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AUSTRALIAN NEWS
ATTEMPT ON MR HUGHES LIFE.
MELBOURNE, Dec. 12.
It is officially announced that during the referendum meeting on Monday night in the Cricket Ground, an attempt to take Mr Hughes' life was frustrated by the police, who seized a man about to hurl a knife at the Prime Minister.—A. and N.Z. Cable.

THE SALE OF PRODUCE.
MELBOURNE, Dec. 12.
Mr Hughes states that in connection with the sale to the British Government of thirty thousand tons of butter and surplus cheese, the Food Controller has agreed to increase the price of butter to a shilling per hundred weight if graded above ninety, also an increase of one-eighth of a penny per pound on cheese.—A. and N.Z. Cable.

DEALING WITH ALIENS.
MELBOURNE, Dec. 12.
The Federal Government is contemplating action to deprive persons of enemy birth of employment in the Commonwealth.—A. and N.Z. Cable.

FEDERAL POLICE.
MELBOURNE, Dec. 13.
The commissioner of the new Federal Police force has been appointed, with headquarters here. His duties will cover the Commonwealth.—A. and N.Z. Cable.

GENERAL NEWS
The one hotel at Bagdad, the Hotel Tigris, has been renamed Hotel Maude, in honour of the British general who captured the city.

There will be a total eclipse of the moon, visible throughout New Zealand, on the 23rd inst. The moon will enter the penumbra at 6.23 p.m., and enter the shadow proper at 7.35 p.m. The total eclipse will begin at 9.8, reaching the middle at 9.16, and the total eclipse will end at 9.25. The moon will leave the shadow at 10.57, and the penumbra at 0.9 a.m. on the 29th.

The Bank of New Zealand has 370 officers absent on war duty, 29 have returned and resumed duty, and 21 are under orders to join the colours, while 182 more are liable for service as members of the Second Division. The number killed has increased during the past six months to 39, and wounded to 101. There are now 297 women clerks in the bank with a prospect of a further increase.

The promise of a gift to the Government of land valued at £30,000 for the settlement of returned soldiers has been announced by the Prime Minister. A few days ago a resident of the Dominion, who has no sons to send to the war, informed him that he would make this handsome gift. The land was of good quality, and it would be made good use of. The Government would be able to let returned soldiers have it for considerably less than the ordinary price. The rental from the land would be used for the purpose of assisting other soldiers in need of help.

A groom was brought in at the dinner party to help out the butler. The groom was willing enough, poor fellow. He asked a deaf old lady if she'd have any peas, and she put her big, bell-mouthed trumpet up to her ear to hear him. "Gee," said the groom to himself, "this is a new wrinkle to me, but if she wants 'em that way I'd better let her have 'em." And down the ear trumpet went a generous spoonful of peas.

On the showing that the war is mainly waged on motor-transport the figures published by an American paper are interesting. The Entente Allies have 170,000 motor-vehicles of all types in use, against 130,000 for the Central Powers. England and France have together 110,000 including 15,000 and 25,000 each for conveying supplies, as opposed to the German total of 100,000 and only 25,000 supply waggon. Russia had 20,000 supply vehicles out of a total of 40,000 of all sorts. Italy and even Belgium also are sufficiently well off with 10,000 and 10,300 each. All this before the American automobile strength enters the war at all.

An Italian ice-cream vendor tendered 950 farthings and 240 three-penny pieces in payment of a fine of £4 at London South-Western Police Court. When payment in this form was refused, he produced a £5 note. The word "cow," as applied to an individual, is an expression of infinite contempt. A lecturer on dairy farming in New South Wales was telling his auditors in a country place that in dairy farming great care should be taken in the purchase of the cattle. There are says he, some cows that pay and some that do not pay. "Quite right," sang out a storekeeper from the audience, "this hall is filled with the latter class."

According to a leading Wellington licensed victualler who was consulted on Friday—one who has a general knowledge of the trade throughout New Zealand—the effect of the reduction in hours is going to be most serious (says the New Zealand Times). From reports he has received of the working of the new order of things, he has not the slightest hesitation in saying that within a few months many hotelkeepers in the Dominion will recognise that they have "ruin staring them in the face," and there will be no alternative for them but to leave the trade and seek "fresh fields and pastures new." The loss of night business in the cities is serious enough, but in the country and certain suburbs it is simply appalling. His assurance is that "fully fifty per cent. of country and suburban hotels will have to shut up."

The secretary of the Women's Patriotic League has received from France two cards bearing grateful testimony to the value of parcels sent to the front from Thames. One writer says: I can assure you the contents were more than welcome, as we have just come out of a stiff battle. The weather has changed for the worse, and we do not look forward to another winter in France under war conditions. The other writer says: Please accept my best thanks. Parcels from New Zealand are always received with great pleasure, as we do not want to forget about our own little country, although we are so many thousands of miles away.

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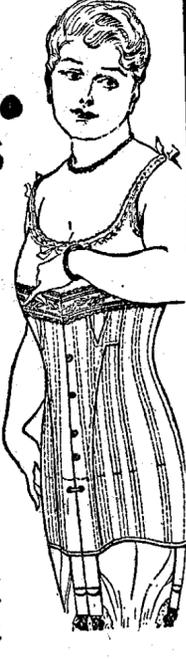
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A PECULIAR DISEASE
SUNDAY SICKNESS.

A peculiar disease is reported to have broken out in several towns in New Zealand. The disease is known to scientists as Morbus Sabbaticus, or Sunday sickness. According to medical men who have studied the disease, the attack comes on suddenly on a Sunday morning after a hard week's work. The patient as a rule sleeps well, awakes feeling well, eats a hearty breakfast, and goes about his business as usual. Shortly before 11 a.m., however, the attack comes on, and continues for about an hour, the patient feeling too languid to walk even a few yards. At dinner time the patient feels easier, and in the afternoon recovers sufficiently to take a stroll and afterwards partakes of tea. Shortly after 6 p.m., the attack comes on again, causing the patient either to retire to bed or rest quietly for an hour. On Monday morning the attack has passed, and the patient enjoys his usual health. The chief peculiarities of the disease are that it never appears except on Sundays; symptoms vary, but never affect sleep or meals. The chief thing it affects, strange to say, is church-going. The mere mention of this to a person suffering from the disease causes the symptoms to be violently increased, in fact, in some respects it is not unlike the result caused by displaying water before a person suffering from hydrophobia. No cure has so far been found for the disease, which unfortunately is spreading rapidly in many towns in New Zealand.—Ohinemuri Gazette.

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