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The Naval Conference

When the holding of a naval conference in London had been decided upon, it looked as though English affability and American altruism at the expense of others had found a common denominator for reducing naval armaments, thus lessening the burden of the American taxpayer and making the world safe for salesmanship. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald metaphorically patted himself on the back; his own party press, the crank press, and every putrid little coward that would rather sell his country than fight for it, applauded the tact of the Prime Minister, which, after all, consisted merely of yielding to every American pretention. The monstrous regime of women commenced knitting halos for him; the dove of peace commenced to sprout new tail feathers, and everything in the garden was lovely. It only remained for the other naval powers to meet in conference; for them to be good boys like Johnny Bull, and ratify the demands of dear old Uncle Sam. Unfortunately, the rest of the world does not view matters through American spectacles. France and Italy each considers her own safety or more paramount importance than the dubious altruism of America, or the fatuous amiability of English doctrinaires. Even members of John Bull's own household are sitting up and asking awkward questions.

The British naval needs are well enough known. Britain's empire is oceania. The highways by which she receives her very food supplies are ocean ways. Upon their safety depends her existence. The obvious corollary is that she must maintain forces adequate for their protection: For her to reduce those forces, merely to save a foreign power the expense of maintaining naval parity with Britain, would be an act of traitorous folly. The eleventh hour announcement of the policy of gradually reducing and finally eliminating battleships came as a surprise. The value of capital ships has long been a matter-for controversy between naval experts, but now, by some line of reasoning, too astruse for the normal-minded to follow, it has been decided that the Kellogg Pact has enabled us to do with twenty less battleships. Why twenty and not twenty-one or nineteen? The simple faith in the Kellogg Pact and the measurement of its effects in terms of such mathematical accuracy would be impossible to anyone but the doctrinaire.

The faith of the present British Government in the Kellogg Pact is really touching. If any nation really believed that this agreement would prevent war, it would scrap its navy without delay at the first practicable moment, irrespective of what any other country might be doing. Another point that English affability has overlooked is this: if war between Britain and —the United States is unthinkable, as the press is always assuring us, why is America so insistent on her demands for naval parity with Britain? If the American ideal set forth in the conversations preceding the conference are genuine, how is it that these reduction conferences always result in an increase in the American navy? The result is a twofold increase, in fact; rivals relieve the American taxpayer of reducing, while America still goes on building. The very day Mr. Hoover farewell'd the American delegates, he also sent a message to Congress urging the necessity for extra ships of various tonnage for the navy.

Fortunately for the doubtful success of the conference the question of the freedom of the seas, that is, America's right to trade with both belligerents, will not be discussed. America has always objected to the blockade as a method of naval warfare, except when such is to her own advantage. Our war with her in 1812 was caused by the stringency of our blockade of the French ports. However, during the American Civil War, the North maintained a blockade of all southern ports, that was inhuman in its intensity. The unfortunate Confederates were not even allowed to obtain chloroform for their hospitals. In the event of such a discussion France would certainly support the age-old policy of the British Admiralty in this respect. Because the question is not listed for discussion this time is no guarantee that America will not raise it on some future occasion.

France is more concerned about the Mediterranean. Her Atlantic seaboard is safe from attack. The only naval powers who could injure France in this direction are Britain and America, and in the event of any dispute with either of these powers, diplomacy would take the place of armaments. The Mediterranean routes, on the other hand, must be well guarded. She must be able to bring her colonial troops to France if necessary, and she must receive the bulk of her foodstuffs from Africa. She also has land frontiers to guard. This necessitates an adequate army and air force, as well as a navy. Specialisation in submarines has effected for France a certain measure of economy in naval construction. As all types of ships will pass under review at the conference, submarines will be included in the reduction proposals. It is not to be expected that France will countenance any proposals for the abolition or even reduction of submarines.

Italy demands parity with France and considers that she is entitled to parity with any or every country. She comes to the conference table in disagreement with France on this point. France, on the other hand, has proposed a Mediter-
The National War Memorial

Whenever a Federal Government institutes an economy campaign, the Defence Department, which from its very nature is politically inarticulate, or some correlated activity, is marked down for a pruning. In hanging up the construction of the National War Memorial, the present ministry is only following the bad example set by its predecessors. The plea Mr. Scullin advanced, in answer to the League's protest, though far from satisfactory, is not so specious as it seems. As he pointed out, previous ministries expended money—wasted it, in some cases—which might have been used in constructing the War Memorial. This is good political propaganda, no doubt, but the average digger, who, Mercutio-like, can cry "A plague on both your houses!" fails to see how two wrongs make a right. It is a standing disgrace to Australia that the various States, even the smaller towns, all have some monument to the memory of those who fell when most politicians stayed at home, while eleven years after the war there is none at the seat of government.

Mr. Scullin's decision will find favour in the sight of those individuals among his supporters and elsewhere who could have, but did not, go to the war, and who have been virulently hostile to the returned man and the ideals he fought for ever since. Such a monument would be an ever present reminder of their shame. But good men and true of Mr. Scullin's party, in common with good men and true of the other parties, deplore the decision and are vigorously protesting against it.

It is one economy that should not be necessary. Knowing politicians as we know them, we cannot stifle the uneasy suspicion that the money saved in this direction will be squandered in others less worthy. It was not necessary, for instance, to send Mr. Fenton to Europe, before he had had time to familiarise himself with the activities of his department. If it is imperative that Australia be represented at the forthcoming naval conference, surely, in the interests of economy and common sense, someone on the spot—the High Commissioner or the Agent-General of one of the States, say—could have carried out this duty. The money thus saved could then be allocated to the National War Memorial; that is, if the Government wants to see a national memorial.

In declining to proceed with the construction of the memorial, and in attempting to throw the onus of this neglect on his predecessors, Mr. Scullin has committed a tactical blunder. He has incurred the suspicion of pandering to scumminism and other aspects of cold-footed rascality, placing, at the same time, a weapon in the hands of political opponents who claim loyalty as their exclusive copyright.

First Aid at Country Schools

At the last State Congress, a motion was passed asking that a course of first-aid be included in the training of school teachers, and that first-aid outfits be supplied to country schools.

The Director of Education, in his reply, stated:

"I have to inform you that in the recently revised edition of the Department's text book on the Laws of Health, one chapter is devoted to accidents and emergencies, dealing with wounds that cause bleeding, and also with burns, scalds, fainting, concussion, sunstroke, etc.

"Our teachers, in their college course, are given instruction in first-aid, so that they will know what to do should emergencies arise in their schools.

"The supply of first-aid outfits to all schools would be a heavy item for the Department, but it should not be a difficult matter for the schools to obtain an outfit from school funds or from the Parents and Citizens' Associations."

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An apology was received from Colonel Dunkley.

The Rev. C. L. Riley was granted leave of absence for two meetings.

Edward Millen Home—The Darling Range Sub-Branch advised that a meeting had been arranged to take place on the 20th instant, and asked that Executive representatives attend in connection with the Edward Millen Home.

Employment State Electoral Department—The Premier's Department advised that enquiries were being made in this connection.

Reports.—State Secretary read the report of the operations of the office for the preceding fortnight. The report was received.

House Committee.—The report of the House Committee meeting held on the 18th December, was received. The Committee requested the approval for an expenditure not to exceed £20 for necessary repairs. This was agreed to.

Employment Bureau.—The report of the Employment Bureau for the month of December was received.

Relief Funds.—The report of the R.S.L. Relief Fund for the month of December was received.

Wreaths. Armistice Day.—Colonel Manning advised having laid a wreath on behalf of the Western Australian branch of the R.S.L. on the Centenary on Armistice Day.

Federal Congress.—The President of the Victorian State Branch expressed his appreciation of the hospitality extended to delegates to the recent Federal Congress.

Federal Correspondence.—National War Memorial: A letter was received from the Federal President showing the progress of work on the National War Memorial and giving reasons for the delay in its construction.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Wells: That this Executive protests against the delay in the construction of the National War Memorial, and instructs the Federal Executive to press for the early commencement or resumption of the work.—Carried.

Trade Within the Empire.—A communication concerning trade within the Empire was received and it was desirable that publicity be given to it.

Messages from His Majesty the King.—The Federal Executive forwarded a copy of a letter received from the B.E.S.L. in which it was asked that all messages addressed to His Majesty the King should be forwarded through the League headquarters to the B.E.S.L. in the interests of uniformity of practice. The suggestion was agreed to.

Employment Bureau.—A telegram was received from the Federal President advising that the Government had decided to renew the Employment Grant.

Federal President's Address.—Printed copies of the Federal President's address to Congress were laid on the table.

Resolution re Federal Congress.—No 116, League Journal: Two communications were received concerning this resolution, which asked for the launching of a League Journal by the Federal Executive. Enquiries have been made by the Federal President of a printing firm in Melbourne, and copies of correspondence in connection therewith were forwarded for consideration of the Executive. The Federal Congress also pointed out that the listing of this journal would involve the abolition of State branch organs.

Moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Farquharson: That the question of this Executive associating itself with the journal be left with a sub-committee, but this Executive definitely affirms that whatever action is taken, it is totally opposed to the abolition of the "LISTENING POST."—Carried.

The matter was referred to the Management Committee.

