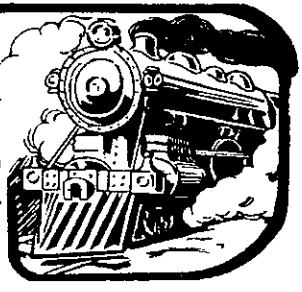


TOURIST AND TRAVELLER



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Mr. and Mrs. Jex-Blake, of Gisborne, and family are passengers for England by the Athenic.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Brice, of Goldie's Brae, Wellington, and Miss Brice are leaving shortly for England.

Archdeacon Cole, Mrs. Cole and family, of Auckland, left for England by the Athenic.

Mr. James Dunning, of Auckland, and Mr. J. Faulks, of Pembroke, Otago, contemplate leaving in July for Alaska on a big game hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Finimore, of Marton Junction, have booked passages for a holiday trip to England by the Makura, which is sailing in July next.

Dr. H. Dean Bamford and Mrs. Bamford left Auckland by the Niagara for Vancouver. They expect to be away for some months.

The Invercargill Town Council has appointed Mr. Frank Burwell to the position of town clerk at a salary of £400 per annum.

Mr. Jesse Timson has resigned the position of organist and choirmaster to First Church of Otago after 31 years.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. Sleeman, Director of Military Services, is in Christchurch organising a "barracks" at Christ's College.

Mr. B. Price, of Messrs. Dalgety and Co., has been appointed instructor in wool-classing to the Palmerston North Technical School.

Dr. Doris Gordon, of Stratford, has received cable advice that her husband, Surgeon-Captain W. P. Gordon, sailed for New Zealand on April 12.

Private N. Steele, of Napier, who for over three years was a prisoner in Turkey, returned to New Zealand last week.

Instead of spending £350 on a peace arch, the Wellington Harbour Board intends to hand that sum of money to the City Council to be spent in general celebrations.

Mr. L. A. Stringer, town clerk of Lyttelton, has been appointed Registrar of Canterbury College, in succession to Mr. G. H. Mason, who has resigned. There were 63 applicants.

Captain J. C. Johnson, N.Z.M.C., of the professional staff of the Auckland University, returned to Auckland by the hospital ship Maheno, and will again take up his duties as professor of biology at the university.

The death is announced at Bourne-mouth, England, of George Grey Russell, aged 90 years. Deceased resided in New Zealand in the early days and was a member of the firm of Russell, Ritchie and Co., Dunedin.

It is the intention of Mr. John Holmes, formerly New Zealand Trade Commissioner, to return to England shortly to engage in an agency business for the importation of primary products from Australasia.

Deer are reported to be plentiful in Paraparamu district this season. Mr. R. M. D'Ath, of Otaki, recently secured a fine ten-pointer, and Mr. Schwash, of Tokomaru, a twelve-pointer.

Miss E. M. Hutchens and Miss M. A. Johnson, well known in Auckland in connection with the physical education of girls, are leaving shortly for a holiday trip to their homes in England.

The Trentham Dominion Scholarships Art Union is now being energetically supported throughout New Zealand. Every 1/- ticket gives a chance of winning substantial prizes whilst every shilling spent on tickets goes to the splendid cause of providing Scholarships for the children of New Zealand's killed and disabled soldiers and sailors. Tickets are on sale everywhere at 1/-.

Mr. Cecil Chesterton, a brother of Mr. G. K. Chesterton, the well-known journalist, and a cousin of Mr. Campbell Ball, of Papatawa, Hawke's Bay, has died from influenza while on active service in France.

Mr. Peter Isbister, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isbister, of Island Bay, who was among those taken prisoner when the German raider Wolff captured the Wairuna, returned to Auckland as an officer on the hospital ship Maheno.

Mr. P. G. Morgan, Director of New Zealand Geological Survey, has been inquiring into the possibility of working deep leads in gravels at St. Bathans' and other places in Central Otago. Gold was found in some of the leads.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowry, Okawa, Hawke's Bay; Mr. and Mrs. V. Riddiford and Mr. and Mrs. D. Riddiford, Wellington; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Corry, Blenheim, came up to Auckland for the Easter races and were staying at the Grand Hotel.

The shooting season in the Auckland Acclimatisation Society's district opened on May 1. Prospects are said to be exceptionally good, reports from all parts of the province indicating a plentiful abundance of pheasants and quail.

One hundred and one of the staff of the Wellington Harbour Board went to the war. Seventeen were killed in action, 31 were discharged from camp, 19 have returned and resumed work, seven have returned, but have not resumed work, and 27 are still on active service.

