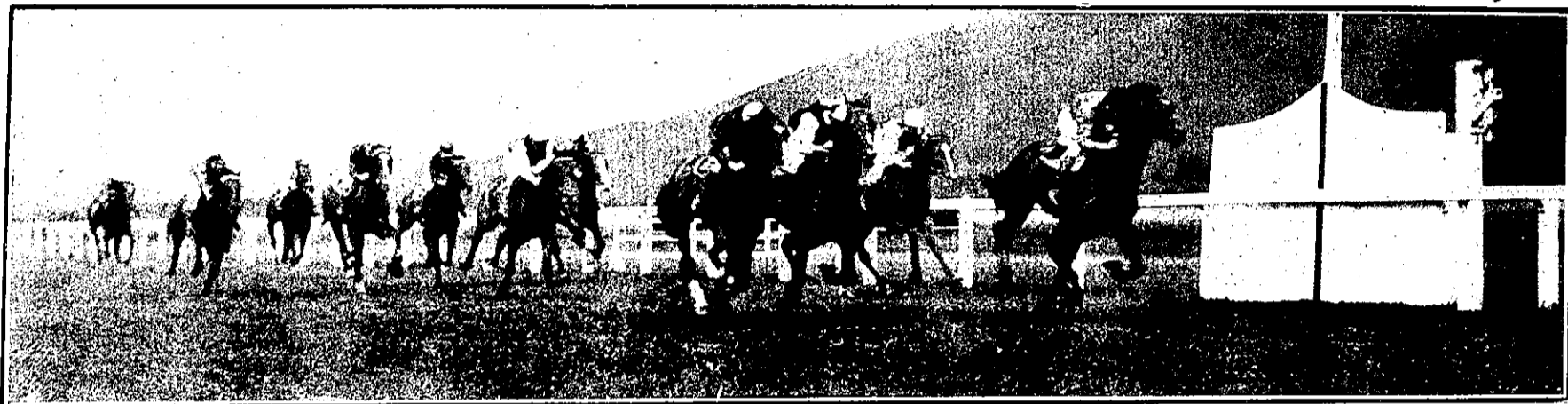


THE FINISH OF THE NEW ZEALAND TROTTING GOLD CUP (TWO MILES)—PARTNER (A. FLEMING) REGISTERS A POPULAR WIN, WITH EMPEROR (F. HOLMES) SECOND, AND OUR GIRL (E. McDERMOTT) THIRD.

