



TOURIST AND TRAVELLER

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No man under 51 can now become a London special constable.

Mr. A. Veitch, of Wellington, has left on a visit to Sydney.

The members of the Wimmera's crew who survived from the disaster left for Sydney last week.

In response to a request from Sir James Allen for homing pigeons for use at the front, the Canterbury Flying Pigeon Club has decided to offer 100 birds immediately, and 100 per month until, and including, January. Mr. Cedric Kirkley of Christchurch, a member of the club, has offered to go to Wellington to give the Government any information it needs on the subject.

The value of boy labour on farms is not held in very high estimation by at least one Marlborough landowner. Speaking to an "Express" representative on this subject, he remarked: "If you have one boy, you'll get a boy's work; if you have two boys, you'll get half a boy's work; if you have three boys, you'll get no work at all!"

Mr. Justice Edwards has gone on a holiday trip to New South Wales.

Colonel W. H. S. Moorhouse has left on a trip to Suva.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Seay, of Christchurch, intend spending the winter months in Fiji and Australia.

At the Sydney stud sheep sales a Deniliquin stud ram sold privately for 2500 guineas.

Mr. Hurst Seager, of Christchurch, will represent the Allied Association of Town-planners of New Zealand at a conference to be held in Brisbane this month.

Mr. L. F. de Berry, M.A., Rector of the Hokitika High School, has been appointed headmaster of the High School at Marton.

Mr. B. M. Wilson, general manager of the Tourist Department, is paying a visit to Rotorua. He is accompanied by Mrs. Wilson.

The trustees of the Auckland Savings Bank have voted a sum of £1000 as a donation to the Salvation Army's Red Jersey Fund.

So far 6000 of the promised 20,000 shipyard workers from the British Army have been returned to England.

Five hundred and eighty-eight men have now been contributed by the North London Railway to the Forces, representing 30 per cent. of the men originally employed by the company. Three D.C.M.'s, two Military Medals and one mention in despatches have been gained.

Lieutenant E. R. Black (son of Mr. G. J. Black, sheepfarmer, Poverty Bay, formerly of Akaroa) was one of four New Zealanders who received the Military Cross in Egypt. The presentation was made by General Chaytor. Lieut. Black, who has had nearly four years' active service, is now on his way back on duty.

During the war with Spain, the army of the United States at its maximum strength aggregated 272,000 men and officers. The army now in the field and training is estimated to be fully eight times as great as the maximum number under arms in the Spanish-American war. The number already in the military service is twice as large as any force ever mobilised by this nation.

Large tracts of land in the Midlands and West of Ireland have been seized by the Board of Agriculture as the owners have not complied with the tillage order. The lands have been let to small farmers and cotters for tilling.

"We know from those who have worked it out that the purchasing power of the sovereign, as compared with pre-war times, is now only 13s. 6d.," said Sir James Carroll at Gisborne.

Lieutenant Frank Moore, of Johnsonville, writing from Palestine on April 22, says:—"We are resting on the east bank of the Jordan to recuperate our horses after some severe going on the opposite bank. We swim them in the river and in the Dead Sea. The latter is so salt that nothing living can drown. A man can float in its waters in a sitting posture with his legs crossed. The fertility of the alleged beautiful valley of the river Jordan is mythical. The east bank is bare of cultivation, and the west is little improved. However, there is plenty of water, often too much, if the country were in the hands of people sufficiently energetic to utilise it."



A SAMPLE OF THE QUIANT AND CURIOUS COSTUMING IN THE "CHU CHIN CHOW" BALLET, a feature of the J. C. Williamson spectacular revue, "The Bing Boys Are Here," now being produced at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland.

Mr. John Traill, the last of the survivors of the original founders of the Huddart-Parker Co., died at Melbourne recently, aged 92 years.

Mr. E. C. Purdie, advisory inspector to the Auckland Board of Education, has been appointed secretary and treasurer to the Board out of 37 applicants.

Mr. N. H. S. Law, late headmaster of the Tauranga District High School, has resigned his position in order to take up an appointment as inspector of schools in Wellington. Prior to leaving he was farewelled at a gathering at the Opera House and presented with tokens of esteem.

Speaking at the Linwood School recently, the Hon. G. W. Russell stated that New Zealand was the tenth country in the world as regarded the size of its flocks. "You may not know," he said, "that there are more sheep in Hawke's Bay than in the whole of the German Empire. In Hawke's Bay there are 6,217,000, and in Germany 6,000,000."

"I cannot and will not consider it any palliation of a crime to say that a man has done his duty to his country," said the Common Sergeant (Mr. H. F. Dickens, K.C.) in sentencing an ex-soldier at the Old Bailey to six months for forgery.

Sergeant Eric Jordan, son of Mr. E. Jordan, of Northcote, Auckland, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for bravery in connection with the Somme battle.

Captain Holinder and Captain Reece, of the New Zealand Forces, arrived in New Zealand last week after having been on active service in Mesopotamia.

An indoor bowling rink, stated to be the first of its kind in New Zealand, has been opened by members of the Lyttelton Bowling Club. The room is 94ft. by 22ft., and the surface of the floor is padded with heavy scrim.

Speaking in Christchurch, the Hon. G. W. Russell urged young men to get on the land. They should come back to the policy of cutting up the lands, subdividing them, and give the people a chance. In that lay the future prosperity of the people of New Zealand. In this connection, an idea he would suggest to his friends of the Education Board present that night, was to have a farm conducted by the board, making it a portion of the education system. Boys from school could go there for a week-end, or a day or two, so as to get the country atmosphere. Once they got that he was sure the boys would say they did not want to go back into an office.

The news that Captain Mack of Wellington, who is slightly wounded and a prisoner in Heidelberg, came to his relatives through the Red Cross, and was transmitted within two days of the occurrence.

A remarkable operation has been performed on ex-Corporal Robert Leyden Martin, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, who was wounded at Loos. A shrapnel bullet entered his shoulder, passed through the collar-bone, and lodged in the muscle of his heart. Recently it was discovered that the bullet had moved slightly, and Martin entered Leeds Infirmary, where it was successfully removed.

The death occurred in Wellington recently of Mr. Alexander H. Turnbull, a well-known merchant, who was prominent in art, scientific and yachting circles. He was 49 years of age. Mr. Turnbull made a hobby of collecting books and documents bearing on New Zealand, and it is believed that he had the finest collection of its kind in existence, which he has bequeathed to the King to constitute a reference library for Wellington. The conditions of its use are left to the Government, which is asked to take the British Museum and Mitchell's Library, Sydney, as a guide. In order to house his collection Mr. Turnbull recently built a brick residence, half of which is taken up with the library.



A member of the "Chu Chin Chow" Ballet in Oriental costume.