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STATE COAL MINES.

NEW WORK IN WAIKATO.

(THE NEW ZEALANDER Special Cable.)
WELLINGTON, October 10.

A new State coal mine is about to be opened near Pukemiro, Waikato.

Experts of the Mines Department believe that the seam of coal there is of first-class quality.

ALLEGED RITUALISM.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, ChCh.

CHARGES AGAINST REV. C. E. PERRY.

(THE NEW ZEALANDER Special Cable.)
WELLINGTON, October 10.

Bishop Julius, in his judgment on the charges against the Rev. C. E. Perry, of St. Michael's, ChCh., condemns the prosecution on the ground that it was common knowledge that Mr. Perry had been admonished and had agreed to the Bishop's ruling.

In regard to the charges of irregularity in the celebration of the Sacrament, the Bishop ruled that some of the practices complained of were authorized, but he forbade others, about which there was some doubt.

The Rev. C. E. Perry, vicar of St. Michael's, made no answer to the charges laid in the Bishop's Court by Archdeacon Gosset. It only remained for Bishop Julius to hear argument by counsel before coming to his decision. Mr. H. D. Acland appeared for Archdeacon Gosset and Mr. J. H. Upham for Mr. Perry.

The charges were fourteen in number, each one alleging an offence or breach of ecclesiastical duty. It was stated that Mr. Perry had reserved unconsumed portions of the consecrated bread and wine from the Sacrament and had caused them to be kept in a special tabernacle, where he habitually genuflected or prostrated himself, and caused others to do the same; that he advised a special invocation of the Blessed Virgin at noon and six o'clock; that he encouraged the idolatrous adoration or worship of the consecrated bread and wine; that he celebrated a Requiem Mass for a dead person, and encouraged kneeling and prostration during the Nicene Creed. Other charges related to the use of illegal ornaments and lights.

Mr. Upham contended that Mr. Perry was endeavouring, perhaps under a misapprehension, to continue practices which he had found in observance when he succeeded Canon H. D. Burton. He was quite willing to discontinue a number of the practices when the Bishop signified his displeasure, and he would loyally obey any rules his Lordship might lay down.

THE SUPER-SCOUT.

V.C. FOR SGT. TRAVIS.

The late Sergeant R. C. Travis, D.C.M., M.M., 9523, Otago Regt., was probably the most remarkable of the six New Zealanders who have won the V.C. while serving in the N.Z.E.F.

Travis's exploits are too well known in the division to require recounting. It is stated that he went to N.Z. from Arizona, and he enlisted in the Otago Mounted Rifles with the Main Body and served on Gallipoli. In 1916 he won his M.M., early this year the Belgian Croix de Guerre, and in May the D.C.M. He met his death near Rosignol Wood a couple of months later.

The "Gazette," describing the achievement for which Travis receives the posthumous award, says:

"During 'surprise' operations it was necessary to destroy an impassable wire block. Sgt. Travis, regardless of all personal danger, volunteered for this duty. Before zero hour in broad daylight, and in close proximity to enemy posts, he crawled out and successfully destroyed the block with bombs, thus enabling the attacking parties to pass through.

"A few minutes later a bombing party on the right of the attack was held up by two enemy machine guns, and the success of the whole operation was in danger. Perceiving this, Sgt. Travis, with great gallantry and utter disregard of danger, rushed the position, killed the crew and captured the guns. An enemy officer and three men immediately rushed at him from a bend in the trench and attempted to retake the guns. These four he killed single-handed, thus allowing the bombing party, on which much depended, to advance.

"The success of the operation was almost entirely due to the heroic work of this gallant N.C.O., and to the vigour with which he made and used opportunities for inflicting casualties on the enemy.

"He was killed twenty-four hours later, when, under an intense bombardment prior to an enemy counter-attack, he was going from post to post encouraging the men."

THE WAR LOANS.

A WONDERFUL RECORD.

(THE NEW ZEALANDER Special Cable.)
WELLINGTON, October 10.

Subscriptions to war loans in New Zealand now amount to £40 per head of the population.

Subscriptions in Great Britain on the same basis would amount to £1,800,000,000.

THE TARANAKI SEAT.

THE CANDIDATES.

(THE NEW ZEALANDER Special Cable.)
WELLINGTON, October 10.

The nominations for the vacancy in Taranaki caused by the death of Mr. H. J. H. Okey, M.P., are:

J. S. Connett (Bell Block), Government.
S. J. Smith, Labour.

THE GERMAN BELLS.

MELTED FOR EXPORT.

By order of the Government the three bells which until recently formed the peal in the German Church in ChCh., were broken up at Price and Sons' foundry, and reduced to ingots.

The bells were taken over by the Government under Sec. 79 of the Enemy Reserves Disposal Act of 1917, as part of the old German Church, now held in trust by the Government, to be disposed of as it thinks fit.

The Public Trustee (Mr. T. D. Kennedy) and the French Consul (Mr. G. Humphreys) witnessed the ceremony of cleaning and stripping the bells of their tongues and fittings and smashing them with a 25-lb. hammer. A proposal had been made that the bells should be returned to France intact, so that some French town might boast of a peal of bells that had been taken from France half a century ago, and then restored.

BRITISH EMPIRE ORDER.

A NEW ZEALAND LIST.

The following appointments to the British Empire Order have been made for war services in or for New Zealand:

Knight Grand Cross.—Earl of Liverpool, Governor-General.

Commanders.—Col. R. A. Chaffey, O.C. Canterbury; Hon. G. Fowlds, Auckland; Countess of Hardwicke, N.Z. War Contingent Assoc.; Lt.-Col. T. A. Hunter, D. Dent. Serv.; Miss Helen Mackenzie, N.Z. War Contingent Assoc.; Col. J. C. Nichols, O.C. Otago.

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Mr. L. J. Berry, circulation manager of the "ChCh. Press," has resigned after twenty years' service.

M. André Siegfried, author of a fine volume, "La Démocratie en Nouvelle Zélande," is expected in N.Z. as a member of a French economic mission.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

A RED FED. SUCCESS.

SURPRISING VICTORY.

(THE NEW ZEALANDER Special Cable.)
WELLINGTON, October 10.

Mr. P. Fraser was elected for Wellington Central in the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. R. Fletcher, M.P., by a majority of 1,600 votes over the Independent Labour candidate. The Government nominee, Mr. W. T. Hildreth, was a very poor third.

The figures were:
P. Fraser (Anti-Conscription) 2,665
M. J. Mack (Independent Labour) 1,044
W. T. Hildreth (Government) 784
The other three candidates only polled 223 amongst them.

Mr. Fraser is connected with "The Maoriland Worker," and was organiser for Mr. H. E. Holland, M.P., in the Wellington North by-election, and also at Grey.

Mr. Mack is secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants. According to "The Times" Correspondent, the Government defeat is attributed to the weakness of their candidate and the poor management of the election, in which scanty interest was shown. Only 51 per cent. of the electors polled, as compared with 84 per cent. at the general election.