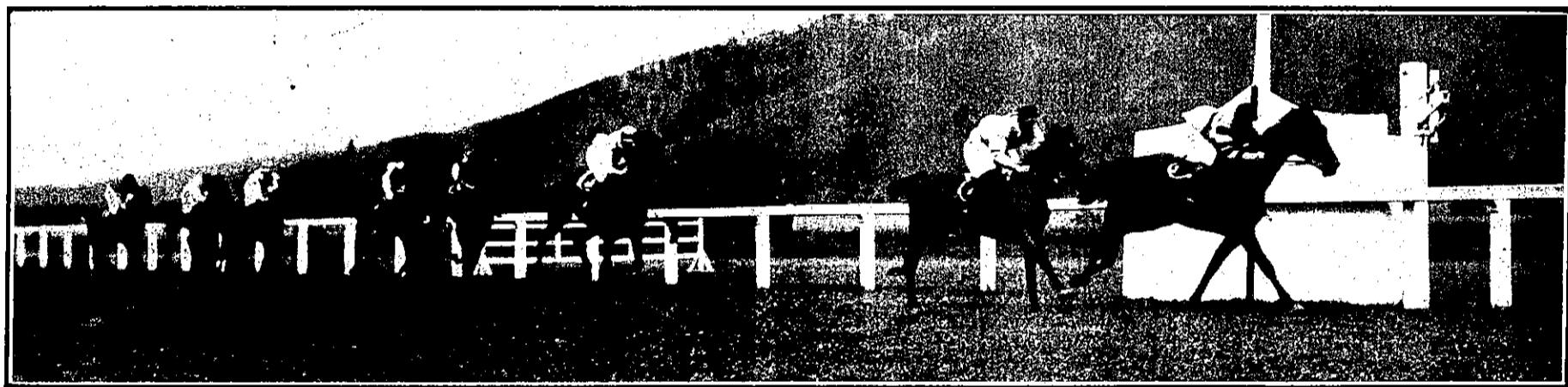
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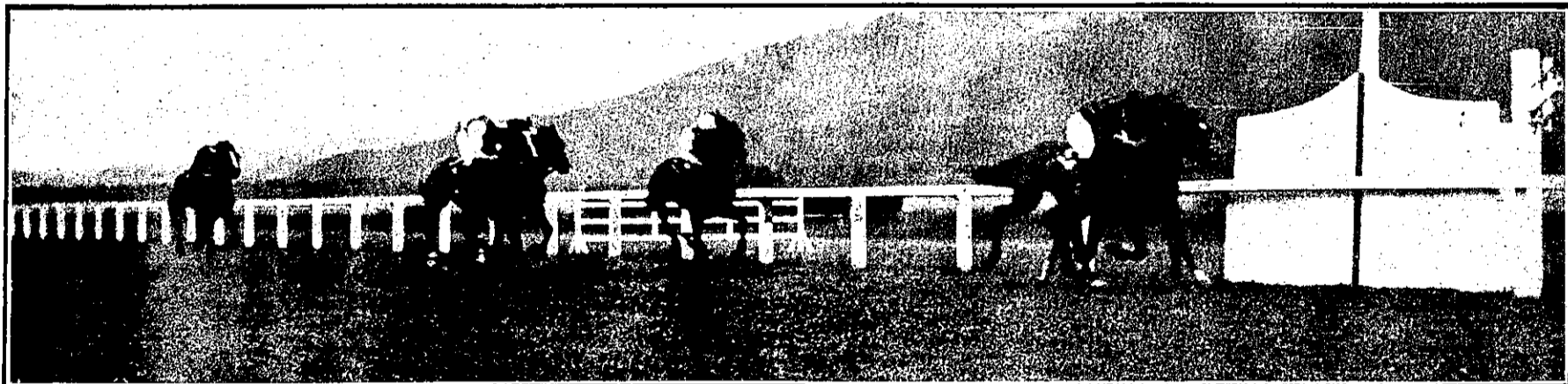
A STIRRING FINISH IN THE JANUARY WELTER HANDICAP (ONE MILE)—BRACKENFIELD (G. Young) wins from NIGHTRIDER (H. Young), in centre, with OLD GOLD (A. McFlinn), on outside, third, and DEMAGOGUE fourth.



RIGHT AND LEFT (R. REED) WINNING THE FITZHERBERT HANDICAP (FIVE FURLONGS) FROM GASBAG (H. GRAY), IN CENTRE, WITH DEMAND (M. McCARTEN), ON OUTSIDE, THIRD. BLACKMAIL (NEXT RAILS) FOURTH.



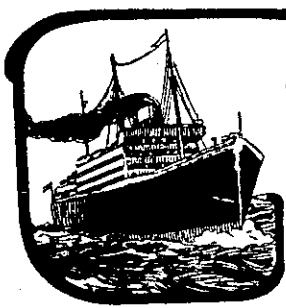
AMYTHAS (G. YOUNG) WINNING THE WELLINGTON RACING CLUB HANDICAP (ONE MILE AND THREE FURLONGS) FROM ORATRESS (M. McCARTEN), WITH SNUB (J. O'SHEA) THIRD.



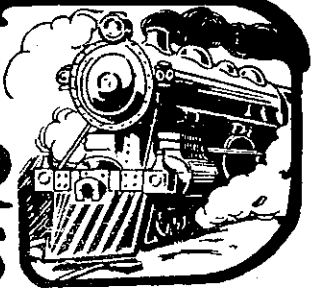
MICHAELA (B. DEELEY), ON OUTSIDE, NARROWLY DEFEATS SURVEYOR (H. GRAY), NEXT RAILS, IN THE METROPOLITAN HANDICAP (SIX FURLONGS), WITH BO-PEEP (L. MORRIS) THIRD.



TRESPASS (J. O'SHEA) SCORES A VERY EASY WIN FROM THE FAST-FINISHING ACTIVE (L. MORRIS), ON OUTSIDE, WITH BOREALIS (R. BAGBY), NEXT RAILS, THIRD, IN THE DOURO CUP HANDICAP (ONE MILE).



