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SIR DOUGLAS MAWSON.

EXPERIENCES IN AMERICA.

TO RESUME DUTIES IN ADELAIDE.

Sir Douglas Mawson, the famous antarctic explorer, returned to Melbourne on Saturday, after a lecturing tour that has embraced Great Britain, New Zealand, and the United States. His last place of call, before leaving for Australia, was San Francisco, whence he had come overland from the eastern States. In all he delivered about 150 lectures in America, and the story he had to tell, though overshadowed in some measure by the world war, was interesting enough to attract constantly good audiences—and incidentally to prove a good advertisement for Australian courage and endurance in a sphere quite as dangerous as that of war itself (stated *The Melbourne Age* on Monday).

—Part of Their System.—

The returned Australian, who was met by Lady Mawson on the arrival of the Sydney express, is looking better for his 18 months' respite from antarctic hardships. He talked freely of his experiences in the United States, and confirmed up to the hilt everything that has been rumoured in this country of German efforts to conciliate American opinion by blackening the character of Great Britain and the conduct of her troops. All stories of German atrocities are denied in sheet after sheet of publications that reach America from Berlin. In these same journals there are instances of all kinds of alleged atrocities by the British, and of humiliations that have been inflicted, or are about to be inflicted, on Great Britain. "For everything reported about them," said Sir Douglas Mawson, "they seem to make it their business to go one better, by inventing something about England. It is a regularly organized campaign. Many of the things they circulate about our people would make you sick to read. I don't mean, of course, that the American papers do this: it is done by Germans, as part of their system, and the papers come in from Germany."

—Favour for Allies.—

"To give you an example. Just before I left San Francisco I saw in one paper a detailed and circumstantial account of an invasion of Canada. The invaders were the Irish residents of the United States, who had marched into Canada to have revenge on England! That was the kind of stuff they put about in San Francisco; they did not circulate that particular story in the eastern States, because they are too near to Canada, and there would have been no hope of it being believed. But it was thought good enough to try on the Pacific Slope. I looked at the paper. It had on it in large letters the names of several neutral cities, like Rome and Amsterdam. The idea was, of course, to create the impression that it came from unbiased sources. You had to look at it carefully to find, in much smaller type, the name of the real place of origin—Berlin." Sir Douglas Mawson repeated his previously published opinion that, despite the campaign of lies and slander, the trend of feeling in the United States is overwhelmingly in favour of the Allies. He considers that fully 80 per cent. of the people are pro-British as far as the war is concerned. "There is another 10 per cent. or so," he remarked, "that is indifferent, but I don't think the active sympathizers with Germany number more than about 10 per cent. No doubt the tone of public opinion varies somewhat according to the State you are in. Places like Boston, Philadelphia, and other English-settled towns are very strongly for us—almost unanimously so. New York is more evenly divided, and Chicago, again, has a very large German element. Most of the German slanders and cock-and-bull stories get a start in Chicago."

Requies
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The Director of Education (Mr. M. M. Maughan, B.A.), whose health has been unsatisfactory for a considerable period, necessitating his absence from his duties, underwent an operation at Ru Rua Hospital, North Adelaide, on Wednesday morning. Mr. Maughan is now progressing favourably.

—Returning to Adelaide.—

Having just come off the train, Sir Douglas Mawson had not heard of the latest exploit of the Germans in sinking the *Lusitania*, with American men, women, and children on board. Being told the news, he looked grave. "What will America think of that?" he was asked. The returned traveller could no more answer the question than any one else. He agreed, however, that if 80 per cent. of America was anti-German before the occurrence, it was likely to be more so after it. "You must remember, though," he remarked, "that the American Government warned its citizens not to travel by British ships." America, though its sentimental leanings may be on this side or that, was not "talking fight"—at any rate not when Sir Douglas Mawson was there. Yet it is helping the Allies commercially a great deal. The returned traveller pointed out that American stores, American-made arms and ammunition were reaching the Allies in great quantities, both by way of Vladivostock (for the Russian front), and by way of Great Britain and the North Sea. This fact, that American trade with Great Britain could not be stopped, or effectually hindered, was partly responsible, he thought, for the submarine tactics that are shocking the civilized world. Sir Douglas Mawson, after spending a few days in Melbourne, will go on to Adelaide to resume his duties on the Adelaide University staff.

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Our Port Augusta correspondent telegraphed last night:—Dr. Pellew is going to the front, and he will be attached to an Imperial hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Pellew were bidden farewell in the Town Hall last night, and with their children they left Port Augusta this morning. Dr. Pellew will leave by the *Omrah* on Friday. He was born in North Adelaide in 1880, and graduated at the Adelaide University in 1905. On leaving the Adelaide Hospital he practised at Balaklava for eight years. During his 15 months' stay in Port Augusta he has been medical officer of the Port Augusta Hospital and Government departments, Destitute Board, gaol, Commonwealth railway, and board of health. He has taken an active part in the public life of the town, and earned the esteem and respect of all. Another Port Augusta resident going to the front is Mr. James Fitzsimmons, who left for Adelaide this morning.

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X In our obituary columns to-day is announced the death of Mr. Stanislaus Martin Ledochowski, who was teacher of music and languages at the Elder Conservatorium of Music, Adelaide. He was a son of the late Count Ledochowski, a Polish noble. The late Cardinal Ledochowski and Father Ledochowski, the recently appointed General of the Society of Jesus, belong to the same Polish family.

LEDOCHOWSKI.—On the 13th May, at Adelaide Stanislaus Martin Ledochowski, M.A. (teacher of music and languages, Elder Conservatorium, University, Adelaide), dearly loved husband of Lily Beverley Alicia Ledochowski, and last surviving son of the late Count Tibertius Ledochowski, of Portuliska, Poland Government of Russia. R.L.P.

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"Follow the King."

SYDNEY, May 13.

There was great enthusiasm at the "Follow the King" meeting, held at the Sydney Town Hall to-night, when Archbishop Wright read the following message from the Governor-General (Sir Ronald Munro-Ferguson):—"His Majesty's action in relation to the use of alcohol is, I understand, a personal example, and I shall follow His Majesty's example so far as I am myself concerned."

On the motion of Sir Thomas Anderson Stuart (Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the Sydney University), the meeting resolved, without a dissentient—"That all present pledge themselves to follow the example of His Majesty, to abstain from alcohol as a beverage, and banish it from their households during the war."

It was further resolved that the decision of the meeting should be cabled to the King. Among the letters read to the meeting was one in which the Minister for Defence (Mr. Pearce) wrote:—"I heartily concur in the movement, and wish it every success. At a time like this, the Empire requires clear brains and healthy bodies."

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DR. JEFFRIES.

Capt. Dr. Jeffries is a son of the Rev. W. Jeffries, of Lefevre terrace North Adelaide, and is 31 years of age. He was a student at Prince Alfred College, and later at the Adelaide University, where he took his degree of medicine. After spending a year at the Adelaide Hospital and 18 months with Dr. Powell, of Kadina, he went abroad to pursue his studies. He took a post-graduate course at Baltimore, in the United States, and then went to



CAPT. DR. JEFFRIES.

Breslau, in Germany. Subsequently he proceeded to India to assist at a medical mission conducted in North India by his cousins, Drs. Neve. Returning to England, he secured the position of Superintendent of the Queen's Hospital for Children at Hackney, London, but early last year decided to come to South Australia to take up a practice. He had barely settled down in his new sphere when war broke out, and he volunteered for service in the 4th Field Ambulance, and was accepted.