THE GALLIPOLI STAR.

WHERE ARE THE RIBBONS?

Though the Gallipoli Star was finally approved some time ago and a quantity of ribbon has actually been manufactured, its issue does not seem to get any nearer.

This is playing into the hands of the authorities, who have refused to give the decoration to British troops who served side by side with our men in Turkey. Practically all of the A.I.F. and the N.Z.E.F. believe that their British comrades should share the honour with them. The New Zealander believes that, in spite of the officials, they will eventually get it. The best way to help is for our men to put up their ribbons as soon as possible, and so stir up public opinion in England to help their own men to get their rights.

A STEAMER BURNED.

S.S. DEFENDER IN WELLINGTON.

At 11 a.m. one morning a fire was discovered in the forehold of the coastal s.s. Defender, which was lying at King's Wharf, Wellington, with a cargo of produce from Lyttelton. As the cargo included 1,200 cases of benzine, it was considered wise to remove the vessel from the wharf, and she was towed out into the harbour, a mass of flames and smoke. Shortly after noon she drifted on to the rocks at Somes Island, where she burned to the water's edge, and, after a big explosion, sank. The harbour was strewn with floating cases and tins.

The Defender was a wooden vessel of 185 tons, built at Kincumber, N.S.W., in 1901, for the Westland Shipping Co. Captain C. Green recently took command of her from Captain Vasta, who has taken over the Paraoa.

The Court of Inquiry found that the fire was due to the use of naked lights in the stokehold, and open rivet holes in the bulkhead.

DUTIES OF THE UNFIT.

SUPREME COURT JUDGMENT.

(THE NEW ZEALANDER Special Cable.)
WELLINGTON, October 10.

The Supreme Court has decided that men who are classified unfit for service abroad are not thereby released from liability to serve as Territorials.

Mr. J. B. Bartholomew, S.M., decided that a reservist classed as C2 is not necessarily unfit to render personal service, and is under obligation to serve in the Territorials. Some time ago Mr. S. E. McCarthy gave a contrary judgment.

WANGANUI TRAMWAYS.

A SERIOUS BREAKDOWN.

(THE NEW ZEALANDER Special Cable.)
WELLINGTON, October 11.

A serious accident to the main power engine in the Wanganui tramways power-house has resulted in the breakdown of the system.

The engine has been overloaded since the beginning of the war. New plant had been ordered just before the outbreak, but owing to war difficulties it was not shipped.

The Wanganui Borough Council is appealing to the Government to use its influence to obtain permission for the plant to be shipped.

PERSONALS

ABOUT NEW ZEALANDERS.

Captain Hales, wharfinger at Greymouth, has been transferred to Sydney.

Mr. O. C. R. Anderson, Crown Lands Office, Canterbury, is transferred to Auckland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Righton (Oriental Bay, Wellington) are in America on a business trip.

Mr. F. M. Collins, well known in swimming circles in Canterbury, has recovered from a serious operation.

Miss Gertrude Owen, general secretary of the Ch. Ch. Y.W.C.A., has been on a six months' holiday in Australia.

Mr. H. H. McCarthy, clerk to the Tauranga C.C., has been appointed secretary to the Hospital Board there.

Miss Edith Bourn, assistant to Mr. W. V. Sarcus, masseur, Ch. Ch., has been appointed to a Government post in Dunedin.

The Rev. Father Phelan (Masterton) has been appointed to succeed Father Duffy as Roman Catholic chaplain at Featherston.

Mr. C. J. Tunks has resigned from the Claims Board of the Auckland Patriotic Association, and is succeeded by Mr. A. G. Lunn.

The Rev. T. V. Gillfillan, chaplain of the C. of E. Soldiers' Institute, Rotorua, has been ordered to report for duty in Wellington.

Capt. J. A. Algie, who is representing the R.S.A. in Great Britain, has been re-elected vice-president of the Auckland R.S.A.

Mr. Alfred Worsley is appointed organist and choirmaster at St. Michael's, Ch. Ch., in succession to the late Mr. Charles Begg.

Miss W. B. Horsfield, honorary organist at Highbank, Canterbury, for six years, has been presented by the congregation with a gold watch.

Mr. E. C. Banks has been elected chairman of the Auckland Education Board in place of Mr. J. D. McKenzie, who has been a member for eight years.

Mr. Charles Hudson, chairman of the Auckland Choral Society, was presented with a gold watch at the opening of the society's new hall in Alexandra-street.

Miss Gether, well known in art circles in Dunedin, is returning from South Africa to take up a post in connection with the tuition of returned soldiers.

Miss Ivy Gunn, for four years instructor in dressmaking, millinery, and needlework at Southland Technical College, is appointed chief instructor at Ch. Ch.

Mr. A. R. Jordan has been appointed assistant Deputy Public Trustee at Auckland, where he has been chief clerk for some time. He was educated at Nelson College.

Mr. W. A. Aldred, Auckland, was recently sent to Tonga on behalf of the Imperial Government to liquidate enemy businesses. He has returned to Auckland seriously ill.

Mr. P. C. Froeth (Palmerston, N.) has been elected to the Wanganni Education Board in succession to Mr. F. Pirani, who came to England as one of the Press delegates.

Nurse M. Bull (Anderson's Bay, Dunedin), who gained the highest marks in the hospital examination, has been appointed sister at Timaru Hospital, where she was trained.

Mr. F. G. Hall-Jones, son of Sir W. Hall-Jones, has acquired the legal practice of Rattray, Armistead and Murray in Invercargill. He served with the Main Body, and was wounded at Gallipoli.

Mr. J. R. Fow, deputy-Mayor of Hamilton, has been unanimously elected to the mayoralty, in succession to the late Mr. J. W. Ellis. Mr. Ellis in his younger days was a great friend of "King" Tawhiao.

Members of the Ngapuhi tribe in camp at Narrow Neck passed a resolution favouring the appointment of Mr. A. Rupene, of Hokianganga, to the Legislative Council. Mr. Rupene served in France with the Maori Contingent.

The following N.Z. engineers passed the examinations of the Institute of C.E., London. Prel. and Assoc.: P. Keller, Whangamomona; J. B. Marks, Alexandra. Prel.: E. F. McKenzie, Ch. Ch. Assoc.: A. G. Walker, Auckland.

Miss Constance Cayley (Mrs. Louis Schatz) will probably play the "boy" for the remainder of the "Dick Whittington" season in Australia. She was well known as a member of the old Pollard Opera Company under the name of Connie Buttell.

The Hon. W. Pember Reeves, formerly High Commissioner for N.Z. and now director of the School of Economics and chairman of the National Bank of N.Z., is appointed an expert adviser under the War Office scheme for Army Education.

Miss Juniper, the new supervisor of domestic training for Auckland, graduated at Norfolk Training College, and left England for Canada fourteen years ago. A college, with agriculture and home science branches, has been added to McGill University.

