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The Monroe Doctrine and its Consequences

A singular feature of America's idealism, or crankiness—call it what you will, according to your own point of view—is that the Monroe Doctrine, to which she induces foreign nations to subscribe, are but coldly received at home. The U.S.A. very definitely refused to become a member of the League of Nations, and while the deliberations that preceded the signing of the Kellogg Pact were in progress, marines were being dispatched to Nicaragua. Even the Kellogg Pact itself has been receiving some adverse criticism at the hands of the Foreign Relations Committee of the U.S. Senate. This fending-boothways attitude is an apparent inconsistency due to America's uncompromising adherence to what is known as the Monroe Doctrine.

The Monroe Doctrine is as much an article of political faith in the U.S.A. as the White Australia Policy is in this country. In 1823, the Holy Alliance, a European league of nations, formed after the Battle of Waterloo for the purpose of maintaining the boundaries of the member states, was regarded as an electioneering stunt to gain Cleveland support at the polls. The eagle screeched but did not scratch, and the boundary difficulty was settled by arbitration. Again, in 1902, Britain and Germany, protecting the rights of their respective nations, carried out a combined naval demonstration against Venezuela.

Thus it has been clearly demonstrated that European powers will not allow the precious Monroe Doctrine to interfere with their inalienable right to protect the lives and business interests of their own nationals. Amgried, on the other hand, while re-affirming, on every possible occasion, the Monroe Doctrine, is, to those who have observed the U.S.A., a tact understanding that has been arrived at whereby America intervenes, and the necessary step on her own behalf, but in protection of all foreign interests. This is why she was compelled to invade Mexico immediately prior to the outbreak of the world war, to occupy Haiti and Nicaragua. There are times when she feels that disorders necessitating intervention are least frequent in those states where governments are stable and elected—by constitutional procedure. Consequently, her occupation of Nicaragua, and her employment of marines to ensure that the recent elections in that country were clean, are a true reflex of the people's will, and not attempts to bully a sovereign state, but a wise precaution whereby the establishment of a protectorate will eliminate the possibility of further disorders.

Of course, it is not to be expected that the inflammable Latin temperament will brook interference with the popular pastime of gotting off political opponents to the danger of innocent foreigners who play happen to be in the line of fire, for that will fail to resent forcibly another nation, however large and powerful, controlling its electoral machinery. Therefore, unless America abrogates the Monroe Doctrine she is chained to the line of action she had taken in Nicaragua, and from this point of view alone, disarmament, for the U.S.A. is a sheer impossibility. That she will adhere to the doctrine has been clearly indicated by the fact that certain windy senators have objected to the Kellogg Pact, demanding that the Monroe Doctrine be safeguarded.

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Present—Messrs. Collett, Riley, Parker, Watt, Nye, Longmore, Shaw, Tozer, Tyler, Cooke, Lovell. Apologies were received, from Messrs. Philip, Logie, Wells, Smith, and Pady.

Federal Correspondence.—National War Memorial.—A letter was received from the Federal Executive regarding the Australian War Memorial at Canberra, in which it was advised that a photographic of the adorned design had been forwarded under separate cover. This has been received in the office. The letter was received.

Employment Bureaux.—The Report of the operations of the Employment Bureaux throughout the Commonwealth for the month of October was received.

Invitation.—The Bunbury Sub-Branch extended an invitation to the State President and members of the Executive to attend a smoke social on the 10th December. The matter was left in the hands of the President.

Federal Presidency.—The State President reported having received a lettergram from the State Secretary in Melbourne concerning this matter.

Appreciation.—Mr. R. G. Andrews, of Northam, forwarded a letter of appreciation of the Land Committee's successful efforts on his behalf. The letter was received.

New Sub-Branch.—An application was received from ex-soldiers at Wongan Hills to form a sub-branch of the League in that district. Permission was granted.

Rev. Father Martindale.—The State President informed delegates that the Rev. Father Martindale would be visiting Perth, and he desired to know whether it was the wish of delegates that he be entertained. The matter was left in the hands of the State President.

Case of P. O. Carlson.—The State President read letters from P. O. Carlson. These communications dealt with a grievance this man had against the Defence Department concerning the alleged unjust treatment while an officer in Blackboy Hill Camp during the war. Carlson did not proceed overseas.

Moved by Mr. Nye, seconded by Mr. Longmore: That the matter be left in the hands of the State President and two Vice-Presidents to deal with.—Carried.

Wheat Carting Subsidy.—Regarding the request by the Kondinin-Karlgarin Sub-Branch, for a wheat carting subsidy from the Government, which was submitted to the last meeting, Mr. N. J. Brown, M.L.A., advised that he had approached the Premier in regard to this matter, and had been informed that nothing could be done. The Premier had given the assurance that a railway bill would be brought down this session to serve the Karlgarin District. The letter was received and the Secretary instructed to inform the sub-Branch.

Case of Mrs. Barber.—The Maylands Sub-Branch wrote requesting the Executive to approach the Licensing Board with a view to obtaining the re-consideration of the re-opening, of Mrs. Barber's hotel premises (Central Hotel, Maylands). After discussion it was moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Tyler: That the matter is outside the scope of the League activities, and also that it is the opinion of the Executive that the request is legally impossible of fulfilment.—Carried.

Case of Mrs. O. S. Johnson.—The State President informed delegates that Mrs. Johnson's letter had been received. The matter was left in the hands of the State President.

Art Union Profits.—A letter was received from the Upper Swan Sub-Branch expressing disappointment at their exclusion from participation in the profits of the recent R.S.L. Art Union.

The Acting State Secretary explained that no distribution had been made to sub-branches within the immediate vicinity of the metropolitan area. He was instructed to reply to the sub-branch, pointing out that if they had any deserving cases of relief, they could be submitted to the Trustees of the R.S.L. Relief Fund for British Labour.

Speewood Delegation.—The Spearwood Sub-Branch requested the Executive to receive a delegation in connection with their soldier settlers' difficulties. It was agreed to notify the delegation to attend the next meeting of the Executive.

Congress Resolutions.—Replies from the various departments to resolutions passed by Congress were placed before delegates as follows:—(1) Ex-Imperial soldiers and Anzac Day; (2) Commemoration Fallen Soldiers. The Premier's Department wrote acknowledging receipt of letter conveying these two resolutions.

The Secretary was instructed to forward a reminder within a few days asking if consideration had been given.

State Insurance.—The State Secretary had interviewed Mr. Bennett, the Government Actuary, in this matter, and it was considered that some comprehensive scheme should be inaugurated for the benefit of soldier settlers. The matter was left in the hands of the Land Committee.

Dried Fruits.—In regard to this matter the Assistant State Secretary explained that he had interviewed the Secretary of the Dried Fruits Board. He submitted a report for the information of delegates, and intimated that a further report would be submitted next meeting. The matter was deferred.

P.M.G.'s Department.—The Perth Sub-Branch had brought under notice of the Executive Office the fact that the P.M.G.'s Department had let a contract to a foreigner for the laying of the telephone line from Toodyay to Goomalling. No British labour was employed. Enquiries had been made from the P.M.G.'s Department, and the Deputy Director advised that at the time of the letting of this contract there was no clause in the conditions stipulating that preference was to be given to British or naturalised British subjects. He went on to say that the clause is now included in all such contracts. The letter was received.

Insurance Act (Canada).—The Canadian Government forwarded particulars of the Canadian Insurance Act for ex-service men and women, requesting that it be brought under the notice of any Canadian who may now be domiciled in Australia. The Secretary was instructed to give publicity to this matter.

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Reports.—The Assistant Secretary submitted a report of the operations of the office for the preceding fortnight. The report was received.

Finance Committee.—The report of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 14th November, was received and adopted.

Pensions Committee.—Mr. Watt submitted a report of the meeting of the Pensions Committee, held on the 21st November. The report contained a recommendation concerning the Constitution and scope of the proposed War Pensions Appeal Board. The recommendation read as follows:

"For the guidance of delegates to the Federal Congress the following opinions were expressed by the Pensions Committee—

1. This Committee does not favour interference with machinery at present in operation, and considers that the Appeal Board should be instituted as a tribunal of final appeal against any adverse decision of the Repatriation Commission.

2. In the opinion of the Committee the constitution of the Board should be as follows:
   (a) An ex-soldier to be nominated by the League.
   (b) A medical man who saw service abroad.
   (c) A Judge.

3. The Committee also considers that the Board should sit in all States to allow applicants to appear in person.

4. All applicants to have the right to be represented by an Advocate. The Committee also to have the same right.

5. Any appeal before the Board should be upon evidence that has been before the Commission. Any fresh evidence in connection with any case should first of all be submitted to the Commission."

The report was received and adopted.

House Committee.—Mr. Longmore submitted a report on the meeting of the House Committee held on 20th November. The report was received and adopted.

Land Committee.—Mr. Shaw reported on the meeting of the Land Committee, held on 20th November. The report was received and adopted.

B.U.A.—Mr. Lovell reported having attended a dinner given by the British United Service Association.—Received.

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invited Executive delegates to attend their smoke social, to be held on the 10th December. Messrs. Margolin and Ferguson were appointed to attend.

