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The Week in Review.

Girl Immigrants.

HERE have been various paragraphs in the papers of late concerning the behaviour of young female immigrants and other passengers or members of the ship's company. One good lady instanced a case in which she accused "the junior officers" of the boat. Such a sweeping assertion can hardly be given credence, even though to the pure all things are suggestive. Ships' officers, senior or junior, have not the time, even if they had the slightest inclination for indiscriminate pilfering, and should the Captain even have the minutest suspicion of such a thing the offender would have an extremely unpleasant time "on the carpet." An impugment against the honour of one officer touches the honour of all, the honour of the ship, and the honour of the company. Of course in every big batch of immigrants there must be a black sheep or so who might succeed in corrupting a few of their weaker-minded companions, just as at ever port each arriving boat is met by decoys who find victims foolish—or willing—enough to be caught. In this connection it is interesting to note that the Auckland branch of "The Overseas Club" has promoted the idea of a Hostel for these new arrivals. Apart from other reasons the fact that Auckland is shortly to be a naval station means that this Hostel would be the means of safeguarding young girls under the supervision of a matron and lady officials; girls, too, who come out as governesses, etc., could go there, whilst friends at Home would know that their loved ones had found a safe and sure harbour in a new land.

Mail Clerks.

The average man at not finding an expected letter by his plate at breakfast is apt to jibe at the postal authorities. But does the average man ever pause to think of the lives of the mail clerks, more especially the travelling ones. Some more than usually praiseworthy work was done by these officials during the recent landslip delays on the Main Trunk line. At the best times the mail bags and hampers are clumsy and heavy, but their weight was sensibly increased when they had to be transferred from one train to another, over a mile or more of very bad road, and at night. Indeed, it is open to question whether the discontented breakfaster would go without sleep for one night—much less for three, as these clerks did—in order to make things as easy as possible for the public. In fact, everyone is apt to overlook the merits of a very hard-working branch of the Civil Service. A stuffy car is not conducive to health, the work is most exacting, and the men employed are a noble band of self-sacrificing employees who have even less home-life than a commercial traveller, and who put duty before personal ease and comfort.

Immigration.

It is a regrettable fact that the arrivals in the Dominion during the year 1911 only outnumbered the departures by 4,200. Those figures are but a paltry 792 in excess of those for 1910, whose 3,408 showed the lowest number of arrivals during the century. However, within the last few days the country has received 500 newcomers—to be absolutely accurate, 407; 342 arrived in Wellington on Saturday, October 19th, by the N.Z.S. Co.'s Rimutaka, and 153 by

the Federal-Shire liner Surrey in Auckland on Monday, 21st. These figures refer entirely to the steerage passengers. Both ships appear to have brought just the type that a young country requires, e.g., farmers, farm and other labourers, miners, carpenters, joiners, etc., with a modicum of the very welcome but extremely elusive domestic

Roberts' scheme of universal military training is not a fantastic dream when these boys can show such super-excellent results, results which reflect such glory on themselves and their country.

Reduction of Sentences.

Recently two death sentences in Australia have been altered to imprisonment for life with a flogging. In the one case the man was a would-be murderer, and in the other the criminal had brutally assaulted a small child. The mitigating point or reason for this commutation would seem to be that if

effect of the flogging comes in. Many years ago when garrotting was rife in London the lash was found to be a marvellous deterrent, and so it will be always to that sub-stratum of society who prey on the bodies and nerves of their weaker fellows.

The Overseas Club.

"Believing the British Empire to stand for justice, freedom, order, and good government, we pledge ourselves, as citizens of the greatest Empire in the world, to maintain the heritage handed down to us by our fathers." The above words form the creed of "The Overseas Club," which was founded with the following objects: To help one another; to insist on the vital necessity to the Empire of British supremacy on the sea; to urge on every able-bodied man the necessity of being able to bear arms; to draw together in the bonds of comradeship the peoples now living under the folds of the British flag; to teach young and old to respect constituted authority; to reverence all we hold sacred; to love our King, our country, and our flag. The organiser and founder of the club, after a most successful visit to New York and Canada, is shortly to pay a visit to the Dominion, arriving in Auckland on November 24th. It is unhesitatingly expected that he will go away with the impressions that he formed of the other great Dominion enhanced, and ready to bear witness to the world of New Zealand's loyalty, her magnificent climate and scenery, the prowess of her sons, and the intelligence of her people.

German Journalists and the Late King Edward.

A certain Herr Harden has just been having a fling at the memory of the Peace-Maker of Europe. Doubtless he was inspired partly by reverence for his War-Lord, who is also Over-Lord of Heaven and Earth, in his own mind, and partly by a desire to receive the Grand Cross of the Mailed Fist, or the Order, second-class, of the Sauer Krant Jarrel. King Edward, from the perfervid Herr's point of view, originated an "Anti-German Trust," was an avowed enemy of the Kaiser, and "beated hell" for his rivals. The latter feat would seem to be a work of supererogation as far as Germany is concerned. On the other hand, a recent English biographer, Sir Sidney Lee, makes the late King out to have been a man who lacked both talents and opportunities as a diplomatist. And yet this un diplomatic monarch seems to have saved the situation more than once. Anglo-German relations should improve vastly now, owing to the appointment of Prince Bismarck to the Embassy in London. In addition to being a personal friend of the



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Sir Edward Carson and Mr. Bonar Law's signal.

servant. Several wives, also, brought their families to join those who have made a home for them here—which is as it should be. And letters from these folk to the Old Land describing the difference they enjoy in every way here to what they experienced at Home will do more than hundreds of advertisements in the way of producing that needed element, the Desirable Immigrant.

The Victorious Cadets.

"Young New Zealanders could always be trusted to conduct themselves well," were some of the words with which the returned cadets were welcomed by his Worship the Mayor of Auckland. And, indeed, these youngsters have earned for themselves the victors' laurels everywhere and in every way. That their splendid physique, the result of much loving painstaking on the part of themselves and their instructors, would carry them through was undoubted, but the best advertisement that they could have was the unanimous encomium passed on their "gentlemanly behaviour." The old and very hackneyed saying, "Mens sana in corpore sano," is hereby once more exemplified and vindicated. And who can doubt but that in a few years' time these youngsters will in their turn be bearing off the palm as successors to those far-famed heroes, "The All Blacks," to champion scullers like Arnot, and to the preliet player of them all, Wilding, whose name stands for lawn tennis, the world over. There can, surely, be no doubt now that Lord

a man went out intending only to wound another, but knew that he would be hanged, he would go through with the job and kill outright, whereas the idea of a life-long imprisonment would act as a deterrent, and if the average rogue is fonder of one thing than of another it is his own skin, and although he does not shrink from inflicting deadly injuries on those who are quite unable to defend themselves, he is more cowardly than ever when it comes to a question of his own body suffering any pain. And that is where the salutary

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