Mr. E. P. Hay, solicitor to the Public Trust Office, has resigned to enter the Wellington legal firm of Barton and Mazengarb. He was first assistant solicitor for eight years, and was appointed chief when Mr. J. W. Macdonald became Assistant Public Trustee.

Dr. J. W. McIlraith, inspector of schools in Auckland, is appointed principal of the Auckland Training College for the duration and twelve months thereafter. There were five applicants. Mr. H. G. Cousins, M.A., being the runner-up. The vacancy is caused by the death in action of the late principal, Lieut. Milnes.

Mr. J. Moray Smith, of the N.Z.L. and M.A. Co., Ch. Ch., becomes inspector at Wellington, in consequence of the promotion of Mr. S. Clarke Johnson to be general manager. Mr. R. W. Waterhouse, manager at Wellington, goes to Napier to take charge of the H.B. business, in succession to Mr. G. Shand, who has gone into camp.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Lt. Hector Steele, M.C., R.F.A. (Waikato), was wounded at Bourlon Wood.

Lt. Edwin L. Hall, A.I.F. (Ch. Ch.), has been wounded and gassed in France.

Lt. Leslie G. Ring, London Rgt., son of Mr. James Ring, Greymouth, was killed in action on September 18, aged thirty. He got his commission early in 1916.

Lt. H. E. Hyde, R.A.F., reported missing, comes from Timburn, Otago, and is the author of a book on a peace league, which attracted considerable attention.

The Rev. Cecil A. Mallett, C.F. (C. of E.), attd. to the Base Depot in France, lost his life recently in the burning of a hut. He was thirty-seven years of age and was curate at Morrinsville. He had been for a year with the N.Z.E.F.

Lt. C. R. Nichols, E. Surr. Rgt. (attd. T.M.B.), who is reported killed in action, was son of Col. J. C. Nichols, C.B.E., O.C. Otago District, and an O.B. of Christ's College. He came to Canterbury for a regular commission early in 1915. He was wounded in 1917.

Capt. H. L. Murgatroyd, M.C., Leicester Rgt., attd. Lancs. Fus., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Murgatroyd, Hororata, died of wounds on September 27, aged twenty-three. He got his commission from the Inns of Court in 1914, and served in Gallipoli and Egypt before going to the Western front. The death occurred at Indianapolis, U.S.A., while flying, of Capt. Joseph J. Hammond, R.A.F., one of the earliest N.Z. aviators. He commenced flying with the Bristol Aeroplane Company, and took one of the machines to N.Z. in April, 1915. He was commanding a war station in Scotland last year.

GONE WEST.

(THE NEW ZEALANDER Special Cable.)
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The death is announced of Mrs. Alice Frances Julius, wife of the Bishop of Christchurch.

Mr. Hubert P. Barry, formerly superintendent at the Waihi Mine, is dead.

Mrs. Julius was a daughter of the late Col. M. J. Rowlandson, and was married in 1872. Mr. Barry's son, Sgt. A. V. Barry, has served throughout the war in King Edward's Horse. He was wounded in February.

Mrs. Florence G. D. Connell, wife of Harvey Connell, Auckland; Mrs. G. C. Clothier, 60, Claudlands, Waikato; Arthur Tilly, 69, Auckland; B. W. D. Cooke, 81, Onerahi; Henry C. H. Walker, 59, Auckland (father of the late Capt. H. J. Walker, R. War. Rgt., and of Maj. Alan Walker, R.B.); J. W. Ellis, 64, Mayor of Hamilton; Henry W. Smith, Ponsouby; W. K. Carter, 95, Cambridge; Edward J. Waddell, librarian Working Men's Club, Auckland; Rev. S. J. Neill (formerly of Thames), at Point Loma, California; Jane M. Wood, Waihi; John McKenzie, 68, Auckland; Andrew W. Creamer, 50, Newton; Henry Goldsworthy, 68, formerly mine manager, Thames and Kuaotunu, Paeroa (suddenly), Samuel Blomfield, 83, Birkenhead.

Mrs. George Cotterill, Napier; T. P. Kemble, 52, Te Rangitumau; John Merrick, 58, Napier; Samuel Alpe, 83, Wellington (won the best fieldman's prize against Lilywhite's team at Ch. Ch. in 1878); Charles T. Jefferson, Wanganui; Edward Bree, Otaki; James Slattery, 48, Wellington South; James P. Hewitt, Wellington; J. P. Kelly, chief mechanical engineer's office, N.Z.R., Wellington (accidentally, at Waipukurau); James Bennett, Kawhata, Rangitikei; Frederick G. Hartley, 54, National B.N.Z., Stratford; Lewis Oughton, 67, Miramar; J. S. Welch, 87, Lands and Survey Dept., Wellington; Z. Nimmo, 78, Palmerston N.; Mrs. Charlotte Macdonald, Wellington.

William Richardson, Reefton (a founder of the Reefton J.C.); Michael Frazer, 74, Kaiapoi (formerly mayor of Cromwell and chairman Otago Education Board); Henry Smith, 70, Little River; Marmaduke J. Dixon, 58, Rangiora; Mrs. Mary Haddow, 86, Nelson; Mrs. Lucy Batchelor, 73, Nelson; Mrs. John Cameron, Waimate; Hugh Kerr, Fairlie; Mrs. O'Grady, 76, wife of Inspector O'Grady, West Coast, Ch. Ch.; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Blee, 86, Ashburton; Mrs. E. Griffin, racecourse, Reefton; Mrs. Vernon Irving, Ch. Ch.; Alexander G. Ashby, 59, clerk S.M. Court, Kaiapoi-Rangiora.

John Brocklehurst, formerly N.Z. Railways (at Palmerston N.); Mrs. H. Adam, Dunedin; David H. Jennings, 73, Oamaru; Mrs. J. F. Woodhouse, Dunedin (mother of Major P. R. Woodhouse, M.C., R.A.M.C.); William Calder, senr., 81, Heddon Bush; W. V. Robb, ticket inspector Invercargill Railways; Captain John Gibb, 70, formerly commodore U.S.S. Co. (in Sydney); Mrs. Susannah Howard, 98, Invercargill.

THE PRESS DELEGATES.

DEPARTURE FOR HOME.

After a most interesting and instructive tour of the war activities of Great Britain, including visits to the Fleet and to the Front, five of the N.Z. Press delegates left for home last week, namely, Mr. G. Fenwick ("Otago Daily Times"), Hon. W. J. Geddis ("N.Z. Times"), Mr. R. M. Hackett ("N.Z. Herald"), Mr. M. L. Reading ("Lyttelton Times"), Mr. C. W. Earle ("The Dominion").

Mr. F. Pirani ("Feilding Star") will remain in England for a few weeks longer, and, it is understood, will return home by a transport.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS.

NEW ZEALANDERS HONOURED.

