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February 19, 1926

POSTERITY’S BIRTHRIGHT. Our Forest Lands.

Those earnest men who are interested in Australia’s natural resources, have been greatly disturbed by the denuding of vast areas of valuable forests. Fire has ravaged wide ranges of magnificent timber; but the axe and saw of the lumberman, oblivious to the future, have committed depredations not less serious than that of the fire fiend.

In America the trouble of timber shortage was in evidence to such an alarming extent that stringent legislation was enforced to check the slaughter of small trees, while huge schemes of afforestation have been launched to provide for the future and to avoid a general timber famine.

Space does not permit of an exposition of the use to which timber is employed, in fact, so multifarious are its uses that the subject deserves separate consideration. It may be taken for granted, however, that the very life of this State is in some measure cognisant of the important part timber plays in furnishing the requirements of modern day civilisation.

We agree that timber is essential, and now that we have ample evidence that the demand is rapidly outstripping the existing resources, it is obvious that our children will be in a parlous circumstance if the trees of to-day are not reinforced in a measure to compensate the devastation of our forests.

Whereas the growth of timber already existing has proved a ready source of revenue to our State, we are confronted with the possibility of meeting innumerable needs by the further propagation of trees, and a feature which the worker should not be unmindful of is, these trees provide an avenue for the extensive exploitation of secondary industries, from paper making right down to fine artistic silks. So important are the opportunities in the matter of forests which are so easily seized that their importance is overlooked.

Thousands of acres of poor country in this State could be planted with pine, and tended, too, for small capital expenditure; whilst every inch of rich country carrying a natural supply of jarrah and karri should be ear-marked for perpetual conservation. First class land which does not carry milling timber naturally should definitely be given over to agriculture; but where milling timber exists, the removal of trees should be strictly gauged by statutes, under the frequent vigilance of competent rangers.

By this means there would be an ever-growing range of young trees constantly filling the gaps left by their elder brethren, and famine would be averted.

Western Australia has her wool, wheat, and gold, as well as her timber; and because of the struggle for the production of wool and wheat, and because of the adventure and hazardous nature of gold mining, these three products are ever in receipt of consideration; but with timber the case is different.

The trees are there to be killed off, it is merely reaping off what nature has sewn in abundance, and reaping on and on until the day when our vast acres are depleted.

Unless Western Australia takes heed soon and provides for tomorrow, our sons will have to import every atom of their requirements, they will be unable to compete in secondary industries, having been sapped of the fundamental factor.

Steps will be taken to remedy the position, no doubt, but twenty years must elapse before benefit ensues, and in the meantime the State’s wealth is dwindling.

Now is all late enough for the start to be made on a big scale—to-morrow will not do. So essential and so sound a financial effort is that of afforestation, that unless the country carries its national responsibility in this connection, so private enterprise may take the plunge or it is over-ripe.

Soldiers fought for an ideal in the big War, and are proud of that ideal. That ideal was the nation’s prosperity and the protection of posterity’s heritage. In peace all matters of national consequence are equally the soldier’s responsibility, and it is such national insurance policy as afforestation which should have the active support of every Australian.
STATE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

20/1/26.

Present—Messrs. Collett, Riley, Isaac, McDonald, Philip, McAdam, Freedman, Shaw, Yeates, Bateson, Longmore, Watt, Bader and Harvey.

Apologies were received from Messrs. Cornell, Pady and Cohen.

Soldier Settlement Revalidation.—Col. Collett reported that he had seen Mr. Angwin in connection with this matter, and that another appointment had been arranged.

Viscount Allenby.—It was suggested that the Federal Executive be communicated with and explained the reason that a reception was not tendered to Lord Allenby in this State.

Mr. Yeates reported that during his recent stay in Melbourne he attended the reception of the Victorian Branch and met Lord Allenby.

Invitation.—The Collie Sub-Branch extended an invitation to the State President, State Secretary and the Executive to visit Sub-branch on the occasion of its annual meeting, which takes place on Sunday, January 19th.

The Secretary stated that arrangements had been made for himself and Mr. Philip to attend.

Federal Correspondence.—Letters were read and received from the Federal Executive dealing with the following matters:

New Guinea Properties: Received.

Congress Resolutions Nos. 26, 27, 28: Received.

Resolution No. 60: dealing with the Picture Film Industry in Australia.

It was decided that a copy of the proposed resolution be obtained from the Victorian Government before action be taken.

Resolution No. 62: Received. In connection with life membership to the League. It was decided that the matter be brought under the notice of the State Executive before the next State Congress.

Resolution No. 83, 85, 94, and 97: Received.

Resolution No. 98, dealing with Soldier Producers, was referred to the forthcoming Soldier Settlers’ Conference.

Nominees—Repatriation Board.—The Federal Executive submitted a request for a panel of three names in order of preference for the selection of the League’s representative on the Repatriation Board under section 14 (2) of the Act.

Nominations were called for and as the result of an exhaustive ballot, the following names are to be submitted in order of preference:

1. Mr. A. N. McDonald.
2. Mr. E. S. Watt.
3. Mr. A. S. Isaac.

The secretary stated that an urgent wire had been received from the Federal President, requesting our nomination for the League’s representative on the Repat. Commission.

A reply had been sent concurring with the renewal of Col. Tilney’s appointment. The action was endorsed.

Photographs.—War Graves.—The Federal Executive submitted a communication showing a copy of one received from Mr. J. R. McDonald, who had recently visited France, outlining the proposal for the supply of Photographs of Soldiers’ Graves to relatives.

On the motion of Mr. Yeates, seconded Mr. Philip, it was decided that the proposal be not entertained.

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It was agreed that this should be handed to the Mental Home Committee for their report at a later meeting.

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It was moved by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Bateson, that strong representations be made to the Minister and he be requested to allow McDonald to fatten the sheep already on his property.—Lost.

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passed at the Executive dealing with staff salaries. The report was received and adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Longmore, seconded by Mr. Philip, that the Finance Committee take into consideration and report to the Executive on the advisability of purchasing an automobile for the use of the League.

3/2/26.

Present—Messrs. Collett, Riley, Isaac, McDonald, Philp, McAdam, Shaw, Bate-son, Longmore, Watt, Pady and Cohen.

