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FRANCE FOLLOWING GERMAN PRECEDENT

The French Foreign Office, in a statement issued recently, informed the world that France, by her invasion of German territory, and by her determination not to evacuate her forces from the Frankfort Treaty area, had paid her reparation dues, from time to time, was following the precedent set by Germany after the war of 1870.

In denial of the French claim, it is pointed out that Germany never violated the Treaty of Frankfort as France is violating that of Versailles. It must be remembered, however, that France gave Germany no excuse for violating the Frankfort Treaty, because she paid the indemnity required. All the same, German documents show how Germany intended to act. In the first place, if a new Government in Paris should not endorse the Bismarck policies given at Frankfort; in the second place, if France did not pay in the stipulated time.

As a matter of fact, France settled her note before it was due in order to have the German troops leave French territory. In her attempt to hasten the withdrawal of her enemy she signed at Versailles on June 29th, 1872, a convention by which Bismarck stated that "His Majesty the German Emperor reserves for himself the right to re-occupy the evacuated departments in case of the non-execution of the engagements undertaken by the present convention."

That is to say, unless France had paid in full by March 1st, 1875.

It is a well known historical fact that Bismarck was prepared to repudiate the Armistice signed with France had the Commune triumphed in Paris in 1871. But it has only recently been known by the discovery of a number of secret documents, that as early as three months after the signing of the Frankfort Treaty Bismarck was prepared to take advantage of the unsettled political state of France and inflict additional penalties.

These documents show that the French had not met their obligations Germany was prepared to exact effective guarantees and re-established her armies on French territory. "At the present moment France is acting in a similar manner, and although there is undoubtedly a difference of opinion in Australia as to the effectiveness of France's action in occupying the Ruhr Valley, few challenge her right to take such drastic action. There is no doubt that the very Germans who are appeasing the world to receive them from French clutches to-day, would be much more ruthless in their treatment of France if Germany had come out of the stench as top dog. In Germany's proposed treatment of France in 1871 if France defaulted, and in France's treatment of Germany, there is this marked and important difference: The nations which attacked the Frankfort Treaty area were expressly provided for in the Treaty of Versailles.

When the vacancy in the position of Secretary occurred, the committee decided that the position was one which only a man could fill, and, all things being equal, it was acknowledged that preference would be given to returned soldiers.

A sub-committee, consisting of the Chairman of Committee (Mr. W. Burgess), the Honorary Treasurer of the Society, Mr. W. W. Moss, a committee man, was appointed to investigate the applications and reduce them to a few for final consideration by the general committee.

Approximately 130 responses to the advertisement were received, included in which were two ladies, one of whom was Miss Villiers—then the lady collector for the Society within the metropolitan area. Apart from both ladies' applications being placed on one side in view of the general committee's previously expressed opinion, one of the members of the sub-committee said that Miss Villiers seemed intimated to him that her application would not be considered as she realised that in the opinion of nearly, if not all, the general committee the position was one which only a man could fill and she realised her unsuitability.

The sub-committee proceeded with their investigation, and narrowed the selection down to six, all returned men, who were interviewed by the sub-committee prior to making their final recommendation to the general committee. At this investigation two of the six were considered unsuitable, not possessing the necessary qualifications, and the remaining four were recommended by the sub-committee to the general committee for their selection.

Upon special representations being made to the Chairman by some members of the general committee two other of the candidates, both returned soldiers, were invited to be in attendance with the four already selected for the purpose of being interviewed by the full committee. Upon the conclusion of the interview with the whole six the sub-committee considering their duty completed directed the committee for the appointment of any one of those whom they had recommended preferring to leave it to the general committee, either to make their own selection or refer it again to the sub-committee for its final purpose.

At this meeting the President (Mr. Duffell) was in the chair and there were 14 members of committee in attendance.

When the last candidate had been interviewed one lady moved that Miss Villiers be appointed Acting Secretary for six months—this was supported by another reason, the economic aspect of the matter, because Miss Villiers would be willing to accept less than the advertised salary and would forego her commission. At the same time this lady acknowledged that Miss Villiers did not possess the qualifications which had been stipulated.

This motion was seconded by a male member of the committee—not a returned soldier—and was supported by another gentleman, the head of a well-established business firm.

Speaking to the motion, Mrs. Manning, the chairman of the Special Meetings Committee, expressed her strong opinion, although an ardent woman's righter, that this position was essentially one for a man, and one which, in her opinion, a woman could not possibly fill.

Upon the question being put, eight voted in favor of the motion and six opposed—Mr. Moss having previously urged that the question should be postponed until there was a full attendance of the committee. This suggestion was, however, ignored, and the meeting terminated.

In the course of the next few days the Chairman of Committee (Mr. Burgess), an indefatigable worker and strong supporter of the Society, felt it incumbent upon him to resign, after years of useful and splendid service, frequently supported, by his generous financial aid. Mr. Burgess also resigned, and there followed the resignations of Mrs. Manning, Mr. H. C. Dunstan, Mr. Corny, Mr. Clements, and Mr. Moss—the two latter both returned men—which weakened the management very much.

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KATANNING

Comrades of the Katanning Sub-branch have had ample scope for their energies of late, as several matters of vital importance have been placed before meetings of the Executive and the branch in their desire to improve the lot of their fellow men. Among the matters under consideration are the welfare of patients in hospital, the provision of medical services, the establishment of a nurses' home, and the provision of a recreation centre for the youth of the district.

The Organiser, Mr. Cooke, addressed the meeting and announced a note of warning that League activities have proved to have been well founded. His remarks were generally appreciated.

A hearty vote of confidence and appreciation of services was passed to Mr. Issacs, the branch's representative on the State Executive.

DINGUP

For the benefit of comrades in Dingup, a social and dance was arranged in the Hotel. Mr. Badger, of the State Executive, was present, and explained the circumstances of the inmates at Dingup, and it was decided that half the funds obtained by the entertainment should be devoted for the relief of these patients.

The success of the evening was largely due to the ladies of the district, and the branch is grateful for their unstinted aid.

BROOKTON

The annual meeting took place on the 12th ultimo. President Cartwright presiding over a small but lively meeting. The secretary read the balance-sheet, which showed a credit balance of £93/6/11. All other officers were returned.

Although the past year has proved a considerable source of strain on our finances, we were able to send a little help along to our comrades at Woolee. We consider this our way of saying thanks to our war effort, which is clearly encouraging, and it needs to be that way. With a membership of about 20 extended over a like number of miles in radius, this club provides a local club meeting immediately on the conclusion of business, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

BEVERLEY

Mr. G. L. Broun presided over a small attendance.

His secretary's letter respecting the terms of issue of miniature badges was read, and the secretary was instructed to write for a supply to be issued to members on return of the present large badges. The question of the provision of funds to deal with the question of the suppression of sports on Anzac Day was referred to the sub-branch's representative on the State Executive.

In accordance with the State Executive's suggestion it was decided that the matter be held over for inclusion in the agenda of the next State Conference. The opening of the financial year it was decided that the annual general meeting be held on Saturday, 7th July. As usual, same date and time as and no change.

KELMSCOTT

The monthly meeting of the Kelmscott Sub-branch of the R.S.L. was held on Monday, 16th June, at the Kelmscott Hotel. The meeting was well attended, and the issues discussed included the provision of a recreation centre for the youth of the district, the establishment of a nurses' home, and the provision of medical services.