The following have recently received their decorations at Buckingham Palace: M.C.: Capt. Edgar Hare, D.C.L.I. (Southland); Lieut. L. P. Leary, R.F.A. (Palmerston, N.).

The D.S.O. has been awarded to the late Lt.-Col. Cecil F. G. Humphries, M.C., D.C.M., D.C.L.I. (Ch. Ch.).

N.Z.E.F. AWARDS.

The following new awards in the N.Z.E.F. are announced:

Bar to D.S.O.: Maj. H. G. Wilding, N.Z.F.A.

D.S.O.: Maj. J. Hargest, M.C., Otago R.; T. Farr, N.Z.F.A.; O. H. McClelland and W. C. Sinel, A.I.R.; F. K. Turnbull, W.I.R.

Bar to M.C.: Lts. F. E. Asby, Wgtn. R.; K. Scott, O.I.R.; 2nd Lts. R. V. Hollis, W.I.R.; J. A. McK. Roy, R.B.

M.C.: Capt. P. A. Ardagh, Med. C.; Lts. H. C. J. Knubley, E. H. Blomfield, and 2nd Lt. W. H. Yorke, Cyc. C.; 2nd Lts. R. E. Fyfe, Otago R.; A. H. Miller, N.Z.F.A.

D.C.M.: C.S.M. W. G. Munn, N.Z.E.; Sgts. P. T. Moir, M.M., J. P. Kennett, and T. Rielly (killed in action), Otago R.; Cpl. R. T. Corsbie, R.B.; C.S.M. G. B. Baker, M.M., Cyc. C.; Tpr. P. Weaver, O.M.R.; Pte. E. Lanauze, Wgtn. Rt.

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Ptes. L. T. Wilcock 53115, W. Berry 44686, and W. G. Lovie 52234, all of the Auck. Rgt., have been nominated for permanent commissions in the Indian Army, and will train at Newmarket.

Miss Florence M. Gittens, who qualified at Auckland Hospital, has joined the N.Z.A.N.S. in England.

Mr. C. E. Chatfield has attested in England, and has gone to the N.Z.F.A. as a gunner.

Discharged, medically unfit: 37176 Spr. J. F. Cadigan, N.Z.E.; 122673 Pte. J. H. Cooper, Auck. Rt.; 40281 T. Birkett, Auck. Rt.; 19061 Rfm. W. W. Smith, 3rd R.B.; 13130 Pte. R. J. Smith, 1st R.B.; 23/98 Pte. J. A. Cole, 2nd Cant.; 8/837 Pte. A. Mitchell, 2nd Cant.

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The Taumarunui Hospital Board has been granted a loan of £25,000 for the erection of a new hospital.

The Marine Department has had great difficulty in filling vacancies in the lighthouse staff owing to the enlistment of its employees.

N.Z. WAR CONTINGENT ASSOCIATION.

125, High Holborn, W.G.
Telephone: Museum 3131, 3132, 3133.
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Chairman—COUNTESS OF HARDWICKE, Hon. Sec.—Miss HELEN MACKENZIE.

Clubs Committee:
Chairman—Mr. R. D. DOUGLAS McLEAN, Hon. Sec.—Miss HELEN MACKENZIE.

Hostel Committee:
Chairman—Mr. A. E. RUSSELL, Hon. Sec.—Mr. R. H. NOLAN, C.B.E.

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THE MAGISTRACY.

A NEW APPOINTMENT.

Mr. E. C. Levvey (Wellington), has been appointed to a vacancy on the magisterial bench, and will be stationed on the West Coast.

Mr. J. W. Poynton, when he relinquishes M.S. Board duty, will take charge of Auckland suburban district. Mr. Page goes to Palmerston N., and Mr. Kenrick from Palmerston N. to Rotorua. Mr. Dyer goes from Rotorua to Napier. Mr. F. K. Hunt, Ch. Ch., will take charge of Dargaville and Pukekohe. Mr. J. E. Wilson will be temporary second S.M. at Auckland, and Mr. F. V. Fraser remains as second S.M. at Wellington. Mr. S. E. McCarthy goes to Ch. Ch.

Birth.—On Oct. 7, at Auckland, to the wife of Maj. Sir Robt. Walker, Coldstream Gds., a son.

N.Z. Y.M.C.A. ABROAD.

Headquarters, 15, Gower-st. (opp. Shakespeare Hut). Tel., Museum 746.
 Supervising Secretary: George W. W. B. Hughes (Dunedin).
Shakespeare Hut, Gower-street, behind the British Museum. Accommodation for 400 men. Lounge, billiards, hot baths, correspondence rooms, concert hall (piano and pipe organ). Orchestra daily. Canteen open day and night.
Clubs for N.Z. Soldiers.
France.—At the front and at base camp, etc.
England.—Sling, Codford, Brockenhurst, Walton-on-Thames, Torquay, Brocton, Ewsfott, Boscombe, Hornchurch.
Egypt.—At the front, base camp, Ezbekieh Gardens, Cairo.

To See London.

Parties leave Y.M.C.A. huts every morning about 9.30. Conducted drives also arranged. Inquire at huts.

A word to soldier visitors: Never go wrong for want of asking. Anyone in uniform will direct you.

TE WHARE PUNI CLUB, HORNCHURCH.

Founded by the Williams Family.
 Manageress—Mrs. Crofts.

ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES.

(The New Zealand Special Cable.)

WELLINGTON, October 10.

Mr. William Ward, a well-known stockman, was gored to death by a bull in the railway yard at Wellington.

James White of Whakamara, was seriously injured by a motor-lorry running over his legs.

Percy Parker, aged 21, while motor cycling in Carterton, collided with a train at Kent-street crossing and died of injuries.

A tramway labourer named John Patten, aged 55, living in Great North-road, Grey Lynn, was knocked down by a motor-car and killed.

A married man named Houghton, of Agnew-street, South Dunedin, while fishing near Cape Saunders lighthouse, was washed off a rock and drowned.

Garnet H. Tregonning, a Lee Stream sheep farmer, was found lying dead with a gunshot wound in his head caused, the jury believed, by an accidental discharge.

A returned soldier named Gordon Randall was using a rifle as a walking-stick at Ahu Ahu when it was accidentally discharged. The bullet, entering his face below the jaw, severely wounded him.

FIRES.

AN AEROPLANE BURNED.

(The New Zealand Special Cable.)

WELLINGTON, October 10.

By an accidental fire at the Flying School of the Canterbury Aviation Company, at Sockburn, one of the machines was destroyed.

A fire in the benzene store at Beach-road, Auckland, resulted in the destruction of between 7,000 and 8,000 cases of spirit. It was burning for some days.

A two-storey sixteen-roomed dwelling, at Blenheim, owned by Mr. Norman Dodson, and occupied by Mr. Frank Dodson, was destroyed by fire. Insurances, £700.

Damage estimated at £500 was done by a fire in the workshop of the Crescent Manufacturing Company, Wiltshire-buildings, Ch.ch. Miss Culliford's studio on the floor above was slightly damaged.

