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DECENTRALISATION

R.S.L. AND SOLDIERS' MATTERS

R.S.L. activities, so far as the Narrogin sub-branch is concerned, are quiet at present, and they report that the few returned soldiers have been sent back to work, and have expressed themselves as fairly well satisfied with the place. The necessity of not all—married men, unfortunately there is no housing accommodation, and this means two homes to keep for those returned soldiers who have been sent here. The population of Narrogin is growing, and the numerous building activities and other works bring people into the town, but housing accommodation is not being provided to keep pace with growth of population. This would soon be remedied if the Workers' Homes Board were to resume operations on the same lines as pre-war days. There are a number of workers permanently settled here who are expected to hold down, and cannot do so owing to the amount of money required by the Board before any advance will be made. One of the returned soldiers who has recently been sent here on Government work is greatly impressed with the town because of the excellent health he has enjoyed during the three weeks he has been here. Conversing with the writer he expressed the opinion that he has no desire to leave the place. This is only what we would expect, seeing Narrogin is situated on the highest point between Perth and Albany.

The local R.S.L. has decided to part with its roller skates. This decision has been come to as a result of no hall thing available to run same. Our own hall, which is on lease, has been given over entirely to dancing, and after hanging on to the skates and box up, the Board thought it a good thing to do, and the rollers were sold for £30, exactly half of what was paid for them. Although only run for one season at a low admission charge, they paid off the original outlay with a nice little balance, as well as paying all other expenses. Any one desirous of buying these is asked to communicate with secretary, Narrogin and Albany.

The Narrogin sub-branch has always taken a keen interest in municipal affairs, and this was recognised recently by the ratepayers when a deputation was being held by the Department in Narrogin. Mr. Barron was chosen as representing the R.S.L., and he was also elected chairman of the Narrogin Rondo Board. It is hoped the ratepayers of Narrogin will again recognise the good work of the O.N. Co. when the local elections come round, for this branch has decided to put forward a nominee, and a strong candidate has already been chosen.

In response to overtures on the part of the League, the Repatriation Commission has advised that in future all cases of appeal where the applicant desires, he shall be examined by two doctors who have not previously taken an opinion on the case, and in accordance with the regulations all papers relative shall be forwarded to the Commission for consideration. If necessary, the Commission will consult the Principal Medical Officer, and when special features are presented it may be deemed necessary to obtain the report of a specialist.

(Ed.—It would seem only fair, in fact indispensable, that the M.O. should be in possession of all history in connection with the case in question, but it would be rather more satisfactory to the applicant if the latest report (then only a few days old) were detached from the pensioner's file and the unbiased opinion of the board subscribed.)

In the course of discussion at a meeting of the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch the chairman (Mr. Pearce) suggested that the question of preference to soldiers be referred to the State executive.

Mr. Ross, the secretary, took strong exception to this course of action, and expressed the opinion that much of the League's business was referred to conference already by the executive, whose duty was to deal immediately with the recommendations of sub-branches. If the matter then under discussion were referred to the State executive, it would certainly be relegated to conference, thus involving a delay of months before the matter was finalised. The opinion was expressed that the control of the League had passed into the hands of a certain clique and there was a big falling off in membership during the past 12 or 18 months, especially in the metropolitan areas. This was the direct result of the individual having been drownded and the lack of attention to his personal grievances and the failing to assist him in his difficulties.

Politicians of various types were trying to control the League, but were doing so with a view to their interests in the National ticket. Their actions showed that they were not the League's representatives but political representatives. It was time the branches passed a vote of no-confidence in the executive, so that they might realise the extent of their responsibilities.

Best of Wines and Beers at
The Alhambra Bars
Hay and Barrack Streets
Playing into the Enemy’s Hands

Mr. W. A. Ross’s Destructive Criticism.

(By “Cameleo.”)

Healthy, constructive criticism is as the bread of life to all public movements, whilst destructive criticism, which, perhaps, with the best of intentions, is administered as a medicine for the ills of the body politic, invariably succeeds in acting as a poison, and helps to destroy that which it sought to cure.

Into this latter category I place Mr. W. A. Ross’s (Kalgoorlie R.S.L. sector) recent criticism of the State Executive of the R.S.L.

Mr. Ross’s enthusiasm for the cause of returned men is well known, but, unfortunately, he occasionally allows his ardour to lead him into channels of unreasoned speech.

It is to be regretted that, just at such a juncture, when Mr. Ross’s feelings were akin to a bull in a china shop, that the daily papers throughout the State should think it fit to print in prominent places in their news sheets the resultant damaging hysterical outburst.

