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War and Other Matters

As Anzac Day approaches, the long-drawn-out Naval Conference between the five Powers who would be least likely, in any case, to engage in another war, is ending in a pact between the three Powers who were in agreement as regards fundamentals before the conference assembled. At the same time, "ancestral voices prophesying war" may be heard in China, while a Russian general has been describing the role cavalry will play in the Soviet's future wars, and in the civil wars which the Soviet intends to engineer in other countries. By a piece of irony, no less amusing because it was probably unconscious, the West Australian published the Russian general's speech in the column next to the daily report of the conference proceedings.

Life is largely a matter of actions and reactions; therefore it is but natural that a war-riven world should develop a peace consciousness which has become an obsession. In a sense, every returned soldier is a pacifist. None of us wants to repeat the experiences of the years between 1914 and 1919. When we assemble in our thousands on Anzac Day we do so to honour our departed comrades, and to renew ties of brotherhood with the living. It is in no vainglorious spirit that we parade on that day of all days. We do not wish to glorify war, which really means that we do not wish to glorify ourselves because we did our duty in the last war. We realise that universal peace is a consummation devoutly to be wished more fully than it is possible for any conscientious objector to realise this. At the same time it would be futile to allow a willingness to inculcate such ideals to blind us to actualities; to allow the teachings of the historian to be obliterated by the clamant vapourings of the hysterian.

History, if it does not repeat itself, certainly moves in concentric circles. After every war, when the soldier has sheathed the sword, the politician is left in control of the situation; and politicians, the world over, are governed by questions of political expediency, vote-catching, party shibboleths, and formulae, rather than by first principles and realities. The present peace obsession impels the men of words to cast about for some formula whereby a paper security may be assured; added to which there is a complacent assumption of moral superiority on the part of the peace propagandists that is more irritating than the most rabid jingoism.

The problems of war and peace, however much they be sentimentalised by hystarians, are too complex to be solved by some plausible formula, pious gesture, or even by assumption of moral superiority. Leagues of Nations, which the wealthiest Power in the world refuses to join, agreements to outlaw war, and disarmament conferences between nations that have already decided to remain armed, may render future wars less likely; they may even limit the area of conflict; but they will not make war impossible. Even the inspiring suggestions that Anzac Day marches be discontinued, and that toy pop-guns be kept out of the hands of bad boys, are too insulting to human intelligence to have any educative value. The world has known other leagues of nations, but, from the Delian Confederacy of the Greek maritime states to the Holy Alliance of the last century, they have caused more wars than they have prevented. History is a record of broken treaties.

Since the last war there has been no more indefatigable worker in the cause of world peace than Sir Ian Hamilton, yet this is what Sir Ian has to say in his article on "War" in the supplement to the 1926 edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica:—

"Those who have seen with their own eyes and suffered in their own bodies know the ugly truth of war, but they cannot convey, their own knowledge to the young generation. The old lack imagination to tell; the young lack imagination to believe. Nothing will stop war save a Second Advent of Christ."

In the same article he issues a warning to the idealists of Great Britain and America:—

"Let neither of these great, but strangely provident, nations imagine that because they mean to do the right thing by humanity, they will, on that account, escape the challenge of the sword. Does not Hegel tell us that tragedy is the conflict, not of Right and Wrong, but of Right and Right?"

For instance, in 1904 Russia was right in wanting an ice-free port for her swarming millions; Japan was equally right to think of her own swelling millions, and object. In 1867 the Southern States of America were right to want self-determination; the North was equally right in saying "No."

Amid all the flood of words and the dearth of ideas, two fatally dangerous fallacies have become political commonplace. One is that armaments lead to wars; the other, that the last war was a sanguinary and futile conflict, begun for no reason and concluded with no results.

Armaments do not cause war any more than disarmament prevents them. The compulsory disarmament of Prussia, after Jena did not prevent that Power from bringing overwhelming and well-equipped forces into the field six years later. Austria did not adopt universal service until after her disastrous defeat at Sadowa; yet Austria had a period of unbroken peace from that time until 1914.
At the outbreak of the Great War, few of the Austrian higher command had had any experience of active service. Prussia adopted universal service in 1866, France in 1870, yet neither Power was engaged in any European conflict between 1870 and 1914. Had Great Britain been prepared for war in 1914 it is extremely doubtful whether Germany would have violated Belgium's neutrality. It was the fact that shots had actually been exchanged in Ireland; that disaffection existed in India and South Africa; that politicians in Australia were bitterly opposing the foundation of an Australian navy on the grounds that one day the guns of our fleet would be turned against the Mother Country; it was the misreading of these signs and portents which made the Kaiser and his advisers believe that the time was ripe for throwing down the gauntlet. The main factor which kept the Great Powers at peace for over forty years was the size of their armies and the fear of the effect of the untried inventions with which they were equipped.

The alleged futility of the late war is the motif of most of the recent warbooks, especially those written by heroes who were never nearer the front line than the mess-rooms of intermediate bases. The false pictures they present, their gross inaccuracies, the undue stress they lay upon unpleasant aspects of life which occur in peace as well as in war, render them dangerously deluding. As Sir Ian Hamilton says, "their gross perversions of facts have been, etically speaking, so great a failure already that our younger generation are in danger of becoming jingoists."

Peace cannot be ensured by abolishing armaments, or by telling the world, by implication, that the men who fought were drunken or sensual morons. The problem is too difficult and too complex to be solved by the finding of formulas. There is no royal road to world peace. It can be ensured, as Mr. Douglas Jerrold points out in the February number of the English Review, "only by clear thinking; by a study of historical forces, and by a resolute concentration on the world as it is, and not by speculation upon the world which enlightened young writers wish to see."

A war which caused the overthrow of three great empires, which brought three new States into being, which reconstructed the map of the world, which caused the downfall of irresponsible autocracies and established a new system of international relationships can hardly be called futile—at least, not by thinking men. It entailed stupendous sacrifices; but nothing worth while is achieved without sacrifice. On the spiritual side alone it knitted more closely that bond of "Brotherhood That binds the brave of all the earth." The sacrifice of human life, awful though it was, must have its meaning for generations yet unborn. Brave blood is never shed in vain. It cries from the ground it has hallowed like a trumpet-call, ringing through the halls of Time.

Unemployed Ex-Service Men

SERIOUS POSITION

There are more ex-service men in W.A looking for work to-day than has happened for ten years. A recent meeting of unemployed diggers was held in the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, at which about 400 men attended. They were the best type of manhood, at least one-third of them being skilled tradesmen and most of them were going short of the bare necessities of life.

A later meeting at which representatives of the unemployed and the employment committee of the League conferred, was followed by a further meeting held on the 10th April, at which were also represented business men, the Trades Hall, and the Maimed and Limbless Men's Association. The meeting carried the following motions:

This meeting is of opinion that the pessimism expressed in regard to the stability of this State is to be deprecated; it therefore urges that the financial institutions and private individuals by whom work in connection with the building and other industries was formerly financed will come to the assistance of the community, show their confidence in the stability of the State, uphold the value of their securities by again providing financial assistance, and thus prevent avoidable unemployment in the building and other industries. This meeting strongly advocates the payment of a bonus for the production of gold, as the granting of this would ensure a large amount of employment.

This meeting appeals to all local governing bodies to take on at least one extra returned soldier for regular employment during the present shortage of employment.

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Present.—Messrs. Collett, Riley, Smith, Freedman, Philip, Longmore, Logie, Cooke, Yeates, Pady, Margolin, Shaw, Lovell, Tozer, Bader, Edmonds, Catermole. Apologies were received from Messrs. Watt and Sadlier. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Parquharson for meetings held on the 19th March and 2nd April.