TOURIST AND TRAVELLER



HERE AND THERE.

Mr. and Mrs. Jex-Blake and family have returned to Gisborne from a trip to England.

Mr. Lloyd George has been awarded the Grand Cordon of the Legion of Honour. This is the highest rank of the order.

The death has occurred in Wanganui Hospital, at the age of 95 years, of Mr. Edward Hines, one of the earliest residents of Wanganui.

Captain J. B. Rainey, marine superintendent for the C. and D. Line, left Wellington by the Port Sydney on a holiday trip to London.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Warren, of Tomoana (Hawke's Bay) have returned from England.

Captain F. L. Atkinson, of Devonport, who has been acting as medical officer under the Samoan Administration for the last two years, arrived home by the Navua on two months' leave of absence.

Mr. J. A. Carpenter, who was recently appointed general manager in New Zealand for Burns, Philp and Company, Ltd., arrived from Sydney by the Manuka and will visit different towns in which the company intends to extend its operations.

Mr. Cecil F. Mitchell, accompanied by his sister, left Dunedin last week for Vancouver on an extended holiday. Mr. Mitchell recently resigned his position as general manager of the New Zealand Paper Mills after about 14 years' service.

Mr. P. Cooke, head of the Claims Department of the Union Steamship Co., is leaving for Vancouver, where he will take up the duties of assistant manager for the company. Mr. Cooke was farewelled by members of the staff, and presented with a suit case as a token of esteem. Mr. MacKenzie, of the company's Melbourne office, is to replace Mr. Cooke at Wellington.

Private Arthur Gordon, who had the misfortune to lose both legs in France, arrived the other day at his home at Tapanui. He is in excellent spirits and gets about with the aid of one stick. Private Gordon went out with the 20th Reinforcements, and has had a long spell in hospital in England.

The principles of electricity properly applied to the human system are life-giving and invigorating, and have a beneficial effect upon every nerve and muscle. The general public are beginning to discern the benefits of drugless healing, and in many cases the invaluable treatment of electricity for many ills to which the flesh is heir has proved its efficacy in the restoration of shattered nerves, paralysis, epilepsy, neurasthenia, insomnia, neuralgia, etc. Those of our readers who are suffering from any of the above-mentioned ills should certainly pay a visit to the Electro Medical Institute, Smeeton's Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland. Mr. Leonard McDougall, radiologist, is the principal in charge, and a chat with him will be found interesting and instructive. The consulting chambers are tastefully fitted up, and contain the most modern electrical appliances for the benefit of suffering humanity. A lady nurse is always in attendance, and under the skilful supervision of Mr. McDougall, the principal, clients may be assured of every attention.

The members of the New South Wales State Orchestra were present by special invitation at the marriage ceremony of Ruera Nikora and Ruidteranga Whirehana, which took place at Te Hauke on January 21. The visitors were greatly interested in the native ceremony and expressed their pleasure at being present at such a unique function by performing several items. Needless to say the natives were delighted with the musical treat.

An Ashburton resident took to the "Guardian" office the other day a remarkable sample of wool, halfbred, 18 inches long, which was secured from a hermit sheep in the Ashburton Gorge. The sheep was dislodged after several annual unsuccessful attempts, from his rocky mountain home, by the veteran musterer, Mr. Michael Carney, of Alford Forest, who has over forty years' service to his credit on back-country runs.

Major James Armstrong, of Glangarry, was the recent purchaser of an estate of 36,000 acres in the Wairoa district.