A section of the general public is known to be antagonistic to returned soldiers and their organisation, and Mr. Ross’s remarks, savouring as they do of disparagement within the League, played into the enemies’ hands.

Mr. Ross was present at the last State Conference, at which the Executive for the ensuing year was elected, and he must accordingly recognise his own responsibility in this matter.

Mr. Ross’s statement that the control of the League had passed to politicians and “brass hats” is untrue. Politics are never discussed at Executive meetings, and Jimmy Cornell is the only politician on that body, and his last thought would be to use the R.S.L. for political purposes. There is not one “brass hat” on the Executive, their ex-A.I.F. strength being approximately 1 chaplain, 3 officers, and 14 other ranks.

Mr. Ross’s jibes at the metropolitan sub-branches show a poor spirit of comradeship, and are lacking in reason and decency.

If our League is to remain a power in the land, we must have harmonious team work.

It is to be hoped that such a zealous worker for the cause of the digger as Bill Ross is, is not aspiring to wear the mantle of intolerance, which has been left unworn since certain notorious East Perthites discarded it.

(Notice was given that the motion of censure on the State Executive of the R.S.L. was to have been moved on 3rd July by the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch, on the grounds that the Executive had neglected the interests of the members of the League. Mr. Jas. Cornell, M.I.C., attended the meeting, and, after a lengthy address, explaining the work performed by the Executive, the motion was withdrawn and expressions of appreciation were tendered to Mr. Cornell.—Ed.)
Just in Passing
The Editor discourses on current digger topics

Westralians have many among them who are utterly disgusted in the matter of Federal control. In almost every phase of the central control occasion is offered for expression of discontent. Taxation, ever a sore point with the taxpayer, seems to richly deserve the censure of those who have reason to acquaint themselves with its workings. Until our last annual income tax returns were furnished we were confronted with a State return and a Commonwealth return, both inclined to be complicated; but with a view to bringing the whole business under the Federal Government's control, amalgamation was effected. It may be that the reasons given were a guise to lead the States to believe that the amalgamation was not really to permit of the Federal grasp tightening, but to simplify the system of duplication and to save in the cost of dual administration. The existing anomalies are so numerous that their elucidation is a constant source of worry to the taxpayer. We have an example of the manner in which the meshes are being drawn closer in the fact that all State taxation decisions have to be referred to Melbourne for ratification.

The "Income Tax Assessment Act" presents such a complexity of aspect that the Federal authorities have embarked upon a scheme of producing a hand book of explanation. In order to enable the already puzzled taxpayer to become better acquainted with what is required of him a most bewildering copy of all decisions on the interpretation of the law in this regard, given by the Courts or the Commissioner, is included in consolidated form.

Although perhaps few business houses would become so involved as to find it necessary to evolve a system of explanation in connection with their undertakings, it is probable that even did the occasion exist for such action the firm would be too bound to announce that months would elapse ere the required data could be made available.

Not so the Melbourne administrators. Without an apology the announcement is given that owing to the voluminous nature of the work the compilation of the hand book will occupy several more months.

If this is the case it would seem that the already vexed question will become only more vexed and puzzling as a result of the use of the explanation.

It is far from being a credit to the Federal legislation that no simple method of taxing incomes has been determined upon. Many suggestions have been proffered, and some of them so feasible, so check in administration and so effective, that their very simplicity has jeopardised their chance of adoption.

It is very startling to con up a visionary estimate of the cost of producing this hand book. Many highly-paid officials have spent long, and will spend longer periods, before the matter is prepared for publication, and the whole of this heavy expenditure is for the purpose of making a bulky method of taxation more cumbersome.

A message from Canada shows that under the laws of Washington State, Japanese may not hold title to agricultural lands. In spite of this however, Japanese have defied this legislation for many years past. The State has at last awakened from its lethargy to an effort to eject these aliens, and a notice was issued to the Japanese holder intimating that they would be allowed to sell to Americans; but if they failed to do so within a given time the lands would be exchanged. Investigations regarding companies whose stock-holders are Japanese are being made, and action on the lines indicated above will be taken if it is found practicable.

A similar course of procedure is being followed in other Pacific States. A Japanese Swall has made an application for naturalisation on the ground that the Japanese are white, but the application was refused by the lower court, and as a result of an appeal having been lodged the matter will be again considered. The decision is awaited in Australia with much interest as in Washington State, especially in view of our "White Australia" policy.

