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October 26, 1928

**Congress and Other Matters**

Without incurring the charge of self-adulation, we can truthfully say that the recent Congress was an unqualified success. At a well-attended gathering a lengthy agenda paper was dealt with in a spirit of camaraderie and unfailing good humour. Perhaps the most pleasing feature of all was the fact that more country delegates than usual were able to be present.

A glance through the agenda paper shows one that the League is no mere diggers' benefit society. Naturally, such matters, of personal interest to the returned soldiers as pensions, land-settlement, war service homes, and preference, occupied much of Congress's time, but there were other subjects under discussion, notably immigration and defence, which are of general public and even national interest. It is gratifying to note that, while attending to its own interior economy and conserving the interests of the returned soldiers, the League is gradually becoming a potent force in the life of the community.

Discussion of public problems by a body comprising all shades of political, economic, and religious opinions, and which, in addition, represents a numerically larger section of the community than perhaps any other Australian organisation, is eminently desirable, and should be left to administrators. The resolutions passed by Congress should gain additional weight when it is realised that the League, as a body, is untouched by party bias. This freedom of discussion, which is readily conceded to Congress, might surely be extended to the "Listening Post."

We would not refer to this aspect of the matter had not this paper been criticised at Congress for publishing articles contributed and containing a tinge of political bias, and had not the criticism been disseminated in the public press. Fortunately, the motion, virtually a motion of censure, was laughed out, rather than received, by the proposers of the motion who had no other motive in bringing it forward than the laudable one of keeping the League clear of the party machine. But this is the point: if the League as a body is to interest itself in matters of public interest and national importance, surely such things may be discussed in the "Listening Post." It is a society so complex as our own, problems which a few decades ago were regarded as lying within the province of the philosopher, the scientist, the economist, and even the optimist, are daily being transferred to the realm of practical politics. It is difficult, therefore, to discuss any problem, or to suggest any solution thereto, however passionately, without incurring the charge of political animus from some quarter or other. Moreover, in a body so composite in character as the R.S.L., it is impossible to express any opinion with which all will agree. An individual is entitled to his opinions on public matters of general interest to League members, and, subject to the limitations of space, policy and the laws of libel, should be afforded the opportunity to express such opinions in the pages of our magazine. The opinions of an individual contributor do not necessarily coincide with those of the editor, nor is the League, as a body, committed to them. Were we to refrain from publishing contributions of literary merit and general interest, it is almost certain that we might conceivably offend an individual or a section, we should have to concede our letterpress to sub-branch reports and adulatory comments on office-bearers.

Our readers would soon inquire: "What the —-!" and it would be a case of "Mafesheh 'Listening Post.'"

Men who fought risked their lives, not for any political party or for any particular section of the community, but for the credit of Australia. If the accepted national policy of the League or of Australia becomes endangered through being made the party issue of politicians, the League cannot be expected to ignominiously retreat on to neutral ground. We have the power and the ability to shape the national destiny of Australia, and the statesmanlike address given to Congress by Colonel Collett will influence more than the 6,000 members of the League in Western Australia.

**OUR CONTRIBUTORS**

We regret that owing to the Congress Report being included in this issue having to omit most of our contributed items.
Report of Proceedings of 12th Annual Congress

The Twelfth Annual Congress of the W.A. Branch of the League was opened at the Soldiers’ Institute, Perth, with delegates standing in respect to the Fallen Comrades, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 3rd October, 1928, Colonel H. B. Collett, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., presiding. The following delegates attended:-

Albany (J. R. Butler); Armadale (G. Devereux); Boulder (E. W. Crump and E. S. Lennell); Bridgetown (R. Urquhart); Broome (J. V. Hay); Bunbury (C. R. Gillett); Busselton (J. McAdam and C. L. Harvey); Calingiri (H. Lambert); Campion-Geelak (A. F. Nugent); Carnamah (G. F. Brown); Claremont (S. V. Barwood); Coolup (Col. E. L. Margolin); Collie (F. Allen and C. Bader); Corrigin (H. Brankstone); Daring Range (T. Halse); Donnybrook (J. Mellor); Dumbleyung (T. Brown); Fremantle (A. E. Pady and P. S. Jane); Gnowangerup (W. H. Logie); Gosnells (W. Hocken); Gutha (P. E. Wedd); Geraldton (A. Salmon); Guildford-Bassendean (H. L. Kirkle); Harvey (J. H. Blowfield); Kalgoolie (T. C. Fairley and C. W. K. Sadlier, V.C.); Kellerberrin (G. W. Mann); Katanning (H. A. Fildes and P. W. Fyfe); Karri-dale (J. W. Flannagan); Kulin (W. Davies); Kelmcott (G. D. Shaw); Kirup (J. H. Tozer); Kondinin (J. Watson); Kojonup (J. G. Finlay); Lake Grace (E. W. Corboy, M.L.A.); Maylands (A. V. Rose and R. Cooke); Manjimup (C. Bloxsome); Merredin (E. Randolph); Midland Junction (E. Gray); Mt. Barker (H. B. Hickling and P. R. Gillam); Mt. Hawthorn (G. W. Standing); Mt. Lawley (A. N. McDonald); Mt. Marshall (Rev. C. L. Riley); Mundijong (J. R. Ashby); Murray (W. J. Marsh); Narembeen (H. A. Boys); Narrogin (H. W. Job); Nedlands Park (F. Langridge); Northam (Archdeacon R. H. Moore); Noonming (A. S. Loney); Poultry Farmers (S. Cunningham); Northampton (Rev. E. H. O. Nye); North Perth (Col. I. E. Dunkley); Nungarin (L. Brookway); Osborne Park (H. G. Nugent); Perth (C. Longmore, J. Mulqueeny, W. Hunt, R. A. Sewell, F. S. C. Brown, G. S. Mellow); Press (E. S. Watt); Railway Workshops (R. Gibson, W. J. Lovell, P. Connelly, and J. Kane); Ravenshorpe (Hon. J. Cornell, M.L.C.); South Perth (E. M. H. Farquharson); Subiaco (E. G. Shand and G. McKenna); Spearwood (W. Dodd); Torbay and Denmark (P. W. Buckereidge); Toodyay (W. Howie); Trayning (T. V. Taylor); Upper Swan (A. E. Yeates); Upper Chapman (T. Simpson); Victoria Park (H. E. Wells); Waroona (J. Dods); Water Supply (E. A. Brown); West Leederville (A. H. Davy); West Perth (H. S. W. Parker, R. E. Tyler, G. H. Philp, A. Stewart, and P. L. Ross); West Swan (J. P. Woods, V.C.); Wubin (Rev. D. I. Freedman); Wyalkatchem (H. E. Wells); Yarloop (E. Eames).

Women’s Authorities were represented by:-West Swan (Mrs. T. C. Wilson); Fremantle (Mrs. Kirby); Subiaco (Mrs. Shand); Murray (Mrs. Strain); Maylands (Mrs. Menzies).

AGENDA COMMITTEE.

The provisional Agenda Committee, Messrs. R. E. Wedd and Cornell, submitted their reports, which were adopted without amendment. It was then decided to appoint these gentlemen as the Congress Agenda Committee.

PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS.

The President delivered his annual address to Congress, which is included as a supplement with this issue, after which His Excellency Sir William Campion, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., addressed delegates, and on the motion of Mr. Mann (Kellerberin), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), a vote of thanks was tendered to him.

After the departure of His Excellency the Governor, who delivered an inspiring address, the opportunity was taken, on the resolution of Ralph Frederickson (Wubin), seconded by Mr. Longmore (Perth), to express unanimous and hearty appreciation for the inspiring address of the State President, and authority given for the printing of the same for distribution amongst delegates and sub-branches of the League.

Discussion then ensued on matters contained in the President’s address, which needed the direction of Congress.

Federal Presidency.—Moved by Rev. Nye (Northampton), seconded by Mr. Davies (Kulin), that Congress expresses its agreement with the opinion expressed by the State President in his presidential address, that Lt.-General Sir John Monash, by reason of his fame as a soldier, his attainments as a scholar, his standing in his profession as an engineer, and his unfortunately left unfinished career throughout the Commonwealth, he is marked down as our natural leader in our contest with the problems of peace, and requests the Federal Congress to invite Sir John Monash to place himself at the head of the League before the end of 1929—Carried.

Unemployment and Relief.—Moved by Mr. Watt (Press), seconded by Mr. Standing (Mt. Hawthorn), that this Congress regrets the fact that little or nothing has been done in the direction of providing for the many ex-service men who must fail as old age advances, and urge that the Federal Congress give this matter their earnest consideration—Carried.

“Listening Post.”—Moved by Mr. Shaw (Kelmcott), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), that the paragraph in the State President’s report, page 14, which deals with the desirability of devising some financial means by which the “Listening Post” could be enlarged and improved, be referred to the incoming Executive for investigation and such action as may be found possible—Carried.

Empire Trade.—Moved by Mr. Yeates (Upper Swan), seconded by Mr. Gillett (Bunbury), that this Congress reaffirms the principle of the promotion of trade within the Empire, and urges sub-branches to do all in their power to assist in this object—Carried.

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Defence.—Moved by Mr. Cornell (Ravensthorne), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), that Congress is of the opinion that Australia should have an adequate defence force.—Carried.

