

THE SOCIAL WORLD



Announcements of engagements and contributions of interest relating to weddings and social gatherings should be sent to Lady Editor, "Sporting and Dramatic Review" Office, Auckland. In all cases the writer's signature and address must be attached (not for publication). Photographs of wedding groups will be reproduced by arrangement.

The King has approved the betrothal of Princess Patricia of Connaught to Commander Ramsay, son of Earl Dalhousie, Flag Commander to Admiral De Robeck at the Dardanelles, late aide-de-camp to the Duke of Connaught in Canada, and now on the Admiralty staff.

Lady Findlay came up to Auckland to meet her sons, Major Findlay and Captain Findlay, who returned by the Niagara. They stayed a few days at the Grand Hotel.

Professor and Mrs. Blunt, of Christchurch, spent Christmas in Wellington as the guests of Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Liverpool, at Government House.

A message from Washington states that the Women's Party have started a bonfire in front of the White House, and intend to keep it burning until the suffrage Amendment Bill is adopted by Congress.

Mrs. Lloyd George has received from Queen Alexandra a beautiful Welsh doll for the exhibition which is being organised by the Children's Jewel Fund. The doll was given to Queen Alexandra on her first visit to Wales, over 30 years ago.

Captain and the Hon. Mrs. Tahu Rhodes, of Christchurch, are leaving for England.

Miss Mina Caldwell, of Wellington, came up to Auckland and took part in Mr. Maughan Barnett's special organ recital on Christmas night. She was vigorously encored for her charming singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elgar have returned to New Zealand after a lengthy stay in England, and will again occupy their beautiful home, "Longwood," in the Wairarapa.

The engagement is announced in the New Zealand "Times" of Miss Jessie McKenzie, daughter of Mrs. J. McKenzie, of Waiohika, and the late Mr. McKenzie, to the Rev. D. B. Malcolm, Matahiwi.

Mrs. Clyde McGilp, widow of the late Major McGilp, who died from influenza in camp, is returning to Egypt by the Dorset. Mrs. McGilp is the daughter of the Chevalier Aquilina, of Cairo. She was accompanied to Wellington by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Hattrick.

Miss Hazel Elmslie, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Elmslie, of Christchurch, has been for some time driving a motor for the War Office, London.

Miss Edith Howes, the New Zealand writer, whose fairy tale books are a delight to children, is spending the holidays at the Southern Lakes.

Mrs. J. R. Tripe and Miss Dorothy Tripe, of Wellington, are on a visit to Auckland.

Mrs. G. T. Hall, wife of Colonel Hall, New Zealand Headquarters Staff in London, left by the Arawa to join her husband.

Dr. Truby King, medical director, Babies of the Empire Society, at a function in England, said that there was no reason why splendid babies should not be reared in every quarter of London. People who breathed London air, provided they had their windows open, were better off than those who lived in the country with their windows shut.

Miss Herd, Wellington, has left on a trip to London.

Mrs. Cyril Carey, Christchurch, has been staying at "Cargen," Auckland.

Mrs. F. J. Lysnar, of Gisborne, spent the holidays in Auckland.

Mrs. Fitchett and Mrs. S. A. Hansard will represent the Auckland Women's National Reserve at the conference that is to be held in Wellington in February.

Miss Virginia Dobie, B.A. (from Auckland), Mr. A. J. Gillman (now at Napier, but formerly of Dunedin), and Mr. G. M. Robertson have been appointed temporary assistant teachers at the Otago Boys' High School.

The newspapers heartily welcome the betrothal of Princess Patricia. It is a love match, dating from the time that Commander Ramsay was aide-de-camp to the Duke of Connaught in Canada.

Sir Arthur Pearson, in a letter of thanks to the Lord Mayor of London for the sum of £14,279, recently collected in that city for the children of blinded soldiers and sailors, states that over 200 blinded soldiers have been married from St. Dunstan, England. Many of them married girls they knew when they could see, and many married girls whose acquaintance they had made since they lost their sight.

The visits of the press delegation to the munition factories at Home were full of interest to the delegates, and they were greatly struck with the very fine type of strong, strapping women engaged in the industry. One girl, Lizzie Thompson, had worked seven days a week, 11 hours a day, for 18 months, and had never missed a minute. "This girl received the O.B.E., and I think she deserved it."—Mr. M. L. Reading, at the Christchurch Art Society on his British experiences.

In appreciation of the services rendered during the influenza epidemic, the Wairarapa Hospital Board has voted the staff a bonus of £10 each, involving in all about £600.

