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The Justification for Gallipoli

As the dust of conflict settles, we are in a better position to view the war in perspective, to judge dispassionately of men and events, and to appreciate individual situations in their relationship to the whole. To aid us in the process of clarifying judgments, there are now available the official histories of the war—our own and those of our late opponents—and a wealth of the published reminiscences of individual combatants of all countries. Much of the latter material is highly controversial, and around no incident of the war has controversy raged so fiercely as around the Gallipoli campaign. The frequent and confident assertions of those whose wisdom has been born after the event, or whose knowledge of strategy has been derived from a cursory reading of the daily papers, that the Gallipoli campaign was a tragic blunder, perpetrated to gratify the strategic pretensions of the First Lord of the Admiralty, make the anniversary of the landing a fitting occasion for some discussion of the accusation of this tremendous episode.

The more remote reasons for the Gallipoli expedition were Turkey’s entrance into the war, and the deadlock that occurred on the Western Front at the end of 1914, when both sides settled down to trench warfare. Turkey’s action threatened Egypt and the Suez Canal, the main artery of our overseas commerce, and closed Russia’s outlet to the Mediterranean, preventing her at one stroke from exporting her surplus wheat, and from receiving munitions which she could not manufacture for herself, but of which she was sorely in need. To protect ourselves, and to prevent the collapse of our ally, which was foreseen as early as the beginning of 1915, we were compelled to take action of some sort in the Near East. The deadlock on the Western Front brought into being two schools of strategic thought—the western and the eastern. The adherents of the western school, conspicuous among whom were Sir John French and Marshal Joffre, considered that the ultimate decision would be reached on the Western Front, and that our forces should be concentrated in that theatre. Their opponents that “the enemy alliance should be viewed as a whole, and that modern developments had so changed conceptions of distance and powers of mobility, that a blow in some other theatre of war would correspond to the historical attack on the enemy’s strategic flank. Further, such an operation would be in accordance with the traditional amphibious strategy of Britain, and would enable it to exploit the advantage of sea-power which had hitherto been neglected.” (B. H. Liddell Hart in “The Real War.”)

As Lord Kitchener put it in a letter written on January 2nd, 1915, to Sir John French: “The German lines in France may be looked upon as a fortress that cannot be carried by assault, and also that cannot be completely invested, with the result that the lines may be held by an investing force while operations proceed elsewhere.” But there were almost as many plans as there were counsellors. Kitchener, himself, favoured “severing Turkey’s main line of eastern communication by a landing in the Gulf of Alexandretta,” and we have the testimony of both Hindenburg and Erven Pasha that this course, if successful, would have paralysed Turkey. Lord Fisher, then First Sea Lord, urged a plan for landing on the German coast, while Lloyd George advocated the transfer of the bulk of the British forces to the Balkans, where they would be able to support Serbia and develop an attack on the rear of the Central Powers. Lloyd George’s plan was supported by Gallieni, the French General, whose Napoleonic swoop was mainly responsible for the victory of the Marne. Gallieni proposed a landing at Salonika as a starting point for a march upon Constantinople, “with an army strong enough to encourage Greece and Bulgaria to combine with the Entente.” Once Constantinople was captured, Austria-Hungary might be invaded by way of the Danube.

Pressure of circumstances and the strategic insight of Mr. Winston Churchill caused the expedition to open up the Dardanelles to be decided upon in preference to these other proposals.

Probably none of the men prominent in the Great War has been subjected to so much unjust criticism as Mr. Churchill. He has been stigmatised as a precocious schoolboy who “butted in” and forced his plans upon wiser and more experienced combatant officers. Nothing could be farther from the truth. As has been shown, both Fisher and Kitchener agreed with him to the extent that the time had come for striking a blow in another theatre of the war. In support of such ill-informed criticisms, the Antwerp effort and the Gallipoli expedition are cited ad nauseam. Even Disraeli’s gibe, “There never was a Churchill worth a damn,” had been quoted to give weight to these criticisms. Nevertheless, the fact remains that there never was a Churchill who was exactly a fool. Mr. Churchill’s traducers are apt to forget that he was a professional soldier before he became a politician, and that, at the outbreak of the Great War, he had seen more active service than most men of his age. The late Lord Birkenhead has drawn attention to the fact that by the time Winston Churchill was twenty-four, he
On January 2nd, 1915, the Grand Duke Nicholas appealed to Kitchener for a diversion which would relieve the Turkish pressure on Russia's army in the Caucasus. The proposed expedition would have provided such a diversion. But the annexation of Constantinople and the control of the Straits had long been the traditional foreign policy of Russia, and the Russian ministers seemed to resent the idea of these places being taken by their allies. Sazonov, their Foreign Minister, records: "I intensely disliked the thought that the Straits and Constantinople might be taken by our Allies, and not by the Russian forces ... when the Gallipoli expedition was finally decided upon by the Allies ... I had difficulty in concealing from them how painfully the news affected me." Again, when Venezoles offered, on March 1st, to land three Greek divisions on the peninsula, Russia returned the ungracious answer: "In no circumstances can we allow Greek forces to participate in the Allied attack on Constantinople."

Such were the reasons why the expedition was undertaken, and such were the initial difficulties that had to be overcome. It is not proposed, here, to criticise the conduct of the campaign, or to discuss the possibilities of its success had other courses been adopted. Mr. Ashmead-Bartlett, in "The Uncensored Dardanelles," is inclined to throw an undue measure of blame upon Sir Ian Hamilton, while B. Liddell Hart, in "The Real War," states that the campaign was "sired by strategic confusion and damned by naval negation ... and marred in delivery by military midwifery." One suspects the former of a certain amount of personal bias, which perhaps is natural, seeing that he was sent home for breaking the censorship regulations. The writer is always wiser than the commander, especially when, like B. Liddell Hart, he writes after the events, and with all the knowledge at his disposal. Mistakes, egregious ones, were certainly made, before, during, and after the landing, but it should be remembered that in war, as in politics, even in the writing of history, the great man is not he who makes no mistakes, but he who makes the fewest. Again, in war, as in politics, broad principles have to be modified in accordance with the dictates of expediency and the means at one's disposal. War is not an exact science. There is always the fellow on the other side of the hill.

Though a tactical failure, the Gallipoli campaign provided the Anzac Corps with a valuable experience that was used to advantage later on in France. It tied up and wore out the bulk of the Turkish regular army, which otherwise might have attacked Egypt, or hastened the discomfiture of the Russians; and it paved the way for the victorious Palestine campaign.

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Reports.—Management Committee submitted a report of a meeting held on 31st March. Membership: The recommendation concerning unfinancial membership was referred to the Finance Committee. Gonnells Sub-Branch: Messrs. Yeates and Ferguson were appointed to attend on April 14th.

State Secretary's Report.—The State Secretary read his report for the previous fortnight. He stated that tenders had been received for puppies. It was agreed that the Anzac Day and Poppy Day Committee meet at 4.00 p.m. on Friday, 10th April, to consider same.

Finance Committee.—Report of meeting held on the 30th March was received and adopted.

House Committee.—Report of meeting held on the 25th March was received and adopted.

Anzac Day Committee.—The report of the Anzac Day Committee dealing with the Dawn Service and the main service on the Esplanade was received.

Land Committee.—The report of the Land Committee meeting, held on the 24th March, was received and adopted.

Trusters.—The report by the Trustees of a meeting of representatives of metropolitan sub-branches, held on the 30th instant, was received. This meeting was called for the purpose of securing sub-branch co-operation in the collection of clothing for indigent cases. The report of the Relief Fund for the month of March was received.

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

State War Memorial.—The Assistant Wardens of the State War Memorial, the West Perth Sub-Branch, submitted a report by two of their members who were on duty on the 8th March. The report was received.

Visits.—Quairading: Colonel Collett submitted his report on his visit to Quairading, in company with the State Secretary. Merredin.—Report by Padre Riley. Mt. Hawthorn—N. Leevedale.—Report by Mr. Yeates.

Broadcast Smoke Social.—A progress report was submitted by Mr. Smith in connection with the Model Smoke Night, to be broadcast on the 8th April. Report was received.

Federal Correspondence.—An Anzac Day message was received from the Federal President. It was agreed that same be published in the Listening Post.

Extension of Time Limit.—War Service Homes: A communication from the Federal Executive showing copy of advice of one from the Minister for Transport was received in this connection.

Federal Capital Territory Branch.—Further discussion in this regard was deferred pending receipt of advice concerning the recent Federal Executive meeting.

Federal Presidency.—A request from the Federal President to publish a communication written by Sir Harry Chauvel was also deferred to be dealt with later.

Federal Executive Meeting.—Telegrams were read concerning Mr. H. E. Wells’ inability to attend the recent Federal Executive meeting, owing to illness. The meeting had agreed to allow this branch to record its vote for the overseas delegates. The election resulted in Messrs. Robb and Mullen being appointed.

New Sub-Branch.—Approval was granted for the formation of a new sub-branch at Marraddong-Bodallin.

Election of Officers.—Appointments in the following sub-branches and district council were confirmed:

No. 4 D.C., Williams and Lake Grace Sub-Branches.

Local Products’ Exhibition.—Fremantle Sub-Branch extended an invitation to a local products’ exhibition, to be held in Fremantle, on April 18th. As many as possible to attend.

Sons of Ex-Service Men Organisation.—The Committee appointed by the Executive to consider Resolution 155 of the 13th Annual Congress, requesting the Council to inform the oversea delegates, recommended that there be formed an association to be known as the Sons of Sailors’ and Soldiers’ League of Australia. They also submitted a draft of a Constitution, which was laid on the table.

General Meeting.—A communication from the Mandurah Sub-Branch regarding the rejection tendered by the League to General Monash, was received.

Workers’ Homes Board Representatives.—The Secretary to the Premier advised the appointment of Mr. A. E. Clare, as a member of this Board. Mr. Clare is a returned soldier.

R.S.L. and Politics.—The Torbay Sub-Branch submitted the opinion that the R.S.L. should enter politics. It was agreed to reply to the sub-branch and point out to them that this is a matter that should be submitted to the next State Congress.