EQUAL JUSTICE.

RETURNED SOLDIERS IN COURT.

SHOULD JURIES DISCRIMINATE?

The attitude of the law towards soldiers came up in an interesting manner in the Supreme Court at Ch.ch. before Mr. Justice Herdman, when a young man who had served at the front was charged with breaking and entering and theft.

Mr. W. J. Hunter, for the accused, suggested that the law would have to deal gently with men who had passed through terrible scenes of blood and agony and devilish cruelty on the battlefields of France. They must have consideration for the severe shocks they had gone through and the consequent weakness of their physical and mental faculties.

Mr. S. G. Raymond, K.C., Crown Prosecutor, contested this theory. If applied it would result in one standard of justice for returned soldiers, who were entitled to every degree of credit, and another for the ordinary citizen.

His Honour agreed that all were deeply sensible of the great obligations they owed to their returned soldiers for the splendid heroism they had shown. Nevertheless, the men who had served at the front must obey the laws of the country when they returned. It would be absurd for him to suggest that because a man had been a soldier and had borne a good character he should be brought in not guilty.

The jury acquitted the accused.

DUTY FURLOUGH.

LIBERAL AUSTRALIA.

In connection with the duty furlough to New Zealand for men with three years' service, the conditions are much less liberal than those in Australia.

Our men, on arriving in N.Z., are given twenty-eight days leave on full pay and a return railway pass to their homes. In Australia the men returning under similar conditions are given two months' leave on full pay, with a subsistence allowance of 3s. per day, and they may draw a quarter of their deferred pay.

THE LAW COURTS.

TROUBLES AND TRIALS.

Isaac H. Curtis was fined £40 and costs at Dunedin for keeping a common gaming house.

The Chief Justice at Wellington gave a declaratory judgment ordering the forfeiture of the fee-simple of a parcel of land held by an unnaturalised German.

When the quarterly sessions of the Supreme Court opened at Palmerston North there were no criminal cases, and Mr. Justice Chapman was presented with a pair of white gloves.

Capt. Alfred C. C. Stevens, N.Z.S.C., Group Commander at Milton, was acquitted in the Supreme Court at Dunedin of a number of charges of stealing Government money.

Miss Mary Randall, a Ch.ch. waitress, was awarded £638 damages against the Timaru "Herald" Company for injuries sustained by an accident to their mail car, in which she was travelling.

Robert Abercrombie Brown, lately accountant to the Auckland Farmers' Union Trading Company, pleaded guilty to the theft of moneys belonging to the company and was committed for sentence.

William Uren, on the permanent staff of the Ch.ch. Fire Brigade, pleaded guilty to forging and uttering a cheque and, having several previous convictions, was sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment.

The jury awarded £543 damages to N. F. Morgan against Michael Flynn in connection with a collision on the Waimate-Forks road. Plaintiff, while motor-cycling at night, ran into defendant's unlighted gig.

The S.M. at Dunedin considered Capt. Fraser, assistant superintendent of Mercantile Marine, at Port Chalmers, a "most excitable person," and fined him £10 and costs for refusing to show his pass and obstructing an armed guard.

A man named George Yates, accused at Wellington of the theft of leather from the Government, said the department declined to accept his resignation and he stole the goods deliberately to obtain his discharge. He was fined £5.

Mr. Justice Cooper, at Auckland, gave judgment for William A. Rockland, a motor inspector in the tramways, against the company. The principle involved was that a servant who was reinstated on appeal was entitled to recover wages for the period of suspension.

A number of young Jugo-Slavs who struck work while engaged on national work at Okahukura, were ordered to come up for sentence, the S.M. holding that they would be better working than in gaol. Several of them still declined to report for duty and were sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

The full court gave judgment against Samuel E. Fitzgerald in the case in which he proceeded against the members of a courtmartial which sentenced him as a deserter. Though Major Kirk was declared ineligible to act on courtmartial, the sentence was not a nullity and no action could lie. Costs were not allowed.

The Red Cross Society at Ch.ch. first learned that certain sums of money had been embezzled by a clerk named Arthur R. Cole, when they saw themselves scheduled as unsecured creditors in his estate. He was simple in his habits, said his counsel (Mr. Alpers), and probably in his intellect, too. The moneys were collections made by several ladies in the south-west ward. Cole was committed for sentence.

Mr. Justice Herdman severely reprimanded at Ch.ch. Mr. and Mrs. William G. Price, who were found guilty of sheltering and assisting deserters, one of them being their son. In sentencing them to six months' imprisonment without hard labour he said he could not think what foolish notions they had got into their heads. Fortunately the great bulk of the population of N.Z. were sending their sons to the war cheerfully. Mrs. Price is daughter of a previous mayor of Ch.ch.

COST OF LIVING.

WORKERS' DEMANDS.

TRAMWAY STRIKE SETTLED.

(The New Zealand Special Cable.)

WELLINGTON, October 10.

The officials of the Post and Telegraph Dept. are agitating for increased salaries owing to the extra cost of living.

The conference to discuss the tramway strike in Wellington has granted the men 1s. 4d. an hour and overtime at the old rates.

The tramways have resumed running their full services.

A civic reception was given in Ch.ch. to Mr. George Bell, M.P., of British Columbia, and Mr. James Simpson, vice-president of the Canadian Trades and Labour Conference, who, with Prof. Bayley, of Winnipeg University, are taking part in the prohibition campaign.

A FAMILY QUARREL.

AUCKLAND HUSBAND CHARGED.

(The New Zealand Special Cable.)

WELLINGTON, October 10.

John Arnold, of Alfriston, after quarrelling with his wife, is alleged to have attempted to murder her.

It is stated that he bound her to a bed and set fire to the house. Mrs. Arnold managed to free herself and escaped with the six children.

Arnold then disappeared, but was afterwards arrested and charged with the offence. He is forty-two years of age.

Alfriston is eighteen miles from Auckland.

N.Z. NAVAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

A PROPOSED ORGANISATION.

It is proposed to form an association to further the interests of temporary N.Z. officers at present serving in the Royal Navy, R.N.R., and R.N.V.R.

Amongst the proposed objects are to provide a common meeting place in London; to keep a register of all officers serving, with next-of-kin; to record their war services, and, if possible, to have annual reunions. The association will, of course, continue in N.Z. after the war.

All enquiries should be addressed to the secretaries, pro. tem., Lt. J. C. Hewson, R.N.V.R., and Lt. C. H. Palmer, R.N.V.R., c/o THE NEW ZEALANDER.

MARINE RISKS.

NEW ZEALAND COASTERS.

(The New Zealand Special Cable.)

WELLINGTON, October 10.

As the outcome of enquiries made by the Government, it has been ascertained that the British scheme of compensation for marine losses during the war applies equally to vessels engaged in the N.Z. coastal trade.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

EFFICIENCY BOARD'S REPORT.

