

BIG RAIN Falls In Victoria

Melbourne, November 14.
Heavy rains have fallen throughout almost all parts of the State. The heaviest falls were in southern Gippsland districts, where 229 points fell at Sale.
Further falls are predicted with floods in places.

Southern Sporting Notes By Poseidon

To every close student of racing, the Melbourne Cup of 1929 must go down as the most unsatisfactory since the inception of the race. A strange combination of hard solid facts makes it impossible for me to accept the result as being a true indication of merit or form.

To one and all of my readers I would say follow Pharlap in every start for the future for I believe him to be the greatest horse we have seen out in Australia. With the experience of the Melbourne Cup to guide his connections I do not think that they will ever be caught napping again, nor do I think that this great horse will ever meet defeat again when in proper racing condition.

To take a genuine stayer to the front after half a mile of the journey had been completed was, in itself, sufficient to beat the horse, but when the field was slowed down to such an extent, as was the case with Pharlap, it simply made the race to order for the more brilliant horses as opposed to the stayers. Pharlap has won all his races with brilliant finishing efforts. Pharlap after being taken to the front lead into the straight, immediately followed by Carradale, who then ran right off the track and two brilliant horses in Nightmarch and Paquito were thus able to beat the certainty to the post.

No one has a greater admiration for Nightmarch than the writer but I simply cannot accept this result as being correct. I know that it is not and I feel sure that the future will bear out my contention. The time, on a track that was in excellent order should have been bettered considerably by what might be classed as one of the best fields that has ever started in a Melbourne Cup.

I may be wrong in my summing up of the situation but I do not think so. I consider that Pharlap will prove conclusively in the future that he should have been numbered amongst the winners of the Melbourne Cup.

Reviewing the past twelve months racing in big handicaps, there appears to be some ground for the complaint that the big handicaps are too easy to pick, as during that period the only outsider to win a handicap of note is Crucis who started at 20's after touching 12's in the last Sydney Cup. In practically all the other big handicaps the winners have been either first, second or third favourites.

Southern Turf critics are already looking for the winner of the Derby of 1930 and they appear to have decided on Veilmond, a Limond colt bred in New Zealand. Personally I do not think that the next Derby winner has yet sported silk. Early two year olds as a rule do not represent staying form, and I am inclined to think that the form of the late end of the season is more likely to reveal the winner.

SHIPPING NEWS

Arrivals.

November 8—Vailala from Popo with general cargo. Passengers Mr. & Mrs. Temple Watts & child, Mr. & Mrs. Driver, Mr. & Mrs. Gangl, Mr. & Mrs. West, Mr. & Mrs. Laird, Mr. R. Williams. Whitten Bros. Ltd., agents.

November 8—Aroa from Kanosia with rubber. J. R. Clay & Co. Ltd., agents.

November 9—H & S from Popo with general cargo & natives. Steamships Trading Co. Ltd., agents.

November 10—Revel from Oba & Hisiu with copra. Passengers. Mr. Burrows & natives. Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., agents.

November 10—Moriinda, s. Capt. S. Rothery, from Misima & Samarai. Passengers. Messrs. E. C. Harris, G. A. London, E. Bremen. Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., agents.

November 10—Topsy from Kanosia with mails. J. R. Clay & Co. Ltd., agents.

November 12—Papuan Chief, s. Capt. C. O. Andersen, from Samarai via ports, with copra & general cargo. Passengers, Mesdames A. M. Goss & F. D. Ross, Mr. Ditton & natives. Steamships Trading Co. Ltd., agents.

November 12—Topsy from Bootless with coconuts. J. R. Clay & Co. Ltd., agents.

November 13—H & S from Hisiu with desiccated coconut & natives. Steamships Trading Co. Ltd., agents.

November 13—Vari-Vari from Sivitoei with copra. Steamships Trading Co. Ltd., agents.

November 14—Aroa from Kanosia. J. R. Clay & Co. Ltd., agents.

Departures

November 8—Topsy for Kanosia with general cargo. J. R. Clay & Co. Ltd., agents.

November 9—H & S for Hisiu with general cargo. Steamships Trading Co. Ltd., agents.

