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The present state of affairs in China and on the North West Frontier of India cannot fail to sow misgivings in the hearts of those good people who retain a touching faith in the possibility of maintaining peace by means of conferences and pious resolutions.

In the main, the idea of settling disputes, whether between nation and nation or between two sections of the one community, is a sound one; but it should be remembered that the conference method presupposes a community of interests, a common standard of ethics, a willingness to be guided by the dictates of reason, and, above all, an honesty of purpose on the part of those participating. For instance, Smith and Brown live in the same town, and are competitors in business. This does not prevent them from being members of the same business men's association, or of the same social club. They subscribe to the same trade papers, visit each other's homes, and possibly frequent the same bar. Should Brown get a contract that Smith has tendered for, Smith does not rush out of his office and punch Brown's head. They are each members of a civilised community. Business differences can be settled over the telephone, or over a friendly drink. As good citizens both Smith and Brown try to live peaceably with all men, but neither Smith nor Brown is expected to turn the other cheek should he suddenly come into contact with a member of the razor gang. On the contrary, if Smith or Brown has a working knowledge of boxing, jiu-jitsu, or any of the other known methods of self-defence, so much the better for himself, and for the community at large. Round table conferences are unavailing when dealing with violent criminals.

But what is true of individuals is also true of nations. The nations that are licking their wounds after the last war have all realised that war is a clumsy and disastrous method of settling international disputes. They are honestly desirous of avoiding such disasters in future. Rightly or wrongly, the belief is current that distrust and racial antipathies are the seeds of war; hence the corollary that the wider knowledge and social amenities made possible by conferences will destroy these poison seeds, or, at least, prevent them from germinating. What associations are to business men, the League of Nations is to the Great Powers. Even without the League and the frequent peace conferences the world is becoming more peaceably inclined, just as drunkenness is becoming less fashionable even in communities, where such legislative panaceas as prohibition and early closing are not history of the Nineteenth Century with that of the Eighteenth and the Seventeenth to understand this. Even such a stupendous conflict as the Great War was preceded by nearly half a century of peace in Western Europe. But there are larrakin nations as well as larrakin individuals. One such neglects no opportunity of fomenting sedition within the borders of neighbouring states, and loudly proclaims its intentions of bringing about world revolution. This being so, no country with overseas colonies which border on less civilised communities can neglect to take measures for their defence, or for the defence of that social order which exists by the will of its own people.

The present peace-consciousness is the world's natural reaction to the horrors of the Great War. Unfortunately, muddled thinking and maudlin sentiment have confused the question of world peace with that of disarmament. Long before disarmament conferences came within the orbit of practical politics, the principal of limitation was in existence. The size of a nation's army has always depended upon what that nation's taxpayers thought reasonable, and upon the sum they were prepared to pay for its maintenance. Even in Prussia, after Bismarck and Von Roon had coerced parliament into forcing conscription upon an unwilling people, only a portion of the country's manhood was trained. Something like this has happened in all countries where conscription is enforced. In Great Britain and America, countries which rely for their defence upon voluntarily enlisted armies, the will of the people has always been a curb to the soaring demands of the strategist. But the world's history, has shown that the existence of armaments has caused fewer wars than their non-existence has provoked.

Consider the case of China. For centuries in that country a philosophical detachment from the affairs of the world was the ethical ideal. No profession was held in less repute than the soldier's calling. The Manchu over-ran the country, which was afterwards bullied by Great Britain, France, Japan, and Russia, in succession. In our life time, Korea, that portion of the old Chinese Empire in which pacifist ideals survived longest, became the battleground of China and Japan, and later of Japan and Russia. Even while racked by years of civil war, modern China, with her armies trained upon the European model, has commanded greater respect from the outside world than was the case when defensive precautions were neglected.

The renewal of warfare in China revives the possibility of foreign powers being compelled to intervene in order to protect the lives and property of their own nationals. It is all very well for
the lover of every country but his own to assert that the foreigner has no right to be in China. The modernisation of coastal China is due entirely to foreign influence and foreign capital. On the whole, that influence and capital has been used for the betterment of the country and its people. The foreigner resides there, as the Chinese themselves reside in other countries, subject to certain conditions. While they comply with these conditions, they are entitled to protection. If the Chinese Government is unable to provide this protection, their own government must. The same rule applies to India. In the latter sub-continent the only factor for the maintenance of order and the protection of minorities is the Central Government, backed by the armed forces of the Crown. We are compelled to garrison India, and to maintain forces in Egypt, not in the interests of what flabby-minded people at home, and enemies abroad please to call imperialism, but in the interests of British residents and foreigners whose own governments would not hesitate to intervene should our laxity result in their being robbed and murdered. Similarly, insistence on the Monroe Doctrine has compelled the United States to assume the role of protector of foreign interests throughout Latin America. While these circumstances remain in existence, neither Great Britain nor the United States can afford the luxury of total disarmament. Unfortunately, we are dealing with the world as it is, and not the world as amiable doctrinaires think it ought to be.

Total disarmament will spell universal peace only when all the races of the world have reached a common standard of ethics, and a uniform social system; even the most purblind believer in the brotherhood of man must admit that that happy state of affairs is still a long way off. Imagine Peshawar—confronted with warlike Afghis and Mohmands, who believe that the profession of arms is the most honourable calling of all, and that death in battle against the infidel is the passport to paradise—denuded of troops. It is at a time like this, when the world’s centre of gravity is being transferred to the Pacific, when the Chinese Consul-General is adopting a truculent attitude regarding the alleged disabilities of Chinese residents in Australia; when the possibility of an upheaval in India might conceivably encourage some Asiatic or Southern European power to accept the challenge of our White Australia Policy and our empty spaces, that the Australian Government has committed the supreme folly of further reducing our totally inadequate defence forces, and of disheartening by inequitable treatment the small devoted band of regulars who have given their lifetime to their country’s service. The fact that Mr. Scullin is only following the evil example set by his predecessors might serve as an explanation, but it cannot be accepted as an excuse.

The continual preaching of peace and disarmament to nations who have already had their fill of fighting, yet who must maintain armed forces of some description seems to us an absurd waste of effort. To use the salesman’s parlance, it is equivalent to selling someone who is already sold. Our amiable doctrinaires would be better employed in preaching peace to the warriors of the North West Frontier and the War Lords of China.

The Latest Scores
(But Not Cricket)

As a result of further information obtained at the Federal Executive meeting regarding the leadership of the League in Australia, the following sets out the present attitude of the branches:

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North-West Diggers' Re-Union

The State Executive of the League has appointed Mr. C. P. Smith, vice-president, to represent the Western Australian branch at the diggers' re-union organised by the Pilbara Sub-branch of the League, at Port Hedland, and to commence on September 19th, next. This big function attracts ex-service men within a radius of 200 miles of the northern seaport.

The vice-president's full itinerary is as follows:

- September 13th—Leave Fremantle per s.s. Koolinda.
- September 16th—Arrive Geraldton; stay the night.
- September 17th—Leave Geraldton by aeroplane for Carnarvon. Attend meeting of Gascoyne Sub-branch R.S.L., at Carnarvon.
- September 19th—Arrive by aeroplane at Port Hedland.
- September 20th—At Port Hedland.
- September 21st—Leave Port Hedland per s.s. Koolinda.
- September 23rd—Arrive Broome. Meet Sub-branch members.
- September 25th—Arrive Derby. Meet Broome Sub-branch representative.
- September 28th—Arrive Wyndham. Meet diggers employed at the Wyndham works.
- September 29th—Arrive Darwin. Received by Darwin Sub-branch R.S.L.

Mr. C. P. Smith is well informed on all matters affecting ex-service men and has a good knowledge of the needs of dependants. He was for some time president of the Perth Legacy Club and the W.A. branch is fortunate in securing him as a league ambassador to the north-west ports.

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THE FEDERAL PRESIDENCY

Mr. E. S. Watt, who attended the meeting of the Federal Executive, held in Melbourne, on July 30th and 31st last, submitted the following report to the State Executive on his return:

"Acting as your accredited delegate, I attended the meeting of the Federal Executive held in Melbourne, on the 30th and 31st July, 1930. There were present:—G. J. C. Dyett, Esq., Federal President; H. B. Taylor, Esq., Queensland; Dr. J. S. Purdy, New South Wales; G. W. Holland, Esq., Victoria; W. F. J. McCann, Esq., South Australia; E. S. Watt, Esq., Western Australia; L. M. Mullen, Esq., Tasmania; R. Rowe, Esq., Federal Capital Territory; Captain L. S. Bracegirdle, Federal Treasurer; J. Webster, Esq., General Secretary.

In attendance:—C. W. Joyce, Esq., State Secretary, Victoria.

Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting, held on the 27th March, 1930, were taken as read.

Medical Treatment Nurses.—It was proposed by G. W. Holland (Vic.), and seconded by J. S. Purdy (N.S.W.), and carried:

"That returned army nurses on the staff of Repatriation Hospitals who may fall ill during their employment be treated within the hospital in which they employed, provided that the Commission be absolved from the responsibility of treating cases which have arisen due to war service, and which necessitate an absence from duty exceeding six months."

It was stated that New Zealand had already granted this concession.

Aged and Incapacitated Returned Soldiers.—Tasmania submitted a resolution:—

"That every returned soldier, who, when he reaches the age of 55 years, is not owing to bad health, in a position to earn a living wage shall be entitled to a military pension at least equal to the old age pension."

which was referred to a committee. It was felt that the motion in its present form would have little chance of success with the Government. It was thought that fuller consideration should be given, and fuller enquiries made. It was moved by J. S. Purdy (N.S.W.), and seconded by G. W. Holland (Vic.).

"That enquiry be made from other portions of the Empire as to what is being done with a view to granting pensions to returned soldiers on attaining the age of 65 years. Carried."—League Advocate Appeal Tribunal.—Queensland raised the question as to whether the League should continue the present policy of offering the services of the League executive in connection with the Appeal Tribunals to members and non-members alike. It was decided on the motion of J. S. Purdy (N.S.W.), and E. S. Watt (W.A.), that the present policy of non-discrimination between a member and non-member be confirmed.

War Service Homes.—The following two resolutions submitted by Queensland were withdrawn:

"That the Federal Government be asked to create an Appeal Tribunal under the War Service Homes Act for the purpose of protecting the legitimate interests and position of ex-servicemen's widows, who may, from unavoidable circumstances of unemployment, sickness, etc., have fallen into arrears of repayment, and whose eviction is contemplated by the Commission."

"That returned soldiers in indigent circumstances be granted the same privileges as a widow in respect of the lower rates of repayment during their period of temporary embarrassment caused by circumstances beyond their control."

Mr. Taylor, the Queensland delegate, stated that enquiries made had elicited the fact that 37,000 homes had been built under this scheme, and that only 32 people had been evicted in the twelve years since its inception. The Government had given an assurance that no returned soldier would be evicted through incapacity to pay due to unemployment.

It was moved by Mr. H. B. Taylor (Qld.), seconded by G. W. Holland (Vic.), and carried:

"That the Federal President be requested to interview the Minister with the object of discussing the best means by which the sympathetic attitude of the Commission may be communicated to unemployed occupants of War Service Homes, in order to relieve them of their anxiety in regard to repayments."

16th Biennial Conference, B.E.S.L.—It will be recalled that at the last Conference of the British Empire Service League, it was decided that the next Conference should be held in Australia, but if this proved impracticable, it would be held in Canada. There was a feeling that Empire Headquarters had a preference for Canada. And the following resolution was submitted by the N.S.W. State Branch:

"That no alternative venue be suggested for the holding of the 16th Biennial Conference of the B.E.S.L., other than Canada."

After discussion the motion was withdrawn, and the following was moved by E. S. Watt (W.A.), seconded by L. M. Mullen (Tas.), and carried:

"That the Federal President ascertain from Empire Council the date it has been decided to hold the 16th Biennial Conference of the B.E.S.L. in Australia."

Carried.

1. B.E.S.L.—Queensland submitted a resolution, which was withdrawn without discussion, as being out of order, as it would necessitate an amendment to the Constitution. It read:

"That in future the Federal Executive meetings be convened only in the discretion of the Federal President."

Ex-Imperial Men.—Tasmania submitted the following resolution, which, after discussion, was withdrawn:

"That this Conference considers only the same treatment should be given to ex-imperial men on home service as is given to Australians who did not leave Australia."

