

Mr. and Mrs. Kelle Smith, of Singapore, are touring New Zealand, and have been visiting Rotorua.

The English-built Japanese steamer Kaifuku Maru, of 3009 tons gross, built in 1892, has just been sold for £150,000. Nine years ago she was bought for £9000.

Mr. Rintou, a banker of Chicago, U.S.A., accompanied by Mrs. Rintou, is at present in the Dominion, on a tour of the Cold Lakes of Otago, and Mount Cook.

It is estimated that no fewer than 13,000 men have been taken from the ranks of the farming classes in New Zealand for active service.

Captain Robert Duncan, the Clyde racing yachtsman, master of the America Cup challenger Thistle in 1890, has died at Gourack aged sixty-four.

Mr. H. A. Wheeler, one of the national secretaries of the Y.M.C.A., at present in Melbourne, is expected to arrive in the Dominion at the end of this month, on an association mission.

Some Ashburton residents who are at present holiday-making in the Nelson district are combining business with pleasure, and spending a portion of their time hop-picking at Motueka. The latter occupation, although not very remunerative to inexperienced pickers, is a pleasant means of earning pocket money whilst enjoying the sunny Nelson climate.

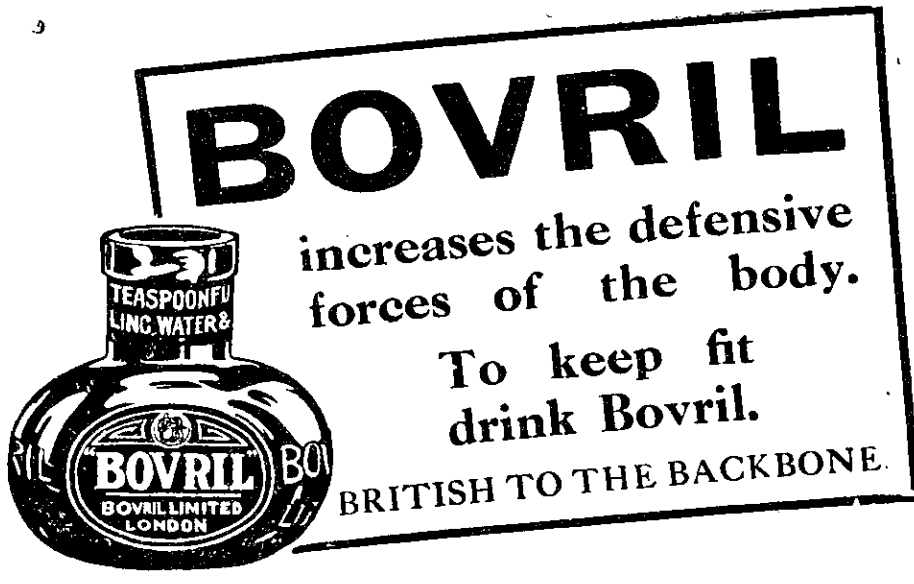
To soar over the North Pole in a hydro-aeroplane is the ambition of Ronald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, who a few years ago attained the South Pole. Captain Amundsen arrived in New York in November

plied to the commandant at Alexandra Palace for 100 Germans, as an experiment, to prepare land for cultivation by small holders.

'This, at any rate, ought to convince the Cabinet that we are engaged in a struggle for our very existence,' said a British member of Parliament as he examined something new and strange in the House of Commons dining-room—a vegetarian menu. 'War-time nutmeat' was a speciality at 8d., and 'curry nutmeat' could be obtained at the same price. Pine chicken was another savoury also at the war-time price of 8d.

When a member of the staff or a former pupil of a public elementary school in London obtains the V.C. or other military decoration the children are given a half holiday.

When Lord Headley, aged 61, was recently charged at Tower Bridge Police Court, London, with having been drunk and disorderly at Waterloo Road, a police constable said that after having been ejected from Waterloo Station he placed his arm round the neck of a woman. Lord Headley, who declined to take the oath, stating that he would swear 'on his honour as a Peer of the realm,' said that he had been working on intricate calculations all the previous night, and was very tired when he arrived at Waterloo. All that he had had to drink was two bottles of stout and a cup of coffee. He denied that he had put his arm round the woman's neck. 'I may have so far forgotten myself as to try and kiss a pretty young woman,' he said; 'I have done it before, but not an old frump, as they say this woman was.' The magistrate fined him 10s., and ordered 20s. of his bail to be estreated. Notice of appeal was given.