Distinguished Visitors.—Moved by Mr. Kirkby (Guildford), seconded by Mr. Connolly (Railway Workshops), that the attention of the incoming Executive be drawn to the motion carried at the 1926 Congress which provided that the entertainment of distinguished visitors should take place in the evening, and adjourned at 5 p.m., in order to enable all diggers to attend.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), that a copy of the State President's address be inserted in the "Listening Post" and forwarded to all members of the League in this State.—Carried.

NEWDEGATE CUP.

The Rev. C. L. Riley then delivered the report of the Newdegate Cup Committee, consisting of Lt.-General Sir J. T. Hobbs, the State President and himself, which read as follows:

"Mr. President and Delegates,—

I have to report that the Special Committee met at the Institute on Wednesday, September 26th, to consider the various sub-branch reports in support of their claims for the cup for the ensuing year. In all, eleven applications were received, a very striking proof, if any were needed, that the objects of the donor of the cup are being increasingly attained. Your Committee gave every careful consideration to the claims, and found in no sense was the decision an easy one to reach in view of the very real efforts put forward by so many of the applicant sub-branches to achieve something of real and lasting worth in the community where each is functioning.

Gathering of old ones. The arithmetic was apt to get a bit complicated when membership was quoted as 215 out of a supposed possible of 200, but the explanation was a good proof of a sub-branch which has a wide enough vision to care for men beyond the range of ordinary territorial jurisdiction.

"What of a secretary who reports: 'Financial members, 109; possible members, 109, as far as I know'?

"The social side has been well marked in each case, even in that of the claimant who reports of a reception to the President: 'No revenue was expected from this function.'

"We would like to know a bit more about another case when, after presenting a nugget to a distinguished visitor, the sub-branch reports, 'Altogether on this function, the sub-branch lost £5.'

"But we feel the spirit of all was expressed by the finish of one very fine report—that it was 'submitted in all humility, recognising so little done and so much to do.' So long as that spirit animates our League the future is crammed with hope.

"Taking everything into consideration, therefore, and after long individual and collective appreciation of the various merits of the eleven sub-branches concerned, the Committee unanimously agreed that the Newdegate Cup for the ensuing year should be awarded to the sub-branch at Boulder.

"Kalgoorlie, Kojonup and Mt. Barker, not necessarily in that order, were very close up to the winner.

"His Excellency the Governor presented the cup to Mr. Leml]-, delegate for Boulder, who responded on behalf of his sub-branch.

Donations.—The Imperial Printing Co. Ltd. offered a further trophy for the winner of the Newdegate Cup in the form of £5 worth of stationery annually.

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who obtained the most members during the year.

The offers were accepted with thanks.

CORRESPONDENCE.
The Secretary read a letter from the British United Services Association, conveying the good wishes of the Association to Congress. The letter was received.

A letter was received from the Managing Trustee of the Agricultural Bank, offering assistance and information to Congress.

A letter was read and received from the Medical Dept, expressing appreciation of the action of the League in donating £1,744 to country hospitals.

A wire was received from the Federal President, Capt. G. J. C. Dyett, conveying greetings and best wishes to delegates.

ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET.
The Annual Report and Balance Sheet was taken as read on the motion of Mr. Yeates (Upper Swan), seconded by Mr. Crump (Boulder), it was adopted.

LAND SETTLEMENT.
Mr. McLarty, Managing Trustee, Agricultural Bank, attended Congress, and addressed delegates assembled.

Land Committee Report.—Report of the Land Committee, consisting of Messrs. Buckeridge (Torbay), Halse (Darling Range), Simpson (Upper Chapman), Watson (Kondinin), Lovell (Rly. Works.), Marsh (Murray), and Yeates (Upper Swan), in connection with the following agenda items:

Item 1: Torbay.—That the W.A. Government make public Justice Pyke's report to the Federal Government, also a detailed account as to how the loan from the Federal Government, viz., £5,463,783, was spent and how much of the gift of £1,573,251 was used for the relief of soldier settlers on the land.

Item 2: Railway Workshops.—Congress is of the opinion that the Act dealing with concessions to A.I.F. soldiers going on the land should be amended to include South African soldiers, who did not serve in the Great War, 1914-18, but who are eligible for membership in the R.S.L.

Item 3: Torbay.—Congress considers that settlement in heavily timbered country is being retarded by the third test imposed by the Agricultural Bank, and suggests that these terms be made easier.

Item 4: Calingiri-Bolgart.—That all sub-branches, also the State Executive, endeavour to obtain the lists and names of those League members, together with information as to (a) knowledge of farming (if any); (b) whether married or single, number of children (if any) or other dependents (if any) to be given in each case; (c) available capital, plant or other necessary farming equipment—who are bona-fide land seekers and who are prepared if granted land to develop and work it, say, within three months of date of issue of approval notice; such list to be presented to the Hon. Minister for Lands by the State Executive, together with a request that a portion of good cultural land carrying Agricultural Bank advances be made available to each person named on lists in say, one thousand and acre holdings.

Item 5: Upper Chapman.—That owing to the unsound financial position of soldiers in the Upper Chapman District, Congress is of the opinion that an early general enquiry is necessary to adjust anomalies in this and other districts.

Item 6: Upper Chapman.—That a Soldier Settlers' Conference be held this year, also next year.

Item 7: Kondinin-Karlgarin.—That the Agricultural Bank advance up to £2,000 to each settler to develop his holding and purchase stock and plant.

Item 8: Kondinin-Karlgarin.—That Field Inspectors should have authority to deal promptly with urgent cases and make immediate payments.

Item 9: Kondinin-Karlgarin.—That no S.S.S. debt be funded against the settler's wish until he has had a chance to discuss the situation with a responsible officer, other than a Field Inspector.

Item 10: Kondinin-Karlgarin.—That the payment for superphosphate supplied during the first year of funding should be included in the total debt funded.

Item 15: Murray.—That in the event of a soldier settler spending a period in hospital on account of war caused disability, the interest charges for that period should be allowed to lapse.

Item 25: Narembeen.—That in view of so much unemployment, Congress do its utmost to have the price of clearing raised to 35s. per acre.

Item 26: Narembeen.—That the Government be asked to make provision for a scheme on a share-farming basis to alleviate the unemployed problem.

Item 96: Darling Range.—That a system of State Insurance should be inaugurated to cover all soldier settlers' properties in a comprehensive policy similar to that of the War Service Homes.

Item 97: Murray.—That the Government be approached with a view to getting deeper and wider drainage in the South-West.

The report read as follows:

"Your Committee appointed to deal with the above items beg to report as follows:

That Items 1, 2, 3, 5, 15 and 97 be discussed by Congress. Items Nos. 25 and 26, tabled by Narembeen, be also discussed.

Items Nos. 4 and 96 be referred to the incoming Executive.

Item No. 6: That it be recommended that a Soldier Settlers' Conference be held annually on the day previous to the State Congress.

Item No. 7: Deleted (the delegates consent)."

"Item No. 8, 9, 10 be referred to Mr. McLarty by a committee of which Mr. Watson (Kondinin) should be a member." Amendment was moved by Mr. Shaw (Kelmscott), seconded by Mr. Riley (Mt. Marshall), that the paragraph dealing with item No. 6 be deleted and the following be substituted:

"That delegates from sub-branches who are interested in items on the annual Agenda Paper dealing with Land Settlement and Marketing, shall meet in committee a day before the commencement of

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Repatriation — What the Government is Doing

Under the Bruce-Page Government much has been done to liberalise the administration of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act. Extra benefits have been granted to ex-soldiers and their dependents.

Ex-soldiers suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis attributable to their war service have been granted pensions of not less than £2 2s. a week. Provision has been made for the granting of an allowance to war widows who re-marry and subsequently again are widowed. An allowance up to 7/6 a week was granted to partially blinded ex-soldiers in addition to their war pensions. The rate of pension payable to the third and subsequent children of war pensioners was increased. Certain classes of permanently and totally disabled ex-soldiers were granted special transport facilities. The rate of pension payable to certain war widows has been materially increased, owing to the fact that earnings are now disregarded, and a widow may receive £2 2s. a week, irrespective of any amount she may earn.

Up to June 30, 1928, the Commonwealth had spent £122,729,784 on war pensions, war gratuities and general repatriation benefits, but this figure does not include advances for War Service Homes and land settlement, which amounted, on the same date, to over £60,000,000.

The liberality of the present administration is indicated by the increased cost of pensions. The following figures are all the more striking when it is remembered that many pensions are cancelled each year owing to the death of pensioners, remarriage of widows, and adolescence of dependent children. In 1924 pensions paid amounted to £7,090,815; in 1925, to £7,146,864; 1926, £7,347,246; 1927, £7,558,559; and in 1928 to £7,690,890.

The personal and sympathetic administration of the Minister in Charge of the Department (Sir Neville House, V.C.) has practically wiped out pension anomalies and won for him the commendation of all who have come into contact with him.

The Government now proposes to set up a War Pensions Appeal Board.

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the Annual Congress, discuss, report and recommend to Congress in connection with such notice that the Land Committee of the State Executive be members of that Committee."—Carried.

The report was then adopted.

Item No. 1: Torbay, regarding Justice Pyke's Report to the Federal Government, was withdrawn.