Subiaco Sub-Branch advised that the Annual Commemoration Service would be held in memory of fallen comrades at the tree planted by the Branch in the Avenue of Honour, King's Park, on Sunday, 9th December. Messrs. Cooke, Lovell, Longmore and McDaid signified their intention of being present.

Victoria Park Sub-Branch extended an invitation to delegates to attend their Annual Smoke Social on the 14th December. Messrs. McAdam, Logie, and the State Secretary were appointed to represent the Executive.

Australian Fliers.—A circular was received from the N.S.W. Branch concerning their endeavours to obtain a knighthood for Squadron-Leader Kingsford Smith and Flight Lt. Ulm. The circular was received.

Rifle Clubs.—The Busselton Sub-Branch wrote asking if it was within the province of the Branch to require Rifle Clubs should be allowed to compete with modern service rifles, so that the experience gained would be useful in case of necessity. It was decided to inform the Sub-Branch that it is not within the province of the League to take up this matter, but that the State Secretary would be instructed to communicate with the District Commandant, 5th Military Base, sending copy of the Sub-Branch's letter, and requesting information for the guidance of the Sub-Branch.

Case of C. Evans.—This case had been referred by the Fremantle Sub-Branch to the Executive and left in the President's hands. He reported having perused the file, and recommended that the Executive take no action. The recommendation was adopted.

Upper Chapman Settlement.—Messrs. McAdam and Logie reported on their visit to the Upper Chapman District, and inspected soldier settlers' farms. The report was referred to the Lands Committee.

Migration.—Mr. Shaw reported that he and Mr. McAdam had attended a meeting with Mr. Skevington in the Town Hall, and that a further interview had been arranged. Mr. Shaw stated that he had left a file with Mr. Crutchley, one of the Imperial Representatives. His action was endorsed.

Repatriation Commission Report.—The Report of the Repatriation Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1928, was left on the table for the information of members.

Enquiry Committee.—Further consideration of the report was then proceeded with.

Reports.—Murray Sub-Branch.—Messrs. Cooke and Lovell reported on their visit to the Murray Sub-Branch Annual Meeting.

—Wyalkatchem Sub-Branch.—Mr. Logie reported having visited Wyalkatchem Sub-Branch.—Report received.

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Federal Correspondence.—Australian War Memorial.—A letter was received from the Federal Executive, showing copy of one from the Director of the Australian War Memorial, in which he asked the assistance of the League in the disposal of the unsold copies of several books published by the A.A.F. during the war, the proceeds to be devoted to the National War Memorial. Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Col. Margolin, that this State Branch assist in the direction indicated.—Carried.

Certificates of Merit.—The Federal Executive advised having despatched Certificates of Merit for Sir Thomas Coombe, K.B., and Mr. Lionel Boas, J.P. Moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the matter of the presentation of these Certificates be referred to the sub-branches responsible for the nomination of the recipients.—Carried.

Federal Congress Resolutions.—The Federal Executive forwarded the following resolutions carried by the 13th Annual Congress:

—Resolution No. 92: Ex-Imperial Service Men.
—Resolution No. 102: Anzac Day Holiday.
—Resolution No. 103: Preference Ex-Imperial Service Men.
—Resolution No. 105: Policy.
—Resolution No. 122: Federal Executive powers.
—Resolution No. 125: Federal Executive.

Invitation.—Darling Range.—The Darling Range Sub-Branch extended an invitation to their Annual Smoke Social, to be held on the 15th December. The matter was left in the hands of the President.

Employment Incapacitated Men.—In connection with the employment of incapacitated men, Sir George Pearce forwarded a letter received by him from the Minister for Repatriation, in which it was stated that the Commission had decided to provide for a period of six months an officer to act as Secretary to the proposed Citizens' Committee which had been formed to investigate the problem of placing incapacitated soldiers in employment. The letter was received.

Great Southern Re-union.—Advice from the organiser, Mr. Payne, stated that this rally of soldiers had been postponed until the 8th January, and requested strong representation of the Executive. This matter was already in the hands of the State President.

Dried Fruits Board.—This matter was deferred, as the Secretary had nothing further to report.

Cenotaph, London.—The State President informed delegates that he had received a personal letter from Colonel Manning and he had laid a wreath on behalf of the Western Australian Branch on the Armistice Day. Col. Manning also pointed out that the Returned Soldiers' League of Australia was not represented at the Cenotaph on the occasion of the Armistice service.

It was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded...
by Mr. Yeates, that Col. Manning be thanked for representing the Western Australian Branch and that the matter of representation be brought under the notice of the Federal Executive.—Carried.

Membership.—Mr. Smith moved, Mr. Watt seconded, that vigorous efforts be made by all members of the Executive and by all Sub-Branches to attract to the R.S.L. all returned soldiers of the State, so that during the Centenary year the R.S.L. might be brought as nearly as possible to its maximum strength.—Carried.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Smith, that this resolution be referred to the Management Committee, and they be given power to add. The Committee to draft a scheme for submission to the Executive at an early date.—Carried.

The Congress resolution dealing with the same matter, which had been deferred, also, was referred to the Management Committee.

Delegation from Spearwood.—Messrs. Wayman, Partlet and Follington attended the Executive meeting on behalf of the Spearwood Soldiers' Settlers' Committee and urged that something be done to alleviate their present conditions. After discussion it was decided that the delegation be asked to meet the Lands Committee to discuss the matter, and that during the Centenary the executive give consideration to the matter, which had been deferred, also, was referred to the Management Committee.

Pensions Sub-Committee.—Mr. Watt delivered a report of the Pensions Sub-Committee meeting held on the 9th December.

R.S.L. Relief Fund.—The Finance Committee requested a ruling as to its control over the relief funds. The ruling was given that the present funds of the R.S.L. Relief Fund, were under the sole control of the Trustees.

Midland.—Mr. Cooke reported on his visit to the Midland Sub-Branch. Report received.

Subiaco.—Mr. Cooke reported having represented the Executive at the commemoration service of the Subiaco Branch last Sunday. The report was received.

Greetings.—Rabbi Freedman took the opportunity, on behalf of delegates, of extending to the State President the season's greetings.

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Relief Funds.—The report of the Relief Fund Committee for the month of November was received.

Federal Congress.—Mr. Yeates reported on behalf of delegates to Federal Congress, and dealt with the late of items submitted by this State Branch. Moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the report be received and that the delegates be thanked for their able representation of this State at the Federal Congress.—Carried.

Migration.—Mr. Shaw delivered an interim report in connection with the Land Committee's interview with the Imperial Government Representatives. Report received.

Bunbury Sub-Branch.—Colonel Margetson reported on his visit to the Bunbury Sub-Branch in company with Mr. Ferguson. The report was received.

Fallen Soldiers' Children.—Mr. Smith asked that the Executive give consideration at its next meeting to the proposal of the Perth Legacy-Club to assemble the children of fallen soldiers on Anzac Day and also that arrangements be made for them to march at the head of the column.

Midland Junction.—Mr. Cooke reported on his visit to the Midland Sub-Branch. Report received.

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Nineteen-twenty-nine should mark, for our organisation, the beginning of a new era. We have the appeal of the Centenary celebrations, and it is our obvious duty to assist to our utmost, in every way, in making the historic occasion noted for the wonderful unanimity of the people in their faith in, and desire to promote, the future prosperity of Western Australia. Therein lies the great opportunity for our rural sub-branches. To them, all other public bodies should look for a lead. The country’s welfare is the welfare of all of us who have our home here.

And now, although the League is growing in strength and influence, we need, more than ever, a much greater membership. It is a matter of urgency. The calls upon us are increasing, and the vista of our work is broadening. It is possible that some of us may be tiring of well-doing, thinking that reinforcements are long in coming; that without the urge of enthusiasm and fresh ideas the green line of success will never be reached.

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December

December is, indeed, the month of the young. After a long spell of unseasonable coolness, summer at length returns, and we sigh as we regard those snow-clad scenes depicted on the Christmas cards, which are beginning to arrive from our friends and relatives overseas. While dad and mum are discarding their hats and winter tweeds in favour of pitch helmet and the whitest and flimsiest of apparel, son and daughter are counting the days before the holidays, and throwing out gentle hints as to where the vacation should be spent, and what should be the reasonable content of a Christmas stocking. Wearied schoolmasters and schoolma'ams are expending their reserves of energy in preparation for speechdays and breaking-up concerts, at which young hopefuls will display their prowess before admiring parents, prior to staggering home under a load of prizes.

It is, indeed, the month of the young, for the young are catered for on every hand. The city itself is languorously beautiful, like some drowsy Sultan in a Turkish bath. Golden maids and laughing youths flock "into these yellow sands," and sport in the spinndrift of the charging waves. Bathing costumes have already jumped in price, while the pharmacies are experiencing brisk sales of coconut oil and other salves for sunburnt shoulders. The city shops have been transformed into a veritable fairyland of books and toys through which young people of all ages may wander under the spell of the season's enchantment. Dad and mum count, the shekels and examine the "family bank account, often, alas, with something like consternation, and then face the situation with such time-honoured excuses from the collective wisdom of the race as "Christmas comes but once a year," and "We're only young once." After all, it is the month of the young, and it is fitting that it should be so, for it marks the anniversary of the birth of the Wonder Child who came into the world to redeem mankind.

