

£2,000,000 BETS IN PERIL.

HOW THE ENGLISH RACING BAN WILL HIT THE PUBLIC.

EFFECT ON DOUBLES.

The Jockey Club, in response to an appeal by the Government, has decided to suspend racing for this week at any rate. The Cambridgeshire may not be run if the strike continues.

The effect of the stoppage is not a matter of shutting down a sport and a recreation, but hitting temporarily another of the great national industries.

Many millions of pounds are invested in thoroughbred horses, elaborate breeding studs, racecourses, fashionable stables, and the thousand and one sides lines to the Turf.

A few of those who will be thrown out of work or financially affected include:-

Racecourse, gate-keepers, men, Special police, Bookmakers, Clerks and tic-tac men, Professional backers.

Waiters, Barmaids, Carpenters, Newsboys.

For those are regular salaried men and women. They are paid by piecework, and do not receive unemployment dues.

TRAINING BILLS.

A fashionable jockey like Donoghue receives a retainer of £6,000 this year from Mr. James White; but the less-sought-after rider goes about from meeting to meeting, and depends on his pre-war fee of three guineas for a losing and five guineas for a winning mount.

Owners and trainers will also be badly hit. Horses cost £5 a week at least to keep, and the owners of several horses which never soar above a selling race have to foot a training bill of £400 a month.

The transactions of a bookmaker will amount, according to the extent of his business, from £200 to a quarter of a million a week. Many bookmakers employ a dozen or two of these runners, a tic-tac, a representative in the smaller rings, and a "nunder" or two. Caterers—with large stocks of perishable food already on their hands—have a regular travelling staff of two or three hundred employees.

The abandonment of racing will mean at least a loss of £100,000 this week in racecourse receipts. Entrance money paid by owners and breeders will also have to be refunded. Doncaster profits go to the relief of local rates, for the meeting is run by the corporation. Gaikwick and Sandown are owned by public companies, whose shareholders depend on profits.

MAMMOTH WAGERS.

It is known that several noted owners are interested in mammoth Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire doubles, which will become void if the Cambridgeshire cannot be run this week at Newmarket. Most of these doubles have been taken up with the Cesarewitch winner, who has been coupled with horses like Square Measure, Golden Orb, Roman Bachelor, Fanci-Man, Southern Wavy Stripe, and Grand-court to win wagers of over £100,000 each.

Many miners stand to win four figures at least over the Cambridgeshire, for the majority of early backers selected Bracken, the winner, as their Cesarewitch hope. A rough estimate that a £2,000,000 betting settlement will be affected if the Cambridgeshire is not run is perhaps not exaggerating one of the few financial items at issue owing to the stoppage of racing.

It was at the request of the Government that the Jockey Club yesterday abandoned racing "for at least a week." This involved Gaikwick, Sandown, and Stockton, for the new had already been put through Doncaster. Before the official intimation of the abandonment, not in London and elsewhere, held the meeting scheduled for to-day and to-morrow.

Of course, there were no big financial issues at stake in this week's fixtures, but many of the struggling, as well as the rich, all over the country stand to win, to them, odds on certain doubles which include a five Cambridgeshire horse with the Cesarewitch winner, Bracken.

ALL BETS OFF.

If a man, for example, had a double of £100 to £1 Bracken and Square Measure, he could now so hedge his money that he would "win" £100,000, even if Square Measure did not run.

I can, however, repeat what I wrote on October 5 concerning the effect the abandonment of the Cambridgeshire would have on all double bets and also single wagers on the last big Newmarket handicap.

No doubt can become a single. This is obtainable for prices, but it is against the horses coupled and not in the form of an accumulator at separate odds. Whether you backed the winner, a loser, a non-starter, or even a horse which was never entered for the Cesarewitch, all doubles become automatically void if there is no Cambridgeshire—unless, of course, you thought might be entered—for the Cambridgeshire.

