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Notwithstanding little pinpricks and jars—over reparation agreements and naval limitations, the Entente Cordiale between Britain and France is not likely to be seriously disturbed, any more than occasional bickerings between its members indicate that the British Empire is on the point of disruption. In either case, disagreements upon non-essential matters are seized upon by interested parties, magnified, and given a prominence altogether beyond their significance, probably in the hope that more serious trouble will result. Unfortunately, newspaper talk cannot always be taken seriously. It is too often tinged with propagandist bias. Better evidence of the feeling existing between two countries is to be found when their representatives meet socially. This is thoroughly borne out by the enthusiastic receptions received-in all Australian ports by the French cruiser "Tourville," and by the gracefully unostentatious manner in which the French officers honoured our dead by placing wreaths on the various war memorials.

General Hobbs summed up the situation when proposing the toast of the British Empire and France during the dinner, at which Captain Jean Odendahl, Commander of the "Tourville," was the guest of the Press Sub-Branch. "Since the forming of the Entente Cordiale, by Edward VII," said General Hobbs, "England and France had got to know each other well, and the alliance had meant the salvation of the greater part of the civilised world. Since the Treaty of Versailles, each nation had, sincerely endeavoured to straighten out the tangle caused by the war. Malicious people had tried to sow distrust and misunderstanding, but patience and forbearance had brought about a settlement of what seemed at one time an impossible situation. The English and French races should know each other better, and the visit of the "Tourville" would assist towards that end. People had cavilled at the attitude of France towards reparations, but those who had fought in France knew what France had suffered. The French were trying to prevent a recurrence of the devastation which had been their lot for centuries; they might forgive, but they never could forget."

Captain Odendahl, in replying, said that he had not had much opportunity of seeing Australian troops during the war, but he knew that Frenchmen had a very warm regard for them. Australians and Frenchmen had fought hard together against the same enemy with entire loyalty to each other, and that loyalty still existed. Six months ago he saw the funeral of the late Marshal Foch in Paris—a ceremony at which it was obvious that the hearts of the two countries were beating together. The presence of the Prince of Wales gratified France, and all France was sensible of the sympathy which prompted his attendance. He hoped that the spirit engendered by the war would not die, and that the friendship of England and France would be potent to serve peaceful and economic ends.

Sentiments like these, expressed in public by men who fought side by side, and who know one another's countries and people, are a truer indication of the feeling existing in those countries than a multitude of cabled comment which is often partisan, and often mangled, in transit. There is a bond of blood between us and the French, which it will be hard to break, and which no one desires to break except those who fought against us on the opposite side of No Man's Land—or on soap boxes at home.

The "Listening Post"

Owing to the Congress report being published in this issue, we have been forced to depart from our usual layout, and to prune most of the contributed items. Sub-branch officials should not fail to file this number for reference purposes. We know of members as well as sub-branches who consistently file their copies of this paper.

We thank those sub-branches and the many members who kindly congratulated us on the improved L.P. of last month, which standard we not only intend to maintain, but to improve upon. Members can help greatly by mentioning the journal when purchasing from our advertisers.

The W.A. Digger Book

TO BE ISSUED IN NOVEMBER

The Western Australian Digger Book is in the hands of the printer, and copies will be available by November 24.

This Centenary effort of the League was entrusted by the State Executive to the Press Sub-Branch, and the result will be such that every returned man or woman should purchase a copy. The ordinary edition will cost 5½d., but a limited number of de luxe copies will be available and sold for £1 1s. All profits will go to the State War Memorial Tablet Fund. Sub-branches of the League are requested to assist by collecting subscriptions from members.
THE MONTH

An Effusion from Hughes.