The hills which flank the landmark suburbs are ablaze with bush flowers, and the strong new wine of summer pervades the air, but the most unusual sensation is the freedom of the city on his lawful occasion more readily turns his thoughts to beer, foaming, sparkling beer, wherein the sun's rays are trapped, and served in large glasses; but then, as a pessimistic Bulletin writer once remarked, "All beer glasses are small."

Bolivia and Paraguay

Peace pact and sentimental propaganda notwithstanding, there is, at present, every indication that war will break out between Bolivia and Paraguay. Already diplomatic relations have been severed, and it is reported that Paraguayan troops have attacked and overwhelmed a Bolivian frontier garrison.

When the various South American States revolted from Spain, the hinterland had hardly been explored, much less surveyed, so that boundaries of the new republics were but loosely defined. Consequently frontier disputes between the various States are matters of frequent occurrence. Bolivia (named after Simon Bolivar, the patriot who was so closely identified with the cause of independence in South America), in connection with such a dispute, aided Peru against Chile in a war which ended so disastrously for the allies in 1882. There was also some friction between Bolivia and Brazil in 1899-1903.

Most of these South American peoples are ready to fight "at the drop of the hat," but Paraguay seems to have persistedently aggressive. In 1864, President Lopez violated Argentina's neutrality by marshalling troops through the latter's territory in order to invade Brazil. Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay combined against Lopez, who, after a struggle during which the utmost barbarity was directed against the Paraguayans, by the three allied republics, was finally defeated and slain on 1st March, 1870. Every town and village in the route of the conquering armies was blotted out, and it has been estimated that over a million and a quarter people out of 1,357,000 of the population of Paraguay were killed. Paraguay's object was the ultimate annexation of Paraguay, and her troops occupied the country for nearly six years. Since then spasmodic revolutions have occurred, and in 1904 a rather serious civil war broke out which was not terminated until 1906.

Paraguay is, of special interest to Australia, as it was the scene of a rather interesting socialistic experiment. Possibly with the idea of building up her decimated population, Paraguay readily assented to the proposal of Lane to found a socialistic colony in that country. Accordingly a number of Australian residents left these shores filled with hopes and Utopian ideals, and in New Paraguay, attempted to realise their conception of the perfect state. But New Paraguay did not prosper. The venture failed, mainly because the adventurers, like most of those who preach universal brotherhood, could not agree among themselves. Most of them returned to Australia, ending by the extension of the Paraguayan Central Railway.

The Pan-American Congress, that league of Latin-American nations under the hegemony of the U.S.A., may be able to avert war. At all events the affair should pro-
vide an interesting field of endeavour for Mr. Kellogg and those political and religious organisations who believe in peace at any price, and respect the rights of every nation but their own.

Law and Disorder

There is a type of individual, generally the type that seeks to make politics the handmaid of crime, who assumes that the policeman is always wrong. This type received a well-merited snub when Dr. Argyle, Victoria’s Chief Secretary, announced that it was not his intention to hold an inquiry into the shooting of the rioters by the police at Port Melbourne. No useful purpose would be served by holding such an inquiry. The country would be put to unnecessary expense and the whole business would be made a vehicle for the dissemination of political and communistic propaganda.

The shooting was a matter quite apart from the petty points of law to which the public side dispute. The police were on the wharf to maintain law and order. The rioters had gathered for an unlawful purpose—to assault sundry non-unionists. An assault is an illegal act, even though the victims should be non-unionists and a strike-breaker. It is always the duty of the police to prevent the commission of crime, but it is no part of their duty to do the Birkenhead drill and stand up like Jackie while a cowardly mob pelts them with blue metal. It is some countries—Holy Russia, for instance—the shooting would have commenced much sooner, and the police would have shot to kill.

The International Aspect of Prohibition

Dr. Doran, the U.S. Prohibition Commissioner, is one of those ideal Americans, who is resolute when other nations’ points of view fail to coincide with that of the U.S.A. In this instance the object of his displeasure is the Dominion of Canada. It is the plain duty of Canada, he insists, to stop the importation of liquor when the officials know full well it is intended to be smuggled into the United States. It appears that bootlegging is on the increase and it is proposed to arrange a new treaty with Canada, that may bring about reform.

It is not the business of the “Listening Post” either to attack or defend prohibition. It is a broad question upon which it is almost impossible to obtain reliable information. Periodically we are inundated with statistics collected by pros and antis, who systematically disqualify each other as biased. However, it is generally conceded by those Americans who have no axe to grind in either direction, that there is growing up in the U.S.A. a generation that knows not the taste of liquor, that those who still drink consume far less than they did in the days of the open saloon, and that the enormous costs of enforcement are more than balanced by increased business efficiency, and a greater degree of domestic happiness and general prosperity. Be this as it may, the fact remains that the U.S.A. has tackled a serious and universal problem on a grand scale; but while every nation is entitled to carry out and enforce whatever legislation it deems best for its own citizens, it is rather impertinent of that nation to expect neighbouring countries to aid it in its police work, and to incur expense in doing so. Furthermore, it is outrageous for a highly placed official of that country to accuse another country’s officials of laxity or corruption merely because he finds it increasingly difficult to carry out his own duties.

In the matter of prohibition enforcement, the British Empire has already made unprecedented concessions to the U.S.A. America’s twelve mile rule off the coast, and the right of search implied by this, have been recognised. In this matter America herself, was never so generous. The war of 1812 was caused, mainly, because Britain insisted on this very right of search during the blockade of the French coast, and a similar position with regard to Germany during the late war evoked a howl of protest from the U.S.A. Under existing regulations Canada notifies the American authorities of liquor shipments. This, again, is a concession, and not an obligation. According to Dr. Doran, however, this information is valueless, because in 9 cases out of 100 fictitious destinations are given. No doubt there is a great deal of truth in this assertion, but the fact remains that, in Canada, as in Australia, making false declarations of this nature to government officials are offences punishable by existing laws. But this does not satisfy the good doctor. He wants Canada “to refuse to allow the export of liquor at all, unless accompanied by a buyer’s bonafide order to purchase.”

Well, well. There’s no harm in wanting, but does this omniscient citizen realise that an order to purchase can be faked just as easily as a ship’s manifest? In the same breath he admits that for the effective enforcement of prohibition, America would require £60,000,000 annually for policing alone. Nevertheless, that is America’s pigeon. Her own laws are being enforced, and the proposed remedy, while it might possibly save the U.S.A. a certain amount of expense, would mean loss of revenue to Canada, as well as additional expense in her administrative departments. Why the devil Canada, or Australia either, for that matter, should lose revenue, and at the same time incur expense in helping the U.S.A. to enforce a law which is not on the statute book of either countries, is something our dull British minds cannot grasp. There is such a thing as being too damned accommodating.

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Non-Combatants and League Membership

J. S. Y. writes:—"I want to ventilate a matter which came before last Congress, and was decided in the negative. This is the matter of the admission of those who served overseas with the A.I.F., in an honorary capacity. This item was placed on the agenda paper through my sub-branch, at my suggestion. Not having been a delegate to Conference, I have no idea of the discussion, but I still consider that the item was worthy of acceptance, and give here my reasons for that personal conviction.

"I take it that the prime qualification of a soldier is service; wearing a uniform and drawing the country's pay are secondary considerations. In this qualification my candidates pass, they served in their respective spheres as faithfully as any paid soldier, who, it must be remembered, were only in comparatively small percentage actual fighting men.

"Again, a soldier takes risks. The toll of casualties—in, say Y.M.C.A. service, including deaths, would show that it was not a home service job. Will Dyson, an official artist, to carry out his work, took risks that we enlisted men only faced when they were in the day's work, and earned the right to a wound stripe. One of Perth's prominent citizens, as a comforts representative, travelled along roads subject to shellfire, and lived in billets equally so, in order that the troops should not go short of the luxurious so generously supplied by the people of Australia. And he was well above military age at that.

"In all but the matter of taking military pay, then, these men were soldiers, and their presence there was a recognition by the A.I.F. of their usefulness. I have yet to hear of a blot on the record of any of them. This unfortunately does not apply to the records of some enlisted men. Yet (I am open to correction if wrong), I know of nothing in our constitution which would exclude a man with the blackest record in the A.I.F. from membership of the League, providing he enlisted and went overseas. As a post-war argument, I might add that the majority, if not all, of those men, who served in an honorary capacity and returned, are to-day useful, respectable citizens. Their membership would be a source of added strength and wider usefulness to the League; and their numbers are not so great that there would be any fear of their influencing disadvantageously the settled policy of our organisation. We would pay them a graceful, well-earned salute, and advance our own cause by admitting them to our ranks."

