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These Present Discontents

While we are passing through a period of financial depression it is but natural that public men should come forward with suggested remedies; and it is equally natural that people should give their adherence to any cause whose fulfilment seems to promise improved conditions. From the communist, whose avowed intention it is to upset the existing social order and erect a workers' paradise on its ruins, to the secessionist, who babbles of the green fields of prosperity that will sprout into being after this State has separated from the rest of the Commonwealth, there is a wide gap; yet each, in his own way, is an advocate of disruption, and preaching disruption during a financial crisis like the present one is an unsocial and therefore a dangerous proceeding.

Lest some pernickety person take us to task for discussing party questions, we remind our readers that we have it on the authority of leading secessionists that the question is national, and not one of party politics. It is true, as we anticipated in our June issue, that the Western Australian branch of the A.L.P. has declared its intention to oppose the movement; but it is equally true that several of the most intellectual members of the Nationalist party have held aloof from it; of these, three have publicly declared that the State’s grievances can be redressed by existing constitutional means.

As the payment of war pensions and the defence of the State will become matters for the State to deal with, instead of the Commonwealth; should the proposed change be effected, the question of secession is one that vitally concerns returned soldiers. The leaders of the movement have declared that the change will not affect the payment of war, old-age and invalid pensions, but, while we do not doubt their intentions, we have grave doubts as to their ability. It is assumed that the new Dominion will take over pensions, defence, our share of the War debts, existing Federal property, such as post offices, drill halls, and lighthouses, and our share of the transcontinental railway; and the argument has been raised that we are paying for these-things already; that in direct and indirect taxation this State pays the Commonwealth more than it gets in return. In other words, the Commonwealth gives with one hand and takes with the other. Mr. H. Griffiths, M.L.A., for instance, said at Merredin, "They (the Commonwealth) only give back part of what they take from us, to wit, the Main Roads Grant, which they collect from us in the shape of a special petrol tax." This is a fair sample of secessionist reasoning, a half-truth, tricked out in the language of hysteria, which can deceive only those whose enthusiasm has blinded their sense of proportion. After all, is there any inequity in asking motorists to pay for the upkeep of roads that they knock out of condition?

The secessionist quotes figures as glibly as the devil cites Scripture for his purpose, but, unlike the devil, he refrains from giving any authority for those figures. Wonderful things, figures! They can be used as Daniel Defoe used them in his narrative of the Great Plague, to lend an air of verisimilitude to the most fantastic assertions. When they appear in cold print, few people have the trouble to verify them or to test their reliability. We have heard much of oppressive Federal taxation and the drainage of revenue from the West to the East, yet following is what the Federal Statistician has to say on the matter in the last issue of the Official Yearbook. The Federal Statistician is a trained specialist who deals with facts and figures. He is not a politician looking for facts to support a theory. Consequently, his impartiality is above suspicion.

During the financial year, 1928/29, this State contributed £3,826,000 to the revenue of the Commonwealth; during the same period the Commonwealth spent in, and on behalf of, Western Australia, £4,878,000. This leaves a balance favourable to Western Australia of £1,052,000. Again, during the same financial year, the taxation per head, throughout Australia, was £9 12/9; that throughout Western Australia, £9 5/10. Thus, Western Australia paid almost a shilling a head less than the average for the Commonwealth, or taking it on a population basis—the State's population that year was 408,486—was £142,970 less than her quota. Actually, in these respects, we are not on such a sticky wicket as the secessionists would have us believe. So much for the cry of unequal taxation and inadequate returns.

Much of the case for secession is just a re-hash of the old free-trade versus protection argument. We do not propose to criticise the existing Federal tariff, but there is one aspect of the fiscal situation to which we must draw attention. While complaining of the high cost of farming machinery and the dumping, it is stated that our adverse trade balance with the Eastern States amounts to £2,650,000. It is asserted that Western Australia, as a self-governing dominion, can increase her revenue to this extent. How can she do so, except by imposing duties? And how will such duties lower the price of farming machinery and other commodities? If we are going to foster local secondary industries, we must have these...
if the State is to develop, we must erect a tariff wall, otherwise, how are we going to prevent dumping from the Eastern States and elsewhere? How can we acquire this revenue without customs duties? And how can we foster local industries if we are going to keep on importing?

So far no secessionist has made any satisfactory utterance on the question of national defence. We have had one foolish statement from Mr. Lovekin, and an equally silly one from a member of the Tasmanian Upper House, who, like Mr. Lovekin, is a civilian. We assume that these people consider the place is worth defending, but, hitherto, they have evolved no defence policy. The inference is that we are to revert to the status of a crown colony by humbling on the already overburdened British taxpayer for our defence. In any case there must be a Defence Department of some sort, and this will add one more to the extra public services we shall have to establish in a State where the proportion of public servants to the rest of the community is already too great.

The Listening Post recognises that we, in common with other States, are labouring under several difficulties, but we have yet to be convinced that these difficulties are insuperable while we remain within the Commonwealth, or that they are entirely caused by our connection with it. We consider that a gold bonus should have been granted before sugar and other bounties; but we also consider that the inauguration of a movement for separation while we were asking for that bonus was a tragic blunder. It was tantamount to political blackmail. We believe that Mr. Scullin was guided by financial considerations in refusing to grant the bonus, but, even so, what self-respecting government would grant a concession with such a pistol held to its head? Separation will not remove the need for the bonus, but is there any guarantee that it will, or can, be granted by a separatist government? We know the Federal Government has made mistakes, but what government has not? Has our own State Government been so delightfully free from blundering and extravagance? This cheery assumption that all the perfection is on our own side and all the errors on the other is unworthy of a school debating society. The language of vilification employed, all this talk of gold steals, sugar ramps, broken pledges and the like, not to mention the new wail that whatever we say the Federal Government will not give us a square deal, bears a strong family resemblance to defamation of character, and only reflects the mental weakness of those using it. If the Federal connection is an intolerable yoke to-day, it was so last year. Why, then, did not the secessionists commence their agitation while the last Federal Government was in power? Their whole attitude savours of political opportunism of the weakest type.

We contend that there are, under the existing Constitution, sufficient avenues for the redress of all our grievances, and that these avenues have not yet been exhausted. The secessionists are taking advantage of the present depression, which is even more acute in the East than it is here, and they are multiplying grievances and making side issues the main issue. The manner attitude would be to brush off this slough of despond and self-pity, and pull together for the common cause, as we did in the war. Deserters were not respected during the war, and they are less worthy of respect when we are trying to win the peace.

Kitchener

THE MAN WITH VISION

If ever we doubted our debt to Kitchener for his share in the Great War, that doubt has been removed by the publication of the diaries of the late Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson. That soldier-cum-politician, whilst a member of Sir John French's staff, refers as follows to the man whose responsibility it was to arrange for the winning of the war:

"Kitchener's shadow arrives, for shadow campaigns, at unknown and distant dates; prevent a lot of good officers, non-commissioned officers, and men from coming out. It is a scandalous thing. Under no circumstances can these mobs now being raised, without officers, without guns, rifles, or uniforms, without rifle-ranges or training grounds, without supply or transport services, without morale or tradition, knowledge or experience—under no circumstances could those mobs take the field for two years. Then what is the use of them? His ridiculous and preposterous army of 25 corps is the laughing-stock of every soldier in Europe. It took the Germans 40 years of incessant work to make an army of 25 corps with the aid of conscription; it will take us to all eternity to do the same by voluntary effort.

Throughout Wilson's diaries there is no mention of the Australians or New Zealanders. But Kitchener's vision of 25 corps did materialise and "these mobs now being raised" broke the defences and morale of the enemy in 1918.

BRITISH EMPIRE SERVICE ASSOCIATION

This Association had booked the Soldiers' Institute for October 1st for a social and dance, but it was later found that the State Executive desired the hall for this evening for the reception to Congress delegates and visitors. The Association was asked to forego this evening, which they very generously did, and they have now decided to hold the function on Tuesday, September 30th, instead. An enjoyable evening is assured. The B.U.S.A. Concert Party is presenting a short sketch.

11th BATTALION (A.I.F.) ASSOCIATION

The annual reunion of the members of this famous Battalion will be held in the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, on Tuesday, 7th October. The committee is expecting a bumper house and arrangements being made for the entertainment of members will be equal to the occasion.

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State Executive Meetings

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Present.—Messrs. Riley, Freedman, Philp, Watt, Tyler, Longmore, Cooke, Yeates, Pady, Parker, Wells, Denton, Margolin, Lovell, Farquharson, Tozer, Bader, Edmonds, Cattemore, and Nugent.

The State President, Colonel Collett, and Vice-President, Mr. C. F. Smith, were on duty at Bunbury.

An apology was received from Mr. W. H. Logie.

Reports.—The State Secretary’s report was received.

Fund Committee.—Mr. Yeates reported in connection with deputations to the Hon. Minister for Lands on the matter of Re-Valuation Boards, and with Mr. McLarty, the administrative head of Group Settlement, re monthly earnings on Groups. The report was received and adopted.

Finance Committee.—Report received.

Art Union Committee.—Mr. Cooke, Chairman, submitted a report on the drawing of the Art Union, on August 9th. The Auditor was not yet in a position to submit a financial statement, as accounts were slow in coming in. Appreciation was expressed by the Committee to the Organiser and staff on the successful results achieved. The report was adopted.

Women’s Auxiliary.—Mrs. Hopperton, Secretary of the State Executive of the Women’s Auxiliary, submitted a report for July. Report received.

Federal Executive Meeting.—Mr. Watt reported on the Federal Executive meeting, held on July 30th and 31st. The report had particular reference to temporary employment in the C.P.S., rationing of employees in the Defence Department, the attitude of the Federal President in his negotiations with the Prime Minister on the question of preference, and the continuance in office of Mr. Dyett as Federal President. The report was considered by the Executive as most informative, and after the Vice-President had thanked Mr. Watt for his visit, it was moved by Mr. Yeates, seconded by Mr. Lovell: That appreciation be expressed in the Executive minutes for the excellent services rendered to the League by our delegate, Mr. Watt, to this Executive meeting.—Carried.

It was further resolved at the suggestion of Rabbi Freedman, that, in the opinion of this Executive, the W. A. Branch be represented at all Federal Executive meetings of the League by the personal attendance of a W. A. Executive member, if available.

Boulder and Kalgoorlie Sub-Branches.—Mr. Watt reported that he had stayed a day in Kalgoorlie on his return from the East, and had an opportunity of addressing a combined meeting of the Goldfields Sub-Branches, with particular reference to relief and pension matters.

Koorda and Toodyay.—Archdeacon Riley reported on his visits to Koorda and Toodyay Sub-Branches.

Employment Bureau.—The Employment Officer’s report for July, showing that 440 men were registered, was received and adopted.

Visitors.—Busselton Sub-Branch had invited Colonel Collett to open the new wing of the Soldiers’ Institute, and owing to the President’s inability to attend, Messrs. Denton and Yeates were appointed.

Congress Addresses.—On the resolution of Mr. Parker, seconded by Colonel Margolin, instructions were given to the Provisional Committee to accede to the request of the Perth Legacy Club President to address Congress, such address to be limited to ten minutes.

Re Addgen from Mr. O’Leary, of Walgoolea.—It was resolved that this was not a strictly soldier question, and in view of the lengthy agitation, Executive cannot agree to the permission being granted.

Complimentary—State President.—Resolutions were received from Railway Workshops, Midland Junction, Guildford-Bassendean, and Bayswater Sub-Branches, all expressing the highest appreciation of past services rendered to the League by the State President, Colonel Collett, and pleasure that he had announced his intention to again stand for this office.

Federal Correspondence.—Supplementary Statement.—Received.

