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The Problem of the Prematurely Aged Digger

It is now nearly thirty years since Binet, the great French educational authority, pointed out to an amazed world that there is often a vast difference between the physical age and the chronological age of an individual. Binet's statements were mainly in reference to school children, and, as such, it made a profound impression on teachers who commenced to arrange their pupils in classes according to their mental ages and not as arbitrarily prescribed by their birth certificates. Teachers, physical trainers, doctors and others who have to do with the mental and physical states of individuals know full well the truth of Binet's contentions, though more attention had been given to their mental than to their physical aspects. Even the untrained layman knows that he cannot do at fifty the things that were child's play to him at twenty-five. There comes a time, even in the most sheltered life, when physical deterioration begins to set in. That deterioration can be accelerated and even ante-dated by ill-health, business worries, malnutrition and a host of other ills that the flesh is heir to in the piping times of peace. The prematurely aged person was no isolated phenomenon long ere the war aged banged his awful drum. Imagine then the effects of several years of war strain on the unwounded, effects which, in many cases, are now beginning to come manifest.

But while Binet's hypothesis is recognised in the schoolroom and the consulting room, haphazard democracy ignores it in connection with adults. Retiring ages, and the age for eligibility for Old Age Pensions are fixed arbitrarily, as if all human beings were cast out of a standardised mould. The problem of the aging ex-service man is one which the League must face without delay, and having faced it, must compel administrators to do likewise. The problem is that of the ostensibly fit man who does not draw a pension, and the partially fit man who is on a small pension, both of whom are growing older, and neither of whom, because of his war service, could be marked 100% as regards his earning capacity.

The pensioner is obviously in the better position, but there is not one of us who cannot recall a friend or acquaintance who, though not suffering from visible disability, lack of mental capacity, or moral defects, who, in the words of a once well-known boxer, has lost his punch. The individual in question is willing to work, often able to work, but lacks something which would be present if, his war service had not added ten years or so to his age. Big business firms, and the Government Departments have been able to absorb and carry a proportion of such men, but depression and the more intensive competition it has engendered have rendered impossible for many private employers to do anything in this respect. What, then, is to become of the man who draws no war pension, is not old enough to draw the Old Age Pension, but who, prematurely aged by his war service, is unable to keep step in the route march of life?

Successive Federal Congresses, at the instigation of the Western Australian Branch, have carried resolutions, urging the Commonwealth Government to make ex-service men eligible for the Old Age pension at the age of 55 years. So far, the desired result has not been achieved, but organisations other than the League are urging a general reduction of the age of eligibility for Old Aged Pensions. If a reduction is necessary in the case of the civilian, how much more necessary is it in the case of the man who has become prematurely aged through war service?

The Western Australian Branch has followed Colonel Collett's lead in estab-

lishing a fund to assist aged sailors and soldiers, which was not to be operated upon until ten years after its foundation. Six years must still elapse before anybody can derive any benefit from this fund. What is more, and again through the depression, the fund has not increased to anything like the extent that was at first anticipated, and the amount to its credit at present is only £3,289.

The problem of the aging digger was foreseen, but it is forcing itself on the League with unexpected rapidity. What complicates it still further is the fact that thousands of men put their ages back several years in order to enlist in the A.I.F. These men are now nearing, and even passing, their sixties. Proof of this is to be found in the fact that at least thirty ex-service men are at present housed in the Old Men's Home.

Canada and the United States have coped with the problem as it presents itself in those countries by giving free medical attention and hospital treatment to all ex-service men. In South Australia, patriotic citizens have been able to provide limited residential accommodation for aged diggers. The Queensland Branch, we understand, has in mind a project for establishing men of this category on small holdings.

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THE LISTENING POST
22nd February, 1935

Membership Campaign

"The League Serves—Serve the League"

The State Executive has been giving its attention to League Membership, and is anxious to assist sub-branches in procuring new members. By reason of its very high aims and ideals our organisation is one which should attract all ex-service men to its ranks. The scope of the League work is ever increasing, and we need the assistance of all to achieve our objects. It has been found, however, that further efforts are required to induce eligibles to join. Remarkable though it may seem, there are still numbers of our comrades who are not aware of the ramifications of the R.S.L., and these, we feel sure, only need approaching to enlist their support.

A sub-committee appointed by the State Executive has met on several occasions and submits suggestions for the help and guidance of sub-branch officials in their efforts to maintain and increase membership.

In addition to increased membership this committee's attention is also centred on the retention of present members, the formation of new sub-branches, and the revival of dormant units.

These phases are also dealt with hereunder and with the co-operation asked for we feel confident that a period of months will show definite tangible results to the benefit of the organisation.

Suggestions for Obtaining New Members—

1. A committee be formed, say of 5 members, to be known as the "Membership Committee," which could be added to if necessary.

2. Ask each member of sub-branch to supply the Membership Committee with names of one or more Returned Soldiers, who, to his knowledge, are not members of the sub-branch.

3. The Committee to arrange for at least three members to visit these men, preferably on Sunday mornings.

Retention of Members—

The following are suggestions submitted to sub-branches in an endeavour to make their sub-branch meetings interesting, and so maintain membership:

1. New members should be welcomed at the commencement of each meeting.

2. Entertainments and other functions should be organised to provide finances to keep unemployed members financial. In regard to this question the Executive has made provision for the maintaining of financial status of members, who by reason of unemployment, are unable to pay their subscriptions.

PERSONALLY, WE THINK THE SOLUTION LIES IN AND THROUGH AN AMENDMENT TO THE RE-PATRIATION ACT. CLAUSES MIGHT BE INSERTED TO COVER PREMATURELY AGED EX-SERVICE MEN, WHETHER PENSIONERS ALREADY OR NOT. THE LEAGUE COULD PLAY ITS PART BY MAINTAINING A HOME IN WHICH, BY A SUITABLE ARRANGEMENT WITH THE RE-PATRIATION DEPARTMENT, A PROPORTION OF THE SUSTENANCE ALLOWABLE FOR EX-SERVICE MEN COULD GO TOWARDS DEFRAYING THE COSTS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT'S UPRKEEP. SUCH AN ESTABLISHMENT PROPERLY MANAGED COULD BE MADE ALMOST SELF-SUPPORTING BY GIVING EVERY RESIDENT SOMETHING OF A REMUNERATIVE NATURE TO DO.

WE SUGGEST THAT THE ACT BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE IN THE "Adequate Means of Support" SECTION AT PRESENT APPLYING TO PARENTS OF SOLDIERS WHO DIED AS THE RESULT OF WAR SERVICE, PROVISION FOR SUSTENANCE TO BE PAID IN VARYING DEGREES, ACCORDING TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE EX-SOLDIER, UP TO A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF, SAY THIRTY-SHILLINGS PER WEEK.

MARRIED MEN WHO WOULD NOT NEED THE PROVISION OF A HOME WOULD THEN ALSO BE ADEQUATELY CARED FOR.

THE ONLY INFORMATION THE LEAGUE HAS AT PRESENT AS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS, IS THE STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN THE PRESS THAT SOMETHING IS LIKELY TO BE DONE FOR THE PREMATURELY AGED DIGEST.

According to the Press report, the Minister for Repatriation (Mr. W. M. Hughes) said that he was giving the matter careful consideration, and there, apparently it rests. Possibly, it is consideration of the question of expense that is causing the delay, but even if it costs the country a million a year, the money will be well spent in discharging yet another of the country's many obligations to the men who served overseas. So far, the Government has already shouldered its obligations in respect of obvious war-caused disabilities. The time has now arrived when a broader interpretation of the term "war disability" must be rendered, and it is as much up to us as it is to our Parliamentary representatives, to bring about a recognition of this important fact.

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Federal Assistance to Soldier Settlers

We publish below a letter received from the Chairman of the Land Committee which raises a point which is of particular interest to Soldier Settlers generally—

Gnowangerup,
4th February, 1935.

Mr. W. J. Hunt,
Chairman Land Committee,
R.S.L., Perth.

Dear Sir,—

In the last issue of the "Listening Post" under the heading of the "New Agricultural Bank Bill," it is stated that £1,500,000 has been granted by the State through the Federal Government for Soldier Settlement Relief. Where did the "Listening Post" get this figure, and how was it granted and to whom? No soldier settler in his area has seen anything of it. A Bill was ratified in August last; each State taking over the whole of the Federal Loans, less relief granted, at that time this Bill showed Federal Relief to this State as £796,000. We gave up hope years ago of ever having details of where this went to—mostly, I think, the Peel Estate, but where has the further £800,000 gone. If the 1½ millions is correct, then we must find out what the State Government has done with it.

(Sgd.) S. W. STEWART,
Hon. Secretary.

The following letter dated 19-12-'34, published over the signature of Mr. J. Webster, General Secretary, as received from the Federal Office, answers to a degree the queries set out by the Gnowangerup Sub-Branch.

"With reference to the above resolution which read as follows:—

"That in view of that fact that the Soldier Settlement was a Repatriation responsibility, the Federal Government be urged to fulfil its repatriation obligation to Soldier Settlers and this Conference urges the Federal Executive to press for a grant from the Commonwealth Government to the States, and that this aspect receive first consideration in any proposed policy of rural settlement and rehabilitation."

I am now showing herewith copy of letter received from the Commonwealth Government in reply to representations made in connection therewith.

In addition, it is thought that the following particulars read to the Delegates at the 19th Annual Congress may be of interest:—

1. The original arrangement between the Commonwealth and States was that the States should take sole control and responsibility for Soldier Settlement, the Commonwealth agreeing to raise the funds required on behalf of the States.

2. The Commonwealth, however, in the early years of settlement, made heavy remissions of the interest due by the States to itself. These remissions were made in order that the advances to settlers might be made.

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at a substantially lower rate of interest than would otherwise have been the case. These remissions totalled approximately £4,735,000.

3. On two later occasions the Commonwealth agreed to take over the liabilities for certain of the State debts incurred for soldier settlement. On the second of these occasions Mr. Justice Pike was commissioned to make a recommendation as to the amount which the Commonwealth should contribute. The Judge, in considering the matter, invited the States to submit accounts showing their losses not only up to the date of his enquiry, but including their prospective losses. He also included an amount to enable those States which have not already done so, to provide Home Maintenance Arrears for all soldier settlers.

4. After arriving at the total losses on this basis, Mr. Justice Pike recommended that the Commonwealth bear half of the total loss incurred by the States. Actually the amount borne by the Commonwealth exceeds that proportion.

5. The total losses estimated by Mr. Justice Pike amounting to £23,827,000.

6. The amounts contributed by the Commonwealth may be set out as follows:

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With regard to the suggestion that the question of assistance to soldier land settlers receive first consideration in any proposed policy of rural settlement and rehabilitation, I am to inform you that the whole question of the assistance to be given to rural industries generally is receiving the careful attention of the Government in consultation with the several State Governments, and that the Commonwealth Government's policy in relation to it will be announced in due course.

It will be noticed that the actual amount of remission of indebtedness and interest concessions amount to £1,477,688. This amount as indicated is made up of £796,000 remission of indebtedness, £681,688 interest concessions. Many inquiries have been made from time to time as to the method of disbursement of these concessions, but beyond that indicated in the Federal Circular we have never succeeded in obtaining any information from the State Government regarding details. We can assume, however, that the amount has been allocated under the two headings and has to some extent benefited soldier settlers.

LISTENING POST

We receive numerous complaints from members of metropolitan and country sub-branches that they have not been posted “The Listening Post.” One of the main reasons has been found to be the neglect to notify the Head Office of the League of new members or of the renewal of a subscription. It is pointed out to sub-branch secretaries that the only means whereby Head Office becomes aware of its members is by the duplicate receipts being forwarded at the end of each month in which the subscriptions are paid. If secretaries do not observe this procedure, then Head Office is not aware of its full membership and dissatisfaction is caused amongst members by the non-receipt of the official organ. We particularly ask that in all cases receipts be forwarded at the end of the month in which they are issued, and even if no subscriptions are collected during the month a “Nil” return be forwarded to Head Office.

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At the meeting of the State Executive on January 30, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Collett, Hunt, Philip, Aberle, Freedman, Margolin, Warner, Bryan, Lamb, Watt, Cornwell, Lovell, Pady, Ross, Wilkins, Mellor, Collins, Farquharson and Cox. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. May, Panton and Wells.

The State President welcomed Colonel A. R. Baxter Cox, the new Executive Delegate. Colonel Cox was appointed to the House Committee and the Anzac Day Committee.

Congratulations

The State President's action in forwarding congratulations to Sir Carl Jess and Miss Mary Meares on recent honours conferred by His Majesty the King, was confirmed.

Anzac House.

It was agreed that the photographs of Anzac House for presentation to the several State Branches to be approved, and that the print be arranged so as to include the flag poles with flags flying. It was further agreed—

1. That with the completion of the Building Contract and following the adoption of the final report of the Anzac House Committee, the Anzac House Committee be dissolved.

2. That the present House Committee be entrusted with the management of Anzac House, its responsibility not to include the liquidation of the debt on the building.

