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Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Don, Dunedin, are making a trip to England and America.

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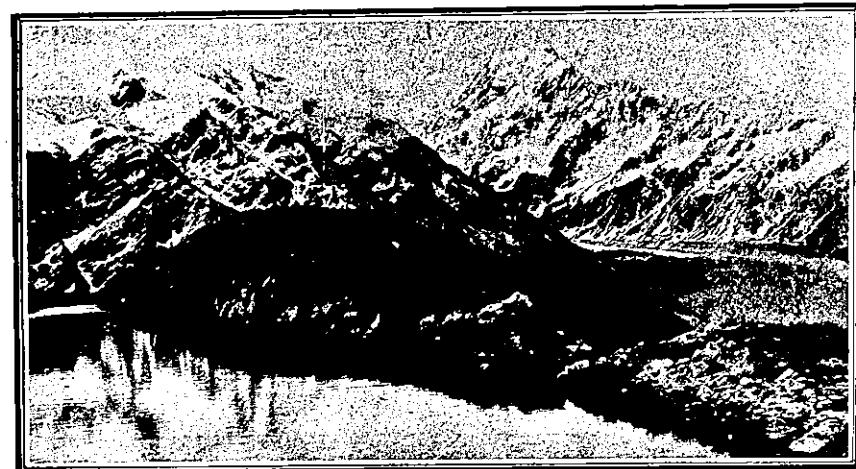
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