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The Ominous Silence

During the two minutes' silence on Armistice Day, many ex-service men in all parts of our far-flung Empire must have felt depressed with anxiety about that other silence, the ominous silence Mr. Chamberlain is maintaining with reference to Germany's demand for the colonies captured by Britain and her Allies during the Great War. Mr. Chamberlain's silence is all the more ominous in view of the increasing outrageousness of the statements and demands of his German friends.

EVER SINCE the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia was flaunted before an astounded world as a generous gesture for European peace, that section of the British Press which supports Mr. Chamberlain has been preparing the public mind for the surrender of those former German colonies which are now held under mandates from the League of Nations by Britain and the British Dominions. The German agitation for this restoration is not a new one; it was commenced before the ink on the Treaty of Versailles was quite dry; but, during the twenty years that have succeeded the Armistice German propaganda has been so insidious and so persistent, that thousands who cannot differentiate between propaganda and evidence, or assertion and proof, have naively accepted the hypothesis that there was something inherently wicked in a peace settlement that exacted penalties from a disturber of the peace, and that the Germans, having lost their stakes in the gamble of a war they provoked, are legally and morally entitled to have those stakes returned to them with interest. A Palmerston or a Disraeli would have pricked the bubble of this fallacy once and for all with the blunt but straightforward information that impudent claims should not be tolerated, much less conceded. In their stead we have a Chamberlain; and it is proof of the efficacy of the German propaganda that Britain has accepted the view that some, if not all, of Germany's former colonies must be returned, if we are to preserve that restless state of non-war for which the fashionable term is appeasement.

Stripped of the spluttering verbiage in which Teutonic rhetoric delights, and dismissing Von Ribbentrop's recent rhapsody on legal rights which exist nowhere except in the German imagination, Germany's claims to her former colonies are based on the fact that they were not annexed outright after the Great War, but are held under the mandatory system; and the assertion that it is asserted somewhere in the Treaty of Versailles that Germany is not fit to have colonies. Admittedly, the mandatory system, the toy that dazzled the mind of a paranoiac president, has been, with a few notable exceptions, annexation under another name, but with this difference, annexations are unconditional, while the mandates carry obligations and conditions that are being scrupulously fulfilled. Regarding the other aspect of Germany's wail, there are men whose heads are not quite bald who can remember Germany's ruthless treatment of the Herreros in South-West Africa, and the colonial regime of Dr. Carl Peters in East Africa. In neither place do the natives themselves want any more of German rule, but German politicians and German Pressmen continue the interminable chorus of a Germany whose colonies were taken under false pretences, and whose former administration of those colonies has been slandered, and the bright-minded Briton whose country is always wrong fondly imagines that further surrender will cement international friendship and perpetuate peace.

To understand Mr. Chamberlain's vacillations, one must realise something of that senile statesman's political background. For over a year one has read much in the English newspapers of a coterie called the Cliveden Set, after Cliveden, the Thames-side residence of the Astors. The Astors themselves are really German-Americans who have gate-crashed into English public life, though it may be admitted the gates were the lordly portals of Eton and Oxford. Their ancestor was a German who made a fortune in the American fur trade. Their father was an American financier and politician who became a naturalised Englishman in 1899 and a Viscount in 1917. He was in his fifty-second year when he changed his nationality. The present Viscount Astor is the owner of The Observer, a paper which has always had a good word to say for the dictators. His brother, also a newspaper proprietor, has a controlling interest in The Times. Lady Astor, the Viscount's American-born wife, is a member of the House of Commons. They are personal friends of the Marquis of Londonderry, one of the most pro-German members of the peerage, and of the Von Ribbentrops. It was said that this coterie sent Viscount Halifax to Germany, nearly a year ago, behind the back of the then Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, to ascertain the price of Hitler's friendship. Halifax's mission is now a matter of history. He was received with open arms, socially, but officially the Germans treated him as if he were a suppliant from a conquered country. The German demands were so outrageous that the bewildered Chamberlain has never dared to publish them. In the absence of an official statement speculation became rife. Mr. Chamberlain re-
have Germany as a neighbour in New Guinea than Japan. The cunning of the
suggestion is concealed in the aura of
altruism, but it ignores the practical
certainty that Germany might hold New
Guinea only long enough to sell it or
transfer it to Japan—and it was along
the Bitapaka Road in the Mandated Ter-
ritory of New Guinea that the first Aus-
tralians were killed in the Great War.

The silence of Mr. Chamberlain is ob-
viously the silence of assent. It prompts
the belief, which is further encouraged
by hints let drop by Mr. Chamberlain
himself, that some very definite promise
regarding the colonies was given by him
to Herr Hitler during the conversations
before the sacrifice of Czechoslovakia.
The refusal of the Under-Secretary for
Foreign Affairs to answer a question in
the House of Commons on this subject
leaves further confirmation to the view.
Fortunately, our own Mr. Hughes has
declared in no uncertain terms that Aus-
tralia will not surrender New Guinea,
while in various parts of Africa opposi-
tion to the policy of surrender is increas-
ing. In Rhodesia, it has been pointed
out that the surrender of South-West
Africa would place Johannesburg within
bombing range of German territory. The
Australian capitals would be similarly
imperilled if New Guinea were given up.
The British somersault in foreign policy
has emmeshed the Americans more tight-
ly in their cocoon of isolation, but even
the United States Government is growing
restless under the uncertainty. The
Americans have shly intimated that they
do not want Germany to have the bulge
of West Africa, as that would give Hit-
ler naval and air bases within striking
distances of South America. It is to
be hoped that the gathering storm may
have some effect on Mr. Chamberlain
before it is too late, assuming it is not
too late already. It is all very well to
talk about magnificent sacrifices for peace
—at the expense of others—and to play
a fugue of fear on the frayed nerves of a
peace-loving community; but there must
come a day when the limit has been
yielded, and when truckling to trucu-

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The completion of Anzac House and
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ness the Duke of Gloucester represen-
ted a milestone in League history. The
private member's Bill, introduced by
the Hon. C. Latham into the Legislative
Assembly this session, and its rapid pas-
 sage through its three readings represents
another. The attention of readers is di-
rected to the summary of the debate on
the second reading in the Legislative As-
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who spoke were undoubtedly actuated by respect for the ideals the League propagates and a genuine desire to do what was considered best in the interests of all Diggers.

When the Bill becomes law it will settle the long argument about accommodation for all League members in Anzac House. Financial members of the League automatically become members of the Club as well; and Diggers who do not wish to join the League may still join the Club on payment of the higher subscription. Thus an important and very concrete reform has been effected; but, like most reforms, it neither ushers in a golden age nor does it dispose of every difficulty with which the management has been faced. The success of the Club, more than ever, will depend upon the general attitude and conduct of its members. It is to the credit of the Digger in his social mood that conviviality has rarely degenerated into saturnalia; but a growth of membership increases the difficulty of control. After all, the soundest form of control is that which we exercise over ourselves. If members remember this, they will greatly aid the management, and they will not let down that good troop, the Leader of the Opposition, who promised Parliament on our behalf that the Club would continue to be conducted properly, and with strict observance of the Licensing Act.

A VALUABLE ADDRESS

On Saturday, November 13, delegates to the Federal congress were entertained with a motor tour covering 130 miles. They were first taken to Cannig Weir, where the State Engineer (Mr. R. Dumas) took charge, then to Alaluen, when Mr. J. J. Simons proudly took delegates over the beautiful grounds and explained the significance of the "Grove of the Unforgotten." Then to Kalamunda, where they were entertained at luncheon by the Kalamunda sub-branch, assisted by the women's auxiliary. Mundaring Weir and National Park were next visited and then across to the Pearce aerodrome at Bullsbrook, where they were entertained at afternoon tea by Wing-Commander Brownell and his officers. The most enjoyable event of a day of much pleasure was the splendid speech of welcome given by the president of the Kalamunda sub-branch (Mr. W. L. Wilson). Sir Gilbert Dytting, in thanking Mr. Wilson for his address, remarked that it was the best speech he had ever heard delivered by a sub-branch official and would long be remembered by all assembled at the function. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Wilson said:

"Here in the hills we are a simple folk, and so perhaps it is natural that the feeling uppermost in our hearts to-day is pride—pride because of the privilege of having for guests such a distinguished company—Diggers who have associated with kings and queens, who have counselled statesmen and moved governments. Talking of pride reminds me of a story of the Hon. William Morris Hughes, as told by himself to me over a cup of afternoon tea. Mr. Hughes was being granted the freedom of the City of Aberdeen. The dignified old Provost, casket in hand, turning towards the then Prime Minister, said, with obvious and touching sincerity, "Man, we are all proud of you." "My chest," said Billy (and what a chest!) "started to swell like a power pidgeon." "But," added the canny Provost, "We are more proud of ourselves."

Well, Sir, like the old Scotch Provost, we are proud of you; and although I cannot go so far as to say we are more proud of ourselves, well—

This conglomeration of ironstone which forms the district of the Darling Range constitutes 1/7,000 of the area of Western Australia; but it produces one-sixth of its oranges and one-eighth of its stone fruits. That it produces women who can cook and who stand by the boys and the League you have seen and tasted for yourselves. Naturally it breeds good men. We know, of course, that the brilliant gravitate to the city, but that is only another way of saying that the vitiated city requires a continuous renewal of life-blood from the country, from obscure but smiling gullies such as you have just passed through this morning. Darling Range has sons in all branches of His Majesty's Service. The youngest aviator in the R.A.A.F. to pass through Duntruan and to hold the rank of Squadron-Leader is a son of our imitable past president, and a distinguished graduate of Jervis Bay at present finishing his training in England is a son of the local dominion. I am not quite sure, Mr. Yeates, whether we have produced a Regimental-Sergeant Major; but at least we have a resident general in General Barber.

Looking back over the 20 years you have guided the destinies of the League, Sir Gilbert, it must be intensely gratifying to you and to your colleagues to see that through your efforts there are homes enjoying a measure of pleasure where otherwise there would have been want; that tranquillity reigns where else had been gnawing anxiety. Where there might have been indifference there is consideration and care, and at worst where else there had been despair there is courageous resignation. To us careless Diggers, who take this happy state for things for granted, it is well to be reminded that in other countries and other times, and even in those favoured islands from whence we sprung, the human residue of a campaign has often become a festering sore in the body politic.

WHAT THE WAR COST

IN MEN

Dead soldiers of all nations 9,998,771
Seriously wounded 6,295,121
Otherwise wounded 14,002,039
Prisoners and missing 7,983,600

IN MONEY

Total direct costs (nett) £38,340,254,547
Property losses on land 6,164,609,073
Property losses—shipping 1,399,176,955
Losses of production 9,259,259,259
War relief 205,761,317
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and the fault did not all lie in the indifference of the civilian population nor the authorities. What a different picture is presented to-day in this Australia of ours where co-operative effort wisely guided has secured a certain recognition not only of the rights and needs of returned soldiers, but of their duties and obligations and their power for good in the country in which we live and the Empire of which we form a part. Ask those upon whom rested the burden of the recent crisis how they viewed the League and its members. What would they say? An irresponsible body which will stampede us into war? No. A crowd who have had more than enough of war and would not fight at any price? No. They would say, Thank God there is a cross-section of the community upon whom we can absolutely depend. Men who know the price of war and who will know when the cause is worth the price.

Gentlemen, whether the Government of the day were recruited mainly from the ranks of the trade unions or had been ornaments of the Chambers of Commerce and Manufacturers or of the learned professions, it would be all the same. Either would say, Thank God for that leaven of sanity which is the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia.

Sir Gilbert, insofar as you and your colleagues are largely responsible for making the League what it is, we honour you. Insofar as the humble hospitality of our women can reward you, we offer you that simple reward. Insofar as the loyalty of our small sub-branch can offer you encouragement for further endeavour and unselfish service, we offer you that encouragement.

UNVEILING
THE MEMORIAL
An Eye-Witness's Account

Reporting to Federal Headquarters on his return to Australia, Colonel R. B. Jacob, of South Australia, gives an interesting account of the unveiling of the Australian War Memorial at Villers Bretonneux last July. Colonel Jacob attended the ceremony as the official representative of the R.S.I.L.A. He writes:

On July 21, as a member of the official party at the unveiling ceremony, I left London and we were accommodated that night at the Grand Hotel in Paris. Early next morning, July 22, we left by special train for Villers Bretonneux. As this day was the end of the King and Queen's official visit to France, I was particularly struck by the precautions that had been taken to safeguard Their Majesties. From Amiens to Villers Bretonneux on each side of the railway line were French Infantrymen at intervals of about ten paces, and in the fields on both sides of the line Cavalrymen could be seen patrolling.

On arrival at the Villers Bretonneux railway station, we were met by 'buses, and from there to the Memorial the whole route was lined by Infantrymen—two deep—on each side of the road and still more Cavalrymen patrolling.

It was a beautiful day for the unveiling, and as the official party had arrived approximately an hour before Their Majesties and the French President were due, I had an opportunity to scatter the ashes of the cards and ribbons entrusted to me by the League over the graves of Australian soldiers. This was a simple ceremony, attended by Colonel T. W. White and Sir Fabian Ware, and a representative from each Australian Division and other units of the Australian Imperial Force. Padre Green made a short and appropriate address, after which the ashes were scattered by your representative. The urn was then placed in charge of Captain Murphy, of the Imperial War Graves Commission, and will be filled with earth from the ground dug up to mark the meeting place of Their Majesties the King and Queen of England and the French President (M. Le Brun).

On the arrival of Their Majesties, I had the honour to be presented by Sir Earle Page (deputy Prime Minister of Australia). Her Majesty the Queen, when she was told that I was the sole representative of the ex-service men and women of Australia, asked me if I had come all that way to be present for the unveiling. When I replied "Yes, Your Majesty," she turned to the King and said "How wonderful." It was then, more than at any other time, that I appreciated the wonderful honour I had of representing the ex-service men and women of Australia.