3. That the present House Committee, on assuming its duties as indicated in paragraph 2, be known in future as the Anzac House Committee.

4. That the Anzac House Committee, before dissolution, be asked to submit proposals for the liquidation of the balance of the debt.

The photographs of the Anzac Memorial, Sydney, was received from the New South Wales Branch and it was agreed that a suitable acknowledgment be made.

Advice was received that the Bell presented by the Victorian Branch had been shipped on the "Katoomba." It was agreed that the decision as desired by the Victorian Branch for presentation by telephone should take place at the next Executive meeting, February 13.

Yampi Sound.

The State Secretary reported that he had been in touch with the Minister concerned and had been informed that there was no official information available in connection with the leasing of Yampi Sound to representatives of a foreign country. It was further pointed out that no such lease could be held by an Asiatic alien.

It was agreed that the information as supplied by the Minister be sent to the Fremantle and Bunbury sub-branches and that they be informed that should any information on the lines as indicated by them come to hand, the State Executive will deal with the matter.

Special Certificates of Service.

Victoria Park sub-branch had applied for two certificates of service in addition to the one President's, one Secretary's, and one special certificate already granted. The Management Committee recommended that the further two special certificates be granted and that a suitable amendment to Rule 26 (a) be submitted to Congress to provide for other special certificates a year.

This recommendation was agreed to with the exception that the application of Victoria Park sub-branch be deferred pending the decision of Congress on the matter.

Reports of visits were submitted as follows:

—Collie, Belmont, Guildford-Bassendean, and Maidem and Limbs Association, the State President. The State Secretary reported on a visit to the Fremantle sub-branch.

The following tour of sub-branches was approved:

—Waroona, February 16, Messrs. Wilkins and Collins; Narrogin, February 23, the State President and Mr. Aberle; No. 2 D.C. Tour, the State President or Vice-President with Mr. Warner and the Secretary. The appointment of delegates to visit Quairading on March 27 and for the No. 4 D.C. Tour was deferred for further consideration.

S.S.L.

The committee appointed by the S.S.L. Conference to conduct the Colonel Collett Shield competition met on January 17. Five sub-branches have nominated for the competition and the committee desired to know if the State Executive considered that the Shield should now be donated. In view of the pending S.S.L. Conference this matter was deferred for further consideration.

Ministerial Visit

Colonel Olden reported that Colonel White, the Minister for Customs, during his visit to Perth, had been conducted over Anzac House and suitably entertained by Executive delegates.

Aged Soldiers.

A letter from the Federal Executive, dealing with the question of special pensions for prematurely aged soldiers was referred to the Pensions Committee, and after discussion, Mr. Watt moved and Colonel Lamb seconded, that the State Secretary communicate with other States to obtain information as to whether any other service men who experience difficulty in finding employment because of advancing age, and when available, refer the information to the Pensions Committee for consideration. The motion was carried unanimously.

Sub-branches.

The appointment of officials as advised by the following sub-branches was approved:—

Mr. Hawthorn, Koorda, Mr. Lawley, Upper Waddan, Kirup, West Leederville and Cowaramup.

Royal Australian Navy.

The Ex-Naval Men's Association requested the League's assistance in furthering the proposal they had made through the Perth City Council that a unit of the Royal Australian Navy should be named after the city of Perth. It was agreed that the Federal Executive be asked to approach the necessary authorities to that effect that in the event of an addition to the Fleet, it should be named after the city of Perth.

S.S.L., Osborne Park.

A communication from the S.S.L. Osborne Park, was received and referred to the sub-committee appointed. No official reply has been received from the Osborne Park sub-branch concerning the matter, but it was reported that the sub-branch had not agreed to the recommendations forwarded as the result of the last Executive meeting.

Anzac Club.

A communication from the Maylands sub-branch in connection with the Anzac Club, was sent to the Club Secretary to be referred to his committee, and the Maylands sub-branch was advised accordingly.

A.R.M. Shield.

It was agreed that the necessary meeting of the metropolitan sub-branches be called to appoint the committee to conduct the competitions this year.

Anzac Day.

At the request of the Claremont sub-branch, it was agreed that the Executive appoint the State Government in an endeavour to obtain free travelling facilities on trains and trains up to 1 p.m., on Anzac Day for all ex-service men.

Donation.

A donation of £10 to Anzac House from the Koorda sub-branch was received, and it was agreed that a suitable letter of appreciation be forwarded.

FEBRUARY 13th, 1935

At the meeting of the State Executive on February 13, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Riley, Collett, Philip, Denton, Hunt, Aberle, Freedman, Margolin, Warner, Watt, Lovell, Pady, Wilkins, Wells, Mellor, Collins and Howard. Leave was granted to Colonel Olden, Messrs. May, Lamb, Cornwell, Ross and Farquharson.

S.S.L.

It was agreed in connection with the forthcoming S.S.L. Conference, that in addition to the representatives of parent sub-branches, any other sub-branch desiring to be represented be invited to send one delegate.

Rabbi Freedman reported that it had been arranged to hold the first S.S.L. Conference on May 17, and that one delegate from each
sub-branch had been invited, together with one delegate from each parent sub-branch.

The Management Committee had agreed that the Conference be opened by the State President and presided over by Rabbi Freedman, and it further recommended that one delegate from any other sub-branch be permitted to attend. The report was adopted, with the following addition: That any member of the League who is duly credited by his sub-branch be invited to attend.

Visits.

The following itinerary for visits to sub-branches was approved tentatively:

- Thursday, April 4, afternoon, York: evening, Quairading.
- Friday, April 5, afternoon, Bruce Rock: evening, Aradath.
- Saturday, April 6, afternoon, M&Bgdin: evening, Merredin.
- Sunday, April 7, morning, Baanee: afternoon, return to Perth.
- April 12, Yeleering.

Presentation by Victorian Branch.

Business was suspended to enable the reception of a speech by telephone from Mr. George Holland, President of the Victorian Branch, that being amplified to the meeting. This was in connection with a bell which had been previously received, and which was now officially presented to the W.A. Branch by Mr. Holland. Unfortunately, through atmospheric conditions, the reception of Mr. Holland's speech was only fair.

It was agreed that the State Secretary forward by telegram the thanks and appreciation of the Executive.

Membership Committee.

The report of the Membership Committee, which was adopted, stated that a circular had been prepared for promulgation to sub-branches containing suggestions for obtaining new members, retention of members, and the formation of new sub-branches.

Relief Fund Trustees.

The report for the month of January showed that 40 A.I.P. men and 26 Imperial men had been assisted involving an expenditure of £70 6s. 10d.

Sleeping Accommodation.

The Federal Secretary advised that approval had now been given for the issue of Second Class sleeping berth tickets in all cases where men were called up by the Recruitment Department, except where the Medical Officer considered that first class sleeping accommodation was necessary.

Anzac Day.

The Federal Secretary advised that in response to representations made by Federal Congress, arrangements had been made for the issue of an Anzac Postage stamp in March.

Sub-Branches.

Archdeacon Riley reported on his visit to the Nedlands Sub-branch, and Mr. Watt on his visit to the Subiaco Sub-branch.

The appointment of officers as advised by the Busselton, Collie, Kojonup, Yandalooka and Manjimup Sub-branches was confirmed.

Appointment.

A communication from Mr. J. Lewis, former Secretary of Cowaramup Sub-branch, conveying appreciation for Certificates of Service was received.

Trade Relations.

A communication was received from the Kununurra Sub-branch concerning trading relations between Australia and the United Kingdom. It was agreed that the sub-branch be thanked for the interest shown.

Earl Haig.

The M&Bgdin Sub-branch asked if the League had issued any protest against that portion of Lloyd George's Memoirs which reflected upon the late Earl Haig.

It was moved by Colonel Collett and seconded by Captain Collins that this Executive, representing the ex-service men of Western Australia who had the honour of serving the Empire under the leadership of the late Earl Haig, heartily endorses the recent statement of General Sir Phillip Chetwode on the subject, and prefers to accept as certain the account of Lloyd George's earlier and more generous appreciation of the Field Marshal's genius and devotion to duty rather than that inscribed in his lately published Memoirs.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Marketing Primary Produce.

The Kojonup Sub-branch stated that an injustice had been done to returned soldiers and other wool growers by the clauses of the Transport Act, which forbids growers to market their wool in their own motor vehicles, and asked that the matter be brought before the Minister concerned. On the motion of Messrs. Watt and Wells, it was decided that Kojonup's claim be supported in so far as it referred to the transport of live stock, and that the matter be referred to the Land Committee for action.

Anzac Day.

The Rottnest Board of Control desired to know if the League had any objection to the arrangement of a special trip by the S.S. Zephyr to Rottnest on Anzac Day in connection with which a special service would be held on the vessel during the voyage.

On the motion of Messrs. Philp and Wells, it was decided to inform the Board of Control that the Executive could not support this project.

Anzac House.

It was agreed that suitable thanks be forwarded to the Perth Sub-branch S.S.L. for a donation of £5 5s. to Anzac House, this being the amount won by the organisation as a prize during the recent "Buy a Brick" appeal.

Funerals—Ex-Imperial Men.

Norwood Sub-branch again brought under notice the question of responsibility for defraying the costs of interring Ex-Imperial men who die in indigent circumstances.

On the motion of Mr. Watt and Colonel Margolin, it was agreed that a deputation be appointed by the State President, wait upon the Minister concerned to ascertain if the amount already provided for the funerals of persons dying in indigent circumstances would still be made available if the League agreed to augment the sum in the case of an Ex-Imperial soldier who came within this category.

Distinguished Visitors.

Colonel Collett reported having met and conducted Brigadier-General Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, V.O., Governor Designate of New South Wales, over Anzac House as he passed through Perth on his way to Sydney.
THE LISTENING POST

PEACE AND WAR

T. W. McNama ra writes from Collie

As a reader of the Listening Post would beg of you the favour of space since am wondering why "Pip Tok" so regularly uses his column for the purpose of tacking the Anti-War movement on to the communists. The anti-war movement is not solely a communist activity, as he seems to think; it is a fact that communists generally are engaged in spreading anti-war propaganda, but it is not a fact that all engaged in spreading anti-war propaganda are communists. As an example, I am quoting in full a news item which appeared in the "West Australian," dated January 2nd last, and which was headed as follows:—Anti-War Campaign, Actual War pictures to be used, Ottawa December 31st. "Official Great War pictures hitherto held secret by the government, have been made into a film, to be shown by the Canadian Legion as part of an Anti-War Campaign, so for "Pip Tok" to so regularly join the two displays lack of knowledge of the anti-war movement. The writer knows many respectable and loyal people who are actively engaged in spreading anti-war propaganda; the writer also does his bit, but none of them are communists, they believe that war is a matter of cause and effect, but if "Pip Tok" thinks that war is something which must be suffered, like the measles and chicken-pox, may he have the courage of his convictions and come into the open.

"Pip Tok" replies—

Mr. McNamara's naive admission that the "anti-war movement is not solely a communist activity" is no refutation of anything I have written in the Scabberds Off column. That many estimable people, who are sincere in their desire to bring about universal peace, have allowed themselves to be duped by the Aunties, does not alter the fact that those who are most active in the organisation under discussion are avowed communists. Further, the wording of a heading in the "West Australian," like the flowers that bloom in the spring, has nothing to do with the case. It is the subject matter of the news item which counts. Unfortunately for my critic's argument, I, in common with most regular pressmen in this country, know only too much of the activities of these people. So apparently do the members of the Victorian Labour Party, who rejected the overtures of the Aunties, definitely refusing to associate themselves with a communist organisation. The "lack of knowledge" to which Mr. McNamara refers is in his own corner and not in mine.

Perhaps Mr. McNamara resents the appellation "communist," but people who associate themselves with avowed communists and support, in spite of their specious protestations of loyalty, what is generally recognised by newspaper readers as communist propaganda, have only themselves to blame if they are classified accordingly.

If Mr. McNamara ever reads anything other than anti-war propaganda, may I suggest that he read "Sapper's latest Bulldog Drummond story which, though fiction, shows clearly how pacifists who allow their zeal to outrun their discretion may be made the dunces and the tools of disruptive forces and so become a greater menace to the cause of peace than the most rabid jingo.

The remainder of Mr. McNamara's protest is merely silly. What, if anything, does he mean by my having the courage of my convictions? For the preventibility of war, when, in the Listening Post or anywhere else have I ever suggested that war must be suffered like measles and chicken-pox? I believe all these things can be prevented, but I do not believe that funny little fellows who have never seen a shot fired and are now coming out of their funk-holes to advise men who did, will ever be able to nag the world into peace.

SONS OF SOLDIERS' LEAGUE

The Constitution of the Sons of Soldiers' League came into force in November, 1931. Clause 7 reads—

"At the termination of three years from the date of this Constitution coming into force, it shall be subject to review by a Conference of delegates in each State. Each sub-branch shall have one delegate at such a conference. The conclusions of each State Conference shall be submitted through the State Executive to the Federal Executive of the R.S.L., which will formulate recommendations to the Federal Congress of the parent organisation."