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

Arisings out of the State Secretary’s report that some useful advice was received and acted upon by the Government, it may not be possible to assist in the crisis to locate jobs for diggers. Most of the men will go anywhere and do any honest toil. Even a day’s casual work will be welcomed.

Owing to the unsettled political state at time of writing, it had not been possible to interview the Government, but it is hoped that the new Premier will be able to relieve the position at an early date.

"Hey you—your gun isn’t loaded."
"Can’t help it; bird won’t wait."

Pensions Committee.—Rev. C. L. Riley submitted a report of the Pensions Committee meeting held on the 1st April.

Corps of Commissioners.—Arisings out of this report the Pensions Committee considered that the scheme being controlled by the Perth Sub-branch was worthy of every support.

Deputations from Unemployed.—Standing orders were suspended to receive a deputation from the unemployed. Messrs. Shakespeare and Crooks addressed delegates and asked for the executive’s co-operation in endeavouring to relieve the present position. The deputation was thanked and withdrew.

It was then decided that the Pensions and Employment Committee, together, with the Trustees, meet the committee from the unemployed at the Soldiers’ Institute at 4 p.m. on the 3rd April. The combined committee to report the result of their deliberations to the State President, who shall call a special meeting of the executive, if considered necessary.

Case of J. R. Ellice.—The case of this ex-soldier, who was employed in the Civil Service was detailed. It appeared that he had received notice of retirement. Permission was given Mr. Ellice to state his case. It was decided that the matter be referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee for discussion with the Public Service Commissioners, and the committee to afterwards submit a report to the State President.

Standing orders were resumed.

Reports (continued).—Land Committee: Mr. Yeates submitted a report of the meeting of the Land Committee held on Sunday, March 30th. The report was adopted.

Arisings out of the report it was moved Mr. Shaw, seconded Mr. Logie, that the executive
expresses regret at the procrastination in dealing with morrel and salt country, without making provision for the sustenance of the men in the meantime. The Crown the Agricultural Bank should be requested, in special cases, where adequate rainfall warrants it, not to apply the policy of advances on fallow land only.

Peel Estate and Hurdsmans's Lake: Reference was made to the effect that Commonwealth Soldier Settlers' money had been used to write off losses incurred by the State at Peel Estate and Hurdsmans's Lake. This position was disclosed by the Auditor-General's report. It was decided that this matter be taken up with the Premier at an early date.

Interest: It was moved Mr. Shaw, seconded Mr. Logie, that the State Government should be asked to declare its intention on the reversion to 5 per cent. interest on all soldier settlers' accounts at the end of 1930, in accordance with arrangements between the Federal and State Governments.

Relief Fund: Report of the R.S.L. Relief Fund for the month of March was received. In this connection it was pointed out that some sub-branches had confined the granting of assistance to members of the League only. It was decided that the State Secretary point out in his next circular that such action was contrary to the wishes of Congress.

Employment Bureau: The report of the Employment Bureau for the month of March was received.

Visits: The State President submitted a report on his visits to Quairading Sub-branch and the Railway Workshops Sub-branch.

State War Memorial: President informed delegates that he had attended the State War Memorial when the Consul for Greece had laid a wreath thereon.

Great Southern Re-Union: Mr. Lovell submitted a report on his visit to Wagin on the occasion of the Great Southern Re-Union in company with Messrs. Yeates, Logie, and Ferguson.

Federal Correspondence—Empire Bazaar, London: Further correspondence in this connection was received.

Australian Light Horse Epic Film: A communication concerning a proposal in connection with this film was received.

Trade Within the Empire: A letter from the Federal Executive concerning Trade-within-the-Imperial Day, 24th May, was received.

Migrations: A copy of a letter from the B.E.S.L. was forwarded by the Federal Executive concerning the communication of pensions for migrants prior to leaving England. Letter after received.

B.E.S.L.: The fourth biennial conference report, B.E.S.L., was laid on the table for the information of members.

Employment Bureaux: Report of Employment Bureaux throughout the Commonwealth was received.

Correspondence was also received in connection with resolutions 155 and 191 of the 14th annual congress, the first dealing with alien labour, and the second with educational allowances.

Institutions—Yarloop: April 4th. It was decided to convey regrets to Yarloop that no delegate was available.

Karridale: Unveiling memorial, 19th April. State Secretary was appointed.

District Committee No. 4—Advice was received that this District Committee had been formed, composed of representatives from sub-branches in the Great Southern area.

POPPY DAY—Dawson Sub-branch: The Dawson Sub-branch requested permission to conduct poppy sales on the Friday preceding Poppy Day, 1930. It was decided to advise the sub-branch of the decision of last Congress that, in country districts, sales can be conducted on the nearest Saturday to Poppy Day. The sub-branch is to be asked to adhere to that decision.

Funeral—J. P. Richmond.—A report of an enquiry into the conduct of the funeral of this ex-soldier was received and it was decided to supply a copy to the Crown Law Department.

Soldiers' Settlement, Kojonup.—The Kojonup Sub-branch forwarded a communication dealing with soldiers settlement in that district. It was referred to the Land Committee.

AWARE CRUSADERS.—A communication from the Mutual Film Exchange submitting a proposition to the League in connection with the screening of this film was received. It was decided to refer the letter to the Perth Sub-branch for their information.

Foreign Goods, Railway Department.—The Railway Workshops Sub-branch brought up the notice of the executive that tools used in the wood-working grades in the Railway Department were being procured from foreign countries. The State Secretary was instructed to bring this matter under the notice of the Commissioner.
Camp Fire

Richard Irwin Fiske, 2nd Division, Indian Head Regiment, U.S.A. The above-named ex-American soldier is supposed to be resident in Australia, but his mother has not heard from him for several years, and she is anxious regarding him. He served in France with the Signal Corps, and was in hospitals in France and U.S.A. for gas trouble. Height, six feet; dark brown hair; grey-blue eyes; about 38 years of age; broad shouldered; very erect; very reticent.

Any information to be communicated to the Editor, L.P.

28th Battalion Notes

Popular "Scotty" Wilson has been forced by ill-health to enter the Edward Millen Home. This is the second occasion on which "Scotty" has become an involuntary guest, he having spent a couple of years as a prisoner of war in Germany. His many friends will join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

The monthly luncheon will be held in the Soldiers' Institute on Monday, the 28th, from 1 to 2 p.m. It is hoped that members will do their utmost to advise friends not to allow their better halves to cut lunches on that day.

Anti-British Literature

The following letter was recently received from the Acting Minister for Trade and Customs:

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd February, 1930, respecting the resolution passed by the Western Australian Branch of your League in regard to importation of the above literature, I desire to inform you that under a Proclamation dated 17/12/29, the importation is prohibited of any literature wherein is advocated:

(a) The overthrow by force or violence of the established Government of the Commonwealth or of any State;
(b) The overthrow by force or violence of any forms of law;
(c) The assassination of public officials;
(d) The unlawful destruction of property.

It is not known what particular literature your League had in mind when passing the above-mentioned resolution, but if you will indicate to me any particular books which are likely to come within the scope of the Proclamation referred to, I shall have full investigation made.

I might add that any publications considered by the Collectors of Customs in the various States to contravene the Proclamation are detained on importation and submitted to me personally for decision."

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1914

DIED FOR THE EMPIRE

1,069,825

1918

Navy ........................................ 34,654
Army ......................................... 908,371
R.A.F. ........................................ 4,886
Non-Combatant Forces ......................... 112,720

The total number of those who responded to the Empire's call in her hour of need by enlisting in the Navy, Army, and Air Force up to November, 1918, was 9,669,311, whilst it is impossible to compute the numbers of those whose services with the non-combatant forces, with the ambulance forces, and for the provision of munitions of war, made success possible for our arms.

