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AUSTRALIA'S DESTINY.

The selection of Major-General Hutton for the post of Federal Commandant was a happy one. He is a man of great experience, knows colonial life, and is fresh from the war in South Africa. Doubtless the Imperial Government had a voice in the selection. In fact that most experienced men have lately been appointed to governorships in the Commonwealth States, seems to point to the great and increasing interest now being taken by the Imperial authorities in the future of the Australian States. There is no disguising the fact that Australasia in the near future will loom large in the history of the British Empire, and may yet hold the balance of power in Imperial affairs in the Eastern world. Notwithstanding the nolo-committal, and "go easy" policy of the Hon. Mr. Barton, Australia must play an important part, and become the great power in the Southern Seas. Mr Barton must go, he has not the energy, the foresight, the knowledge of state craft or the experience fitting him to guide a young nation especially in its early days. He will have to give way to a younger man, a man fully imbued with Imperialistic ideas, courageous, practical, and with a just appreciation of the vastness of the resources of Australasia. Had such a man been at the head of affairs not now would New Zealand have the lead, but the Federated States of Australia in matters Imperial. Major-General Hutton is more than a military man. His speech lately made in Australia shows him to be a far seeing man, and possessed of a just idea of the vastness of the questions soon to engage the attention of Australian statesmen. He said in his speech "he felt that the present epoch in the history of Australia was one of immense difficulty and gravity, not only to the Commonwealth but to the relations of the Empire with the East. There were several reasons for this. First, we had recently witnessed the rise of Japan into a Power of the first magnitude; secondly, there was the opening up of China; thirdly, the sudden appearance of the United States of America as a great and expanding Power in the Northern Pacific; and fourthly we might look forward at an early date to the opening of the Panama Canal. Those facts at once showed that in the future upon Australia and the soundness of her military defence must in a great measure depend the development and commercial supremacy of the Empire in these seas. It was a trite saying that trade follows the flag, and that the expansion of trade and commerce was almost invariably coincident with vigorous and successful war." In these few words he reminded his hearers of issues the importance of which on the future of the Commonwealth even the most sanguine would not estimate. Time, alone will unfold their great importance, but it is plain in the general's opinion that Australia must at once set to work and prepare for the day when she will be called on to take the lead. She must soon be both a military and naval state, and with New Zealand, the Britain of the South, the representative in the Southern and Eastern Seas of the power of the British Empire.

CAUSES OF GERMAN ANGLOPHOBIA.

One of many causes for the outbreak of German dislike of England is the belief that the war in South Africa has brought about the trade depression in their country. Without doubt a falling off has taken place in the German exports to South Africa, and a corresponding increase in English exports. We learn from the "British and South African Export Gazette" that the value of the shipments of British goods to South Africa in October far and away exceeded those for any single month hitherto chronicled. No doubt the presence of the army in South Africa is indirectly the cause of some of the increase in the exports, but it is expressly stated that the figures quoted refer to civilian merchandise alone, and not to army supplies. On the other hand, the value of the total German shipments to South Africa was only £701,500, a falling off of £454,901 as compared with £1,156,200 in 1899. It is a little significant that £130,950, or nearly one-third of the decrease, represents explosives and weapons. With the Transvaal a British colony the Germans can see their decreasing trade with South Africa will grow beautifully less.

The following will represent Tararu Cricket Club against County to-morrow:—McGregor (3), Newton, W. A. Carter, Pratt, McIntyre, Dare, Baker, Aitken, Ferguson.

"I have been called a 'socialistic devil,' because I, along with my colleagues, have introduced the cheap money scheme into New Zealand; but if I follow in the footsteps of Him whose example we are to copy, who went into the Temple and overthrew the tables of the money changers, then I don't think I shall go very far astray."—Mr Seddon at Kumara recently.

A point raised by Mr Wilford, before Mr Justice Edwards in Wanganui was as to whether an hotelkeeper can be convicted for keeping his premises open for the sale of liquor if the front door be open and lodgers only are being served. Mr Fitzherbert stated that his Honor's decision on the point—which is an entirely new one—would be awaited with much interest by hotelkeepers throughout the colony.