After the presentation, the official party proceeded and took up their places on the dais in front of the Memorial, where we witnessed the meeting of the King and Queen with the French President. They then took up their positions on the dais. Whilst waiting for the arrival of M. Le Brun and his wife, the King and Queen inspected the Guard of Honour of approximately 400 Diggers, and Her Majesty was presented by a small French boy with a bunch of poppies which he had gathered from the surrounding fields.

On the dais, and on the right of the dais, facing the Memorial, were the French officials, guests of the French Government and French soldiers. On the left of the dais were the British officials, Grenadier Guards Band and guests of the Australian Government.

On the arrival of the French President at the meeting point, the Grenadier Guards played the "Marseillaise" and on the arrival of the King and Queen the National Anthem was played by the French Guards Band. Sir Earle Page, in a very fine speech, asked His Majesty the King to unveil the Memorial. His Majesty responded and consented to do so and, followed by an oration by the French President (M. Le Brun), the King pressed a button and the flags covering the centre-piece of the Memorial were slowly dropped, everyone standing to attention, His Majesty taking a centre-position—on his right the French President; on his left, Sir Earle Page.

They moved up and placed three wreaths simultaneously at the foot of the tower of the Memorial, then moved back a few paces, and the Queen, who was just behind the King, was noticed to whisper to him. I noticed that he nodded in assent, and she gracefully moved up and placed the bunch of poppies on the King's wreath. She stood in silence and bowed then returned to His Majesty. The Royal Party and President then returned to the dais, and after orations by Padre Green and the Bishop of
ARMISTICE

COMMENORATION DINNER

Over 400 people sat down to what was undoubtedly one of the greatest social events of its kind ever held in this State in recent years. The M. Lawley-Ingleswood sub-branch R.S.L. were responsible for the occasion and the highest praise is due to President Williams, Secretary Craze and the members of the committee who assisted for the magnificent decorations and manner in which the proceedings were conducted. A remark overheard from one of those present was that he had never seen Anzac House looking so brilliant.

A guard of honour, consisting of six members of the 11th Battalion, C.M.F., ranged on either side of the steps leading into the ballroom presented a splendid sight as they went through the motions of the Royal Salute as His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor and Lady Mitchell arrived, and were greeted by President and Mrs. O. J. Williams. On entering the ballroom the huge audience rose as the strains of the National Anthem were rendered by Gray and Smith's Orchestra. Other guests present were Colonel Manning (private secretary to His Excellency), Brigadier P. M. McFarlane, District Base Commandant, the Hon. J. C. Willcock (Premier of Western Australia) and Mrs. Willcock, the Hon. C. G. Latham (Leader of the Opposition), Mr. C. Harper (Lord Mayor of Perth), with Miss Harper, Mr. A. Yeates, O.B.E. (State president of the R.S.L.), Mrs. H. B. Collett, Captain Davidson, A.D.C., Mr. A. W. Jacoby (Warden of State War Memorial), Mrs. Jacoby, Mr. Chas. Taylor (Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation), Commander C. C. Baldwin, of District Naval Office, Mr. C. Longmore ("Non-Com" of Western Mail) and Mrs. Longmore, Miss Ferguson, of West Australian, Mr. Reg. Biggs, of West Australian. At 8.30, the president requested the gathering to stand in memory of Fallen Comrades. The hall was plunged into darkness as the replica of the State War Memorial was floodlit. As Bugler Burnham played the first notes of the Last Post, 6,000 poppy petals floated down from the ceiling, representing each of those who paid the supreme sacrifice during the four years or carriage. On each of the two front corners of the Memorial stood two men of the 11th Battalion, C.M.F. (and also Diggers), leaping on reversed arms and wearing tin hats on bowed heads. At the conclusion of Reveille, the gathering sang a tribute to the fallen. Appropriate toasts and responses were delivered by President Williams, His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, Hon. J. C. Willcock, Hon. C. Latham, Mr. C. Harper, Mr. A. Yeates, Mr. J. K. Craze, Mr. A. R. Wood, Mr. C. Longmore and Mr. Ted Scott. Items were rendered during the dinner by Gray and Smith's Orchestra, Miss Joyce Saul, Miss Dorothy Ogilvie, Mr. Ted Scott and Mr. Jack Haynes. Rev. A. Mason said the Grace whilst Mr. V. Symes acted as runner and prevented any delays. Loud speakers were installed, enabling those down at the rear of the hall to hear every word. At the conclusion of the toast list, the floor was cleared for dancing, which was kept up till 12.45 a.m.

Amiens had been delivered, the ceremony terminated with the bands playing the National Anthem and the "Marseillaise."

One of the most impressive parts of the ceremony was the buglers and drummers of the Grenadier Guards rendering of the "Last Post" and the rolling of the drums. It was very pleasing to note how many Diggers were present and constituted the Guard of Honour. These men were either visitors to England and the Continent, or residents there. The Commonwealth Government invited any ex-service man or woman of Australia to be present, arranging their transport from England and making them an allowance of £1 per head to defray their expenses. Their behaviour was exemplary, and it was nice to see how much attention the King and Queen paid to them before the arrival of the French President.

I would like to pay here a tribute to the wonderful manner in which the whole ceremony was organised, and it was pleasing to see — immediately after the ceremony and before the departure of His Majesty the King — his decoration of Colonel Forbes, of the Australian Staff Corps, with the M.V.O. Colonel Forbes was mostly responsible for the organisation and successful carrying out of this memorable ceremony.

On my return to England, I had very much pleasure in accepting an invitation of the directors of the Imperial Airways to witness the inauguration of the 1 ½d. postage by air from Southampton to Australia.
ANZAC CLUB CONTROL BILL

Second Reading Debate

At this year’s State congress, the State president mentioned that a Bill was being drafted, asking Parliament to allow the privileges of membership of the Anzac Club to be extended to all financial members of the League, without payment of extra subscription. The Bill, which aims at settling the vexed question of providing accommodation in Anzac House for all League members, came before the State Parliament last month and has now passed its third reading. It was introduced as a private member’s Bill on October 19 by the Leader of the Opposition (the Hon. C. G. Latham), who briefly explained its purpose, and when the second reading was debated a week later, the most serious objections to the measure were voiced by the Minister for Justice (the Hon. F. C. L. Smith). Mr. Smith expressed the highest admiration for the League and its work, and stressed the desirability of men of common experience and common interest having a place where they could meet; but he objected to releasing the League from certain obligations under the Licensing Act which were binding on other organisations. Mr. Smith also opposed the suggestion that the property of the members of the Club should be handed over to the League, which might distribute the profits in a variety of ways. He also questioned the wisdom of augmenting the amelioration funds of the League from club profits, and suggested that ex-service men who were also members of temperance organisations might object to associating themselves with clubs that sell liquor, or with any kind of association which sells liquor. Throughout the Minister’s speech there was a running fire of comment and explanation which left no doubt that Digger members, on both sides of the House, were whole-heartedly in support of the Bill.

An excellent speech in support of the Bill was made by the Minister for Mines (the Hon. A. Panton). “As trustee and executive officer of the Returned Soldiers’ League,” Mr. Panton commenced, “I take this opportunity of thanking the Minister for Justice for the kindly way in which he has dealt with the Bill.

“Being responsible for the administration of the Licensing Act, no doubt he felt that it was essential for him to explain intelligently and efficiently the provisions of that Act, and he did that very well. At the same time, he has not used very much argument against the passing of the measure, and for that I thank him. “The Minister has particularly stressed the fact that the granting of membership of the club to the whole of the members of the Returned Soldiers’ League will practically confine the privileges to the members in the metropolitan area, and that those members living at Kalgoorlie, Boulder, Wiluna and other places will not receive the benefits of the club. I suggest to the Minister that if he were as closely associated with the organisation as I have been, he would probably appreciate the fact that the amelioration work of the organisation, although carried out in the metropolitan area, by three trustees who live in the metropolitan area —I being one of them—is performed on behalf of any returned soldier needing assistance, irrespective of whether he is a member of the organisation or not, and irrespective of what part of Western Australia he might be residing in. If a man can obtain that assistance irrespective of where he may live, so can the benefits of membership of the proposed club be obtained by him. The Minister is inclined to think—in fact, he has stated as much—that this is a request from the League executive. As a matter of fact, it is a request from the Returned Soldiers’ League. The League holds a conference every year and that conference decides the policy of the League. The conference is comprised of representatives drawn from the sub-branches throughout the State, just as—and the Minister knows this for himself—the organisation to which he and I have the honour to belong meets in conference once in every three years, that conference defining the policy to be pursued by the Minister, myself and others associated with the party. It is not a question of the executive’s having requested this measure, but of the executive’s carrying out the wishes of the conference.

“We need to go farther back than the club. We need to ask ourselves just what this organisation is and what it represents. The Returned Soldiers’ League is altogether different from the organisations mentioned by the Minister. The League is unique, because only a certain section of the community can join it or its club, and that section can only do so because its members went overseas to serve in a war. The Minister mentioned the Football League. I am a member of the Football League Club, not because I am a footballer, nor because I am very much interested in football, though I am president of a league club. There is not even necessity for me to go to a football match. Provided I can pay £2/18—a year I may join the club. So it is with the Commercial Travellers’ Association. Once a man becomes a commercial traveller I presume he is eligible to join the club. Similarly if one joined the Freemasons’ Lodge he could become a member of the Freemason’s Club. It is not necessary to belong to any particular section of the community to become a member, but with regard to the organisation under discussion one must be able to produce his credentials as a returned soldier, and consequently there is something unique in such an organisation. The Minister for Justice asked members not to be led away by sentiment. I, too, hope they will not be led away by sentiment. We ask members simply to look at the facts. The organisation is not built up on sentiment. At the 1919 conference of the Returned Soldiers’ League, discussing the question of the organisation, I expressed the belief then, and honestly held the belief, that if we were going to be built up on sentiment we would not live very long. It was not long, however, before we realised that sentiment was playing only a small part; what was playing a big part was self-preservation and the necessity to protect those who had come back from the war suffering from disabilities. That is what the organisation lives for and that is what we are desirous of bringing about. We want the privilege we are asking the House to give us, and we do admit it is a privilege that we are seeking. Having occupied the position of trustee for a considerable period, I can say that the amount of money expended on the amelioration of those who have suffered through the war is really a considerable sum. Prior to the establishment of the Lotteries Commission we were privileged to conduct a consultation which brought us in £2,000 or £3,000 each year. Since then we have received considerable sums from the Lotteries Commission. I also point out that the trustees met no fewer than 64 times last year to deal with all the cases that came...
along, irrespective of whether they were members of the League or not. Whether they were A.I.F. men or ex-Imperial men their cases had to be dealt with, and year by year as the men get older and their disabilities become greater, so there will be an increase in the necessity for assistance. It was appreciated long ago that as the returned soldiers became older they were going to suffer greater disabilities. Then we established a fund called the Aged Sailors and Soldiers' Relief Fund, and this was not to be operated on for ten years. In the interval we were to endeavour to put away as much as we possibly could for the purpose of creating a substantial fund to assist those men who might be receiving the old age pension or what is now known as the service pension, and in that way help them along a little further.

That is what the organisation stands for, and so long as there are any of us left able to carry on, we must carry on the work for which the League stands. After many long years, perhaps longer than we had a right to wait, we built Anzac House, and in doing that we accepted the responsibility of having to pay for it. The only objective was to provide a home for returned soldiers, and when the building was about completed it was decided to establish a club. Being unscientific as returned soldiers, we found that the Licensing Act stood in the way. We that is put through this House creates a precedent to which we had to conform to the provisions of the Act, and we did so. That meant that it was necessary to appoint a separate committee from the organisation and responsible to the R.S.L., just as the executive was responsible for the completion and payment of Anzac House. The separate committee had to be formed to conform to the conditions of the Licensing Act. It was not necessary to join the club to be a member of the Returned Soldiers' League. So long as one was a returned soldier he could be a member of the club. There was always the possibility of this happening: that members outside the League, for various reasons of their own, and probably having not much interest in the League except when they wanted assistance, could have banded together a sufficient number to assume control of the club in our own building, not only of the club but of the finances of the club.

The Minister for Mines contended that the Bill would alter that, and give the executive of the R.S.L. control of the club. Representatives of the League from various parts of the State, he continued, will always be responsible for seeing who are members of the club committee. The responsibility will be that of the League. Turning to the question of the disposal of profits, Mr. Panton said that these were used for the purpose of amelioration. "I said a little while ago that we receive a considerable sum from the Lotteries Commission. We also receive money from the sale of poppies, and some of that money goes to the Sailors and Soldiers' Fund, while certain of the profits also are devoted towards assisting the Sailors and Soldiers' Fund. Our job as returned soldiers is to look after people who are least able to look after themselves, and we have carried out that job. We believe it is our occupation and those of us who are able to do it are anxious to do it, and having the organisation we see no reason why the building should not be the home of the returned soldiers and a home into which any returned soldier will be willing to go. We want to be able to say to these men: 'If you have 10/- and have become a member of the League you have the right to enter any part of the building. This is your home and it is the home of all the members.' I see no possible objection to that. A great deal has been said about the precedent that will be set up. Almost every Act of Parliament that is put through this House creates a precedent of some sort. I am one of those who never worries about precedents. If we set up a precedent then let us deal with it on its merits. I trust members will not look at the matter from a sentimental point of view but from the point of view of a body of men entitled to receive the benefits that are being given to them. We believe we are doing a good job; if we were not doing it ourselves some other body or Government would have to carry it out. We have taken it out of the hands of the Government."