Economic Conditions.—The Darling Range Sub-Branch submitted a resolution suggesting that the Executive reconsider their attitude as indicated at the last meeting in this regard. They also request that a special congress be called to consider national affairs. With regard to the latter suggestion, the Secretary was instructed to draw the sub-branch’s attention to Section 17 of the W.A. Rules.

Expulsion of Member.—A request from the Southern Cross Sub-Branch was referred to the Management Committee.

Toodyay Sub-Branch.—This sub-branch advised that a certain accountant in Perth was indiscriminately issuing writs in that town, and requested the assistance of the Executive. It was agreed that further enquiries be made by the State Secretary.

Council of Industries.—A communication from the Council of Industries, requesting advice on unemployment and the question of the purchase of Western Australian products, was received. Moved by Mr. Yeates, seconded by Colonel Olden. That the matter be deferred, and that the Council be informed of the activities of the Executive in regard to these two subjects.—Carried.

War Service Homes Commission.—The report of the War Service Homes Commission for the year ended 30th July, 1930, was laid on the table for the information of members.

Haley Case.—The North Perth Sub-Branch submitted a resolution that the Executive file in this case be published. Moved by Mr. Tozer, seconded by Mr. Pady. That, in the opinion of this Executive, no good purpose could be served by taking such action.—Carried.

Unemployment and Distress.—The North Perth Sub-Branch suggested that a conference should be called of representatives of all sub-branches throughout the State to deal with this subject. The Secretary was instructed to draw the sub-branch’s attention to Section 17 of the W.A. Rules.

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The late General Elliott

After we had gone to press last month, we received the news of the death of Major-General H. E. (Pompey) Elliott, Federal Senator and leader of men. Few soldiers, even among those who had not known him personally, could read of General Elliott's death without experiencing an intense feeling of personal loss, for he was one of the outstanding figures of the A.I.F.

His interest in military affairs developed at an early age. When quite a young man, he served in South Africa with a Victorian contingent, gaining the D.C.M., and a commission in the field. As Colonel of the original 7th Battalion, he was wounded during the Landing on Gallipoli. He received another wound in the disastrous affair at Fromelles, where he commanded the 14th Brigade. In the course of an adventurous career, he found time to graduate in Law at the University of Melbourne, and he practised law between the wars.

A big man, both physically and mentally, his reckless courage and striking personality made him popular with his own command, and well and favourably known to other units. Naturally, he became the subject of many good stories, most of which hinge on the unfailing interest he took in the welfare of his men. On one occasion it was reported to him that diggers arriving in London on leave from the trenches, were subjected to the unwelcome attentions of the military police, because they lacked the spick and span appearance of men from the training battalions. On his next leave, Pompey strode the streets of London, clad in the regulation A.I.F. uniform, and made the ears of officious redcaps tingle. But the very qualities which endeared him to the heart of the man in the ranks, prevented him from finding favour in the sight of the higher command. He remained a brigadier for the duration. After the war, he applied the lessons learned on the field of battle to the training of the young militia battalions, and took up politics, entering the Senate as one of the representatives of the State of Victoria.

The old school nickname of Pompey stuck to him all through life. He had many points in common with his illustrious namesake. They were both excellent soldiers, and both legislators, but General Elliott had none of the pride and ostentation that marred the fame of the original Pompey. He was only 53 when blood pressure deprived the country of one of its best citizens, and the Army of a revered chief.

Wails from Sunny New South Wales

Time was when we Australians could pride ourselves on our reputation for hospitality. That reputation is now being endangered by the action of certain cranks in New South Wales, who, according to the daily papers, have made the visit of a distinguished soldier the occasion for attacking the Boy Scout Organisation, which he founded. The Boy Scout Movement has been assailed on the ground that it fosters militarism, whatever that threadbare epithet may mean. It is extraordinary how the gang who skulked behind the bayonets of their fellow workers during the Great War profess to see militarism in everything that is decent and manly; but perhaps it is the manliness of the Boy Scout ideals, and the inherent decency of the organisation that makes these people resentful.

The same, or a similar crowd of class-conscious asses followed up their attack with a wail against the celebration of Empire Day in the State schools. The Empire Day ceremony in the New South Wales schools is an innocuous affair, which, of late years, has been overshadowed by the celebration of Anzac Day. Each Empire Day, the pupils are given special lessons in the history and the geography of the Empire. Appropriate hymns, such as Kipling's "Recessional," are sung, and, in some places, the children pledge their loyalty to the Empire to which they, and the class-conscious objectors belong and salute its symbol, the flag, under which they and the same class-conscious objectors enjoy every aspect of freedom, not excepting the freedom of speech. The proceedings are purely educational and entirely free from everything that savours of jingoism. The wail in question voiced a hazy reference to "Imperialism," and urged the acceptance of a plan for supplanting the teaching of "capitalist history" by accounts of "the struggles of the working class throughout history."

It is evident that these curious mediocrities wish to make important anniversaries occasions for the dissemination of Bolshevist propaganda, or else they have never been to school in New South Wales. Imperialism and militarism, in the Roman and the Continental acceptation of the terms, never have existed in the

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British Commonwealth of Nations, not even in Cromwell's time, when the Army ruled the country. When the writer was a schoolboy in Sydney—and, God wot, that was long enough ago—history-teaching had ceased to concern itself with battles, and the dates of king's reigns. The pupils learned about wars, of course, for wars did occur, and to omit all reference to them would be the falsification of history. Men and movements, and "the struggles of the working class throughout history" commanded the most attention. From what the writer has observed of his own son's schooling, he would say that the same sound system is in force to-day. The history-master in a State school has too much ground to cover, and too many boys to direct, to find time for the dissemination of propaganda; and there can be no point of view in history except that of the eternal verities.

The hireling of Moscow is so fanatically conscious of being always right that his mildewed brain fails to register the facts beneath his very nose. No ethical ideals and no economic theory can be right or even reasonable, unless they coincide with his own. In the bright lexicon of the one-eyed there is no such word as tolerance. "Orthodoxy is my doxy, and heterodoxy's your doxy." It is high time these people woke up and remembered the old proverb about the ill bird.

Organised Hooliganism

Those curious mentalities who are always bleating about some unknown and amorphous thing which they call "militarism" were significantly silent about the formation of a body euphemistically styled "the Labour Army." Perhaps this is not strange, for some of the leading lights of this illegal association are those who yelled most plaintively against Empire Day and Boy Scouts. What is strange, however, is the curious kink in the minds of such people, who always resort to brute force when they cannot get their own sweet way by lawful means, but who rail against policemen and soldiers when they are compelled to use force against force.

The excuse for the existence of this "army" of war-shirkers is the formation of one of those new parties which were formed in disgust at the ineptitude of the leaders of the present parties. It was alleged that the new party was formed for the purpose of resorting to what is loosely termed fascism, and that the so-worker against "white" violence. Of called army is needed to protect the course, this allegation is nauseating twaddle, if not something worse. It is not likely that fascism would rear its head in New South Wales while Mr. Lang is Premier, and no law-abiding worker needs any protection that the police cannot afford. Australia has been singularly free from the bloodshed which usually accompanies industrial troubles in other lands, though, of late, violence has been more prominent in these affairs; and when the politicians have allowed them, the police have always been able to cope with mob violence. Drilling and similar activities on the part of civilians are breaches of the Defence Act, and should be dealt with as such. Direct action, whether by fascists or communists, is simply organised hooliganism and should be treated as such. If "white" or "red" armies really exist in New South Wales, and if the State Government is supine enough to allow either of them to exist, the Federal Government should step in and declare them both illegal associations—and take action accordingly. The work of suppressing them would be neither difficult nor dangerous.

Friendship with Germany

Time is a great healer, and the generation growing up since that war is in a fair way to forget the differences and animosities that made the war possible. It augurs well for the future peace of the world that statesmen on both sides of North Sea are exhibiting a greater spirit of mutual friendliness, and a growing tendency to meet and calmly discuss problems which affect the future of Great Britain and Germany. We believe that such a spirit lies behind the invitation of the British Government to the German Chancellor (Dr. Brüning), and the Foreign Minister (Dr. Curtius) to visit England for a general discussion of international problems. That the proposed visit has caused certain misgivings in France is revealed by the tone of satisfaction expressed by the press of that country, when it was learned that the visit will not occur until after the meeting of the Council of the League of Nations.

While the misgivings of the French people are but natural—France's attitude towards Germany since the war has been inspired by certain natural fears, and a not unnatural spirit of revenge—the time has come when Germany can no longer be ignored in any scheme set on foot for the permanent establishment of world peace. Victor and vanquished must both co-operate if this desirable end is to be attained. It is almost eleven years since the Treaty of Versailles was signed, and it is impossible to go on hating a nation forever. At the same time, while it is
a laudable thing to bury the hatchet, British statesmen should be careful to avoid all appearance of burying that hatchet in the back of a loyal ally. Any rapprochement with Germany that alienates France, or which fails to include France, will menace the future peace of the world rather than maintain it. As Lord Grey remarked on another occasion, "one does not make new friendships worth having by deserting old ones."

By all means let the Government foster and maintain friendly relations with Germany, but, let it do so in a manner which will not provoke misgivings and suspicions in the breasts of our most reliable allies.

Sir John Monash and the R.S.L.

When Sir John Monash passed through Perth on his return from India, it was put to him—rather bluntly, in fact—that he should reconsider his decision and allow himself to be nominated for the Federal Presidency of the R.S.L. Sir John declined, giving as his reasons those which have already been published in the Listening Post and elsewhere. It is a matter for deep regret that Sir John cannot see his way clear to lead the A.I.F. in peace as he did in war, especially as the impression is being created, among those who do not know all the facts of the case, that Sir John has "turned the digger down." It is obvious to everyone who has the welfare of the R.S.L. at heart that the time has arrived for the organisation to be presided over by someone capable of commanding the respect of the diggers and of the general public. But there is another side to the question. Is it a fair thing to ask a really big man to face the possibility of having to contest an election against some estimable nonentity; or to subject himself to one of those unsavoury intrigues, so characteristic of party politics, which are, unfortunately, manifesting themselves in League affairs? We have already seen the undeniing spectacle of a president throwing dignity to the winds and securing his own re-election by exercising a casting vote in his own favour—an action contrary to the spirit of the constitution and to the ordinarily accepted standards of good taste. We cannot blame Sir John, or any other distinguished war leader, from holding aloof from League affairs while such things are tolerated, much less condoned. We should clean up our own doorstep before we invite any distinguished man to step over the threshold.