It has been decided to hold the first Conference at Anzac House commencing on Wednesday, May 15 at 10 a.m. As stated above, each sub-branch of the S.S.L. is entitled to one delegate.

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An invitation is also extended to a delegate from each R.S.L. sub-branch, and any member of the League, provided he is accredited by his sub-branch. Voting powers, however, will be confined to S.S.L. delegates. Please forward the names of representatives as early as possible.

Items for inclusion on the Agenda Paper are invited from all S.S.L. sub-branches and associated Parent sub-branches. Such items should have for their object:

(1) The removal of anomalies and defects discovered during the working of the organisation.

(2) The institution of improved methods for attaining the full objects of the S.S.L.

The closing date for the receipt of items at the State-Secretary's Office is fixed for March 31, 1935. An Agenda Paper will be prepared and circulated to all sub-branches so that they may have an opportunity of considering items and instructing their delegates thereon. Matter for the Agenda Paper should be submitted as early as possible so as to facilitate preparation.

'"Delegates' from country sub-branches living without a radius of 25 miles from Perth will be permitted to travel at concession rates, and if each sub-branch will advise as early as possible the name of its delegate, it will be arranged for a concession warrant to be forwarded in order to obtain this concession at least six country sub-branches must send delegates.

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PREFERENCE TO RETURNED SOLDIERS
Commonwealth Public Service

The Federal Secretary writes:—For general information I desire to show hereunder extract from the Eleventh Report on the Commonwealth Public Service by the Board of Commissioners, dealing with the above matter:

"No departure has been made, either as regards permanent or temporary employment, from close observance of the principle embodied in the Public Service Act of preference to returned soldiers. During the year under notice, the requirements of the Service for adult male officers were met by 108 appointments. Of these the great majority (87) were of returned soldiers. The remainder (23) comprised University Graduates, appointees to positions requiring technical or professional qualifications, ex-officers from Commonwealth and State services, and two appointees to Fourth Division positions. In none of these cases were returned soldiers with the requisite qualifications available. The total number of appointments of returned soldiers made to the permanent staff up to 30th June, 1934, was 5,442. The numbers of returned soldiers on the temporary and exempt staff on 30th June, 1934, was approximately 1,790.

"In the past, it has been necessary in some cases to reject returned soldiers for permanent appointment by reason of medical examination disclosing definite prospects of early incapacity. An important factor in considering such cases was the liability to premature retirement, and consequent heavy charges on the Superannuation Fund, from which, under former provisions of the law, such appointees could not have been expected. An amendment of Section 84 (8) of the Public Service Act has now been made to provide that, if any physical defect of a returned soldier is likely to prevent continuance of efficient service up to the age of 60 years, he shall not, if appointed to the Commonwealth Service, be deemed to be an employee within the meaning, and for the purpose of, the Superannuation Act. This has permitted the Board to appoint to the permanent staff returned soldiers who under the previous conditions could not be regarded as eligible for appointment."

The amendment to Section 84 (8) of the Commonwealth Public Service Act, mentioned in the above extract, is, of course, the result of representations made in connection with Resolution No. 99, 18th Annual Congress and other similar resolutions, reference to which was made by the Federal President in his address to the 19th Annual Congress and also in a memorandum forwarded with Circular 139/34 of the 22nd August, 1934.

PREFERENCE IN THE CITY COUNCIL

On December 17th, 1934, the City Council decided to give a practical demonstration of its policy of preference to returned soldiers by passing the following resolution:—"That a member of the Corps of Commissionaires be engaged to patrol the City Beach during the week-ends and public holidays until the close of the summer season, and that the Commissioner appointed be sworn in as a Special Constable."

This, however, did not please some of the councillors, and the Chairman of the Endowment Lands Committee, together with the Town Clerk, tried to veto the will of the Council, and on the 4th February, 1935 (nearly two months later), sought to get that resolution rescinded. The attempt failed, however, and the returned soldier is now doing the job, and doing it well.

The Chairman of the Committee concerned in opening the attack on the resolution, said that he believed in giving preference to returned soldiers, but he did not think they were capable of doing this job. He thought that our youth of the day would respect only a police-
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VARIA

Though provision was made in pay-books for a will, such a small percentage of Diggers troubled to record their final wishes that in 1917 a special Army form was passed round with orders that it was to be completed and returned to headquarters. The object was to prevent a conflict of claims from the original next-of-kin in Australia and legatees of later date in Blighty and elsewhere. Thousands had never previously bothered about a will, believing deferred pay was their only asset; a war gratuity in those days didn't even get mention in the furphy list. One Digger of this type passing in his will form when compelled to, and being summoned to orderly room on the ground that the document required further explanation. The testator had contented himself with mentioning that he had no particular fancy as a legatee, in fact didn't cotton on to any of his relatives or sheilas, but man's uniform. This opinion was shared by a recently-elected councillor, who seconded the motion.

Thanks to the presence of a few returned soldiers and some supporters (headed by Councillor Fraser), the motion to rescind was negatived. Councillors voted in the following lines:—For the motion:—Crs. Henderson, O'Brien, Farr, Lee, Raphael, Read, Totterdell, Veryard and Wright. Against the motion:—Crs. Baker, Brigatti, Beadle, Caddy, Fraser, Hardwicke, Higgins, Howling, Jenkins, Langley, H. S. Raphael, Simper and Tandy.

THE CORPSAL'S BATMAN SAYS:—There were many ways of obtaining promotion, but the smartness which resulted in a fellow-signaller's first lift always struck me as unique. From September to the evacuation our battalion and another took turns to garrison Lone Pine; and among other things a few of us signs attended to a telephone situated in a 'cosy dug-out. Almost opposite, was the burrow of a company O.C. and when things were quiet he would remain underground reading and sipping rum. He developed a peculiar habit: whenever a shell exploded on or near our sector he would call the signaller at the telephone, “Was that one of ours or theirs, Signaller?” and we'd answer to the best of our ability. At last a fed-up cobber got his chance. A “broomstick” bomb exploded near the mouth of the O.C.'s burrow, and as the officer removed a quantity of Turkish territory from his eyes and mouth the signaller loudly announced: “That was one of theirs, sir.” The O.C. saw the humour and became interested in the humourist; he interviewed the Signaller and, soon after my cobber was promoted a “buckshere” corporal. This proved the first of many promotions, and he returned home a lieutenant. Incidentally, the O.C. never put the question again.

THE SPARE CORP. WRITES:—Many a Digger learned some of the first principles of strategy in Blackboy camp during the early days of the war. I still recall the first occasion when I approached the autocrat in charge of the training squadron with the deferential request: “Sergeant, may I have leave for the week-end?” From his reply I gathered that the bare suggestion was outrageous when the Empire was at death-grips with the rest of the world, and the absence of a single soldier from his post might throw the whole organisation of the army into a state of chaos. I also learned something of the sergeant's unflattering opinion on my appearance and cleanliness, and of his heartfelt sympathy for my parents before I was detailed to a road-repairing fatigue. Later I was initiated into another way to set about obtaining leave. It was simplicity itself. Just a bottle of whisky placed under the sergeant's pillow during his absence and a written application for the desired leave presented to the worthy accompanied by the formula: “There's a baby under your pillow, Sergeant.” But even in those days whisky was an expensive item, and it was much cheaper and just as effective, to watch some other aspirant deposit the “baby” and beat him to the sergeant!

A CORRESPONDENT WRITES:—Why are some Smoke Socials of R.S.L. Sub-branches considered the correct place by a few people to tell a yarn that is “over the odds”? Surely there are enough anecdotes still fresh in the minds of Diggers with sufficient wit and humour contained in them, without descending to tales which all decent minded men have no time at all for. There is an abundance of talent available for the asking; and no Sub-branch should be at loss to put on a clean, sparkling programme for these occasions. Perhaps a few words from the Chairman at the commencement of the evening would go a long way towards the prevention of this growing bad habit, or the time honoured Digger custom of counting the offender out might meet the bill. At all events it is time the incidents referred to above were cut out, for the sake of the good name of the League of which most of us are very jealous.

At the first February meeting of the State Executive, the Pensions and Employment Committee reported that as the result of representations made through State Congress, the Commonwealth Government has now agreed to provide second class sleeper tickets for all ex-service men travelling at night to attend at the Repatriation Department. Where a doctor considers that it is necessary, first class sleeper accommodation will be provided.

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The number of ex-service men registered for employment at the end of January was 977, and of these 508 had reported during the month.

With reference to the resolution of the State Congress last year, which asked that in country districts all local unemployed be absorbed in local works before men are brought from the city, the employment officer, on making inquiries, was informed that local men are picked up first for any relief work in this district before men are drawn from elsewhere.

In the Eleventh Annual Report of the Board of Commissioners, on the Commonwealth Public Service, it was stated that there had been 108 male officers appointed to the service during the year ended June 30, 1934, and of these 85 were returned soldiers. The total number of appointments of returned soldiers made to the permanent staff up to June 30, 1934, was 5,442, and the number of soldiers on the temporary and exemption staff as at the same date was approximately 1,790.

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**THE PERSONAL TOUCH**


The historian relates the deeds of great men, and the biographer does his best to present to the reader the human and more familiar aspects of the great; but the historian is too often a propagandist, and the biographer only too frequently assumes the role of the special pleader. It is in their own private correspondence that the great men of history reveal-themselves. That is why the letters of men who have achieved something are especially interesting to the general reader and constitute the raw material from which their biographies are constructed. The world's great men, whether men of action or men of thought, have never lacked the gift of expression, possibly because they have possessed the collateral gift of being able to think clearly. Sir John Monash is no exception to this rule. The editor of the letters, Mr. F. M. Cutlack, who is himself one of the official historians of Australia's share in the Great War, pays tribute to Sir John's simple and lucid style, "his admirable running narrative, and the sagacity of his judgement of events on the spot." With, the exception of a few addressed to personal friends, the letters now published for the first time in book form, were written by the late Sir John Monash to his wife and daughter. It is doubtful if they were intended for publication, even at this late stage, and, in some respects, it is a pity that they were taken from the privacy of the family's escritoire and thrust into the glare of publicity. They contain much that is controversial, much that will hurt, much that we feel sure Sir John would be the first to suppress were he living to-day.

It should be remembered, however, that they were written during the heat of the campaigns they describe and not in the calm seclusion of the study, when distance has prevented events in perspective and time has mellowed judgments. As admitted by the book's editor, a certain egotism is present in some of the letter, but, as Mr. Cutlack points out, we were all very proud of ourselves during the last year of the War and very prone to be duly critical of others, so that in this respect, Sir John was not alone in his glory: After all, there is a vast difference between self-confidence and egotism. The book is especially interesting in that it describes a great man's mental and spiritual reactions to the events in which he played such a prominent part.

If egotism is present, so is the saving grace of humour, and so is a pride in the men under the writer's command and appreciation of their services. The description of how certain men landed in Colombo in defiance of orders and of their escapades ashore is told in breezy style, and one suspects that even such a disciplinarian as Sir John had a sly sympathy with the defaulters. There was humour as well as pathos in the grim tragedy of Gallipoli, and readers of this section of the book will chuckle as many any incongruous incident is recalled. But there is no attempt to gloss over the stark horror of scientific war. Like most of the world's great captains, Sir John Monash was intensely humane, looking on the ordeal of battle as a means to an end, and not the end itself. He can blend humour with pathos, pity with admiration, praise with blame, and through it all there is a glowing pride in that modern man-at-arms, the Digger.

From the reviewer's point of view, the section dealing with the Gallipoli campaign is the most interesting. The experience was a new one, and the powers of observation had not been blunted by the long drawn-out agony of trench life. Sir John's earlier letters manifest all the vele of the undergraduate describing a vacation trip. Later, when the seriousness of Great Adventure becomes more apparent, they are tinged with a sadness, but a sadness that never degenerates into the maudlin self-pity that was so evident in the spate of war-books of a few years ago.

The editor has done his work well; so has the publisher. The letters are divi—

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Someone put this one over Ross McLarty, M.L.A., at the re-union of the Waroona Sub-branch. An old lady in the Terrace said to a gentleman friend: "Which Mr. McLarty was that I saw you speaking to a while ago?" On being told it was the genial Ross, she explained, "Dear me. You know, he looks more like a McLarty than any other McLarty I've ever seen."

The suggestion by a correspondent that the Anti-War League is not a communist organisation but merely one which contains many communists reminds me of one of the brightest things "Dryblower" Murphy ever said. One morning in the back bar of the Criterion, some tedious person awakened the Bacon-Shakespeare argument. As the wrangle developed, "Dryblower" became obviously more and more bored. Finally, one of the disputants referred to him: "What do you reckon, Murph? Do you think Shakespeare wrote Shakespeare's plays?" "No," Murph replied, almost with a snarl. "It wasn't Shakespeare. It was another bloke of the same name."

Fred. Warner is responsible for this one. During the country cricket week a lad was told about an invisible glass window in a shop in Hay Street, and packed off to inspect it while the mob adjourned for a quick one. The explorer came back full of wrath and looking for a fight. "Invisible glass be hanged," he roared, "I spent nearly half an hour looking for it and couldn't see it."