Recently the Esplanade East was the scene of some activity, and as a result of the effort of a gang of men working under the head gardener and incidentally the Premier's department, the once charming avenue of evergreens has been rooted up. If this is a part of a system of beautifying the river frontage, it would have been better to have extended the efforts to Mounts Bay road side, where the columns of white posts give one the impression of a Belgian hop yard. It is said the effort was for the purpose of altering some of the unseemly, and we are very pleased to learn of work being provided for them; but it would be much more to the point if work of a reproductive kind was found. It would have been better, under the circumstances, to have paid the men, and left the ornamental avenue standing; they might have profitably employed themselves in searching for useful employment the while.

MAIMED AND LIMBLESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Advice has been received from the above-mentioned of a social held on the 8th instant at the Soldiers' Institute for the entertainment of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Mr. H. May, President of the Association, took command of proceedings. Mr. Stan O'Grady, the energetic Secretary, was provided by Mr. Halliday's Concert Party.

P.G.R.—Mr. Gray's remarks are well worth digesting. It's a known fact that State trading concerns are strangling private enterprises, and that it was practically promised that the would get out at best a poor return and mind that it was to be from the State, but what do we see? Instead of the promise being carried out, we have extensions, which to a great extent are, to blame for the muddle of unending and unprofitable business, because persons are dubious of starting new manufactures, etc., if they are threatened with State interference. I'm not interested in religious beliefs, party politics, or social and political life; all I want to see is all Westralians pull together for one ideal—"Westralia the best."

For a good, quick, ample Lunch, go to Alhambra Bars
FOR Forestry Resources

(By Monoped)

It is not out of season for the consideration of the Forestry question; in fact, it should ever be our foremost care to perpetuate this fountain of utility. No eloquence can too greatly stress the need for the realisation of the indebtedness of humanity to the world's forest growth for supplies of the many relative products in the mineral world, and this, together with the knowledge of exigence for a liberal supply of timber, should lead mankind to a due sense of the primary importance of forest and forest products in economy of progressive civilisation. It should also be recognised that every effort should be used to concentrate upon assuring a continuity of supply under the best natural conditions coupled with scientific supervision.

The forester of some twenty years since was fully alive to the all-important need for conserving John Evelyn's work "Discourse of Forest Trees," speaks a message which is even more opportune today than at the close of the eighteenth century when it was first published—"Since it is certain and admissible that all arts and artificers whatsoever must fail and cease if there were no timber and wood in a nation (for he whom shall take his pen and begin to set down what art, mystery, or trade belonging in any way to human life could be maintained and exercised without wood, will quickly find that I speak no paradox), I say, when this shall be well considered it would appear that we had better be without gold than without timber."

The amount of wood used per capita annually throughout the world is steadily increasing despite all known substitutes, and although forest products are used increasingly the extent of dependency is not adequately appreciated and seldom is the urgency for a system of maintenance of the growth of this vital substance appreciated.

TREES.

I think that I shall never see A poem lovely as a tree, A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed Against the earth's sweet, flowing breast. A tree that looks at God all day, And lifts its leafy arms to pray. A tree that may in summer wear A nest of robins in her hair, Upon whose bosom snow has lain, Who intimately lives with rain. Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree. —Joyce Kilmer

American Expeditionary Force. (Killed in Action.)

ETHEL CAMPBELL FUND.

For some time past interest has been taken by a few bodies of returned soldiers in the project of collecting a fund to demonstrate the gratitude of the appreciative digger for the kindly attentions to the troops at the hands of Miss Ethel Campbell. The South Fremantle Sub-branch of this month's contribution with a donation of £1, and recommend that their example be followed elsewhere. Other amounts have been received, including: —R. C. Rommers, "Evelyn Vale," Yarloop, 1/-; A. Threlfall, Gabbim, 2/-; "Digger," 5/-;

All intending subscribers are requested to forward their contributions to the Secretary, this office.
A.F.E.—In your last issue, a correspondent referred to the recent publication of the volume: "Australia's Fighting Sons of the Empire." The writer suggested that the price was exorbitant, but it should be realized that the costs of publishing such a work must be very heavy. Not all the subscribers have come to light with their four quid; some have only paid a few bob deposit, and they refuse to stump up the balance. The block of their photo alone would cost more than that, while the printing, binding, salaries of office staff, checking correspondence, etc., would cost a tidy sum. After going closely into the matter, it is easy to give credence to the rumours that the project has resulted in a substantial loss to the promoters. In N.S.W., the book was published with the usual co-operation of the heads, but in W.A., the apathy of the subscribers, who were too tired to send their photos, killed whatever chance there was of squaring the ledger.