Empire Shopping Week, 1931

A SELF-HELP CAMPAIGN

Despite the difficulties of the present situation—in fact, taking them as an inspiration, the Empire Shopping and Trading Council of W.A. intends this year to put forth a more than usually intensive effort to make a success of Empire Shopping Week, which begins on May 24 next.

In view of the scarcity of overseas' products, the Council regards this as a golden opportunity to assist the Empire from within the State by espousing particularly the cause of locally manufactured goods. In this campaign it enjoys the hearty and active co-operation of the R.S.L. and the W.A. Chamber of Manufactures.

Throughout the State the organisations that are working with this Council have been requested to encourage the display in the shop windows of Western Australian products, to the end that vastly increased sales may result, the industries concerned may be still further developed, additional employment be found for our own people, and the community at large be supplied locally with those necessities of life so essential to its well-being without loss of capital to the State as a whole.

The propaganda available to this Council at the moment is a consignment of Empire Marketing Board posters, symbolic of the spirit of trading within the Empire. These will be of considerable use in the forthcoming campaign, but to give them a really local application will require to be supplemented with locally produced posters stressing the need for the purchase of Western Australian goods first.

The Council is greatly hampered by lack of funds and the League representatives on it request sub-branches (especially those that are not doing any active organising for "Empire Week") to send along a donation—it doesn't matter how small—to assist this very worthy movement, which is a most important R.S.L. objective.

Most of the active organising throughout the country districts has been done by sub-branch officials who, it is expected, will once again give of their best.

If the complete support can be accorded by all the people of the State to the industries which so many enterprising business men have established in their midst, the time will not be far distant when unemployment will have disappeared, and an internal prosperity, at any rate, have been restored.

Federal President's Anzac Day Message

That unparalleled and amazing exploit, the "landing on Gallipoli" which is synonymous with the sacred and renowned name of "Anzac Day" will be commemorated on the 25th of April, the sixteenth anniversary of that glorious achievement.

Anzac Day is Australia's National Day, because it was in consequence of the patriotism, valour and heroism of her citizen soldiers, who comprised the Australian Imperial Force, that Australia was elevated to Nationhood.

The British Empire, and, in fact, the civilised world, will join, in spirit, the people of Australia in honouring the memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice on the heights of Gallipoli and elsewhere during the Great World War.

The Returned Soldiers' League is not only the Custodian of the welfare of the dependants of the "illustrious dead," but also of the interests of those who returned to Australia, and, although the economic depression has created unexpected and unprecedented difficulties, the League has done and is doing everything possible to ameliorate their conditions.

If the inspiring example of loyalty, courage and co-operation shown by our deceased comrades were followed, the early restoration of the prosperity and financial stability of the Commonwealth would be ensured.

G. J. C. DYETT,
Federal President.
The League's Activities

STATE PRESIDENT'S REVIEW

At the Model Smoke Social, broadcasted by 6 WF, on April 8th, Colonel Collett responded to the toast of the "R.S.L.," which was proposed by Mr. C. G. Latham, M.L.A., Minister for Lands. We have been requested by a number of members to print the whole of the very important and instructive addresses delivered. We may do so in subsequent issues, but lack of space prevents us including other than the State President's speech in this number. After preliminary remarks, Colonel Collett said:

"Concerning Re-unions, I'm sure that we are very much indebted to the Balingup Sub-Branch for suggesting this particular entertainment. Also to the Committee and 6 WF, without which it would have been impossible to arrange it.

"I hope that our country friends will appreciate our efforts on their behalf. In ministering to them we are enjoying ourselves, and, if needed, we offer them the consolation that what their eyes do not see their throats will not grieve after.

"As a rule, the country sub-branches can give us points in running these functions. There is a quiet dignity about them—in keeping with the value of the services they have rendered—and it is rarely now that we encounter those interruptions so distasteful to all who have to experience them.

"I was trying the other day to look up something about re-unions in the old days. I did not gain very much. I referred to the army of Pharaoh, but that existed before the issue of the Mosaic law, and, consequently, there were no rules for guidance. Caesar and Hannibal had to deal with a piebald polygot membership, and I thought that would not interest you. Cromwell's troops were not allowed to hold them. At Torres Vedras, Wellington's men used to have them with their friends, the enemy, for reasons that will appeal to any one of Scotch descent. Our other wars of the last century did not furnish much in the way of precedent, and it really lay with our comrades from South Africa to set the fashion. Personally, I feel very much beholden to them.

"There are several very important matters exercising the minds of the members of the State Executive at the present time. In the foremost of these are unemployment, the relief of distress, the plight of the wheat and wool farmers, the pension issue, and the political situation throughout Australia. I propose to make a brief reference to each. We do not pretend to possess sovereign remedies for any of the ills we are suffering from. Everyone of those ills arises from causes far beyond our immediate control, and the most we can do is to earnestly strive to alleviate them, and, eventually, by the promotion of mutual goodwill amongst all classes, to eradicate them and build up a barrier against their return in the future.

UNEMPLOYMENT

"Picture to yourselves the plight of over 600 of our comrades who are registered for employment at our own Bureau in Perth. Goodness knows how many hundreds more are unregistered in town and country. Many of them among the most adept in the land at their trade or calling. It is a heart-rending position, and one that cannot be righted until stable economic conditions are restored. But we can do something to establish some sort of an equilibrium during the waiting period. We must keep ourselves busy in the search for work, however small or temporary the nature of the job. Unceasing watchfulness is necessary as well as an absolute regard, amongst ourselves, for the principle of preference.

"And hand in hand with this effort goes the provision of relief to those in distress. Here we should be well organised to make the best use of whatever resources are available. The sympathetic activities of the Women's Auxiliaries, the wise expenditure of the sub-branch amelioration funds, and sound administration upon the part of the Trustees of the League's Relief Fund, are all factors of untold value. Quite recently a solid move has been made towards establishing a depot in every sub-branch for the collection and distribution of clothing and necessaries for men, women, and children. Apart from all this it is hoped; before long, to be able to explore other avenues from which we may derive very material aid.

THE PRIMARY PRODUCER

"The greater proportion of our membership is engaged in some form of rural industry. The fall of prices has affected it most adversely, and has been one of the main causes of unemployment and the collapse of trade. Our greatest consideration should be extended towards the farmer and those dependent upon forest products. Let us strive earnestly to do all we can to assist them through this difficult period, and when, in the future, adjustments are being made, endeavour to secure a more general recognition of the elemental fact that the ultimate prosperity of Western Australia is contingent upon the wisdom of the measures intended to encourage and protect the primary producer. The present position is one of the utmost gravity, and I feel that the whole attention of the Government should be directed towards making it possible for the farmer to follow his calling under conditions much more favourable than those offering at this juncture.

BUY LOCAL GOODS

"There is one movement that we have for long considered as being worthy of our assistance. That is the encouragement of the people to buy the locally produced or manufactured article. Some of us have very narrow prejudices against our own goods. On the whole, there is very little to substantiate these prejudices. If I am correctly informed, the balance of trade against us is very small, and mostly in respect of items which we can, and do, make ourselves. Viewing the whole of W.A. as a business concern, and ourselves as shareholders in it, is it not reasonable to hope that every one should do his best to ensure a profit? You can provide that by spending your money amongst our own people.

PENSIONS

"Possibly you may be expecting me to say something about pensions. I do not think it wise, at this stage, to go far in that respect.

"I ventured some time ago to utter a warning that any government, when hard pressed for money, might turn its eyes towards its pension bill, and seek for the means to reduce it. That moment has arrived, and we must be prepared to meet it. In the first instance, we need to rid our minds of a great deal of the humbug that has found its way into the press. You and I can see signs that pensions are to be one of the issues fought out at the next Federal elections. For myself, I have no hesitation in saying that whatever party is returned to power—no matter what its promises may have been—unless the economic position unexpectedly and greatly improves, it must make a cut somewhere.

WHERE IS THE CUT TO BE MADE?

"There are some 280,000 war pensions in force in Australia— involving an annual expenditure of nearly eight millions of pounds. We have one of the most
liberal schemes in the world, and none of us can honestly say that there have not been instances of its abuse. We are not the people to oppose a legitimate enquiry if entered upon by properly qualified persons, but we should resist any injustice to helpless women and children, and reduction in rates, or any suggestion of taking away a disability pension because the pensioner happens, for the time being, to be in employment.

"Then there is this nonsense about compensation to people, or the dependents of people, who never reached the firing line. Is so little known about war that it is impossible to conceive of hundreds of disablements or deaths from accidents and disease in camps, at sea, or on the lines of communication? In W.A. alone nearly fifty men lost their lives in the mobilisation camps, and yet were never under fire.

"Again, the risks of war seem to be imperfectly understood in some quarters. It may enlighten a few of our critics when I say that in one unit that I served with, out of 4,000 men who wore its colour patch, over 80 per cent. were battle casualties, and over 25 per cent. lost their lives in the service of their country.

"One thing more before I leave this subject. I think we all resent the recent attack on the Entitlement Tribunal. I believe the Auditor-General gained most of the information published in his report from a source that we look upon as being prejudiced. From a source that is considered as wanting in sympathy for the ex-service man and inimical to this League. We fought long for the creation of this court of appeal. We wanted it for protection against the inexperience of some of the administrative and other officials and the pedantry of a few medical officers. The Repatriation Commission welcomed it, so I imagine, for the relief it would afford from the clamour of its charges on the one side and the pressure of politicians on the other; whilst the Minister for Repatriation saw in it a means of ridding himself of the importunities of the whole three. I hope the Entitlement Tribunal is here to stay.

