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TIME TABLE—DECEMBER.
Weather and other circumstances permitting

FOR THAMES.
Connecting with River Steamers for Paeroa and Upper Thames Settlements

Leaves Thames

Friday 20...Wakatere, 1.15 afternoon
Saturday 21...Wakatere, 2.15 afternoon
Saturday 21...Terranora, midnight
Monday 23...Wakatere, 4 afternoon
Tuesday 24...Terranora, 6 morning
Tuesday 24 Wakatere, 5 evening
Wednesday 25...Wakatere 5 evening
Thursday 26...Terranora 7.30 night
Friday 27 Wakatere, 7.30 night
Saturday 28 ..Terranora. 7 morning
Sunday 29...Wakatere 9 morning
Monday 30...Wakatere 10.30 morning

Leaves Auckland.

Friday 20...Wakatere, 8 morning
Friday 20 Terranora 7.30 evening
Saturday 21...Wakatere, 9 morning
Monday 23...Wakatere 10.45 morning
Monday 23...Terranora, 10.30 night
Tuesday 24...Wakatere, 11 45 morning
Tuesday 24...Wakatere, midnight
Wednesday 26 ..Terranora, midnight
Thursday 26...Wakatere Midnight
Friday 27...Terranora 3 afternoon
Saturday...28 Wakatere 4 afternoon
Monday 30 Wakatere 6 morning
Monday 30th Terranora 4 afternoon

SUMMER PASSAGE RATES, from 8th November, 1901, to 31st March, 1902:—

Saloon, Return	10s.
Saloon, Single	7s 6d
Steerage, Return	7s 6d
Steerage, Single	5s

TEAM COMMUNICATION WITH PAEROA AND TE AROHA.

FOR PAEROA, TURUA, KOPU, Etc.

Taniwha...Friday, 20th, 6.30 night
Waimarie...Sunday 22nd, 9 night
Taniwha...Monday 23rd, 10 night
Taniwha...Thursday 26th, midnight
Waimarie .Friday 27th, 1 afternoon
Taniwha .Sunday 29th, 2 afternoon
Waimarie. .Monday 30th, 3 afternoon

LEAVES PAEROA (calling at Kopu 2½ Hours later.)

Waimarie...Friday 20th, 2 afternoon
Taniwha Saturday 21st, 3 afternoon
Waimarie...Monday 23rd, 5.30 evening
Taniwha Tuesday 24th, 6.30 evening
Taniwha...Friday 27th, 8 morning
Waimarie...Saturday 28th, 9 morning
Taniwha...Monday 30th, 10 morning

COROMANDEL TO THAMES

S.S. FALCON.

For Thames from Coromandel
Saturday 21st 9.30 morning
Monday 23rd, 11.30 morning
Friday 27th, 6 morning
Saturday 28th, 6 morning
Monday 30th, 6 morning
From Thames for Coromandel
Saturday 21st, 1.30 afternoon
Monday 23rd, 3.30 afternoon
Friday 27th, 6 evening
Saturday 28th 10 morning
Monday, 30th, 10 morning
Fares—Single 5s, Return 7s 6d

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Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on arrival of the steamer from Auckland.
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Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7 morning.
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For Auckland, this day at 7 p.m (CPO) and to-morrow at 1.35 p.m and 7 p.m (CPO)
For Australian States, to-morrow at 1.35 p.m
For Ceylon, India, China, Japan, Straits Settlement. Aden, Suez, Mediterranean Ports, Continent of Europe, and United Kingdom, to-morrow at 1.35 p.m.
For Gisborne, Napier, and Wellington, Monday at 3.20 p.m
For Coromandel (per Falcon), this day at 10 a.m.
For Capetown from Sydney "per Persic" on 28th instant
For Aongatetee, Athenree and Katikati on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m.
For Netherton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.30 a.m.
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The Sharemarket.

(By Telegraph.—Own Correspondent.)