November 11—Aroa for Kanosia with general cargo. J. R. Clay & Co. Ltd., agents.

November 11—Moriinda, s. Capt. S. Rothery, for Sydney via ports. Passengers—Port Moresby to Cairns, Mrs. Bradley, Miss C. V. Haynes. Port to Sydney, Mesdames Ross & infant, Ross Senr., Moir Smith, Hall, Cattell, Big-nold, Locke & 8 children, Dudley & 2 children, Laird, Gangl, Misses M. Gramshaw, Morison, A. & V. Smith, Messrs. H. A. Ross, Moir Smith, C. L. Hall, H. O. Littlechild, G. A. Stewart, J. A. Murray, R. Coffey, W. N. Locke, J. Amman, A. G. Stewart, G. V. Dudley, J. N. Montgomery, R. C. Jennings, Miller, Szyllo (2), Zurak, Larking, G. Smith, Brett, Rettenbacher, Knirsch, J. Laird, Gangl, E. C. Izett, C. C. Simson, R. Motley, R. Coghlin. Misima to Sydney, Mr. & Mrs. W. Gray, Mr. & Mrs. W. Hill & child, Mr. M. Grand.

Samarai to Sydney, Mesdames Hagen & infant, Karius, McDonald, Ritchie & 3 children, Thompson, Misses Purnell, Waldron, Wall, Messrs. C. Karius, A. S. McDonald, W. S. Simson, Rev. A. J. Thompson, Samarai to Brisbane, Mesdames Enright, Harley, Miss Buchanan, Messrs. A. Enright, A. C. Harley, Samarai to Cairns, Mesdames D'Arx & infant, Hoey, Miss Tills, Messrs. F. W. Cutlbert, P. Hoey, F. W. Clark. Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., agents.

November 11—Mogubu for Rorua with general cargo. J. R. Clay & Co. Ltd., agents.

November 12—Topsy for Bootless with general cargo. J. R. Clay & Co. Ltd., agents.

November 12—Revel for Oba & Hisiu with general cargo. Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., agents.

November 13—Topsy for Yule Island with general cargo. Passenger, Mr. G. A. London. J. R. Clay & Co. Ltd., agents.

November 13—Laurabada, Capt. H. L. Murray, for Kapa Kapa, Dedele, Baibara and Samarai. Passengers—Dr. & Mrs. Colin Ross & family, Mrs. E. C. Harris, Messrs. V. A. Williams, S. E. Reilly, T. J. Townsend. Papua Government Vessel.

November 14—H & S for Hisiu with general cargo. Passenger, Mr. L. Goss. Steamships Trading Co. Ltd., agents.

November 14—Vaiiviri, Capt. A. A. Burns for Kukipi, Kerema & Vailala with general cargo. Passengers, Mrs. Strong, Messrs. J. O. Reed, R. S. Moody. Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., agents.

Urquart's High Praise of N. G. GOLDFIELDS

London, November 12.

At the extraordinary general meeting of the Mining Trust Ltd. Mr. Leslie Urquart said work on the New Guinea goldfields was proceeding expeditiously, giving results equal to the highest anticipations.

Mr. Urquart continued "Since the opening of the Rand no goldfield exhibiting such potentialities has been discovered. If the present work on ore development in depth is attended with the success already attained in the work on numerous valuable gold veins so far found, we shall be fully justified in claiming we have discovered a new goldfield of the greatest importance."

Remarkable Distances In Marine WIRELESS

On the maiden voyage from Glasgow to Melbourne of the "Westralia," the new Huddart Parker steamship, wireless communication was effected with Perth Radio the day after leaving Aden, traffic being exchanged for nearly an hour at a distance of 4,300 miles from Perth. More remarkable is the fact that this exchange of traffic was heard by Townsville Radio at a distance of 5,500 miles from the "Westralia." In addition the Australian Press Bulletins transmitted from Perth Radio were easily read at that distance, demonstrating the efficiency of the Australian manufactured wireless equipment installed on the "Westralia" at Glasgow by Amalgamated Wireless (A.S.) Ltd.