The Empire's will to victory was well illustrated by the response of our Great Dominions, both in men, money and munitions. Besides the five million men of the British Isles who enlisted in the Army, between 1914 and 1918, India contributed 1,338,620 men, Canada 995,411, Australia 416,809, South Africa 116,074, New Zealand 124,211, Newfoundland 9,826, and the smaller Colonies and Dependencies 67,229.

Outstanding Dates of the Great War Period

(The important battles of the War, each of such great importance, were so numerous that it has been found impossible to include them all in the compass of this brief survey.)

1914
July 28. Austria declared War on Serbia.
Aug. 1. Germany declared War on Russia.
" 3. Germany declared War on France.
" 4. Germany violated Belgian neutrality. Britain declared War on Germany.
" 7. B.E.F. landed in France.
" 23. The Retreat from Mons commenced.
Dec. 1. First Australians landed in Egypt.

1915
Feb. 9. First Canadians landed in France.
May 7. Lusitania sunk by submarine.
July 9. German S.W. Africa occupied by Botha.
Oct. 1. Allies landed at Salonika.

1916
June 5. Lord Kitchener drowned.
Aug. 28. Italy declared War on Germany.

1917
Apr. 6. U.S.A. declared War on Germany.

1918
Sept. 10. British advance in Flanders.
Nov. 4. Last battle on Western Front commenced.
" 10. The Kaiser fled to Holland.
" 21. German Fleet interned at Rosyth.

Teaching Children the Truth about War

The lesson of Empire co-operation during the war should be the guiding star of Empire, says Major George A. Drew, master of the Supreme Court of Ontario and author of articles on Canada's war effort, in addressing the Columbus Forum at Montreal. Major Drew believed this knowledge could best be imparted by teaching Canadian children the truth about the Empire's record in the Great War.

Major Drew thought it would be fine if the war could be forgotten in the interests of the furthering of peace, as many desired, were it not for the flood of misrepresentations regarding the war which must be met. He quoted an editorial statement in a United States magazine recently, declaring the war had been fought because Britain was afraid of Germany's navy. Also General Pershing had claimed some weeks ago that the American Meuse-Argonne campaign was responsible for the Germans asking an armistice. Official statements from German commanders showed this to be entirely untrue, said Major Drew. Official American records discredited the further Pershing statement that 300,000 men were engaged at Chateau Thierry, by showing the number was actually 85,000. These were but two instances of the many mis-statements which had to be met and could be countered by the schools.

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Engraved on the heart of every true Australian is the memory of those brave men who, on far-off fields of battle, put the seal on Australia's honour and nationality with their lives. With a common impulse, therefore, the people as a nation pause each year to pay their tribute of remembrance, and to commemorate in a spirit of love and gratitude the heroism and sacrifice of those who did not return. Each year finds this sentiment perhaps deeper and more abiding, because time, which proves all things, confirms the debt we owe to those who fought so valiantly and died so nobly in their country's cause. Deep as may be the sorrow, there is also the feeling of pride that on Anzac Day, fifteen years ago, Australians faced their grim baptism of fire in one of the most hazardous adventures in history with a dash and daring—an abandond on courage—that earned them enduring fame.

Against the background of years, the message of Anzac Days stands out in shining letters. It is "Courage and Fortitude." To-day, when the problems of peace, some of them the aftermath of the war, press so heavily upon us as a people, it should be our inspiration. Not only should we follow the precept, but also the example set by our soldiers who never wavered, but always did their best in a weary war of attrition and endurance. They ended as they started, never thinking of defeat, but only of the objective to be won.

CAPT. G. J. C. DYETT, C.M.G.,
Federal President R.S.L.

The fifteenth anniversary of Anzac Day will be honoured throughout Australia and various parts of the British Empire on the 25th April. The "landing on Gallipoli" by the Australian Imperial Force won the admiration of the civilized world, and that imperishable term "Anzac Day" owes its existence to that memorable and magnificent exploit. Those who participated in that unprecedented and glorious achievement not only immortalized the name of Australia, but enabled her to become a nation which all should strive to make worthy of their patriotism and heroism.

Those who survived that unsurpassed test of bravery and endurance will again recall to mind on the 25th April the good qualities and outstanding characteristics of their departed comrades, whose supreme sacrifice on behalf of Australia and for the preservation of British justice, liberty and freedom, in the interests of humanity, can never be repaid. But to that unpayable debt we, as ex-service men and members of the Returned Soldiers' League, can subscribe, by securing the best possible conditions for the dependents of those illustrious patriots who fought and died so that we might live.

It is fervently hoped that ere long the economic position of Australia will improve to such an extent as to ensure the absorption of our unemployed comrades, for whom the League is doing everything possible.

Let us endeavour to emulate the example of those whose gallant deeds and heroic sacrifices Anzac Day commemorates, and the difficulties of Australia will be effectively solved and her prosperity definitely restored.

Britain Remembers

(By S.R.)

Britain remembers, she stands
With Flanders poppies in her hands,
Remembering Flanders fields again,
She mourns her wounded, dying, slain—
Her sons—who came from far and wide
To fight her battles, side by side.
They faced the foe through shot and shell,
Their deeds shall children's children tell.
The wounded still must be her care,
She asks that we their burdens share.
And brings with Flanders poppy red
Aid for the living from the dead.
Emblem of help; 'tis warfare's flower.
The seed was sown in darkest hour,
Britain remembers; see, she stands
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Personal

A tower of strength to the Albany Sub-branch is Captain Roy E. Potts, who is just entering upon his second term as president. The Sub-branch has a membership of over 80. Roy, who is head teacher of the Albany Central School, served with the 48th in France, winning the M.C. at Dernancourt in 1918, and a bar to it at Fromart. After his return from active service he took his B.Sc. degree at the local university. Before his transfer to Albany, he was in charge of the Wagin State School. Roy pulls his weight in the affairs of the town and is a keen golfer.

Dr. E. N. Bateman, who passed away on Friday, March 14th, had had a very creditable war service, being attached to the A.M.C. as Major of the 1st Field Ambulance and the 3rd Light Horse. When war broke out he was in practice at Youngami on the Murchison, but offered his services and was accepted for active service. While away he had several attacks of malaria, that dread illness so many who served in the Palestine area contracted, and which always leaves its mark. After armistice he returned and on his discharge again took up his practice at Youngami, from there he practised at Northampton and then at Gnowangerup, at latter place his stay being nine years. While at Gnowangerup he was a comrade loved by all ex-service men and was president of the sub-branch while a resident of that district. At the time of his death he was practically in his prime, being only 42 years of age, but another of those whose life was perhaps hurried on by the deadly gasses used during the Great War and which the last few years has gathered in so many comrades as victims.

An announcement appeared recently in The West Australian, which will revive many memories in the minds of a number of ex-A.I.F. officers. The paragraph was to the effect that Colonel May, who was Commandant of the O.T.C. at Candahar Barracks, from 1916-18, recently passed away in London. Perhaps no man could have been chosen who was better fitted for the work of training the new officers of a new army than this gentleman. Not only was he saturated by military knowledge, but he embodied the finest attributes of an English gentleman. His unfailing courtesy and gentleness to all ranks was an inspiration and a never-forgotten example to the men who went through his hands. His popularity was considerably increased by a fund of dry humour which pervaded many of his lectures, and his touching faith in the Field Service Pocket Book often made him the butt of the good-natured witticisms of his pupils. Colonel May took a personal interest in every budding officer that came under his care, and it was always a trying and painful moment for him when, the course finished, he had to say "good-bye" to his numerous graduates, who left him to take their places in the line. He made it a practice of having every man march in single file towards him, when he would place a hand on either shoulder, look his pupil straight in the face and wish him good luck. He claimed that he never forget any of them and that he followed the casualty lists anxiously from day to day, fearing to see any of their names amongst the fallen. The A.I.F. owe him a great deal.

