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Every year, in every way, Congress grows better and better. This year's gathering was a particularly happy one, though, in the early stages, it did look as if the proceedings were going to be something in the nature of a heroics hunt. Dissatisfaction with the existing method of electing delegates to the State Executive was freely expressed. Another matter that came in for a certain amount of criticism was the method of deputing delegates to represent country sub-branches unable to send their own members to Congress. It is worthy of note that these criticisms emanated from metropolitan sub-branches, while the country sub-branches, in whose interests they were professedly made, defended the existing system. Whatever delegates thought of these matters, they apparently retained their confidence in the individual members of the retiring Executive. With one exception, all the retiring members who stood again were re-elected.

The question of eligibility for membership of the League was tackled from various angles. Some of the suggestions which Congress was asked to adopt were not so much a widening the door of admission as a pulling down of the walls altogether. There are always border-line cases in which hardship, and even injustice, seem to have been inflicted. Several glaring anomalies were mentioned. The aviator who brought down a zeppelin near London, but who did not serve outside England, and the R.G.A. men of Scarborough, who exchanged shots with German warships are not eligible, as such, for membership of the League, while the A.I.F. man who went as far as England or Egypt, and returned without seeing a shot fired, is. Worse still, under the existing constitution, a B.E.S.L. member, who joined the navy or army since 1920, and who had no war service of any description, cannot be refused admission to the R.S.S.I.L.A. In our opinion, this part of the constitution needs an overhauling.

There was, as usual, much overlapping of items. In the past this was unavoidable, despite the unnecessary amount of printing involved. The Agenda Committee saved Congress much time by grouping items bearing upon the same subjects. May we suggest that the District Committees which are now functioning, might save still further time and expense by ensuring that their component sub-branches do not put up a number of items which are, to all intents and purposes, the same item.

Time will tell whether the resolutions passed will have the desired effects. Even if they do not, the educative value of these annual assemblies cannot be overestimated. One could dwell at length on the earnestness, and the selfless spirit of service which imbued those present, the keenness of the debates and the instructive value of many of them, and, above all, the general good humour which prevailed throughout the proceedings. At the smoke social the boys learned a new song, which they sang with gusto, and which became the song of Congress. The old digger spirit still lives. To see staid, middle-aged men sloughing off the years and the cares they bring was invigorating, and even rejuvenating. This paper knows now why old soldiers never die: It is because soldiers never grow old.

Our Diminishing Defences

Though this paper recognises the economic necessity for much that has been done in the way of reducing armaments, and is as sincere in its desire for world peace as the most vociferous pacifist, it has never subscribed to the anti-war hysteria which is the fashionable respectability of the moment. We have always held that the total suspension of the compulsory clauses of the Defence Act was a tragic blunder; that, in the present state of world politics, the lamb cannot lie down with the lion—and bring along its own mint sauce—and that years of educational work must be undertaken before the League of Nations can function as we should like to see it function. It is sheer folly for this country to emasculate her defence forces while she still maintains her White Australia policy and while nations which are violently opposed to that policy remain armed to the teeth.

In a recent debate in the House of Representatives, Colonel Eric Harrison, ably supported by Colonel J. White, pointed out that in the air, on the sea, and on land, Australia is impotent. Even the foolish interjections of a gentleman appropriately named Gander did not detract one iota from the truth of Colonel Harrison's summary of the position. Our navy is inferior to that of Siam. The same few enthusiasts continue to fill the ranks of the militia, and no reserve is being created. Before he left for the front, Colonel Harrison was chief instructor at the school at Duntroon, which trained so many candidates for commissioned rank in the A.I.F. He has also been a member of the staff of the Royal Military College, and has had much to do with the training of the militia forces for home defence. He may be safely regarded as an eminent authority on training and organisation. It is high time that someone with his knowledge and experience drew attention to the unnecessary
The Federal Presidency

Smith's Weekly, a paper which invariably rushes in where angels fear to tread, recently published an article which read like a piece of inspired propaganda on behalf of Mr. Dyett's candidature for re-election to the office of General President of the R.S.L. Apart from its distortion of fact, the article would 'call for little comment did it not contain a veiled attack on General Brand, the other candidate for the presidency, and imply that this distinguished soldier was using the League as a stepping-stone to the Federal Senate. Recently, too, the Melbourne Sub-branch circulated State branches, alleging that General Brand did not become a financial member of the League until a few months ago.

While he was in Melbourne, the editor of the Listening Post met General Brand, who showed him receipts which prove definitely that the General has been a financial member of the League for thirteen years. At the same time, General Brand assured him that he has no intention of standing for the Senate. We are therefore in a position to give the lie, clearly and emphatically, to both assertions.

This unnecessary propaganda in the vernacular press, and the drawing of a political red herring across the trail, hardly coincides with the dignity which we, in this State, associate with the office of the Federal President. The whole unsavoury business is reminiscent of the tactics of a third-rate politician.

Smith's Weekly did rather grudgingly admit that the Listening Post's opposition to Mr. Dyett is not based upon personal grounds, but upon a desire to see someone of military and social importance at the head of the ex-service men's organisation, as is the case in Great Britain and the sister Dominions. There is one point, however, which Smith's Weekly deliberately ignored. Over two years ago the Sydney Bulletin, which has always been a staunch supporter of the ex-service man, said that it was time the League had a new Federal President. The Bulletin only expressed the opinion of the majority of the League's members throughout Australia. At the last election which was contested, delegates representing just about two-thirds of the League's financial members cast their votes in favour of Mr. Dyett's opponent. It will be remembered that, on that occasion, it was by the exercise of his deliberative and casting votes that Mr. Dyett secured his own re-election. Nothing has happened since to cause any revulsion of feeling in his favour, or to convince us, in Western Australia, that the League has the leadership which its importance warrants, though there has been much active propaganda on Mr. Dyett's behalf both in and out of the League.

When two-thirds of the members of an organisation desire a change of leadership, that desire should not be ignored, especially when there is the chance of securing the services of a really distinguished soldier, who has proved himself a capable administrator and who can, at the same time, command the respect of the general public. Mr. Dyett has had a very long innings. He would be doing the League a great service and also enhancing his reputation for dignity and disinterestedness were he to retire gracefully in General Brand's favour.

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"The various games were all keenly contested in a fine sporting spirit. These inter-sub-branch games competitions should permit of the social side being developed to the fullest extent, should assist to cement the bonds of comrade-ship and also prove the means of materially assisting to increase the membership of the League. Unfortunately, country sub-branches did not participate in the contest for the shield, due mainly to the distance that would be entailed in travelling between sub-branches. Possibly when prosperity returns expense in travelling would not be felt so much as under present conditions and it is to be hoped that all sub-branches will eventually be able to participate in the Shield competition.

"Since the Central Committee was not appointed for any definite period I recommend to the incoming State Executive that a new committee be appointed at the earliest opportunity so that a conference of representatives from the various sub-branches of the metropolitan area be convened without delay for the purpose of arranging a schedule in connection with competitions for the ensuing year.

"I have pleasure in reporting that the Archbishop Riley Memorial Shield has been won by the South Perth Sub-branch. They will therefore hold the Shield for a period of twelve months.

Membership Drive

Colonel Olden submitted a report as follows to the State Congress, in connection with the Membership Drive:

"The Membership Drive, initiated by the Executive, began on May 6, and ended September 21.

"The Drive has been responded to by the sub-branches in a manner which can only be considered satisfactory.

"There is a lack of data upon which to furnish an exact report, but subsequent guidance in estimating the response to the Drive can be gained from the "Listening Post" figures, which showed despatches from the League in May totalling 5,200, and to-day, 6,700. Owing to subscription adjustments and other factors, it is possible that about half the difference between these figures shows the response to the Drive. Conservatively estimated, the real increase in membership is probably 750.

"The Executive decided to offer a prize of £5 to the sub-branch revealing the greatest effort in gaining new members and retaining old. A gratifying response was made by sub-branches, although the Membership Drive Committee realised that there would be difficulty in receiving, in time for judgment before Congress, reports crystallising efforts up to September 21. Examination of these returns shows that major efforts came from the Narrogin, North Perth, Nedlands and South Perth Sub-branches.

"The standpoint of the Membership Drive Committee was that the sub-branch most deserving of the award would be the sub-branch which showed the greatest degree of actual canvassing effort in gaining new, and retaining old members. Judged from that angle, the Committee has no hesitation in recommending that the award should go to Narrogin Sub-branch.

"A cheque for £5 was presented to Mr. T. Hogg, the Secretary of the Narrogin Sub-branch, by the State President, and Mr. Hogg suitably responded."

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Mr. A. H. Panton, M.A., reported as director on the R.S.L. Trading Company, to the State Congress, as follows:

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State War Memorial

Sir J. Talbot Hobbs, as Warden of the State War Memorial, submitted the following report to Congress:

"On the expiration of my term of office as Warden of the State War Memorial I have the honour to report as follows:

"As my duties in connection with the care of the Memorial have been made very light owing to the splendid work of the members of Toc H Australia, under the leadership of David Oates, Jobmaster, Toc H Headquarters, who have endeavoured and have, if I may be permitted to say so, succeeded in no small degree in the carrying out of their duties as Sub-Wardens and their report to me I attach hereto.

"As Warden, and also in the capacity of honorary architect, I endeavoured prior to the last winter's rains to remedy the faults which had occurred in the roof or deck of the memorial, causing, unsightly stains in the ceiling of the cloisters of the memorial, on the walls of which are attached the name tablets of our fallen soldiers.

"Although to some extent successful, I am of opinion that further work will be necessary to effectively deal with this trouble, which, I have no hesitation in saying, is attributable to the expansion and contraction in the cement concrete floor and paving which takes place with the climatic variations of winter and summer and which is intensified by the thoughtlessness of visitors who throw down match and cigarette boxes, cigarette butts, matches, etc., which are washed by the rain into the gutters blocking the gulleys draining off the storm water.

"I regret also to report that some of the marble name tablets are fractured. I fear, through being improperly fixed. I do not mean to say that the work has been scamped, rather it may be that the trouble has been caused by the slabs having been solidly bedded instead of being just kept off the walls with pads of the bedding material. As honorary architect I have notified the contractors of my opinion, and before a settlement is effected with them the cause of the trouble must if possible be ascertained. The contractors think the trouble may have been caused by a slight structural settlement, but I am disinclined to agree with them.

"I may say that we still retain a sum of money pending the settlement of Brine & Sons' contract.

"I do hope consideration may be given to my original suggestion to install in the Crypt of the Memorial tablets or shrines with a proper receptacle for receiving a book or scroll of the names of all who served overseas in the various units from Western Australia in a somewhat similar but of course much simpler manner to that adopted in the Scottish War Memorial in Edinburgh.

"I understand that the King's Park Board contemplate making important alterations in the 'lay-out' of the ground adjoining the War Memorial, but I know nothing officially of the project and have only seen the sketch 'lay-out' which appeared in the West Australian.' 

"Probably if the Park Board were approached it might be willing to let us know what they propose to do and arrangements could then be made to improve the footways leading from the higher level of the cloisters. At the present time they are covered with gravel, which is continually washing away. I strongly recommend they should be paved in an approved manner.

"Report of the Assistant Wardens—Toc H, as follows, was received and appreciation expressed:

"Since taking over duty on December 20, 1931, we have had two members on guard, every Sunday afternoon, also on holidays, and whenever there are any events on the river, so that the memorial is not used as a grandstand.

"At first it was a very tedious job, requiring the best of our members on duty to use their discretion and an unlimited reserve of tact and patience to a few obstinate visitors.

"It is pleasing to note that visitors are becoming more respectful by removing their hats and refraining from smoking while on the memorial. Only four visitors have refused to go from the memorial when asked politely to remove their hats.

"We have been attending the garden and keeping the memorial clean and tidy once per week with the exception of three weeks.

"Mr. Heath, the Park Superintendent during the past month, has given the garden a thorough overhaul, which will be a great help to us.

"On the eve of Anzac Day we had a vigil from 6 p.m. to dawn, having four members on guard on the memorial and four in the Crypt every two hours, 48 men doing service in that time, every one of whom felt a greater inspiration to do service to the memory of our Elder Brethren.

"At Anzac Day Service and during the day the Memorial was guarded till 9 p.m. on account of the large number of visitors. (May we bring to your notice the unmanly behaviour of youths and others, while waiting access to view the wreaths after the Dawn Service. Would a suggestion be considered for next year, that for two hours after the service the memorial be closed to visitors. It would mean that those attending the service would be there for the service only.)

"During a Moonlight Hike through the Park recently we had two members on duty, and everyone respectfully kept quiet when passing by."

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The Country Vice-President

Lieutenant-Colonel "Clarrie" Fairlie, M.C., who succeeds Mr. Cliff. R. Gillett as Country Vice-President, did his war service with the 48th Battalion. He sustained a wound at Bullecourt that would have sent most men home, but he remained overseas to do excellent work in the training depots in England, eventually returning to Australia with a captain’s rank and a well-merited M.C. After the war, he continued to serve with the 16th Battalion, A.M. Forces, formerly the famous Goldfields Regiment, gaining further promotions and commanding the unit until the economic situation caused it to be disbanded.

Always an active member of the League, Colonel Fairlie has for some years been an office-bearer in the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch, and a regular attendant at Congress, where his fiery speeches have always commanded attention and not a little applause. Energy, tenacity of purpose, and single-mindedness are his outstanding characteristics, and we think the League is as fortunate in this choice of the second Country Vice-President as it was in the first. Cliff. Gillett will be a hard man to follow, but his successor is one who can be relied upon to concentrate all his powers on whatever work he undertakes.