Resolution 175, Unemployment Insurance.—This resolution asked that the Federal and State Governments be approached through the proper channels to bring unemployment insurance into effect in Australia. Moved by Mr. Cornell, seconded by Mr. Yates: That this Executive considers that the time will be opportune for this State Executive to approach the State Government if the Commonwealth Government forms the Federal Executive of its inability to provide unemployment insurance.—Carried.

Resolution 81.—In connection with this resolution, which dealt with the formation of a sub-branch of the League in the War Service Homes Department in New South Wales, the Federal President advised that the sub-branch had been formed.

Invitations.—Mr. Hawthorn-North Leederville Sub-Branch (annual smoke social, January 30th), State President accepted.

Kondinin Sub-Branch—Annual Re-Union, February 7th. Left in the hands of the State President.

Wickepin Sub-Branch—Annual Smoke Social, 27th January. Left in the hands of the President.

West Leederville Sub-Branch—Annual Smoke Social, 10th January. State President and Mr. Watts accepted.

Albany Sub-Branch—Annual meeting, January 16th. Left in the hands of the President.

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Empire Trading and Shopping Council.—This Council asked that two delegates be appointed to represent the League. Messrs. Watt and Wells were appointed.

State Congress Resolutions. — Anti-British Literature: Representations had been made to the Commissioner of Police, who advised that the matter was controlled by the Commonwealth Authorities. Moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Philip: That representations be made through the Federal Executive.—Carried.

First Aid Outfits for Country Schools.—A reply was received from the Director of Education concerning this resolution, which asks for the supply of first-aid outfits to country schools. The Director pointed out that the supply of these would be a heavy item for the Department, but suggested that perhaps the local Parents and Citizens' Associations could provide them. It was decided that a copy of letter be sent to the sub-branch concerned, and publicity be given in the Listening Post, also it be included in the State Secretary's monthly circular.

Licensing Laws and W.A. Wines.—This resolution asked for an amendment of the Licensing Laws to provide that all wine saloons and hotels should stock Western Australian wines. The Minister for Justice stated that he would prefer that the matter be left over until nearer the opening of Parliament. It was decided that the matter be again brought up in six months' time, and a copy of the letter be sent to the Kalamunda Sub-Branch.

General Sir J. Talbot Hobbs expressed appreciation of the gift of a "Digger Book."

Case of L. H. Harrison.—The Secretary read a communication from the Federal Executive concerning this man's appointment to the C.F.S. Moved by Mr. Longmore, seconded by Mr. Parker: That the case be further persisted in, and the matter be taken up with the responsible Minister to secure a permanent appointment.—Carried.

State War Memorial.—A communication was received from Sir Thomas Coome, with which he enclosed a cheque for $10.

Laying of Wreaths.—Collie Sub-Branch asked if the decision of the State Executive to lay poppy wreaths on memorials applied both to Anzac and Armistice Days. It was agreed to advise the Collie Sub-Branch that this was the intention.

The Meredith Sub-Branch wrote concerning the laying of wreaths, and the matter was left in the hands of the State Secretary for reply.

War Service Homes.—The State Secretary submitted information concerning the War Service Home case, in which efforts had been made to obtain the equity established by the applicant.

Aliens in League.—The Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch requested that the State Executive frame a by-law, or issue definite instructions that no ex-soldier who did not serve under the British flag be permitted to enrol as a member of this League in Western Australia. Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Smith: That the Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch be advised that in the opinion of the State Executive, the course suggested is unconstitutional, and until W.A.'s proposed amendment to the Constitution is brought into effect, the matter must remain as at present, that is, at the discretion of the sub-branch.—Carried.

W. H. Nelmes.—A communication was received from W. H. Nelmes concerning his case which he presented to the Entitlement Tribunal. The letter was received.

Cricket Association.—Moved by Mr. Longmore, seconded by Mr. Philip: That the Executive call a meeting of representatives of Metropolitan Sub-

Brances to discuss the formation of a Cricket Association.

E.S.L. Co-Op.—Mr. Tyler, as director, submitted a report in this connection.

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Once More the Ass Complex

The fool will always rush in where criers' devils tread. A disgruntled resi-
dent of Sydney, named G. P. Townend, has written to the Yorkshire Observer,
pointing out that Australians are not fit to govern Australia, and that "En-

gland" should sell this country to America in settlement of England's war
debt. He is annoyed, also, because, according to him, Australian workers are
taught to despise Englishmen, and to prefer Irishmen and Scots.

The sale suggestion is gloriously hilarious. Such a colossal deal in real estate
would, no doubt, appeal to our American friends, but, unfortunately for Mr.
Townend's scheme, England does not own Australia, and, therefore, England
cannot sell this country any more than Yorkshire or Rutlandshire could. It is
even doubtful whether Great Britain has the power, for after all England is not
the Empire. In any case, we ourselves would have quite a lot to say were such a
sale seriously mooted.

The Townend person reminds us of those tailors of Tooley Street. His blat-
ant assertiveness and his obvious lack of knowledge regarding Imperial relations
and economic problems make patent to all the reason why Australians do not
warp to Englishmen of this type. It is not true that Englishmen are less popu-
lar in this country than Irishmen or Scots. Ex-Imperial men who have joined
up with the League have had a far different experience. But the blatant,
assertive individual who can see no good in this country; who wants to show us
how it should be run before he has been here five minutes himself, and who as-
sumes an infallibility based upon residence in some place like Little Puddling-
ton, cannot fail to achieve the popularity of a pork chop in a synagogue, no matter
where he comes from. As a general rule, Irishmen are more companionable, and
Scotsmen more reticent, and that is the secret of their success in this country.
A person who combines the shy unsten-
tion of a cyclone with the tact of the man who sang "Battle of the Boyne"
at a St. Patrick's Day concert, can hardly blame his hosts for preferring other
guests.

Oriental Logic

The Asiatic who demands free ingress
into white men's countries, and equality
of status with whites while in those
countries, is not so ready to accord simi-
lar equality to his fellow countrymen
in his own land. The Indian political
leaders in the Bombay Presidency, while
proclaiming the equality of all men are
vehemently annoyed because the "un-
touchables" are taking them at their
word. The "untouchables," who have
already demanded admission to the templ-
es, are now agitating for the removal
of the ban against them in all licensed
hotels, and as there are about sixty mil-
lion "untouchables" in India, it seems
that there is some punch behind this agi-
tation, and some justification for it.

Similarly, the "eta" and the "hinin,"
the outcasts of Japan, although they
were admitted to the franchise as long
ago as 1871, and who number about ten
million, are still labouring under irksome
social and economic disabilities. They
are still segregated in separate villages,
and are compelled to do all the menial
tasks. Apparently there is something in
Kipling's wonderful discovery that East
is East, and West is West; and facts like
these should provide food for reflection
to those amiable half-wits who love every
country but their own, and who imagine
that because a coloured person can take

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The Indian attitude, however, is particularly illogical. The political agitators demand India for the Indians, and cry, "The British must go." The British, with all their faults, made no distinction in their attitude towards Indians. On the other hand, the "untouchables" are treated as pariahs by the very people who are whining for their support in getting rid of the British.

More Russian Treachery

The little reliance that can be placed on the pledged word of the Soviet was soon manifested, when, after the resumption of diplomatic relations, a subversive rag bearing the euphemistic title of the Daily Worker commenced propaganda work in defiance of the solemn pledges that had been made to the contrary. The Russian official press has "explained" that the Daily Worker is the property of the Communist International, and expresses their views, and in any case, communists cannot be expected to support the British Labour Government. Apparently, the Government has meekly accepted this explanation, for so far it has taken no action. The MacDonald-Henderson crowd remind us of the cheerful idiot who walked across a football field with a placard bearing the words, "Please kick me" pinned to his coat tails. In fact, some people like being kicked.

The State-within-the State

The attempt or certain returned soldier miners at Kurri Kurri (N.S.W.) toembrong the New South Wales Branch of the League in an industrial dispute is but another regrettable feature of a very regrettable situation. As individuals, returned soldiers are entitled to support any political party, or any industrial cause, they please. It is all a matter between themselves and their own conscience. But the League must preserve an armed neutrality in these matters, keeping clear of the mire of party politics and industrialism, which, unfortunately, have come to mean the same thing. What the point was of forwarding a copy of their resolution, in favour of joining the so-called "defence" organisation, to the State Executive we do not know; but the New South Wales executive very properly refused to allow a strike leader to address them on the subject.

Apart from the political aspects of the case, the League can give no support, moral or, otherwise, to the formation of any organisation that is unconstitutional and illegal. The whole business savours of an attempt to found a state within a State, for, as Mr. Bavin, the New South Wales Premier, stated, no body of law-abiding citizens needs any protection against the State's police force. While the League sympathises with digger comrades who are affected by this unfortunate dispute, it can recognise only one army, the constitutionally raised military forces of the Crown—the army that Messrs. A. C. Willis, Beasley, "Jock" Garden and those sturdy Britons, Emil Voigt and Jacob Johanson, abstained from joining in 1914.

"What church does your mother belong to, little boy?" "The Methodist." "And your father?" "The seven-day absentee," the little fellow replied.