Medical Insurance Bill.—Received.

Prior-to-Death Incapacity.—Received, and to be referred to the Pensions Committee.

Preference State Governments.—Received.

Young Employees—Defence Department.—Received.

Empire Defence.—Referred to Management Committee for investigation and remarks.

Appointment of Non-Soldier at Darwin.—Letter from the Prime Minister received, and a copy of the report sent to W. A. Perth Sub-Branch, Menin Gate at Midnight.—Received.

Nomination of Federal President.—Deferred for discussion when the State President is in attendance.

Federal Congress and Appointment of Delegates.—Colonel Collett and Mr. J. H. Tovey were unanimously elected W. A. Branch delegates to the Federal Congress, to be held at Hobart, on November 10th. Colonel Denton to be the waiting delegate.

Re Attendance of State Secretary.—Decision to be left to the Management Committee.

Minutes of Federal Executive Meeting.—The minutes of the Federal Executive meeting held on the 30th July, were received.

Employment Bureau.—Report for June received.

Unemployed War Pensioners and Relief Work.—A letter was read from the Minister controlling the Department, which, in effect, stated that although War Pensioners were not eligible for unemployment, there were instructions to interfere with their employment on relief works under the control of local governing bodies. A copy of the Minister’s reply was sent to the South Perth Sub-Branch.

Insurance.—The Secretary read a letter from Lloyds Western Australian Agents, which advised that after careful consideration of the proposal put up by the League in consultation with the Australian director, it was considered that there would be no market at Lloyds London for the purpose aimed at in embracing a comprehensive policy of fire, hail, building, and personal assets of soldier settlers. It was decided that this information be included in the State Secretary’s next circular.

Collie Sub-Branch.—Collie Sub-Branch wrote a letter to the Secretary and said that the old form was not suitable for use. The letter was referred to the Executive for their decision.

Pensions.—Mr. Smith, Secretary read a letter from the Department, in reply to the request to have the pensions matter placed on the agenda of the next meeting, which was agreed to.

Perth Sub-Branch.—The Secretary reported that a number of matters had been carried out, and that the financial arrangements had been made for the carrying out of the work as required.

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Visits.—The report of the meetings of the Sub-Branches was read, and the following were adopted:—

Visits.—The State President reported having visited South Perth Sub-Branch; also Harvey and Bunbury Sub-Branches, in company with Mr. C. F. Smith and the assistant State secretary.

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Relief Funds.—The report of the R.S.L. Relief Fund for the month of August was received. A recommendation that the Wagin Sub-branch recoup out-of-pocket expenditure in a case is adopted. In this connection it was moved by Mr. Denton, seconded by Mr. Sadlier, that both the Wagin and Victoria Park Sub-branches be advised of the action taken by the Executive.—Carried.

Agenda Committee.—Mr. C. P. Smith reported on behalf of the Congress Agenda Committee.

State War Memorial.—The matter of recommending to Congress the names of warden and urden's assistants was referred to the Management Committee for report.

Retrenchments, Railway Workshops.—The Railway Workshops Sub-branch requested that a declaration be heard by the Executive concerning the retrenchment of ex-soldiers in the shops. Messrs. Gibson and Tichbon attended and addressed delegates.

Moved Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Tyler, that a committee from this Executive wait on the Premier at the earliest opportunity and discuss with him the Government's policy regarding preference to returned soldiers and its application regarding preference of returned soldiers in discrimination by this State. Carried.

Moved Mr. Lovell, seconded by Mr. Pady, that the motion be tabled. Carried.

Federal Correspondence.—The Biennial Convention of the Federal Executive forwarded copies of the Biennial Convention. The Biennial Convention of the Federal Executive forwarded copies of the Biennial Convention of the Federal Executive to the Western Sub-committee in the hands of the State President. The Executive postponed the matter.

Reports.—Moved Mr. Denton, seconded by Mr. Sadlier, that the Executive be advised of the action taken by the Executive on the report of the Executive Committee on the subject of the State President. Carried.

Electoral Committee.—Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Pady, that the Executive be advised of the action taken by the Executive on the report of the Executive Committee on the subject of the State President. Carried.

Federal Presidencies.—No further information is available concerning the Federal Presidencies at this time.

Canadian War Veterans' Allowance.—Information concerning the allowance for war veterans in Canada was laid on the table for the information of members.

War Services Home.—Advice was received from the Federal Executive that £1,000,000 had been raised in the estimates for War Service homes, subject to review owing to the extremely difficult financial situation. A final decision was expected following the review of the estimates and to representatives within a few days.

Reach Out.—York: September 14th.—left in the 1st class mail. York: September 15th.—reached by mail. Merredin: September 16th.—Mr. Wells arrived.

Sub-Branches.—The Thomas Baker, Alice Baker, and Mary Shaw sub-committees advised that £25 was due to this State Branch for assistance to the ex-soldiers.

Local Government.—A letter was received from Merredin Sub-branch concerning the State Government's intention to erect public buildings in Merredin.

Sub-Branch.—A letter was received from the Deputy Director of Pensions and Telegraphs saying that it was the practice of the department to engage men in the locality in which the necessary work was to be carried out, and giving assurance that the Government policy of preference to returned soldiers was always followed where circumstances permitted. The matter was left in the hands of the State President.

Election of Officers.—Election of officers as advised by the following sub-committees was approved—Trayning-Yelbeni, Kojoonup, and Neldana Parks.

Lending Post.—A letter was received from the Osborne Park Sub-branch concerning the increased subsidy to the Lending Post and the charge made for the sub-branch directory. Deputations to the Osborne Park Sub-branch were received. Moved Mr. Philip, seconded by Mr. Parham, that the sub-branch be advised of the Executive's regret that it cannot accede to its request.—Carried.

Gold Bonus.—A communication from the Mining Association of W.A. concerning a proposal which it hoped would more closely bind together the Dominion and the Mother Country, and foster inter-Empire trade reciprocity, was received.

Local Industries.—Moved Mr. Toner, seconded by Mr. Denton, that this Executive invites sub-branches to encourage local industries by permitting manufacturers or their representatives to lecture at exhibitions with exhibits at sub-branch meetings.

17/9/30


An apology was received from Mr. H. S. W. Parker.

Telephone Line Work.—The State President reported having seen Colonel Roberts at the telephone exchange.

Reports.—The State Secretary read his report for the preceding fortnight. He stated that an ex-soldier in the North West had donated £10 to the R.S.L. Relief Fund. The Secretary was instructed to suitably thank the donor. Report received.

Art Union.—Mr. Cooke submitted a report of the Art Union Committee meeting, held on the 11th September. The Auditor's report in connection with the No. 10 Art Union was also read. Both reports were adopted, and the thanks of the Executive tendered to the Chairman of the Committee.

Finance Committee.—The report of the Finance Committee meeting, held on the 13th September, was adopted.

House Committee.—The report of the meeting of the House Committee, held on the 10th September, was received. The report dealt with the arrangements for the entertainment of delegates at Congress.

Land Committee.—Mr. Yeates submitted the report of the Land Committee meeting, held on the 10th September. The report dealt with the arrangements for the entertainment of delegates at Congress.

Merredin.—Mr. H. E. Wells submitted a report of his visit to Merredin.

Busselton.—Colonel Denton submitted his report on visit to Busselton, in company with the State Secretary.

York.—Mr. A. A. Yeates submitted a report on his visit to York, in company with Mr. Edmonds.

Preference.—Deputation to Premier.—Mr. Watt submitted a report of the deputation, which was held on the Premier, in connection with preference to returned soldiers. Further specific cases were mentioned, and Mr. Watt was authorised to forward the Public Service Commissioner on behalf of these men.

Delegates from the Railway Workshops Sub-Branch attended the meeting, and were given an opportunity of addressing delegates on specific cases.

Moved by Mr. Edmonds, seconded by Mr. "Swan" Brand Products are stocked by all Leading Grocers.
Farquharson: That this Executive requests the Premier to make a public statement as to his attitude towards returned soldiers in preference in employment, promotion, and retention in employment—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Sadlier: That in view of the apparent urgency, the Pensions and Employment Committees immediately take steps with the Government to prevent further dismissals of returned soldiers whilst non-soldiers are being retained.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Farquharson, seconded by Mr. Nugent: That it be a recommendation to the incoming Executive that the ex-soldier members of Parliament be asked to meet the State Executive at an early date, with a view to a frank discussion on the question of returned soldier preference.—Carried.

Employment Bureau.—The report of the Employment Bureau for the month of August was received, and the question of relief work raised therein was referred to the Pensions and Employment Committee.

Moved by Mr. Farquharson, seconded by Mr. Edmonds: That the attention of the Minister concerned be drawn to the fact that pensions of returned soldiers are taken into consideration to their detriment in obtaining work under the present relief schemes.—Carried.

Lemnos Board of Visitors.—Report received.

Poppy Day.—The report of the Poppy Day Committee meeting, held on the 16th September, was received.

Federal Correspondence as under was received:

(a) Pensions.—A telegram was received from the Federal President stating that there was no foundation for the rumour that the Commonwealth Government had decided to reduce or even contemplated reducing war pensions.

(b) Definition "Returned Soldier"—Public Service Act.

(c) Anti-British Propaganda.

(d) Bounty Dried Fruits.

(e) Preference in Promotions.

(f) Income Tax Exemption.

(g) Immigration.

(h) Surgical Appliances.

(i) Empire Film.

(j) Floods in France.

(k) Standard Colours B.E.S.L. Organisations.

(l) Employment Grant.

Invitations.—Mundijong, September 20th, State Secretary; Mandalong, September 27th, President; Upper Chapman, September 25th, left in the hands of the State President.

New Sub-Branch.—An application was granted for the formation of a new sub-branch at Wellard.

Election of Officers.—Election of officers, as advised by the following sub-committee were approved:—(1) West Perth Sub-Branch; (2) Boyanup Sub-Branch.

Ex-Soldiers, Blackboy Hill.—A communication from ex-soldiers at Blackboy Hill Camp was received.

R.S.L. Cricket Association.—At the instigation of the Mt. Hawthorn-North Leevedale Sub-Branch, the State Secretary was authorised to call a meeting of the Secretaries of metropolitan sub-branches, in order to discuss the formation of a Cricket Association.

Preference.—A communication from the Midland Junction Sub-Branch, concerning preference, was received.

Soldier Pensioners and Relief Work.—A letter from the Darling Range Sub-Branch in this connection was received. Action had been taken in this matter earlier in the evening.

Metropolitan Market Trust.—The Darling Range Sub-Branch requested that efforts be made to have a soldier representative placed on the Metropolitan Market Trust. The State Secretary was asked to make enquires.

Appreciation.—The Quirindi Sub-Branch wrote thanking the Land Committee for their efforts in assisting settlers on the Dangi Estate.

President's Address.—It was decided that the President's address be printed prior to Congress.

Annual Report.—Moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Colonel Margo, that in future the State Secretary include in his Annual Report the names of sub-branches and their membership.—Carried.

Anzac Address.—Moved by Mr. Philp, seconded by Mr. Cookie: That the Anzac address be incorporated in the printed President's address to Congress.—Carried.

6WF.—Moved by Mr. Bader, seconded by Mr. Edmonds: That 6WF be thanked for making available facilities for broadcasting.—Carried.

Perth Hospital Board.—Moved by Mr. Farquharson, seconded by Mr. Lovell: That it be a recommendation to the incoming Executive that steps be taken to secure League representation on the Perth Hospital Board.—Carried.

Sub-Committees.—Moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Wells: That the Executive express its appreciation of the work of all sub-committees which functioned during the past year.—Carried.

