

Society

Racing Season A Success Despite The Big War

London, Dec 1.—The flat racing season in England, which ended with the first week of November, was accounted quite successful, notwithstanding that it ran into the third year of the war. There were twenty-three meetings in England, eleven at Newmarket, four at Yvingfield, three at Gatwick, three at Newbury and two at Windsor. There will be jumping meets during the winter, but as special trains are not permitted and the supply of petrol for automobiles is limited, the crowds are not expected to be up to the usual standard.

The King continued to lend his patronage and appears in the final list of winners with purses aggregating \$3,685 to his credit. All the classic races of the English turf were maintained, although many of them did not come up to the value of the past years. The leading winning owner was E. Hulton, a newspaper proprietor, with \$86,820. The Earl of Derby, whose title is almost wholly taken up by his duties as Under Secretary of War, kept his racing establishment intact and was the second winner with \$45,830. The Duke of Portland was third with \$40,925, Lord Falmouth was fourth with \$31,500; J. Buchanan, fifth with \$25,625, and Lord D'Abernon, head of the liquor control board during war time, is sixth, with \$23,260. The winning jockey was S. Donoghue, who had 48 mounts first past the wire.

A day's racing at Newmarket, known as "headquarters" of the English turf, retained this fall many of the picturesque features of pre-war days, with some distinctly novel attractions. The crowds were perhaps a bit more subdued, although English racing throngs never have quite the same exuberance, or the same tendency to "ride" a winner home as one meets on the tracks around New York, Latonia or Louisville. The winners here take their winnings with a calm and somewhat disdainful self-assurance, while the losers lose with no disposition to "grouse" or "grouch" as it would be rendered in "American."

Newmarket lies seventy miles northeast of London, but this is not accounted a great distance when a splendid big motor car has been successfully requisitioned and the day's program offers a card of seven well-filled races.

The way leads out the famous Seven Sisters Road, through Epping village, and its royal forest which, just a few weeks before the war started, rang and echoed with the chorused voices of thousands of German singers. The old English inns and public houses along the road always are a source of interest to visiting Americans because of their quaint construction and still quaint names. Here are the "Fighting Cocks," the "Bull and Horseshoe," the "White Heart," the "Coach and Horses," the "Three Tuns," and scores of others. The English countryside is beautiful at all times of the year, and in the autumn months the grass is as green in the fields as in the spring. "Six-Mile Bottom" is a welcome station along the way, for from there to Newmarket lies a six-mile stretch of arrow-straight road which invites a speed limited only by fear of the county constable.

Newmarket, somewhat slow and sleepy by general disposition, is alive and throbbing with excitement on racing days.

The road from town to track is fairly clogged with all manner of vehicles. One finds wartime racing is a bit cheaper than the ordinary sort and entrance to the grand stand is to be had for one pound with two shillings extra as a war tax. The stand is not large, for England takes its racing in the open—on the broad sunde. In return for a five-pound note, or a one-pound note, or perhaps a "two and six" in silver, you get a bit of numbered pasteboard, which may or may not be worth preserving.

Newmarket is not a race track in the American sense. The grand stand and surrounding enclosures seem rather a gathering station set in the midst of never-ending fields of wonderfully green and velvety turf. But to the right there are the familiar white rail fences which merge the several slants or straightaway courses into the home stretch. Witnessing the start of an English race is not vouchsafed to the spectators. As it is a mile race the horses start a mile away from the grand stand. If it is a mile and a half race they start a mile and a half away. The tracks here are built for racing, not to afford a spectacle. The race-goer must be content with the brief struggle he sees in the last hundred yards or so and the flash past the winning post. Even this thrill is denied when occasionally the finish line is moved a furlong or so up the track to conform to some century-old tradition.

During an afternoon's racing this year one could see on the tracks all the colors long familiar to the English courses, the primrose of Lord Rosebery; the black, white cap of Lord Derby; the white, black sleeves of the Duke of Portland; the yellow, black cap of the Duke of Westminster; the blue and yellow hoops of Baron de Rothschild; the dark blue and buff stripes of the Earl of Jersey; the light blue and pink sash of Major Waldorf Astor, and the scarlet of Lord Decies, who married Miss Vivien Gould.