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Fritz Says It with Flowers

The Germans had no special love for Australians. They could not understand why we should have butted in to a private quarrel between themselves and the Old Country, instead of verifying their pet prediction by declaring our independence. Consequently, when they publish anything in our favour, it can hardly be discounted as one-eyed propaganda. That is why the war book of Colonel Von Roon, a member of the famous German military family, who was attached to the German High Command throughout the war, and who saw service on several fronts, will sow a crop of blouses in Australia and New Zealand, and will, we fear, cause heart burnings in other places. Colonel Von Roon's book is the first official German attempt to estimate the value of the part played in the war by Anzacs and other overseas troops of the British Army, in a critical resume.

Von Roon freely admits that Germany underestimated the value of overseas contingents from the first, and particularly did she fail to make allowance for the worth of the physically fine Australian troops on the Western Front and in Gallipoli. It was soon obvious that when it came to warfare, in which individual and personal grit counted, the Australians and New Zealanders were, man for man, superior to even our best troops, for they were used to the outdoors and skilled in the art of taking cover and turning to account every natural advantage, and improving ruses to suit the peculiar conditions in which they found themselves. Being a regular, he naturally has something to say about our discipline. He realises that our battle discipline, which after all is
the zenith of the discipline that matters, was good. Although Australians and New Zealanders "had not that rigid machine-like discipline that was overdone with us (i.e., the Germans) they excelled in initiative and individuality," and always there was a moral ascendancy with the Anzacs when they were pitted against our troops." Von Roon escapes the futility of asserting that because our discipline was different, it did not exist at all. It is certainly true that the Australian soldier had not as high a regard for saluting as his British or German compatriot, but he was never disrespectful to his officers, nor did he ever let them down. Commissioned rank in the British Army, and in the German Army to an even greater degree, is based upon caste. In the A.I.F. efficiency was the only road to promotion. Again, in the Australian Army the crime of striking a superior officer was unknown, because the type of man who could be struck by a junior did not receive promotion. All the "spit and polish," and the "saluting by numbers" did not prevent the Fifth Army from breaking, and a slight disregard of these matters did not prevent the Australians from holding the Germans. The very qualities which called forth the unstinted praise of Von Roon, and the very points of superiority he comments upon, could have been acquired only by highly trained and, consequently, highly disciplined troops.

With regard to the moral ascendency he mentions, he goes on to say that the Germans soon had to increase the bayonet strength of troops holding their front line when it became known that Anzacs were opposed to them. It took the heart out of the German infantryman when he learned he had to attack trenches held by Anzacs, or to defend his own line against them. Germans who had taken part in stiffening the Turkish resistance on Gallipoli, eventually found their way to the Western Front, and were distributed among the formations there. These veterans told such tales of the fighting qualities of the Anzacs, that the younger men had not the strength for fighting when they came to grips with these redoubtable opponents. It was the same on the defensive. Resistance crumbled when it was known that the Australians were attacking. This "inferiority complex as far as Australians were concerned was so marked at one time, that there was created on the Western Front a special reserve held in readiness to be thrown in to strengthen our line at the point where it came in contact with the Anzacs.”

Also the uncanny habit the Anzacs had of working their way into our trenches when least expected, had the effect of demoralising our men completely, as I have known instances where the mere belief that the attacking troops were Anzacs had caused our line to give way, or an attack to crumble up.”

With regard to the routine of trench warfare, he has this to say: "The Anzacs had no equals in improvising disconcerting methods of trench warfare. Some of the methods of trench warfare that have now passed into the text books were not thought out by our trained instructors, but by the Anzacs, who first thought them out on the Western Front or in Gallipoli, and taught them to our troops in the hardest school of all, practical experience.”

Von Roon brings out a very interesting point in connexion with the British propaganda behind the German lines in 1918. Pamphlets containing colossal forgeries sandwiched in between genuine news items were dropped from aeroplanes, were read by the German troops, and had no little effect in sapping their morale. “One of the most effective items for breaking the spirit of our men was that on a certain day in August, 1918, half a million additional Anzacs had landed in France, and another half million were on the way.” Of course, the German High Command knew well that Australian and New Zealand could not put numbers like this into the field, but the story gained credence among the German rank and file. We may state here, too, that at one period in 1918, certain Australian units were provided with faked colour patches, numerals, and faked paybooks, to disguise the paucity of our numbers, and induce Fritz...
to believe we had been strongly reinforced. "The sudden appearance of the Americans in the line," Von Roon continues, "lent colour to these tales of Anzac hosts, before our men had time to find out for themselves who these newcomers actually were, and it must be conceded that in so far as the Americans in that sector had an easy task, it was due entirely to the moral effect on our opposing troops of the belief that the newcomers were Anzacs."

"Had the truth been known, our men would not have retired so rapidly before the Americans."

He considers that the Anzac artillery, man for man and gun for gun, was superior to the German, and he refers to the clocklike regularity of the Anzac advance in unison with the creeping barrage. "I doubt if any other troops on the Western Front," he writes, "achieved such satisfactory results in this respect, and it was one of the little things that enabled us to spot the appearance of the Anzacs in a new sector." And, of course, as we remarked before, such results could be achieved, only by highly disciplined troops.

When Australians have got over their blushing, they will, naturally, and quite pardonably, enjoy Colonel Von Roon's book, but we fear it will turn Hollywood to wormwood.

A Grave Furphy

Lest we become too conceited after reading Von Roon, let us consider the case of Robert Graves, a writer of distilled books and anemic verse. Graves is a scholar who has allowed his studies to interfere with his education, and he does not think we are nice people at all. When we did not kill our prisoners right out, we ill-treated them, and we are only a generation or so removed from Ralph Rashleigh and Ned Kelly. As all good Australians know, the late Mr. Kelly was in the same line of business as Robin Hood, Claude Duval, and Dick Turpin, but, unfortunately for his fair fame, he lived in an age when the newspaper reporter had supplanted the romantic ballad writers. It was C. J. Dennis who pointed out that

"Wot's just plain stough wiv us right 'ere to-day,
Is 'valer' if yer fur enough away."

So you see there is more humour in being a countryman of Mr. Hood than of Mr. Kelly. Ralph Rashleigh was an English convict, whose adventures in Australia are described in a book published by Jonathan Cape, a book with a very snobbish preface, redolent with historical ignorance, and sufferably pat-

ronising in its reference to the way Australia has outgrown the convict system. Notwithstanding English opinions to the contrary, we Australians do not worry ourselves over the convict system. After all, it was not our badge of shame. But when such patronising references and thinly veiled sneers are published and read in the country from which the convicts were transported, we are provoked into reminding people overseas that the convicts were not Australians; that the barbarities of the system were not perpetrated by Australians, but by English officers holding the King's commission; that from the very nature of the system there are more family connections of these unhappineses in England to-day than in Australia; and that, in any case, the male convicts were no greater rascals than most of the Norman knights who came over with the conqueror to found English families, nor were the women felons any more depraved than the orange wenches and court husties who assisted Charles II to found English peerages.

Robert Graves has already eaten his words after some protests had been aroused by his aspersions on Scottish soldiers. His excuse was that he had been misinformed. This from an omniscient who claims that his information is all first-hand. Apparently he has merely been told by: "the bloke who saw the bloke, that knew the bloke, that heard the bloke, that stousted the bloke," and is, therefore, utterly, unreliable. Sir John Monash has already characterised these firsthand furphies as "savage lies," but they hardly merit the strength of the description.

Apropos the alleged ill treatment of prisoners by Australians, the digger in the back areas was too prone to hobnob with Fritz, and an instruction was forwarded from G.H.Q. to Corps H.Q., drawing attention to this tendency, and requesting the Australian commanders to take measures to check it. Graves' charges call for no refutation beyond this. It is quite in keeping with the eternal fitness of things that this reckless writer of firsthand hearsay should live at a place called Islip, in Oxfordshire.

Journey's End—Another View

There are a few discordant notes in the chorus of praise that "Journey's End" has provoked. Writing in a recent issue of the London Truth, Lady Hoare says—

"As the mother of an only child who fell on the field of honour, may I be permitted, through your columns, to thank Brigadier General Crozier for his sorely needed defence of our soldiers, and his protest against the picture given of them in 'Journey's End.' Its value as anti-war propaganda is, indeed, undeniable, but it is mischievous and offensive to every brave man and woman. The hysterical outburst of admiration for this play leaves me amazed."

Which is exactly the effect these protests have upon us. After reading Lady Hoare's letter, we re-read "Journey's End" for the fifth time. Possibly we are dense, but for the life of us we are unable to detect any showing of the British soldier in an invidious light; and we are extremely pernickety where the soldier man's honour is concerned. We are entirely with General Crozier in his defence of the British Tommy, but we...
think that the General, in objecting to this play, is firing on the wrong target. Furthermore, we do not agree that the author had any intention of writing anti-war propaganda. This last has been read into the play by reviewers, peace cranks, "conchies," and the whole tribe of the one-eyed—especially those members of the tribe who stayed at home. The playwright simply placed a group of men in the front line at a critical time, and endeavoured to show their re-actions to modern war. Each reacted after his kind. Stanhope, Osborne, Raleigh, Mason, the Sergeant-Major, and even Hibbert all had their counterparts in the A.I.F. The characterisation is excellent, because the types portrayed are racial (almost universal), rather than local. We found much in the play with which we agreed, much that amused, and much that we admired. Its sincerity was obvious, and we failed entirely to find anything in it that can be construed into any reflection on the soldierman's courage or his morals. We liked it for its freedom from morbid introspection, and the absence from it of any attempt to found a cult of cowardice in order to pan to coldfooters and their hotheaded womenfolk.