AUCKLAND, December 20
The following are the latest quotations
Sales—
Taupiri Coal—17s 6d
Avondale Brick and Pottery —23s
Buyers
Broken Hill—2½d
Kuranui—3½d
May Queen—5d
Victoria—2d
Monowai —2s 6d
Welcome Jack —4d
Imperial—5d
Crown 10s
Komata Reefs—9½d
Maratoto—2d
Pride of Waihi—2½d
Tairua Broken Hills—2s 11d
Talisman—17s 6d
Waihi—£6
Waihi Consolidated—1s 3d
Waihi Consols—2½d
Waihi Extended—2s 6d
Waihi Grand Junction—39s
Waihi South 10½d
Waitekauri 8s 3d
Royal Oak—9d
Manaia (deferred)—1s 9d

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Kauaeranga Valley.—Unimproved farm of 620 acres.
MATATOKE—Two Hilly Sections, Marshall's Farm.
PARAWAI—Mr Prescott's Property about 31 acres.
COLLARBONE SPUR — Seven Roomed House with or without Orion Range, 1 Acre of Land planted with peaches, plums, pears, apricots and grape vines Must be sold. Owner leaving district Residence Eight 19 Years Lease to run.
TARARU ROAD—Four Roomed Cottage in Good Order. Terms : £5 deposit and 6s per week for 4½ years
KOMATA—Komata Flax Mill with 70 acres and 4 and 2 roomed cottages and Stable. Easy terms.

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FIVE ROOMED COTTAGE.- Davy St.
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Houses at Tararu.
BEACH ROAD - 4 roomed cottage in best of order.

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Reductions for Xmas.

In Pudding Fruits special reductions have been made for choice, large, new samples; also in other lines, both in the Grocery and Crockery Departments, which are very heavily stocked with Best Goods for the 'Xmas and New Year trade. Hams, just cured, now landing (Green's and other brands) at lowest rates going.

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By Purchasing in the Best Markets and IMPORTING DIRECT we are in the position to compete well and offer good value to all who may entrust us with their favour. Special reductions to large cash purchasers.

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PACKET TEAS:

Nelson Moate 1s 4d, Nathan's Standard 1s 3d, Mixed 1s, Gold Dust 1s, Pure Indian packet 1s 2d, Broken Leaf packet 1s 1d, 2lb Billey Tea 2s 8d, N.M. 2lb tins 2s 8d.

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FISHING YACHT—"Princess" with 2 dingys, 2 sets sails, 2 Fishing nets and gear, £30.
MANNING'S RESERVE—Several good building allotments in this conveniently situated block; full particulars on application.
BILLIARD TABLE—¾ size in good order, balls, cues, markers etc., £14.
OMAHU.—Mr Fred Stock's dairy farm of 40 acres rich land, in 6 paddocks; garden and orchard; also 6 rmd dwelling, and complete farm and dairy outbuildings. £600.
BIRD-IN-HAND HILL.—Small cottage of 4 rooms, outhouses, garden, in good position R.S. Only £25 cash.
WAIKAWAU Sheep farm of 189 acres, nearly all cleared and in grass, 8 roomed kauri house, sheep pen and dip and farm outbuildings. Sea frontage and coach road from Thames and Coromandel. Price £500
ONETAI—First class farm of £165 acres rich drained swamp, nearly all cleared, fenced and in grass. Dwelling of 6 rooms and outhouses. Close to creamery and railway station. Intersected and watered by two clear streams. Land transfer title. Price £12 per acre.
MATATOKE ROAD.—Dairy farm of 93 acres, all fenced and sub-divided; alsodwelling of 4 rooms, cowshed, stable, etc. 15 minutes from creamery and station. Or will sell in suitable lots. 195
KAUAERANGA VALLEY.—8 acres of good flat land, fenced and in grass. £7 per acre. 169
MOUNT PLEASANT.—Dairy farm and market garden, orchard, etc. 16 acres leasehold; also two dwellings of 5 and 6 rooms. Price, only £60. Full particulars onapplication. 149
MOUNT PLEASANT.—Comfortable dwelling of 7 rooms and bathroom, Orion range, etc., and ½ acre section. Leasehold. £120. 20
KIRI KIRI.—17 acres of unimproved land covered with high ti-tree. £50. 191
QUEEN ST.—Two building allotments, unrivalled for situation. Offers invited. 9
POLLEN ST.—New well built kauri dwelling of 6 large rooms, bathroom, pantry, and scullery, Orion range, outhouses, and allotment 66 x 165. £575. 115
PARAWAI.—Dwelling of 5 rooms and allotment, 40 x 200 £135. 91
RICHMOND ST.—Cottage 5 rooms and freehold allotment 33 x 165. £150. 75
Several very desirable properties for sale or to let. Particulars on application.

