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"Quiser chap! Well, you must have something on the big race, if it is only a tanner!"

"Al right, I'll have a tanner on Lady M," said Tom, glancing at the card.

"Nonsense! A rank outsider! No chance at all! Twenty-five to one against her!"

"Never mind! I fancy her."

Terry laughed.

"Oh, very well! Come along. I'm going to put fifties each way on Bols with old Bryant. I'll introduce you. I dare say he will take your tanner."

"Who's old Bryant?"

"Lord, man, what ignorance! The biggest bookie in the ring!"

The introduction was made, and Tom opening his pocket-book, took out the ten-pound note, and handed it to the great book-maker.

"Will you take that about Lady M?" he asked.

Bryant glanced at the note, and seemed to hesitate.

"Doubtless," thought Tom, "he is accustomed to bigger sums."

"Oh, very well," said the bookmaker, with a smile. "You are a friend of Mr Terry's. Twenty-fives I'm giving about Lady M."

Tom strolled away, and forgot the incident until the big race was run, and Terry came rushing excitedly up to him.

"Why, man, you were right! You knew something, you old villain! Lady M. wins by a head! At twenty-five, too! Why, man, you've made a cool £250."

Tom was not greatly interested, but with his friend he strolled off to interview the bookmaker.

Old Bryant, who was famous for never turning a hair whatever were the fortunes of the day, met him genially.

"Your information was good, sir!"

"Or my luck!" replied Tom.

"I can't pay you now, of course, but if you call at my office in London on Monday the money will be ready. Or, if you prefer to leave your address, you'll get the cheque on Tuesday morning."

Tuesday morning! Tom thought of another appointment he had on Tuesday morning, and a grim smile appeared on his face.

The bookmaker misinterpreted the smile.

"You don't expect me to carry such a sum about with me, I suppose!" he said rather warmly.

"Eh?" ejaculated Tom.

Then instinctively he drew out his pocket-book. He opened it, and stared at the two notes it contained.

One was for £10 and the other for £5.

In an instant the amazing truth flashed across his mind. He had, by accident, backed Lady M for £1,000 at twenty-five to one, and he had won a fortune of £25,000.

Tom Wrench kept his appointment on Tuesday and paid his debt of honour. The same afternoon he called on Lord Zarnley and accepted the position of his lordship's private secretary. A week later his engagement to Lady Mary Zarnley was announced.

The End.

MISSING.

23/2103 TURNBULL G. P.

The above-named left New Zealand with "E." Company, 10th Reinforcements, and returned to New Zealand by "Remuera," October 1919.

Any information regarding present whereabouts of the above-named will be gratefully received by his relatives. Reply to: General Secretary, N.Z.E.S.A. Wellington.

SOLDIERS!

The Invercargill Municipal Library are anxious to have a complete file of all publications on transports, or others published by the soldiers. It is fitting and in the interest of all concerned that this file should be obtained, and copies from soldiers will be greatly appreciated. All copies should be accompanied by the sender's full name and address, and will be acknowledged through the columns of "The Digger." We have undertaken to help the librarian in this matter and would appreciate the action of returned men in helping to bring it to a successful issue. Copies can be forwarded to "The Digger," Box 310, Invercargill, or to the Public Library direct.

Before the war Austria-Hungary was one of the most important lumber producing countries in the world.

BLIGHTY NEWS.

The Machine Gun Corps (Cavalry) is proposing to erect a cenotaph at Folkestone as a war memorial.

Some spectators at a football match at Helensburg, Loch Lomond, were thrown to the ground by shock caused by lightning striking a telephone wire near by.

A soldier belonging to Cradley, Worcestershire, who distinguished himself in the war, has refused a proposed public gift of a gold watch on the ground that there are thousands of almost penniless people in the country.

Thomas Williams, a ship's fireman, of Falmouth, was sentenced at Marylebone Police Court to three months' imprisonment with hard labour for assaulting a railway porter and several policemen at Paddington station. It was stated that he was so violent at the police station that six policemen had to sit on him to keep him down.

The secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research states that the Research Association for the British Motor Cycle and Cycle Car Industry has been approved by the department as complying with the conditions laid down in the Government scheme for the encouragement of industrial research.

A return issued by Dublin gives the following among other particulars of outrages attributed to Sinn Fein during last April:—Murder, 11 (including 10 police and officials); firing at police, 17; raids for larceny of arms, 46; incendiary fires, 294 (including 253 vacated barracks burned); threatening letters, 104.

At a meeting of the County Diseases of Animals Committee, held at Norwich, a resolution was passed unanimously asking the Government, in view of the grave extent of foot-and-mouth diseases in Norfolk, to stop the indiscriminate slaughter of cattle and sheep. One unfortunate owner had had over 2,000 head of stock slaughtered.

At the Central Criminal Court, before the Recorder, Arthur Selsby, 20, a ship's cook, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour for a robbery with violence on a young woman in Soho Square and stealing from her a hand-bag and its contents. The prosecutrix was found in an insensible condition in a doorway, and she said the prisoner tried to strangle her and took her hand-bag. The prisoner admitted taking the bag, and said, "I am a fool, I did not think the London police would catch me."

The Halifax Town Council, in carrying out their housing scheme, are in acute competition with building contractors engaged on private work. After long and unsatisfactory negotiations the matter has been referred by the Corporation to Dr. Addison, Minister of Health.

Mr G. Wyman Abbott, a solicitor of Peterborough, and an antiquary, has unearthed in the district a skeleton of the Neolithic or Bronze Age. The date has been placed at least at 2000 B.C., but is thought more probably to be nearer 3000 B.C. The body was found in a crouching position, with the head to the north and the feet to the east, while the hands were pressed against the chin.

During the hearing at Marylebone Police Court of a charge against a man assaulting three schoolgirls Mr Leycester, the magistrate, said that he could never see any reason for calling upon all women to leave the Court during the hearing of such cases. If men were asked to leave it would be more to the point. He could never see any objection to women who were interested in the cases being present.

Sir Jesse Boot has bought for £20,000 a site of 36 acres beside the River Trent at Nottingham, which, it is stated, is to be handed over as a gift to the city. Sir Jesse, who is now at Bournemouth, is understood to have expressed an intention to spend a quarter of a million to convert the place into a winter garden with a campanile and ornamental buildings. An alternative possibility is the use of the site for the proposed East Midlands university.

Colchester Town Council have taken possession of the private owners' session of Colchester Castle, which they for £8,000. The money for the purchase was provided by Lord Cowdray, who formerly represented the borough in Parliament and who desired to give the Castle to the town as a war memorial. The Castle was built by William the Conqueror, and contains the town's collection of antiquities and Roman remains.

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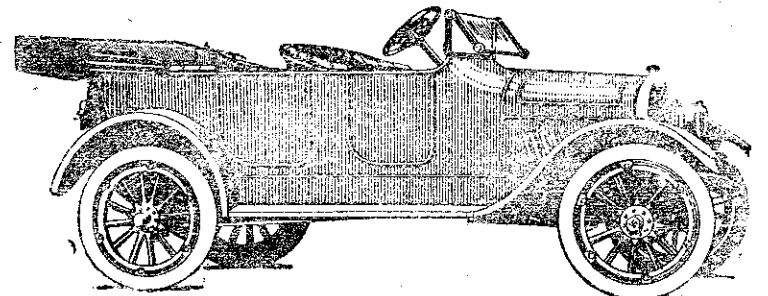
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Every part of the Dominion is seeking a collection of trophies and we must not be behind. Numbers of articles which have been brought from the battle front are being lost sight of, and we would be glad to receive anything at all. Name and address must be sent, also full particulars of article, where found, stunt, etc. Articles can also be displayed in the museum and remain the property of the sender, but can we, as representing Southland soldiers, make a direct gift to the people. Trophies can be sent to "The Digger" office direct, box 310, Invercargill; or to Mr Crosby Smith, Athenaeum Buildings, Dee street, Invercargill.

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