Apologies were received from Messrs. Cornell, Nye, Yeates, Logie, Zeffer and Fitzgerald.

Gleneran Art Union.—In connection with the Gleneran Art Union, it was moved by Mr. Isaac, seconded by Mr. Pady, that the Sub-branch be wired for the result of the meeting which was to be held last Saturday, the 30th ult. In the event of no reply being received within three days, a responsible person be sent down to investigate.—Carried.

Leave of Absence—Mr. Nye applied for leave of absence for three meetings. This was granted.

J. Cornell.—Mr. Cornell stated that for the next three months he would be busy on electioneering, and will not be able to attend all meetings. Leave of absence was granted for all necessary occasions within the next three months.

Sub-branches and Ministers.—A communication was made from the Federal Executive, drawing attention to the fact that Sub-branches were communicating

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direct with Ministers and Government Departments, and pointing out the inadvisability of such procedure.

It was decided that a letter be handed to the Editor of the "Listening Post" for publication.

Repatriation Board.—A communication was read and received from the Federal Executive stating that the General Secretary had been asked to discuss the matter of retaining the Repatriation State Branch with the Minister made by the Institution, and requested this branch to advise the nature of the duties of the Board in this State, together with the time taken up in their work.

It was moved by Mr. Longmore, seconded by Mr. Riley, that in the opinion of this State Branch, the State Repatriation Board should be retained.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Riley, that that portion of the letter requesting information be left in the hands of the State Secretary.—Carried.

Picture Films.—It was pointed out that legislation had not been passed in Victoria connection with this matter. Therefore, it would be useless for other States to communicate with Victoria as mentioned in the opinion of the Institution.

Representations W.H.B.—Letters were read and received from the Federal Executive and Senator G. F. Pearce in connection with representations being made in accordance with expressed wishes.

Case G. F. Wood.—State Secretary reported progress in connection with this case and read letters from the Collie Sub-branch and Mr. Proudse, M.H.R., also wires that had passed between the Federal Executive and this office.

Case McDonald.—Mr. Watt reported on behalf of the Committee appointed to interview the Group Settlement Advisory Committee on McDonald’s case. Moved by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Riley that the report be adopted.—Carried.

Reports—State Secretary’s Report.—The State Secretary handed his report for the preceding fortnight and stated later that a communication had been received from Col. Fitzgerald, stating that a new sub-branch had been launched at Wallalup.

It was decided that the thanks of this Executive be extended to Col. Fitzgerald for his successful action.

R.S.L. Band.—The State President submitted his report on the investigation of the R.S.L. Band. On the motion of Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Philp, the report was adopted.

In accordance with the President’s suggestion, Mr. C. Bader was appointed as the Executive nominee on the Band Committee.

House Committee.—The report of the meeting of the House Committee held the previous day was submitted and adopted.

Removal of Expulsion J. N. O’Neill.—A letter was received from J. N. O’Neill complying with the request made by the Executive at its last meeting, and he expressed regret at previous breaches of the Constitution.

Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Bate-son, that Mr. O’Neill, having expressed his regret to the satisfaction of the Executive of his former breaches of the Constitution, he now be deemed eligible for readmission to the League.—Carried.

Land Settlement.—Mr. McDonald submitted a report on behalf of the Land Settlement Committee in connection with the Commonwealth Grant.

The report was adopted on the motion Mr. Bate-son, seconded by Mr. Watt.

Moved by Mr. Longmore, seconded by Mr. Bate-son, that the President be requested to approach the Minister for Lands and ask for the Government’s definite intentions regarding the men who have already qualified for the land, and who have not yet been settled.

Finance Report.—Mr. Watt submitted a verbal report on the Finance Committee meeting held that evening.

The report was received. He dealt with the appointment of an organiser in the Manjimup area, and on the motion of Mr. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Isaac, it was decided that this matter be left over for discussion until after the Soldier Settlers’ Conference.

Agenda Committee S.S. Conference.—Messrs. McDonald and McAdam were appointed Agenda Committee for the forthcoming Conference.

Next Meeting Night.—As the next meeting night falls on the opening day of the Soldier Settlers’ Conference, it was decided that the matter of a special meeting be left in the hands of the State President.

Membership.—Moved by Mr. Isaac, seconded by Mr. Watt, that the State Secretary, in his report at the first meeting of each quarter include:—

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1. That the total income (including any pensions) received by applicant and his dependents shall not exceed £300 per annum in the case of a single man and that in the case of a married man or single man with dependents, the maximum amount be increased by £50 per annum in respect of wife or mother and by £25 per annum for each child.
2. That the person concerned shall be a returned soldier seriously disabled or suffering from physical infirmities caused through war service.
3. That such disabilities or physical infirmities so seriously hinder the applicant that it is impossible for him to do without motor transport.
4. That the refund applied for shall be in respect only of one vehicle both owned and actually used by the applicant.
5. That the minimum measure of incapacity shall be 75 per cent.; the Repatriation Department to be asked to define what constitutes 75 per cent. incapacity.
6. That applications for refund be forwarded for approval by the local police in terms of the foregoing conditions.
7. That all applications be referred to the Repatriation Department for particulars as to extent of incapacity and amount of war pension awarded to applicant and his dependents.
8. That if it is found that any returned soldier allows a motor vehicle in respect of which a refund is granted to be used for any other purpose than the convenience of himself and family or in connection with his business, the privilege be immediately withdrawn in such cases.
9. That the amount of refund shall be 90 per cent. of the tax payable.

It will, therefore, be seen that those desiring a refund and who consider themselves eligible under the conditions laid down, should immediately make application to the Governor of Police or Senior Officer of Police in the District in which they reside.

APPRECIATION FOR HOSPITALITY.

That Messrs J. W. Cox and W. F. Donald, of N.S.W., who visited this State to attend the Federal Congress, appreciated the hospitality of their hosts is disclosed in the concluding paragraph of their report to the N.S.W. Branch, which reads:

"You delegates desire to have it placed on record their thanks to the West Australian Branch and numerous Sub-Branches and members of the League who were instrumental in making their stay in the West most enjoyable and one that will long be remembered."

"With regard to the Press, we would like to say that all the publicity possible was given to Congress and the various speeches that were made at the different functions we attended."