W.A. Digger Book
A CENTENNIAL EFFORT

At the suggestion of the Press Sub-Branch, Congress requested the incoming Executive to consider the advisability of publishing a League book on similar lines to the Anzac Book as one of the League's Centenary efforts. This the Executive decided to do, and left the control with the Press Sub-Branch. A strong editorial committee has been appointed, consisting of Mr. C. J. Smith (Managing Editor, "West Australian"), Mr. I. Birtwistle (Editor, "Western Mail"), and Lt.-Col. Fitzgerald (Agricultural Editor, "Sunday Times"), and contributions are invited in the form of appropriate stories, rhyme, drawings, war-time songs, photos, etc. These should be sent to Mr. Birtwistle, c/o "Western Mail," Perth, and marked "W.A. Digger Book." The profits will be devoted to the State War Memorial Fund.

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A recent cheerful visitor to the capital was Percy Welch, who is one of the pillars of the Boulder Sub-Branch.

No braver soldier or kindlier soul could be found than dear old Don McLeod, who during the month was accidentally killed while mining up Marble Bar way. Don, who was a captain in the 12th Battalion, lost his arm at Gallipoli, and later persisted with such success that he was allowed to again join his unit in France. After the war he went prospecting, being responsible for some wonderful feats of luck and endurance; such as sinking a shaft a depth of over 100 feet without assistance. Farewell, old comrade. Our sympathy and concern is for the widow and the five bonnie little children.

Amongst those taking a prominent part in the affairs of the Kondinin-Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch are Walter Andrews (10th Light Horse) as president, Joe Watson (26th Batt.) and Harold Stafford (8th T.M.B.) as vice-presidents, Ken Young (4th Div. Sign.) Hon. Secretary, Major A. M. Phillips (11th Batt.) Capt. Bert Sykes (4th Machine Gun Coy.) and Ena Sykes (1st Field Engineers), while the N.Z.'s are represented by Arthur Maddison of the Canterbury Mounted Rifles, and Albert Howlett of the 4th Dragoon Guards is the ex-Imperial.

Mr. J. H. Millar, of the Railway Workshops Sub-Branch R.S.L., is at present in Melbourne, representing the boiler makers of this state at their triennial conference. His record as a batter places him in the front rank when a delegate is wanted for "Joint Railway Unions," or when any other body of which he is a member, is seeking improved conditions. His term of eight consecutive years as president of the boilermakers' Federation of W.A. has never been equaled.

His interests are varied, ranging from Masonic, Rechabite, Cricket, and R.S.L. matters, to teaching the young idea how to be happy though teetotal. He is a keen and fair debater on any of these subjects.

This digger was a member of the 4th Light Horse Field Ambulance, and joined up with the digger movement immediately on his return from active service. He was first of all a member at Claremont, but later thought fit to transfer to the Railway Workshops Sub-Branch, where he was a vice-president for about seven years, resigning that position about nine months ago, but retaining his membership and interest in the workings of the branch.

It is not generally known, although it is a certain fact, that Comrade Millar has done quite a lot of good for the R.S.L. movement generally, but in a very quiet way.

Members of the 51st Battalion will regret to learn that, during the past few weeks, two men out of the Battalion have suffered bereavements in the family. Bob Wood had laid his dear old dad to rest, and Albert Edwards' wife has also passed on to the land, without sorrow. The sympathy of all goes out to these two diggers in their trouble. Both Bob and Albert are members of the Railway Workshops Sub-Branch of the R.S.L.

Delegates from this State created a good impression at the Sydney Congress. Mr. A. Yeates' sincerity and wide knowledge of affairs receiving special attention. Cliff Sadlier put a good one over at the Sydney social, in describing his journey around Australia and his seeming promotion in the process. "Leaving Perth," he said, "at one place I was addressed as Captain Sadlier, and at your civic reception yesterday the Chief Civic Commissioner referred to me as Colonel Sadlier. No doubt, if I carry on around the Australian coast I would become a Field-Marshal at Darwin, and, continuing on, come a 'gutzer' on returning to my own State."

At the termination of the Federal Congress in Sydney, Mr. Stagg, on behalf of the five State Secretaries present and Mr. Dalziel, State Secretary of South Australia, presented a gold Eversharp pencil to the General Secretary, Mr. E. J. Dibden, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of the many little kindnesses and courtesies rendered by Mr. Dibden, who suitably replied and stated that he took it as a vote of confidence from his co-secretaries in the various States.

Victorian delegates, Mr. James Martin and Mr. E. Turnbull, were well in the forefront of the debates at Federal Congress in Sydney, both gentlemen showing a first-class knowledge of League matters. Mr. Turnbull had his complaints against the Federal office, and acrimony sometimes crept into interchanges. It would infinitely benefit the League in Victoria and Australia if more harmony existed between some of the Eastern League leaders. It is to be hoped that the expressions of goodwill voiced at the end of the meeting will be practiced for the year.

The unluckiest digger this month is Captain C. R. Collins, of military headquarters. Last Friday evening, while he and Mrs. Collins were motoring out to visit friends, they had a puncture. In order to get garage assistance quickly, the captain attempted to board a passing van and was thrown heavily on to the roadway, sustaining cut forehead, bruised knees and a fracture of the humerus, involving the shoulder joint. Worst of all from the victim's point of view, the accident happened the right before he commenced his annual leave.

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Miss Pola Negri, the famous film star, according to the cables (repeated for several days), has received valuable assistance from George Bernard Shaw, in the filming of Shaw's "Anthony and Cleopatra." This seems to be a decided blow at the Baconian theory regarding the authorship of the plays we call Shakespeare's. Possibly some ardent Baconian will arise in his wrath and claim that Bill of Stratford was the real author of Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra."

It is reported that the Australian Eleven for the next Test Match are undergoing a course of tuition called "Cricket by Post." Tutor: Dick Bryant.

"Crock" writes: A curious feature of modern journalism is the "Social Column," in which the doings of vice-regal people and the private amusements of influential nentities are recorded for the alleged benefit of an uninformed public. A general rule little harm is done by this sort of thing, and much amusement is afforded the discriminating; but occasionally the social reporter (euphemism for "journalistic toady") in striving to render to the near-great perpetuates injustice upon the merely useful.

A case in point was the report of the "Oriental" Ball in aid of the local Children's Hospital, which appeared in that part of the Sydney "Bulletin" which is set apart for such things. Thirty-eight lines of copy were used up in describing the decorations and the dresses of the "best" and "next best" people, but absolutely no mention was made of that energetic little man, Horace G. Minors, the Hospital Secretary, whose hard work and good organisation were responsible for the success of the affair. As the Sydney "Bulletin" is the last paper in the world to countenance anything in the form of snobbishness, the reason for this omission of toadying (to say nothing of bad form) must be laid at the door of the local correspondent.

Camelot: During the big advance through Syria in September, 1918, we captured some enemy officers who were mounted on beau-utiful-looking high-stepping Arab horses. Our squadron, being short of spare horses, were allotted six of this number for use and safe-keeping. Contrary to all recognised beliefs, the Arab pony can't stand up to solid toil, and our attachments soon created a problem. This difficulty was solved one morning, however, when it was reported that, by a strange coincidence, all the Arabs had broken their lines during the night and had vanished. A hurried enquiry was held, without result, and it was only the other day that I learnt the secret of the disappearance from Snowy, whom I met in Hay Street for the first time since the war. Between foaming pots, he enlightened me. "Me and Tim and Blue," he said, "we're mares, fulus, having done our wads in at two-up. Tim was on line guard, which made it easy for me and Blue to get the nags and take them to the Bedouin camp, about a mile away." "You know," he continued, "that those baying hogs — would sell their wives and family for a good Arab pony. We looked back richer by 120 gild in okkum Turkish gold." "You 'zombies' were a mob of mugs not to tumble," concluded Snowy; and as I watched him, as he left me, grin at a John who had ordered him to "keep to the left," and with a pocket lighter by 12 when he had "borrowed" from me "for old times' sake," I came to the conclusion that Snowy was a keen judge of human nature.

"Caballero" writes: Re that boorish manager of the W.A. branch of a world-wide business firm, who refused to advertise in the "L.P." on the grounds that the office of manager has been over ten years, that returned men had things all their own way, and that it is time people cut this sily sentimental sort of rot. He is not hard to pick, as the very expressions used to give him away, and there is no one better against the returned man as the individual who neglected to become one himself. One should really report him to his head office, who, we fear, would give him the job of ex-manager, for if the war did nothing else, it popularised the practice of cigarette smoking.

Influx of Southern Europeans into Australia

The Secretary, Prime Minister's Department, recently forwarded the following communication to the League Federal Secretary:

"With reference to your letter urging that the present influx of Southern Europeans should be considerably reduced or entirely suspended, I am directed to inform you that in view of Australia's vast unpeopled areas it is considered that the Commonwealth would not be justified at this stage in absolutely prohibiting the entry of Southern Europeans into Australia.

"The great majority of these migrants who preceded the Commonwealth during the past few years have been Italians, and in this connection it may be mentioned that very strict regulations have recently been passed by the Italian Government which will have the effect of considerably reducing the number of Italian migrants coming to Australia. Under these regulations, which apply to other parts of the world as well as Australia, passports to leave Italy will, in future, be granted only to intending Italian emigrants' only in cases where they are nominated by very close relatives, such as parents, nominating children, children of their parents, husbands and wives, and children's grandparents.