Members attention was called by the secretary to the fight being put up by the State and Federal Executive to retain the principle of preference to returned soldiers in the State. The Executive ensuring it of this sub-branch's wholehearted support in its efforts to have the principle of preference to returned soldiers carried out.

The following is the letter referred to above:

Anzac Day.

"At the monthly general meeting of this sub-branch, held on 5th inst., the following resolution was carried:

That the Federal Executive be requested, through the State Executive to approach the Federal Government in an endeavour to have all sports suppressed on Anzac Day and the holidays observed similarly to Christmas day and New Year."}

The resolution arose out of a discussion on this particular subject in which attention was drawn to the fact that in this and past years various sporting bodies have arranged all-day fixtures for Anzac Day. In some cases this was regrettable and progress during the hours set apart for Divine worship.

It is felt that repetitions of this sort of thing will not tend to impress the young generation with the solemnity and seriousness which should mark Anzac Day as one of the most important days of the year, although conduct is an insult to the sacrifices of those who truly suffered and remember the sufferings of those great men who fell during the World War.

In the opinion of the members of this sub-branch, whatever sports are arranged or even canvassed by any branches of the R.S.L. we cannot expect others to abstain from arranging fixtures which, through lack of these we have favored, or even disapproved of.

It is hoped you will give this matter your best attention at the next State Executive meeting, and that you will pass the resolution on to the Federal Executive without delay.

KALGOORLIE.

Thanks entirely to the firm stand taken by the State Executive and to the capable work of the Commissioner, Mr. Humphrey, and State organiser, Mr. Cooke, this branch has been enabled to throw out the old officials and elect new ones with the result that the Branch is

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now on the way to becoming once more the popular resort of the returned men of the district. The New executive composed of the following gentlemen, well-known in business circles, is as strong as any body of the kind in the league, and the success of the Branch is in the main due to the efforts of this Committee.


The first task of the new regime was the inquiry into the several financial ventures conducted by the old administration. It is needless to add each of these ventures was hopelessly muddled and it speaks well of the energy of the new executive that these matters have all been gone into most carefully and the process of straightening out almost completed.

Members are coming in splendidly; the Branch strength has already been doubled and we anticipate reaching the 300 mark by the end of the month.

The present meeting has a particularly large attendance and the following is an epitome of their activities:

- It has been decided to hold the general meetings on the first Wednesday in each month.
- As heretofore mentioned certain members were expelled and their subscriptions refused.
- Mr. Gourley's Expulsion.—This gentleman who has publicly been dragged through the mill by the past officials of the Sub-branch as the surviving trustee of the Walter's Fund, tendered his subscription twelve months ago to renew his membership, but was refused by the late secretary, whose action was subsequently endorsed by his executive. As a result of this refusal being endorsed by the present executive:—"That as rule 23 does not apply in this instance all matter contained in minute of the 20/3/23 relative hereto is unconstitutional and that such minute be rescinded; Mr. Gourley to be advised." Mr. Gourley was later advised to this effect.
- Finance Committee.—This committee has the following motion to unravel the financial muddle that the branch was placed in by the old officials, chief of which was the trading concern. The first step adopted by the committee was the closing down of this white elephant, which, since its inauguration, has eaten up something in the vicinity of £900 of the R.S.L. funds. They are unable to do anything further at present, and the auditor's final report has not yet come to hand.

WAGIN.

"Semper Fidelis."—The Wagin Sub-branch after a few months' recess, has come to life with renewed vigor and energy. As the first step in holding the diggers together, a large room has been secured in Piesse's buildings, Wagin, a central and convenient situation. This room has been comfortably furnished and supplied with magazines, newspapers, and other light literature. The nucleus of a circulating library has been formed and already over forty volumes of fiction are available; a science journal is also available, so now country members can enjoy some of the benefits of a small club. Both the chairman (Mr. G. Gladstone) and the secretary (Mr. F. Tassie) are fit to hold their heads up to the club room, and diggers', with grievances can have them attended to without any delay. The branch intends to run a series of evening entertainments throughout the winter months thus bringing diggers and their relatives together. The first, a quiche party and dance, takes place on Tuesday night. Efforts are being made to form a Woman's Auxiliary, and good results are anticipated from this move. Wagin is one of our soundest financial and progressive agricultural districts, and there is no reason, now, why the sub-branch should not be one of the best in the League.

STATE EXECUTIVE MEETING.

Present: Messrs. Humphrey, Freedman, Robson, Cornall, McDonald, Harvey, Isaac, Bader, Beachy, Watt, Wilson, Kirke, and Jane.

East Fremantle Sub-branch.

A letter was received from the East Fremantle Sub-branch, and Mr. Sweet, the Secretary, attended and explained the position as regards the affairs and prospects of the Sub-branch.

Bunbury Sub-branch.

The Auditor's report was placed on the table and referred to the Finance Committee to meet at next meeting.

Invitations.

The invitation of the Kelmscott-Sub-branch to a card evening and social on the 16th June, was again brought forward, and the following signified their intention of being present if possible:—Messrs. Humphrey, Freedman, McDonald, Bader, Robson, Cornall, Kirke, and Watt. An invitation was also received from the Dingup Sub-branch, and Mr. Bader volunteered to attend on behalf of the Executive.

Oaklands Estate Sub-branch.

The President reported that he had visited Byford with Mr. McDonald, and made preliminary arrangements for starting a branch in that district, which would absorb a number of men on the Group Settlements.

Perth Sub-branch.

The appointment of Mr. Geo. S. Mellor, as Secretary of the Perth Sub-branch, was confirmed.

Anzac Day.

A letter was received from the Katanning Sub-branch with regard to the non-observance of Anzac Day by the local flour mill. Mr. Bader reported that he had seen Messrs. Fisse and Co., who had stated that the returned soldier employees had been informed that they could have the day off, and other employees had received the company's sanction to be away if they so desired.

It was moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Harvey—That the action of the Katanning Sub-branch be endorsed by this Executive.

Rabbi Freedman moved further—That Messrs. Piesse and Co. be requested to supply full particulars of the case. This was seconded by Mr. Wilson, and carried.

Confidence of Soldier Settlers.

A letter was received from the Balgup Sub-branch asking for permission to hold a conference of South-West soldier settlers at Bunbury, and the matter was left in the hands of the President and Secretary for reply.

Assistance to Prospecors.

A request was received from the Boulder Sub-branch that arrangements should be made to obtain from the Federal Govern-
SPECIAL STATE EXECUTIVE MEETING.
4/6/23.

Present:
Messrs. Humphrey, Rabbi Freedman, Cooke, Harvey, Bader, Beechey, Watt, McDonald.

Federal Appointments:
The President explained that the meeting had been called for the purpose of considering a telegram advising that a special meeting of the Executive (Federal) would be held in Melbourne on Friday, the 8th June.

Moved Mr. McDonald, seconded Rabbi Freedman that a representative from the W.A. Branch immediately proceed to Melbourne with definite instructions to secure firmly to the suspension of Mr. Ryan and his replacement by a returned soldier.—Carried.

Moved Mr. Watt, seconded Mr. McDonald that a telegram be sent to each of the State branches advising them of the attitude of the W.A. Branch and that a delegation be requested to Melbourne to attend the Special Meeting of the Federal Executive.—Carried.