Congratulations to Cliff Sadlier for his splendid effort in Nedlands. Though up against an experienced Parliamentarian, who is also one of the keenest intellects of the State, Cliff polled so well that seventy-seventy second preferences from Foristal would have won him the seat. But the K.C. was preferred to the V.C. How soon the stay-at-homes forget the war!

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The Koutepov Incident

What little is known of the kidnapping of General Koutepov makes the incident appear like a chapter from an Oppehenheim novel. According to the Paris daily, Léberte, Koutepov, who is the recognised leader of the White Russian party in France, was kidnapped in broad daylight by Soviet emissaries disguised as policemen, smuggled away to Moscow, and tortured in order to force him to disclose information about his fellow refugees. Léberte alleges that the Soviet is endeavouring to starve the world with the "evidence" of an anti-Soviet conspiracy, hatched in France, with the complicity of the French Government. General Koutepov, if still alive, is now languishing in some Russian prison.

While this news was being given prominence in the press, the Australian Government notified the Government of Great Britain that Australia is willing to receive a Russian consul, subject to the usual guarantees regarding subversive propaganda. Mr. Henderson, the British Foreign Secretary, informed the House of Commons that no other British dominion has given expression to a similar willingness.

As Great Britain has already resumed diplomatic relations with Russia, Australia cannot decline to do likewise, but it seems a display of unnecessary enthusiasm to go out of our way to invite it. The Koutepov Incident, like the Arcos disclosures in England, shows that the Soviet recognises no law except that of expediency, as interpreted by itself. If diplomatic privilege has been made the cloak for criminal action in France, there is no reason to suppose that Australian laws, or guarantees given to our Government, will meet with a greater degree of respect. We have enough lawbreakers in this country as it is, without allowing unscrupulous rogues to establish in Australia a headquarters for the organisation of outrages, or giving them facilities for disguising themselves as policemen, to carry off their public or private enemies. The Prime Minister's declaration that if Russia breaks her pledge we shall ask that her consul representative be withdrawn is reassuring, and should be taken as a warning by the world's chief troublemaker.

Hindu and Musulman.

One of the ablest of Indian civilians, Sir Malcolm Hailey, the Governor of the United Provinces, has issued several warnings to the Government, reminding them of what occurred in 1921, when the meek Ghandi's inflammatory speeches caused serious trouble and bloodshed. Already civil disobedience, plus non-violence, has resulted in affrays with the police, but "Sair" Ghandi is disappointed because he is receiving no Moslem support. In the meantime the Government supinely allows the postal service to be used by non-co-operators in fomenting further trouble. But what a farce it is to talk of self-government for India when every day it is being made more patent that Hindu and Moslem cannot live together in amity.

Fritz's Navy.

Germany has decided not to include any provision for a new battleship in the Navy Budget for 1930. The postponed vessel is to be a second ship of the Ersatz Preussen class—a "pocket battleship" of 10,000 tons. At the Naval Conference the French had much to say about the necessity of making a response to this remarkable Teutonic production. By disclosing a policy of postponement Fritz, whose plans include the construction of five more vessels of this type, has rather taken the wind out of France's sails. The affable altruists of Britain and America committed an egregious mistake in not inviting Germany to take part in the Naval Conference. Although the Versailles Treaty has, on paper, limited German shipbuilding, Germany's resources and the genius of her people make her the greatest potential sea power in Europe. Should she so desire, she will soon be in a position to upset any international naval agreement.

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One of the most important objectives of the League is the strengthening of the bonds of Empire, and—one of the best methods of fulfilling it is by keeping our trade within the family.

Empire Shopping Week is an organised stunt to draw attention to this fact, and the Empire Shopping Council of W.A., with which the League is co-operating, has enunciated the simple formula—of asking the citizens to, firstly, buy goods produced in W.A.; secondly, those manufactured in Australia; and thirdly, the products of Empire.

We understand that a few sub-branches are already organising competitions for window displays of Empire goods, and, to assist, attractive posters can be obtained free of cost from Mr. H. C. Reid, of Howard Street, Perth, the hon. sec. of the Empire Shopping and Trading Council of W.A.

The troublesome period through which we are passing to-day must surely force home to us the realisation that the remedy is partly in our own hands. Let us all resolve to keep our money in circulation in our own State by, where possible, purchasing goods manufactured in W.A. Let us practice and preach the doctrine of Empire buying, for “Empire buyers are Empire builders.”

Lest We Forget

Silent though the inner soul is thinking,
Thinking of our Comrades of the Past;
In our silence they to us are speaking,
Asking our remembrance to the last.
They speak to us through din and noise of battle,
They spoke to us in thought when last we met,
They speak to us whilst we are at Attention,
Our silence—hear them speak. “Lest we forget.”

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The Chicago gentleman who stressed the need of sending more missionaries to China.

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Bitterness, too, he knew, once in a while—

Knew—but the sunlight and gold in the heart of him
Made a grim mock of the legions of Doom.
Humour, his armour, enveloped each part of him
Proof against Boredom, Self Pity and Gloom.
Brawny the limbs of him, straight, aye, and supple too:
Sparta ne'er modelled a figure more fair,
Pick of the Sunlands and pride of a nation who
With Homer's Greece may in manhood compare.

Tough was the job he drew—tougher his way with it:
Toughest the Turk found his notion of fun.
Wild was the bush he left—wild his pilgrimage:
Wildest of all were the yarns that he spun.

Steel was his light-o-love, cordite his messenger,
Jam-tins his valentines, ready and rude.

Pride, yet—but Hate in his heart never billetted,
Heart of a boy with boy-notions imbued.

April returns with her fate-fangled memories—
April and Anzac set Youth to the Test,

Flung down a gauge that the flower of the southern seas
Rushed to redeem with the blood of the Best.

APRIL 1930

Anzac Day Arrangements

The commemoration of Anzac in the metropolitan area will commence at dawn. All diggers who are able should attend the daybreak ceremony in King's Park. Those attending will form up at the Queen Victoria statue at 6.15 a.m., and march, eight abreast, to the War Memorial. A combined service will be held on the Esplanade at 10.45 a.m. Colonel Collett will conduct the service and deliver the address. He will be assisted by the Rev. C. P. Riley and the Rev. D. Freedman. The State Secretary has appealed to sporting bodies and citizens with private tennis courts to suspend play for the duration of the service. It is rather a commentary on the manners of so-called sportsmen that such an appeal should be necessary. Other services will be held at the Fremantle War Memorial, at 3 p.m.; at Claremont Park, at 2.30 p.m.; at Sadler Park, Mount Hawthorn, at 3 p.m.; and at the Guildford Memorial, Stirling Square, at 11 a.m. A service in the Midland Junction Town Hall, at 3.30 p.m., will be attended by his Excellency the Governor.

The march, which will be the biggest feature of the day, should be an improvement even on last year's splendid effort. We should all remember that it is our day, and it can best be celebrated by every digger falling in and making it a huge success.

General Brand's Visit

At the monthly luncheon of the Press Sub-branch, General Brand lectured interestingly on the present position as regards military training in Australia. It is gratifying to notice that the young men of our country are continuing to serve as volunteers. The General quoted figures as to enlistments and mentioned that seven of the new units have already passed the two-hundred mark. A very fine response to the call has been made by the New South Wales colliery districts, especially the one most affected by the present coal strike. The General attributed this to the sentiment and traditions attaching to the old militia regiments. The army is concentrating on the training of leaders and specialists, so that the Australian militia may become the nucleus of the country's defences in case of necessity.