Item 2: Railway Workshops regarding land concessions to A.I.F. soldiers was withdrawn.

Item 3: Moved by Mr. Buckeridge (Torbay), seconded by Mr. Mulqueeney (Perth), and amended to read: Congress considers that the settlement in heavily timbered country is being retarded by the heavy expenses of bringing this country into profit, and suggests that Agricultural Bank terms be made easier.—Carried.

Item 5: Moved by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Randolph (Merredin), that owing to the un sound financial position of soldiers in the Upper Chapman District, Congress is of the opinion that an early enquiry is necessary to adjust anomalies in this and other districts.—Carried.

Item 25: Moved by Mr. Boys (Narembeen), seconded by Mr. Davies (Kulin), and amended to read:—That Congress is of the opinion that the maximum price of clearing the wheat-belt should be raised to 35/- per acre.—Carried.

Item 26: Narembeen.—That the Government be asked to make provision for a scheme on a share-farming basis to alleviate the unemployed problem.—Withdrawn.

Land Committee Report on Notice of Motion.—Mr. Yeates delivered the report of the Land Committee in connection with Notice of Motion Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 22. The report was adopted and Congress proceeded to discuss the recommendations contained therein as shown hereunder:

Notice of Motion No. 12.—The Committee recommended that this item be discussed by Congress:

Moved by Mr. Bloxome (Manjimup), seconded by Mr. Buckeridge (Torbay), that an advisory board of successful local settlers, not necessarily returned soldiers, should be appointed to each district in the country with power to give relief under the Soldier Settlement Scheme. The motion was lost and an amendment was carried, referring this matter to incoming Executive for enquiry and action. The Committee recommended that the following notices of motion Nos. 13 and 14 be deleted:

No. 13.—That Group Settlers put off their holdings should be given another chance, and in the event of a good and that a local advisory board should be appointed to enquire into each case.

No. 14.—In the event of an adverse report being made against a Group Settler, the settler should be informed of that report so that explanation may be made. Further, should the settler be suspended, the Advisory Board be asked to visit his block and hear his explanation, and the following motion substituted.

"That in the event of a Group Settler being suspended, that settler to have the right to appeal to the Advisory Board and visit the block being put off his holding."—Recommendation adopted.

No. 17 and 19.—The Committee recommended that these items be referred to the Executive Land Committee to try and arrange an interview with the controller of Soldier Settlement Board at which the Committee would be members of that Committee.—Carried.

No. 17.—That Congress again endeavour to get the S.S.S. and I.A.B. to agree to tractors being made available to soldier settlers.

No. 19.—That Congress is of the opinion that the position of Returned Soldier I.A.B. clients under the scheme of rebate on the superphosphates should be investigated with a view to securing for such clients the benefits accruing from the rebates.

Recommendation adopted.

No. 22.—The Committee did not recommend the adoption of this notice of motion:

"That retured soldier settlers have their block for payment of capital value only."—No. 15.—The Committee recommended the deletion of this item.

"That privileges granted to Australians under the Soldier Settlement Scheme be granted to ex-Imperial Soldiers on the land through the British Government. If carried, motion to be referred to the Federal Congress for transmission to the British Legion."—Recommendation adopted.

Barbalin-Knungajin Water Scheme.—Notice of Motion No. 6.—Moved by Mr. Brockway, seconded by Mr. Mulqueeney (Perth), that the Government be asked to complete the Barbalin-Knungajin Water Scheme as early as possible to enable the settlers to take advantage of it this coming summer.—Carried.

PREFERENCE.

Item No. 74.—Moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops), that Congress reaffirms the principle of preference, and instructs the incoming Executive to bring this matter again prominently before all employers and the public in general.—Carried.

Committee's Report.—At this stage of Congress the report of the preference Committee appointed by a previous Congress was delivered by Mr. Cornwell, and on the motion of Mr. Wedd (Gutha), seconded by Mr. Philip (West Perth), was received and adopted.

The report read as follows:

"Report of Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the question of Preference as from 2/2/27 to date.

"Mr. President.—

"We have taken initial report (attached hereto) on this subject as a basis for this report, and we consider that there is no necessity for a full recapitulation of all the phases therein dealt with. We have, however, carefully considered each paragraph of initial report, and applied to each paragraph the test of experience, and thereupon, report as follows:

1. Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5a, 5b, 5d.—A retrospect of the period under review does not justify any comment or further declarations from us.

2. Paragraph 5c.—The only comment we offer is this:—If, the lapse of another year has brought forth little or no evidence of the individual who was too young to go to the War having cut into the League's policy of Preference, it serves to remind us that the young man of to-day has a due appreciation of the ex-soldiers' prior right to employment.

3. Concluding paragraphs:

"(1) Suggested summary from the Federal President.—Your Committee has reviewed all of the reports received on this subject from the Federal President and several State branches during the interval between the framing of the initial report and its presentation to the last Congress, and have failed to find any suggestions therein which we could recommend for adoption. Generally speaking, the purport of the initial report appears to have been favourably viewed, but we hope not pigeonholed by the parties mentioned.

"(2) Place of unfit men in suitable occupations.—As you and your Executive are aware, considerable thought and action have been devoted to this subject by your Pensions Committee, under the able guidance of its Chairman, Rev. Eric Nye, who recently headed a deputation to Sir George Pearce on this subject. As the files relating thereto amply reveal present position, there appears no need for comment. We simply recommend a vigorous continuance of the past year's activity.

Item 77: C.P.S. Act.—Moved by Mr. Stewart (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Tyler (West Perth), that Section 50(4) Commonwealth Public Service Act, 1922, definition of efficiency be amended as follows:

"Strike out all words after the word 'conduct,' and insert 'And where the efficiency and other qualifications of any two officers is equal, preference should be
given to the applicant (if any) who is a returned soldier.­ Carried.

N. of M. No. 11: Country Labour.—Moved by Mr. Bloxsome (Manjimup), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), that the Public Works Department should employ country labour on country work, giving preference to married returned soldiers.—Carried.

REPARTITION AND PENSIONS.
The Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation, together with Messrs. G. H. James and H. Hocking, attended Congress and were welcomed by the State President. Mr. Taylor addressed delegates in connection with Repatriation matters.

Item 31: Dilution of Labour.—Moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Nye (Northampton), that Congress reaffirms its previous resolution re the dilution of labour by disabled soldiers, and in view of the present large number of unemployed, instructs the Executive to endeavour to at once bring about the consummation of the objects set out in this resolution.—Carried.

Item 11: Vocational Training.—Moved by Mr. Standing (Mt. Hawthorn), seconded by Mr. Bloxsome (Manjimup), that the limit of vocational training courses to three years be amended to provide for present students.—Carried.

Item 12: Deserted Wives.—Moved by Mr. Mellor (Perth), seconded by Mr. Riley (Mt. Marshall), that Congress is of the opinion that deserted wives should be treated by the Repatriation Department in the same manner as widows; if sufficient evidence can be produced to satisfy the Commission that desertion is the result of the husband's war service.—Carried.

The mover and seconder of the original motion withdrew it in favour of the further amendment.

Item 13: Epileptic Fits.—Moved by Mr. Cook (Maylands), seconded by Mr. Ros e (Maylands), that Congress is of the opinion that the practice of deducting 19/- per week from the £2 allowed by the Imperial Government to their ex-service patients in the Repatriation Wards of the Perth Hospital should cease forthwith.—Carried.

Item 14: Hospital Patients.—Moved by Mr. Mellor (Perth), seconded by Mr. Shaw (Kelm scott), that Congress affirms the principle of the extension of the medical benefits under the Repatriation Act to the dependents of deceased soldiers in respect to hospital treatment.—Carried.

Item 20: Children's Pensions.—Moved by Mr. Mellor (Perth), seconded by Mr. Nye (Northampton), Congress affirms the principle of the extension of the medical benefits under the Repatriation Act to the dependents of deceased soldiers in respect to hospital treatment.—Carried.

Item 22: Pension Reviews.—Moved by Mr. Buck eridge (Torbay), seconded by Mr. Longmore (Perth), that Congress protests the result of the husband's war service.—Carried.

The mover and seconder of the original motion withdrew it in favour of the further amendment.

Item 18: Imperial Pensions.—This item was withdrawn and the following substituted:—

Moved by Mr. Dodd (Spearwood), seconded by Mr. Standig (Mt. Hawthorn), that Congress requests the Federal Executive to continue to assist ex-Imperial men in their claims for increased medical attention and pension rights from the Imperial Government on the basis of the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act.—Carried.

Item 19: Pension Reductions.—Moved by Mr. Dodd (Spearwood), seconded by Mr. Finlay (Kojonup), that when a soldier's pension is reduced, he be given reasons for reduction.—Carried.

Item 21: Medical Examinations.—Moved by Mr. Buck eridge (Torbay), seconded by Mr. Fieldes (Katanning), that whereas: (a) The war has now been over ten years and, therefore, it is unlikely that a pensioner's health has improved with age; (b) very few examining doctors are returned soldiers, therefore, in most cases, unsympathetic; (c) it is believed that generally the advice of local doctors is sought by examining doctors—which is rarely the case—regarding pension cases under review, therefore, little can be learned from this source in the few minutes devoted to cross-examination. Be it therefore resolved that Congress is of the opinion that the annual inspection of pension recipients should cease.—Lost.