The Father of Congress

Mr. Alf. Pady, of Fremantle, who was re-elected to the State Executive, is, if not quite the oldest member of this branch, the oldest member of the Executive and the senior office bearer, in point of service. He has been a member of the League for sixteen years and has sat on every State Executive since the League was founded. Alf. Pady served with the 26th Battalion during the war, and he could not have borrowed George Washington’s hatchet to fell cherry, trees on his way to the recruiting office, as he is now in his seventieth year. All the same, he is as spry and active as most young bucks in their middle forties. When he is not putting in good work on behalf of the League, he manages to find time to umpire cricket matches.

Sweep on Perth Cup

PROFITS TO R.S.L.

The Art Union Control Board has approved of an application made by the League, and agreed to conduct a sweep on the Perth Cup, with three-quarters of the profits to benefit the organisation. The State Secretary is out to dispose of 30,000 tickets at 2/6 each, and the cooperation of all sub-branches and members is invited to secure the best results available. Three cash prizes of £1,000 are provided for, in addition to many others, and tickets are obtainable by post, to the R.S.L., Perth, or from local agents. There is likely to be a big run on tickets, particularly during the festive season of Christmas, and, therefore, early application for tickets should be made. The Perth Cup is the biggest race of the year in Western Australia, and it is confidently expected that the Diggers’ Sweep will also prove the biggest consultation in 1932. Help to make it so.

Trooping the Colour

MILITIA CEREMONIAL

The ceremony of Trooping the Colour, which is being held on Sunday, 30th October, by the 44th Battalion (West Australia Rifles), at the Claremont Oval, will have particular significance in that ex-members of the 44th Battalion, A.I.F., will take their part in the parade. The Regimental Colour, which will be trooped through the ranks of the Battalion, has emblazoned on it the battle honours won, and granted in commemoration of services during the South African War and the World War, 1914-18.

At the conclusion of the actual trooping the whole parade will march past the inspection officer, Lieut.-General Sir Talbot Hobbs, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., V.D., after which the Returned Soldiers’ League Efficiency Trophy will be presented to the Battalion.

Approval has been granted by Formation Headquarters, 15th Military District, for officers of the Unattached List and the Reserve of Officers to wear uniform, and an invitation to be present is extended to all ex-members of the Forces. It is requested that all officers attending wear full dress.

Soldier Settlers’ Annual Conference

Many resolutions of importance were discussed at the Settlers’ Conference, held prior to the Annual Congress, but lack of space and the desire to report the proceedings as fully as their importance warrants, have induced us to defer publication until our November issue.

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Our Economic Outlook

The following is an extract from a recent speech of the Rt. Hon. W., A. Watt, P.C., which a contributor has sent to us, which, he states, "strikes an optimistic note and concisely sums up the present position."

Definite predictions concerning the immediate future of trade and industry are scarcely possible. One may, however, be permitted to outline some features of the prospect upon which new light has slowly broken, or is breaking, throughout the world. It is becoming increasingly evident that the unprecedented disabilities under which mankind has groaned during the last three years are attributable to a multiplicity of causes, and that no single remedy can bring us back to normal. A decided advance, however, has been made in respect to the international debt situation. The provisional assessment of the reparations obligations of Germany to the Allied nations is fundamental and valuable. Upon that foundation remedial adjustments can be appropriately and safely built. The relations between the principal Governments of Europe appear to have grown in understanding and cordiality. The problem of the maldistribution of gold is gradually changing for the better. Attention is being directed to the remonetisation of silver—a puzzle, the solution of which would so vitally and advantageously affect the welfare of the peoples of Asia, which constitute, quite half the population of the earth. A saner vision of currency difficulties is dawning, and the belief in inflation of the medium of exchange is happily fading. Doctrinaires and economic theorists are enjoying less popularity. Statecraft of higher type is manifesting itself, and is the recipient of general approbation. Beneficial and constructive influences are more in evidence. Conferences between the responsible representatives of white nations are playing a conspicuous part in preparations for economic rehabilitation. Confusion on basis matters is decreasing. The welter of world forces is not so fierce. General nervousness shows signs of abating. All this makes for a more sanguine psychology and a calmer and more thoughtful atmosphere.

The Australian people have a clearer recognition of the fact that their recovery cannot be achieved until the world sickness is removed, and that local restoration, however necessary, cannot cure, but can only make us eligible to share in the general revival of prosperity, for which the people of every nation are longing. In this country, and in most other parts of the British Empire, hope and confidence are being slowly restored. We have recently witnessed a stabilisation of Governmental forces on this continent, and public finance is on a sounder basis. The season promises a bumper harvest, the prices of several primary products are moving upward, and we see definite signs of reawakening enterprise. Mild booms in speculative and investment stocks have recently occurred, and generally we are encouraged to think that the sun is coming through the clouds, and that the barometer is set for fairer weather.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS of the Sixteenth Annual Congress

Congress commenced at the Soldiers’ Institute, Perth, at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, September 28, after delegates had assembled at the State War Memorial, where the President placed a wreath. The State President (Colonel H. B. Collart, O.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., C.B., ex-president). The following were accredited delegates:—

Thomson, J. L.; Victoria Park, W.; Tolmie; Victoria Plains, J.; Hedges; W; E. Keatch; Waroona, C. Henning; West Leederville, H.; Peters; West Perth, G. H. Philip, W. J. Earnshaw, P. L. Koos; West Swan, J. P. Woods; Wickipin, E.; Eblegood; Wiluna, D. Ollivier; Wubin, J. Day; Wyalkatchem, F. Warner; Yandanoocks, J. A. Brown; Yannnah, F. Stahl; Yeating, E. L. Elge; York, L. Mahoney.

QUESTIONS

Answers to questions in the name of the Kalgoorlie Sub-branch on the agenda paper were submitted by the State Secretary as follows:

1. What was the reply to Items 188, 189, 190 of the 1931 Congress?

Item 188 read as follows:

"That the State Executive be instructed to present to the State Government the emphatic protest of Congress against the drastic increase in the price of water to the Gold Mining Industry and the local boards in the State, just at a time when the best results of this industry are required to save our financial difficulties."

Representations were made to the Minister for Water Supply and be advised as follows:—"I have to say that after the Government has notified the mining companies that they would be required to pay full rates for water, this companies made special representations to the State Government, which were fully considered. They have informed us that the Government could no longer afford to subsidise the gold mining industry by paying from Treasury funds 4/- for every 1,000 gallons of water used for mining purposes.

Item 189 proposed £12 10s. 6d. to the expense of re-establishing boards being re-established in centres where they previously functioned, and being granted the same powers as when acting previously; and—— That all State subsidised batteries be brought up to a good standard of efficiency and that prospectors be compelled to crush at the nearest battery." Both these resolutions were referred to the Committee for Mines, who replied thanking the League for the interest taken in these matters and appreciating our suggestions. They regretted that they could not be adopted at this juncture. He pointed out that the re-appointment of Local Boards would entail expense for which the Government had no funds. Furthermore, when recently tried out it was found that the system was not more satisfactory than that now in vogue.

2. What is the result of Item 126?

Item 126 confirmed the desirability of all sub-branches establishing an Amelioration Fund. Circular No. 14/32 contained a directive to all sub-branches to establish Amelioration Funds.

3. What has happened to Item No. 110?

Item 110 requested the Executive to obtain estimates of the cost, and if within the financial limits of the League, Item 141 of the 1930 Congress be put to a vote.

Item 141 of the 1930 Congress reads: "That the Executive be instructed to furnish each sub-branch with a nominal roll of financial members of the branch, with date of falling out of subscriptions, all alterations, additions and additions to be the subject of a monthly circular."

These costs were investigated and to commence this scheme, which would take about one week to prepare, would cost about £16 9s. 8d. To circularise sub-branches in accordance with the resolution would cost approximately £22 per year. In view of the expense entailed it was considered by the State Executive that the suggestion should not be gone on with.

CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS

President’s Address.—The President delivered his address to Congress. A vote of thanks to the President was carried.

L.-General Sir Talbot Hobbs addressed delegates and was accorded a vote of thanks.

State War Memorial.—Reports were submitted by Sir, Talbot Hobbs as Warden and by Too H as Assistant Wardens, and votes of appreciation were adopted by Congress.

Appointment of Warden.—On the motion of Rev. Riley (Boyup), seconded by Mr. Wells (Kalgoorlie), Sir Charles Nathan, M.L.C., was appointed Warden for 1932-33.

Assistant Warden.—The Perth Sub-branch was appointed Assistant Warden for the same period, on the motion of Mr. Yeates (Darling Range), seconded by Mr. Randolph (Merredin), Consililatory Council Ex-Service Associations.—Mr. C. E. Edmonds, delegate to this Council representing the R.S.L., submitted his report, which was adopted.

Ned Jarra Cup.—Archdeacon C. L. Riley submitted the Committee’s report, which awarded the Cup to the Nedlands Sub-Branch. Mr. C. L. Langford, President of the Nedlands Sub-Branch, accepted the Cup and suitably responded on behalf of the sub-branch.

Archdeacon Riley Memorial Shield.—Mr. C. G. Thomon, the Chairman of the Central Committee, submitted a report which disclosed that the South Perth Sub-Branch had won the right to retain the shield for a period of 12 months.

Rev. C. L. Riley presented the Shield to the South Perth Sub-Branch, and Colonel Olden suitably responded on behalf of the sub-branch.

As the outcome of the presentation of this Shield, Colonel Olden moved that Congress again express its deep appreciation of the action of the Nedlands Sub-Branch in originating the competition, and also for the generosity of the sub-branch in donating the Shield, seconded by Mr. Hunt (Perth).—Carried.

State Warden’s Auxiliaries.—Mrs. Wilson, State Warden.

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President, submitted a very full and comprehensive report of the activities of the Women's Auxiliaries for the last half-year and the deliberations of their Congress.

Moved by Rev. Riley, seconded by Mr. Stahl, that the report be adopted and the appreciation of Congress recorded.—Carried.

Membership.—Colonel Olden submitted a report in which he stated that the real increase in membership as the result of the drive was about 750, and that the 55 presented to the sub-branch making the greatest effort had been awarded to Narrogin.

Agenda Committee Report.—(a) Arising out of the President's address to Congress we suggest that a message go from Congress to Field Marshal Sir W. Birdwood appreciating his recent visit and his continued interest in those formerly under his command and now resident in W.A. and expressing the hope that his health may soon be fully restored.

(b) That it be a recommendation from Congress, to the incoming Executive to discuss, and, if possible, carry into effect the suggestion about local timber.

(c) That Congress congratulates the commanding officers and men of the 44th Battalion on winning the League trophy.

Agenda Committee.—Moved by Rev. Riley (Boyup), seconded by Mr. Lovell (Maylands): That the Provisional Agenda Committee be authorized by Congress to refer back to sub-branches, or delete, items sent to Congress which it considers inappropriate or conducive to the best interests of the League.—Lost.

Action Congress.—Resolved.—Moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Rev. Nye (Kalgoorlie): Congress rules that matters carried by it and passed to the State Executive or its officers be definitely carried out in their entirety.—Lost.

Badges.—Moved by Mr. Farquharson (Carnamah), seconded by Rev. Riley (Boyup): That Agenda Item 108 of 1931, reading as follows, be rescinded.—Carried.

"In order to effect necessary economies in the expenses of badges, all sub-branches be called upon to forward cash to the value of 6d. each for every badge ordered, such 6d. each to be deducted from the capitation return from each member's full yearly subscription so accounted for."—Rescinded.

Certificate of Service.—Moved by Mr. Granwell (Geraldton), seconded by Mr. Clowes (Maylands): That Congress is of the opinion that some improvement should be effected in the appearance of the Certificate of Service presented by the League to retiring officers, and that Congress considers the question of inviting competitive designs from the sub-branches.—Carried.

Communism.—Moved by Mr. Pady (Fremantle), seconded by Mr. Jane (Fremantle): That in order to combat the spread of Communism in this State, the incoming Executive be instructed to form a Committee of three members, whose duty it shall be to watch all events in connection therewith, and report to the State Executive for their consideration, and action if thought necessary.—Lost.

Fremantle War Memorial.—Moved by Rev. Riley (Boyup), seconded by Mr. Harwood (Perth): That Congress express its indebtedness to the Fremantle City Council, for its wonderful efforts to commemorate the valour of our fallen in the Great War, by beautifying, lighting, preserving, and protecting the District Memorial, which is a credit alike to the City and the State.—Carried.

Customs Tariff.—Moved by Mr. Collins (Perth), seconded by Mr. Edmonds (Mundaring): That a policy for the League be formulated on non-tariff lines so that Western Australia's relationship to the Customs tariff may be clearly understood by all sections of the community, with a view to having such a tariff which may relieve the State of those handicaps and anomalies which must inevitably result from the application to a population dependent on primary production of Customs rates designed to foster secondary industries, and which must impair the Federation.—Lost.

Care of Widows.—Moved by Mr. Peters (W. Leederville), seconded by Mr. Panton (Mt. Hawthorn): That it be an instruction from Congress to the incoming Executive to appoint a Committee to deal with widows and orphans, and that a committee consisting of widows of returned soldiers, particularly those not in receipt of any pension or in receipt of a small pension only.—Lost.

League of Nations.—Moved by Mr. May (Collie), seconded by Mr. Harrocks (Gosnells): That the League should associate itself with the principle embodied in the Constitution of the League of Nations, and that sub-branches throughout Australia should discuss such principles, prepare suggestions whereby those principles may be brought to fruition more promptly and so be the means of preventing war between nations for all time. That all suggestions be tabulated by the Federal Executive and forwarded for approval and adoption to all other kindred organisations of the R.S.I.L. throughout the world, and when completed, to be placed before the League of Nations by an accredited representative or Committee of all ex-service men of the world.—Carried.

Consitution.—Moved by Mr. Harrocks (Gosnells), seconded by Mr. Bond (Norwood): That any person who has served in the Navy or Army be eligible for membership of the R.S.I.L., and that the word "Retired" be inserted and "Returned" deleted in the "Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' League".—Lost.