The Artillery Comrades Association

An established practice of the Artillery Comrades Association is the affixing of rosettes on the trees in Honour Avenue of such gunners as made the supreme sacrifice. The ceremony is always carried out on Anzac Day, and this year it will take place immediately following the conclusion of the Dawn Service. Members will assemble at the Forrest Memorial.

A special meeting in connection with the Anzac Day Commemoration Service will be held at the R.S.L. on Tuesday, the 15th instant.

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I never spoke to him—but I knew him well. I always remember the first occasion on which I was with him.

It was a broiling summer Saturday, in a railway carriage in pe-war days, and I was away to an afternoon of tennis—he to march, manœuvre, and teach the future Anzacs the way to form fours, fix bayonets, and generally learn the rudiments of warfare.

He was a serious young subaltern of diminutive stature, of the Instructional Staff of the Commonwealth Military Forces—I, a pen pusher, who had had some little experience of volunteer Saturday soldiering, of which I had tired in favour of flannels.

My first impression of this young subaltern was that he was keen on his job, knew his job, and was prepared to discuss it with anyone handy. From Perth to Karrakatta he discussed with an elderly clergyman the need of a strategic military railway between East and West. Kitchener had been and had reported on the subject and my fellow traveller was a disciple of Kitchener on the subject. All his reasons had not been laid before his clerical fellow traveller before Karrakatta was reached, and with a smart salute he left the carriage.

I had been in the "Kitchener" camp as a "full private," and had followed up his reports on all matters pertaining to Australian defence, so was au fait with my young fellow traveller's line of discussion, but did not join therein.

Many times afterwards I travelled with him—in fact, I seemed fated to select the same carriage on my Saturday peregrinations, and always it was a military subject which he brought up for discussion—with other folks. (I was never in the argument.)

I had occasion to go on business to the South-West. Into my compartment came my subaltern, with three other (obviously) military men in mufti. His companions turned out to be "brass hats" from the East, come West to attend a Staff Ride at Bunbury, and he their escort from Military Headquarters.

Military talk beguiled the time for a while, but soon flagged, then Colonel — said to my subaltern, "You seem to have had a somewhat mixed career. Tell us something of what you have been, to beguile a weary journey."

The "one star artist" had certainly had "some" varied career.

A "dinkum Ausie" by birth, he had the turbulent blood of his Celtic ancestors to the nth degree. An ancestor fought at Eureka Stockade.

The subaltern decided to roam and see the world for himself. Amongst the many and varying occupations which he followed were soldier, sailor, foreign legionnaire, and the Lord knows what else.

During the South African War he was a sailor in the British Navy. Unable to get to the front as a member of a naval force, he bought himself out. He described his visit to Whitehall to enlist in the army, in a few words. A six-foot-odd guardsman met him on the steps, and the following conversation took place (remember, he was wanting in inches). "Well, son, what do you want?" "I've come to enlist, sergeant." "Get out, you miserable, undersized —." A guardsman's boot on an unmentionable portion of the anatomy and sickening thud on the pavement were the results of his endeavours to enlist. Sulphurous language and reference to the senior service which he had just quitted were the only salvos available to injured patriotism.


Followed a varied career at sea for a while, and then—the French Foreign Legion. A more apt pen than mine is needed to describe his experiences therein. From joining up in France to Sidi bel Abbes, the story he told might have been from the lips of P. G., Wren, of "Beau Geste" fame. Description of life in the Legion followed. Marches of twenty-five miles per day, each alternate day, over burning desert, with enormous "pack." "Pay night" in the Legion Canteen, where every tongue was spoken. Hardship, discipline in all its severity, passed glibly from his tongue. He rose to the rank of corporal before he left the Legion behind.

Back in England, he received word of a legacy left to him in Australia; but "stone, motherless broke," how was he to get there? "Before the mast" on a windjammer was his only way.

Arrived home, he married and joined the C.M.F. When asked what he most wanted, he frankly stated "a decent scrap, and I'll get it yet!"

He got it! With the 3rd Brigade he landed on 25th April (the only officer with a sword, that of his ancestor of Eureka fame). A few short minutes of a "decent scrap" were all he knew. He died early on the morning of the landing, leading his men at Gaba Tepe.

I never spoke with him—I wish I had. I knew him well—but I had known him more.
Digger Legislators

Arthur Wilson, Tunnellers
H. E. Wells, 44th Batt.
E. S. W. Parker, D.S.O., Artillery

G. F. J. North, Imp. Flying Corps
T. A. L. Davy, Artillery
J. Lindsay, South African War
A. H. Pantone, 51st Batt.

V. Donley, 28th Batt.
J. J. Mann, 10th Light Horse
C. G. Latham, 16th Batt.
B. W. Corboye, 28th Batt.

Ex-Service Men Elected to Parliament

In the recent Legislative Assembly elections

Returned soldiers scored well in the recent elections. None of the old sitting members were displaced, and five others were successful, in the persons of Messrs. Wells, Parker, McLarty, Mann, and Thorne, making the total number in the Assembly 14. This is a fine achievement.

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Rhymes of the Times
When all the world is "bon," lad,
And all the mob are gay,
And every pot's a Swan, lad,
Or Emu, or Big K,
Young blood will have its burst, lad,
What though the hour be late?
You've cash to quench your thirst, lad—
If not, there's still the slate.

Next day?—Ah, yes. You dread it.
'You're feeling almost dead;
The bar has stopped your credit,
And you've a splitting head.
Buck up and speculate, lad,
For some unwary "shick."
God send you find a mate, lad,
With twelvepence in his "kick."

-BENJAMIN BUTTONSTICK.

As Man to Man
(By P.H.)
"An' ave you written 'ome?" says the General
To the digger 'oo was standin' by the fire.
"I 'ave ... and 'ad a hanswer, Mister Birdwood,"
Says Blue, 'oo always was a hammin' liar.

-HALL well at 'ome, I 'opes?" says the General.
"Well, Dad's in 'ospital ... an' so's the John ... But hotherwise they're Ho-Kay, Mister Birdwood,
An' 'ow is hall yore mob a-gettin' on?"

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RAILWAY WORKSHOPS.

The Sub-branch held its annual smoke social on the 28th March, when President Bob Gibson presided over an attendance of 150. The loyal toast and "Fallen Comrades" were proposed by the president, and Bugler McLaughlin blew the "Last Post" while the lights were low. Other toasts honoured were "Navvies, Army and Air Force," proposed by Mr. J. Green and seconded by Mr. R. Smith, "The State Executive" (coupled with the name of Colonel Collett), proposed by Mr. L. — and responded to by Col. Collett; "The Dads" (proposer, Mr. A. H. Major; response, Mr. H. Dean); "Kindred Sub-branches and other Visitors" (proposer, Mr. W. J. Lovell; response by Messrs. P. Basso and J. Grant for the Sub-branches, and Father Pace for the other visitors); "The Press and Artists" (proposer, Mr. Wm. Reid; response, Mr. C. Pope). Padre "Tom" Riley was asked to say "something about anything." He did it some purpose. Colonel Collett, in his reply, stated that the financial and trade depression would engage the State Executive for some time to come. Most Sub-branches had wisely conserved their funds, and he advised that assurance to members should be given sparingly. He had noticed an appreciable advance in the tone of Sub-branches recently. The programme, which consisted of songs, recitations, instrumental items and community singing, was contributed by Messrs. J. Smith, R. Robinson (songs), C. Pope (recitations), L. McLachlan (cornet), H. Ines (violin), and Mr. R. Irvine's orchestra provided the necessary music. Of course, we all helped with "Mademoiselle from Armentieres" and other songs.

An appeal has been sent out to the wives of members of the sub-branch to join the Women's Auxiliary. Few replies have been received, encumbered membership and lodge fees, and it is hoped that in the very near future many more will be to hand. It is to be hoped that, for the sake of the sick and distressed ex-service men and women, that this appeal does not fall on deaf ears. The Women's Auxiliary will be running their popular social evenings and dances in a week or two, and their committee are looking forward to bopper houses.

