

THE TOURIST and TRAVELLER

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. E. Geach, the well-known theatrical manager, has returned to Sydney after a trip to New Zealand.

The Hon. Sir Francis Bell paid a visit to Whangarei last week.

Mr. W. N. Mulville has returned to Wellington after a residence of nearly two years in Australia.

Captain A. J. Cross, of the Wellington College staff, who was invalided from Gallipoli, has left for Egypt to resume duty.

"Travel in the younger sort," wrote Francis Bacon, "is a part of education; in the elder, a part of experience."

Mr. David A. Craig, New Zealand manager for Clarton, Hodgson and Co., Ltd., has returned from a business trip to America.

His Honor the Chief Justice (Sir Robert Stout), accompanied by Lady Stout, is at Kaitaia, north of Auckland. He is due back in Wellington in a few days.

Those whose business or pleasure takes them out to Otahuhu should not omit a call at the Criterion Hotel, where Mr. W. J. Williams will be found a most popular host. A Sunbeam five-seater motor car is for hire, and affords a pleasant run round the district.

Mrs. R. J. Seddon and Miss Mary Seddon, of Wellington, are spending a holiday in Auckland.

Mr. S. E. Fraser, the well-known consulting engineer of Auckland, left for Melbourne last week, en route for South Australia.

Mrs. T. Duncan, of the Cook Islands, who is on a health trip to New Zealand, is staying with her brother, Mr. Stanley Rankin, in Christchurch.

Mr. M. J. Manson, New Zealand Commissioner at Melbourne, and Mrs. Manson, arrived in Wellington from Sydney the other day.

Mr. Hallward, a director of the British Empire Trading Company, London, arrived in Wellington from Sydney by the Moeraki last week.

Mr. John Cran, a prominent business man in Cape Town, who has been touring New Zealand, left last week for Sydney. He purposes visiting the Far East before returning to South Africa.

Mr. Arthur H. Sellon, well known on the goldfields, died at Samoa last month. At the time of his death he was Chinese Commissioner for Samoa. He was formerly mine manager at the Jubilee Mine, Waitekauri, and enlisted for Samoa 12 months ago.

Dr. McAlpine, who has been medical officer on the Makura for two years, left the vessel at Vancouver to join the forces there. He has been succeeded on the Makura by Dr. A. E. Porter.

Mr. F. G. Matthews, private secretary to the Hon. James Allen, Minister of Defence, and formerly assistant private secretary to the late Mr. R. J. Seddon and also to Sir Joseph Ward, has enlisted, and enters camp in the non-commissioned officers' class preparatory to being attached to the 16th Reinforcements.

Mr. A. E. D'Arcy, the Sydney manager of the New Zealand Insurance Company, has returned to Australia after a holiday in New Zealand.

A statement has been issued by the Rhodes Trust that most of the colonial scholars who have enlisted have been given permission to resume their scholarships after the war.

A passenger by the Makura from Vancouver, which arrived at Auckland recently, was Mr. H. A. van Torchiana, junr., son of the Commissioner-General for the Netherlands at the San Francisco Exposition and president of the Foreign Commissioners' Association. Mr. Torchiana has come to New Zealand on the advice of the New Zealand Commissioner to the Exposition. "If all that Mr. Clifton has told us proves to be correct," he said to an interviewer, "I believe I have found the Promised Land."

The Gisborne "Times" states that the local council's beach caretaker, Mr. Thomas Hanlon, although 63

of this rumour could perhaps be ascertained by the authorities from Mr. Zumfeld, a German resident, who lives in the vicinity, and who may have seen the strange craft. Mr. Zumfeld bought, spot cash, the estate he now holds on the side of the harbour of Korilevu, one of the finest harbours in the group, on March 30, 1914—four months before the outbreak of war. He has the appearance of a much-travelled man, and speaks English fluently. He is well liked, and is naturalised."