Temporary Employees C.P.S.—It was proposed by G. W. Holland (Vic.), and seconded by E. S. Watt (W.A.), that in order:

1. To make the principle of preference effective in Government employment.
2. To take the case to the government, to apply economy proposals equitably instead of throwing the whole burden on returned soldiers temporary employees, and
3. To reduce the advantage possessed by non-soldier permanent employees over the returned soldier temporarily employed, to an advantage that exists despite the service rendered by the returned soldier to the Commonwealth; the Government be asked to make permanent all returned soldier temporary employees who have given satisfactory service in Government employment for a period of not less than two years."

It was stated that practically all temporary men employed by the Government were returned soldiers, and that the big majority of them had proved to be capable and efficient officers.

Mr. Dyett reminded delegates that the Government had about five or more years ago granted a special modified simple examination, for returned soldiers only, for permanent appointment to the Service.

An amendment, moved by R. Rowe (F.C.T.), seconded by L. M. Mullen (Tas.), was that the resolution be referred to the Federal Congress for decision.

That returned soldiers employed as cleaners, that returned soldiers of two years' continuous service, be eligible to qualify for positions in the general division.

Rationing Employees—Defence Department.—Victoria submitted the following motion:

"That this is as much as officers and men of the Military Forces have been led to expect permanent employment in the Commonwealth Government, and have, entered into life obligations having regard thereto, and in as much as a great number of such officers and men have concentrated upon finding themselves for military employment, and in consequence thereof have become specialists in their branch of service, and at the same time unfitted for absorption into the commercial and industrial life of the community, this Executive believes that the Commonwealth Government must accept a measure of responsibility in the matter of adjustment of their employment, and urge, therefore, that all surplus personnel in the military branch of the Department of Defence be appointed to positions with the civil branch, and that the resultant surplus in the civil branch (if any) be adjusted by the Public Service Commissioners in the supervision of the entrance of juniors, and the transfer of employees to other departments."

A Ministerial statement, dated 28/7/30, regarding this matter, has just been received by the Federal Executive Office, and it was decided to withdraw the motion in favour of sending the statement to State Branches for consideration.

Commonwealth Public Service Act and Preference.—I submitted Western Australia's motion:

"That the question of the appointment of the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation, Darwin, and letter from the Commonwealth Public Service Board, dated 9th July, be discussed."

I traversed the full history of the case, bringing many pertinent extracts from the correspondence on the file, and criticised the Commonwealth Public Service Board, stressing particularly my Branch's resentment at the tone and contents of the letter relative to the proceeding of the 4th July, in which the Board accepted W.A. Branch's proposal of committing a definite breach of public service regulations in taking up the claim of an officer in the Department. "I tried to make it clear that my Branch was fighting for a principle, and that an officer's name had only been brought into the"
correspondence at a late stage in support of our case. The Federal Secretary informed me at the meeting that he would write to the Board and clear that point up, so that no injury would result to the officer concerned.

In order to cover the principle involved, I submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by W. F. J. McCann (S.A.):—

"That the Federal Government be asked to amend the Public Service Act to include preference in promotions to returned soldiers within the G.P.S.

I encountered unexpected and strenuous opposition to this motion from the Federal President, Federal Treasurer, and the representatives from N.S. Wales, Queensland, and Tasmania. I pointed out that we had within the Act, preference in appointments, and had been promised preference of retention in dismissals, and that preference in promotion should be within the natural sequence, involving the same vital principle. It was practised throughout most, if not all the States, and preference to returned soldiers must only be a hollow thing without it. After a long discussion, the motion was carried by four votes to three. N.S.W., Qld., Tas., voting against it.

Empire Defence.—A long letter was read from the South African Branch of the B.E.S.L., relative to Empire Defence, and I decided that same be referred to State Branches for consideration, and opinion, and also consideration at next Congress.

Inter-Allied Rifle Team Match.—A letter was read from F.I.A.D.C relative to the question of an Inter-Allied Small Bore Rifle Team Match. It was resolved that General Brand be consulted, and that if he can arrange the selection of a team, a nomination be forwarded from Australia.

Preference.—Crowns Briefs.—The Victorian Branch delegate expressed dissatisfaction at the allocation of Crowns briefs in their State. It was resolved that the Federal President obtain full information regarding the question of preference in the allocation of Crowns briefs, and same be submitted to the Victorian Branch.

Pre-Sen.-Death Inquest.—It was resolved that the State Branches be circularised with a resolution submitted by the Victorian Branch dealing with payment of pension in respect of prior-to-death incapacity of a deceased soldier, the resolution to be considered at next Congress.

Income Tax Exemption.—It was proposed by G. W. Holland (Vic.), seconded by W. F. J. McCann (S.A.): That the Federal President again take up with the Prime Minister the League's request for the exemption from tax of donations to the League's distress funds, vide Congress resolutions.

Preference Negotiations with Prime Minister.—The South Australian delegate (W.F.J. McCann) asked the Federal President, if he could give delegates information of his negotiations with the Prime Minister regarding the preference trouble early in May last, and that induced him to give a tentative assurance to the Prime Minister to strongly recommend and urge working soldiers to join unions concerned in consideration of the Government restoring the preference to soldiers clause.

Mr. Dyett stated that to give full particulars, it would be necessary to betray confidences, which he was not prepared to do. Mr. Dyett said that before giving the tentative assurance, he had sought the advice of six "big men," all of whom turned him down within three hours, and left him to carry the cross alone.

Mr. Dyett could not be induced to say anything further about the matter, and delegates were in general agreement that the whole story should be told or nothing at all.

It was unanimously resolved that the Federal President's report on the preference negotiations be received.

Federal President.—Immediately following the reading of the minutes on the second day of the meeting, Mr. Dyett made a statement to the effect that in consequence of a request by the majority of State Branches, it was his intention to continue in office as Federal President.

A motion was then submitted by R. K. Rowe (F.C.T.), seconded by L. M. Mullen (Tas.):—

"That this Executive view with satisfaction and pleasure the announcement of the Federal President, that he has decided to allow himself to again be nominated for the office of Federal President, and records its high appreciation of his magnificent services to the League and ex-service men generally."

In opposing the motion, I was frank in my remarks. I stated that in desiring a change of leadership, W.A. was not actuated by any personal motives, desiring only the betterment of the League, and the acquisition for it of a larger sphere of usefulness. I pointed out that the great movement we represented was bigger than the individual, and that Mr. Dyett should make way for a new leader, who could command the confidence of all the members of the League. I also opposed the resolution on the grounds, that it could only be passed by a bare majority vote, and did not represent the opinion of a large majority of the members of the League. Mr. Holland (Vic.) also strenuously opposed the motion, and Colonel McCann stated that owing to the fact that he was being nominated for the position of Federal President, he did not intend to vote.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Dyett, in thinking delegates spoke of the League membership in comparison with that of other constituent branches of the British Empire Service-League. He said that all other branches had at their head big war leaders with the exception of Australia. The figures which he had just received by cable disclosed that Great Britain had 6.3 per cent. of a possible membership, South Africa 9.5 per cent, New Zealand (confidential, not to be published), Canada 14.3 per cent, and Australia 15.6 per cent. I can't see that these figures, satisfactory as they are to Australia only by comparison, are in any degree due to Mr. Dyett's leadership. Western Australia, with the highest percentage of possible membership if the branches, amounting to 30 per cent, gained few, if any, members as the result of Mr. Dyett's efforts during the past few years. The position is that 60 per cent. of the members of the League are in the States of Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia, who desire a change of leadership, but with the assistance of Canberra, with its 420 members, it appears that there will be a majority of States who will vote for Mr. Dyett at the next Federal Congress. N.S.W. Branch appears to be very half-hearted in its support of Mr. Dyett. It will astonish me if Mr. Dyett does not, on further consideration, decline to continue to act in such humiliating circumstances.

In conclusion, there was a total lack of understanding by most delegates of the objectives desired for the League by this State Branch. In at least two instances delegates were of the opinion that our attitude was solely the result of a disagreement between Collett and Dyett. I pointed out that Colonel Collett was the mouth-piece of an Executive, all members of which were with him in his effort to make the League bigger and better.

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Secession?

Mr. C. W. Hammond, of 14 Commonwealth Avenue, Leederville, writes:

"Although I have not been able to become a member of the R.S.L. (I was rejected on five attempts to join the colours), nevertheless, I have always taken a keen interest in the League and its members. I am particularly pleased to note the remarks that you made on the 'secession' question, in the July issue of The Listening Post. Western Australia has been my home all my life, and I regard this State as lovingly as any of my fellow citizens. Nevertheless, my patriotism fails to accept the tenet that 'disrupting the Australian Commonwealth' will create W.A. into a modern Utopia. There has only, as yet, been one side of the case placed before the people, and no argument in the whole of the matter produced up to the present that contains sufficient merit to warrant the extreme measure of national dissection has been expounded. Some three years ago I actively combatted the then Secession League; probably I will once again take the field when the issue becomes more advanced. I would be glad to address branches of your league on the subject of National Unity, should the opportunity be given. However, I am indeed pleased to know that my friends in the league are filled with that patriotic national desire to serve Australia—a desire that will maintain our nation in spite of noisy boosting of calamity-seekers. With best wishes to the league."

Mons Sunday

The sixteenth anniversary of Mons was observed on Sunday, August 17, by a special service in St. George's Cathedral. In spite of the bad weather, over 1000 ex-service men took part in the march through the streets. His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Campion) formally presented the British United Services Association the cenotaph flag donated by the Imperial War Museum. This flag and the Union Jack presented to the Association some time ago were consecrated by the Rev. H. Vine. During the service the Cathedral choir sang the Russian Cantikion of the Departed; and buglers of the R.S.L. band sounded the "Last Post," with an accompaniment of muffled drums, and the "Reveille." The address was given by Dean Moore. Among those present were representatives of the R.S.L., the South African and Imperial Veterans' Association, and various unit Associations.

32nd Battalion Re-union

ANNUAL DINNER

The Fourteenth Annual Re-Union of the 32nd Battalion A.I.F. was held in the R.S.L. Institute. There were 112 members of the old unit present, and a good muster of the old originals who left Australian shores on the old "Geddes." The President (Mr. L. St. John Kennedy) gave an illuminating address on the work of the Association during the year. Several telegrams were read from old members apologising for absence. A cablegram from an old C.O., in Colonel Davies, now stationed in India, was enthusiastically received. The President stated that the Anzac Day parades were growing in strength of numbers, and it was pleasing to him to place wreaths on behalf of the Battalion as a tribute to fallen comrades on the State Memorial. Mention was made of the Sick Visiting Committee, whose duty it was to keep in touch with hospitals and visit old comrades.

A presentation was made to Secretary Bob Alexander, as a token of esteem from members. Mr. Kennedy eulogised the work done by Bob and said the credit of the evening's function was in no small measure due to the Secretary's energy. The presentation took the form of a crystal water jug and six goblets. Mr. Alexander suitably responded.

Major Dick Geddes proposed the toast of Battalion, Brigade, and General Tivy. Major Geddes traced the history of the Brigade from Australia, Egypt, Somme, and Ypres, stating that the "Chocolates" were made up of as follows:—29th Victoria, 30th N.S.W., 31st Queensland, 22nd S.A. and W.A.—and if a man did not think his unit was the best, he shouldn't be in it! Colonel Collett (State President of the R.S.L.), replying, gave some interesting figures and work done by R.S.L. in giving leads to Federal body; he instanced Land Settlement, and Appeal Tribunal, the Federal Presidency, and the inadequate value W.A. received from contributions to the Federal body. The toast of Kindred Associations and Press was proposed by Colonel Flintoff, and responded to by Colonel Sweetapple (L.H.), Captain Edmunds (B.U. Services), and A. Stone (Press).

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Apologies were received from Messrs. Parker and Lovell.

Resignation.—The resignation of Mr. J. Cornell, which had been deferred from last meeting, was dealt with, and it was decided that his resignation be accepted with regret, and that a record of the appreciation of the high qualities and valuable services rendered by Mr. Cornell be placed on the minutes. The Secretary was instructed to notify the next delegate on the list elected by Congress.

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

Finance Committee.—Mr. Wells submitted a report of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 21st July. The report was adopted.

Correction.—Mr. Cornell submitted a report of the Art Union Committee meeting, held on 22nd July. Report received.

Visiting Committee.—Rabbi Freedman reported on behalf of the Visiting Committee in connection with a visit to the Edward Miller Home, on the 22nd July. Report received.

LISTENING POST.—The Finance Committee had recommended that the Management Committee give consideration to the LISTENING POST agreement. An enquiry had been made and certain facts elicited. The report submitted by the Management Committee pointed out that until provision had been made in the paper, and taking everything into consideration, it was thought that the League was fortunate in having associated with it a printer who was prepared to place his equipment and facilities at the disposal of the League. The report was adopted.