MAYLANDS

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Sub-branch, President A. H. Smith took the chair and fifty members were present. Arrangements in connection with Anzac Day were finalised, and it was decided that the Parade will fall in at 2.30 p.m. in front of Maylands station, and will be headed by the Guard of Honour (Boy Scouts) and Band. Returned naval men, returned soldiers, and Girl Guides will march to the Obediah in Memorial Park, where the service will take place.

In connection with the Friendly Societies' new hall, in which the Sub-branch is financially interested, it was decided to run a bazaar on May 9th, 10th, and 12th. The "Avenue Hall" and "Phantom Hall" are quite empty, and solicits support of all diggers, their dependents, and friends.

The next meeting of the branch will be on Wednesday, 16th April, in the new hall, Caledonian Avenue, (west end), and every alternate Wednesday from then on.

Past President J. Butterworth was recently pre
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GREAT SOUTHERN DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Representatives of Narrogin, Wagin, Katanning, Kojonoop, Dumbleyung, Tambellup, Mr. Barker, Torbay, and Denmark met at Wagin on March 23 and inaugurated the Great Southern District Committee. The district will, in terms of the constitution, be known as No. 4 Area. Mr. Cobb, of Katanning, took the chair. It was decided, on the motion of Messrs. H. Filds (Katanning) and Roach (Kojonoop) that the committee shall consist of two accredited delegates from each sub-branch, and that the committee shall choose a chairman and secretary from among its members. On the motion of Mr. Brown (Dumbleyung) and Mr. Roach, Mr. Noonan (Wagin) was elected secretary. After discussion it was resolved that the committee meet yearly, and also if sufficient business arise to warrant calling a meeting, the matter be left to the chairman and secretary, who will act as conveners. Annual district reunions will be held, the sub-branch arranging the re-union being responsible for all arrangements under the same conditions as the Wagin reunion, re-guarantee from other sub-branches against loss. The next reunion will be held at Mr. Barker. It was resolved that the G.S.D. No. 4 Area urge the State Executive to make the utmost efforts to have a Revaluation Board formed, with a view of revaluation and thorough overhaul of soldier settlement, in order to give soldier settlers a chance of obtaining adequate settlement. The meeting accorded a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ainsworth (president, Wagin sub-branch), Mr. Noonan (secretary), and Mr. Lloyd (assistant secretary) for the success of the reunion. Mr. Noonan was instructed to write to the Women's Auxiliary thanking them for their splendid efforts on behalf of the R.S.I.

VICTORIA PARK

At the last committee meeting, President H. Nicol in the chair, the following business was dealt with: three cases of relief; three pension cases; one successful in securing a pension. Organiser Fred Matthews is working hard to make the smoke social a success on Thursday, April 17th, in the Library Hall. A complaint was received from a digger objecting to the system adopted by the Repat. Department; the case was sent along to the State Executive. The social committee is to form a concert party for the purpose of raising funds to provide refreshments at the monthly meetings. Comrade Jim Sheriden reports good progress with the Easter Gift. The placing of a wreath on the memorial on Anzac Day has been arranged, also service in Perth, and the afternoon in the local Memorial Gardens. For the purposes of the distress fund, the ladies' auxiliary is holding a day in the Town Hall, for the young and old. Don't miss every Thursday night. Vice-President C. Gibbs was granted two months' leave of absence owing to ill-health. Mesdames Hodgkins (president), G. Pike (secretary) and W. Goodwin at-
in regard to Empire Shopping Week, the dates for the fixture being May 24th to May 30th inclusive. The Empire Shopping Council had asked for the co-operation of the R.S.L. as a means of keeping in safe and sure hands the extension beyond the city boundaries of the movement.

Mr. Giblett contended that the objects were worthy of the serious consideration of the branch, as the fostering of the sale of Empire goods was of the utmost importance. The Traders' Association may feel disposed to put on a display.

The matter was discussed at length and it was finally resolved that the president and secretary of the branch discuss the matter with representatives of the Collie Traders and Progress Association.

Mr. J. Giblett thanked the branch for their promise of assistance in connection with his candidacy in the forthcoming road board elections. The Secretary (Mr. H. S. Cramer) stated that the usual Monday night euchre tournaments continued to be the means of the spending of a pleasant evening by members and their friends.

Several pension matters were dealt with, after which most of those present accepted the president's invitation to partake of a light supper.

MT. BARKER

The Branch Committee met on Friday, the 28th March, and finalized the Re-union of the Sub-branch, also accounts to be paid. The President (Mr. T. G. Sounness) reported on the Wagin G.S. Re-union also the formation of the Great Southern District Committee to assist ex-soldiers generally in backing up any case put before the Executive, by having the weight of all sub-branches south of Pinjelly—that is, in No. 4 Area.

Ten members of this sub-branch visited Wagin, headed by the President, and had a good time; the spread put on by the ladies' auxiliary was well worth the journey. No doubt they put their weight into what they do, and Wagin Sub-branch should be proud of their sister association.

Jim Morgan excelled himself at the social evening in St. George's Hall, ably backed up by F. V. Jenkins, Irvine McKenzie and Tom Lewis, of Cranbrook. This was Tom's first outing and his jokes and navy skits were just "it."

Jack Gardiner, of Cranbrook, has the sympathy of all branch members in his recent sad loss of his wife, who passed away at the home of her parents in Bruce Rock.

Another great loss to the sub-branch and the district generally was the sudden death of Dr. Bateman. Respected by all, "The Doc" had just taken over this practice after nine years in Gnowangerup, where he was Branch President. The roll up of ex-soldiers at his funeral shows the respect in which he was held, many travelling from Gnowangerup to follow his remains to their last rest. The sympathy of all goes out to his wife and family.

Our old entertainer, Jimmy Morgan, who excels at all re-unions with his war-time skits, leaves on long leave by the Esperance Bay on the 1st May for a "Bigly Tour." Jim, we hope, will come back with some "newies" for the G.S. Re-union, to be held about next March in Mt. Barker. He will be in great demand for this "big stunt."

If Mt. Barker is to put on the G.S. Re-union next year, it looks as if we will have to form a ladies' auxiliary. Members, just word your better halves up and see what they think of it, as this will be one of the leading topics at the annual meeting, in July.

The Myth of Non-Violence

(By Pip Tok)

From all the evidence available, it looks as if Ghandi's campaign of civil disobedience, coupled with the sacred name of non-violence, will be an addition to the long list of the Great Soul's grand fiascos. His own countrymen are not according him the whole-hearted support he expected, while the Indian Government, with the wisdom acquired from past experiences of "non-violence," does not intend to allow Ghandi and his followers to break the law with impunity.

Indian political thought is divided into two schools—the moderates, who demand full dominion status for India, and the extremists, led by Ghandi, who are agitating for complete secession from the British Empire. Those who know India and its races best are agreed that the politically-minded Indian is not sufficiently educated in the art of governing to make it advisable to grant dominion status at present. A longer period of apprenticeship for the budding politicians is essential. As for secession, that is entirely out of the question. Were the British to evacuate India to-morrow the country would revert to the condition of Clive's day—interminable strife, chronic warfare, between native states, oppression of the lower castes by the higher, a general condition of merry hell to which Russia is a paradise, and, finally, the danger of conquest by another power, whose ideals of abstract justice are inferior to those of Britain. This aspect of the case is forgotten or entirely ignored by goosey-goosey Ghandists throughout the Empire, those half-baked mentalities who hail as a Great Soul and a Saviour every potential slaughterer of their own countrymen abroad, and who see salvation in every cause that is inimical to the continuity of the Empire.

