

THE TOURIST and TRAVELLER

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Mrs. Melville Johnson left Christchurch last week en route for Samoa, where she will rejoin her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Russell, of Victoria, returned to Australia last week after a visit to Mendip Hills, Canterbury.

Mrs. J. A. Watt, of Featherston, is leaving shortly on a trip to England.

Mrs. Bayley, Mrs. and Miss Peat, of Melbourne, have just concluded a visit to Christchurch.

Professor Owen, of the Auckland University College, has enlisted.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Williams, of Wairoa, have been on a visit to Canterbury.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hogan, of Wanganui, returned to New Zealand by the Manuka after having spent some months in Australia, Ceylon and India.

Mesdames Campbell and England, of Ballarat, Victoria, who are on a three months' tour of the Dominion, are at present in Wellington. They have visited the Mount Cook and cold lakes district, and are going through to Auckland, spending some time at Rotorua before embarking for home on May 5.

Dean Lighthouse, of the Roman Catholic Church, who has been in Auckland for some time, is proceeding to Virginia and other States of America on a health recruiting tour. He expects to return to the Dominion in about six months' time.

Mrs. A. E. Kernot and Miss Kernot, of Wellington, leave on a visit to Sydney shortly.

Modern War Version: "He who fights and runs away lives to announce a strategic retreat."—*Brooklyn Eagle*.

Lieutenant N. Crump, who has been on sick leave in Napier for the past several weeks, has left for London to join the Royal Flying Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Alister Clark, of Melbourne, are on a visit to New Zealand, and are the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Heaton Rhodes, Otahuna.

Mrs. Sloman, (Sydney) and Miss Brooks (England), who have been visiting Mount Cook and other New Zealand tourist resorts, have returned to Australia.

The death is announced at Sydney of Mr. John Shearston, superintendent of the Royal Naval House.

An important alteration is to be made in the homeward voyage from New Zealand of the steamers of the Shaw Savill and Albion line. The vessels have in the past gone from New Zealand to London, via South America. They will in future go across to Sydney, and proceed from there to Capetown, en route to London. This alteration in route will be appreciated by shippers and passengers for South Africa, as the services between Sydney and Capetown have been seriously effected since the outbreak of war. The first steamer to adopt the new Homeward route will be the Arawa, leaving about the end of April. As these vessels return to New Zealand via Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney (remarks the "Sydney Morning Herald") the position will be watched by Sydney people with interest.

Dr. Earp-Thomas, who has been on a six months' visit to Australia and New Zealand, returned by the Maitai en route to New York.

Mr. W. J. Lankshear, of Wellington, has returned from a visit to England and Egypt.

Mr. H. M. Gore, of Wellington, secretary of the New Zealand branch of the British Medical Association, left for Sydney on Monday.

Mr. Bernard Tripp, of Timaru, has been appointed the honorary representative of the New Zealand Red Cross in Egypt, and will sail for Cairo about the middle of April.

"New York is crowded with people, the hotels are filled to overflowing, and the city is, together with all the large manufacturing centres of the east, enjoying one of the most prosperous periods during its history," said Mr. E. Clifton to an Auckland pressman.

Mr. E. Clifton, who was commissioner in charge of the New Zealand exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and who also acted as New Zealand Trade Commissioner on the west coast of America, returned to Auckland by the Niagara on Sunday after an absence of over two years. Mr. Clifton was accompanied by Mrs. Clifton and his son, Mr. T. Clifton.

modation. This will be provided on as suitable lines as possible, both as regards board and lodging. "At Babinda, for instance," said the Minister, "we will provide accommodation for 100 men."

Sister Bersten occupies the unique position of being the second lady delegate to attend the district meeting of the Taranaki Oddfellows, which was held at Manala the other day, and is in addition the Noble Grand of the Waitara Lodge. To mark the occasion she was the recipient at the hands of the retiring Grand Master, Bro. E. H. Bellringer, of a handsome gold brooch on behalf of the delegates assembled.

Three school teachers who left New Zealand about two years ago under the system of interchange of teachers arranged between the New Zealand education authorities and those of Canada and the United Kingdom—Miss C. Lindsay and Miss Caskey, both of Timaru, and Miss J. Swap, of Temuka—returned by the Rimutaka on Friday. They spent twelve months in schools at Brandon, Manitoba, after which they went on to England, and taught in schools in different parts of London for another year. As the corollary to their trip abroad, three teachers from Canada came to New Zealand at the time of their departure and taught for 12 months in South Canterbury schools.