Group Settlement—Cawoorumah.—The Cawoorumah Sub-Branch wrote expressing the opinion that the policy being pursued by the local administration of “Group Settlement” was not in accordance with the policy laid down by the Premier on his recent visit. Mr. J. Seis, a member of the sub-branch, attended the meeting and addressed delegates on the subject. It was decided that the matter be referred to the Land Committee with authority to approach the Premier.

W.A. Aged Soldiers’ and Soldiers’ Relief Fund.—The suggested scheme for the inauguration of this fund, which had been submitted in the form of a resolution for Congress, had been placed before members at the previous meeting. Moved by Mr. Downie, seconded by Mr. Yeates: That the draft resolution as submitted be forwarded to Congress, with the endorsement of the Executive.—Carried.

State War Memorial.—A resolution for Congress concerning the care of the State War Memorial had been placed before delegates. Moved by Mr. Philip, seconded by Mr. Tyler: That the Executive endorse the resolution to be submitted.—Carried.

Federal Correspondence. Taxation Appointment.—Drawn from the Federal Executive in connection, the Commonwealth Public Service Board intimated that the League was doing the wrong thing in advocating the claims of the ex-soldier concerned.

Moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Smith: That the matter be placed on the Agenda for the next Federal Executive meeting, and that the whole correspondence be placed before the responsible authorities and dealt with at delegation level.

Federal Executive.—Items for the Agenda for the Federal Executive meeting, to be held on the 30th July, was received. Moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Sadlier: That the State Branch be represented at this meeting.

Preference.—State Government. Communications from the Federal Executive concerning the preference allowed by State Governments throughout the Commonwealth were received.

Visit War Graves.—Information concerning a visit to the Cenotaphs by American mothers was received.

Relief Works and Pensions.—The South Perth and Perth Sub-Branches wrote objecting to the fact that pensions were being taken into consideration in the granting of relief, and in some instances a pensioner was debarred from registering for work.

Moved by Mr. Farquharson, seconded by Mr. Wells: That in view of the fact that returned soldiers in receipt of a pension of 14/- per week were not expected to seek relief assistance, and are likewise not entitled to register for work under any official relief scheme, and that a single returned soldier pensioner is debarred from participating in the Blackboy Hill Scheme, this Executive appoint a deputation to wait upon the Minister with a view to having this injustice rectified.—Carried.

The Pensions Committee was asked to arrange the deputation and co-opt Mr. Farquharson.

At this stage Colonel Collett withdrew from the meeting, and Mr. C. P. Smith occupied the chair.

State Presidency.—The State President asked the Executive give consideration to the filling of that office at next State Congress. Moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Pady: That the Executive desires to express its appreciation and admiration of the splendid leadership of Colonel Collett as State President of the R.S.L., and earnestly requests that he allow himself to be nominated as State President for a further term.—Carried unanimously.

Executive.—Mr. Sadlier.—A letter was received suggesting Field-Marsh. Sir W. R. Birdwood for this appointment.

Film Industry.—A letter was received from the Queensland State Branch concerning the effects of foreign films in Australia.

Election of Officers.—(a) South Perth approved; (b) Mundaring, approved.

State War Memorial.—Information concerning the McNeely donation to the State War Memorial was received.

A further communication from the Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch concerning the granting of relief to non-members was received, and the reply left in the hands of the State Secretary.

Selection.—A communication was received from the Dominion League of W.A. concerning selection and request for a report at a meeting of citizens on the 30th instant. The State President had replied to the effect that he would be unable to attend in a representative capacity, as the matter had not been decided by the State Executive, and his letter was endorsed.

Dominion League.—The South Perth Sub-Branch forwarded a communication concerning the use of the Union flag by the Dominion League.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Longmore: That this Executive strongly resents the action of any organisation using the Union flag as a species of badge on its membership cards, and requests the Defence Authorities to take measures to prevent the flag of His Majesty’s Naval and Military Forces being used for such purposes.—Lost.

Infantry Efficiency Trophy.—The Defence Department advised that owing to the interruption of training, and the fact that no camps were held last training year, it had been decided to discontinue the 1929-30 of the Efficiency Trophy presented by the League. Competition, however, would be resumed again in the current training year.

Perth Legacy Club.—The Annual Report of the Perth Legacy Club was laid on the table for the information of members.

6/8/30.

Present.—Messrs. Collett, Philip, Tyler, Cooke, Yeates, Sadlier, Pady, Wells, Denton, M arson, Shaw, Lovell, Tozer, Bader, Edmunds, Cartermoile, and Nugent.

New Member.—Mr. H. G. Nugent was welcomed as new member of the State Executive.

Reports.—State Secretary reported on the operations of the office for the preceding fortnight. Report received.

Land Committee.—Report of the Land Committee meeting, held on the 28th July, was received.

Visiting Committee.—Mr. Tozer submitted a report of a visit to Leamos Hospital. Report received.

Art Union.—Mr. Cooke submitted a report on behalf of the Art Union Committee. Report received.

Relief Fund.—The report of the activities of the Relief Fund for the month of July was received.

Cawoorumah Group Settlement.—The State Secretary reported that in company with Colonel Denton and Mr. Seis, he had waited on the Premier, who had promised to interview the Supervisor when he visited that district. A further letter was received from the Cawoorumah.

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Gunners’ Day at Guildford

Gunners’ Day was celebrated at Guildford on August 10th. There were 450 persons present at the memorial service, held at St. Matthew’s Church, in honour of artillerists who lost their lives in the Great War, and a crowd of about 200 people was unable to gain admission. The service, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. Vine, was preceded by a march from the Guildford railway Station to the church, under the command of Brigadier-general A. J. Bessell-Browne, the following associations and units taking part: the R.S.L. Band, Legacy Club Juniors, Artillery Comrades’ Association, 8th Battery Association, 11th A.F.A. Brigade, and A.G.A. Among those present were Colonel Collett (State President, R.S.L.), Mr. Kirk (Sec. Guildford Sub-Branch), Lieutenant-Colonel G. F. Wieck (representing the District Commandant), and the Mayor of Guildford (Mr. R. C. Crowther).

The address was given by the Rev. H. E. King (Rector of St. Luke’s, Cottesloe), who said that the men whom the worshippers were honouring had died for the Empire as a whole, but particularly for Australia, which they realised must become a German colony had the war been lost by the Allies. It was for those who remained to prove that the sacrifice of those lives was worth while by living for the country in the same self-sacrificing spirit as those men who had died. A three-fold vision was necessary—the vision of a true patriotism, of industrial peace, and of a community in which religion was respected.

At the conclusion of the service there was a parade at the fallen soldiers’ memorial in Stirling Square, at which several wreaths were laid, after which five buglers from the R.S.L. Band sounded the Last Post.

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Unregenerate Germany

Whenever Britons, who are willing to forget and forgive, begin to congratulate themselves on the growth of a better feeling between the Empire and Germany, their good will is usually set at nought by some act of arrogance of the Germans themselves. According to the London Daily Mail, the German cruiser recently visited Tanga in the territory once known as German East Africa, but which Great Britain now governs under a mandate from the League of Nations. The "Karl-sruhe," her crew were entertained by the German residents of Tanga. At the dinner the German Consul, flown with insolence and wine, made an extremely tactless speech. Then the German marines marched through the streets of the town, and were reviewed by the Consul. In short, all concerned acted as if the mandated territory were still a German Colony. The proceeding was both tactless and insolent. Special permission must be given before the armed forces of one country may parade in the territory of another; otherwise the act constitutes an invasion. Whatever effect the parade may have had on the minds of the natives was counteracted by a similar parade on a larger scale of British naval forces two days later. It is further reported that the British authorities have demanded the Consul's removal, and a suitable apology from the Captain of the "Karl-sruhe."

So far no reply has been received, and to add insult to injury, the German press comments on the incident have been unduly provocative. Even the Volksbevistung, which usually represents moderate German opinion, says that the indignation aroused by the German parade in a "so-called English harbour" would have been more impressive if Germany had more confidence in the mandatory power to which "the temporarily suspended Germany colony" has been entrusted. The Deutsche Tageszeitung attributes English feeling to the supposed impression that the parade made on the natives, adding that the parade served German interests, but nobody could be surprised if circles seeking to annex East Africa were less pleased. At least one paper commented upon the utter-stupidity of the action. This was the socialist organ, Vorwaerts, and its outspokenness has been sharply criticised by the rest of the German press. A landing in a former Germany colony, declares the Vorwaerts, required a high degree of tact. Apparently good humour after a German banquet overcome the self-restraint. "England is less likely, now, to resign her mandate to Germany. The Foreign Office ought to tell the Minister for War that armed forces do not exist for the purpose of damaging the foreign situation by childish demonstrations."

The Vorwaerts, apparently, can appreciate the situation better than its contemporaries. The ink on the Treaty of Versailles was hardly dry when Germany commenced whining for the return of her lost colonies. Not only does she inspire adverse criticisms of the administration of the mandates within the councils of the League, but she keeps the colonial idea alive by societies, whose object it is to keep in touch with German settlers. No effort is spared to secure the publication of all suggestions that the British administration is inferior to German administration. Unfortunately for himself, Fritz, though a skilful intriguer, is a tactless blunderer, who invariably defeats his own object.

China

It is just when the sporadic fighting in China spreads to the seaports that international complications are likely to arise. Two months ago Yen Hsi-shan, described as the "model" Tuchung of Shan, the chief supporter of the Christian-Communist Feng Yu-hsiang in the northern revolt against Nanking, seized the customs at Tientsin. Mr. B. Lenox Simpson (an author and publicist, who is better known by his pen-name, Putnam Weale) was installed as Commissioner in place of Colonel Hazley-Bell. Colonel Hazley-Bell parcell up important official documents and took them with him when he sought sanctuary in the British Consulate. Should the Southerners blockade Tientsin, a clash with foreign powers is inevitable. Even without a blockade the situation is serious. An impartial administration of the customs, with the consent of China, and in her interests, has provided a certain measure of economic stability in that war-ridden country. Now that this honourable service has been made the playing field of rival warlords, Chinese, as well as foreign, interests must suffer. The logical sequence, in the absence of an established central government in China, is foreign intervention. Leagues of Nations and Peace Pacts are effectual only when their members and signatories are nations who are willing to heed the dictates of reason. They do not seem capable of restraining warring factions whose conception of reason cannot transcend their own points of view.

The Amateur Strategist

When it becomes a question of forcing fact into the procrustean bed of theory, the enthusiastic propagandist finds no argument too absurd to suit his purpose. One of the many points on which we disagree with those weeping prophets who would lead us out of the bondage of Federation into the wilderness of secession is the question of defence. There may be a promised land beyond that wilderness, but we doubt whether the conditions therein will be any better than those we can attain without traversing such a dismal and dangerous route. We know the secessionists are fellows just
like ourselves; we assume that, like ourselves, they think Western Australia is worth defending, and are prepared to maintain some sort of a defence force. We have yet to be convinced that fewer than half a million people, cut off politically from the rest of Australia, can afford to maintain even the nucleus of a force adequate to the defence of one third of the continent. Of course, we are only experienced soldiers, and the dust of conflict has blinded our eyes to that higher vision beheld by amateur strategists like Mr. A. Lovekin, M.L.C.

At the secession meeting in the Town Hall last month, Mr. Lovekin, quite airily —hot-airily, in fact—disposed of the defence difficulties in a few sentences. Mr. Lovekin told his audience, in effect, that recent defence retrenchments prove that the East cannot afford to defend the West, and that if a hostile force threatened Perth or Geraldton, ten days would elapse before a cruiser could come to our rescue. Mr. Lovekin is an astute business man, we know, but as even an amateur strategist, he is simply ridiculous.

We contend that the Federal Government can afford to spend more in defence. Our quarrel with the Minister for Less Defence is on account of his setting formula above fact, and tinkering with the Forces while other matters such as Canberra, Federal members' salaries, and ministerial trips abroad are offering a more urgent invitation to the pruning knife. Mr. Lovekin ignores the fact that the defence of any overseas dominion is based on the assumption of Britain's retention of the command of the sea. Were that lost, even temporarily, one cruiser, or even a dozen cruisers, would be of little use in defending a territory. The role of the warship is to fight other-warships at sea, not to throw away mobility by undertaking the defence of fixed localities. In the event of an invasion, we should have to depend on the support of troops conveyed from the East on the Federal railway.