TO LET.—

BEACH ROAD.—"Pah" Villa, 8 Rooms and Scullery, Stable, Coach-house, Wash-house With Built in Copper and Tubs, and Every Convenience. To Good Tenant, rent moderate.
MACKAY ST. — Cottage 4 Rooms, 5s.
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POLLEN ST. — Shop, One Room, Large Front. 5s
WAIKAWAU. — Good Sheep and Cattle Farm, 189 Acres, 8 Roomed House and Outbuildings 13s 6d
FRANKLYN ST. — 5 Rooms, Orion Range Garden Etc., 5s 6d
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WHISKIES.	per bot.	
Usher's Whisky Special Reserve (white label)	5	0
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BRANDIES.		
Hennessy's ***	8	6
Hennessy's *	6	3
Boomerang	5	0
GINS.		
Square Gin, J.D.K.Z.	4	9
Burnett's Old Tom	4	6
Gilbey's Dry	4	3
Wolfe's Schnapps, quarts	4	9
Wolfe's Schnapps, pints	2	6
RUMS.		
Red Heart Rum	5	6
Lowndo's Rum	5	6
WINES.		
Choice Port	7	0
Invalid Port	6	0
Tawny	5	6
Rich Port	5	0
Fine Old Sherry	7	0
Good Sherry	5	0
Penfold's Frontignac	3	9
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DISTRICT ORDERS.

By Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Davies, C.B. Commanding Auckland District.

RECRUITS FOR 8th CONTINGENT.

RECRUITS will be drawn from the Auckland District as follows :—

Auckland	140
Whangarei	10
Dargaville	10
Thames	20
Cambridge	10
Huntly	10
Total	200

Recruiting Boards have been appointed at the above mentioned places and all applications are to be made by letter addressed to "The Recruiting Officer, Eighth Contingent, at the nearest of the above centres.

Applicants must present themselves for final selection to the Recruiting Board at the centre to which they have applied at 9 a.m. on Monday, 23 inst.

The places at which applicants are to present themselves at the various centres will be notified by Order in the newspapers at an early date.

Only applications addresed to Recruiting centres as above will be considered.

By order,—
(Signed) JAS. REID,
Captain and Acting Adjutant.

THE EIGHTH CONTINGENT.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.

ALL APPLICANTS must attend at the No. 1 Thames Rifles (late Navals) Drill Hall at 9 a.m. sharp on MONDAY, December 23rd, for the purpose of being medically examined, and if this be satisfactory tested in general proficiency and riding.
Horses will be provided for candidates.
By order Officer Commanding Auckland District.
For the Recruiting Board,
J. A. SHAND, Captain.

HAURAKI RIFLES.

DAYLIGHT INSPECTION will be held TO-MORROW, (Saturday) at 3.30 p.m.
W. H. LUCAS,
Captain Commanding.

THAMES RIFLES SOCIAL.

ANNUAL SOCIAL MEETING.

The members of the Thames Rifles (Navals) and Naval Band are requested to meet at the Drill Hall TO-NIGHT at 7.30 p.m. sharp to attend the Annual Social Meeting of the Company.
Uniforms: Blue; no side arms.

DISTRICT ORDER BY LIEUT.-COL. R. H. DAVIES, C.B., COMMANDING DISTRICT.

District Office,
Auckland, 19th December, 1901.

Applicants for Commissions in the Eighth Contingent, other than Officers of the Defence Forces, who wish to serve in the ranks, if not granted a Commission, must present themselves before the Recruiting Board at their own centres, so that they may have a chance for enrolment, failing selection as officers.