The Swiss socialists have announced that they will, in future, support their own country's defence policy. Dutch and Belgian socialists have made similar decisions, being goaded thereto by the present aggressive aims of the Nazis. That was the reason they gave the Press, but no doubt the usual ballyhoo will rise on its hind legs and say they have been bribed by the wicked armament makers.

Speaking of these armament makers, and the enormous influence they are supposed to exert, reminds me that revered gentlemen who make wild charges against public men have received a sharp warning in the verdict in the action Sir John Simon recently brought against a clerical traducer. While enthusiastic propagandists confine their charges to generalities they are on safe ground, but when they attack public men, they have either to substantiate their charges, or get the les-

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SCABBARDS OFF!
(By Pip Tok.)

A correspondent complains that naughty stories have been told at sub-branch meetings and asks for my views on the matter. I cannot imagine why he should pick me, unless he submits samples of the stories complained of I am hardly in a position to judge.

The other Sunday, the Pink Lydy of Stirling Street gaily splashed the news that the King reads "The Sunday Times." Our contemporary forgot to mention whether His Majesty read it in the original or whether he was supplied with an English translation.

Ours is not the only branch of the League to fight for reduction of tram and train fares on Anzac Day. In view of the fact that next Anzac Day is the 25th Anniversary of the famous Landing, and representations made by the State Branch, the New South Wales Government has granted concession rates to ex-service men. The Victorian Branch is fighting for similar concessions. The Western Australian Government appears to be unique in exploiting Anzac Day by increasing tram fares on this day of days.

They were having a rubber of "domestic" bridge after dinner. Among the players was the host's grandmother and a French gentleman. After a few minutes it became clear that the old lady had revoked, but in order to avoid a scene, her grandson assumed the blame, and apologised profusely. A short time later the aged player again offended, whereupon the foreign guest bowed gallantly and said: "Madame, will you have zis one with me?"

They were divided into three sections—Gallipoli, Sir John as a Divisional Commander, and Sir John as a Corps Commander during the final months of victory. The volume is attractively presented and beautifully illustrated, but it will not enhance Sir John's reputation nor add a cubit to his stature. As a revelation of Monsalith the man, even as the raw material or history, it is both interesting and valuable and should, therefore, form an addition to every sub-branch library; but it will provide food for interminable controversy and endless wrangling.

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son they deserve. Incidentally, the charge that the armament makers have squandered the Press carries its own contradiction. The very fact that such charges are made shows that the Press does not influence public opinion to anything like the extent most people imagine.

Mr. L. Robb, President of the New South Wales Branch has complained of the way the digger is represented on the stage, over the air, and in a section of the weekly Press. "The Listening Post" has complained similarly from time to time, not without result, for on the last occasion this paper did so a hypercritical gentleman replied in great anger, not because the digger had been misrepresented, but because to his mind his own favourite weekly seemed to be reflected on.

The magic number eleven came into prominence in an unexpected way last Armistice Day. In his morning's mail on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, a well-known member of the League received a letter from the Bank asking him to reduce his overdraft of £11 11s. 1d. He found it hard to preserve the regulation two minute's silence.

When Field Marshal Sir George Milne, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, was G.O.C., the Allied Armies in Macedonia during the war, his imposing saloon motor car carried a large Union Jack, and all ranks had strict orders to salute this on sight. It is said that on one occasion in the summer of 1917 the Commander-in-Chief's car drew up at Lembert Camp, at the exact spot where an Army Service Corps private was lounging away a spare hour. The private was so astonished that he lost all power of action. Sir George stepped smartly from the car and demanded, "Have you been given any orders as to what you should do when you see that flag?"

"Yes, sir," replied the man. "What were you told to do?" was the next question. "Please, sir, the sergeant told me to hop it like hell."

A young man in love bought his lady-love some flowers. "How wonderful of you to bring me these lovely flowers!" said the girl. "They are so beautiful and fresh; I think there is a little dew on them yet," The young man looked embarrassed. "Well," he said after some hesitation, "there is; but I'm going to pay it off next week."

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TRAVELLING OF PENSIONERS

In answer to a resolution passed by State Congress last year, the Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation writes:-

"That the Repatriation Department be requested when calling up pensioners for review (1) To give more consideration to the convenience of trains, in order to avoid an excessive time being spent on the journey; and (2) To so arrange their business as to avoid calling pensioners for 10 a.m. and keeping them waiting all day."

The Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation writes-

"I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 10th January, 1935, forwarding a copy of a resolution carried at the last State Congress of the League relative to the calling up of pensioners for review, etc., and to inform you that the matter has been carefully noted.

However, it is mentioned that every consideration has always been given to the convenience of pensioners travelling from country centres by train and appointments are made only after careful study of the railway time tables to ensure that ex-soldiers travel by the shortest route; this course also means that the time spent in travelling and at this office is cut down to the minimum to avoid any unnecessary absence from home and work.

With regard to the second portion of the resolution quoted by you, I have to say that it would only be an exceptional case that would be delayed at this office so long, but every effort is made to avoid such instances. It might be mentioned, however, that rare cases have come under notice of a pensioner warned for medical examination at 10 a.m. attending at the right time, but failing to hand in his appointment card, his presence only being noticed after all other pensioners have been dealt with.

ANZAC CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Anzac Club will take place at Anzac House on March 29, and nominations for the following offices will close with the returning officer on February 28:-President, Vice-President, 7 Committee men, Auditor. The Returning Club Committee are:-Colonel Olden, Colonel Lamb, Messrs. Yeates, W. J. Hunt, L. J. McDowell, G. H. Philp, W. A. Wilkins, Colonel E. Margolin.

The League's auditor, Mr. J. J. Fren dergast, is the auditor of the Club, and with the foregoing Committee men is eligible for re-election.

Any member resident in the Metropolitan area or country who cannot attend the Club meeting on March 29, may forward a proxy vote to the President, Colonel Olden, or in his absence the Vice-President, or in his absence one of the members of the committee, to act for him at the annual meeting.

SUB-BRANCH RE-UNIONS

The following are Country Sub-branch fixtures for which State Executive repre-
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SOLDIERS' CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The monthly meeting of the Soldiers' Children's Scholarship Trust was held at the Repatriation Department on Friday; Rabbi Freedman presiding over a good attendance of members.

Appeal.—The Secretary reported that a further appeal had been made to the Women's Auxiliaries for financial assistance, and it was hoped that the appeal would be as successful as the last one which was well supported by the Women's Auxiliaries.

Schoolbooks.—Applications providing books for 236 children and involving an expenditure of £105 were approved.

Scholarships.—The Secretary reported that in connection with recommendations for scholarships made by the Trust, the following had been approved and the studies had commenced studies at the respective schools:

- Perth Modern School
- Goldfields High School
- Northam High School
- Albany High School
- Narrogin School of Agriculture
- Perth Technical College
- Hale School
- Wesley College
- Methodist Ladies' College
- Sacred Heart, Highgate
- Ladies' College, Victoria Square
- Stott's Business College

The wife of an American musician, a bride of a year, was pushing a perambulator in which were three fine girl babies—triplets, when she met another, who had been married only for a few weeks.

"What beautiful babies!" exclaimed the newly married one.

"Yes," replied the proud mother, "and let me tell you the funniest coincidence. At our wedding, Mr. Sousa and his band serenaded us, and they played 'Three Little Maids' from The Mikado. Isn't that funny?"

"At this, the other bride turned pale. "Good heavens!" she gasped. "We were serenaded, too, and they played the Sextette from Lucia."

A very junior naval officer was undergoing a course of instruction at a port where "ragging" was popular. One day a distinguished-looking man in mufti encountered the youngster, who took no notice.

"You don't appear to know who I am," said the man in mufti. And then he added, impressively: "I'm the Admiral Superintendent."

The junior scented the usual leg-pull.

"Well," he said, casually, "you've got a jolly good job if you don't lose it through drink."

After much effort the house was built, and the foreman told his man to stay in one room whilst he went into another and spoke to him through the wall.

"Can you hear me, Jack?" he asked.

"Yes," replied Jack. "Can you see me?"

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Recently Colonel Collett had the privilege of conducting through Anzac House a distinguished visitor in the person of Brigadier-General Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B., who passed through Perth on his way to Sydney, where he will succeed Sir Philip Game as Governor of New South Wales. Sir Alexander is no stranger to Australia. He came out years ago as Military Secretary to Lord Dudley, the third Governor-General of the Commonwealth, and since the War he has been Governor of South Australia. The new Governor, who will be every bit as popular as his predecessor, entered the Highland Light Infantry after leaving Eton, and transferred subsequently to the 1st Dragoon Guards, and to the Welsh Guards, whom he commanded for a time in France. His Victoria Cross was won in the Sudan where he saw much service. He also served in Somaliland against the Mad Mullah, and in the Great War, during which he was severely wounded on Gallipoli. Sir Alexander finished the war as G.O.C. 1st Brigade Guards.

Sir Philip Game who was Governor of New South Wales during a long and troubled period, leaves the Mother State with the affection and good wishes of all sections of the community. During his tenure of office he took a personal interest in the affairs of the League, and before his departure he wrote to the Editor of Reveille as follows:

"As there are, thank Heaven, far more of you than I could possibly give a hand-shake before leaving New South Wales, may I say good-bye and good luck through Reveille."

"I came out wholly a 'Pommy,' I go home half a-Digger. And it is you fellows, with your unfailing kindness and humour all your own, who have made me so.

"Sick or well, crippled of active, you have packed up your troubles when I came, along no matter where, and have smiled, smiled, smiled. And if I have sometimes glimpsed something of the tragedy behind the smiles, my eyes have been dazzled by the brilliant light of your courage.

"Good-bye, good luck. God bless you all."

Diggers and a host of citizens who were not diggers, will regret the passing of Mr. A. H. Page, an old resident of Cottesloe who soldiered with the 28th Battalion. The deceased, who latterly has been proprietor of the "Eau de Nil" tea room at North Cottesloe, died on January 19. A native of England, he lived in New Zealand before coming to Western Australia nearly forty years ago. As an original 28th man, our late comrade saw much service in Gallipoli and France. In 1922, he was awarded the silver medal of the Royal Humane Society for saving the lives of two men who had become entangled in high voltage electric cables at Como; and on various occasions he has been the means of saving the lives of unwary bathers who drifted into difficulties at Cottesloe. His two sons have both been the recipients of the Royal Humane Society's awards for saving life, and his daughter, Mrs. L. M. Tucker, was Miss Claremont during the Wool Week competition.

We join with the South Perth Sub-branch in congratulating Hurtle Fisher on his appointment as magistrate in the Gascoyne district with headquarters at Carnarvon. Hurtle soldiered in the 51st Battalion, in which his father also held commissioned rank. A shoulder-damaged by enemy fire did not prevent him from becoming a keen golfer, and he has established the record of being the only single-handed golfer who has ever holed out in one—and out at the nineteenth. Before his appointment to the bench, Hurtle was associated with His Honour, the Chief Justice; Sir John Northmore.

Another good soldier has answered the Last Roll Call. Tom Miller, who was until his retirement from the W.A. Police Force, lock-up keeper at the Central Police Station, soldiered in the Seaforth Highlanders, and through the Anglo-Boer-War of 1899-1902. Then Australia called him, and on the outbreak of the World War, he enlisted once more, in the 11th Battalion with which he served until being honourably discharged. His tall commanding form and his double row of war ribbons have long been familiar sights in the streets of Perth. Unfortunately, Anno Domini, and the stress and strain of long service, told their tale. Poor old Tom had been a very sick man for nearly two years before the end came.

We have been advised by the Greens bushes Sub-branch that one of their members in the person of Thomas Green, late of the 51st Batt., passed away on the 10th February.

A pleasing ceremony took place during the month when a birthday party was given by a few chocolate soldiers in the Park to their old comrade "Bill." As all the halls in the district were engaged permission was given by Tram Conductor MacWhenzie to hold the function in
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With the tram shed at the terminus in Main Street A large cake was provided made from the self-raising mud in the triangular wountagong swamps, and the ornamentation consisted of replicas of bull frogs and the local whongdoogle. As a sufficient muster of candles could not be obtained at the local store, Swan brand matches were utilised and the age of the guest could only be guessed; but to make sure, two boxes of Black Swan matches were appropriately placed in position. Some difficulty was experienced in lighting, but when the illuminations were complete a sudden gust of the east wind extinguished the lot, thereby saving a lot of trouble. A musical pout pourri was given by the newly formed R.S.I. Phoo Phoo band, including several Gilbert and Sullivan selections, and also the "Who killed cock robin" caprice, from Beethoven. There was a good supply of liquid refreshment from the Mt. Hawthorn reservoir, and after the toast of the evening a dance was held on the bitumen hall room in front of the shed, the music being supplied by wireless installed in Ward's Hotel opposite. The special cars conveyed visitors away at midnight, and the scenes of revelry will be long remembered when the oldest inhabitant comes home to roost. Mr. A. Lane, Healed, President of the Parents Sitting Hens' Association, delivered a motion and there were no presents by request.