Membership.—Moved by Mr. Rigg (N. Perth), seconded by Mr. McDowell (N. Perth): That an honorary membership be allowed to sentenced soldiers who were honorably discharged prior to embarkation through being medically unfit, having broken down during training.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Hamer (Southern Cross), seconded by Mr. Powell (Karridale): That the constitution of the League be amended to admit the Women's Auxiliary to membership in the submarine zone during the war to become members of the League.—Lost.

Representation at Congress.—Moved by Mr. J. Riley (Nedlands), seconded by Mr. Randolph (Merredin): That a delegate representing a sub-branch shall have been a financial member of that branch for at least three months prior to the date of opening of Congress.—Lost.

Proxy Delegates.—Moved by Mr. Warburton (Beldon), seconded by Mr. Lock (Southern Cross): That in representation of country sub-branches by proxy delegates, those delegates' voting powers be limited to the instructions given them by that country branch. Further, that they may not vote for the record a motion in the election of officers unless instructed by the said country sub-branch.—Lost.

Proxy Delegates.—Moved by Mr. Bishop (Perth), seconded by Mr. Harwood (Perth): That no delegate to Congress be accepted unless he has been officially appointed and his identity determined by a general meeting of the sub-branch in question.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Farquharson (Carnamah), seconded by Mr. Nugent (Campion): That any sub-branch requiring representation by proxy at the Annual Congress should notify the State Secretary, one clear month before Congress, to enable delegations to be in touch with the sub-branch they are representing before Congress meets.—Lost.

A further amendment was moved by Mr. Barblett (Nedlands), seconded by Mr. Stahl (Yamath); That no delegate to Congress be accepted unless he has been officially appointed in writing a month prior to Congress by the sub-branch, and the name of the delegate stated therein.—Lost.

State President.—Moved by Mr. Averbél (S. Perth), seconded by Mr. Philip (S. Perth): That Congress decrees that when nominations are called for the office of State President, sub-branches shall: Two to submit nominations in order of preference.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Finlay (Kojonup), seconded by...
Roche (Katanning): That all sub-branches should receive notification of at least one month of nominations received for the position of State President of the Executive.—Moved by Mr. Bishop (Perth), seconded by Mr. Day (Wubin): That nominations for the incoming Executive be in the hands of sub-branches not later than September 1st.—Lost.

Election of Executive.—Moved by Mr. Hockin (Gosnells), seconded by Mr. Bishop (Perth): That Congress appoint a committee of delegates to formulate a scheme to improve the present unsatisfactory condition of Executive by delegates during Congress.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Horrocks (Cottesloe), seconded by Mr. Bishop (Perth): That after a period of three years in office Executive members shall not be eligible for re-election for another period of three years. This does not include Executive officers.—Lost.

Anzac Day.—Moved by Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Fairley, that item 9 of the Final Agenda Committee’s report reading as follows, be adopted:

Before proceeding to discuss items under the heading of Anzac Day it is recommended that Congress re-affirm or otherwise the resolutions of the last nine Congresses, viz.:

(1) That the Government be urged to declare Anzac Day as a sacred holiday, ranking equally with Christmas Day and Good Friday.

(2) That, failing statutory enactment being given to Congress decisions in respect to the observance of Anzac Day, Congress is of the opinion that such day should be proclaimed a fully-paid statutory holiday applicable to all workers.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bond (Norwood), seconded by Mr. Farquharson (Carnamah): That the Federal and State Government be approached and requested to proclaim Anzac Day a national holiday for all Returned Soldiers, Imperial and A.I.F. men to be treated on the same footing.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Bond (Norwood), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Tramways): That Congress instructs the incoming Executive to endeavour to obtain from the Minister in Charge an order prohibiting all collections, the selling of or offering for sale anything or the distribution of advertising or ether matter during any Anzac Memorial Service.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Collins (Press), seconded by Mr. Nu end (Campion): That units should be given permission and encouraged to carry their own standards or identification flags on the Anzac Day parade, such standards or flags to be of a design approved by the League.—Carried.

Weekly Wages.—Moved by Mr. Gower (Maylands), seconded by Mr. Lloyd (Maylands): That the appropriate Minister be approached with a view to the introduction of weekly payments of wages and salaries to workers in the Government departments, instead of fortnightly.—Lost.

Sustainance.—Moved by Mr. J. Riley (Nedlands), seconded by Mr. Saunders (Tramways): That (a) Married Returned Soldiers are sustained; (b) Single Returned Soldiers who have relations working and are so debared from sustenance, (c) Returned Soldiers who are on pensions and who are debared from sustenance be given full time work by the Government.—Lost.

Local Products.—Moved by Mr. Pady ( Fremantle), seconded by Mr. Jane (Fremantle): That Congress express opinion that the sub-branches should encourage soldier retail and secondary industries by having annual exhibitions of primary products and manufactures on similar lines to the local products’ exhibitions, which were an undoubted success, paying special attention to the push of sales and orders on their behalf.—Carried.

Sales Tax on Flour.—Moved, by Mr. Brown (Yandamooka), seconded by Mr. Joe (Narrogin): That the Executive request the Premier to use every endeavour to have the Federal Government impose a sales tax on flour on an all-Australian basis in the adoption of the Perkins Plan, and failing same, to introduce such measure within this State.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Herbert (Nungarin), seconded by Mr. Water (Trave- nine) to strike out all the words after “that” in line 1 and insert: “Congress urges the payment of a wheat bonus on lines similar to that paid to wheat-growers during 1931-32 wheat season.”—Carried.

Tobacco Growing.—Moved by Mr. Pady (Fremantle), seconded by Mr. Stahl (Yamnath): That in order to encourage the cultivation of tobacco leaf in this State, the incoming Executive be requested to form a Committee to enquire into the best means of distributing the crop so that the grower may reap the full advantage of his labour and the State industry likewise develop.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Yeates, seconded by Col. Nicholson, to delete all words after “that” down to the word “State” in the 2nd line, and insert the word “tobacco” before the word “crop.”—Carried.

Wool Growing Industry.—Moved by Mr. Roche (Katanning), seconded by Mr. Finlay (Kojonup): That as wool is being grown at a real loss, and as practically the whole wool-growing industry is insolvent, being kept going by the various stock firms, bankers and other financial institutions, “a bonus be given on wool, and as it seems unlikely that the Commonwealth Government could stand this additional burden, a proportion be taken from all other industries enjoying bounties and given to the wool-growers in fair proportion.”—Carried.

Sugar Embargo.—Moved by Mr. Stahl (Yammah), seconded by Mr. Powell (Karridale): That Congress express disappointment at the recent small reduction of the retail price of sugar, and records its support of the continued efforts of all organisations now striving to secure a removal of the sugar embargo.—Carried.

Causeway.—Moved by Mr. Tolmie (Victoria Park), seconded by Mr. Gibb (Gwalia): That Congress urges the Government to construct a new Causeway, and give employment to ex-service men.—Lost.

Re-afforestation.—Moved by Mr. Collins (Press), seconded by Mr. Wilkins (Mills): That as re-afforestation and the adequate seasonings of timber offer unexampled opportunities for the expansion of useful remunerative work, Congress urges the Federal and State authorities to utilise these avenues as far as possible for the absorption of the workless, at the same time encouraging private enterprise to assist in the same direction.—Carried.

Imperial Grant.—Moved by Mr. Bond (Norwood), seconded by Mr. Rigg (N. Perth): That the present conditions governing the distribution of the Imperial fund of £3000 not giving the desired relief, Congress suggests to the donors that the condition be altered to meet present local requirements so that advances may be made more easily available to necessitous settlers.—Carried.

Hospital Patients.—Moved by Mr. Bond (Norwood), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie): That the B.E.S.L. Congress be asked to consider and make recommendations to ensure that ex-service men in hospital for war-caused disabilities shall receive a larger amount than 21/- per
week as at present, from the sum of £2 allotted, and that a deduction of 19/- per week is excessive and inequitable.—Carried.

Funeral of Imperial Soldiers.—Moved by Mr. Bond (Norwood), seconded by Mr. Gibb (Gwalla): Congress request the Imperial Government, through the B.E.S.L., to make available a Fund which may be used to defray the expenses of the funerals of Ex-Imperial Soldiers who die in necessitous circumstances.—Carried.

Sustenance.—Moved by Mr. Hamer (Southern Cross), seconded by Mr. Randolph (Merredin): That the Minister for Unemployment be approached with the amount of 1/- at present paid to men looking for work in the country, the increase to apply where officials charged with payment of same are more than 20 miles apart.—Carried.

Government Service.—Moved by Mr. McDowell (N. Perth), seconded by Mr. Riggs (N. Perth): That the attention of the Commonwealth and State Governments be drawn to the fact that married men and their wives at present occupy positions in the Government service, and that consideration be given in the case to effect the dismissal of either of the parties concerned.—Carried.

Ex-Group Settlers.—Moved by Mr. Stahl (Yanmah), seconded by Mr. Johnson (Busselton): That equal treatment be given to ex-Group Settlers (ex-service men) in regard to employment, sustenance, and other matters, and that they be put on a par with the other citizens of the State.—Carried.

Pensions.—Moved by Mr. Warburton (Bermont), seconded by Mr. Bateson (Midland Junction): That the Executive be asked to go into the whole matter of assessing pensions with a view to getting a more fair and equitable go for the Diggers.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. May (Collie), seconded by Mr. Cornwall (Mooring Rock): That Congress views alarm the evident policy of the Commonwealth Government in reducing and terminating war pensions on the plea of assumed natural causes, and that the League take the necessary steps to fight such vicious practices; and that in the opinion of Congress no reduction of pension should apply until such time as any appeal made against the proposed reduction is heard and determined. Failing effect being given to the foregoing and other existing anomalies being corrected, the Federal Executive press for a Royal Commission to overhaul and, if necessary, more favourably re-date the Repatriation Act.—Carried.

Poppy Day.—Moved by Mr. Mellow (Perth), seconded by Mr. Harwood (Perth): That in future the sale of poppies and emblems in connection with Poppy Day be the prerogative of the sub-branches only, and the State Executive be directed to discontinue competing in this regard.—Lost.

Amendment as follows: That the use of all moneys collected on Poppy Day be applied by sub-branches not as presented distributing amelioration relief, shall be enquired into by the incoming Executive with a view to having such money applied to the purpose for which it was collected.—Carried.

Aged Fund.—Moved by Mr. Saunders (Tramways), seconded by Mr. Mason (Gason): That sub-branches formed on or after the 1st June, 1911, be exempt from payment to the Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund for two years after formation.—Lost.

Poppy Sales.—Moved by Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Fairley: That if an R.S.L. sub-branch is not inclined to make any effort on Poppy Day, the Women's Auxiliary may send for poppies if they so desire, and use funds, after paying all dues to the League, for amelioration work in their district.—Lost.

Amendment to add the following words was moved by Mr. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. Bateen: "Provided that the authority of the respective sub-branches is obtained."—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Gibson (Railway Workshops), seconded by Mr. Moody (Railway Workshops): That all monies received for Amelioration Fund as from the 1/1/35 be utilised for financial members of the League only, Poppy Day excluded. All monies collected prior to 1/1/35 to be kept as a separate fund.—Lost.

Amelioration.—Moved by Mr. Sills (Cottlesloe Beach), seconded by Mr. Horrocks (Cottlesloe): That a balance sheet of the central Amelioration Fund be sent to all sub-branches half-yearly.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Nugent (Campion): That the Trustees of the central Amelioration Fund make available to country centres certain sums of monies proportionate to the number of returned men in each district for relief of distress in that centre, such monies to be administered by local Trustees nominated by the district sub-branch and approved by the State Executive.—Lost.

The following information was supplied to Congress showing the number of cases assisted and the amounts disbursed by the R.S.L. Relief Fund:

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Gold Mining Committee Report.—This committee was appointed to consider items 78, 79, 80, and notices of Motion 17 be combined and recommended to Congress as under:

"That this Congress instructs the delegates to the Federal Congress to obtain the Federal support to approach the Government to ensure that whatever arrangements be made it be held and set for a definite period of 10 years from date of its re-institution."

Item 81: Recommended that Congress reaffirm this motion as carried at 1931 Congress.

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and authorise the State Executive to give its support to any representative body moving for such result.

Notice of Motion 10: Recommended for the reason that approximately 10 returned men will be benefited by a battery in that locality. Recommended that the Goldfields form a Goldmining Committee within the Goldfields Sub-Branches to collaborate with the State Executive on mining matters.

Congress agreed to add to the report as follows:

Wires be sent to the W.A. Federal Members of the Senate congratulating them on the stand taken, and pledging support of the League in the fight they are making for the retention of the gold bounty.

This was moved by Col. Olden, seconded by Col. Fairley.—Carried.

Reduction of Tariff.—Moved by Mr. Day (Wubin), seconded by Mr. Randolph (Merredin).—That the Federal Government be urged to relieve the primary industries of the Commonwealth by a reduction of the tariff immediately.—Carried.

Local Products.—Moved by Mr. Lovell (Maylands), seconded by Mr. Clowes (Maylands): That as a plank in the policy of the League is to support local products, Congress urgently appeals to all local producers to reduce their charges as much as possible, so as to entice the public to keep their money in the State. —Lost.

W.A. Timbers.—Moved by Rev. Riley (Boyandan), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie): That as an aid to the use of W.A. timbers, particularly for building purposes, local authorities be urged to cancel or modify the prohibition of wooden houses in areas under their control.—Carried.

Moved by Rev. Riley (Boyandan), seconded by Mr. Bishop (Perth): That as timber forms such an important section of Western Australia's primary industries, Congress urges the necessity of the development of a national sentiment in favour of using West Australian timbers in all work to the exclusion of foreign or imported timbers, and other materials for which timber is a suitable substitute.—Carried.