It is notorious that Mr. W.M. Hughes is a bad loser, but one who would have expected him to show some modicum of dignity in the hour of his success. Whether we agree or disagree politically with Mr. Bruce, all of us must admit that he is a man of outstanding moral calibre and one who has consistently endeavoured to instil a little common or garden decency into parliamentary life. Moreover, at a time when efforts are being made to rally the returned soldiers as a body beneath the banner of Hughes, diggers should pause long enough to ask themselves—Why? We have heard quite a lot of Mr. Hughes' efforts on behalf of the soldier man, and of his popularity among the troops, but when these claims are examined they will be found to rest upon a shadowy basis. In spite of Mr. Hughes' great service to the Empire, he was a confounded nuisance at A.I.F. Headquarters. He gave us the war gravy, but it will be remembered that the Labour Party promised a similar concession in the event of their being returned to office. Then, too, there was that matter of the £25,000. The writer holds no brief for Mr. Bruce. It is hard to overlook his attempt to meet a deficit by paring down the country's defences. But, after all, Mr. Bruce rendered personal service in the front line, and received severe wounds as well as a decoration. Mr. Hughes' jibes at a leader whom he persistently strove to undermine are uncalled for and unsportsmanlike. It was the late Alfred Deakin, who on one occasion compared Mr. Hughes to the screaming child dragged away from the tart shop, and the comparison was apt, for history has shown that Mr. Hughes can neither lose like a man nor win like a gentleman.

Varia

In view of the change of government in Afghanistan, it has been suggested that this distressful country will adopt for its national anthem the well-known "Habbibullah, I'm a Bum!"

Apropos the Federal Congress, the energetic "Bill" Beer, of Fremantle Sub-Branch, has arranged for the "Wise Men of the Yeast" to be Fremantle's guests on November 11th.

We were asked the other day if we knew of a digger jeweller in Perth. We sent our friend along to The Gift Salon in Trinity Arcade, central Hay Street, which is owned by a digger, and a member of the Perth Sub-Branch, in the person of Bob Greenshields, who served with the 11th Battery. It is getting near Christmas, and other diggers who believe in practical preference may find some interest in this information.

In town during show week and looking very fit after his European trip, Tom Stenn, head teacher of the Beverley State School.

Paul Jones, who retains the Indi seat, has had a varied career. He has been successively mining machinist, school teacher, permanent soldier, and politician. Paul is an M.A. of Melbourne 'Varsity, and was appointed to the Physical Training Instructional Staff of the Military forces in 1912. He went to the war with a tunnelling company, and was at one time stationed in this State.

In response to several queries, we hasten to assure our readers that the Cottesloe Council was not one of the signatories of the Kellogg Peace Pact.

We were assured yesterday that the Kelly incident was a joke put up on the local police by the visiting eastern commissioners.

State War Memorial

UNVEILING CEREMONY ON NOVEMBER 24th

A Sub-Committee of the State War Memorial Council, consisting of Rabbi Freedman, Generals Hobbs and Jess, Colonel Collett and Mr. E.S. Watt, have arranged a tentative programme for the unveiling ceremony of the memorial, which will take place at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, November 24th.

His Excellency the Governor will unveil the memorial, and other short addresses will be given by General Hobbs, Colonel Collett and Rabbi Freedman, who will be the Chairman.

It is expected that an enormous crowd will be present, and that hundreds of wreaths will be laid on the monument. Owing to the limited space available, unit associations will be officially represented by only a few representatives each, who will march, probably from Harvest Terrace.

Owing to the large number of subscribers, it has been found impracticable to issue special invitations, but it is anticipated that all who can manage it will be present.

Colonel Margolin will be chief marshal, and metropolitan sub-branches have been asked to nominate assistants.

The memorial will be complete except for the names on the tablets, and perhaps the lay-out of the surroundings.

The leading philatelic journal of the United States has said several complimentary things about Australia's new air mail stamp. The design is described as artistic and characteristic, and is contrasted favourably with American stamps, whose designs are said to be wooden and featureless. Thanks very much, Uncle. For those few kind words we think we'll let you win the old war after all.