After further debate, in which the member for West Perth (Mr. Ross McDonald) and the member for Canning (Mr. Cross) spoke in support of the Bill and the member for Bunbury (Mr. Withers) in opposition, the Leader of the Opposition (the Hon. C. G. Latham) answered objections. Mr. Latham said that the measure was not drafted hurriedly. It had been submitted to one of the best lawyers in the city and was subsequently endorsed by the Crown Solicitor. Mr. Latham assured the House that if the Bill became law all the conditions of the law would be rigidly complied with. The Bill, he said, did not give the R.S.L. the right to a license without the necessity of lodging an application under the provisions of the Licensing Act. In answer to the objection that the measure would create a precedent, Mr. Latham reminded members that the Anzac Club would have a very limited life, while in years to come other organisations would still be functioning. He denied that the measure would debar returned soldiers who were not members of the League from joining the club. They could still do so, he explained, under conditions similar to those that enabled past members to join the club.

The Bill was read a second time and passed through the committee stage without amendment. The third reading has since been passed by both Houses so that after the customary formalities the measure will become law.

OLD CONTEMPTIBLES

We have been advised that the Old Contemptibles' Association will close ranks and accept no more members after December 31 next. The Association was founded to perpetuate the glorious spirit of the "Contemptible Little Army" which Sir John (afterwards Lord) French commanded in 1914. It was formed without thought of caste, creed or politics, and yet it is the most exclusive of all ex-service men's organisations, because membership is confined to those who have been awarded the 1914 clasp to the 1914-15 star. That clasp was awarded only to those who served under the fire of the enemy's mobile artillery, between August 4 and November 22, 1914. It is surprising to find that anyone eligible to join this unique organisation has not done so already, for there are many who would part with even decorations for the honour of membership. Any who have neglected to avail themselves of this honour are advised to get in touch with the secretary of the W.A. Branch without delay. He is the energetic and genial Fred Fairweather, of 24 Glover Street, Subiaco. The W.A. Branch was formed on June 25, 1925, by the late Captain J. P. Danny. The present executive officers are: President, Mr. A. C. Bond; treasurer, Mr. F. Hooper; and secretary, Mr. F. Fairweather. Meetings are held in Anzac House at 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.
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BY H. B. GATES

The war of 1914–18 cost the British Empire a million lives, a million maimed and thousands of millions of money. All we have to show for it is a few colonies, disguised as "mandates." A section of British politicians seem to be determined to hand some of these back to the enemy, if the rank and file of their party will allow it.

Is it not within the competence, or at least the spirit, of the R.S.I.L.A. to express an opinion on the subject? British Ministers do listen to public opinion when it is sufficiently strongly expressed.

I am a Pommy myself, tho' of 16 years standing, so I am not out of place in these remarks. I appeal to my Australian comrades to join with Pommy members of the League in organising opinion on this matter, not only in respect of Australian mandates, but of all British mandates.

It is not merely a matter of profit but of defence. Do we not remember the Emden, the Karlsruhe, von Spee's squadron, etc.? Any territory handed to Hitler will of necessity be made into a military or naval base. A German base in Africa is a menace to Australian communications as much as one in Papua. The one hope the Empire has at this moment of keeping its feet is to retain control of the sea-ways.

It is not a matter of party politics, it is much less controversial than conscription.

It is, I think, a matter on which ex-servicemen's leagues throughout the Empire should get into touch. Those who did their bit are surely entitled to speak to those who did not.

Are we grown too polite to mention that the Huns invaded Belgium without cause or reason, destroyed Louvain and a hundred other towns, invented poison gas and air raids, etc.? Have we forgotten "frightfulness," the "Hymn of Hate," "Get strafe England," "Spurious Versenk" and other items of Prussian religion? If so, Hitler's treatment of Jews, Czechs and other minorities and the exploits of German airplanes in Spain should remind us.

Let's wake up again, please.

R.S.L. CRICKET ASSN.

The season of the R.S.L. Cricket Association was commenced on Sunday, October 23, when two matches were played at Wellington Square and one on the Lennox Hospital wicket. Cottesloe began the season well with a five-point win over Fremantle. Scores:

- Cottesloe v. Fremantle.—Cottesloe, 8 for 114, declared (Thomas 55 not out, Mundy 17, Wetheral 10; Williamon 6 for 19, Gillins 6 for 6, Annear 3 for 15, Wrighton 2 for 15), beat Fremantle 57 and 26 (Rowe 17, Kitch 11; Bell 12; O'Domohue 4 for 24, Keny 3 for 16, Rowlands 1 for 20) by an innings and 31 runs.

- Nedlands v. Mt. Hawthorn.—Nedlands No. 1, 210 (W. Crain 102 not out, Watkins 23, Gull 18, Hewitt 16; Randle 4 for 16, Blunt 2 for 30, H. Crain 1 for 33, Marshal 1 for 23, Devine 1 for 19, Pendlebury 1 for 7), beat Mt. Hawthorn 77 and 26 (Rowe 11, Kitch 7; Bell 12; O'Domohue 4 for 24, Keny 3 for 16, Rowlands 1 for 20) by an innings and 31 runs.

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November 13

- Cottesloe v. Nedlands No. 1.—Cottesloe 156 (Thomas 32, Edgy 29, Annear 27, Gull 21, Morrow 10 not out; Green 3 for 24, Cook 3 for 44, Crain 2 for 45, Winbridge —19), lost to Nedlands 6 for 162 (Mayhew 46 not out, King 43, Gull 37, Crain 20, Wrighton 2 for 23, Annear 1 for 41), by four wickets.

- Midland v. North Perth No. 2.—Midland 3 for 242, declared (D. Byrne 101 retired, Watts 64 retired, Webster 29 not out, Bishop 19 and Russsel 1 for 42), beat North Perth No. 2, 162 (Reison 1 for 2, Simpson 25, Webster 3 for 13, Bishop 2 for 13, Watts 2 for 5, Wilkinson 2 for 34), and 4 for 50 (Reison 20 not out, Sampson 18; Watts 2 for 15, Wilkinson 1 for 13, Webster 1 for 18), by 171 runs on the first innings.

The patron and publicity officer of the Association (Mr. W. Menkens) has retired from those positions owing to continued ill-health. The position of publicity officer has been filled by Mr. Bush, of the Tramway-Gloucester Park sub-branch, who is also a playing member of North Perth No. 2 team.

12th/52nd Battalion Assn.

About 60 members attended the annual reunion on October 7. The new officers elected for the following year were: President, H. Hoppepton; vice-presidents, T. P. Hunt and G. Deary; country vice-president, R. Reeves; secretary and treasurer, A. Cook; committee, J. Allen, J. Cowine, B. Wover, J. Fulton, D. McNellam, W. R. Hall, Mignot Cooke, R. Hopkins, A. Font, A. Broomfield, S. Bell and Joe Kitson. After the president's formal welcome, Messrs. Reg. Fisher, Bastian, Cass Mahomet and Abdul the Miracle Man provided a good programme, which was interspersed with community singing. The toast of the Association was proposed in humorous vein by G. B. Brathwaite, of the old Ninth Battalion, and Jim McCulley was equally humorous in his response. J. Allen toasted kindred associations and Comrade Kirby, of the 32nd, responded. Dan McNellam proposed the health of the retiring president, Tom Hunt, who was asked why he was born so beautiful, and J. Cowine asked members to charge their glasses in honour of the new president (Harold Hoppepton). Jack Allen proposed the secretary and treasurer (Alf Cooke). During the evening the following donations were announced: cigarettes (R. Dickson), cigarettes (J. McCulley), boneless food (the Swan Brewery) and cash donations (Messrs. J. S. Grayson and E. Y. Butler). The secretary was instructed to congratulate E. Y. Butler on his election to the office of controller of the W.A. Branch of the R.S.I.
Ex-Service Men in World Affairs

"MUSTPHA THE PERFECT"

BY C. R. COLLINS

Death's ravening scythe has removed from the international stage one who was surely the most remarkable of modern dictators. In these days, when one can rarely pick up a paper without reading some Rhodomontade by Hitler or Mussolini, one subconsciously associates dictatorship with something which is at once sinister and theatrical. That, I believe, is because the two western dictators have more or less modelled themselves on Napoleon, even to the extent of striving to recapture the little Corsican's fiery rhetoric. The late Kemal Ataturk, on the other hand, was a dictator who threatened no one, who held up no race nor creed as the enemy of the State he had created, and whose reported sayings, instead of breathing vague threats against all and sundry, were packed with kindly yet pungent wisdom which was so characteristic of Cromwell at his best. The first President of Turkey had much in common with Cromwell. Each had dabbled somewhat unsuccessfully in politics before he became a soldier. Each commended himself to his countrymen by success on the field of battle before he became the recognised head of the State. Each attempted to give his country a democratic constitution before circumstances compelled him to remain a dictator, basing his power on the loyalty of the army rather than the suffrages of a fickle people. But there the parallel ends. Cavalier historians accused Cromwell of being a tosspot in the days of his youth. Mustapha Kemal affected the cult of Omar Khayyam till the death of his death; in fact the illness which is supposed to have killed him is one that can be induced and aggravated by excessive drinking. Add to that other hobbies, one of which caused the contraction of a complaint that is not unknown among soldiers, and the other which invites the name that Doctor Johnson described as a term of endearment among sailors.

Actually, Kemal Ataturk was one of the loneliest of men. His schooldays, like those of Napoleon, were a purgatory of loneliness. He was not what we should call a good mixer. He made no friends and played no games. It was—but natural that the moody introspective boy should have turned his thoughts to politics of the more revolutionary type. Another might have become unbalanced altogether, but Kemal found his studies an antidote to morbid introspection. His success in the classroom earned for him the cognomen "Kemal" or "perfection" which one of his teachers bestowed upon him. His record in the military school might have won him early success in the army, in spite of his humble origin, had it not been for the intrusion of political activities. Between 1904 and 1908, the year of the Turkish revolution, he was constantly in trouble. The revolution did not go far enough for him, so he decided to devote himself entirely to his military career. He fought against the Italians in Tripoli in 1911, and served with distinction in the Balkan Wars that followed. Unfortunately, he incurred the jealousy of that political cheapjack, Enver Bey, and he was holding a comparatively subordinate appointment when Turkey decided to throw in her lot with the Central Powers in 1914.

The command of a division on Gallipoli was a somewhat side-tracked role in the social and military life of Turkey under the Sultan, but for once the Goddess of Chance smiled upon Kemal. He was the mainspring of the Turkish defence of the Dardanelles, after which he fought in the Caucasus and commanded the VIIth Turkish Army Corps in Palestine. Kemal always believed that Turkey had backed the wrong horse in siding with Germany and Austria in the War. He had no illusions as to the Central Powers' prospects of success, but he bitterly opposed the signing of the Armistice on October, 1918. During the closing years of the Sultanate, Enver again side-tracked him, and again intended humiliation was turned to profit, not only for Kemal, but for his defeated and embittered country. He was sent to Anatolia, as Inspector-General, and entrusted with the task of demobilising the Turkish forces. He demobilised only those troops upon whom he could not depend, and made the remainder the nucleus of the army that would soon regenerate Turkey.

The Allies authorised the Greeks to take military measures against him. The Greeks were at first successful and Kemal had to retire into the interior of Asia Minor. Then, in 1920, was signed the humiliating Treaty of Sevres, which left Turkey the merest shadow of independence. Kemal became the rallying point of the Turkish nationalists. When internal dissensions weakened the Greeks, his army—now thoroughly organised and well equipped—struck and struck hard. A short, victorious campaign followed. The Greeks were driven into the sea and Smyrna, the port they had hoped to establish on the Asiatic coast, was sacked and burnt. For a time it looked as if the victorious Turks would encroach on the neutral zone that had been set up after the Armistice; but that war scare passed. A more satisfactory armistice was arranged in October, 1922, and in the following year, Kemal, by consummate diplomacy, secured by the Treaty of Lausanne, all the territory of Turkey proper that had been left to her after the Balkan Wars of 1912 and 1913.

While this was going on, Kemal set up a Grand National Assembly at Ankara, more popularly called Angora. He abolished the Sultanate in 1922. The death of Enver, who was killed at Bokhara in the same year, left him the foremost man in Turkey. In October, 1923, the Turkish Republic was proclaimed, with Mustapha Kemal as its president and dictator. That widely-travelled writer, Rosita Forbes, recently said that she considered Kemal the greatest man in the world for, when he made his new Turkey in Asia, he had no political party behind him and he made it against the inclinations of his own people, who had no desire for progress or modernity. Kemal, in fact, knew what was good for the Turks, if they did not know themselves. Were Milton living at this hour, he might have said: "New ideology is but old idiocy writ large." Kemal had no ideology to serve, and no inclination to force his country into the Procrustean bed of some bizarre political theory. With no Cyclopean cast in his vision, he saw clearly that if Turkey was to rise to a new greatness from the ashes of a dead past, she must remove the numbing grip of that past and adopt modern ways. In 1924, he took the daring step of abolishing the Caliphate. This was the first of those blows to the power of Islam in politics which culminated in the disestablishment of the Moslem religion in Turkey, and the expulsion of the remaining members of the former Sultan's family. Except for that campaign against
the Greek, which the Turks call the War of Independence, the revolution was a bloodless one. That is not to say it was unaccompanied by conspiracy and incipient revolt against the new order; but it was unmarked by the sadistic excesses of the Nazi revolution in Germany and the recurrent waves of anti-Semitic hysteria in that country.

Kemal could be ruthless; but his ruthlessness could be tempered with tolerance. He introduced a constitution in 1924, which is extremely democratic in form, but which could not become operative in the unsettled state of the country. It was after a conspiracy to assassinate him was discovered in 1926 that he got rid of all potential opponents and continued to rule as a dictator. His rule has undoubtedly been beneficial. He raised no clamour for the return of Turkey's lost provinces. His foreign policy was friendship with every Power that would be friendly with Turkey. He realised, more than any of his countrymen, that peace abroad was essential if he was to carry out reforms at home. Those reforms ranged from the abolition of the fes and the encouragement of unveiling for women to the almost complete modernisation and secularisation of education and the reorganisation of industry. His countrymen conferred upon him the new title "Ataturk," which may be loosely translated as "The Father of Turkey."