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We learn that there is to be no Easter encampment for the volunteers this year. This decision has probably been arrived at in consequence of the fact that a large number of volunteer corps have just completed their camps of instruction, while the preparations in connection with the departure of the Contingents for South Africa has interfered with the departmental work.

At the Parawai range on Saturday the second and final competition for the handsome prizes—biscuit barrel, cruet, and fruit dish—presented to the Thames Rifles No. 1 by a supporter, will take place. The ranges are 300, 500, and 600 yards, and the conditions are 7 shots each at 300 and 500 yards, and 6 shots at 600 yards. The prizes will be presented at next Tuesday evening's parade.

We are pleased to learn that tickets for the illustrated lecture: "With the New Zealanders to Pretoria," to be given next Friday in aid of the Waiokaraka school cadet uniform fund are meeting with a satisfactory sale. The Naval Band have kindly consented to assist.

A Court is now selling lovely designs in Organdi Muslins, Merlawns, and Fancy Sateens at 4¾d, 6½d, 8½d per yard during his great Summer Sale at the Beehive.—Advt.

A Maori was charged at the Police Court with creating a disturbance. It appeared that the accused who was said to be under the influence of liquor at the time, became disorderly and created a disturbance. It was stated that he was a stranger to the district, and that he had never been before a Court on a previous occasion. Under these extenuating circumstances the Bench (Messrs Whitehouse and McCullough) decided to convict accused, who was then cautioned not to repeat his conduct, and was discharged.

Miss Johnson, of the Thames High School, who won a certificate of proficiency, was to-day presented with the certificate by Mr Thos. Rudford. The Chairman (Mr F. Trembath) was unable to attend owing to a family bereavement. Miss Johnson was complimented on her success, and the classes were closed at 2.30 in honour of the occasion.

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A warrant was to-day issued at the Thames Police Court for the arrest of Mary Ann Clarkin for using abusive and indecent language. It appears that information was laid against the woman, and she was served with the summons to appear, but when the case was called on at the local Police Court this morning there was no appearance of the accused. A warrant for the apprehension of the woman was applied for by the police, and was granted by the Justices, Messrs S. T. Whitehouse and W. McCullough.

We regret to record the death, which took place to-day of Mr Thomas Kneebone, father of Mrs F. Trembath, of Thames. The deceased gentleman, who was in his 67th year at the time of his death, was well and favourably known at Thames, where he resided for many years in the early days of the field. He was at one time manager of the Waitemata, Homeward Bound, and several other claims. Some 14 years ago he removed to Auckland, and subsequently took charge of several important mines at Coromandel. He afterwards proceeded to Broken Hill, and had charge of one of the Block mines. He was a man who was universally respected, and those he has left behind have the sincerest sympathy of the deceased gentleman's many friends.

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Referring to the recent rise in the price of flour by the millers' combine, a contemporary says the trust has secured the bakers on its side. The following is a rule of the Master Bakers' Union lately formed in Taranaki, and is a copy of the rule in other Unions in the South Island:—"No member shall do any business with any miller who does not belong to the Millers' Union, and also to the New Zealand Flour Millers' Co-operative Association, Limited, and a purchase of flour by a member of the Union from any other person or firm shall be deemed to be breach of the rules, and shall be dealt with in a similar manner as if he had sold bread at less than agreed prices"—(£2 for the first offence and £5 for the second offence.

A Mr Waters, a former resident of New Zealand, now in the Argentine, says the Argentine is quite 25 years behind the British colonies in a great many things, and he thinks that New Zealand need not be afraid of Argentine unless better methods are adopted. At the same time he acknowledges it is a good country, for both land and climate, in fact the latter is too dry. Mr Waters states that crime is rampant, and murders are committed every day, as there are a great many unemployed in the large cities and towns. It is estimated there are over 1,000,000 Italians in the country. In religious matters the ways of the country are strange to an Englishman. Elections are held on the Sabbath Day, trains run as usual, and the sacred day is also devoted to sales of property and live stock, and horse racing.

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Information has been received that shooting competition for Government medals by marksmen in the district will take place on Saturday, the 29th inst. Captain Reid further states that the places at which the competitions will be held will be announced later on.

