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"The defence of our rights and privileges can only be effective, and remain effective, if those to whom it is directed are fully aware that ex-service men throughout the Commonwealth will not be trifled with; that the great majority of them belong to the League; that the work of the Organisation is praiseworthy, and that its policy is such as to command the respect of the citizens, and, where given effect to, prove to be of more than ordinary value to the community.

"The danger which recently encompassed the League should serve as a warning to us to closely examine our circumstances and decide on measures that will improve our strength and status.

"The facts are that our membership does not include forty per centum of those eligible, and that we have made no serious attempt to give effect to those phases of our policy which have a national bearing. These, in the opinion of this Branch, are inherent weaknesses, and our failure in the latter respect is the principal cause of the unsatisfactory figure mentioned.

"Our membership must be increased, and the Organisation tightened up and solidified. With this objective in mind, notice of motion was given at the last Federal Congress to amend the Constitution of lines which should provide the necessary machinery, and it is hoped that all branches have been sufficiently interested in the meantime to study them as to their likely effect.

"Additional members can assuredly be gained by means of a creative and vigorous leadership, and it is felt here that the time has now arrived when we should, without detracting from the work of our present or preceding Federal President, select and elect as a Grand President, a figure in the national life of Australia, to whom we may look for guidance in matters of policy; whose wisdom and experience will assist us in our deliberations; who will not be expected to preside over the Executive, or engage in routine work, but whose personal influence with the Government, and in other directions will be available when required; whilst his prestige and constructive and organising abilities will bring together most of those elements of ex-service men not at present cohesive.

"This Branch recognises certain natural obstacles to the securing of an unanimous choice, within the next few months, of a successor to Mr. Dyett, and fears that delegates at the forthcoming Federal Congress may be faced with an election with possible results not conducive to harmony in the League. I am, therefore, desired to approach you with the suggestion that the Presidents of each State Branch consult their respective Executives, and seek authority to meet together in Melbourne, on Thursday, July 31st next; for the purpose of discussing the
whole of these matters informally, and yet authoritatively, with the understanding that any decision which bears the stamp of unanimity will be honoured by the respective State Branches. I trust that the value of such a procedure will fully appeal to you.

This communication is forwarded by desire of the State Executive of the W.A. Branch. It is submitted with the greatest diversity, and with every respect for any opinions on the subjects mentioned, which may be current with your members. The sole object in view is the betterment of the League and the acquisition for it of a larger sphere of influence and usefulness. I hope, therefore, that you will give it your most favourable consideration, and, in view of the urgency of the matter, communicate your decision to me by telegram.

The response was by no means satisfactory. Instead of agreeing to the proposal, and approaching its object with an open mind, two of the branches expressed their intention of inviting Mr. Dyett to remain as Federal President. Two others mentioned names of members of their own whom they had either nominated, or contemplated nominating, for the office.

New South Wales alone frankly promised a reply after the next meeting of the State Council, whilst the President of a sixth branch, also pledged to a maintenance of the status quo, delayed even an acknowledgement of the communication sent until, seemingly, his measures for endeavouring to secure the defeat of its proposals were complete.

It is also known that the Federal Head-quarters of the League strongly disapproved of Western Australia's project, and, in order to embarrass those likely to attend the suggested conference, convened a meeting of the Federal Executive for the day immediately prior to that selected for the State Presidents to assemble.

Apart from all this, it had come under notice that active canvassing for candidates for the leadership of the League was being promoted by some Branch Executives, and the pernicious method of circulating personal testimonials again resorted to.

The State Executive of the W.A. Branch, at its meeting on the 9th instant, gave very serious consideration to the foregoing factors, and, after free discussion, unanimously adopted the following motion:

That the action of several branches in actively canvassing on a canvass for votes for certain candidates for the office of Federal President, gives the impression that those representatives who might attend the meeting in Melbourne, proposed for the 31st July, would not be in a position to discuss the questions arising with that freedom desirable where the best interests of the League are concerned. The W.A. Branch, therefore, withdraws its suggestion contained in the second paragraph of page 2 of the State President's circular letter to State Presidents, dated the 12th June.

No doubt the W.A. State Congress, when it meets on October 1st next, will voice its opinion in no uncertain manner.

On Making Up One's Mind

At the Federal Congress held in Perth last November, and presided over by Mr. Dyett, the Federal President, was asked by the president of the Victorian Branch, prior to the ballot, if it was his intention to submit himself for re-election in 1930.

Mr. Dyett replied in the negative. However, on the third day of the Congress, a petition was taken round by the senior Delegate for Tasmania, and members of the Congress were invited to sign it. Victoria and Western Australia did not do so.

This petition, which was read in Congress, sought to tie the hands of the Delegates to the 1930 Congress by inviting Mr. Dyett to re-consider the answer given to the question directed to himself two days previously,

Mr. Dyett thanked the signatories to the petition and promised to give due heed to their request.

Nothing further eventuated until the unfortunate action of the Commonwealth Government in proposing to abolish preference in employment to ex-service men. Mr. Dyett's announcement of having given a certain "tentative assurance" to the Prime Minister elicited such a storm of protest from the larger branches of the League that nothing more was heard of it.

There followed, shortly afterwards, a circular letter from the Federal President pleading that the pressure of his private business would preclude him from continuing in office after the assembling of the Hobart Congress.

It is now understood that Mr. Dyett is again willing, despite his increased labours, to be invited to continue in office if sufficient influence can be brought to bear in his favour. Already some of the smaller branches are showing signs of their susceptibility to telepathic impulse.

The Federal Presidency

The gentlemen whose names are given...
hereunder have been mentioned in connection with the office of Federal President of the League. An election will take place during the Hobart Congress in November next, and it has been thought that some biographical details might be of interest to members of the Western Australian Branch.

Mr. G. J. C. Dyett, C.M.G.

Born in Victoria in 1891. Was appointed to the 5th Reinforcements of the 7th Battalion as second lieutenant on the 16th March, 1915. He arrived on Gallipoli just before the attack on Lone Pine, was wounded in that action and invalided to Australia, his appointment in the A.I.F. being terminated on 20th March, 1916. Later he was appointed organising secretary to the Victorian State Recruiting Committee, and given the temporary rank of captain whilst holding that office. His temporary rank was terminated on the 14th January, 1919, and he is now shown in the Australian Army List as a second lieutenant in the Reserve of Officers.

Mr. Dyett belongs to the Melbourne Sub-Branch of the League. In 1919, he successfully contested an election for the Federal Presidency, and for several years did excellent work in connection with a variety of matters affecting repatriation measures and the welfare of ex-service men. For those services he was awarded the C.M.G. The granting of this distinction was greatly facilitated by the special representations made by the Western Australian Branch, He represented the R.S.I.L.A. at the B.E.S.L. Conference in 1927, and was elected chairman of the proceedings.

In private life Mr. Dyett is prominently connected with the sport of trotting-horse racing.

Lieut.-Colonel W. F. J. McCann, D.S.O., M.C.

Born in 1892, and belongs to South Australia. Went away in the ranks of the original 10th Battalion, and served through the war despite severe wounds. Was promoted on the field, and rose to the rank of major, being mentioned in despatches and awarded to D.S.O., and M.C. and Bar.

After his return to Australia he continued to serve with the Citizen Forces, and was appointed to command the 43rd Battalion, with the rank of lieut.-colonel.

Has been for many years a member of the League, and held office of State President for five years, during which period the South Australian Branch flourished exceedingly, and occupied the premier position in the Commonwealth. Colonel McCann attended the B.E.S.L. Conference in London, held during 1929, and was, according to an eye witness, an outstanding figure in the proceedings. Shortly after his return to Australia he resigned office in order to contest a seat during the Federal Parliamentary elections, but was unsuccessful.

Colonel McCann’s profession is that of solicitor in partnership with Captain A. S. Blackburn, V.C.

Mr. E. A. Turnbull

Mr. Turnbull is thirty-nine years of age. He also served in the ranks, and with the 33rd battalion, subsequently being promoted on the field to the rank of Lieutenant. He spent two years in France and Belgium, and on return to Australia associated himself with the League in the State of Victoria.

He held the confidence of his Branch for a period of five years as its President, and, after vacating that office, was nominated as delegate to the 1929 B.E.S.L. Conference, at which he was associated with Lieut.-Colonel McCann.

Mr. Turnbull’s business is connected with the promotion in Australia of the British Film Industry, and it is a source of gratification to all ex-service men that his efforts are meeting with success.

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State Executive Meetings

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An apology was received from Mr. Parker.

Transcript of Minutes.—A report of this connection by the Secretary was received.

Appointment Ranger National Park.—The Secretary submitted a report concerning this matter.—Report received.

Proposed Agricultural Bank Branches at Kondinin.—The State Secretary reported in this connection, and it was decided that the Sub-Branch of the League at Kondinin be advised of the position.

Reports.—State Secretary read the report of the operations of the office for the preceding fortnight. Included in his report was a reference to the War Service, and the amount allotted to this State. He suggested that efforts should be made, through the Federal Executive, to obtain a better treatment for W.A. The suggestion was agreed to.

House Committee.—The report of the House Committee meeting held on the 18th June was received and adopted.

Art Union.—A progress report of the Art Union Committee was received.

Osborne Park.—Mr. Bader reported having visited the Osborne Park Sub-Branch.

Belmont Park.—Mr. Farquharson reported having visited the Belmont Park Sub-Branch.

Deputation to Premier.—The report of the deputation to the Premier was taken in Committee. It was stated that the State President, Messrs. Edmonds, Philip, Tyler, Farquharson, and the State Secretary had waited upon Sir James Mitchell, and had discussed the preference question, and the Soldiers' Institute, with him. The report was received.

In connection with the recent statement by the Secretary to the Premier concerning the R.S.I. Employment Bureau, a further communication was received from Mr. Shackop.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Rev. Riley:—That the reply to the letter be left in the hands of the State President.—Carried.

Jubilee Institutions.—Nothing further.—Mr. Julich accepted.

Bayswater.—23rd June, Rev. Riley accepted; Kellerberrin, 2nd July, Rev. Riley accepted; Kellerberrin, 2nd July, Rev. Riley accepted; Mornington Mills, 2nd August, referred to the Management Committee.

Federal President.—A communication was received from the South Australian Branch advising that they were nominating Mr. W. J. F. McCann, D.S.O., M.C., as Federal President, and requesting the support of Western Australian Branch.