Diary Item: Session

Mr. Fildes (Katanning) moved: “That the present scale of pensions for children of deceased soldiers be increased.”

Mr. Melboune (Mt. Marchall), seconded by Mr. Fildes (Katanning), that Congress affirms the principle of the extension of the medical benefits under the Repatriation Act to the dependents of deceased soldiers in respect to hospital treatment.—Carried.

Mr. Nye (Northampton), Congress affirms the principle of the extension of the medical benefits under the Repatriation Act to the dependents of deceased soldiers in respect to hospital treatment.—Carried.
returns for capitation fees, and shall pre-
clude the sub-branch concerned having the
right of representation in respect of any
such associate members.
Item 56.—That in the event of any mem-
ber of the Allied Armies applying for per-
mission to join the League through any
sub-branch, other than the one in the district
in which he resides, the sub-branch to which
he applies should refer his application back
to the branch in the district wherein he
resides.
Item 57.—That the W.A. Branch pay the rail-
way fare for delegates to Congress to any
sub-branch distant at least 250 miles
from Perth, where the membership does
not exceed 25, and embraces within its finan-
cial membership 75 per cent. of the eligible
persons within the locality in which it
operates.
Item 58.—With a view to the elimination
of proxy delegates Congress is of the
opinion that delegates from small country
sub-branches to Congress should be financed
by the W.A. Branch.
Item 60.—That in future each Congress
decide who shall be the W.A. Branch nomi-
natees or nominees for the position of Fede-
ral President.
Item 63: Rule 19 (5), page 49.—Insert
after the word “absence,” line 6, “provid-
ed such absence shall not be less than twelve
months.”
Item 64: Rule 19 (5), page 49.—Delete.
Item 65: Rule 19 (6), page 49.—Strike
out all words after “due,” line three, and
insert “his name shall be struck off the
list, and he shall thereupon cease to be a
member of the W.A. Branch.”
Committee’s Report—
“Mr. President and Delegates,—
“Your Committee (consisting of Messrs.
Parker (West Perth), Nye (Northampton),
Longmore (Perth), Fairley (Kalgoorlie),
and Shald (Subiaco), beg to report as
follows:—
Items 39 and 40.—Adoption recom-
manded.
Item 41.—Referred to Congress.
Items 52 to 56—These items be grouped
under one motion and Item 55 be taken
as the substantive motion.
Items 57 and 58—The Committee are
of the opinion that the finances do not
permit.
Item 60—Referred to Congress.
Items 63 and 64.—That item 64 be the
substantive motion.
Item 65.—Adoption recommended.
Moved by Mr. Parker (West Perth),
seconded by Mr. Ross (West Perth), that
the report be adopted.—Carried.
It was then decided to proceed with the
recommendations contained in the report.
Item 41.—Moved by Colonel Collett,
seconded by Rev. Riley (Mt. Marshall),
that this item be adopted.—Carried.
An amendment was moved by Mr. Cornell
(Ravensthorpe), seconded by Mr. Brank-
stone (Corrigin), after the word “May,” in
the fourth line to insert the word “specific-
ally,” and delete all words after “rule 61”
in the last line.—Lost.
Item 55.—That this item be adopted.—Car-
ried.
An amendment was moved by Mr. Gibb
(Victoria Park), seconded by Mr. Bloxsome
(Manjimup), to delete the words “5/- per
annum,” and insert in their stead “to be
determined by sub-branches.”—Lost.
A further amendment moved by Mr.
Cornell (Ravensthorpe), seconded by Mr.
Mulqueen (Perth), to strike out all words
down to “policy,” in the sixth line, and
insert in their stead “any financial member
of any other sub-branch may on payment of an
annual fee of 1/- be admitted as an associa-
tive member of any other sub-branch or
sub-branches, with the right to speak, but
not to vote on matters of League policy.”—
Lost.
Item 56 was withdrawn.
Item 60.—Moved by Mr. Longmore
(Perth), seconded by Mr. Brown (Perth),
that in future each Congress decide who
shall be the W.A. Branch nominee or
nominee for the position of Federal Pre-
sident, and the Federal Constitution be
amended accordingly.—Lost.
Item 64.—Moved by Mr. Cornell (Rav-
esthorpe), seconded by Mr. Loyell (Rail-
way Workshops), that Rule 19 (6), page
49, reading as follows, be deleted from
the Constitution:—“Any effective mem-
ber about to leave the State may, upon
request in writing to his sub-branch sec-
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communities of interest

sub-branches

Agenda Items 45, 46, 47, 48, reading as
follows, were grouped:—
Item 45: Mr. Lawley.—That no depart-
ure from the Constitution be allowed in
the formation of sub-branches of the
League.
Item 46: Guildford-Bassendean.—That
Congress fully consider the question of
unconstitutional sub-branches, especially
in regard to their effect on local sub-
branches.
Item 47: Nedlands Park.—That in futur-
permission be not granted by the Execu-
tive to form any technical branch, and
that such associations be placed on the
same basis as Unit Associations, and
all members of the League belong to the

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Constitution and Administration.

Committee Appointed.—Messrs. Parker (West Perth), Rev. E. H. O. Nye (Northampton), C. Longmire (Perth), Fairley (Kalgoorlie), and Shand (Subiaco), were appointed as a committee to inquire into items 39, 40, 41, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 60, 63, 64, 65. Item 39—Rule 55, which reads as follows:

"No person shall be eligible as a councillor of the Federal Executive who is not a full member of the State Branch he represents. Meetings of the Federal Executive shall be held at such times and places as the President may determine. Four members shall form a quorum." Insert after "places" in line four, "at least once in every three months."

Item 40—Rule 63.—Strike out the words, "the President shall, during his term of office reside in the city in which the head office of the League shall for the time being be situated."

Item 41—Insert new rule as follows:— "No branch or sub-branch shall, without the sanction of the Federal Executive, circularise or correspond with members or a member of the Commonwealth Parliament in regard to any matter which may come within the province of the Federal Executive for action under the powers conferred by Rule 61, particularly Clause (i)."

Item 52—That the question of payment of two capitation fees be discussed.

Item 53—Congress is of the opinion that returned soldiers residing in a district where there is a sub-branch should belong to that sub-branch, or in the event of their wishing to belong to some other sub-branch their district sub-branch shall have the right to claim a certain percentage of their subscription paid to that sub-branch.

Item 54—That a returned soldier wishing to become a member of more than one sub-branch shall not pay capitation fees to each sub-branch, but shall maintain the rights of a fully financial member, although only paying the one capitation fee.

Item 55—Congress is of the opinion that in the event of any member of a sub-branch desiring to participate in the social activities of other sub-branches, he shall on payment of a fee of 2/6 per annum, be admitted as an associate member without the right to vote on matters of League policy. Such membership not to be included in branch
returns for capititation fees, and shall preclude the sub-branch concerned having the right of representation in respect of any such associate members.

Item 56.—That in the event of any member of the Allied Armies applying for permission to join the League through any sub-branch, other than the one in the district in which he resides, the sub-branch to whom he applies should refer his application back to the branch in the district wherein he resides.

57.—That the W.A. Branch pay the railway fare for delegates to Congress of every sub-branch distant at least 250 miles from Perth, where the membership does not exceed 25, and embraces within its financial membership 72 per cent. of the eligible persons within the locality in which it operates.

Item 58.—With a view to the elimination of proxy delegates Congress is of the opinion that delegates from small country sub-branches to Congress should be financed by the W.A. Branch.

Item 60.—That in future each Congress decide who shall be the W.A. Branch nominee or nominees for the position of Federal President.

Item 63: Rule 19 (5), page 49.—Insert after the word "absence," line 6, "provided such absence shall not be less than twelve months.

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"Mr. President and Delegates,—
"Your Committee (consisting of Messrs. Parker (West Perth), Nye (Northampton), Longmore (Perth), Fairley (Kalgoorlie), and Shand (Subiaco), beg to report as follows:—

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Item 60.—Referred to Congress.

Items 63 and 64.—That item 64 be the substantive motion.

Item 65.—Adoption recommended.

Moved by Mr. Parker (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Ross (West Perth), that the report be adopted.—Carried.

It was then decided to proceed with the recommendations contained in the report.

Item 41.—Moved by Colonel Collett, seconded by Rev. Riley (Mt. Marshall), that this item be adopted.—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Cornell (Ravensthorpe), seconded by Mr. Blandstone (Corrigin), after the word "May," in the fourth line to insert the word "specifically," and delete all words after "rule 61" in the last line.—Lost.

Item 55.—That this item be adopted.—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Gibb (Victoria Park), seconded by Mr. Blossome (Manjimup), to delete the words "$/- per annum," and insert in their stead "to be determined by the sub-branches."—Lost.

A further amendment was moved by Mr. Cornell (Ravensthorpe), seconded by Mr. Mulqueen (Perth), to strike out all words down to "policy," in the sixth line, and insert in their stead "any financial member of any sub-branch may on payment of an annual fee of $/- be admitted as an associate member of any other sub-branch or sub-branches, with the right to speak, but not to vote on matters of League policy."—Lost.

Item 56 was withdrawn.

Item 60.—Moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Brown (Perth), that in future each Congress decide who shall be the W.A. Branch nominee or nominees for the position of Federal President, and the Federal Constitution be amended accordingly.—Lost.