We would call the attention of our readers to the advertising columns in this issue. Messrs Ensor Bros. wish to inform the public that they have taken over the business in Mary street lately conducted by Messrs Ensor and Sons. Messrs Ensor Bros. have now a new and complete stock of the best articles and will sell at the lowest rates. The assortment of crockeryware, glassware, etc, is very large and varied, and is worth while an inspection. Besides the general groceries, a large stock is also kept of the leading patent medicines. The late firm desires that all outstanding accounts be settled or satisfactorily arranged.

This week's issue of the Auckland Weekly News gives some excellent illustrations of the amateur sports held in the Domain last Saturday, one of the best being G. Smith breaking the world's record in the 120 yards hurdles. The Ninth Contingent at their camp furnishes several good photos.

A prominent public body official at Nelson on a recent Sunday called upon a church congregation to sing a hymn over again, as their rendering of the music had not pleased him. His employers have dispensed with his services, owing to various peculiarities of behaviour.

A. Court is now selling 200 gross of Fancy Dress Buttons at 1d dozen.—Advt.

The Times says that the Japanese Alliance will defeat all attempts to secure a monopoly of China's wealth by means of the sword, hinting at Russian and French designs, while Ministerial papers think the Alliance will strengthen counsels at Pekin that should make for general peace.

Out of the twenty years that the Westport Coal Company have been in existence a dividend was "passed" during seventeen.

New South Wales, stung by the Press comments on her 3 per cent. charge for commission on disbursements on behalf of the Imperial Government in connection with the war, retorts that the War Office has been in the habit for years of charging the colony 5 per cent on purchases of war material.

Mr Chauncey M. Depew was married on December 27th to Miss May Palmer of Paris, at the American Consulate at Nice, before a small party of relations and witnesses. The bride is young and attractive (says the correspondent of the Standard). Mr Depew looked the picture of health and good humor. He is sixty eight years of age.

Major-General Babington told the competitors at the Rifle Association Meeting that he was a great believer in rifle shooting competitions. He held the opinion for two reasons—the first these meetings gave an opportunity to men to discuss matters bearing on accurate shooting, and the second that he had seen so much very bad shooting in South Africa during the two years he was there that he was convinced full facilities should be afforded to men for acquiring marksmanship.

This is the address which a School Committee in the Bruce district presented to a teacher on her retiring to get married:—"The school will miss very much your sunny smiles, your musical voice, and your help as a teacher. On your approaching marriage, it is our sincere wish that the same qualities which we have so much appreciated in you may be the light of your husband's eyes and the joy of your household. On behalf of the committee, staff and pupils, we ask you to accept the accompanying parting gift." It might be well for the Thames Committees to cut out this paragraph. Some day they might have occasion to present a lady school teacher with an address, and they could not better the foregoing.

A new bicycle gear which revolutionises the ordinary method of pedalling has been invented by Mr. S. E. Wright. It is claimed that by the new system the power exerted by the rider is uniform throughout, instead of allowing as at present, an increasing or decreasing leverage. The plan patented by Mr. Wright will, it is predicted, prove particularly useful in hill-climbing or against a head wind especially as each foot is able to begin its stroke before the other has finished. The principle of the free wheel has been applied in this invention, and the chain is entirely done away with. The inventor states that his gear is more suitable for ladies than that now in use, since there are no revolving pedals to catch in the skirt, and at the same time all the running gear can be covered in.

King Christian of Denmark, who is called "the father-in-law of Europe" because his children and grandchildren occupy and will inherit so many thrones, has six sons and daughters. Frederick, his firstborn, the Crown Prince of Denmark, married the daughter of the King of Sweden and Norway; Alexandra, his eldest daughter, is Queen of England; George, his second son, is King of Greece, and married Olga, sister of the late Czar of Russia; Dagmar, his second daughter, was the wife of Alexander the Third of Russia, and is now Dowager Czarina of that Empire; Thyra, his third daughter, is the wife of the Duke of Cumberland and Brunswick; heir to the throne of these kingdoms; Valdemar, the youngest of the Danish Princes, married Marie, daughter of the Duke of Orleans, pretender to the throne of France. No such combination of royalties ever centred before in a single family in all history.