POLITICS

"My last topic is that of the League and politics. In dealing with it I want to try and remove some misapprehension as to our attitude towards the public questions of the day.

"Definitely the League is political. The meaning of the word 'politics' is the art or science of government.

"If you read the 'Aims and Objects,' as set out in our Constitution, you will readily realise that we are pledged to retain and secure for our race certain benefits that we either enjoy at present or hope to enjoy in the future. All of them are contingent upon the existence of a form of government of the people and of the maintenance and improvement of that form of government.

"Unfortunately, there are differences of opinion amongst the people as to the methods to be used in order to gain the ultimate goal. Here is where the question of party politics comes in, and with these we say, as a League, we will have nothing to do. Because, to take sides means the inevitable break-up of our ranks. So, perseverance, we must content ourselves with our ideas and collective knowledge. Nevertheless, we say to our members, 'You have been educated by experience; you have been tried and not found wanting; you have a conscience, a voice, and a vote. Get out and take part in anything that you think will really ensure genuine progress. Join any party which has a platform that appeals to you as being sound. But, above all things, assure yourself of the honesty of purpose in view; be certain that those with whom you associate yourself are sincere in their professions of patriotism, and not actuated by mere desires for personal or party political advantage.'

"The State Executive has been preaching that doctrine for several years past. It has advised our members to interest themselves in public affairs so as to avail themselves to the full of the privileges of enlightened citizenship. Had we been a little more active in the past, we might have been able to do something to stave off the lamentable conditions of to-day.

"As a body we are active but aloof. We have but one object. As the Services were proved to be of such great value to the nation at war, so, in peace, the men who constituted them may, by holding together, bring the people safely through the present troubles.

WHO ARE THE PATRIOTS?

"In closing, I would like to give voice to a thought that has been with me for some time.

"During the war the population of Australia was divided up as follows:-

1. Those who volunteered for service abroad.
2. Those who did not serve abroad, but who gave their money, kind, and personal service at home in order to assist in gaining the ultimate victory.
3. Those, who, by reason of age, infirmity, or sex, were unable to serve.
4. Those who could have volunteered and did not. Those who could have helped but merely looked on.

"During the period of hostilities this

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last class, taking advantage of the pre-occupation of its better, wormed itself into positions of authority, and for the past decade has had a far bigger share in government than it deserves, or is good for the country. We would do well to change that—when and how we may. We need deeds—not words. Our first deed should come to fruition through the ballot box.

"And now I have finished. I am grateful that you have been so patient with me. Perhaps my tone has been a little too serious for the atmosphere of a re-union, but in all re-unions there is one underlying purpose, and that is to try and get into the community in which we live some of the spirit that so richly inspired His Majesty’s Services during a period of grave national danger."

Anzac Services at Perth

Anzac Day in Perth will be ushered in by a Dawn Service at the State War Memorial in King’s Park. The returned Soldiers’ League asks ex-service men to assemble at the Queen Victoria statue at 6 a.m., and to proceed with wreath bearers to a reserved space in front of the War Memorial, facing east. A short, simple service will be conducted, accompanied by the laying of wreaths, with drums beating a roll, and buglers will sound the Last Post. There will then be a pause, followed by one shot from a field gun. Buglers will then sound the Reveille. The sounding of the Reveille from King’s Park will be taken up by buglers placed on Mill Point. Private wreaths may be placed at the foot of the memorial immediately following the service.

Later in the morning, ex-members of the A.I.F., with South African and Imperial veterans and militia forces will assemble in St. George’s Terrace. A contingent of Royal Naval reserves from Fremantle will also take part this year. The column will be preceded by boys and girls of deceased soldiers, organised by the Legacy Club, and will leave St. George’s Terrace at 10.15, to have sufficient time to be present at the commencement of the combined Esplanade service, at 10.45. At this service his Excellency the Governor (Sir William Campion) will deliver an address. The service will be controlled by the State President of the R.S.L. (Col. H. B. Collett), assisted by two A.I.F. padres at present serving on the State Executive of the R.S.L., Archdeacon C. L. Riley and Rabbi D. I. Freedman.

Mr. Dyett’s Illegal Election

STATE EXECUTIVE TAKES ACTION

During the past two or three years the relations between the Federal President, Mr. Dyett, and the W.A. State Branch have not been happy, gradually becoming more acute until the position reached its climax at the meeting of the State Executive, held on 15th April.

Three years ago Mr. Dyett lost the confidence of this branch, and since the last Federal Congress he has also lost the respect of its members, owing to his undignified and illegal action in voting for himself at the election of Federal President after a majority of the delegates had voted against him.

At the last State Executive meeting Colonel Collett said:—

"It will be remembered that, by direction of the 1930 State Congress, the W.A. Delegates to the Hobart Federal Congress questioned the right of the Federal Territory Branch to representation and voting power at Congress on the grounds that the terms of the Constitution do not provide for either the creation or maintenance of such a branch.

"The Federal President (Mr. Dyett), in replying, informed the Congress, and led its members to believe, that he had received from the League’s solicitors an opinion establishing beyond doubt the right of the F.C.T. Branch to representation and voting power at Federal Congress. He added, and seemed to regret the fact, that the document containing the opinion had inadvertently been left behind in the head office of the League at Melbourne.

"The objection having thus been overruled, and discussion stilled, the W.A. Delegates then asked that copies of the opinion in the possession of the Federal Office be circulated amongst branches. This request was not refused at the time, but all subsequent endeavours to secure its fulfilment have signally failed. Mr. Dyett, in his answers to numerous communications, denying that he mentioned such a thing as a "legal opinion."

"We have received, during the last few days, a circular from the General Secretary of the League, conveying a resolution carried at a meeting of the Federal Executive, held on the 20th March last. The resolution is for the circulation amongst branches of certain alterations to the Constitution drawn up by the League’s solicitor, and arising out of the action taken by the 12th and 13th Federal Congresses to confer branch status upon the F.C.T. organisation.

"The covering letter from the League’s solicitor, dated 6th January, 1931, is

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very illuminating. It contains this passage:

"We enclose form of notice convening a meeting of Congress for the alteration of the Rules in regard to the Federal Capital Territory, which we have amended, as instructed, so as to make it retrospective to 28th November, 1928. It is, of course, doubtful whether an amendment of the Rules can be made retrospective so as to cover acts already done, but as Congress acted in the past in good faith, we think in the circumstances this method will be effective."

"The solicitor goes on to point out that any alteration to the Constitution must first have the approval of at least one State Branch before it can be dealt with by Federal Congress. It is not clear, in the present instance, that this requirement was complied with.

"From the foregoing it will be fully apparent that up to the present time the presence and voting of the F.C.T. delegate at meetings of the Federal Congress and Federal Executive has been wholly illegal. This the Federal President must have known, and, consequently, his actions to date will find very difficult to honestly explain.

"I think that the time is fast approaching when this branch will have to consider, very seriously, its position as a part of the Federal Body. A leader who resorts to methods such as have characterised the actions of Mr. Dyett during the last few years is detrimental to the progress and usefulness of the League. His illegal and improper use of a vote at the last election for the office of Federal President, and his disregard for the letter and spirit of our Constitution have forfeited for him all claims on our confidence and respect."

A member of the executive said that every member knew that the Canberra branch had been voting illegally, and that the Federal president had misled them. The State branch was paying about £500 a year to the Federal executive by way of amelioration and capitulation fees, and felt that it was not getting value for its money. The slights which the State president had suffered from Mr. Dyett could not be allowed to continue.

Another member said that the time for politeness had passed. Captain Dyett was no longer fit to be Federal president. He moved that, in view of the obvious illegality of the vote registered by the Canberra branch, the State branch records its disapproval of Captain Dyett’s irregular and unconstitutional election.

A third member said he could not understand the effrontery of the Federal president in inviting the Federal Capital branch to a meeting of the executive three months after legal opinion had stated that the branch was not entitled to vote.

Another speaker urged members not to rush into the matter blindly, however indignant they might be at the revelations that had been made. He moved as an amendment:

Legal opinion having been obtained that the Canberra branch has been admitted to representation on the Federal executive illegally, this executive desires to express serious apprehension in regard to the position that has arisen, and invites the co-operation of State branches in declaring that the position of Federal president automatically becomes vacant, and that the earliest opportunity be taken to have a Federal president constitutionally appointed.

After further discussion, the amendment was carried as a substantive motion. A further motion was also passed, requesting the general secretary of the league to explain how the legal opinion regarding the position of the Capital Territory branch, referred to in the Congress minutes of 1930, was now dated January 6, 1931, and why, in view of the legal opinion, the Federal Capital Territory branch was allowed to take part in the March meeting of the Federal executive.

The Model Smoke Social

The "Wireless" Smoke Social, organised by the State Executive at the instigation of the Balingup Sub-Branch, which took place at 6 WF Studio on April 8th, was a wonderful success, reflecting great credit on the controlling Committee, Messrs. Smith, Philp, Cooke, and Bader. The Executive members, other speakers present, and the artists entered into the spirit of the function from the commencement, and with the good fare generously provided by the Broadcasting Station, all appeared to enjoy themselves to their heart’s content.

The speeches were short, and all to the point, the harmony was of the best, and the community choruses were snappy, and for a scratch choir, tuneful.

"Jack's" interminable yarn of the doings of an old friend of his, called "Yvonne," caused much amusement—and at times, concern. The Executive office has received many congratulatory messages from all parts of the State, and it is hoped that a similar function will be held at least every six months.

Mr. C. P. Smith was a most capable Chairman. Mr. I. T. Birtwistle proposed the toast, "Navy, Army, and Air Force," and Commander Griffiths-Bowen, General Sir Talbot Hobbs, and Major Brearley responded. Mr. C. G. Latham, M.L.A., and Deputy Premier, proposed the R.S.L., and Colonel Collett responded. Dave Benson, "Kindred Associations," response by Messrs. Edmonds and Tyler. Stan Watt proposed the "Chairman, 6 WF, and Artists," to which C. P. Smith and Basil Kirke, the digger manager of 6 WF, responded.