The State Executive lost a good and popular member when Captain "Eddie" Edmonds was compelled by the exigencies of private business to resign his seat thereon. The retiring delegate had been a member of the Executive for several years and, acting on the pensions and other sub-committees, was a valuable link between the Australian and the ex-Imperial soldier. In this capacity he did much to clear away many potential difficulties and temporary misunderstandings. "Eddie" comes of an old army family, having been born in the 3rd Grenadier Guards. His father, by the way, fought with the Guards Camel Corps in the Sudan. He commenced his soldiering when he enlisted in the 17th Lancers in October, 1901. Rejoining on the outbreak of the Great War, he transferred to the 1st Worcestershire Regiment with whom he saw much service in France and attained a captain's rank before the war ended. At present he is Secretary of the Master Bakers' Association.

A man came to visit a friend early in December, and stayed on until a few days before Christmas. The host was weary of the long visit, and cast about for some way of getting rid of his guest without hurting his feelings. Finally, he hit upon what he thought was a brilliant idea. He called his guest aside, and after remarking how near Christmas it was, said: "Don't you think, old man, that your wife and kiddies will want you to be with them during the Christmas holidays?" The guest wrung his host's hand. "Thank you very much for the invitation, old man," he said, "I'll send for them at once."

At the Victorian Royal Agricultural Society's Centenary Show, held in Melbourne during the Duke of Gloucester's visit to that city, a prize of £5 5s. was given for the best farm implement developed since the date of the Society's previous show. The judges were Professor S. M. Wadham, Chief of the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Melbourne, and Mr. R. R. Blackwood, B.E.E., B.C.E., and the prize was given to the self-cleaning harrows invented by William C. Bolitho and manufactured by H. V. McKay Massey Harris Pty. Ltd. The claim for this invention is "that the burden of weeds is automatically forced over the rear of the harrow so that the labour of hand cleaning is dispensed with. The prize was donated by Phillips, Ormonde, Le Plastrier and Kelso, Patent Attorneys, Melbourne.

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The Night Patrol
(By Jas. Pollard)

Out behind No Man’s Land, low down over a ridge, a dim brightening in the clouds heralded the rising moon. Back over Ypres a couple of “ heavies” boomed at intervals, and the low, whining grumble of the shells as they droned over the lines dully for a moment all other sounds. Away to the left and towards the coast a light barrage mumbled the refrain of the interminable Flanders “Hymn of Hate.” Otherwise this particular stretch of trench-line was enjoying a strange quiet.

The battalion had advanced to the position early in the day; had captured it and consolidated with much loss; had suffered a heavy counter-barrage for three hours, and repelled the inevitable counter-attack after a good deal of fighting. The afternoon had passed much as it was now—quiet, except for the desultory ripple of rifle-fire as would-be snipers on both sides exchanged shots. Evening had ushered in another gruelling bombardment, during which the men had “stood-to” grimly—a few cursing slowly and unkindly, the others silent and watchful. When the artillery fire slackened and died away, they sank back, weary and exhausted, to snatch a few minutes’ mockery of sleep or a bite of ration. There ensued then, one of those strange, weird periods of quiet and stillness which happened on few occasions around the Ypres salient.

A shadowy figure crept up and out on to the rough parapet, and was followed closely by a second. They seemed to vanish again almost immediately—into a shell-hole, for the trenches were on the top of the ridge, and a man climbing out of the trench was necessarily silhouetted against the sky. Thus, a convenient shell-hole is a blessing, no matter what it contains—and, believe me, dear reader, shell-holes have been known to harbour some funny things.

A full minute passed. Then, from further down the ridge came a murmuring voice raised in complaint:

“Where the— are you going, Johnnie? That’s my dinner you’ve walked into!”—Johnnie and his companion had reached the outpost, evidently with disastrous results.

“Cheer-up, sonny!” was the reply, delivered sotto voce. “You’ll get no more before next week! We’re going to have a look round for a hour or so. You know the password?”

“So long,” and Johnnie and his mate slipped away into the night.

They had left rifles and equipment behind them. A rifle and bayonet is a cumbersome instrument wherewith to prowl around in prohibited territory, where at any time you may meet with a patrol from the other side. Also, equipment has an annoying way of jingling loudly, alarmingly so—and when on patrol, be it known, it is essential that your whereabouts be known only to yourself. But the men had thoughtfully provided themselves with revolvers, which are convenient to handle, and sufficiently destructive at close quarters.

Johnnie led the way down the ridge, picking his way carefully, on the alert for any strange sight or sound. A very light shot up from somewhere close by, and they were down and still before the flare had reached its zenith. Intently they gazed in the direction from which it had come, but when the powerful blue-white glare spread out over the scene, and illuminated the landscape for a few moments as it descended, they saw only the shell-torn ridge, more ghastly-looking than ever, under the weird illumination.

When the light died away, Johnnie returned to his companion and whispered into his ear: “This is where we split, Dick. You take the left—I’m going this way—and that blighter’s going to cop something. He’s too close to be healthy!”

“Right-o, Johnnie,” whispered Dick in reply, and they copped out of the shell-hole again. Dick moved away into the shadows.

Johnnie had marked the position as well as he was able, and advanced warily forward. After progressing some fifty yards he halted again, and, sinking into another shell-hole, waited quietly. He gazed steadily out over the ground, striving to pierce the gloom. A few minutes passed in comparative silence; once the moon glimmered through a rift in the clouds, and hid again quickly, as though apprehensive of what might be seen down there.

At last there came a soft “plop!” a little in front, and to the right of Johnnie’s position. A second flare ascended and as it burst into flame Johnnie saw his man distinctly, kneeling near an old tree-stump some dozen yards away.

Johnnie waited until the flare dropped and flickered out; waited yet a full minute, and then crawled slowly out.

Keeping low down to the ground and travelling, vis-à-vis as many shell-holes as possible, he executed a half-circle, and paused to take breath a few yards in the rear of the stump. The journey had been a slow and painful one, but Johnnie had moved with wonderful quietness, and knew the other was unaware of his presence. He lay still, looking out at the tree-stump, which he could faintly distinguish, and after a few moments, observed its seeming shadow distinctly move.

“Don’t look this way just yet, old man,” muttered Johnnie to himself, and stealthily edged on once more.

Slowly, and with many a tense pause, during which he lay as one dead, with ears strained to the utmost, he crawled on, until he was almost within reach of the man, and could even hear his breathing. The German was loading his flare-pistol again. As Johnnie sprang swiftly...
upright a clod of disturbed earth rattled away from his feet and the man turned with a guttural "Ach!"

"Ach!" echoed Johnnie softly, and swung his revolver butt to the man's temple.

The German crumpled up and lay still. Johnnie listened a moment, half expecting to hear the rattle of a machine gun, and the familiar "swish-swish" of bullets. But the work had been done so neatly and quietly that no one was alarmed, and Johnnie was soon reassured. Stooping, he stripped a couple of badges from the unconscious man's coat, transferring them to his own pocket. Next he took the flare-pistol, and discovered a little heap of cartridges near the foot of the stump. Picking up a couple, he straightened up and looked thoughtfully down at his victim. Dismissing the thought which came into his mind, he turned away, and continued his evening's prowl.

The clouds had grown heavier in the sky, making it darker, which fact was all the better. A low-throbbing drone high overhead gave evidence of activities in the air, and stopping to look up he descried the single light of a plane, flitting through the clouds. It disappeared, and the hum of the engine died away. Johnnie went on, slower now. He must be getting closer to the other lines. Once he stopped and slipped into a mine-crater, still, and his revolver held at the ready. A pair of dim figures went by and a muttered word warned him they were not friends. They vanished in the darkness, unknowing that death lurked in the crater as they passed.

He rose once again—and sank back slowly. Far away to the left, faint but for all that distinct, sounded a revolver-shot—a second, and a third followed in quick succession. Then, the rapping of a machine gun for a few seconds.

"I'm!" muttered Johnnie, beneath his breath. "Dick's met somebody down there—wonder if — " but Dick's troubles were quickly lost sight of in face of his own. To the right sounded that guttural murmur with which he was familiar—close, almost too close!—and he thought swiftly; he must know. Crouching down so that only his helmet was above the rim of the mine-crater, he discharged one of the enemy flares, and, in the direction from which the voice had proceeded. Peering intently out, he lay still, until the flare lit up and slowly descended. Twenty yards away, perhaps a little more, was a German outpost. Two crouching men occupied it, and there was no machine gun.

"A listening post!" thought Johnnie grimly, and, slipping further down into the crater, waited again. This time surely—but no—and as he breathed again, Johnnie could have laughed aloud; it was a German flare, consequently there was little danger. He sent the other flare up into the night sky and in the direction of the enemy lines. As it illuminated the scene, he scanned the ridge, taking in and memorising the positions he could make out.

Satisfied, he left the mine-crater and crept out into safer ground. His night's work seemed to be ended, and it was time to get back. But there yet remained the memory of those three shots down on the left, and, with the returning thought Johnnie swung away in the direction from which they had sounded. Keeping well out in No Man's Land, he moved along swiftly, hugging the deeper shadows.

After a while he slowed down, and began to cast about, searching the ground steadily, grimly. He paused again to take directions from a searchlight behind his own lines. Moving on, he entered a deep-shadowed ditch, and, tripping, came to ground with a jolt. Now it so happened that the thing he had tripped over was a dead German. Furthermore, he held in his hand a small automatic, his finger around the trigger—and the shifting of his body as Johnnny stumbled over his, released some muscular tension in his hand; the dead finger pulled the trigger, and the bullet went whizzing away into the air.

Johnnie crouched, and brought his revolver swiftly into position. Realising intuitively what had happened, he stayed his finger as it pressed back the hammer.

Then he lay still, for a long five minutes, and it seemed as though all the machine guns on the sector were concentrating on his position. But, lying almost flat, the walls of the ditch sheltered him, and he listened to the vicious swish of air, in comparative safety. The firing died down again, and Johnnie allowed himself a faint, relieved smile. Another flare shot up from behind him and he swiftly surveyed the ditch by its light.

"Three!" he muttered. "Not bad for Dick," and was relieved to find that Dick himself was not lying near, whilst the absence of badges on one of the dead men's tunics further reassured him.

"And now," he mused again, "someone will be investigating this lot directly," and he slipped out again, and struck off in the direction of his own lines.

Nothing worthy of note occurred on the journey in, until he reached the outpost, when a familiar voice hailed him: "Halt! Who are you?"

Johnnie stopped. "Von Hindenburg," he answered readily.

"Alright," came the unseen voice,
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Extracts from War Publications

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The First Australian General Hospital
Monthly.

Good Nature Abused

"Orderly!"
"Yes, Sister?"
"Will you sweep the ward out before you go to tea, please?"
"If I can find time, Sister."
He was at bursting point. The audacity of it. Sweep out before tea! Did she think he was a probationer—or what? Most certainly, she must be put in her place—tout de suite! Just wait until she asked him to cut up dressings and then, wouldn't he tell her that it was not his work? Having for his motto "Never he bounded by a Sister," his anger may be understood.

He proceeded with great leisure to sweep the ward. A patient had the impudence to ask him the time, and reply. "The wounded one, morally bound received nothing but a ferocious growl in to make good, said soothingly, "My word, orderly, this is a rotten job you've got."

This was just the opening he had been waiting for. "Yes," the orderly answered, "Just as you say, it is not all milk and honey. Talk about work, fair dinkum, I've never seen so much in all my life before."

"What sort of place is Ostralia, choom? I have often wondered."
"The finest place under the sun, digger, take that from me."
"And is there plenty of work out there, choom?"
"Too much for my liking, old chap, but one gets used to it, and the pay is good."
"Yes, so I believe. I have a third cousin out there. He arrived there five years ago."
"What part of the country is he in?"
"I forget now, but I think he said it was a place called New Zealand. Anyhow, it isn't far from Sydney. He told me in one of his letters that one of the advantages of the place was that one never troubled about sleep. He is on a farm, you know."

"Oh, yes" agreed the orderly, with a knowing look. "It's a fine, healthy life on a farm." (He had only seen the boundary fence of one farm in his life.)

"My cousin tells me" resumed the loquacious one, "that the Australians are the most generous and hospitable people in the world. Would you give me a drink and a cigarette?"

The orderly foamed with rage, gave the man what he wanted, and vowed to heaven that never again would he linger in sweeping out a ward.—A. CAIRD.

The Tables Turned

In the village of X, some kilometers from the line, lived Nenette.

Dick who was billeted in the neighborhood, captured Nenette's heart through the customers he had gained for old Madame, her Mother. Although he couldn't speak a word of French, he enjoyed the cold winter evenings by the warm fire of the crude little charity and managed to make himself understood by his actions. He was happy, had no fears for treachery from the same species of villain that haunts our melo-drama, but this time, the villain was in khaki with stripes. It was the Q.M.'s who was madly in love with the village belle.

One pay day, the opportunity arrived. Dick got well sozzled and, aided by the treacherous Q.M.'s won fourteen days' rest at Hotel de Clink.