Price Fixing Commission.—Moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Nugent: That Congress requests the Government to appoint a Price Fixing Commission for districts outside the metropolitan area.—Carried.

Preservation.—Moved by Mr. Lennell (Boulder), seconded by Mr. Gibb (V.P.): That the State Executive be instructed to induce sub-branches of the League to enforce the Preference clause wherever possible in their districts.—Carried.

Air Force.—Moved by Mr. Collins (Press), seconded by Mr. Wilkins (Bruce Rock): That representations be made to the Minister for Defence with a view to having a branch of the Air Force established in Western Australia and that some quota of military aeroplanes be transferred from Victoria so that the civilian aviators who are constantly training at their own expense in Perth may have an opportunity of experience with the type of machine they would be required to use in a national emergency.—Carried.

Military Forces.—Moved by Mr. Collins (Press), seconded by Mr. Henning (Waroona): That attention be given to the recruiting of the militia forces in such a way as to make infantry battalions as attractive as the specialist units by offering suitable uniforms, privileges and rewards for inducements for enlistment.—Carried.

Defence.—Moved by Mr. Hockin (Gosnells), seconded by Mr. Collins (Press): That the League again raise the question of adequate defence, and suggest that a scheme for settlement and defence could be combined.—Carried.

Compulsory Training.—Moved by Mr. Collins (Press), seconded by Mr. Wilkins (Mills): That the Federal Government should re-instate that portion of the compulsory training system which undertakes the physical training of boys between the ages of 14 and 18.—Carried.

Wood Industry.—Moved by Mr. Collins (Press), seconded by Mr. Coorel (Moore): That the League, having played so important a part this year in renewing interest in the woollen industry, this Congress, realising the importance of wool as an economic factor in the community, urges sub-branches to encourage members and the public generally to use more wool.—Carried.

Preference British Labour.—Moved by Mr. Lovell (Maylands), seconded by Mr. Gibson (Railway Works): That the B.E.S.L. be requested to approach firms in England, having branches in Australia, with a view to having instructions issued to provide for the preference in employment of British labour.—Carried.

Pensions.—Moved by Mr. Yeates, seconded by Mr. Hopperton (Perth): That the following resolution, passed at last State Congress, be rescinded.—Carried.

That in the opinion of Congress the firms who observe the principle of preference to returned soldiers should be issued with a certificate by the League to that effect, and the Executive be requested to draw up certain details for submission to next Congress.

Pensions Election.—Moved by Mr. Finlay (Kooyong), seconded by Mr. Henning (Waroona): That Congress again bring before the Commonwealth and State Governments the unfairness of passing over ex-service men of equal or better qualifications, when making appointments for providing officers and poll clerks on election days, and Congress considers that their service entitles them to preference in these casual, paid, public jobs.—Carried.

"Listening Post."—Moved by Mr. Earnshaw (W. Perth), seconded by Mr. Philip (W. Perth): That the Prime Minister be approached with the request that any Returned Soldier appointed to the Commonwealth Public Service under section 84 (9) of the Act shall for purposes of seniority have their permanent appointment antedated to the date they entered the service as temporary employees.—Carried.

"Listening Post."—Moved by Mr. Cornell (Moorine Rock), seconded by Mr. Collins (Press): That in view of the improvement in the "Listening Post" on the lines suggested by your sub-committee the resolution giving notice of the termination of the existing agreement be rescinded and a report made to Congress accordingly.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sillis (Cottesloe), seconded by Mr. Thorpe (Cottesloe): At the "Listening Post" is the official organ of the Returned Soldiers' League, the directory should be published without charge to sub-branches other than the 1/- paid by members and included in capitation fees.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Yeates: That the State Executive offer the "Listening Post" the status of the official organ of the W.A. Branch of the Returned Soldiers' League.—Carried.

Pension Reviews.—Moved by Mr. Hockin, seconded by Mr. Farquharson (Carnamah): That Congress protests against unnecessary waiting by ex-soldiers attending for State Boards at the Repatriation Department.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Patrani (Manjimup), seconded by Mr. Loveley (Moore).
by Mr. Dallow (Donnybrook): That in the cases of pension review, the onus be on the Repatriation Department to prove that the pensioner’s disability is not war-caused.—Carried.

World Peace.—Moved by Mr. Battams (Oxley) seconded by Mr. Shaih (Yamodal): That Congress get in touch with all ex-service associations of the world to get the object of formulating peace, and that all nations be asked to take part.—Lost.

Medical Attention.—Moved by Mr. Hockin (Gonville), seconded by Mr. Saunders (Tramways): That Congress protest against laxity in the Repatriation Department in regard to ex-soldiers who for any cause, are unable to attend doctor at Hospital and the delay or complete ignoring of written applications for medical attention.—Carried.

Carried.

Medical Files.—Moved by Mr. Shakespeare (Caniting), seconded by Mr. Henning (Warbona): That efforts be made to enable any soldier to see his medical file when pensions are dealt with.—Lost.

Emerging Medicines.—Moved by Mr. Bateon (Midland), seconded by Mr. Gibb (Gwalia): That better facilities should be provided at the Perth Hospital Dispensary for the dispensing of medicine to Returned Soldiers, and, if necessary, extend the craft service, provided that receiving accommodation be provided in the vestibule while waiting for the doctor.—Carried.

Financial Emergency Act.—Moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Mellor: That the Federal Congress agree to the advisability of taking up with the responsible authorities the question of the deductions under the Financial Emergency Act which affect the payment of subsistence to inmates of Repatriation Institutions with a view to the ignoring of outside income from such sources as War Pensions, Friendly Societies and Lodges.—Carried.

Club Premises.—Colonel Olden submitted a report embodying details as submitted to the State Executive meeting on 1st August, 1932, in connection with the new Club Premises.

Moved by Mr. Mulqueeney (Perth), seconded by Mr. Wilkins (Mornington Mills): That Congress records its appreciation of the action of the State Government in providing a building for the use of the Congres and the inability of one "A" class building the League’s headquarters, and directs the State Executive to do everything necessary to ensure the early commencement of building operations.—Carried.

Photographs.—Moved by Mr. Job (Narrogin), seconded by Mr. Mason (Carlisle): That Congress send to Field-Marshal Sir William Birdwood a framed photograph of the delegates to this State Congress.—Carried.

War Service Officers.—Moved by Mr. Gibson (Railway Works), seconded by Mr. Moody (Railway Works): That Congress urge the Federal Government to have all war service homes revalued.—Lost.

Moved by Mr. Exon (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Harvey (Perth): Congress urges that immediate steps be taken to sewer the installation system all war service homes that are at present not connected with the sewerage systems, and that in districts that in course of being sewerised the work be extended there. That sewerage connections by interconnection be extended without further question to bona fide owners of War Service Homes.—Lost.

Sons of Soldiers’ League.—Moved by Mr. Battams (Midland), seconded by Mr. Hunt (Perth): That it be a recommendation to the Federal Congress that rule 47(2) of the Constitution be amended by the deletion of the eligibility age of 16 years and the substitution of the eligible age of 12 years.—Carried.

Affiliations, E.U.S.W.—Moved by Mr. Connell (Midland), seconded by Mr. Yeates (Darling Range): Congress agrees to the advisability of providing for the affiliation of the Friendly Union of Soldiers’ Wives and other similar organisations with the League.—Carried.

A.I.F. Camps.—Moved by Mr. Collin (Press), seconded by Mr. Nugent: That to foster knowledge of the camps in which the A.I.F. fought the League shall offer three prizes of $1 each annually for the best essays not exceeding 1,500 words unless under the direction of Gallipoli, in Palestine and France (from March, 1918 onwards). The competition shall be confined to the sons and daughters of soldiers 16 years of age and over.—Lost.

Wyndham as A.I. Port.—Moved by Mr. Collins (Press), seconded by Mr. Nicholson (Moora): That immediate steps be taken to prepare an all-weather landing ground at Wyndham as a measure (a) to provide work for unemployed ex-service men in the Kimberley, and (b) with a view to obtaining a site for entry of the aircraft approaching Australia from the direction of India.—Carried.

Water Rates.—After discussion it was agreed on the motion of Mr. Panton (Mt. Hawthorn), seconded by Mr. Riley (Mundaring), that the following be referred to the incoming Executive for enquiry and with a view to securing a reduction in price.—Carried.

“...That in view of the vast difference in water rates between parts of the State, Congress is of opinion that the question of a standard rate throughout the State, including the metropolitan area, should be considered.”

Education.—Moved by Mr. Shaih (Yamodal), seconded by Mr. Powell (Karridale): That the matter of higher education for the worthy children of the out-back settlers in poor circumstances be taken up by the State Executive.—Carried.

Parliament.—Moved by Mr. Nugent, seconded by Mr. Clove (Mt. Kallora): That the number of members of Parliament be reduced by one-half.—Carried.

Broadcasting Station.—Moved by Mr. Collins (Press), seconded by Mr. Mulqueeney: That in view of the widespread desire for a broadcasting station to provide an efficient radio service to the rural districts of Western Australia, the Government be urged to give immediate consideration to the urgency of providing it with at least two relay stations.—Carried.

War Debts.—Moved by Mr. Stuchbury (Collie), seconded by Mr. May (Collie): That Great Britain should extend to Australia at least the same-favourable conditions as is given to foreign countries in regard to the payment of war debts.—Carried.

Railway Construction.—Moved by Mr. Collins (Press), seconded by Col. Nicholson (Moora): That the Government should be urged to provide capital to develop the natural resources of the State by the construction of railways and by building spur lines connecting with existing systems, particularly in the Midland area.—Carried.

Wireless Stations.—Moved by Mr. Collins (Press), seconded by Mr. Shaih (Yamodal): That the Government should provide suitable remote centres where adequate supervision is ensured.—Carried.

Age Limit.—Moved by Mr. Cranwell (Geraldton), seconded by Mr. May (Collie): That Congress considers the advisability of recommending to the Government that the matter of reducing the Old Age Limit from 65 to 60 years as being applicable to ex-service men, such consideration be extended not to ex-service men not in receipt of war pensions.—Carried.

Certificate ofMerit.—Moved by Rev. C. L. Riley, seconded by Col. Olden: That this State Congress recommends to the Federal Congress the name of F. E. Gibson, Mayor of the City of Fremantle, for the League’s Certificate of Merit.—Carried.

R.S.L. Band.—Moved by Mr. Mason (Carlisle), seconded by Mr. Mellor (Perth): That the R.S.L. Band be centred for not giving the contract for the new band uniforms to the Returned Soldiers Trading Co.—Carried.

Pensions.—Moved by Mr. Jackson (Kelmcott), seconded by Mr. Nugent (O.P.): That a soldier who has undergone an operation whilst on active service for an injury which he had prior to enlistment but aggravated by War Service, should be considered for pension with his present disability.—Carried.

Natural Resources.—Moved by Mr. Powell (Karridale), seconded by Mr. Stuchbury (Collie): That the Federal and State Governments be appointed to assess the natural resources of the Commonwealth, such as timber, coal, minerals, and also to investigate the possibilities of the fishing industry, both as regards canning and smoking. In this matter of industry may be mentioned pulpworks as a cheap and potential natural power.—Carried.

Old Age Pensions.—Moved by Mr. Powell (Karridale), seconded by Mr. Rigg (N. Perth): Congress strongly protests against the reduction of invalid and old age pensions of figures supplied by statisticians.—Carried.

Subscriptions.—Moved by Mr. Powell (Karridale), seconded by Mr. Hunt (Perth): That the Government be advised of the existing anomalies in reference to the registration for employment of disable men with the country police.—Carried.

Pensions.—Moved by Mr. Hockin (Gonville), seconded by Mr. May (Collie): Congress strongly urges the appointment of the Repatriation Department as regards pensions of members of deceased soldiers and ex-soldiers called up for review at the Repatriation Ward, and also others undergoing treatment.—Carried.

Constitution.—Moved by Mr. Bond, seconded by Mr. Edmonds: After some discussion, it was agreed to withdraw this motion and submit the following:

Moved by Mr. Cornell, seconded by Mr. Bond: That the State President, in conjunction with the League’s solicitor, state a case on Rule 6, clause (6) of the Federal Constitution for interpretation by Federal Congress.—Carried.

Myall Camp.—Moved by Mr. Williams (Harvey River), seconded by Mr. Hunt (Perth): That Congress urges the Government to increase the days of work to the men working on the Harvey River Diversion Scheme, and if such request cannot be immediately granted, to arrange that two full weeks’ work be given prior to Christmas.—Carried.

Sustenance Workers.—Moved by Mr. Williams (Harvey River), seconded by Mr. Bishop (Perth): That Congress appoint a committee for the purpose of drawing up a scheme to submit to the Government whereby the spare time which part-time workers have to endure can be probably utilised.—Carried.

Certificate of Service.—Moved by Mr. Parrott.
Digger Sporting Recollections
(By M.H.M.)

A SKILLED MARKSMAN

Having catered, in our previous articles, for those readers who are interested in the more strenuous class of athletics, we will turn this month to a sport that requires principally a keen eye and a steady nerve, namely: shooting.

The chosen representative of this sport for this particular article is Keith McKenzie, erstwhile of the 28th Battalion. Keith has long been a shining star among marksmen in this State, and in wider fields as well. He has a most imposing record, and it will only be possible here to mention a few of the more notable successes achieved in his long career with the rifle.

Keith first started shooting with the Junior Cadets at the Perth Boys' School in 1901, being coached by the late Dick Greaves, of Yilgarn Goldfields fame, and incidentally himself an Australian champion shot. Keith also received invaluable advice from his father, G. H. McKenzie, of the Fremantle Rifle Club, learning the science of judging conditions, and it was due to this tuition that he was able, upon joining a rifle club, to "pick the wind" at least well enough to keep the "plate" in any but exceptionally bad conditions.