A further wire was received from South Australia advising that the suggestion contained in the State President's letter of the 12th June will be considered at their next meeting.

Queensland.—A communication was received from the Queensland Branch advising that Mr. Dyett be urged to reconsider his decision. It was decided to advise the Branch that the policy of the W.A. Branch was outlined in the State President's letter of the 12th June.

Federal Capital Territory.—The Branch telegraphed on the same lines as Queensland, and concurring with the proposed meeting of State Presidents.

Federal Correspondence.—Preference: A further communication was received from Mr. Dyett concerning the abolition of preference and its restoration.

Poppies.—A communication from the Federal Executive concerning poppies was received.

Sons of Fallen Soldiers.—Agriculturists.—Concerning Resolution 109, 14th Annual Congress, a copy of a reply received from the Minister for Health and Repatriation was forwarded by the Federal Executive. It was decided to refer the letter to the Executive Committee.

Commutation of Pensions—With reference to the Resolution No. 237, 14th Annual Congress, the Federal Secretary requested information as to the number of cases that would be effected in this State. It was decided to refer the letter to the Executive Committee.

Hire Purchase Agreements.—Information was submitted to the Executive from a high legal authority concerning the hire purchase agreements. It was decided that publicity be given to this matter through the Listening Post.

Murray Jones.—A report in connection with the retirement of Mr. Murray Jones was received.

C. L. Shaw.—A communication from this man concerning his non-appointment in the State Savings Bank was received.

Empire Goods.—A communication was received from the Railway Workshops Sub-Branch concerning the purchase of Empire Goods by the State Government. Moved by Mr. Lovell, seconded by Mr. Wells: That the file be referred to the Minister for Railways.—Carried.

Election of Officers.—The Osborne Park Sub-Branch advised its election of officers for the ensuing year.

Town Site at Kalbarri.—The Kondinin Sub-Branch recommended that a town site be sur-

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Remission of Land Rents.—The Kondinin Sub-Branch submitted the request that the Hon. Minister for Lands should be asked that no land rents be levied in the Karlgarin area for two years after the opening of the Lake Grace to Karlgarin railway. It was decided that the Sub-Branch be informed of the position as it is at present known.

Soldier Settlers at Kondinin.—The Kondinin Karlgarin Sub-Branch submitted a communication concerning the position of soldier settlers in the district. The matter was referred to the Land Committee.

Commissioner McKenzie, Salvation Army.—The question of entertaining Commissioner McKenzie during his visit to Western Australia was left in the hands of the Management Committee.

LISTENING POST.—A communication concerning an article appearing in the LISTENING POST was received.

Address, Prime Minister.—The question as to which would be the most suitable day to arrange for the Prime Minister to address ex-soldiers was left in the hands of the State President.

War Service Homes Insurance.—It was moved by Rabb D. I. Freedman, seconded by Mr. J. H. Toner: That in the insurance circle sent to the owners of homes under the War Service Homes Department, a note be added marked “N.B.” stating clearly that this insurance gives no protection to the owner against loss of personal property. Carried.

9/7/30


Apologies were received from Messrs. Riley and Parker.

King’s Prize.—Mr. W. H. Hackath acknowledged the league’s congratulations on his winning the King’s medal for the Australian Military Forces Rifle Shooting Championship.

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

House Committee: Mr. Philip submitted a report of the meetings of the House Committee held on the 26th June and 2nd July. The report was received and adopted.

Art Union Committee: Reports of the Art Union Committee meetings held on the 1st and 7th July were submitted by Mr. Cook. The reports were received and adopted.

Arising out of the report the question of an art union for sub-branches was mentioned, and the Art Union Committee was requested to investigate this matter and report to the executive.

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

R.S.L. Relief Fund: The reports of the trustees for the months of May and June were received.

Pensions: Mr. Watt submitted a report in connection with pensions. The report was received.

Land Committee: Mr. Yeates submitted a report on the Land Committee meetings held on the 30th June and 2nd July. Report was received and adopted.

Lemnos Board of Visitors: The report of the Lemnos Board of Visitors was laid on the table for the information of members.

Empire Shopping Council: Mr. Watt reported in connection with the activities of this Council and referred to the excellent work performed by Mr. Hastings Reid, the secretary of the council, appreciation of which was expressed by delegates.

Merredin Sub-Branch: Mr. Logie reported having visited the Merredin Sub-branch. The report was received.

Federal Correspondence.—The Deputy Commissioner of Taxation, Darwin: A further communication was received from the Federal Executive in this connection, and the secretary was instructed to forward copy to the West Perth Sub-branch.

State Repatriation Boards: The Federal Executive advised the names of the soldier representatives of the State Repatriation Boards throughout the Commonwealth.

Rationing Employees, Defence Department: The Federal Executive forwarded a copy of a letter received from them by the Victorian Branch concerning the rationing of employees, Defence Department, suggesting that the Prime Minister adopt other means of achieving economy in the Department of Defence than by rationing the employees. Moved Mr. Watt, seconded Mr. Denton, that this Executive endorses the letter of the Victorian Branch, and that the Federal Executive be advised accordingly. Carried.

Advance, War Service Homes: A communication from the Federal Executive concerning advances under the War Service Homes Act was received.

Anzac Day: The Federal Executive forwarded an extract from a letter received from Field Marshal Birdwood concerning Anzac Day.

Sons of Fallen Soldiers, Agriculturalists: A further communication was received in this connection, and the secretary was instructed to send copy of the letter to the Legacy Club. The matter was referred to the Land Committee.

Annual Report and Balance Sheet: The annual report and balance sheet of the Federal Executive was laid on the table for the information of members.

Security of Tenure, Returned Soldiers’ Note Printing Branch, Commonwealth Bank: A communication from the Federal Executive concerning this matter was received.

Medical Treatment, Nursing Staff, Repatriation Hospitals: Copies of communication between the Victorian State Branch and the Repatriation Commission were received.

Preference to Returned Soldiers: A communication from the Federal President concerning a paragraph in the annual report of the Victorian Branch dealing with preference, was laid on the table for the information of members.

Invitations.—Cottesloe Beach, 30th July: Messrs. Pady, Watt, and Shaw accepted.

Kojonup Sub-Branch, 4th August: Left in the hands of the President.

Murray Sub-Branch, 26th July: Mr. Shaw accepted.

New Sub-Branches.—Yamah: Approval for formation, granted.

Wiluna: Approval for formation, granted.

Greenbushes: Approval for reformation, granted.

Letters of Appreciation.—Letters of appreciation for assistance rendered in connection with pension cases, were received from Mrs. J. Tregurtha and Mr. P. V. Steinholdt.

Federal Presidency.—Communications from the Presidents of State Branches in this connection were reprinted. In view of the fact that South

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USEFUL INFORMATION

The last State Congress endorsed a recommendation that information in connection with the hire purchase system be obtained and forwarded to sub-branches for the guidance of members. The State Secretary reported at a recent meeting of the executive that he had been in touch, from time to time, with a high legal authority, who had kindly consented to prepare a memorandum on this subject. Such memorandum is now published by direction of the executive:

"The trader has invented a system which he calls 'hire-purchase.' He does not sell anything to you. You hire certain goods from him; when you have paid rent to him for a certain length of time you will find that the total rent you have paid is slightly more than the actual cash price of the same goods. Then the trader is satisfied, and he gives you—or has already given you—an option of purchasing the goods from him, either for nothing extra at all, or for a very small sum. The trader has received his price, and interest for the time during which he has had to wait for his money; at last the ownership of the goods is yours. But if you fail to pay any instalment of this rent as it falls due, you are committing a breach of your agreement, a breach which always entitles the trader to retake possession of goods which really belong to him, although they have been in your custody. The trader is usually sufficiently alert to stipulate as well that if you become bankrupt or do certain other things before the hiring period is at an end, it stops automatically, and you must return the goods to him at once. Sometimes he goes so far as to insist that if you commit any breach of the hiring agreement the hiring is to come to an end, the goods are to be returned to him, but you are still liable for the rent for the rest of the hiring period."

"The law is anxious to be fair and just as between the trader and the man who obtains goods by hire-purchase, but it cannot help you if you sign your name to an agreement which afterwards seems very unfair and burdensome to you. The law is in a dilemma. Its duty is to enforce performance of any agreement into which parties have freely entered; but if, were to interpret hire-purchase agreements very much in favour of the hirer and against the trader, the latter would quickly refuse to supply goods except for cash, and many possible purchasers would be penalised by that refusal."

"Most hire-purchase agreements give the hirer a right to return the goods if he so wishes at any time before the end of the hiring period, but he forfeits what he has already paid if he does return them. If there is no such right given by the agreement, the law will say, 'This is really a sale on credit although it is said to be only a hiring with an option of purchase; therefore the ownership of the goods has passed to the buyer'—with the consequences which the trader wants to avoid. So he tries to make his agreement with you very watertight, and usually succeeds. If you pay all the instalments of hire you eventually get the ownership of the goods for very little more than you would have had to pay 'cash down.' But if you do not pay all your instalments promptly, then you are in danger of losing all that you have already paid, and the goods into the bargain. You may also be required to pay further instalments of rent, although the owner has taken the goods away from you."

"This seems very hard on the hirer. But without hire-purchase agreements most of us would have to do without many things necessary for our business or comfort. The trader takes a risk, though not a very big risk. Your job, in fairness to yourself, is to read carefully any hire-purchase agreement put before you for signature. If you do not like its terms do not sign, and go without the goods. But if, although you think some of the conditions unfair, you still sign, you cannot well complain if some time later the trader insists upon the performance of all of those conditions. Hire-purchase systems seem to be a necessary evil, both for the trader and for the rest of us. The moral is, Read, and make sure you understand, before you sign."

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The Death Penalty

The annual passing of the Army Act in the House of Commons invariably gives rise to attempts to abolish the death penalty for offences committed on active service. This year the advocates of milder measures were successful in reducing substantially the number of offences for which a soldier may be shot; and the death penalty has been abolished for all crimes other than murder and certain specified acts of treason and treachery. Generally speaking, the arguments in favour of its retention were those advanced during the last century, when it was proposed to abolish flogging in the services. There is not the slightest shadow of doubt that during the war the extreme penalty was put into operation far too freely. In the earlier years of the big struggle men were shot for exhibiting symptoms that the experience of after years would have diagnosed as shell shock. This, and the fact that the A.I.F. managed pretty well without the death penalty, were the potent arguments that turned the scale in favour of the abolitionists. Here, it may be as well to correct an impression, which, though general, is entirely erroneous. The death penalty was never abolished in the case of Australian soldiers; it was merely held in abeyance, and no death sentence could be carried into effect upon an Australian soldier, unless it has been confirmed by the Australian Government. Naturally, such sentences were never confirmed.

