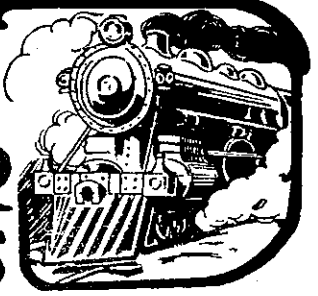


TOURIST AND TRAVELLER



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Mr. and Mrs. Jex-Blake and family have returned to Gisborne from a trip to England.

Mr. Lloyd George has been awarded the Grand Cordon of the Legion of Honour. This is the highest rank of the order.

The death has occurred in Wanganui Hospital, at the age of 95 years, of Mr. Edward Hines, one of the earliest residents of Wanganui.

Captain J. B. Rainey, marine superintendent for the C. and D. Line, left Wellington by the Port Sydney on a holiday trip to London.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Warren, of Tomoana (Hawke's Bay) have returned from England.

Captain F. L. Atkinson, of Devonport, who has been acting as medical officer under the Samoan Administration for the last two years, arrived home by the Navua on two months' leave of absence.

Mr. J. A. Carpenter, who was recently appointed general manager in New Zealand for Burns, Philp and Company, Ltd., arrived from Sydney by the Manuka and will visit different towns in which the company intends to extend its operations.

Mr. Cecil F. Mitchell, accompanied by his sister, left Dunedin last week for Vancouver on an extended holiday. Mr. Mitchell recently resigned his position as general manager of the New Zealand Paper Mills after about 14 years' service.

Mr. P. Cooke, head of the Claims Department of the Union Steamship Co., is leaving for Vancouver, where he will take up the duties of assistant manager for the company. Mr. Cooke was farewelled by members of the staff, and presented with a suit case as a token of esteem. Mr. MacKenzie, of the company's Melbourne office, is to replace Mr. Cooke at Wellington.

Private Arthur Gordon, who had the misfortune to lose both legs in France, arrived the other day at his home at Tapanui. He is in excellent spirits and gets about with the aid of one stick. Private Gordon went out with the 20th Reinforcements, and has had a long spell in hospital in England.

The principles of electricity properly applied to the human system are life-giving and invigorating, and have a beneficial effect upon every nerve and muscle. The general public are beginning to discern the benefits of drugless healing, and in many cases the invaluable treatment of electricity for many ills to which the flesh is heir has proved its efficacy in the restoration of shattered nerves, paralysis, epilepsy, neurasthenia, insomnia, neuralgia, etc. Those of our readers who are suffering from any of the above-mentioned ills should certainly pay a visit to the Electro Medical Institute, Smeeton's Buildings, Queen Street, Auckland. Mr. Leonard McDougall, radiologist, is the principal in charge, and a chat with him will be found interesting and instructive. The consulting chambers are tastefully fitted up, and contain the most modern electrical appliances for the benefit of suffering humanity. A lady nurse is always in attendance, and under the skilful supervision of Mr. McDougall, the principal, clients may be assured of every attention.

The members of the New South Wales State Orchestra were present by special invitation at the marriage ceremony of Ruera Nikora and Ruidteranga Whirehana, which took place at Te Hauke on January 21. The visitors were greatly interested in the native ceremony and expressed their pleasure at being present at such a unique function by performing several items. Needless to say the natives were delighted with the musical treat.

An Ashburton resident took to the "Guardian" office the other day a remarkable sample of wool, halfbred, 18 inches long, which was secured from a hermit sheep in the Ashburton Gorge. The sheep was dislodged after several annual unsuccessful attempts, from his rocky mountain home, by the veteran musterer, Mr. Michael Carney, of Alford Forest, who has over forty years' service to his credit on back-country runs.

Major James Armstrong, of Glangarry, was the recent purchaser of an estate of 36,000 acres in the Wairoa district.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Clayton have returned to Auckland after a trip to Australia, which comprised a motor tour through New South Wales and Victoria.

Mr. Sidney Williamson, who is well known in musical circles in Christchurch, intends to spend a year abroad, principally for health reasons. He will leave Christchurch about the third week in February.