An early success came, when, in 1907, at the Annual Prize Meeting of Junior Cadets, Keith succeeded in winning the State Championship, and finishing second in the Commonwealth Championship. Hyde, of Queensland, won the event with 91 points, McKenzie second with 90 points, and a Victorian third with 78 points. Six years later, when in Brisbane, Keith met Hyde, and discovered that in Queensland an 8in bull had been used, whereas in W.A. the target was a 6in. bull.

In 1911 the Commonwealth Meeting was held at Karrakatta in connection with the N.R.A. Prize Meetings. Keith won the Tyro Aggregate on this occasion, the prize money being donated by his father. The Chairman, when presenting the prize, remarked that "the old man" was merely taking the money out of one pocket and putting it back in another—just like a Scotchman. At every N.R.A. Meeting of this State since 1911 Keith has been a competitor, with one exception, when he was only able to shoot in the one day's events, scoring the hundred

AGENDA COMMITTEE'S FINAL REPORT—We recommend that the thanks of Congress be extended for services rendered and favours conferred to:—(a) the President; (b) the State Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Office and Institute staff, the Ladies of Our Auxiliaries for gracing our Congress; (c) the dining-room lessee and staff; (d) the delegates to the S.S. Conference, and the several committees; (e) employers generally for facilitating the attendance of their employees as delegates to Congress; (f) the Lord Mayor and Councillors of Perth, departmental officers for attending and submitting information to Congress; (g) Greater Union Theatres of W.A. and Mr. Hamilton Brown, the Aust. Broadcasting Commission, Naval and Military Club, W.A. Trotting: Association, National Football League, and other organisations who have assisted towards promoting the comfort of delegates; (h) the Press, the artists at the smoke social and the House Committee; (i) Messrs. C. P. Smith, J. V. Birtwistle, R. Tyler and C. Bader for services rendered to the League on the outgoing executive, and further to Mr. Bader for acting as Minute Secretary to Congress. Also to the scrutineers of the ballot.

Moved by Col. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Woods, V.C., that the report be adopted with the following additions: Mr. T. C. Fairley, Country Vice-President, and Mr. Gillett, retiring Country Vice-President. Carried with acclamation.

Colonel Collett suitably responded, and closed Congress at 12.15 p.m.

A coloured man got his nerve together and took a flight in an aeroplane. As he climbed out he turned to the pilot and said: "Suh, Ah has to thank you fo' both dem ripes." "What you are talking about?" said the aviator. "You only had one." "No, suh," returned the passenger. "Ah done had two—nuth fust and mart last."

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in the first stage of the King's Prize. In 1913 he was selected and travelled with the W.A. Team to Brisbane, and has been selected for every team to visit the Eastern States since that time. Keith has shot in every State with the exception of Tasmania.

- In 1919, a team (consisting originally of 16 members) was selected from the A.I.F. to compete at the N.R.A. of Great Britain Meeting at Bilby. Keith was one of the chosen on this occasion, and in spite of the fact that the majority of the diggers were not in the best of health, following the war, they put up a very creditable performance, winning the Colonial Prize, and running second in the Kolopore Cup. Of the original 16 members, seven International, and the balance Interstate shots, and comprised all ranks from colonel to private. This team was an exceptionally happy family, and friendships were formed which endure to this day.

In addition to having been Metropolitan Champion on several occasions, Keith can claim the following record in the three places in the Grand Aggregate and the King's Prize:

King's Prize
1921—3rd in Victorian King's.
1924—3rd in W.A. King's.
1925—2nd in W.A. King's (lost by 1 point).
1926—2nd in W.A. King's.
1931—2nd in W.A. King's (tied, but lost shoot off).

Grand Championship
1924—Won.
1925—3rd.
1925—Won N.R.A. of Great Britain Medal.
1926—2nd.
1931—Bar to N.R.A. of Great Britain Medal (Championship over all ranges).

One of the strongest points in Keith's success has been his consistency. Having suffered severely during the war from trench fever, he has not enjoyed the best of health since. The fact that he is able to aim and fire quickly, overcomes, to a great extent, any unsteadiness in holding the rifle. He enlisted in 1914, but owing to an injury, followed by an attack of appendicitis, he did not leave Australia until January 1916. He joined the 28th Battalion after Bullecourt, and carried the rank of lieutenant, being 2nd in charge of 'B' Coy. In private life he carries on a printing business in Murray Street, Perth, where he would be pleased to meet any of his old war-time pals.

Personal

Mr. J. Lewis, of Osborne Park, sailed for England on Saturday, October 22. Before his departure he was the guest of the Osborne Park Sub-branch at a social evening held in the Memorial Hall, on October 3. The President and other members of the sub-branch eulogised the guest for services rendered to the League, and a fine musical programme was arranged for the occasion.

Arthur Nugent, of Campion, has blossomed out as a cross-word puzzle expert. He put a good one over the boys, and as the answer was "beer," it added to the out-of-pocket expenses of delegates.

At the end of the Soldiers' Conference, Mr. Jim Whitten was taken ill and became a patient in the Perth General Hospital. According to the latest bulletin, he is progressing favourably and will soon be able to return to his marquisate at Torbay.

Cliff Sadler, V.C., is in town again. Though still requiring the aid of the pilgrim's staff, he looks very much improved in health, and should soon be able to do the proverbial ten yards in a hundred seconds.

It is not generally known that Mr. C. Chantler, an elderly dairymen of Osborne Park, was in his early days in the East Kent Regiment, known as "The Buffs."

He recently celebrated his 60th birthday at Temple Court Cabaret, and received several messages of "Many Happy Returns of the Day." Mr. Chantler was a member of the Perth Road Board, representing the Osborne Park Ward, also a member of the Health Board, and a prominent member of the local Agricultural Society. His son, Charles George, of the 44th Battalion, was killed at Bullecourt. "Charlie" has been one of the best of friends to the sub-branch, and has materially helped the sub-branch in building such a suitable hall in Main St.

Alf Burgess, late manager of the Yoking Golf Links, Wanneroo Road, was in the Royal West Kents and at Ypres, Bullecourt and La Basse; was wounded and can show fifteen wound marks. Hospital treatment kept him five months in "Blighty." At present he is manager of the Osborne Park Hotel, and a big supporter of the local sub-branch.

Mr. H. Nugent, ex-President of the Osborne Park Sub-branch, and one of the Executive, is organising an old settlers' re-union in the district. He is experiencing some difficulty, as, though there are many residents over the allotted span, and some nearing the century, they all declare they are "Peter Pans"—they never grow old.

Jack Cranston, of the 16th Battalion, has taken over the Osborne Park news-agency, ad is to be seen in his "midget" car in the early hours delivering the morning daily. He has been made an honorary member of the Agricultural Society for services rendered, and is also in charge of the letting arrangements of the hall.

Old Bill Anderson, of Osborne Park, is an inmate of the Repat. Ward, undergoing a clinical examination. After being X-rayed he remarked that it was the first time he had had his "head read."

The President of the Midland Junction Sub-branch, Mr. A. Bateson, is in the Repat. Ward for medical treatment.

The brothers Nugent, A. P., of Campion, and Harold of the Executive, visited old comrades in the Repat. Ward and detailed conference items, by request they did not bring in flowers.

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Wear the Poppies in Remembrance of November 11.
In this State on official business in connection with the Commonwealth Bank is Colonel E. Hilmer Smith, C.B. The Colonel, who was formerly a resident of Hobart, Tasmania, was a company commander in the original 12th Battalion. He was wounded on Gallipoli, where he was in command of the battalion for a time, and where he was awarded the C.B. While in France he commanded the 11th Battalion for a short period. Colonel Smith is a member of the Legacy Club in N.S.W., and on his arrival in Perth he was the guest of honour at a luncheon of local Legates.

The man in the street usually looks upon poets as rather dreamy chaps who spend their lives watching birds and butterflies. Some of them, however, get mixed up in wars, and win decorations. They also get knocked about. Peter Hopegood, M.C., has just paid another visit to hospital, this time for an operation on his nose. It was a painful, irritating business, and we are pleased to be able to state that Peter is back at his Darlington home with his good wife, who is also a writer of verse, chasing the elusive rhyme. Peter's book, "Austral Pan," which had such a favourable reception, and which has commanded sales in England and the Eastern States, as well as locally, is now almost sold out. A second edition will be published almost immediately.

Oscar Walters, poet, journalist, and prince of good fellows, is now well dug in on the Eastern Goldfields, whither he has been sent by his paper, The West Australian Worker. Oscar has joined up with the Boulder Sub-branch.

Keith Jones, formerly of Northampton, and now C.O. of the Government School at Yarloop, is vitally interested in the newly formed Yarloop Sub-branch, of which Mr. J. H.-B. Lawton is president, and he himself is secretary. This sub-branch has now 37 financial members, which speaks well for the energy and enthusiasm of those concerned with its inauguration.

Alec Hood, who gave the Press Sub-branch an interesting lecture on "Pills and Poultices," was away with the Army Medical Corps, and was an old poultice wallah in the pre-war days. He has a fund of interesting reminiscences about the old peace-time soldiering, which he is always able to put over in an interesting and humorous style. In private life Alec is a member of the staff of the People's Printing and Publishing Co., the firm which publishes the West Australian Worker.

At long last, the Australian war book of the Western Front has been published. The author is Lieutenant Joe Maxwell, V.C., M.C., D.C.M., of the 18th Battalion. The sections of the alphabet after his name show that the writer's service was in the right place. In private life he is a journalist. He is a cheery little soul, not unlike our own Jimmy Woods, in size and appearance.

Jack Hedges, formerly of the Australian Instructional Corps, and for several years associated with the Army Service Corps at Swan Barracks, was down for Congress, representing the Victoria Falls Sub-branch. While in town he was able to renew old friendships, and to pick up a new one or two to take back with him.

Who's Who in the League

TOM HOGG OF NARROGIN

Narrogin's Secretary, Tom Hogg, arrived from England in 1906, and has been employed by the Great Southern Roller Flour Mills for eighteen years, both before and after the war. Leaving Australia in 1915 with reinforcements to the 11th Battalion, he joined the 51st in Egypt. He was severely wounded in July, 1917. Deservedly popular in the army and out of it, he takes a keen interest in football, but the work of the R.S.L. is his pride, and the Narrogin Sub-branch, in which he has held office for the fourth successive year, is his chief interest.

During this period he has assisted in raising over £800, thus making Narrogin one of the strongest sub-branches in the State. Its financial members now number over 226. His good wife is also an ardent worker for the cause of the R.S.L., helping to keep up the correspondence connected with the affairs of the sub-branch.

His objective is, this term, to pay the balance of the money owing on the Institute, so that the sub-branch will have assets to the amount of £2,500. He tells us, "The reasons why I like this work of the League is the satisfaction one derives from assisting those of my comrades being in need and unable to help themselves."
Sgt.-Major "Jock" Nestor

(By Lieutenant-Colonel W. B. Robinson, D.C.M.)

I was very interested to read in your last issue Mr. M. E. Zeffert's remarks regarding Sgt.-Major "Jock" Nestor. I quite agree that "Jock" was one of the most interesting men connected with early A.I.F. history.

At the outbreak of war my battalion, West Australian Rifles (then the 86th, but now the 44th Battalion, A.M.F.) was mobilised in the Fremantle Park under the late Colonel C. Battye, and I had the honour very soon after mobilisation of being appointed adjutant. The Imperial Reservists in W.A., on being recalled to the Colours, were assembled in the Park on the ration strength of the 86th. Lieut. (now Major and M.C.) Manning was their O.C., and S.M. Nestor was appointed S.M. Instructor to them until their embarkation.

It was a treat for all the young Citizen Force trainees to watch Nestor drilling his company, and the way they responded. The parade-ground voice Mr. Zeffert refers to, was well exercised in Fremantle Park, and saved "Jock" many miles of tramping, as no matter how far his squads got from him, his voice was after them, and broad as was his Scotch accent, his orders were never misunderstood.

His conduct of orderly-room when a Reservist stepped over the traces was an eye-opener to all the young officers, and it was the Camp Commandant's order that as many subalterns as possible should assemble for instruction at orderly-room when S.S. Nestor had "crimied" a Reservist.

Nightly after mess, "Jock" would attend the camp office, situated in the Bowling Pavilion, for orders, and it was my delight after routine duty was finished to sit on the verandah with Jock and get him yarning of his past experiences, particularly episodes connected with the campaigns and battles represented by his many medals and bars. I think Jock was at one time a member of the famous Seaforth Highlanders, and he was certainly no stranger to the history and customs of all the many famous Scottish Regiments. There was always a good audience for Jock's nightly yarns, and I'm afraid legs were sometimes pulled.

I remember particularly Jock telling us one night, when proudly explaining his ribbons to a newcomer, that he had others he couldn't wear, as he had won them under a different name in a unit he had joined without the consent of his former C.O.

As is so well-known, the Park Hotel is situated just across the road from the bowling pavilion, and although it was out of bounds to the compulsory trainees, the Reservists had no restriction placed upon them of that nature. Jock was well-known at the "Park," where he frequently visited to see if any of his men were dodging fatalities!

It was no uncommon occurrence for Jock, after a lengthy stay at the Regimental Office, and a (duty) visit to "The Park," to be in the mood to exercise his voice in the street. If uninterrupted, he would drill an imaginary battalion for half an hour or more without a pause. Many a time a citizen of East or South Fremantle remarked to me, "you must have had some big manoeuvres on last night, as we could plainly hear the orders shouted." But once inside the camp bounds, Jock was always the quietest, no matter how many times "they had been filled again."

It was a great disappointment to Jock that he was not allowed, to depart with the Reservists when they embarked. He badly wanted to get the kilts on again, but his powers as a drill instructor were recognised as too valuable to the embryo A.I.F. to let him go.

References to S.M. Jock Nestor and the Fremantle Park Camp put me in reminiscent mood.