Fruit to be had for almost a gift. Why not preserve it when sugar, all kinds of jam, jelly, and preserving jars, rubber rings, preserving pans (on sale or hire by the day) local and imported fruit, pomelons, oranges, and lemons are obtainable at such low rates. Also why not make your own sauce and pickles when all spices, vinegar, and other requisites, in abundance, and cheap, together with pickling onions, tomatoes, chillies, best English malt vinegar are obtainable from W. Woods, Central Cheap Stores, Nos. 80, 82, 84, Pollen street. Discount stamps given. See advertisement in another column.—Advt.

A florist says that the law governing the colouring of flowers makes a blue rose impossible. According to this law the three colours red, blue, and yellow, never appear in the same species of flowers, any two may exist, but never the third. Thus we have the red and yellow roses, but no blue; red and blue verbenas, but no yellow; yellow and blue in the various members of the viola family (as pansies, for instance), but no red; red and yellow gladioli, but no blue, and so on.

"The Children of the Empire League" is formed in connection with the Victoria League and the "Daughters of the Empire" with the object to arouse in boys and girls an interest in the outlying parts of the Empire, and to help them to acquire a training which will fit them for colonial life. With a view to forwarding the former object, all children who join the League, and whose parents approve, are provided with a "comrade" of the same sex in the colonies with whom to correspond and exchange ideas, and perhaps small presents.

The dairy of a Boer commandant who eventually lost his life and his commando, published in the Times, gives a very fair idea of the sort of life the Boer guerrillas are now leading. Most of their time seems to be spent in trekking from the "khakis," but in the intervals they do not do themselves badly. Our commandant, whose dairy, by the way, seems to have been intended for his lady love, records the facts that he was rinking on one occasion, playing billiards on another to pass the time, and having music and singing one evening; that he had plenty of jam, coffee, and hot cakes at one place, and that he and his comrades were "living like lords" at another.

THE BOER WAR.

DE LA REY'S POSITION.

THE TWEEBOSCH CASUALTIES.

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LONDON, March 13.
There are many Mounteds at Lichtenberg and Klerksdorp trying to drive De la Rey to the railway, and prevent Lord Methuen's removal to the Northern Hills.
The figures given in the last message in reference to the Tweebosch casualties are cancelled as incorrect.

CABLEGRAMS.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY INDISPOSED.

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LONDON, March 13.
The Archbishop of Canterbury is indisposed, and requires a long rest.

CECIL RHODES VERY ILL.

LONDON, March 13.
Cecil Rhodes passed a restless night. His symptoms are dangerous.

COMPLIMENTARY TO MR SEDDON.

LONDON, March 13.
Newpapers, commenting on Mr. Seddon's view of the reverse, says he has a spirit worthy of some of the heroes who fought at Vrede.

FRANCE AND NEWFOUNDLAND.

LONDON, March 13.
Newfoundland has renewed the fisheries vivendi.

A SUDDEN DEATH.

NEW YORK, March 13.
Mr Altgeld, ex-Governor of Illinois, died from apoplexy after addressing a meeting of pro-Boers at Joliet. He vehemently accused Lord Pauncefote of intermeddling in American affairs.

A TURKISH PLOT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 13.
The Sultan is fomenting the movement in favour of deposing the Khedive, who is suspected of a desire for an independent kingdom.

A Terrible Storm

ARMY BARRACKS TURNED OVER.

SEVERAL INJURED.

(Per Press Association.)

CHRISTCHURCH, March 14.
At eight o'clock last night Leeston was visited by a terrible thunderstorm and whirlwind, the heaviest known in Leeston.
In the middle of the storm a whirlwind struck the town of Leeston, completely overturning the Salvation Army Barracks building, which is 50 feet long by 100 feet wide. It is now standing on its roof unbroken.
Maxwell, the wheelwright's shop, was completely taken away, and deposited on Durant's grain store, and other places. Durant's store is partly unroofed. Fisher's watchmaker shop was turned right round. Cunningham's grocery store was damaged.
The Salvation Army were holding a service at the Barracks at the time of the disaster, and the people were inside the building at the time it turned over. Ensign Davis has his arm broken. Mrs Davis and other members are cut and shaken.
Very heavy rain, almost like a waterspout fell at the same time, and waterspout, fell at the same time, and there was particularly heavy rain at Dunsandel.

The Sharemarket.