As the result of a ballot Mr. Watt was elected as delegate.

A telegram was received from the Federal Executive suggesting that arrangements for Protest Sunday be deferred until after the Federal Executive Meeting. It was resolved that this Branch proceed with preparations for such meetings, until the result of the Federal Executive meeting is made known.

STATE EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES.
6/6/23.

Present:
Messrs. Humphrey, Collett, Cooke, McDonald, Isaac, Bader, Beechey and Kirke.

Apologies:
Apologies were received from Rabbi Freedman, Messrs. Lamb, Cornell and Harvey.

C.P.S. Sub-section:
Two members of the C.P.S. Sub-section attended the meeting, and the President explained that they desired the sanction of the Executive to place their views before the C.P.S. Commissioner in connection with the transfer of the Taxation Department to the State.

Moved: Mr. Cooke, seconded Mr. McDonald that the President and Secretary co-operate with the delegation to approach the Public Service Commissioner on this matter.—Carried.

East Fremantle:
Mr. Cooke reported that he had interviewed the Secretary of the East Fremantle Sub-branch, who was making every effort to place this in a solid position.

Moved on the motion of Mr. Bader, seconded Mr. Kirke.—Carried.

Fathers’ Association:
The President and Executive extended a welcome to Mr. Ford, who attended the meeting to advocate the formation of a Fathers’ Association in this State.

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Moved, the secretary, seconded Mr. Bader that the League welcomes the proposal to form a Fathers’ Association in Western Australia, and suggests that further particulars as to the formation of such an association should be placed before the Executive.—Carried.

Mr. Ford was assured of any assistance the League could give him in his efforts.

Federal Treasurer:
The President reported that since the last regular meeting he had had an opportunity of talking League matters with the Federal Treasurer, who had called on him while on a visit to this State.

Resignation:
The resignation of Mr. E. W. Morris was received and accepted with regret.

Moved Mr. Bader that Mr. Trump be requested to send a letter to the Executive vice Mr. Morris, resigned.

Invitations:
The Kelmscott Sub-branch notified that the social and dance to be held at Kelmscott was postponed from the 16th to 30th June.

An invitation was received from the West Perth Sub-branch for a smoke social to be held in St. George’s Hall, on the 10th June.

It was resolved that the editor of the “Listening Post” be requested to publish a calendar of all branch meetings and socials to be held during the month.

Subiaco Sub-branch:
A letter was received from the acting secretary stating that a receipt book had been lost by the previous secretary and no explanation could be given. Mr. Beechey stated that every effort was being made to recover the lost book.

Moved Mr. Cooke seconded Mr. Bader that the voting secretary of the Sub-branch be requested to submit a report on the membership and financial state of the branch generally, on his taking over.—Carried.

Mental Cases:
A resolution was received from the Perth Sub-branch recommending the State Government to support the Federal Executive in any action taken regarding the segregation of soldier mental cases at present in lunatic asylums, in the hope that if it were possible to have the men treated in their own States, a central institution might be established in the Commonwealth where such cases can be collected and placed in more congenial circumstances.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Federal Executive with the request that the patients might be segregated in each State.

R.S.P.C.A.:
The Secretary reported that he had written to the President of the R.S.P.C.A., in the terms of a resolution passed at the last meeting and received an acknowledgement of the letter. It was resolved that the matter of the appointment of Secretary to the Society should

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BRIDGE OR FORAGING

By Paleface.

One night in camp in France the company officers could not make a four for bridge; three only being off duty. So I, a common sergeant, was asked to make the party.

We started, the youngest sub. and myself opposing the skipper and a full blown lieut. Of course, gambling was forbidden, but these folk who kept so tight an house, two up and down, the band, and such games, could not find any fun in playing "bridge" without stakes of some kind.

The fact that my half guineas a day did not give me too wide a scope, decided us that a bottle of champagne (at eight francs) would be a sufficient forfeit for every hundred down; especially as we all shared in it. We soon seemed to be passed with surprising rapidity, even at the outset, and we spent quite a good deal of time pulling corks and filing glasses; but later as the effect of the fizz was becoming more in evidence the bidding became outrageous, and we found it necessary to call a batman in to keep us supplied with the proceeds of our losses.

We grew tired of bridge before very long and started out on a foraging expedition. Now, the "Froggies" round there were particularly well acquainted with this type of adventure, and were always on guard. The skipper, and the lieut., were, according to the rules we drew up, to set their loss against the loot of the sub, and myself, fifteen minutes being allowed for the first bout.

The sub. and I set off and after wading through a whole lot of bog, found ourselves in a cess pool: dragging ourselves out we followed a hedge along until we reached a little cottage.

The sub. marched up to the door and knocked, in negligeant manner, and a girl of about twenty years of age came to the door. Then without further preamble, the sub. picked her up in his arms and carried her. The French girl wasn't silent, as you may guess, and soon the whole neighbourhood was rushing about and kicking up an infernal noise. There appeared only one thing for me to do, and that was to decoy the crowd until the sub. had safely deposited his loot.

After nearly breaking my neck in a frantic dash, I found that bulk of the populace had gathered between myself and the billet. With much forcing I made my way to the door and there I saw the skipper in the lieut. standing upon mouthed, with a huge pig lying on the floor and the sub. holding the French girl by the hand. My arrival apparently broke the spell, and my partner seemed to shuffle either the terms or his offence, whilst at the same time our opponents in sport thought there was no chance of honourable issue to the episode, so with much muck for the exit on the far side of the billet.

The chase was exciting and the peacanary were all willing, too. Over fields across roads we ran, really in darkness I slipped down an old disused well. Down, down, the icy cold water surging over me, down I went. Grasping for breath I slowly rose to the surface and when I was able I opened my eyes to see...that I was lying near my billet, and a couple of my cobbers had decided to come and fetch me back to consciousness.

"Where are the 'Froggies' ?" I asked.

"Froggies" my foot," was the reply; "you had a little more champagne than was good for you last night, and have been howling about girls and pigs and foraging till we thought we'd better give you a bath!"

SOLILOQUI

(By "Monoped")

The other week I took Mrs. Monoped and our young hopeful to theills for a short change, and as the latter was only about eight months old, he is the idol of our lives. The English language is rather troublesome to Master Monoped, for as far as the outside world is concerned, boulder lies immediately in front of the house where we stayed, and so I said, "Say, Rock-a-feller, Wock," he piped.

A little later in the day Mrs. Monoped was seated in a rocking chair and invited our young offspring to "come and have a rock." Out on the front verandah the skipper and I, called, pointing to the granite rock. Now upon the...Anyhow, time will help, I suppose!

The ways of some railway officials are passing strange. The other day I wanted to go to Guildford from Darlington. I bought a single ticket for eleventepence. I was not sure of what lay before me in the way of business, and so did not buy a return ticket. Eventually I went to Perkins and was offered all the money I could afford. I went to the station to repair homewards.

There I passed my season to Guildford in, and asked for it to be excessive for me to change to one shilling. Now, why the extra penny? I wonder? My wife suggested that it was because it was uphill!