Stripped of its verbiage and hazy generalities, Mr. Lovekin's speech conveys the idea that we can leave the defence of the State to the British Navy. British naval experts have been combatting that idea for over thirty years, and the British taxpayer is already jibbing at the burden of defending colonies that are unwilling to do something, in this respect, for themselves.

Mr. Lovekin and his supporters overlook the difference between the rates of pay in the R.N. and the R.A.N. This difference would be felt more acutely by Royal Naval Ratings serving on an Australian station where the cost of living is higher than it is in Great Britain. Are the secessionists prepared to make up the differences in the rates of pay, or are they advocates of cheap defence, which is but another form of cheap labour?

Let George Do It!

When Oscar Wilde wrote "The Importance of Being Earnest," he apparently omitted to consider the magic attaching to the name George. This omission has recently been repaired by our local Parliamentarians. In the one weekend we learn that the Leader of the Opposition has exercised his right to employ a secretary by appointing to this office, Mr. George Lambert, who was upset at the last general election. The salary, we are informed, is £300 a year. In the same day's paper we read that Mr. George ("Mulga") Taylor, another veteran, who lost the Leederville seat to Mr. A. Panton, has been made a member of the Licensing Court and Licenses Reduction Board. We have nothing against either Mr. Taylor or Mr. Lambert, and it is no doubt seriously on the part of Members of Parliament to find jobs for their unemployed ex-colleagues. But, one would have thought that in a house containing 14 ex-soldiers, someone might have asked the question, "was there no returned soldier capable of filling either appointment?" Apparently the status of ex-M.L.A. is considered worthier than that of ex-service man.

BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSOCIATION

The Annual Mon's Sunday Memorial Service and Parade of Imperial Ex-Service men this year was a well conducted and organised affair, and reflects the greatest possible credit on the B.U.S.A. organisers.

The B.U.S.A. smoked social on August 18th, proved a most happy and enjoyable event. There is nothing strange about this. The Imperials know how to find happiness somehow. Colonel Collett was at the head of the guests, and, as usual, filled the bill to the satisfaction of everyone.

Dance socials at R.S.L. Headquarters are arranged for Friday, September 5th, and Wednesday, October 1st; this latter date was chosen to enable members from the country, who are delegates to the Annual R.S.L. Congress, to meet their town friends and Executive. There is to be something extra special staged on this occasion. Tickets from Hon. Secretary, 229 Charles Street, North Perth, are 2/-, but as usual, ladies with male escort are admitted free.

"My husband is so good to his employees," said Mrs. Youngwedd, proudly. "He came home late last night, all tired out, poor boy, and I heard him murmur in his sleep, 'Jim, I'll raise you ten.' And business is so dull, too."

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It is reported that the N.S.W. and Queensland branches have asked the Federal President to reconsider his decision, and be nominated once more for the presidency. Evidently a matter of All Dyett on the Eastern Front.

Digger's Kid (after reading 'the latest war book'): "Dad, were the soldiers very immoral?"
Digger: "Too right, my son. Why, I've known soldiers who were just as immoral as any civilian."

The digger who addressed "The Soul of Anzac" as "Mr. Birdwood," was guilty of an anarchism rather than of a faux pas. In the eighteenth-century, as readers of Fielding and Smollett will remember, military officers, even of field rank, were habitually addressed as "Mr. So and So" by their friends and intimates. The practice of giving officers their rank in private life did not become general until after the first decade of the nineteenth century. Major-General Lachlan Macquarie, Australia's first military governor, is always referred to in proclamations and other official documents as Lachlan Macquarie, Esq., Major-General. The same description may still be seen on the foundation stones of several government buildings in Sydney. His wife and helpmate, whose diary and letters contain much valuable historical matter, always spoke and wrote of her husband as "Mr. Macquarie."

"Then the British collected a motley army, composed chiefly of colonial troops, and landed it on the Gallipoli Peninsula, close to the Dardanelles."

This is not an extract from the pages of "Ex-Private X," or from a Yankee film scenario. It has been culled from "Modern History," by Professor Carlton Hayes and Parker Thomas Moon, both of the U.S.A., a book which has been authorised as a text-book for Australian children by the Victorian Educational Department.

Tell it not in Gath, but this happened in one of our country towns during this year's Empire Shopping Week. To augment the funds of the movement, the local committee held a children's fancy dress ball. The small daughter of a well-known member of the R.S.L. went as "Buy Empire Goods," and won the first prize. It was a handsome German cloak.

While "Saint" Gandhi and his rabble are yelping for complete independence, the natives of Wei-Hai-Wei, the naval station which the British are about to return to China, are protesting against the proposed transfer. Wei-Hai-Wei was besieged and captured by the Japanese during their war with China in 1894-5. At the conclusion of that war, European Powers demanded and received "spheres of influence" in China, and Wei-Hai-Wei and the surrounding district was allotted to Great Britain. Now, as a recognition of China's nationalist aspirations, the place, which had been used as a naval station, is to be handed back to its original owners. But the people most affected prefer to remain under the British flag, and have petitioned the British Minister to that effect. The residents of over 300 villages have signed the petition.

The Sydney Bulletin (23/7/30) pokes some mild fun at the leaders of the W.A. Secession Movement. "The general commanding," says the Bulletin, "is an Englishman, who sold his Perth newspaper to an Adelaide concern; his chief of staff is a Scot, who, as a director of Westralia's one locally-controlled bank, was a party to its absorption by the Bank of New South Wales. Two of their most bellicose officers are a Jew and a Syrian."
The Bulletin writer might have derived still greater amusement from the situation had he realised that these non-Western Australians had adopted the Union Flag as the banner of the forces of disruption.

Digger's Kid: "Dad, isn't the Union Jack the soldiers' flag?"
Digger: "Not now, my son. The Domicineering League has pinched it."

The Admiralty has announced that the cruiser "Shropshire" will leave the Mediterranean Station in October for Australia, in exchange for the "Canberra," which will join the Mediterranean fleet in December. This exchange will enable the "Canberra's" officers and men to get a full year's training in up-to-date cruiser tactics.

Two important resolutions were carried at the New South Wales State Congress of the R.S.L. It was decided, as far as New South Wales is concerned, to rename Armistice Day, Remembrance Day. Another motion was passed deprecating the continued reduction of the defence vote and the retrenchment in the Defence Department, and urging the Federal Government to re-establish an adequate defence force.

Dr. Roberta Jull, who has just returned from Geneva, where she acted as a substitute delegate for Australia, told an interviewer that women of all nations regard war as intolerable, and that they are keen to organise so as to show a united front to support movements for permanent peace. Well, there is a fine field for peace propaganda among the Afridis and the Chinese, who have apparently turned deaf ears to the pious resolutions of these good ladies. Preaching peace to nations who have already decided to discard war as an instrument of national policy, strikes us as being stupidly futile. It
reminds us of the horse that swam across a river to get a drink.

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The Western Australian Military Tender Board recently called for a quotation for this year's supply of jam to the troops. The R.S.D. and Perth Vinegar Brewery, a returned soldier firm, submitted a tender, and, although it was for 9d. per dozen less than the successful tenderer, they were turned down because they could not fulfil the strict terms of the contract, inasmuch as the firm was unable to supply blackberry and strawberry jam, the average for these varieties being one tin per case of forty-five. Twelve different assortments were offered, manufactured from Western Australian fruits, and tinned within the State, and, to say the least of it, it is astounding, especially at a time like this, to find that the troops are to be supplied with jam from the Eastern States. Irrespective of the preference which this returned soldier firm should have had, the members of the tender board would find it extremely difficult to justify their action in ignoring local manufacturers. It is ridiculous to assume, as the military authorities are doing, that blackberry and strawberry jam is necessary for the comfort and well-being of our voluntary soldiery. We can't remember it being on the menu in Gallipoli or France.

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The Nedlands Park Sub-Branch arranged for an interesting series of lectures during the past financial year. The following gentlemen kindly gave their services:

- Mr. L. Brigatti: Lecture and Demonstration on Gardening.
- Dr. J. A. Love: America.
- Mr. R. Rowe: Canberra (illustrated).
- Colonel Read: Uruguay.
- Mr. E. Oldham: Ceylon.

Thank goodness the Americans can't say they won the Fifth Test Match.

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At a recent Club "Smoko," at which His Excellency, Commander Griffiths-Bowen, Colonel Collett (representing the District Commandant), the Lord Mayor, and other prominent people were present, the visitors' toast was entrusted to an officer of the 11th Battalion. The speaker apparently wished to pay Colonel Collett a special compliment, and mentioned him last—not with the idea of putting him in his proper place, but so that, like the Latin verb at the end of a sentence, he might gain due recognition amidst such distinguished company. Mr. "11th" had evidently been mixing them—his thoughts, we mean—for, turning to Commander Griffiths-Bowen, he said, "Thank God we have an Army"—and again, turning to Colonel Collett, in an impressed voice, he added, "To you, sir, I say, thank God we have a navy!"

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We have received an interesting communication from Mr. J. E. Taylor, of Brisbane, who will be remembered as being the organiser of the big State-wide re-union held at Bunbury a couple of years ago. He compliments us on our journal, the articles of which, he states, "are crammed full of interest, and I admire the way in which you fearlessly launch your attacks against those who would make the burden of the returned soldier heavier than it already is on account of these times of depression."

Mr. Taylor is an enthusiastic member of the south-eastern Queensland district executive of the R.S.L., which organisation, he states, has, acting in conjunction with three other organisations, actually supplied 9,941 free meals to unemployed diggers during the last few weeks; issued 1,351 pairs of socks, which are being knitted by the women of Brisbane as a result of an appeal, stating that if they would knit the socks the organisation would provide the necessary wool, and his executive is also paying the wages of a bootmaker who mends the boots of unemployed diggers as they make application for such assistance. Mr. Taylor extends to all readers of our journal, who he was privileged to meet in this State, his best wishes and fraternal greetings.

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Mr. Fred. Knapp, J.P., of Boyup Brook, who is evidently interested in wireless, writes suggesting that our thought for the month, which appeared at the foot of page 18 of the July Listening Post, should read:

"There is more joy in a suburban street over the one pirate who is found out, than there is over the ninety and nine unlicensed ones who remain undeveloped."

We prefer our own version as being more general. The theme, however, is capable of infinite variation in accordance with readers' hobbies, and we offer a prize of one month's subscription to the Listening Post for the best version sent in before next pay day.

How He Won the Test

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Personal

The brown leaves continue to fall. Colonel Ray Stanley, D.S.O., has answered the final roll call in Brisbane, at the age of 48, after a long illness. Colonel Stanley had a long and varied military career. As a boy, he joined the old Submarine Miners' section of the Engineers. He left Australia in 1914 as captain and second in command of the 1st Divisional Signallers. Wounded on Gallipoli, he nevertheless stuck it out until the Evacuation. In France he gained well merited promotion and the D.S.O. In spite of a severe attack of pneumonia, which laid the foundations of his fatal illness, he soldiered on until the Armistice. In civil life he was Assistant Government Analyst for the State of Queensland.

Cables report the death, in Dublin, of Major Bryan Cooper, a regular officer, who deserted the sword for the pen, and visited Australia with the Irish Free State section of the recent Empire Press Delegation. A member of an old Tory family, he passed through Eton and Woolwich into the R.F.A., with whom he served through the Great War. He entered the Dail as an Independent member, and was a strong supporter of the Cosgrove party. He was the only Protestant member of the landlord class in the Dail.

Retired from the R.A.N. on reaching the age limit, Ordnance Lieutenant-Commander George Prideaux. This officer was one of the contingent of 200 Victorian naval men who served in China during the Boxer Rebellion. He served with the fleet throughout the Great War. Commander Prideaux is going to spend the autumn of his life farming in the Narrogin district.

Riflemen throughout Australia will regret the death of that grand old soldier, "Mick" Savage, formerly superintendent of the Toowong and Enoggera Rifle Ranges, who died in Queensland during the month at the age of 80. He was one of that band of heroes who marched with "Bobs" to Kandahar, and saw much service on that training ground for soldiers, the troubled N.W. Frontier of India. He joined the Australian service in Queensland in 1887, retiring at the termination of the Great War.