The return to London from Newmarket by motor clearly makes up for any thrills that may have been wanting at the track. First there is the headlong rush along the road to cover as many miles as possible before the fast-setting sun robs the land of its protecting rays and night closes in. For headlights in times of war are taboo and the motorist must grope his way through the darkness as best he can by the pale flicker of his screened sidelamps. Some of the English chauffeurs have become adepts in the dark and speed along at twenty to thirty miles an hour, swerving suddenly now and then to avoid a darkened wagon or a motor bound in the opposite direction. To the novice from abroad this running through the blackness of night and the narrow escapes from collision are anything but reassuring.

The outskirts of London may be reached within that first hour of darkness in which the searchlights of the city's aerial defenses play in practice so that they may be skillfully directed against any intruding Zeppelin that may venture over in the later reaches of the night.

Sweeping in from the country the spectacle of the searchlight canopy over the city is one never to be forgotten. The blazing white beams shoot from every angle, and some more powerful than the rest appear to be impiously struggling to pry their way into the very mysteries of Heaven itself. Great, broad bands of dazzling daylight, they flash their way into dark and mystic space. They cross, interlace, turn and sweep with an effort that no pyrotechnic display ever has attained. It is difficult to realize that these marvels have been called into play by the grim business of war, rather than to thrill and mystify in the spectacular brilliance of their display.

By the time the twisting, tortuous streets of the inner city are reached the searchlight trials generally are at an end, and once again comes the slow groping through the gloom.

A day of war time racing is a day of striking contrasts.

EXTRA SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY

Every day this popular store forces ahead with its value giving reputation. Friday our store was almost full to its capacity with customers for the \$5.00 to \$7.50 Hats placed on sale at \$1.95. Naturally they expect to get just what we advertised and we are sure they all went away more than pleased—at least they all bought hats. We have only a few more left. They all go today. Be sure you see them.

ALL WOOL SERGE SUITS AT \$7.95
Just received today, Black, Green, Navy and Copen. Suits, made from all wool American Serge, trimmed with black velvet; Venetian lined; all sizes; \$12.50 values \$7.95

ANOTHER SALE OF WOOL BLANKETS BEGINS TODAY

We have just received two more cases of North Carolina made Wool Blankets in 10-4, 11-4 and 12-4 sizes, both in whites and grays and which are a part of our early purchases and should have been delivered to us in August. The prices today are at least 50 per cent more than when these were bought, but owing to the late season, we are going to give you the benefit of the bargain. Every pair is all wool filled and guaranteed full size. Priced: \$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.95 and \$6.00.

LADIES', MEN'S AND CHILDREN'S SAMPLE SWEATERS.

All the very newest styles just closed out from manufacturer who has sold up his output. The price for the samples were 20 per cent off from what jobbers had to pay for them and these, too, we offer you, beginning today. If you want a Sweater do not miss this chance.

MISSES' 75c UNION SUITS AT 50c

Misses' Rib Fleezed Union Suits, medium weight and just the kind almost every mother wants to buy for her child. Have been very scarce and are now selling in almost every store at 75c. This week's freight brought us another case of 36 dozen; all sizes 50c

LADIES' UNION SUITS 49c.
Light weight Fine Ribbed Suits; just the right weight for this climate, 75c values; all sizes 48c