Upon mobilisation on the 5th August, 1915, Colonel Battye, C.O. of the 86th Battalion, being the senior officer in the district, immediately became C.O.F.D. (Commanding Officer Fremantle Defence), but the interpretation of the initials was commonly known as Collins Other Fellows' Damsels).

The work upon mobilisation was very interesting, we (the 86th) supplied guards for Fort Forrest, Arthur's Head, Cable Station, Wireless Station, Water Supply, etc., and the daily changing of the guards on the captured German steamers was a ceremonial that attracted many sight-seers. Zealous sentries on the German steamers on at least two occasions nearly shot watermen in small boats who kept too much in shadow. And how the captain's pigeons on one steamer were counted most carefully twice daily!

Then there was the reported German wireless stations to be sought for. Some of the old 86th members may remember midnight trips in the police launch up the river looking for suspicious noises and lights which patriotic citizens had reported. I well remember one night being attached to Intelligence Corps for special duty, and detailed to keep a certain riverside house not a hundred miles from Fremantle under surveillance until daylight. A strange noise about 1 a.m. attracted my attention. Placing a sergeant who was with me (he is now a captain, living at Wickepin) in a position to cover me with his revolver, I signalled the patrolling police launch to stand by, and then started to crawl in the direction of the noise I had heard. "I hadn't gone more than 30 yards when I fell over a recumbent figure under a bush. Quickly he was covered by my revolver ("covered," that is, as well as my shaking hand would permit). But he was as surprised as me. Kneeling up, with his hands in the air, he explained he was an old Queen's Own Lancer, who had walked from Collie to try and jump up with the Reservists. He produced six medals for my inspection. He was penniless, and had crawled under the bush to sleep until morning before approaching the camp. Taking him back to the sergeant, I made further investigations into the mysterious noise, my suspicions heightened by lights switched on in the house, only to discover a Billy-goat entangled in some old wire (The old lancer, by the way, was not accepted on account of his age.)

All the officers of the old 86th volunteered to a man, and most were killed.

I well remember Majors Carter and Welch, Captains Mansfield and Miller, and Lieuts. Anderson, Darnell, Brashaw, Macfarlane, and Caree-stout fellows all. Of all the old officers' mess mobilised in...
Varia

As we go to press we are in receipt of copies of "Hell's Bells and Made-moiseselles," by Joe Maxwell, V.C., M.C., D.C.M., and a book about Diggers' Animal Pets, from the publishers, Messrs. Angus and Robertson, of Sydney. These books, and the Speaker's Handbook, forwarded by the Victorian Branch, will be reviewed in our next issue.

Messrs. Ezzywalkin Ltd., the well-known boot company, recently presented to the Repat. Ward a framed portrait of Field-Marsh's Sir William Birdwood, and Mr. G. Boucher donated the artillery volume of the "Official War History" to the R.S.L.

The recent visit of H.M.A.S. Canberra gave what the politicians have left of our navy another opportunity to show the flag in local waters. The vessel was thrown open to public inspection, and local pacifists would have had a severe shock had they heard school boys arguing, with a fair amount of technical knowledge, about gun calibres and other aspects of the science of ballistics. The men are a clean, well set-up lot, obviously doing their utmost to maintain the honourable traditions of the great service to which they belong, and it is good to note the sprinkling of service ribbons which indicate that a percentage of the old brigade is still on deck. The obvious smartness and efficiency show the absurdity of the efforts of the vernacular press and others who, for pseudo-political reasons, affect to sneer at our small navy. Certainly it is not nearly large enough, but what there is of it is good.

Dumb Dora was having afternoon tea with one of the Canberra boys. When the matelot pulled out his cigarette case and offered her a gasper, she stammered, "Oh, I thought you sailors always smoked pipes."

Dumb Dora also thinks that newspaper competitions are intelligence tests.

Congress Capers

During Congress the evergreen Willie taught the boys a new song, which demanded to know:

Why were they born so beautiful?
Why were they born at all?

It was put over speakers and others on every appropriate and inappropriate occasion. At the civic reception Sir William Lathlain gave a personal answer to the conundrum: "I was born," Sir William explained, "at a time when they did things more efficiently."

At the Smoke Social, the State President reminded speakers of the R.S.L. procedure—short speeches and long drinks—and asked speakers to make their speeches of suitable length. Almost immediately afterwards Rabbi Freedman rose to propose a toast and stated that whether his speech was short or otherwise he hoped that his himself was a suitable length.

"You've been cut short," was the comment of an interlocutor.

Kalgoorlie delegates knew their lines, About the water they used in mines. Do they lace the stuff with S.R.D.? Or drink it in its entirety?

It sometimes fell out that a delegate had to propose quite a number of motions on the same day. Reading the report in the "West Australian" one morning the wife of one of our parliamentary delegates asked her husband: "Don't they let anyone else speak at this Congress?"

November 11
(By C. W. HILSON)

The bugles blow, and for the minutes twain
All life is still. The tread of many feet Is hushed and people in the busy street Stand silent with their thoughts. Ah! has again
This sacred day returned, and not in vain Has proved its coming. It does but repeat
The lesson true that it is fitting, meet To honour those who on the war-swept plain
For us life sacrificed

And we to-day
Resolve anew to keep their noble aim Of "Peace on Earth" like an ori-flamme
O'er all our souls; and go upon our way Determining to hold their wishes dear, So that, at last, we meet them without fear.

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A Spasm of Magnanimity Which Fell Flat

(By E. St. Ives Bilston)

Has any one of my digger comrades ever been afflicted by a "spasm of magnanimity," purposing to convert himself into a Good Samaritan or right royal hero, and come a thud? I have, frequently. I had met — - on various occasions in civvy life, a man of great ability, plus chronic thirst, which caused him to be somewhat of a "rolling-stone." The last time I had got on his track he was "dug in" pro tem. at a rural town, quite an indispensable secretary of the racing club and other bodies, until one afternoon he "just was," like many more of his kidney, one of a band of recruits, down and out in Blackboy Hill. It was my duty to get them issued with prelim. outfit that day! A new depot was being formed at the time, and the lieutenant asked me to look up a "quill-driver" for orderly room, so I went "Z" along, with the result that he got two stripes, which he retained religiously until after first pay. However, he got away with the 6th reinforcements, and I lost touch with him until I was a "Lance Jack" on the 5th District Guard. He was then in company with two other well known birds, with battoon colours sewn on lapel of coat, as customary in those times, to be seen daily on sentry-go outside various "Koah" bars, each with a "God pity me, I'm dry" appearance, and several times one of them caught a muggin in me.

One day, when I was dolled up like a wedding cake or oil painting, "Z" was lolling against a wall outside the Savoy, looking the picture of grief and despair, dirty, beer stained, and unshaven. Feeling a bit disgusted, I went past at the "quick march," when the spasm eventuated, and I about turned to give him a couple of bob, thrust or no thrust.

"Hallo! How are you," I asked.

"None the better for your kind inquiry!" was the reply.

"Don't you know me, I'm —

"But that doesn't entitle you to accost a man in the main street," he butted in with, and, continuing: "Why so much beating about the bush? Say straight out what you mean! If you want a pot of beer, I'll buy it for you, and if not, clear to B-y! 'Go for your life!"

"Sakes alive," says I to myself, "is that what I look like," and straightway took the next train for Fremantle.

R.S.L. Central Relief Fund

During September the number of applicants received for assistance were 112, and the number approved 93 (ex-A.I.F. 68, ex-Imperial 25), the amount involved being £92/5/-.

ASSOCIATION OF EX-SERVICE ENGINEERS AND ALLIED UNITS

With all the association reunions during show week, numerous inquiries were being made about the usual show week reunion of the above Association. It was thought that with the many attractions during show week to defer the reunion until a later date. Members are therefore asked to keep Wednesday, 16th November, 1932, vacancies and bring along any of their friends that are eligible to join the Association. There are still some ex-soldiers eligible that we have not seen enjoying themselves with us. To them we extend a hearty welcome.

ARMISTICE DAY

Scene: Olympus.

Mars (seated on the throne of Zeus):

The balmy air of Thessaly tastes sweet
In mouths long parched by war.

Mercury: What war? What war,
O-Mars, in earth, or heaven, or lower shades
Where Pluto reigns and fairest Prosperine?

Mars: The war is but a jest, my Mercury,
Not shouldst thou idly fret thy Father Zeus.

Mercury: Five horrid winters has the Lord of Heaven,
Great Zeus he, wandered in outer winds,
And thus he charged thee: "Keep the world in Peace!"

Mars: The jest will serve. The fretting Earth was stale,
The multitude sang hymns to Sloth and Vice.

Mercury: The Gods have slept, and I their messengers,
Too heavy is my burden and my pain—
The watchman has not warned, the lamp unlit
Has thrown no saving gleam.

Mars: Small blame to thee!
I told thee I was ploughing Flanders fields
And nurturing the soil at Hellepont.

Tis true. We ploughed the land with thunderbolts
And sent men into the hungry furrows.
The tale shall live when Ilium is forgot
And nought remembered of the Persian hosts.

Mercury: Tis time great Zeus heard. I go to him.

(Exit Mercury.)

Mars: Great Zeus will but smile. The livid flame
Must burn and burn again a thousand nights
Add scald, vapours suffocate the day.
Gunner Michael Mulloony, R.M.

(By C. Culverhouse)

Most detachments of marines serving on H.M. ships have an outstanding character in their complement known as "The Clown." Michael, as his name may suggest, was a tall and typical irresponsible Irishman whom no discipline could tame. In his spare time he was employed as the ship's snob, and when I first met him aboard H.M.S. he was plying his trade on the mess deck with great vigour, surrounded by a group of his admiring shipmates. But why did they keep looking first one way and then the other? Surely they weren't paying several times over for boots being repaired? And why did the lid of Michael's tool box shut with a click, should a member of the ship's Police or a N.C.O. of Marines have in sight? Yes, you are right, there was a crown and anchor board tacked inside the lid of Mick's box.

With the appearance of German submarines in earnest, Mick's snobbing box was relegated to the stockade along with the rest of the surplus combustible material, in case of fire, and Mick had to con-

(Enter Zeus and Mercury)

Oh! Father of the Gods! The sheered prayer
Of worshippers has brought thee home again.
We welcome thee with Hippodrome.

Zeus. How now?

What fantasy, what foolish treachery
That has turned a hundred years of Peace to War?
Art thou besotted, that the sons of men
Are sacrificed for thee?

Mars. This boon I gave:
I turned them from the pallid arts of Peace,
And every nerve and brain weevil with life
Serves me with thanks.

Zeus. Not so!

Methax to war and we thank thee, but hate thee. Their life
To suit thy world is all ablaze
And these must face the flames and bear the scars.

No spring that Prosperine can bring, no state
Low-burning in the West, no lambent pearl
Surnounced by the deep shall be as fair
As memories of these thy guilt has turned
From men to gods.

Give heed. It is my will
Bring Peace again and let the Earth heal.

Zeus. Ye hear me swear that ne'er again
Shall any gods hurl war at man. If men
Mised by vanity or greed unseath
The sword, let men themselves accept the blame.

(Curtain.)

"Alright, tie up alongside and come in
And get your dinners," said the quartermaster.
In trooped the boat's crew, as hungry as hunters, and shortly afterwards
Down trooped our friend Mike as thirsty as the D., reappearing when the quartermaster's back was turned with a case of whiskey, with which he vanished.

You can imagine the consternation when the
Boat was unloaded and the wine steward found himself one case of whiskey minus.

Anyhow, nothing transpired till evening muster, when Mick was reported missing. A search of the ship revealed him reposing in the spud locker surrounded by "dead mariners." Neither the doctor nor all his "polite wallopers" with a stomach pump could get any life in Mick for 24 hours afterwards; he had had a royal time, but I am sorry to relate that our Mick spent the remainder of the commission in the naval prison at Malta, where they had (Good Mother of Mercy!) to grow spuds for the troops.

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Sub-Branch Notes

MT. BARKER

A committee meeting was held on October 4. T. Sounness in chair. The Secretary read a letter from J. H. Morgan accepting the job of delegate for this sub-branch at Congress. Jimmy also wished to be remembered by the boys. The main business was the election of the sub-branch officers. On October 19, proceeds for distressed Diggers of the district. We hope every returned man will make an effort to be there.

Secretary reported having assisted two cases of defrauding and securing work for two others. He would be very pleased to hear of anyone requiring labour, as there are some exceptionally fine Diggers out of work at present.

All Diggers will be pleased to hear that L. McKenzie is practically all right again, and has attended the last two committee meetings.

Any member of this sub-branch wishing to make the journey to Lake Grace for Great Southern No. 4 D.C. Reunion please get in touch with Secretary at once. Unfortunately it is on the same day as the meeting of the member (1).

A send-off was tendered to Mr. A. B. Clarke, manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Mt. Barker, for the last 26 years. Mr. W. D. Le Forte, on behalf of this sub-branch, thanked Mr. Clarke for work done for the Diggers, both during and after the war.

Memorandum:
J. Morgan, for his exceptionally fine report on Congress.
Stan Ifla for bringing in member's sub.
Tom Sounness for his interesting lecture on the Wheat Sheaf.
Percy Gillam for once more bringing up the old subject (Canonesse).
C. Candy for nine prizes with his Freinains, including one championship at Royal Show, Perth.

KELMSCOTT-ROLESTONE

The above sub-branch held its usual monthly meeting on October 10. This was a special occasion, as a five-gallon keg of beer was on tap. Owing to the inclement weather it was necessary to engage the hall, super-room to accommodate the gathering. Reports were received from Messrs. Hart and Jackson on their attendance at Conference. The proposal to hold a Smoke Social before the end of the year was defeated. It was realised that it would handicap the new office-bearers if they were called upon to start the New Year with a deficit, which probably would be the case should the social be held. The meeting concluded at a late hour with songs, smoke-room stories, and swapping of war experiences.