A missionary, writing after two years in darkest Africa, says: "The members of my congregation refuse to give up the practice of cannibalism, but I am happy to say they have learned to eat with a knife and fork."

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The Observer—Two Eyes Bright.

The West Australian—East-West Service.

The Western Mail—Truly rural.

The Sunday Times—The farmers' wall-paper.

The Daily News—A child of promise.

Truth—Running Hot!

The Mirror—Blurred reflections.

The Listening Post—The Soldiers' Chorus.

The Northam Advertiser—Quixotic.

The North West Echo—Faded away.

The Boyup Brook Bulletin—Twinkle, Twinkle, little Star.

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Congress

Next month the State Congress of the R.S.S.I.L.A. will be held, and the LISTENING POST takes this opportunity to welcome the country delegations to Perth. We hope those staying in town after Congress will survive the westerly of unit re-unions, which will follow. The lengthy agenda paper—there are 164 items—is indicative of a strenuous week, and shows, further, that ex-service men are concerning themselves with matters of imperial and national importance. In addition to matters which concern the ex-service man, himself, such matters as repatriation, patriotic funds, amelioration, land settlement, preference, Poppy and Anzac Days, and the interior economy of the League—questions like employment, defence, migration, and the study of economic problems, will be subjects for discussion. It is pleasing to note that in looking after his own interests, the digger has not forgotten those of his ex-Imperial comrades. No less than four sub-branches have tabled motions which aim at securing for ex-Imperial soldiers privileges similar to those enjoyed by Australian soldiers. There are three motions on the subject of secession—one for, one against, and one asking Congress to have inquiries made as to what effect secession would have on returned men regarding repatriation. The discussions should prove interesting and profitable.

Preference

Although the Premier and the various members of his Cabinet have uniformly given their support to the principle of preference to returned soldiers, the attitude of certain departmental chief towards this principle is far from satisfactory. The new head of one department, which we could name, has treated certain of his ex-soldier subordinates in a manner equivalent to persecution, while in the same department, a position, which would have been created but for the present depression, was to have been given to a non-soldier in preference to the returned man who is at present carrying out the duties of that office. Other heads of Government departments have evinced a similar hostility towards returned soldiers.

It is pleasing to note that sub-branches, notably the Railway Workshops and West Perth Sub-Branches, are doing their duty by bringing to light cases which bear a strong family likeness to actual victimisation. The LISTENING POST can prove that men have been dismissed from the Rail-

way Workshops, who are superior in efficiency, as well as length of service to the non-soldiers who have been retained in their stead. This state of affairs constitutes an absolute scandal.

We are glad to note, also, that the Public Service Association is growing restive at the Public Service Commissioner's delay in giving effect to the finding of the Public Service Appeal Board in the cases of Messrs. Shaw and Murray-Jones. The strictures which Judge Draper passed upon Mr. Simpson during the hearing of Mr. Shaw's appeal were sufficiently scathing to have imbued Mr. Simpson with that spirit of fairness, which is expected of anyone professing Christianity; but, with all that stubbornness characteristic of weak men, Mr. Simpson has embarked upon a course of quibbling and evasion, calculated to set at naught the Board's decision. What earthly use is there in having an Appeal Board if its findings are not carried into effect? And is Mr. Simpson to be allowed to be a law unto himself? Someone, apparently, has fallen down on the job. It is now some months since those appeals were heard, and matters arising out of them are still not finalised. Quibbles as to whether the Public Service Commissioner or the Governor in Council made the appointment which was the subject of Mr. Shaw's appeal, and as to the respective powers of the Board and the Governor in Council, are beside the mark; and the Public Service Association is quite right in objecting to Mr. Simpson's wilful defiance of the Board. The Association would have had our support, even if the gentlemen so victimised had not been returned soldiers. The Association's allegation, that the excess officer appointed in Mr. Shaw's place was made, an excess officer in order that he might receive the appointment, should be made the subject of a searching inquiry. It is but another example of that nepotism, which is the scandal of our State Service. If such a thing occurred in a Federal department, it would raise a storm of protest from one end of the country to another, but, apparently, heads of Government departments in this State have been allowed to get into the habit of treating Ministers of the Crown as rubber stamps.

The League has already made clear to the Premier its attitude towards the principle of preference, and the Premier has signified his approval and sympathy. Mere approval, by itself, is of little use; it should be followed by insistence on the principle being carried into effect.

And this, we have pleasing evidence to show, is at present being done by Sir James Mitchell.

Sins of War

Great Britain, it seems, will never eschew the folly of supplying potential and avowed enemies with the sins of war. It is a matter of historical knowledge that Yorkshire looms made the cloth for the uniforms of Napoleon's soldiers, and that the Mad Mullah's rifles were made in Birmingham. Recently a question, asked by Sir Walter Frere in the British House of Commons, elicited the information that the Russian Government has been buying military equipment in England. After much evasion the President of the Board of Trade admitted that, during the past twelve months, licences had been granted for the export of 40 tanks, 20 armoured cars, and the armament therefor. To us in Australia, this seems an extraordinary proceeding. The wisdom of resuming diplomatic and trading relations with such an unreliable power as Russia is open to question; but supplying the world's chief trouble-maker with military equipment is a blunder which is worse than a crime. The tank is a British invention; and the British military authorities have been at great pains to preserve the secret of the construction of the latest model, which, there is every reason to believe, is far in advance of the world's next best. What the President of the Board of Trade failed to make clear is whether the Bolsheviks are benefitting by our experience.

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for many absurd eruptions. One, Blainewho represents the free and enlightened
democracy of Wisconsin in the United States Senate, has tabled a resolution in
which he referred to “the ruthless use
of the British armed forces, wholesale
massacres of peaceful Indian people by
British police, soldiers, and auxiliary
forces, the driving of armoured cars over
the bodies of peaceful adventurers, and
the killing, maiming, and injuring of hundreds, the wiping out of villages and
harvests by British aeroplanes, the revival
of flogging, the refusal of medical aid to
the maimed, and the destruction of hos-
pitals.” Like some of our own ardent
propagandists, Senator Blaine quotes no
authorities. Possibly he believes all he
reads in the Hearst press. Except that
the armed forces of the Crown prevented
those same “peaceful Indians” from butchering white people and other peace-
ful Indians, who would not join with them, Blaine’s charges are just a tissue
of lies; but facts never deter the
propagandist.

We can imagine the howl of righteous
indignation that would issue from Blaine’s
vocal chords were a motion reflecting up-
on American administration in the Philip-
pines, or protesting against the lynching
of negroes in Texas and other places, to
be tabled in the Australian Senate.
The Filipinos have been agitating
for independence for over 30 years. In
1913, the Governor of the Philippines,
General Harrison, delivered a message
from the Filipinos to the President to
the effect that “every step we take will
be taken with a view to the ultimate in-
dependence of the Islands, and as a pre-
paration for that independence.” The
Wood-Forbes mission, appointed by Presi-
dent Harding, reported against the grant-
ing of independence, and something simi-
lar occurred under Coolidge, in 1926.
Yet the problem of the Philippines is
simplicity itself compared with that of
India.

Naval Notes and News
“MATELOTS” ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING

The fourth annual general meeting of the
West Australian Section of the Ex-Naval Men’s
Association was held at the Amateur Sports
Club, Perth, on August 26th, and the following
officers were elected: President, Mr. L. Kaye Perrin; Vice-
Presidents, Messrs. N. Callaghan, E. Meldrum, and
S. E. Dodd; Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. G. Harrison;
Assistant Secretary, Mr. W. H. Flett; Hon. Trea-
surer, Mr. M. G. Baker; Organising Secretary,
Mr. A. D. Crowther; Committee, Messrs. Main,
Duff, Slinger, Makay, Hough, Kent, Dunning, and
Overall.

Embodied in the President’s report was the
welcome news of the definite formation of sec-
tions in Queensland and Tasmania, which now
gives this live show representation in every State
of the Commonwealth, and there can be no
doubt of its future welfare.

Appreciation of the help given by the Re-
turned Soldiers’ League, and by the District Naval
Officer (Commander R. Griffiths Bowen) in the
serious side of the work of the Association was
also expressed in the report, and enthusiastically
endorsed.

The present economic campaign in Service circles is
responsible for the influx of many ex-naval re-
cruits, and whilst the older members welcome
new comers, they also regret the manner of their
coming, and are inclined to resent the chameleon-
like attitude of politicians, who, at election time,
invitably use the gag, “good old British or
Aussie Navy” to rouse a note of enthusiasm in
their audiences, and then make the personnel of
the same “grand old Navy” their first, and
in many cases, only, target when economy “gun-
ery practice” commences. The placing of these
newly retired sailors in civil life will be a difficult
problem, but the Executive of the Ex-Naval

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L. Kaye Perrin, the President of the
ex-Naval Men’s Association, served
during the war as a lieutenant, Royal Naval
Reserve, in the North Sea, North Atlan-
tic, East and West African stations. He
was demobilised in 1920 on conclusion of
mine-sweeping operations. He came to
this State in 1923 and immediately joined
the League, being prominent in the South
Perth sub-branch to-day as Vice-
President. Kaye is a good fellow, worth
knowing, and tells some good yarns, sings
a good song, and speaks sound common-
sense with fluency.

An old inhabitant at Busselton was questioned
by a visitor:
“Have you lived here all your life?” the
visitor asked.
“No, not all my life,” the old chap replied,
“Only up to now.”

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In the Far North-West

VICE-PRESIDENT C. P. SMITH ON TOUR

ENTHUSIASTIC PILBARRA

Some months ago the Pilbara Sub-branch of the R.S.I., with headquarters at Port Hedland, decided to have a reunion on somewhat similar lines to the Centenary gathering at Bunbury, and an invitation was sent to the President of the Branch (Colonel Collett) either to come himself or to send a representative.

One of the vice-presidents, (Mr. C. P. Smith) found it convenient to go to the North-West about this time, and he was nominated to act on behalf of the executive. Mr. Smith left Fremantle on board the Koolinda on September 15, with a gale blowing and rain and cold adding to the discomfort.

He was met at Geraldton by the president of the sub-branch (Mr. A. Salmon) and the honorary secretary (Mr. W. Bagshaw), and diggers from all parts of the district extended a hearty welcome. The ordinary monthly meeting of the sub-branch was held in the evening, and there was a splendid attendance. Geraldton is blessed with keen executive officers, and the League stands high in the estimation of the public. Mr. Salmon and his colleagues have done much useful work on behalf of returned men, and there are indications of even increased enthusiasm. At the meeting a revival of activity towards the erection of a war memorial was stirred, and many members subscribed on the spot, with the determination not to cease striving until some rallying point for Anzac Day and other services in the open had been provided.

Mr. Smith explained at length the aims and objects of the League and the work being done by the executive, conveying, also, a message of appreciation and goodwill from the president. He was later asked many questions, and cleared up a number of points on which there had been doubt. The relief of "blow-ins" taxes the resources of this sub-branch, very seriously and members are able to accept the Kalgoorlie viewpoint on this matter without any trouble. A band has been formed in connection with the sub-branch and a sports meeting is to be held at Christmas.

The vice-president went by air to Carnarvon, where Mr. C. R. Cornish (president) and Mr. J. W. Firmin (hon. secretary) had assembled almost a full muster of members. One came 160 miles to be present, and many travelled upwards of 100 miles. The meeting at night was quite informal, Mr. Smith's address being conversational, although it covered a very wide field. An explanation of the position in regard to Federal matters was followed with deep interest, and there was much curiosity to discover how Canberra Sub-branch had come to have a State vote. Carnarvon has no pressing problems, but the sub-branch is thriving and popular.