Z.Z.—Your "Production" contributor makes some funny suggestions at times. In last issue he suggests cutting out Anzac Day altogether, so that all hands in Australia could produce more! Ye Gods! Cannot we have one day on which to recognize the sacrifices of the men who made Australia a nation? Cannot "Production" air his eloquence on getting some of the many ridiculous "bank holidays" cut out? Why pick Anzac Day? I write this on June 28th—Prince Ted's birthday, and all banks, insurance co's, etc., are closed in honor thereof. Now, Teddy Windsor is a pleasant little chap, but I'm sure he doesn't want to stop the wheels of industry throughout the Empire just because he has a birthday. Why not cut this, and other silly excuses for the bank johnnies knocking off—work. Apropos, I recollect the story of the chap who asked his Jewish employer for a fortnight's leave. The Yid looked at the man in surprise. "A fortnight's holiday," he said. "How many days are der in the year?" he asked. "365, of course," was the reply. "Well, you only work eight hours a day, don't you, so that makes 122. Den you don't work on Sundays, or in the Jewish Salath, so take off 104. Dat makes it 18. Den you don't work on 8 Jewish holidays. Dat leaves 10 days you work. Damn it, how can you get a fortnight's holiday when you only work 8 days in the year?"

Violete.—By the way, the first rabbit has been caught in this district by Mr. Watson, almost due west of Wagerup, near Varlool, on the Harvey main drain. Traces have been noticed for several years, but one was only laughed at for mentioning them. In my opinion, in this locality rabbits will never get the upperhand, so there is no cause for alarm. Settlers already fear that a poison cart may be sent down. Why? Because this part is liable to insect pests whose only enemy is the bird, and the poison cart defeats its own ends by killing all the birds who have been relieving us of our insect pests for the sake of killing good meat, which will never do half the damage which the insects will if the birds are killed out. To my idea the poison cart as used at present is nothing but a black sin. Instead of laying "poison promiscuously, let us use the warrens, I'm a bird lover, and it seems a crying shame to see the way the birds have been killed out in some parts of the wheat belt in endeavour to get a few rabbits which are still there. In other countries the use of such rotten methods is dying out because insects are worse than rabbits.

S.G.—Recently the Brussels correspondent of the London "Times" wrote showing that an organisation existed in Germany embodying over a million and a half men under arms. There appears to be a network of military organisations secretly co-operating in various parts of Germany. These men really comprise a defence unit. The conditions of membership comprise: obedience to the supreme chief, and contribution to the up-keep, and propagation of the national idea. The objects of the organisation are:

1. To band together men of national sympathy so as to prevent the complete overthrow of Germany by revolution.
2. To suppress the widespread internal disorders they should arise.
3. To render to the present state of things impossible by the advancement of the national government.
4. To gain for the people an army and armaments to the greatest extent.

The Orgsch, as it is termed, has, 1,600 members, of whom about one quarter are police; its Colloquium and over 1,000 are quite young men. Meetings are conducted weekly and drills are held regularly on the frontier of occupied territory near the English zone.

In Western Australia transportation has been dependent on various forces, but the use of producer gas in this matter is far from common. Resulting from the extensive experiments carried out in Perth, a convenient device has been designed. The gas-producer is extremely cheaply run, and is convenient in size; its weight, in the case of the Bruning 20-h.p. producer, is under 150, and in view of its simplicity of construction self-regulating and feeding—especially adapted to use for locomotion. The figures regarding the cost of production of energy are exceedingly small, and show an enormous advantage in comparison with the expensive consuming petrol. A 4-ton motor lorry using petrol to the amount of 16gals. of petrol at 3/- per gallon, that is 48/- compares in this manner in using hard wood charcoal, or charcoal, and covering the same distance, the same vehicle would cost 5/- per fuel, and thus show a saving of 43/- out of every 48/.

G.G.—The pro-Treaty candidates have gained a victory in the Irish Free State elections. In many cases they have a majority. For those candidates were decidedly calculated to show the existence of sainthood in the electors. The losing side make many excuses, and even hope for the Do Valera illusion, believing, as he himself expresses his belief, "Our people have by a majority voted as Great Britain wanted, but their hearts and their aspirations are unchanged, and Ireland is not free, and will never be at rest until reconciled generously with Great Britain." It is truly marvellous how, in the face of positive evidence of the people's requirements no major party can muster so small a majority. Well, words fail me, and time will show.