Following closely upon the debate on the Army Act, certain quasi-political organisations, both in England and Australia, have been endeavouring to secure the abolition of capital punishment for civil crimes. In this instance the humanitarians are on more debatable ground. Certainly, when capital punishment was the penalty for all felonies, it defeated its object as a deterrent. Acting on the principle that one might as well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb, men murdered in order to conceal lesser crimes. However, this is a weak argument for the total abolition of the death penalty. While fear of hanging does not prevent some men from committing murder, it deters the majority. Our laws are more humanely administered to-day than they were a century ago; but the trouble with most humanitarians is that they extend their sympathies to the criminal rather than to his victim, and they over-emphasise the reformatory aspect of justice while ignoring its punitive aspect. After all, why should a wrong doer escape a fitting punishment for his crime? And is the death penalty any less humane than life-long imprisonment?

The fear of hanging is a deterrent to most potential murderers. A recent report showed that no murder has been committed in Chicago since 1920, and that the number of such crimes in the United States has been reduced by nearly 50 per cent. There is no hard evidence to prove that the death penalty has been effective in reducing the number of murders, but it can be said that it has put an end to the murder of women in one of the most brutal jockeys of all negroes that have ever disgraced the United States. The Reverend Babbit forgot that charity to coloured persons begins at home.

The Reverend Babbit

A disquieting revelation contained in a report of the Simon Commission is the disclosure that while much of the unrest in India has been fomented by Soviet agents, the Babu agitators have received both financial support and considerable publicity from America, where Babbit—Sinclair Lewis' famous character—has now become a synonym for the American man in the street—is always ready to lend a willing ear to tales of British oppression. One little straw which shows the way the hot air blows was the cable sent to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald last May by 102 American clergymen of various denominations.

The Prime Minister was exorted to ignore the advice of experts who have had the experience of years of residence in India; he the Reverend Babbit's views on the subject naturally carry more weight. The signatories of this portentous cable exhorted Mr. MacDonald "to seek a way to an amicable settlement with Gandhi and his people," declaring that they refused to believe that the Prime Minister cannot work with Gandhi and "the spiritual ideals he so sublimely embodies." "Tant pis, tant mieux," as Mademoiselle used to say when the fatal hour of eight had sounded. The humorous feature of the business is this: the very day the cable was sent there occurred in Texas one of the most brutal jockeys of a negro that have ever disgraced the United States. The Reverend Babbit forgot that charity to coloured persons begins at home.

Naval Occasions

It is customary for the fleets of naval powers to make extended cruises, during the course of which foreign ports are visited, but those powers are always careful to eliminate from the itinerary places where the presence of their warships is unwelcome, or may give rise to misunderstandings. For example, the British Navy does not make such cruises in the Baltic Sea, and the presence of foreign warships in Indian or Egyptian waters, at the present juncture, might conceivably evoke a storm of protest from the British press. Early in May, Germany's new battle squadrons entered the Mediterranean for the first time since the war, and it

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was cordially welcomed by the Italians. Of course, this may mean nothing more than the courtesies usually accorded by one nation to another. On the other hand it may mean a great deal more. Following, as it did, upon Mussolini's recent provocatively warlike speeches, and his reference to "the firm and warlike face" of Fascist Italy, one can hardly blame France for feeling a certain amount, of anxiety, or for refusing to accept Italy's claims regarding naval parity.

Late last year, too, the Russian battleships, "Pariskaya," "Kommuna," and "Proftinster" left Kronstadt for a cruise in the Black Sea. They passed through the Dardanelles on January 16th, and the Turkish Government has been notified that two more Russian battleships are on their way to join them. Of course, it is quite legitimate for Russia to transfer her ships from one of her seaboards to another, but the Times' correspondent in Turkey states that practically all of the Soviet's Baltic fleet is reported to be coming out later, and that "extensive preparations for its reception are being made by the Soviet naval authorities in Black Sea ports." He adds that all the countries bordering upon the Black Sea are becoming nervous at this concentration. As John Chinaman says, "What for?"

The Effusion of Mr. W. M. Hughes.

London Truth, in the issue of May 21, takes "Our Billy" severely to task for what is described as an "astonishing article in Reveille, the organ of returned soldiers in the Commonwealth." We do not begrudge an esteemed contemporary this distinction, and the Reveille is welcome to Mr. Hughes as a contributor. Had his article been submitted to the Listening Post, we should have rejected it with great enthusiasm. Briefly, this was the tenor of Mr. Hughes' article. He stated, among other things, that when he was in France in 1918, he forced the withdrawal of the Australian troops from the line, because they were placed first when there was fighting to be done, and "contemptuously ignored" when soldiering became "a holiday jaunt." The burthen of his complaint was that there were no Australians in the Army of Occupation that marched into Cologne. He went on to assert that he made representations to this effect to the War Office, but he did not feel disposed to make public the nature of the reply he received.

We fear that the English public still takes "Billy" more seriously than we do at home. The Truth writer commented, "While it is seldom difficult to make men sorry for themselves by the process of manufacturing grievances for them, I somehow think that Mr. Hughes' belated protests will fall rather flat among the Australians who served in France." The writer was a war correspondent who saw the Australians in action, both in Gallipoli and in France, and we are in entire agreement with him. As he points out, soldiering did not become "a holiday jaunt" while any part of the line was being held, and Mr. Hughes' alleged reason for forcing the withdrawal of the Australian Divisions is an absurdity. Australian troops did not form part of the Army of Occupation for several valid reasons.

The Australian Corps was not a component part of the formation detailed to act as the Army of Occupation. With the exception of the New Zealanders, they were furthest from their homes, and it was Sir John Monash himself who urged the speedy demobilisation of the A.I.F.

The writer went on, rather unnecessarily we think, to refer to the "boosting"-dominion troops received from the English press. He asserts that it was disproportionate, and was encouraged in the interests of Imperial policy, though he admits it was well-merited. Whether we were boosted or not, we neither know nor care. Certainly we did not look for any of this press publicity, though our ears tingle with the nice things that such prominent writers as Gilbert Frankau, Sir Philip Gibbs, and John Masefield wrote about us after the war was over, and there was no longer the need for encouraging such puffing in the interests of Imperial policy." If English regiments were neglected, that was the fault of the English press, not ours. The trouble with people like Mr. Hughes is that their ill-considered words provoke such comments, and play into the hands of jealous little scribblers like Ex-Private X.

Mechanisation and the Indian Disturbance.

The prompt manner in which the Indian disturbances were squelched is a valuable testimony in favour of army mechanisation. The Mohmand incursion against Peshawar might have been successful—let me say for the demonstration of the Royal Air Force over the Mohmand border. At the time Peshawar was, if not entirely defenceless, unprepared to meet such an incursion. Had the city been captured, or even raided, the result would

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have been disastrous. The whole frontier would have been aflame, and a tedious border campaign would have ensued. The R.A.F. speedily bombed and dispersed the lashkars, and an ugly situation was averted. In fact, it was reduced to an insignificant emeute.

Similar promptitude occurred at Sholapur. The nearest garrison to Sholapur was at Ahmednagar, 120 miles away, with very indirect railway communication. The rioters counted upon the troops having to march the intervening distance. Instead, they were rushed to the spot in motor lorries, and the rising was speedily subdued.

At the same time, the British Army in India, and the Native Indian Army also, is smaller than at any time for years past, mobility, the ability to be on the spot when trouble is brewing, is of vital importance. Aeroplanes and mechanised transport are the means of ensuring this mobility, and, of course, the rapid crushing of rebellion is not without its moral effect.

**Emphasising the Obvious**

The pacifist, who, nine times out of ten, is equivalent to the 'fellow who shirked the last war, must have been reassured by the announcement which Senator Rae, the N.S.W. Senator, with Red leanings, elicited from the Government with regard to India. "Will the Government," the Senator asked, "refuse to assist or encourage Australian citizens to undertake military service for the suppression of the Indian masses now struggling for national independence?" Naturally, the Prime Minister, who is doing his best to discourage Australian citizens from undertaking military service for the defence of Australia, was able to give Mr. Rae this assurance. Now, exactly what mare's nest has the egregious Rae discovered? Of course, he may have framed his question in order to give the Senate an exhibition of his woeful ignorance of India and Indian conditions; or, he may have been merely setting up a militaristic Aunt Sally to be belied by the weight of his pacifist eloquence. As far as we know, there has been no question of war in India, or of Australians going thither to chase Goosy Gandhites. According to cabled reports the military and the police in that noisy country have been more than a match for the murderous rabble whose Senator Rae envisions as a nation struggling for independence. If Rae and his fellow hucksters really wish to prevent bloodshed in India, and to reserve a neutral role for Australia in the event of another "mutiny," they might be consistent and restrain the activities of people like a certain young ass, alleged to be an Australian, who is now over there assisting Gandhi in his "struggle for freedom."

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**British United Services Association**

The Association will hold a dance social at the R.S.I. Headquarters, on Friday, August 8th, at 8 p.m. Tickets are 2/-, from Hon. Secretary, 229 Charles St., North Perth. Ladies with male escort admitted free.

On Sunday, August 17th (Mons Sunday), all Imperial ex-Service men and women are invited to parade in Forrest Place at 2.30 p.m., for the Annual Memorial Service at St. George's Cathedral, at 3 p.m. Step-off led by the R.S.I. Band via Wellington and Barrack Streets and St. George's Terrace to the Cathedral. The Colours of the Association and the Cenotaph flag will be dedicated during the service. The Governor will afterwards present the Cenotaph flag to the Association, and inspect the parade, taking the salute as the troops return by the same route for dismissal. Uniform optional. Medals and decorations should be worn.

On Monday, August 18th, at the Soldiers' Institute, the Annual Smoke Social will be held at 8 p.m. Tickets, 2/6, from the Hon. Secretary. Members are requested to turn up strongly to these functions, and bring their friends.