"The feeling among the representatives from the various States with regard to the solidarity was very optimistic, and that spirit was amply demonstrated in Western Australia."

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Dame rumour has set tongues wagging and we feel sure that she had sound occasion to hint that very soon our crack rifle-shot will enroll in the ranks of the beneficents. Keith McKenzie, of whom we speak, has service abroad with the fighting 28th, among whom Keith was exceedingly popular.

E. Calder Growther is now the proud owner of a new Singer car. Calder was in the 10th, where he earned his commission. In civil life we find him filling his limited spare time as "Job-master" of the Guildford Group of Toe H.

Wally Bennett, who was a veritable grown-up "Kim" over there, is now in St. John of Gods, where he has undergone a serious operation. Wally practices in his post-war life all the good "Scouty" points we appreciated so much whilst he was in the 28th Battalion, and we wish him a speedy recovery to health.

In town for a few days from his group settlement at Glenoran, is Tim Irivet, who should not worry about the ups and downs of farm life, after having had years of experience of that sort of thing at the war in the Imperial Camel Corps.

KITCHENER'S END
Controversy Continues in England

Mr. Frank Power, in an article in "The Referee," asserts that the First Lord of the Admiralty (Mr. Bridgeman) in dealing the other day with the death of Lord Kitchener, made a futile effort to evade the following charges:

That more than 12 survived the Hampshire disaster.

That Kitchener escaped in a small boat and survived for two nights and a day in an inaccessible part of the Orkney coast.

That Kitchener's body was found elsewhere.

That an infernal machine exploded aboard the Hampshire.

That the Navy was guilty of slackness in sending rescue parties.

Mr. Power declares that the Germans were aware of Kitchener's mission sufficiently in advance of his departure to lay 34 mines in the vicinity of the Orkneys, a fact that made out of a number of the soldiers, including one of his wreaths "Gott Strafe Kitchener." Mr. Bridgeman, he also states, failed to disclose that a mined trawler was sunk in the Hampshire's path three days prior to the disaster.

The manner in which Field-Marshall Earl Kitchener met his end off the Orkneys on that trip to Russia on May 5, 1916, has been the subject for annual controversy ever since. Mr. Power is answering the statement of Mr. Bridgeman last week that it was untrue that the sailing of the cruiser Hampshire with Kitchener aboard was an open secret.

According to Mr. Bridgeman, the ship was not selected until ten days before she sailed, and her course was not fixed till the last moment. No mines had previously been reported to have been laid near the Orkneys, but the Admiralty had no doubt that the cruiser could not be located as the result of the striking of a moored mine laid by U-75 in preparation for the Jutland battle, which took place on May 31 and June 1, 1916.

After the disaster, Germany credited submarine U-80 with having mined the Orkneys area during the battle. Several months ago Lord Kitchener's biographer (Sir George Arthur) declared that there was no doubt that the secret of Kitchener's proposed visit was betrayed by Russia to Germany, who made preparations accordingly.

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SUB-BRANCH NOTES.

SUBLIACO SUB-BRANCH.

Mr. L. Richardson, the President of the Sub-branch, submitted an instructive report of the year's operations at the annual meeting of the sub-branch held last month.

The following has been extracted from same:-

At the termination of my year of office, I desire to congratulate the members on the excellent progress made during the past twelve months. The past year has been one of the best since the inauguration of the Branch.

The Branch is in a very sound financial position which reflects great credit on those members who worked so hard during the year, and steady increase has been made in the membership. This, no doubt, is due to the fact that in February last a Special Committee was appointed to investigate and report on a scheme to bring in new members. The report of the Committee which has adopted, recommended that interim receipt books be issued to members who would in turn endeavour to obtain new members. This scheme turned out to be very successful, and has, as you are all aware, resulted in a very substantial increase in membership, of over 100 per cent.

The member securing the greatest number of new members for the year, proved to be Mr. J. Harvey, and to this gentleman and to all other members who have helped in swelling our ranks, I wish to tender my sincere thanks. As in past years the Branch entertained the Members of the Ladies Auxiliary at a Picture Night in the Coliseum Gardens in appreciation of the services rendered by them during the past year. Again, this year, the Ladies were well to the foragin helping us in any way possible. On Armitage Day they performed substantial service to the Branch by selling poppies, which resulted in a handsome sum being paid to the credit of our Amelioration Fund.

We again took an active part in conjunction with the Municipality, in celebrating Anzac Day, the service held at the Coliseum being one of the finest conducted in the State. During the year three lectures were given, one by the Rev. Mr. French on the "Fjords of Norway," one by Capt. Collins on Physical Culture, and one by Colonel Battye on the Scholarship Trust for Children of Returned Soldiers, all of which were greatly appreciated.

I wish to say that the Branch would be wise in continuing these lectures, because, besides being very interesting, they tend to larger attendances at our meetings. (An interesting and very nice little ceremony took place in the Council Chambers when the Branch presented the Council with an enlarged photograph of the Guard of Honour, present at the unveiling ceremony of the Memorial Clock. All members of the Branch and I am pleased to say that the Council have seen fit to hang the photograph in a prominent position in the Mayor's Parlour. On Armitage Day I was decided to hold a Smoke Social and that invitations be sent to all the Metropolitan Branches. Members will agree with me when I say that the function was a magnificent success and was very much appreciated by all present. On several occasions, also through the kindness of the Officer in Charge at the Fire Station, we have held impromptu socials which have always proved very enjoyable. Last month the Annual Commemoration Service of the Branch was held at the tree planted in King's Park. I wish to thank the members for their attention to the tree, particularly Mr. Bayley, who, as most of you are aware, spends a lot of his time in keeping it in order. Just prior to Christmas, a Special Committee was formed to give a little Xmas cheer to deserving cases in our District and the sum of £42 was expended in this direction. The Branch was represented by Mr. A. G. Green at the Annual State Congress, and the thanks of the members have already been passed on him for the able and efficient manner in which he carried out his duties. Through the thoughtfulness and generosity of a member of the Branch, and with the help of the Ladies Auxiliary, a Christmas tree fete was given to the children of fallen soldiers. Members only had to see the happy faces of the kiddies to realise how much they enjoyed and appreciated it. I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing my sincerest thanks to Mr. Shand, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Desmond, Hon. Treasurer. Both these gentlemen have worked particularly hard during the past year for the Branch, and have at all times been ready to help me in any matter affecting the welfare of the Branch. I also wish to thank Mr. Ross for his kindness in taking over the position of Acting Hon. Secretary during the absence of Mr. Shand. In conclusion I must thank all members of the Branch for the courtesy and consideration extended to me at all times during my term of office. Our meetings have always been conducted in harmony and good fellowship, and I sincerely trust that you will extend to my successor the same co-operation, help and consideration.