At dawn next morning passengers for the aeroplane were summoned and the flight north began soon after 6 o'clock. The air trip to Onslow was uneventful, but when taking off there a tyre blew out and the wheel collapsed. It was necessary for Pilot Woods to land on the one remaining wheel at Roeburn, and he came to a standstill without serious mishap, although the machine tilted alarmingly and the propeller touched the ground as the nose tipped forward. The machine was flown over the town a few times, and a note dropped before it landed, asking for a new wheel, which was fortunately available, although odd.

Port Hedland was reached just before dinner-time. Mr. Ross Keesing, president of the Pilbara Sub-branch, was there with his able assistant, Mr. A. E. Clarke (the honorary secretary), Mr. L. E. Taplin, and half-a-dozen other members, to extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Smith, who was quickly informed of the splendid arrangements that had been made to make his stay pleasant. He was almost immediately whisked away to Pippinarra Station homestead, where he was the guest of Mr. A. E. Richardson, J.P., who is chairman of the roads board. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, and their daughter, Gwen, did everything possible to make the vice-president feel happy in their charming home, which is flanked by well-kept lawns (emerald jewels in a sea of spinifex) and his wide, shady verandahs that might defy the highest temperatures.

Mr. Smith was intensely interested in the routine work of this busy pastoral property, with all its romance of stock-riders, aborigines, horses, cattle, sheep, mules, donkeys, and machinery all dedicated to the great god, Wool. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson had invited representative citizens and leaders of the R.S.I. to be their guests at dinner, and a party of 30 ladies and gentlemen sat down. There were no speeches, but the party was bubbling with joy and good-fellowship and there was manifested that kindly consideration and helpfulness that so strongly marks the North-West. Dancing and conversation in the open air filled in a charming evening.

On Friday, September 19, the annual meeting of the sub-branch was held, and by 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when Mr. Ross Keesing took the chair, members had
gathered from all parts of the back country. They came by car and train and bicycle, journeys of 100 miles or more over rough roads being lightly thought of. Mr. Keesing was returned unopposed as president, and so was Mr. A. E. Clarke as honorary secretary. There was a ballot for the position of vice-president, and Mr. L. E. Taplin was elected. The sub-branch has over £110 in the bank. It is recognised as the chief social activity of the district, and the R.S.L., library now provides for a need that was long felt. Mr. Smith spoke at length, with special reference to amelioration matters, and the responsibility of sub-branches towards non-members of the League. He traversed the work of the executive and of congress and explained some of the motions which had been submitted. He also referred to the Federal presidency and explained the problems that would confront the Federal congress in November. Mr. Smith congratulated the sub-branch on its able and enthusiastic officers, and referred particularly to the dynamic force of Mr. Keesing, whom so many metropolitan members had learned to love and respect during the Bunbury re-union.

At night a smoke social was held. There was a splendid programme, and the arrangements showed that close thought had been given to every detail. As an example of organisation and keenness this gathering stood out, and some of those with special advantages could learn many points from this distant centre of the League. Mr. L. E. Taplin proposed the toast of the “State Executive,” and he referred particularly to the inspiring work of Colonel Collett. In responding, Mr. Smith said that it had been an education to come among members of a sub-branch who had no need to avail themselves of the many rights and privileges which the R.S.L. had gained for the soldier and to meet diggers, every one of whom depended on the price of wool for his livelihood. He conveyed the congratulations of the president and of the executive and said that it would be his pleasure to report that in the Pilbara Sub-branch all was well and that the outpost was impregnable. The vice-president repeated Colonel Collett’s invitation to soldiers to play their part in public life and remarked that it seemed likely that the soldier who unselfishly sacrificed everything at war to help the Empire would somehow solve the country’s problems now in peace.

On Saturday, September 20, a fancy dress football match was played, and there was a dance at night. The whole of the work in connexion with all the festivities was carried out by fatigue parties under the direction of Mr. Keesing, Mr. Clarke, and Mr. Taplin, and ladies of the district also helped materially. A cricket match, on the Sunday, was played, and the round of entertainments was closed by a bachelors’ ball on the Monday. This soldier gathering, extending over many days, was the most complete held under the auspices of the League this year. Mr. Smith later visited Broome, Wyndham, and Darwin on R.S.L. business.

**Soldiers’ Children’s Scholarship Trust**

The Annual Meeting of the Soldiers’ Children’s Scholarship Trust was held at Government House, on Tuesday, September 2nd, 1930. His Excellency (Sir William Campion) presided. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30/6/30 were adopted. The report showed that during the year, 221 applications on behalf of children of deceased and incapacitated children were received. Twenty-nine scholarships were granted during the year. Assistance was given for the purchase of schoolbooks to the extent of £115, representing books for 210 children. An amount of £111 was expended in bursaries. The main sources of income during the year were “The Movie Ball” Committee £200, Trustees R.S.L. Charity Bonds £170, Friendly Union of Soldiers’ Wives £10, Subiaco Branch Women’s Auxiliary £1 ls.

The following were—elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—President, His Excellency Sir William Campion, K.C.M.G., D.S.O.; Deputy President and Chairman of Committee, Chaplain Major Rev. D. I. Freedman, B.A., V.D.; Committee: Chief Justice Sir Robert McMillan, K.B., The Hon. Minister for Education, Professor A. D. Ross, M.A.D.Sc., Mrs. C. H. E. Manning, Mrs. E. A. Evans, Mrs. L. Clark, Mrs. H. Dean, Mr. J. H. Tozer, Mr. H. E. Wells, M.L.A. Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. R. Fitzpatrick.

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General von Seeckt, who is one of the successful candidates of the recent German elections, was Von Mackensen’s right hand man on the Eastern Front. According to Rudolf Binding and other reliable authorities, Von Mackensen’s successes in the Serbian and Kumanian campaigns were mainly due to Von Seeckt’s brilliant staff work. It was Von Seeckt who re-organised the German Army under the conditions imposed by the Treaty of Versailles.

Cables report the death of Mlle. Laure Millanquet, at La Chapelle, near Armenieres. She is said to be the original Mademoiselle from Armentieres, and it is known that her beauty made her the attraction of the little village during 1914 and 1915. Still the claim that she was the original Mademoiselle cannot be sustained, for, as with Sairey Gamp’s Mrs. ‘Arris, and Bainsfater’s Old Bill, there was no “such person.” Every depot and training camp in England contained some walrus-moustached fellow used to be pointed out to newcomers as the original Old Bill. Bainsfater assured an Australian audience in Weymouth that there was no original; his famous character was just a type. Similarly, the famous Mademoiselle was born of the soldiers’ imagination. This searching for originals is an old hobby. The war had long ended before the newspapers ceased referring to various ladies who had been away playing at war-work, as “The Diggers’ Sister,” or “The Diggers’ Mother,” though we had never heard of them ourselves.

The Thirty-second have had a couple of casualties this month. Dear old L. St. J. Kennedy, President of the Battalion Association, and Bill Andrews have both been patients in the Repatriation Ward of the Perth Hospital. It is hoped that we will soon be seeing their genial faces at re-unions again.

A great Australian answered the Last Roll Call in London when Major-General Sir Neville Reginald Howse, V.C., passed away after undergoing a serious operation. General Howse, who was born in Somerset on October 5, 1864, qualified in medicine in the Old Country, and came out to New South Wales, where he engaged in general practice. He went to South Africa with the New South Wales Lancers, as M.O., on the outbreak of the Boer War, and gained the only V.C. for the State of New South Wales during that campaign. This was for rescuing a trumpeter under heavy rifle fire at Vrededorp on July 24, 1900. That seems a simple thing when we recall V.C. episodes of the Great War; but it must be remembered that the South African country was open territory, that the Boers were skilled marksmen, and that every shot they fired was fired with intention.

When the compulsory training scheme was put into operation, Major Howse was practising in Orange, and he resumed his connection with the Australian Military Forces as Area Medical Officer for that district.

He went away to Gallipoli as a Lieutenant-Colonel, was wounded twice, and finished up as D.D.M.S. of the A.I.F., gaining the K.C.B., K.C.M.G., and the Knighthood of Grace of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem. The last distinction he prized above all the others. Always a good citizen, he pulled his weight in civil life, and represented the Federal constituency of Calare until the last Federal Elections. In the last Bruce Ministry he held the double portfolio as Minister for Public Health and for Defence. As Minister for Public Health he gave his skill, a skill based on years of research and practical experience, to the nation. With Mr. Bruce he represented Australia as a delegate at the Fourth Assembly of the League of Nations in 1924.

Ever a good citizen, he is one whose loss in private, military, social and political life, will be keenly felt throughout the Commonwealth.

Mrs. J. Reading, the widow of the late Sergeant J. F. P. Reading, wishes to thank employees of the Repatriation Department, and specially thanks Mr. C. Ferguson (assistant State secretary) for uniting efforts during her recent pension appeal.

An interesting visitor to our offices during the month was Joe Rydings, the new secretary of the Nannup sub-branch. Joe served with the 11th Battalion, and, unfortunately, his war injuries are extensive. Owing to the decline in the timber industry, Nannup has been experiencing a quiet period, and the sub-branch has been permitted to decline, but, with the assistance of President W. H. (Bill) Blyth and other enthusiasts Joe expects soon to be able to boast of a 100 per cent membership.

A well-merited honour is the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters, which the University of Melbourne has just conferred upon Mr. C. E. Bean, the official historian of the A.I.F. This degree, which is given sparingly, is conferred upon Masters of Arts of the University and others who have written history, literary criticism, or other works of outstanding literary merit. The new doctor is the younger son of a Tasmanian clergyman, and is related on his mother’s side to the well-known Butler clan, which, before 1916, had sent eighteen of its members to the front. C. E. Bean joined the staff of the Sydney Morning Herald in 1908, and soon gained a name for himself by his reports on the Easter Camps. His brisk literary style was so different from the stodgy reporting of those days, that it earned him the nickname of “Purple Patches.” Before the war, his first book, “A Dreadnought of the Darling,” was published, and when, in 1914, the Minister for Defence asked the Australian Journalists’ Association to nominate one of its members as official war correspondent with the A.I.F., Bean was

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"West Australian," writing in the West Australian (16/9/30), says: "My children saved a hundred pounds in the Commonwealth Savings Bank, and this money has been used for bounties and building up Canberra." This is the kind of rubbish with which secessionists gull one another. If the statement were not so palpably silly, it would amount to a libel on the Governor of the Commonwealth Bank, for Savings Bank deposits cannot be applied to such purposes, at least, not legally.

English papers report that Tommy Atkins is not availing himself to any extent of the right to wear mufti when on a leave pass. In the old days, when soldiers in uniform were not served in saloon bars, or allowed into the more expensive seats in theatres, the concession would have been a privilege. Like most reforms, the mufti concession has come too late to be of much use.

He kissed the parlour maid and the girl screamed. The wife came in and looked around suspiciously.

"Fish, why did you scream?"

"Through joy, madam. The master has just doubled my wages."

THE CAPTURE OF MONT ST. QUENTIN
31st August, 1918.

(By Brig-General E. F. Martin, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.)

The text of the congratulatory message issued by the 4th Army Commander reads as follows: "The capture of Mont St. Quentin by the Second Division is a feat of arms worthy of the highest praise. The natural strength of the position is immense, and the tactical value of it, in reference to Peronne and the whole system of the Somme defences cannot be over-estimated. I am filled with admiration of the gallantry and surprising daring of the Second Division in winning this important fortress, and I congratulate them with all my heart.—Rawlinson."

It has been suggested that I might write a few notes on the capture of Mont St. Quentin, on 31st August, 1918.