The artists were Theo Meugens, R. Haydock, Dick Williams, Ted Scott, W. A. Wilkins, and George Mellor.

16th BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The Committee of the 16th Battalion and 4th Brigade Association held a meeting at the Soldiers’ Institute recently. Colonel Margolin, as President, was in the chair, and the principal business was in connection with Anzac Day. It was decided to adhere as nearly as possible to the arrangements of last year, and it is anticipated that a record muster will parade with Colonel Pope on April 25th.

32nd BATTALION ASSOCIATION

The President and committee of the above Battalion Association hope for a good roll-up of all diggers who wore the gold and white shoulder patch on the Anzac Day parade. The friends, and particularly original members of "C" Company, are notified that Sergt. Alf. Luly is in the Edward Millen Home, Victoria Park. Visits can be made any time.

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PERSONALITIES

Recently taken on the staff of the Australian War Memorial, in connection with the distribution of Longstaff's famous works of "Menin Gate at Midnight" and "The Immortal Shrine," is P. A. Bull, M.C., late Lieutenant 32nd Battn., and Vice-President of that Battn.'s Association. We wish the popular "Bully" every success in his new avocation.

A link with the historic past was broken last month when naval veteran John Laney passed away at Leederville at the age of 77. Born at Cardiff, Wales, he joined the Royal Navy when 14 years old, and served on the "Impregnable" in 1877; was on the "Sultan" at the bombardment of Alexandria, Egypt, on 11th July, 1882, and later served aboard the "Adelaide," "Himalaya," and "Nelson." Mr. Laney received his discharge at Sydney in 1887. He possessed the Khedive Star and Queen's Medal. He is survived by a widow, three daughters and two sons, both of whom served in the Great War.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilson, of South Perth, and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stockdale, of the same suburb, have received visits from the stork. Each parcel left by the kindly bird contained a fine baby boy.

Charlie Chaplin's hair, judging by his latest portraits, is turning grey. Whatever the cause, it certainly was not shell-shock.

VARIA

Man wants but little here below,
But when it comes to dress,
The ladies, judged by what they show,
Require a great deal less.

The modern flapper is not nearly as bad as she is painted.

Mrs. Pom: What do the boys mean by a Model Smoke Social?
Mrs. Digger: I suppose they mean one without any booze.

They endured the rigours of war during the recent Citizen Forces Camp at Karrakatta. One young officer told us that on guest night there were so many visitors that the junior officers had to use the men's ablution places.

A correspondent in the West has been wailing because a certain moribund agitation cannot find anyone to lead it. What is wrong with the effervescent secretary of the "movement," and other gentlemen who have been so clamant on its behalf? Still, the term "leader" presupposes a following, and "Three's a crowd" in the arithmetic of that particular camp.

Mr. E. de Mouncey writes requesting the date the first six months' furlough was granted to the Anzacs to visit Australia. We don't know the actual date, but it was during September, 1918, that the 1914 leave commenced to operate.

No. 993, Bugler G. H. Edwads, 11th Batt., passed away about nine months ago and his widow is applying for a pension and desires to locate a sergeant whose name is unknown to her, but who is believed to reside in the Armadale district. This sergeant treated Edwards for his particular complaint in Egypt, before Gallipoli in 1915, and his evidence is desired to assist the claim. Anyone who can assist is requested to communicate with the office of the Listening Post.

South Perth has initiated a sound plan, the Monday Re-organisation Scheme for enrolling new members and keeping in touch with old ones. The sub-branch area is subdivided into company areas, and each company commander is reporting good progress.

Before they left Shanghai for England, the officers of the 1st Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment were entertained at dinner by the officers of the 4th Regiment of Uncle Sam's marines. The guests were presented with a silver plaque inscribed "Once a marine, always a marine." This was a reference to the fact that the Worcesters fought aloft in Lord Howe's victory of the "Glorious First of June," and in commemoration of which a naval crown forms part of the regimental arms. As the London Truth trenchantly comments, social amenities of this type between the servicemen of nations will do far more to promote international goodfellowship than all the pacifist gush ever spouted.

Heartiest congratulations to the Fremantle Sub-Branch on the wonderful success of their "local products" exhibition. It reflects great credit on all concerned, and is a practical answer to those who ask what the League is doing for the welfare of the community. All sub-branches can assist the "buy local products" movement, and the near approach of Empire Shopping Week gives an opportunity.

Citizens must be wearing their clothes until they become threadbare these times, for the appeal for old clothes launched by the League is not meeting with much response. Winter is almost here, and there are many diggers and their families who will suffer severely if some help is not given quickly. After reading this, every digger is requested to search, with his wife, the wardrobe, and send in to the State Secretary all articles which can be spared, even at a small sacrifice.
Especially the A.F.A.

A chap lain at Liverpool Camp, April 4th, 1917: “Oh, God, guide and protect our troops, more especially the A.F.A.” (He intended to say the A.I.F.) Not for the Infantry—oh! Lord, those blighters With packs and putes, shorts and hairy knees, Those ribald and insatiable fighters, We do not ask Thy grace for such as these— Who pass their sordid days thigh deep in water, Walled and embowelled in avenues of mud— Their garments foetid with the breath of slaughter, Ribbed with wire, and smeared with German blood. Not these, oh Lord; we do not requisition Thy special Providence for such as they, But rather shouldst Thou make it Thy ambition To guard the gunners of the A.F.A. They are a corps more apt for Thy attention, A corps whose proud escutcheon bears no stain Distinguished for their physical dimension, And possibly for quality of brain. Their uniforms are wrought by private vendors, And sterling silver gleams upon their boots. Their greaves are mirrored into Van- dyke splendours Their souls too proud to grovel in salutes. For such, the stars stand idle in their courses, And that is why, oh! Lord, I humbly pray, Assist, if possible, our other forces, But feature specially the A.F.A.

On other parts, a scar. I had a decent lot of mates, A steady job, with pay. ’Twas better than the niggard hates That spoil the world to-day.

I remember, I remember, The way we used to laugh At pacificist perverts, or At snoozers on the staff. We got the wind up now and then, But stuck it just the same. Those were the days when men were men, And all could play the game.

I remember, I remember, When Peace resumed her throne, The shirker got the juicy meat, And left us but the bone. But, though the times are growing steep, We’ve still an honoured name; So let the brazen shirker keep His billet—and his shame.

I remember, I remember, The war books I have read, So packed with filth and snivelling, And libels on the dead, That make me want to scream and shout. And smite the lying crew. The war these sobsters write about Was not the one we knew.

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Preservation of Individual War Memorials

(By BENJAMIN BUTTONSTICK)

(In answer to the Press Sub-Branch appeal for individual war memories, Mr. Buttonstick presents a few of his own, with apologies to the shade of the late Thomas Hood, and with no apologies at all to anyone whom they may offend.)

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Dad's Decorations
(By C. R. Collins)

Jim Straker slumped wearily into his easy chair and watched his wife set about getting lunch ready. He was a tall man whose lean, hatchet face, grim enough in repose, was relieved by a certain suggestion of good humour. Cecil Hatt might have used him as a model for one of his inimitable digger sketches. His hair, thin enough in parts, was plentifully streaked with grey, while care and hardship had etched lines upon his face that should not have made their appearance for another ten years or so. He was tired—the dawn service and the march through the streets had set the old leg wound nagging—yet his heart was aglow with the realisation of duty done. He removed a row of medals from his coat and laid them on the spotless tablecloth, heaving a deep sigh as he did so.

His wife looked sympathetically at him.

"Tired, my man?" she asked.

Jim nodded, adding, "I'm not as young as I used to be, Marie. Young Jim in yet?"

"All present and correct, dad." A trim young replica of Jim Straker, garbed in the uniform of the Citizen Forces, stepped into the room. Marie's eyes beamed with affection, and Jim's hard face softened somewhat at the sight of the old battalion colours on his son's shoulders.

"Well, and how did the young soldier stand the march?"

"Don't tease him, Jim," Marie protested.

There was a strong bond of affection between Marie and this child of Jim's first wife. Denied children of her own, her maternal instinct found expression in cherishing him, and, to tell the truth, in spoiling him shamelessly. The boy, whose own mother had died in giving him birth, responded. He could stand any amount of spoiling, or teasing, too, for that matter.

"What a display of brummagem!" he remarked, fingering his father's medals, and winking at his stepmother.

"Brummagem! Ma foi!" Marie expostulated. She still lapsed into her native French when excited. "That which you handle with so disrespect is the Croix de Guerre, which my country gives only to the very brave."

"Oh, a 'frog' medal." This time the wink was directed to his father. "I thought they dished them out with the bully beef."

"It is a brave man's medal. Young Jim, I will not love you if you say these things. Jim, tell him how you earned it."

"Yes, dad. You never tell us anything about yourself. When you do talk about the war, it's always what someone else did or what so-and-so said. Be a sport now and come across."

"You tell him, Marie."

But it took the two of them, with many mutual interruptions and amendments, to put the story together.

The long-expected German blow had already struck home when the Nth Battalion led the Division on the way down from Flanders to the Somme. Never would Lieutenant Straker forget the scenes of terror and desolation that they hurried through to stem the field-grey avalanche—the flotsam and jetsam of the Fifth Army, the panic-stricken civilians

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ominously quiet. The brooding monster over the platoon, continuity. Then stole noiselessly forward, every fibre of his being on the alert for any possible contingency. Then that sixth sense, which is never long dormant in men who

live in daily contact with violent death, asserted itself. He stopped dead in his tracks and listened. From the ruin came the faint sound of voices. The place was occupied, then. The sound was repeated, a sound as of a deep sobbing.

Then came a night when Jim's company, along with others, was digging-in furiously, forming the new battle line which must be held to the bitter end. Some distance in front of the company sector was a ruined house, at the enemy end of what remained of a village. It was a good place for a machine gun position, but likewise a good mark for hostile artillery fire. Jim had discussed this ruin with his company-commander.