The Capitol's Holiday Programme

The film, "The Cock-eyed World," which perturbed the League in the East, has been shown in Perth. Apparently it had been 'censored, for it seemed quite innocuous to us. The story itself is a stupid and rather unnecessary repetition of "What Price Glory," with the Bowery accent working overtime. Stripped of non-essentials, the humour of the piece consists of bedroom situations (which the French dramatists wore threadbare years ago); the trenchant comment, "Says you," and its subtle retort, "Says me"; and the crudely vulgar method of signifying derision which cultured Hollywood calls the "horse laugh." The purely military scenes were not bad—at least, not very bad; and the splendid acting of the three principals, Victor MacLaglen, Edmund Lowe, and Lily Damita, save a pointless story from extinction. It is a singular thing that whenever Hollywood wishes to portray a soldier or a gentleman, a Britisher is cast for the part. The reason for the title is obscure. We know that a certain type of American is always threatening to sell the cock-eyed world something or other, but the information to be disseminated in this picture, is not forthcoming. Probably it failed to pass the censor.

The Sound Film and the American Accent

When we saw "The Cock-eyed World," the Capitol programme contained a very fine sound gazette. The Viennese orchestra reproduced so well that music lovers felt disposed to forgive the management for the dreadful "canned" rendering of Tchaikowsky's 1812 Overture that assailed their ears earlier in the performance. One item of the gazette was of especial interest in view of recent discussions as to the effect of the American accent on audiences. Mr. Mellon, the United States Treasurer, in explaining the reasons for the adoption of the new U.S. paper currency, spoke perfect English, while his second in command, who dealt with the technical side of printing the notes, had the accent of the typical American salesman. There is no vast difference between the speech of the cultured American and that of the cultivated Englishman. Accent is apparently a matter of locality and breeding in America, even as it is throughout the British Empire.

Such is Justice

Peoria girl was fined fifteen dollars for practicing on the piano and waking a baker who worked at nights. If she lived in Chicago, she could shoot the baker and not get fined nearly as much.
being the present president of the Wickepin Sub-branch of the R.S.I., chairman of the Wickepin District Memorial Hospital, and chairman of the Wickepin District Road Board. Mr. Simpson has made a special study of the Soldier Settlement Act, and if the electors favour him on polling day the influence of the League will be enhanced.

Mr. C. W. K. Sadlier, V.C.
Mr. C. W. K. Sadlier, V.C., who is contesting the new Nedlands seat in the Nationalist interest, is a digger who has served the public well, both in war and in peace. “Cliff.” Sadlier’s war record is one of which all West Australians know and are proud. He enlisted in May, 1915, and went away with the A.M.C. Invalided back to Australia after Gallipoli, he was transferred to the infantry in 1916, joining the 51st in France. He attained commissioned rank, and in winning the soldier’s most coveted decoration, the V.C., he was twice wounded. Though by no means robust in health, he has given of his best to the State since being demobilised. For three and a half years he has been a member of the Claremont Road Board, and for eighteen months of this period he was chairman. He is well to the fore in League affairs. This year sees him in his third term as a member of the Executive.

and in 1928 he was a delegate to the Federal Congress, which was held in Sydney that year. A long record of public service stands to his credit and this should be eminently useful to a parliamentarian, and conversely, makes the man holding it eminently useful as a legislator.

Mr. ALEX. PANTON, M.L.A.
A candidate for the Leederville seat in the Labour interests is Mr. Alex. Panton, M.L.A. Alex. first entered Parliament as a member of the Legislative Council in 1919, filling the vacancy in the West Province caused by the death of Sir Henry Briggs. He was defeated at the next elections in 1922, but again became a State Legislator in 1924, as member for Menzies in the Assembly. Under the new distribution, Menzies is absorbed in another electorate, so Alex. has decided to stand for the district where he has lived for fifteen years.

His war service is extensive, he having served in the South African War, and in the late war with the 51st Battalion. He was severely wounded at Noreuil, in France, on April 2nd, 1917, and was invalided home in August, 1918, when he joined the Perth Sub-Branch. Alex. has been a member of the State Executive of the League, and attended three State conferences.

His public service activities are extensive, he being a member of three sub-branches of the League; a trustee of the Public Library and Museum, vice-president of the Braille Society, executive officer for the Maylands Blind Institute, member of the Perth Hospital Board, president of the W.A. Horticultural Society, in addition to being president of the A.W.U., secretary of the Parliamentary Labour Party, and Deputy Speaker of the Assembly.

Cables report that an ex-service men’s hall in Ireland has been blown up.—The Playboys of the Western World.

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ANOTHER INJUSTICE

The digger was skilled at repartee, but he sometimes came off second best in verbal encounters. It was at a concert at an intermediate base depot, and Tommies, Jocks, Canadians, Enzeds, and Diggers were present. An excited padre came on to the stage and announced: "Bethlehem, the birthplace of Our Lord, has been captured by Australian cavalry." When the shouting and the tumult had died away, a Canadian turned to a group of Diggers, and said:

"Say, Australia, I guess them shepherds will have to watch their flocks by night now."

According to our schoolboy correspondent, Achilles was a little boy whose mother held him in the River Styx until he became intolerable.

The annual Zionist-cricket match was played in Perth this month. The "Office Nark" wants to know if they have three-ball overs in this match.

Intending to Conceal It?

"When I was a girl we used to keep our money in our stocking tops," said grandmother. "Oh, how risky!" explained grand-daughter, "to put it where it could be so easily seen."

of a large store and asked for a pair of men's gauntlets. When shown a pair priced half-a-guinea, she said: "Oh, no; I want a good pair. They're for my fiancé." She left with a pair costing three guineas. About half-an-hour later, another woman entered the store and asked for a pair of men's gloves. The bright salesman produced a three-guinea pair. "What! Three guineas?" ejaculated the prospective purchaser. "No, no. I want something about five shillings; they're for my husband."

"Jack," said the younger brother, breaking a painful silence, "why can't you leave things that you don't understand to me? Omar Khayyam isn't a wine, you chump—it's a cheese."

Why can't a man's head be larger than eleven inches? Because if it were twelve it would be a foot.

"I want a quart of red oil."

"Red oil? What for?"

"My rear light has gone out."

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Personal

Sixteenth men will be sorry to learn that "Scotty" Allen, of that battalion, who came down from Broome recently, is lying dangerously ill in Perth Hospital, and would be glad for old pals to pay him a visit. The LISTENING POST joins his many friends in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Back from a trip to Europe, where he represented the Western Australian Education Department at an educational conference in Denmark, Mr. E. Coleman, M.A., Inspector of Schools. During the war, Mr. Coleman saw active service as a captain in the 28th Battalion. He resumes duty after long service leave at the end of the school vacation.

J. C. Blair, another inspector of schools who also soldiered with the 28th, has been transferred from the Eastern Goldfields to his former district, Narrogin.

Schoolmaster Roger McKinnon, who has been president of the Cowaramup Sub-branch since its inception about 18 months ago, has been transferred to Beverley. Roger served with the 11th Battalion.

Arthur Rogers, the newly-appointed manager of the K.S.L. Co-op. Co., went away with the 2nd D.A.L. and joined the original 105th Howitzer Battery 2nd Division. He celebrated his 19th birthday at Malta on the journey to France, and was wounded at Hamel on Anzac Day, 1918. Since his return, Arthur has continuously been closely associated with the League, being treasurer of Perth Sub-branch for a number of years. He conducted the toilet saloon at the Soldiers' Institute for a few years, and for 3 years he visited the Repatriants, Perth Hospital, attending gratuitously all digger patients requiring his services. Four years ago he joined the staff of the Co-op., acting for a period as country traveller. It is to be hoped that diggers and their friends will rally round Arthur and help him to make a big success of this digger business, situated at 570 Hay St., Perth.

Mr. E. Logan, late lieutenant, 48th Batt., and a keen Merredin sub-branch member of the League, is one of those returned men who are doing a good job of peaceful "active service." Mr. Logan is the headmaster of Merredin State School, and during the twelve months that have

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A good digger answered the final call when L. S. Crackanthorpe, of Manly, N.S.W., passed away last month at the advanced age of 72. Though he never had the opportunity of competing for the Australasian Championships, he is regarded as the best player of his day, and his only son, Mr. Spencer Crackanthorpe, is at present holder of the title. Crackanthorpe Senior put the clock back a few years and soldiered with an A.M.C. unit of the Third Division during our recent unpleasantness with Fritz.

Brigadier-General Stephen Seymour Butler, who recently succeeded Major-General H. J. Huddleston in the Sudan, has had much overseas service. He went through the last Boer War, as a subaltern in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. In 1905 he transferred from the King’s African Rifles, after which he served with the Egyptian army until the outbreak of the World War, when he joined the Australians at Anzac, and accompanied them to France.

Died in Perth, Captain J. C. D. MacBride, who, for several years, had held the appointment of District Finance Officer, 5th Military District. Captain MacBride, who was a veteran of the Boer War, was transferred from the Post Master General’s Department to the Defence Department many years ago. After his accident of some years back, his health was not of the best. He was buried with military honours. His son, Major H. W. C. MacBride is an officer of the Australian Staff Corps.