**Artillery Comrades' Association**

Gunnery's Day, celebrated on the Sunday nearest August 8th, will be observed on the 10th August next. There will be the annual parade of artillerymen (A.I.F. and Citizen Forces).

After a church service in the Guildford Church at 3.30 p.m., the troops will march to the War Memorial, where a wreath will be laid. A full attendance of artillerymen is desired.

On his return from abroad, the Patron, General Sir Talbot Hobbs, will be tendered a welcome home.

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**Looking for a Leader**

As regards the leadership of the League throughout Australia, the following set out what is understood to be the present attitude of the branches:

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Admiral-of-the-Fleet, Sir Roger Keyes, now flies the Union flag in the old “Victory,” and is retaining the Portsmouth command in his exalted rank. It is usual for the Admiral of the Fleet to hold the office of First Sea Lord, but there is a precedent for the course being followed by Sir Roger Keyes. During the war, the late Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Hedworth Meux, also flew the Union Flag in Portsmouth as Port Admiral.

Due to visit Perth this month, is William McKenzie, who is better known among the troops as “Fighting Mack.” He is the new Commissioner of the Salvation Army for Australia, and is the first Australian-trained Salvation Army officer to be appointed to the command of his own country.

Commissioner McKenzie went right through the war with the Australian troops, and while at Gallipoli, won his title of “Fighting Mack.” He was decorated with the M.C. for outstanding bravery. On one occasion, he is said, although ranked as a chaplain, to have led a charge of troops.

His is a typical Scottish Highlander, more than six feet tall, and broad in proportion. He is about 60 years of age.

He came to Australia from northern Scotland at an early age, and joined the Salvation Army when a young man.

Those who know Lance Meyers, of the Repatriation Department, and of the 11th Battalion, recognise in him one of the cheeriest of souls. We doubt if there was a man in the A.I.F. who had so many injuries, the result of wounds from active service. One section that the Germans left intact was his appendix, which he has recently had removed. We are pleased to say that he has recovered sufficiently to permit him to return to his usual work.

An original 11th Battalion digger, in the person of W. H. Waugh, passed away on the 20th June. Bill was well-known in trotting and football circles, and for a number of years was an officer at the Repatriation Department.

Another ex-Repatriator passed away two days later, in Victor K. (Paddy) Shanks. Paddy served with the 44th Battalion. Both these good diggers have been steadily declining over a number of years, and our sympathy is extended to their sorrowing relatives.

Mr. Jimmy Cornell, M.L.C., has resigned from the State Executive of the League, owing to his inability to attend to those duties, due to his parliamentary activities and to the fact that he has recently become a farmer. Mr. Cornell was the oldest member of the State Executive, having been there practically since the formation of the League. The work that he has done has been invaluable, not only on behalf of the W.A. Branch, but also for the League in Australia and the British Empire Service League, two conferences of which he attended.

His colleagues on the State Executive very reluctantly accepted his resignation, with great regret, and we are sure that we express the opinion of all ex-service men of W.A. when we state that we hope that the popular Jimmy will soon find it convenient to once again take his place on the Executive, and continue to assist in moulding the destinies of the League.

The new President of the West Swan Sub-branch is Jimmy Woods, V.C. Jimmy has always been a good worker in the League, and has attended two or three State congresses. He is a quiet, unassuming little fellow, and is full of enthusiasm and good sound commonsense.

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Translations

[The newly-formed Classical Association strongly advocates, the intensive study of Greek and Roman literature, as a means of improving one's English. We cordially approve of the idea, but, as most of the masterpieces of antiquity have already been translated into English by poets like Chapman, Milton, Dryden, Pope, and Shelley, we cannot help feeling that the "Greatest Country in the Universe" has been left in the cold. Our Anglo-Saxon friends are certainly entitled to claim parity in this respect, therefore, we requested our Mr. Tok to make a few translations from his favourite Horace. The two we publish, he claims, are the first translations of Horace into American.—Editor, "L.P."]

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The first Victoria Cross presented in Australia was to Sam Mitchell, a seaman of H.M.S. "Harrizier." The investiture was by the Governor, Sir John Young, on September 24th, 1864. Mitchell was one of the storming party at the Gate Pah, at Tauranga (N.Z.), where his leader, Commander Hay, was wounded mortally.

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All Quiet

Following closely upon the successful season of "Journey's End," the film version of "All Quiet on the Western Front" is now being shown in Perth. Cleansed of the filth which ensured the novel's popularity, it makes a passable enough picture, and as such it has received laudatory notices from that section of the press which specializes in lurid crime details and divorce court news. One local editor, who, though of military age, was conspicuous by his absence from the firing line, describes it as a piece of valuable anti-war propaganda. The whole truth about the war, told by one who obtained his knowledge by hearsay from cot cases in a base hospital! With equal justice one might characterise the nauseating sensationalism of certain local papers as anti-peace propaganda. However, the film does contain propaganda of a clever and subtle type. The German soldier is depicted as a genial, innocent sort of fellow, who did not wish to kill Englishmen or Frenchmen. It is hard to conceive of such amiable people sinking the "Lusitania," or sacking Louvain, or indulging in such playful amenities as poison gas, air raids on centres of civilian population, or Bapaume booby traps. If such things can be glossed over it will be so much the easier for poor, outraged Germany to evade her obligations as regards Reparations. Unfortunately, those of us who experienced the rigours of German prisoner-of-war compounds, or have seen what French and Belgian civilians had to suffer in the occupied zones, are still a long way from attaining to that spirit of Christian forgiveness and magnanimity realised by the late President Wilson, and by Australian editors who kept the home fires burning.

Hollywooden History

When cultured Hollywood invades the educational sphere, the result is invariably an unholy mess. This is amply exemplified in the film, "The Captain of the Guard," recently shown at Hoyt's. The theme is allegedly based upon the composition of the Marseillaise. The composer, Rêget de L'Isle, is depicted as a Captain of the King's Guard, and an exciting love episode is invented for him. As a story the thing is not so bad, and it contains some spirited music. Criticism is disarmed at the outset by the announcement that while the letter of history has not been stressed, the spirit has been preserved. Louise XVI and Marie Antoinette are made to speak with the accents of Yankee salesmen. Courtiers perform a stately dance to the accompaniment of Beethoven's exquisite "Minuet in G." Then a lady of the Court exclaims, "Vury nice. Now let's have something mahdern," whereupon everyone breaks off into the vilenst of jazz. So much for the spirit of history! For the love of a lady, and out of sympathy for the down trodden masses, Roget throws in his commission and marches at the head of the revolutionaries, singing his composition, the "Marseillaise," to the storming of the Bastille. As a matter of fact, Roget de L'Isle composed this most inspiring of all national anthems while serving with the Army of the Rhine, long after the Bastille had fallen. The song was brought to Paris by a Marseilles regiment bound for the front, when it achieved popularity. It did not receive official recognition until the outbreak of the Franco-German War of 1870, when Napoleon III allowed military bands to play it.

Still, that's all one to Hollywood. We won the war, why not win the French Revolution as well?

A SOLIDER BOOK THAT ISN'T

From a publisher's standpoint, and also from the literary and artistic point of view, "The Legion Book," published by Cassell and Co., and dedicated to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, is an excellent production. "At the Prince's invitation" (vide the Publisher's Foreword) "contributors, whose names loom largely in the galaxy of the literary and artistic firmament, came forward. John Galsworthy, Rudyard Kipling, the Hon. Winston R. Churchill, Edgar Wallace, Arnold Bennett, Robert Bridges, Laurence Binyon, Henry Newbolt, Aldous Huxley, Storm Jameson, P. G. Wodehouse, John Drinkwater, Professor Gilbert Murray, G. K. Chesterton, Hilaire Belloc, F. Tennyson Jesse, Sheila Kaye-Smith, "Sappers" Walter de la Mare, Reginald Berkeley, and others well-known to the English reading public, provide courses for this literary and artistic feast. It is an excellent publication, well illustrated with half-tone plates, written by the graduates, and under-graduates of Parnassus, yet, having read it, we rise from the table as one who leaves the Barmecide's feast—entertained, but still unsatisfied. It falls in the main essential; while the publication is an excellent magazine, it is not a soldier's book.

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pacifist propaganda, but from Enoch Arnold's own point of view, a few excerpts from the diary of the ex-soldier, who sought his advice concerning its publication, would be of greater interest to the Australian reader. Our Australian publications of a similar nature are more representative, more characteristic, and depict more truly what the soldier-man actually endured—and thought. There are times and occasions when literary excellence might gracefully stand down in favour of the external verities. The publication of this book was one of them.

"Sapper," a front line soldier, who has written excellent war stories, is represented by a mere tale of detection. John Galsworthy opens splendidly; and Winston Churchill has an article on the late Earl Haig, which will interest readers. But there is too little about the soldier himself. We could dismiss the Greek translations, the humorous stories, the verse and articles about the English countryside, in favour of a few stories of life in barracks, in billets, and so on, in favour of aspects of warring and wandering, which would be more in keeping with the subject matter of a soldier book.

One article we did enjoy. That was Edgar Wallace's article on "Thomas Atkins." Edgar Wallace was a private in the Regular Army before he discovered that the pen is more remunerative than the sword. He wrote good Kiplingesque verse before he found story-writing more profitable. That is, probably, why, when taking a breathing space from writing "shockers," he is able to sit down and write wonderfully good English. He holds a strong brief for Private Thomas A., added to which he, like "Sapper," is a cogent reason—though, we fear, his line of reason will not appeal to lily-white anti-militarists in civil life, and poses not the R.S.L., who profess to be horrified at everything pertaining to the soldier's calling. This is his opinion of army training:

"It is to the Army that every young man without a definite profession should be sent to complete his education, to engrain in him a wider knowledge of men and things, and to supply him with a much-needed stimulus to a profession. It would be all to the good of the country if every young man, who attained the age of eighteen to twenty-four, and had not settled down to productive work, should, by law, be compelled to take the Army course."

"This modified form of conscription would bring about a radical change, not only in the attitude of certain sections of the population towards soldiering, but in the physique of the nation."

Later on he indicates that the Army has this in common with the English public school system—it turns louts into gentlemen.

The book concludes with a striking one-act play by Reginald Berkeley, the New Zealander who wrote "The White Chateau."

