

isting garments, we should think that New Zealand will ere long boast of a few millionaires.

The eminent pianist Herr Friedenthal, who recently toured the colony, has been much upset by the inaccuracy of a Christchurch scribe, who gave the much travelled musician's age as 47. The announcement provoked the following somewhat quaint remonstrance from Herr Friedenthal: "Sir,—I got an awful shock. The mutton-chop I was just bringing into details came near entering into a wrong pipe. Forty-seven! Seven is not a nice figure; but forty! On September 25, 1891, I crossed the 180th degree of longitude, coming from America and going to the land of Jappes. It was my birthday. The next day the captain marked the same day on the blackboard. I almost went for that captain. Imagine the attempt of putting a whole year more on my back than I naturally could bear. It irritated me so much that when I was to visit the Australian colonies I at once decided to go home the other way, i.e., crossing again the 180th degree in order to get rid of that nasty feeling which came on to me in the year 1891. And now, in Christchurch, in New Zealand, a man gives me graciously forty-seven years! Please, I cannot bear so much generosity. Be so kind as to take back ten years. Upon the honesty of my passport I may assure you that on September 25 I shall complete thirty-seven years, and that's quite enough for me."

Here is another "ad." was the "Frisco mail. A striking instance of the irregularity of the mail communication with London was afforded last week (says the Otago "Daily Times"). Our London correspondent's budget of news, dated 21st July, was posted on the afternoon of that date, and specially addressed via Italy. This duly reached us by way of Sydney, on Saturday. But we had received on Friday, by way of San Francisco, our correspondent's budget dated July 29, which thus came to have a full day earlier than that by the Federal mail service, although the latter had a start of seven clear days.

## Exchange Notes.

South British Insurance firmed in price, as high as 54/6 being offered for this stock.

Waikato Silverton return showed improvement this month, 1075 tons having yielded bullion worth £1722.

Tributers in the Waitekauri Jubilee mine obtained £300 worth of gold for two weeks' run of ten stamps at the battery.

Ore from the Broken Hills mine, Waioimo, has been forwarded to Mr Luckhart, of California, for treatment. N.Z. and River Plate shares changed hands at 20/6, and are still in demand at a shade under that figure.

The Waitohi Company clean up for about three weeks yielded gold worth £390.

Auckland Gas shares were wanted during the week, old at £13, and new at £9 15/.

The silver obtained from Auckland mines last month was worth £2968.

Waikato shares had inquiry this week at £7 8/, but no sales were reported.

The total gold yield for the colony for August was worth £143,164, as compared with £133,522 for the corresponding month last year.

The Waikato Welcome property has been acquired by the Waikato South Company, making a total area held now of 227 acres.

N.Z. Crown shares were in demand once more this week, but the price offered 11/, was not accepted, as buyers asked 13/.

Buyers of Westport Coal advanced to 67/6, without obtaining shares.

A new reef has been cut in the Kauri Freehold Gold Estates property, which carries good gold.

Work is to be resumed on the Original Great Barrier mine.

Quartz showing gold is being obtained from the Hagne-Smith reef in the May Queen Extended mine.

The Iron Cap mine at the Thames now includes 75 acres. Another 100 feet of driving should reach underneath the old Ironcap hill.

LOB. Timber shares moved upwards, buyers offering 25/, as against 24/ a week ago.

Ore showing nice colours of gold is being won from an 18-inch leader in the New Whau mine, Thames.

Enquiries were made for N.Z. Shipping shares at 98/, but none were offered under 102.6.

Tauapiri Coal shares have been in continuous demand, buyers advancing to 21/9.

Talisman eased during the week, being sold at 12/3, with buyers left at 12/.

A parcel of 17 tons of ore from the Cardigan section of the May Queen mine yielded bullion worth £164 13/8, being an average of £9 10/ per ton.

N.Z. Insurance shares firmed during the week from buyers at 55/0 to 60/.

Within the last few days the hole in the Kharitum mine has improved considerably, fair dish prospects of gold being obtained from the hanging-wall of the reef.

Last month's gold yield in the Auckland district was valued at £64,320; Otago, £46,400; Greymouth and Westport, £27,041.

Rich specimen stone is still being obtained by tributers in the Bullion mine, Tapu, so their next crushing should be a good one.

During the first eight months of 1899 the gold output for New Zealand shows an increase of over a quarter of a million as compared with a similar period in 1898.

Two loads of silt from the Central Dredging claim, Coromandel, treated as a test parcel, yielded a little more than 120lbs to the load, which should pay handsomely.

A balance of about £10,000 still stands to the credit of the May Queen of Hauraki Company, so there is no fear of re-construction in this case.

The Maratoto shareholders annual meeting was held this week. During the year £912 14/7 was expended on wages, and £434 8/8 on mining requisites and general charges. An encouraging report was submitted. The new battery is expected to be working by December next.

Very fair dish prospects are obtained at each breaking down of the new reef in the United section of the Imperial mine, Karangahake.

About 30 men are employed by the local Company that purchased the Broken Hills mine and plant at Tai-

rua. All speed is being used to get the 20-stamp battery ready to commence crushing.

Directors of the Barrier Reef Company this week accepted the tender of Messrs John Chambers and Sons for the erection of a 20-stamp battery with cement raftering and cyaniding plant complete to be delivered by the 31st of December.

The second return from the Whangamata Gold Corporation was more satisfactory, 570 tons of ore, having yielded bullion worth £1125.

## A Baby Lion!

Did you ever see one? It is as playful and harmless as a kitten. You might have one with you for weeks and not suspect danger.

But, beware! Some day it will surely spring, and the fight for life is at hand.

It is just so with a cough. You may carry one with you for weeks and not think of danger. But the danger is there. Some day the fight will be on, and it is a question which will win, Consumption or You.

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