While he has been at the helm of State, Turkey has concluded treaties of friendship with Italy, Greece and Russia. Turkey's relations with the other Balkan Powers have been vastly improved, and the arch of the new foreign policy was crowned by the restoration of Turkey's traditional friendship with Britain. When Hitler marched into the Rhineland, and Italy became aggressive in the Eastern Mediterranean, Kemal was not long in presenting his claims for the remilitarisation of the Dardanelles and for other modifications of the Treaty of Lausanne. Those claims were supported by Britain and since the conference of Montreux, which sanctioned them, the economic connection between Britain and Turkey grew closer, reaching its climax in the recent action of the British Government in granting Turkey credits to the extent of £10,000,000. Political commentators saw in the recent economic understanding between Turkey and Germany a set-back to Britain. It is doubtful if Turkey looked at it in that light. Throughout the War, Kemal was the strenuous opponent of the spread of German influence in Turkey. Since his reorganisation of Turkey he did his best to keep his country clear of embarrassing foreign entanglements. There was no string attached to the British credit earlier in the year, and had he lived Kemal could have been relied upon to see that similar financial assistance from Germany did not bring Turkey under economic vassalage to Hitler. One thinks that his successor, Ismet Pasha, his old comrade-in-arms and personal friend, will carry on the foreign policy of the deceased president. In the meantime, all Diggers will regret the passing, at the early age of 57, of a gallant opponent in war and a good friend in peace. The condolences sent to the Turkish Government by the Governments of Britain and Australia were no mere formal expressions of regret, and Australians will deem it a fitting compliment to the memory of a great man if, according to report, Lord Birdwood has been chosen to represent Britain at the funeral.
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At the October general meeting of the Katanning sub-branch, Captain Fred Cox asked members to drink a health to Mr. Harry Burnham, who is leaving for the metropolis shortly. Captain Cox stressed the good qualities of the guest who had not only been a good R.S.L. man but a good citizen. He congratulated Mr. Burnham upon his advancement and hoped that he would become associated with a metropolitan sub-branch and carry on the good work. The president (Mr. H. W. A. Tylor) then handed to Mr. Burnham a handsome cigarette case, which, he said, carried with it the very best wishes of members. Mrs. Fred Higman, as well as decorating the club room for the occasion, had sent along a beautiful bouquet which the president asked Harry to present to his good wife with the compliments of the sub-branch and Mrs. Higman. Replying, Mr. Burnham said the two years he had spent in Katanning had been very happy ones. He liked the town and he liked the people. He had done what he could for the sub-branch and would be only too pleased if he could render further assistance whilst he was in the city. He was going away, but nothing would stop him from coming back to the Diggers' Golf Day next year. Also he hoped to meet a lot of Katanning Diggers on the New Zealand tour in 1940.

During his visit to the State last month Lieut.-General E. K. Squires, Inspector-General of the Australian Military Forces, visited the Anzac Club, attended by the District Commandant (Brigadier McFarlane). The I.G. is the very model of a modern Lieut.-General: tall, athletically built and a good mixer. He was received at the entrance of Anzac House by the senior vice-president of the League (Colonel Olden) and introduced to the Diggers in the Club by the Club president (Fred Aberle). In reply to the words of welcome, Lieut.-General Squires said that he had been very much impressed by what Australia had done for ex-service men, but he was even more impressed by what the ex-service men were doing for themselves and for the country. He considered that organisations like our own had a valuable stabilising influence on the community in general, especially in times like the present.

During the annual change-over at the State War Memorial, those present—and many who could not be present—must have spared a thought in honour of the memory of the late Mr. John Heath, the former superintendent of King's Park, who died suddenly towards the end of last month. During the many years he controlled the destinies of King's Park, Mr. Heath was a loyal and valued friend to the Digger. His professional skill, which was of a very high order, was always at the service of the League, and it is somewhat unfortunate that, when visitors are taken to see the Memorial, they are not also shown the Honour Avenue, commenced and maintained by the West Perth sub-branch. In connection with this memorial to our sacred dead, Mr. Heath's aid and advice was invaluable. Words cannot measure his sterling worth, and at best convey only feebly our poignant sense of a severe loss. We extend to Mrs. Heath and family our heartfelt condolence. In their sorrow, they may take pride in the thought that the great park, which he loved and cared for so long and so well, is, in no small sense, Mr. Heath's own Memorial.

It is not generally known that Alfred Frith, who has been delighting local listeners from the Perth national broadcasting station, once wore the scarlet of the 1st Royal Dragoons. He served in South Africa with his regiment and was galloper to General Buller, during the disastrous Battle of Colenso on December 15, 1899, the fight in which Lord Roberts only son gained a posthumous V.C. Alfred got a wound in the leg which still affects him. He tried to join up with the Australian Light Horse during the Great War, but the effects of mauser bullets prevented him from marching past the M.O.

Our Mosman Park correspondent reports that George Ashworth and his good wife contemplate a visit to the Eastern States during December. The sub-branch will tender them a complimentary social on December 13. The same reliable source of information advises us that Bob Scott and Mrs. Scott are expected to return from a trip to the land of Scots and Picts on November 22. By the way, do readers all know how the Roman soldiers guarding the Great Wall of Ancient Britain could tell the Picts from the Scots? The officer-in-charge of catapults used to put over a salvo of copper coins and those who didn't get any were the Picts.

On the eve of going to Press, we received the sad tidings of the death of Mr. Robert Cecil Wellington Lloyd, State secretary of the Queensland Branch of the League. He was sheep farming near Winton in Central Queensland when the bugs sounded the Fall-in, and his service abroad was with the 52nd Battalion, in which men from this State and Tasmania also served. The late Mr. Lloyd was a sergeant-major when the war ended, and allowed him to return to his sheep. He sold his property ten years ago and became employment officer for the League in Brisbane. He was appointed assistant State secretary in 1951 and State secretary two years later. He was in his forty-ninth year when the Last Call sounded.

Australia lost a valuable citizen and a capable politician when Charles Edward Hawker, M.H.R., was killed in the Kyeema disaster, at the early age of 44 years. He was an M.A. of Cambridge and served with the B.E.F. during the Great War, ending his spell of active service as a Captain in the Somersetshire Light Infantry. One of the youngest of prominent Australian Parliamentarians, he had been Speaker of the South Australian Assembly before he entered the Federal arena. Even in that enlarged sphere, he gave early promise of a brilliant future, and was Minister for Commerce in 1932. Success, however, did not diminish his concern for the welfare of comrades. It was characteristic of the man that his last public speech was an impassioned plea for higher pension rates for the Royal Australian Navy.

Two other victims of the Kyeema crash were Messrs. Hardy and Hill-Smith. Both were prominently connected with the Australian wine-producing industry, and both fought the good fight with the 3rd Light Horse. The speeches in their memory by comrades of the South Australian Branch of the League was one of the most impressive broadcasts yet relayed by the Australian...
Broadcasting Commission, to whom the gratitude of local Diggers is due for this service.

The recent reconstruction of the Federal Cabinet has enabled the Prime Minister to appoint, at long last, a soldier to the office of Minister for Defence. The new Minister (Brigadier Geoffrey Austin Street) is a member of a Sydney family, well known in academic and legal circles. A Sydney University man, he went away in 1914 with the 1st Batt. of the A.I.F. and served on Gallipoli and in France and Belgium. He was a Major with the Military Cross when the war ended. Continuing his military service, he commanded the 4th Light Horse Regiment and was in command of the Brigade when he attained Cabinet rank.

It was not long before the dramatic resignation of Senator McLachlan from the Cabinet was followed by that of the Minister of Customs (Lieut.-Colonel T. White, D.F.C.). He was opposed to the somewhat Fascistic idea of an inner Cabinet, but it is believed that the Prime Minister's move in this direction was merely the last straw. It has since been learnt that he was only with difficulty persuaded to withdraw an earlier resignation the week before, when the Cabinet side-stepped the universal training issue. Whatever the cause, and whatever the rights or wrongs of the case may be, his loss to the Cabinet at this critical stage of our history is deeply to be regretted, for Tom White is a big Australian who has achieved big things. He flew with the A.F.C. in Mesopotamia, was mentioned in despatches and awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Captured near Bagdad in November 1915, he escaped from Turkey via Russia in August 1918. The story of his adventures is told in his book, "Guests of the Unspeaking." His present rank was attained after the war while serving with the Militia Forces. In addition, he has been president of the Melbourne Legacy Club. He has represented Balclutha in the House of Representatives since 1929. Mrs. White is a daughter of that revered Australian statesman, Alfred Deakin.

One of those coincidences which can happen in peace as well as in war has been reported from the Eastern States. Lieut.-Colonel Roy Chalmers, who has just been appointed Administrator of Nauru, commanded the 27th Battalion (Arthur Hullett's Own) during the war. Included in the Battalion were Sergeant Cameron and Sergeant Playford. On the Tuesday of a recent week, the Sergeant Cameron of those days became Postmaster-General in place of Senator McLachlan. On the same day, the former Sergeant Playford became Premier of South Australian in succession to Mr. Butler, who resigned to contest the Wakefield seat on the House of Representatives. Two days later, the appointment of their former C.O. as Administrator of Nauru was confirmed.

Sir Gilbert Dyett, C.M.G., who was re-elected Federal president for the 20th year in succession, served with the 7th Battalion on Gallipoli and was severely wounded at Lone Pine. He was returned to Australia, medically unfit for further service in the field, and was in charge of the recruiting campaign in Victoria for the remainder of the war. Sir Gilbert was a foundation member of the Bendigo sub-branch, to which he still belongs. In business life, he is the secretary of a number of racing associations in Melbourne. His knighthood, which was bestowed a few years ago, was in recognition of his services to ex-service men, inside and outside the great organisation of which he is Federal president. He is a fluent orator and one of the most rapid-fire speakers in the whole of the British Empire. Sir Gilbert is no stranger to Perth, having been here on the occasion of a previous Federal congress, and while passing through to British Empire conferences, at one of which he ably officiated as chairman.

Mr. George W. Holland, M.M., C.B.E., is the president of the Victorian State Branch. He served with the original 7th Battalion and returned to Australia in November, 1918, with the original Anzacs when they received their furlough. He joined the League on his return and held various sub-branch offices, was appointed to the Victorian State council in July, 1927, and to the State executive the same month. He was elected vice-president in July, 1928, and State president in July 1928, which position he has continued to hold. Mr. Holland attended the British Empire Service League conference in London during the Coronation and was honoured by the King last year when he was created a Commander of the British Empire. A sincere worker and a fluent speaker he has done yeoman service for the League.

Mr. P. F. Andrews, one of the Tasmanian delegates, was born 45 years ago. He enlisted in Queensland in 1915 and went away with the 2nd Light Horse, but transferred to the 43rd Battery (4th Division) early in 1916 and served with this unit in France until September, 1918, when he was badly wounded a few days prior to when he was ordered to England to receive a commission. Mr. Andrews went to Tasmania in March, 1919, where he has a farm a few miles out of Ulverstone. He was elected in 1931 president of the Ulverstone sub-
branch, which has a membership of 173, a position which he still holds. Mr. Andrews is a member of the Tasmanian closer Settlement Board, also the Farmers Debts Adjustment Board.

MR. F. E. COTTON, A.A.I.S., A.F.I.A., who is part-time secretary of the Tasmanian State Branch is, as the numerous letters after his name would disclose to the initiated, a public accountant and secretary. As a matter of fact, he is the vice-president of the Australian Institute of Secretaries. Mr. Cotton enlisted in 1915 at the early age of 17 years and served in Egypt and France with the 52nd Battalion, being wounded at Mouquet Farm in September, 1916. After the Armistice, he joined A.I.F. Headquarters Pay Staff. Mr. Cotton is the League representative on the Tasmanian State Repatriation Board and is also secretary of the National Football League of Tasmania.

MR. J. H. HONEYSETT, M.C., served with the 47th Battalion, gaining the rank of Captain. He enlisted in 1915 and attended the first A.I.F. Officers School at Dunroon. He was captured at Bullecourt in April, 1917, and was awarded the Military Cross for services rendered in Germany. Mr. Honeysett has been associated with the Federal Capital Territory Branch of the League for 13 years in various capacities, mainly as pensions officer for the past 10 years. He was the founder and is the present director of the Returned Soldiers' Club at Canberra. Mr. Honeysett has had an outstanding career in sport, excelling at cricket and soccer. He captained the Tasmanian State soccer team which was the only team in Australia to defeat the first Chinese soccer team to visit Australia. He is an officer of the Department of Interior, Canberra.

MR. R. A. NICHOLAS, one of the W.A. delegates, was a driver in the 22nd Field Ambulance prior to the war and was mobilised with that unit in August, 1914, and was in charge of the first military operating theatre in W.A. He enlisted in the A.I.F. when 18 years of age and served in the 1st Australian General Hospital in Heliopolis. Mr. Nicholas was returned to Australia in 1916, and discharged with enteric and malaria, afterwards giving four years' honorary service with the Red Cross Society. He has served three years on the W.A. State executive and has been assistant State warden of the Sons of Soldiers' League since its inception; but perhaps his most useful activity is in his daily visit as official visitor for the League to the Perth Public Hospital. For over two years Mr. Nicholas was president of the Press sub-branch. He earns an honest crust as Government artist and lithographer.