The publication is a super magazine, but not quite a soldiers' book.

Association of Engineers and Allied Units.

On the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, 18th June, 1930, Waterloo Night was held by the Association of Engineers and Allied Units, after their Fifth Annual General Meeting in the Soldiers' Institute, Perth.

The night was dark and stormy, but it did not prevent about 50 old soldiers assembling once again in order to renew that comradeship and "esprit-de-corps" so well cemented among them in the old A.I.F. days.

A review of the year's work was dealt with by the President, Mr. G. D. Shaw, who thanked members for the fine turn-out last Anzac Day. Election of officers for the ensuing year was carried out, and resulted as follows:—President, Mr. G. D. Shaw, unopposed; Vice-Presidents, Mr. E. H. Oldham, and Mr. J. Napier; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. A. D. McLenan; Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Fonseca; Committee, Mr. R. Tyler, Mr. P. Ross, Mr. W. Cunningham, Mr. L. J. Strahan, Mr. A. E. Poole, Mr. S. P. Wagner, Mr. R. J. Cavanagh, Mr. C. Gibbs, Mr. J. W. Shakespeare, Mr. L. Tuckett, Mr. J. W. Allan; Auditors, Mr. J. Cornell and Mr. D. M. Benson.

After the General Meeting closed, short speeches and long drinks and plenty of harmony were the order of the day. The most enjoyable evening was spent by all present, who are looking forward to the Annual Re-Union in Show Week, on 9th October, 1930, when better weather and larger attendance is looked for.

For the information of members who may have subscribed to the Australian Engineers Memorial in St. Paul's Cathedral, according to press report, on 14th July, the Dean and Chapter dedicated the memorial, which is a handsomely illuminated lettered volume clasped by a cross, in which are inscribed the names of the fallen.

General Sir Bindon Blood, after the short service, eulogised the steadfast heroism of the Australians.

Brigadier-General J. H. Bruche (one time State Commandant) represented the Australian Military Forces, and Lieut.-Colonel V. A. H. Sturdee, D.S.O., Staff Corps, the Australian Engineers.

There is more joy in a suburban street over the one sinner who is found out than there is over the ninety and nine unrighteous ones who remain undetected.
Variation

From a schoolgirl’s examination paper: "Positively," being wrong at the top of your voice. "Terminum quid," thirty pounds.

The local organ of secession gleefully hails the fact that an ‘anti-secessionist was “counted out” at a Town Hall meeting, as a proof of the secession spirit. No doubt our contemporary is right, but it is a darned poor spirit which vociferously refuses to hear the other side of the case, and it is a poor old cause which has to depend on the methods of the boxing ring for its propagation.

Judge Kavanagh, of Chicago, delivered himself of some interesting remarks in the evidence which he gave before the Select Commission on Capital Punishment, which has been sitting in England. The Judge told the Commission that in New York there was twice the chance that a murderer would meet his fate than in Chicago, where the homicide rate was double that of New York. In 1920, he added, the Chicago courts were overwhelmed with murderers awaiting trial. Forty were executed and the murder statistics immediately showed a marked decline. “Every time,” Judge Kavanagh said, “the death penalty is not carried out, the murder rate goes up.”

Apparantly this applies to other parts of America as well and serves to show that capital punishment is a real deterrent after all. Eight American States which abolished capital punishment have found it necessary to re-introduce it.

Tattoo, the name given to the call which precedes "Lights out," and to the spectacular torchlight and searchlight displays held from time to time in the various military commands, has no connection with those skin adornments popular among savages, and soldiers and sailors of an older generation. The word as used in the service is a corruption of the Dutch word “taptoe,” which signified, that the taps, or public houses were shut. In the American Army the call is still known as “Taps.” The call and the word were introduced into our Army probably during the reign of William of Orange, who brought his famous Dutch Guards to England with him. It was applied to the nightly roll of drums which warned all soldiers to return to their quarters. Later, in garrison towns it became the custom for regimental bands to play “tattoo” through the streets. This gave rise to the more elaborate displays now organised in various military commands.

"Camelo": What is needed in Egypt to quell the disturbances there is a battalion or regiment of diggers. Light-horsemen who were stationed in that smelting country just after the Armistice will recall, with some satisfaction, how they quelled the rioting then. In dealing with scum like the Gipps, it is always best, in order to avoid greater bloodshed, to strike quickly and hard. An Egyptian effendi, in discussing with me the riots, said “The English soldiers are mad, but you Australians are worse, you are half mad.” On being pressed for an explanation, he remarked, “Well, when our people riot, the English, being mad, fire over their heads, admittedly without result. But you, being only half mad, fire right into the crowd, which, I have to admit, always has the desired effect.”

The names of the three most unpopular public servants in this State all commence with an “S.”

A Dunedin alderman has been complaining about the exhibitions of larcenism that occur in the canny city’s dance halls. “Apart from ordinary hooliganism, free fights, in which women have been injured, have been items on the programme. So far the city council has taken no action. Evidently their motto is “On with the dance. Let joy be unrefined.”

Bull’s beef, that delicacy so prized by our armies in Flanders, like many other terms used by soldiers, is of foreign origin. It is a corruption of the French "boeuf bouilli," meaning boiled beef. When Napoleon wished to improve upon the time-honoured salt junk and supply sailors with fresh foodstuffs when on long voyages, he offered a prize for the best method of preserving beef. The prize was won by a Frenchman named Appert, and, broadly speaking, Appert’s method of preservation is the one still in use.

A certain colonel, after he weighed off a defaultor, was in the habit of saying, “And you too.” This rather intrigued the adjutant, who, catching the “Old Man” in a genial mood, asked him the reason.

“My dear boy,” replied the Colonel, “When you’ve been in the service as long as I have you’ll realise that every one of those blighters goes out muttering something uncomplimentary under his breath, and by gad, sir, I get mine in first.”

A practical joke that had an almost tragic sequel was played in Perth this year. A returned soldier, who came from the war apparently unscathed, and had been normal as regards physical and mental health for the past ten years, was working on a building. A pal came up behind him and dropped a few bricks on the piece of corrugated iron on which the digger was standing. The digger is now a patient in a mental hospital raving about machine guns and barbages.

M. Marten, Clemenceau’s biographer, has much of his hero’s gift of repartee. While conversing with an Englishman who was tired of hearing at second hand the late statesman’s opinions of Germany and the Germans, his hearer asked whether Clemenceau had spent any time in Germany.

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Gerard A. F. Harvey, of Quairading, writes suggesting that annual re-unions should take the form of a dance or some similar film that diggers' wives and women folk can attend. This is a matter for the sub-branches themselves to decide. The idea strikes me as a good one, both socially and ethically. There is nothing like interesting the ladies in any show to make a success, and when we arrive home from a reunion in the wee sma' hours, the fact that friend wife has accompanied one relieves one of the necessity of thinking up a new one.

Referring to recent overt and veiled attacks on the preference principle, our correspondent suggests increasing our Organisation to exist and resist attack. He suggests some form of associate membership for soldiers' women folk and children. This is a matter which has been seriously mooted in several quarters, but we think the first step in the direction of an improved organisation is for everyone eligible to become an active and financial member of the League.

The ardent propagandist seldom has a sense of humour. The Dominion League, as the secessionists style their organisation, has taken for its badge the Union Flag, upon which a swan is superimposed. The flag of union typifying the cause of separation! Apart from the unconscious humour of the situation, and aside altogether from the merits—or demerits—of the cause, this organisation supports, we returned men are becoming tired of the way the Union Flag, for which we fought when others, principally political lighthouse-keepers, were comfortably at home, is being monopolised and copyrighted by every petty political clique. Loyalty to the flag is the monopoly of no section, however noisy. It is high time that the R.S.L. and the Defence Authorities took action to prevent the flag of His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces from being prostituted for political purposes.

The battle-cruiser "Tiger," one of the best "shooting" ships (both with her heavy and secondary guns) is to be scrapped in the interests of American parity. As a Times' correspondent, who witnessed her last gunnery trials, points out: "It seems ignominious that so gallant a ship should be dismantled and torn to pieces in some ship-breaker's yard." According to the London Truth, "The Tiger is still full of fight and steaming capacity, and her value in commerce protection would be inestimable. The ships which America and Japan are electing to scrap are all worn-out and thoroughly obsolete; ours are all good for years of service, and fit to match against any ships of the world."

As usual, the politicians have left Great Britain with the muddy end of the stick.

Foreign decorations and battle honours often take forms that appear peculiar to us. After the Battle of the Nile, the Sultan of Turkey conferred upon Lord Nelson the Chenai, or Plume of Triumph. This is "a diamond, aigrette, with thirteen rays springing from a star.
mounting a love-knot, all in rose diamonds." Nelson, it is recorded, was puzzled as to how this unusual decoration should be worn. "Where am I to put it?" he asked the Garter-King-of-Arms. "In my hat, having only one arm, is impossible, as I must have my hand at liberty, therefore I think on my outward garment."

He did essay wearing it in his Admiral's cocked hat (Nelson, be it understood, was not guiltless of the sin of vanity) and the effect was so incongruous that Lady Minto described it as "very ugly and not valuable." Nevertheless, the intrinsic value of the Chenalgh is great, and the honour was so rarely bestowed that on this occasion the Sultan had to take his gift to Nelson out of his own Imperial turban, there being no other Chenalgh in the whole of the Ottoman dominions. By a will dated 1801, Nelson left "the diamond aigrette to the care of my hereditary heirs that it may be recollected there was once such a person as myself living."

Through the generosity of Lady Barclay and the members of the National Art Collections Fund, the relic is now the property of the nation. It now repos in the Painted Hall, at Greenwich, where Lady Barclay performed the unveiling ceremony a few weeks ago.

Apart from the fact that a few Bombay Moslems and Parsees were concerned in the recent rioting, these two influential communities have little time or use for Gandhism. Respect for authority is an age-old Parsee tradition, and the Parsees, as a community, being purely financiers and industrialists, have nothing to gain and everything to lose in the event of a Gandhists triumph. In most places other than Bombay—Dacca, for instance, where the Moslems have a numerical superiority, and Calcutta, where Mohammedan shopkeepers have been terrorised and brutally ill-treated—the Moslem is bitterly hostile to the gentle Gandhi. One Moslem leader, Mr. Ghuznavi, states the attitude of his co-religionists towards "The Great Soul":

"We do not care to inquire whether he can do so for the whole of India. But we can boldly say that neither he nor any Hindu leader can deliver even a grain of salt for the seventy millions of Indian Moslems. We agree with Gandhi when he says that the tree is to be judged by its fruits. We are to-day judging the tree of his gospel of non-violence by the burning alive of Moslem policemen for the performance of their duty, and the bitter fruits of Sholapur, Karachi, Peshawar, Chittagong, Dacca, and Calcutta."