(By Telegraph.—Own Correspondent.)

AUCKLAND, March 14.
Extreme dulness reigns in the mining market, only six buyers quoting at noon, viz., Crown 10s 3d, Komata Reefs 11d, Waihi Beach 2½d, Consolidated 5½d, South 3½d, Waitekauri 5s 4d. The following sales were made: Komata Reefs 11d, N.Z. Insurance 60s 6d.

The Band Contest

THE MARCHING CONTEST.
HAURAKI PLACED FIFTH.
SOME INTERESTING JOTTINGS.
DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION.

(By Telegraph.—Own Correspondent).

NEW PLYMOUTH, March 14.
One of the principal competitions at the Band contest, viz., the marching contest, was taken yesterday with the following result:—
Wanganui, 164 points.
Palmerston North, 141 points.
Denniston and Taranaki Garrison, 140 points each.
Hauraki 138 points.
Wellington, 136 points.
Kaikorai and Masterton 133 points each.
North East Valley and Ruahine 132 points—each.
Waihi, 128 points.
Dunedin Navals and Granity Creek 125 points each.
Points were given for instruments, general appearance, dressing, and the intervals on the march to point, cadences, paces, counter marching, dressing and intervals on march and music.
The result of the test pieces will not be known until late to-morrow night.

In the E flat horn solo McKersey, Dunedin Navals (97), scored, and took first prize; McNeil, Kaikorai, (78), 2nd; Walmsley, Wellington Garrison (76), 3rd; Mellor, Waihi (75), 4th. There were 18 competitors.

As I anticipated the Hauraki Band made a very creditable display in the marching contest, and secured fifth place. They marched well, and though the winners were points ahead of everything else, the Thames band gave a satisfactory performance. Waihi took 11th place in the marching contest.

The smart appearance of the whole of the competing bands was so strikingly evident that it elicited loud praise, the Hauraki men with their white uniforms and brilliantly uniformed drum major (Lieut. Swindley) attracting marked attention. There were very good audiences at both the morning and evening performances.

In the E flat horn solo, won by McKersey, of Dunedin, the goldfield's men were considered to have a fair chance. Mellor, of Waihi, got into 4th place, but Williams (Hauraki) did not play up to expectations, and was placed 17th on the list. In justice to this player I must say that he has frequently shown much better form.

In the cornets Northy, of Waihi, was 6th and McMahon 12th. Williams of Hauraki, was 18th on the list.

In the report of the North Island Brass Bands' Association the following references to local bands occur: From the North we have some new bands this year, viz., the Hauraki Rifles (under Bandmaster Williams), and the Thames Navals' Band. Of these only the former has come to the contest, as the Navals' Band have lost their conductor, Mr Lawn, who has gone to take charge of the Stratford Band. Waihi Band is now under that indefatigable band trainer, Conductor Mellor, late of Newtown Band, Sydney, N.S.W., and is with us to-day.

At the time fixed for the bands to parade a dense crowd had colletced but ample room was left whereim Capt Taunton could marshal the bands into their respective places, an operation which he carried out with considerable skill and apparent ease. Shortly after the appointed time a start was made for the Recreation Grounds, bands marching in alphabetical order. The Denniston men led off playing "Winsford"; the Dunedin Navals were placed next, but were not present; then came Granite Creek, playing a pretty march; Hauraki (Port Popham), Kaikorai (The Reveller), Masterton (Don Quixote), North East Valley (Activity), Ruahine (Torpedo), Waihi (Lifebore), Wanganui (Heart's Delight), Wellington (The Durhams), and last of all the Taranaki Garrison (Waggon Hill). Crowds of people lined the route, and a constant moving throng to the rendezvous. It was a pretty sight, and what with the stirring strains of the music, the rhythmic tread of the men, and the constant change of colours in the moving masses, the living pictures was one of the memorable features of the day.

SPORTING.

MASTERTON RACES.

(Per Press Association.)
MASTERTON, March 14.
The following are the results of the concluding events:—
Hack Handicap.—Platypus 1, Boko 2, Shrapnell Shell 3. Dividend, £2 18s.
St. Patrick Handicap.—Calceolaria 1, Rebel 2, Van 3. Dividend, £4 11s and