MR. A. S. DICKINSON, M.C., a Victorian delegate, served on Gallipoli with the 5th Battalion and in France with the 46th Battalion, where he was given a commission and later the Military Cross. On return from the war, he was engaged for 12 years farming in the Mallee district of Victoria. In 1932, Mr. Dickinson was appointed as Soldier Settlement officer of the Victorian Branch and in 1934 assistant State secretary.

MR. F. E. REYNOLDS, of South Australia, must have been a youngster when he enlisted, as he is only 42 years of age now. His unit was the 27th Battalion and he served as a staff sergeant at Gallipoli, Egypt and France, being wounded both at Pozieres and Villers Brett. Mr. Reynolds is vice-president of the South Australian Blinded Soldiers' Association, having previously acted as hon. secretary. He is also hon. secretary of the South Australian A.I.F. Cricket Team and other cricket associations, and is accountant and assistant secretary of the South Australian Branch of the League.

MR. K. H. TODD, of New South Wales, served abroad with the 1st and later the 53rd Battalions and has a splendid record of achievement in the League. He has attended many congresses and has been president of the Griffith sub-branch for 12 years, a Riverina councillor for four years and has been the New South Wales State country vice-president for seven years. Mr. Todd is a director of the Hospital Board and a member of the New South Wales Fruit Federation executive.

MR. LEN A. ROBB, C.M.G., the State president of the New South Wales Branch for the past ten years, served with the 2nd Division Signal Corps at Anzac and France and Belgium and is proud of his rank of sapper. Representing the R.S.L. of Australia, he attended the B.E.S.L. convention at Toronto (Canada) in 1931 and the American Legion convention at Detroit the same year; again the B.E.S.L. convention at London in 1933, during which His Majesty King George V invested him with the high order of Commander of St. Michael and St. George at Buckingham Palace. Mr. Robb is a trustee of Anzac Memorial, Sydney, life governor of Furlough House, Sydney (rest home for wives and children of ex-service men), member of War Veterans' Home Committee, member United Returned Soldier Fund committee and member Returned Soldiers' Employment Board. Mr. Robb is the official secretary to His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales. He is an eloquent, forceful speaker.

MR. JOHN BLACK, F.I.C.S. served abroad as a sergeant in the 2nd Battalion and holds down the responsible job of State secretary of the League in the senior

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State. He is also the editor of that excellent Digger publication, Reveille. Mr. Black is also hon. treasurer of the United Returned Soldiers' Fund of New South Wales and hon. secretary of the Anzac Memorial Trust of Sydney.

LIEUT.-COLONEL W. H. PARKER, V.D., of Queensland, attended at Dunroon in 1915 and later joined up with the 41st Battalion and served with that unit until after the Armistice. He carried on with the 42nd Battalion (C.M.F.) on return, which he eventually was appointed to command. The Colonel has been president of the Rockhampton sub-branch and the Central Queensland District Branch for 13½ years. He has resided at Rockhampton for 30 years and is employed as a salesman for Thomas McLaughlin & Co. (Fitzroy Brewery).

MR. ERIC MILLHOUSE, LL.B., of Adelaide, was the legal representative amongst the delegates, being a barrister. He served abroad with the 8th Battery. He is a very useful member of the League, holding the responsibilities of vice-president, South Australian Branch, trustee of Soldiers' Distress Fund, chairman of South Australian A.I.F. cricket team, vice-chairman South Australian National Football League and chairman Amateur Billiards Association.

MR. D. M. BENSON, who has been State secretary of the Western Australian Branch since 1923, has attended many congresses of the League. He enlisted in 1914 and went overseas with the 1st Division Signallers and served both at Anzac and Cape Helles on Gallipoli until wounded in November, 1915. Mr. Benson served in France with the 4th Division and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He worked hard in the League on his return and served for a period on the State executive. He is a Justice of the Peace for the Perth Magisterial district.

MR. STAN WALKER, V.D., of Ballarat, Victoria, served in Gallipoli, Egypt and France, first with the 4th Light Horse Brigade and later as officer commanding 17th A.A.S.C. 7th Infantry Brigade with the rank of Captain. He was mentioned in despatches from Gallipoli and France. Mr. Walker has been president of the Ballarat sub-branch for five years, is a past president of the Ballarat Legacy Club and is the junior vice-president of the Victorian State Branch. He is a furniture warehouseman at the garden city. Mr. Walker contested the Ballarat seat in the 1937 Federal elections and was defeated by only a very narrow margin.

MR. WALTER BRAY, of Brisbane, enlisted in 1915 and served with the 42nd Battalion (Queensland's Black Watch). He was wounded at Warneton in July, 1917. He joined the Repatriation Dept. in 1919 and is now pensions examiner in the Queensland Branch. Mr. Bray joined the League in 1919 and has held almost all offices from blank file to president and has been a member of the Queensland State Managing Council for 17 years, at present being there as the representative of the Central Queensland District. Mr. Bray was attending congress as the acting State secretary, Queensland Branch, vice Mr. Lloyd, the State secretary, who was unfortunately ill and whose death was announced during congress week. When asked for his hobby, Mr. Bray said that for the present it was in extolling the beauties of the City of Perth and the generous hospitality of its citizens.

MR. WALTER TIPLADY, of Queensland, served abroad with the 47th Bat-
Mr. Eric von Bibra, of Launceston (Tasmania), enlisted in August, 1914, in the 12th Battalion and took part in the landing at Anzac, where he later was commissioned in the field. After Gallipoli he was transferred to the 52nd Battalion and served with that unit in France until given command of the 13th A.I.F. Headquarters. He entered the Commonwealth Public Service in 1906 and joined the War Service Homes Department in 1922, was Deputy Commissioner, Queensland, 1928-30, and New South Wales, 1930-36, and was appointed to his present high office in April, 1936.

Mr. E. V. Raymont, the general secretary, served with the 3rd Pioneer Battalion. He was severely wounded at Messines and was given a commission in the field. Mr. Raymond has been an enthusiastic worker in the League ever since his discharge. He was president of the Enoggera sub-branch for 13 years and Queensland State Branch treasurer for five years and was appointed general secretary when Mr. Jack Webster became a repatriation commissioner. Mr. Raymond is a popular and efficient official and the League is very fortunate to have him as its chief executive officer.

Mr. H. H. Richardson, the War Service Homes Commissioner, who was present in an advisory capacity, was born in New South Wales in August, 1892, and served as a sergeant in the 20th Battalion and later A.I.F. Headquarters. He entered the Commonwealth Public Service in 1906 and joined the War Service Homes Department in 1922, was Deputy Commissioner, Queensland, 1928-30, and New South Wales, 1930-36, and was appointed to his present high office in April, 1936.

Mr. W. S. Hosking, D.S.O., M.C., had a most distinguished army record with the 27th Battalion for four years, finishing with the rank of Major. He is a prominent business man in Adelaide and it would take long pages to record his numerous League activities. He has been on the State executive of the South Australian Branch and is at present their State president. Mr. Hosking is also a prominent member of the Adelaide Legacy Club.

Mr. J. Webster, C.M.G., the soldiers' nominee on the Repatriation Commission, who was present in an advisory position in the 27th Battalion for four years, finishing with the rank of Major. He is a prominent business man in Adelaide and it would take long pages to record his numerous League activities. He has been on the State executive of the South Australian Branch and is at present their State president. Mr. Hosking is also a prominent member of the Adelaide Legacy Club.

Mr. J. Webster, C.M.G., the soldiers' nominee on the Repatriation Commission, who was present in an advisory
capacity, had a commission in the 12th Battalion and lost an arm at the war. On discharge he returned to Tasmania and was secretary of the Launceston sub-branch for a number of years until appointed general secretary of the League, which position he vacated about three years ago when he received his present appointment.

Mr. A. Y. Yeates, M.B.E., the president of the W.A. Branch, was the father of the congress. His soldiering dates from November, 1891, when he joined the Royal Artillery. His service includes Gibraltar, North-West Frontier (India), South African War, Boxer Rising in China. He enlisted in 1914, but was told he was too old and was kept on the Instructional Staff for two years, when he got away with the 44th Battalion. Mr. Yeates was severely wounded at Villers Brettonneux. Mr. Yeates has been a member of the W.A. State executive for 14 years, being chairman of the Land Committee for eight years, vice-president for three years and is now in his sixth year as president. He attended the last B.E.S.L. conference in London and was honoured by the King recently. Mr. Yeates has been the W.A. State representative on the Commonwealth Dried Fruits Board for 14 years.

Congress Resolutions & Responses SUPERPHOSPHATE

Calingiri.—Congress resolves that cheap superphosphate railway freight be available throughout the year.

Reply received from Commissioner of Railways:

"With reference to the resolution passed at your recent conference on the question of the carriage of superphosphate, I am directed to inform you that fertilisers are transported at the cheap rate all the year round when consigned to the potato and northern tomato growing areas.

"In addition, the special rate applies to any point in the system between the months of December to May, inclusive—during the last few years the period has been extended to June 30—so in the circumstances the Commissioner is afraid that any more liberal conditions than at present enjoyed would be difficult to justify."

Railway Water Troughs

Mr. Marshall.—That the Railway Department should instal water troughs at all railway trucking yards.

Reply received from Commissioner of Railways:

"With reference to your letter dated 28th ultimo., relative to water supply at railway stockyards, the Commissioner has noted the resolution passed at the recent annual conference of your association, and whilst he cannot see his way to commit himself to a generally undertaking of such a nature, he will be pleased to consider any specific requests put forward, having due regard to the amount of livestock traffic at the particular places and the expenditure involved in making water supplies available."

“Stickybeak” who is also a constant reader weighs in with the following: As a constant reader of The Listening Post, I have noticed that when our women’s auxiliaries entertain, a “dainty supper” is always served. Bibulous blokes like myself who attend dinners of sub-branches and unit associations sit down to “sumptuous repasts.” What has become of the good old Australian “square feed?” Although it is rather early to speak of items for the next State congress, I’m going to get my own sub-branch, the Shikkerup-Chalkitup sub-branch, to submit an item advocating square feeds as part of the national health campaign, or at least uniformity in eating, aided by the finest boneless food there it. Auntie Mac will tell you the answer to that one.

Although we have a high regard for Canon John Bell, of Claremont, we cannot accept the doctrine of non-resistance implied in his Armistic e sermon. No one who has ever seen war can pretend to like it; but to say that no christian should fight under any circumstances seems to be propagating a doctrine that invites the very wars that democracies are trying to prevent. We have already seen the consequences of Mr. Chamberlain’s wonderful policy of appeasement, and we believe that the doctrine of non-resistance is a further prop for militant and aggressive Hitlerism. Incidentally, the German Ministry for Propaganda is spending £200,000 a year on spreading this type of pacifism through democratic countries, and yet respected citizens in our own community obligingly lend a hand without even a “thank you” from the European gangsters.

It would not be fair to give names and addresses, but the married couple concerned were former residents of Leederville, who have been living in the Eastern States for about three years. Last month they came back to Perth on a visit. When they lived in leafy Leederville they were two of the many Nationalists who always vote for Alex. Panton, and Alex. was the first man they asked for when I met them. “How’s
Mr. Panton getting on?" asked the lady. 
"Oh, like a house on fire," I answered. 
"Did you know he's a Minister now?"
"A Minister!" exclaimed the lady. "You do surprise me." Then she turned to her husband and said: "We must go along one Sunday and hear him preach."

The Nazi Press and the pro-German Press in Britain now speak self-righteously about "the spirit of Munich." I should have thought that the Munich agreement resulted from a lamentable lack of spirit.

C.R.C. writes:-

In my time, I have been as critical of politicians as most newspapermen, but I gladly confess that a session and a half in the Press gallery of our own Legislative Assembly has caused me to modify many former views in a direction more favourable to our legislators. Once in a while, they can do it in style, and this was very evident during the debate on the second reading of the Anzac Club Bill. That was an occasion when party considerations were waived and Digger members on both sides of the House battled hard for the League. The Leader of the Opposition (Charlie Latham), who was in charge of the measure, made many good points, both when introducing the second reading and in the final summing up, while our breezy Minister for Mines (Alex. Panton) showed a vein of pure gold in disposing of certain doubts on the Government side. Other Digger members spoke so ably that the Bill went through the Assembly without even an amendment.

The Cliveden Press, in its barrage of propaganda for Mr. J'Aime Berlin, still stirs up the windiness of Londoners by reminding them how lucky we were to have escaped a war that would not have even been likely had Britain spoken firmly last December, instead of sending Viscount Halifax to Berlin to try to bribe Hitler to be good. Yes, we certainly had a lucky escape from a danger we allowed our pacifists to create for us. It would have been dreadful beyond all description if we had had to fight the unfortunate Czechs to make them submit to Germany.

Commenting on recent additions to the British Cabinet, the pale-pink News Chronicle said that the appointment of Lord Runciman would not freeze nor thrill many hearts. Cabinet rank is evidently Runciman's reward for paving the way and preparing the public mind of Britain for the Munich betrayal. Like Mr. Chamberlain himself, Runciman represents commerce. He was a member of the Asquith Cabinet at the beginning of the War and, while in office, fought tooth and nail against all the measures that subsequently proved winning factors in the struggle. He opposed conscription, retaliatory bombing of German towns and the use of gas by our own troops. When the supine Asquith was driven from office, Runciman went with him and made a great virtue of loyalty to his chief. In more recent times, Runciman has shown his Imperial instincts by opposing measures to prevent the Red Ensign of the Mercantile Marine being driven from the Pacific by the competition of subsidised foreign lines, and Australia will long remember the anti-Dominion attitude he displayed a couple of years ago when the meat agreements between Britain and the Dominions were being revised.