BEVERLEY SUB-BRANCH.

A well-attended meeting was held on 23rd January, to deal with business for the S.S. Conference. Mr. Jim Mann was appointed Delegate to Conference, and one item was brought forward to be placed on the Agenda dealing with the famous £700,000.

A letter from the Beverley Road Board, in explanation of a recent appointment of a Vermin Inspector. Works Supervisor etc., was received and the Secretary instructed to acknowledge it.

One of the members brought up the matter of his pension which was stopped some time ago and, asked the League's help in getting it re-instated. Other items of local interest were discussed and the meeting broke up with the usual "bob in".

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Barrow

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Wellington Street, Perth
RAILWAY WORKSHOPS SUB-BRANCH.

ANNUAL PICNIC.

On Saturday 23rd January, the Railway Workshops Sub-Branch held their annual picnic. The s.s. Zephyr, was packed with branch members, their wives and kiddies and friends. Soon after the arrival at Point Walter each child—and what a crowd of children—was given fruit and icecream. Children’s races were held during the day, and prizes were innumerable, each child appearing to win something, although many of the wee mites had hardly started when the winners were being broadcast the tape, they showed the true spirit of their dads in lining up for prizes.

The grown-ups were also well catered for in the sporting line, most of the races being hotly contested for prizes which were valuable donations from generous business firms. The results were:—Youths’ Handicap. 100yds: 1st, J. Enderby; 2nd, H. Smith. Single Ladies’ Race, 75yds: 1st, Miss Holgate; 2nd, Miss Durbridge. Old Buffers’ Race, 75yds: 1st, C. Willmott; 2nd, G. Wilson. Soldiers’ Wives’ Race, 50yds: 1st, Mrs. Woods; 2nd, Mrs. Hughes. Members’ Handicap, 120yds: 1st, J. Sullivan; 2nd, W. J. Lovell. Married Ladies’ Race, 50yds: 1st, Mrs. Cash; 2nd Mrs. Ward. Potato Race: 1st, A. Wiltshire; 2nd, R. Hardie. Ladies’ Naildriving Competition: 1st, Mrs. Jenkins; 2nd, Mrs. Frankish. Committee Race: 1st, J. Warne; 2nd, W. F. Langdon.

It was a most enjoyable day, reflecting great credit on the organisers, and we anticipate that two boats will be required to take the crowd to the next annual picnic.

Mr. E. S. Watt represented the State Executive, and apologies were received from Colonels Collett and Pope, and Mr. D. M. Benson.

We don’t know if Bill Bailey, who so triumphantly bellowed through the megaphone, was a regimental sergeant-major. If not, he should have been. Perhaps some 32nd-tie can tell us.

Paddy Connelly, who scraped with the 5th Railway Corps, had a thankless job picking the winners of the children’s races.

The most popular man of the day with the kids was Jack Miller (10th A.M.C.), who handed out the prizes, with dignity and despatch.
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Perth Grocery Price List

FEBRUARY, 1926

AXES, Kelly.
ACID, Boracic, 1/2 lb., 1 oz., 6d.
ACD, Citric, 3/4 lb., 9d. oz. pkt.
ACID, Tartaric, 1/2 lb., 2d. oz. pkt.
ALMONDS, Ground, 4/6 lb.
ALMONDS, Kernels, 3/6 lb.
ALUM, Lump, 6d. lb., Powdered 6d.
AMMONIA, Cloudy, large bottle 6d.

ANCHOVIES, in oil, Mac's, 2/3 oz.
AN EXTERMINATOR.
ANTIPHERETINE, No. 1, 3/6; No. 2, 4/6; No. 3, 7/6.
ARROWROOT, Queensland, 6d., 10d. pkt.
ASPARGUS, Libby's, large 2/11; small 1/6. Sunkist, 2/4, 3/4, 1/2.
ASPROS, 9d., 1/3, 4/6.
AXLE GREASE, seven, tin 3/6, small tins 1/6.

COCOA: Pure Bulk Cocoa, 7d. lb.

COCONUT OIL 4d., and 7d. bot.

COCOanut butterscotch, 4d. pkt.

CLOTHES PINS 6d. doz., 2/-. gross

CLOTHES LINES: Rope 6d., Wire, 5/6, each.

CRAY'S, 3d. oz., 2/6 lb., Whole Ground.

CUTTLEFISH: Bone, 1/6, 1/2, 2/6 lb., 1/6, 1/2, 2/6 lb., 1/6

COFFEE: Fresh Ground Coffee, mixed.

CREAMER TARTAR, loose, 1/6, 4 oz., 10d.

CURLY POWDER, 5d., 9d., 1/6, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6.

CURSTAND: Bird's, small 1/6, middl., 6d., large 1/6, 1/6, 2/6.

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PROFITABLE SALES OF WAR SERVICE HOMES. 
WHO SHOULD GAIN?

At the Federal Congress it was decided to make overtures to the Federal Government as follows:—“That in cases where occupiers of War Service Homes subsequently vacate those homes which are afterwards sold, and the Government receives a greater amount than stands at debit, the returned soldier or applicant receives the surplus, either under rent purchase or mortgage system.” The following reply has been received from the responsible Minister:

“I am in receipt of yours of the 20th instant, further to Resolution No. 27, carried at the 10th Annual Congress of your League, and I think it is necessary to set out just what the resolution covers. In effect, it refers to those who agree to purchase a home under a contract of sale and subsequently abandoned the property, and it asks that where the sales have been made by the Commission in excess of the sales prices, the surplus should be given to the defaulting applicant. From time to time applicants get into arrears and decline to make the necessary payments although in a position to do so, and subsequently abandon the properties, in most cases without advising the Commission of their new address, with the object of defeating action to recover the arrears. In some cases advice is not even given to the Commission of the abandonment of the homes, nor the keys returned.

