

# THE TOURIST and TRAVELLER

## HERE AND THERE.

Mr. H. H. Brown, of Tientsin, North China, superintendent of the China Navigation Company, is on a visit to Auckland.

Mr. G. F. Francis, who succeeds Mr. Derry as manager of the Auckland branch of the A.M.P., has arrived in the northern city.

Dr. Peter Moir, of Auckland, has been appointed to the Second Auckland District Medical Board, with the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Dr. Moir replaces Colonel E. E. Porritt, who has been called to Wellington.

Mr. Aubrey Humphries, of Napier, has received the degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine from the North Pacific College of America.

News from London states that Mr. J. Healey, late Government surveyor of ships in New Zealand, has secured a commission in the Navy.

As a result of "hare drives" organised by Mr. Duncan Rutherford, of Leslie Hills (says the Red Cross Record), 148 crates of hares and rabbits are being shipped to English hospitals at the first opportunity. Hares and rabbits are much appreciated at the various hostels and hospitals in England, where they are used for making soups and stews.

Mr. H. S. Alpe, formerly of Wellington, who assisted in collecting funds on Soldiers' Day by walking from Ashburton to Christchurch, and making collections en route, has been presented by the Christchurch Returned Soldiers' Association with a medal, on which the following words are inscribed: "Presented to H. S. Alpe, for his valuable assistance on Soldiers' Day, 5th April, 1917. Ashburton to Christchurch, 54 miles. Time, 10hr. 51min."

Mr. W. B. McKenzie, who has been manager of the Christchurch branch of the United Insurance Company, Limited, for several years, has been appointed acting-manager for New Zealand.

Prior to his leaving Christchurch for Australia, Mr. E. D. Hoben was made the recipient of a handsome gold pendant by the Overseas Club.

During the 12 months ending in March last, fish, birds and deer to the value of £387 were liberated in the Wellington Acclimatisation Society's district.

Midshipman Mervyn S. Thomas, son of Dr. W. E. Thomas, of the Auckland University College, has been appointed to one of the large British warships.

Mr. G. F. Francis, who for twelve years has been manager of the Christchurch branch of the Australian Mutual Provident Society, has been promoted to the charge of the Auckland branch.

"The only way this war is going to end is by smashing the German army," said Mr. Wilford, M.P., in his lecture at Wellington. "Until the German army is smashed this war cannot end. The Germans have the same faith in their army as we have in our Navy and it would take a lot to shake our belief in the British Navy. So you can realise just exactly what the position is."

In a recent article in the London "Weekly Dispatch," Sir O'Moore Creagh, V.C., says:—"I was speaking the other day with one of the Allied generals. I asked him his candid opinion about the Allied advance. 'We have done magnificently,' he replied, 'for the weather has been all against us. If anything, we have done better than we anticipated. Everybody at the front practically is satisfied, but it must not be forgotten that we have to beat an army of over 3,000,000 men, and that is not done in a day. Still, wait three months, and see what a magical change will come over the situation.' When I mentioned the much-advertised Hindenburg line he smiled. 'The Hindenburg line,' he replied, 'will more and more be found not in contact with ours, but always progressing backwards. And with that definition we may well leave it. Haig and Nivelle are more than a match for the Kaiser's bluffing lieutenant, and if the number of Bavarians in the Allied cages is any criterion of his ability, we have little to fear as to the issue. Meanwhile, the sooner we provide the leader of our Army with the 500,000 extra men he considers necessary, the more we shall

The confidence of the nation at large has been greatly strengthened by the news brought to us by the wounded soldiers returned from France (says the London "Daily Mail"). Every one of them is full of good cheer. They tell of victory. They describe the wonder of our guns, better than German guns, the vast stocks of ammunition such as were formerly never dreamt of, and the courage of our line. They tell that whenever British and Germans get in touch there is no longer any question of what will happen. Man to man, the British soldier is the better. They exude something of the old confidence of the Englishman in Napoleon's days, the Englishman who was assured that one Briton was good enough to meet three enemies.

According to the Berlin "Local-Advertiser" ("Lokal-Anzeiger"), Mr. Bonar Law's second son was captured by the Turks in the recent fighting in Palestine. The son referred to is Lieutenant C. J. Law, King's Own Scottish Borderers, who was reported wounded and missing. Mr. Bonar Law's eldest son, Captain J. K. Law, of the Royal Flying Corps, was wounded in July of last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Elworthy, of Holme Station, Canterbury, intend leaving on a trip to Sydney.

Writing to the London "Daily News," Archibald Marshall recounts the fact that he recently saw one of the leading business men of the coal and mineral basin of Lens, who expressed himself with enthusiasm on what he called the happy and brilliant advance of the British troops. "For us," he said, "their success is of inestimable value, and gives us hope of being able shortly to bring back into use the mines of Lens, which produce four million tons of coal a year and nearly a million tons of coke. It is evident that it will take some time to replace what has probably been destroyed in systematic fashion by the Germans. According to the state of the shafts it may take from eight months to two years. We have been awaiting this happy day for a long time, and have prepared all our measures so that there shall be no more delay than is necessary. The entrance of the United States into our coalition will greatly facilitate our task, for America can furnish us quickly with powerful machines which it would take us many months to construct for ourselves. If the war continues Lens will be an important reserve for France, although the normal production will not be reached for several years."

Miss Ada Reeve, who is attracting record business to the Sydney Tivoli, at present, and who is shortly due in New Zealand, is a great admirer of the Australians and the fighting spirit of the men she has sent to the front, but has been bold enough to say in Sydney that the people as a whole want waking up to the gravity of the position and their duty in regard to it. To an interviewer recently she said: "Australia occupies the place to-day that we in Great Britain did two years ago. We had the utmost faith in the voluntary system in all things. We thought that private and undirected competitive effort would be equal to all emergencies. Now we know that without universal service—a complete concentration of men, money, and material on the winning of the war—France and Great Britain now would have been less than the dust. Two years ago in England we grumbled at paying an income tax of 10d. in the £. To-day we pay 7/6 in the £ and pay it cheerfully, because we view it as an insurance against national ruin and destruction of all that we hold dear. Until the people of Australia become more alive to their dangers and their responsibilities, their duty to Australia, to the Empire, and to humanity will not be done."



Group of willing workers in aid of the Crippled Soldiers' Hostel at Masterton. In the centre is Mr. H. Crass, of the Club Hotel, who assisted the collectors to a very considerable extent.

deserve to enjoy the triumphs which he is placing to our credit, and the quicker will those triumphs come."

Cyril Maude brings one snappy story from England which has a bearing on current events. A recruiting sergeant hailed a muscular village labourer. "See 'ere, my lad," he said ingratiatingly, "are you in good health?" "I are," replied the youth. "Are you married?" "I aren't." "'Ave you anyone dependent upon you?" "I ain't." "Then your King and country need you. Why don't you enlist?" "What," he said in amazement, "me enlist, with that bloomin' war goin' on?"



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