I reproach this change in the hills, I want you to realise that the "satisy" movement in the suburbs made us welcome the thought of a change to the place of peace and quietness. The house we adjourned to was furnished and so needed only cutlery and household linen. Perpetual dream, we only provided ourselves with the barest compliment for the term of our stay. The first day a throng of our suburbanites flocked in on us, and we explained that they would have to eat with little change from tins; and believe me, they quite seemed to relish the idea. Indeed to love the mountain air, but I've changed the note of conditions, don't starve those appetites. Of course, they wouldn't have mattered much, only we naturally ran out of provisions, and the next day which was followed by a bank holiday.

Whilst I was travelling in the train, with some old railway officials, all of whom had practical experience in the running of trains, one member of the party told the following story. The early days of the railway business in W.A. was conducted on vastly different lines to those on which it now operates. Nearly every employee was expected to be a fellow with some fantastic hook or strange coupling. Among these latter were jack hooks and maories. Maories, were, I understand, an importation of certain wagons imported from New Zealand. The engine driver said to his youthful officer, and spinner of the yarn,"Fetch me the maorie from the tender." Away went the young soldier, and after a pause the tender sought for something which might answer to the name of maori. He could see no likely object, so raised the lid of the tender; and there he saw two strings hanging down with a bottle of beer suspended from each. This he desired, was a system in vogue for keeping the liquid refreshment cool, and the strange name must have been given to the beer, as it was forbidden whilst on duty. Full of assurance, he returned with the prize, and he contends that the engine driver's language was strong.

This same hero of the iron road told a story on quite a different track. Four men, comprising an Englishman, a Scotchman and an Irishman, were arguing on the ability of the women of their respective countries. The Irishman said he had a pole and thought he could throw it further than the other two. The Englishman was furnished at the time with one of six minutes, whilst the Scotchman lasted only a few seconds longer. The owner of the animal, the Irishman, was very tired in eight minutes, and so the Jew went in. Two minutes later the cat fled from the room!

Among a host of emigrants congregated in the precincts of Australia house was a fairly well-do-do young man who had arranged his passage to Australia. Among other things he had sent his agent to call on him whilst in London awaiting this boat. The emigrant made his way to his friends house, and after the usual formalities were ended, he asked the prospective colonial what he intended doing.

"Oh, I'm going farming, and will specialise in pigs, and I've arranged for a special transport of some seed stock.

"Really--and what breed do you want?"

"Well, I'm taking 200 Berkshire sows.

"What good will sows be?"

"You leave it to me; I'm going to cross them with the Australian Artisan Boar!"

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AFTER THE CREMATION.

A Scottish lady had just been bereaved of her husband, and she had decided to have the remains of “her beloved” cremated.

The ceremony was duly carried through without a hitch, and she received the “ashes” in a small casket provided for their receipt.

The widow was amazed at the smallness of the bulk of what she received, and she voiced her astonishment:

“Is this a ‘ that’s left o’ John’s banes?” she asked, adding after a moment’s silent cogitation: “What have ye done wi’ the dreepin’?”

ANOTHER ONE.
Mr. Coulson Kernahan, in Cassell’s, tells a story:

His father wrote him: “I have no time to read your long-winded epistles in which you try to explain away your unpardonable extravagance. In future, when you have anything to ask me, please do so right out and briefly.”

Back came a reply by return:

“Dear Dad,—
S.O.S.
R.S.V.P.
Your Loving Son.”

A MEEK MATE.

In one of my stories an old wind-jammer got into a first-class gale. The wind pitched her about like a cork, and the mate, who had gone below for a nip, was thrown against the lockers, his nose nearly broken, his head cut, and his glass smashed. He had hardly got on his feet before the next wave tore open the skylight, drenched him to the skin, flung him against the table, and, worst of all, broke his bottle of brandy. When he got up he said what any healthy seadog would say—for ten minutes on end.

But the careful editor made him ejaculate: “Good gracious!”

A MONGOOSE.

An inquisitive passenger watched his fellow traveller climbing out of the carriage with his portmanteau.

“Heavy bag, guv’nor?” he suggested.

“Yes.”

“Lot in it?”

“No.”

“Looks bulky?”

“Only a mongoose. You see, I’m visiting my brother, and he has delirium tremens. He is tired of fighting snakes and a mongoose is dead nuts on snakes.”

“But they’re only imaginary snakes,” said the inquisitive one.

“Oh, well, it’s only an imaginary mongoose.”

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ENGLAND

(By Miss Ethel Campbell.)

The boat train snorts and glides off-fast,
Southampton's suburbs clatter past
And here before our eyes at last
Is England—dreamed of England!

"Home!" though we never saw before
This land it has thrilled us to the core
Far off our hearts have kept in store—
Glad thought—we shared this England!

How swift the trains of England fly!
The green contented fields rush by,
So amicably do they lie
All side by side in England.

Where sleek cows, luscious grass among
Go munching placidly along,
All kept so close where they belong
They never stray in England.

Beyond the hedges trim and neat,
See! Villages with cobbled street,
And horses huge with bony leg,
That pull the ploughs of England.

Great boardings bright the landscape fill,
Where Carter booms his liver pill,
And Orbridge boasts he'll cure the ill
Of any lung in England.

The rivers run between their banks,
And seldom o'er the fields play pranks;
The crops all grow in even ranks
In peaceful, emerald England.

Her people close their feelings bar,
They take for-granted what they are—
They've never worshipped from afar
This wondrous Mother England!

I want to rush at them and cry—
"You live in England, don't you? Why Not tell the earth and tell the sky
You're proud that yours is England!"

But if I did I think they'd raise
Their eyebrows, saying in amaze
"D'you think" that England needs your praise
The you've mistaken England!

"Keep praise for your own parched, Karoo,
Which needs all converts it can woo
To show it's meagre glories to—
But no such need has England!"

Why should it thrill me who have grown
From childhood in a tropic zone?
I'd rather have the void, I own
Than any sword in England.

Why should I love it half so well
As Africa? I don't! but fell
To some strange overpowering spell
That thrills my heart to England.

In souls of pioneers that came
To Outposts, England pegged her claim
Long years ago, and still aflame
Their children turn to England.

Famed land and fair, though aged and hoary,
Where every nook contains a story,
Which tells the bravery and glory
Of England, peerless England!

But somehow, strange as it may be,
I love it most from o'er the sea,
And England seems more real to me
When I am not in England!

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SIDELIGHTS ON THE PREFERENCE QUESTION

By H. May (Collie).