The following guests were staying at the Central Hotel last week:—Major Ariell, Paparoa; S. Williamson, Waitemata West; N. B. K. Didsbury, Wellington; H. G. Mully, Wellington; Mr. and Miss Ballantyne, Christchurch; Mr. Mrs. and Miss Pike, Sydney; Mr. H. H. Snrigg, Sydney; Mr. Holyoak, Sydney; Mr. Pyke, Sydney; Mr. W. Haynes, Dunedin; Mr. H. Platt, Sydney; Mr. P. H. Braggins, Wellington; Mr. E. Pyke, Dunedin; Mr. D. MacKay, Thames; Mr. B. H. Tosswill, Rotorua; Mr. J. W. Eilbeck, Sydney; Mr. P. Gilchrist, Te Aroha; Mr. A. Ritton Thomas, Wellington; Mr. and Mrs. Jenson, Rotorua; Miss Ulph, Waihi; Mr. James Povnter, Gisborne; Mr. B. Moffatt, Palmerston North; Mr. Chas. Judd, Thames; Mr. Will Price, Thames; Mr. F. R. Linnell, Kaiwaka; Mr. C. A. Knowles, Makura; Mr. J. D. Coleman, Hangaro; Mr. H. W. Ammer, Napier; Dr. B. Walsh, Thames; Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson, Sydney; Mr. M. Wells, Cambridge; Mr. F. Potts, Cambridge; Mr. J. McNicol, Wai-kato; Mr. McDran, Rotorua; Miss Dive, Rotorua; Mr. A. Bell, Morrinsville; Mr. S. W. Parker, Wellington; Mr. D. D. Bedford, Nearuawahia; Mr. Laing, Northern Wairoa; Mr. G. Fifield, Helensville; Mr. Going, Hamilton; Lieutenant Keily, Egypt; Mr. W. D. Collins, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Luxford, Hamilton.

The following guests were staying at the Star Hotel last week:—Mr. J. Underwood, Newcastle (N.S.W.); Mr. and Mrs. Toplis, Sydney; Mr. Latimer, Palmerston North; Mr. C. E. Horton, Auckland; Dr. Flatan, Sydney; M. G. Hyde, Newcastle (N.S.W.); Mr. H. Arnold, Hawera; Captain J. B. Clough, Sydney; Mr. Alex. Johnston, Rawene; Mr. Johnston, Junr., Rawene; Mr. T. Walker, Cambridge; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hall, Sydney; Mr. T. Coverdale, Kaiwaka; Mr. O'Brien, Waiheke; Mr. G. Anderson, Sydney; Mr. G. Gore, Wellington; Mr. E. W. Ashman, Sydney; Mr. Avson, Wellington; Mr. A. Adams, Melbourne; Mrs. Pierce, Kaiwaka; Mr. McSweeney, Sydney; Mr. D. Cooper, Te Kuiti; Mr. Livingstone, Cambridge; Miss Saunders, Wellington; Mr. and Mrs. Norman, Hamilton; Miss V. Pierce, Sydney; Mr. R. Fletcher, Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Smith, Cambridge; Mr. H. Fieldhouse, Wellington; Mr. H. Oakley Browne, Wellington; Mrs. Fichell, Sydney; Sir Joseph Ward, Wellington.



MR. W. DENNETTS, chief officer of the Elder Dempster liner, Appam, around which one of the most remarkable sea dramas of the war centres. After being missing for a fortnight on her voyage home to England from West Africa, the Appam, which was feared to have been sunk with all on board, recently arrived with her passengers (including Sir E. Merewether, the former Governor of Sierra Leone) in the American port of Norfolk, Virginia, in charge of a German prize crew under the command of Lieut. Berg. She had been captured by a German armed raider, said to be the Moewe, north of Madeira, on January 16.

Twenty thousand posters, inculcating thrift among the people, have been plastered over London. They specially urge women to eschew expensive dressing, particularly in hats, boots, shoes, stockings, and gloves.

Madame Melba arrived in Auckland by the Niagara on Sunday night, and stayed at the Star Hotel till Monday, when the steamer sailed for Sydney. Madame was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gore, of Sydney, returned to Australia by the Niagara on Monday, after a six weeks' holiday in the Dominion. Mr. Ross Gore is the secretary of the Royal Sydney Golf Club, Rose Bay. During their stay in New Zealand they have visited Mount Cook and Rotorua.

Dr. S. A. Bull, who has received an appointment in the Royal Army Medical Corps, left Wellington by the Rimutaka on Tuesday last (April 4).

Mrs. George Wilton, Auckland, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Steele, Fendalton.

Mr. J. Huxham (Assistant Home Secretary for Queensland) announced on March 21 that plans are now in course of preparation in respect of three State hotels proposed respectively for Mount Cuthbert, Mount Johnston and Babinda. The Minister said that the three hotels would cost something in the vicinity of £50,000. In justification for the apparently large expenditure, Mr. Huxham pointed out that the sale of liquor would be a very secondary matter, and that the main provision would be for accom-

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