"As regards other classes of Southern Europeans, certain restrictions are in operation which have the effect of preventing such migrants from coming here in greater numbers than can be readily absorbed. For the most part they are nominated by relatives residing in Australia who guarantee to look after them on their arrival.

"Your League may be assured that the Commonwealth Government will continue to watch the whole situation carefully with a view to taking any action that may be called for in the light of all the circumstances which have to be considered in connection with the question."

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The lightnings that we dreamed have cloven
Time, space, and linked all lands in one!

Dreams! But their swift celestial fingers
Have knit the world with threads of steel,
Till no remotest island lingers
Outside the world's great Commonweal.

"Tell us that custom, sloth, and fear
Are strong; then name them 'common-sense!'
Tell us that greed rules everywhere;
Then dub the lie 'experience.'

Year after year, age after age
Has handed down through fool and child,
For earth's divinest heritage,
The dreams whereon old Wisdom smiled.

"Dreams, are they? But ye cannot stay them,
Or thrust the dawn back for one hour!

Truth, Love, and Justice, if ye slay them,
Return with more than earthly power:
Strive, if ye will to seal the fountains
That send the Spring through leaf and spray:
Drive back the sun from the Eastern mountains,
Then—bid this mightier movement stay.

"It is the Dawn! The Dawn! The nations
From East to West have heard a cry—
Through all earth's blood-red generations,
By hate and slaughter, climbed thus high,

Here, on this height, still to aspire,
Only one path remains untrod,
One path of Love and Peace climbs higher—
Make straight that highway for our God!"

—Alfred Noyes

One-Way Streets

Honor is a one-way street,
Where you need not fear to meet
Any who, for gain or fame,
Risk a good and honoured name,
Where no spy or charlatan
Ever comes or ever can.

Honesty's a one-way street,
Trodden but by willing feet;
Not by such as, could they choose,
Still would cheat e'er they would lose;
Such as, though the world counts just,
Are unworthy of your trust.

Truth, too, is a one-way street,
Where no bluffer you shall meet;
For, whoso prevaricates,
Or deceptive tales relates,
Be he king, or lord, or lout,
Needs must take the roundabout!

The Day's Work

The day's work counts—
It isn't what
You mean to do a week ahead;
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Federal Congress Deliberations

SOME MATTERS OF MOMENT

The 13th Federal Congress of the R.S.L. concluded at the Hotel Sydney at 4.15, on December 1st. Delegates sat continuously from 2.30 the previous Thursday. The Federal President, Captain G. J. C. Dyett, presided, and each state was represented by two delegates. Five State Secretaries were in attendance, the only absentee being the State Secretary from South Australia. The Federal Capital Territory at Canberra was for the first time given a voice at this year's Congress. Where the six States differ and the voting is equal the one lone delegate from Canberra is in a position to determine the fate of any serious question affecting the League of Australia.

Western Australia sent delegates to Congress charged with the advocacy of several resolutions vitally affecting the League's welfare. We desired to see a Federal Executive function in concert with the State Presidents. This State that no one man could carry the enormous responsibility of the League, interpret the wishes of the widely scattered States, and at the same time give inspiration to the Branches. It was unfair to the unselfish energy of Captain Dyett to ask him to carry on from year to year without the aid and wisdom emanating from an active Executive.

The Congress endorsed the desires of this State, and in future a Federal Executive will meet either at Melbourne or Canberra at least three times per year. The Executive will consist of all State Presidents, and if Sir John Monash and Sir Harry Chauvel respond to the desires of Congress and associate themselves with the work of the Federal Executive there is a bright future before the organisation.

After loyal messages had been despatched to His Majesty the King, and His Royal Highness the Duke of York's visit last year that occasion being only for social purposes.

The report mentioned that from royalties paid by the States in respect to poppy sales an Emergency Fund had been created approximating a million. This money was to be used to acquire a Secretary's residence at Canberra. Mr. Sadlier, V.C., a Western Australian delegate, pointed out that in this State an assurance was given the public that all poppy sales proceeds are for the alleviation of distress amongst the soldier community, and that the endorsing of the proposal included in the report would have a fatal effect on future Poppy Day appeals and would subject the Western Australian branch to an accusation of breach of faith. Some attempt was made to explain away the proposal by saying that the same thing came up year after year, without question. Finally, the amendment by Mr. Sadlier, V.C., was accepted.

Membership Drive.

The Sydney Federal Congress was dominated by the subject of a membership drive for the League. The drive for Western Federation in Paris has been in touch with great leaders like Sir John Monash, Sir Harry Chauvel, and Sir Neville Smythe, V.C. who are all conveying personal appeals to men who served with distinction. The drive has been sponsored by Mr. J. H. Bailey, the President of the W.S.L. Banner. Sir John Monash was present to receive the League's congratulations and to assist the League in its efforts to recruit the best of those who need help. Sir Neville Smythe's appeal will be confined to ex-Imperial soldiers, although this gallant officer at one time commanded the lst Australian Infantry Brigade at Gallipoli, and afterwards was G.O.C. of the 2nd Division in France. Sir Neville Smythe is now serving in Victoria.

April has been selected as the month for the appeals, and the full cost of printing will be used. Sir John Monash recommended that the idea, which, by the way, originated with our own State President, Colonel Collett, is to pass the appeal from one officer—other rank—to another and bluntly ask him: "What about it? What is he doing or has he done to help less fortunate cobbers?" It is a duty devolving on everyone by virtue of General or Lance-Private, and with the driving force of the three great soldiers, great surprise will not be felt if it is not effective.

War Pensions Appeal Board.

One of the biggest problems confronting the Federal Congress was the desirability of formulating recommendations as to the Constitution and functioning of the contemplated War Pensions Appeal Board. Discussion followed discussion, and unanimity was not reached until matters had been referred to Sub-Committee. Congress decided that appeals may be lodged in respect of entitlement and assessment of a war pension and that the Appeal Board should consist of (a) an ex-member of the A.I.F. to be nominated by the League; (b) a Government representative who saw service abroad with the A.I.F.; (c) a Chairman, preferably a Judge.

The following proposals arising out of a State Secretaries' Conference were agreed to:

(1) There shall be an appeal to the Appeal Board from the decisions of the Repatriation Commission in so far as they consist in (a) The rejection of any claim for a pension; (b) The assessment of a pension.

(2) Notwithstanding any decision of the Board, the ex-member will have the right to a further appeal on the production of fresh evidence, both as to entitlement and assessment.

(3) Two members shall form a quorum. Any appeal before the Board shall be upon evidence that has already been before the Commissioner. Any fresh evidence in connection with any case shall first of all be submitted to the Commissioner for further decision.

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(5) The appeal, which must be made on the authorised form, shall be lodged with the Deputy Commissioners.

(6) All appellants shall have the right to be represented by the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation, who will in due course, arrange for their submission to the Appeal Board, together with all previous medical reports and other relevant documents, including the medical history of the member of the forces during his period of service.

(7) The Board shall hear appeals in each State.

(8) All appeals lodged shall on receipt thereof be recorded by the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation, who will in due course, arrange for their submission to the Appeal Board, together with all previous medical reports and other relevant documents, including the medical history of the member of the forces during his period of service.

(9) The Appeal Board shall fix a time and place for the hearing of the appeal at which the appellant shall attend in person if so requested by the Board. Provided that either person to the appeal may attend viva voce evidence.

(10) If an appellant dies between the lodging of his appeal and the submission of it to the Board, the appeal shall not be determined to enable the necessary adjournment to be made by the Board in regard to the pension payable to any dependant. In such an event, the legal representative of the deceased appellant may appear in person before the Board in support of the claim and/or as provided in Clause 6.

(11) At least one month's notice by registered post shall be given to an appellant of the date fixed for the hearing of his appeal.

(12) The decision of the Appeal Board, together with all papers in connection with the appeal, shall be forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner in the State in which the appellant resides.

(13) Where practicable, the decision of the Board shall be conveyed to the appellant at the time of the hearing of the appeal or not less than fourteen days thereafter.

(14) An appellant shall be entitled to challenge the hearing by an additional adjournment necessary to appear before the Board, together with compensation for the loss of wages, or wages paid to substitute, such compensation not to exceed £7 per day during the actual period spent in appearing before the Board, and in travelling to and from the place at which the appeal is to be heard. The Board shall disallow any expenses or compensation as aforesaid where an appeal from a previous decision of the Board is deemed by it to be frivolous.

(15) The decision of the Board in respect to the acceptance of an appeal shall be at least retrospective to the date of the lodgement of the original appeal.

(16) The tenure of office of the members of the Board shall be for three years.

(17) The appellant to be given the benefit of any doubt that may exist.

(18) All papers, files and documents relating to the appeal be made available if required to the League's representative at least seven days before the hearing of the appeal.

(19) The appellant shall have the right to be granted an adjournment of the hearing of his case if he desires to secure further supporting evidence.

(20) That neither party shall be represented by a barrister or a solicitor.