The 25th April, 1915, Anzac Day, is, of course, Australia's great national day, but there were other days during the Great War when further fame was added to the name of Australia by her gallant soldiers, and one of those days was the 31st August, 1918, when the 5th Brigade, 2nd Australian Division, assaulted that natural fortress, Mont St. Quentin, and over-coming tremendous odds and great difficulties, and having to attack over ground unreconnoitred, with right flank in the air, on which flank lay the strongly defended town of Peronne, carried all before them, gaining all their objectives, repulsing numerous heavy counter and bombing attacks, and only giving up a small portion of the ground captured in order to better consolidate the position gained, and cover the left flank, which was also in the air, and threatened by the enemy. When the attack was planned, it was expected that the division on my left would advance also, and so cover that flank, but it did not do so, and there was a gap of fully 1,000 yards.

So, to the best of my ability, I pen the following lines. To write a full account of that day would take too long, but I am putting it as clearly and concisely as possible.

On the 23rd August, 1918, the battle of Chivignes was fought, and the 2nd Division, which was in corps reserve, was warned to be prepared to come into the line a day or two later, and carry on the work of hustling the enemy clear out of the river bend and across the line of the Somme.

On the 26th, the 2nd Division came into line, taking over part of the front held by the 1st Division. Divisional Headquarters was located at Cappy; the 5th Division was on the right of the 2nd Division, and the 3rd Division was on the left, the Somme being the divisional boundary between the 2nd and 3rd Divisions.

The 2nd Division had two brigades in line (the 5th (Martin's) on the left, and the 7th (Wisdom's) on the right); and the 6th Brigade (Robertson's) in reserve.

The forward movement continued until held up by the Somme, which takes a right-angled bend at Clery Sur Somme; all bridges had been destroyed, and it formed a natural obstacle with a wide, deep canal and marshes some 400 to 500 yards across.

Mont St. Quentin to our immediate front, across the Somme, stood out grim and forbidding, as, in addition to its dominating the whole of the approaches from the north, west, and south, it had lines and lines of barb-wire and trenches. It was undoubtedly the key position, and would be determinedly held. The ground from the base to the top rises in a gentle slope, bare of cover; and, therefore, enough to make the strongest heart quail when ordered to assault it.

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a quarry near Mericourt Wood on 29th August, 1918, and occupied some old dugouts—word was received about midnight that the advance was held up owing to the troops not being able to cross the Somme Canal and marshes—at this time the positions of the line brigades were from left to right, 17th, 18th, and 19th Battalions, and 20th Battalion in reserve near Mericourt Wood. Word was received from the 7th Brigade on my right that they were also held up by the Somme.

Brigadier-General E. F. Martin, C.B., G.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., who is a resident of this State, is one of the most distinguished of our soldiers of the Great War. He was a citizen force officer of long experience, being one of the first area officers appointed under the compulsory training scheme. On war being declared, he served with the force which captured German New Guinea. On his return to Sydney, he was appointed second-in-command of the 17th Battalion, which was then forming, taking command of this unit just after the evacuation of Gallipoli, retaining this command until March, 1918, when he was temporarily appointed G.O.C. of the 7th Brigade. On the 3rd May, he took over the 5th Brigade from General Robert Smith, which command he retained until the end of the war.

General Monash, in his book, "Australian Victories in France in 1918," speaks very eulogistically regarding General Martin's leadership at the Battle of Mont St. Quentin, in which his brigade played the vital part.

Division, being fully advised of the position, instructed me to withdraw my brigade to near Feuillers, leaving just sufficient troops to cover my front (I left the 19th Battalion), and to cross the Somme at the temporary bridge at Feuillers, and move through the village of Clery-sur-Somme, which the 3rd Division reported was in their possession, and form a bridgehead preparatory to attacking Mont St. Quentin on the morning of the 31st.

I warned the 20th Battalion, which was in reserve, and when the 17th and 18th joined them, arranged for all to have a good meal and a rest, and then, at 10 a.m., the three battalions moved off and crossed the bridge, and turned east along the right bank of the Somme, the 20th Battalion leading, and following along old communication trenches. It was most fortunate that they advanced along these trenches, as Clery Sur Somme was found to be strongly held by the enemy, but after a stiff fight, it was cleared. We took seven machine guns and 120 prisoners, besides killing a large number.

When I issued my orders for this move, I also, by arrangement with the C.R.A. Division, sent three 18-pound field guns with the troops, the artillery officers being instructed to keep in close touch with the infantry, and assist wherever possible in overcoming machine gun posts, etc., and this move was found most helpful, as the guns quickly got on to any target which was holding up the advance. While all this was going on, I had a half company of engineers, under Captain Steele, repairing the bridge across the Somme at Clery-sur-Somme; the enemy kept up a heavy shelling of this area, and the engineers suffered some casualties. However, by dogged determination and gallantry against long odds, the work progressed, and Captain Steele was able to assure me that he would have a foot-bridge ready by midnight to enable the 19th Battalion to cross. Communication was very difficult between the three battalions that had crossed the river and Brigade Headquarters, and the position was very obscure until the signallers found an old boat, and, though subject to rifle fire, managed to row across the river just west of Clery-sur-Somme, and establish telephonic communication. I then got the full strength of the position, and learned that owing to the opposition in Clery, the battalions did not get clear of the village until well after dark. However, I was able to report to Division that all was well, and the attack on the Mont would take place in the morning of the 31st, as originally intended. I then got in touch with the C.R.A. Division, and C.O.'s Artillery Brigades, and they came to my headquarters, and after explaining to them the position at that moment, and how I intended to make my attack, we discussed...
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the question of artillery support. Owing to the fact that I could not definitely give the jumping-off position of the infantry, because it was not possible to lay out the usual tape, on account of the ground being held by the enemy, and the brigades in forming up would have to first clear the ground of the enemy.

I decided to start the lighter guns on a line as near as could be calculated 1,000 yards from where I considered the infan-
try would be formed up, and remain there five minutes to give the infantry time to get up under it. The heavies were given certain known or suspected asphalt and machine gun position well back, and told generally to engage any targets in the back areas that presented themselves.

It might be clearer if I explained that after clearing Clery-sur-Somme, the bat-
talions had to turn to the right and move along the river bank towards Peronne, so as to get opposite the line of assault, and, all being done in the dark, no map reference of the line taken up could be given; it had to be guess work.

The zero hour was fixed for 4 a.m. Owing to the battalion commander being unable to come to Brigade Headquarters, and the difficulties of sending orders by runners, it was decided to telephone same to 20th Battalion Headquarters, where the telephone was installed. The insulation was good, and there was no difficulty in clearly and distinctly speaking across this line. Also, time was short, and a runner would have taken at least a couple of hours, and then perhaps got lost. In ordinary stationary warfare, this would have been unthinkable, as the enemy would have been able to pick up the message, but I knew there was no fear of that happening, as he was fighting a rear-guard action, and could not have used his instruments, even if he had had them there. The attack order being duly re-
ceived by the C.O.'s of battalions and artillery, the next thing was to get the 19th Battalion across, and this was done just after midnight.

The order of attack was: the 19th Battalion right, 17th Battalion in centre, and 20th Battalion on left, with 18th Battalion in reserve. The objectives were: The 19th Battalion, a line between southern end of Mont St. Quentin village and Anvil Wood; the 17th Battalion, the village of Mont St. Quentin; and the 20th Battalion, a line from the north end of the village to the village of Feuillacourt. It is hard to understand why the brigade was not heavily attacked when forming up, or immediately after, as the battalions actually had to fight their way on to their forming up positions, but apparently the enemy had no means of communicating with any of their headquarters.

The battle opened well, and by 7 a.m. the battalions had all made considerable progress, the enemy made a most stubborn resistance, but there was no stopping the attack. The 19th, however, when they reached the rising ground south-west of Mont St. Quentin village, came under heavy machine gun fire from the direction of Anvil Wood, the aerodrome and St. Denis, also were fired on by hostile field guns at point-blank range, and were held up until our guns could deal with them. Several counter attacks were successfully repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy, but the 19th also suffered considerable casualties from the fire to which it was exposed. The 17th Bat-
talion also met with great success reaching its objective, two companies being established east of the village, and the 20th had also reached its objective.

However, they were soon subjected to heavy counter attacks; the 17th Bat-
talion, after being heavily shelled, were counter-attacked from a north-easterly direction simultaneously with a subsidiary attack from east of the village. The battalion lost heavily, particularly in officers, and the result was that the centre was withdrawn to the trench system just west of the Peronne-Bou Chavennes Road. The enemy launched five bombing attacks against our new position, but were all driven off. The 20th Battalion had also been heavily counter-attacked, and there was a dangerous gap between the right of the 20th and the left of the 17th, and the position being far from satisfactory, I sent up one company of the 18th Bat-
talion to fill this gap; also, about this time I had to send two companies of the 18th Battalion to reinforce the right of the 19th, as the enemy were starting to filter around the right flank, and later on, the 23rd Battalion (6th Brigade) was lent to me to cover this flank. Owing to the 3rd Division on my left not making progress, there was also a gap of 1,000 yards between my left flank and the 10th Brigade. This Brigade, when this was pointed out, promised to push up their right and connect up with the left of the 20th. However, they were apparently unable to do this, and the enemy began to find his way through this gap, and threaten the rear of the 20th, so they had to withdraw from the village of Feuillacourt and refuse their left flank. At the end of the day's fighting the line ran approximately: Florina trench—past the brick-works north of Anvil Wood—along Gött Mit Uns trench—

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Deus trench, Elsa trench, Moineville. Alley and Oder trench.
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The attack on Mont St. Quentin by the 5th Brigade with hasty artillery support, and without proper creeping barrage ranks as one of the most notable examples of pluck and enterprise during the war. The strength of the Brigade was 70 officers, and 1,250 bayonets, which attacked a naturally very strong position, defended by picked troops with lines of barb-wire and trenches. They gained almost all their objectives and held on against heavy and determined counter-attacks. It was a soldier's battle, and fully brought out the individuality and bravery of the Australian soldier.

When the 4th Army Commander (General Rawlinson) visited corps on the 30th, and the corps commander told him how it was proposed to send one brigade against Mont St. Quentin, he is stated to have remarked: "And so you think you are going to take Mont St. Quentin with three battalions? What presumption! However, I do not think I ought to stop you! So go ahead and try, and I wish you luck." (See "Australian Victories in France in 1918," page 194.)

The capture by the Brigade on the 31st included well over 1,000 prisoners, mostly from crack regiments, and many machine guns, etc. From German orders captured at the time, it was learned that the Mont was to be held at all costs, and picked troops had been selected on that account.

Camp Fire.
Anyone able to give information of the whereabouts of J. W. Horton, late 16th Battalion, please communicate with the Secretary, the Perth Sub-Branch, Returned Soldiers' Institute.

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The weedy Garden, general of the "Reds" in Sydney, suggests that the Federal Government should "mobilise" credit. How fond these anti-militarists are of military metaphors.

"Plunder," "ramp," "steal," "ruthless exploitation," and the "baneful effects of Federation" are but a few of the mildest epithets used by the majority of the advocates of secession. Such hyperboles connote the mental attitude of the soap-box orator, who addresses his audience as "fellow slyves." To our mind the most baneful effect of the secession agitation is that over zeal in the cause has induced otherwise good natured men to use the invective of the mob orator, and the repartee of the wash tub.

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Digger's Kid (in the train on a wet day): "Dad, that lady's got spats on her boots."

Digger: "Serves her right for coming into the smoking compartment."

According to Mr. H. Gregory, M.H.R., "We are justified now in going the whole hog" and demanding secession. Whole hog is right, but why say it in American? Is Mr. Gregory trying to prove his bonafides by refusing to speak the language we use in common with the "Eastern Oppressors."