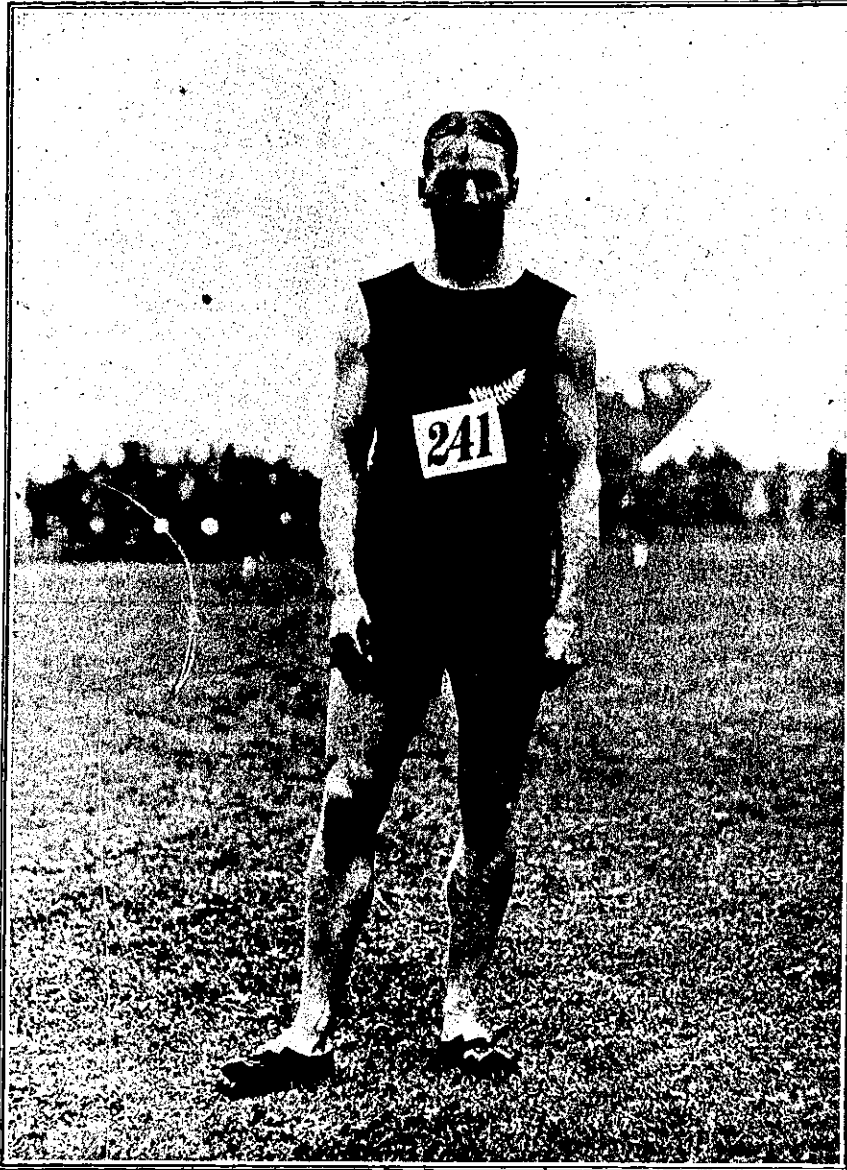
Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Clayton have returned to Auckland after a trip to Australia, which comprised a motor tour through New South Wales and Victoria.

Mr. Sidney Williamson, who is well known in musical circles in Christchurch, intends to spend a year abroad, principally for health reasons. He will leave Christchurch about the third week in February.

Mr. D. M. Deane, who for the past thirteen years has been metallurgist to the Talisman Consolidated, Ltd., left for Australia by the Maheno, accompanied by Mrs. Deane. They intend making a stay in Sydney and Melbourne, afterwards leaving on a tour of the chief mining fields of the world.

Lieutenant A. H. Sawyer, of Gisborne, expert wireless operator, is to go to Antarctica with the Cope Expedition, in charge of the wireless plant on a five years' engagement. Lieutenant Sawyer was before the war in charge of the wireless plant at New Guinea. When the war broke out he went to Nauru Island and was subsequently stationed in Mesopotamia. He is at present on the Indian frontier at the scene of the fighting. Lieutenant Sawyer will probably be in New Zealand in October of this year, when the expedition will leave for the south.