The controversy that has been caused during the last few weeks over the question of "PREFERENCE" for Returned Soldiers' League has been striking example of how some of our politicians are desirous of sailing with the wind, and what straws they are ever willing to clutch at in the interest of the issue for the purpose of maintaining public support. Take the statement made by the Hon. J. Scaddan, M.L.A., Minister for Mines and Railways, over the appointment of Mr. Macartney, secretary to the State committee connected with the British Empire Exhibition. He says: I am quite unable to fathom the attitude of the Returned Soldiers' League regarding this matter, unless it is anticipated that the person holding this position will be ultimately sent for a trip to the old country. It is evident immediately the effort to cloud the main issue so far as public interest is concerned. When the Premier was appealed to recently, to replace the Italians working on the Peel Estate by returned soldiers, there was any trips to the Old Country likely to arise from that. No. It was simply work the men wanted, and the same applies in every instance where the League presses for preference for its members. Since the inception of the League one of the main planks in its constitution has been the "Preference for Returned Soldiers," and so far as the various Governments are concerned this has always been promised, with the proviso that this be done immediately the League stands up for this principle in regard to appointments to positions carrying a somewhat more lucrative salary than the ordinary, and to which some individual has been selected by the Government—for reasons best known to themselves—in nearly almost every case a non-returned soldier, those in authority invariably try to avoid the contention of the League by endeavouring to cloud the true position in the public's eye. In the case mentioned above the assumption of the Minister is most disdious to the League, as it strikes at very seriously, the esteem of the public towards the conduct of League activities. The Returned Soldiers' League, by its actions, has always applied public patronage, and when such an ulterior motive is alleged by persons in authority in regard to the attitude of the League in trying to uphold its own interests by vigorously taken up by returned men, and every phase placed before the public for its information and consequent summing up. The actions of the Returned Soldiers' League have been clean, and it is the firm intention of its members to keep it so. Looking at the subjects of recent Press controversy with a backward mind, the League contends that no more and no less than any other positions the League has striven to have its principle upheld. As a matter of fact the majority of the "questions" that tell you they say enough of the Old Country during the War, and are now quite content to stay in Australia and enjoy its privileges—made secure by their readiness to shoulder their share of hardships occasioned by the late War. True, the returned soldier in many cases has received generous consideration by the various States and Commonwealth Governments, and it is a great pity that this record of their services should be blemished with incidents such as have lately arisen. It may be that it is a sign of the times, that as the memory of the great struggle and the hardships it entailed upon the men who fought it grows dimmer, so the need of heeding their requests is lessened by the span of time also. This viewpoint, the League would no doubt be loathe to take, but actions speak louder than words, and what other construction can be placed upon the attitude of our own State Government, also that of the Federal Government, in regard to the appointments to the positions connected with the Empire Exhibition. If the governing bodies of Australia do not set a good example, how can they in their turn appeal to private employers, as they have repeatedly done per annum of the Repatriation Department, to give the returned soldier every opportunity of re-habilitating himself after the war which caused by the War, by giving preference to vacant positions to returned soldier applicants. One has only to cite the instance of the committee connected with the S.S.P.C.A., in ignoring the claims of soldier applicants for the position of secretary to that organisation, to show that the public are largely influenced in such matters by the actions of the Government.

The Returned Soldiers' League has done much to assist the Government in repatriating Australia's returned soldiers and therefore, every opportunity should be taken by the Government to show its appreciation of the work of the League by endeavouring to give effect to its principle of preference to returned men, as it claims to do.

A MATTER OF TIME.

Arthur: "May I hold your hand for a second?"

Alice: "How will you know when the second is up?"

Arthur: "Oh, I'll need a second hand for that.

MORTIFYING.

Bricklayer: "Wants a bit o' don', eh, Sonny?"

Schoolboy: "Doesn't seem much trouble to you."

Bricklayer: "No, Sonny—I left school early and learnt this trade. They don't teach much sense at school. I don't suppose now you can tell me what keeps these bricks together?"

Schoolboy: "Yes, I can, Sir, if you'll scoot; 'If you had asked me what kept them apart I should have said mortar.'"

HIS VERSION.

In a city school the teacher was reading to her class Shelley's "Ode to a Skylark." Some of the intelligence of her pupil she asked if she could interpolate a few words, expressing the same meaning, the line, "Hail to thee, blithe spirit—bird thou never wert." The pupil shot back from the back row: "Well, Johnny, let us hear how you would put it."

"Hi, cocky. You ain't no blin' bird."

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impossible for anyone, and particularly for any returned soldier, to believe I could have adopted such an attitude. It is, therefore, with the more surprise that I find it necessary to publicly deny the truth of such wilful mis-statements.

Yours, etc.,
EDITH D. COWAN.

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laid Junction Workshops, who were
able to go, formed themselves into com-
mitttees to look after the interests of
their representatives at the front. Every
man having an amount of his pay pre-
sented with a wristlet watch, and com-
forts sent to the troops exceeded all ex-
pectations. When peace was declared
these patriotic and grateful workers sub-
scribed to a fund to be used for the pur-
pose of welcoming their wounded homes,
and for the erection of a suitable memorial
to the fallen. Owing to differences of
opinion as to whether the memorial
should be erected in front of the work-
shops, or the funds subscribed to be ud-
gment a general fund for the purpose
debated at an amended meeting in Perth
to all railway men, and the advocates of
the latter scheme winning the day, and
neglecting to push on with their project,
the fund has been lying dormant.

Just when matters got moving again
last year the engineers’ strike was re-
sponsible for a further setback, because
the men being good unionists, came to the
assistance of their fellow unionists.

The Workshops Memorial Committee
have now decided that a memorial will
shortly be erected in every railway town
of their fallen comrades, having as their
objective a monument probably better
than any yet erected in this State.

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committee is running a contribution by
the Grand National Hurdle Race, to be
run on July 7th, 1923. Tickets cost 2/-,
and each ticket has a chance of win-
ing four prizes (see advertisement in
this issue). It will be run on July
3rd, and the results will be published
in the West Australian’ next day.

We recommend our readers to support
this well-conducted competition by purchas-
ing tickets and advising their friends to do
likewise.

THE SIXTEENTH BATTALION ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting was held on 22nd
ultimo. A letter received from the West
Perth Sub-branch R.S.L. in reference to
the memorial tablets, Honor Avenue, was
the subject of much discussion. The ob-
ject of the letter was to ask for financial
assistance from the Battalion Association
in connection with the renovation and
maintenance of the tablets. It was pro-
mised that a certain amount of four guineas
be forwarded. Mr. Harwood (major) opposed
the motion, and suggested that the onus
of approval be thrown on the committee
in-line. Mr. Colley in supporting the amend-
ment, suggested that the sub-branch wanted
their help, and that the sub-branch was dis-
posed to claim all the funds. Mr. Ryan rose
and said occasion demanded, and showed
the only just and reasonable view that
any self-respecting body could honorably
take, and the result was that the sum
allocated for the purpose £10/0/- or the
equivalent to the actual cost
of renovation of 16th Battalion memorials.
E. St. Ives, Bilston.—P.G.R., like the average woman, seems determined to have last word with reference to the Turk-Armenian problem, as I see by May "Listening Post," he is still inclined to keep the subject warm. So am I. By the way of preliminary, your correspondent advises me to remember that if positions were reversed, the Turk would fare no better under the altered regime than the Armenian is doing now. All I have to say in reply is that the Armenian would be indeed a poor old thing if he did not seize the first opportunity of getting back a bit of his own after the way his own land has been drenched in blood during a period extending over seven centuries. But I'll take tickets on it that there would not be such revolting cruelties perpetrated with the Armenian in power. As regards the other, driving power of the Armenian being Cuning, which may come as second nature in order to avoid torture.

P.G.R. also states that Jacko appreciates a kind action, ... and shows his gratitude also according to facts. commencing in the 12th century. How did he show it towards Britain? But for the protection afforded him by the British Lion his empire would assuredly have been off the map long ago. "Mum," the Manchester "Guardian" has summed Jacko up thus (with all due apologies to the writer):—

The Turk he is a gentleman, a gentleman; a gentleman; The Turk he is a gentleman, and one of Nature's best. And, oh, what black ingratitude, we strike an angry attitude, and fix for him a latitude that's less than he possessed. Throughout the war with Germany, with Germany, with Germany, throughout the war with Germany for us of course he fought. And only the cencorous would grudge the label glorious. To all the meritorious assistance that he brought.