"Better have a look at it to-night. Find out if it's occupied. Fritz might have a patrol lying doggo there."

"I'll go myself," Jim decided.

"Better take a patrol out."

"Might get 'em mopped up, or scare the Fritzes off. It's a one-man job, skipper. You'll get the information all right. If I'm not back, you'll—well, know it's occupied."

"Please yourself."

He considered it was dark enough now. The front line was quiet enough, too—ominously quiet. The brooding monster seemed to have expended its first access of fury and to be saving its breath for another outburst. He called his platoon sergeant to him.

"I'll shove off now, sergeant. Pass the word along that I'm out."

"Hadn't I better come with you, sir?"

"No sense in two of us getting scuppered if there's any trouble. You take over the platoon, and if I'm not back in a couple of hours you'll know you're for that pip you've been wanting so long."

The sergeant grumbled something about not wanting to get it that way, but Jim Straker was already feeling his way through No Man's Land.

The ruin looked strange and ghostly as he neared it, the wrath of some prehistoric monster looming out of the darkness. Long experience of patrol work had taught him to move swiftly and silently. Now he had to be doubly cautious lest an unwary footstep on some fragment of masonry should betray his presence to concealed foes. Torch in left hand, a Mills bomb in the other, he stole noiselessly forward, every fibre of his being on the alert for any possible contingency. Then that sixth sense, which is never long dormant in men who

in full flight from the old billeting areas, pushing their few chattels before them in wheelbarrows, perambulators, or anything with wheels. The dam that had stayed the German tide for over three years had broken, and now that tide was seeping through, irresistibly, towards Amiens and the sea, tossing before it a spindrift of beaten defenders and homeless villagers.

West Perth Sub-Branch Cricket Club at Mr. Parkin's private cricket ground at Bolystones. They beat Mr. Parkin's team by 49 runs. Sub-Branch Secretary Peter Ross is second from right, top row, and H. G. Jarman, the captain of the team, is in the centre, kneeling.
Our Economic Problems

H. S. Scaddan writes from Goomarin:—

I have keenly followed the articles appearing in your Economic Section since its inauguration. I find it particularly gratifying to visualise the sincerity of purpose which prompts efforts such as those from the pen of your worthy correspondent, Mr. F. A. Law. This contributor has plainly delved far beyond the most popular channels of enlightenment—viz., current press publications—with the result that he unearthed all manner of flaws in our economic system, and advocates the most highly feasible solutions as the remedy.

From this the contention I propose to make is that the vast majority of ills, political and economic, would speedily be given the "right about" if the whole community were to emulate Mr. Law's example and endeavour to acquire more knowledge with which to combat them. Permit me to pause and amplify this conjecture by quoting H. G. Wells, who states:—"It is Everman who must be the saviour of the State in a modern community."

Unfortunately, far too many of us are prone to neglect these matters entirely. Whilst the vast majority, instead of applying their own powers of thought to a subject under review, are prepared to fall prey to some newspaper panacea as the sole basis upon which to expound their own views. In this regard, many are apt to forget that there are very few newspapers of to-day that are not partisan concerning political questions. It should therefore not be fallacious to assert that knives of the pruning and buddling variety are in general use as essentials in shaping public matter to the realms of private policy. Then again, we encounter a large number of misguided individuals who are prepared to regard as sacrosanct the utterances made by leaders of public and commercial life. I hesitate to imagine what proportion of such precepts, if made subject to a brief trial of logical thought, before being so readily assimilated, would stand revealed.
as pure misrepresentation.

While so many of us are incapable of laying solid foundations, upon which to base definite conclusions, thus more or less blindly accepting the guidance of others, does it call for any amazement that events should progress contrary to our desires? Or can we hope to control in any marked degree that which is probably the weakest link in our civilisation and the root cause of our present circumstances? I refer to those forces which allow full sway to the inherent selfishness and greed of human nature.

In conclusion, allow me to suggest that the R.S.I., being a non-partisan body, should throw its whole weight behind a movement to foster keener and clearer thought among its members. Concurrent with this would evolve the duty for returned men generally, to "Be not like dumb driven cattle," and help those outside the movement to fall into step and join the forward march to a greater and purer knowledge of social and economic structure.

With the dawning of a new age of general enlightenment, in my very humble opinion, it is then and only then that the vagaries of our present system will be really forced to depart.

The Diggers' Alphabet
(By C. R. Collins)

A—for the Adjutants, dashing young blades,
B—for the Batmen who dodged all parades,
C—for the Clink, aftermath of the spree,
The home of the birds who go making too free.
D—for the Digger, the casual brute,
Who sauntered past "Birdie" and didn't salute.
E—for the "Egggers" who turned their hats down,
"The married man have to," we told the whole town.
F—for the Furphies, related with zest,
Especially the one of the long-promised rest.
G—for the Gunner, a decent old sport,
Except for his habit of dropping 'em short.
H—for Hindenburg, sturdy and hale,
Till Monash and Co. put a twist in his tail.
I—for intelligence, reigning serene,
The reason the blighters were tagged out in green.
J—for Jerry, and Jacko the Turk,
Who kept all the Diggers in regular work.
K—for Knighthoods that generals got,
Except when the profiteers collided the lot.
L—for the Legends we told all the flappers,
Of boomerang farms and the jackeroo-trappers.
M—for Mademoiselle. It appears that she lived in the town we pronounced "Armenteers."
N—for the Nips that were seldom repaid,
Horseferry Road was the hub of this trade.
O—for the O.B.E.'s dished out in millions,
To actors and women and other civilians.
P—for the Padre, the shifter of sin,
When you nipped him for gaspers you'd get the whole tin.
Q—for the "Quack" with his quick Number Nine,
And also the Quarter-bloke, dodging the line.
R—for the Ration-state, figured and cinched,
Except for the Rum that the Quarter-bloke pinched.
S—for the Sisters, the pride of the show,
But how they endured us, I'm hanged if I know.
T—for "Two-up" the national game;
When Princes have played it, are we much to blame?
U—for the U-boats that scuttled in flight
When'er a destroyer would steam up in sight.
V—for the "vin blong" estaminets sold,
A potent prescription to keep out the cold.
W—for War Books, so smutty in places,
All written by ladies or blokes at the bases.
X—for the marks that they put upon casks,
To empty the same were our happiest tasks.
Y—for the Y plus the M and C.A.,
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Z—for the Zeppelins, purveyors of hate,
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The 15th Federal Congress of the League, at the suggestion of the Prime Minister of Australia, endorsed a proposal for the stricter supervision of export eggs, and the branding of each egg with the name of the State.

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"I am directed to inform you that the views expressed in the resolution have been carefully considered by the Department."

"It is stated by the Department that the inspection service carried out by the Department is adequate to meet all reasonable requirements in connection with the export trade. The service is one in which, owing to the volume of exports, the examination of every box of eggs in a physical impossibility, and the packers must co-operate with the Department by faithfully observing the regulations and packing in accordance with the prescribed standards. This aspect will be more fully appreciated when it is realised that 70,740,000 eggs were exported from Australia during the season which has just ended.

"Where the packing and preparation of eggs for export is centralised, an officer of the Department is stationed in the establishment, but even then it is impossible for this officer to personally inspect every egg. After this preliminary inspection all eggs are submitted at an appointed place for export, and here sample cases are selected at random for further examination. If it is found that the eggs in the sample case are not up to standard, the whole consignment is rejected for export.

"It will be understood, therefore, that it is very unlikely that an exporter will take the risk of having a full consignment rejected because of the inclusion of a few undesirable eggs, and as a further protection, officers insist on the grader's number being placed on each case, so that in the event of any particular grader's eggs being badly graded, the grader responsible will be promptly dealt with."
Women's Auxiliary Notes

STATE EXECUTIVE

At the R.S.I. United Auxiliary picnic, held on the 14th ult., approximately 110 members attended, and spent a very happy afternoon at "Caversham House," as the guests of Mrs. T. C. Wilson (President).

Visitors were shown over the grounds, and saw the various processes necessary before sultanas and currants are ready for the market, and all were interested. Then followed a varied programme, including a swimming competition, won by Mrs. Their (Bayswater), also the prize for the game of "Stepping the Lines", the lowest number of times. The prize for "Stepping the Lines" the greatest number of times being won by Mrs. Cook (Bassendean). Those inclined could also play tennis or billiards.

Afternoon tea was dispensed on the lawns by Mrs. Wilson and her daughters, followed by a programme of musical items, etc., by Mrs. Westlake, Miss Rose Wilson, Mrs. Bull, and Mrs. Smith. Mrs. McKinley kindly acting as accompanist. Everyone was sorry when the time arrived to go home.

VICTORIA PARK

The third annual picnic to the Zoo was arranged by the Women's Auxiliary on Sunday, March 15th. Approximately 150 children were conveyed free by R.S.I. members owning lorries.

The youngsters spent a very enjoyable day. There was an egg and spoon race, three-legged, thread the needle, obstacle race, a nail driving competition, eating apples off a string. Ginger beer, ice cream, lollies and fruit were supplied, and the weather was all that could be desired.

The monthly meeting of this auxiliary was held at the Library Hall, at 7.30 on Friday, the 27th March, and was well attended. Business was transacted as briskly as possible, and an enjoyable evening was spent, when members were joined by their husbands and friends. The programme consisted of dancing, games, competitions, etc. A similar social evening will be held on April 24th—the next general meeting.

RAILWAY WORKSHOPS

At the annual meeting of this branch, held on February 9th, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. F. Reilly (re-elected unopposed); Vice-Presidents, Medamas E. A. Dean (re-elected), and R. D. Major; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. A. Lovell (re-elected unopposed); Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. E. McGaw (re-elected unopposed); Auditors, Medamas I. D. Turner and L. Tichbon (re-elected unopposed); Trustees, Medamas R. C. Oswald, A. W. Higgins, and A. E. Smith.