Item 64.—Moved by Mr. Cornell (Ravensthorpe), seconded by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshop), that Rule 19 (5), page 49, reading as follows, be deleted from the Constitution:—"Any effective member about to leave the State may, upon request in writing to his sub-branch sec-
sub-branch in the district wherein they reside.

Item 48: West Leederville.—That members of Industrial Occupation Sub-Branches of the League be allowed to affiliate with the sub-branch of the district in which they live for the nominal fee of 2/6.

Item 45, taken as the substantive motion and amended as follows on the motion of Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Col. Margolin (Nedlands):—"That no further departure from the Constitution or Rules of the W.A. Branch be allowed in the formation of sub-branches of the League."—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Watt (Press), seconded by Mr. Shaw (Kemscott), that the report of the Committee appointed to consider the matter of the formation of Community of Interest Sub-Branches be adopted.—Lost.

A further amendment was moved by Mr. McAdam (Busselton), seconded by Mr. Philp (West Perth), that unless the State Executive so resolves by a three-fourths majority at a meeting specially called for the purpose, no departure from the Constitution or the Rules of the W.A. Branch be allowed in the formation of sub-branches of the League.—Carried.

Item 42.—Moved by Mr. Allen (Collie), seconded by Mr. Nugent (Campion), that the Constitution of the League be amended to permit of ex-service men who did not proceed overseas being allowed to join the League.—Carried.

Item 43: Bunbury.—That all men who enlisted, but were unable to go on active service owing to the termination of the war, be granted the privilege of League membership.—Discharged.

Item 44: Perth.—That any State Branch which has not duly paid its capitation fees to the Federal Executive be barred from sending delegates to the Federal Congress.—Withdrawn.

Item 49.—Moved by Mr. Halse (Darling Range), seconded by Mr. Logie (Gnowangerup), that, on proof of service, men who served with the A.I.F. overseas in a honorary capacity, such as Y.M.C.A. secretaries, Comforts Fund representatives, official photographers, etc., be eligible for membership of the League.—Lost.

Item 50: Associate Membership.—Referred to the incoming Executive:—"That Associate Membership eligibility be defined by Congress."

Item 51 (Mundijong): Life Membership.—That the Executive consider and report to the next Congress regarding the desirability or otherwise of the issue of life membership badges to persons who have done honorary service of exceptional value on behalf of the League.—Withdrawn.

Item 61: Executive Members.—Item 61 was withdrawn and an amendment was moved by Mr. Shand (Subiaco), seconded by Mr. Kane (Railway Workshops), that it be a recommendation to the incoming Executive that Executive members attend their own sub-branch meetings as often as possible.—Carried.

Item 62.—Moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Sewell (Perth), that, in view of the bad impression created, any firm of whom a member is sitting on the Executive be debarred from all work in any way connected with the League.—Lost.

Item 59: Ex-Imperial Soldiers.—Moved by Mr. McDonald (Mt. Lawley), seconded by Mr. Hunt (Perth), that with a view to strengthening the soldiers' organisation towards safeguarding the rights and privileges of all who fought for the Empire, Congress urges all ex-Imperial sailors and soldiers now resident in the State to join up through local sub-branches of the Returned Soldiers' League.—Carried.

Item 100: Identification of Members.—Moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Crump (Boulder), that Congress directs that in future sub-branches advise all League members when travelling from place to place to carry with them their A.I.F. Discharge, also latest League Membership Receipt Form, and present same to any sub-branch secretary upon whom they may call when seeking advice, aid or work.—Carried.

Item 16: Agenda Reports.—Moved by Mr. Barwood (Clarendon), seconded by Mr. Longmore (Perth), that the reports of the Agenda Committee be supplied to delegates at least one day before Congress.—Carried.

Item 18: Membership Drive.—Moved by Mr. Cooke (Maylands), seconded by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops), that Congress instructs the incoming Executive to

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continue to expound the principles of the Returned Soldiers' League on the lines laid down at last Congress, in the form of a drive, thereby stimulating the interest of the League among all returned soldiers.—Carried.

Item 95: Perpetuation of League.—Moved by Mr. Cooke (Maldon), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), that the State Executive formulate some scheme whereby the Returned Solders' League of Australia may be perpetuated.—Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following nominations were received in connection with the election of officers:

President.—Colonel H. B. Collett was the only nominee, and was elected unopposed.

Vice- Presidents.—H. S. W. Parker, Rev. C. L. Riley, F. J. McAdam, H. E. Wells, C. Longmore.

Trustees.—Messrs. F. J. McAdam, G. H. Philip, E. S. Watt, R. E. Tyler, and H. E. Wells.

Auditor.—Mr. J. J. Prendergast.

Committeemen.—Messrs. Badger, Brown, Cooke, Cornell, Davy, Devereux, Dunkley, Gibb, Gibson, Harvey, Hunt, Kane, Longmore, Logie, Lovell, McAdam, Margolin, Morley, Nugent, Nye, Pady, Parker, Philip, Riley, Ross, Sadler, Shaw, Smith, Tozer, Tyler, Watt, Wodd, Wells, Yeates. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President.—Rev. C. L. Riley and H. S. W. Parker.

Vice- Presidents.—Rev. C. L. Riley and H. S. W. Parker.

Trustees.—Messrs. F. J. McAdam, G. H. Philip and E. S. Watt.

Committeemen.—Messrs. Nye, Yeates, Sadler, Longmore, Cornell, Shaw, Logie, Wells, Smith, Tozer, Pady, Tyler, Margolin, Cooke, Lovell.

Co-operative Trading Co. Director.—Mr. F. J. McAdam.

Allocation of Districts.—Agenda Committee's report, reading as follows, was adopted:

"Mr. President,—


INFLUX OF ALIENS.

The following items were proposed:

Item 33: Keelberen.—Congress opposes any further immigration of Southern Europeans into Western Australia, so as to be detrimental to Australians and migrants from Great Britain, and to returned men of British birth.

Item 34: Perth.—Congress reaffirms Resolution No. 47 of the 1927 Congress, curtailing the influx of foreigners, and instructs the Executive to press for its amendment.

Item 35: Fremantle.—Congress views with alarm the increasing number of Southern Europeans arriving in Australia, and is of the opinion that this class of migrant tends to lower the standard of living in Australia, and that this influx is mainly responsible for the present large numbers of unemployed in our midst. Further, that as there are plenty available British migrants already domiciled here, and as British migrants are not readily absorbed on arrival here, Congress considers that the Commonwealth Government should stringently restrict the number of Southern European migrants that may be landed in Australia in each year, or entirely prohibit their entry into Australia.

Item 36: Kalgoorlie.—Congress views with alarm the continued immigration of Southern Europeans into this State, and directs the delegates to the next Federal Congress to bring the matter before that body with a view to the elimination of such people from the quotas until such time as the unemployed of British stock shall have been absorbed.

Item 37: Mundijong.—Congress views with alarm the employment of foreigners in the timber and brick-making industries, whilst returned men domiciled in districts where such industries operate are seeking work, and directs the Executive to take steps to remedy this.

Item 38: Gosnells.—That Congress asks the Federal Executive to approach the Federal Government and request that a poll tax be placed on all aliens entering Australia, and that they be taxed as from the time of arrival, such tax to be retrospective on all aliens at present in the country; and further, that all aliens be required to register and report biennially at a central State office or nearest police station, and that the language test be enforced.

Item 39 was taken as the substantive motion, and it was moved by Mr. Mulqueen (Perth), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), that Congress reaffirms Resolution 47 of the 1927 Congress, curtailing the influx of foreigners, and instructs the Executive to continue to press for its fulfilment, and urges the Federal and State Governments to overcome the evident shortage of farm labour by inviting greater numbers of British migrants to our shores.—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Farquharson (South Perth), seconded by Mr. Harvey (Busselton), that in view of the statement made by the Prime Minister that his Government will not subscribe to a policy of total exclusion of alien migration into Australia, and his further statement that arrangements have been made and will be continued for the admittance of aliens into Australia, on such a basis as to maintain the standard of Australian citizenship at 98 per cent British origin, and also in view of no definite declaration from the Leader of the Opposition in the Federal Parliament on
either of these points, the Executive again ask the Federal Government to endeavour to arrange a more equitable distribution of alien migrants throughout the several States of the Commonwealth.—Lost.

A further amendment was moved by Mr. Tyler (West Perth) seconded by Mr. Yeates (Upper Swan) that this Congress supports the Federal Government in its endeavour to maintain Australia 98 per cent. British and urges the Federal Executive and all State Branches to maintain a watchful attitude on the question of alien migration in order to ensure its observance on the basis of equitable distribution amongst the States.—Lost.

ANZAC DAY

Paragraph No. 6 of the Provisional Agenda Committee’s final report, reading as follows, was then dealt with:—

(a) Before proceeding to discuss Items 66, 67, 68, 69, we recommend that Congress proceed to affirm or otherwise resolutions of five previous Congresses:—

(1) That the Government be urged to declare Anzac Day as a sacred holiday, ranking equally with Christmas Day and Good Friday.
(2) That failing statutory enactment being given to Congress’ decision in respect to the observance of Anzac Day, Congress is of the opinion that such day should be proclaimed a fully-paid statutory holiday, applicable to all workers.

