

HERE AND THERE.

The Rev. P. C. Durward returned to Dunedin from Auckland on the Paloona.

The Rev. A. H. Wheeldon left Auckland for Gisborne last week.

* * * The Rev. and Mrs. Finlayson, of Dunedin, left Auckland last week for the South.

The Rev. Frederick Stubbs sailed on the Paloona for Gisborne en route for the South.

Mr. A. Smith, of the Pacific Cable Board, accompanied by Mrs. Smith, left Auckland last week for Suva.

Mrs. T. E. Wilson, of Auckland, accompanied by her two children, left for Fiji last week.

The following passengers returned to Suva by the Makura: Mrs. A. Bent-ley and two children, Mrs. and Miss Cuthbert, and Miss L. Malcolm.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Connor, of Auckland, accompanied by their two daughters, left for London on the Makura.

Mrs. A. Joske and her four daughters returned to Suva last week by the Union liner.

Mrs. J. and Miss Campbell, of Auckland, sailed for Vancouver last week.

Mrs. King, wife of the manager of Messrs. Wright, Stephenson and Co., Auckland, left last week for a trip to Sydney. Mrs. King was accompanied by her two children.

Mrs. J. O. Eva, of Dunedin, and Miss Eva, of Suva, went to Fiji by the Makura last week.

Major and Mrs. Ariell and Miss Ariell, of Paparoa, North Auckland, have been on a trip to the Wanganul River.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Carruthers, of Sydney, are at present in the Hot Lakes District, en route to Wellington.

Mr. R. B. Cotton, of Upper Riccarton, Canterbury, left Auckland last weck by the Makura for London.

Mr. R. H. Frew, of Melbourne, is at present on a visit to Rotorua, and will travel to Wellington by the Wanganul River.

Miss A. Jamieson and Miss Z. Munster, of Melbourne, left Auckland last week for Rotorua.

Mr. C. M. Todd, of Adelaide, accom-panied by Miss D. H. Todd, are at present on a visit to Rotorua, and will make their way to Wellington via the Wanganui River.

Mr. S. Thurston-Hogarth, of Melbourne, a well-known business man, is on a health recruiting tour of the Hot Lakes of New Zealand, and will include the South Island gorges in his travels before he returns to Melbourne via Hobart.

Mr. F. Earl, K.C., has been elected president of the New Zealand Cricket Council for the season 1915-16.

Mr., Mrs. and Miss Fitzgerald, of Oriental Bay (Wellington) are visiting Napier.

"We expect thorough fair play from America," said the Crown Prince of Germany. Of course they do. But don't they hope they won't get it .--"Globe."

More than 100,000 people witnessed the interment at Moston Cemetery, Manchester, of seven Belgian soldiers who died in the local military hospital.

Rumanian (or Wallachian) is one of the Romance languages—the general name for those modern languages that are the immediate descendants of the languages of ancient Rome. The language differs slightly in different parts of the country, like the north and south of England.

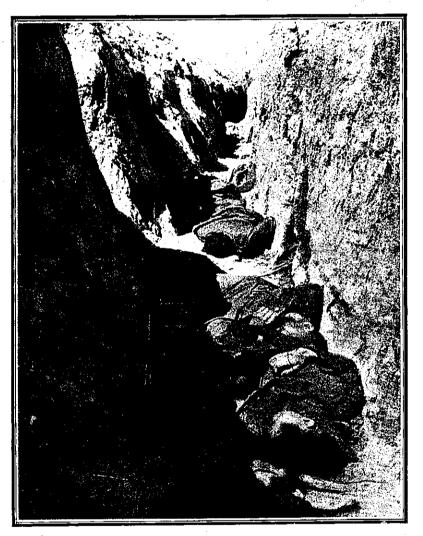
News has been received in Hastings that the Misses Miller have arrived safely in Cairo, where they intend helping the sick and wounded New Zealanders in Egypt.

Mrs. Fritz Kemp, of Wellington, is returning to England shortly, Surgeon-Captain Kemp having left for the front with the last Reinforcements.

Mr. A. H. Brigg, City Surveyor of Sydney, arrived in Wellington from New South Wales last week, and will make a tour of the Hot Lakes District before returning to his home. He is accompanied by Mrs. Brigg.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Fell and Miss Fell, of Nelson, who are at present in England, are staying at Willesden, at the home of Mr. Arthur Fell, M.P.

Salisbury Plain (Eng.) has an area of about 500,000 acres; Warwickshire 557,527 acres, Staffordshire 744,985 acres, and Worcestershire 479,218 acres.



THE CAPTURED TRENCH-IN THE GERMAN LINES AFTER A FRENCH VICTORY.

Miss A. F. Ironside, M.A., senior mistress of the Palmerston North High School, has been granted extended leave of absence, and sailed from Wellington for Australia by the Mokoia last week.