SPEARWOOD

The Spearwood diggers have been congratulating themselves so loudly on the success of their recent bachelor evening, that the ladies decided to have a party of their own. They were "At Home" to girl friends only, on Wednesday, April 1st, at the R.S.I. Institute, Spearwood. Dancing, games, fortune telling, community singing, and competitions were enjoyed. Among the notable performances were songs by Medamas Ingram and Strangehair, piano and violin solos by Mrs. Parrott and the Misses Ingram and Backwood, and a jolly little comic sketch by Mrs. Ellemont, assisted by Mrs. Parrott.

Proceedings went with a swing, ably skipped by the President (Mrs. Wayman). An ample supper was provided, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and the National Anthem terminated a perfect evening.

Points in Procedure

Noted at the Model Smoker

The absolute control by the Chairman. After the silence, the Chairman's remark, "Lest we forget," which was repeated in unison by the gathering.

The absence of smoking until after the toasts of "The King" and "Fallen Comrades."

The buzz of conversation between items and the silence and attention during them.

The witty, but not objectionable, interjections.

The spontaneous applause when a speaker made a telling remark.

The snappy way in which "God save the King!" was sung.

The manner in which all speakers confined their addresses to the subject of their particular toast.

The absence of long speeches.

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Colonel Collett's Report to the Executive

"On the 16th instant I attended, in company with the State Secretary, at a meeting of the members of the Spearwood-Hamilton Hill Sub-Branch. The occasion was the opening of a hall built for the use of ex-service men by the ex-service men themselves, aided by the generosity of several of the other leading residents of the district. The structure, valued at £450, is entirely free from debt; the title to the land is in the custody of the Secretary.

The Secretary then proceeded to present from members, and several good cigars were presented by the President.

T. W. Ettridge, 28th Battalion; D. M. Benson, 1st Div. Sig. Coy.; R. W. Milford, 10th Battalion; T. W. Ettridge, 28th Battalion; Fergie Reid, 28th Battalion; G. A. Schell, 21 A.S.C.; C. M. Shenton, XI A Battery; D. W. Thompson, Royal Sute; 16th Battalion; S. M. Z.M.R.; E. A. Smith, 44th Battalion; George Brown, 16th Battalion; Fred. Carr, 28th Battalion; C. M. Falconer, 28th Battalion; Roy Maher, 8th Battery; E. H. Harris, 5th A.I.H.F.A.; A. A. Smith, 14th Battalion; H. M. Growden, 6th S.A.I.B.C. (Boer War); F. J. Harder, 6th S.A.I.B.C. (Boer War); A. Richards, 42nd Battery; A. A. Richards, 10th L.H.; J. B. Kimberley, R.S.T.B. (not R.S.V.P.); W. A. Betts, 10th L.H.; J. T. Heel, 1st Battalion; J. F. Evans, 41st Battery; K. J. Honey, 6th Engineers; T. Sten, 44th Battalion; L. Mahoney, 27th Battalion; R. L. Keast, 16th Battalion; L. Thomas, 16th Battalion; H. E. Hammond, 11th Battalion; D. McRae, 10th A.L. Horse; N. A. Fraser, 16th Battalion; R. J. D. Lawson, 11th Battalion; J. M. Livingston, 11th Battalion; W. D. Fallon, 16th Battalion; H. P. Walker, 11th Battalion; W. W. Giff, 44th Battalion; E. G. R. Morgan, 44th Battalion; S. Hardwick, 16th A.L.H.; H. T. Edwards, 11th Battalion; A. T. Orton, 1st M.G. Battalion; B. Sturmer, 1st Middles; E. G. Hollis, 16th Battalion; H. L. Stronach, 1st D.A.C.; H. B. Clemens, 10th A.L.H.; A. M. Clemens, 4th D.H.Q. Sigs.; B. G. Blatch, 3rd Div.; J. Sten, 44th Battalion; W. H. Reader, 28th Battalion; N. M. Smith, 1st Div. Train; C. Bowron, 28th Battalion; J. J. Murphy, 16th Batn. (also Boer War veteran); W. G. Felcham, Dorset Regt.; J. A. Murphy, 27th Battalion; P. Baker, 28th Battalion.

Several new members were enrolled, and our membership of last year (13) will most likely be exceeded this year, creating a further record for the sub-branch. Several returned men are amongst the local unemployed, but efforts are being made to assist them.

PILBARRA

For the sake of coolness, the March general meeting, held on the 23rd inst., was held at the residence of the President (Mr. Ross A. Keasing), who presided over a fair attendance.

A welcome was given to Mr. V. A. Robinson, of Coongan Station, who, although a foundation member, has had a few opportunities of attending monthly meetings. A new member is the person of Jack (Sandstone) Ramstead was also welcomed to the fold. Some will have been removed from the members of the Old Half Hundred and One, especially to those of "B" Company, whose Cooker he never failed to have on the spot when required, which was before the days he served in the capacity of groom to the Colonel.

Among the correspondence was a letter from the Secretary of the Kimberley Sub-Branch, asking us to give publicity to the fact that an impression existed that there was work at Derby and Yampi Sounds. This was incorrect, and they asked us to advise to this effect any diggers who might be on the track headed in this direction.

There was also a letter from the Port Hedland Amateur Race Club, paying us the compliment of asking us to amalgamate with them so that the two annual events of both institutions might be held during the one week.

A sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Webster and Coate was appointed to meet the Executive of the Race Club.

The correspondence also showed that an immense amount of preliminary work had been done by the President in preparation for Anzac Day commemoration services, so be held both at Port Hedland and Marble Bar, and it is hoped that the public will avail themselves of the arrangements. The President, Mr. Keasing, was appointed to finalise the arrangements already in hand.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. E. Clark) gave notice that at the next monthly meeting he would move that seventeen unfinancial members should be struck off the strength, as most of these people have left the district, and addresses are unknown. A list of these names can be had from the Hon. Secretary on application.

Lengthy debate was held over the practice in the past of the burial of returned men who died in indigenous circumstances, and everyone was unanimous that when the present credit balance was exhausted, it would be extremely difficult to raise funds to carry on the programme of assistance to the needy at present in vogue. One section argued that, whilst recognising the needs of the living, "the least we could do was that our last gesture possible was to see that our comrades in arms had decent burial. The other section held that the cost of funeral expenses would keep a needy digger or his dependant in tucker for many weeks, and that our full respect would be made by attendance in force (which is always the practice) at the graveside. The adherents of this belief carried the day, but only after a proviso had been made that the matter would be brought up for discussion again in six months time.

Before closing the meeting, for the benefit of country and new members, the President spoke a few words on the past social activities of the sub-branch.
financial, each case being taken on its merits. Probably other branches might try the same scheme.

Preparations are made for Anzac Day; we shall hold our “Dawn Service” as usual, followed by the service at 11 o’clock. The League speaker will be Mr. N. C. Ryder. In years past our parade has been 130 strong, and a larger parade is anticipated this year. Any defaulters will be dealt with.

We are glad to see so many visitors taking advantage of our meetings. Each and every digger is heartily welcome to our meetings, and may be sure of being received with pleasure. Our concert-party members never fail to fill the programme with harmony, and the standards dispense the good things with a cheerful smile.

**NANNUP**

The usual monthly meeting was held on Thursday, March 19th, there being an attendance of over twenty members, which shows that the branch is now on a firm footing. It was decided to affiliate with the No. 6 District Council, which embraces the branches along the main Bridgetown line.

A large number of blocks in the district are soon to be thrown open for selection, and resolutions were forwarded to the Council dealing with returned soldier applicants for same.

At the conclusion of the meeting a social evening was held to bid farewell to two departing comrades, Messrs. Bennet and Struthers, who are moving to fresh fields of endeavour. Bill Blyth occupied the chair, and kept things moving in good old army style. Much of the credit of the evening was undoubtedly due to the Hon. Secretary, Joe Ryding. Joe has made the branch and its welfare his hobby, and admits that when he secures a new member it gives him more pleasure than the double rum issue did in bygone days.

Don’t forget, visitors! Third Thursday in the month. Rally along with your mess tins.

**MOORINE ROCK**

The monthly meeting was held on April 4, the President, Mr. D. E. L. Morgan (late Worcestershire Regiment), presiding over a good attendance.

In the confirmation of officers, a solid team has been selected to promote the welfare of the sub-branch, and it is hoped that within a few weeks a hundred per cent. of the ex-service men of the district will be wearing the badge.

Amongst other social activities, the sub-branch is arranging a “hop-over” in the form of a reunion, when we trust that the State Executive will honour this new sub-branch with representation.

**MANJIMUP**

The monthly meeting of the Manjimup Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. was held on Friday, March 27th, with an attendance of nineteen.

During the evening, the Rev. Basil Eden became a member, and at the instance of Mr. Neil Swindell, the padre was welcomed with acclamation.

Mr. Eden, who is an ex-artillery man, is 6ft 7in. (or 7ft 6in.—no one has been up high enough to measure him yet). The sub-branch’s last padre, Rev. T. F. Smart, was also in a stoush department at the front, but he was only about 5ft 2in.

Preparations for the parade on Anzac Day were discussed, and the final arrangements were left in the hands of the president, secretary, and Mr. F. L. Young, who will be marshal on that occasion.

A group of settlers present asked the sub-branch to assist him in a matter connected with the Agricultural Bank. Being £7 in arrears with his interest payments, he had received notice that in fourteen days he would be dispossessed of his holding. The case, as outlined by the settler, bore some features which the meeting decided should be brought before the State Secretary for investigation. The secretary was directed to send the available statements and correspondence to Mr. Benson.

Following on a proposal previously put forward, the meeting decided to hold a ladies’ night on April 17th, in the Manjimup Hall. No charge will be made for admission, but each party will be expected to contribute a plate of cakes or other refreshments. Diggers and choons are invited to come and bring their wives and families (if any), or sweetheart (if any). It is to be understood that the ladies are the guests, and the men do any work necessary.

Mr. Charlie Shaw mentioned that the ratepayers’ annual meeting was to be held on the following day, and moved that the meeting records its appreciation of the Road Board’s kindness and courtesy to the sub-branch, and that the resolution be conveyed to the Board at the ratemakers’ meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bert Halley, and carried.

