

TOURIST AND TRAVELLER

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. Dan O'Reilly, formerly a well-known Hastings resident, has returned to New Zealand after several years' residence in the Old Country.

Mr. H. B. Farnall, sub-librarian at the Auckland Public Library, was presented by the staff with a travelling bag as a farewell gift before leaving to take up his duties as chief librarian of the Invercargill Athenaeum Library.

Mr. and Mrs. Seay, of Christchurch, who have been on a trip to Australia and around the Islands, returned last week.

Lieut. Frickleton, V.C., has gone to Cambridge to undergo treatment for his lungs.

That there should be no thing in this country as returned soldiers looking for employment was a point made by Father Doyle in an address at the Leys Institute, Auckland. The returned men, he said, had been through so much that they were worthy of the best attention that could be given them.

A very successful hare-drive was held at Rakaiia, Canterbury, to provide hares for the wounded soldiers in England. The shoot took place on the north side of the river, where the hares proved plentiful. The total for the day was 100.

Speaking at the Orphans' gathering in Wellington, His Excellency the Governor-General said the Red Cross and the Order of St. John had been called on this year for £1,500,000 for British prisoners of war, and that was why they were asking for a special effort. So far as Germany was concerned, only a certain amount was allowed to be sent—six parcels per month costing £3 10s. 6d. per man, and including food, tobacco, and bread.

About 520 delegates attended the Town-planning Conference at Brisbane. New Zealand's representative, Mr. S. Hurst-Seager, informed a Christchurch reporter that the big impression made on all the delegates was the necessity to "do it now." They realised how, on every hand, the loss of great opportunities in the past had entailed enormous difficulties for the future. At the same time, tree-planting in streets was being strongly advocated, and the pole nuisance was being combated. The remedy in this case was to put down a tunnel to carry all the water and sewer pipes, electric lines, telephones, and so on. The original cost of such a tunnel would be more than compensated by the saving effected in the non-cutting up of roads.

Mr. Alfred Warbrick, of the Tourist Department, Rotorua, has been visiting Wellington.

Mr. J. A. Tubbey, of the Union Steam Ship Company's Auckland office staff, has retired after twenty-eight years' service with the company. He left for Russell last week, and before his departure was presented by the members of the staff with a cabinet of pipes. Mrs. Tubbey was also presented with a silver-mounted handbag. Mr. A. B. J. Irvine, the local manager, made the presentations on behalf of the subscribers. Mr. Tubbey, who has been cashier in the local office for the last sixteen years, previously spent twelve years as purser on various Red Funnel steamers.

"The sooner we make the National Government wake up and drop the go-slow policy, the better it will be," said Mr. D. Buick, M.P., in seconding a motion at the conclusion of the lecture given in Palmerston North last week by Mr. E. E. Stark, Christchurch city electrical engineer, on hydro-electric power. "No doubt," added Mr. Buick, "it will be the job of the members of the House to wake the Government up, and I am going to make one to do it. If they won't wake up and do things, we will get somebody else to do them."

Mr. J. Hislop (Under-Secretary for Internal Affairs) is leaving for Australia on a health visit.

Mr. H. E. Kempthorne, manager of the New Zealand Insurance Company, Wellington, is leaving for New York, where he will open a branch of the New Zealand Insurance Company.

Lieutenant C. F. Atmore, who has been awarded the Military Cross, is a son of Mr. Edward Atmore, Napier manager for the Alliance Assurance Company, and a former resident of Wellington, and grandson of the late Captain J. T. Steele. Lieutenant Atmore left New Zealand as a second-lieutenant with the 18th Reinforcements, and earned his first lieutenantcy on the field. Over a year ago, at the Messines battle, he was badly wounded and gassed, and he was in England from June, 1917, to March, 1918, during part of which time he was acting as a Stokes gun and trench mortar instructor. He then returned to the front, where his actions have earned him a distinction.

Writing from Palestine in June, Lieutenant Frank Moore, of Johnsonville, Wellington, says: "The alleged beautiful Valley of the Jordan is a — of a place for poisonous snakes. Two of our men lost their lives from bites. The vipers had twisted around these men's legs while they slept. The Australians grab the reptiles by the head and tail when their quarters are invaded, but I would not touch one for 10 pounds."

The life of a country ranger is not altogether an enviable one. The Otaki ranger is no exception to the rule, and recently had anything but a pleasant experience. He had just impounded a horse, and the owner, a native woman, was so aggrieved that she and another Maori woman set out to rescue the animal, and, at the same time, have revenge on the ranger, who was discovered in the vicinity of the public pound. The two women attacked the ranger and beat him with sticks unmercifully for some time, giving him such a bad run that he was obliged to seek a neighbouring house for refuge. It is probable, states an exchange, that the matter will be further ventilated in court.