Xs.—A Yank firm has purchased Kaiser Bill's book in which he recounts the innocence of Hunland, and shows how our side are aggressors. Gee, this is in the face of sinking hospital ships and neutral vessels, the introduction of gas into warfare, and the violation of treaties generally. American speculators have arranged to hand over 250,000 good looking dollars to this archfiend. They surely deserve to crash for their pains.

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Abridged Prospectus

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Reverie

A church of Norman architect,
Its inner walls with banners decked;
I see the candles in the nave.
Aiding the light the stained glass gave;
The altar standing clear defined;
A humble throng with heads inclined.
The priest with hand uplifted,
"Dominus Vobiscum,"
His voice to chant had drifted,
A faint musical hum.
"Et cum spiritu tuo,"
The clerk responsive says,
Then he crosses, bowing low.
To where the blessed book lays.
A priest, a book, a bell and beads—
Behold the clerk stands up and reads!

Anon I hear a funeral dirge,
And see the tumult passion surge,
Among the weeping widows there,
Who faintly hope and oft' despair.
At whiles methinks the chant I hear,
Of youthful maids, with voices clear,
Arrayed in confirmation white;
Such gauzy veils might grace a sprite!
And still again there seems to be
A grand bridal festivity;
The chiming bells are ringing clear,
And wedding march I seem to hear.

L. GIBBONS.

Owing to lack of space many contributions have been held over until the next issue.

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(Abridged Prospectus cont.)

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JULY 21st, 1922.

OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY.

The Company is being formed with the object, inter alia, of:

1. Acquiring from the Lessees (Messrs, Walter Baker and John Thomas Ellis) the whole of their right, title and interest in Mineral Leases Nos. Lake Side 1727E, Bulong 604Y and Bulong 5Y, and Norseman 1 and 2. By the issue of 2000 Fully Paid-up Shares of 10/- each, £1000.

2. In the purchase of the Vendors' Interest in Provisional Patent No. 5704—
   (a) By the issue of 13,000 Fully Paid-up Shares of 10/- each, £6500
   (b) By the payment in cash of £2500

3. In the purchase of Land, Erection and Acquisition of Buildings and Plant, and completing the application for full Patent Rights estimated at £5000.

4. In providing Working Capital £3500

Leaving in Reserve:
   (a) In Uncalled Capital £7500
   (b) In Unissued Capital £2500

Forms of Application for Shares and the Prospectus may be obtained from the Secretary (pro tem.), or from the members of Perth Stock Exchange.

Dated at Perth this 12th day of July, 1922.

North Fremantle Sub-Branch.—H.W. Taylor, who returned from service with the 16th, is now acting secretary for the Battalion Association.

North Fremantle Sub-Branch.—H.W. writes:—It would be hard to find a more energetic and such a highly successful secretary as the genial Jack McCage, of the Fremantle branch. At one time this branch was in danger of becoming extinct, but McCage took command and worked with a will with the result that a compact branch exists. Moreover, he can generally squeeze out a few minutes for any digger, whether a member of the League or not, if the individual is in difficulties and over a hundred returned men have been placed in jobs through his energies; in fact it may be said with safety that there are less than fifty unemployed diggers in the district. His latest achievement is the reorganisation of the recreation hut formerly used by the inmates of the hospital, now known as the Fremantle Sailors' and Soldiers' Institute. To bring this job to a success he devoted the whole of his six weeks' holiday, and without any remuneration of course, and that is deserving of the appreciation of all.

REPORTS.

A small shipment of grapes was packed in a safe made from Mineral Sponge, and accompanied the Premier, Sir James Mitchell, on his voyage to London, and letters dealing with the matter have been received and these may be inspected at the Office of the Secretary.

A sample of Gypsum taken from the Company's Lease at Norseman was submitted to the Government Geologist, and his report is available for inspection.

The above Agreements are open for inspection, and may be seen at the Office of the Secretary (pro tem.), Weld Chambers, St. George's Terrace, Perth.

FORMS OF LEASE.

There is a great scope for the use of 'Mineral Sponge' in Western Australia alone, and on account of close proximity to several tropical countries the possibilities of disposing of it are almost unlimited.

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Applications have been made for Full Patent Rights throughout the Commonwealth, Great Britain, India, South Africa, United States of America, and the Straits Settlements.

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The minimum subscription upon which the Directors may proceed to allotment is 1000 Shares and £1000.