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Present.—All delegates consisting of Messrs. Collett, Riley, Smith, Freedman, Philip, Watt, Tyler, Longmore, Cornil, Logie, Cooke, Yeates, Sadlier, Pady, Parker, Wells, Denton, Margolin, Shaw, Lovell, Tozer, Dunkley, Farquharson, Bader, and Edmonds.

Management Committee’s Report.—Meetings and Quorum: On the recommendation of the Management Committee, it was agreed that the Executive meet on every alternate Wednesday, commencing on the 16th October, and that the quorum at all meetings be eleven members.

Standing Committee.—On the recommendation of the Management Committee, it was agreed that the following be the Standing Committee, and the personnel thereof for the year 1929-30: Finance Committee—Messrs. Smith, Wells, Tozer, Margolin, Parker.

House Committee.—Messrs. Philip, Bader, Sadlier, Cooke, Tyles, and Farquharson.

Employment and Pensions Committee.—Messrs. Riley, Watt, Pady, Longmore, Edmonds, and Dunkley.

Land Committee.—Messrs. Yeates, Shaw, Denton, Logie, and Cornil.

Management Committee.—The President (Col. Collett), Vice Presidents (Rev. C. L. Riley and Mr. C. P. Smith), Immediate Past President (Rev. D. L. Freedman).

Art Union Committee.—Messrs. Cooke, Pady, Lovell, Tyler, Dunkley, and Bader.

Relief Fund Committee.—Messrs. Tyler, Philip, and Watt.

Visiting Committee.—Rev. Freedman, Messrs. Tozer, Farquharson, Cooke, and the State Secretary.


Federal Correspondence.—Report of the 4th Biennial Conference, B.E.S.L.: The report by the delegates to the 4th Biennial Conference of the British Empire Service League was received and laid on the table for the information of members.

Building Memorial Hall, Canberra.—A communication from the Federal Executive embodying a copy of one from the Canberra Branch concerning the building of a Memorial Hall, which would contain offices for the Federal Headquarters, was received. As the proposal entailed a financial proposition, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration and report to the next Executive meeting.

Employment Bureau.—The report of the Employment Bureaux throughout the Commonwealth for the month of August was received.

Australian Dried Fruits.—A communication from the Federal Executive concerning this matter was referred to the Land Committee.

Invitation to General Sir Ian Hamilton to visit Australia.—The N.S.W. Branch had suggested that an invitation be extended to Sir Ian Hamilton to visit Australia, in 1930. Copies of correspondence between the Federal President and the Branch were received, and as the matter had been included as a resolution to the forthcoming Federal Congress, it was left in the hands of our delegates.

Financial Crowns.—A sample of crowns had been received from the Federal Executive for 1930. It was considered to be a very poor one, and the Secretary had communicated with the General Secretary pointing out that it was unsatisfactory. The action was endorsed.

Entry of League into Politics.—The Federal Executive forwarded a copy of a communication received by them from the President of the Federal Capital. Territory Branch, which advocated the entry of the League into politics. A resolution to this effect would be placed before the forthcoming Federal Congress, and the matter was, therefore, left in the hands of delegates.

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Federal Congress.—Entertainment: The Management Committee recommended that the idea of a monster smoke social be abandoned for the reason that a suitable hall could not be obtained, also that the suggested entertainment by six metropolitan branches on the Friday evening be abandoned, owing to the possibility of Congress sitting in the evening. The programme of entertainments to be as follows:—Tuesday: 1 p.m., Legacy Club luncheon, to which delegates had been invited. Evening, Perth and Fremantle Sub-Branches to arrange suitable entertainments for delegates. Wednesday: Press Sub-Branch luncheon, to which delegates had been invited. Thursday: Parliamentary luncheon.

Invitations.—The following invitations from sub-branches were left in the hands of the President:—South Perth, Friday, October 25th; Nannup, Friday, November 15th; Collie, November 3rd; Northam, November 11th; Kellerberrin, October 27th.