One of the items discussed at the Federal Congress this year referred to the admission of aliens to the League. The Federal President pointed out that the rule provided that ex-service men of allied armies may be admitted after investigation. The Constitution did not make it obligatory. Anyhow, the whole matter of League eligibility is to be thoroughly gone into by the Federal Executive.

Many other items of interest discussed will be published in these pages as space permits.

Repat. Commissioner's Annual Report

A perusal of the report of the Commissioner for the year ending 30th June, 1928, discloses that 13,547 new claims were granted and 1,826 rejected during the year. 56,923 pensions were reviewed, of which 4,452 were cancelled or discontinued and 2,252 pensioners died. 266,670 pensions were in force, the liability for the year being £7,485,582. The total amount paid in pensions is £75,149,210 and on general reparation £21,524,382.

The Commission acts as agent for the British Ministry of Pensions, and as at 30th June, 6,018 pensions were being paid throughout the Commonwealth involving an expenditure of £329,049.

There has been a gradual increase in the number of patients receiving treatment from 4,292 in 1922 to 8,080 in 1928. Examination of the classification of diseases and comparison with former years shows that the increased number of treatments is in the main confined to the groups which comprise pleuritic, bronchitic, asthmatic, rheumatic and heart cases generally. This is to be expected, and with advancing age the treatment requirements of ex-soldiers in these groups will become more marked.

The many other activities of the Commission are comprehensively reported upon. The cost of administration for the period under review was 2.26 per cent. for war pensions and 6.63 per cent. for general reparation.

An interesting feature of the report is the comparison of pensions between Western Australia and the more populous States of Queensland and South Australia. War pensions current at 30th June were 27,495 for W.A., 27,138 for Q., and 16,835 for S.A.; the fortnightly liability being £29,476, £30,931 and £19,627, respectively. The explanation is that our State had the highest percentage of enlistments in proportion to population of any of the States and suffered a greater percentage of casualties.

The report shows that the Government in its "economy" drive made no cut into pensions expenditure, and that Commissioners Semmens, Tilney and Ryan have performed their difficult duties with credit to themselves and to the satisfaction of the general public, including those most interested—the ex-service men.

"Oh, Mr. Flimflam," breathed the enthusiastic young girl, "you do tell the most comical anecdotes of your experiences! Why don't you write them up and sell them to the funny papers?"

"That's where I get them," admitted young Flimflam. "It's not very likely they'd buy them back."

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Notes on Military Organisation
CHARACTERISTICS AND DEVELOPMENT OF ARTILLERY.
(Article No. III.)

For this article, attention will be confined to artillery, and it is proposed to give the various types of artillery and briefly enumerate their characteristics and development.

Light Artillery is the name given to what was previously known as Pack Artillery, a type well known to those who have had service in India and to members of the A.I.F., who admired the courage and devotion to duty of the two Indian Batteries in the early days of Anzac. This equipment has always formed an integral part of any force operating on the North-West Frontier of India, well described by Kipling as the "desert gun." It is carried in packs on mules, which are able to traverse the roughest and most mountainous country and has generally been of decisive value on the rare occasions when tribesmen have elected to stand and fight a battle of artillery.

Light Artillery was not introduced into the British Army until the end of the War, and the reason for its development is the need for having a close support weapon within easy reach of the infantry. This does not infer that infantry do not hope to get support from the Field Artillery, but in many cases in mobile warfare it will not be easy for guns located far back to differentiate between friend and foe.

The gun used is the 17-pdr. howitzer, very accurate, and with a heavy shell, which is admirably suited to deal with machine gun posts. Up to 1926, it was carried on pack mules, but now draught traction is used entirely, two mules in tandem being the normal team.

With the development of mechanical traction it is not improbable that a small form of cross-country tractor will eventually be adopted, thus giving greater value as a close support weapon owing to its ability to change position rapidly.

Up to date none of these guns have been introduced into Australia, but their value in many cases in this country will be readily appreciated when considering operations in timbered country such as is found in the vicinity of Perth and where field artillery would be very severely handicapped.

The one great point of difference between the organisation of light and field artillery is that a section and field battery is capable of being detached from the rest of its battery without any loss of efficiency. It has two officers and is self-contained as far as instruments are concerned. This is not the case of field artillery, which can only be detached for short periods and for a definite purpose, such as fixed/anti-tank defence.

Field Artillery.—To the gunners of the A.I.F., there will be little change in field battery, either in organisation or equipment. The Division still has its three field Artillery Brigades, each containing three 18-pounders and one 4.5in. Howitzer Battery. As far as organisation is concerned the main point of interest will be the increase of evening up the number of gun and howitzer batteries. In many classes of country, the gun is seriously handicapped by reason of its flat trajectory. The howitzer is suitable in practically all cases, but it is seriously deficient in range. Again, the demand at present is for more smoke, so that enemy observation will be blinder and our own infantry protected. The gun is a poor smoke-producing weapon; the howitzer an excellent one.

Taking all the factors into consideration, it is not unreasonable to expect that when the range of the 4.5in. howitzer is lengthened the number of these weapons with the field army will be increased at the expense of the 18-pounder.

As regards equipment, the 18-pounder proved itself in the Great War, to be thoroughly satisfactory. The latest model has a very much-increased arc of traverse over previous patterns, and it seems that the only improvement possible is to lighten the weight behind the teams without reducing the present advantages of the gun now possessed.

The chief defects of the 4.5in. howitzer are its lack of range and weight, and it is hoped that experiments now in progress will remedy this and make the weapon as handy in action as the 18-pounder.

There only remains for discussion the question of the means of traction. The chief advantage of horse drawn field artillery is that it can go almost anywhere. Against this are the facts that it is slow on the march, slow to change position, and its teams are conspicuous and highly vulnerable. If horses are replaced by tractors most of these disadvantages disappear, and this is now being done to a large extent in the British and all Continental armies. In Australia, a commencement has been made in Victoria and New South Wales with tractor drawn artillery. Its value to the Citizen Forces is great as the time spent in training horses and drivers, in stable duties, etc., can be more profitably employed, in the short time available, in training in gunnery.

The rigid frame six-wheeled lorry has, up to date, proved the most satisfactory, as a means of being able to haul the gun over all types of country, and a proportion of the ammunition required.

28th Battalion Notes
About 100 members and visitors gathered at the Soldiers' Institute on the 14th December to hold the Battalion's Reunion and Smoko Social, and all present agreed that the evening was a most pleasant one and that the time passed too quickly. Speeches were brief but very good, drinks were not too far apart, the artists gave of their best, and, as the evening progressed, the atmosphere grew more friendly and conversations were punctuated with frequent hand-shakes.

The completion of the Battalion History is eagerly looked for by all of us, and will be welcome news to learn that this will be in the hands of Mr. G. R. Bright, formerly of the A.I.F., who is now a resident of this district. The Committee hopes to be in a position to make a definite announcement about volume 2 in the very near future.

The addresses of the members and diggers are wanted by various of their old pals. Will they kindly forward them to the Secretary? Should you, the reader, know of their whereabouts, please tell them to drop a note to Sec. Kahan, River Street, South Perth.—Ern. Riley, Paddy McIntyre, and "Dad" Coulson.

Another of our members has passed to his rest and we will know Bill Roberts no more. One of the "Originals," Bill was a well-known figure in the Battalion and he was liked by all. To his widow we extend our heartfelt condolences.

This sheet of notes has to be sent in before the Annual General Meeting, the report of which will therefore appear in the next issue. The Committee desires to extend its seasonal greetings to all members and also to all sister associations.

As far as our Association is concerned, 1928 has been a good year, for it has seen a record membership. What 1929 holds in store for us, we do not know. Let us hope that it will give us new records, with peace and prosperity for all.

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A bluejacket, a private in a kilted regiment, and an Australian soldier forged together in the course of their afternoon’s amusement paired to a photographs and had their portraits taken. Having done so, they conceived the brilliant notion of repeating the process in each other’s clothes: so the blue-jacket arrayed himself in the kilt; the Scotsman in the uniform of the Australian, and the last named assumed the jumper and bell-bottomed trousers of the sailor. But they had looked upon the beer when it was so golden that they quite forgot to change back again, while leaving the photographer’s they made merrier still.

And towards evening the sleuth-hounds of the military police came upon three very hilarious members of His Majesty’s forces, staggering arm-in-arm down the roadway, whereupon they — the hilarious ones — were arrested and incarcerated for the night. The next morning, when the culprits were still too hazy and heavy-headed to give any satisfactory account of themselves, their garbings were removed and a photograph of evidence, and they were despatched under escort to their several destinations. Unfortunately, they were the wrong destinations; for the police authorities presently found themselves in possession of a viverant gentleman from the Antipodes; the C.O. of the Scottish battalion at Dumbries, with a horned-headed son of the sea in a kilt and a sporan; and the Australian C.O. on Salisbury Plain — we think it was — with an apron and rather unintelligible Scot.

We leave it at that. Who wouldn’t be a military policeman?