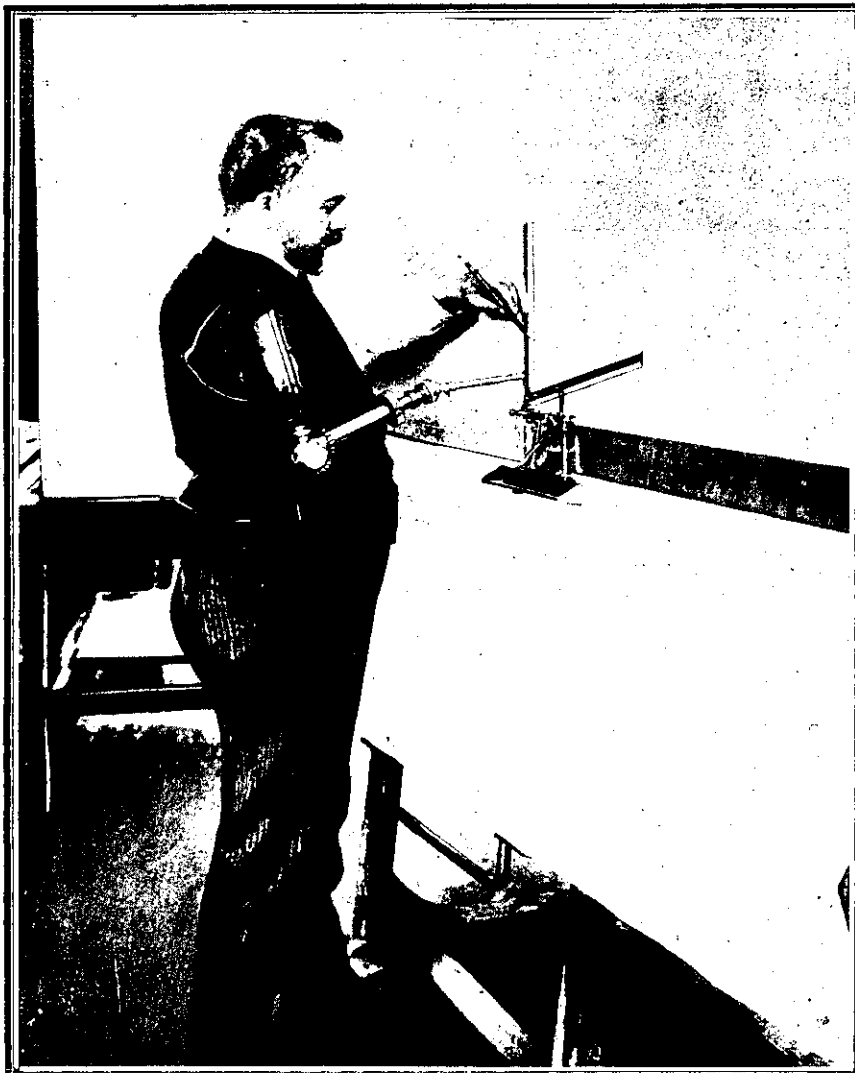
A remarkable record in journalism has been achieved by Mr. George R. Sims, whose two-thousandth consecutive "Mustard and Cress" article appeared in the "Referee" in December last. Mr. Sims, therefore, has writ-

columns and send it down by a special messenger. But I attribute my ability to do my work—plays, pantomime, stories, poems, I have done almost everything except a five-act blank-verse tragedy—not so much to robust health; which I have, as to the faculty of dismissing my work from my mind the moment the allotted amount is done."