Mr. D. M. Deane, who for the past thirteen years has been metallurgist to the Talisman Consolidated, Ltd., left for Australia by the Maheno, accompanied by Mrs. Deane. They intend making a stay in Sydney and Melbourne, afterwards leaving on a tour of the chief mining fields of the world.

Lieutenant A. H. Sawyer, of Gisborne, expert wireless operator, is to go to Antarctica with the Cope Expedition, in charge of the wireless plant on a five years' engagement. Lieutenant Sawyer was before the war in charge of the wireless plant at New Guinea. When the war broke out he went to Nauru Island and was subsequently stationed in Mesopotamia. He is at present on the Indian frontier at the scene of the fighting. Lieutenant Sawyer will probably be in New Zealand in October of this year, when the expedition will leave for the south.

"New Zealand is more prosperous than any other country I have seen," said a Christchurch business man to a Christchurch "Press" reporter, summing up his observations after an extensive tour through Britain and America. "My experience at Home led me to the conclusion that the people are still war-weary. Business men are not yet displaying the initiative that must accompany a true expansion of trade, and for that there are three of four reasons. The most important is heavy taxation on profits from the first year of the war, where a firm made, say, £10,000 instead of the usual of £5000, a tax of 80 per cent has been levied on the extra £5000. And that in addition to ordinary pre-war taxes. The result is that, with labour gravely unsettled, no one is trying to beat the £5000 mark. Business is sluggish in consequence. The leaders of commerce are marking time until Labour settles into a proper groove. When things are tranquil, then British industries can be expected to forge ahead, and our commerce will compete more favourably on foreign markets. Wages are very much higher in America than in England, and that is a handicap to the United States. During 1920, if all goes well, I expect Britain to open her gates for commerce, and the country will then be in a much better position. She is such a great producing country that all Europe is looking for her goods. From the views of different men I met, I assume that the year will be marked by a great improvement in the methods of English houses, though the interference of the Government in industrial matters has left an unfortunate legacy. The shipping bungle has been the cause of a heavy blow to British commerce. The Government tied up British shipping to 25s. a ton, while foreign-owned vessels secured up to 50s. You can imagine the disastrous result, and how difficult it will be to catch up the leeway unless the labour situation becomes more favourable.



J. LINDSAY, of Christchurch, the crack New Zealand soldier athlete, who has been selected to represent the N.Z. Athletic Association in the 100-yds., 220yds. and 440yds. events at the forthcoming Australasian championship meeting in Sydney. LINDSAY has been responsible for many brilliant achievements against the world's best sprinters, and at the Army sports meeting at Aldershot at the end of September last he defeated Applegarth, the famous English sprinter, in the 100yds. Championship.

Mr. J. W. Card, Mayor of Featherston, will leave on a trip to England next month.

Rear-Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey will probably head the Prince of Wales' staff when he visits Australia and New Zealand. Sir Godfrey Dawson will be private secretary, and Lord Claud Hamilton and Captain R. Legh as equerries. Six of London's best-known journalists will also visit Australasia, arriving before the Prince.

How is this for a get-rich-quick (asks the Manawatu "Daily Times")? A man bought a Palmerston house for £900 about six weeks ago. The house suited him, so he wasn't keen to sell. However, some homeless wanderer saw it and asked a price. Thinking to scare him off, he modestly asked £1800. "Right," came the ready acceptance, and the sale was made. That six-weeks' increment is financing a trip Home for the lucky speculator.

Dr. J. A. Gilruth, ex-Administrator of the Northern Territory, left Auckland by the Maheno for Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Dwyer, of the Empire Hotel, Wellington, who have been on a tour of the world for the last six months, are returning by the Moana, which arrives from San Francisco about February 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bassett, of Avonside, Christchurch, who intend spending the next few years in Edinburgh, during the medical studies of their son, leave New Zealand, accompanied by their family, on January 29, by the Ruahine.

The members of the Parliamentary party which is to visit Samoa and other islands in the Pacific will leave Wellington by the Mokoia on February 14 next. The party will be due back in New Zealand about the middle of March.

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