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SUB-BRANCH NOTES

BUNBURY

The activities of this sub-branch have aroused great interest in this town during the last six months. Since Mr. J. R. Gillett took over the reins as president, it has functioned and worked hard towards the ideals of the League as laid down in our constitution. Interest has not been confined locally, for, through the medium of the newspaper, which has generously spared space weekly for our activities, inquiries have been received from the Eastern States.

The sale of poppies this year was a record, and there were very few people in Bunbury not wearing one.

An “All Diggers” Concert Party has been formed, and their first public appearance to a crowded house resulted in the amelioration fund being augmented by £50. The idea of the entertainment was to provide something different to anything that had been shown here before. It materialised into a capital success. Mr. A. Parham, who, as Sergeant Kiwi, organised and produced the concert, was presented with a framed photograph of the party in recognition of his services.

This presentation was made at a social held on the 10th of December, at which the Assistant-Secretary and Col. Marginol represented the State Executive. Prominent citizens who also accepted the invitation to be present, went home more than greatly impressed with the work that the League is doing.

State-wide Re-union

When the decision of the State Executive that the re-union would be held at Bunbury next March was made known, this sub-branch became a hive of activity. Realising the work entailed in organising such a huge project, no time was lost in making a start. With the festive season at hand, the amelioration committee busy arranging to carry Christmas cheer to those who have need of it. The children of returned men are to be entertained to a party and Christmas tree on Saturday afternoon, the 22nd of this month, in Anzac Park, the local memorial. This is an innovation as far as Bunbury is concerned, and is being looked forward to by the kiddies with much excitement.

M. BARKER

The ordinary meeting of the Sub-Branch was held in the Memorial Club room on Wednesday evening, November 21. Mr. T. G. Sounness occupied the chair and presided over a good attendance of members.

Included in the correspondence was a letter from the Katanning Sub-Branch relating to the proposed grand district re-union, to be held at Tambellup on January 5th. A good representation of executive members is expected from Perth, for the idea of the re-union is to enlist, if possible, as many members of the Broomehill, Tambellup and Cranbrook districts, where at present no branch of the League exists — and where several non-members reside.

The secretary reported that he had interviewed the secretaries of the Katanning, Katanning and Gnowangerup Sub-Branches, also Mr. Jack Bruce, of Broomehill, Col. Birt of Tambellup, and Mr. Jack Gardiner, of Cranbrook, who had agreed to fall into line with the proposal, and who agreed to do all in their power to bring the re-union to a successful issue. Visitors have also promised to attend from Denmark, Torbay and Albany.

The secretary reported on the pleasure that the Albany re-union had been to the Branch members who made the trip; also the great success that the function had been.

Several other matters relative to pensions and repatriation were discussed and the secretary instructed to write for the information desired.

Regret was expressed at the inability of the Hon. Minister for Agriculture, together with other officials of the Agricultural Bank and Lands Department, to make the proposed tour of inspection of Mt. Barker and Kendend. This trip was cancelled owing to Mr. Millington having to take over Mr. Troy’s duties through the illness of the Minister for Lands. Mr. Millington has definitely promised to make the trip as soon as opportunity occurs.

Some time ago the branch decided to circulate relatives of comrades who fell in the Great War, with reference to their names being placed alongside of trees planted in their fonner homes. Several members have replied and the branch members have decided to bear the expense of those whose relatives are unknown. The secretary was instructed to order accordingly.

The secretary, Percy Gillam, who was a delegate to the R.S.L. Congress, then presented a full report of its doings to members.

OSBORNE PARK.

Show Day was held on December 1st, and a most successful carnival eventuated. As usual, members of the sub-branch were prominent workers. President H. Nugent was well to the fore, and in his control of the catering arrangements he showed masterly activity. He managed successfully the huge crowd at the show luncheon and secured accommodation for all. Mr. C. Shervill, another returned digger, who is also vice-president of the Agricultural Society, was kept busy. Mr. Fred Pepper, of the local sub-branch, was a steward; in addition, he made many creditable dis-
plays in the poultry section and secured several prizes. The collection of herbs shown by Mr. C. Garner, of the local branch, was generally admired. It was appropriately arranged and labelled, and comprised sweet basil, rue, dandelion, sage, wormwood, bitter aloes, bog-parsley, peppermint, coriander, rosemary, tarragon, mint, parsley, lavender, marjoram, dill, thyme, mullein, etc. Diggers present noticed the absence of a well-known medicinal herb, viz., hops. Our late secretary, Mr. J. Godfrey, was kept busy in the clerical department, and "Old Bill," in addition to committee duties, acted as ink-slinger for the "West Australian." Taken all round, diggers members worked hard to earn success for the show, and their efforts were successful.

President W. E. Robinson has a good word always for the ex-soldiers.

On Thursday, 20th inst, the branch entertained soldiers' children at a Xmas fete in the Soldiers' Club. In previous years the branch has held a Christmas treat for the six schools in the district in Findlay's Open-air Picture Gardens, but on this occasion funds would not permit of extensive generosity.

For several months the local branch has held fortnightly socials in the Soldiers' Hall in aid of the fund for the extension of the Agricultural Hall. These social events have terminated, with the result that £20 will be given over to the local Agricultural Hall Trustees. Diggers again.

The diggers of the branch are going to hold a dance on their own. Admission will be by the usual password: "G to H." (Morse code).

There is a probability of the Scotch soldiers of Osborne Park holding another " Hogmanay" night, similar to the successful event of last January. Members are awaiting a cable from Sir Harry Lauder as to whether he will bring in the "haggis," but it all depends upon whether Bert Hinkler will do another record trip.

The new "publicaness," Mrs. H. Norrish, is giving general satisfaction. The lady is with others, she lost brothers in the big scrap. Mrs. Norrish says that she never met a better lot of ex-soldiers, who are her patrons, and who can sing songs about "Sister Susie Sewing Shirts for Soldiers" or "Come What May, God Is Good."

Is it Dinkum—

That Bert Brown has opened a swimming area on his block in opposition to Wembley Beach, and that Amiee Kellerman is to be a star attraction next week, so that he wants to the Minister for Agriculture to undergo the usual ceremony of crossing the line?

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That the branch is going to do good, as they have a Float for the propeller?

That a discussion will end at next meeting amongst garden members as to who can grow the best underground cabbages and onions on trees?

That the next social is going to extend until the Electricity Department sounds "Lights out."

That our State, President will remember his visit to the Show on December 1st.

That he did not know what to admire most—the succulent vegetables, the fat cattle, the indolent swine, the multi-fariously coloured flowers, the beauteous maidens from the back-blocks, or the smile that was given to him when he wepted hands with "Old Bill" the ink-slinger.

That the amateur of the A.M.C. of the Park, when consulted over a recent casualty, gave as his cure, "Just paint with iodine!" (The good old Army cure!)

That the local branch is going to give an amateur performance of the great drama, "The Yellow Peril," also they have in rehearsal a stock company who will appear in the standard comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer," or "Caught Bending?"

That our Charlie of the Road Board advocated the purchase of mousetraps to catch the visiting grasshoppers.

That we intend to spend a Xmas period where elections cease from trouble and assiduity will be at rest?

That Osborne Park Sub-branch extends seasonable wishes to other branches and the Executive, and may they attend many functions?

NAREMBOEEN.

Despite the busy season, a large number, of diggers turned out to the social evening held on November 17. President Chas. G. Latham "treated" the assembly, paying all expenses. Chas. was in good form and seemed great hilarity when relating his experiences of his world tour, particularly when renewing his acquaintance with the Gippo. "Snowy" also excelled himself, and that fellow like Digger Luke and Francis Thomas Perpetual proved themselves good yarn spinners. It was a most enjoyable evening.

The next general meeting will be held on January 4th, when members are asked to attend to discuss important business. It is intended to sell the present R.S.L. Club and build a more spacious one. Full particulars next meeting.

Arthur Wilson, M.L.A., recently paid a brief visit to Narembeen to inspect his holding. Arthur reports that his British clearers are making good progress, and states that they "can't be beat." Members should attend the local races on New Year's Day.

MIDLAND JUNCTION.

This Sub-branch held their final meeting for the year in the Lesser Town Hall on Friday, 7th December, when there was an attendance of about sixty members. The Executive was represented by Messrs. Cooke and Lovell, each of whom gave a glowing account of the doings of the League.

The Sub-branch secretary gave an account of the work of the Sub-branch for the year and was pleased to report that the membership had now reached 100, and he appealed to those present to assist him to make it 150 next year. Songs were rendered by Messrs. W. Gray, O'Neill, Braithwaite, Fridele, and Tipping, whilst Mr. G. A. Kennedy ably officiated at the piano. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of "God Save the King" and "Auld Lang Syne."

RAILWAY WORKSHOPS.

Memorial Service on Armistice Day.

At the Railway Workshops' Memorial on Armistice Day, Sunday, November 11, a short service was held, under the auspices of the Railway Workshops and Midland Junction Sub-Branches R.S.L.

The Rev. W. H. Hyde officiated, and his address (the main theme of which was those glorious words, "Lest we forget") was full of merit, and it certainly brought home to his audience the fact that we owe a great deal of our freedom of to-day to our fallen comrades for whom this service was held.