“These homes are generally in a bad state of repair and on them also large amounts are owing for rates. From this will be seen that the applicant not only repudiated his contract but during his occupancy of the premises failed to comply with the three essential conditions of it. The Commission is entitled to recover the property and take steps to dispose of it. It is safe to say that in a number of such disposals losses are made, and in others surpluses result in which the applicant has no way assisted.

“The policy of the Commission is to shoulder all losses on resale and to retain any surpluses, and it is not possible for the Commission to shoulder the loss and pay any surplus to a particular applicant.

“Any applicant who does not desire, for private reasons, to retain his home may either sublet it, dispose of it on the open market and discharge his liability to the Commission thereby receiving all profits, or, provided the home is a suitable security, transfer it to another eligible applicant under the Act. In any case, where an applicant communicates such wishes to the Commission he is always advised of these three avenues, and it is therefore competent for him to realise on the property at any time should he desire to do so.”

A further letter has been received from the Commonwealth Minister for Works defining the position of occupiers of War Service Homes, who had abandoned same, and their equity in the property upon a favourable resale by the Commission. It read:

“With reference to your representations that the Commonwealth should pay to the ex-mortgagor applicants, upon resale of the homes previously abandoned by them, what equity they had in the properties, I desire to inform you that section 36 of the Act provides that the Commission must first receive its expenditure in connection with the property before it can pay any moneys to the ex-mortgagor applicant. This means that if a resale is made on terms, which is usually the case to a eligible applicant, the ex-mortgagor would be required to wait until the term had been completed, and this may equal 37 years as the maximum term in the Act. Whilst it was the legal position, it has now been followed in the past, the Commonwealth Crown Solicitor was recently asked to go thoroughly into the matter again, and he has now reported that provided the ex-mortgagor gives a release at the time of resale the Commission can, in consideration of that release, pay to him his equity. The Minister has approved of following this procedure as a general practice, but before payment of an equity can be made in any case it requires the approval of the Minister and if the facts of the case are satisfactory, then the equity would be paid at the time the resale was made.

“If the facts were otherwise, then the settlement with the ex-mortgagor would have to be delayed until the circumstances warranted the payment of the equity prior to the actual completion of the sale.

“A number of cases have been determined in accordance with the legal position as explained above, and action is now being taken to have each case reviewed and presented to the Minister for his decision.”

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT LOSSES.

An important resolution passed at the Federal Congress was as follows:—“Realising that soldier settlement is in an unsatisfactory position in many States and there is a grave risk of failure, this Congress strongly urges that the £5,000,000 grant by the Commonwealth Government recently made to the States be only used for the reduction of soldier settlement losses.”

That the Commonwealth Government did not favour placing restrictions and conditions on the disposal of the grant is disclosed in the following reply received from the Prime Minister’s Department:

“With reference to your letter of the 15th December, with regard to Resolution No. 34, carried at the 10th Annual Congress of the League on the subject of the £5,000,000 grant by the Commonwealth towards the reduction of soldier settlement losses, I

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FENCING AGAINST RABBITS.

At the recent Federal Congress the following resolution which was sponsored by the W.A. State Branch was carried:

"That in the opinion of Congress the time has arrived for the farmers to fence against the rabbit invasion, and that the Federal Government be approached to provide a further grant sufficient to cover the expenditure of fencing the holding of elder settlers. Such grant to be free of interest and with repayments spread over a period of twenty years. The Congress urges that the demand for security from soldier settlers under the present scheme be waived, as the Government already holds the whole of the security."

The following reply has been received by the Federal Secretary from the Secretary Prime Minister's Department, and no doubt the League will watch the soldier settlers' special interest to see that he gets a fair cut:

"With reference to your letter of 15th December, embodying copy of a resolution passed at the 10th Annual Congress of the League in December last, asking the Government to provide financial assistance for soldier settlers, to enable them to fence their holdings against rabbits, I am directed to make available the sum of £50,000 spread over the next six years, for the purchase of wire netting for settlers throughout the Commonwealth, to be utilised in the erection of rabbit and dog-proof fencing.

"It is intended to advance the money on loan to the States and the Administrator of the Northern Territory, who will purchase wire and wire netting as required, and issue it to settlers to pay to the State or the Administrator, as the case may be, interest at a rate not exceeding 5 per cent. per annum on the value of the wire and wire netting supplied to them, and also to redeem their principal liability by making half-yearly payments on a sinking fund basis for twenty-five years at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum.

"It will be observed that the interest charge is to a great extent offset by the fact that the actual repayments of the principal liability will, in the aggregate, be only half the cost of the wire netting, the remaining half being credited as interest on the half-yearly instalments.

"Draft agreements embracing these proposals were forwarded to the State Governments in December, 1925, for consideration, and although replies have not been received, it is not anticipated that there will be any material alteration affecting the settlers."

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"1556" sends a bomb with the pin out from Meckathara—I am wondering whether Hill is brainy or not. I read his little dissertation on brains in the infantry (L.P. 22/1/26) with mixed feelings. I was undecided whether to banish it from my mind as utterly rot, or to think of him with pity. Subsequently I let it drop—but it continued to stick in my neck. It would appear from his writing, that "3121" thinks the infantry portion of the army is only fit for lunatics and imbeciles. When the next war starts he advocates a special staff of clever men being formed—men who are too brainy to join the infantry. A recruiting staff will be formed whose numbers will be well versed in the science of phrenology and psychology to exhaustively examine each recruit, who, if found wanting in intellect, must be immediately thrown into the infantry. The soft and safe jobs, of course, be reserved for the "men of intellect." By this clever scheme "3121" thinks to be able to get all the brainy men of the country—directly—of course—all the idiots. For riding the country of all the unintelligent humans, it's a great idea, but from a military point of view stupid, having little to commend it. He doesn't want any of the men to choose their own branch of service, either. If a man is fully qualified for the special arm of the service he wishes to join, the staff of experts may say "Yes, my boy, no doubt you would make a good infantryman, but we cannot allow brains there, you will do better service for your country by being the Army Corp Commander's batman. Go there." Without any infantry there can't be much of an army. Without good infantry the army will not be much good, and without good, sound, mentally efficient men, there won't be good infantry. Men of initiative, clear intellect, and quick adaptability make, good infantry. The more brains they have the better they can fight. I wonder if "3121" would have the officers and N.C.O.'s of the infantry unskilled, with little ability. Without a strain of "3121" is alien to his published ideas, he would find his level as a Lance-General of Infantry.