The artful Food Controller, made it his duty to pass Nenette's window two or three times a day laden with the good meat. If the village belle had a passion it was for that army ration. One day he let a tin fall. The dear girl sighed and looked at the Q.M.'s so appealingly that he could not resist presenting her with the tin. It did the trick. In two days he was well established in the mansion and considered by Madame as a family necessity.

On the fourteenth day Dick was shunted from paradise. His first thought was of his old flame, but when he arrived the welcome was cold and his tale...
of a fortnight in the trenches didn't work. As he turned to go he noticed the famous bully already served on the table. He at once came to the conclusion that he was a defeated man.

He waited some hours around the house until the Q.M.S. passed into the maison. Dick resolved to follow him and make his entry just as his conqueror was in the act of presenting a tin of the wonderful bully to the fair Nenette. The meeting was silent and without violence.

The winter is over and Dick doesn't need the warm fire any more. Any evenings you may find him in the Café de la Paix, but whatever he requires from the Q.M.S. he obtains without the least difficulty.

Doris had just become engaged to Willie. A week or two after the announcement had been given out she went to tea with one of her friends.

"Now, dear," said this friend, "I want to hear all about it. How did Willie propose?"

Doris blushed. "He paid me a great compliment," she replied. "He said that I was the eighth wonder of the world, and that he could never live without me."

"Really?" gushed the other girl. "And what was your answer?"

"Oh, I told him I'd have him," said Doris. "But I warned him at the same time that there'd be trouble if ever I caught him with one of those other seven!"

News had been received by the tramway inspectors that an overhead wire had fallen in a crowded street. When he arrived on the scene he found a crowd of people handling the wire in a most careless manner. Hurrying up, he shouted to one man: "You shouldn't touch that wire. If the current had been on you might have been killed by the shock!"

The other looked at the inspector with a knowing air. "Ah," he said, "I was mighty careful! I felt it carefully before I took hold of it!"

Officers of the Unattached List, and the Reserve of Officers of the Australian Military Forces are reminded that this is the month in which their addresses should be forwarded to Headquarters, 5th Military District, Swan Barracks, Perth.

THE HON. JAMES CORNELL, M.L.C.

The Veteran Member of the State Executive

This is Mr. James Cornell, who has served the Digger well in the Leagues and Legislature. He's a pillar of the State and a Rupert in debate, and a man of great good nature. With the A.I.F. he served, where the front line swayed and swerved and, at Ypres, a bulging bend went out 'wards Fritz. But nowadays Jimmie's hobby is to raise points, or move a new amendment.

It was a long time since Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Horner had met. Hour after hour went past, therefore, while they sat and exchanged pieces of news about their friends.

"Have you seen Gladys lately?" asked Mrs. Cole suddenly.

BY A VISITOR

(Replying to "Not a Padre")


If you happen to be a fortunate visitor to Ypres in these energetic times, there is much to see and learn for those who move about with their eyes open. By a fortunate visitor, I mean, when you chance to arrive on one of those quiet days—days when the number of shells sent in by the Hun does not exceed 100 per hour (meal times excepted)—you are then able to move about in comparative safety. As a visitor, one tries naturally to imagine something of what the

Mrs. Horner nodded. "Oh yes," she said, "I meet her quite a lot."

"Is she happily married?" went on Mrs. Cole.

The other woman gave a still more vehement nod. "I should just think so!" she replied. "Why, Gladys is so happily married that she has to go to the pictures whenever she wants a good cry."

A Scotch traveller, held up in the Orkney Islands by bad storms, wired his firm in Aberdeen:

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COLOURING OF OLD WARSHIPS

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Internally the sides of the ship were painted blood-red, for obvious reasons; the inner sides of the gunports were painted this colour, and when these ports were triced up, the brown, black, or yellow of the ship's sides was diversified with scarlet squares. After Trafalgar the interiors of ships of war were sometimes painted in other colours according to the taste of the captains—a favourite colour was white for the bulkheads and beams and green for the waterways. All white became the rule after 1840.

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February 3.—The Germans sent fire-boats down the River Ancre above Aveluy, north of Albert, but these contributions were stopped by the French before they could explode. Kemp, one of the rebel leaders in South Africa, surrendered with his command.

February 4.—The Kaiser inspected the German High Seas Fleet at Wilhelmshaven and conferred Iron Crosses upon the crew of the submarine U21, which had torpedoed defenceless merchant ships in the Irish Sea. The German Admiralty declared a blockade of the coasts of Great Britain and Ireland as from February 18. The British Foreign Office issued a warning that Great Britain might have to consider the adoption of retaliatory measures against German trade should Germany persist in her apparent intention to sink merchantmen by submarines, regardless of loss of civilian lives.

February 5.—The Russians took the offensive to cross the Boura, capturing part of the enemy’s positions near Dakoro. German trenches were captured in the neighbourhood of Lille. British Army estimates were issued, in which the establishment, exclusive of troops serving in India, was fixed at £3,000,000.

February 6.—The British captured the brickfield east of Cuinchy.

February 7.—After a conference at Paris between the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Finance Ministers of France and Russia, it was agreed that the three principal Allies should pool their financial resources and float a loan jointly, at the same time providing for advances by the three Powers in equal shares to such countries as had taken, or might take up arms, for the common cause.

February 8.—Mr. Asquith announced that the British casualties to date had been 204,000.

February 9.—The enemy bombarded Ypres and Furnes and poured incendiary shells on Soissons. The Austrian official report admitted the breakdown of the Austrian offensive in the Carpathians.

February 11.—In consequence of the great German advance, the Russians were forced to retreat in East Prussia.

February 12.—During a violent snowstorm, the French Chasseurs carried Hill 937 in the Vosges, in the region north of Hartmannswillerkopf. Thirty-four Allied aeroplanes carried out a raid against the German submarine bases of Zeebrugge, Blankenbergie and Ostend.

February 13.—The United States warned Germany that she would hold Germany responsible for the loss of lives of American citizens on the High Seas through submarine action against neutral shipping.

February 14.—Reims was again bombarded by the Germans. Under pressure from the German forces, the Russians fell back to the fortified line of the River Niemen.

February 15.—Characterising the German submarine campaign as a “system of piracy and murder,” Mr. Churchill stated in the House of Commons that Britain’s reply would be an increase in the restrictions placed on German commerce, pointing to a blockade of the German coast.

February 16.—The Allies carried out a second great air raid on the German positions on the Belgian coast.

February 17.—The Zeppelin L4 was destroyed on the Danish Island of Fanoe, and another German airship was lost off the Danish coast.

February 18.—The German “official blockade” of Great Britain began.

February 19.—The Allied fleet bombarded the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

February 20.—Serious fighting occurred in the neighbourhood of Ypres.

February 21.—The Russians commenced a counter-offensive to the German advance in East Prussia and Posen.

February 22.—Five civilians were killed in a German Zeppelin attack on Calais. The South African forces occupied Garub, 70 miles east of Luderitz Bay, without opposition.

February 23.—Through the activities of German agents, serious rioting occurred among Indian troops in Singapore.

February 24.—The loss of H.M.S. Clan McNaughton, an armed merchantman which had been missing since February 3, was announced by the Admiralty.

February 25.—Allied warships again bombarded the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles.

February 26.—The French Ministry for Marine announced that dredging for mines in the entrance to the Dardanelles had begun.

February 27.—The Dacty, which had been transferred to a German-American owner, and which was carrying a cargo of cotton for Germany, was stopped by a French warship in the English Channel and brought to Brest.

February 28.—The British commenced a blockade of the German East African coast. The French made marked progress in Champagne on the whole front from Combes to the north of Perthes.

Military Officers of the Unattached, Reserve and Retired Lists.

Officers as above are reminded of the necessity of reporting their addresses in writing to Military Headquarters, Swan Barracks, Francis Street, Perth, during the months of either January or February.

Those who fail to do so are liable to have their names removed from the list which may be detrimental in the event of mobilization, etc.
WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES IN SOUTH AFRICA

A brief account of the 1934 Conference of the B.E.S. League (South Africa) Women's Auxiliary may be of interest to readers. It will be remembered that it was from South Africa that Mr. Jas. Cornell, M.L.C., first brought the idea of Women's Auxiliaries which resulted in their formation in Australia. The Ninth Annual Conference was held at Kimberley and was attended by 18 delegates from two and more than two from any branch. Also present were the President, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Dominion Executive.

Each conference elects its own chairwoman, vice-chairwoman and secretary, and these ladies last year came from Kimberley, East London and Pieter Maritzburg respectively. In her message to conference, the Countess of Glarendon, Grand President of the Women's Auxiliary, wrote: 'We all hope that the distressful time through which South Africa has passed is gone never to return, but we also know that the work to which the auxiliaries have set their hands will always be needed; that their hearts must always be kept open to the cries for help; that their minds must ever be alert so that the help given should be constructive and practical as well as sympathetic and immediate.'

The branch reports show that the activities of the auxiliaries are practically indetical to ours. Grahamstown held the record for membership. East London paid over 600 visits to ex-service men in hospital and distributed fruit, cigarettes, magazines, etc. 760 graves of ex-service men had been cared for and flowers placed on the graves. Mafeking organised bridge drives and dances in aid of funds. Not many calls for relief but one permanent case. Johannesburg's hospital visiting committee visited on the average 70 men per week.

The resolutions passed dealt mainly with conditions in South Africa: unemployment, children and youths, and unity among ex-servicemen's organisations.

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A Critical Survey of War Pensions

PART 1.

(By “Medicus.”)

Several thousands of years ago a famous writer named Ecclesiasticus drew attention to the wretched plight of the man-of-war, who, after having given of his best to defend his country, was cast upon the scrap-heap as soon as the danger lifted from that country. Ecclesiasticus was no common scribbler; he was a prophet whose inspired writings we may read in the Bible. But for some reason unknown to the writer his reference to the plight of the ex-soldier was not considered inspired, and consequently is not found between the covers of the Holy Book. It gives one strangely to think.

However, it would be altogether wrong to allege that the soldiers who survived the Great War of 1914-1918 were altogether cast onto a scrap-heap. Millions of pounds have been spent by the Government of Australia alone on pensions to such soldiers as various boards, medical and otherwise have recommended for same, and it is only fairest justice to say that an honest effort has been

Conference lasted two days, and concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. South Africa has 18 Women’s Auxiliaries and an honorary organising secretary.

RIVER PICNIC

The morning of the 13th February did not promise too well for a successful river trip, but towards midday the rain and clouds cleared off; leaving a delightful fresh and sunny afternoon.

About 250 were aboard the S.S. Perth when she left Barrack Street Jetty. The Rural Household Science Students, numbering almost 100 were guests of the State Executive. Visitors included Sir James Mitchell, Mr. Sutton, Director of Agriculture, and Mrs. Farrelly, “Mother of the Rural Science Course.”

Two hours were spent at Point Walter. Everyone admired the trees and lawns which were exceptionally green for the present season. At the conclusion of afternoon tea, Mrs. J. L. McKinnlay welcomed the company on behalf of the State Executive. She asked the country women to remember that the auxiliaries had pledged themselves to buy and advocate local produce so that those in town were doing all they could to help those in the country. Sir James Mitchell addressed the gathering and gave some interesting information on Empire marketing. Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Farrelly voiced the appreciation of the Rural Science Students for the afternoon’s outing, commending the Women’s Auxiliaries R.S.L. for having made the river picnic possible.

Two races were conducted by Mrs. Rigg, the winners being Mrs. Bloomfield, South Perth, and Miss Green, Jacob’s Well. A pair of stockings were won by Mrs. Aberle, South Perth, and a cake donated by Mrs. Haines of Merredin, who was also present, was drawn by Mrs. J. Thomson of Rivervale.

LINKS OF FRIENDSHIP

Those auxiliary members who care for letter writing and desire to correspond with auxiliary members in New South Wales or South Africa, can have an address by applying to the President, Mrs. McKinlay, 51 North Road, Bassendean. Please state if there is any special district or town desired.

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The truth is that the problem is a superhuman one viewed at from any and every angle; and a superhuman problem dealt with by ordinary human beings is, on the face of it, bound to be very far from perfectly solved. No one but must realise that it is totally, even laughably, impossible to do justice to vast numbers of wounded or war-disabled soldiers. Who, for example, shall compute the weekly compensation to be paid to a man who is totally disabled for the remainder of his mortal life? But some cash value reduced to human terms had to be arrived at, and a harassed government fixed if at round about two guineas.

Two guineas! Who amongst us would change places with any of our totally disabled comrades for the sake of his weekly dole of two guineas? Then—there is the blind man; who so rash as to figure out in money the compensation that should be paid to a man who has lost the use of the most precious gift that God has bestowed on mankind? Again would 30s. a week make up to many of us for the loss of an arm or a leg?

To repeat; the task of justly assessing the damages of war as seen in the human being is an almost impossible one, and all that can be done is to make an honest attempt at it. Rightly or wrongly the government fixed on this sum of two guineas as the rate-payable weekly to a totally disabled soldier. Then having fixed that sum, it set up a new department and handed the rest of the problem over to that department to deal with as best it could.