It is a pity that the Australian Press does not give greater publicity to such statements. The reasoned judgments of the responsible leaders of a huge section of the Indian people should prove an effective counterblow to the vapid burblings of cranks in this country and elsewhere—cranks who persist in regarding India as a country, instead of a geographical expression, and her inhabitants as a homogeneous nation instead of a conglomeration of warring sects.

A correspondent has written in, asking if we could inform him where Anzac Camp and Waterloo Camp were situated, in or near Belgium, in January, 1918. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who could give us this information.

The Australian Letter-Writers' Handbook
By TONY MANNERS
(Late Private Secretary to Dame Margaret Greville)
(A year or two back, it may be remembered, Dame Greville made occasion to refer to the Australian as "uncouth" and "uncouthly." It is hoped that the study of the following examples of polished diction, prepared, under the auspices of the great lady herself, may improve the literary style of some of our correspondents.)

From a Returned Soldier Farm-hand, giving notice to his Employer, a Cockey Farmer,

D. Wayback, Esq., Snake View Farm, Mallee Siding.

Dear Sir,—
I beg herewith to tender my resigna-
tion of my appointment on your estate. I am for many reasons sorry to abandon a situation where I can honestly say, I have never known time to hang on my hands for want of adequate employment and where my appetite has been so hearty as to render even an unvaried diet of damper and embalmed dog palatable.

Nevertheless it is imperative that I should seek a post giving promise of more relaxation, my doctor having ordered me a course of at least three square meals per diem and of not less than three hours sleep per night.

I am confident that you will accept this my farewell in the same soldierly spirit in which it is tendered.

Yours sincerely,

PETER D'OUT.

From a Farmer to his Neighbour, granting a Request, and submitting an Account for Services Rendered.

B. Cow, Esq., The Rabbit Warren, Burntup.

Dear Sir,—
In receipt of your favour of yesterday, requesting loan of my racehorse for the use of your pony to ride to town to see his girl, I had much pleasure in begging the bearer to honour my humble steed with his patronage, having every confidence that the noble animal would take him, if not to town, at least to market. It was a nice fresh morning, with a nip in the air, and I'm sure the exercise did us all good.

I have much pleasure in enclosing my account for repairs to saddlery, also for time expended in collecting your employee and re-assembling loose parts.

Yours faithfully,

A. GALAH.
III.
Application for Employment as Jackaroo.
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Please send trailer with truck to collect my luggage, which is extensive.

Yours in anticipation,

A. CHOOM.

IV.
From a disappointed Client to a Bookskeeper.
D. Shaw-Todds, Esq.,
The Bunk,
Welshman’s Bay.

Dear Sir,—
I think it most unkind of you not to have kept your appointment with me at Belmont after the 3.30 handicap last Saturday. I feel disposed to break off our business relations in future, but, as I believe in you and trust the Old Firm implicitly, I am willing to overlook your extraordinary behaviour if you will reply at once enclosing cheque for £40 owing to me as per offered and accepted odds. I beg of you to keep me no longer in suspense, as the last three instalments on my motor-bike are still unpaid.

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V.
Letter from a Young Lady upbraiding a Gentleman Acquaintance for Lack of Adequate Upbringing.

My dear Jack,—
A man with even the smallest pretence to honour and good breeding would not thinkingly put any girl in the extraordinary position in which you placed me last night, apparently entirely without adequate reasons. I can only hope that your uncouth behaviour was merely the result of a fit of absentmindedness, and I must ask your assurance, if we are to continue our relations, that such a fiasco shall never, never occur again. I shall be at our usual rendezvous to-night, when I trust that you will do your utmost to appease my natural indignation and to remove such barriers as have hitherto come between us.

Yours expectantly,

SHEILA CUDDLE.

Well Mixed

A young bride asked her husband to write down for her a recipe which was being broadcasted. He did his best, but got two stations at once; one broadcasting the recipe, and one relaying setting-up exercises from the Y.M.C.A. This is what he took down—

1. Hands on hips, place one cup of flour on shoulders.
2. Raise knees and depress toes, mix thoroughly in half cup of milk.
3. Repeat six times.
4. Inhale quickly one-half teaspoonful of baking powder.
5. Lower the legs and mash two hard-boiled eggs in a sieve.
6. Exhale, breathe naturally and sift into a bowl.
7. Attention. Lie flat on the floor and roll the white of an egg backwards and forward until it comes to a boil.

8. In 10 minutes remove from the fire and rub smartly with a rough towel.
9. Breathe naturally, dress in warm flannels and serve with fish soup.

“Pals of Yesterday”

(Specially written by RICHARD MANSFIELD for the British Legion, and sung at their 1925 Annual Conference.)

(Music by Sir Alexander C. Mackenzie)

1. Out in the past I met you
In a dark and stormy land,
Out in the past you gave me
The clasp of a comrade’s hand;
Out in the past we forged it,
This chain of friendship true,
The chain that’s still unbroken,
That binds my heart to you.

REFRAIN:
Here’s to the old days, comrade o’ mine,
Here’s to the men we knew,
They lit a lamp that is burning still
With a light undimmed and true,
Here’s to the new days, old pal o’ mine,
Though skies be gold or grey,
Let us swing along with a right good song,
Just pals of yesterday.

2. Where are the dreams we cherished
As we stood there, you and I?
What of the faith and longings
That wakened but to die?
This be the hope that rises
In all our prayer’s at last,
To keep the Light before us,
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A Boer War Episode
(By JOHN MEIKLEJOHN)

General Delarey was one of the most brilliant of the Boer War leaders. One of his successes (a few months before the end of the campaign) was the capture of General Methuen, his 3,000 men, and all their transport. This was a sore knock to British pride.

My regiment, the 2nd Canadian M.R., was taken off the chase after De Wet, in Orange River Colony, and rushed to Klerksdorp to make up a column under Colonel Cookson. The object was to capture Delarey—if we could—in retaliation for Methuen's ignominious defeat.

Suddenly, one evening, the whole column was lined up in light order and told we were going on an arduous, but important mission.

We moved off at once—without transport—and rode helter-skelter throughout the long dark night without drawing rein. The hard pace forced quite a number of men to fall out; mostly through their horses coming down; but no stopping for them; they had to take their chance. Some are still missing.

The sun was well up before we halted and made camp in a low valley. After a day's rest, parties were sent out to scout the vicinity. Two days following we struck camp, moved a few miles south, and met our transport. In this new camp a number of our stragglers found us. The majority had fallen into Boer hands. These were deprived of their arms, stripped of all their clothing, and turned adrift with only a dirty old Boer shirt or a much worn short singlet as the only covering as protection against the hot sun and the rigours of the veldt. Besides the ignominy of their position, these men—got hell from our Colonel, on arrival, for having allowed themselves to be taken prisoners; "disgracing the uniform" he termed it.

Leaving camp one night in light order, we were ordered to keep silent and not strike lights. This was our intimation the enemy was close. We kept marching quietly until we could dimly see the outline of a range of hills ahead. Suddenly rifle flashes spat out at us from in front. We had located Boer outposts. The order came to right about and retire. We turned and got as far as camp. By daylight tents were struck, everything packed on the waggons, and we headed to where the alarm was raised the previous night. The Boers had gone; they left nothing behind except their tracks. These were followed. We marched now with advance, rear, and flank guards. The writer was with the transport escort in the centre.

Suddenly we saw a large column of dust ahead shoot skyward. It continued trailing ahead. This impressed us that a body of men was in full flight. Our advance guard strung out in pursuit; the artillery and Red Cross waggons followed on the gallop; we—with the transport—developed into a smart trot. The dust cloud still kept going ahead in the distance. Our advance guard could see numbers of mounted men riding hard on each side of the dust. They felt certain it was Delarey's command.

After four hours hard going, we came to a halt in a low valley. Here a crowd of light, empty Cape carts of the enemy had come to a standstill. The mules were still in harness, and the Kaffirs, who had driven them, also stood present. The few hundred Boers who accompanied them to give greater effect to the decoy, had, meanwhile, fled over the skyline. The explanation of the dust cloud was strikingly apparent. All the carts had brush wood tied behind to trail the ground and stir up the dust. This was the trap which had been cunningly set to lead us to where Delarey was waiting in force to receive us. We were made aware of the enemy's proximity just after our horses were picketed; and the men had squatted to chew a ration biscuit. A shell landed and exploded, laying out some horses with a few yards of my group. We glimpsed in the skyline the direction it came from; but no sign of life was there. Shell after shell poured in on us from the same quarter, playing hell principally with our horses. The mortification of the situation was that the guns and shells used on us were those which had been taken from Methuen. We were caught by surprise, and all were confused. Not an officer showed to take control. Every man, for himself, each one found the fringe of the camp on different sides, took cover, and looked for some object to shoot at.

Numerous bearded riders appeared on the skyline on the offside, making an encircling movement. Our rear guard was cut off. We could see them in their endeavour to fight their way through to reach the column. We saw rifle flashes from the riders, and saw men and horses, on each side, crumple to the ground. To us, in the distance, it appeared more like a play of marionettes than a duel to death between human beings. Few of the rear guard reached camp, but those who did, made the opposing Boers pay dearly for the lives of their comrades. Colonel Cookson, smoking a cigarette and flapping...
his cane, strolled unconcernedly among us, "Remember, men," he said, "no surrender"; but none of us had any thought of such action.

The Boers brought their pom-poms to bear. Awkward, nasty guns those are. One could never judge from where their last shell fell, where the next one would drop. They kept us jumping sideways.

The enemy, who had attempted surrounding us, were wilting by this time; we were giving them a warm reception. Their troop leaders were lashing the men with sjamboks to force them to go ahead. They would not face it; too many of their comrades were dropping each side of them. They turned tail and streaked over the skyline.