He helped us in Gallipoli, Gallipoli, Gallipoli; He helped us in Gallipoli, and Palestine no end; Assisted by Bulgaria, enteric, and malaria, Throughout the Eastern area he acted like a friend. Then give him back his capital, his capital— His European capital he stole for Asia's prey; Last after you posterity records with grim severity That friendship and sincerity for Britain didn't pay!

E. S. Watt.—When Rabbi Freedman, who is the R.S.L. representative on the State Branch of the Empire Exhibition Commission, was trying to get the local branch to show its hand regarding the Ryan appointment, he met with strenuous opposition. One member asked the Rabbi if he was asking the local executive to say that Mr. Ryan's appointment was irregular. It may interest members and others to know that when the Federal Executive was interviewing Mr. Bruce recently in Melbourne, Mr. Austin Chapman, the Minister of Customs, who is also ex officio a member of the Commission, turned to the Prime Minister and said: "There is no doubt about it, sir, the Ryan appointment was most irregular."

The President of the Mt. Lawley-North Perth Sub-branch, Mr. W. A. Zeffert has decided to forsake single blessedness. His engagement to Miss Toby Cohen has been announced, and all Maurice's digger well-wishers congratulate him on the step he has taken, and hope that the good fortune he deserves will attend his venture.

The booking-office pest was in his element. He stood obstinately at the little window holding up a long queue of heated and agitated travellers. "Please tell me," he drawled to the clerk, "can I get to London for half-a-crown?"

The clerk informed him he could not. "Well, then, can I get to Brighton?" he asked.

This went on for several minutes. Then he turned to the growing crowd and asked: "Can anyone tell me where I can go for half-a-crown?"

And they all told him!

Maud: "What happened when your father told your friend he ought to put something aside for a rainy day?" Lois: "A little later Dad missed his raincoat."

"Have you anything to say, prisoner, before sentence is passed upon you?" asked the judge. "No, your lordship, except that it takes very little to please me."

"Look here!" cried the diner: "is this apple tart, or plum tart?" "Can't you tell by the taste, sir?" asked the waiter. "No, I can't."

"Then," said the waiter, "what on earth does it matter, sir, which it is?"

Egyptian Guide: "You have no wonderful hieroglyphs in your country, sir; no mysterious inscriptions, no indecipherable relics of an ancient literature whose secrets the wise men of the world have tried for ages to discover?" Australian Tourist: "No, we haven't any of these things; but, but," brightening up, "we've got our railway time-tables."

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Spot.—It is pleasing to know that the League is about to initiate a scheme, having for its objective the erection of a State War Memorial to the fallen. I do not hold with the view that the scheme is long overdue, because it has given every district or town a chance to erect their local memorial before being called on to support the bigger project. Of course the State memorial will be in the capital, and I hope that it will take the form of an inspiring colossal, something, on the highest point on Mt. Eliza in King's Park.

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Minutes of Federal Executive Special Preference Meeting
JUNE 9th, 1923.

Present:
E. Turnbull (Acting-Federal President) (chairman),
General Sir T. W. Glasgow (Queensland),
L. C. Elliott (New South Wales),
H. J. Martin (Victoria),
A. H. Dalziel (South Australia),
E. S. Watt (West Australia),
A. M. David (Tasmania).

The Acting-Federal President welcomed the delegates and outlined the events leading up to the present trouble with the Commonwealth Government relative to the Government's policy of Preference to Returned Soldiers.

The following resolutions were carried:

Delegates' Expenses.
Moved H. J. Martin, seconded T. W. Glasgow—
That the expenses of delegates attending the special Executive meeting convened by the Acting-Federal President held on Friday, 9th June, 1923, be pooled and paid pro rata by all State branches.

Confirmation of Acting-President's Actions.
Moved H. J. Martin, seconded A. H. Dalziel—
That the actions of the Acting-Federal President in connection with matters concerning the Government's policy of Preference to Returned Soldiers be confirmed by this Executive.

Re Appointment of Mr. H. V. Ryan.
Moved I. C. Elliott, seconded E. S. Watt—
That the Federal Executive of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia is definitely of the opinion that the Commonwealth Government should take the responsibility for the Empire Exhibition appointed by Cabinet, committing the breach of the Government's declared policy of preference to Returned Soldiers in appointing Mr. H. V. Ryan to the position of Executive officer to the Empire Exhibition appointed and that Cabinet take the necessary steps to bring about the cancellation of Mr. Ryan's appointment.

Interview with Prime Minister.
Moved A. H. Dalziel, seconded E. S. Watt—
That the Executive endeavour to interview the Prime Minister immediately upon his return to Melbourne.

Resolution Telegraphed to Prime Minister.
Moved E. S. Watt, seconded A. H. Dalziel—
That Executive's resolution as to Ryan case be immediately telegraphed to the Prime Minister.

THE LISTENING POST.
JUNE 22, 1923.

Col. FARR'S TRANSFER TO W.A.

Soldiers Consider Grave Injustice Done.

Dr. Earle Page, the Federal Treasurer, recently made a statement in the House of Represenitives to the effect that Col. Farr (Deputy Commissioner Repatriation, N.S.W.) had been transferred to this State at a reduced salary, because it was considered that he had not carried out his duties with the necessary efficiency.

This statement savours of vindictiveness, and even if true, is unworthy of a man avowedly acting under such high office because Col. Farr remains an officer of the Department. Dr. Page's paltry action has raised the ire of returned soldiers generally, in particular the New South Wales branch of the League, their contention being that the Col. is a highly efficient officer who has rendered every possible assistance to returned men, and they are endeavouring to have Col. Farr reinstated as D.C. in New South Wales. We are convinced that a big injustice has been done the Col. and will watch future developments with interest.

T.B. SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION.

At the last meeting of the T.B. Soldiers' and Soldiers' Association, it was resolved to request the Repatriation Department to have the dressing room at the Edward Millen Home enlarged, to build larger lockers, the present room, 3ft. by 11ft., being altogether too small. Mrs. Saffield, of the Port Melbourne T.B. Welfare Committee, was voted hearty thanks for her visit and donation of three guineas. It was decided to send a delegate to the Executive Conference, giving him a free hand.

The Executive was requested to press the Government to make the Spalding treatment available as soon as it can also to press for a minimum pension of two guineas with rights of appeal, for the special rate, as the discharges, and for £4 per week for the first six months after discharge from the sanatorium.