"New Zealand is more prosperous than any other country I have seen," said a Christchurch business man to a Christchurch "Press" reporter, summing up his observations after an extensive tour through Britain and America. "My experience at Home led me to the conclusion that the people are still war-weary. Business men are not yet displaying the initiative that must accompany a true expansion of trade, and for that there are three of four reasons. The most important is heavy taxation on profits from the first year of the war, where a firm made, say, £10,000 instead of the usual of £5000, a tax of 80 per cent has been levied on the extra £5000. And that in addition to ordinary pre-war taxes. The result is that, with labour gravely unsettled, no one is trying to beat the £5000 mark. Business is sluggish in consequence. The leaders of commerce are marking time until Labour settles into a proper groove. When things are tranquil, then British industries can be expected to forge ahead, and our commerce will compete more favourably on foreign markets. Wages are very much higher in America than in England, and that is a handicap to the United States. During 1920, if all goes well, I expect Britain to open her gates for commerce, and the country will then be in a much better position. She is such a great producing country that all Europe is looking for her goods. From the views of different men I met, I assume that the year will be marked by a great improvement in the methods of English houses, though the interference of the Government in industrial matters has left an unfortunate legacy. The shipping bungle has been the cause of a heavy blow to British commerce. The Government tied up British shipping to 25s. a ton, while foreign-owned vessels secured up to 50s. You can imagine the disastrous result, and how difficult it will be to catch up the leeway unless the labour situation becomes more favourable.



J. LINDSAY, of Christchurch, the crack New Zealand soldier athlete, who has been selected to represent the N.Z. Athletic Association in the 100-yds., 220yds. and 440yds. events at the forthcoming Australasian championship meeting in Sydney. LINDSAY has been responsible for many brilliant achievements against the world's best sprinters, and at the Army sports meeting at Aldershot at the end of September last he defeated Applegarth, the famous English sprinter, in the 100yds. Championship.

Mr. J. W. Card, Mayor of Featherston, will leave on a trip to England next month.

Rear-Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey will probably head the Prince of Wales' staff when he visits Australia and New Zealand. Sir Godfrey Dawson will be private secretary, and Lord Claud Hamilton and Captain R. Legh as equerries. Six of London's best-known journalists will also visit Australasia, arriving before the Prince.

How is this for a get-rich-quick (asks the Manawatu "Daily Times")? A man bought a Palmerston house for £900 about six weeks ago. The house suited him, so he wasn't keen to sell. However, some homeless wanderer saw it and asked a price. Thinking to scare him off, he modestly asked £1800. "Right," came the ready acceptance, and the sale was made. That six-weeks' increment is financing a trip Home for the lucky speculator.

Dr. J. A. Gilruth, ex-Administrator of the Northern Territory, left Auckland by the Maheno for Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Dwyer, of the Empire Hotel, Wellington, who have been on a tour of the world for the last six months, are returning by the Moana, which arrives from San Francisco about February 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bassett, of Avonside, Christchurch, who intend spending the next few years in Edinburgh, during the medical studies of their son, leave New Zealand, accompanied by their family, on January 29, by the Ruahine.

The members of the Parliamentary party which is to visit Samoa and other islands in the Pacific will leave Wellington by the Mokoia on February 14 next. The party will be due back in New Zealand about the middle of March.

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Mr. Byron Brown, of Otaki, intends to leave shortly on an extended tour of the East.

Mr. H. Urquhart, who for the past ten years has represented Messrs. Bing, Harris and Co., of Wellington, in the Taranaki district, is shortly moving to Wellington, having accepted an appointment as manager of one of the firm's departments.

A pleasing ceremony took place on the Makura, when a number of master mariners in the Union Steam Ship Company's service assembled to make a presentation to Mr. A. B. J. Irvine, manager of the Auckland branch of the Union Company, who is retiring from that position. Captain R. Crawford, who is in command of the Makura, paid a high tribute to the work of Mr. Irvine during the long period he had been associated with the Union Company. They all sincerely regretted that he was leaving the company, and hoped he would be spared many years to enjoy his well-earned rest. Captain Crawford then handed to Mr. Irvine, on behalf of the masters trading to Auckland, a handsome smoker's cabinet, suitably inscribed, containing a number of silver-mounted pipes, cigar-holders, and a silver matchbox. Mr. Irvine briefly responded. He stated that he would probably be leaving Auckland about the first week in February.