Found dead at his camp at Daly River, Northern Territory, about Christmas time, Charlie Howland, one of the bravest and best fighters of the Great War. Charlie served during the Gallipoli campaign with the 16th Battalion, where he was mentioned in despatches. After Gallipoli he joined the Imperial Camel Corps. Charlie was promoted to sergeant twice, but each time reverted to the ranks at his own request. He was growing peanuts at Daly River, and evidently the loneliness proved too much for him, for it appears that he took his own life with a shot gun.

British United Services’ Association

The public meeting called by the friends of the B.U.S.A. to found an auxiliary, on January 13th, last, had to be adjourned on account of the failure of the electric light at the Institute. The meeting will be resumed on Monday, February 3rd, at 8 p.m., at the same place. All interested in the Imperial ex-service men and women are invited to be present.

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(Lines written in utter dejection by Benjamin Buttonstick, after having been severely told off by the Editor.)

The clock has struck the fateful hour of nine—
The ploughman and the Muses have gone "phut,"
The critics are all weeping tears of brine,
They tell me I've been versifying smut.

Some Solon, guiltless of his country's thought,
Some sainted reaction to the age of jazz,
This furbly raised, this sterile charge has brought;
Let's give him what the Yankees call the "razz."

For now those banks wherefrom the wild times blow,
Have stopped all credit, left us in the lurch;
Within those bars controlled by Edward Church.
Each animated burst, each story'd earn
Its page within the police court news;
at most
A moralist, or bolshev, would discern
From such, a cause to strafe The Listening Post.

Old Omar, likewise Reverend Thomas Grey
(Stoke Pog's bard), permit me to endure,
To stand unmoved while critic assays bray:
Unto the pure all motives are impure.
What though a line contain a streak of blue,
A jest a double entendre (for the nonce)?
I'd say—between the gatepost, me and you,
O Diggers—"Honi soit qui mal y pense."

Ballads of the Synonyms
(“We'd been celebrating the New Year, your Worship. I was a bit merry, but I wasn't drunk.” Excuse offered in a local police court.)

When healths go round and toasts are sped,
And liquors like a mill race flow,
All dizzy grows the fevered head
And one may, in accents low,
The things the Yanks would call the "bunk;"
In spite of this I'd have you know
The modern man is never drunk.

When birthdays come, or hogsmany,
One holds a revel or a spree,
And drives depression far away
With songs of love and liberty.
But though he bellow raucously,
And purchase prawns, or such like junk,
And homeward reel, with sagging knee,
The modern man is never drunk.

He may become a trifle "fou;"
"Beneath the weather," or "well lit,
"Shickered," or "stung," or "inky poo,"
"Well oiled," or "shot" the slightest bit.
He's not, perhaps he will admit,
As sober as a fasting monk,
But "drunk”—there's not a chance of it.

The modern man is never drunk.

L'Envoi.
Princess, when I my thirst assuage,
No brand nor quantity I'll funk;
But though I pass through every stage,
The modern man is never drunk.
—Pip Tok

Romance
I care not for these fevered nights,
Whose heat drives slumber far away;
These steel-blue skies yield no delights.
Would they were soft and grey.
Let winter come, and my desire
Will be to sit when flame sprites dance
Round great logs crackling on the fire,
And read some old romance.
And when the flames have died to grey
And ruby-glowing mystery,
My thoughts a-gypsying might stray
Till I, in reverie,
Relive some legend long forgot;
Some high adventure undertake,
And hold the lists with Lancelot,
Or scour the Main with Drake.
—Pip Tok.

Maimed and Limbless Association
A cheery and very well run function was the Maimed and Limbless Association's smoke social, held at the Hostel in Colin Street, on Friday, January 17th. Mr. R. Stephenson, President of the Association, presided over a large and enthusiastic gathering. After the toasts of the King, and Absent and Fallen Comrades had been honoured, General Sir Talbot Hobbs proposed that of the Maimed and Limbless Association. The General complimented the Organisation on the progress it has made, and emphasised the necessity for an endowment to enable the Hostel to be maintained in the future years. The advantages of the Hostel are obvious, and an endow-

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ment fund, judiciously invested, would not only aid in its maintenance, but be the means of saving less fortunate comrades from going under in the struggle against ill health and adversity. General Hobbins told his hearers that he corresponds regularly with Sir William Birdwood, and General MacLagan. In their replies both generals speak of the digger in terms of glowing affection, and maintain an interest in all digger activities. In responding, Mr. R. Stephenson touched on the genesis of the Hostel. After the war certain organisations, that had been finalised, handed over their remaining funds to the Association. The rent of the present building was a nominal one, and the Association is responsible for its upkeep. The toast of Kindred Associations was given by Mr. Harry May, who advised every returned man to join the League and their own unit associations. His own association illustrated the value of self-help. Although he may not think it, the digger's boy, growing up to-day, is immensely proud of his dad. Therefore, it was the duty of every returned man to be worthy of his boy's pride, and to keep up his honour of the A.I.F., Mr. F. S. C. Buchanan, the newly elected president of the Perth sub-branch, and Mr. G. Philp, of the State Executive, responded. Mr. Buchanan related a few humorous episodes of service life, and was the recipient of enthusiastic 'Hear, hear,' when he mentioned the spirit of co-operation that always existed between the digger and his officers. Mr. G. Philp referred to the good work done on behalf of the League by senior military officers, and stated that, during the past year, the League had increased its membership by over 2,000. The toast of the Honorary Officers was proposed by the President, who apologised for the absence of Doctor Hewett, now on the Continent, and Mr. Ross MacDonald. Dr. McCowan, in responding, paid tribute to the good work of the President, who has carried on, in spite of illness. Dr. Hewett, he said, was much improved in health, and would soon visit Cornwall and Devon, before his return to Australia next June. Dr. McCowan stated that it was a great asset to have medical men who are not associated with the Department on the Pensions Assessment Tribunal. These new tribunals may not give the digger everything he considers himself entitled to, but he would get every consideration. The toast of Our Artists was proposed by Mr. Farmer, and Messrs. Roxby and Lewis responded. Mr. Oates proposed the Press, and Mr. Watts responded.

A splendid musical programme had been arranged. A fine orchestra opened the proceedings with a spirited selection appropriately named "The Plume of Purity." Songs were rendered by Messrs. Foster, Hoppleton, Lewis, and Peter Roxby. Ted Scott brought the house down with his inimitable monologues, and the Attwell Brothers (there's no discord in that family) played duets for the mandolin and banjo that were extremely popular.

It is a long time since we attended such a cheery and well organised function.

28th, Battalion Association Notes

Members and their friends are reminded that the annual river trip will be held on Friday, February 14th, and that the good ship "Zephyr" has been chartered for this purpose. In recent years the "Weather Man" has not been too kind to us, and it is hoped that he will provide a good evening on the forthcoming occasion. Details will be published at an early date, and members are requested to pass the news on to their cobbers.

The Association commences the eleventh year of its existence with hopes of improving upon the ever-growing strength of recent years. Special efforts are to be made to get the interest of all old wearers of the beloved colours, and the Honorary Secretary will be pleased to hear from any old friends.

At the last committee meeting certain changes of appointments were effected. Mr. Kahan, who was Honorary Secretary, was appointed Publicity Officer, and Lt.-Colonel Mervyn Davies was appointed Honorary Secretary. The new Publicity Officer would greatly appreciate any assistance which members could afford him, and will welcome items of interest to members. If, for instance, you happen to meet one of the old identities, let the P.O. know all about it. He will pass the news on to members. Should you desire to renew an old friendship with a pal whose address is unknown to you, the Association will do all in its power to locate that cobber for you.

The January luncheon will be held on the 28th, at the Soldiers' Institute, from 12 to 2 p.m.

A Thought for the Month

He staggered from the Cri. "I'm queer," he groaned, "and feeling far from well;
Too many pots of this Church beer
Will give a poor chap 'ell."

"SWAN" BRAND TOMATO SAUCE is Delicious
**Toast of “The Regiment”**

*(An amusing speech given at the Annual Reunion of the 4th Light Horse Association)*