An accommodation hut is to be erected on the western slope of Mt. Ruapehu. It will be situated about 12 miles from Waimarino, and will be at an elevation of about 4000 feet, in the centre of charming bush scenery. A good water supply is close at hand. The mountains of Ruapehu, Ngaruahoe and Tongariro will be within walking distance, and it will be possible to visit one of the mountains each day.

coming to Bulls, where he had resided ever since. He died in the Wanganni Hospital. He is survived by four daughters and three sons.

A deputation of the Tourist and Expansion League in New Plymouth waited on the Hon. W. D. S. MacDonald to ask for a subsidy, and also for more publicity in the Government Guide Book. The Minister expressed appreciation of the work of the league, which was a great benefit to his Department. He promised the £50 asked for, and eulogised the attractions of the district and the magnificent fertile country, adding that it was a revelation to him to see what the league had accomplished.

Lieutenant Nelson, of Napier, a member of the Royal Air Force, returned to New Zealand by the Corinthic. He was on Gallipoli from the time of the landing till the evacuation. After the evacuation he was nominated for a commission, selected for the air force, and after being trained was sent to France.



AT THE WEDDING OF PRINCESS PATRICIA.—The marriage of Princess Patricia of Connaught with Commander the Hon. Alexander Ramsay, D.S.O., R.N., was solemnised at Westminster Abbey on February 27 last, thus ending a Royal romance of long standing. Remarkable scenes of enthusiasm as the bride drove through crowded streets to and from the Abbey reflected the popular delight at the love match. The illustration shows Lady May Cambridge, a bridesmaid, and her brother, Viscount Trematon.

Lieutenant-Colonel E. E. Porritt, N.Z.M.C., of Wanganui, returned to New Zealand last week in charge of the troops on the hospital ship Maheno. Colonel Porritt has been attached to the Maheno during four voyages overseas.

Dr. Hansen, principal of the Southland Technical High School and formerly of Auckland, was unanimously appointed director of the Christchurch Technical College, in succession to Mr. J. H. Howell, who goes to Wellington Technical College.

At last meeting of the committee of the Timaru Agricultural and Pastoral Association, the late secretary of the association, Mr. R. L. Orbell, was the recipient of a purse of sovereigns from the association in recognition of his past services.

Speaking of the theft and forgery of bank notes, Mr. D. W. Duthie, general manager of the National Bank of New Zealand, remarked that it was a strange thing that a bundle of forged notes could be split up among a number of men, as apparently had been done, judging by the different writings of the signatures on the notes, and yet no trace of those concerned in the fraud had up to the present been discovered.

Asked by a Lyttelton "Times" reporter if there was any basis for the report that he would contest the Timaru seat at the general election, Mr. J. McCombs, M.P., said he hoped to again contest the Lyttelton seat if the members of the Labour Party in that constituency honoured him with the selection.

Mr. H. D. M. Haszard, Commissioner for Crown Lands, Canterbury, has received a cable message advising him that his second son, Lieutenant Norman B. Haszard R.N.R., late H. M.S. Lobelia, is returning to New Zealand by the Makura, and will arrive early in May. An elder brother of Lieutenant Haszard is also in the Navy, and is remaining on duty at the Admiralty in the meantime.

Mr. Horace G. Hunt, Mus. Bac., son of Mr. R. Leslie Hunt, of Mount Eden, Auckland, has cabled that he has arrived in London. Mr. Horace G. Hunt was in Berlin when war was declared, and was interned in the civilian camp at Ruhleben for over four years.

The death of a well-known and respected old resident of Bulls, Rangitikei, in the person of Mr. Charles Hinkley, is reported. He was born at Cranbrooke, Kent, in 1841, and landed in New Zealand 45 years ago,

Rates in Wellington were declared by Mr. A. L. Monteith, during a speech in the Post Office Square last week, to be higher than in any of the other cities of New Zealand. Whereas the rates in Wellington were 6s. 3d., they ranged from 4s. 7d. to 4s. 9d. in other cities, and the reason why Wellington was the highest was mismanagement by City Councils—for instance, £2000 on a milk-clearing station and an average loss of £185 for four years on a fish market.

One of the repatriation difficulties which has already asserted itself in Marlborough concerns a number of men who have found themselves unable to continue their pre-war occupations after discharge (states the Marlborough "Express"). Men who have been discharged on account of organic trouble find the heavy work which they engaged in previously detrimental to their health, and a demand for light situations has therefore been created. Reporting to the meeting of the Blenheim Repatriation Committee, the repatriation officer mentioned that quite a number of carpenters, ploughmen, farm hands, and cabinetmakers could be placed in the district, but employers generally had not so far indicated many opportunities for light work.