Cease fire soon sounded: Burying the dead, caring for wounded, and clearing up the mess followed. The engagement lasted only an hour, but considerable damage was done in that time. Of my regiment alone there were fifty or so killed, and over a hundred wounded. We also left a third of our horses behind us—dead. Thus was recorded still another instance where Boer tactics succeeded.

Even under the most tragic situations, there occurs a touch of comedy at times. During the hottest of it, Sim, a man lying near me, busily occupied in shooting, felt a sudden, heavy blow on his rear. Driven to sudden fury, he glared at Jones, the third man away: "You did it; you -- ! -- ! -- ! with your gun butt, you -- ! -- ! -- !" he roared, as sprawled over to grapple with Jones. Witnesses, however, saw blood gushing from the back of Sim's boot, and stopped the trouble. A bullet had found Sim's heel, but, curiously enough, he felt the shock of it on his rear.

Delarey's aide-de-camp in the above ambush was Johnny Kemp, the notorious renegade, who established a name for himself in the early part of the war, destroying railway bridges and hindering the British advance.

Delarey fought to the end unbeaten. He figured prominently at the Peace Conference. He was accidentally shot dead about 1914.

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**Secession?**

Mr. W. Hill, of Hillside Farm, Nornakin, writes at length advocating Secession and drawing attention to the disabilities under which the small farmer is labouring. Unfortunately, space does not permit us to publish Mr. Hill's letter in full. Briefly, the points he makes are these:

1. The Federal Government, graciously gave him £1 a week for six months "to settle on the land and help to develop Western Australia." Now he is billed to the tune of £60 (approximately 5½ a year) for Land and Vermin Tax.

2. Wheat has dropped in price below 5/- a bushel, and the efforts of the P.P.A. and of Country Party members in the Federal Parliament have failed to effect a corresponding reduction in the costs of production.

3. Farms have to be equipped with machinery at a ridiculous cost.

4. We are taxed to pay the cost of an Eastern States capital and subsidise Eastern factories that cannot pay.

5. The country worker needs a fair surplus over costs to live on, as well as the city worker.

6. Local stores are stocked with Eastern goods.

On these grounds Mr. Hill fails to see "why anyone can object to secession but for three reasons, namely, sentiment, selfishness, or party."

To which we reply:

1. The Federal Government apparently has done something for Mr. Hill and his fellow-cooks, even if it was only to the tune of £1 a week for six months. According to the Official Year Book of 1929, the Federal Government collected for the financial year 1927-28 £3,027,200 in Land Tax from the whole of Australia. Of this sum, Western Australia contributed only £77,380. The Vermin Tax, to which Mr. Hill refers, is not a Federal imposition, but a local tax imposed by Road Boards.

2. The cost of wheat is a world matter and is therefore beyond the control of either State or Federal Governments. Lowering the costs of production is just as much a State matter as it is a Federal one.

3. So far, the leaders of the Secession movement have given no guarantee that they will be able to carry on, in the event of complete separation, without taxation.

4. Canberra is not an Eastern capital.
It is the capital of Australia, and therefore belongs to the West as much as it does to the East. We know of no tax which is used to "subsidise Eastern factories which cannot pay."

5. Admitted. But in what way will Secession benefit him?

6. We can take Mr. Hill to at least three factories in Perth which are supplying the Eastern States with goods. If we buy Eastern goods in preference to those locally manufactured, we have only ourselves to blame. Secession is not the remedy here. It is just as logical to argue that we should cut loose from the Empire because our shops stock English wares.

The accusation regarding "sentiment, selfishness and party" is just one of those things which sound well but prove nothing. It can be brought with equal force against the leaders of the Secession movement. The point made in our article was that, admitting all our disabilities, these can be ameliorated without proceeding to the extreme length of Secession, and we are far from being convinced that Secession is a remedy. We should exhaust constitutional remedies before adopting the unpatriotic tactics of disruption.

Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust

Scholarships for Children of Fallen and Incapacitated Soldiers.

Applications are invited from children of Fallen or Incapacitated Soldiers for Scholarships at the undermentioned Schools:

- W.A. University
- Modern School
- District High Schools
- Narrogin School of Agriculture

Candidates must have passed the sixth standard in a State School, or an equivalent standard in any other efficient school. They should be over 12 and under 14 years of age on the 31st December, 1930. Candidates for the Narrogin School of Agriculture must be not less than 13½ years or more than 15 years.

Application forms and all particulars may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust, Mr. J. R. Fitzpatrick, Box K765, G.P.O., Perth, and must be returned before the 21st August, 1930.

According to a contemporary the secessionist movement is a fight to a finish. If successful we fear it will be the dead finish.

Sub-Branch Notes
WEST PERTH

Among the distinguished visitors who have accepted invitations to be present at the Annual Smoke Social Re-Union of this Sub-Branch, on Friday, 21st instant, at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, are the Hon. Premier (Sir James Mitchell), the Hon. Minister for Lands (Mr. C. G. Latham), Colonel Collie, and Mr. D. M. Benson (President and State Secretary of the League, representing the State Executive), Mr. H. D. Moseley, Mr. Whyte Gourlay, and representatives of several other metropolitan and suburban Sub-Branches. Members are requested to keep up the opportunity of hearing a few words of wisdom from the Hon. Premier, and his presence among the digger members of the Services will be much appreciated, particularly bearing in mind the many calls on his time since his accession to power, and the forthcoming party meeting of Parliament. The social will be preceded by the Annual Meeting, commencing at 7.30 p.m. prompt, when the annual reports, balance sheet, and other financial statements will be submitted, followed by the election of officers and committee men for the ensuing year. Mr. Hubert Parker, M.L.A., the retiring President, has informed members, in response to a request that he allow himself to be nominated for a further term, that he regretted he would be unable to accede to the request, as his Parliamentary duties would preclude his regular attendance at Committee meetings whilst Parliament is in session. Mr. Parker's decision is regretted, as his able administration and counsel during the two years he has been in the chair have been very beneficial. However, as immediate Past President, the Sub-Branch will still have the benefit of his sound judgment and advice when required. One of the main duties, therefore, falling to the rank and file this year is the selection of a worthy successor to Mr. Parker. It is also hoped that further new blood will be available on the Committee, as there will be several vacancies, and it behoves members to elect men who will ably assist the administration of the affairs of this large Sub-Branch in the same satisfactory manner as in previous years.

A varied and enjoyable musical programme has been arranged by Mr. W. L. Menkens for the entertainment of members and visitors at the subsequent smoker, which is timed to commence at 8.15 p.m., and the stewards will have every-thing on tap, to see that no one lacks refreshment, so that a most enjoyable evening should eventuate. Mr. Secretary Peter Ross is making special arrangements to see that progress figures of the Fourth Test Match shall be supplied during the evening, as he recognises that neither the Hon. the Premier nor the Service can be expected to be entirely at ease unless un fat with the latest doings of Bradman and Co. (Editors: We promise to tell the boys he's had advice from the brewery that the case of Big K will arrive on time.)

NEDLANDS PARK

The monthly meeting of the above Sub-Branch was held in the Broadway Picture Hall, on Tuesday, 8th July, Harry Ottewell presiding over a good muster of the troops.

The Drive Committee, under that old War Horse, Bill Henderson, are again on the job, and organised raids are being held on the unwary on the 15th and 26th July. It is hoped that the success which attended the drives held last
year will be repeated; at any rate, it will not be the fault of the Committee if they are not.

It was notified that the L. A. Auxiliary were holding the third dance of the season on Thurday, July 24th. These dances are very popular in the district, and the ladies spare no trouble to ensure that all patrons thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Unemployment in the district still continues to be a serious problem, and the branch is vigorously co-operating with the Citizen’s Committee to raise funds. Members knowing of any work available are earnestly requested to communicate with Secretary Bill Duffield, as several members are out of employment.

Much regret was expressed when the President announced that he was leaving for Wyndham on transfer. A hearty vote of thanks and appreciation for services rendered the Branch by the President, very eloquently proposed by Mr. Thompson, was unanimously carried. Colonel Jim Denton, Immediate Past President, was appointed Acting President.

The attention of members was drawn to the fact that the Annual General Meeting of the Branch would be held on August 28th, and the troops were urged to come along in large numbers and make the meeting a record one. When the business of the evening is completed, it is proposed to have a social evening on a small scale for members. The concert party is practising hard, and a really good evening is expected.

After the business was completed, the nimble “Deen” was, as usual, extracted from the clothes of the unsuspecting (?) digger, and there were sounds of revelry. The room reminded one of Paddy’s Market on Saturday night, with shooting galleries, ping-pong, and cards, and occasionally one heard the name of Kelly, the gentleman with an eye, pronounced in deep and sonorous tones. And so ended a happy evening, which all present most thoroughly enjoyed.

No. 5 DISTRICT COMMITTEE FORMED

At a meeting convened by the Merredin Sub-Branch, on 28th June, and held at Merredin, it was decided to form a District Committee, embracing the sub-branches in the Eastern Wheatbelt having interests in common.

The following delegates represented their respective sub-branches: Messrs: F. W. Dean, H. W. Wilkins, and K. A. Birtton (Bruce Rock), P. Nugent and G. F. Tynckin (Campon-Giellak), E. Logan, L. S. Walters, J. Richmond, and F. A. Law (Merredin), G. H. Brown (Linton), C. Fimister, and J. H. Johnson (Nungarin), and W. Keightley (Southern Cross). Mr. W. Logie was present from the State Executive, and Kelleenbien apologised for absence.

It was decided to form a District Committee to be known as the “Eastern Wheatbelt District Committee No. 5,” and Mr. E. Logan was elected President, and Mr. F. A. Law, Secretary.

The next meeting is to be held at Merredin, on Wednesday, 23rd July, at 3 p.m.

In the evening following the meeting, a complimentary smoke social to the visiting delegates was given by the Merredin Sub-Branch, during the course of which, in replying to the toast of the State Executive, Mr. W. Logie gave an eloquent epitome of the work being carried on by the executive body.

TRAYMING-YLEBEN

A novelty dance in aid of the Kununoppin District Hospital was held on June 21st. Fortunately, the hall at Traying was ample accommodation, and the 60 present were in no way crowded. That the dance was well patronised was evident from the fact that several car loads came from places as far apart as Wyalkatchem and Bencubbin, and from all reports, everybody had an enjoyable time. The chief novelty, an ankle competition, caused much excitement. The catering was in the hands of the Country Women’s Association (Traying Branch), who lade out assistance—not to mention the excellent supper—with full measure. Neither must the musicians, who offered their services free of charge, be overlooked. The amount paid amounted to £42 was handed over to the Hospital.