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Bankers' Association, through its Savings Bank Section, has instituted a campaign for the encouragement of thrift. Aside from an effort to direct the attention of the people to the direct benefits which attend the ownership of savings accounts, the purpose is to enlarge the supply of capital available for industrial and commercial expansion. The assets of savings banks are the bonds and securities of corporations and business institutions engaged in trade and transportation. Savings banks, it is argued, are the keepers of the confidence of the public in the financial stability of the country. Confidence, writers on economics agree, shares equally with gold in upholding the financial structure. The Federal Reserve act provides for the mobilization of the gold reserves of the country and for making perfectly liquid the assets of commercial banks through the issuance of Federal Reserve notes. It is thought by many students of savings banking that the financial scheme under which the country operates will not be brought to a state of measurable perfection until some means has been devised whereby savings banks can readily secure funds with which to pay their depositors. The Federal Reserve act has apparently left the work half done. Mutual savings banks are not eligible to membership in the Federal Reserve system. A study of methods that will place savings banks in a position to meet any demand from depositors has been undertaken by the Savings Bank Section of the American Bankers' Association. One Hundred Years of College Aid. Boston, Mass., Dec. 2.—Congregational churches throughout the country have prepared for a suitable observance tomorrow of the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Congregational Education Society. During the century of its existence the society has disbursed over \$6,500,000 in maintaining and aiding schools, academies, colleges, training schools, and in religious work among State universities. Forty-two colleges, in twenty-one States, from Massachusetts to Washington and from California to Georgia, have had their inspiration from the Congregational body. The society has aided young men to the number of over 10,000 in getting their education for the Christian ministry.

Sweden, Germany and Switzerland, Of the 2,100 savings banks 634 are mutual institutions having no capital stock. These mutual savings banks have at this time more than 2,000,000 depositors and nearly \$4,000,000,000 in savings accounts. The proportionate amount of business the mutual institutions do is therefore approximately four-fifths of the total. The mutual savings banks are located largely in the New England States, where there are 412. In New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland there are 193, and in Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Minnesota there are 21, while there is one in West Virginia and one in California. In the other States the savings banks are stock concerns. Of the total number of savings bank depositors, 3,634,000 are in New England and 3,181,000 are in New York, so that approximately six savings bank depositors out of ten are residents of these seven States. These depositors have about three-fourths of the total savings bank deposits of the country. From the figures given, it is apparent that the habit of thrift is confined to a comparatively small area of the country and to a comparatively small number of the people. In connection with the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the first savings bank, the American

AMERICAN LACK THRIFT

New York, Dec. 2.—Thrift, plain, everyday thrift, say the wise ones, is what is required to deal the "solar plexus" to the high cost of living in America. And savings banks, it is generally admitted, furnish one of the most potent factors in the encouragement of thrift. Which has served to render timely and interesting the present celebration of the centenary of the establishment of the first saving bank in the United States. When the first savings bank opened its doors in Philadelphia one hundred years ago today the population of the United States was 9,500,000, and there were but 246 banks in the country. Four years later, in 1820, there were ten savings banks, with 3,635 depositors and deposit accounts aggregating \$1,138,576. Since that time the growth has been very great. There were at the beginning of the present year 2,100 stock and mutual savings banks in the United States. These banks have 10,502,000 depositors and approximately \$4,700,000,000 in savings accounts. This is nearly \$1,000,000,000 more than the total amount of all kinds of money and currency in the country. Every tenth person has a savings account, and, therefore, relations with saving banks. While the bulk of the savings deposits and the number of savings depositors is larger in the United States than in any other country, in the amount of per capita savings this country lags behind, France, Norway,

Mrs. W. A. Brown, of Rocky Point, spent yesterday in the city with friends.

Mrs. Chauncey G. Southerland has returned from Richmond, Va., where she spent several days.

Mrs. B. H. Stevens, of Savannah, Ga., is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. T. Macne, on North Second street. Mrs. Stevens formerly lived here.

Mrs. H. W. Stephens and little son, H. W., Jr., left last night for Rocky Point, where they will spend several days with relatives and friends.

Mrs. E. E. Fulcher and little daughter, Mary, left last night for Baltimore, where they will spend some time with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Cline, of Harrisburg, Va., returned to their home last night after spending ten days in the city with relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. M. Flowers and daughters, Miss Thelma and Mabel, of Mars Bluff, passed through the city yesterday, en route to Willard, where they will make their future home.

Miss Cornelia Pridden, Miss Viola Hellburn and Mr. Rufus D. Pridden, of Connetquot, are spending today in the city with friends. The party motored down in Mr. Pridden's machine.

MISS PEARSALL DELIGHTED. Miss Rachel Pearsall and her companion, Miss Julia Post, delighted a large audience at the Chadbourn Memorial building, of the Winter Park Presbyterian church, at a recital given last evening. Both of the young ladies did credit to themselves for the excellent manner in which the program was rendered.