Cropper Milligan writes from Nungarin:—It is indeed gratifying to note the increase of sub-branches in the wheat belt, and when it is recognised that the farmer is called upon by Federal and State politicians, supported by Sir Otto Niemeyer, "to grow more wheat," and thereby enable them to save the country by paying our public debts, allow me to express a hope, that all sub-branches of the wheat belt will be fully represented at the forthcoming Conference by soldier settlers, who can speak with a direct knowledge of the unfortunate position in which the farmer finds himself. He is unquestionably up against adversity, not only with the Agricultural Bank, Lands and Taxation Department, but also with the machinery, super, and bag merchant. Many sub-branches in past years have, owing to their distance from Perth, been represented by city men in the commercial world, lacking a knowledge of the disabilities under which the primary producer works, especially the soldier settler on the wheat belt.

Comrade (in Arms) writes—In your July issue, you published the names of the three candidates for presidential honours, with the qualifications, rank, and war records of each, thereby enabling diggers to cast a conscientious vote in returning "dinkum diggers" for such high and honourable positions. Such a practice, I think, is highly commendable, and I should like to suggest, that, as far as possible, such a procedure might well be adopted in all nominations for positions, at all future elections, for office and likewise appointments. The adoption of such a system would, firstly, restrain the stay-at-home soldier from nominating; secondly, create confidence in the R.S.L. management amongst many returned diggers, thereby increasing membership; thirdly, would stamp out, and prevent, cliques; fourthly, would create a keen competition for such positions when diggers realised that they sat in company with the proved digger.

The cruiser "Diomedes" will be recommissioned in October, when she will, most probably, return to the New Zealand Division, since her name still appears in the Navy List as belonging to that division. The future of the New Zealand Division is likely to be discussed at the Imperial Conference. Public opinion in New Zealand favours the view that the money expended on the maintenance of ships of the Royal Navy would be spent more usefully in developing a local air force. Under the terms of the Naval Treaty, the Admiralty will maintain only fifty cruisers, so the proposal is likely to receive a favourable hearing. The reduction in naval strength added to dwindling resources does not enable Great Britain to keep up appearances in distant waters, and, in the present situation in China, it is unlikely that the Chinese and Eastern Squadron will be

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reduced. The African Squadron consists of only two ships, and a reduction here would mean total elimination. Yet Mr. Lovekin and his fellow strategists are striving to impose a further burden upon the Royal Navy and render John Bull's task of policing the seas more difficult.

Mr. Shaw, the new Secretary for War, is an ardent pacifist, but he has no intention of allowing his private beliefs to interfere with his duties. He made this manifest in a recent speech, in which he said that "so long as the Government held that a certain number of men were necessary for the Army, he should regard it as his duty to provide them, and that, whatever his opinion about war might be, he would do his best to see that men leaving the Army had a real chance in civil life." Apparently he intends to elaborate the present scheme of vocational training for time-serving soldiers, as, he continued, he considered that every soldier should be looked upon "as a national servant, who would go automatically to one job from another when he left the ranks."

If Mr. Shaw can overcome the stubborn opposition of the English trade unions to the preferential employment of ex-service men in Government Departments, he will remove a serious hindrance to recruiting.

All Snivel on the Western Front

(Some Reflections on the Film, by C. R. Collins)

Just twelve months ago I reviewed the novel, "All Quiet on the Western Front." One of those candid friends, who are ever ready to prick the bubble of one's conceit, told me that my review was more unjust than the book itself. Before seeing the film, I refreshed my memory of the story by reading it again, and see no reason for modifying a single opinion expressed in the review. I still think that its literary merit has been over-estimated and that its filth ensured its popularity. As distinguished from the robust coarseness of the great Elizabethans and the eighteenth century novelists, Ramarque's is the filth of decadence.

Much twaddle has been written in Eastern and local papers about the film version's wonderful and far-reaching value as anti-war propaganda. It is fashionable, nowadays, especially with those incapable of constructive thought, to read anti-war propaganda into everything which purports to be the truth about the war. Undiscriminating critics forget that, after all, the novelist is concerned mainly with his tale—and its sale. As a matter of fact, propaganda has very nearly outlived its usefulness. It had its effect and its justification during the war, when it helped to mystify the enemy or to win over a doubtful ally; but people no longer take it seriously. At best it is but a broadcasting of half truths; at worst it is merely organised lying. It is too easily recognised. Even that casual beggar, "the Man in the Street," can detect the axe to grind beneath the haze of specious platitude. It provokes counter-propaganda and divides the world into "pros" and "antis." The best cause in the world will find opponents, even as the crankiest theory will find facts which seem to support it.
To be truly effective, propaganda must emanate from a source untainted by suspicion; it must be presented in a form which does not insult human intelligence; and it must be addressed to those who are not already convinced. Last year a German organisation of ex-soldiers took considerable pains to notify similar bodies throughout the world that Erich Maria Remarque was never nearer the front line than a recruiting depot, where he obtained his knowledge of trench life at second-hand from hospital patients. The film version was produced in America, under the direction of a gentleman who bears the grand old English name of Carl Laemmle. So much for the sources of the film propaganda.

In the presentation we are led to believe that the German army was composed of boys who remained boys throughout the war. Paul Baumer and his friends were not schoolboys, but college students of the class who entered the old German army as one-year volunteers. But this is not the worst distortion of truth. The aspect of fear is overdone. The German soldier had his faults, but hysterical cowardice was not one of them. Had that been so we would have won the war in 1914. The whole ethical appeal is based on self-pity—surely the ignoblest of human emotions, and one which finds its physical expression in acts of cowardice! During the course of twenty-eight years' continuous military service I have met soldiers of every class, colour and creed; never did I find self-pity the soldier's prevailing emotion, nor did I ever find a soldier who did not despise a coward.

Paul's speech in the schoolroom—a liberty taken with the text, has a typical Hollywooden thud about it. There is also a forced pathos about the manner of his death. He is sniped while trying to catch a butterfly. Apparently it is less reprehensible to kill a frail and lovely creature in the name of science than it is to shoot an armed enemy in the interests of patriotism. Soft pedagogy cannot "have it both ways."

But the good German soldiers did not want the war—it was forced on them. That may be so, but these same lovable young men did quite a lot of damage to life and property before they were finally driven out of other people's countries; and it is questionable whether such sentiments would have been uttered had the Kaiser's legions triumphed. It is all very fine for undiscriminating critics and other enthusiasts to cackle about this sort of tosh and call it effective anti-war propaganda. Contrary to the generally accepted opinion, the cackling of geese did not save Rome, and it will take something more vigorous than this film and concerted cackling in praise of it to convince the next generation that the World War need not have happened. Despite the wonderful developments that have been made in the technique of the film, it is not yet a strong enough medium for the portrayal of war in all its stark horror. The visual impressions themselves are not strong enough; it is impossible to reproduce effectively the appalling noise, and the old familiar smells are absent.

But even were all this so, the person who can be deterred from warlike activities by the presentation of horror is just the same old person who shunned the recruiting office during the war years. He is convinced already. We who lived through the ghastly business are already convinced. It was because I wished to observe the effect of this wonderful piece of propaganda upon what the salesman would call "the legitimate prospect," the normal schoolboy of to-day who will be the voter of to-morrow, that I went to an afternoon showing, and sat in the midst of a crowd of boys. Their reaction to the propaganda was something like this: they laughed immoderately at the pathetic parts. This was not juvenile rudeness, nor do I think it denoted a cynical outlook. They could not help themselves. Hollywood has a wonderful flair for unconscious humour. When the Germans advanced there was a noticeable silence; when the French counter-attackcd there was an outburst of juvenile cheering. That was my experience, but, of course, there is the possibility that all the good little boys, who believe in Papa Laemmle, went to another showing.

I fear that those who regard this sort of thing as effective propaganda have allowed the pious wish to father the thought. Judged solely as a picture, "All Quiet" is a splendid production. Even the battle scenes were better done than in any other American film we have seen in Perth. So good was the picture that one forgot the incongruity of the Yank accent coming from the German uniform, but French spoken with an American accent, as in the canal scene, is exasperatingly vile.

How close and warm you lie upon my heart! My heart, which at your coming throbs the faster.
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Military Music

(By C. R. Collins)

It was Shakespeare, the world's greatest delineator of character, who said, "He that hath not music in his soul is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils." Conversely, music, especially that of a bold character, has been associated with the brave of all the earth, from time immemorial. There is still in existence an old Latin story which tells of a trumpeter captured by the enemy. In those bad old days prisoners of war got short shrift, and the trumpeter pleaded for his life, saying that he was a musician and not a fighting man. He was unlucky, because the enemy replied that, as his music inspired men with the will to fight, he was more dangerous than any fighting man. Apart from the doubtful ethics of the situation, those enemies of ancient Rome were psychologically sound. Stirring music has the effect of raising the soldier-man's spirits. We have all witnessed the effect on a fatigued regiment of the band striking up, and who has not thrilled to the skill of the pipes? Even on the purely physical side, music enables men to keep in step and so lessen the fatigue of marching.

The effects of military music were well known in the spacious Elizabethan days. The stage directions of the Elizabethan drama are full of references to music and to musical instruments. They are all there—trumpets, cornets, sackbuts, hautboys, and drums. The cornet in Shakespeare's day was a wooden instrument, as is the cor anglais today. The sackbut was the ancestor of the trombone and the hautboy is the modern oboe. Queen Elizabeth herself was an accomplished musician, and encouraged the use of musical instruments among her naval and military forces.

The regular army came into being officially in the reign of Charles II. The Merry Monarch was also a musical monarch, and bands soon became a feature of the authorised establishment, though, according to Sir Walter Scott, in "Old Mortality," regimental music was not played at night. When Charles II appeared in public he was escorted by a captain, a lieutenant, three sergeants, two corporals and eighty privates, two drummers, and two hautboy players. The Queen and the Duke of York were similarly escorted.

In the eighteenth century, Turkish music became very popular throughout Western Europe. The Turks were fond of percussion instruments, and, as the result of numerous campaigns on the Continent, such instruments as tambourines, cymbals, and triangles found their way into British bands. While not very musical, these instruments were of great value in keeping men in step. The British soldier then marched to the sound of fifes, hautboys, and numerous noise-making instruments, one of which, a curious bell instrument, called "Jingling Johnnie," adopted from the Turkish Janissaries, was very popular. It was fashionable in those days to use black men as drummers and trumpeters. The black men were allowed to perform strange antics to the time of the music. The stick gymnastics of the modern drummer, and the contortions of the present-day drum-major, are survivals of this practice. The 2nd Life Guards, the Coldstream and the Scots Guards, had black men in their bands until sixty or seventy years ago.

During the last century the British had quite an inferiority complex as regards music. The result was that nearly all the army bandmasters were imported from the Continent, principally from Germany and Italy. At the present time the army trains its own bandmasters at the Royal Army Music School, Knelor Hall.

This year, John Philip Sousa, the American veteran bandmaster and composer of marches, composed a march for the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, commemorating a feat of arms performed by that regiment, in conjunction with the U.S. Marines, at Tientsin, during the Boxer Rebellion. Sousa visited England and presented the regiment with a specially bound copy of the march. During his visit he was asked to conduct the regimental band. It is believed that this is the first time in history that a British Army band has been conducted by one not its own bandmaster. Sousa paid a high tribute to British Army band music, which he says is superior to that of Continental bands, not excepting those of Germany.

