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ture of the man who has defied and is defying the Empire.

The Far East Comes Nearer, by H. Hassell Tiltman. To keep abreast of events in this day of startling change is a difficult problem for the average person in New Zealand. Japan is one of the nations that has contributed very largely to the changing scene. When one nation seizes from a neighbouring nation nearly 1,000,000 square miles of its territory, it is perhaps a bit surprising that more notice was not taken of this, and its probable repercussions. By this and other actions Japan has emerged quite definitely as a Continental Power, and to-day is challenging not only China and Soviet Russia, but also Britain, the U.S.A., and others. The future of Japan as envisaged by her leaders is a source of considerable anxiety to the English speaking peoples. If conflict with either China or Russia should happen, then the stage is set for a world conflagration, for it would probably involve Europe, and later the U.S.A. Mr Tiltman in this book makes many things easier to grasp, and gives a most informative analysis of the situation in the Far East.

In My Path, by Halliday Sutherland. The author of "The Arches of the Years" and "A Time to Keep" needs no introduction to the patrons of the Non-fiction Section of the Linwood Public Library, as both of the above books have been in keen demand for some time past. The "Dedication" of this book should not be missed, as it is well worth perusal. The various chapters tell us of events and people whom he met in his path, and all possess an interest that is pleasing. Being a doctor, he devotes a larger share of the professional side of his life than in his previous books, but here as well, the interest is well sustained and much important knowledge is imparted. The author's humour, of course, is present, and in the chapter on "The Matchmakers" we find a good illustration. "The Perfect Eugenic State" may be said to supply humour with a grim touch. While differing from his other work, we see in this book a part of him we but faintly realised in his other books.

Mutiny at Sea, by R. L. Hadfield. Usually a mutiny at sea is far from being a drawing-room affair, being human nature at its worst. Those who have had even a slight first-hand experience of a windjammer at sea, will know of the wretched conditions under which sailors existed, often housed in the top-gallant fore-castle. In heavy weather they were never dry, with green seas breaking aboard. Everything in their fore-castle would be as wet as the sea itself. Yet this was their only shelter. The food was often on a par with their living quarters, and if the "Old Man" and the mates were drivers, then conditions were all there to sour and embitter the men. Only the strong could win through, keeping their manhood and respect. Yet, with everything to kill the finer qualities in times of stress and danger, the

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"common" sailor often proved himself to possess heroism, high courage, and dogged endurance. The labours of Samuel Plimsoll in the '70's of last century in procuring some improvement in their conditions, has since become a matter of history. There was romance of a sort in a sailor's life, but mostly it was undiluted hades. In this book the author gives us some instances of where the men broke down under the grim pressure, and it inevitably made for tragedy. A book that widens one's sympathetic understanding for the "common" sailor.

Heavenly Hell, by Richard Brinsley Sheridan. A realistic sea narrative. Icy gales, reefing sails in howling winds, and all the hardships to be found at sea. The life of sailors in windjammers is well described, with all the saltiness of their calling. You will like this book.

Seventy Years Hard, by "Jo" Hallam. The title is well described in this book. Read it, and be glad you are not "Jo."

The Whalers, by Dr. Felix Maynard, and edited by Alexandre Dumas. This book is from the diary of a French surgeon on whalers in New Zealand waters during the years 1837 to about 1846. Most interesting in its adventure and exploration, with the added interest of the touch given by Alexandre Dumas. The introduction by Johannes C. Andersen makes a splendid commencement to this very interesting book.

Our King and Queen. An authentic and authoritative story.

Desert Encounter, by Knud Holmboe. An adventurous journey through Italian Africa. The author, Danish by birth, was killed by brigands in Arabia in 1930, at the age of 29. In him we have lost a second T. E. Lawrence. Being able to speak Arabic, and assuming the native dress, he mixed with the populace and got the true understanding of the aims and thoughts of the people ruled over by the ruthless Italians. He has much to say against Italian methods in Africa. Recent events in Abyssinia have proved his censure to be justified. Leaving Ceuta he travels by car over the Atlas Mountains, through Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Tripoli, and across the Libyan Desert, meeting adventures and mishaps by the score. Reaching Persia he is thrown into prison as a spy, and the atrocities of the Italians against the Arabs are faithfully portrayed. Not being allowed to travel further in his endeavour to reach Egypt, he is deported and sent home. An interesting and instructive episode, which is well worth reading.

I Found No Peace, by Webb Miller. One of the most thrilling books we have read for some time, unrivalled as a picture, realistic to a degree, of world affairs from 1914. The chapters on India, Ethiopia, and Spain will make you think. One of the best books for a long time.