Y. W. C. A. CLUB FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS. For the purpose of meeting every Saturday afternoon and promoting study and play, the Discoverers' Club was organized by a number of the youngest members of the Y. W. C. A. yesterday afternoon. Following are the officers elected: Miss Gladys Fore, president; Miss Margaret McClammy, secretary and Miss Dorothy Banck, treasurer. They will begin at once preparing for a play to be given December 20th.

UNIQUE PARTY LAST EVENING. At the home of their teacher, Mrs. G. A. P. Bowman, the Inasmuch Class of young ladies of the First Presbyterian church gave a delightful and unique party last evening. The occasion was in the form of an heirloom party. Each of those in attendance were attired in dresses worn by their grandmothers and great-grandmothers, and to make the affair more realistic the young ladies wore their hair puffed and powdered.

The following invitation has been received by many friends here: "Mr. and Mrs. James Derrick Sanford announce the marriage of their daughter Irene Elizabeth to Mr. William Percy Cole on Wednesday November the twenty-ninth nineteen hundred and sixteen Laurinburg, North Carolina." Cards enclosed read: "At Home after December the fifteenth Hamlet, North Carolina."

The many friends of Miss Rene Peterson, of No. 610 South Third street, regret that she is confined to her room with a severe attack of rheumatism. While Miss Peterson's condition is not considered serious it is sufficiently so to keep her indoors for a period.

FIVE SERMONS.

Dr. J. J. Hurt will begin an interesting series tomorrow.

Dr. J. J. Hurt, pastor of the First Baptist church, is arranging to deliver five sermons during the present month that are expected to create no little attention. "The Building of the Home" will be the subject of the series which will be started tomorrow. The first three sermons are to be preached the first three Sundays in this month while the fourth and fifth will be delivered on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve respectively.

The sermon on New Year's Eve will begin at 10 a. m. while the others will start at 7:30 p. m. Following are the dates and subjects:

December 3—"Prospect: Choosing a Partner for the Journey."

December 10—"Realization: Standing at the Marriage Altar and Looking Out."

December 17—"The Test: Can Youthful Dreams Come True?"

Christmas Eve—"Home-Coming: Strengthening the Ties That Bind."

New Year's Eve—"The End: Fore-gleams of the Home Over Yonder."

MADE LAST APPEARANCE.

County Solicitor Peschau Will Open Office in Garrell Building.

County Solicitor George L. Peschau will open an office for the general practice of law on the second floor of the Garrell building early next week. His term of office expires on Monday and he made his last appearance in Recorder's court as prosecutor this morning. He has just rounded out a term that has given general satisfaction to all and the fact that he has not an over-plus of convictions to his credit does not mean that he has been indifferent but rather that he has been anxious for citizens to get full justice.

TRIALS POSTPONED.

Bakers and Bread Dealers Will Face Recorder Harris Monday.

The trial of the six local bakers and bread dealers, recently arrested on charges of failure to properly stamp the weights on loaves of bread offered for sale in compliance with the city ordinances, has been continued until Monday afternoon. They will be heard by Justice George Harris as Recorder at that time.

Mr. John Isaac Carroll, of Connetquot, is a business visitor in the city today.

DAILY BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Liloukalani, former Queen of Hawaii, who is reported critically ill, born in Honolulu, 78 years ago today.

Rev. Dr. Alexander Mann, of Boston, president of the house of deputies of the Protestant Episcopal general convention, born at Geneva, N. Y., 56 years ago today.

Sir Alfred W. Dale, vice chancellor of Liverpool University and a noted figure in the English educational world, born 61 years ago today.

Louis C. Crompton, representative in Congress of the Seventh Michigan district, born in Lapeer county, Mich., 41 years ago today.

Irene Vanbrugh, one of the celebrated actresses of the English stage, born in Exeter, England, 44 years ago today.

M. J. Kelley, manager of the St. Paul American Association baseball Club, born at Otter River, Mass., 49 years ago today.

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