The following guests were staying at the Star Hotel, Auckland, last week:—Captain and Mrs. Kennedy, Waiheke; Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, Rawene; Mrs. Ross, Sydney; Mrs. Hemming, Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Gisborne; Mr. and Mrs. Blyth, Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. Toplis, Sydney; Mr. J. Hislop, Wellington; Mr. C. E. Hooton, Auckland; Mr. Standish, Taumarunui; Miss V. Pierce, Sydney; Mr. J. Bennie, Wellington; Mrs. Bolton, Wellington; Mr. J. Kelly, Wellington; Mr. F. Hand, Cambridge; Mr. and Miss Rostall, Pahiataua; Mr. E. W. Ashman, Sydney; Mr. H. J. Hogg, Opotiki; Mr. T. Coverdale, Kaiwaka; Mr. and Mrs. Lonergan, Sydney; Mr. Hoadley, Sydney; Mrs. and Master Murphy, Queensland; Miss M. Taite, Queensland; Mr. J. Horn, Wellington; Mrs. G. Morse, Wanganui; Mr. Feldding, Taumarunui; Mr. H. R. H. Balmairs, Wellington; Mr. T. W. Waite, Wellington; Mr. A. McKee, Christchurch; Mr. Mostyn Jones, Te Kuiti.

Amongst the guests at the Royal Hotel last week were the following:—Mr. T. J. Grierson, Christchurch; Mr. A. J. Rutherford, Dunedin; Mr. Francis M. Sutton, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Pearl, Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Sydney; Mr. and Miss Tilly, Ceylon; Mr. and Mrs. Julian de Cordova, Boston (U.S.A.); Mrs. A. Harris, San Jose (Cal.); Mr. and Mrs. McCutchan, Katikati; Mr. P. Ayson, Katikati; Mr. A. H. Woodger, Wellington; Mr. Gluar, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Drain, Kawhia; Mr. T. Evans, Masterton; Mr. L. H. McAlpine, Morrinsville; Mrs. and Miss Whitney and Miss Deuchars, Waiwera; Mr. A. Thorne, Whakatane; Mr. V. Hertog, Whakatane; Mr. J. Stewart, Wellington.

The following is the list of guests staying at the Central Hotel, Auckland, last week:—Mr. W. A. Fraser, Wellington; Mr. Geo. Robson, Sydney; Mr. A. C. Gummer; Mr. J. B. Clarkson, Christchurch; Mr. and Mrs. McGregor; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Copley; Mr. and Mrs. Kebell, Wellington; Mr. J. Ballantyne, Christchurch; Miss Olive Ballantyne, Christchurch; Mr. and Mrs. Hennes; Mr. O. P. Burke, Christchurch; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jarman, Canterbury; Miss Mary Connolly, Bushy Park, Wanganui; Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, Gore; Captain W. H. Will, Dunedin; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Taylor, Raglan; Mr. A. E. Hacon, Raglan; Mr. Chas. Husband, Raglan; Hon. A. T. Ngata.



GERMANY FITS OUT HER ARMLESS SOLDIERS.—Germans who have lost their arms in the war are being fitted with mechanical appliances for all purposes, including munition manufacture. Our illustration shows an armless German drilling gun parts.

years of age, has been sent for by the War Office, and he will proceed shortly to London to take up a position on the recruiting staff for the English Expeditionary Forces. Mr. Hanlon spent 27 years in the Imperial Army, and took his discharge at Calcutta with the rank of sergeant-instructor. Referring to his age, he said that age did not count now; it was a man's service papers that were responsible for an appointment, for a position could be found for every competent Imperial man. The War Office had sent Mr. Hanlon £100 to pay the passage money of himself and his wife Home.

Regarding the recent report from Fiji of a strange steamer, painted dark grey, with three funnels, and built like a man-o'-war, having been seen off the coast of Kadavu Island, the "Fiji Times" says:—"The truth!

ten this article for 38½ years without a break. In an interview with a "Daily Graphic" representative Mr. Sims confessed that he had often been tempted to take a week off, "but I never gave into it. Sometimes I have been seriously ill. I have been through almost every variety of operation and trouble, but I have always managed to get three columns of 'Mustard and Cress' into Fleet Street every Saturday. I have written it in storm at sea, among the Kabyle mountains, in the desert of the great Sahara under a palm tree, among the Spanish gipsies in Naples—in nearly every big city of the United Kingdom, and in almost every part of Europe. Never in Holloway (touch wood). It is no credit to me (he continued); it is my constitution which I inherited—vitality and powers of recuperation, so that you can be carved up by a surgeon on Friday and on Saturday write your three

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