The report of the National Efficiency Board on the liquor question in N.Z. shows that evidence was sought from the most widely diverse interests. The Board "did not permit its judgment to be influenced by the moral aspect of the question."

"From a national efficiency point of view," they say, "we are convinced that it would be beneficial to the nation and conducive to the well-being of the people that the liquor traffic should be prohibited. This view is supported by results obtained in our own country under conditional prohibition, and confirmed wherever prohibition has operated. The greatest efficiency would be attained by a state of complete prohibition, but the Board recognises that this is a people's question, and should be determined only by them."

As regards the loss of public revenue, it is remarked that "the people should be better able to provide the necessary amount of taxation if the inefficiency at present created by the effects of alcohol is removed. The increased national thrift which would follow the diversion to productive trade channels of money now spent on liquor would more than counteract the loss of public revenue. The money now spent on liquor would be spent or invested in some other direction."

FOR IMMEDIATE DECISION.

The Board, therefore, recommended that the question of immediate national prohibition, with compensation, should be submitted to a vote at the earliest possible moment. Public sentiment was such that it would approve of the opportunity being given. Any compensation would for the most part be invested in the Dominion for production and trade. No compensation would be required for individual employees, as they would be absorbed elsewhere. The parties to be compensated would be the brewers, wine manufacturers, hop growers, and the wholesale and retail vendors and the owners of licensed properties. Compensation, paid as suggested, and preferably in Govt. securities, would be a sound investment for the State, and would be recouped by increased national efficiency.

The Board states that while it approached the question from the view-point of war conditions, yet, as the enquiry proceeded, it became apparent that the efficiency of the State and of the individual both during the war and afterwards, was involved.

Mr. William Ferguson (Wellington) is chairman.

THE SCALE OF WAGES.

WAR INCREASES.

(The New Zealand Special Cable.)

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Since the beginning of the war wages in many occupations in New Zealand have increased by from 20 to 37 per cent. The increases are least in the non-essential industries.

According to official figures, the aerated water workers have received 4.3 per cent. extra, at one end of the scale, while the shearers, at the other end, have received 37.5 per cent. In one State coal mine the increases are nearly 38 per cent. Local bodies have granted 15.3 per cent. to unskilled labour and 31.3 to skilled labour.

It is stated that the increase in the cost of living is 39.35 per cent.

ON SERVICE.

Lt. W. H. C. Patrick, R.A.M.C., is promoted captain.

Lt. A. N. H. Whitecombe, R.F.A. (Ch.ch.) is in Russia.

Paymaster W. E. M. Guy, R.N.R. (late P.W.D., New Plymouth) is at Dunkirk.

Lt. R. M. Watson, R.N.V.R. (Ch.ch.), is transferred from a M.L. to a patrol ship.

Maj. M. E. Makgill-Crichton-Maitland, D.S.O., Gren. Gds., is lt.-col. commanding a battalion.

Maj. G. R. Pridham, D.S.O., R.E., formerly C.R.D., N.Z.E.F., has been promoted Lt.-Col.

Lts. R. H. Baigent, R.N.R. (Nelson), and H. H. D. Bothamley, R.A.F., are on their way to N.Z. on leave.

Mr. Reg. Woods, the well-known Ch.ch. musician and member of the Union Rowing Club, has gone into camp.

Capt. W. H. Johnston, R.A.M.C. (Wellington and Stratford), is on the orthopedic staff at the Reading War Hospital.

Lt.-Cdr. John Pearce, R.N.R. (Wellington), is operating from a French base. He has been in the naval service since 1915.

Capt. A. K. MacLachlan, R.A.M.C. (Doyles), is stationed at a hospital in Cambridge. He served in Gallipoli and Egypt.

Pte. B. W. H. Smart, who served with the 2/Otago Batt. is in the 16th Lancers, and has been nominated to train for a commission.

Lt. C. A. McLaren, United States Army, is the son of Mr. D. B. McLaren, of Ch.ch. He has been in business in Seattle for some time.

Mrs. Macdonald, wife of Lt.-Col. W. Marshall Macdonald, N.Z.M.C. (Dunedin), is again in France, attached to a Red Cross hospital.

Capt. Murdo M. McRae, R.A.M.C. (Te Kuiti), is on his way to N.Z. on a few months leave. He has seen much service in France and the Balkans.

Lt. Kirkby Wilson, R.E. (Auckland), is returning to Mesopotamia from furlough in N.Z. after having served in the East for almost three years.

Mr. G. E. Butler, the Wellington artist, and Mr. Alfred Pearce have been appointed hon. captains in the N.Z.E.F. for the purpose of doing war pictures.

C.M.M. W. A. Thompson, R.N.V.R. (Auckland), who has been serving in a M.L. in the Mediterranean for some time, is now stationed at a dockyard in Malta.

Mr. J. A. B. Hellaby (Auckland) is now with the Westinghouse Company in Manchester. He relinquished his commission in the R.E. a year ago owing to ill-health.

Sister E. Clare Jordan (Auckland), after three years' service with the Q.A.I.M.N.S., chiefly in France, has transferred to the N.Z.A.N.S. She was mentioned in despatches in 1916.

Asst.-Paymaster A. N. Field, R.N.V.R. (Wellington, late N.Z.E.F.), is the author of a useful guide-book to the British Isles for N.Z. soldiers, which is published by the N.Z. Y.M.C.A.

Eng.-Sub-Lt. J. le C. Morgan, R.N.R. (Wellington), ex-N.Z.F.A., transferred to the Navy in March, 1917, has seen some service in the Red Sea in connection with the Arab operations.

The Rector of Bere Ferrers, S. Devon, has sent £5 to the N.Z. Red Cross, the result of the collection taken at the dedication of the memorial tablet to N.Z. soldiers who were killed there in a railway accident.

WEDDINGS.

At Christ Church, Chelsea, on September 26, Lieut. A. Travers Black, R.N.V.R., of Sydney, to Charlotte, daughter of the late Rupert Stevenson, of Auckland.

On September 30, at St. Mary's, Buttsbury, Essex, Howard Spooner, E.A., R.N., Martinborough, to Margaret W. B., daughter of the late R. H. Tonking, Greenwich, and Mrs. Tonking, Leland, Cornwall.

At St. Stephen's, Gloucester-road, on September 26, Lieut. H. Bruce Mackenzie, N.Z.M.C., son of Sir Thomas Mackenzie, High Commissioner, and Lady Mackenzie, to Elyn Caroline, daughter of Mr. G. J. Nicholls, late Judge I.C.S., and Mrs. Nicholls, of Bideford. Sub-Lieut. C. S. Clarke, R.N.V.R. (late N.Z.F.A.), was best man, and Canon H. D. Burton, O.B.E., C.F., officiated.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Lieut. Robert Tapper, Dunedin, to Dorothy, daughter of Mrs. S. W. Trotter, Ch.ch., formerly of Invercargill.