The Midland Junction Salvation Army provided the music, and, after wreaths (Continued on Page 21).
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A good "Spot" for cold nights
were placed on the Memorial, an impressive silence of two minutes was observed. "The Last Post" was then sounded, during which the flags were dropped. The wreaths were laid by the Railway Workshops Sub-Branch R.S.L., C.M.E., office staff, and other sections of the Workshops, besides several from private sources.

Included in the crowd, which numbered about 300, were the Mayor and Mayoress of Midland Junction (Mr. and Mrs. Crosbie), Deputy Commissioner of Railways (Mr. E. A. Evans), Deputy C.M.E. (Mr. J. W. R. Broadfoot), and the Deputy Works Manager (Mr. R. N. Johnston). Mr. Alf. Yeates represented the State Executive R.S.L.; and Adjutant Miller, the Salvation Army.

Apologies were received from Rev. Saunders, B.A., the Rev. Adamson, and from the Editor of the "Swan Express." The service closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

The organisers wish to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who assisted at the service in any way.

**Poppy Day.**

Last Poppy Day was an innovation in the above Branch. In previous years the sale of poppies had been confined to the Workshops themselves, and although sales were fairly good, there were plenty who could have assisted the unfortunate digger and his dependants, but would not. However, it was decided that the Branch should try a section of the city this year, and this certainly met with better results. The committee of the Branch wish to voice their appreciation of the assistance rendered by those ladies and members who so generously assisted. The Aheiliation Fund has increased by about £18 through their services. As for wreaths, the Branch itself, naturally, took one to place on the Shops' memorial, and by subscription lists through some sections of the Workshops, besides the administrative offices, they were able to dispose of nine others. All ten wreaths were placed together at the memorial. It is well, perhaps, to mention the fact that all profits accruing from the sales of wreaths, poppies and citrons will go to the assistance of the sick and needy ex-service men and their dependants. By the way, there are four elevens (11's) connected with Armistice Day in 1929 (11th hour, 11th day, 11th month, and 11th year after the Armistice).

**KONDININ-KARLIGARIN**

The Kondinin-Karlgarin Sub-Branch, though one of the youngest sub-branches of the League, has over 30 financial members on its roll, which is not bad for a beginning, but it is up to all members to see that 1929, the Centenary Year, be made a year to be remembered by doubting the membership. There are many returned soldiers in our district who are not yet enrolled, and as the League is out to help all returned soldiers, it is up to them to help the League. The monthly meetings are held alternately at Kondinin and Karlgarin on the 4th Friday of the month.

Since the Sub-Branch was formed, much good work has been carried out on behalf of both members of the League and others not so fortunate, while it has taken a part more than once in helping to publicise the interests of the district as a whole, recognising that by these efforts the interests of returned soldiers will be best served.

On the occasion of the visit to Kondinin, some few months back, of Mr. Bankes Amery and the Hon. the Minister for Lands, the Sub-Branch took the opportunity of sending a deputation to Mr. Troy, urging the construction of the Kondinin-Karlgarin railway in order to relieve the hardships of Karlgarin settlers, some of whom have been carting in wheat to the railway over distances of from 16 to 54 miles for a period of six years and more. More recently the Sub-Branch has approached the Government again, asking for a subsidy for these settlers on their wheat carting, failing the establishment of wheat dumps in the outer town.

Another matter which has been fought for recently is the establishment of a District Office at Kondinin for the Agricultural Land and I.A.B., and a letter received recently from Mr. Harry Brown, M.L.A., stated that... the Managing Trustee, Mr. McLarty, Mr. McLarty, was in favour of the move, but his main objection is the want of suitable office accommodation in Kondinin. This, however, can easily be overcome, as the Kondinin Road Board has offered to provide an office for the use of a District Office staff.

At the Annual Congress, one of the Branch's items on the agenda paper was that all surplus payments for 1928 be included in the total of debts funded, in the case of assisted settlers' debts being funded. Delegate Joe Watson was sent along with Mr. Benson to interview Mr. McLarty on this and other matters, and Mr. McLarty gave a definite assurance that this would be done. It is up to the League now to see that this promise is fulfilled. By the way, Joe was the only delegate to get his cartoon into the "Listening Post." Such is fame!

Just now the Sub-Branch is organising a sports meeting and gymkhana to be held in January, to augment the funds of the Kondinin Hospital and incidentally their own to a lesser extent. Several track races and other horse events, motor car and motorbike and pedestrian events also are mooted, and it is proposed to offer fair prizes, so that good competitions should take place in the pedestrian events. Strong committees have been formed to organise the various classes of competitions, with "specialists" on each.
"In Days of Old"
(By W.A.)

(Under this heading it is intended to reproduce many of the literary effusions of Diggers contributed to the various war magazines instituted during hostilities. The author had some experience in instituting and conducting an hospital journal which ultimately became a county monthly, and was chiefly organised by a lady journalist of London, and—whisper it—was printed in Fleet Street, the journalistic hub of the world. Not only literary efforts were given, but some of the best artists in Australia gave sketches to this magazine, including cartoons from the London Punch."

Circumstances will not permit us to reproduce some of this pictorial-material. It is hoped that this column or two will relieve the dry monotony of digesting official and other matter. Many Digger who has some literary reminiscences of other days that have appeared in black and white, can forward same to "W.A." this office, and we'll censor or publish same. The following was published in March, 1917, in the "Harefield Park Boomerang," issued by permission of Lieut. Col. Hayward, O.C. of the No. 1 A.A.H., and officially announced in those days as "passed by the censor." At that time this magazine was edited by Mr. C. L. A. H. for a north-west constituency, W.A., who left with the A.A.M.C. and during his absence on war service, his seat was jugged. Now literary Diggers, we want your war effusions. Many will remember the Park Lane referred to below, as it was a main artery from the Asbestos Works, where hundreds of girls were employed, and who made special efforts to promenade that lane while "Aussies" were in possession. Prose as well as verse will be acceptable, so come forward with your yarns of old.

THE LONELY LITTLE SIDE GATE
IN PARK LANE, (1916)

I'm an M.P. hale and hearty,
But my dukes on all that's naughty,
Though my duties often cause me
grief and pain;
When the patients stray from grounds,
Then I whisper "out of bounds."

At a lonely little side gate in Park Lane,
When the flappers and the cooks
Give me the glad-eye look,
I shudder— as I marches through the rain;
But I chuckles with delight
At the sights I see at night,
When on duty at the side gate in Park Lane.

The kiddies round me get,
They will call 'mother pet,'
And I treat them all with humour and
disdain,
But I very often think,
I'd be better in the clinic,
Than promenading this flaming Park Lane.

I believe I've got a lease,
Until Fritz concludes a peace,

Though why I really cannot now explain,
In my West Australian home, I will often dream I roam,
Past the lonely little side gate in Park Lane.

Congress Resolutions and
Departmental Replies

MIGRATION Resolutions.—Congress urges the Federal and State Governments to give special consideration in their migration programs to the migration from the United Kingdom of ex-Imperial Service men and women.

Reply from Under Secretary for Lands and Immigration—

"I have the honour by direction to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, forwarding copy of a resolution of the recent State Congress, in respect of giving special consideration in the migration program to the migration from the United Kingdom of ex-Imperial Service men and women."

"In reply I beg to inform you that at present practically all male migrants aged thirty years and over are ex-Imperial Service men; they are, however, confined mostly to nominees proceeding under the nomination system. A few ex-Service men arrive under our farm-workers' requisition, but the majority of farm-workers are young men, aged nineteen to twenty-five years who, of course, are naturally not ex-Service men. Our domestic requisition is also filled from girls who are too young to have been ex-Service women."

"Except by nomination, married couples are not being introduced under the Agreement at present, but the position as explained above will no doubt satisfy your League that we act as far as possible in keeping with the resolution of the Congress. I may add that the Hon. the Minister will at all times give sympathetic consideration to any question which you may submit."

COUNTRY WOMEN Resolutions.—That the Government be asked to make arrangements for instruction to women in county 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.

Reply from Minister for Agriculture—"With reference to your letter dated the 30th October, covering a resolution passed by your Congress relative to the Women's Rural Household Science Course. I have to advise that after full consideration it was decided, as Muresk offered the best facilities for this purpose, to hold the course there."

"You are probably aware it was held at Muresk this year, and will realise that it is quite out of the question to hold one in Perth as well."

Forget It

If you see a tall fellow ahead of a crowd,
A leader of men, marching fearless and proud,
And you know of a tale whose mere telling
Would cause his proud head to in anguish be bowed—
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know a skeleton hidden away
In a closet, and guarded and kept from the day
In the dark; and whose showing, who's sudden display,
Would cause grief and sorrow and life-long dismay—
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a thing that will darken the joy
Of a man or a woman, a girl or a boy,
That will wipe out a smile, or the least way annoy
A fellow, or cause any gladness to cloy—
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

—G.L.B.

Hateful Husband: 'Your extravagance is simply appalling! When I die you'll probably have to beg.'

Wonderful Wife: 'Well, I shall be better off than the poor women who never had any practice, at any rate.'

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