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are uncertain, but when Miss Fraser is through her course, they hope to see something of Britain, and at the end of the autumn they propose spending a few weeks with an old friend in Paris. They expect to be back in the Dominion by next Christmas.

Recent callers at the High Commissioner's Offices: Mr. Ernest W. Meek (Wellington), Dr. and Mrs. A. McArthut (Wellington), Mr. W. F. M. Buckley (Christchurch), Mr. R. Nathan (Waikato), Mrs. Arthur Rawson and Miss King (Wellington). Mr. R. Nathan (Waikato), Mrs. Arthur Rawson and Miss Lenniston, strived from New Zealand last week, proceeded to Edinburgh, and is now visiting relatives in Scotland. "My wife and daughter and I," he told me. "had an exceptionally fine and pleasant voyage from Sydney of the Orvito," one of the new Orient steamers. I have found my health much improved by the voyage and rest.

"I have a year's furlough from 1st February last, but have formed no definite plans, my intention being simply to spend my time in visiting such places at Home and on the Continent as circumstances may suggest and permit."

Mrs. Cunningham, sister of Miss Mary Cooper, the Auckland vocalist, will accompany the latter in the Corinthic on her return to New Zealand. Mrs. Cunningham became a widow just before Christmas by the sudden death of her husband in Montreal from typhoid fever.

Dr. A. McArthur, the Wellington stipendiary, and Mrs. McArthur, tarrived in England on Friday by the Corinthic, via Monte Video, Rio Janeire, and Teneriffe. "We purpose remaining in Europe for some mouths." Dr. McArthur told me, "and intend visiting Scotland, Ireland, and France. I am home in search of health, both on my own behalf (chiefly rest) and on my wife's. I am seeking the Easter holidays are over. I had the pleasure yesterday of viewing the Oxford trial from the "Sportsman's motor launch, and was much impressed with the evenness of the rowing."

The s.s. Tongariro left London yesterday with the following passengers on loard: First saloon—Mr and Mrs A. B. Keyworth, Mr and Mrs A. B. Ke

third class there are about 90 passengers.

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'I came to England from Auckland three years ago, and leave here again on April 1 by the Corinthic for an extended concert tour of the Dominions with Mr. Lyril Towsey.'

Miss Mary Cooper, of Anckland, was the speaker, the place the Beckstein Hall, last Monday afternoon, just after the young singer had concluded a very successful yocal recital.

Miss Cooper has a mezzo-soprano voice of very pleasant quality, and the eighteen songa given at her recital seemed, by her bright energy at the conclusion of her concert, not to have greatly exhausted her.

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"I can never suitably express my thanks," Miss Cooper says, "for the wonderful kindness and appreciation I have received everwhere in London. I leave it with the greatest regret, and earnestly hope to retun again."

H Monday's concert the "Times" says: "Her quiet tone (in Loewe's amusing little ballad 'Die Mutter an der Wiege' and Schubert's 'Die junge Noune') was resonant and beautiful to listen to ... her voice is naturally an attractive one, and she produces it easily."

The "Telegraph," the "Duily Mail," and the "Graphic" also bestow praise on the singer.

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CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF.

IMPERIAL.

HE vote on the Budget resolution was taken in the House of Commons on Wednesday, and this showed that the Government has a streng dependable majority of 81. The Redmondites voted with the Government, while the followers of Mr. Wm. O'Brien, who number a dozen, voted with the Opposition, Mr. Asquith hopes to introduce the Vetu Bill next week, but it will not be finally passed till the fate of the veto resolutions in the House of Lords is decided. The Government has stated that there will be no paltering with these resolutions, and discussing the appointment of sufficiently large body of peers to carry the Budget through, Mr. Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, said this was the only constitutional method of making the will of the people paramount. However undestrable and however unbecoming it was to ereate all those peers, it was the fault of the constitution. The "Express" asserts that the Government has done its best to compile a list of possible peers, but is still 300 short of the remainter 500. mons on Wednesday, and this

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During the Budget debute Mr. Lloyd George stated that 22 per cent less whisky had been consumed since the Budget was introduced. After reviewing the revenues he expects to collect, he concluded by predicting a surplus of £2,063,000, which, had the Budget been passed last year, would have reached 24,200,000. Lord Rosebery proposes that the Unionists should drop tariff reform and fight the next election on the Lords' issue alone, but this does not find favout with the majority of the Conservatives. It was stated by the "London Observer," but subsequently denied, that Lord Kitchener's return next week is eausing apprehension in the military and political dovecoles, because Lord Kitchener dinot make it a secret that the Malta command was unnecessary, and was only

net make it a secret that the Malta command was unnecessary, and was only created to shelve him. His colonial investigations have made Kitchener anxious to weld the forces of Britain and her dependencies into a conglomerate whole. For this reason he is desirous of remaining in London as head of the Imperial Defence Committee.

