

The member for Stratford, Captain J. B. Hine, cabled to Mrs. Hine last week that he was leaving Sydney for the front. During his stay in Sydney Captain Hine took a flight in an aeroplane and was quite pleased with the novel experience.

Speaking to a Wellington "Post" reporter, Mr. W. R. Blow, New Zealand Government Agent in Sydney, said he was afraid that the tourist traffic between Australia and the Dominion this season would not be up to expectations, owing principally to the difficulty of getting passports. It was, he explained, quite a business in Sydney now to obtain permission to leave the country, and as an instance of this he mentioned that, although he was the representative in New South Wales of the New Zealand Government, it took him over an hour to get his permit. There were, he pointed out, a great many people in Australia who would not go to that much trouble, and they either spent their holidays in their own country or else went to Tasmania, the Government of which State was doing its very best to attract tourists.

Standing at a corner of Trafalgar Square, London, was a young subaltern of our New Zealand Forces (says the "Daily Mail"). An elderly civilian who was passing stopped and looked at him, then gravely raised his hat and passed on. The subaltern looked surprised, but when the same thing happened two minutes later he became distinctly embarrassed. Just above the cuff on his left sleeve was a thin strip of gold braid, and it was this which attracted the attention of many people. The gold stripe denoted that this young man had fought his Empire's battles and had been wounded. Though somewhat shy at the attention which was paid him, the subaltern admitted that he was in a measure glad of it, because he deemed it only just that those who had borne the burden and heat of the day in the firing line should have some distinctive mark which would be recognised by the outside world.

Bandages, Mr. Bernard Tripp told the Red Cross workers at Wellington, are not wanted in England (reports the "Times"). "General Richardson told me that there were enough bandages in the New Zealand stores to last the army a very long time." Before cabling to New Zealand not to send more, however, Mr. Tripp inquired if the Canadian people wanted any. He found that they had more than they required, and had offered them to France, which was also well supplied. Then they offered them to Serbia. Some were sent and gratefully received; then a message came back that Serbia was sorry all the bandages had been torn up. Clothes might have been made out of the material. Mr. Tripp said he understood that bandages were not so much used now as formerly. Men were bandaged on the field, but in hospital the doctors preferred to leave the wounds uncovered as much as possible, holding that they healed better in this way.

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The Hon. W. C. F. Carnarross, M.L.C. in a letter to a number of English provincial papers says: "As a result of my visit in the trenches I was deeply impressed with the indescribable importance of the work that is being done by the munition worker. By the vastness of the supply of our munitions we are going to win this war. When at the front I conversed with many soldiers, and how delighted they were when I told them what I had seen in various munition factories and of the prodigious efforts that are being made to keep up supplies. Especially were they interested when they heard of the strenuous efforts of the many thousands of women and girls who are working so bravely and

well to help to win the war, and more than one soldier fervently exclaimed: 'God bless the women.'

Writing from Bulford (Salisbury Plains, England), a Wellington soldier says that the march over the Rimutaka from Featherston to Trentham is child's play compared with what the men have to do in England in the "hardening off" process, before leaving for the front. As it is necessary that every man shall be as "hard as nails," they send out companies on fifteen-mile route marches, each man with 64lb. on his back, but instead of keeping to the nice, smooth roads, the column has to tramp over ploughed fields, ditches, etc., to get used to the

broken country in the Western theatre of war. "After one of these tramps," says a writer "everyone feels ready for bed, but the exhilaration of perfect fitness on waking at 4.30 the next morning is compensation for it all. These days of tramcars, motors, and bikes have been making a soft nation of us all—now we are getting back to that kind of man that made England what she is—and always will be."

Canada has sent 60,000 horses across the Atlantic for war purposes, and a serious shortage is threatened. The provincial departments of agriculture are appealing to farmers to take a larger scale than heretofore.

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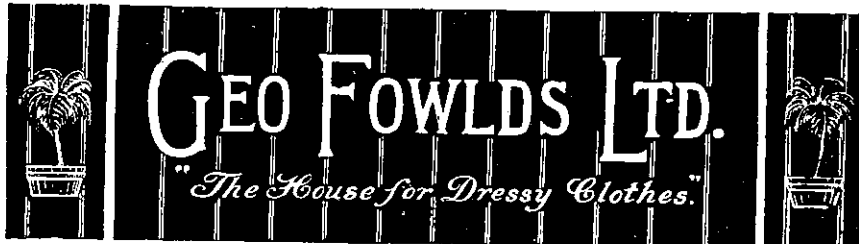
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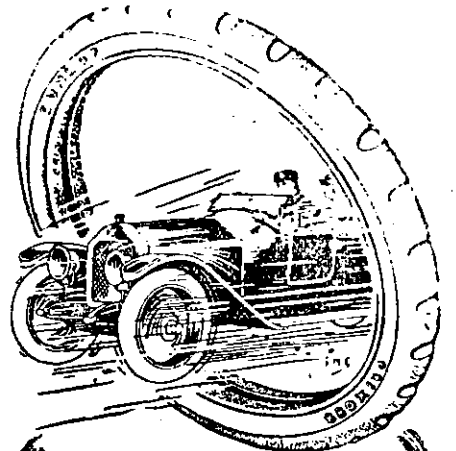
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