Lieutenant "Jimmy" Evrington retired from the forces last month, after a long and distinguished military career. He joined the N.S.W. Mounted Rifles in 1891, and was a member of the N.S.W. Contingent, which was sent to Melbourne on the occasion of the opening of the first Federal Parliament by His Majesty the King. He joined the Instructional Staff in 1903, and went away in 1914 as R.S.M. of the 10th Light Horse. He was wounded on Gallipoli, and on his return from the front was granted a temporary commission, and employed as Staff Officer for-training. After the war he held the appointment of Brigade Sergeant Major until two years ago, when he was gazetted Honorary Lieutenant and Quartermaster, and appointed Adjutant and Quartermaster of the 11/16th Battalion. In addition to the three war medals, he had been awarded the Long Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

The Listening Post joins with the many friends of the late Chris. W. Davidson, in condoling with Mrs. Davidson, her daughter (Mrs. W. Sayers), and son (Mr. Eric Davidson) in their sad bereavement. Chris, who served in the South African war, and with the 16th Battalion in the Great War, died from injuries received in an accident on the Fremantle wharf, and was interred in the Fremantle Cemetery on August 2nd. The deceased was a native of Rosedale, in Gippsland, Victoria. A true friend and a man of sterling character, he won the esteem and liking of all who knew him. His untimely end will be mourned not only by his old battalion mates, but also by the host of other friends he made in private life.

"Pip Tok" writes:—Professor Giblin, who holds the Chair of Economics at Melbourne, and whose "Letters to John Smith" have been causing a certain amount of perturbation in Labour circles, is a man, who, in his time, has played many parts. He approaches more nearly to the Roman ideal of a sound mind in a sound body than any man I know. Physically, he is a shade under six feet in height, and of magnificent proportions. A Cambridge Wrangler, he followed the "Trail of '98" through the Yukon. Returning to his native Tasmania, he had a spell of school-teaching, and was a Labour member in the Tasmanian Assembly. To be a Labour member in conservative Hobart in those days meant financial as well as social, sacrifice, and Giblin has done more for the cause of Labour than most of the pack who are now yelping at his heels. Notwithstanding his many activities, he took a keen interest in military affairs. The outbreak of the war found him a Lieutenant in the Citizen Forces. A broken arm prevented him from going away with the original 12th Battalion, but after doing valuable intelligence work in Australia, he sailed in 1916 in command of a company of the 40th, the only complete battalion to sail from Tasmania. One piece of intelligence work he carried out was eminently characteristic of the man. Rumours had reached District Headquarters in Hobart that an unauthorised wireless station was operating on a lonely beach to the south west of the island. It is a part of the coast cordially disliked by navigators, and approach from the ocean would have given anyone engaged in un-
lawful commerce with the enemy sufficient warning to enable the concealment of the wireless plant. Moreover, the Emden was still on the rampage. Giblin solved the problem. With his forearm still stiff from the splinters, he packed his swag, and footed it alone, across the island to Port Davey, over some of the wildest country in Australia. What is more, he is probably the only white man in history who has done so. The rumours concerning the wireless had been forged in the furphy foundry, but negative information is also useful, and nothing can detract from the value of this fact, which entailed the skill of the bushman, and the endurance of the athlete. In France he attained the rank of Major, and won a stout D.S.O. He has still another claim to distinction. He is the only A.I.F. officer I ever saw wearing a full beard.

On Tuesday evening, August 12th, the Committee and members of the 32nd Battalion Association entertained Major Arthur White at dinner at the Criterion Hotel. Major White is the original O.C. of D. Company, and is now a resident of the Malay States. He is in Perth on holidays, and the opportunity was taken to renew old memories. After dinner an adjournment was made to the Royal Perth Yacht Club, where a very pleasant evening was spent. The President of the Association (Mr. L. St. John Kennedy) proposed the guest’s health, and was supported by several others in both eloquent and humorous speeches. The Major stated that he would be in Perth for two or three months, and he hoped to see as much as possible of his old comrades.

The Mons Service was doubly impressive this year, for towards the end of the week there arrived the news of the death of General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.S.O., as the result of severe injuries received in a motor accident. The late General was born in 1858, and was gazetted to the Notts and Derby Regiment at the age of 18. He received his baptism of fire in the Zulu War, and was mentioned in despatches. He commanded the mounted infantry throughout the Egyptian War of 1882, took part in the Nile Expedition of 1884, and in the Sudan Campaigns of 1885 and 1886. It was in the last campaign that he gained his D.S.O. Then followed service in India. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in 1889. He served through the Omdurman Campaign, and commanded a brigade in South Africa, where he was made a Major-General.

Shortly after the war he was in command at Aldershot. One of the first among senior officers to realise the military value of physical training, he kept his men hard and fit, a weekly cross-country run being compulsory for all units. When the British troops went to France, General Smith-Dorrien was placed in command of the 2nd Army Corps. During the retreat from Mons his Corps made a splendid stand at Le Cateau, a brilliant action which effectively delayed the German advance. Unfortunately, this action was the cause of a certain amount of controversy between Smith-Dorrien and Lord French. After this he commanded in German East Africa. He was Governor of Gibraltar from 1918 to 1922, and was made a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour. It is a tragic coincidence that his fate was similar to that of his old comrade in arms, General Sir H. Colville, a former South African War Brigadier, and Governor of Gibraltar, who was killed in a motor accident some years before the Great War.

Died during the month in Perth, Ben Strange, the well-known artist and cartoonist. Ben Strange served in the South African War with an Imperial unit.

LISTENING POST extends sincere sympathy to Mr. P. Gillam, the Secretary of the Mount Barker Sub-Branch, whose father died recently, after a lingering illness. Mrs. B. Gillam has also been experiencing indifferent health for some time. We wish her a speedy recovery.

"Sapper," the writer of war stories and creator of "Bulldog Drummond," is Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. McNeile, R.E. He joined the Royal Engineers in 1907 and was a captain in 1914. Like Barnes-father, he commenced to court the Muse under fire, contributing stories and sketches of trench life to the English magazines. He retired from the Army in 1919. Apparently he realised that the pen is mightier than the sword when it becomes a matter of building up a bank balance.

Mr. "Bob" Alexander is a conspicuous figure at the monthly meeting of the Victoria Park Sub-Branch. His practical suggestions, in regard to matters affecting the diggers, are always appreciated. Bob

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"Sapper’s" War Stories

While in an English hospital, recovering from the ministrations of our rough little playmate, Fritz, the writer had the privilege of meeting "Sapper," a modest, rather retiring personality, who was everything we used to mean by the term "officer and gentleman" in the days when that term still had some significance. Consequently, the reviewing of his war stories, now republished in one hefty volume by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton, is something in the nature of a labour of love.

The publication comes at an opportune time, for the reading world is surfeited with the outpourings of those ego-centrics and neurotics, who, when not correcting the errors of the General Staff, are endeavouring to recapture the atmosphere of blue funk in which they lived after conscription, or the fear thereof, forced them into the the firing line. There is an absence of morbid introspection from his work that is distinctly refreshing, while he never mistakes nastiness for realism. Yet he can be grimly realistic, even macabre at times, for there is a distinct flavour of Ambrose Bierce about some of the stories. The war has not disturbed his mental balance, he has lost none of his illusions. On the contrary, they have been crystallised into ideals, the ideals of duty, loyalty, self-discipline, and self-sacrifice, which form the keynote of Kipling’s best work. Like all good soldiers, he has been a reader of Kipling, and his reading has been of profit to him, both as a man, and as an author.

"Sapper" has mastered the craft of the short story. If he has a fault, it is that of discursiveness, a fault which is more apparent in his earlier stories. He intercalates lengthy technical details of the methods of trench warfare that are more suited to an army text-book than to stories. Yet even this is not altogether a fault. He is interesting even when digressing, and it must be remembered that these earlier tales were written and published before the armed nation had become a nation in arms, and technical explanations were necessary to enable civilians to grasp the purport of the story. From this point of view alone, the earlier stories are particularly valuable. They deal with phases of the war which were forgotten long before the war itself had been concluded, and as such they constitute the raw material of history.

Many of them, too, were written when the German star was in the ascendant, and when "frightfulness" was an integral part of the German policy. They recall phases of the greatest struggle, acts of "frightfulness," which the writers of German war books and German apologists in our country would try to gloss over and have us forget.

He brings into strong relief all that was best in the old army, the true democracy of the regiment, the ideals which made it function, which impelled men to set the cause above renown, to count the game beyond the prize, which forms such a striking contrast to the selfish individualism and petty mudd-
ling of civil life. He shows how bad characters were reformed, and normal characters were made even better by army discipline and training. How, in short, as that other good soldier, Edgar Wallace, puts it, the army transformed louts into gentlemen. Yet he is no mere propagandist. He has neither axe to grind nor ancient grudge to feed fat. He casts no mud at great reputations, and he is never patronising. He was "out" long before the young intellectuals condescended to come over and put General Headquarters right. What a godsend it must have been to a sorely harassed General Headquarters when towering intellects of the Robert Graves type gave them the opportunity of discovering how a war really should have been conducted!

"Sapper" characters are not pathological cases. They are all very human, and in his pages the men of the new armies react to the spirit of the old. He has no apologies to make for his chosen profession. He is intensely proud of it, and, withal, his pride is innocent of all suspicion of militarism as the Prussian understood the word. A virile and forceful writer, thoughtful without being pedantic, idealistic without being blinded to the more horrible features of war, his pathos is free from sloppy sentimentality, and he has mastered the craft of the short story. What a pity it is that his public has condemned him to the writing of sensational fiction!

"On Helle's Wave"

Mr. Hugh Imber's first novel, "The Spine," was such a success that we have awaited with some eagerness the appearance of its successor. In his new book, "On Helle's Wave" (Hodder & Stoughton, price 6/-), he has fulfilled all our expectations. The scene of his story is Chanak in 1922, when Great Britain and Turkey were within a hair's-breadth of war. It is an interesting tale of intrigue and espionage. Frank Rawson, the central character of "The Spine," is sent from Egypt to Chanak, to do intelligence work. He unravels the mystery surrounding the disappearance of a British officer, and a murder which has been committed with extraordinary audacity, and apparently very little motive, and he unmasks the villainy of a local Turkish official. Such is the story. Not a strikingly original one, but the characterisation is splendid. The army people— all true to type. There is even the comic salvage officer. Just as cavalry gives a war a bit of tone, and prevents it from degenerating into a vulgar brawl, so the enthusiastic salvage officer provides the comic relief and smooths away a wrinkle or two from the grim visage of war. The book contains a good map, and there are back references to the topography of Gallipoli, which will be of interest to all Australians.

"Excerpts from Barney's History of the War"

(By Peter Hopegood)

When we reached his homestead, we found Barney standing, rifle in hand, ruefully inspecting Lizzie. The lady's off-fore-wheel boasted two tyres but no tube, while her near hind had sprouted such a healthy bulge that the whole effect was something like the ace of clubs.

"Going to put her out of her misery?" was our greeting.

Barney scratched his head. "Best car in the back country," he grinned. "I was just going to take a chance on it and run her down to the Seven-Mile to shoot a crow.

"Well, there's plenty of crows round here, without risking a walk.

"Damn sight too many, I know. But the fellow I want to get has a habit of dropping sticks down the Seven-Mile pipe and clogging it. He's got a mistaken idea I put up that mill for him to nest on.

"How about us running you down? Hop on and have a ride in a real truck.

"Better have a cup of tea first. The billy's boiling.

Ron. and I raised no objections to this sound idea. Barney dearly loves a wongi and his yarns are always worth hearing, even when twice told. Mrs. Barney's cakes and hospitality are renowned throughout the Ashburton. So the "eyes," or rather the "teas," had it. It wasn't long before we got on to the war. "Those New Zealanders had a reputation for being quiet," said Barney, "but I don't know how they got it. When the Wazzar was burned, they started the offensive. Of course, we weren't long in rolling up to give them a hand, but it was their idea, and a damned good idea, too. Another time two of their colonels, who had been having a thick evening, caused a bit of a stink. They pulled De Lyle's leg properly. De Lyle was all for temperance. Not exactly a wouser, but he liked his staff to stay sober, at any rate; so Monash and McGill were two of his white-headed boys. These two MaoriLanders thought they'd annoy D.H.Q. a bit to round off their hectic evening. So they rolled up to the tent, where De Lyle was working late, and started to fall about among the guy ropes, keeping up a bit of back-chat between themselves. One would say, 'Hell, Monash, can't you see where you're going? You're as drunk as an owl!' Then the other would hand him back, 'Well, you needn't talk, McGill; you're worse than I am.'

"In the morning Monash and McGill noticed a distinct coolness at D.H.Q., which became so noticeable at last that Monash demanded an explanation, and got it. Both of them, however, were able to prove that they had been up to their eyes in work at the time of the alleged offence; but they never found out the names of the culprits.

"But, of course, we did have some lively lads with our crowd, and Scotty Allen was about the liveliest. Every time I met him, he'd either been promoted on the field, or reduced to the ranks. His stripes never stayed either on or off long enough for a man to get a good look at them. Sort of—

'Twinkle, twinkle, little stripes. Now they're gone again, by Cripes.'