The British colonial administration, in the past, has not been free from mistakes. Tragic blunders, notably in North America, Ireland, and South Africa, have occurred; but the history of our association with India has been a proud record of great proconsuls, of devoted soldiers, and conscientious officials, who, for generations, have striven for the betterment of the subject races.

Lord Wellesley wrote in one of his despatches, "I can declare my conscientious conviction that no greater bles-
ing can be conferred on the native inhabitants of India than the extension of the British authority, influence, and power. The British went to India to trade and remained to govern, and on the whole their rule has been for the benefit of the country and its people. Now, Ghandi proposes to substitute for men of this calibre—men possessed of generations of inherited experience and imbued with traditions and ideals of justice for all—hot-headed agitators who are mere fleglings in the matters of political experience.

The weapon Ghandi has forged to enforce his demands is euphemistically called civil disobedience, though he confesses to abhor bloodshed, destruction, or violence of all kinds. He naively confesses, however, that "certain forces of violence" exist, which may prove uncontrollable by him. Unless the Great Soul is a very simple soul, indeed, he must know that if wilful defiance of the law must culminate in violence. Lord Irwin issued a warning to this effect at the Vice-Regal Durbar, held recently at Lucknow. After referring to Great Britain's desire to bring India to a place of equal partnership with the other self-governing Dominions, the Viceroy declared that the sinister possibilities of civil disobedience were not such as could be governed by formula, however patiently pondered over or cunningly devised. It was impossible to suppose that people could be incited to break the law without such incitement culminating, whether its authors so desired it or not, in violent action.

The greatest proof of the truth of Lord Irwin's assertions is the career of Ghandi himself. In 1919, he ordered a "hartal," or general stoppage of work, for March 30. It was to be a peaceful form of passive resistance, on a large scale. Violence in the form of intimidation, murder, looting, and burning occurred almost immediately. He repeated the experiment on April 7. This second effort resulted in inflammatory posters urging the populace to "kill or die" appearing all over Northern India. The disturbances that ensued had their climax in a serious rising in the Punjab, a rising which might easily have expanded into a second Indian Mutiny, had it not been for the prompt action of the civil and military authorities on the spot. It was decisively crushed with the loss of some 500 lives. But, though he could not paralyse the local authorities, Ghandi seems to have hypnotised the India Office, with whom he was in high favour at the time. Those who quelled the ris-

ing were thrown to the wolves, while the rebels were amnestied and glorified as patriots.

The results of this pitiful weakness were seen during the Moplah rising, which occurred in Southern India soon afterwards. The Moplahs, a community of fanatical Moslems, inflicted unmentionable atrocities upon their Hindu neighbours. There is not the slightest doubt that the saintly Ghandi aided and abetted the Ali brothers in fomenting this rebellion. While Hindus were complaining to Lord Reading about the ineffectiveness of the measures taken to protect them, their co-religionist, Ghandi, was encouraging the Moplahs by pointing out that the Government of India had pardoned the Punjab rebels and punished the British officials who suppressed the revolt. Sir Sankaran Nair, an Indian nationalist, refers to the Moplah rising in his book, "Ghandi and Anarchy." He writes:

"The results were disastrous, both to Mohammedans and Hindus. More than 2,000 Mohammedans killed by troops, according to official estimates; thousands more in other ways, and large numbers wounded, the numbers of Hindus butchered in circumstances of barbarity, skinned alive, made to dig their own graves before slaughter, running into thousands; women, and purda women, too, raped, not in a fit of passion, but systematically and with calculated
revolting, and horrible cruelty, for which I have not been able to find a parallel in history. All this is due directly to the visit of Ghandi and Shakaun Ali to the organisation of the Khilafat Association.

Though the victims of the Moplah fury were his own co-religionists, Ghandi, when the rebellion was at its height—he was safely in Bombay at the time—issued a manifesto approving of the atrocities.

Bombay, too, was the scene of the Doherty incident of November, 1921, a report of which Lord Northcliffe cabled home to the Daily Mail. During the Prince of Wales' visit to India the Great Soul indulged, in a series of anti-British speeches, peaceful speeches, all advocating a policy of non-violence, which strange to say, had the effect of inciting his followers to a frenzy. An American citizen, Mr. Doherty, while walking alone in the streets of Bombay, was set upon by a mob and murdered in a most cowardly and brutal manner. Some days after the murder, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, a Gandhian disciple, called on the widow of the murdered man and asked the price of her silence. The Great Soul was desperately afraid that America would learn how his followers behaved under the influence of his oratory. Could hypocrisy be carried to further lengths?

In March, 1922, Lord Reading, then Viceroy, had Ghandi prosecuted for inciting the Indian Army to mutiny. During his trial he gloried in his activities and boasted of what he would do when released. He received a sentence of imprisonment for six years. But the Great Soul is not the stuff of which martyrs are made. He commenced his revolutionary activities (that is, those of them which have been carried on in the open) after the Great War, when there was no longer the risk of the court-martial and the firing squad. After two years in gaol, a convenient illness secured his release. It is significant that India remained fairly tranquil while Ghandi was immured, but as soon as he was released there was a revival of revolutionary outbursts.

It is high time that politicians and others ceased talking and writing twaddle about the saintliness of Ghandi and the greatness of his soul. He is a dangerous agitator, and should be treated as such. He is not amenable to arguments. He will accept no compromise. The sublime impertinence of his ultimate of last February is direct evidence of this. If Lord Irwin, it declares, will satisfy certain very simple, but vital needs of India, civil disobedience will end. The simple needs referred to include halving the army expenditure, the land tax, the higher grade civil service salaries, the abolition of the C.I.D., the sedition laws, and the salt tax, the discharge of all political prisoners except murderers, and the passing of the Coastal Reservation Bill. In short, he demands the abolition of everything that makes the government of India possible. A similar set of demands was presented to Lord Reading during his viceroyalty.

Wittingly or unwittingly, Ghandi is the tool of the Brahmans. The end of the British raj would mean an access of power to the priestly caste. Their objection to the British raj is that it is the one institution in India which stands between the oppressor and the oppressed. The Brahmans are the real power behind the Gandhist agitation. Mr. O. C. G. Hayter, of the Indian police, an official who has seen much of Indian village life, expressed his views on this aspect of the case in a letter which was published in The Spectator, on February 8. He considers the caste system, that is, the system the Brahmans are striving to preserve, will always militate against responsible government in India. A representative will consider only his own caste. The displeasure of the rest does not matter. The British Government spends enormous sums in procuring and training the best men available for military and civil services—the best in the world—and then never listens to their advice if it is against the party views of pet politicians. He instances the case of "thirty Brahmans who met as individuals, not delegates," and elected all their number but one to go to the "National Congress" to represent a district with a population of several hundred thousand, with, perhaps, ten thousand Brahmans. The thirtieth Brahman was not elected because he could not spare the time. "The mandate of these gentlemen came entirely from themselves. Yet the Press of London has been sitting at their feet for decades!"

A more constructive criticism of Ghandi and his fellow humbugs is contained in Mrs. Vera Anstey's "The Economic Development of India." This lady, who lived for several years in India, considers that the future of the country "depends not so much on policy" as on "more fundamental social reforms and reorganisation, directed towards controlling the size of the population, breaking up the existing over-rigid social stratification, stimulating energy, promoting education and replacing the forms by the spirit of religion." This is a very practical programme, in striking contrast to the desolating negatives of Ghandi and his followers; and to those mouthings about civil disobedience combined with non-violence, which must surely result in riot and bloodshed.
The Apple of Discord
(By Peter Hopegood)

There had been another scene on Mount Olympus. The eternal dispute was still raging among the female element as to which was the fairest. Eventually the same three goddesses as of yore—Juno, Venus and Minerva—decided to descend among mortals in search of another Paris, brave or rash enough to settle the question in consideration of an adequate reward.

