



THE SOCIAL WORLD



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It was ideal weather for the King's Birthday, and the sport traditionally associated with monarchical rulers was keenly followed by a great crowd at Ellerslie, when the opening of the Auckland Racing Club's winter meeting took place. The sun shone with all the brilliancy of a summer's day, but there was sufficient tang in the air to warrant lucky owners to bring out their fur coats and other peltry wraps. Seal was strikingly in evidence, some very beautiful short coats being seen that eminently became their wearers, while sable, musquash and squirrel were also in favour. Seldom has there been such a display of smart costumes, plainly cut in most cases, and with navy blue or tones of grey as preferential colours, while the neat attention to harmony of detail from hat to shoe was distinctly noticeable. Several one-piece frocks struck the simple note artistically, a little relief being introduced by conventional designs in wool stitching. A few cavalier capes made their appearance, and gave a jaunty air to the women who knew how to wear them. Scarves were a popular vogue, from the modest blanket-cloth specimen to the ornate wrap of shawl dimensions and hues reminiscent of Joseph's coat of Biblical note. Enclosures of scarlet salvias fronting the main grandstand gave a vivid dash of colour. Amongst those present were Mrs. Reg. Acton Adams (Dunedin), Misses Clifford (Christchurch), Mrs. J. R. Murphy (Gisborne), Mrs. Friedlander, Mrs. C. F. Thomas, Mrs. Malet, Miss Mariery Thomas, Mrs. E. W. Sharman, Miss Betty Sharman, Mrs. T. C. Williamson, Mrs. Lucas Bloomfield, Mrs. George Bloomfield, Mrs. Wilfred Colbeck, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Ed. Firth, Mrs. E. W. Alison, Mrs. Markham.

Miss Kathleen Yorke, of Hamilton, is in Napier, the guest of Mrs. Macfarlane, Breakwater Road.

Mrs. Walter Nathan and Miss Zaidee Nathan have returned to Wellington from a visit to England.

Mrs. Arthur Chapman, Thames, has been spending a holiday in Napier with her sister, Miss May Hunter.

Mrs. E. V. Palmer and Miss Peggy Palmer have returned to Christchurch after a six months' trip to India.

The Queen has bought one of the watercolour pictures exhibited in London by Miss Ida Rentoul-Outhwaite, the Melbourne artist.

Mrs. G. Frame Ferguson, Tasmania, is spending some months' holiday in New Zealand, and is at present visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Jones, Timaru.

Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Jones will arrive in Sydney shortly, en route for New Zealand, where they intend to settle. Mrs. Llewellyn Jones is a sister of Lady MacCormick, and has been abroad for many years.

The engagement is announced of Miss Helena Cooper, second daughter of Mr. Justice Cooper and Mrs. Cooper, to Captain M. E. Johnson, M.C., N.Z.S.C., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson, of Whangarei.

Major and Mrs. Tuckey and their children have left for Sydney, en route for their home in Australia. Mrs. Grierson, of Auckland, accompanied them.

At a meeting of the lady members of the Carterton Golf Club, the following committee was set up: Mesdames T. J. Rathbone, R. J. Gayfer, Misses M. Eagle and B. Johnston. Mrs. P. A. Cole was elected secretary. Seven new members were elected.

Miss Dora Murch, who has been doing Y.M.C.A. work at Waipukurau, has been appointed matron at Donbank Y.M.C.A. Boys' Hostel, Wellington.

A southern paper announces the engagement of Miss Jean McDonald, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. McDonald, of Maraekakaho (H.B.), to Mr. F. C. Toogood, only son of Mrs. W. Toogood, of Featherston.

Miss Stella Aston, who was trained as a nurse in the Wellington Hospital, left for America by the Moana on her last trip. Miss Aston hopes to gain further experience in her profession in the United States.

The engagement is announced of Miss Lillian Maning, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Maning, of Noumea, and grand-niece of the late Judge Maning ("Old New Zealand"), to Mr. C. W. Ensor, of Rangitikei.

The engagement is announced in the "Christchurch Press" of Miss Minnie E. Bland, daughter of Mr. Thomas Bland, J.P., "Roma," Island Bay, to Mr. John Holder Worgan, of Christchurch, son of the late Mr. John Worgan, Shutcastle, Forest of Dean, England.

Miss Rosalie Handley, of Auckland, formerly of Woodville, has received advice from the Trinity College of Music, London, that she has passed the examination for the higher certificate of the college, namely, for certificated vocalist T.C.L.

News have been received by the Hon. W. D. S. MacDonald and Mrs. MacDonald of the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ella MacDonald, to Mr. H. A. Davison, at Singapore. Miss MacDonald was accompanied from New Zealand by Miss Mona Brice, who was to attend her in the capacity of bridesmaid.

Miss Lucy F. Morland is visiting New Zealand in the interests of education. She has been associated with education in England, and is on the Education Committee of the Borough of Croydon.