On Sunday, June 28th, the Sub-Branch organised a general working bee in connection with an improvement scheme for the War Memorial, which the Road Board has in hand. There was an excellent muster; close on 40 holes were dug for trees, and all the sand and manure were carted.

SOUTH PERTH

The annual general meeting of the South Perth Sub-Branch, held on July 2nd, proved a most successful function. The formal business was restricted to the election of officers, and the presentation of the balance sheet and reports.

Mr. H. K. Kahan is the newly elected President, and he is well supported by Messrs. Adam and Perrin as Vice-Presidents. Messrs. Morrie Munday and Rutherford were elected Honorary and Assistant Secretaries, while Mr. F. G. Sime was re-elected Treasurer. Great interest was displayed in the selection of the Committee, and the following successful candidates comprised a very fine team: Messrs. Aberle, Fisher, Jackson, Kennedy, Marriott, O’Dea, Olden, Philp, and Richardson. These troops, supported by Past President Farquharson, and under the watchful eye of Auditor Jim Hanley, look forward to a successful and arduous year of office.

The smoko which succeeded the formal business was most enjoyable, toasts being frequent, and speeches short and witty. Musical and elocutionary items were given by Messrs. Perrin, Philp, Kahan, Walters, Redshaw, Letch, and Aberle to the able accompaniment of Mr. Mundy. The Subiaco President, Mr. Wilkins, supported by some of his Committee, was a very welcome visitor, whose minstrelsy earned him the honour of being unanimously elected an honorary life member of S.P.

The only complaint voiced was to the effect that it seemed a pity that annual meetings could not be held monthly.

Memories of the “Estaminet Night” are so well cherished, that it is announced that a “Night in Cairo” will be held in the near future, and S.P. diggers promise themselves and their guests a red-letter event on that occasion.

GOSNELLS

Despite the bad weather, the monthly meeting was well attended. A protest was lodged by local dairymen against the Agricultural Bank in giving more favourable treatment to Group Settlers than to soldier settler dairymen. It was agreed to raise a fund for the relief of the district’s unemployed, and to ask for the cooperation of the Gosnells Road Board in this matter.

VICTORIA PARK

The Sub-Branch held their monthly meeting at the Library Hall, on 18th July, before a large gathering. Mr. H. R. Nicol presided, and welcomed a number of new members. The half-yearly balance sheet was presented, and showed a bank balance of £41. The agenda included a number of items to be brought forward at the next State Congress to be held in October, which were briefly discussed. The Secretary, Mr. W. Thomas gave a report of the work of the branch under review during the past six months, which showed that the branch had been fully alive in all its activities; he spoke on the support received from the Committee, without which the work could not have been accomplished. There had been a drop in the number of financial

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MOUNT BARKER

The financial year ended on June 30th, and the present enrolment of financial members is the biggest yet recorded. Our old friend, Billy Milton, has been on the sick list again, but, thanks to the good nursing of his better half, he is on well on the road to recovery. Cupid has been registering direct hits in this district. Members Goldsmith and “Dinky” Diamond have gone off the deep end, and one or two others are reported to be wavering on the brink of the matrimonial pool.

Work is still hard to pick up. Prospective employers are reminded that there are about half a dozen good members in the district who are willing to take on jobs of any sort.

Mrs. T. C. Wilson (State President, United Auxiliary Branches) visited Mt. Barker on June 1st to address the local branch of the Country Women’s Association. She was entertained by Mrs. Bill Cooper. The visitors expressed the opinion that the Club Rooms are a credit to the district. Mrs. Wilson sincerely hoped that Mt. Barker would form a branch of the Women’s Auxiliary, and send a delegate to the conference to be held in Perth in about three months time. Mrs. Wilson was welcomed to “Tibby Hall,” the first meeting she was to meet local ladies with the object of forming a branch in that town.

The main business of the Annual General Meeting was the election of officers. Other business for discussion was the proposal that the sub-branch organise this year’s Great Southern Re-Union in Mt. Barker. Fuller particulars will be communicated to members by circular.

Attention is drawn to the £1,000 Art Union, which will be drawn on August 9th. The second prize came to this district two years, so local tipsters consider that the first prize is just about due.

Tickets, 2/6 each, may be purchased from Mrs. Gorman, Morpeth Scott, and the Secretary.

As far as is known at present, one case, which has been hanging fire for three and a half years, has been satisfactorily finalised by the Pensions Appeal Board. The successful appellant should draw a nice little sum of back money, as the matter has been made retrospective over a considerable period. This case has had several set backs, but another kick from the sub-branch, and the aid of Assistant-Secretary Carl Ferguson brought the matter to a successful fruition. One never knows when the League’s assistance may be required. This particular member had been discharged medically fit.

COLLIE

Last fortnightly meeting was presided over by the President, Mrs. A. E. Rolfe. In response to information sought by the branch, the State Secretary (Mr. D. M. Benson) replied that he considered the questionnaire recently distributed to many returned soldiers by the Pension Department was quite legitimate, and was not “loaded.” Messrs. May, Mowden, and other members dissented from the opinion of the State Secretary. A communication regarding this year’s State Convention was received.

The purchase of a new piano for the Soldiers’ Hall has been under consideration for some time, and to finalise matters a committee consisting of the President, the Secretary, Messrs. Mowden and May, was appointed to deal with the matter. It was decided that either an English or an Australian piano would be purchased.

It was resolved that the State Secretary be written to concerning the purchase of a bugle, and that an advertisement for a bugle be inserted in the Collie Mail. It was announced that the reports for the half-year would be received at the next meeting.

WEST SWAN

Annual Meeting.

A good muster attended on the 10th inst. for the annual meeting. After preliminary business had been disposed of, the secretary read his report for the year, which disclosed a sound financial position. Many thanks are due to the late President, Mr. D. Hoar, for organising a truth or dare club during the last month of the year. This resulted in a good profit for the branch. We started the year with 29 members and finished up with the same number, although we wrote off our book three members and one member was killed as a result of a motor accident.

We obtained five new members during the year. The year saw the inauguration of a voluntary sick committee, and, unfortunately, they have had a large amount of work to do. At the present time the branch has two men in hospital, two laid up, and one under treatment. Many thanks are due to our secretary, who is the right man in the right place. Members hope that he will continue with the job for many years to come.

The prizes to the children winning the essays on “Anzac Day” were presented by our new President, Mr. J. Woods, V.C.

It was agreed that any returned soldier could receive benefits from the amelioration fund as long as he is a resident in the district.

It was agreed also that we give the ladies a few entertainments during the year.

Several motions were passed to be included for the coming Congress.

The election of officers resulted as follows—President, Mr. J. Woods, V.C.; vice-presidents: Mr. J. Duff and Mr. Carver; secretary: Mr. C. Roney; treasurer: Mr. F. Preston; publicity officer: Mr. E. C. Francis; sick committee: Messrs. Woods, Francis, and Duff.

Mr. D. Hoar was thanked for the interest he had shown during his stay in the district, and it was agreed to present him with the certificate of service in appreciation. Eight members volunteered to prune the vineyard of Mr. J. Clouston, who is very bad in hospital. This is the spirit.

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Women's Auxiliary

Mrs. T. C. Wilson (State President) was recently marooned at Wagin owing to railway washaways, when she put in some good work for the Auxiliaries, resulting in the formation of Women's Auxiliaries at Tambellup and Wagin. An interesting programme was arranged for Mrs. Wilson, who was motored to various places of interest in the district by Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Muller.

An Auxiliary has been formed to Geraldton Sub-Branch, which promises to be a great asset.

The Women's Auxiliary Annual Congress will commence at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, at 10 a.m., Monday, 29th September. Sub-branch Auxiliaries are reminded to send in items for the agenda without delay.

The next United Auxiliary social will take place at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, on the evening of 12th August. The State Executive Auxiliary invite all members of the R.S.L. Auxiliaries to attend.

NARROGIN

The annual meeting of the Narrogin Women's Auxiliary was held on April 29th, in the Rest Room. Mrs. V. Doney, the President, occupying the chair. The annual report and balance sheet were adopted. Mrs. Doney spoke of the splendid financial results secured during the past year, and of the enthusiasm that pervaded the branch. Special thanks were due to the Secretary (Mrs. H. Job), who had worked untiringly. Already many new members had been enrolled by her for the coming year.

In May last Mrs. Wilson (State President) was welcomed by members and friends in the Rest Room, where a highly interesting address was delivered with beneficial results to the branch's membership.

Included in the branch's activities during the year were:—A bridge evening, cake and apron-fair, Paddy's markets, sale of poppies, afternoon teas on all sale days. The total earned by these efforts was £60 7s. 4d. The co-operation of the Country Women's Association on sale days had helped very materially towards that result. About £40 had been handed to the Building Fund of the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, besides contributions towards the amelioration of distressed soldiers in the district. Additionally, the proceeds of two afternoon teas were handed to the Country Women's Association as a donation towards a hospital wheel chair. Meantime, until otherwise arranged, it had been decided to restrict the branch's work solely to the afternoon teas on sale days. She desired, on behalf of the Committee, to thank all who had so willingly assisted the branch during the past year with donations or service, and once again reminded country mothers and their friends of the warm welcome, big cozy fire, and dainty afternoon tea that awaited them at the Rest Room on the first and third Thursdays in each month.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. V. Doney; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. E. Hart, and Mrs. L. Smith; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. H. Job.

NEDLANDS

The annual general meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Nedlands Sub-Branch, R.S.I., was held in the Lesser Hall, Picture Palace, Nedlands, on 3rd June last. The retiring President, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively not seeking re-election, the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs. G. W. Randall; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Ettie Ottewell, Hill, Ketterer; Treasurer (pro tem.), Mrs. Grainger; Secretary, Mrs. Terelinck.

Plans were made for the continuation of the efforts inaugurated with the object of assisting the Sub-Branch.

The Territorials derive their name from the fact that each unit has territorial associations—the name linking it up with some particular district, in which its depot is situated. When the old Volunteer Force was re-organised during the army reforms of 1907-8, it became merged in the new Territorial Force. The name was changed to Territorial Army in 1921.

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