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Mr. E. S. Watt, the Western Australian delegate to the special Executive meeting of the Returned Soldiers' League, held in Canberra, returned in the midst of Federal appointments, when interviewed on his return, was able to throw a good deal of light upon the much-vaunted question of the attitude of the Federal Government towards the matter of preference to returned soldiers. He stated that the controversy was the talk of Melbourne during his visit, and was much featured by the Press of that city. "The Returned Soldiers' League had accused the Government of insincerity in its policy with regard to soldiers," explained Mr. Watt, "and had cited the appointments of Mr. Page to the Superannuation Board, Mr. Morell as Deputy Commissioner of War Service Homes (New South Wales), and Mr. Ryan as Federal Executive officer of the Empire War Service League. It was considered that the last-named appointment was the most flagrant breach of faith, and the League practically concentrated its efforts on this point. It was moved and a returned soldier put in his place. After much delay and absurd pretence of wounded dignity on the part of the Prime Minister, the case for the Government was submitted, and the Commission was presented by Senator Wilson, who is both chairman of the Commission and a Minister in Mr. Bruce's Government. The Prime Minister then said that there was not a charge that could be levelled against the Government because the Commission, and not the Government, had made the appointment. The plea that Mr. Watt consumed his time was dismissed, and it was impossible to appoint any other officer known to possess the necessary qualifications. If the Senator had made the appointment, the charge would have been answered, and the public and the Press were in almost unanimous agreement with the League in their efforts to have Mr. Ryan dismissed and replace an older man. Mr. Watt was definitely of the opinion that the Government must take the responsibility for the appointment. The Prime Minister allowed the Executive to give him a list of qualifications on his return from Queensland. He still protested that he was not bound to force the Government's policy of preference on the States. The Prime Minister also made it clear in a private conversation that he intended to do everything in his power to prevent the case from being heard in the High Court. The Federal Government's attitude was not only of the utmost importance at present, but it would affect the future of the League."
REPORTS:
Finance Committee:
The report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted.
A further report on the audit of the Bunbury Sub-branch was received, and it was moved Mr. Bader, seconded Mr. Cooke that paragraphs 2, 3 and 5 be carried into the meeting.
It was further moved, Mr. Cooke seconded Mr. Bader that action be taken to get in touch with the local secretary, Mr. Bader, with a view to obtaining an immediate explanation of matters mentioned in the Auditor's letter, and that full power be given to the Finance Committee to take any steps they consider necessary.

Protest Sunday:
The report of the committee appointed to make arrangements for Protest Sunday was received and adopted. It was resolved that the sub-committee be asked to make arrangements as to the time to be held in the metropolitan area, and report to a special meeting of the Executive.

Assistance for Prospecting:
The sub-committee appointed to inquire into this matter presented its report, which was received and adopted.

Visit to Dingup:
Mr. Bader reported that he had visited Dingup and found the affairs of the branch in a very satisfactory condition, there being only two returned soldiers in the district who were not financial members. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Bader for his visit to Dingup.

Empire Exhibition Commission:
Moved Mr. Bader, seconded Mr. Cooke, that the State Executive of the Empire Exhibition Committee of W.A. to declare its attitude regarding Mr. Ryan's appointment as Co-ordinating Officer of the British Empire Exhibition.

STATE EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES.
13/6/23
Present:

Protest Sunday:
The President reported the result of the committee meeting in this connection, and stated that in view of a telegram received from Mr. Watt, they had been asked to fit in with a possible Protest Sunday. The report was received.
The President further reported on an interview between Mr. Scaddan and himself and the State Secretary, regarding the appointments of Mr. H. V. Ryan, stating that Mr. Scaddan had said that before the appointment was made the various States had been asked if an officer could be loaned for that purpose. Only South Australia had responded by nominating Mr. Ryan, and on this account he had been elected. Mr. Scaddan was asked what became of the 45 applications, 23 of which were from returned soldiers, and he stated that this was the first time he knew of them. Mr. Scaddan was then led to call a special meeting of the Exhibition Committee in this State on Friday next, and advised that the Premier should be interviewed as soon as he returned with a view to a representation from this State being present at the special meeting in Melbourne on Wednesday, the 20th June.

Mr. Bader, seconded Mr. Cooke, that an expression of appreciation be sent to Mr. Scaddan on the attitude adopted by him.—Carried.

A further report on the appointment of the Secretary of the State Executive of the British Empire Exhibition Committee was submitted and it was stated that when the exhibits from this State were put on board ship the work of the State Executive would cease, and the present secretary revert to his former position in the Government. He said that, with the office of the State Executive in the hands of the Commission, the claim of returned soldiers should be given first consideration.

R.S.P.C.A. Secretaryship:
The President reported that a message had been received from the R.S.P.C.A. expressing the wish to meet the Executive in regard to the recent appointment, but could not discuss the matter at this meeting, but would be present at the next meeting of the Executive.

Moved, and seconded, that this matter be left in abeyance until Mr. Duffell had been heard.—Carried.

Miss E. Campbell:
A letter from Miss Ethel Campbell, addressed to Mr. J. Cornell, stated that she was visiting Australia with her parents in the near future, by the "Dufferin" and it was decided that a radio message of welcome be sent her when the boat was within suitable distance.

Beverley:
A letter was received from the Beverley Sub-branch extending an invitation for the Executive to be present at their social to be held on the 20th June, and this matter was left over until the next meeting.

Anzac Day:
A letter was received from the Federal Executive giving the decision of the Conference between Commonwealth and State Ministers in connection with the observance of Anzac Day; and it was moved Mr. Beechey, seconded Mr. Cooke, that they be referred back to the Federal Executive point of view, but that Anzac Day the conditions and status that have been desired by this State branch.—Carried.

Migrants to Australia:
A letter was received from the Fremantle and District Sub-branch setting out the distressing circumstances under which ex-Imperial soldiers are brought out to Australia, and making certain allegations concerning their treatment on arrival. After considerable discussion it was moved Colonel Collett, seconded Mr. Wyer, that in the opinion of this Executive, the Government is doing great work for all new arrivals, and in order to assist the Executive in investigating individual cases of alleged hardship, the Executive were to be cited, supported by affidavit:—Carried.

Fremantle Wonderworld:
A letter was received from the East Fremantle Sub-branch referring to a resolution carried by the branch to the effect that the matter of the Wonderworld monies should be placed in the hands of the Executive to deal with and finalise.

Mr. Wilson made a statement concerning the monies, as one of the trustees of the fund, and it was subsequently moved Mr. Harvey, seconded Mr. Cooke, that the meeting be called of delegates from all sub-branches concerned, and the matter be fully discussed. The trustees of the fund to be asked to be present.—Carried.

H. E. Weight:
Mr. Harvey reported that in the case of Mr. H. E. Weight and stated that this man was a probationary constable employed by the Police Department and during the recentleich his brain sought from three different solicitors, including the League's honorary solicitor, and it was definitely stated in each case that if the matter were taken to the Supreme Court, there would be no doubt that Weight would receive a satisfactory decision.

It was pointed out by Mr. Harvey that the cost of the action would be £20, £15 of which had already been paid, and if the Executive decided to take the matter up on behalf of Weight, it would only incur a liability of £5, and that this case would establish a precedent in such matters.

Moved Mr. Harvey, seconded Mr. Cooke that this case be submitted to T. A. Lavry and if thought advisable by him, it be taken to the Supreme Court in the terms set out by the mover.—Carried.

Wheatcroft:
In view of the publication of a letter by Mr. Wheatcroft, morning's press, a telegram had been sent requesting his attendance at the Executive Meeting, but he did not appear. The statement was not read, and the boy was referred to, and the press was asked to report same.

C. J. Cooke:
It was decided that Mr. Cooke's appointment as State Organiser be extended for a further three months and branch secretaries be written to and asked to furnish at once a list, of their unfillable positions.

Workers' Homes Board:
It was decided that the matter of representation on Workers' Homes Board be left over, pending further report at next meeting.
The “Wingies and Stumpies” Gazette

Being a chronicle of the doings of the Returned Maimed and Limbless Men’s Association of W.A.