(b) Should Congress re-affirm the above resolutions, we further recommend that—

(1) Items 66, 67, 68, 69 be discharged.
(2) That the adoption of Items 70 and 71 be separately moved.

On the motion of Mr. Cornell (Ravenshoppe), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), the report was adopted, and Items 66, 67, 68, 69, reading as follows, discharged:—

Item 66: Subiaco.—That Anzac Day be declared a statutory public holiday.
Item 67: Midland Junction.—That Anzac Day be made a national paid holiday.
Item 68: West Leederville.—That Anzac Day be a paid public holiday throughout the State.
Item 69: Railway Workshops.—That the Executive be instructed to try and obtain a declaration of Anzac Day as a statutory paid holiday applicable to all workers.

Items 70 and 71, reading as follows, were moved conjointly by Mr. Mann (Kellerberrin), seconded by Mr. Gibson (Railway Workshops) —

Item 70: Kellerberrin.—That ex-Imperial soldiers employed on Government works receive the same privileges as ex-A.I.F. men on Anzac Day.—Carried.
Item 71: Perth.—That the State Government be requested to declare its policy in regard to Anzac Day, and if declared, the conditions of declaration be made known to employees at least one month prior to such day.—Carried.

WAR SERVICE HOMES.

Item 83.—Moved by Mr. McDonald (Mt. Lawley), seconded by Mr. McAdam (Buwalkton), that Congress urges the early proclamation in this State of the Commonwealth Housing Scheme in respect to increased advances under the War Service Homes Act.—Carried.

Items 84, 85, 86, 87 were grouped.

Item 84: West Perth.—That, in view of the increased cost of erecting War Service Homes, the War Service Homes Act be

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THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT bitterly opposed the motion, and not a Nationalist or Country Party member voted in its favor. Now, on the eve of the elections, the Appeal Board is promised by Mr. Bruce.

VOTES IN THE PARLIAMENT, however, mean more than promises. Labor candidates will adhere to the Labor Platform and to the vote recorded in Parliament. A War Pensions Appeal Board will be created by a Labor Government, on which the returned soldiers will have representation.

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Item 85: Mt. Hawthorn.—That $150 for extra accommodation on War Service Homes be made available for purposes not provided for on homes capitalised to $800.

Item 86: Railway Workshops.—That, if required, the Executive petition the War Service Homes Commission, requesting that $800 (exclusive of land, sewerage, plans, etc.) be allotted to all applicants for War Service Homes.

Item 87: Subdivision.—That the War Service Homes Commission be asked to take over all contracts for sewerage connections of War Service Homes, and that the amount involved be added to the capital value, and extended over the period of payment, irrespective of whether the sum of $800 has been granted or not.

Item 84 was moved as the substantive motion, and on the motion of Mr. McDonald (Mt. Lawley), seconded by Mr. Tyler (West Perth) was adopted.

Item 88.—Moved by Mr. McDonald (Mt. Lawley), seconded by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops), that a full enquiry be made in connection with the War Service Homes Act, with a view to obtaining statutory powers to enable the War Service Homes Commission to adequately deal with the question of the retention of a Service Home by the wife and/or dependents of a returned soldier who has been legally proved to have deserted her and/or them.—Carried.

N. of M. No. 7: Land Values and W.S.H.—Moved by Mr. Gibb (Victoria Park), seconded by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops), that Congress views with alarm the high increase in land values for building purposes in the metropolitan district, and urges the War Service Homes Department to purchase any suitable land that may be available before values get higher, so as to enable ex-soldiers to get the best class of homes possible for the amount allowed under the Act.—Carried.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES.

The State President reported that a Conference of Women's Auxiliaries had been held on the day preceding the State Congress, and a State Executive of Women's Auxiliaries had been formed, of which Mrs. T. C. Wilson had been elected President. She introduced Mrs. Wilson to Congress, and she briefly addressed delegates.

Women's Auxiliary Conference.—The following recommendations were received from the Women's Auxiliary Conference, which was held the day preceding the State Congress:

1. That this Congress emphatically protests against the publication by the Press of details of evidence such as had been given in the Court in the Wubin tragedy, as it tends to make people morbid and details are very hard for the people concerned to live down.

On the motion of Mr. Mulqueen (Perth), seconded by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops), the resolution was endorsed.

2. That we ask the Repatriation Department to enquire into the condition of deserted wives of returned soldiers with a view to help being given in deserving cases.

This resolution had already been dealt with by Congress.

Item 76: Certificate of Service.—Moved by Mr. Crump (Boulder), seconded by Mr. Lovell (Boulder), that Congress appreciates the good work done by Women's Auxiliaries, and in recognition thereof approves the issuing of a Certificate of Service to any Women's Auxiliary or any individual member thereof, should any sub-branch recommend accordingly.—Carried.

CLUB PREMISES.

The addendum on the Agenda dealing with Club premises was dealt with:

Moved by Mr. Tyler (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Philip (West Perth), that the recommendation of the Club Committee be adopted.—Carried.

The recommendation read as follows:

At the request of the Club Committee, the undermentioned announcement was approved by the State Executive and ordered to be inserted in the Agenda for the information of sub-branches and confirmation by Congress:

(1) That the question of securing Club premises be postponed indefinitely for the following reasons:

(a) The Soldiers' Institute is now the property of the League.

(b) The lack of interest displayed by sub-branches in response to a circular sent them in connection with Club premises, and that

(2) Funds now lying in trust to the Club account be used for repairs, alterations and additions to the Institute as and when required.

MARKETING.

Item 79: Marketing Bill.—Moved by Mr. Shaw (Kelmcott), seconded by Mr. Logie (Gnowangerup), Congress reaffirms the desirability of passing of a Primary Products Marketing Bill.—Carried.

Item 80: Moved by Mr. Shaw (Kelmcott), seconded by Mr. Logie (Gnowangerup), that the Government be requested to introduce (1) legislation to give effect to the marketing of primary produce; or (2) legislation to cover the marketing of the produce of poultry farmers.—Carried.

Messrs. Yeates, Logie and Shaw were appointed a Committee to interview the Minister concerned in connection with...
matters contained in Items 79 and 80.
N. of M. 21: Dried Fruit Board.—
Moved by Mr. Howie, seconded by Mr. Nugent, that Congress approve of the State Executive approach to the Dried Fruits Board of Western Australia, asking them not to enforce the Bill for the export of sultanas until after the 1929 season.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Yeates (Upper Swan), seconded by Mr. Logie (Gnowangerup), that this item be referred to the incoming Executive.—Carried.

POPPY DAY
Item 72.—Moved by Mr. Cooke (Maylands), seconded by Mr. Rose (Maylands), that as the next Poppy Day falls on Sunday, the State Executive arrange its observance on the following lines:—
An address by His Grace Archbishop Riley, Combined Choirs of the Metropolitan Area, Combined Bands of the Metropolitan Area and the Centenary ceremony to take place on the Esplanade, Perth.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Watt (Press), seconded by Mr. Crump (Boulder), that the item be referred to the incoming Executive for action.—Carried.

Item 73.—Moved by Mr. Gray (Midland), seconded by Mr. McDonald (Mt. Lawley), that a uniform price be charged for poppies throughout the State, viz., 1/ each.—Carried.

STATE CENTENARY
Item 89.—Moved by Mr. Pady (Fremantle), seconded by Mr. Shand (Subiaco), that with a view to providing ways and means for a renewal of old friendships, also the bringing together of as many ex-soldiers as is possible under camp conditions during the State Centenary celebrations, Congress directs the State Executive to consider the advisability of arranging a camp gathering of one week’s duration in the metropolitan area at some period of the celebration, and if it agrees that the project is a practical one to promulgate a scheme amongst sub-branches for its consummation, such scheme to, amongst other things, provide the estimated total cost and the estimated cost per head to be paid in advance by each participant.—Lost.

Item 90.—Moved by Mr. Gillett (Bunbury), seconded by Mr. Sadlier (Kalgoorlie), that returned soldiers celebrate the Centenary year by a State-wide reunion at Bunbury during the first week in March, 1929.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. McDonald (Mt. Lawley), seconded by Mr. Kane (Railway Workshops), that returned soldiers celebrate the Centenary year by a State-wide re-union, the arrangements to be left in the hands of the incoming Executive.—Carried.

Item 91: League Book.—Moved by Mr. Watt (Press), seconded by Mr. Mellor (Perth), that in order to mark the State centennial year, the State Executive consider the practicability of issuing a League Book containing the history of the R.S.L. in Western Australia, and resembling the Anzac Book.—Carried.

“LISTENING POST.”
Item 81.—Moved by Mr. Sewell (Perth), seconded by Mr. Longmore (Perth), that in view of complaints respecting the publication of semi-political articles in the “Listening Post,” Congress is of the opinion that such matter should be referred to the Executive before it is published.—Lost.

GENERAL
Item 92: Pilgrimage.—Moved by Mr. Watt (Press), seconded by Mr. Flides (Katanning), that this Congress approves the suggestion for the organisation of a monster pilgrimage of ex-service men to the battle areas of the Great War, to take effect during 1930 or 1931, on similar lines to that adopted recently by the American Legion.—Carried.