Pte. Charles Heaphy, 8/3625, 2/ Otago Rgt., to Vera May, elder daughter of the late Sgt.-Maj. E. T. Handley, South Staffs. Rgt., and Mrs. Handley, of Wolverhampton.

SOLDIERS' INTERESTS.

PROTECTION OF HOMES.

(The New Zealand Special Cable.)

WELLINGTON, October 10.

The Government has promised to introduce legislation during the coming Session with the object of preventing landlords from selling the homes of men who are on active service, or evicting their wives.

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SPORTING.

(The New Zealand Special Cable.)
WELLINGTON, October 10.

The A.J.C. Derby, of £5,000 (1½ m.) was won by Mr. G. D. Greenwood's horse *Gloaming* (Wellington-Light).
In the Spring Stakes, of £1,200 (1¼ m.), *Desert Gold* was beaten a head by W. and F. A. Moses's *Poitrel*. The race was run in record time.

Gloaming is 4 years old. The Derby was won last year by the same owner's *Biplane*, and the year before by the N.Z. horse, *Kilboy*.
Poitrel, who defeated *Desert Gold*, is 3 years old, and, therefore, her junior by three years. He is by St. Alwyne-Poinard. The Spring Stakes was won last year by Wallace Inginglass, and the year before by Sasanof.

TURF TOPICS.

Mr. W. E. Bidwill has sold Association to go to Sydney.
Mr. E. S. Luttrell has decided not to persevere with *Kilboy*, who has been thrown out of work for good.
Percy Mason had charge of Mr. G. D. Greenwood's horses while his father was in Australia. He has been classed C2.
Nolan Bros. (Okuru) have purchased the stallion *Obsono* from Mr. J. McBride (Queenstown) for stud purposes in S. Westland.
Maori Mat, who won the V.A.T.C. Debutant Stakes for Mr. E. J. Watt in 1915, is now running on pony courses in Sydney.
Mr. John Dooley, who fifty years ago was one of the biggest owners in S.C. and N.O., when he was host of the Waimate Hotel, is dead, aged 76.
The following North Island jockeys are bailed: H. Gray, L. H. Hewitt, H. Young, C. Price, W. Price, A. Lawrence. The Trentham trainer, H. Telford, is also included.
Mr. J. B. Reid has sold the imported mare *Simper* to a North Island buyer, as well as a filly by *Kilbroney*—*Grey Linnet*, an imported mare by *Thrush*—*Marie le Graye*, and some others.

At a sale of trotting stock belonging to Mr. Max Friedlander, Ashburton, the highest price was 43 gns., paid by Mr. C. Nordquist, for a three-year-old bay filly by *El Carbine*—*Woodymph*.
When she won the Brisbane Cup, *Irish Princess* (King Rufus—*Allannah*), who was bred by Mr. G. M. Currie at Koatani, equalled Prince *Bar-dolph's* Australian record of 3 min. 24½ sec. for 2 miles.
Mr. Donald McDonald, aged 46, well known in racing and polo circles at Wanganui, has died of heart failure. A fine cross-country rider, he was a member of the polo team which visited Australia.

The late Mr. Thomas Redwood was, in his youth, regarded as the horseman of the celebrated Marlborough family. He was a handier weight than his brothers, but he did not race on such an extensive scale.
Quincey King, an aged N.Z. gelding (Quincey—*Sir Woodburn*) put up a track record at the N.S.W. Trotting Club on June 12, when he won the Club Handicap, 1 mile 120 yards, unhoppled, in 3 min. 41½ sec.
The complicated case in which John Mann sued Jesse Tanner for £580 as damages for the wrongful seizure of the racehorses *Mystified* and *Gold-bearing* and other stock, ended in the jury awarding plaintiff £100.

The Sydney "Referee" thinks that if Waimai could win the G.N. Steeplechase at Auckland with 12st. up, which he did, N.Z. jumpers can scarcely be up to standard, since he could not win at Randwick last spring with 11st. 7lb. in a moderate field.
Mr. R. J. Maxwell is urging the A.J.C. to alter the rules of the N.Z. Cup in order to give the better horses a chance of winning. He suggests a minimum of 7st. 4lb. for four-year-olds and 7st. 10lb. for five-year-olds. The matter was brought forward four years ago, but voted owing to the war.

The following weights were apportioned to N.Z. horses in Australia:

	Caulfield Cup.	Melbourne Cup.
	st lb.	st lb.
Desert Gold	9 8	9 6
Estland	8 13	9 0
Finmark	7 9	7 7
Kilfinn	7 7	7 3
Killowen	7 1	6 13
Kilmalno	6 7	6 7

THE PRICE OF COAL.

INCREASE OF TWO SHILLINGS.

(The New Zealand Special Cable.)
WELLINGTON, October 10.

Following on the recent concession of higher wages to the miners, an increase of two shillings per ton in the price of coal to consumers is announced.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED MURDER.

MRS. MOODY COMMITTED.

(The New Zealand Special Cable.)
WELLINGTON, October 10.

Mrs. Mary Jane Moody (Dunedin) has been committed for trial on a charge of attempting to murder her husband, from whom she had been separated.
Mr. Moody was shot in the arm, an artery being severed.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS.

The teams in the inter-provincial match in which Canterbury defeated Otago by 11 points to 8 were:

Canterbury:—Full-back: P. O'Laughlin (Marists); three-quarters: A. McLeod (Ch.ch), R. E. Boag (Old Boys), G. Zimmerman (Old Boys); five-eighths: J. Hirst (Linwood), J. C. Mullins (Marists); half-back: A. D. Tench (Old Boys); wing-forward: I. Gray (Old Boys); forwards: A. Henry (Morivale), T. Gallivan (Albion), C. R. Murray (Ch.ch), E. Cummings (Linwood), W. Cummings (Linwood), C. Hegarty (Morivale), and E. Empson (Linwood).

Otago:—Full-back: Bond (Zingari); three-quarters: Wills (Zingari-Richmond), Valentine (University), Churchill (Pirates); five-eighths: MacDonald (Capt.) (Pirates), Jeffs (Pirates); half-back: Mathieson (Pirates); forwards: Bain, Mitchell, Irvine, Duncan (Southern), Patrick (Zingari), Fairmaid and Hutchison (University), Glangarry (Pt. Chalmers).

The teams in the match Auckland v. Thames, won by the former by 20 points to 10, were:—Auckland: Full-back: Kelly (Ponsonby); three-quarters: Wilson and Laxon (College Rifles), Nixon (Grafton); five-eighths: Marsden (Grammar O.B.), Wrighton (Ponsonby); half: Polson (Ponsonby); forwards: Gasparich (Univ.), Hammond (Grafton), Molloy (Univ.), McGore (Grafton), Lock (Ponsonby), Thomas (Univ.), Towers (Univ.), Hansch (Grafton). Emergencies: Burns, Paul, Prantice, Lusk, Payne, Aitken. Thames:—Full-back: J. Winder; three-quarters: McLeod, Rae, Miller; five-eighths: Clark, Prussing; half: McRae; forwards: Flemming, Smith, Challis, Walsh, Molloy, Wilton, McCollum, Brownlee. Emergencies: Fallon, Fisher.