GWALIA

The sub-branch, which has just been formed here, held a most successful smoke social at the State Hotel. E. Roberson (President) was chairman, C. Kingdon was toastmaster. Though this sub-branch is necessarily small, there is some fine talent available. The speeches showed the patriotic and detested spirit of the Digger. After all the toasts had been handed and spoken to, the piano was requisitioned. It was a convivial crowd of Diggers that sang that night, and the rafters rang with tunes dragged from the limbo of the past. Judging by the night this sub-branch will have a fill one in the future.

Present were J. Sheridan, F. Lambert, J. Charlton (V.P.), D. Chisholm (Treas.), F. Smith, E. Roberts (Pres.), V. Freeman, T. Newbury, R. Hamilton, B. Prince.

CARLISLE

As usual with the above sub-branch, nothing is left to chance, in the matter of making the monthly meeting attractive, and with this object in view many pleasant evenings are spent (after general business has been dealt with) in the form of Social Items, Lectures, etc.; these items are, of course, very trying on voice (ask Dick Collins), so that provision is made to meet this emergency. Principal member of this sub-branch is Capt. Dick Collins, who, along with other members of the "Listening Post" in relation to the League, is known for his ability as an entertainer, the opportunity was seized upon to encroach upon his good nature, and as is usual with Dick, he gave of his best, and his renditions met with hearty applause.

It is very pleasing indeed to the foundation capable of the enthusiasm displayed by the members of the Branch at the Strides that have been made since Carlisle sub-branch came into being from a membership of 10 to 54 in a few months, shows that interest is not lacking as far as A.I.P. and ex-Imperial men are concerned. This sub-branch has a very good percentage of Ex-Imperial men present and a separate organisation is not warranted, and there is never one word of dissatisfaction from any.

BULLFINCH

At the July monthly meeting a resolution was passed that "the members re-fence and clear up the Bullfinch Cemetery." This resulted in "busy bees" being held on September 3 and 17, under the joint auspices of the R.S.L., P.P.A., and W.G.U. Refreshments were provided on the 3rd by the business people of Bullfinch. Messrs. L. F. Kelly and C. Scott gave the tea, sugar, butter and cheese. Messrs. R. Kelly and J. E. Hanley gave meat; Mr. Elshbury gave bread, and Mrs. Roberts cooked the meat and loaned the necessary cups, saucers, plates, and crusty. On the 17th the refreshments were provided by Mr. and Mrs. G. Yule. Mr. George Yule, in his dual role of president of the R.S.L. and P.P.A., expended sufficient energy to justify his holding the double office.

Mr. Cooke, president of the W.G.U., put the "bullfinches" on the 17th, he came along with paint and brushes and made an artistic job of the gates. The storm on the 17th did not dampen the ardour of the "bees," though it more than dampened everything else they had on. It was a sight to see our "double president" with "Owen Cox the Shy" and "Alf Lazenby," wedged in the driving seat of his runabout, all three enjoying the refreshments and keeping up their reputation for hard work and as capable, well trained team of bulk handling, while Angus McDonald, "the best armed and most steady man from London" took shelter in a 200gallon square tank, which they turned on to its side, and much passing of sandwiches, tea and milk through the "machine" took place ere they were satisfied. Thanks to the willing and energetic "bees," Bullfinch Cemetery looks like "God's acre" and not like the rubbish dump.

GREENBUSHES

The reunion and smoke social, held on September 17 at the Shamrock Hotel, was well attended. It was declared by all present a huge success and a very enjoyable evening. Dr. Andrew

ews presented and there were visitors from Bridge-town and Balangal. Mr. C. Gillett, the popular country vice-president, was present as Executive representative, and gave a splendid outline of the work of the League. A novel feature of the menu was savoys and rolls, to which the diggers did ample justice. All elbows were well exercised and the yarns were typical digger yarns. At 11:45 the "bullfinches" were empty, so all sat down home, contented and looking forward to the next call-up.

FREMANTLE

Members are enthusiastic about the various games for which prizes will be given for the highest aggregate scores. The games captains are:
-Bridge: T. Brennan; quotes: J. W. Lynch; debates: H. G. Wilson; rifle shooting (small bore) W. Gibson; indoor bowls, W. Pascual; draughts: T. Ball; and table tennis, G. Mansel. It is desired to make this year a record for new members, and a trophy is offered to the member who enrols the most new members before the end of 1932. The whole district has been divided into wards, with the following officers in charge:-Central ward, J. W. Lynch; east, W. Simpson; north, R. J. Stewart; and south, A. E. Pady. Ex-service men desirous of joining the Fremantle City Council. To be held on emergency.

On Thursday, September 11, a friendly shoot took place between teams representing the Fremantle R.S.L. and White Rose Lodge. No. 4. Conditions of the match were six men in each team and five best results to count, one sighter-optional and one counting. After a keen contest the ex-soldiers proved to be the winners by two points.

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NORTH PERTH
A Digger's Diary
(With profound apologies to the shades of Samuel Pepys.)

September 30. Met Mr. L. McDowell, just come from Congress, who tells me that Narrogin sub-branch do win the membership competition. "But," says he, "I have all reason to believe North Perth do come next." Which pleased me, but would that we had won.

October 1. Up and with some clothes, and other lumber, to St. Hilda's Hall, it being the day of the jumble sale. Anon Mr. Heller do open the doors. Lord! to see the mad rush of women, each to try and out-do the other for the best bargains. Such a hubbub I did never hear before or since. Mrs. Middleton (Auxiliary Secretary) tells me, later, there was £3 and more profit of the sale, which methought very good. I spied Mrs. Job (Narrogin Auxiliary) sitting with our ladies, but could not get to speak with her.

3rd. Up betimes and away to help see all things in order against the Bridge Evening. Home to dinner, and by and by to the hall. There see all the ladies and gentlemen going in to play, which was a pretty sight. A pleasant game, and all very merry at supper. So home, with one happening only to be sorry of, and that to Mrs. Rendle (Women's Auxiliary), who, slipping from a step, did do some hurt to her ankle, which it is hoped will prove but little. The poor lady could walk but with pain, and did return home, so miss the card game, which was a pity.

1st. By steam coach, with Mr. C. Western, to the Royal Show. A mighty crowd of people, all walking hither and thither, and merry, one with another. We admire some exhibits, thence to the liquor bars hard by, and drink small ale, accosted there by Mr. Dave Muir (10th Light Horse), of Mr. Lawley sub-branch, who said, "Have one with me," which we did. Then to meet Mr. Ted Knight, Major McDonald and Mr. F. H. Gowden, all of the 10th Light Horse. It strange, methought, to meet so many of one unit. All very merry at drinking small ale. Mr. Western took leave "to see a dog," he said, and not returning, methinks got lost. I for home, with great pain to avoid any company, being a little fogged by taking of so much ale, a thing never to be more practised, I swear.

6th. Conmed Mr. A. Tucker (Carramah sub-branch) and wife and daughter to my home and dine, and my wife mightily inquisitive of country news from Mrs. Tucker, her sister.

9th. To the general committee, much discourse to prepare the business against Poppy Day. All agree to challenge Nedlands sub-branch to shooting, table tennis, quoits, etc., at North Perth on Monday, November 7. Methinks it excellent practise for sub-branches to visit in turn at games and discourse, and much good should come of it.

13th. This morning I hear that, Tuesday last, Mrs. Sedlair (Women's Auxiliary) while skylarking with her husband and children, did fall and bump a-post, and thereby receive a nasty cut to her head. This I am sorry to hear, but later, do with pleasure hear she is getting well and will soon be herself again. It seems mighty ill luck, two of our Auxiliary to meet with mishap this month.

17th. To the sub-branch general meeting, and there, after business, hear a lecture on X-Ray by Mr. Dave James. In course of which he do show us a mighty queer instrument, which he said would show any bone in the body or anything in the belly. Mr. C. Western did stand before it, and we all do see his heart in action and bones.

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of his hand. I in wonder at it all. An exceedingly interesting lecture, and very well done. Supper, thence afoot home, in bright moonshine, and to bed in very good content of a pleasant evening.

NANNUP

The usual monthly meeting was held on September 15, there being a 70 per cent attendance of members. Although a small branch, we are experiencing a very busy time, and it was nearly midnight before the last of the business was transacted. The children’s concert in aid of the Amelioration Fund was a great success, thanks to the efforts of our Social Secretary and his wife, and the sum of $11 was placed to the credit of the fund. A record of the sub-branch’s appreciation for help given by the organisers was placed on the books.

On Sept. 23 the sub-branch invited the Auxiliary ladies to a social evening. Cards, dancing and games kept a gathering of 40 busy till the early hours. Many new novelty dances never before seen in W.A. were introduced. All voted the evening a great success, and are looking forward to the next.

In lieu of the usual Xmas Tree for children of the district, the sub-branch is organising a Picnic and Sports Day for December.

Representatives from other local bodies have been asked to co-operate, and on October 12 they meet to make preliminary arrangements for giving 400 children a day out.

MT. LAWLEY

Arrangements for Poppy Day are well in hand, and on November 1 at Wallish’s Hall an entertainment is being presented to the Women’s Auxiliary and all the ladies who will be assisting the branch on Poppy Day. Cenarios have been discarded as unsuitable to the occasion. This month’s general meeting was well attended, and members were treated to a very interesting lecture by Mr. W. E. Coxon, the well-known radio engineer. The sub-branch intends sending two delegates, Messrs. J. Denton and T. Powell, to the next meeting of the cricket committee. Col. Plintoff, V.D., was absent from the chair at this month’s committee meeting through an indisposition, but we are pleased to be able to say that he has now fully recovered. The sub-branch tennis club held a bridge evening recently at the home of Mr. L. B. Mann. The function proved a social and financial success. Each member continues to bring forth new members, and although the sub-branch has conducted no organised membership drive, the strength has increased very satisfactorily this year. Members are requested to note that the next general meeting will be held on November 1, and are particularly requested to bring their wives to the meeting and the entertainment which will take place afterwards.

TRAYNING-YELBENI

During the month the sub-branch entertained the members of the Women’s Auxiliary to a bridge evening, which was well attended, and voted a complete success. The only danger in an evening like that is in connection with the supper, which was performed prepared and served by the sub-branch. On this occasion the most pointed comment by the ladies was that if the men could serve up a supper such as they did, they would certainly, not require the services of the Auxiliary at the next Ball.

A Fancy Dress Dance for children, organised by the ladies, was well patronised, nearly 100 children being present in fancy costumes at all sorts. This resulted in about $14 being divided between the Cancer Appeal and the Scholarship Fund for Sons of Fallen Soldiers.

October 2 broke bright and sunny for the Annual Picnic, which was held, as usual, at Wadourting Rocks. About 219 people were present, in addition to children. The afternoon was passed with races for all, young and old, but the day nearly ended in a “tragedy.” The Young Generation challenged the Returned Men to a tug-of-war, best of three pulls, which challenge was accepted. The troops lost the first pull, only to discover that they had “rolled with six men instead of eight.” This was remedied, and they won the remaining pulls on time, two minutes, and quite long enough. Certainly, we had the advantage in weight, but the losers got a big surprise. Spectators said we should have been old enough to know better, and some boys were very much amused.

The meeting after was too painful for words.

Branch membership is now 38, the strongest it has ever been.

EBURY

At the meeting held on Wednesday, September 15, Mr. Parkham (Vice-President) opened the proceedings with about 40 members present. Owing to the resignation of Cliff Gillett from the Presidency, nominations for new President were received. Only one member being nominated, in the person of Mr. N. C. Ryder, he was duly installed with the best wishes of the members. It is a most difficult position to fill, and in Mr. Ryder the sub-branch has undoubtedly made a very wise choice, as he has been actively associated with the local branch since its inception. Members seem very keen on the Sons of Soldiers’ League, and we have decided to wait the discussion in Conference before taking steps locally. Yet another honour has been thrust upon us. The Mission to Seamen have invited the League to send a delegate to act on their committee, and at the coming of over here com- rades go down to the sea in ships, and our delegate (T. Shaw) can now keep in touch with them.

WUBIN-JIBBERING-BUNTINE

Despite the heavy rain, the picnic arranged by the sub-branch for Saturday, September 17, was well attended. The afternoon proved ideal from every point of view and the president (Mr. James Day) and secretary (Mr. W. A. Cadwallader) and their committee were very pleased with the results. The gathering was attended by the chairman and several members of the Dalwallinu Road Board. A lengthy programme of sporting events was decided and several of the events were keenly contested. In the evening Mr. Day presided at the annual dinner given by the sub-branch at Mrs. Smith’s Guest House. This was also well attended by diggers and members of the road board. Among the visitors were representatives from Guildford, Mr. Lawley and Morowa sub-branches, local associations and governing bodies. After the dinner the troops and their friends adjourned to the dance hall, where, between dances, the secretary, Mr. W. A. Cadwallader, presented with an inkstand by his brother members, for his services to the sub-branch. Complimentary reference was also made to the revived Dalwallinu sub-branch under the capable leadership of Messrs. R. Ricket and H. A. Forwood.

PEMBERTON

A reunion smoke social was held at the Pemberton Hotel on October 14. After the president and secretary outlined the work of the League during the past twelve months, the following things were the State Executive (Mr. S. Johnson); Visitors (Mr. Beaumont, response by Messrs. Hood and Gobbs, of Northcliffe Sub-branch); the Chairman (Mr. Falls); and the Secretary (the president). Mr. Gibbs gave a brief résumé of the proceedings. Stressing the part played by the country sub-branches, Mr. Gibbs said that settlers generally should benefit by the
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State Executive Meetings

Wednesday, October 12

At the meeting on October 12 there were present Messrs. Colleran, Freedman, Panton, Philip, Olden, Hunt, Neale, Watt, Lovell, Tozer, Pady, Margolin, Edmonds, Mellor, Farquharson, Walker, Zeffert, and Aberle. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Yeates, Fairley, Denton, Nicholson, Cornell, and Wells.