The Department of Repatriation at once found it had not one problem to tackle but two. On the one hand it had to decide who were war-damaged, and on the other it had to decide to what degree they were damaged. To solve the first, a set of regulations and a series of forms were necessary. To solve the second, Medical Boards were set up to measure the damage and assess the percentage of compensation.

Now, no business concern, private or public, can be run without rules and regulations. And it is a matter for common knowledge that Government Departments revel in them. There is reason in this seeming madness, for it is also common knowledge that the public has no conscience where the public purse is concerned. After all, they are the public, it is their purse, and if they cannot help themselves to their own money, who can? A man cannot rob himself, can he? That, it would appear, is the public attitude and explains to some extent the mania for forms and regulations in public offices. The department dealing with War pensions was no different to other departments in this respect. It drafted rules and regulations and compiled numerous forms to be filled in by all and sundry.

It is no use hiding or denying the fact that a great many, a very great many, of the cases that create much trouble and bad feeling in connection with War Pensions are the result of ignorance of these rules and regulations. Even seventeen years after the end of the War, claimant after claimant explains that he did not know such and such a regulation.

"It was the first they had heard of it," is the answer ever on their lips when very inconveniently they are confronted with some regulation which puts them out of court, and the question at once arises: whose fault is that? It is the department's to some extent. The soldier's—to a much greater extent. But in my opinion the soldier's organisations are more to blame perhaps than either.

It is easy to be wise after the event, but at this distance of time it seems an extraordinary lack of foresight, or of consideration for the wounded or disabled soldier, this neglect on the part of the ex-soldier organisations to supply their members with a handbook for guidance in respect to pensions. Speaking for myself, but I believe speaking at the same time, the mind of most ex-soldiers on the subject, I hold that ex-soldiers organisations came in existence for but two objects: (1) to re-establish their members in civilian life, that is, to replace them in industry; (2) to see that adequate compensation, as far as was humanly possible, was provided for those who were "broken in the war." The first of these objects we are not dealing with at the moment. It is the second we are discussing.

To some, in fact to many people, there does not seem to be much need for importance on the subject of how to apply for a war pension; you just produce your shot-off leg (or rather the portion that's not shot off), whereupon the Medical Board gives you an order for the cashier who hands you a handful of silver across the counter and tells you to call again next week, and the week after, and the week after that until you wake up. But those men who have gone through the ordeal will tell you a different story. There are quite a lot of ins and outs about the process which though they might not embarrass the average clerk are yet puzzling and not readily grasped by the average horny-handed son of toil.

But if the man applying for a pension does not present any giant difficulties,
appeals do. Appeals in fact are the very devil. Your pension may be reduced and you want to appeal; it may be stopped altogether and you may have to appeal first on the ground of entitlement (which, even now many of our comrades don’t quite understand), and they having won that point, on the ground of “assessment,” if it is not high enough.

But this was over the first jump, and having jumped it, many applicants and appellants fared as badly as the man who jumped out of the frying pan into the fire. For until this it had only been a paper war: once in front of the Medical Board it develops into a battle of wits. Some lost their wits altogether: they either could not speak and so failed to mention their case properly; or they talked too much and emphasised the wrong points, and so spoilt their case. I am not saying that the ex-serviceman organisation should have started “schools in instruction” on approved army lines for war pensioners, or would-be pensioners; but a booklet of advice and hints on what to do and say, and what not to do and say, would not only have helped many an unfortunate comrade, it would also have helped to ease the taxpayer’s load (which is yours and mine) by obviating cart loads of appeals and similar useless expenditure.

(Part 2 will be published in our next issue.)

SONS OF SOLDIERS’ LEAGUE.

Albany Sub-Branch.

The monthly meeting was held in the R.S.L. Institute on February 5. The first Tuesday in each month will from now on be the regular meeting night. Games night is held every Saturday, from 7 to 9 p.m., and a sound dozen or so have a good two hours, not the least of which is the way the boxing gloves are used.

The little “Red Badge” is becoming quite prominent in Albany, and members are still being enrolled, but—and this is for Returned Men with older lads—we can do with some of the older lads joining up. Now, Dads, what about it?

The meeting was opened by Mr. S. L. Field, V.P., with the S.S.L. ceremony of “Silence.” The following resolutions were passed unanimously:

1. That arrangement be made to form a Model Aeroplane Club.
2. That a cricket match be played with Form 1, Albany High School.
3. That a photographic competition be held.
4. That arrangements be discussed regarding feteswork: any toys, etc., which are made to be given to less fortunate children next Christmas—both aeroplanes and models.
5. That the P.S.B. be asked to arrange a Children’s Fancy Dress Ball.

A short time was spent in games and boxing, and the evening closed at about 9.30 p.m.

STATE PRESIDENT AT COLLIE.

At the meeting of the State Executive on January 30, the State President (Mr. A. Yeates) reported:

In company with Mr. Hunt and the Assistant State Secretary, I visited the Collie sub-branch on the occasion of the Annual Re-Union on January 19. Mr. James Morgan accompanied the party.

Leaving Perth at 9 a.m. we arrived at Collie at 3.30, and attended at the Mayor’s park where a Civic Reception was tendered. A pleasing feature of this function was the evidence of the very high regard and esteem in which the local sub-branch is held by the Municipal Council. Many eulogistic references were made to the work of the sub-branch and its individual members by the Mayor and other speakers, and needless to say I was very gratified to hear them.

At 8 p.m. the Re-Union commenced and was attended by over 100 persons including the Mayor of Collie and other civilian helpers of the League. The visiting sub-branches were Harvey, Bunbury, Cardifl and, Mornington Mills. Each Executive representative addressed the gathering and was received well, and a very pleasant evening was spent. On the Sunday morning at 9.30 we were conducted over the new power station and the intricacies of that institution were explained to us by the engineer-in-charge at that time.

At 10.30 the Annual General Meeting of the Collie Sub-branch was held and about 30 to 35 members were present. The election of officers resulted in all the retiring office bearers being re-elected with the exception of those who have left the district. An excellent report of the sub-branch’s activities of the last 12 months was submitted by Mr. Bert Stuchbury, the secretary, and we will in due course receive a copy of this. Again your delegates addressed the members of the Collie Sub-branch and answered questions. I am entirely satisfied with this unit of our organisation. Its Balance Sheet discloses that it has assets to the value of £2,145 which, of course, is mainly represented by the value of their land and buildings.

Their operations for the half year ended 31/12/34 showed that they had a turnover of over £240, and their bank balance as at that date was £50 15s. 1d. The sub-branch is indeed fortunate—in the calibre of its officers, and I here wish to pay a tribute to Mr. J. Stirling, President; Mr. H. Stuchbury, Secretary; Mr. Harry May, Vice-President, and to the other officers and committee members who have been leaders in this very fine sub-branch of the League. Before the luncheon I laid a wreath on the local War Memorial.

After lunch we visited Cardifl where we
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CLAREMONT.
The Annual Smoke Social was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday, February 7, and was attended by a fair number of members, and representatives of neighbouring Sub-branches and kindred Associations. The President, Brigadier A. M. Martyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., had charge of the proceedings, and everyone pronounced the evening a success. The cricket team have played a match with the C.M.H., and although defeated, enjoyed playing the grand old game in surroundings which left nothing to be desired. The change from the drab conditions of Wellington Square were appreciated greatly by all the players.

Arrangements are being made for a shooting match with the 35th Fortress Coy., A.E.F., on the Swanbourne Range for Saturday, March 30. No particular number is specified in a team, so it is hoped a large number of members will take part in lowering the colours of the youngsters.

The S.S.I. Sub-branch have started the year under an Executive drawn from their own ranks, and I am sure everyone wishes them every possible success. Great disappointment was expressed at their last meeting at the action of the State Executive R.S.I., which was well deserved. The Collier Shield Competition, and every endeavour will be made in order that these games shall be carried out.

COLLIE.
The Re-Union of this Sub-branch took place on January 20th. A large crowd sat down to enjoy what was said to be the best function of this kind put up by the Sub-branch for many years. The night was very warm and the cup that cheers was passed round many times. The State President was there ably assisted by Messrs Hunt and C. Ferguson. The late President (Mr. Yeates) and party arrived by car at 3.30 p.m. and were immediately met by the country vice-president, Mr. H. May, and members of the Executive of the local Sub-branch. They were escorted to the Coun-

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February 6, the President (Mr. J. F. Robertson) being in the chair.

A letter was received from the president of the Northam Repertory Club (Mr. R. G. Evans) inviting the Sub-branch to provide a team to take part in debates to be organised by a debating association which it was proposed to form. It was resolved that no action be taken in the matter as a Sub-branch, participation in the debates to be a matter for individual choice through membership of other interested organisations.

A copy of the constitution of the Sons of Soldiers' League was received from the executive, and it was resolved that the matter of the formation of a branch of the League in Northam be referred to the committee for report.

Opportunity was taken to say farewell to Mr. W. J. Cornish, who will leave next month on a trip to England. Members expressed their good wishes to Mr. Cornish and hoped that he would have an enjoyable holiday. Mr. Cornish briefly responded.

It was decided to advise the State Executive that the month of June would be a suitable time for a visit to the Sub-branch, of a representative of the State Executive.

VICTORIA PARK.

At the General Meeting held on January 25 at the Library Hall, arrangements for the Children's Annual Picnic to the Zoo were discussed. The following cash donations for the sports were received: Mrs. Kanzler 5s., and 10s. from the Sub-branch; Mr. Colley kindly promised to pay for all the ice cream necessary, and Mr. F. Mathews for the ice cream cups. It has been decided to run a Thrift Club this year, and Mrs. Haigh has kindly consented to take charge of it. Reports were received from Mrs. Barnett (Ed. Miller), Mrs. E. Emote (tennis), Mrs. Haigh (hospital), Mrs. J. White (bereavement), and L. Coleman (treasurer). The raffle was won by Miss Vickers, peanut race by Mrs. Scrace and Mr. Cox, and Jack Mathews and partner won the lucky spot dance.

On Friday, March 22, a United Quarterly Social will be held, and members of both branches are requested to roll up in full force and make the night a success. Permission has been granted the Auxiliary by the Lotteries Commission to run an Easter Goose Club in aid of Distress Funds.

YANDANOOKA.

At the Annual Meeting on January 19, the following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, J. A. Brown; Vice- Presidents, N. M. Noble, P. F. Lynch; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, E. Y. Taylor; Committee, Messrs. Saunders, Soling, Wick, Lynch, Curtis, C. Downes and Chivers; Auditor, P. C. Neville; Land Committee, Noble, Neville and Taylor.

The President complimented the Sub-branch on the result of the past year's work, and the increased membership. The Zone Re-Union Dinner had been held at Yandanooka, and had been proclaimed a success. The R.S.L. was a social and a financial success. Poppy-Day and Anzac-Day functions had been well supported.

After motions dealing with Road Board matters had been passed the meeting concluded with music and light refreshments.

NORTH PERTH.

'Phone Calls by "Blighty."

January 26th.

Grunt, grunt—Grunt, grunt—Grunt, Hullo! Is that B181? Put me on to Mr. Charles Jago, please. Hullo! That you, Charlie? Blighty here; I didn't see you at the Sub-branch general meeting last Monday night. Of course, you were working back at the office, oh, yeah? But I do believe you, didn't you just tell me yourself! Oh, no, I just rang to tell you a little Sub-branch news.

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You'll be pleased to hear the glad news about our cricket team beating Perth Sub-branch last Sunday—What's that!—Don't be hard, you must remember that old soldiers boast about their victories only. There was quite a large discussion at the meeting about the plans getting a lease of Yampi Sound, and—Yes, it did have rather a yapping sound after a time. Jim Lang reckoned we might get the iron rod some day. by air, and in big lumps. That reminds me, Jim has lost another button off his trousers, and the good old nail is in commission again—but his wife is away at Albany just now.—Oh I don't know about that: It's a braces button, you know! I believe Les. Hetherington is composing a song called: 'If we hadn't any nails in the world', for Jim to sing at our next social. Tom Brown, our assistant sec., is going to Yellowing goldfields—Yes, it is to be a boss or something on one of the mines, good-luck to him, anyhow. Bob McLean and family are back from Busselton, they had a good time. Bob again. There was quite a crowd of members away on holidays. There's Bunny Richmond and family at North Beach; Clarrie Suddler and family at Spearborough; Jack Rankin and family at Rockingham; so is Lorrie McDowell's family, but Mr. is working the tin-opener overtime at home.—Like it! Well, you ask him if you would hear some new swear words. Your humble is also a grass widow.—No! I don't live at the pub, curse you, good-bye.

February 13th.