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BRITISH TO THE BACKBONE.

Sir Ralph W. F. Payne Gallwey, who recently died at his residence, Thirkleby Park, near Thirsk, England was a great all-round sportsman, a most prolific writer on sport, and an inventor of sporting implements. As a Wild-fowler he was unrivalled; and his 'Letters to Young Shooters' is recognised as a classic. Among his inventions were a gun and a golf ball. Some years ago he made the somewhat alarming suggestion that the use of a shot-gun for pulling up reckless motorists should be legalised.

The Mataura Ensign states that a hatchery for quinnat salmon is to be established at Wanaka, and it is considered probable that within three or four years the lakes and rivers of Otago will be fully stocked with this desirable fish. Quinnat salmon are great travellers and have gone northwards from the Waitaki, where the

first fish were acclimatised, to the Warau river, in Marlborough, and have been observed southwards as far as the Taieri. At present the West Coast is receiving attention, by being liberated in the Hokitika river, and a hatchery is also being erected in Marlborough.

Some interesting views on afforestation were expressed by Mr. Gregor McGregor, of Morikau in the course of evidence given before the Wanganui River Reserves Commission. Speaking from 38 years' experience, he said that in many cases natural afforestation was taking place. There were localities between P. Piriki and Wanganui where the native bush had been felled, but which were now beautiful scenic spots. Where bush had been cut a period of 25 to 30 years would see a heavy second growth follow. Light native vegetation, which he considered very suitable for scenic purposes, included flax, kowhai, manuka, veronica, and waewae-koukou.

One of the events of Mr. Massey's present trip to the United Kingdom was his visit to his native town, Lmavady, County Londonderry, after an absence of over 45 years. On the outskirts of the town (says an English paper) stands the little house where he lived with his grandmother until her death, when he joined his parents in New Zealand, but the thatched cottage in which he was born has given place to a new building. One of Mr. Massey's schoolmates protested that he could still recognise the 'Billy Massey' of the old village school, and another told how the schoolmaster, Mr. Brandon, once put his hand on the boy's shoulder and said, 'You are the smartest boy in the school.'

Mr. George Mosman, after whose family name Mosman's Bay was called, died in his 62nd year, at 'The Wattles,' Miranda, N.S.W., recently. The son of the late Mr. Archibald Mosman, he was for many years Government mining surveyor at Charters Towers, also marine and railway land surveyor. He is survived by two daughters—Lady McIlraith, of Middlesex, England, and Mrs. Campbell, who is in Scotland. His only brother, Mr. Arch. Mosman, is a squatter in Queensland.



AN EXHIBITION OF AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL, GIVEN BY ANZACS AT QUEEN'S CLUB, LONDON, IN AID OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH RED CROSS FUNDS. The play is a combination of Rugby and Soccer. The boundary line is marked oval shape.

from Copenhagen to purchase two hydro aeroplanes for that purpose. Starting in the summer of 1918, he said he expects to be in the Far North from two to five years. The object of his flight, Captain Amundsen declared, would be to study the air currents around the Pole. A recent cable message stated that Captain Amundsen had deferred his expedition owing to the difficulty in raising funds.

Lance-Sergeant Hector H. Munro, Royal Fusiliers, who wrote as 'Sak' and contributed to the Westminster Gazette and Morning Post, was killed in the recent fighting at Beaumont-Hamel. He was also the author of a volume of short stories of weird and cynical humour.

Mr. W. F. Massey, Premier of New Zealand, speaking at Glasgow recently, said one of the causes of the increased cost of living was the scarcity of shipping, and this would have to be dealt with very strenuously, not only by the Imperial Government but by ship owners and users of ships.

The first batch of German prisoners to be used in the cultivation of vacant land for war food will probably be employed in 'agricultural London.' Southgate Urban Council recently ap-


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