"When you want an outspoken opinion," said the sage Minerva, "give me a mortal every time. These husbands of ours are poor fish. Peace at any price in the home is their motto, and so they'll say any old thing to dodge a domestic show-down."

As the winner of the former beauty contest, the laying of a suitable course in the search for a new Paris was left to Venus. She borrowed an ordinance map, took a gold pin from her hair, shut her eyes, and stabbed. The puncture indicated a barren isthmus in the Aegean.

Minerva put on her Harold Lloyds, examined the chart, and demurred. "Probably unpopulated," she said. "Better try again."

"What! and offend the Fates? Never!" flashed Venus. "I don't go strong on this double shuffling, myself. Sudden death, girls, or the deal's off!"

So, as it had agreed to take her say-so, to Gallipoli the celestial hen-party went.

The landscape appeared familiar to the ladies, who had traversed the Aegean many times of old—yet they noted that time had evidently effected some changes. There now seemed to be a teeming population out of all proportion to the natural resources of the place. The barren rock was like an anthill. Then again there appeared to be a perpetual thunderstorm in progress, even though the sky was cloudless save for suddenly manifested puffs of scumulent vapour or spurting fountains of evil-smelling dust.

"Whatever are they, doing?" queried Venus.

"Doing?" sneered Juno. "Can't you see they are having things done to them? Evidently my husband is displeased with these people and is treating them to a few thunderbolts."

Just at that moment a fierce clamour broke out among the humans. The hovering goddesses perceived a line of yelling, half-naked, sun-tanned figures which suddenly materialised and rushed forward a short way to sling itself upon another line of figures esconced in a sort of rabbit Warren. Cries of "Allah! Allah!" from the latter and of "Die, you crying bastards!" from the attackers floated up to the celestial listeners.

"Hark!" said the sage Minerva. "They are calling on their gods, each after his kind."

After a while the racket subsided. Some of the mannikins had returned to their holes. Others were lying about, very still, as if tired by their morning's work. Some moaned and tossed restless.

"The battle is over for the day," said the sage one. "The captains and the warriors have retired to their tents to feast and regale themselves with the music of minstrels. Let us descend!"

So to the sun-baked, battle-scarred earth they floated, hovering over the parapet of a trench, from which they surveyed the crumpled figures lying beyond the wire.

The three were filled with sad thoughts—not appalled by the slaughter. They were used to that—but because they recognised at once what really heroic material was being left to fight here in the fierce sun.

"Truly," murmured Juno, "these warriors might be the twin brethren of Hector and Achilles, and the pick of the mighty men of old. Surely they come from some other planet, for Greece has not seen their like for many a day."

Minerva's eyes flashed scornfully. "Ajax! Achilles!" she snorted. "Those old bruisers had the bulk and foreheads of bulls. These have the lithe bodies of panthers and the eyes of eagles, nor is the portion above the eyes solid bone. What a foolish waste of virility and intelligence is there here!"

Venus said nothing, but she was thinking, "If the race be deflowered of its pick here in this barren place, to whom shall the wives and maidens turn for comfort?"

Just then a burst of scorching language from the trench brought their thoughts back to the living. Glancing down, they beheld a long, lean, muscular youth seated on the fire-step, ruefully surveying a broken pipe. His face, though shrewd and determined, was open and pleasing.

"Our search need go no further," said Julo, motioning the other to descend. Moved by one impulse, the goddesses floated into the trench. As their feet touched the ground, they materialised automatically into three ravishing visions of human beauty.

The digger stared, rubbed his eyes, then let out a long-drawn "Cripes!" whilst a grin of delight spread over his tanned face.

"Comforts Fund!" said the youth, with a mock groan. "So you've tracked us right into the trenches, have you?"

He held out his hand for the apple and
examin it critically. "First grade tool" be granted appreciatively, and took a generous bite.

The goddesses were horrified. Juno hastily explained the business in hand. The apple was to be the prize in an impromptu beauty contest, decided on an hour or so back by the three fair immortals. Bluey had been selected as the judge, an honour hitherto only granted to one other mortal, the handsome Paris, whose decision in favour of Venus had been the cause of the Trojan war. In return for his services the winner would grant Bluey the satisfaction of any wish that happened to come under her special department, the departments being those of Power, Wisdom, and Love.

"Cripes!" ejaculated Bluey again when all this had soaked in. "D'you think I'm another King Sullivyan?"

Absent-mindedly, he took another huge bite out of the prize. Bluey's mouth was an out-size, too. There was not much left now but the core.

Munching steadily, the perplexed digger gazed earnestly at the three competitors. They were not hard to look at. A walk in the park with any one of them would not come as a hardship, he concluded. But what about that fellow, Paris? He hadn't done himself any good after all by pulling on the job of judge—only started another war and got himself done in. Oh, well, another little war wouldn't do us any harm just now. It would hardly be noticed. But how was Blue going to make a decision? The best thing would be to spin a coin.

Blue's hand went to his pocket and found it empty. Then he remembered that two-up school which had snaffled his last piastre. He shook his head; the ladies waited on his words.

"Well, it's a fair coin!" he said at last.

This simple statement seemed to have an electrical affect on his hearers. Venus and Minerva exchanged mortified glances and bit their lips, while Juno glanced triumphantly at her discomfited sisters and minced smugly towards him, like a prize heifer stepping into the show-ring.

Ignoring the extended hand, Blue scratched his head in amazement, for how was he to know that the coin was the accepted emblem of this heathen goddess? So, that, naturally, she had misinterpreted his meaning, imagining he had been awarded the prize.

"What the—why the—?" he gasped. Still in a daze, his hand absentmindedly sought his open mouth, and the last remnant of the apple disappeared into it.

At this unlooked for finale, the two other goddesses tittered like flappers, for they thought that Blue had been taking a rise out of their sister. That was exactly what Juno thought, too, and the lady was very far from pleased, either. Stiff as a ramrod and with flashing eyes and heaving breast, she declared, "Wretched mortal, you have flouted the most high gods. Now hear your punishment! The prize you have so gluttonously disposed of was known as the Apple of Discord, because it brought ruin upon Troy and many a proud captain. Into your vile body it has gone and with it went the spirit of discord. Had you rendered the prize to me, as was my right, you might have risen to the command of armies. As it is, you are now doomed to cause unlimited trouble wherever you go. Not only the foe, but your allies shall pronounce you the toughest snag they ever struck, and, in after years, when the scribes come to set down the history of this war, they shall dwell on your misdeeds with an unnecessarily heavy pen. Miserable mortal, see to what a pass your blasphemy has brought you!"

But this did not seem much to fuss over to Bluey, and, in his usual blunt manner, he proceeded to say so. "Cripes!" he grinned. "You look fine when you're mad, Missus. Never saw a bonzerer! What about throwing in a kiss or two just to round off the picnic?"

But his outstretched arms grabbed only empty air, for the goddess had been too incensed to wait for his reply and had vanished with her last word, giving the signal to the others to follow.

Minerva took the hint at once, but Venus lingered, with rather a foolish smile on her beautiful face. She was always a bit soft where soldiers were concerned; besides, she was not at all sorry to see Juno taken down a peg.

"The husky needed that badly," she said, with a flash of pearl-like teeth that would have made her fortune on the movies. "As a reward, O handsome youth, I will remit your self-imposed sentence as much as lies in my power. I hereby decree that, whatever trouble you get into, the fair sex will remain your devoted admirers. In fact, the more black eyes you collect and the more often you figure on the crime-sheet, the better they will like you."

And, with another charming smile, the goddess of Beauty stepped into the fourth dimension to overtake the other immortals.

So that is how the digger got his reputation—both in the orderly room and in the boudoir.
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