All Applicants for enrolment, who have applied at Auckland centre must present themselves for examination to the Recruiting Board at the Choral Hall on MONDAY NEXT, 23rd inst., between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

All applicants for enrolment at other centres must present themselves at the places appointed by the Recruiting Boards at those centres, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

By order—
(Signed) JAS. REID,
Captain and Acting-Adjt.

TO HOTEL-KEEPERS, DRAPERS, AND HEADS OF FAMILIES.

Monster Sale of Drapery, Clothing, etc.

£1000 worth to be be cleared regardless of loss, THIS DAY (FRIDAY) & TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), at 1.30 p.m sharp.

R. R. McGREGOR has received instructions from the N.S.W. Soft Goods Co. of Sydney, to sell the above at the large Sample Rooms adjoining the Junction Hotel. This stock has just arrived and consists of suiting of serges, tweeds, sergerettes, vicunas, 500 superior dress lengths, calicoes, sheeting, quilts, curtains, and other linen, too numerous to mention. The goods will be open for inspection each morning before the sale.
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SATURDAY, 21st Inst., at 11 a.m.

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The Thames Star.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1901.

With two exceptions, all the storekeepers in Oamaru have signed a petition to the Minister of Labour against the compulsory Saturday half-holiday under the Factories Act of last session.

A. Court has a good selection of Taylor's Celebrated Bowls in stock and a few pairs of Laurie's best quality at the Beehive.—Advt.

The local Banks have an advertisement in this issue directing the public attention to the appointed special bank holidays for Christmas and New Year.

COLLARETTES.—15doz. Collarettes and Fichus, newest styles, in Cream, White, Tuscan, and Black. Cheapest at Thorburn's.

The Hauraki Rifles will hold a daylight parade to-morrow afternoon at half-past three.

The handsome cup presented to the public schools for competition in the football field has been won by the Kauaeranga (Baillie-street) School, and has now been presented to the captain of the winning team.

A. Court is now showing new patterns in linoleums and floor cloths, carpets, window blinds, table covers, etc., at the Beehive.—Advt.

A team from the Hauraki Rifles will visit Waikato during the holidays, and will fire matches against teams from the No. 1 Company Waikato Mounted Rifles at Hamilton on Monday, December 30th, and No. 3 Company at Cambridge on Tuesday, 31st.

THE WISE WOMAN, be she maid, wife, or widow buys large parcels of Drapery at Thorburns.—Advt.

Important district orders in connection with the selection of members of the Eighth Contingent appear in our advertising columns. The special attention of those volunteering for active service is directed thereto.

A. Court has a good selection of Taylor's Celebrated Bowls in stock and a few pairs of Laurie's best quaity at the Beehive.—Advt.

Mr. Wearne, the late manager of the Union Waihi mine, was at Thames yesterday. He is proceeding to Wellington with his daughter and two sons. One of the latter intends returning to Waihi to resume his occupation as a miner.

If a lady with her eyes blindfolded had got cheated in the markets she would deserve some consideration, but when intelligent people with their eyes open have rubbish forced on them they alone are to blame. You can shut your eyes and buy the goods imported by W. S. Wylie for Christmas and you will be pleased with the value.—Advt.

We reciprocate the seasonable greetings of the Telegraph messengers of the Thames, who wish the staff a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We have much pleasure in testifying to the courtesy and efficiency of the members of this branch of the public service.

Cheap 'Xmas cheer. New season pudding fruit now landed, extra fine sample. Large new currants 6d, medium, new, 5d, good old fruit 4d, sultanas 6d and 7d, finest new elemes 6d, rolled oats 10d bag, choice new figs 8d, best lemon peel 6d, essence lemon, large bottles, (extra strong) 4d, 'Xmas hams, Green's celebrated cure and other brands, large line just unpacked. An early call will secure the pick. Best new factory cheese landing every week. 20 crates English crockery, glass, etc., lately unpacked. See advertisement in another column. W. Wood, Central Cheap Stores, Nos. 80,82, 84, Pollen street. Discount stamps given.—Advt.