The Auckland team chosen to play against Wellington was: Prussing, Wilson, Laxon, Nixon, Marsden, Righton, Polson, Gasparich, Hammond, Molloy, Lock, Thomas, Moore, McLean, Hansch, Towers, Payne, Kelly, Stanley, Brinsden, J. Molloy, Pooley, Longville, Gallaher, Delgrosso, Munro, Cogan, Grierson.

Auckland defeated Lower Waikato by 11 points to 7.

Waitaki B.H.S. defeated Christchurch B.H.S., at Oamaru, by 14 points to 3. The Ch.ch. team was: T. I. Lascelles, J. M. Willoughby, E. J. Bowes, R. S. Walker, W. Graham, S. R. Carleton, W. Dalley, L. D. Page, D. W. Reese, J. A. Fraser (captain), D. Gunn, D. Dickson, T. J. B. Donnelly, J. O. Forsyth, J. L. White. Emergencies: A. C. Allen, F. W. Petrie, Douglas, Inkson, McPhail, and Torlesse scored for Waitaki, Chishall converting. Allen kicked a penalty goal for Ch.ch.

The annual match between Christ's College and Otago B.H.S. was abandoned on account of rain.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY.

LIFE-SAVING AWARDS.

The Royal Humane Society of N.Z. is precluded by the rules from carrying out its desire to award the gold medal to the late Arthur H. Ambury for attempting to rescue his companion, W. E. Gourlay, from death in the Mt. Egmont fatality.

The following awards have been made:—Silver Medal: Rudolphus Richardson, Gisborne. Bronze Medal: Norman Batchelor, of Christ's College, New Brighton; Thomas Heaney and Eric D. Robinson, Gisborne. Framed Certificates: Glenwyn B. Ensor, aged 12, Cheltenham Beach. Certificates: Emily Towers, Thames; Alfred T. Cleverly, Wellington; Constable E. F. Jones, Palmerston N.; Ernest C. Cross (since killed in action), Sumner; Thomas Ingham, Lillian Whitely, and Eric Ellery, Gisborne, and John Cameron, Oamaru. Letters of commendation: Violet Metcalf, aged 14, Oamaru; William F. Murphy, Ten-Mile Creek.

GERMAN ESCAPEES.

SOMES ISLAND INCIDENTS.

Four German prisoners on *Somes Island* put to sea after nightfall—it was mid-winter—on a raft, hoping to make their escape. The raft drifted towards *Petone*, and was wrecked beside the *Hutt* railway. Three of the fugitives were discovered an hour or two later and taken into Wellington, and the fourth died of exposure on the roadside.

Deceased was Karl A. H. Kosel, a labourer, twenty-nine years of age, who had been suffering from asthma. The others were: William McKnab (formerly a painter, of Ch.ch.), Karl W. Mertin, seaman, formerly of *Te Awamutu*, and Alfred Krant, seaman, of *Dunedin*.

The raft was made of three boxes and five oil drums. It was propelled by two paddles and two spades, but began to sink 1,000 yards from *Somes Island*. Deceased, immediately on landing, said: "I am going to the first house I get to and no further." One of the survivors swam from *Somes Island* to *Petone* with a companion in 1915, and was met on the beach by an unromantic constable.

A week or two later four other Germans were missing from the internment camp, but two days later they were found shivering and half-starved in a carefully-screened dug-out within the enclosure.

After 53 years of useful service the Wanganui Volunteer Fire Brigade has gone out of existence, and a fire board is being established.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. W. G. McDonald, states that importations of petrol into N.Z. during the war have exceeded pre-war figures by millions of gallons annually. The alleged shortage has been brought about by panic buying and hoarding.

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RUGBY IN ENGLAND.

N.Z. men who formed part of the *Aldershot* Command XV, which defeated R.M.C. *Sandhurst* by 23 points (1 goal and 6 tries) to 6 (1 penalty goal and 1 try) were: Sgt. Holmes, Gunners *Walley*, *Boswell*, *Cameron*, *Wittner*, *Hay*, *Dalton*, *McCarlie* (N.Z.F.A.), *Cpl. Stohr*, and *Pte. Sykes* (N.Z.M.C.). A fine bout of passing was witnessed between *Stohr*, *Sykes*, and *Holmes*, enabling the latter to get in. *Command* led at half-time by 11 to 6. Afterwards the winners dominated the play, *Sykes* quickly scoring two tries, *Walley* getting the ball from *Sykes*, completed a fine run by crossing the *Sandhurst* line. Just before the finish *Holmes* put on another try for the *Command*.

At *Hornchurch*, N.Z. *Convalescent Camp* beat N.Z. *Headquarters* by 2 tries to 1. The teams were: N.Z.C.C.: *Cpl. Spillane*; *Pte. Hudson*, *Pte. Miles*, *Cpl. Sail*; *Sgt. Uly*, *Gnr. Drinkwater*; *Pte. Amodes*; *Sgt. Aitkin*, *Sgt. Sheehan*, *Sgt. Outram*, *Sgt. Cook*, *Cpl. Green*, *Cpl. Tate*, *Pte. Cleal*, *Pte. Worsfold*. N.Z.H.Q.: *Spr. Forester*; *Cpl. Fowler*, *Sgt. Millen*, *Pte. Lamsdy*; *Pte. Henry*, *Cpl. O'Brien*; *S.-S. Courtney*; *Cpl. Anderson*, *Spr. Dennehy*, *Spr. Keenan*, *Cpl. Patterson*, *Pte. Dryden*, *Lt. Byrne*, *Cpl. Philipson*, *S.-S. Wilson*. Referee: *Lt. E. Booth*.

HOCKEY.

The *Auckland* championship was won by *University*, which, in the play-off, defeated *Mount Eden* by 2 goals to 0.

In a 7-aside tournament, *Edendale* defeated *North Shore*; *Training College* defeated *Areta* in the first round. In the second, *Training College* defeated *Edendale*, and *St. Luke's* defeated *Mount Eden*. In the final, *Training College* defeated *St. Luke's* by 2 points to 1.

Canterbury beat *Otago* by 6 goals to 1. For *Canterbury* *Smith* (3), *Bell* (2), and *Holland* scored, and for *Otago* *Hogg* scored in the last minute.

ONEHUNGA MAYORALTY.

MR. BOYD RESIGNS.

Mr. J. J. Boyd resigned the mayoralty of *Onehunga* following the abandonment of his appeal in the *Zoo* case.

After a heated scene in the Council, Mr. J. Stoupe, the Deputy-Mayor, was elected Mayor. Two Councillors (*Dillcar* and *W. J. Brewin*) resigned "owing to the manner in which the Council's business is conducted and the wishes of the electors being ignored."

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