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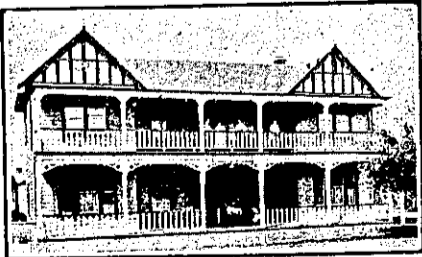


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THE FINISH OF THE WELLINGTON CUP (1½ MILES)—ORATRESS (M. McCARTEN) AND KILMOON (R. REED), IN CENTRE, RUN A DEAD-HEAT, WITH MARQUETEUR (M. McDONALD) THIRD, AMYTHAS (RACING ON OUTSIDE) AND SURVEYOR BEING NEXT TO FINISH.

TOURIST AND TRAVELLER.

It is stated in official circles that the Prince of Wales will visit New Zealand before going to Australia. He intends that the arrangements shall be as simple as possible, and he will travel with a small suite, wearing the uniforms of a naval captain or colonel of the Welsh Guards. Otherwise he will wear mufti.

Dr. Mackin, of Wellington, expects to leave about January 29th on an extended tour occupying about twelve months. He proceeds to Sydney, and there joins the Houtman for Java. After visiting Singapore, Siam, Japan, and China, Dr. Mackin will go to England, via Canada. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Mackin.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. E. Hercus, D.S.O., O.B.E. (Mil.), has returned to his home in Opawa. Dr. Hercus, who was A.D.M.G. to the Anzac Mounted Division, went to the war with the Main Body in 1914, and remained on continuous active service in Egypt, Gallipoli, and Palestine right up to the close of the Egyptian rebellion.

Prior to the opening of the matinee performance of Wirth's circus in Dunedin a presentation of a handsomely-worked wallet was made to Mr. Geo. Wirth on behalf of the soldier patients at the Dunedin Hospital. The Rev. V. G. Bryan King made the presentation, and referred to the generous manner in which Mr. Wirth had treated "the boys" while in Dunedin and how that treatment had added to their enjoyment. Mr. Wirth, in his reply, said that he was always glad to do his best for those who had made such sacrifices as our sick and wounded soldiers had done.

The Prince of Wales, it is said, will, when he wears uniform during his Australasian visit, appear either in that of a naval officer or of a colonel of the Welsh Guards. This, as the Sydney "Sun" points out, is because the Prince is not an officer of the Australian Army, and it adds "Why not?" We in New Zealand may ask the same question. Two Territorial regiments in the Dominion—the 1st (Canterbury) Infantry Regiment, and the 3rd (Auckland) Mounted Rifles—have His Majesty the King as Colonel-