Back in 1914, the G.G. said to me, “Jack, what about sending some fellows over to stop this war?” “Right-o,” said I, “but I won’t take command.” “But you’ll go as a sergeant, won’t you?” said he. “Right-o,” said I. But it was no use sending the 4th L.H. alone, so we got some footsloggers and Ally Sloper’s cavalry and politice wallopers and a few others to act as offisiders, and off we went. Well, when I was training them in Egypt, Ian Hamilton sent me a cable and asked about Gallipoli, and I said, “All right, but call off Winnie’s battleships (I always called Winston Churchill that, and he didn’t like it) and we’ll fix things up.” Now, I had a good idea and it was to drop pile drivers from aeroplanes and flatten out the hills, but when we got to Gallipoli we found it hadn’t been done, and things looked bad. You see, we couldn’t use our horses. My friend Kitchener came out and had a yarn about it, and it was then I said to take the boys off and tackle Abdul in Palestine. And this is the important part. It hadn’t been a bad sort of war up till now, but the babbling brook said to me one morning just after stand-to, “Hey, Sarge! What about some break?” “Good-o,” said I, and I got my hand-out of porridge and was going over to eat it when a blanky bit from Asiatic Annie went clean through the damn plate. Well, as I told you, it hadn’t been a bad sort of war up till then. But that put the lid on it! To rob a bloke of his breakfast! It’s just as well Kitchener came over to talk to me. ‘I’d have sent for him! “Us for Palestine,” said I; but now we had that other crowd to get rid of. You see, we didn’t want the other crowd with us, and I was a bit concerned until Doug Haig heard we were going to Palestine, and said, “What about me?” “Well, what about you?” said I. “Aren’t you going to give me a hand?” said he. You know how I sent some of the boys over with Len Long, Stan Hindhaugh and Old Steve, and with them the mud punchers, linseed lancers, and the rest. I don’t want to tell you what me and the Regiment did in Palestine, nor what the boys did in France, but I think I ought to say that Jack Monash and Harry Chauvel carried out my instructions to the letter. I did hear that the fellows in France had done some scrapping and took several estaminites and got rid of a good deal of vin blanc. After we fixed up the Turk in Palestine and the G.O.C. Turks reported to me he said, “Alla Caboosha Cabooshah,” and I said, “To hell with you, too!” and he said in English, “Well, I mean why has this 4th L.H. decimated this wonderful army of mine?” “Were you on Gallipoli?” said I, and he said, “Yes,” and I said, “It was one of your B…s who upset my porridge and I paid the cow out, whoever he was.” Some people say it was a great war, and others say it was a bloody war; but it wasn’t a bad old war, whichever way you look at it. We certainly changed over from fighting our wives to fighting our friends the enemy, and we switched over from a pint of Melbourne bitter to berra or a vin blanc, and from spending dough to imshing the feluce or the onks, whichever country you were scrapping (or loafing) in. We certainly got as lousy as a Gyppo and we learned it was just as easy to get tight in one country as another. But we—the 4th Light Horse—with the help of a few other Aussies and the Tommies and the Frogs and the Belgians and the Portugese and some Yanks—won the war, so that’s that! And that is the excuse for another drink; so get up on your hind legs and drink to the toast of “The Regiment.”
### R.S.L. Sub-Branch and Unit Association Directory

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**VARIA**

One of those hefty foreign gentlemen who occasionally go through the motions of wrestling in our city, is stated to have been a secret service agent for the Allies during the war. We are unfamiliar with the local wrestler, with his bent nose and cauliflower ear, could hardly pass unnoticed even in a crowd. It all reminds one of an incident in a novel published in the days when the "Prisoner of Zenda" type of story had such a vogue. The talented author is describing an official function at the court of a middle European principality. Among those present was Colonel Pullipansoff "resplendent in the brilliant uniform of the secret police."

Slips like the above are fairly common, especially with lady novelists. One of the best we have come across is that made by Marjorie Bowen, in "The Sword Decides." The heroine is passing through an emotional crisis, and "her bosom heaved in her pants for breath."

"It is not fair to blame America for everything. Like chemical warfare and other horrors, the saxophone is really a German invention."

Some men are never satisfied. A Milwaukee resident named Sebastian Schmidt has instituted divorce proceedings against his wife on the grounds that she talks too little. He must have had to observe more than the regulation two-minutes' silence.

**Digger's Kid:** Dad, teacher told us about a Roman Emperor who made his horse a Senator.

**Digger:** That's nothing, my boy. I've helped to put asses into the Senate myself.

A correspondent named Cohen informs us that whenever he gets two ten-pound notes with the same number he gives one of them to the widow of the Unknown Soldier.

The week-end visit of the American millionaire tourists has enriched the Australian vocabulary, even if our pockets were not unduly filled thereby. Here are a sabre-cuts of Saxon speech as swung by the other branch of the English-speaking race (the American term is given first, followed by the local equivalent):

"On and up"—"dinkum"; "kiss off"—"P.O.Q."; "puddle jumper"—"automobile"; "in a spot"—"in a tight corner"; "horse opera"—"Western picture show"; "to ankle"—"to walk or amble"; "gabbies, squakies"—"talkies"; "daisy..."

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**The Camp Fire**

A MEETING PLACE FOR DIGGERS AND THEIR PALS

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. R. H. Rutherford, containing an excellent suggestion that we hasten to adopt. Mr. Rutherford, who is an energetic worker for the League, writes: "To my mind, the pages of the Listening Post would provide even more interest to the many digger patrons, promote a greater comradeship and freemasonry, revive old friendships and pleasant memories, particularly as time takes toll of the old 'clan' (especially among those who are away from contact) with the 'platoon' in town. I would suggest that space be devoted to the 'noisy bobs,' entitled, say, 'What's Become Of—?' I feel sure that the interest in this particular page would be second to none other. How many cobbers of the old days have never seen nor heard of one another for years? Then again, there are others we have never claimed as bosom cobbers, but who, nevertheless, have won the pride and esteem of all by their outstanding qualities in the days when 'grit' and 'guts' revealed the man. There are many of the salt of the earth that I have lost touch with—cannot say whether they are dead or alive. I am sure there are others in the same position. Let's see if we cannot keep the old fires burning. They who are still on deck will come round the fire when they realise that there is a personal interest deep down. I'll wager a tin of pork and beans to an Anzac wafer 'that there are more than 500 of them, too.' " As you will see, we have adopted Mr. Rutherford's suggestion, so now, Diggers, it's up to you. Meet your old cobbers and renew old friendships through the pages of the Listening Post.

If this should meet the eye of W. Wilson, Lieutenant, 28th Battalion, and later assistant instructor in P.T.—and bayonet fighting at the Corps School, would he please communicate with Capt. C. R. Collins, c/o The Listening Post? Would anyone knowing his address please forward same?

Mr. M. C. Currie, of 345 Baltimore Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, is anxious to hear of his brother, Hector Donald Currie, whose address five years ago was c/o R.S.L. He was afterwards reported to have been working in the Westonia district.

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**THE ROUND-UP**

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"SWAN" BRAND SWEET MUSTARD PICKLES are worth having
American physicians admit being baffled by a new form of sickness that has found its way into the United States from South America. For want of a better name it has been called the "parrot fever," and it attacks actresses, both good and film. We understand that symptoms of the "parrot fever" are a chronic iteration of the cry "We won the war!"

Oscar Strauss, the composer of those exquisite musical-comedies, "The Waltz Dream" and "The Chocolate Soldier," is at work on a new composition, to be produced on the sound film, and which will be entitled "Marriage in Hollywood." The title is intriguing. Apparently Hollywood needs a breathing space between divorces.

What's the difference between "Journey's End" and "All Quiet on the Western Front?"

One's a best seller, and the other's a worst seller.

Mr. R. Stephenson told an amusing yarn at the Maimed and Limbless smoke social.

Two diggers were courting a petite mademoiselle. The Padre came across one of them, disconsolately holding up the post outside the estaminet where Mademoiselle was employed.

"What's the matter, Dig?" inquired the Padre.

"Oh, Hell!" was the reply. "It's Bill. He's only been out here three months, an' he's in there parleying to Mademoiselle just like a native. And the only French word I know is imshi."

The Garden gang, which has captured the reins of power on the Sydney Trades Council, is preparing to form what is humorously called "The Labour Defence Army." It is presumed that Garden will lead it—from the rear. They will probably form "soldier" associations, analogous to the R.S.L., when the "war" is over. We hasten to place our experience at their disposal, and suggest that they get busy immediately and form a "Scared and Brainless Soldiers' Association."

A New Horror of Peace.

Film Gazer writes:—There's always something to tear it. A London ear specialist has been warning the public against the latest amusement form, the new horror of peace which people call by the equally horrible name, the Talkies. In our specialist's opinion, people who are used to hearing their own language spoken correctly sustain a definite injury to the ear drum when they hear it pronounced in an unusual or bizare way. The physical effect is similar to that experienced by a musician when he hears a discord. The unmusical American voice, he says, is especially irritating to the British ear. This may be intended as a gibe at America, or it may have been uttered in all seriousness, but it seems to us that the sound film does produce an unpleasant physical reaction, which, no doubt, will be eliminated as the new invention attains a greater degree of mechanical perfection. When the silent film was first introduced, the constant flickering affected the eyes of the audience, which called for a report by American navy doctors on the number of men they were rejecting for what was then termed "moving picture eyes." Even now the American war films have a queer effect on the optic nerves of some people. They always make me see red.

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A Parliamentary candidate, who must be nameless, was painting pictures in roseate hues of all sorts of good things to come now that the voters had been won. It was in the days of the "reconstruction" dream. At last one of his hearers, who really deserved a better fate, got fed up with these wonderful prophecies, called out: "Remember the fate of Balsham!" "I do," was the lightning retort, "and I don't forget who it was that warned him!"
SUB-BRANCH NOTES
WEST SWAN

The good attendance percentage was well maintained at the December meeting. It was decided to give a donation towards the local Christmas tree. Mr. Fullarton, a local lad, was complimented on his formation of a troop of Boy Scouts, and it was decided that the sub-branch should give an annual trophy to the most improved and successful scout.

Mr. G. Sait's birthday was celebrated with song and wassail.

