

ABOUT PEOPLE.

It is understood the King and Queen will return to London to-day from Sandringham, where they have been in residence for the past fortnight. Soon after the King's return arrangements will be completed for the wedding of the Duke of Gloucester and Lady Alice Scott on 6th November, which owing to the death of the Duke of Buccleuch, is now to be held privately in the Chapel at Buckingham Palace.

To take up an appointment as an A.D.C. to Lord Huntingfield, Lieut. A. W. P. Robertson, R.N., arrived at Fremantle yesterday on the Mooltan. He has not previously visited Australia, and expects to remain two years, later rejoining the Royal Navy. Lieut. Robertson served for a considerable period in China and Japan, and in recent months has been attached to R.M.S. Hood with the Home fleet.

The Governor of Tasmania (Sir Ernest Clark), accompanied by Lady Clark, left by the P. and O. liner Narkunda yesterday on a brief holiday visit to Ceylon. They arrived from Tasmania earlier in the day by the Taroon.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Lyons), after spending the week end in Tasmania, arrived back in Melbourne by the Taroon yesterday morning, and went on by car to Canberra.

A London message states that Baron Snell has been appointed leader of the Labor party in the House of Lords, in succession to Lord Ponsonby, who resigned because of his disagreement with the policy of the party in giving support to the Government on the question of League of Nations action in the Italo-Abyssinian dispute.

The Registrar of the University (Mr. J. P. Bainbridge) will submit his resignation to the University Council in June next, to take effect as from December, 1936. Mr. Bainbridge will then have served as registrar for 27 years. It is almost certain that Mr. A. W. Grieg, who is at present chief clerk, will succeed him, although drastic reorganisation of University administration will probably take place upon the completion of his term of office.

Changes are said to be pending in the distribution of the staff of the Commonwealth electoral office. The position of electoral officer for South Australia is vacant, and it is expected that Mr. P. W. Parkinson, senior clerk in the Commonwealth Electoral Office, Victoria, will receive the appointment, by reason of his seniority and wide experience of electoral matters. Mr. Parkinson has been chief clerk in the Melbourne office for the past thirteen years, and for a time acted as Commonwealth electoral officer for Victoria.

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A London cablegram announces that the Australian basso, Malcolm McEachern, will shortly make his debut in the Shakespeare comedy Much Ado About Nothing, in which he will play the part of Dogberry at three Sunday performances in The King, Blackfriars.

According to a London cablegram, Lady Carew, a former resident of Sydney, has given birth to a son and heir. Lady Carew is a daughter of Mr. Neville Mayman, of Sydney, and was married in 1927. Her husband is Sir Thomas Carew, Baronet of Hacombe, Newton Abbot, Devon.

Mr. A. Joseph was yesterday elected as president of the New South Wales Country Press Association. He is the foundation president of Tamworth Rotary Club.

At a gathering of relatives and friends at Ballarat yesterday, Rev. S. J. Honiball and Mrs. Honiball, of Elwood, celebrated the anniversary of their golden wedding. They were married at Carlton in 1885. Entering the Presbyterian ministry in 1895, Mr. Honiball served at Berringa, Oufirim, Oneco, and up till his retirement at 70 years some time ago was for six years in charge of the Presbyterian church at Smeaton, near Ballarat. He has recently been living at Elwood, but went to Ballarat for the celebration because of his long association with that locality.

Mr. R. M. Rolland, president of the Sale Technical School, was presented with the past-president's certificate yesterday at the annual conference of the Technical Schools' Association of Victoria.

Mr. M. Wenzel, a German artist, arrived in Melbourne yesterday by the Blue Funnel line steamer Ascanus. He is making a world tour, and hopes to paint in the South Sea Islands.

Paymaster Lieutenant R. P. M. Lowe, R.A.N., arrived in Melbourne yesterday by the Blue Funnel line steamer Ascanus after two years and a half service with the British Fleet on the African station under Rear-Admiral E. R. G. R. Evans.

Mr. E. A. Callanan, chairman and managing director of the Vacuum Oil Co. Pty. Ltd., accompanied by Mrs. Callanan, returned to Melbourne yesterday by the Sydney express. Mr. Callanan has been on a business visit to Sydney and Brisbane.

For the position of municipal engineer at Port Melbourne, the council received 24 applications. The council at its meeting last night appointed Mr. F. C. Cook to the position at a salary of £592 a year. Mr. Cook was formerly technical adviser to the Town Planning Commission, and was later engineering assistant in the service of Melbourne City Council. Mr. C. W. Rose, the council's former consulting engineer, was not an applicant for the new position.

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merit of the Imperial Navy, celebrated his 51st birthday yesterday. Mr. Kearns comes of an old seafaring family, his father and brothers being ship owners in England. Mr. Kearns followed the sea since he was a lad of nine years, and at the age of seventeen commanded his own vessel with its crew. With the late Mr. John Cameron, of Williamstown, Mr. Kearns founded the Boys' Naval Brigade Movement, a voluntary movement associated with the Sunday schools of Victoria, which, prior to the bringing in of compulsory military training, had a great number of members. On Monday evening next the former officers and boys of the movement will entertain Mr. Kearns at a birthday party, which is to be held in Griffiths Bros.' tearooms, Royal-arcade. Former members should advise Mr. Macintosh, auditor of the Metropolitan Board of Works, of their intention to be present.