The Royal Commission on Awards to inventors, which was set up in Britain four months after the signing of the Armistice, to examine the claims of inventors, concluded its labours only a few months ago. The Commission received 1,834 claims. Of these, 369 were dealt with by the Commission direct. Investigating committees examined the remaining 1,465, of which 946 were withdrawn or abandoned, 75 were referred to and heard by the Commission and 544 were rejected. Difficult problems were raised by such inventions as the tank, where separate work of many minds had been combined to make possible the actual device used in the war. The total awards made by the Commission cost approximately £1,500,000.

In recent years men, especially naval men, commenced to grow beards once more. During the recent war scare, however, there was a rush to the barber because it was found that the ziff, which used to be regarded as a sign of wisdom, was a serious impediment to the accurate fitting of the gas mask.

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A pleasing and interesting ceremony took place at the September meeting of the Mundijong-Jarrahaale sub-branch. The worthy secretary (Tom Duckrell) again showed his wonderful enthusiasm in presenting to the sub-branch a replica of the State War Memorial. The replica is a beautiful piece of work. The floodlighting showed it up in all its beauty during the ceremony of remembrance. Actions like these help to make the League the vital force it is in the community. The donor was thanked by the chairman (Major Dick Geddes) and by Captain Kierath, Mr. E. M. Rose and the senior vice-president (Mr. G. Lister). Messrs. Rose and Lister were elected wardens of the replica.

The German Press was still whining about the alleged implication that Germany was not fit to have colonies when the crime of a half-crazed boy in Paris provided the excuse for another outburst of anti-Semitic frenzy. The German leaders were at pains to deny that these outbursts were organised and their explanation that the riots resulted from a "healthy instinct" of the German people was equally painful. The criticisms in the Press of other countries was bitterly resented, but what could be more callous or cynical than the punitive decrees the German Government has imposed on thousands of unfortunate Jews who had never even heard of Dr. von Rath or his murderer. Even the London Times, which has become strangely pro-German since Lord Runciman went to Prague to coerce the Czechs, can find nothing to say in extenuation of the mob violence in Berlin and other German cities; but the Manchester Guardian, which is not so hypnotized by Mr. Chamberlain’s policy of appeasement, hit the nail on the head when it asked how can the Germans pretend to be capable of controlling the destinies of natives of Africa when their treatment of German subjects in Germany is so palpably cruel and unjust.

The recurrence of Poppy Day reminds us that the highest price paid for an Armistice Day poppy was that paid by the Begum of Phopal in London in 1929. When she attended the service at the Cenotaph in that year, she was so impressed by the two minutes silence that she paid £5,000 for a poppy, which was a very practical way of supporting the cause which Poppy Day furthers.

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Federal Congress

Some Personal Observations
(BY "ASHMEAD")

Procedure at a Federal congress of the League seems to be markedly different from that at a State congress. At a State congress, there may be more than a hundred delegates, and everyone wanting to air his eloquence. At the Federal gathering, there are only two voting delegates from each State, with another from Canberra and the Federal president; these are the only people who contribute "oratory" as a general rule, the secretaries or assistant secretaries merely adding a word of explanation or illustration here and there. The main difference is the comparative lack of conflicting argument. The protagonist puts his motion; occasionally there might be a brief speech in support or against; and the silent vote follows.

That silent vote is interesting, too, to one who has grown used to the State congress procedure. We, in Western Australia, are so used to hearing the oratory occasionally, that it seems strange to hear the comparatively quiet voice of Sir Gilbert Dyett barely whisper "Carried!" or booming out "Lost!" that it seems strange to hear the comparatively quiet voice of Sir Gilbert Dyett barely whisper "Carried!" or booming out "Lost!" one who has grown used to the States silently, for and against, that Sir Gilbert exercises his impartiality in the conduct of his vast organisation. Where there is close division, and Sir Gilbert thinks that it is a matter so nationally important that there should be unanimity or no decision (as happened in a vote on a defence motion), he might take the liberty of holding up the announcement of the vote in order to give congress a further opportunity to reach unanimity, through compromise if necessary. Results which the League has achieved must be due to the wise leadership which it enjoys; so who will cavil at what some might argue is a slight departure from rules of debate, so long as the final decision still rests with the delegates, or, in other words, so long as there is no dictatorship?

So Sir Gilbert Dyett conducted his 20th (and the 23rd in history) congress in a manner reflecting credit on him. His flood of oratory occasionally broke its sluice-gates, much to the despair of the Press (for when Sir Gilbert talks he talks "copy"). Every time he ratted out a word like "incontrovertibly" or "irretrievably" or some other word with knobs on, it seemed to burst open the sluice-gates wider and the stream of words redoubled its volume. One wonders what would have happened had Sir Gilbert found occasion to say "nonintercommunicaibility!"

Alongside of Sir Gilbert sat Mr. Raymont, the general secretary. Usually the general secretary at a Federal conference is "the big noise," but Mr. Raymont spoke only once (that I can recall) and that was to thank Sir Gilbert at the end of the conference. He was busy carrying progress details of the congress to the typist for recording in the minutes, and generally attending to the machinery of conference. Incidentally, if I had had such a charming typist in the next room, I'd have found plenty of excuses, too, tor dropping into that adjacent room and bathing in the sunshine of her company!

Another reason for Mr. Raymont's comparative silence was that he was not in good health; and in that he had the sincere sympathy of everybody. Despite his indisposition, he never got "livery," but was always the paragon of courtesy.

People who are used to Mr. Jack Webster as general secretary had to get used to him sitting at the conference table in his role of Commissioner for Repatriation; and, like Mr. H. H. Richardson, Commissioner for War Service Homes, he gave the congress some sound advice on motions which were put forward under the headings of repatriation and war service homes. Though they could not enter into the debates, except at the frequent invitation of Sir Gilbert Dyett, they shared the good spirit of the conference.

That reference to the spirit of congress creates the opportunity to remark upon the extreme friendliness of the delegates. Digger fashion, the delegates introduced a fair amount of badinage or "slinging off" into their speeches and asides, and it served to elevate rather than depress the tone of the meetings. Where business men hold conferences on the sordid question of making more money by devising new business practices, and get down to almost a sour degree of seriousness, these old comrades...

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OTHER INTERESTING AND EXCITING RACES

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maintained a good-natured attitude to one another; though it is not to be imagined that they did not do their job properly. They handled their conference in the same light-hearted and yet thorough and efficient manner as that in which they had imparted a lesson in onion-culture to Abdul, or chiselled the Boche off the heights of Mont St. Quentin.

As for the delegates, much could be said in a publication the size of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, but for the purposes of *The Listening Post* remarks must be brief. There must be something wrong with the beer they drink in Queensland, because both Mr. Tiplady and Mr. Parker could not shout enough to be heard at times. True, there were a few unofficial committee meetings going on at the far end of the table, and Sir Gilbert Dyett had to remind the delegates occasionally that somebody had the floor. Mr. Parker was a beggar for thoroughness; he seemed to have a type-written speech available to read out on every motion. Mr. Tiplady replied more on extempore. That veteran delegate (if he will pardon the term veteran—for he is too big to have a row with) Mr. Robb raised his strong and persuasive voice fairly constantly, and was, if anything, the ruck of the conference. Mr. Todd was the most serious of the lot, and to my mind put more logic earnestness and “meat” into his arguments than any other delegate. Why he didn’t always get a winner with his motions beats me, unless delegates had made up their minds beforehand and could find nothing in Mr. Todd’s reasoning to confound their own views. Most certainly I formed the opinion that votes did not go according to the eloquence of the mover or, to put it another way, according to the merits of the debate; for motions on which not a word of opposition was voiced were defeated.

Some observers might call Mr. Holland the stormy petrel of the conference; I did not say “sooty petrel,” for Mr. von Bibra, coming from the northern end of Tasmania, knows that the sooty petrel is the mutton bird. Mr. Holland brought long years of experience in League matters to the conference table, and he was well worth listening to; though, like Mr., Todd, he did not always get his own way. He had arguments with the chair a few times, but it was all in good vein. His cobbler, Mr. Walker, also had a wordy bout with Sir Gilbert on the defence debate; but again there were no hard feelings, though his facial expression plainly said, “Oh, have it your own way!” The way Mr. Millhouse crossed swords so readily with a West Australian delegate made me wonder whether somebody from the West got Mr. Millhouse’s wicket too cheaply in that interstate cricket carnival, or whether he had some other score to pay off. No, to be fair to Mr. Millhouse, that is only another way of remarking on the sheer coincidence that the West seemed to come in for more opposition from him than other States! and, to be truthful, he always did offer some reasonable explanation with that opposition. Mr. Hosking was a man of few words and sound ones; on his way up to the rank of colonel he must have jumped over the sergeant-major’s rung in the ladder, for he was such a decent bloke.

Mr. Yeates seemed quite out of place to West Australian observers, sitting half-way down the table instead of at the head; but as a delegate he was very sound. He did not introduce any chestnuts, but imparted spontaneous humour to his remarks. At least twice he saved the defence debate from drifting away into nebulous generalities by making a fine fighting speech and finishing it up with a concrete motion, so concrete that the sledge hammers of opposition could not smash it. Mr. Nicholas was a good support to him and, though he made few speeches, they were convincing ones—except on one motion which was unaccountably lost—that is, I cannot account for the defeat. Mr. von Bibra led the Tasmanian delegation; Tassy is only a small place, but it produces some influential people. Mr. von Bibra has had good experience with eloquence, having twice been Mayor of Launceston. Having been a Mayor, it is interesting to note that he belied that old proverb about not making a horse drink.

Then there was Mr. Honeysett. He early made his presence felt, for about the first decision of conference was to declare that he represented, not Federal, but Australian, Capital Territory (and make no mistake about it!). He came in handy to the chairman, too; when a second was wanted for a motion, though once or twice he did remark, “Oh, no, I’m not seconding this!” I think, judging by his oratory, he has handled one or two pension cases in past years. Also, I must be careful to say good things about him, for I am told he used to be a brewer, and—well, you never know when such a man’s influence might come in handy some hot, dry day.

Well, the delegates have been and gone, and left us with the pleasure of having met a fine crowd of chaps without exception, and with a regret that it will be probably seven years before we may have in Perth another Federal congress.

**OUR OVERSET**

We regret that it has been again necessary to exclude from this issue several contributed items and two of our usual features, “Westralian Cavalry in the War” and the excellent advice given by Auntie Mac in his corner.

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At the meeting of the State executive on November 2, there were present Messrs. Yeates, Olden, Aberle, Philp, Denton, Hunt, Nicholas, Anderson, James, Watt, Margolin, Paton, Potts, Sten, Keesing, Fairley, Mitchell and Johnstone. Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Butler, Collett, Panton, Lamb, Freedman, Thorn, Warner, Cornell, Logie, Cornish, Lawton and Austin.

The meeting of the executive, called for November 16, was cancelled, as Federal congress will be held in October in Perth during that week. If necessary, the State president may call a special meeting in the meantime.

Presentation.—The State president presented Mr. E. C. West, formerly secretary of the Kimberley sub-branch, with the League's Certificate of Service.

Appointment.—Messrs. Sten and Potts were appointed as League representatives on the Soldiers' Children Education Board and Scholarship Trust. It was agreed that the retiring representatives be thanked for past services.

Affiliation.—Yealering sub-branch notified the executive of its decision to affiliate with the Nedlands. It was agreed that the social amenities between sub-branches were a matter entirely for their own arrangement.

State War Memorial.—The report of the State War Memorial committee revealed that an arrangement had been entered into with the King's Park Road Board, whereby the board undertook the care of the Memorial surroundings at a cost of £15 a year.

Peppermint Grove Area.—The State president reported that the Peppermint Grove area had now been defined. The area would be regarded as a neutral one by both Mosman Park and Cottesloe sub-branches.

S.S.L. Committee.—The report of the S.S.L. committee meeting held on October 13 was received and adopted. The committee recommended, in regard to the matter of the perpetuation of the League which would be discussed at the forthcoming Federal congress, that our delegates should stress the fact that the League Constitution already contains provision for its perpetuation, in that part of the constitution referring to the names of Soldiers' League. It is considered desirable that the provisions of the S.S.L. Constitution should be extended, these provisions should go no farther than to embody those serving in or those who have served in militia units of the Commonwealth Defence units in other parts of the Empire.

Visits.—Reports on visits received were as follows: Overseas League: State president; Carnamah sub-branch; State president and State secretary; Bunbury sub-branch; State president and assistant State secretary; Croydon sub-branch; Mr. Austin; Shell Oil Co.; Colonel Olden; Kojonup sub-branch; Colonel Fairley; Albany sub-branch; Messrs. Anderson and Panton; Moora sub-branch: Mr. Johnstone.

Old Men's Home.—Mr. Anderson advised that the ex-service men's ward of the Old Men's Home had now been renovated, but extra linoleum was required. The expenditure of £1 for this purpose was authorised.

Ex-Machine Gunners' Assn.

The annual reunion and social of the ex-Machine Gunners' Association took place at 8 p.m. on October 3, at Gregson's Mart, 32 King Street, Perth. There was a good attendance of members and visitors from unit associations. Major J. A. Barrett (Staff Corps) was present deputising for the Commandant. The annual election of officers took place and resulted in the election of the following: President, Mr. L. J. Parks; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. W. Lynch and A. D. Jackson; committee, Messrs. W. Gregson, R. F. A. Graham, H. E. Stone, J. L. Douglas and B. L. Vinden; hon. auditor, Mr. S. M. Gorton; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Linden; hon. secretary, Mr. E. S. Everett. The business of the evening was taken up with the general affairs of the Association's activities. It was decided to present for competition annually a cup from the ex-Machine Gunners' Association to the Vickers' Gun Units of the militia. Also, it was decided to donate £1 1/- to the aged soldiers' fund. Mr. F. T. Harding, in the name of Madame Bennett Wilkinson. Community singing and musical items were indulged in to the accompaniment of Mr. Herbert Bladen and saxophone items were rendered by Mr. Dave Howard. During the evening a very interesting illustrated lantern lecture on "Whaling on the Nor-West Coast" was given by Lieutenant Hutchinson, R.N.R.

