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course, but it is just possible that she may not be able to reach there until Friday. We have, however, instructed our manager to do everything possible to get the southern mails away by the Thursday night express should the steamer arrive on Thursday afternoon or evening, with a view to letting the Australian mails connect with the Friday steamer from Wellington.

I have, &c.,

R. McK. McLennan,

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington.

For General Manager.

No. 85.

The GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington.

Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited),

SIR,-

Dunedin, 30th March, 1911. It gave us much pleasure to learn by your favour of 15th instant that the Postal Department of the United States of America have taken special interest in the matter of transit of the New Zealand mails after landing at San Francisco, so we may hope there will be no repeated disappointment in the overland arrangements.

I have, &c.,

R. McK. McLennan,

For General Manager.

The Secretary, General Post Office, Wellington. [Wn.-S.F. 11/70.]

No. 86.

The SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington, to the GENERAL MANAGER, Union Steam Ship Company, Dunedin.

SIR,-

General Post Office, Wellington, 5th April, 1911.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo respecting the arrival to-morrow in Auckland of delayed mails from London per s.s. "Talune." As notified in my telegram to you of yesterday, arrangements have been made to convey the mails from Auckland to Wellington by special train provided the mails can reach Wellington by 6 a.m. on the 7th instant. If the special train leaves Auckland by 11 a.m. to-morrow the mails should reach Wellington between 4 and 6 a.m. the following day.

I have, &c.,
D. Robertson, Secretary.
Dunedin. The General Manager, Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand (Limited), Dunedin.

No. 87.

The ACTING CHIEF POSTMASTER, Auckland, to the SECRETARY, General Post Office, Wellington. (Telegram.) Auckland, 6th April, 1911.

Special train with mails ex "Talune" left 11.5 a.m.

[The mails reached Wellington at 5.45 a.m., 7th April.]