If the Shares now offered be over-applied for the number of Shares to be allotted in respect of each application shall be at the sole discretion of the Provisional Directors. Further, the right is reserved to the Provisional Directors of reducing or declining any application, without assigning any reason therefor.
VARIÁ—(Continued from page 7)

Wattie.—Your contributor, H. May, seems to be the type of enthusiast who may stir the League into some sort of wakefulness, even if it’s only to contradict his statements. Anything would be better than apathy. Some scheme is very necessary to awaken the interest of returned men to the possibilities of achieving great things, if they will only cooperate. The leaders must determine upon some scheme to create an atmosphere different to the present one, and men must be induced to take notice and join the League, giving its principles their full support. The wider the scope of activity, the more varied will the classes of members be, and consequently the greater will be the strength.

“Chips”

L.S.—An interesting incident occurred at the head office of the League the other day when a digger, obviously in a highly elated state, blew in, and announced his name in a loud voice. Closed doors had no effect, and he marched through all obstacles until he reached the State secretary, whom he immediately claimed as a personal friend. It appears that he was one of the many who had received a helping hand when he was down. He was now in a state of temporary affluence, and his first care was to see that he became a financial member of the League. He paid his sub., and departed, leaving blessings on the heads of all and declaiming that no better institution existed than the R.S.L. In a world where so many forget the benefits extended to them such appreciation is very pleasing.

P.G.R.—To catch a snake, find the hole in a wall through which it usually goes, and then place a rabbit some distance opposite the hole, on each side of it. Mr. Snaka comes along, swallows the first rabbit, sends it halfway or more down his body, and then, smelling the second, goes through the hole as far as he can and swallows the second one on the other side, there be dear reader, he has two lumps in his body where the rabbits are, one each side of the wall, etc., and he must stop there till he digests them, as they won’t go through the hole. As the digestion is not an instantaneous process all you have to do is to come round in the morning and kill him before he has time to digest his meal! Talking with one of mine who once left her horse in the sulky tied up to a tree while he walked round in search of game, and after some considerable time he came back with quite a load, which he put in the sulky; then he untied the horse, and got in. Imagine his surprise on starting, when he noticed one wheel skidding. So he pulled up and examined the wheel and he found a 9-foot cart snake winding itself, having coiled round the spokes and the front part of the spring.

Violets.—What a farce the Agricultural Bank is. It’s neither one thing or the other. Either let it be in existence to help new settlers (pioneers), or let it take 1900 work with old settlers on the same lines as other banks. Heaven knows there is enough red tape and waiting involved by a pioneer asking for assistance, but what beats me, supposing a settler has battled along for several years without getting outside financial assistance, he has done considerable improvements, but finds this battling has decreased his bank balance to an alarming extent, and that just as he can see the turn of the tide, he needs a little financial assistance. Of course he turns to the Agricultural Bank, but imagine his disgust when he is told he will have to do additional improvements on which, only, he will be paid an advance, and then the red tape starts! One man waited nine months for a £100, which he needed to finance him immediately. Can you wonder that the next time he went to the W.A. Bank (he wouldn’t have had to go there if he had received first loan in reasonable time), and was kept up in a few weeks, and has now landed on his feet. Seems funny for a bank to turn down a good security, and to encourage the doubtful one.

P.F.—F.L.C. is rather late with his advice to the P.M.G. about despatch of telegrams. A more effective method is employed than a metal stamp, an automatic till is installed and no stamps are used. This applies to all offices with sufficient business to warrant the installation.

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor will unveil a Memorial Tablet in connection with Cot donated by 11th Battalion Associations, at the Children’s Hospital, on Sunday, July 30, at 3 p.m.

Rex Montgomery, ex Captain 28th Bn., was in the limelight recently, and was the privileged assistant to the violin celebrity by whom Perth was enchanted.

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"A most gallant airmen." So runs the simple epitaph upon a granite pylon at Karrakatta which perpetuates the memory of Lt. John C. McIntosh, who with Lt. Parer flew from England to Australia in 1930, and who met his death early last year at Point Cook in under-tragic circumstances. The record on the memorial is surrounded by an airship, engraven above it is the "Rising Sun," A.I.F. badge, and at the foot "This monument is erected by the people of Western Australia in his honour."

A word or two on Lt. McIntosh's career might here be of interest. McIntosh was a born flyer, and while in the infantry he never rested until he was graduated as an airmen of the R.E. and set going upon which he received his training in Cairo. In his first flight he crashed two machines, indeed he took to the air as does a bird and was never happy unless he was on some machine or other. He was observed as an observer and eventually received his pilot's "ticket." His flight of 10,000 miles in a crazy machine startled the world. He then crossed Australia by motor cycle in a marvellous feat. These performances were the result of dogged perseverance and sheer grit coupled with a desire to "get there."