The event of the month was the good roll-up at the surprise party given on December 23rd to genial-old "Bill" Tomlinson, who has been totally blind since his unfortunate motor accident a few years ago. Members were escorted up the long drive to the skirt of the hills, played by Mr. R. Prinn. Nearing the house, the boys let go in digger fashion, and old classics like "The More We Are Together," and "We're Here Because We're Here" were sung enthusiastically. Drinks, toast, and sea shanties by the old dog, Bob Prinn, were the order of the evening—Messes, Sait and Duff were again in evidence with a very pleasing duet. Mr. Hoar, the sub-branch president, gave them a new song—"Old Bill" (another old-sea-dog, by the way, who went to war with the Tunnellers) with a box of cigars from the boys. Old Bill responded feelingly, thanking the sub-branch members for the unexpected visit. Bill Clarke, V.C., placed his hat at the disposal of the branch for the evening.

The sub-branch desires to thank the editor of the LISTENING POST for past favours, and for work the paper is doing on behalf of the League; and to thank the press in general for the publicity given to "digger" interests.

KARRIDALE

R. Powell, of Karridale, contributes an interesting report of a recent R.S.L. dance, held in that energetic locality.

"Time and tide wait for no man," but the former will need to don spikes and step out, to eauve from the memory of those present, the happy recollections of one of the outstanding functions of the Centenary year. Most Centenary celebrations have some allusion to happenings in the first hundred years of our history. Impressions which dwell in the mind longest are those with the strongest associations. Mention of the Centenary year will infallibly recall the associations connected with it. That is why the R.S.L. dance on New Year's Eve at Karridale will live in the memory of those participating, as the last function of a notable period. It simply cannot be forgotten. As regards the dance itself, complete harmony prevailed, and the absence of dissension would have been an education to some of those self-elected critics of soldier gatherings. They would have found such headings as "Soldiers and Shandygaffs" not fitting their proper place; but they would have been convinced in spite of themselves of the value of the R.S.L. as a factor in social amity. The dance hall continues to be the one place where true democracy reigns. There everyone imbibes the spirit of goodwill—the "Joie de vivre"—the necessary elixir to lighten the dull routine of everyday existence. The Merrymakers' Band, conducted by Mr. Humble, provided an excellent musical programme, which went a very long way towards having been thoroughly canvassed for members. Our assuring the success of the dance. Only a few fancy dresses were in evidence, and these were awarded quite substantial prizes. On the stroke of midnight the band gave an imitation of clock chimes, and struck the hour. Immediately all joined hands and the band reverberated to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne." An innovation, in the form of a card dance, met with generous support, and was won by Mr. Morby Ewing and his partner, Miss Burnell. The statue dance prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goodier. A streamer, and confetti dance was also included in the programme. The organising committee desires to thank all those who, by service or donations, helped to make the dance such an unqualified success.

MUNDIJO

The first meeting of the New Year was held at the Mundijong Hotel on January 2nd. As many of the members were away on holidays, there was only a poor attendance, and it was decided to defer the annual meeting until Thursday, February 6th. It is intended on that occasion to hold a social evening and we are anticipating a big muster of the troops.

The work of the Branch for 1929 has been highly successful. For 1928 the membership was 33, and, despite the fact that we lost 10 members who left the district, we finished up with 37. During the year amalgamation grants to the total of £7 were made to diggers needing assistance, and help was also secured from the local Red Cross fund. The Sub-Branch is in a sound financial position and the bulk of the money in hand is earmarked for the purpose of amalgamation. Owing to wet weather, it was impossible to have the picnic at Pt. Peron, and the nuts and lollies on hand were distributed among the children of the members.

One very gratifying feature is the number of ex-Imperial soldiers and sailors among our members. They form about 10 per cent. of the Sub-Branch, and have been re-elected; President, Bert Thomas, and secretary, Bill Clarke, who have rendered excellent service and have been uniring in their efforts to further the cause of the League. Owing to them, the district thanks are also due to the genial host of the Mundijong Hotel, Dick Walsh, who has set aside a room for our meetings and assisted us in every way possible. The Sub-Branch wishes all a bright and prosperous New Year.

QUAIRADING AND DISTRICT

The annual meeting of the Quairading and District Sub-Branch R.S.L. was held in the Quairading Road Board Hall on the 7th instant, Tom Estridge presiding over a good gathering. The secretary, Clive Shenton, read his report; also auditor's report and balance sheet, which were very satisfactory. The membership for 1929 showed 43 financial members. The credit balance of the branch at the end of December was £6 17s. 10d. The Amelioration Fund has a credit balance of £19 13s. 4d. and the Memorial Fund shows a credit balance of £17 ls. 6d. During the past year several new members joined the branch. It is the intention of the branch to make 1930 a record year. The Annual Reunion Dinner will take place in March, and we hope to have Col. Collett and other members of the Executive present. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Tom Estridge (re-elected); vice-presidents, D. McRae and J. Tweedie (re-elected); secretary and treasurer, Clive M. Shenton (re-elected); auditor, R. Whitford (re-elected). A committee was appointed to go into the matter of a school at Mount Stirling, and as a deputation to wait on the Director of Education. A vote of thanks was passed by acclamation for the good work rendered by the President and Secretary. The President responded in good digger fashion. After the meeting the members had a "bob in" and supper as served by Diggers Charlton and Andrews. The next meeting of the branch will be held on the last Tuesday of February, at Dangin.

OSBORNE PARK

Mr. H. Miller has been appointed secretary, vice Mr. H. Float, resigned. The latter has secured the contract for the sanitary service for Osborne Park, Scarborough and Baldivis, and his duties necessitate long hours.

Our president (Mr. H. Nugent) has removed from the Park to his own house in Mt. Hawthorn. His departure has not interfered with his number-

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"SWAN" BRAND TOMATO SAUCE is Delicious
ous duties in connection with the branch and the Agricultural Society, of which he is vice-president.

The district show was a huge success, cattle, vegetables, flowers, poultry, etc., being well represented. There were record entries and a record attendance. There were many soldier helpers at the show and luncheon.

The children's Christmas tree was a big success. In previous years it has been the custom of the sub-branch to entertain soldiers' children, but on this occasion the Agricultural Society amalgamated and all the children in the Park were invited to a carnival held in Findlay's Open-air Picture Gardens, given free for the occasion. It was estimated that over 500 gifts were distributed, and many visitors were surprised at the number of children. A huge gum-tree was erected on the lawn, from which Father Xmas, excellently portrayed by our president (Mr. H. Nugents) distributed the gifts.

It is not generally known that there is a large herb garden in Jones Street, E. C. Garner, son of Mr. C. Garner, a prominent member of the sub-branch, has a portion of land, and in 1927 had 16 varieties; in 1928, 24 varieties; and in 1929, 34 varieties. He has obtained three first prizes and one second, and he intends increasing his area and exhibiting at the Royal Show this year. In the list of plants cultivated there is no mention of "hops," a herb used, it is surmised, in the adulteration of water.

The profit on the Scotch concert has been given to the sub-branch funds.

That "Bluzy," in order to keep the doctor away, has hit on the expedient of eating an apple a day?

That several members, now that the close season is ended, are going in for duck shooting on the swamps, as there is a prospect of bright sport?

That the ducks do not share this view?

That "Scotty" Miller intends starting the breeding of silkworms and the cultivation of bees?

That after the Scotch concert in the Soldiers' Hall on New Year's Eve "first-footing" was carried out, many houses being visited after the style of "Eveline"?

That the tour led by members of the "Black Watch" did not terminate until 8.30 a.m.?

That the supply of "Deoch and Doris" petted out early?

That "cow juice" was commandeered in order to suitably toast surprised residents?

That "henpecked" "Snowy" has the time of his life on "Armiticce Day," when the wife has to keep silent in the absence of the "hen pecked"?

That soldier residents in Main Street are considering a start making of cornar motors of all types, arranged on a chromatic scale, to counteract the noisy nuisances in our main thoroughfare?

That the shark yarns have taken the wind out of "Old Bill's" Njookooboo snake stories?

MUNDARING

The last meeting of 1929 was held at Harry Walker's, on December 19th, and in anticipation of business arising out of the Christmas Fete, being conducted by the Mt. Helena section of the Women's Auxiliary. There was a good attendance, though Zarnia and Parkerville representatives were—well, it was not reported. We hope that this will be remedied in the new year. The children of the district had the time of their sweet young lives on December 21st. Father Christmas arrived from somewhere, piloted by "Cannonball" Baker in the same plane, about 841, after a perfect landing. That was the first thrill of the day. After the cheers and the general excitement subsided, Father Christmas welcomed each child and presented his gift, which, in the general opinion, were very generous. He invited all the presentations. Santa slipped away for a drop of "stingo," while youngsters and parents made the best of their time round the side shows. The fete was an unqualified success, and the Women's Auxiliary are to be congratulated on their enthusiastic organisation of a really big stunt.

Great consternation was caused recently among some of our Mount Helena members regarding a ten-year-old mystery. It concerned the disappearance of a death-dealing instrument, a lethal weapon, which, at some time or other, had been petted, and passed by some unerring sniper, probably Parapet Joe, the Sandbag Wiper (since unemployed). The aforesaid mechanical meatmaker had come into this peaceful district, just after the last man, minus the last shilling, returned home. Those in the know believed that this instrument would be set up prominently in some public place, like an idol to be cherished. But, alas, the German machine gun—that was it—was disappeared. However, all's well that ends well. The wretched relic of the past has been recovered. The next problem is just what to do with it. Many are the suggestions, but very discreetly most of them ruled out of order, even the suggestion that Lew Cooper should present himself, with it, at the next appeal board, in direct contravention of the Peace Treaty.