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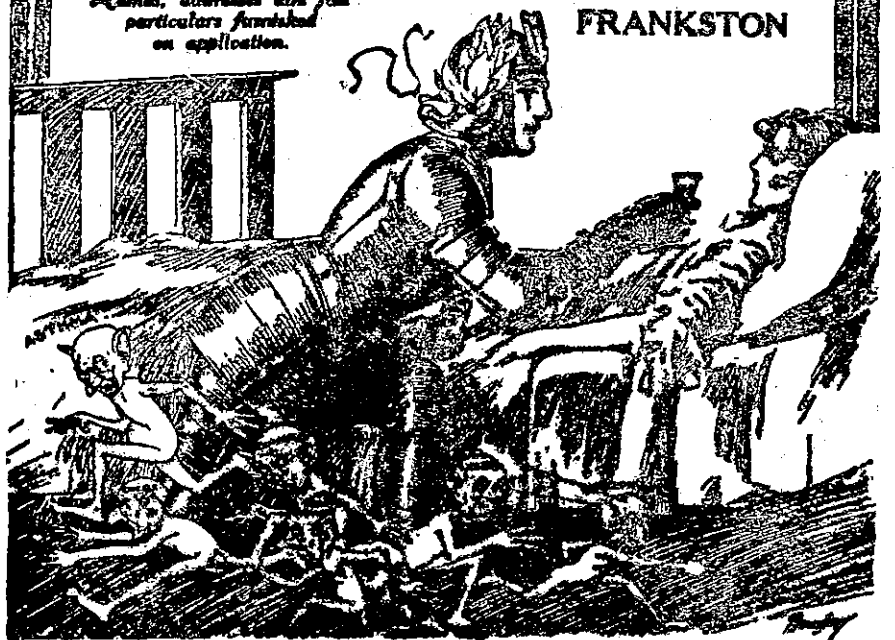
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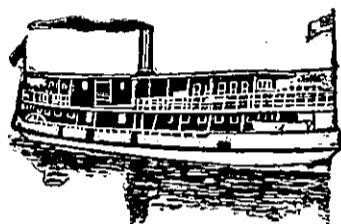
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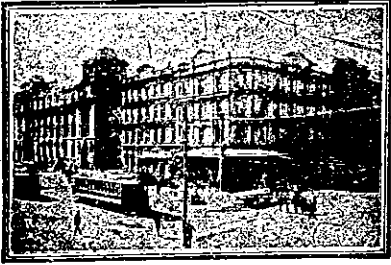
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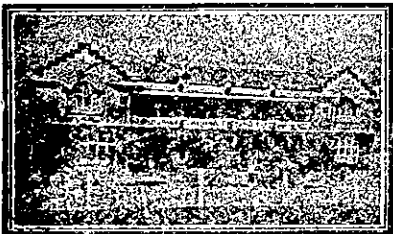
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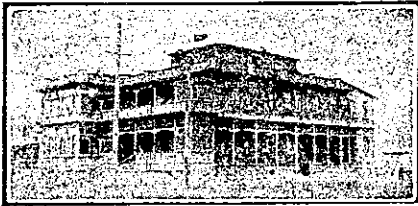
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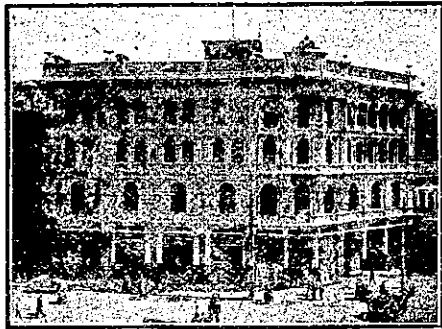
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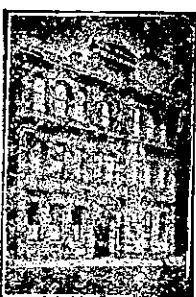
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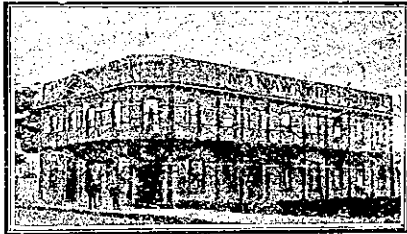
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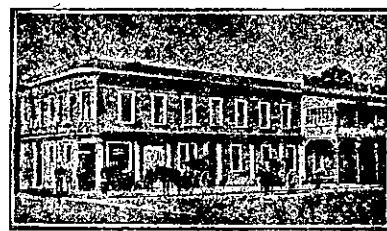
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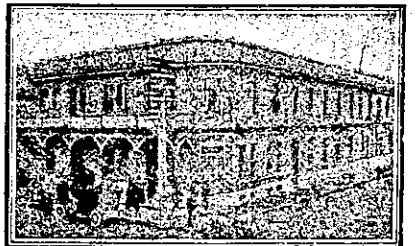
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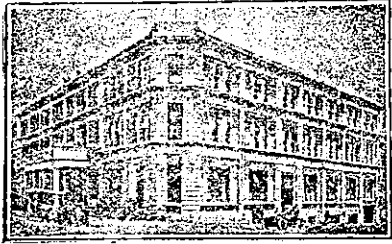
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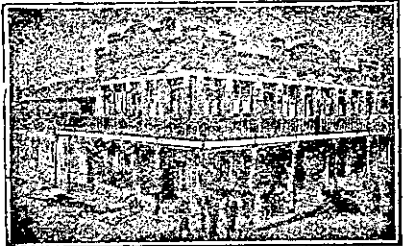
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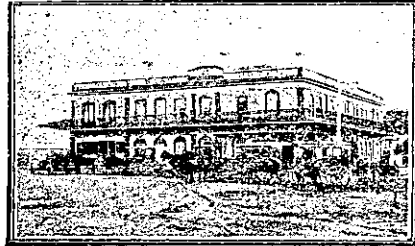
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The featherweight contest between Gus Venn, of Taumarunui, and W. Oliver, of Auckland, which was staged by the Northern Wairoa Boxing Association on the opening night (January 17) of their first tournament at Dargaville, resulted in a victory for the King Country representative, who knocked his opponent out in the last few minutes of their 15 rounds' encounter. The match proved a strong draw, and the 50sovs. purse was keenly disputed. Venn scaled 9.6 and Oliver 8.3. The contest was fairly even up to the concluding rounds, when Venn displayed the better stamina and was able to wear his opponent down. In the last round he sent Oliver to the boards twice for the count of 9s. and 6s. respectively. On rising the Auckland again ran into one of Venn's telling blows, which caused him to sink to the floor, where he was counted out.