The annual social meeting of the No. 1 Thames Rifles (Navals) will be held at the Junction Hotel sample rooms this evening. The company and band will meet at the hall at 7.30 and march to the hall set apart for the social.

[illegible] is on a visit to Thames, arriving by the Wakatere to-day.

EVERY LADY should see the beautiful sulphur bleach Gem Hats as sold at Thorburn's.—Advt.

On Christmas Eve the Hauraki Band will give an open air concert at the corner of Mary and Pollen streets, when a collection will be taken up on behalf of the band's contest fund.

We regret to learn that owing to recent circumstances Mr. J. W. Walker is not so sanguine about his prospecting scheme. Should anything arise to prevent the scheme being carried out it will be a great loss to the district, and we hope the difficulties which have arisen will be overcome.

The Hauraki Rifles are called out for to-morrow (Saturday) at 3.30 p.m. for inspection parade.

In the Kopu Hall last evening a farewell euchre party and dance was given to Miss L. Gibbons and Miss Wilcox. The committee were: Misses Guthrie, Fagan, and Murrich, Mesdames F. Gibbons, Smith, and Henry. Messrs. Peacock, Pike, A. Gibbons, C. Gibbons, and Henry. Everything was carried out in a most satisfactory manner, which reflected great credit on the Committee. During the evening Miss. Fagan sang and Mr. Murray read a short poem.

The local drapers have an advertisement in this issue of interest to all purchasers of Clark and Co.'s cotton.

Mrs. C. J. Wood has commenced Tea Rooms in Pollen street, opposite Loughlin, grocer.—Advt.

A splendid exhibition of physical drill was given by the Tararu Cadets, in full uniform, under Captain Newton and Lieut. Leech, last evening in St. James' Hall at the bazaar. The young New Zealanders proved themselves most fit, and promptly obeyed the word of command. It would have cheered the heart of Earl Roberts to have seen our budding warriors at work.

CORSETS.—Nothing is so essential to a perfect fitting costume as a perfect fitting Corset. You can get them at Thorburn's.—Advt.

The Board of Education having granted permission for the Tararu School to be closed to-day, the energetic members of the District School Committee have arranged for a picnic at Puru: the scholars forming the advance guard left at 8.30 a.m. and their elders at 11 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. With the fine weather the outing will doubtless prove most enjoyable.

The Thames Naval Band intend giving a free open air concert on Christmas Eve. They will march from the hall to the centre of the town, and here play a programme of select music.

Petitions against the granting of a borough to Waihi have received 750 signatures since Monday, and it is expected many more names will be added. The petitioners urge that to grant the establishment of a borough to Waihi would inflict a great wrong and injustice on the rest of the county, and that it would enable one township for urban improvements to absorb the bulk of the gold duty collected from the mines of the Ohinemuri County, which duty has hitherto been expended on the main and other roads of the county for the benefit of the mining community as a whole.

Miss Martin is prepared to alter ladies' own millinery to present styles. 96 Pollen street, Thames.—Advt.

Mrs Gerrighty wishes to intimate to her numerous patrons that she has opened in the new premises opposite Mr Driver, Pollen street, with a new and complete stock of fancy goods, stationery, toys, etc., and invites an inspection of the same.—Advt.

A large and representative meeting of the residents of Waikino, including all the business people, who held in the Victoria Hall on Wednesday evening. Mr. F. A. Jones was voted to the chair. A resolution was carried unanimously requesting the County Council to take the necessary steps to provide a water supply for the town. Messrs. T. Keohan and R. Montgomery were appointed a deputation to wait on the Council in support of the resolution, and to point out the urgent necessity of pushing on the matter with as little delay as possible.

BOYS bring along Ninepence and get fitted with a nice, clean, new Straw Hat at Thorburn's.—Advt.