The secretary of the Association, Mr. Stan O’Grady, is pleased to report to members that he has been successful in inducing the Government to again renew the travelling concession enjoyed by members, for twelve months, as from the 1st July next, under the same conditions as hereto existed.

Members are asked to call at 205 Hay-street, and take delivery of their pass, on and after the 26th June next.

A gift of one thousand shillings has been presented to the Returned Maimed and Limbless Men’s Association by friends in Perth, Claremont, Caversham, Guildford, South Perth, Como, Maylands, and other parties, as a token of gratitude and affectionate interest in their welfare. This donation is the outcome of drawing-room entertainments held from time to time. There have been no expenses whatever, but a very warm and ready response to take part in the little movement. Some excellent talent has been shown on the part of willing entertainers, Mr. Ted Scott of Perth, is well known for his delightful delineations of the “Sentimental Blake,” taking a leading part.

The receipt for fifty pounds from the secretary of the Association, Mr. O’Grady, is held by Mrs. Clare Morley, of 144 Carr-street, West Perth, who has been the chief figure and organiser of these little functions, and has her heart and soul in the work, and this Association desires to publicly thank her and the people from the districts mentioned above for their practical interest and support.

The Association Annual Smoker Social and Reunion was held last Wednesday evening, and was voted by the 150 members present to be the most successful on record.

The visitors included Dr. Jett, Colonel Lamb, Ross McDonald (honorary Association officers), and the Press.

A paragraph in the “Call” and the “West Australian Sportman” at this moment lies in the secretary’s office, in which evidently a leading article appears objecting to limbless soldiers being authorised to vote in New South Wales. It is not my intention, through lack of time, to delay long on this subject, but members can look forward to a stinging reply in next week’s issue.

The Association is utterly sick of hearing expressed the ignorant, views of people that just because a man has lost a limb, he is utterly useless for further use to his country, and can never be a wage earning citizen, and only good for the Museum. The time has arrived when stupid people should be educated to the effect that this is not correct.

Through the instrumentality of this Association the male members of the Famous Diggers Co. gave a very interesting musical and dramatic performance in the patients of Edward Millen Home.

The Party was taken out in cars, kindly lent by Mr. S. L. Burridge, and Mr. A. Finch, and the function was a tremendous success.

To the members of the Famous Diggers Co. and the gentlemen who so kindly loaned the cars, the best thanks of this Association is extended.

An interesting movement is on foot amongst members to form teams to compete in a small bore rifle contest, and the secretary has the matter well in hand. This scheme is followed very successfully by the friendly societies of the State, and we hope to form a number of teams and finance the scheme. A 22 Wrench should be used, and the teams will shoot for trophies.

Not generally known that this Association boasts of 446 members, 300 of whom have lost a limb or limbs on active service, 8 have lost two limbs, and the remainder are men so maimed in an arm or leg to be equal to an amputation, and nearly every member of whom is financial. The Association has progressed rapidly in the past, and claims an average meeting of 80 members, which the secretary says is a record.

Every member is hereby reminded that the next meeting of the Association will be on June 28th, when nominations for officer bearers will be required to be in. On July 12th, the annual general meeting of the Association will be held in the Soldiers’ Institute, and every member is asked to make an effort to attend.

The business for this annual meeting will be the report of the President for the year, the claims for consideration, the appointment of Executive officers and secretary, auditor’s report, and balance-sheet, and the duty of every member to himself and to the Association to attend on the night in question, and lend their support to the Association to which they belong.

There are still a number of unclaimed badges lying at the secretary’s office, and he requests those members who have not taken delivery of their badge to do so at the earliest possible moment.

Shortly we expect to be visited by Miss Campbell, the returned soldiers’ friend, who did so much for the soldiers on the way to and from the Great War. It is the intention of this Association to give her a rousing reception when she reaches these shores. Further particulars will be published later.

The Executive Committee of this Association attended an evening at the Famous Diggers’ Co., Queen’s Hall, last week, and spent a most enjoyable two hours. These diggers are giving the goods, and are a jolly fine lot, and we appreciate their repeated invitations.

This Association is, indeed, gratified to know what the R.S.L. Executive has forced Prime Minister Bruce to climb down a bit and recognise to some small extent the claims for consideration of the men who fought for Australia. An attempt at the appointment of non-returned soldiers to Government positions are attempts by the Government to shelve the principles of “Preference to Returned Soldiers,” and the latest appointment of the S.P.C.A. of a lady as secretary, is a glaring case, and this Association has offered the League their support, and their Right Honourable Prime Minister’s brother, Jack Pitti joined up with the Association last week. It is interesting to note that the same Jack served in the A.I.F., was wounded in the arm, and afterwards enlisted for service in Russia, and he was shot through the same place with an explosive bullet which has rendered his arm almost useless.

Jack is a very quiet and unassuming soldier, and will be a welcome addition to our ranks.

Not generally known that before the War, the genial Tom Oldfield, was one of the State’s champion shears. Big of frame, and standing nearly six feet, we understand the said Tom was an imposing figure, whipping off the golden fleece, and even after losing his right arm, by the aid of a hook he has been hearing timber about in the country. This information should again dispel any idea that because a man has lost a limb he is useless, as even to-day we have other members working on the land clearing, and one at a mill firing the boiler.

The State, and particularly the returned soldiers of Western Australia, have lost a very sincere friend in Colonel Titney, who last week left for Sydney to take charge of the Repatriation refit in

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considerably and leaves Mr. Duffell as President and the remaining ladies who voted for the present appointment, together with the two gentlemen who were found seconding and supporting, to manage the Society's affairs.

This is a public concern, which depends solely for its support upon public subscription, derives its main revenue from the proceeds of the annual animal ball which has become an established social function.

In this connection it is feared that the public will not stop to think that this appointment is a breach of faith to all returned soldiers, that 150 people were fooled by the advertisement calling for applications, and that the commendation by the several individual subscribers was all so much lost—nor will the average dancing crowd realize that in this appointment an injustice has been perpetrated upon the returned men, of whom there are at least 250 within the metropolitan area unemployed, in addition to which there are between 40 and 60 unemployes within the same area who have served their country well and suffered some degree of life consequent upon their misfortune, who are obliged to eke out their existence upon the pension which they receive, with no brighter prospect than the usual chance that their days are shortened and that in the interval theirs is a hopeless life.

It is very questionable whether the principle which is so vital to returned men will be remembered in the attractiveness of the Government House ballroom, of the music and the brilliancy of the spectacle, of the gaiety of dress, and, indeed, between the various sets for pre-eminent, and unless the public mind is educated to the view that it would be regrettable for any returned soldier to be present at that ball, or any lady who had lost her husband, brother, father, son, or any dear friend, the probabilities are that the right view will be obscured.

Is it not likely that by this means the position could be forced to a successful issue?

We ask the public to consider if this Society is worthy of support until such time, as the individuals composing it prove themselves sincere by appointing a capable returned soldier to the position as Secretary.

The Executive of the Returned Soldiers' League could not countenance anything in the way of a boycott of this function by way of protest, but what would the Society think if all the unemployed, including the maids, were to parade the streets of Perth a day or two before the date fixed for the annual ball, placarded with a protest against the wrong which they feel has been inflicted upon them.

Moreover, how would the committee of the S.P.C.A. regard it if those firms who subscribe to the funds of this Society were written to and acquainted with the facts, and with the soldiers' view of the matter?

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