His life, cut off in the bloom of its youth, branded as it was with the laurels of great achievements, was one this nation could ill afford to lose; yet it will remain for all time as a shining example of British courage and endurance.

Captain Sir Ross Smith, winner of the famous tour across the world, has made the Great Trial of Australia's Latest Airmen a matter of pride and triumph. His machine at Hounslow, London, preparatory to a contemplated flight round the world, he either temporarily lost control or a serious defect in the machine manifested itself, for it suddenly nose-dived and crashed and Sir Ross Smith and Lt. Bennett were fatally injured. (Much remains to be accomplished before the air is properly conquered, principally in the direction of stalling and gaining experience and knowledge of the various air currents and other meteorological information.)

The bodies of the intrepid airmen were brought to Australia and all Adelaide last month paid a beautiful tribute to Ross Smuth at his funeral. Forty-five aviators were present from Point Cooke Flying School. At Melbourne a vast concourse witnessed the burial of Lt. Bennett. "The best airman that ever lived" he was, said Tommy uniform, on the table when she arrived at the hospital with the acid test, 'bailed me up and asked me for your views on matters topical is revisited."

**ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

[any subscriber desires of ventilating personal views on matters topical is requested to subscribe his name and address—this will be treated confidentially. It must, however, be borne in mind that the publication of individual opinions does not signify that this journal endorses them.]

Jas. Pollard. "Your letter and matter to hand, and greatly appreciated are your good wishes."

1444. Laverton. "The contribution is gratefully acknowledged, and suggestion treated elsewhere."

A. H. Morrell. "Paragraph duly received; the journal is pleased to have your interest enlised on its behalf."

J. Patterson. "Receipt is acknowledged, and items accepted with thanks."

H. Welshman. "More of your sort would be welcome."

P. G. Regier. "Thanks for continued interest."

T. Smart. "Si, senor, gracias."

A.G.B. (Hobart). "Your good wishes appreciated. Glad to note your continued interest in our State."

J.C.C. "Thanks for contribution; report will be read."

W.A. (Melbourne). "Good luck attend you venture in composition."

Dag. "It is left to the discretion of the State Repatriation Board to authorise the provision of panuage in such exceptional cases as your own. In your view of your removal to what you term an outlandish place, you should write to the Rep. and explain your altered circumstances regarding attendance for medical review."

R. Gaine. "Have given attention to your request."

J. Oates; but be sure you draft onto flight-proof stock, such as Northern Spy.

State Secretary. "Thanks for data and generous assistance."

Secretary Fremantle R.S.L. "Thanks for good wishes—your energy should be emulated."

**YARLOP.**—A one penny stamp on a seven page letter means fourpence "To pay." M.S., Brookton. "You wait until that Department issues the "titles" you'll probably be grey—suggest obtaining "permits" for transfer—though you want plenty of patience even then."

Mrs. Bristow. "Writing; always pleased to hear from you.

Sec. Beverly Sub-branch. "Pleased to report own town's limited space unable publish same issue. Will include later. Fund is still active, and we shall be pleased to receive subs."

**HUMOROSITIES.**

A Jew the other day told me about one of his own nationality who was fond of drink and inclined to wax wrathful in argument, and on one occasion told his equally obstinate companion, in a fit of exasperation "Ven you die, your death will be announced in the amusement column."

In imitation the second said, "And ven you die, d'ye pour you pack into de pocket."

After having been evacuated on account of trench fever, and having been fitted out at the hospital with a complete Tommy uniform, on my discharge to Base Depot I obtained leave to go to Le Harve for the afternoon. Two M.P.'s bailed me up and asked me for my pass as soon as I showed my nose outside the station, and no amount of argument would convince them that the party shown on the pass was identical with the party in the uniform I wore. They decided they would give me the acid test, and they made me proceed at a leisurely pace before them along the Rue Paris. After a little while I heard them hurrying up to me, and they said they were now quite satisfied I was an Aussie and they were sorry they had misconceived me. I then asked what had happened. They asked, "Well, you passed by three officers in succession without saluting."

A note lay on the forward steno's table when she arrived at office, late as usual. She took it up and read: "A Mr. Lyons sent this for you, and when advised you had not yet arrived, asked if you would please ring US and ask him."

Miss Steno lifted the receiver and said, "South-eight, please. She was put through with them along the Rue Paris. After a little while I heard them hurrying up to me, and they said they were now quite satisfied I was an Aussie and they were sorry they had misconceived me. I then asked what had happened. They asked, "Well, you passed by three officers in succession without saluting."