The death has occurred at Ismailia, Egypt, of a former well-known Dannevirke resident, Mrs. W. F. Barry, wife of Quartermaster-Sergeant Barry, of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. Deceased was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McClure, Dannevirke. At the outbreak of the war she was engaged in school teaching at Matahiwi, and immediately devoted all her energies to patriotic work. She joined the Volunteer Sisterhood organised by Miss Rout, and was associated in canteen work at the camps in Egypt. Last year she married Quartermaster-Sergeant Barry.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Waite, of St. Heliers Bay, Auckland, celebrated their golden wedding on December 24. Mrs. Waite came to New Zealand in August, 1868, in the ship Ganges, and was the eldest daughter of the late Atkinson Crockett, of Mt. Eden. Mr. Waite landed in January, 1864, with a draft of the 18th Royal Irish and other regiments comprising 1100 of all ranks.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, giving evidence before the National Birthrate Commission in London, said that on the basis that there are 500,000 separated couples and that 50 per cent. of divorced people remarry, it is reasonable to suppose that half of those now separated would also remarry if facilities for divorce were obtainable. We should have, therefore, 250,000 remarried people, and, on the average of three children to a family, there would be an addition within a few years of 750,000 to the population. Thus within a generation or so the ravages of the war could be made up from this source alone.

The Auckland Racing Club's summer meeting at Ellerslie was the grand piece de resistance for the holidays, and large crowds journeyed out on each of the four days. The beautiful grounds were in superb condition and were the subject of general admiration. The entrance drive was flanked by gaily-hued flowers, while setting off the greenness of the sward in front and around the stand were huge masses of delicately-tinted hydrangeas that caught the eye delightfully. Vivid coloured rambler roses were also employed deftly in the scheme of decoration. There was nothing noteworthy in the frocking on the lawns. Simplicity was the general order of things, with here and there just a soupçon of the bizarre. Amongst the enthusiasts were Mrs. W. G. Stead, Mrs. Gerald Stead, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Louison, Miss June Clifford (Christchurch), Mrs. Dean Pitt (Gisborne), Mrs. E. Riddiford (Wairarapa), Lady Walker, Madame Hippau, Mrs. Arthur Myers, Mrs. Alfred Nathan, Mrs. Fred. Waller, Mrs. W. Colbeck, Miss Neville Thorne George, Mrs. W. Somers, Mrs. E. Firth, Mrs. E. Alison, Misses Buckland, Mrs. Field Porter, Mrs. M. McCallum, Mrs. Scott Colville, Mrs. and Miss Marriner, Mrs. W. R. Holmes, Misses Gwen and Rachel Gorrie, Mrs. E. D. Aubin, Mrs. de Latour (Gisborne), Mrs. J. A. Millar, Mrs. Gavegan, Mrs. Kinder, Mrs. Sweet, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. J. Donald, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. C. J. Owen, Mrs. C. Phillips, Miss Caro, Mrs. R. B. Lusk, Mrs. Rathbone, Mrs. and Miss Hook, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Gribbin, Mrs. Bickerton Fisher, Mrs. Ch. Nathan, Mrs. Brodie (Wellington). A distinguished visitor one day was General Pau, leader of the French Mission, who was accompanied by Commandant Andre and other members of the mission. The Hon. E. Mitchelson received them, and the band played the "Marseillaise."



MRS. J. J. CORRY, M.B.E., Mayoress of Blenheim, who has been an enthusiastic war worker for the past four years.

"A woman always becomes a thousandfold more interesting to a man when he knows she is beloved. The predatory instinct awakes then; at any rate, even if it be yet dormant, it lies within the added admiration which is given."

Miss Emily Charlotte Talbot, the richest woman in England, died recently, aged 78. Her fortune was estimated to be nearly £8,000,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gibson, of Temuka, celebrated their golden wedding on December 26 with a gathering of relatives and friends.

If when using lemons for any purpose only half is required, put the remaining half on a plate and cover it with a glass tumbler. By this means air is excluded and the lemon will not become dry nor mouldy.

"Golden Rule" School Rulers, brass edge, etc., 4d. "Thinker" Pictorial Note Books, 1d. Everybody should use this. "Golden Rule" Writing Tablets, 1/3; remarkable value. "Keep Smiling" Writing Tablets, 1/3, should be in every home and office. Surprising value. Whitcombe and Tombs, Ltd.

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Everyone is urged to sing their cheeriest songs now that the war is over and the flu flying quickly away, and oh, the joy of it, "No Rubbing" Laundry Help, now obtainable from all stores at 1/- per packet, containing sufficient for seven weekly washings.

"Keep Smiling" Sandsoap indispensable for scouring all kitchen utensils. 4d. large packet. The delight of thrifty wives. All storekeepers.