Daylight communication was established with Geraldton, Perth, Melbourne and Sydney radio stations at distances ranging from 800 to 1000 miles.

When in the Great Australian Bight, the "Westralia's" operator was in communication with all the coastal radio stations round the Australian continent.

The "Westralia" is equipped with one of the latest life-boats sets, and during the voyage the opportunity was taken to demonstrate it with the result that in the Mediterranean communication was effected with other ships at varying distances up to 70 miles—this despite heavy interference. Off Suez the lifeboat set was in communication with Alexandria Radio Station at a distance of 178 miles overland.

The "Westralia's" band repeater equipment for the reception and reproduction of broadcast programmes, and also for the reproduction of ship's music in different parts of the vessel, was put to good use during the voyage. A broadcasting concert in Colombo, 1,260 miles distant, was reproduced on the band repeater equipment, also broadcast programmes from 6.WF, Perth, at 1,100 miles, and 3.LO, Melbourne, at 2,000 miles distant. Passengers took part in the church services broadcast from broadcasting Station 6.WF Perth, and the dance music from both the latter Station and from 3.LO, Melbourne was utilised for dancing on board.

The latest type of direction finding apparatus was also demonstrated with the most satisfactory results.

Movements

The "Papuan Chief" is due to leave for western ports to-morrow. Saturday, at daylight. Steamships Trading Co. Ltd., agents.

Sales In New Guinea GOLD SHARES

Sydney, November 14.

The following sales were recorded. Wednesday: Mt. Lawson, paid 4/-, con. 4/-; N. G. Development cons. call paid 9½d.; Deposits, call paid 9½d.. Options 3½; Placer Development 47.9d. Sales Tuesday. Edie Creek 15/3 15/-. No sales N. G. Osmiridium or Oba River since last report.

Social Notes By Prudence

Well 'dears, Friday night's fancy dress ball went with a jolly swing, though there were not so many fancy dresses as usual—however, really, their charm and their daring, almost made up for the lack of quantity, so to speak. Jessie Hart was too obviously the belle of the ball, and won the first prize again, actually. Miss McGuire and Mrs. Hardy also deserve honorable mention, surely. But, oh my dears, you should have seen 'The Caddy'—really such a 'nice' man, charming! And I specially asked that the prize I offered and was going begging, so to speak, be given as an extra prize to 'The Caddy.' You know, really, isn't it?—its so strange how when it comes to fancy dress all the men want to wear skirts and all the ladies like to wear male clothing? However, you know, its all very charming. (With apologies to Lottie.)

All of Port, at least all of his wife, turned out to see the "Moriinda" off on Monday morning. There were so many residents going away that all their friends represented practically the whole population. Miss Morrison, niece of Sir Hubert Murray, who has spent a few months holiday here was one of the passengers to leave, and also Mrs. Bignold, mother of our Crown Law Officer, after a month's holiday spent with her son. Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Ross, and Sandy, were being farewelled again of course, and they were accompanied by Mrs. Ross Senr., Mr. Ross's mother. The town seemed quite dull after the boat went, we shall soon be down to half our usual population.

The Institute's Badminton singles championship tournament was held on Wednesday and lasted all day from 9.30 to 6 p.m. Yet gods, who says the ladies of Port don't work? Singles does not seem as popular as doubles, and I don't wonder, for there were only about eleven players on Wednesday. However, play was very keen and the tournament was won by Mrs. Turnbull, with Mrs. Montieth the runner up. Mrs. Armstrong, on behalf of the Institute, presented the winner with a badminton racquet. It is no wonder Mrs. Turnbull won the tournament, for she collected 163 points out of a possible 165, only two points lost in about eleven games!

Mrs. E. C. Harris and infant travelled to Samarai by the "Laurabada" which left here last Wednesday. Mrs. Harris has gone for a month's holiday among her many friends in that end of the Territory.

I suppose there will be another scramble to-morrow morning, for I hear Burns Philp are opening up a special range of hats—for the ladies, of course. Almost as good as the Saturday morning specials, so dear to some of our friends in Australia,

Put Life into your Car

SHELL

OILS

SPIRIT