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Ireland, 1919-21: Sporadic and blood-thirsty guerilla fighting in Ireland between armed Republicans and British "Black and Tans."

Asia Minor, 1921-22: Invasion of Asia Minor by the Greeks, who were finally defeated by the Turks after a battle lasting continuously for a month.

South America, 1925-35: Long drawn-out war between Bolivia and Paraguay over rival claims to territory of Gran Chaco. Huge loss of life.


Manchuria, 1931-32: Japan invaded Manchuria, defeating and driving out the Chinese ruler, Marshal Chang Hsiao-liang, and setting up a puppet Emperor while retaining full control for themselves.

Russia, 1919: Red Russians crushed the White Russians who were led by Admiral Kolchak in Siberia, by General Denikin in the South, and General Yudenich in Estonia—all of whom were supported by the Allies.


Arabia, 1919-26: War between Ibn Saud and King Hussein, the latter being dethroned.

Poland, 1920: Russia attacked Poland and threatened Warsaw—the Poles inflicting a heavy defeat upon the attackers.

Armenia, 1920: Turkey attacked the Armenian Republic and opened up a direct route to Russia.


China, 1932: Hostilities between Japanese and Chinese forces at Shanghai with terrific losses and £70,000,000 damage to the city.

Abyssinia, 1935-36: Italy invaded Abyssinia.

Spain, 1936: Spanish War—still continuing.


AUXILIARY OUTINGS

Patients from Lemnos and Edward Millen hospitals were entertained by the Albany auxilliary on October 2. The party drove to Armadale thence to Bibra Lake, through Cannoning to Keough's Hall, where high tea was served. Mrs. V. Stockmin, representative for Albany on the state executive, acted as hostess. Mrs. Hopperton asked that Mrs. Stockmin convey the thanks of the Motor Outing Committee to Albany sub-branch.

Mr. McKeevor spoke on behalf of Lemnos hospital and Mr. Sam Foster on behalf of Edward Millen made a presentation to be sent on to Albany auxiliary and a personal gift to Mrs. Haines, of the Motor Outing Committee. Musical items were presented by Mrs. Seastream and Messrs. Bill Bates, Fred Barry and I. Horowitz. The following are thanked for lending their cars: Messrs. W. Woodward, Bill Bates, G. Purdy, Crofts, J. N. Williams, Randall, N. Keenan, M.L.A., Perry and Bennett, Mrs. G. Newton, Mrs. Rosenwax and (by courtesy of Sydney Atkinson) Messrs. Tate and Eric Holmes.

October 16

On Sunday, October 16, the patients from Edward Millen and Lemnos hospitals were taken for a drive through National Park, after which the Northam auxiliary entertained them to high tea at Keough's Hall.

Mrs. Kirby, representative on the state executive, acted as hostess and welcomed the guests. Mrs. V. Stockmin thanked the host on behalf of the Motor Outing Committee and Mrs. Haines thanked the car drivers. Mr. McKeevor spoke on behalf of Lemnos Hospital. Mrs. Hopperton, on behalf of Edward Millen Hospital, presented a tray to Northam auxiliary and a basket to Mrs. J. McKinlay, who suitably replied. A musical programme by the following was enjoyed: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bates, Mrs. Richardson, Messrs. Jack Harding, Purdy and H. Hopperton. The following are thanked for conveying the patients in cars: Mesdames Rosenwax and (by courtesy of Lynas Motors) Mr. Hall and (by courtesy of Sydney Atkinson) Mr. Giles.

CLAREMONT

The monthly meeting was held on November 3 with a good attendance of members.

The newly-elected president (Mrs. E. Fuller) was in the chair, owing to the resignation of Mrs. B. Cooke from that position on account of leaving the district. The main business of the evening was the arrangements for Poppy Day, and to assist the sub-branch with the usual Christmas party for the kiddies. On November 2, a dance was arranged and held by the auxiliary in the Parish Hall, Claremont. In spite of very inclement weather, it was a huge success, both socially and financially. The committee responsible are to be congratulated. It is with regret that we note the illness of our member, Mrs. Lidbury. All join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

MT. HAWTHORN-NTH. LEDERVILLE

The October meetings were well attended, but we are sorry to report the illness of three active members: Mesdames Fletcher, Richardson and Janrowska. As they are all left hospital, we hope to have them back with us again soon. The hospital visitors, Mesdames Kay, Reader, Fields and Bevan (Rep.) and Mesdames Stanton, Poole and Reader (Old Men's Home) gave reports, and a very nice letter was received from the soldier residents of the Old Men's Home. To celebrate the winning of the Exhibition Cup for the third year in succession, a picnic was held at Yan-
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KALGOORLIE

At the September general meeting a fair muster of about 70 members gathered to hear the congress report from the president (Mr. H. James), who attended as one of our four delegates, with Garrie Fairley, Dick Slater (president of Boulder sub-branch) and Bill Hunt, as the fourth. They also heard a most interesting lecture on "Aviation To-day" by Pilot Geo. Lewis, of Goldfields Airways. Mr. Lewis served with the A.F.C. during the war and has since been engaged in commercial flying. At present he is part owner of the Goldfields Airways and also acts as pilot for the Flying Doctor scheme. His talk was so interesting and so full of meat that the meeting decided to form a small committee to go into the matter with the Boulder sub-branch to see how the Goldfields sub-branches could help the A.A.M.S. This sub-committee has already met and a start will soon be made to help this wonderful scheme, in a practical manner. We trust very sincerely that our own State executive will stand behind us when the appeal is made to them in due course. This sub-branch is extremely busy in the matter of pensions. There are at present 27 cases going through the office. In this connection we are finding our broadcast sessions of great assistance. However, we are sorry to report that the one from the Goldfields national station 6GP on Friday evening at 7.15 has been discontinued. Every effort is being made to have it continued, because of its use in pension cases. Commercial station 6KG has changed hands, but we are glad to report that the new management will offer us the same facilities as the last in regard to our Diggers' session on Wednesday evening at 7.40 p.m. Thus the reader will see that this sub-branch conducted two broadcasts every week until a week or so ago, and now conducts one every week. Any sub-branch which is able to pick up 6KG at night is asked to get in touch with our secretary, and greetings will be sent. During September, the Popular Girl competition in connection with the Back to Goldfields Month was finalised. The R.S.L. candidate (Miss Dosie Donaldson) was placed third. However, a sum of over £350 was raised to assist our candidate. In all, the competition raised over £1,500, which will be duly apportioned to various Goldfields charities. One of our members (Mr. Lloyd Allen) was the organiser of the whole competition, and much credit is due to his energy for the final figures. During the month, one of our old presidents (Mr. Hutchinson) visited us, accompanied by Dick Dean, of Nedlands. Colin Edwards, of Wiluna, was also down, and fell into the

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job of chairing a general meeting. The Diggers’ Golf Day passed off, not exactly quietly, but still without casualties. Our popular member, D. R. MacGregor (of the Mines Department) annexed the Diggers’ Cup, while Arnold Crudace took the cup for which there was the keenest competition—the Diggers’ Worst Golfer. He is indeed in Bradman’s class. The Cummings Memorial was played somewhat later than usual, and because of the warm weather, and the grass seeds, did not attract the usual field. “Burke” Newman was the winner and received a beautiful pewter pot as a memento. On this occasion, our president gained the honours for the greatest score off the stick, but his performance did not equal that of Arnold Crudace in the Diggers’ Cup.

KATANNING

At the October general meeting, Mr. Frank Noonan gave a comprehensive report on the Annual State Congress. Katanning’s only motion on the agenda paper was carried. It advocated extending the concession of special railfares to pupils of the “B” section schools. Mr. Noonan said the congress was one of the most successful ever held. Kojonup sent a reminder that that sub-branch’s annual reunion would be held on November 12. Several members promised to make the trip to Kojonup. Mr. Jack Fraser has been entrusted with the arrangements for a cricket match between the two sub-branches. The report of the treasurer (Mr. A. T. Crouch) revealed that the finances are in a healthy state, and membership is being maintained. The president (Mr. H. W. R. Taylor) welcomed Mr. K. R. Pittendrigh, a visitor from the Subiaco sub-branch.

SUBLIACO

The sub-branch passed a quiet month after its recent feverish activities in the matter of fancy dress balls and is gathering its strength for the annual smoke social and reunion, which will be held in the sub-branch rooms on the evening of Saturday, November 26. A few of the boys did noble work at the women’s auxiliary fair on October 27, by running a stall or two. A few more did possibly nobler work by patronising the stalls. A pleasant and speedy general meeting was held on November 3. It was terminated by an interesting, not to mention controversial, debate in which the speakers covered both time and space, taking in several continents and running through 1870 back to the roasting days of Sennacherib; but for future prognostications, ten years was the best we could do. Sentimental and romantic anecdotes were afterwards related by the boys amid the quaffing of a small ration of the local hooch. The enjoyable bi-weekly bridge evenings continue to add their quota to the Aged Sailors and Soldiers Fund and our own amelioration fund. Coming evenings are December 3 and December 17.

MOSMAN PARK

Several new members attended the general meeting on October 25. The sub-branch is grateful to friend and neighbour, Bill Ford, of Claremont, for introducing a new member. To George Townsend goes the credit of enlisting Jimmy Woods, V.C., who intends to join up along with Messrs. Staniswood, Carr and Godwin. Further good work has been done by Sunday working bees. The hall is now nearing completion and it is expected that official opening will take place towards the end of the month. It was decided to place a tablet in memory of the late General Hobbs in the entrance hall. This will be unveiled at the official opening of the hall. Points gained by the teams in the Anniversary Cup competition are Gibson’s, 4; McDavid’s, 2; Hickey’s, 2 and Ashworth’s, nil. Fixtures for the next general meeting night are: shooting, Gibson’s v. Ashworth’s; table tennis (if table available), Gibson’s v. Ashworth’s; McDavid’s v. Hickey’s. The next general meeting will be held on November 29. Thirteen members went by parlour car to Yokine for games and hospitality on November 29. The visitors broke even in the games, but they were well to the fore in a certain mystic rite connected with the sacrifice of a blind pig.

PEMBERTON

At the monthly meeting it was decided to ask the Federal congress to stress the desirability of installing and maintaining every known safeguard to prevent a repetition of such a deplorable accident as the Kyeema disaster. Another resolution expressed approval of the attitude adopted by the State executive in connection with the Lord Mayor’s Fund for the relief of sufferers in Czechoslovakia. A letter of thanks has been sent to Mr. McKenize, president of the Manjimup sub-branch, for his able representation of Pemberton at congress. Appreciation was also expressed at the action of Mrs. Barnsby, who sent her daughter, Joan, to stay with and help Mrs. Ockwell, whilst her husband was in hospital in Perth recently.

WEST LEEDERVILLE-WEMBLEY

Members are reminded that the next meeting of the sub-branch will be held on Tuesday, November 29, when nominations for office-bearers will be received. The annual smoko will be held on Monday, December 12 at 8 p.m. Subscription: 2/-.

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on the mend, after his long and painful illness. Whoop-popl Members' children will be catered for on Saturday, December 17, at 8 p.m., the occasion being the annual Xmas tree. Members are urged to push the sale of raffle tickets. Members who joined the sub-branch during 1938 are requested to forward names and ages of children under 14 years of age to the secretary at once. Sub-branch competitions are now in full swing and again our thanks go out to those good gentlemen who so generously donate trophies. At the meeting held on November 14, at which about 10 members of the Mr. Hawthorn sub-branch were present, we were privileged to hear three splendid addresses by Federal congress delegates: Major Wilf. Hosking (State president, South Australia Branch), Mr. Eric Milhouse, also of South Australia, and Mr. Wally Bray, of Queensland. Thevisitors were heartily thanked by Stan Watt and Viv. Troupe.

MT. YOKINE

The Carnival ball fund of the amelioration fund, was held in the Tuart Hill Hall on October 22. The organiser was Mr. G. Whitehead, and the supper arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. Guest Sanderson. The president (Mr. Gillett) thanked the large and appreciative gathering for their loyal support, and a special word of praise was passed to the artists and to that untiring worker, Mrs. Guest Sanderson. Mr. Whitehead is also to be congratulated on the excellent arrangement of the programme, which proceeded without a hitch. The sub-branch entertained the Mosman Park sub-branch to a games evening on November 2.

CARLISLE

The president (Mr. Crofts) welcomed one returning member, and seven new ones at the well-attended general meeting this month. Members are requested to make a note of the following functions: the women's auxiliary Christmas Tree on December 14, in connection with the Tuart Hill Hall, and a good social evening for members and wives and members of the auxiliary and their husbands on December 28; and the dance carnival of the town on December 29. The latter is also reminded of the Friday evening dances. It has been decided to hold over the annual picnic until February 7. The next meeting will be held on December 1.

SWAN VIEW-GREENMOUNT

At the October meeting, the popular president (Mr. H. Murphy) reported on the State congress, and kicked off the sub-branch. Socials and dances have been held regularly for the past few months, and have been successful, both financially and socially. October was a busy month for the sub-branch, the functions of the month including a social and dance, a children's fancy dress ball and a cricket match with the Midland Junction sub-branch. Midland Junction gained the victory. Afternoon tea was provided by the women's auxiliary. The last social and dance of the year was held on November 14, when Mr. Merv Melville brought along her juvenile ballet.