'Scotty got another sort of stripe in the seat of his pants on the Peninsula. I'd just had the skin knocked off my finger by a bullet and was tying my handkerchief round it, when I saw a horrible—

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looking object limping down the hill, using its rifle as a crutch. It was Scotty, with a bayonet wound in his back area. He got the Turk in the neck before he could get the blade out, but Jacko had carved him up all right, first. "Does it hurt?" I asked him.

"Too right it does, but me neck hurts worse," said Scotty. Then I saw he'd got a big G.S.W. gouge in the back of his neck.

"That wouldn't be so bad, either," he went on, "but me head's aching something cruel." He pulled off his hat and showed me a lump as big as an emu's egg.

"Another d——d bullet," said Scotty. "By gosh!" I said, "it's a great thing to have a head thick enough to turn a bullet. I suppose you'll be getting home with that issue."

"Home nothing!" he growled, "I'll just go down and get them dressed, but I'll not go home with a bayonet wound I can't show to anyone." And he didn't, either. He was back in the line in a day or two, looking for more trouble.

"He was the bloke that pinched three gypso trains in about as many minutes."

When we were waiting to be sent to Cairo, after the Armistice, they kept us hanging about all day. Scotty got fed up with this. At last, he hopped in the cab of an engine, chucked out the gypo firman and driver, and started her up; but they got wise to his game, and side-tracked her. Scotty hops off and on to another train. Same programme and same result. Then he hops into our train and starts her off. We chased him all down the length of the train, three of his own officers in the lead. They caught him in the guard van, and sat on him till they eventually brought him to reason, but not before he'd bitten the seat out of his company commander's pants. He was a great performer, was Scotty, when he got properly going."

**A Correction**

Under the heading, "The Federal Presidency," we printed in our July number personal particulars regarding three gentlemen mentioned in connection with the forthcoming election of Federal President of the League. We regret that our statement regarding Mr. Turnbull's military services was incorrect, we having mixed up his record with that of an officer of the same name and initials, who served with the 33rd Battalion. Mr. E. Turnbull, the ex-president of the Victorian Branch of the League, actually served abroad as a driver in the 2nd A.M.C.

"Here's a book, madam," said the book agent, "which tells you how to keep your husband. It's a wonderful little book."

"I've been keeping my husband for the last fifteen years," replied the woman. "What I want is a book that would tell me how to make him go to work and keep me, for a change."
SHOW A LEG!

As we lay beneath our blankets, Tucked away from rain and snow, And a little gleam of daylight In the East commenced to show; Our slumbers would be broken By a sergeant named McKegg. "Show a leg" would be the burden Of his early morning song, And before we'd finished straining, In a language somewhat strong, He'd be off to other billets With his cry of "Show a leg!"

When we played till late at poker, And the School had cleaned us out; And we crawled beneath our blankets Just our three—or thereabouts— It would seem like only minutes When we'd hear this pest, McKegg; "Show a leg, you sleeping beauties! Show a leg, it's time to rise!" Then you'd hear some "beauty" murmur, "Plonk him one between the eyes!" And he'd pass to other billets Wit his cry of "Show a leg!"

When the morning air was nippy, And the snow seemed kilo's deep, And our heavy eyes were aching For at least a week of sleep; We'd hear the early morning dirge That came from Bill McKegg; "Show a leg, you sleeping beauties Come and see the bosker show!" Then you'd hear a sleepy chorus Telling Bill where he could go, As he passed to other billets With his song of "Show a leg!"

When the Batt. got marching orders, And we had to start at six, There was need for early rising, With our packs and things to fix; It was just on six-thirty, In the words of Bill McKegg; "Show a leg," 'you'd hear him shouting. "It is time for rising now!" Then you'd hear a drowsy chorus Call the circumstance "a cow!" While the roofer was almost lifting To the tune of "Show a leg!"

When we lay within our pizen For a well earned, brief respite, And the shells made eerie music With their whining through the nigh, They could never drown the orders Promulgated by McKegg. "Time it up," you'd hear him saying, "Time to take your turn on post!" And a sleepy voice would answer From the dug-out, "Hogan's Ghost! Why I've only just come off it! Can't be time to go on post!"

—T. A. Cusack.

"He has a reputation for being a bore; how could you talk to him for over an hour?"

"A bore, indeed he is! We talked about my business and me."

Hero: "And where are the papers?"

"At the blacksmith's."

"You are having them forged."

"Nay, nay. I am having them filed."

“A Night in Cairo”

(By M.H.M.)

Mysterious whisperings, knowing looks, sly nudges, and hearty laughs—and the cause? Cairo—war-time Cairo—by a wave of the magic wand, was to be transplanted from Ancient Egypt to Young Australia, and the particular spot in Australia, South Perth, in the Western State. The idea germinated in the mind of a member of the South Perth Sub-branch, R.S.L., and with the rapidity of a forest fire, spread through the ranks of the branch members, to be taken up with the utmost enthusiasm and an early date fixed for the consummation of the event.

Briefly, the scheme was to re-enact, for a short space of time, the every-day happenings in the cosmopolitan City of Cairo, during the period of the Great War. The venue of the event was the District Road Board Hall, and an enthusiastic committee set to work so to camouflage the hall that all who attended might catch the atmosphere of Cairo and imagine themselves once more in the city of mixed races.

Invitations were issued and the suggestion given that the many varied characters familiar to Cairo should be imitated by those present. The audience thus became, as it were, the principal actors, and the "play" made its own plot as the evening progressed. This brings us back to the opening sentence of this article. Deep-laid plots were arranged, articles of apparel were begged or borrowed and the question, "What are you going as?" was heard on all sides. Members of the branch who were unfamiliar with the sights and sounds of Cairo were quickly instructed by those with experience, and, as the novelty of the idea dawned on all concerned, so the eager anticipation for the night grew. Those in doubt as to the costume to wear were assured that almost any known mode of dress would be in keeping with the occasion. Numerous characters were outlined to the willing, but inexperienced, digger who was anxious to attend—sheiks, huts; harem girls, garcons, snake charmers, Soudanese, Australian diggers, Royal Navy men, Jews, and so on. Every nationality under the sun could be met with in this interesting, if not very salubrious, City of Cairo.

The evening having arrived and the stage set for the event, the ex-soldiers' circle in South Perth went forth in full "battie" array, and in goodly numbers, to the rendezvous. Not only in South Perth, but in many parts of the metropolis, diggers hailed out, eager for the fun that was confidently expected. Many staid and respectable citizens of South Perth must have received some rude shocks between the hours of 7.30 and 8.

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o'clock on the night in question, when they would suddenly encounter a dark face, with a flowing white gown and round red fez, striding serenely and confidently along.

Upon the arrival at the meeting place and once inside the hall, one immediately felt the atmosphere of Cairo. Small, round "gypsy" tables were placed in the hall, and seated at these tables, eating and drinking, were all the familiar characters met with in the real City of Cairo. In order to make the surroundings as realistic as possible, a large canvas painting of an animated street scene in Cairo, faced every person on entering, and the execution of this piece of work reflected great credit upon the persons concerned. In the streets could be seen cafes and soldiers of many nationalities and inhabitants of Cairo, and a touch of reality was imparted to the proceedings by means of this painting.

Wandering amongst the audience, plenty of amusement was to be found. In one corner, seated cross-legged on the floor, was a snake charmer, tin whistle, basket, and snake, complete. Darkened face, beard, and many-coloured costume made a complete disguise; and very few were able to guess the identity of the "snake charmer." The music emanating from the whistle apparently had the effect of charming the snake, as no one reported any case of snake-bite during the evening. The performances of the charmer kept the audience highly amused throughout the evening, and the characterisation was cleverly sustained. At the outset of the proceedings a most notable event occurred, to wit, the arrival of the Sultan and his favourite wife. With attendants attired in native costumes, and waving large fans in the front and back of their most noble majesties, the arrival was the signal for a wonderful display of enthusiasm on the part of the loyal subjects. It was rather unfortunate that one of the attendants facing their majesties, and perforce having to walk rearwards, should manage to get one of his feet entangled with a chair, and the resulting efforts to free himself of the encumbrance rather detracted from the dignity of the entrance of two such notable identities. However, their majesties mixed with their subjects during the evening, and were very popular, just a little discord in the family circle creeping in when the Sultan held conversation with another charming lady of the city, the favourite wife, as a consequence, appearing rather jealous. Several sheiks gaily attired and equipped with daggers, fierce-looking swords, and tom toms, were encountered and contributed considerably to the reality of the surroundings. Harem ladies, Bints, a Sudanian with jet-black face, scarlet jacket, and jaunty, round, red fez, made it hard to realise that the scene was anything but what it appeared to be. At various intervals a call to prayer was made per medium of a most weird and unearthly chant, which had the effect of interrupting whatever happened to be in progress at the time and causing the worshippers to face the west and bow low. Thus the evening flowed on, never lagging, yet nothing set to programme. Intermixed with it all was the very apparent spirit of comradeship which events such as these invariably bring out. It was, also, an education to those who had never been in Cairo, and, in the words of a prominent official of the R.S.L., "one of the best, if not the best, shows staged in R.S.L. circles in the West." The social committee of the branch worked hard to make the event successful and their efforts, judging by congratulatory remarks heard since, were not in vain.

A Scottish farmer, being elected a school manager, visited the village school and tested the intelligence of the class by this question: "Now, boys, can any of you tell me what naething is?"

After a moment's silence a small boy in a back seat rose and replied: "It's what ye gied me the other day for holding yer horse."

His Wife: "Stony, as usual? Did you ever succeed in making both ends meet?"

Mr. Everbrooked: "Yes. When I was a baby I used to put my toes in my mouth."

Housewife: "What do you work at, my poor man?"

Tramp: "At intervals, madam."

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RE-VALUATION BOARDS

Reporting to the last State Executive meeting, Mr. Alf. Yeates, chairman of the Land Committee, said that delegates from the No. 4 District Committee, functioning along the Great Southern Railway, had met the Land Committee on August 13th, preparatory to waiting upon the Minister for Lands to present a case for the creation of zone or district re-valuation boards. Those attending included: Messrs. Yeates (chairman), Logie, Denton, and the State secretary (executive), Messrs. Doney, M.L.A. (Narrogin), Noonan (Wagin), Roche (Kojonup), Jenkins (Mt. Barker), Noonan (Katanning), Pennington (Noomblying), Moritz (Gnowangerup), Latham (Wickepin), T. Brown (Dumbleyung).

Mr. Yeates said that members of the Land Committee had outlined to the visitors the procedure adopted by the committee since its appointment and confirmation in 1925. At that time zone boards had been suggested by the first Settlers' Conference. The Minister for Lands (Mr. Angwin), however, rejected the proposal. The Land Committee had, therefore, been engaged on the investigation of soldier settlers' affairs by personal visits to areas within 50 miles of the city. Such visits had occurred on holidays or over the week-ends, so as not to interfere with the private occupation of committee-men. It was found impossible to extend the personal visits outside of the metropolitan area owing to the time and expense involved. To meet the position of those settlers outside of the metropolitan area, the Land Committee had urged the formation of small sub-committees amongst county sub-branches, these to investigate soldier settlers' problems and report to the Executive Land Committee, who, in turn, would have relative files transferred from the District Office for a round table discussion with the bank's trustees. Since the release of the Commonwealth concession of £796,000, which was an outcome of the first Settlers' Congress, and the committee's personal interviews with the late Prime Minister (Mr. Bruce), continuous negotiations had proceeded with Mr. McLarty and his colleagues.

The number of individual settlers concerned in the committee's representations would probably run into four figures. Farming, under such headings as dairying, viticulture, horticulture, market gardening, pig and poultry propositions, had all been dealt with and generally speaking relief extended. Problems threatening to submerge the settlers engaged in these phases of farming had, to a large extent, been removed. The world-wide depression this year, due in part to the decline in the world parity of the principle staple products such as wheat and wool, had brought hundreds of other settlers into the distressing picture, hence the advent of sub-branches which hitherto had not identified themselves with soldier settlers' conferences.

The Land Committee assured the visitors that preliminary work had been taken since the formation of the new State Government to secure the establishment of small boards, which would investigate the affairs of soldier settlers locally in the hope of evolving suggestions for their well-being. The establishment of these boards, however, could not be secured in a day and at the present time the committee had every faith in the Minister for Lands (Mr. Latham) working to the desired end.