Item 93: Blackboy Hill Site.—Moved by Mr. McDonald (Mt. Lawley), seconded by Mr. Nugent (Osborne Park), that Congress recommends that the Defence Department give tangible recognition to the Blackboy Hill Camp site by erecting a suitable memorial thereon.—Carried.

Item 94: Honour Avenue.—Moved by Mr. Philp (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Hunt (Perth), Congress places on record its appreciation of the work carried out in connection with the painting of Memorial Plates in Honour Avenue, King’s Park by the Master Painters’ Association and Operative Painters’ Union, the West Perth Sub-Branch also thanks Mr. Wythe Gourley for his donation of necessary material.—Carried.

Item 95: Rural Science Classes.—Moved by Mr. Boyes (Narembeen), seconded by Mrs. Wilson (W. Swan), that the Government be asked to make arrangements for instruction to women in country districts on natural and domestic problems, and that the Minister for Agriculture be approached and asked that the rural science classes which were held annually until last year at the University be revived.—Carried.

Item 96: Weather Sheds for Country Schools.—Moved by Mr. Boyes (Narembeen), seconded by Mr. Blowfield (Harvey), that the Government be asked to build weather sheds for country schools.—Carried.

Item 101: Re-Union of ex-Soldiers Annually.—Moved by Mr. Watt (Press), seconded by Mr. Cook (Maylands), that a monster Re-Union of ex-soldiers and sailors be held each year in Perth.—Carried.

Item 4: State Memorial.—Moved by Mr. Watt (Press), seconded by Mr. Cornell (Ravensthorpe), that the Government be approached with a view to falling in line with the Eastern States Governments in commemorating the fallen soldiers of the State.—Carried.

Item No. 3.—Moved by Mr. Watt (Press), seconded by Mr. Standing (Mt. Hawthorn), that the City Council be asked what action it proposes to take during the Centenary year to commemorate its citizens who fell in the Great War.—Lost.

Item 29: Employment P.M.G.’s Department.—Moved by Mr. Ashby (Mundijong), seconded by Mr. Gray (Midland Junction), that the Postmaster be asked by a committee appointed by Congress, if it is possible to have a fixed number of men employed throughout the year, as at present returned men living in various districts are heavy losers owing to variation in staffing.—Carried.

Item 110: Cars.—Moved by Mr. Philp (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Tyler (West Perth), that in view of the many vital questions that have arisen and will continue to arise regarding treatment of Returned Soldiers, that Congress urge the Federal Government to take steps to have an advisor appointed from within the Service to act

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in conjunction with that Executive on all matters appertaining to the Service that may from time to time be forwarded to them by the various State branches.—Carried.

Item 28: Telegraphists, reading as follows was withdrawn:—

"That the Federal Government be asked to reconsider its decision regarding temporary returned soldier (married) telegraphists being dismissed after three years and a half service on the grounds of the being a loss to the Telegraphists."

Item 30: Country Post Offices, reading as follows was referred to the incoming Executive:—

"Congress is of the opinion that employment could be found for competent disabled returned soldiers in country post offices, in place of married women office hands, in place of married women being dismissed after three years of service. According to the Employment could be found for competent Telegraphists being employed in other places."

The report reading as follows:—

Item 28: War Souvenirs.—Moved by Mr. Sadlier (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Watt (Press), that Congress urges the Federal and State Governments to give special consideration in their migration programmes to the migration from the United Kingdom of ex-Imperial Service men and women.—Carried.

N. of M. No. 8: War Souvenirs.—Moved by Mr. McDougal (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Stewart (Kalgoorlie), that Congress expresses its strong disagreement with the display of war souvenirs in public places, and recommends that it be an instruction to the incoming Executive to resist such propaganda.—Carried.

N. of M. No. 9: Remembrance Day.—Moved by Mr. McAdam (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), that Congress be informed that Congress expresses its strong disapproval of a public statement made at a recent conference held in Perth, in which antagonism was shown to the so-called "militaristic" displays on Anzac Day and Armistice Day, and desires to point out that such observances are not for the purpose of displaying militarism or force, for these days are solely commemorated as a token of remembrance of fallen comrades of both A.I.F. and the Imperial Forces.—Carried.

Archbishop Riley.—His Grace, Archbishop Riley attended Congress and addressed delegates.

Agenda Committee’s Final Report.—The Agenda Committee then delivered its final report, reading as follows:—

Mr. President.—We recommend that—

(a) The thanks of Congress be extended to Mr. Gillam (Mt. Barker), seconded by Mr. Woods, V.C. (W. Swan), for his services rendered and favours extended to Congress.

(b) The several committees.

(c) The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and office staff.

(d) The House Committee and Dining Room staff.


(f) The Press.

The report of the Agenda Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gillam (Mt. Barker), seconded by Mr. Woods, V.C. (W. Swan), and carried.

The Congress concluded at noon, on Saturday, 6th October, with the singing of the National Anthem.

THE MONTH

The "Weak"—End Press

During Congress Week, that weird weekend "Weaky," The Call, again rushed in where angels fear to tread, and attempted to play on the Gov’t. According to the "Weaky," the digger spirit is falling off, and the R.S.L. should receive more support than it is receiving. The Call, incidentally, claims to be a friend and supporter of returned men. Of course, praise and patronage are always acceptable, but despite the fact that a movement or a cause can always do with additional support, the recent week of unit re-unions indicated an increase, rather than a falling off, with respect to the digger spirit. If any members of The Call’s literary staff were financial members of the League they could have been in a position to realise this from first-hand evidence. The trouble with most of those who scrabble for these week-end papers is, that they wear their hats on the weak ends.

Classics and Assics

One who played a prominent part in welcoming Professor Conway to our State—on an occasion when our distinguished visitor spoke of the debt modern speech owes to Greek and Latin—is a well-known figure in public life who cannot even speak English.

What Price Glory?

This film, which was shown some months back at the Prince of Wales, has been reproduced at the Pavilion. The motif of the picture is anti-war propaganda, which would have been more convincing had it emanated from Britain or France instead of from the last-in and first-out U.S.A.

Readers of the LISTENING Post will be sorry to learn that the principal actor in this film, Captain Victor MacLaglen, died about six or eight weeks ago. Victor MacLaglen, once heavy-weight boxing champion of South Africa, and a former member of the British Army Gymnastic Staff, was one of seven athletic brothers, who served in the great war. One brother, also a retired captain, is running a bit of jujitsu school in Sydney, and took the part of Gabbit in the local production of "For the Term of His Natural Life." Incidentally, we are informed that the late Victor MacLaglen has a double in Perth, in the person of Captain Collins, the Supervisor of Physical Training at the local Military Headquarters.

Environment

When by my side Clarinda sits
And screen-life passes in review,
She gurgles o’er the scenic bits,
And rapily murmurs "Ah, how true!"

The kiss that clings for half a reel
Provides her with vicarious thrills;
Each hectic scene has its appeal;
Her spine, no gruesome detail chills;
From plots like these she oft has wrung
Some moving moral for the young.

But when I from the papers read
About some bloke they’re going to hang,
Divorce-courts news, or slashing deed
Performed by Sydney’s razor-gang,
I see her scowl, I hear her cry

Spare me such tales of sordid sins.
While Gods dwell on Olympus, why
Bow down and worship garbage this?
Such papers, my Clarinda vows,
Should ne’er be brought inside the house.

—PIP TOK.

An ex-imperial soldier, J. Murray, writes asking if there are any ex-soldiers having served with the Royal Irish Rifles, King’s Shropshire Light Infantry and the Cameronians, who would like to send him any old papers, magazines, etc., that they don’t want. His address is c/o Mr. Paulker, Bencubbin.

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(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—

Upon reading in the last issue of the "Listening Post," the article entitled "The Cult of Cowardice," I was filled with a lively sense of satisfaction. How gratifying to read the "True Gospel according to the Digger" (as I thought) so simply yet thoroughly expressed. How my own heart re-echoed the sentiment set forth. Metaphorically I shook hands with the writer and thanked him for setting forth the clean sanity of the digger outlook.

I took the "Post" home with me. That night the "Cult of Cowardice" did duty in place of the usual bedtime story. As I listened, I hoped that at least the spirit of it would be intelligible to the young "diggers of to-morrow," assembled by the fireside, and that the foundation mixture of character was thereby strengthened.

Judge of my humiliation when, the following day, I read in the daily press that no less eminent a digger and leader of diggers than Mr. J. Cornell, M.I.C., had expressed the opinion that the editor of the article under discussion deserved censure for a grave indiscretion in writing an article criticising the Mayor of Perth! Well, Mr. Editor, as a plain digger representing nobody, I have not been privileged to meet and converse with anything like the number of diggers that has fallen to Mr. Cornell's happy lot. On the other hand, as a front line soldier, I did have a fairly long and close association with the front line digger, and I would have barked on the sentiment expressed in your article as being representative of his sentiment. Perhaps, after all, your freedom from political birth-marks makes your interpretation of the returned man's attitude to war and its memories more accurate than those of Mr. Cornell. One sincerely hopes so. As a fellow digger, I would really like to find an excuse for our political comrade.