The Auckland Ladies' Golf Club played a monthly medal competition last week. The best cards returned were:—Seniors: Miss M. Payton, 88 gross, 6 handicap, 82 net; Miss M. Macfarlane, 103—19—84; Mrs. Hodges, 96—9—85; Miss M. Alison, 102—13—89; Miss E. M. Upton, 102—12—90. Juniors: Miss M. Cameron, 110—22—88; Miss G. Buddle, 111—21—90; Mrs. Murphy, 117—27—90; Miss M. Frater, 112—21—91.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at St. Matthew's Church, Hastings, on May 19. The Rev. Archdeacon W. J. Simpkin officiated. The contracting parties were Miss Marjorie Price, fourth daughter of Mrs. H. G. Price, of Austin Street, Wellington, and the late H. G. Price, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Marlborough, and Mr. Haskel Anderson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Anderson, Napier.

Miss Blanche Hogg, eldest daughter of Mr. G. Hogg, Glasgow, arrived in Auckland by the Makura, after spending eight months in Canada. Upon her arrival in Wellington, she was married to Mr. Edgar Edward Bliss, N.Z.E.F., youngest son of Mr. H. Bliss, of Hills Road, Cashmere.

Miss Eri Thomson (late of Stewart Island), who returned to New Zealand recently from England, has had considerable experience upon the concert platform in the United Kingdom. After war broke out she gave much of her time to singing in the hospitals, and afterwards became a V.A.D. in Walton-on-Thames. Miss Thomson went to England nine years ago to have her voice trained, having had preliminary tuition in Australia under Madame Melba, on whose advice Miss Thomson went to England. She has been studying at intervals ever since, and has sung in various parts of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, and quite lately made a remarkable success at the Queen's Gate Hall, London.

Writing from Monte Carlo to Mr. John Lemmone, Dame Nellie Melba comments on the abnormal cost of living there. She remarks that all Europe is a lunatic asylum. Chickens, she says, are £5 apiece, and mutton chops 10s. each. There is no butter, no milk, and as for matches, she points out that they cannot be had for love or money. A small dinner given in her honour by Lord Rosslyn, at which there were eight people, cost £75. Dame Melba states that she feels instinctively that a great crash is coming, and in the meanwhile longs for the luxuries of Coombe Cottage, with its own poultry, milk, cream, butter, and vegetables.

The Pioneer Club, Wellington, gave a farewell reception to Her Excellency the Countess of Liverpool, who has been a warden of the club during the time she has spent in the Dominion. Her Excellency was received by the president (Lady Stout) and vice-presidents, and afterwards chatted to many of the members, of whom there was a large gathering. After tea had been handed round, Lady Stout made a brief speech, expressing the regret which members felt at the coming departure of Lady Liverpool, and thinking her for the interest she had shown in the club. In thanking Lady Stout and members of the club for their good wishes, Lady Liverpool said she was very sorry to leave New Zealand, and hoped that when members visited England they would be sure to go and see her.

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MRS. WHYTE, (wife of Colonel J. H. Whyte, Palmerston North), who has been awarded the Royal Red Cross Medal in recognition of her valuable work during the war years.

At a meeting of members of the Pioneer Club and representatives of other women's societies in Wellington to consider the question of the high cost of living, the following resolution was passed: "That the Pioneer Club and representative women present support the action of the Auckland and Dunedin women's clubs in pledging themselves to refrain from purchasing non-necessitous articles until the cost of living has been appreciably reduced."

Miss Louise Pascoe, the soprano vocalist, who is touring the North Island with the "Better 'Ole" Company, is an artist of unusual calibre. She has just left Melbourne Conservatorium, where she was accounted one of the most brilliant students, and she is now gaining stage experience on tour before proceeding to America to embark on a grand opera career, for which she is well suited. Miss Pascoe leaves for America from Auckland by the Makura with that object in view.

The foreword having reached us that His Royal Highness "can't bear" the bobbed lock vogue (writes "Farella," in the "Sydney Sun"), every girl who permitted the man of shears to do his deadly best is casting about for a means to cover up the indiscretion. All Flapperdom is sending forth the freest of plain curses on Princess Nefert, the Egyptian smart miss of her day (6000 years ago), who set the silly fashion. The hair-dressing folk are evolving all manner of compromises, and if some of them are let loose in earnest on the unsuspecting public, the last sin shall be worse than the first.

A Press Association message states that at the International Red Cross Conference, held at Geneva, the Florence Nightingale Medal was awarded to Miss Hester Maclean, matron-in-chief of the New Zealand Army Nursing Service.

At a well-attended meeting of ladies of the Te Awamutu Golf Club, the following were elected a committee:—President, Mrs. H. Y. Collins; secretary, Mrs. T. D. Thomas; committee, Mesdames A. Young, S. Fortescue, S. Walker, E. A. Cox, and Miss Mabel Ahier.

"I would make illegal," writes Mrs. Gascoyne-Hartley, in her new book, "Woman's Wild Oats," "for a tradesman to display for sale any kind of wearing apparel, dress goods, or articles connected with women's toilet, either in shop windows or inside the shops. Nothing must be shown to any customer till it is asked for. I do really believe that this simple reform will do more to emancipate women, and, through their emancipation, to liberate men, than any other reform."

Drs. P. M. and Florence Keller, of Auckland, have taken apartments at Glendale, a beautiful suburb of Los Angeles, California, for 1920. Dr. P. M. Keller studied pediatrics at the University of California Hospital, San Francisco; and Dr. Florence Keller is studying diseases of women, and doing gynecological surgery at the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles. Both are also on the staff of the Los Angeles County Hospital. They look forward to their return to Auckland.