One know-all, aware of the musical temperament of C. Clayto.n, suggested that he go one better than the renowned "Parapet Joe," and render the "National Anthem" on it. George Simcock wants to have the custody of it. He reckons it's open season for storks now. The dilemma this "warp incubator" has brought about makes one sympathise with Jim Scott, particularly. His hair is falling out fast.

MULLWeA

Mainly through the energy of Tom Silver, F. C. Clayton, and one or two other stalwarts, a sub-branch has been founded at Mullawa. The election of officers was held last August, and the following were elected: President, Tom Silver; Vice-Presidents, A. Templeman and F. Pels; Treasurer, L. Overholt; Secretary, Mr. F. C. Clayton, who has been stationed at the local State School, was the Sub-Branch's first secretary, but as he has just been transferred to Nannup, it will be necessary to elect a new secretary as soon as possible. The office-bearers are supported by a strong working committee.

A committee meeting was held on January 13th, in the Executive Room of the Returned Soldiers' Institute. Those present were Messrs. E. S. Watt, Vice-President (in the chair); I. T. Birrhweldt (Secretary), Fitzgerald (Treasurer), Glasier, Stone, Longmore, Ford, and Collins. Several suggestions calculated to stimulate the sales of the "W.A.Digger Book" were adopted, and these will be submitted to the Executive for consideration.

The monthly luncheon was held in the newly re-opened dining room of the Institute, on Wednesday, January 15th. Messrs. E. S. Watt and Miss Smith (President) occupied the chair, and among the guests present were Mr. Chat. Taylor, of the Repatriation Department, and Mr. Davidson, of the Town Planning Commission. After the conclusion of the luncheon, Mr. Davidson delivered a vigorous, highly amusing and well appreciated lecture on "Dress Reform."

WILLING RANGE

At the annual meeting, held in the Parish Hall, Kalumanda, the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. W. Logie; Past President, Dr. J. S. Yule; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Jas. Watson, and Charles Davies; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. W. Wright. Mr. W. Logie, who is a prominent League official, is a foundation member of the sub-branch, and was its first President. In the early days of soldier settlement in this district, "Bill" Logie was responsible for having the price of clearing reduced from £81 an acre to 25s.

A dance in aid of the sub-branch was held in the Parish Hall, Kalumanda, on New Year's Eve.

WEST LEEDERVILLE

The annual smoke social of the West Leederville Sub-Branch was held on Friday, January 10th, at the Leederville Town Hall. The new President, Captain W. Kruger, presided over a large gathering. Amongst the speakers were Colonel Collers, Captain Davey, Mr. Millington, M.I.A., Councillor Caddy, Messrs. Edwards, Wilkins, Troude, Joe, Watt, and Secretary Cliff Beechy, who mentioned that the sub-branch had doubled its membership during the year. The...
harmony was splendid, many of the old war-time favourites were sung with gusto. A spirit of optimism prevails in the sub-branch, and it is anticipated that before the close of this year, the membership will again be doubled. It won't be Bill Kruger and Cliff. Beechey's fault if it is not.

PERTH

The annual meeting of the Perth sub-branch was held in the Soldiers' Institute, on the 14th inst. There was a large attendance of members, and a very lengthy agenda was thoroughly gone into, and dispensed with before the biscuits and cheese were handed round.

The Auditor, Mr. J. J. Prendergast, read his report, and showed members that the branch had not made any serious retrograde step as far as finances were concerned.

The Ladies' Auxiliary were thanked very sincerely for their efforts during the past year, which were undoubtedly of a laborious nature. The suggestion put forward by them in connection with the Christmas Tree is to receive the consideration of the new committee.

The committee appointed to run the Centenary Band Concert made their final report, and although their balance sheet did not show that the function had been a success, they retained the confidence of the membership, and were instructed to have another try.

For the benefit of those members who were not present at the meeting, and for some of those who were, it is true that Mr. Longmore, the retiring Auditors, was presented with an illuminated Certificate of Service for his three years' occupancy of the presidential chair. (Mr. Editor, the preceding sentence is quoted because there may have been some members present who could not hear what was being said, owing to their being 'full' members of the sub-branch.)

The following officers were elected for 1930:—

President, Mr. F. S. C. Buchan; Vice-President, Messrs. H. Hoppenot and A. Cooper; Treasurer, Mr. A. S. O'Keefe; Director of R.S.L. Co-Op., Mr. C. Longmore; Trustees, Messrs. Buchan and O'Keefe; Auditor, Mr. J. J. Prendergast; Committees, Messrs. F. Cox, F. Baso, G. H. Jackson, J. H. Gordon, W. Bailey, J. A. Smith, Tock, Smith, F. S. C. Brown, and E. F. Coleman.

Taking all things into consideration, the annual meeting was a huge success.

CLAREMONT-COTTESLOE

Members are asked to turn up in force at the Council Chamber, on Thursday, February 6th, where Colonel O'dell will give a lecture on the "Palestine Campaign."

The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20th, when the election of officers will take place. The sub-branch is negotiating for land on which to build a hall.

SOUTH PERTH

The holiday season has caused the sub-branch to go into rest, and there have been no less suspended. Now that the holidays are finished, members will appreciate the renewal of sub-branch activities, and will, no doubt, be pleased to further the efforts of their committee.

A bridge-rummy evening in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, January 30th, will cater for card lovers, and, it is hoped, add a few "distractions" to the funds for the new building. Members are requested to bring along their friends.

Recent correspondence reminds us that the "S.P." diggers are opposing any suggestion for dress reform which prevent a digger from displaying his League membership badge.

Messrs. Philip and Rutherford are keen on the trail of talented friends, and propose forming a concert party to reinforce the programme on our monthly Picture Night.

On the first Wednesday of February, a gala picture night will be held at the Gaiety Theatre. The sub-branch will supply tickets to augment the ordinary programme, and members are reminded to purchase their ticket requirements from committee-men. Friends of the sub-branch will, of course, do likewise.

Cricket enthusiasts are reminded that a test match will be staged at an early date, and that Messrs. Hanley and Philip are desirous of hearing from possible players.

We note with pleasure that reinforcements have arrived to the homes of Messrs. Bains and Carrie. These members and their wives are congratulated on making such an excellent start for the New Year. In the case of Mr. Carrie, the start was a very fine one, as the stork delivered twin sons.

KALGOORLIE

Kalgoorlie was particularly busy over the festive season, what with the conducting of the annual sweep on the Perth Cup, which closed with £1,000 won, and the usual Christmas cheer to those in need. They combined with the Boulder branch in providing a Christmas tree loaded with sufficient toys for all the children in the children's and isolation wards in the Government Hospital, and with Tom Renfeld as Santa Claus a happy time was spent on Christmas morn with the kiddies. The diggers' cot, subscribed by the members of the sub-branch, was tenanted by a kiddie, and she was not forgotten.

The Christmas meeting was a particularly happy one, there being over 50 members present, the usual run of attendances, and visitors from several other branches including Ted Leniel and the famous Vic, from Boulder, not to mention Mr. Sandefon, from the South-West, who, by the way, should be grabbed by the State Executive for some information on the alien question. This sub-branch, meets always on the second Tuesday of each month and all members of the League in the district on that night are cordially invited to the Soldiers' Institute, where a hearty digger welcome is assured them.

We wonder how many secretaries are causing the powers that have so fumigated the issue of financial crowns to have them still in the pocket even in the second week of the new year? Many members whose subs. fall due at the end of the year have paid up, and there are no crowns to be issued. It is hoped that the Listening Post will action to bring the matter before the State Executive so that they can try to arrange for the person responsible for the supply of crowns for 1931 to order now and prevent a repetition of the inconvenience caused.

Kalgoorlie desires, through these columns, to return thanks to the officers of the Repatriation Department in this State, the members of the Entitlement Board, and last, but by no means least, our Mr. Ferguson, the assistant State secretary, for the wonderful 100 per cent. success in our appeals for pensions.

Has anyone heard how the Adelaide Armistice Day Commemoration Service went? This year it was to have, been at about 7 p.m.—that is, at synchronised time, so that the silence would be at the same two minutes as at the Cathedral, London. This sub-branch is keenly interested, as in this district there are few leisureed people, and so but few can attend a service at 11 a.m., although many would like to. We intend to try to get an Appeal pressed for the next year, and would be pleased for any information on these lines.

Recently we heard our much-admired State President advise diggers to take an interest in local and State government work. To this end Kalgoorlie organised a rush on a seat in the local Council, and succeeded in placing their vice-president, Mr. Roy DePassy, at the head of the poll. Roy is a very popular member of the sub-branch, an assayer and metallurgist by profession, and a son of Colonel DePassy, of South Australia. He, at all times, is his own man, and now that Cr. Kingsbury, a past president of this sub-branch, has Roy's backing, the good work that the Kalgoorlie Municipal Council has done for diggers will, no doubt, be continued. This Council was one of the first to place on their books "that preference be given to returned soldiers at all times, wherever and whenever possible," and they have at all times, been a Council, done their best to live up to this ruling of men, many of whom are now beyond the divide. May the body be long preserved to honour that minute, for it is backed up by the citizens of this district and while diggers give what is left of their best in the employment of citizens they will continue to enjoy that privilege.

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