That the Mayor should subscribe to the idea of scrapping war trophies, etc., because they remind him of tribulations, suffering and sorrow is astonishing enough. One thinks of that epic of human cruelty and sublime suffering and sacrifice, Calvary, and wonders what the world would have gained by scrapping all its reminders and forgetting. Yet, after all, the atmosphere of "Three per cent." and much contact with the outside edge of Celebrity is often conducive to platitud, and in any case, the Mayor is not a digger, and so we feel no personal shame in his utterance. But that one of our own should think your publishing the article in question a reason for censure, and infer that the Mayor's sentiments were more in consonance with digger opinion than those you expressed—well, that hurts.

I feel, Mr. Editor, that you would have been guilty of neglect of duty had you allowed the offending remarks to go unchallenged, and I congratulate you on having refuted them in such a reasoned, clean and well balanced manner to the credit of your fellow diggers.

Yours faithfully,

W. L. WILSON.

Nedlands. (Late 28th Bn. A.I.F.)

[Although the reports published in the dailies were fairly accurate, they conveyed a wrong impression of the motive behind Mr. Cornell's criticism. Mr. Cornell supported the resolution passed by the State Executive objecting to the suggestions of scrapping trophies of war, but was of the opinion that the League's interest would be best served by attacking the principle and leaving the individual alone. In this he was supported by a majority of one on the State Executive. We believe that the individual making a statement, particularly if he happens to be a person of standing and authority, should be ready for fair criticism and prepared to defend his utterance. In performing an operation it would be considered futile to attempt to remove only the offending portion of the anatomy without attacking the source of the irritation. It is gratifying, however, to receive Mr. Wilson's generous approbation.—Editor L.F.]

Exhibition of Goods Made by Disabled Returned Soldiers

Disabled soldiers wishing to enter exhibits in a display to be held in the Industries Hall, Barrack Street, Perth, opening on December 1st, are notified that goods for exhibition should be forwarded to Mr. Mellor, or Mrs. Hopperton, Soldiers' Institute, Government Gardens, Perth, as early as possible.

Prizes are being given for entries receiving the highest number of votes. Further particulars will be forwarded on application.

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Throughout the British Empire on Armistice Day initiative poppies are sold for the benefit of those who suffered. People in Perth who wear a poppy know that others in Melbourne, Cape Town, Montreal and London are also sharing their pride and sorrow, and that their thoughts, like ours, on this day turn to little plots on French or Turkish soil.

The State Executive of the R.S.L. has made arrangements with Sub-Branches for the sale of poppies on Saturday, November 10th, and all officials and members are urged to leave nothing undone to ensure even a greater success than last year, when 30,000 poppies were sold and amelioration funds benefited by nearly £1,500. Women's Auxiliaries or active Women's Committees are a vital necessity, as without the active support of the womenfolk nothing in the way of poppy sales can be achieved. Poppies will be available to country Sub-Branches within a week of Poppy Day, and issues to Metropolitan Sub-Branches will take place on Friday, November 9th.

The following appeal has been issued by Captain G. C. Dyer, the Federal President of the League:

"On the forthcoming anniversary of the Armistice, with which Poppy Day is virtually synonymous, the people of the British Empire and Allied Countries will again be asked to buy and wear a replica of the Red Poppy which grows in the fields of Flanders, and which has a sacred significance because of the almost irre-}

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STATE EXECUTIVE FORMED.

At the Annual Congress of Ladies' Auxiliaries of the Returned Soldiers' League, held on 2nd October, it was decided to form a State Executive for women's auxiliaries. The State President of the League (Colonel H. B. Collett) presided over the Congress until the election of officers, when Mrs. T. C. Wilson took the chair.

The new executive, it was explained, will express the views of women's auxiliaries attached to the sub-branches of the League throughout the State, and will help to advance the ideals of the League, particularly in relation to the protection of fallen soldiers' dependents. A draft constitution, of which copies had been supplied to all sub-branches, was adopted without alteration. The Executive are to meet monthly at the Soldiers' Institute.

Mrs. Clark moved a motion urging the Repatriation Department to enquire into the conditions of deserted wives of returned soldiers, with a view to help being given in deserving cases. She cited the case of a respectable woman, with several children, who was living in abject poverty as a result of her husband having deserted her. When her husband left her, the Repatriation Department withdrew the pension for the children, and after the existing regulations, she had no means of redress. Temporary assistance had been rendered by the Auxiliary and officials of the R.S.L., but permanent relief was necessary.

"There are many similar cases," declared Mrs. Clark.

The motion was carried unanimously, and it was decided to place the resolution before the State Congress of the League.

Congress carried a motion supporting the continuance of Anzac Day as a sacred day, and urging that it be made a public holiday.

The gathering endorsed the State Executive's decision to carry out Poppy Day sales on Saturday, November 10th.

Election of Officers:

The following officers were elected to the new State Executive:—President, Mrs. T. C. Wilson; Vice-Presidents, Meadames T. E. Marshall and W. Richardson; Secretary, Mrs. R. Hopperston; Committee, Meadames E. Menzies, L. A. Rodgers, H. E., Coleman, H. Strain, R. N. Meechan, and H. Snashall; Trustees, Meadames D. M. Benson, J. S. Denton, and F. Shand.

Mrs. T. C. Wilson

(Block by courtesy Western Mail)

Mrs. Wilson has been elected first President of the newly formed State Executive of the Women's Auxiliary Branch of the League. Mrs. Wilson, who is President of the West Swan Sub-Branch Auxiliary, lives at Caversham, Guildford, and working in the interests of soldiers is no new occupation for her, she having commenced at the beginning of hostilities, and to-day is of the opinion that her work has only just begun. Mrs. Wilson has a keen mind and a sympathetic nature, and is a speaker well above the ordinary.

big organisation that will do most successful work," said Colonel Collett, before vacating the chair. "The League is very grateful to you, and congratulates you on your obvious ability to manage your own affairs."

The newly-elected president referred to the good work that could be done by women's auxiliaries in the rural districts, and assured Colonel Collett that the Executive would do its best.

The 32nd Battalion Association

The 32nd Battalion Association held their Annual General Meeting on the 11th October, in the R.S.L. Board Room.

There was a large attendance of members, and the following officers were elected for another term:—President, Mr. G. V. Adolphson; Vice-Presidents, Mr. L. St. John Kennedy, Col. Flintoff, and Mr. Charlie Massey (Goldfields' Vice-President); Treasurer, Mr. Bill Jumper; Committee, Messrs. W. Flindell, J. Martin, and Tony Wolfson. Bob Alexander was re-elected Secretary, and Mr. Lobachser, Auditor.

After the serious business of the evening was over, the members were treated to some light refreshments, and a jolly evening was spent during which pleasant references were made to the good work being done by officials, particularly Bob Alexander.

British United Services Association

The B.U.S.L. request members and all who have served in the Imperial Forces to parade with them opposite Parliament House, on Sunday afternoon, November 18th, to take part in the Annual Memorial Service of the South African Veterans' Association.

On November 26th, at 8 p.m., the Association is entertaining to dinner His Excellency the Governor, Col. Sir William Campion, K.C.M.G., D.S.O. Tickets, either ladies' or gentlemen's, 5s. each from the honorary secretary, 250 Charles Street North Perth.

Heartiest congratulations to Boulder Sub-Branch on winning the Newdegate Cup. This is the second time this Branch has gained this honour. With such splendid fellows as Ted Lennell, Vic. O'Grady, Bill Crump, Ern. Bosustow, and a number of others as leaders, success is assured. The men from the goldfields were the cream of the A.I.F., and it is fitting that they should to-day be the cream of the R.S.L.

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Personalities

Percy Gillam, of Mt. Barker, and the members of the Sub-Branch are endeavouring to make their district, if not the geological hub, at least the magnetic hub of this Western State. To assist in gaining their objective they have received a definite promise from the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. H. Millington) to visit them, together with two or three bank officials and Mr. Wansborough, M.L.A., from November 8th to 11th, inclusive. They will be in the hands of the Sub-Branch members to entertain and educate.

Old battalion mates and others will regret to hear that Alex. Dickson, of the 11th Battalion, has had an unfortunate run of bad luck lately. Some little time ago he had an accident to one of his eyes, necessitating its removal, and on the eve of returning to his work at the railway workshops he suffered the great loss of his good wife. The sympathy of all goes out to Alex. and his four young children in their trouble. He is a member of the Workshops' Sub-Branch, a representative of which attended the funeral.

Dear old Colonel Pope's continued ill-health forced him to resign from his high position as Railway Commissioner. The popular leader of the famous 16th was at just and fearless in civilian life as he proved himself at the war, and it is the wish of every digger in this State that the relief of heavy responsibility to himself at the war, and it is the wish of every digger in this State that the relief from heavy responsibility will bring about a speedy recovery to health.

At Collie a few weeks ago there passed away into the great unknown an original 28th Digger in the person of Percival John Pope, at the early age of 36 years. Through an accident in his early life Percy lost three fingers of his right hand, and it was not until he had been in the A.I.F. for about four years that this was discovered by the "heads." Our sympathy is with the widow and aged mother in their sorrow.

Dear old Tom Lennon, who has been a hospital patient almost since being wounded on service, is, at time of writing, dangerously ill in the Repatriation Ward of the Perth Hospital.

Another victim to the god of war to pass into the unknown during the month was W. H. (Billy) Date, who served abroad with the 11th Battalion. Billy was a good type of English gentleman. For a number of years he was officer in charge of Stromness Hospital.

**FEDERAL ELECTIONS**

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