At noon on the same day the Land Committee and the delegation from the G.S.R. waited upon the Minister for Lands, to whom several of the deputationists spoke. Mr. Latham was inclined to be critical, but not unsympathetic. He appeared to have a full grasp of the position. He asked some of the representatives if capital values were reduced would settlers thereby be placed on the road to success. He asked for personal instances where men would be able to carry on if the debt were written down. When some names were supplied the Minister promised to make certain representations to Cabinet and when he was ready he would ask the members of the Land Committee to see him again.

Later on in the day, Mr. McLarty was seen and the question of the bank's insistence on crop liens was discussed. Mr. McLarty explained the circumstances which had provoked the bank trustees to take security to protect the funds. He quoted instances where men had enjoyed bounteous crops and good prices, and paid the bank nothing. The private merchants had received first and last consideration, and when the bank stepped in they found the assets distributed.

It was imperative, therefore, that the bank insist on some security. In one or
two cases quoted, where the completion of the lien would completely destroy local credit, Mr. McLarty agreed to take an order on the coming crop. The delegates expressed themselves satisfied with the result of the interview.

R.S.L. Employment Bureau

Reporting to the last State Executive meeting the employment officer (Mr. Waddington) said that he had 440 men registered, 200 of these being A.I.F. men, the balance ex-Imperial. There had only been 69 positions found for the month and for some time there had not been a pick-up at the State Labour Bureau. Pile driving at the new Commonwealth Bank job was proceeding very slowly, and it would not be possible to place any men there until the pile driving was completed. The new Commonwealth Automatic Telephone Exchange at Victoria Park had closed down, throwing about 20 ex-service men out of employment.

Country diggers would be doing a good service to the league if notification could be wired when any work was offering. Collect wires could be sent to “Mens, Perth.”

Sub-Branch Notes

MORNINGTON MILLS

The State President forwards the subjoined report of his visit to the Mornington Mills sub-branch.

“In company with Mr. C. Bader I visited the Mornington Mills sub-branch last week-end and was present at its annual smoke social and one of its regular meetings.

The sub-branch has 33 financial members and seems to be in a satisfactory position with good officers, headed by the president (Mr. W. J. Fulton). Its amelioration work is carefully carried out in complete union with the local benevolent societies, and the industrial union. The result, and the standing of the sub-branch generally, is a striking tribute to what can be done in a self-contained community, and reflects credit on all concerned.

“The smoke social was marked by an attendance of 65 and was well arranged and conducted. The enjoyment of the evening was added to by the presence and contributions, in speech and music, of Mr. W. A. Wilkins, D.C.M., the president of the Subiaco sub-branch, who accompanied us, and to whom we are very much indebted.

“A visit to the mills and the locally-supported hospital terminated the visit to a well-organised and useful sub-branch.”

OSBORNE PARK

At the fortnightly meeting held on July 30th, Mr. R. Corbett congratulated the president (Mr. Harold Nugent) on his being appointed a member of the State Executive. Mr. Corbett said that the president was deserving of the honour for he was a battler not only for the ex-soldier member of the R.S.L., but also for any unfortunate returned man. The president was nominated to represent the branch at the next annual conference. Several items for the agenda paper were considered. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to a lady friend of the branch for the donation of a piano-stool for the hall. Mr. Jas. Nisbet, the sub-branch reorganiser, was elected a beneficiary.

The fortnightly Saturday-night socials have proved such a great success that the members are finding the hall too small to accommodate the numerous friends who attend. It has been decided by the sub-branch members to extend the hall and include in the plant the building of a memorial to our fallen comrades. A building committee, consisting of Messrs. A. Glass, J. Crawford, A. Mitchell, D. Foreman, F. Stevens, S. Forsyth, C. Gardner, R. Corlett, D. Miller (secretary), and H. Nugent (president), has been elected, and, with the co-operation of several members, a working-bee has been arranged. Sand, cement, and a machine for making bricks have already arrived at the hall.

The friends of the sub-branch are rallying round the members and the donations received to date are making the members see the flag flying on the top of the building already.

BUNBURY

This year’s annual social event will take the form of a “Night on a Troopship.” At 7 p.m. on the 20th August, at the Bedford Hall, some hundreds of diggers will sit down to a banquet, prepared and arranged by only sea cooks known how. The weather forecast is: “Calm till 8 p.m.; thereafter, wild and stormy.” What is going to happen after dinner is a dark secret known only to the committee.

All diggers and guests, including the State president (Col. Corlett) will foregather in fancy dress, at 6.30 p.m. When various degrees and honours have been bestowed on those deserving of them, the parade will form themselves into a guard of honour and escort the State carriage to the Bedford Hall.

Any digger not wearing fancy dress will be up before the old man at the orderly room next morning.

When Sir Newton Moore saw the photo of the completed memorial and read the description of the dedication ceremony, he promptly made a further donation of £21 towards the cost. This generous gift, together with the first donation of £10, completely covered the cost of the statue, and its erection, thereby completing a memorial of which any town would be justly proud.

Owing to the many activities of this sub-branch, the annual general meeting has to be devoted strictly to business. A gratifying feature of the past year was the excess of assets over liabilities, as shown on the balance sheet presented by Honorary-Treasurer Robin.

Mr. C. R. Gillett was again elected unopposed to the office of president, and the following were elected to the various offices: Vice-presidents: Messrs. Downes and Levy; secretary: E. A. Murray; treasurer: C. A. Robin; committee: Johns, Gates, Pigott, Pearce.

GOSNELLS

The meeting held on Monday, July 31st, was well attended. Items for the agenda paper of the forthcoming State Congress were discussed and four were approved of and duly forwarded. The sub-branch is co-operating with other local bodies by raising funds for the building employment relief. The C.T.A. concert party gave a very successful concert, and various subscriptions have been acknowledged. The committee has already been enabled to afford relief in several urgent cases.
MOUNT BARKER

The annual meeting, on July 23rd, was the best attended meeting yet held. The main business of the evening was the election of officers. Mr. T. G. Souness was unanimously elected president, this being his 6th consecutive term of office. Dr. A. R. F. Clarke was elected vice-president. The retiring vice-president, Mr. Frank Goundrey, did not seek re-election as he, who needs all his attention these days. Mr. P. Gillam was re-elected secretary and treasurer. We understand that Gill will have to square matters with his better seven-eighths: that is the worst of active participation in R.S.I. affairs—it does break into a man's home life. The other officers elected were:—Auditors: Messrs. Bernard Hickling and Irving McKenzie; committee: Messrs. Gorman, Clothier, Leforte, and McKenzie; picture committee: Messrs. Leforte, Dorry, Hinchling, Orts, and Goundrey. The sub-branch and pictures' report was read and adopted. The sub-branch agreed to run the G.S. District Re-union early in next year. The matter of forming a women's auxiliary was considered. This should entail no great difficulty, as most of our ladies have ex-soldier relatives. The matter at hand, a snubbed paper and delegates to the forthcoming State Congress was left for the committee to arrange at a later meeting.

NARROGIN

The financial year ended on June 30, and the present enrolment of members is fair. The following officers were elected:—Mr. H. Devenish, President; J. Barron, T. Morell, Vice-Presidents; Mr. T. Biever, Treasurer; Messrs. Bancroft, Hain, Secretary (re-elected); Mr. H. Haslam, Auditor (re-elected); Committee: Messrs. Dowling, Gray, Montgomery, Gill, Job, Campbell, French, Hewitt, Bilance. The balance sheet showed that £249 had been paid off the debt of the Institute; also that the Ladies Auxiliary had paid £50 into the building fund.

SOUTH PERTH

The first meeting of the current year, under the leadership of our new President, Mr. Harry Kahan, was held on Monday, 21st July, in the Masonic Hall, and was well attended. At the commencement Past President Farquharson made a speech welcoming the new President to office. Mr. Kahan suitably replied.

Congress Agenda formed the most important business of the evening, several items of special interest to returned soldiers being passed for Congress to deal with. A capable delegation, comprising Messrs. Farquharson, Okeden, and St. J. Kennedy, were elected to represent our Sub-Branch at the Annual Congress.

Several reports were received during the evening. Social Committee Chairman, H. H. Fisher, reported on future activities, including bridge and rummy evening, and "Night in Cairo." Mr. M. Mundy reported on the progress of the Branch Concert Party, styled "The Whizz Bangs." Great enthusiasm is being maintained by members and attendance at practice each week is a testimony to the popularity of the idea. The party will be made up at the next general meeting, August 19th.

BAYSWATER

At the Annual Meeting of the Bayswater Sub-Branch, the following officers were elected:—Mr. V. W. White, President (re-elected); Messrs. J. Barnes, C. L. Lenegan, and J. Dudas, Vice-Presidents; Mr. R. B. Anderson, Secretary (re-elected); Mr. W. Bengough, Assistant Secretary; Messrs. J. Windus, L. Brown, and G. Edwards, Amelioration Committee; Mr. C. L. Lenegan, Treasurer. Committee: Messrs. Noble, Ashby, Mills, McCabey, Connellan, Nichol, Thompson, and Swarpe; Auditors, Messrs. J. Noble and J. Bull. The recently formed rifle team is "going great guns," having had several shots in competition, they remain unbeaten, and seem almost certain to win the shield.

MT. LAWLEY

After the business was completed at the last monthly meeting of the Mt. Lawley R.S.I., Dr. P. H. Wardell-Johnson lectured on "Hygiene." A very interesting time was spent, and the number of questions asked of the lecturer at the conclusion was testimony of the interest of members.

At a meeting on Wednesday, August 6th, a Ladies' Committee was formed in connection with the sub-branch. Mrs. J. B. Alexander occupied the chair, and accepted the position of Treasurer; while Mrs. J. Denton was appointed Secretary. Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, at 8 p.m.

The activities of the Ladies' Committee commenced with a most successful bridge evening in the Masonic Hall, Alma Road, on Thursday evening, August 14th. Over 20 tables were occupied, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed. Four prizes were given, two hidden numbers and two for lowest score, one for ladies and one for gentlemen. The prize winners were: Ladies' hidden number, Mrs. Reynolds; gentlemen's, Mr. R. A. Hall; lowest score, gentlemen, Mr. Ulicon. A beautiful box of chocolates was donated by Mrs. Alexander, to be raffled, and was won by Miss Loutic. A dainty supper brought a happy evening to a close.

A dance is to be held in the same hall on Friday, August 22nd, details of which will appear next issue.

—PRESS

The monthly luncheon of the Press Sub-Branch was held at the Institute, on Wednesday, August 20th. In the absence of the President, Mr. C. P. Smith, the chair was filled by Mr. A. Hood. The Secretary, Mr. J. Bartleet, was unanimously elected deputy to represent the sub-branch at this year's State Congress. After the formal business was concluded, Mr. E. S. Watt, who represented the W.A. Branch at the Federal Executive-Conferece last month, addressed the meeting. Mr. Watt gave a brief resume of the League's history, the difficulties it has had to overcome, its objective, and explained the position of the W.A. Branch in connection with the Federal Presidency. On the motion of Colonel R. F. Fitzgerald, and Mr. Glauert, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker.

NUNGARIN

The Venerable Archdeacon C. L. Riley, senior Vice-President of the R.S.I., was entertained by the Nungarin Sub-Branch at a social, held in the Nungarin Hall on Saturday, July 12th. An excellent supper was provided by the lary relatives of the members. Musical items and recitations were given by Messmates Austin, Harvey, Banton, Cornish, and Johnson; Messes. Harvey and Tomlin. After the toasts of the King and Fallen Comrades, the toast honoured was "The Tommy" (proposed by Mr. Herbert, response from Major Llewellyn, "The Survivors," not of the war, but those who have so far escaped the marriage-net, was proposed in amusing vein by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Fimister responded on behalf of "The Shirkers." Mr. Warner, as President, proposed the toast of the evening, "Our Guest," the Venerable Archdeacon. He was supported by Mr. E. J. Reilly. Archdeacon Riley, in replying, was both amusing and interesting in his account of the duties of a padre in the field. He also dealt with the work of the Re-patriation Department. The Department, he said, was not a soul-less body, as was evidenced by the fact that six of the principal officers were also members of the Legacy Club.

MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS

The Annual Meeting had a record attendance. The officers elected for the next year are: President, Mr. Harry Walker; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. James Scott, and James Willshen; Secretary, Mr. Alex. McGregor; Treasurer, Mr. Arthur Porter; Publicity Officer, Mr. Harry Rutherford; Committee, Messrs. Baxter, Sincoc, and C. Boyes. Cooper. A successful year was reported. The

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sub-branch now has 76 members. The retiring President, Mr. James Scott (a foundation member), and the retiring Secretary, Mr. "Nipper" Patten, received the hearty thanks of the meeting for their work during the past year.