H.C.S.—It was the early days of the Aus- sie in France. We were in Fleuibaix. A very comfortable piece of the firing line. Yes! Very comfortable. So comfortable that even the Div. Gen. was in the habit of visiting the front line.

Fritz was very liberal with gas, and one had to wear a gas helmet—PH, you know the sort, like a sugar bag turned upside-down, with windows and a mouth-piece—they smell! Orders were very strict about wearing gas helmets, and at the alert, at that.

One very bright morning the Div. General was strolling linewards, when he suddenly discovered he had forgotten his gas helmet; at the moment he was passing a Q.M.'s store, so dropped in with the enquiry, "Could you lend me a gas helmet?" "Yes, sir," said the Q.M., "take mine." With that he reached up and took down a gas satchel which was hanging from a nail in the wall.

The General resumed his journey and presently a runner hove in sight on the "duck-boards." With a feeling of delight the General noticed that he was not wearing a gas helmet, and, as the youth saluted, the General rapped out, "Where's your gas helmet?" "I left it in my dug-out," said the youth. "I was in a hurry coming away, and left it in my dug-out." "Do you know how to put one on?" questioned the officer. "Yes, sir," said the dig, and commenced to explain the movements, but the General cut him short. "You're wrong. This is the way: 'One!'" The General seised his satchel with his right hand and swung it to the front. "Two!" he proceeded to undo the buttons. "Three!" he div'd his hand in and pulled out a pair of dirty sox.

The dig grinned. The General scowled and said: "Carry on, my man." I never heard the Q.M.'s fate.

He was a hospital case sweating, on his turn to go to Blighty. A new patient was placed in bed beside him, and soon they became friendly. Patient No. 2 questioned the other on the art of taking his condition so as to be able to get to Blighty too. "Oh!" said No. 1, "I just half-inch'd the sister's hypodermic syringe and injected some meth. spirits under the knee to resemble synovitis!" Some thud, for Patient No. 2 was a medical officer sent to investigate a suspected case of malinger-

A pretty girl visiting the camp under the guidance of a bandsman, asked: "These things you soldiers wear, I often wonder what they are for; for instance, that man over there with stars on his shoulder, what are they for?" "Oh, those," said the bandsman, wishing to draw the attention from the officer, those stars are to show that he is our regimental astronomer. He guides us about at night by the stars. That the girl was not as raw as she posed to be was easily seen from her next remark: "Then," she said, "you must be the regimental liar?" and she pointed to the lyre on his sleeve.

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Let us quote a recent case in which a country sub-branch wrote to Senator Pearce in respect of some claim to some pension. Senator Pearce would send a copy of the letter to the Minister for Repatriation, who would forward the letter to the Commissioners for Repatriation. The Chairman would send a copy to the Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation, Perth, who, on receiving this letter, would accept it as a formal application for pension and back through the channels mentioned the man would be informed and asked to lodge an application.

This is no fictitious case, but an actual happening. It is also most desirable for members to refrain from writing direct to the State office, and to submit all matters through the medium of their sub-branches. The wisdom, and utility of the correct procedure should be apparent to all.

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Chapter I.

(On the G.S.R. Midnight Rattler.)
On the rattler we rode, and discussed a la mode
The high laws and by-laws of marriage;
And the bachelor girl with her short shingled curl,
We'd a good second-class smoking carriage.
For there wasn't a "third," you can just take my word;
We'd have soon patronised it as cheaper.
Nothing fussy were we dinkum diggers all three,
Neither sporting the "dross" for a "sleeper."

Camouflaged amidst smoke, there was many a joke,
"Disembargoed" as characteristic;
Highly seasonal for men, and men only, but then—
We don't pose as idealistic.
Yet humor abounds in the yarn each profound,
Each grasps it with swift comprehension;
Each was rationed "o'er there," where he "played the game fair,"
And each one was drawing a pension.

When our humor grew cold, a story was told,
By "Sparlegs," of how he'd been "snouted."

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When applying for work, which he never did shirk—
It was victimisation undoubted.
This clean-minded chap had put up a scare,
And had not the remotest intention,
Of trading on that; but was turned down
"B flat,"
Through the fact of his drawing a pension!

Chapter II.

("A Home Fire Burner" butts in!) I must truly confess I'm in painful distress
The affliction's beyond my endurance;
For a man I required, to do as desired,
And an ex-soldier had the assurance
To straightforwardly apply for the wages so high;
(Too high is my honest contention), Him expecting the toll fairly makes my blood boil,
When he draws a magnificent pension!

Were ex-soldiers who draw a dole through the war,
Just placed under my jurisdiction,
You might readily bet that it's all they would get.
They'd be also placed under restriction.
With a smile in his eye did that "soldiering guy"
Sarcasm by spring to attention,
And salute me just so, when I gave the word NO.
Through his drawing a fortnightly pension.

Though I wasn't so marked, when this soldier embarked,
Looking husky and fit as a fiddle,
I promised a lot, but the most he has got
Is a frame punched with holes like a riddle;
His joining the army just proves that
he's "balmy."

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He had no need to ask for exemption.
Why should I keep my word to humour this "bird."
Let the goat live or die on his pension!

*Salute so—necessarily a military one.*

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ONE OF ENGLAND'S GREATEST SONS.
AN APPRECIATION OF LORD ALLENBY.

Viscount Allenby has come and gone with a minimum of fuss as has always been his wont. Australians however, are not likely to forget their association with this great soldier, both in France and in Palestine, and the following appreciation of him from the pages of "The Spectator," should therefore be of interest.