Grr, grr, grr—Hullo! That the North Perth Police Station? Is Bob there? Bibby! Frank Bibby, P.C. 1408. Oh, all right! What didn't you say so at first. Bghly here—No, I've not found a burglar, I want to give you a bit of Sub-branch news. You will be interested to know that the Sub-branch bridge evenings start again tonight. Oh, yes, they are to be held in the North Perth Bowling Club House again this year. Yes, every alternate Wednesday from tonight, and only a shilling a head with a free drink thrown in. So now you've got the good oil. Axford! Who told you about it? Anyhow, the next time you see him, pinch him! A man like Harry Arndt who lets his car run out of juice and expects his cobblers to push it all over North Perth ought to be locked up. I was pleased to see you quip-players take the opportunity to have a bit of practice while the S.S.L. meeting was on last Monday night. That's the stuff! Cricket! Oh, yes. No, I am sorry to say that the Tramway Sub-branch beat our team by fourteen runs. That was last Sunday.—Ah, No, there will be no meeting of the Narks Club this week. What! You've got to do some work! Have a sleep you mean. Cheerio!

GASCOYNE

On Monday evening, the 11th February, the members of the Sub-branch met in force to extend a welcome to the new Resident Magistrate, Mr. Hurte Fisher, and also to Lord Sempill, who was passing through Carnarvon on his return to England. About 30 returned men were present, and, in addition to the two gentlemen named, His Worship the Mayor (C. H. Hammond Esq.) and the Chairman of the Minilya Road Board (C. J. Lea Esq.) were present as guests of the Sub-branch. After the Local Toast had been honoured and the company had stood a few moments in silence in memory of Fallen Comrades, the President, Mr. C. A. P. Costelow, on behalf of the Sub-branch, welcomed Mr. Fisher to Carnarvon, his remarks being supported by Dr. Stewart and Mr. C. O. Cornish. Mr. Fisher in a witty speech returned thanks for the welcome tendered him and expressed his desire to do all he could to further the interests of the town and district. The President then welcomed Lord Sempill to the meeting, and in doing so touched on the various activities, not only of the Sub-branch, but of the R.S.L. in general. Lord Sempill in his reply spoke of the various phases of aviation, laying particular stress on the splendid work of the Royal Australian Air Force during the War and since. He also stated that, as Chairman of the London Chamber of Commerce, his mission to Australia had been mainly to get in touch with the various Chambers in Australia, and personally discuss matters affecting reciprocal trade between Great Britain and Australia. He expressed satisfaction at the result of his mission and stated his intention of returning in Chatham to Australia, and spending a few days in the district. Lord Sempill requested a personal introduction to every member present, and this was given by the President and Secretary. The Toast of His Worship the Mayor and the Chairman of the Minilya Road Board was proposed by Mr. Fisher, each gentleman in replying expressing his pleasure at being present. The signing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem brought to a close a very pleasant evening.

SUBIACO

There was a good muster of members and visitors at the annual general meeting in the club rooms on Thursday, the 7th February. The new President, Mr. Bert Congden, made a speech from the chair, which increased the confidence of the members in their choice of leader for the ensuing year.

Mr. E. S. Watt, our State Executive Representative, proposed a toast to the retiring President, Mr. W. -A. Wilkins, eulogising him for the good work performed on behalf of the Branch and the League as a whole.

Mr. Watt furnished the members present with some very illuminating side lights on pensions and other matters, the information being much appreciated. Other toasts honoured were the incoming and retiring officers. Reports from various sub-branches were given by Mr. Ben Williamson, and the Treasurer, Mr. L. Wearene, showed that the Branch had made good progress during the past year.

A visitor in the person of Mr. L. J. McDowell, representing the North Perth Branch, gave a very helpful talk on branch government, instancing the success which had been attained in respect to his own sub-branch.

A matter of interest to members is that it has been proposed to hold meetings on each pension Thursday as formerly.

Many pleasant evenings are being enjoyed and a very hearty invitation is extended for all members to attend and bring a recruit if possible.

MT. HAWTHORN-NORTH

LEEDERVILLE

The annual meeting was held in the Old Council Chambers, Leederville, on January 25, at which the President and Secretary presented their reports. A requisitioning feature of last year's report was the decrease in the membership. The year 1934 closed with 138 members of whom only 58 were fully financial (31 others were partly paid up). Compare this with the figures for 1933: 69 financial members in a total of 174, and the outlook is not promising.

Financially, the sub-branch is all right, but could be better if all the members would recognise their obligations to the best of their ability. Thanks to the ladies' efforts on Poppy Day the Amelioration Fund should be able to meet all calls during the year. Mr. Ted Damon was again elected President for his second year. Ted has done a
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lot of good work for the branch and he has the confidence of all the members.

The Vice-Presidents are Messrs Rowles and Vivian.

Mr. Fred. Charles was re-elected Secretary for the umpteenth time unopposed.

The Building Fund Committee which did duty during 1934, was re-elected en bloc. This committee hopes to put into operation the building of the Memorial Hall in the near future.

Mr. J. Morton was elected trustee in place of Mr. G. W. Handing (resigned). Mr. J. J. Prendergast was elected Honorary Auditor to the Branch. Jack has to be thanked for his very fine work for us as an auditor and active member.

With the Women's Auxiliary we visited Lemoson Hospital on Sunday, February 3, and played, crotchet and the piano. We were heartily welcomed and the ladies looked after our creature comforts. We wouldn't mind repeating the trip at a future date; everyone has such an excellent time. Mr. Stockman's team beat Messrs. Matthew and Peterson by five runs. Messrs. Matson and Peterson team scoring for the winners with 20 runs each, and Rawlings for the losers with 35. The wickets were well-distributed between the 14 bowlers. Sheridan securing the best average with 1 for 1. We advise all to tender our best thanks to those responsible for the outing for a very pleasant day.

FREMANTLE SUB-BRANCH
(By "Sub")

Up and over the top. The sub-branch has suddenly emerged from its digs-out, and are now taking a keen interest in their surroundings. A progress committee has been formed consisting of the following—Messrs. Jane, Bracken, Brennan, Bell, Bull, Bollard, and Graham. The first important move was made in the form of a public protest meeting re the Japs and Yampi Sound. We were well aware that the Japs could not obtain the leases, but we realised the danger of them having the controlling interests, in the way of financing the lease owners and placing Japanese machinery to work on the ore bodies. Diggers should now take the Japs well enough to keep them off our property, and they should realise how impossible it would be to shift them once they got a footing. The Press paints alarming pictures about Japanese expansions. The world was told to mind their own business about the Chinese situation. Here Hitler was invited to come up and see them at any time, but hands off. Japan withdrew from the League of Nations because it stopped her progress. And the only way of shifting her if she gets a footing here, will be to blow her off, which proves in itself a blessing.

Let us examine it from another angle. Supposing you were a customer wishing to buy iron ore from Japan or Germany; would you be allowed to go to their country, taking pictures of their coast line, survey, take soundings, cross to the mainland in search for waterholes, etc., if buying or purchasing was your objective? That pill will not be swallowed at Fremantle, though it's not a No. 9. We wish the diggers to stand behind our branch in their efforts to prevent a possible calamity.

Our second move to do something is the calling of a conference with the City Council and Business Men's Association to press for an aerodrome at the Port.

The cricket team has had a very successful season to date; having lost two matches, and only one to place. Mr. A. J. Knock (Vice-President) has obtained three months leave of absence for the purpose of study. He probably will see public honour. If so, we wish him good luck.

Supreme effort is on foot to place the sub-branch to the fore, and we appeal to locals to roll up and make it a great success.

PERTH

The first lecture of the 1935 series proved to be extremely interesting. Many were very fortunate indeed in securing the services of Mr. Gregory of the Vacuum Oil Co., with his portable cinema machine. The discourse was on "Commercial Aviation," and the "movie" showed the operations of the "Guinea Air Service" and what was done to take the dredges over the mountains of mainland country from New Guinea to the lakes in the interior. A very interesting subject. We can recommend Mr. Gregory and his movies to any sub-branch looking for an interesting and educational lecture. He tells a few good stories, too, and has a fine "Jan Kiepura" voice.

After the lecture Fred Nice and others contributed to an enjoyable musical "Al Fresco," and in the darkness of night members went home weary and wobbly, but supremely happy.

On the second Tuesday of the month the "business" meeting of the sub-branch is held, and the usual crop of business was got through. The President reported on the negotiations with the Defence Department, to repeat the successful Tattoo of November, 1933. The sub-branch is to associate itself with this function again, and it is understood that this year's effort will be on Aldershot lines. A deputation from the S.S.L. waited upon the sub-branch to seek support for a "ball" they want to run. The support sought was given.

Brigadier A. M. Martyn is to lecture on the 26th, and if you read this in time come along. The "Brig." can always be listened to; he is a very interesting speaker. The secretary reports that the raffle for the 23rd is drawn just before Easter, and the usual crop of business was got through. The tickets are 1s., and procurable from any Perth branch member. Our quoit and table tennis teams had a comfortable victory over Mr. Lawley, and the return games will be played at Anzac House on March 26th.

Humouriosities

Several years ago, two ladies, sisters, were living at their home in Scotland. They had an aunt to whom they were much attached, who was staying for a time with friends at St. Petersburg. After a while the sisters received unexpected tidings of their aunt's death. They felt that the intermediate must take place in the Homeland, and accordingly arranged with the Russian authorities that their aunt's body should be embalmed and sent to their care. In due course a coffin arrived—but when the lid was removed the ladies found, to their surprise and distress, that the coffin contained, not the body of their aunt, but that of a Russian officer clad in uniform, with all the insignia of high military rank. Immediately a telegram was sent to St. Petersburg intimating that there had been a mistake, and begging that the body of their aunt might be sent on without delay. To this message the following reply was received: "Your aunt has been buried with full military honours. Do as you like with the General."

A visitor to Paris went into the Cafe des deux Magots. Becoming annoyed with a waiter he called for the proprietor. The latter took the waiter's part. "Let me speak to your associate," demanded the irate guest. "My associate? I have no associate." "Then" demanded the other, "why do you call your place the Cafe of the Two Magots?"

The centre-forward scored a goal from what was practically a standing penalty kick. "Did you see that?" exclaimed a home "fan" in accents of awe; "he never took no run nor nothink. There's not another bloke could take penalties like that."

"Garn wi' yer," retorted an older man; "Steve Bloome always used to take penalty kicks like that."

"Blimey!" said the older man surlly, "'ere's a bloke wi'ot doesn't know his 'istory of England!"

Villager: "I like your preaching, vicar. I learn a lot from your sermons."

Vicar: "I'm very glad to hear that."

Villager: "Yes; until I heard what you had to say on Sunday I always..."
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| DONNYBROOK | Memorial Hall | First Saturday, monthly | Mrs. MacCrowley, Blackwood Road, Mrs. O. Taylor, 14 State Street, | Mrs. V. T. Miller, Donnybrook |
| VICTORIA PARK | Library Hall, Albany Road | Fourth Friday, 7.30 p.m. | Victoria Park | Mrs. D. Pike, 13 State St., Victoria Park |
thought Sodom and Gomorrah were man and wife!

Gordon’s idea was to be a soldier on reaching manhood. Soldiers and cannons were the only toys he would look at, and after all the battles he fought the field was strewed with the slain. Then one day he saw some “stills” on a war film, and came upon a picture in which the British and German trenches were shown at very close quarters and both bristled with rifles and bayonets and machine guns.

“Mum-mie,” he said, “do both sides have guns in a battle?”

“Yes, dear.”

“H’m—I thought only our side had guns. Mum-mie, I think I shall go into business.”

The story is told of a Labour member who asked a French politician, over in England on a visit, what he would take to drink.

“Vell,” was the reply, “I will take a drop of your contraband.”

“What on earth is that?” queried the astonished Englishman.

“Vy, you put in a whisky to make it strong, de water to make it weak, de lemon to make it sour, and de sugar to make it sweet. Dep you say, ‘Here’s to you! and you drink it yourself.”

A Chinese editor’s regrets:

“We read your manuscript with boundless delight. By the sacred ashes of our ancestors, we swear that we have never dipped into a book of such overwhelming mastery. If we were to publish this book it would be impossible in the future to issue any book of lower standard.

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Soldier’s Son: “What is a civil war, daddy?”

Daddy: “One in which there are no blin’n’ sergeant-majors, sonny!”

Two Chicago girls were doing Italy. They were standing in front of St. Mark’s.

“Elizabeth,” asked one, “is this Venice or Florence?” “Consult your timetable,” was the answer. “If it’s Monday, it’s Florence; if it’s Tuesday it’s Venice.”

“Away!” she exclaimed. “Never speak to me again.”

He passed out into the night, but paused as he reached the pavement and drew something from one of his inside pockets. As he did so the girl uttered a shrill scream and ran towards him.

“Frank,” she cried, “what are you doing? Throw that revolver away and let us forget our quarrel.”

“It isn’t a revolver,” he replied, as he caught her in his arms. “It’s a spanner I borrowed from you the day my bicycle broke down. I’ve been wearing it next to my heart ever since!”

An officious old lady saw a little fellow of eight smoking a cigarette. Horrified, she came forward and said to him: “Does your mother know you smoke?” The boy looked at her with scorn and replied: “Does your husband know that you talk to strange men?”

Old Lady: (meeting sailor on country road): “Sir, do ye know my son Jack in the Navy?”

Sailor: “Which ship is he serving in?”

Old Lady: What! Be there two?”
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