The Recruiting Board for Thames for those wishing to proceed to South Africa on active service has already received a large number of applications from volunteers and others and many others are expected from the up-country districts. Applications must be forwarded to the district centre (Thames) addressed to "The Recruiting Officer." The Recruiting Board, which consists of Captain Shand, Surgeon Captain Lapraik ,of Thames, and Lieut. Strange, of Te Aroha, will meet at Thames next Monday, when the men will be medically examined and the riding and general proficiency tests made. This point should be thoroughly understood. The riding and other tests will be made at Thames, horses being provided for candidates, and the final selection will then be made. The Brigade Office has emphasised this fact by under-lining the sentence, "The Recruiting Board for your (Thames) district must assemble on the 23rd for final selection and medical examination of all applicants from your district.

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THE BOER WAR.

DELAGOA BAY RAILWAY.

A NEW CORPS BEING FORMED.

A KNOCK FOR THE BOERS.

RIOTING AT A PRO-BOER MEETING.

LLOYD GEORGE ESCAPES IN POLICEMAN'S CLOTHES.

(Press Association.—Copyright.)

LONDON, December 19.

The Delagoa Bay Railway has been re-opened for traffic at the rate prevailing prior to the war; also importation of natives for the mines.

A veteran's corps of Yeomanry, comprising colonials previously at the front, is being formed at Shortcliffe for South Africa. One hundred men have already enlisted.

LONDON, December 19.

The Standard's Brussell's correspondent states that in Boer circles they consider Kruitzinger's capture the greatest loss since Cronje's surrender.

At a pro-Boer meeting at Birmingham Town Hall many Unionists gained for admission and assailed D. Lloyd George, the member of the House of Commons for Carnarvon, with cries of traitor.

They prevented him from speaking.

George escaped in policeman's clothes.

Forty thousand outside smashed the windows, and carried a vote of confidence in the Government.

Rioting followed, breaking up the meeting inside the building.

The indignation that characterised the meeting was largely due to Mr. George's previous attitude, coupled with the attempt of Sir Campbell Bannerman's supporters to interpret Lord Rosebery's speech as leaning in their direction.

Later.

Twenty-seven men were injured at the Birmingham meeting, while one was killed.

The Ariadne Wreck.

FURTHER EVIDENCE.

THE BOAT OVER INSURED.

(Per Press Association.)

CHRISTCHURCH, December 20.

Further evidence was given re the Ariadne case.

Annie Downing, a barmaid, from Sydney, deposed to over-hearing a conversation between Kerry and Mumford in the Port Jackson Hotel, Sydney. It referred to losing the vessel, and took place before the yacht left for New Zealand.

Captain Willes, who brought out the yacht from Cherbourg, valued the vessel at not more than £2000.

Andrew Olsen, who made a voyage from Thursday Island to Sydney in the vessel, said Mumford promised him £200 if the yacht was wrecked. Finally he refused to go in the vessel. He expected the wreck, and daily looked in the papers for the account of it.

Herbert Hart gave details of business transactions with Kerry.

Mr. Stringer said he would call no further evidence.

The Eighth Contingent.

APPLICATIONS POURING IN.

Per Press Association.

WELLINGTON, December 20.

Advices from all parts of the colony announces that applications for the Eighth Contingent are pouring in.

Telegraphic News.

THE RAILWAY FATALITY.

(Per Press Association.)

INVERCARGILL, December 20.

At the inquest on the recent railway accident the jury returned a verdict practically of accidental death.

St. James' Bazaar.

Nothwithstanding the unfavourable weather yesterday a fair amount of business was done at St. James' bazaar under the auspices of the Young Ladies' Guild. In the evening the various stall-holders were quite equal to the demand made upon them, and things went cheerily. There was quite a happy gathering, and a splendid tone prevailed throughout, making the meeting one of pleasure and profit.

The Christmas Tree was well patronised, as were also the bran pie and fish pond, while a steady business was done in the work and fancy stalls. The refreshment stall in a nice quiet corner did most efficient service in keeping the friends in good heart, and when over heated with the excitement and laughter attending the wonderful dwarf and her performance, then the ice cream stall was just the thing to right one. The ball throwing competition, under Mr. D. Kearney, commanded a good deal of attention, and proved quite a successful institution. Some ladies carried off good prizes here.