Mr. W. G. K. Kenrick, S.M., at Hawera, has found it necessary, for reasons of health, to take a rest, and

Mr. D. J. McKay, who has been on the engineering staff of the Ocean. Beach freezing works, Southland, during the past three years, has been appointed to the Westfield freezing works, Auckland.

A well-known Gisborne cricketer, Mr. Harry Babbs, passed away at the Gisborne Hospital recently. The late

Mr. and Miss Laslett, of England, are visiting New Zealand, and are at present in Christchurch.

The driest place in the world is that portion of Egypt between the two lower falls of the Nile. Rain has never been known to fall.

The Rev. C. A. Fraer will be retained in Europe another six months as chaplain to the Maoris, more especially those wounded and in England.

Approximately 300 German vessels, costing for their upkeep roughly £5000 per week, are lying at the piers in New York.

Mr. J. Readhead, curator of the Ashburton domain, who has volunteered and been accepted for active service with the Field Ambulance Corps, left for Trentham training camp on December 2nd.

Mr. John Campbell (son of Mr. Thos. Campbell, of Karori), who took part in the quell.ng of the Singapore mutiny early in the present year, has been granted a commission in the Navy. *

The angler should never be discouraged from trying his luck by any weather conditions condemned by the text-book, but should persist in face of apparently hopeless circumstances. A too careful attention to the face of the sky may at times baulk the overcautious fisherman of what might, by trusting a little more to luck, have been a red-letter day .--- "Fisherman's Weather." .

An interesting side-show on the Agricultural Show ground, Wanganui, was the first machine-gun made in New Zealand. It was turned out by the Petone railway workshops, and works perfectly, its construction reflecting high credit on the men who made it.

Horse racing has never been taken so seriously in England as in Mon-golia, where it is carried on under the auspices of the Buddhist priests. The races are rarely less than ten miles long, and the chief event of the Mongolian racing year is a contest over 30 miles of rough steppe. When Mr. C. W. Campbell visited Mongolia he attended a race meeting at which most of the competing horses were owned by Lamas. "The great races which take place yearly at Urga," he writes, "are held under the direct patronage of the Lama Pope of Mon-relia, who becomes the owner of all golia, who becomes the owner of all the winners. A horse race with a bishop in the judge's box, a public chiefly clerical, no bookmakers or betting, and nominal prizes is a phenomenon entitled to a little attention from an Englishman."

* * * * The guests at the Royal Hotel, Auck-land, last week included: Mr. F. C. Davis, Melbourne; Mr. and Mrs. Jen-nings, Taumarunui; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harding, Dargaville; Mr. H. Gar-butt, Christchurch; Mr. and Mrs. H. Oldfield, Glenmurray; Mr. D. Potts, Waihou; Mr. and Mrs. J. Campion, Wanganui; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hamil-ton, Wanganui; Mrs. A. A. Gower, Wanganui; Dr. R. McDiarmid. Huntly: Wanganui; Dr. R. McDiarmid, Huntly; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Carr, Rotorua; Colonel Hobday, Christchurch; Mr. E. J. Stewart, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. E. Short, Feilding; Mr. Jas. Coombe, Waitotara; Mr. H. E. Hocken, Feilding; Mr. and Mrs. A. Matthews, Car-terton; Mr. R. W. Harding, Manga-whare; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hunter, Cambridge; Mr. W. H. Smith, Roto-rua; Captain Dyer, Whangarei; Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Nelson, Whangarei; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. L. White, Taumarunui; Mr. and Mrs. Urguhart, Rotorua; Mr. T. C. H. B. Poore, Christchurch; Mr. R. J. Linn, Normanby; and Mr. H. E. Carde, Wanganui.

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Mr. Alex Burns, sub-editor of the Christchurch "Press," left on a holiday visit to Sydney by the Moeraki.

The Rev. H. J. Deane, formerly vicar of Patea, in a private letter, states that it is his intention to return to the Dominion in the near tura. future. *

Dr. and Mrs. Putnam, of Palmerston North, are leaving shortly for Egypt. Dr. Putnam has received an appointment as surgeon in one of the hospitals there.

he has been granted extended leave, which will commence this week. Mr. Haselden, S.M., will temporarily take up the magisterial work in the Hawera district.

A visit will be paid to New Zealand next February by Archbishop Bona-venture Ceretti, Apostolic delegate in Australasia. He will be accompanied by his private secretary, Dr. Ormond. They will travel from Melbourne to Wellington, and will make a tour of the South and North Islands, sailing from Auckland to Sydney at the conclusion of the tour.

Mr. Babbs was a native of Barbadoes, and had travelled all over the world. He was a good all-round cricketer, and had played in England and in several centres in New Zealand, in-cluding Wellington, Wanganui, Pal-merston North, and Gisborne. He merston North, and Gisborne. He gained representative honours at Wanganui, Palmerston North, and Gisborne.

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A Belgian author, now resident in England, states that the burning of Louvain was delayed by twenty-four hours pending the receipt of definite instructions from Berlin.

