

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Walker, Cameron Road, Napier, celebrated their golden wedding on June 6.

A most successful concert was given in St. Benedict's Hall, Auckland, by "The Merry Jesters," in aid of the Good Shepherd Church, Mt. Roskill. An effective patriotic tableau was arranged by Mrs. V. O'Connor, and was represented by Miss K. Walmsley (Britannia), Miss M. Grace (Belgium), Miss M. Avey (France), Miss K. Ellison (Russia), and Miss Linda Murphy (Ireland). In addition to items by the "Merry Jesters," who fully deserved their title, dramatic sketches and vocal numbers were contributed by Mrs. O'Connor, Messrs. Franchi, P. Ross, F. O'Connor, Fogarty, Misses Walmsley, Gardiner, and Murphy. Mr. Vincent O'Connor, who organised the entertainment, was warmly congratulated on his efforts. Mrs. Vincent O'Connor was also responsible for a big share of the success, both in arranging and taking part in several items.

Lady Godley, in a letter to Mrs. Massey, wife of the Prime Minister, says that Sir Ian Hamilton had had parades of the New Zealand troops, and they looked very well and businesslike, and that there was a cinematograph taken of the parade. "Colonel Guy Russell and Mr. Rhodes bought the film and the rights of it from the photographer, to ensure its going to New Zealand and Australia, where it will interest so many." Lady Godley says she is very busy at the Abbassia Hospital, which was handed over for the use of the New Zealand troops. It was not a European hospital before, and so needed a good deal

more equipment. The building is a very nice one, and suitable for the climate, with deep verandahs all round, so that the patients can sleep or sit out. They have secured a very nice English matron, who is a capable and clever organiser, and the nursing has been excellent.

A Paris correspondent of the "Globe" says that the Kaiser in his relations with the Royalties of the Empire was despotic and arrogant, and was fond of making biting and ironical remarks. On one occasion he was taken down by the young King of Spain. Alfonso, after his State visit to Paris, visited the Kaiser at Berlin. A review of the troops was held, and King Alfonso wore the brilliant uniform of a Prussian colonel. On his dolman was a stain of coffee. The young King came up to the Kaiser, and, saluting him, said, "Sire, the King of Spain, who is a German colonel, waits the orders of your Majesty." "If the colonel of my Regiment were not the King of Spain," drily remarked the Kaiser, "I would let him know that there is a visible stain of French coffee on his uniform." "That proves, Sire, that the King of Spain was wrong to put off his uniform of a Spanish general, and he is going to put it on again," said Alfonso, and, saluting, turned on his heels and went away.

The bride was gowned in natter blue, with shoes and toque of "tango" hue; The bridegroom, in a suit of brown, Looked quite the smartest "sport" in town. And while confetti filled the air, A tearful mater kissed the pair, And sobbed, "My love! be always sure To take your Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

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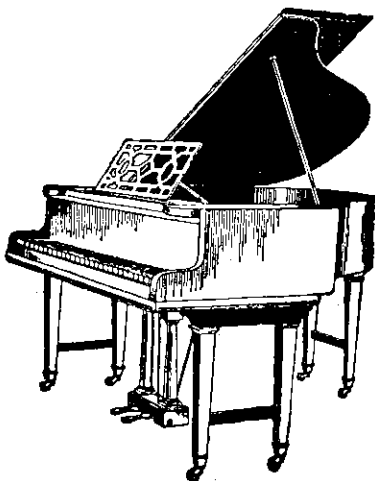
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