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STAGE NOTES.

An incident in the J. C. Williamson production of "Theodore and Co.," at Melbourne Theatre Royal that never fails to arouse applause is the feat performed by Theodore Leonard in putting Florence Young over his shoulder and carrying her off the stage. As Mr. Leonard is of small stature and Miss Young is not too light a burden the achievement is considered a notable one by an appreciative audience. Mr. Leonard's part in "Theodore and Co." is one of the longest ever written for a comedian.

While in London on her recent holiday, Miss Maud Fane, who has made such a success in "Theodore and Co." at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne, received several offers of engagements from prominent managers. Miss Fane, however, was keen on making the most of her holiday, and did not accept, preferring to enjoy a well-earned rest in the Isle of Wight prior to returning to Australia under the J. C. Williamson management. "I don't think I could ever be contented in England again," said Miss Fane. "Australia suits me, and I will stay here as long as they will have me."

Pantomime lovers at Her Majesty's, Melbourne, are curious as to the composition of the "paste" which is so lavishly made use of by the Brothers Egbert in their uproariously funny comedy scene, "Papering the Room," in "The Sleeping Beauty." Bucketsful and tubsful of this are used, and it is splashed upon everything and everybody, so that it forms a big pool upon the stage and is used by the dame and the Brothers Egbert for "ice skating" purposes. What the "paste" consists of is a well-guarded managerial secret, but it would not be divulging a confidence to mention that it is rather costly to use, and involved the management in an expenditure every night running into £5 at least.

The latest convert to the Fuller vaudeville is the Rev. Frank W. Gorman, of the Atkinson Memorial Church, Portland, Oregon, who arrived in Sydney early this month to tour the circuit of the well-known firm. Mr. Gorman is known as "the singing parson," and he was forced into this queer adventure by the miserable inadequacy of the salaries paid to ministers. He hopes to save enough in eighteen months to enable him to return, for a season at least, to his church work. Mr. Gorman graduated at Cliff College, Sheffield, England, and was associate pastor at Stepley Temple, a Wesleyan Methodist Church in London. He went to America in 1910, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. More recently he became a Congregationalist. "I went into vaudeville from the pulpit," he says, "to show up the fact that the clergy in America are so poorly paid that even a good Christian finds it well-nigh impossible to pay his way. The average pay for a clergyman there is £110 a year. When it became obvious that my income was far too low, like Billy Sunday I looked around for a further avenue of employment. A theatrical manager offered me an engagement at more than five times what the Church pays. I thought this a good opportunity to reach a class of people whom the Church rarely comes in contact with. The theatre people always seem to miss the Church. There has not yet been any objection to my appearing in clerical dress when doing my song and speech turn on the stage."

Miss Daisy Kennedy interrupted her Australian tour to come to New Zealand for a brief visit, her last appearance being made in Sydney, where she created a remarkable furore. The Sydney "Sunday Times," describing her first appearance in Sydney, says: "The announcement that Miss Daisy Kennedy, the world-renowned Australian violinist, was to play, filled the Town Hall to overflowing. Expectations were not disappointed. Miss Kennedy is probably of her sex the finest player of the violin to-day. Her interpretation of Tschalkowsky's almost impossibly difficult concerto for violin and orchestra (first movement) was delivered with the fire and inspiration of the great virtuoso, and one marvelled that so essentially feminine and beautiful a girl could produce such perfect mellow tone and cope so unfalteringly with the incredible technical difficulties of the concerto chosen."

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