

**PERSONAL NOTES  
FROM LONDON.**

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 19.

The Niwaru, a new steamer, 465ft long, with a beam of 55ft, a carrying capacity of 12,000 tons, and a steaming capacity of 13 knots, has just been added by the Tyser line to their fleet of steamers trading between London and New Zealand. Mr W. H. Tyser showed a party of friends over the vessel a day or two ago. A sister-ship is on the stocks.

Miss Mildred Ellen Peel Tehbs, younger daughter of the late Rev. William Tehbs, M.A., Vicar of St. Matthew's, Auckland, and of Mrs Tehbs, of 56, Dafforne Road, Upper Tooting, was married last Wednesday at St. Albans, Streatham Park, to Mr Leslie Whittam Hawkins, elder son of Mr J. Whittam Hawkins.

Mr John Macgregor and Dr. and Mrs Duncan Macgregor, who arrived last week, purpose spending a fortnight in London, and then making for Glasgow. Most of their brief stay will be spent in Scotland, and it is probable that they will not come to London for the Coronation festivities. They will leave for the colony again in July.

The "British Australasian" scheme for the presentation of a service of plate to Mr Seddon during his stay in England is slowly taking shape. The Bank of New Zealand is prepared to receive subscriptions, and Mr. E. B. Marriott-Watson has consented to act as honorary secretary to the fund.

On the arrival at Plymouth of the N.Z.S. Company's Ruapehu from New Zealand, it was reported that a lamp trimmer named Robert Post, of Liverpool, had been killed in the coal bunkers by a huge quantity of coal falling on him and crushing him to death. As soon as the fall of coal

occurred the engine-room staff were employed to dig the unfortunate man out, but he was quite dead when extricated.

Major William Henry Barker, of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, who served in New Zealand from 1863 to 1866 and was present at the capture of Rangiaohia, the repulse of the enemy's attack on the camp at Nukumaru and the affair at Kakaramaea, died last Saturday at Chetwood, Wokingham, at the age of 65.

Mr Seymour Thorne George (Auckland), after a day or two with his brother in Devonshire, consulted a prominent London specialist, who has pronounced him thoroughly sound, and removed all restrictions as to diet and smoking. This will be good news to Mr George's many friends.

New Zealanders will take with a cellar full of salt the following semi-official explanation which the "North German Gazette" in Berlin gives of Consul Krull's Wellington anti-slanders speech: "During the last few days," says the guileless "Gazette," "various papers have discussed a speech which the German Consul at Wellington, a merchant named Krull, made at a meeting which was held in that city in connection with the South African war. It was reported that the Consul declared that the Germans enjoyed greater freedom under the British flag than in their own Fatherland. We are in a position to state that the Consul never made such a remark. What he actually did say was that the Germans in the colony enjoyed the same liberties as in Germany." The "Gazette" might as well have added: "He told this to the marines."

Miss Isabel Jay, the prima donna of the Savoy, who sang so prettily in the revival of "Iolanthe" "For We're to be Married To-day," was married on Wednesday at St. Margaret's, Westminster, to Mr Henry S. Cavendish, the traveller and explorer.

Mr J. Herbert Jay, brother of the bride, gave her away, and Mr Hubert Cary-Barnard was best man. The bridesmaids—Miss Ethel Jay and Miss Clara Sutton—wore white glace silk, tucked and trimmed with string-coloured net and lace and Tuscan hats, with white plumes and black velvet. The bridegroom's presents to them were pearl and turquoise pendant brooches and nosegays of pink roses, tied with soft pink ribbons. The bride wore a gown of ivory satin, veiled in gauze chiffon, with transparent yoke and sleeves of lace. Her only ornament was a diamond and pearl necklace, the gift of the bridegroom. She carried a bouquet of white roses and orange blossoms, tied with white satin streamers.

Owing to the recent death of near relatives of both bridegroom and bride, the wedding of Mr Arthur Grenville Hume, R.N.R., fourth son of Lieut.-Colonel Hume, of Wellington, and Miss Amy Rogers, at Old Wiccombe Church, Bath, last week, was of a quiet description. The bride, who was given away by Captain G. Macintire, the bridegroom's uncle, wore a white satin coat and white silk crepe skirt, a white lace and chiffon hat and a long white feather boa, and carried a bouquet of lilies and roses. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Meta Rogers and Miss Irene Macintire. The best man was Mr A. Hernandez, of the s.s. Matabele. Mr and Mrs Hume are spending their honeymoon in London, and after a few days in Bath will sail on the 29th in the Matabele for Durban, where Mr Hume intends practising as a consulting engineer.

Mr A. W. Soames, M.P. for South Norfolk, has been giving the "Eastern Daily Press" some impressions of his tour in Australia and New Zealand. Both in Australia and New Zealand Mr Soames remarked how far ahead of the Old Country the colonists were in the way of electric trams and telephone. To compare the means of transit in the Australian cities with those of London was

like comparing the latter with the Middle Ages. He was also struck with the development of the telephone system, which seemed to him in far greater use among the colonists than with us. Another great point is the State ownership of railways. Again, he could not help being struck with the advantageous position occupied by the Australian or New Zealand workingman, compared with his brother in the Old Country. In all the colonies he practically holds the Legislatures in his own hands. He has a fixed and generous rate of wages, coupled with the health safeguard of an eight hours' day. There is very little lack of employment for men who wish to work, and the standard of comfort among the working classes is immensely higher than at Home.

Terrible revelations were made last week with regard to "Colonel" Arthur Lynch, the elected member for Galway. In the first place he is a landlord. That may be only his misfortune, since the land of which he is lord (more or less) is in Ireland. But, secondly, he is an absentee landlord. That may be said to be his misfortune also, but he ought to have remembered the point before he took any step likely to render his absence imperative. However, waive that point; for worse remains behind. This landlord and absentee actually had a dispute with his tenants. He even went so far as to require them to pay rent, and to invoke an alien law for that purpose. A pretty sort of Nationalist member! But these awful revelations were partial and misleading. The Colonel now explains that there is a head rent on the property, and that he never received for his own personal profit one penny of rent. So far as his interest in the property is concerned, he is prepared to make it over to the tenants as a gift. He thus leaves the court of public opinion without a stain upon his character—as an Irish landlord, that is to say. For the rest my opinion of Lynch is unchanged.

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