The General Committee met at Mt. Helena, on July 29th, and dealt with matters to be brought before the State Congress Committee. The smoke social, annual sports day, billy runs, and other similar matters were referred to the incoming Social Committee.

VICTORIA PARK

Victoria Park Sub-Branch, R.S.L. held their monthly meeting at the Library Hall on the 15th inst. There were a splendid turnout, when about 70 members attended. The President, Mr. H. R. Nichols, welcomed several new members to the branch. The Secretary, Mr. Thomas, gave a glowing account of the work of the branch during the past month, which showed that the branch had taken a further step forward in its progress; the slogan "Get a Member" was our watchword. Quite a number of new cases for pension had been put in hand, while the committee had investigated several cases for assistance. Speculation is rife in regard to the appointment of two delegates for the next State Congress, to be held during Show Week early in October. Nominations will be called at the next general meeting. Several items have already been put forward for inclusion in the Agenda. Mr. Nichols reported that the old clubhouse, which had been fully availed of by several adults and numbers of juveniles had been fitted out; he made further appeals for parcels.

Mr. "Bob" Hewson has assumed control of the newly formed debating society, several names have been added to his list, and further names will be called at the next meeting, and arrangements will be made for fixing a night to select a team. When once we become established we shall be able to offer a challenge to other debating societies on matters of public interest. Mr. Jack Owens rendered instrumental items, while the social committee dispensed refreshments, which brought a very successful meeting to a close.

WEST PERTH

The Annual General Meeting and Smoke Social of the West Perth Sub-Branch was held at the Institute, on Friday, July 25. The retiring President (Mr. H. S. W. Parker, M.L.A.), said that the committee had been negotiating with the object of having Honour Flagstaff in King's Park continued to the State War Memorial.

The membership of the sub-branch totalled 359, and the financial position was satisfactory. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mr. R. E. Tyler; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. G. H. Philip and N. Beckley; Secretary, Mr. P. L. Ross; Treasurer, Mr. W. L. Boyd; Publicity Officer, Mr. W. L. Henderson; Auditors, Messrs. W. Greenwood and G. H. Cooper; Committee, Messrs. H. B. Hayles, F. W. Togher, E. Stewart, H. M. Pullen, P. G. Miller, J. H. Smith, E. Lawson, W. Earnshaw, M. Gifford, and R. Bates.

After the meeting, Mr. Parker presided over an enjoyable Smoke Social. The guests present included Senator P. Lynch, Mr. C. F. Shackleton (vice-president of the W. A. Branch), Mr. H. E. Wells, M.L.A., Mr. D. Moseley, P.M., Mr. M. McManus, Mr. W. F. Buchan (Perth Sub-Branch), Mr. R. Alexander (32nd Battalion (Association). An apology was received from Colonel Hallett. The following roasts were honoured: "Fallen Comrades," "The State Executive," proposed by Mr. Henderson, and responded to by Mr. C. P. Smith; "Parliament," proposed by Mr. R. E. Tyler, and responded to by Senator Lynch and Mr. E. Wells; "The Sub-Branches and Glee Society," proposed by Mr. Philip and responded to by sub-branch representatives; and "The Press," proposed by Mr. Parker.

During the evening, Certificates of Service were presented to Messrs. H. S. W. Parker, R. E. Tyler, and A. H. Clarke, as a recognition of their past good services on behalf of the R.S.L.

Musical items were given by the W. L. Menkens Party, including Messrs. B. Barnard, A. B. Sparks, A. Jennings, A. Matthews, and V. Smith. Mr. R. Peat's Biblical skit on the Test Match was delightfully humorous. Mr. Ned Kinsella's gymnastics with the jug, contributed very materially to the evening's enjoyment. We did not catch the names of his co-workers, but before the evening was over, there seemed to be two of them in every place.

NEDLANDS PARK

The Annual General Meeting of the Nedlands Park Sub-Branch was held on Tuesday, August 12. There was a record attendance, 150 members signing the attendance book. Visitors present were Colonel Collens (State President), Colonel Tom Flintonoff (Messrs. Lawley), Mr. Wilkins (Sub-Branch), and Carl Ferguson (Assistant State Secretary).

The Annual Report indicated that the sub-branch is taking an active interest in local affairs and willingly co-operates with other bodies in furthering the interests of the district. Six members of the sub-branch are on the Unemployment Committee, and have the weight of approximately 300 members behind them. The balance sheet disclosed a sound financial condition.

Captain Jack Toer was unanimously elected president. The other officers elected were: Vice-Presidents, Messrs. G. Thomson and E. Mockridge; Secretary, Bill Duffield (unopposed); Treasurer, Jim Morgan; Auditor, R. H. McLarty; and a Committee of ten.

The usual social evening followed the formal business. The tables were specially decorated by ladies of the Auxiliary, and items were given by Messrs. Mockridge, Tolchard, Brown, Hill, Chaloner (drummer), and Cunningham (piano).

The star turn was a very spirited and clever four-round boxing exhibition by two members of the branch, Jack Downie and Jim Riley, and was thoroughly appreciated by the audience. Incidentally, the referee stopped a couple during the progress of the contest, apparently much to the enjoyment of the spectators.

During the evening, Messrs. Tom Bevan and Bill Henderson were presented with Certificates of Service as a mark of appreciation of members for the excellent work performed by them for the branch. Mr. Bevan has been Treasurer of the branch since its formation, and the work of Bill Henderson in connection with membership drives and League work generally, will always be remembered by his cobbers of Nedlands.

FREMANTLE

Mr. W. Beer, Secretary of the Fremantle Sub-Branch, has forwarded us a long and amusing account of a meeting which really lack of space prevents us from publishing in full. Fremantle is a go-ahead sub-branch, and their financial affairs are so flourishing that, by 1946, they hope to be able to do without an Amelioration Fund.


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<td>BELMONT</td>
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<td>R. Uqughart, Box 129, Bridgetown</td>
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<td>COTTESLOE BEACH</td>
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<td>After 16th December, last Wednesday in each month</td>
<td>G. Brown, &quot;Scotia,&quot; Fairlight St., Cottesloe Beach</td>
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<td>DENMARK</td>
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<td>W. P. Barnes, c/o. Armstrong's, Kalgoorlie</td>
<td>T. C. Fairley, 49 Campbell St., Kalgoorlie, Tel. 290.</td>
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<td>MOUNT MARSHALL</td>
<td>Road Board Hall, Bencubbins</td>
<td>Third Sunday, Dec., 3rd, March, June, September, 8 p.m. (not pension week)</td>
<td>L. A. Hulet, 114 Guildford Rd., Maylands</td>
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<td>MAYLANDS</td>
<td>Friendly Societies' Hall, Maylands</td>
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<td>MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS</td>
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<td>MIDLAND JUNCTION</td>
<td>Town Hall Committee Rm.,</td>
<td>1st Friday</td>
<td>P. F. Jamieson, 3 Woodbridge Ter., Midland Junction.</td>
<td>Edward Gray, 39 Holmesdale Rd.,</td>
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<td>Lyceum Theatre, Mt. Lawley</td>
<td>1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Col. T. Flinton, 3 Second Ave., Mt. Lawley</td>
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<td>MOUNT LAWLEY</td>
<td>Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>W. J. Fulton, Mornington Mills</td>
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<td>MORNINGTON MILLS</td>
<td>Premier Hotel, Quarterly,</td>
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<td>MURRAY</td>
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<td>K. J. Jones, M.C., Northampton</td>
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<td>RAILWAY WORKSHOPS</td>
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<td>SOUTH PERTH</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
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<td>Every Thursday</td>
<td>J. Keightley, Southern Cross</td>
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<td>SOUTHERN CROSS</td>
<td>Palace Hotel</td>
<td>3rd Saturday</td>
<td>Padre O'Halleron, Southern Cross</td>
<td>W. G. Shand, 244 Hamersley Rd.,</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Freemasons' Hotel</td>
<td>Second Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m. 4th Sunday</td>
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<td>TRAYNING-YELBENI</td>
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<td>H. Nicol, 35 Miller Street, Victoria Park</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>Library Hall, Albany Rd., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>V. Walker, Waroona</td>
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<td>WAROONA</td>
<td>Mr. Hair's Office</td>
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<td>R. E. Tyler, Taxation Dept., Perth</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>Claude Simpson, Wickepin</td>
<td>W. C. Thomas, 62 Temple St., Victoria</td>
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<td>WICKEPIN</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTINE, JIBBERDING, WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
<td>Each place alt., commencing Bunting, March 1st Town Hall, Cambridge St., Lederville</td>
<td>2nd Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. Kruger, 79 St Leonard's Ave., Lederville</td>
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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSN.</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday, 8 p.m. (monthly)</td>
<td>Lt.-Col. A. H. Sweetapple, 49 Clifton Cres., Mt Lawley</td>
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<td>BLINDED SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION</td>
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<td>Maj. G. D. Shaw, M.C., P.O., Belmont</td>
<td>Mrs. W. James, 19 Marion St., Leederville</td>
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<td>S. Jones, 170 Cambridge St., West Leederville</td>
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<td>TWENTY-EIGHTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
<td>Soldiers' Institute, Perth</td>
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<td>Lt-Col. J. E. D. Dunkley, Lt-Col. A. H. Sweetapple, 49 Clifton Cres., Mt Lawley</td>
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<td>SIXTEENTH BATTALION ASSN.</td>
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<td>S. Jones, 170 Cambridge St., West Leederville</td>
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### Successful Art Union

**KEEPING MONEY WITHIN THE STATE**

The R.S.L. art union, drawn on August 9th, last, was an overwhelming success, as, of the 60,000 tickets printed and forwarded to agents throughout the State, 59,100 had been returned as sold. About 100 tickets were lost or destroyed by fire and duly cancelled by a note in the daily Press. Thus there were only 800 tickets lying "cold" with country agents, and, during the last two days in Perth, these could have been sold a hundred times over. Thousands of people had to be turned away from the institute on the morning of the drawing, and it was the first time in the conduct of art unions that the head office was completely sold out the night before the drawing.

When presenting its report to the last State Executive meeting the Art Union Committee, presided over by Mr. Bob Cooke, paid a glowing tribute to the efficient organisation of the State secretary (Mr. Benson) and his staff. The auditor (Mr. J. J. Prendergast) had reported everything checked and ready for the drawing one hour before the arrival of the Minister for Police (Mr. J. Scaddan, M.L.A.) and Colonel Collett, the State president. There had been a complete absence of any dislocating influences.

The financial results were not yet known as accounts were slow in coming in. Speaking after the adoption of the report the State secretary said that the results of this art union proved that scores of thousands of people in the State had confidence in the league, and were not averse to a mild speculation. Big city agents had told him that for the last month hardly one application for a ticket in Eastern States sweeps had been drawn. The League had advertised 157 cash prizes and actually paid 235 cash prizes, amounting to £3,695. Employment had been given to a returned soldier staff inside and outside the office, whilst the money spent on advertising had given employment to printers, sign-writers, and others. The Commissioner of Police had informed him that a date for next year could not be booked owing to Ministerial instructions, but it seemed to him (Mr. Benson) that whilst sales of Eastern States sweep tickets were permitted in the State, it was a senseless policy of the Government to attempt to prohibit the league consultation, which had the undoubted support of the subscribing public.

The executive, in adopting the report, confirmed the desire of the committee to get into touch with the Minister for Police and ask for a reconsideration of his decision to prohibit, after this year, the conduct of this activity, which, incidentally, helps the league along in dealing with ex-service men's problems.

### Group Settlers

The State Executive has recently been inundated with complaints from group settlers in the areas south of Busselton. The difficulty appeared to come from men who had below the full complement of cows, and to make up the deficiency in the sustenance allowance had to carry out some paid development work on their holdings. The department, nominally laid down that a man's earnings could reach the maximum of £13 per month. The settlers complained, however, that the payment for work done was at such a low rate that it was impossible for a man to earn sufficient to live. Furthermore, his earnings were depleted by interest charges and stoppages for any stock lost. The Land Committee of the executive had taken the matter up with Mr. McLarty, who was now the administrative head of the Group Department.

The construction price for the erection of pig run had been increased from 10/- to 15/- per chain, and it was agreed that where the monthly earnings did not amount to £13 stoppages for interest owing would not be made from such earnings. The charges for the loss of a horse or other animal would be spread over a period, or, in some cases, capitalised. This variation of the regulations would, it was thought, considerably ease the position for the settler.

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