Edward Milen Home.—An interim report was delivered by Rabbi Freedman on behalf of the Visiting Committee in connection with complaints received concerning the Edward Milen Home. A delegation from the North Perth Sub-Branch was granted permission to attend the meeting. Messrs. Axford and McDonald took the opportunity of asking questions. The report was received.

Moved by Mr. Longmore, seconded by Mr. Pady: That the President and the Visiting Committee prepare a report for publication, setting out the action taken by the Committee in connection with the alleged complaints, and the position of the Executive at the present time—Carried.

Armistice: Medals.—Advice was received from

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the Deputy Master of the Royal Mint that small silver medals were available at 8/6 each, large bronze at 10/6 each, and small bronze at 2/6. The Deputy Master also advised that two large bronze medals had been reserved, and had been mounted, and were presented to the League. The Secretary was instructed to suitably thank the Deputy Master.

National Anthem.—The Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch advised that the Kalgoorlie Council had agreed to ask all hieris of the local theatre to carry out the League’s wish in this connection.

Aliens on Mines.—The Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch asked that the Executive’s resolution adopting the sub-committee’s report on the bill before Parliament concerning aliens on mines, be expunged from the Minutes. Mr. Sadlier gave notice of his intention to move at the next Executive meeting that the resolution carried at the Executive meeting on the 4th September, 1929, adopting the Sub-Committee’s report be rescinded.

War Service Homes.—The Secretary read a telegram received from the Federal Executive advising that no money would be available for the building of war service homes until June next. Sufficient had been made available for existing commitments in this State. He gave instances of applicants who were suffering hardships as the result. It was agreed that a further telegram be forwarded to the Federal Executive in this connection, urging that further representations be made.

Sub-Branch Officials.—The appointment of secretaries to the following sub-branches was approved:—Bayswater: R. B. Anderson; Kojonup: J. E. H. Robinson; Gascoyne: E. Cumming; Dowak: G. Andrews.

Preferment.—Wongan Hills Road Board.—Messrs. Logic and Wells delivered a report at a meeting held at Wongan Hills on the 22nd September. The report stated that the instruction of the Executive concerning the threatened expulsion of members of the Wongan Hills Sub-Branch had been carried out, the reference to it being expunged from the minutes. Fresh officers were elected, and Messrs. Logic and Wells considered that the Branch was once more on a sound footing. The report was adopted, and the thanks of the Executive were extended to Messrs. Logic and Wells.

Congress Items.—Items referred by Congress to the Executive were referred to appropriate committees, and those needing the Executive’s consideration were deferred until next meeting.

Secondary Industries.—A letter was received from the Shell Oil Company of Australia concerning secondary industries.

Suggested Lecture, Armistice Night.—The President of the Canberra Branch advised by telegram that he had secured films and slides of the Federal Capital, including the Commemoration Ceremony of the Australian War Memorial. He stated that he would be prepared to lecture on this subject in Perth in aid of District Funds, and suggested Armistice night.

After discussion, it was decided to inform the President of Canberra Branch that a suitable hall was available.

“Preventorium.”—The President of the Kellerberrin Sub-Branch advised that Mr. Stewart Patterson had in the course of construction, a building to be known as a “Preventorium,” to be used as a hospital for sick and deformed children. Mr. Patterson also communicated on the “same subject. It was agreed that publicity be given to the matter.

Memorial Park, Maylands.—The Perth Road Board invited delegates from the Executive to meet the Board and discuss the whole question of the alienation of portion of the Memorial Park. On the motion of Mr. Sadlier, seconded by Mr. Longmore, it was agreed that legal advice be obtained and that delegates attend the meeting of the Road Board as desired. Messrs. Cooke and Wells were appointed.

King’s Message.—A communication was received from the B.E.S.L., asking the support of this Branch in disposing of printed copies of His Majesty’s Message to the British Nation and the world at large. The letter was received, and the Secretary stated that copies were available for those who required them.