Mr. H. J. Bennett warned the meeting that the formation of a rifle club would provide a welcome and valuable pastime to many men in the district, and suggested that the sub-branch take steps to obtain them.

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At the instance of Mr. A. Hastings, it was decided to obtain particulars relating to the R.S.L. gold-prospecting parties now being formed in Perth. It was thought that there might be men in this district who would wish to “enlist” in one of the parties.

**MUNDI JONG**

An enjoyable social evening was held in the Mundijong Hotel, on the occasion of the last regular meeting, Thursday, April 2nd. Mr. Bert Thomas, who has been president of the sub-branch for the past two years, was presented with a past president’s certificate. Bert took the chair at a time when things were looking bad, as many of our members were leaving the district owing to the closing of the P.M.G. Police Department. During his term of office he has put in a lot of hard work on behalf of the R.S.L., a fact realised and appreciated by ex-service men of this district. Membership has increased, and has been higher than ever before in the history of the sub-branch.

The usual meeting room was too small for the numbers that turned up, and Dick Walsh, our host, kindly placed the dining room at our disposal. Reggie Cook officiated at the piano, while harmony was rendered by Bert Thomas, Aubrey Mead, Andy Gemmell, and Ned. Rintoul.

At the annual regular meeting held in January, Tom Buckland was elected President, Bill Clarke Secretary, and Clem Piper Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. Tom has been a very live wire since his election, and actively and successfully canvassed Jarrahdale for members. He has run several dances to raise money to provide our single out-of-work members with a few days’ employment, and so helped to alleviate their lot. Financial membership for 1931 was 35, and we hope to do even better this year, despite hard times.

**GREENBUSHES**

The monthly meeting of the sub-branch was held at Richard’s Hotel on April 4. Mr. Sells was in the chair, and presided over a fair attendance.

Reports of various committees were received.

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and adopted. The Anzac Day Committee desire some mention for their arrangements, and the 25th should be long remembered by the citizens of this township.

This Branch is fortunate in having such an enthusiastic member as Mr. Cornell, who travels many miles to be present at our meetings, and on returning home he broadcasts all information to his fellow ex-service men who are unable to be present.

A scheme to assist unemployed ex-diggers is the hope of Mr. J. Brennan, and the backing of the R.S.L. is assured.

Meetings are held on the first Saturday evening in each month. All ex-service men are welcome. If we can’t help you, you may help others.

MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS

At the meeting held at Mundaring on March 26th, President Harry Walker presided.

Arrangements were put in hand for Anzac Day celebrations. It is the desire of the sub-branch that all returned men, and deceased soldiers’ relatives shall endeavour to assemble near the memorial early, in order that suitable arrangements may be made for grouping, and general formation.

Pupils from local schools shall also be assembled in order, under the leadership of their respective teachers. Captain McKeen will be in charge of the parade of returned men, which will assemble at the Memorial. At the Memorial, the service will probably be conducted by Revs. T. Whitehead and Hitchings, and an address will be delivered by Capt. H. Walker, President of the sub-branch.

Apropos of the visit, in passing, of General Monash, and the possibility of an elaborate reception by the League, various members, during a spirited discussion, voiced their very keen disapproval of any costly “shivos” being arranged to do honour to our old G.O.C., particularly for the reason that the general opinion was that the League had not been given first consideration by General Monash, that his patronage, or leadership, like that of the late Earl Haig, and his worthy successor, Earl Jellicoe, would obviously have been greatly advantageous to the League in protecting the interests of those who helped considerably to elevate Sir John to the pinnacle of fame. It was felt that, the old spirit of comradeship and the very ideals for which the League stands, should have been sufficient incentive to prompt the “old” G.O.C. to realise a real moral obligation, at all events. With all due respect to the very excellent qualities which go to make up the person of General Sir John Monash, the feeling still sticks that he turned the digger down. The discussion was very feelingly waged, and eventually a suitable resolution was framed and forwarded on to the State Executive, expressing the views held by this sub-branch. It is sincerely felt that this controversy will do no harm to any—a domestic matter purely.

YARLOOP

The monthly meeting was held on Thursday, April 9th. Those present were Messrs. A. Watson (President), N. Buchanan, and H. D. Hardy (Vice-President), L. Rogers (Secretary), Charlton, F. Trevor, G. H. Clifton, S. A. Hardy, L. Woodcock, G. Wilkes, Serttit, and Dr. Jacobs.

It was arranged to hold the usual Anzac Day Service at Yarloop War Memorial. All returned men are requested to fall in on a right mark at the commencement of the service.

Mr. G. H. Clifton read a letter from Mr. Gyles, the District Dairy Supervisor, in connection with the formation of a Hird Testing Asso-

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TAMBELLUP

The usual monthly meeting was held on 1st April last; business dealt with included the endorsement of the President’s action in having the fence round the local memorial painted, and the adoption of a new set of rules for the government of the sub-branch. It was also decided that the branch protest against the proposed alteration of the existing boundaries of No. 4 District.

The President and Secretary reported that arrangements were being made to hold the annual Anzac Day service at the local Road Board Hall. A troop of Light Horse had volunteered to parade at the memorial, and the Rev. Main, of Katanning, had agreed to conduct the service. All ex-soldiers and friends, whether members of the R.S.L. or not, are invited to be present.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at Mr. Thompson’s shop on the 8th inst., where, owing to the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, members of the sub-branch were able to listen to the smoke social broadcasted from 6 W. Items included speeches from members of the R.S.L. and others, musical items, and old marching songs, which were thoroughly enjoyed.

Local diggers are again reminded that the monthly dinner of the sub-branch take place on the first Wednesday in each month, at 7.30 p.m.

SOUTH PERTH

At the March meeting of the South Perth Sub-Branch, Mr. Carl Ferguson (Assistant Secretary) addressed the members on “Pensions and Allied Matters.” Quite a volume of information was disseminated, and the barrage of questions that followed the lecture, indicated the keen interest it aroused.

M.T. HAWTHORN-NORTH
LEEDERVILLE

Annual Smoke Social

A most entertaining and instructive social was held at Leederville on Thursday, 26th. The President, Mr. Jim Morton, presided over a large attendance of members and visitors. After the toasts of “The King” and “Fallen Comrades,” the Secretary, Mr. Fred Charles, proposed the toast of “The R.S.L.” and in the course of his remarks disclosed that this sub-branch was a very live one, there being no objective of the League that was not being actively advanced. Unfortunately, there was a great deal of distress, due to unemployment amongst returned men of the district, which the sub-branch was endeavouring to alleviate. Mr. Alf. Yeates, a vice-president of the League, in responding, reviewed the activities of the Executive, and complimented the sub-branch on the vigour shown and results achieved. Mr. Vivian proposed “Sub-branches and Other Visitors,” which was responded to by representatives from West Perth and Nedlands. The toast “State Parliament and City Council” was eloquently proposed by Past President W. A. Rowles, and responded to by Mr. H. Millington, M.L.A., the Member for the district, who reviewed the present economic position and issued a warning against those who would commence economising at the expense of the war pension; and Councillor Caddy, who told the gathering what was being done for those in need within the district. State Secretary Dave Benson proposed the toast of “The Mt. Hawthorn-North Leederville Sub-Branch,” Mr. Alex. Panton, M.L.A., responded. “The Artists and the Press” was given by Mr. Standing, and replied to by Messrs. F. Boyd and E. S. Watt. The harmony was of a high standard, and all departed about 11.30 p.m., feeling that the evening was a very successful one, reflecting credit on all responsible.
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Vineyard Cultivation

The libel on a noble race which affirms that the Scots have no sense of humour received another nail in its coffin when that good digger, Mr. R. M. Meechin, with a witty and interesting speech, opened a demonstration of vineyard cultivation, in his own Roosland Vineyard, at Caversham, on Saturday afternoon, March 28. It was a demonstration of Australian-made vineyard implements, arranged by the manufacturers, H. V. McKay, Massey-Harris Pty. Ltd. About 60 vignerons, including many ex-service men and members of the Upper Swan Sub-branch, were present, together with the Government Viticulturist (Mr. Johns).

In opening the proceedings, Mr. Meechin explained that the purpose of the demonstration was to show that the vineyard implements made in Australia are as efficient as the American-made article, and he pointed out the benefits of buying locally-made implements. The demonstration then proceeded, and when it was noticed that the two young stalwarts who manipulated the implements were the grown-up sons of Digger Jimmy Duff, it made us young-old chaps realise that time has not stood still since the war.

Of the implements demonstrated, the most recent in use in this State was the vine-hoe, or strip-digger, a mouldboard plough so constructed as to permit the ploughing of a strip of land directly beneath the vine. The implement was constructed on the lines of an ordinary plough, but was fitted with a spring mounted fender rod, which was adjustable, and the function of which was to prevent the share from coming into contact with a vine stem or tree trunk, when the share was travelling. It was explained that the implement was entirely Australian-made from a patent owned by H. V. McKay, Massey-Harris Pty. Ltd. It enabled the ground to be cultivated, and weeds, such as couch grass, to be removed from around vines along the alignment of the vine rows, as well as along the side of the vine, as with an ordinary plough. The use of the implement eliminated considerable hand labour in digging around the vines; a vineyard was cleaned without damage to the vines, and in a vineyard under cultivation with the implement the soil was thrown in such a manner as to allow water to sink into the ground near the vine roots. It was stated that the hoe had been used with remarkable success in the vineyards of Victoria and South Australia, and had recently been introduced into this State. Several vignerons present commented favourably on the implement.

A new two-row fertiliser drill for vineyards, which had never previously been used in this State, was also demonstrated. It was claimed that, with the use of the implement, superphosphate was sown well down into the ground. The implement did not excite such favourable comment as the vine-hoe. Other types of machinery used on vineyards were also demonstrated.

After the demonstration, Mr. Johns said that he had been very much impressed by the demonstration of the vine-hoe, which, he thought, was a very fine acquisition to an established vineyard. In the demonstration it had done its work well, considering the nature of the ground.

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