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The American Transport Company's liner Minnehala was wrecked on the Scilly Isles on Monday, the crew heigh sweed, The B.I. steamer Satura struck a rock and foundered off the coast of New South Wales on Wednesday, the crew laving burely time to take to the loats before she sank.

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A warm debate took place in the House of Commons on a motion to cancel Sir Robert Anderson's pension on account of his avowal that he was the author of the articles on "Parnedism and Crime." A scene of wild uproar cusned when the Solicitor-General for Ireland declared that Parnell had been privy to the Phoenix Park murders. Eventually the closure was applied to the debate, and the motion was lost by 232 vaces to 111.

FOREIGN.

Another terrible balloon tragedy occurred in Prussia on Sanday, when a balloon with a party of four was struck by lightning, causing the gas bag to explode, the neconants being thrown to the ground and instantly killed. A great feat was accomplished on Thursday by M. Sommer, who carried three passengers in his bindaue.

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Serious viots occurred in Changsha, China, as the outcome of a corner in rice by the town officials, the riots subsequently developing into an anti-foreign outbreak. All foreign buildings, except the British Consulate, were looted and hurned, and foreigners had to fly for their tixes. A hishop and two priests were drowned by a collision with a Bri-

tish gunboat, which was steaming up to

Germany has offered to sell the new Germany has offered to sell the new cruiser Blucher to Turkey at a considerably less price than she cost, but the Admiralty prefer ordering the new armouted cruisers of moderate displacement that are required in Britain.

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Britain and Japan have demanded com-pensation for losses sustained by their respective subjects, the punishment of the responsible officials, the descapitation of the riot leaders, and the opening of a new port to foreign trade. Mr. 8, L. Clemens (Mark Twain) passed away last Friday afternoon in his home at Redding, the left a fortune of over a million del-brs.

IN THE CCMMONWEALTH.

· Following the heavy defeat of the Fusionists at the Federal elections, the Deakin Ministry has resigned. The Covernor General sent for Mr. Fisher, who will amounce his tabinet on Tues-

day.

Mr. Hamilton Wickes, British Board of Trade Commissioner, believes that the equal distribution of wealth in Australia is unparalleled in the world. The buyer in Australia did not care about value as

in Australia did not care about value as long as the price was low. He had resemmended British manufacturers to send out experts to learn something about the markets for themselves.

Mr. Fisher declares that the Labour Government will carry out had value faxation, and organise a sound system of defence. He predicts that within three years there will be six large Labour daily papers in the Commonwealth.

Mr. J. C. Williamson is arranging for the production of grand opera in Australia on a seale similar to that at tovent Garden.

The Fiji Hurricane.

TEN PERSONS KILLED,

The steamer Arma, which arrived from the Islands last week, brings additional particulars of the damage done by the recent hurricane, the most serious feature being the loss of eight lives at Rowa. The unfortunates were all natives. Enormous damage was sustained by the banana crop there; some 7000 acres of came has been levelled, and houses are all more or loss damaged. It is estimated that the damage done to the came and banana crops will amount to over 180,000. In various districts, where rubber trees have been planted, the trees have been destroyed. The Methodist Mission at Rowa sustained damage amounting to about £3000, and much damage was done to the crops. At Navia the damage to bananas is put down at £12,000. At Bon some 300 houses were destroyed, and a woman was killed by a house falling on her. In Rewa province 795 houses were blown down, and at Dicketi a woman was killed by a falling house. The bases sustained by the Methodist Mission throughout the group are estimated at about £5000.

The Burden of Another Election.

PARTY FUNDS DEPLETED.

WHY THE BANK RATE HAS GONE UP.

£5,000,000 LISSS IN HANDA

LONDON, March 18.

"If there is a general electron in four weeks' time, and 1 am perfectly 2072 there will be——"

This is an extract from Mr John Redmond's speech at Nowcastle last Wedmonday night, and the fact that it is divorced from its context makes no difference to its meaning. Mr Redmond's prophecy was an "out and-out" one, and is a confirmation of the anticipation of