Every British regiment has its own regimental march, generally a folk song of the county it represents, or associated with some incident in the regiment's history. In this connection it is curious to note that many old Scottish Jacobite tunes, and Irish revolutionary songs, are now the marches of British regiments. At least two British regiments, the Coldstream Guards and the West Yorks, have adopted enemy tunes, the regimental march of each being "Ga Ira," one of the propaganda songs of revolutionary France. The story goes that during one of the earlier campaigns of the French Revolutionary War, the West Yorks were isolated in a fog. They heard a French band playing "Ga Ira," and their colonel told his band to strike up the same air. The band did so, and the West Yorks, mistaken for Frenchmen, marched through the encircling gloom to their own lines. During the Great War the writer had the good fortune to hear the massed bands of the Guards play in Trafalgar Square. Thousands of people were present, and the Guards concluded the performance with the German "Hymn of Hate." When the hymn ended there was a moment of breathless silence, then the derivative reeds played the notes associated with the street whistle, "Steady, Boys, here comes a Bobby," finishing with a terrific crash of the drums. The crowd appreciated the humour of the situation as only a London crowd can. There is no record of the...
Footguards ever having played the "Red Flag" in public, but then that dismal wail is not a song for men.

TENTH LIGHT HORSE

Ex-members of the Tenth Light Horse are reminded that the annual re-union will be held at the Returned Soldiers' Institute, Perth, at 8 p.m., Wednesday, October 8th. The Secretary (Mr. Roy Perry) has received notification of attendance from many sources, and a record gathering is expected. Everybody who served with the regiment, or with other units on the Egypt-Sinai-Palestine-Syrian Front is cordially invited, and an enjoyable evening is promised. Further information may be obtained from the Secretary, care of the Repatriation Department, Perth.

44th BATTALION

The annual re-union of the 44th Battalion will be held at the Returned Soldiers' Institute, Perth, on Saturday, October 11th, the anniversary of the outbreak of the Boer War, and of the big hop-over at Passchendaele. Members are requested to lend any photographs they may have, which will illustrate the Battalion's doings overseas. It is proposed to have lantern slides made of them, which will be projected on the screen during the evening. Captain "Sid" Longmore will explain the slides. Photographs should be sent as soon as possible to the Secretary, Mr. W. J. Hunt, Ascot Road, Victoria Park, or to Mr. G. S. Mellor, Secretary Perth Sub-Branch, Returned Soldiers' Institute.

RETURNED SISTERS

The Returned Sisters held their annual re-union dinner at the Karrakatta Club, on Tuesday, August 26th. The dinner was followed by a bridge evening in the new club rooms, in the W.A.T.C. Building, Howard Street, which have been provided by the Committee of the Returned Sisters' Fund. Among those present were Misses Homan, McDonald, Lovell, Dunn, Ashton, King, Bailey, Nicholson, Connelly, Bowick, Hayes, Phillips, Hall, Wignell, Harris, Mrs. Graham, Misses Brown, Craig, Davidson, Broxhall, Glyde, Kenman, Stanley, Head, Cook.

Will all returned sisters make an effort to be present at a meeting, to be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 24th, 1930, in the new club rooms, W.A.T.C. Building, corner of Howard Street and the Esplanade, Perth. Two rooms have been provided, and it is to be hoped that many country members will make use of them when in town. It is proposed that social evenings will be held on the last Wednesday in every month.

Miss McDonald (Matron Lemnos Hospital) gave a most enjoyable evening, on Monday, September 8th, during Colonel Smellie's visit to the State on Repatriation business. Bridge and music were enjoyed by Dr. and Mrs. McKay, Dr. and Mrs. Perdrix, Dr. and Mrs. Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. H. Frohling, Colonel and Mrs. Margolin, Mr. and Mrs. Hardwick, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Watkins, Mrs. Trouchet, Miss King, Misses Ashton, England, Harris, Airey, McGrath, Armstrong, and Colonel Martin.

"Father," said the student. "I want to talk to you about changing my course of study."

"Talk to your mother, son," directed the father, who was reading the sporting page.

"Mother," said the son, "I made a mistake when I selected chemistry. But it is not too late to change even yet. I want to take astronomy instead."

The mother searched the eyes of her son sharply. Then she said: "No! You'll have to think up some better excuse for staying out at night."

Don't look over some of the laws and regulations passed by our legislators and then read of the need of education in Russia. You might hurt yourself laughing.

Sub-Branch Notes

PILBARA

Preparations are in progress for the Annual Smoke Social, which promises to be a wonderful revel. The Eleventh Annual Ball was held on the 18th August. Despite the financial depression, it was well attended and was a huge success. The hall, which was decorated with coloured bunting, taking the form of a blue sky, across which floated the Union Jack and the Red Ensign, caused a sensation. To make this decoration, over 600 yards of sewing had to be done from ladder and ladders. The statistic states that over two miles of cotton were used. The September affair shows every sign of developing into a gala week-end for the whole district, and it is expected that there will be more people in town than there were for the annual races.

GERALDTON

At a largely attended meeting of the Geraldton Sub-Branch held on the 12th August many appreciative remarks on the band concert given by the R.S.L. Band the previous evening were made. Although the band was only formed recently their performance was of a high order and reflected great credit on the conductor, Mr. C. Wright. It was resolved to tender a smoke social to members of the band at the supporting artists on Thursday, 21st August, 1930.

Two members of the Women's Auxiliary were present at the meeting in connection with the All Nations' Ball they are organising, to be held on Friday, August 29th. The Sub-Branch is assisting them in this effort and it is hoped to prove to be a great success. Members were informed that the President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. P. H. Spence, would be attending the annual State Congress. Mr. T. Greenaway, Vice-President of the Sub-Branch, will attend Congress as delegate from Geraldton.

At the close of the meeting, the President (Mr. A. H. Salmon) presented the League's Certificate of Service to Mr. F. Dunn, who acted as Secretary, and a very efficient one too, for over two years.

DOWAK

The annual meeting was held at Salmon Gums on August 2nd, and the following were elected for office during the coming year:—Chairman, L. A. Weeks, Vice-Chairman, J. W. Wignell; Advisory Committee, Messrs Evans, Wilkinson and Paul; General Committee, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, the Advisory Committee and E. S. Weeks; Secretary, G. Andrews; Organiser, H. McGuckin.

The decision of the Committee to donate a cup to the Southern Mallee Agricultural Society was
ended. The cup is to be similar to the one presented last year and will be presented to the winner of the champion fowl competition. An interview was arranged between a representative of the Sub-Branch and the Land Committee, and Mr. A. J. Evans was authorised to meet them while in Perth. The principal matter to be discussed concerns the transfer to new locations of returned men whose holdings have been condemned.

**MERREDIN AND NO. 5 DISTRICT RE-UNION**

A meeting and re-union of the No. 5 District Committee was held in the Merredin Town Hall, on Saturday, September 6th. In addition to the President and Secretary of the Merredin Sub-Branch (M. K. Logan and F. A. Law), there were present Mr. H. E. Wells, M.L.A. (State Executive), the Chairman of the Merredin Road Board, and 126 men from the districts of Bruce Rock, Campion, Geelakine, Kellarberrin, Nungarin, Merredin, and Southern Cross, representing a membership of approximately 350 financial members. Many of them travelled as far as 126 miles in wet weather, and over shocking roads to be present.

Merredin has an active and flourishing sub-branch, with an energetic and capable Secretary. Its accounts at present show in General Account, £2 17s. 6d.; Amelioration Account, £12 19s. 1d.; and Hospital Trust, £176 11s. 3d.

Recently a very successful Hospital Appeal was launched with the above-mentioned result. It was accomplished by splendid team work, and an ugly Men's competition alone gave a net result of £83. The prize was won by an ugly digger from Goomeern.

The Empire Shopping Week, organised by the sub-branch, was very successful, and the Women's Auxiliary is doing excellent work. Five members of the Merredin Sub-Branch are also members of the Road Board, and other members occupy prominent positions in the public and social activities of the town and district.

The General Account of the District Re-Union Committee at the local Savings Bank shows a credit balance of £8 13s. 6d.

**YORK**

The revived York Sub-Branch held a re-union dinner of September 12th. It will be remembered that the Sub-Branch, after a few years of quiescence, has been revived through the energetic efforts of its President, Tom Steen, Secretary, Larry Mahoney, and others. The Executive was represented by Messrs. Alf. Yeates and E. Edmonds. Other visitors present were Mr. James Mann, M.L.A. (a soldier legislator), and a number of representatives from each of the following sub-branches:—Northam, Beverley, and Quairading. Mr. Arthur Penny, of Northam, presided at the piano, and Mr. Sid. Hardwick (Bauister), and Mr. S. Hobbs (cornered), helped out with the music.

Community singing, which is now an essential part of every dinner function, filled a big portion of the programme. An innovation, which might well become part of the ritual of all ex-servicesmen's gatherings, was the roll call. In calling the roll, Mr. Mahoney mentioned the unit to which each member belonged. It was revealed that the famous Lahore Division, which was distinguished in all of Pozieres, was represented, and also Baden-Powell's Scouts. Dr. Ward represented the R.A.M.C., and the Rev. Saunders, who served as a scrambler, spoke on behalf of the padre. Mr. Roy Mitchell (1st.), a son of Sir James, introduced the members, and Mr. John McKay (Quairading), while among the 28th Battalion, identities were Tom Esteridge, President of the Quairading Sub-Branch, who occupied the post alongside Colonel Collett, when the latter was wounded at Pozieres.

**NORTHAM**

The monthly meeting of the Sub-Branch was held at the Avon Bridge Hotel, on September 3rd. An invitation to the annual-dinner of the York Sub-Branch was received, and it was decided that the President, the Secretary, and several other members should attend. It was resolved that the arrangements for the Poppy Day Appeal should be left in the hands of the Committee. The President, Mr. N. C. Scott, was appointed a delegate to the State Congress. The arrangements for next Armistice Day will be similar to those of last year. A committee has been formed, under Mr. G. C. ("Curley") Curlew, to supervise the preparations. Mr. A. D. McLaren was appointed publicity officer.

After the Secretary had reported progress, the President welcomed the visitors, and explained to members that he had represented the Sub-Branch at the ceremony of lighting the rush-light, by the recently formed local branch of the Toc H. The meeting ended with the good old digger ritual of "The Bob In."

**MUNDARING**

At the last meeting of the above sub-branch, a considerable amount of business was dealt with, some of which had been left over from July owing to the annual meeting. It was resolved to re-open inquiries into the appointment of the Assistant for the Gowountown Road Board, a matter which concerns the preference principle.

The re-election of ex-soldiers from the Forestry Department and also the P.M.G.'s Department has given rise to much comment and members feel that the matter merits much more serious consideration from those in authority.

President Harry Walker has been appointed delegate to the State Congress. He should be heard to advantage, particularly on matters embodied in the several resolutions sent in.

The Social Committee has arranged a smoke night for September 27th, at Mount Helena, and a good night is assured. The Secretary advises all members, particularly new members from Glen Forrest and Zamia, to get in touch with him, so that necessary tickets may be made out for catering and accommodation. A picnic, in the form of a "Billy run," has been arranged for Sunday, October 26th. Motor transport will be provided. A good day's outing for members and families is assured. Though the committee has agreed upon the spot, it has been decided, as a matter of principle, to let "it remain a mystery till the last mile, but nevertheless assures all that no disappointment is in store. The most difficult job will be for the "unpecked" committee to keep the meeting on the move by the way. Emblems of the time may possibly be a useful for them.

Again it is well to remind all who may not be able to attend next meeting to get in touch with Secretary. McGregor, so that he can arrange transport. Time is very opportune for the formation of a Diggers' Concert Party, and any member who may have leanings in that direction is requested to get in contact with Harry Rutherford.

- It was with deep regret that we learnt of the death of H. R. Evans of Mundaring Weir, a newcomer to the district, whom it was ultimately found he was an ex-soldier. Unfortunately the branch did not learn of his identity until after his decease. To his sorrowing wife is tendered deepest sympathy, in her sad bereavement.