Do not pay money already apparently lost over doubles or on Cambridgeshire horses which have been "scrapped." Some of the fly layers have a little knack of including these in accounts before the second race is started.

Naturally, those at the clubs have still to consider the Cambridgeshire as a possibility, for some of the particularly heavy doubles have to be hedged.

THE SCOUT.

HOOFBEATS.

Most of the English bookmakers have decided to turn their attention to horse racing for the duration of the strike.

In view of the uncertain atmosphere, racing generally has been suspended, and the Cambridgeshire at the Victoria Club was abandoned yesterday.

CURRAGH RACING TO-DAY.

LIKELY WINNERS AT THE IRISH CENTRE.

"Daily Express" Irish Racing Correspondent.

Dunman, Monday.

Everything looks promising for the Irish Cesarewitch meeting, which begins tomorrow at the Curragh, and finishes on Thursday. There are six races in tomorrow's card. The Curragh Grand Prize of £500, for two-year-olds, is the principal race, and on form should be taken by Ballyheron. In its absence I fancy Harpachord.

The following are my selections for tomorrow:-

1.30—Offaly Hurdle—Happy Moments (if ab., View Law).

2.0—Scurry—Le Roux (if ab., Kilkerley).

2.40—Grand T.Y.O. Prize—Ballyheron (if ab., Harpachord).

3.10—Highfield—Wavy Stripe (if ab., Zeta's Charm).

3.40—October—Wavy Stripe (if ab., Corn-Kale).

4.10—Loughbrown—Pilgrim's Pass (if ab., Nelly Gough).

CURRAGH CARD.

(The "Form" given includes last Saturday's racing.)

1.30—OFFRAY PLATE: Six furlongs and a half mile.

Empire Maker ... 5.12 ... 4 Youngster ... 5.10 ... 9

Hazza ... 5.11 ... 10 Kishelton ... 5.10 ... 9

Lansdale ... 5.11 ... 11 Merry Chaps ... 5.10 ... 9

Shirley ... 5.11 ... 12 Hazel ... 5.10 ... 9

Sir William ... 4.10 ... 13 Dan-Chaser ... 5.10 ... 7

2.0—SECURITY PLATE: Six furlongs sixty yards.

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CAMBRIDGE GOLF WHO'S WHO.

LIVENED BY THE AMATEUR SOCCER COLD SNAP.

BRISK PLAY AND HONOURS EASY AT NEW CROSS.

FROM JAPAN AND U.S.A.

Whatever else the cold snap has been responsible for, its credit must be laid in livening up of a London Combination match at New Cross yesterday. During the past few weeks players generally have been languishing under a broiling sun, but the "Lions" and Orient reserve elevens had to keep well on the move yesterday afternoon, and although there was little in the play to work a chilled audience into a heat of frenzy, a fast, bustling game ensued, and resulted in the division of two goals and a draw.

Good-class golfers seem to be as numerous at Cambridge this term as they were a year ago, so that Mr. Humphries has a wide field to select from.

Twenty-seven turned out at Millenium, and S. J. Hayes (Jesus) went round in the afternoon in St. George's. Considering the high wind prevailing, this was an excellent performance.

J. K. Douglas (Owensville, near Chicago), who is Corpus, is a long driver, and played his iron shots well, while his putting, like that of most Americans, was very poor. He is a good player, and the "Lions" had him in mind as a possible recruit.

H. E. Bas, who is a sparer man at Sunningdale, won the dinner for the Light Blues, showed great promise.

Y. Watanabe is a Japanese player who has learnt the game chiefly at Oxford, where he is a hand-shots expert, and is good on the green.

Another promising pupil is C. P. Proctor (Oxford), who has been playing a lot of golf recently, and has been doing well.

A. H. Ross (Trinity) showed sound judgment in placing his long shots in the strong wind.

R. E. Bambridge, a nephew of Mr. Austin.

Neilich scored further goals through Nicoll and Davis, while the "Lions" had a goalless draw.

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