A report of the State President had formally welcomed delegates, the business of the evening proceeded. Approval was given for the appointment of the following committees:

- Management Committee—The State President, Vice-President, and Immediate Past President.
- Finance Committee—Messrs. Margolin, Tozer, Wells, and Zeffert.
- Pension and Employment Committee—Messrs. Aberle, Edmonds, Farquharson, Mellor, Neale, Pady, and Wells.
- Land Committee—Messrs. Cornwell, Hunt, Mann, Nicholson, Olden, and Yeates, with Col. Denton as consulting member.
- Executive Committee—The Management Committee, with Messrs. Edmonds, Hunt, Margolin, Mellor, and Tozer.

Each committee will elect its own chairman.

The meeting decided that in view of the proposed erection of new premises for the League, advantage be taken of the visit of Colonel Olden to the Eastern States to gain information as to the financing and administration of League headquarters in South Australia and Victoria. For that purpose it was recommended that Colonel Olden be authorised to proceed in advance, leaving Perth on October 25.

The sick and disabled benefit from Poppy Day
Post each month. The September report appears in another column.

Art Union.—It was reported that the Charities Consultation Committee had considered the application from the League for an art union, and had offered to conduct a 10,000-ticket venture from which the League would receive £2,000, the period of running to be over three months; alternatively, to run a 100,000-ticket venture on the Perth Cup for the benefit of the League and other organisations, the League to receive £3,000 and also to sell 30,000 tickets.

On the motion of Messrs. Pady and Hunt, it was decided that the 100,000-ticket venture be accepted.

An amendment moved by Mr. Panton, seconded by Mr. Watt, that the matter be referred back to the Art Union Committee with power to act was lost.

The Charities Consultation Committee requested that a representative of the League be appointed to act on their committee. Messrs. Pady and Hunt were nominated. The ballot resulted in the election of Mr. Pady.

Land Committee.—Colonel Olden reported in connection with a deputation that waited upon the Premier concerning Group Settlement. It was moved by Colonel Olden, seconded by Mr. Hunt, that the Company be given assistance to a recent Soldier Settlers' Conference, this executive is of the opinion that the recommendations of the Royal Commission on South-West Settlement, in so far as ex-service men are concerned, be given effect to by the Government. The motion was carried.

Visits.—Mr. C. R. Gillett reported having represented the Executive at the Greenbushers reunion. Mr. Pady reported having visited Cottesloe.

Anzac-House Committee.—Colonel Olden submitted a report which was deferred to next meeting. In the meantime a copy of the report will be supplied to each delegate. It was agreed that the new premises be named "Anzac House.

State Branch.—Mr. E. S. Watt reported on his visit to the various Eastern States, during which he had the opportunity to pay courtesy calls at the various League headquarters. On the motion of Colonel Olden, seconded by Mr. Pady, a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Watt.

Efficiency Trophy.—Headquarters, 5th Military District, advised that a ceremonial parade of the 44th Battalion would be held at the Claremont Oval on Saturday, October 31. It was suggested that this would be an occasion suitable for the presentation of the R.S.I. Efficiency Trophy, which was won for the training year 1931-32 by the 44th Battalion. The State President informed delegates that he would not be able to attend this parade. Mr. J. H. Tozer was appointed to make the presentation.

Women's Auxiliary, Bruce Rock.—The Bruce Rock Sub-branch made application to the State Executive to place the Women's Auxiliary of the sub-branch in recess.

After discussion it was moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Panton, that the Executive inform the State Executives of the Women's Auxiliary of the intention to place the sub-branch auxiliary at Bruce Rock in recess, and ask for any comment they may wish to make. This motion was carried.

Pensions and Superannuation.—Collic Sub-branch wrote in connection with the action of the Government in taking into consideration the soldier's pension when considering him for superannuation. The Sub-branch protested against this procedure. The State Secretary had supplied the sub-branch with certain information and it was agreed to await further comments before discussing the matter.

Items, Federal Congress, etc.—The Secretary advised that items arising from the State Congress had been forwarded for inclusion on the Federal Congress agenda. Items referring to the Executive from State Congress were referred to the Management Committee.

Poplars.—A suggestion from the Boulder Sub-branch that poplars should bear the date of the year of issue was referred to the Poppy Day Committee.

General.—Approval was given for the formation of a new sub-branch at Koonungong. The following resolutions have been accepted—Carnamah, October 22, Colonel Nicholson; No. 2 District Committee, November 12, Rabbi Freedman; Dalwallinu, November 11, Colonel Nicholson; Beverley, November 11, Mr. Panton. Agitations for the Great Southern Union, on November 1, and from Pingrup on October 29, were referred to the Management Committee.

The Department of Commerce forwarded information concerning Christmas parcels for distribution in the United Kingdom.

The Rev. R. C. Foyster, of Ross Memorial Church, requested representation from the Executive at a service to be held on Armistice Day. Mr. Watt was appointed representative.

The Traraling-Yelbenni Sub-branch asked what action the League was taking in connection with the proposed memorial to the late Mrs. Edith Cowan. It was agreed to advise the sub-branch that the Executive is represented on the committee concerned.

Mr. Tozer reported that a meeting of delegates was held on October 16, and that a Cricket Association had been formed amongst metropolitan sub-branches, and the approval of the Executive was requested. On the motion of Messrs. Mellor and Farquharson, the necessary approval was granted. It was also agreed that the Executive would provide $200 for the year 1932-33.

The appointment of officials as advised for the Dalwallinu Sub-branch was confirmed.

The Executive was asked to give immediate attention to the Congress resolution dealing with pensions.

It was agreed that the combined meeting of the sub-branches in connection with Poppy Day be held at the Institute on Monday, October 17, at 8 p.m.

Give freely on Poppy Day

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STATE EXECUTIVE

At the monthly meeting on October 17, Mrs. T. C. Wilson expressed her personal regret at the retiring of Mesdames Halliday, Ellem and St. George, and thanked them for all the services they had so freely rendered to the State Executive. Other members endorsed the President's remarks, hoping that it would not be "good-bye" but only "au revoir."

The Legacy Club girls in Miss Wright's class, Technical School, have been making layettes from material supplied by the State Executive, each girl being responsible for a complete layette. These layettes will be judged on October 25 by Mesdames Wilson, Ketterer and Stockman, and four prizes awarded. The prizes have been donated by Mesdames Blakemore, Hopperton and Stockman, and the State Executive, Bridge and all card players please note! In aid of their General Funds, which have become seriously depleted during the past winter, the Women's Auxiliary State Executive will hold a Card Evening at the Soldiers' Institute on Friday evening, November 25. Tables, 6/- (including supper).

FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Conference opened on Monday morning, September 26, in the Reading Room of the Soldiers' Institute. Business comprised a formidable agenda of 49 items, President's address, the reports of State Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Hospital, visiting Branch reports, nominations and election of office-bearers. Six R.S.I. Executive members also visited Conference and addressed the delegates. That all proceedings should be completed by Tuesday at 5 p.m. says, much for the capable and tactful handling of the Business by Mrs. Wilson, and the outstanding ability of delegates in keeping to the point during the discussing of the items on the agenda.

Delegates numbered 75 and 10 Branch reports were read. From these reports delegates could estimate how wide the scope of the Auxiliary really is and how much has been accomplished by some country branches, often under very adverse circumstances. With the return to prosperity it is hoped that more country auxiliaries will be represented in future.

Greetings were sent to Conference by the National Council of Women, the Country Women's Association, the Friendly Union of Soldiers' Wives and Mrs. Dunstan, Southern Cross. Visitors present from kindred associations were Mrs. Abel (Red Cross), Mesdames Thurham and Gregor (44th Battalion), and Mrs. Clark, Friendly Union of Soldiers' Wives.

On the second day of Conference delegates were addressed by Col. Collett, who spoke in appreciation of the work of the Women's Auxiliaries. He thanked Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Hopperton for their unremitting and enthusiastic services. Archbishop Ruley accompanied Col. Collett and congratulated the Auxiliaries upon their rapid growth. In the country it is not acceptable when a Women's Auxiliary was formed there was a marked improvement in the attendance at the R.S.I. meetings.

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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
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In the course of his visit to Congress, Rabbi Freedman expressed his sincere gratitude to all Auxiliaries who had so readily responded to the appeal made by the Soldiers' Scholarship Trust Fund for financial assistance. He realised the great effort it must have been for Auxiliaries to acquire funds in these straitened times and their generosity to the Fund was greatly appreciated.

Mr. Philip thanked the women for their co-operation with the masts tactfully with the Miss Westralia competition. Mr. Pantin, M.A., gave an account of the work of the R.S.L. Trustees. Auxiliaries could assist greatly by sending the necessary particulars of distress cases to Headquarters if they themselves could not provide the help required.

Mr. Cornell, M.L.C., told how he had brought the idea of Women's Auxiliaries from South Africa and had much to do in their formation in W.A. He was gratified at the successful development, and he hoped to see them prosper still further.

As an outcome of a motion carried at last Conference it was announced that Narrin and North Perth had formed a link by correspondence throughout the year, Geraldton, and Midland Junction hope to form a link this year.

The following Executive Office-bearers were elected by Congress for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. T. C. Wilson; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Philip (South Perth), Mrs. T. E. T. Marshall (Kelmscott); Secretary, Mrs. H. Hopperon; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. J. McKinlay; Treasurers, Mrs. Ketterer (Nedlands), Mrs. F. E. Orgill (South Perth), Mrs. H. L. Kirke (Guildford-Bassendean); Committee, Mrs. Stubberfield (North Perth), Mrs. Stockman (Mt. Hawthorn), Mrs. Kirby (Fremantle), Mrs. Power (Beaufort), Mrs. H. Taylor (Victoria Park); Mrs. Blakemore (Swanb., St. George's Ter., Perth)

On Monday evening September 26, Mrs. Wilson and members of the Executive entertained the delegates and members of Metropolitan Auxiliaries at the Soldiers' Institute. 'Dancing and games were thoroughly enjoyed, and were interspersed with songs by Mrs. Ottway, Mrs. Pellew, Miss Smallpage, and recitations by Mrs. Wilson. Supper was served by the Executive. The prize winners were Mesdames Sorenson, Liddington and Greenfield.

Delegates were entertained on the following evening by the management of Hoyts Capitol Theatre. Further notes on Congress will appear in the November issue.

CARLISLE

In the presence of 215 enthusiastic dancers and followers of the three popular girls, the Popular Girl Competition was brought to a close at the monthly dance on September 21. Miss May Thomas, the winner, received a cash and cup, and the other two candidates a cup each. Considering the competition lasted only six weeks there was a very wonderful and successful result, thanks to the assistance received from the sub-branch and the Working Committee. The funds realised £41/12/2. The dance proved that Carlisle R.S.L. is not lacking anything.

BRUCE ROCK

At the September special general meeting the conference agenda paper was discussed and instructions were given to the delegates, Messrs. Bowne and Mambidge. Arrangements were made in response to the State Secretary's request in aid of the Cancer Appeal. Tentative arrangements were also made for the annual Poppy Night dance, which will be held this year on Wednesday, November 9.

The afternoon in aid of the Cancer Appeal took the form of a "musical", when the committees were at home to members and friends in the Londale Hall. In the absence of the President, the guests were welcomed by the vice-presidents, Messrs. Bowne and Scott. An excellent programme arranged by Mrs. Scott was enjoyed by all the performers. Messes Bowne, E. Plante, the Misses David, Livesey, Pope, and little Beryl Finz. Mrs. Mambidge thanked the committee for the support given to the efforts of the auxiliary. It must be remembered that her resignation from the office of secretary was because of her impending departure from the State. The competition was won by Mrs. Pope and the booby prize went to Mrs. Courtney. The silver collection amounted to £1 14s.

NANNUP

The children's fancy dress ball, held on October 11, was a huge success, so much so that some linen can be donated to the hospital and a very useful sum banked. Splendid help was given by the R.S.L. committee, who were responsible for the hall decorations, which were very effective in the way of coloured streamers and balloons. The citizens of Nunnup were most kind and generous in giving us 47 prizes. Even then the judges had a most difficult time, as all the kiddies looked simply splendid. The supper provided was also excellent. The R.S.L. gave a social to the Women's Auxiliary, and they had such a wonderful time that they didn't want to know if there are going to be any more.

VICTORIA PARK

The September meeting was well attended, and a fair amount of business was despatched. A hike was arranged for the Wednesday after show week, to Golland. A fair number of ladies following went, and all had a very pleasant time. The luncheon billy was boiled at Mrs. McKnoon's and visitors afterwards had the pleasure of roasting around the oaks. Mrs. McKnoon was thanked for her kindness and as the day was warm, the tea was very much enjoyed. Another hike will take place in the near future. At the last social Mr. F. McKnoon, of which was raffled, and the cake donated by Mrs. Eland was won by Mrs. Bills. The spot was won by Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones, and the Monte Carlo Waltz by Mr. Primrose partner. Miss May Thomas, who won the Carlisle Popular Girl competition recently held by the Carlisle Auxiliary, was formally welcomed. Card evenings held on each Wednesday still prove a popular form of entertainment, and also a means of building up the amelioration funds. Mrs. Tolmie held a very successful evening on Saturday, October 11, in aid of the building fund.

GERALDTON

The monthly meeting was held at the Council Chambers on Thursday, October 13. Mrs. Morris, president, occupied the chair. The attendance was much better than it had been in the past. We are hoping that we will have a greater number at our next meeting, on November 3. The delegate to the Conference, Mrs. Mcgillivray, read her report, which was very interesting and was greatly enjoyed by all. One case of distress was attended to. The R.S.L. Band Women's Auxiliary decided to hold a dance in the Town Hall on November 11 (Poppy Day).
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