

Captain S. N. Ziman (the first Rhodes scholar from Auckland) left by the Niagara for Australia, on his way to London prior to returning to India. Captain Ziman is making a report for the Government of Bombay Presidency on several matters in connection with his jurisdiction, more particularly local government, town-planning and education. The Prime Minister aided Captain Ziman to get this information through heads of departments affording access to statistical returns. Captain Ziman proposes to collect further data in Australia.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, one of the secretaries of the campaign organised by the Labour Party in England in support of public ownership of the drink traffic, told a meeting of journalists in London that the conferences held so far have proved that on no question of public policy is Labour's views more definite or united. For the purpose of the campaign the country was divided into two areas, in each of which conferences have been held with representatives of local working class organisations, such as trade unions, co-operative societies, and the like, and while intelligent interest was manifested in the usual pleasant form of heckling, every conference ended in a unanimous or overwhelmingly large vote in favour of State purchase. Even in Scotland, where the I.L.P. element is strongly in favour of prohibition, the rank and file have shown themselves strongly opposed to it. As for the rest of the kingdom, Mr. Greenwood is convinced by his experience that it won't have prohibition at any price. Even the women's organisations, which have been strongly represented at the conferences, have been strongly opposed to the total abolition of the drink traffic. Mr. Greenwood finds that the average working class woman, though she wants the trade and the public houses to be humanised and made decent, emphatically does not like persons who propose to rob her poor man of his beer.

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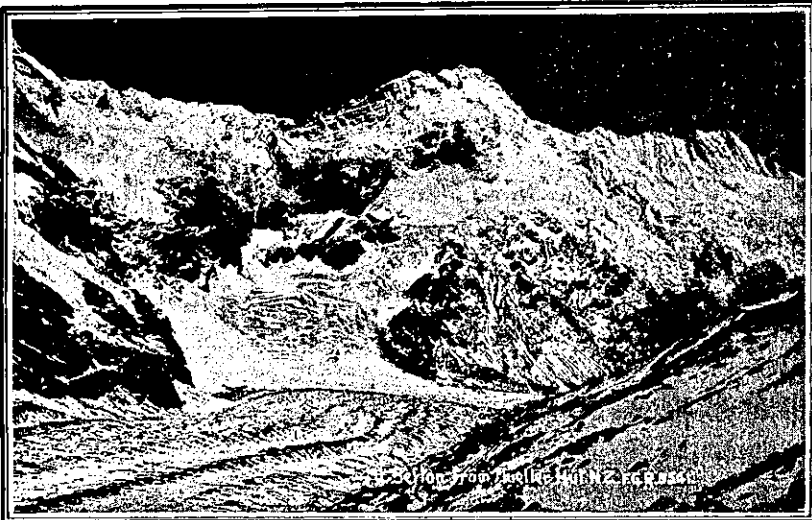
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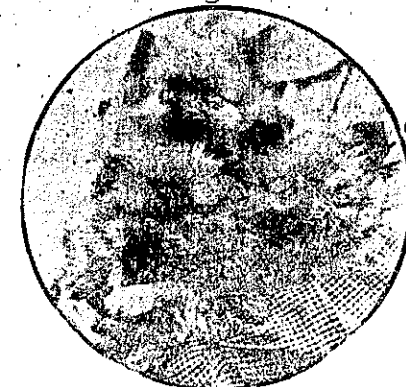
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