MOORA

As usual, the annual shoot against the Moora Rifle Club was sportingly contested. Victory went to the riflemen, after some good shooting by both teams, but the Diggers are determined to have their revenge when the event is held next year. A club cricket match—takes place. "Johnnie" Symonds justified his election as captain of the Old Sweats by capturing the rifle club's trophy for the highest visiting-scorer. A great performance indeed, considering that the winner handled a borrowed and battered bat for some weeks. However, "Johnnie" has been having quiet practice with a pea-ridge on the 'roos and bunnies in Berkshire Valley. Sam Ferguson also scored well, despite being handicapped by the weather conditions. At the conclusion of the shoot, our hosts paraded a sumptuous afternoon tea and, after presenting the trophy, other refreshments. On November 5, the annual reunion was held at the Commercial Hotel, mine host, Alec. Gloster, once again rising to the occasion with a great spread. Sixty-eight comrades, including a good sprinkling of ex-Imperials, answered the roll. Among the visitors were Messrs. Thorn and Benson, representing headquarters, and a good sprinkling of local members from the distant Buntine sub-branch, all of whom were warmly welcomed. Among entertainers in Messrs. Kennedy and Davis, did excellent work, and were ably supported by others. During the evening, President Boyce, on behalf of his comrades in the Moora sub-branch, farewelled Stan Senior (ex 51st Battalion), who had been transferred to Benalla (Victoria). For the past nine years Stan has managed the local Bank of Australia, and the "Human Banker," as he has also been affectionately called, will be sadly missed. Indeed, it is safe to say that a more popular bank manager has never graced the town; nor has he gained his popularity by playing to the gallery, but rather by a happy combination of business acumen, sympathetic understanding and unfailing cheeriness, and by the fact that in the highest sense of the word he is a MAN. Alec Gloster supported the president's remarks and, after the company had left, Mr. Stan Senior personally welcomed the sub-branch's visit, which was proceeding without a hitch.

BOYUP BROOK

There was an attendance of eleven at the meeting on October 28. Mr. R. L. Graham was thanked for his offer of help in connection with the Christmas Eve Ball. Mr. Campbell was delegated to represent the sub-branch in the Junior Farmers' Club. The permission of the Agricultural Society to sell pappies at the Upper Blackwood Show was granted. Mr. Campbell, who is also president of the Agricultural Society, reported that Progress was reported in connection with the arrangements for the Christmas Tree. It was decided to forward the sub-branch's condolences to Mr. Runciman, of Wilga, on the tragic loss of his young children. It was decided to advise Dr. Stenning, the groundsman for the Easter Monday sports, that the sub-branch desired to co-operate in this meeting.

KULIN

Important business was transacted at the meeting on November 8. The sub-branch intends to purchase a bell from the Kulin Road Board and members are grateful to the Board for the very favourable terms granted. The secretary appeals for increased attendances at the meetings. Attendances have not been what they should have been lately, especially as so much important business is under consideration. Apart from business, there is the social side, which guarantees these present an enjoyable evening.

MAYLANDS

Harry Wodds presided over a good attendance at the fortnightly meeting on October 27. The sub-branch's delegate to the recent congress (Mr. Ted Adamson) presented his report, and received a vote of thanks for

PERTH

The sub-branch regrets that, owing to long business hours and health matters, Mr. Lewis has had to resign from the committee. A man of few words, but sound judgment, we hope in a very short time he will be back. Mr. Lewis is still doing great work in his management of the R.S.L. Trading Company. The euchre and bridge evenings are receiving wonderful patronage, and the numbers of new members joining the sub-branch lately.

A social activity not so well known is the pleasant Thursday bridge and afternoon tea conducted by Mrs. Laughton. We look forward to more ladies and gentlemen availing themselves of this. A committee from the sub-branch visited various hospitals to look up members in dock.
the able manner in which he had carried out his strenuous task. A new member, Bob Hartley, was introduced by Alf Cooke and accorded a hearty welcome. Arthur Hullett was then called upon to present the League's Certificate of Service to that good old toiler, Bill Batten. Arthur's remarks, mostly in humorous vein, were supported by Treasurer Dave Tobin and other supporting speeches were made by Alf Cooke and Harry Woods. Arthur Hullett, seconded by Alf Cooke, successfully moved a resolution urging the State executive to initiate some action to secure some form of censorship for the less responsible newspapers in Perth. He referred to the scare headings which appeared daily during the recent European crisis and contended that some papers played up on people's fears, incalculating a continuous state of fear for the future, he said, created a state of depression, resulting in a tightening of credit and its corollary increased unemployment.

ARMADALE

The sub-branch held the monthly meeting in the R.S.I. rooms on November 9, when, before a fair attendance of members, considerable business was transacted and arrangements for the Christmas Tree party, to be held on December 17, considerably advanced. Mr. E. S. Watt, of the State executive, was present by invitation and answered many questions, eluced problems satisfactorily and gave an interesting review of the League work at Headquarters, giving special reference to the Aged Soldiers' Fund, one of the ideals of the League. He complimented the honorary secretary (Mr. Gummery) on his active interest and the sub-branch on its creditable membership—the figure being 107 members. The need for intersub-branch games and competitions was stressed by Mr. Kirton, a visitor from West Leederville sub-branch and by several speakers, with a view to holding members and lending an added interest to the routine work of the sub-branches. A motion was carried, which surprised the members present, and was couched in the following words: "That this sub-branch learns with amazement that under an agreement with England in 1883 certain foreigners are exempt from military service in the Commonwealth; this matter to be brought before the W.A. delegates for investigation during the Federal congress." Comrade Parrish supplied the "swing" music at the close of a pleasant event.

MT. LAWLEY-INGLEWOOD

Attendances at monthly general meetings still continues satisfactory, and more new members are continually being signed up. There were brisk times on hand for the committee, as both Poppy Day and the Armistice Dinner were on the same day, and as several of the committee were selling poppies, they had to also get Anzac House decorated for the dinner. Thanks to Arthur Wood, the whole of the business had just to be put in place; but, nevertheless, several committee men had to trot their time to get home and dress in time to be on duty at 6.45. This year a departure is being made from our usual Christmas Tree owing to the fact that so few members have children under twelve years of age. It is intended to run a river picnic for members and their families irrespective of age on Sunday, December 11, to Bicton Point and to hold sports and games of every kind for two days. Dick Hummerston was appointed organiser and has a strong committee at his back to ensure a highly successful outing. It is up to the members to appreciate the effort and roll up on December 11. Bill Neevick, as organiser-in-chief, with Mrs. Hummerston as co-organiser, had a strenuous time with Poppy Day affairs and the results of the day's work were very gratifying, sales showing an increase of ten pounds odd over last year.

OSBORNE PARK

We had a very good attendance at the meeting held on Wednesday, October 26, the president (W. Ashdown) being in the chair. It was a good meeting and the arrangements for Hallowe'en night were completed; also it was decided we give our lady workers an evening on Saturday, November 19, the ladies to have it sit-down tea at 6.30 p.m. with members to wait on them. We have a great team of excellent ladies to assist us. Saturday, November 5, was the most successful Hallowe'en party the sub-branch has held, thanks to many ardent workers. Next meetings will be held on Wednesday, November 23 and December 7. All members please note these dates and roll up.

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<td>NAREMBOE</td>
<td>Narembeen</td>
<td>Quarterly, by notification (Wed., June 30, 8 p.m.)</td>
<td>A. S. Graham, Narembeen</td>
<td>J. H. Wylie, Emu rull, via Narembeen</td>
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<td>NEDLANDS</td>
<td>Picture Theatre Building, Broadway, Nedlands</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday in each month</td>
<td>R. A. Wood, 81 Archibald Street, Nedlands</td>
<td>W. A. Duffield, 55 Tyrell Street, Nedlands</td>
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<td>NEWDEGATE</td>
<td>Newdegate</td>
<td>Quarterly, 3rd Saturday March, June, Sep., Dec.</td>
<td>D. G. Kinlock, Newdegate</td>
<td>J. H. Kane, Newdegate</td>
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<td>NORTH EAST FRE-</td>
<td>Artillery Barracks, Burt Street, Fremantle</td>
<td>4th Thursday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>Lieut-Colonel H. C. Bundred, Artillery Barracks</td>
<td>S. S. W. 42 Holland St, Fremantle (East)</td>
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<td>NORTHAMPTON</td>
<td>Railway Hotel, Northampton</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 9 p.m.</td>
<td>A. G. Lance, Northampton</td>
<td>A. Barlow, Northampton</td>
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<td>NORTHAM</td>
<td>R.S.L. Club Rooms, Gordon Street, Northam</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in the month at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>H. C. S. Colebatch, Fitzgerald Street, Northam</td>
<td>G. C. Curlewes, 145 Fitzgerald Street, Northam</td>
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<td>NORTH PERTH</td>
<td>St. Hilda’s Hall, Glebe St. (off View Street)</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m.</td>
<td>W. L. Menkens, 80 Redfern St., North Perth</td>
<td>Tel. 174</td>
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<td>PERTH</td>
<td>Monash House, 23 King Street, Perth.</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>J. O’Farrell, 223 Fitzgerald Street, Perth</td>
<td>H. W. Rigg, 26 Elizabeth St., North Perth</td>
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<td>(Office hours 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.)</td>
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<td>W. Holder, “Monash House,” 23 King St., Perth</td>
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<td>PINGELLY</td>
<td>Town Hall</td>
<td>Last Saturday in each month</td>
<td>F. Archer, East Pingelly</td>
<td>M. Sargent, Pingelly</td>
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<td>PRESS</td>
<td>At Luncheon, Anzac House</td>
<td>1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m.</td>
<td>E. S. Watt, c/o Imperial Print, Hay St, Perth</td>
<td>R. Biggs, c/o “West Australian”</td>
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<td>PITHARA</td>
<td>Pithara</td>
<td>3rd Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>E. T. Roberts, Pithara</td>
<td>L. G. W. Browning, East Pithara</td>
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<td>POPANYINING</td>
<td>Yarloop and Popanyinning</td>
<td>1st Saturday in month, alt.</td>
<td>T. Cowan, Yarloop</td>
<td>C. J. McGarrigal, Popanyinning</td>
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<td>PILBARA</td>
<td>Port Hedland</td>
<td>When called</td>
<td>L. E. Taplin, Pt. Hedland</td>
<td>E. J. Gregan, Pt. Hedland</td>
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<td>QUAIRADING &amp; DISTRICTS</td>
<td>Quairading Hall &amp; Denmark Hotel, alternatively Warden’s Court</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>V. D. Fallon, Quairading</td>
<td>J. R. T. Keast, Quairading</td>
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<td>RAVENSTHORPE</td>
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<td>E. P. Newton, Ravenshorpe</td>
<td>T. F. Smith, Ravenshorpe</td>
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<td>SUBIACO</td>
<td>Branch Rooms, Rokey Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>1st Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>Ern. Condgon, 65 Hensman Road, Subiaco</td>
<td>J. Newman, “Marsden,” 40 Ord St., West Perth</td>
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<td>TAMBEILLUP</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>1st Monday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>R. Steele, Tambeillup</td>
<td>A. Dickson, Tambeillup</td>
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<td>TOODYAY</td>
<td>Town Hall, Toodyay</td>
<td>1st Wednesday in each month, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>K. Somers, Toodyay</td>
<td>E. J. Wright, Toodyay</td>
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<td>TRAYNING - YELBENI</td>
<td>Traying (3) Yelbeni (1) Memorial Hall, Safford St.</td>
<td>4th Sunday, 2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>P. Smeeton, Yelbeni</td>
<td>J. W. Patterson, Traying</td>
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<td>VICTORIA PARK</td>
<td>R.S.L. Memorial Hall, Safford St.</td>
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<td>Eric F. Lloyd, 29 Esperance Street, Vic. Park</td>
<td>F. Matthews, 3 Manchester St., Victoria Park</td>
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<td>WUBIN, BUNTE JEBBERING</td>
<td>Each place alternatively</td>
<td>1st Sunday, 3 p.m.</td>
<td>A. B. Dinnie, Buntine</td>
<td>T. Bailey, Wubin</td>
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<td>WEST LEEDERVILLE</td>
<td>Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Leederville</td>
<td>2nd Monday, 7.30 p.m.</td>
<td>G. E. Timmell, 34 Harbourone St., Wembley</td>
<td>E. Tonkinson, 37 Cambridge St., W. Lee'sville</td>
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<td>WEMBLEY AND DISTRICTS</td>
<td>Yarloop Hotel</td>
<td>4th Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>I. Meredith, Yarloop</td>
<td>P. G. Ringert, Yarloop</td>
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<td>YEALERING</td>
<td>Comm’l Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>J. H. B. Lawton, Yealering</td>
<td>Roy J. Kerr, Yealering</td>
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<td>YORK</td>
<td>Comm’l Hotel, Yealering</td>
<td>2nd Tuesday, alt. months</td>
<td>Colin Thorn, York</td>
<td>S. Hardwick, York</td>
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<td>YOUNAMI</td>
<td>Youanmi Hotel</td>
<td>Fortnightly (Friday)</td>
<td>D. Johnston, Youanmi</td>
<td>G. M. Maley, c/o Y.G.M. Ltd., Youanmi</td>
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<td>WYALKATECHEM</td>
<td>Lesser Hall</td>
<td>3rd Saturday, bi-monthly, April, June, Aug. etc.</td>
<td>S. W. Robinson, Wyalkatchem</td>
<td>E. H. Rice, Wyalkatchem</td>
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<td>WAROONA</td>
<td>Memorial Hall</td>
<td>1st Friday, 8 p.m.</td>
<td>C. F. Baird, Waroona</td>
<td>L. W. Allen, Waroona</td>
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<td>WEST PERTH</td>
<td>Padbury House, cr. St. George’s Terr. &amp; King Street</td>
<td>3rd Tuesday</td>
<td>R. E. Tyler, Rivervale</td>
<td>P. L. Ross, 116 Churchill Ave, Subiaco. “Phone” 59621</td>
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<td>WILUNA</td>
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<td>2nd Saturday in each month</td>
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<td>D. Fullarton, Box 104, Wiluna</td>
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