A wise man does not generalise about greatness, much more does he avoid concerning it with a matter of degree and proportion. Yet if I had to commit myself to stating who, in my judgment, were the two most distinguished of our public men, I should hesitatingly say Lord Allenby, now on his way to England for a well-earned rest, and Bernard Shaw. Nor is the juxtaposition of an illustrious soldier-statesman with a whimsical and militant Pacifist so incongruous as it sounds. Lord Allenby has a great mind, Shaw's intellect and almost incredible erudition (he is, for instance, an authority on Spanish literature and the rarer kinds of birds), while Shaw, for all his forcibly expressed Pacifism, has shown not without effect that West in Caesar and Cleopatra and St. Joan, in all the Field Service Regulations put together. Neither man suffers fools nor red tape gladly. Each has a formidable exterior concealing a heart of golden kindness. Each, in a different way, is magnificent to look upon. Each has "ideas" on certain subjects, which the chicken-hearted without the courage of their convictions might label "fads." Both are Puritans in the noblest sense of the word, Allenby, indeed, as an East Anglian, being in direct line of succession, mentally and physically, to Oliver Cromwell, even to the possession, but lately, of a remarkable mother, who played an important part in influencing his career.

Whatever may be said for or against the political reasons for his resignation from the posts of High Commissioner in Egypt, no one will grudge him his rest. He has had a longer period of continuous service than any other living Englishman. Nearly thirteen years in positions of responsibility and anxiety, and for the last fifteen months in considerable danger of his life.

The record is an interesting one. Appointed Inspector-General of Cavalry two years before the war, for the remarkable state of efficiency Lord Allenby is entitled to the credit of the British Cavalry in 1914. It was at that time the best trained mobile force in the world. Like most ruthless reformers, he was not always popular. Some of his actions, and a certain abruptness of manner (partly the product of intense strain) were resented. The war, however, entirely justified his thoroughness, and all the more frivolous subalterns who had suffered from his tongue turned to sing his praises when he extricated them from the perils of Mons. When the famous Curragh incident, involving the resignation of the whole of the Third Cavalry Brigade, to which Allenby's own regiment, the Fifth Lancers, was attached, set the whole army by the ears in the spring of 1914, he wisely remained outside all the political controversy which raged round that unhappy affair, and lost nothing of his reputation by doing so.

He commanded the Cavalry at the beginning of the war until the spring of 1915, and it is not too much to say that he saved the Expeditionary forces from annihilation by his masterly, masterly rear guard tactics in those first terrible weeks. He saved it again, dangerously depleted as it was, with and without the Channel ports, by his stubborn defence with dismounted cavalry employed down to the last cook, in trenches for the first time at the Battle of Ypres.

In April, 1915, in the middle of the second battle of Ypres, he was appointed to succeed Sir Herbert Plumer in command of the Fifth Army Corps. For five months he steered the stream of incessant fighting in the Ypres salient, adding to his reputation as a cavalry leader a marked genius for handling infantry. This brought him promotion. In October of the same year he was appointed by Mr. Asquith's Cabinet to the command of the Third British Army, which was that time holding the line from the south end of the Vimy Ridge to the right bank of the Somme, and for reasons best known to General Headquarters, was sandwiched in between the Tenth and Sixth French armies. This was still a peaceful part of the front in pleasant undulating surroundings much coveted by weary soldiers from the mud of Flanders and the slag heaps of Loos.

All that winter, Allenby occupied himself with plans for what was ultimately to become known as the Battle of the Somme, and it is worth noting that if to the employment of light railways had been promptly, instead of tardily adopted, some of his recommendations with regard to the re-drawn-out enemy lines might have ended so indefinitely as it did. As things turned out Allenby himself played little part in the subsequent operations. The great German onslaught on Verdun involved the withdrawal of the Tenth French Army from the Arras region. Allenby's forces were moved northwards to take over this sector, and only three divisions on the right flank of his army were employed in the Battle of the Somme.

The great moment of Allenby's career in France came in April, 1917, when the Third Army won the Battle of Arras. This was at the time the greatest victory ever obtained by a British Army in the course of a single day. If Nivelle's over-advertised offensive in Champagne had not failed so disastrously and with such serious effect on the temper of the French troops, Allenby would have been better able to follow up his smashing victory. As it was, political reasons and adverse weather conditions held him back from further progress.

Two months later, and greatly to his astonishment, he was offered by Mr. Lloyd George the command of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. The full story of the circumstances leading up to his appointment have not yet been told, nor is this the place in which to tell them. Sufficient to say that if they were not wholly creditable to the Prime Minister in the first instance, at all events the country, and for that all Christendom, owed him a debt of
gratitude for his judgment in selecting the only man in France big enough for the job he had in mind.

The last and greatest of the Crusades started at 3.30 p.m. on June 17, 1917, when Allenby left Cairo for Gaza. He went with certain misgivings. He was reluctant to leave France which he considered and continued to consider until the end of the war, the main theatre of operations. He felt, not without some reason, that he was being shut out from greater opportunities on the Western Front. He did not know the East, and was uncertain of what was in front of him. In spite of these misgivings, however, it was not very long before his imagination was thrilled with the prospect of this campaign.

A study of Allenby's military campaign in Palestine and Syria, of which a distinguished writer has remarked that "in brilliancy of plan, irresistible energy of execution, comprehensiveness and finality of success they have never been surpassed," does not come within the scope of this article, which is intended to give a brief impression of Allenby, the man, but certain things must be said about this the most spectacular operation of the war. Its object was achieved with the complete mastery of a military artist and with singularly few casualties. Its results, both military and political, were dramatic to the highest degree. Thousands of people all over the world looked upon Allenby, the deliverer of Jerusalem from the Turkish rule, as a new Messiah. The glory of the achievement is greatly enhanced when it is remembered that Allenby fought the greater part of his second campaign in Syria almost entirely with native and Dominion troops, withdrawn to France to meet the great German offensive in 1918.

It is a singular fact that no English paper has commented so fittingly on his resignation as the "New York Times," a portion of whose leading article on the subject is worth quoting:

"Occupied as he has been since the completion of his military campaign with what were probably the most official administrative duties in any part of the British Empire, he has had no popular recognition, save in his own home country, of his brilliant contribution, consummate skill in the history of mankind. The lustre of that superb siege no minor achievement should dim. The Egyptian task he must have accepted from a sense of duty and with a consciousness that, however well he might do that work, success in it would not add to his renown. He must have known moreover, that an outstanding personal achievement by no means classic features. "I see you've bashed his knuckles with your chaps." I went on, "besides getting home several times on his fists with your ears. Doubtless that was all carefully planned strategy."