**WEST SWAN**

The new president (Mr. J. Woods, V.C.) had a good roll up at his first meeting, and much business was transacted. Several Congress motions were discussed and finalised. It was decided that the branch would pay capitation fees of a sick member, and not a subs, at all. The branch decided to compete for the Newagate Cup, although some members contend that small sub-branches, such as the above, have very little chance of winning.

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The branch decided to write again to the Wine Makers Association about their policy of purchasing grapes for wine or distillation.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The W. M. A. Branch has decided to hold an Annual General Meeting with the coming Horticultural and Industrial Show, to be held next month. This show was inaugurated last year by the Women's Auxiliary, and was a great success.

Several notices of motion were handed in. Finances are good. Amelioration funds have only had one call so far, which if rather fortunate considering times are so bad. The Sick Committee reports were received. Appreciative remarks were made by one member for the interest shown by the branch towards the efforts of Mr. J. Duff. Mr. G. Sait reported on his efforts regarding his suggestion to get copies of photos of all members, both past and present, framed, to be hung in the local hall.

A sub-committee has been appointed to go into the question of the expenses in connection with the purchasing of a suitable honour roll.

YELBENI
This sub-branch held its annual general meeting at Tranying on August 24th, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Messrs. T. C. Thompson (president), H. Craike and T. McGrath (vice-presidents); N. L. James (treasurer), F. N. Graves (secretary), and T. C. Thompson and H. Craike (auditors). These officers were all re-elected, except Mr. Craike, who was replaced by Mr. Felgate as one of the vice-presidents. There was little business to transact, except on the financial side, balance sheets for the current account and amelioration fund being accepted. This latter was very satisfactory, showing a good balance in hand, mostly on fixed deposit, and indicating a total expenditure of £90 for the year. In addition to this, the sub-branch actively assisted in the raising of the sum of £250 on behalf of ex-service men's dependents and the Kununoppin hospital. Only one appeal was made to the public on behalf of the amelioration fund. A vote of thanks to the ladies' auxiliary for its assistance during the past year was carried unanimously.

Mt. Lawley
Owing to the Lyceum Theatre being under alterations for the installation of talkies, the usual monthly meeting of the Sub-Branch was held in the Oxford Tea Rooms, near opposite. The roll call was a good one, and keen interest was taken in the business of the evening. The President stated that although there must be a lot of unemployment in the district, no application for relief had been made by members of the Branch, and asked that any case of distress among members should be reported by their friends. Owing to the meeting being held in a dry area, the usual "bob-in" was used for other purposes. After the business was disposed of, the Secretary (Mr. L. Sullivan) gave a very interesting lecture on the Automobil. He has an inside knowledge of his subject, and illustrated his remarks with diagrams. The greatest interest evinced by members was noticeable by the number of questions asked at the conclusion of the lecture. Everyone owning a car wanted free information on the same point or other. Questions ranging from "Why won't my old bus start on a cold morning?" to "What grade is Dink's Oil?" were passed on by the lecturer could only touch on parts of the subject in the time at his disposal, the lecture will be repeated at a later date.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7th, in the Oxford Tea Rooms, and an interesting lecture is being arranged.

The Ladies' Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, September 9th, and discussed important business for future social functions.

WEST PERTH
At the fortnightly committee meeting, held in the Soldiers' Institute, on Thursday, September 4th, several important matters came up for discussion, chief of these being the Fourteenth Annual State Congress, to be held on October 1st. Our team, comprised five of our ablest men, namely: Bob Tyler (President), G. H. Philip (Vice-President), Peter Ross (Secretary), W. Earnshaw, and A. Stewart. Of the 164 items on the Congress Agenda, West Perth has submitted seven.

One of the main ideas of our League being to foster the spirit of comradely intercourse, a move in this direction was made by the formation of a Social Committee, consisting of Messrs. Philip, Beckley, Stewart, Fingland, Hayles, and Hogan. We look forward keenly to hearing what plans they have formed, and feel sure that some jolly times will ensue as the result of their efforts. It might be mentioned in passing that West Perth are after the scalps of the cricketers branches of the League, as we can put into the field an exceptionally strong team. There will, therefore, be many pleasant afternoons for both the cricketers and their supporters, and members should not forget that the latter are just as important as the former.

It is noticed that quite a number of members do not wear the Badge. Those who are fortunate enough to have two coats should get into the habit of changing it from one to the other. The R.S.I. Badge is the most honourable one a man could wear, and it also helps to show the strength of the League, so help the good work forward by always wearing it.

CLAREMONT-COTTESLOE
The regular monthly meeting of this Branch was held at the Well's Hall, Cottesloe, on Thursday evening, September 4th, and was well attended, in spite of the inclement weather. Several important items of business were transacted, including a discussion of the Agenda for Congress, at which the Branch will be represented by its President, Mr. C. F. J. North, M.L.A. After general business was concluded, a very interesting ceremony took place. This was the presentation of his second Certificate of Service (Special) to the veteran Treasurer of the Branch, Mr. S. V. Barwood. The Rev. H. H. Harper, in making the presentation, paid tribute to the long and valuable services of Mr. Barwood, who, he said, was not only one of the oldest members of the Branch, but also one of the best known and popular diggers in the State. His energy and enthusiasm were only equalled by his tenacity of purpose, as any members who happened to have slipped on his subscription would testify. In reply, Mr. Barwood said that he was now going all out for a third Certificate, and although he was over seventy years of age, he hoped the members would allow him to carry on for at least another ten years, as he felt he was just getting into his stride.

To do honour to the occasion, a "bottle and glass" evening had been arranged, and a very enthusiastic gathering gave musical honours to their aged and worthy Treasurer. The Chairman, Mr. A. A. Abercombie, who presided in the absence of the President, said he was happy to preside at such a cheery gathering, and the fact that the members had that evening appointed a publicity officer (Mr. G. H. Heath), would, doubtless, help to tell the world a little more about their activities, and add still further to their membership.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held at the Council Chambers, Claremont, on Thursday, 2nd October. All members are expected to roll up and assist in preparations for Poppy Day.

COLLIE
At the fortnightly meeting of the Collie Sub-Branch, Mr. A. E. Rolfe, who has received notice of transfer to Midland Junction, resigned his presidency of the Sub-Branch. Although the transfer is in his own interests, Mr. Rolfe expressed regret at having to leave Collie, and thanked members for their assistance to him during his term of office, and for the honour of conferring

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upon him the appointment. At Mr. H. May's suggestion, the Vice-President (Mr. J. Giblett) temporarily occupied the chair. "All agreed," said Mr. May, "that the sub-branch had never had a more popular President than Mr. Rolfe, or one more interested in the work. Mr. Rolfe had occupied the chair for eight months, and it seemed a pity that he must stand down before the end of his year of office. He moved that the resignation be not accepted, but that leave for the remainder of Mr. Rolfe's year of service be granted instead. Mr. Rolfe would be in Collie for at least one more meeting, and such a course would allow them to arrange for him that certificate of merit which his work has earned."

Mr. May's motion was seconded by Mr. J. Giblett, and warmly supported by Messrs. S. Hoare and H. Mowday. The resolution was carried amidst much applause.

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The Concert Party are practising steadily, and it is hoped that, in conjunction with the orchestra, they will, at no distant date, give a taste of their quality in some worthy cause.

The Women's Auxiliary notified the branch that they were organizing the following social functions—September 25th, Auxiliary Dance; October 30th, Grand Ball. These dances are exceedingly popular and well organized, the ladies having always in view the wish to make the evening thoroughly enjoyable to their patrons. The evening concluded in the time-honoured way, the members resolving themselves into one big happy family. Biscuits and cheese, etc., clickety click, quotes, ping pong, cards, and shooting gallery helping to pass the time until "Lights Out."

**PRESS SUB-BRANCH**

The quarterly dinner of the Press Sub-Branch was held at the R.S.I. Institute on Saturday, September 29th. In the absence of the President, Mr. E. S. Watt occupied the chair. The novelty of the evening was the promulgation of operation orders written by Battation batmen, Q.M.'s, Camel Corps Commanders, and others. Many yarns were told, some of which even the Listening Post does not print, though "even the ranks of Tusculum" did not forbear to cheer. The impromptu orchestra did yeoman service, and promises better performances in the future.

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<td>WUBIN, BUN TINE, JIBBERDING</td>
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<td>BRITISH UNITED SERVICES ASSN.</td>
<td>Executive at 229 Charles St., North Perth</td>
<td>1st Monday, 8 p.m. (monthly)</td>
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The State President
AT SOUTH PERTH, HARVEY, AND BUNBURY

Colonel Collett, in his report to the State Executive, stated:

"In company with several members of the Executive, I visited the South Perth Sub-branch on the 14th August at a 'back-to-the-war-days' meeting, entitled 'A Night in Cairo.' The most gratifying feature of the occasion was the number of members present and the interest and enthusiasm they displayed in the proceedings. Immense trouble had been taken over the costume worn and the general setting of the lively (some very lively) scenes. The old spirit of adventure and comradeship was recaptured and, needless to say, all the guests greatly enjoyed the evening. I would like to offer my congratulations to South Perth on its possession of an organisation so virile and public-spirited as its association of ex-service men.

"On the 19th August, Mr. C. P. Smith, the Assistant State Secretary and myself proceeded to Harvey as the guests of the local Sub-branch at a Reunion. In this centre there is a good membership, with live officials in Messrs. Cooper and Knight, president and secretary respectively. Of recent years there has been a gradual change from the orchard to the dairying industry, and a spirit of optimism is abroad. With the proposal of the Government to irrigate another 12,000 to 15,000 acres in front of them, the residents predict a bright and prosperous future for Harvey. An evening function was well attended and was most enjoyable. Next morning we were very kindly shown over the orchards, the butter factory, and the irrigation works, all of which were of great interest to us. It is worthy of note that in Harvey the Chairman of the Road Board and the Chairman of the Agricultural Society are ex-service men. Another comrade was found in charge of the butter factory, and I think that the irrigation engineer was also entitled to wear our badge.

"Arriving near Bunbury shortly after noon on the 20th August, we were held up at the northern gate by a posse of ex-service men, who received us with a musical welcome and conducted us in procession to the War Memorial, where, in compliance with a request, I laid a wreath. There followed a welcome by His Worship the Mayor and Councillors, and after lunch a visit to the golf links and the new superphosphate works, where again, in the person of the manager, we found another ex-soldier. At 6.30 p.m. we were summoned from our hotel and escorted to the public square (or its equivalent), where, in the presence of a considerable crowd, the freedom of the borough (with limitations) was conferred by the Mayor upon your President, together with the key of some place or other. He was also invested with the gown, hood and cap of the newly created academic distinction of D.D.D. Your representative endeavoured to accept and bear the honours unblushingly, and, in replying to the Mayor, made a feeling if not coherent acknowledgment.

A second procession to one of the public halls marked the beginning of a monster Re-union, as well arranged and as distinctive as that held at the termination of the week's festivities last year. Amongst the guests at this function were the Bishop of Bunbury, the Mayor, the representatives of other South-West Sub-branches, and all the public and social institutions of the town. That the Sub-branch is flourishing and that we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves during our visit is the least that can be said to those able officers, Messrs. Gillett and Murray, who, as President and secretary respectively, look after the interests of our comrades at Bunbury."

A professor in one of our large prep. schools called upon Smith, who, stutters, to parse the sentence: "The propinquity of the porcupine made pot-shooting at the hippopotamus virtually impossible." Smith gave a wild glance around the room and said: "P-p-p-professor, now ain't t-t-t-that a d-d-d-deuce of a question to ask me?"
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