"Oh, put me through to Mr. Lyons, please."

"No reply came for a moment, but a smothered laugh reached the girl's ear—then, 'This is the Zoo!' I think someone must have been pulling your leg—our lions are not allowed to answer the 'phone.'"
"Struth! It's flying low," whispered Alick shakily, "it must be just over the horse-lines."

I lit a cigarette. Instantly there came a yell from the nearby dugouts. "Put that light out!" At the same instant the noise ceased. Alick hissed out a curse and flattened himself on the ground. The fatal moment had arrived. The engine had stopped preparatory to launching that dreadfiul bomb that would hurl us all to destruction. My life passed in a vast panorama before me. All the little petty jealousies that I had displayed cropped up. The lies I had told to dodge fatigue and other necessary duties of a soldier and man seared my soul like red hot iron. All my...

"Give us a light, Alick," said Bill, as he crawled into the dugout. "Never saw such a windy mob in all me life like this battalion. Y'know that forge of the blacksmith sergeant? Well, if y'turn the handle quicker 'n quickener and keep on puttin' y'hand over the blowhole, y'can make a noise just like a Gotha comin' over. Well, I jest been doin' it, and the 'ole damn camp is in darkness. The 'ole colonel camp is in the matter of grouchin'. Does he ever get a good season? Does he ever make enough money to buy himself and family the necessities of life? "Never, while grass grows and water runs. Never, Never, Never" (according to his own account)

The Soldier: Can the Digger live on six bob a day, less deferred pay, allotments, etc.? Can a Sergeant uphold the dignity of his position on half a guinea a day? Can a Sub. hobnob with General on his pittance? Yet again, can a Field Marshal meet all his obligations on a mere two or three thou? It simply can't be done.

The reader may take any walk in life and come to the same conclusion. You, yourself, wouldn't another couple of hundred a year make all the difference to the comfort of your present existence? Money-Money. The only people who can make it are employees of the Royal Mint. They can make and handle it, but can they use it? Well they run a big risk. Again, the Government have fallen into a deadly trap in that they can never manufacture and broadcast it, and all our man-made human beings to scramble for it.

The Governments have fallen into a deadly trap in that they can never manufacture and broadcast it. Human beings have reverted to the animal and adopted the principle of "the survival of the fittest," without realising that even the fittest cannot survive long enough to amass enough money.
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EMPLOYMENT

The Employment Committee of the Returned Soldiers' and Sailors' Employment and Aid Society desire to place before the employers of the State the position of a number of returned maimed and limbless soldiers.

The Returned Maimed and Limbless Men's Association has a membership of 420, all of whom have been severely disabled. Out of this number, much to their credit, approximately 75 per cent., have repatriated themselves more or less successfully. The remainder, however, have been unable to obtain any permanent employment, the reason for this being that before the war, the majority of them were employed in work which, through their war-caused disabilities, they are not now able to follow, and at the present time have no other trade in which they are skilled.

The Repatriation Department, it is stated, considers that a man who has lost his right arm cannot be trained for any vocation. The R.M. and L.M. Association desire to impress employers that although a man has lost a limb, there is in almost every large business in W.A. at least one position which could be filled adequately by a disabled man, in which he could faithfully earn the full wage.

In regard to clerical work the association has a number of members who have been trained as clerks since their return from the war. Some of these men are out of work because, as they have not had previous experience, they cannot produce testimonials from former employers. Employers are therefore urgently requested to give these unemployed men a chance of showing their capabilities, as the officials of the Association assure this committee that the men will give satisfaction.

The committee agrees with the Association that those who have suffered for their country should not have to battle continually for casual work, but should be given permanent employment at the ruling rate of wages, although they are in receipt of a pension from the Federal Government. These men are debarred through their wounds from participating in the pleasures of life. Would an able-bodied man sacrifice a leg or an arm for a pension of £1.6 per week? No one should, therefore, refute the claim of maimed men to a full wage, although they are in receipt of a pension.

There are about 80 of these men out of employment, and the committee are urgently asking all employers in the State to find work for them in one of the vocations which it is stated they are capable of filling.

In Germany it is made compulsory to every employer to find positions for maimed men to the extent of 8 per cent. of his total employees, irrespective of whether he can find suitable tasks or not. Here, in the British Empire, where we usually boast an ideal and the sense of duty, the absorption of these men should be more readily undertaken than in a country where the ideals are enforced.

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