"You guessed it," crowed Skiglighter. "The way I distributed assault and battery over Shaughtwate had Dempsey, on his best form, looking like a case of sleeping sickness. I hit him with everything but the meat axe. Just now he's probably leaving his shop feet first."

"And how about the cut lip you've got?" I put in next. "Reckon it didn't do the butcher any good when he gave you that, eh?"

"Not on your insurance policy," affirmed the pugnacious Skiglighter, with a great show of enthusiasm. "Y' see, he went on informatively, "I was looking for an opening, and-"

"And the door was shut," I ventured. Skiglighter frowned. "It's surely a question of skill and judgment," he continued. "All you have to do is to fix up a bloke so that he looks like a badly cursed rump steak-wait." Skiglighter broke off suddenly and began fumbling at the catch on his front gate. "D-did I hear six o'clock strike just now-w?" he finally stammered. "I-I must be getting along now-w-

"Hey, you!"

The interruption was caused by Shaughtwate. For a man who had just been hacked to ribbons by a demon fighter, he seemed to be in remarkably good shape. Almost as good as new, in fact. The meat-merchant caught hold of Skiglighter and measured him for an upper-cut (or whatever it is they call the blow which reminds you of a bad-tempered man trying to open a railway-carriage window.)

There are times when arbitration is better than conflict. I decided to spare time on Skiglighter's behalf—until the neighbours arrived. Skiglighter certainly needed a lesson, and if I could delay the

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pleasantries until everyone in the street got good ringside seats, Skighter's humiliation, I considered would then be complete.

"Hold hard, Shaughtate," I intervened, thrusting myself between the two and, at the same time, keeping a wary eye on the small ham which did duty as the butcher's right fist. "Haven't you had enough yet? Skighter's just been telling me how he knocked chunks off your pelt, basted your hide wide open, and smeared you around the place till you looked like a hattrof egg salad. Better be careful!"

"Careful," echoed the carcass case, drawing off a pace or two and exasperating incredulously "Why, I've been spending the last hour setting him up and knocking him down again. But he beat me at the sprint and got away. Now I'm going to round off the job properly."

Skighter looked anything but a picture of ease. "Can it be," I asked of him, "that a man of your undoubted ability in the art of self-defence has been knocked for a goal?"

"I wouldn't go so far as to say that," answered Skighter, blushing to the last. "I...

"The floor merely rose up when he wasn't looking, and caught him in the flat of his back," interpolated the butcher, with heavy sarcasm. "He's a marvel right enough. When he's not underneath, the other block's on top."

"It was probably strategy," I put in. "You don't know Skighter. Very likely he wanted you to grow accustomed to knocking him down the same way every time, so that ultimately you would break your wrist."

By this time we were hemmed in by a considerable crowd. I turned to Skighter. "You don't mean to tell me you were actually knocked cuckoo, do you?" I queried in well-simulated amusement.

"In a manner of speaking, no," answered Skighter; "readily enough, "As a matter of fact..."

"As a matter of fact you're a liar!" exploded the butcher, beginning to hop up and down in the air while swashing the atmosphere with his fists. His object, apparently, was to catch Skighter's prosciss, but, as it was, he caught a tartar. He stopped as nifty a swing as it's ever been my privilege to witness and, obliging to a fault, gracefully acknowledged the fact by skewering into the gutter on his left ear.

Mrs. Skighter, who tipped, and sometimes broke the scale at eighteen, stone, and administered the coup de grace. "You should stay at home and juggle your meat scale, you little runt," she shot contemptuously at that portion of the butcher's cranium which showed above the kerbing, and not attempt to usurp a wife's privileges." So saying, she knocked her decidedly worse half a smart clip on the ear as an afterthought, then caught him by the hair and led him indoors.

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**THE BITTER FRUITS OF WAR.**

We have come into personal contact with many hundreds of ex-service men in the proportion whose health is to-day satisfactorily is pitifully small. Recently a digger comrade, who was discharged medically fit and until recently felt moderately well, collapsed in his office, and, ignoring the beacon sign, tried to carry on. He did not progress far, however, and more and more frequent turns necessitated the calling in of two medical specialists who, fortunately, had seen much active service. Constitutionally nothing was amiss: "You are cracking up as the result of your war service," said the Doctors. "But the war is over seven years now," argued the patient. 'No man who saw years of front line service,' came the reply, 'can ex-

This true illustration is used to show that the ex-service man must take fewer risks with his health than the average civilian. The case quoted is a mild one, and we are reminded of the fact that most of the men whose health is only now failing have no pensions. What chance have these men of getting assistance if left to themselves? The force of the League is the only potent activity standing behind the rights of the ex-soldier.

According to a recent press report, 20,000 returned soldiers in Australia have died from war injuries since discharge. The number of returned men who have died from causes not attributable to the war must also be considerable, and in the light of the latest medical advice it is obvious that war service has at least aggravated complaints from many of these men who have died. The League must and will see that the Repatriation Commission shall face the problem, which is reaching large proportions, of the unrecorded war disability, with sympathy and understanding.

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On one occasion he happened to be taking his midday meal on a seat in Hyde Park, when a young man and his sister, friends of his passed.

The other bowed his head over his sandwiches, hoping to escape recognition, but the friend saw him and shouted—
"Halloa, George! Dining out again, your gay dog—eh?"

The following is taken from "Granta Limericks," compiled for the entertainment of visitors during May week at Cambridge:

A young lady from far Samarkand
Attempted to dance in the Strand;
The policeman on duty
Said, "No, my proud beauty,
Them foreign contortions is banned."
The "cryptic" limerick has not been omitted, though it is not so easily solved. Here is a paralysing example:

To some friends Rooshel gave a cocoa-party,
Lacking chairs all reclined on the carpet;
Then one gave a yell,
And the rest ran like anything.
They'd been sharing their seats with a beetle.

The clue to the successful solution of this is that the Cambridge slang for "cocoa-party" beloved by its "undergraduettees" is "jug."

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