The late Rev. A. R. Gordon, M.A., the news of whose death from wounds has been received, was second minister of the Dundas Street Methodist circuit, Dunedin, prior to enlisting in the 7th Reinforcement as a private. About four months ago he received a lieutenant's commission. He was educated at the Otago Boys' High School, and at the Otago and Auckland University Colleges. Prior to entering the Methodist Theological College at Auckland he was one of the staff of Messrs. Adams Bros., solicitors, Dunedin. After two years of theological training he was received as a minister on probation, and appointed to Dunedin. His brother, Sergeant L. G. Gordon, who has gained the Military Medal, is at present at the Officers' Training College at Oxford. The late Lieutenant Gordon's father resides at Dunedin.

1884 onward for 22 years he was engaged in the carrying trade between Niue and Auckland, and in the latter place is as well or even better known, as the owner of the old trading vessel Ysabel, than he is anywhere in Polynesia outside Tonga. And now, only the other day or the other month, when the German Firm was liquidated in Tonga, he bought up the entire concern, lock, stock, and barrel, throughout the group, save Nukualofa. The captain is 74 years of age, and says he retired from active business life two years ago. He amuses himself with this harmless fiction, albeit he pleads guilty to the little deal in Tonga just mentioned. When he does finally retire it will probably be only when the grim enemy approaches before whose advance all must retreat."

Is there any profiteering in New Zealand? The answer to that question depends on what you consider is profiteering (remarks a Taranaki paper). For instance, a purchaser went into a business place in New Plymouth and purchased a hundred-weight of soap at 4s. In the afternoon he met a friend who advised him that there was going to be a rise in the price of soap, and recommended him to purchase some more. Accordingly he went back to the same store a few hours later to purchase another hundredweight. He got the surprise of his life when he found that the price had jumped from 4s. to 8s. Is that profiteering?

At a large sports meeting at Woking, J. Lindsay, of the N.Z.E.F., was



MOURNING THE DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN MAORI CHIEF AT WANGANUI. Relatives and friends sitting round the coffin containing the remains of Moana Tauru (shown in framed portrait) prior to the interment.

Speaking at a luncheon at the National Liberal Club, London, on June 26, Mr. John Hodge, the Pensions Minister, said that he was going to make in a short time a great public appeal for £3,000,000 at least to give that assistance to disabled soldiers and sailors which the Royal Warrant did not allow him to make. He did not want to send the man suffering from tuberculosis into the workshop, for that meant sentencing him to death, but he desired to place him on the land, and that, he considered, was the proper function of the Ministry over which he presided.

In reference to the statement that the American steamer Faith, which is built of concrete, is to visit the Dominion, Dr. Thacker, M.P., sent the following telegram to the Minister of Marine: "I notice that a concrete ship is coming to a New Zealand port. It would be most desirable to send her on a tour of the large ports of the Dominion as an exhibition of war efficiency." Mr. Wilford replied, thanking Dr. Thacker for his suggestion, and stating that it would be considered.

Colonel Logan, who has been Administrator of Samoa since its capture by the New Zealanders in September, 1914, has applied to the New Zealand Government for furlough. If the application is granted, Colonel Logan will take his leave about Christmas time, and during his absence the duties of the position will be carried out by Colonel Patterson.

"The Doyen of the South Pacific," as he has been appropriately styled—Captain W. Ross—was a bird of passage by the most recent steamer, on his way to Tonga, says the "Samoa Times." He has travelled a long way on the highroad of material prosperity since those days, now over forty years ago, when he first visited Samoa. At the time he was one of the crew of a vessel visiting the island, and was working for £4 a month. While there on that occasion he drove several head of cattle from Apia to Fasitouta, passing on the way through two opposing armies of the Samoans, who were engaged in one of their periodical struggles to settle who should be king. Afterwards, from the year

beaten in the final of the 100yds., chiefly by the starter's pistol which misfired oftener than not. In the furlong he won his heat from 14½ yards against V. F. Watts, Finchley, on the 18½ mark, and C. J. O'Brien, N.Z.E.F., at 15½. The final he managed easily, although on the outside. In the Mile Relay Race the New Zealand Command Depot beat the Reserve Hussars Regiment, the 12th Canadians, and the M.G.C., Cavalry. The team consisted of Corporals Mason, O'Brien, Lance-Corporal Mexted, and Private Lindsay. Mason gave his side a good lead, and Mexted and Lindsay also gained ground. Mason was first in the finals of the 880yds.—time 2min. 1½sec.

The launch of the Faith, which is the largest concrete ship yet built, was recently successfully carried out at a Pacific port. She is 320ft. in length, with a displacement of 7900 tons, being ten times longer than any other concrete boat up to the present built in the United States. The builders state that they can turn out 54 similar vessels in 18 months.