The shooting gallery was well patronised and valuable prizes will be distributed this evening for shooting. As an extra inducement it has been decided to give all who enter the hall a prize from the Christmas tree free. This includes the possibility of winning a handsome bride from the tree.

Two splendid bride cakes are to be given away to the person or persons who guess nearest the weight.

The last night is sure to be the best. The attractions are all of a fascinating nature, and every thing is well arranged for the enjoyment of all who come to put their shoulders to the wheel to help on the good work.

A. Court is now showing a splendid range of corsets, umbrellas, and sunshades, underwear, millinery, and mantles at the Beehive.—Advt.

A Disloyal Council.

CONDEMNS THE GOVERNMENT ACTION.

AN ABSURD MOTION.

(Per Press Association.)

WELLINGTON, December 20.

The Wellington Trades Council carried last night, by 12 to 10 a resolution condemning and repudiating the action of the Government in undertaking to send further troops to South Africa to assist in wageing a hideous and unholy war of extermination, which, we believe, was begun and is now carried on entirely in the interests of capitalists.

It is freely stated that in the present position of the colony's finances, which had led to the discharge of a large number of workers the Government was not justified in sending a further contingent. It was decided to ask the other Trades Councils to take similar action.

THE PRESIDENT RESIGNS.

WELLINGTON, December 20.

Mr. Naughton, the President Trades Council, has resigned as a protest against the anti-war resolution, which he says in no way represents the opinions of the great mass of the Unionists or the labour party generally.

Breaches of the Customs Act.

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SYDNEY, December 19.

In response to a request from consignees to be allowed to get delivery of goods urgently required for the Christmas trade, the Federal Minister of Customs has permitted the steamer Luitpold to commence discharging cargo unconditionally. This permission will in no way interfere in any future action taken in reference to the breaking of the customs seals.

The agents of the North German Lloyds have received a wire from Freemantle stating that the steamer Necker, which recently left Sydney en route for Germany has been detained. It is understood the detention is the result of the breaking of seals.

The Caversham Election.

MR. SIDEY ELECTED.

(Per Press Association.)

DUNEDIN, December 20.

The Caversham election resulted: Sidey, 1620 votes; Earnshaw, 1515; Hally, 1120; Bedford, 149; Warren, 122; Neckle, 27.

CRICKET.

TO-MORROW MATCHES.

The following will represent Tararu I.:—McGregor (3), Newton, Baker, Dare, Egginton, Carter, Aitken, J. Lang, Wiggins, Clarken.

Foundry I.: Rudkin, M. Buckland, Chester, Buchan, Towers, Gordon, F. Billing, Newman, Taylor, Watson, McLean.

Foundry II.: Gibb, Clark, Lawson, Darrow, Easter, Watson, Milne, Lowe, Tangye, Lange, Jessop, Gibbons.

MINING NEWS.

GOLD RETURNS.

The following table shows the returns for the last three weeks:—

OHINEMURI.

	£	s	d
Waitekauri, 2045 tons	3,666	0	0
N.Z. Crown, 2700 tons	7,201	0	0
N.Z. Talisman 2496 tons	3,435	5	0
Waihi, 12,425 tons	39,964	0	0
Komata Reefs, 1210 tons	1,183	0	0
Total	55,449	5	0

THAMES.

	£	s	d
K. Caledonian, 11 loads 25lbs	86	12	11
Eclipse, 378 tons	552	17	9
Waiotahi, 100 tons	350	0	0
Manaia, 140 tons	526	14	5
New Gloucester, 3 loads	26	16	3
Monowai, 41½ tons	455	4	8
Victoria, 3 tons	7	1	4
Total	£2005	7	4

COROMANDEL.

	£	s	d
Royal Oak, 961lbs	1,465	12	11
Waitaia, 60 tons	303	9	8
Welcome Jack, 30 tons	210	12	11
Hauraki Mines, 40 tons 39lbs	285	0	0
Total	2,264	15	6
Grand total for 3 weeks	59,719	7	10

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Exquisite Spring Novelties.—New belts, ties, lace goods, and fancy effects on view at Miss Martin's, Millinery Showroom, 96 Pollen street, Thames.—Advt.

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