Australian Performing Rights Association.—A communication was received from the Australian Performing Rights Association concerning the licensing of the Soldiers’ Institute and other soldier halls. It was agreed that a copy be forwarded to the Maylands and Collie Sub-Branches.

Broadcasting.—Mr. C. Bader had communicated with the State President concerning an offer he had received from Mr. Kirke, General Manager for Western Australia of the Australian Broadcasting Company. Mr. Kirke suggested that perhaps members of the Executive would be prepared to give a ten minutes’ talk one night per week on matters of League interest, the first to be on Thursday, 17th October.

Moved by Mr. Bader, seconded by Mr. Watt: That the State Executive accept Mr. Kirke’s offer, and arrangements be made to broadcast matters of League interest each week as suggested. The State Secretary agreed to take the first talk on the 17th.—Carried.

Boyup Brook.—Major Whitell, President of the Bridgetown Sub-Branch, reported on his visit to Boyup Brook on behalf of the Executive. As the result of the Re-Union, the Sub-Branch had been reformed. The Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the Executive to Major Whitell.

Art Union, Albany.—Correspondence between the Albany Sub-Branch and the State Secretary in connection with the Art Union being conducted by the Sub-Branch was received. The Secretary’s action in pointing out certain irregularities to the sub-branch was confirmed.

In this connection the Management Committee
recommended that in addition to the conditions already existing covering the conduct of art unions by sub-branches, in future, a copy of the proposed ticket shall be forwarded to the Executive when approval for the conducting of an art union is sought.

Unveiling State War Memorial.—The President advised delegates that the State War Memorial will be unveiled on the 24th November. He asked permission to circularise Unit Associations, requesting representatives to attend, and suggested that metropolitan sub-branches appoint marshals, under the supervision of Colonel Marginson, to assist in the conduct of the affair.

Reports.—The State Secretary read the report of the operations of the office for the preceding fortnight. The report was received.

Poppy Day.—The report of the Poppy Day Committee meeting, held on the 19th October, was received and adopted.

Pageant Committee.—Mr. Cooke delivered a report of the Committee appointed to arrange suitable tableaux in the Historical Pageant held on the 2nd October. The report was considered very satisfactory, the expenditure entailed being quite reasonable. The report was adopted, and the thanks of the Executive extended to the Committee responsible.

Women's Auxiliaries, State Executive.—A report by Mrs. Hoperton on the activities of the State Executive of the Women's Auxiliary for the preceding twelve months was received and laid on the table for the information of members.

Employment Bureaux.—Figures for the Employment Bureaux for the month of September, were received.

Relief Fund.—Mr. Phillips submitted the report of the Relief Fund for the month of September. The report was received.

Unit Associations' Re-Unions.—Delegates reported having represented the Executive at the following re-unions:—28th Battalion, 11th Battalion, 16th Battalion, 48th Battalion, and 10th Light Horse.

Gnowangerup Sub-Branch.—Rabbi Freedman reported having represented the Executive at Gnowangerup.

Centenary Band Contest.—The Secretary was instructed to convey to the Perth Sub-Branch congratulations on the successful conduct of the Centenary Band Contest.

Belka Ward, Merredin Road Board.—The Secretary delivered a report on the severance of this ward from the Merredin Road Board, and its inclusion in the Bruce Rock area. He stated that a ballot had been taken, and by a two to one majority, Bruce Rock was favoured. The Minister had no option but to take action to include it in that area.

The Secretary recommended that his report be forwarded to the Merredin Sub-Branch, with a recommendation that the matter of further representation be left to the Parliamentarians of both Houses. The report was received and adopted.

32nd Battalion Association

The Annual General Meeting of the 32nd Battalion Association was held at the R.S.L. Rooms, on Monday, 14th October.

There was a large attendance, and at the conclusion of the business a very happy re-union took place, and several toasts were honoured.

The President's Report disclosed a very satisfactory position, and a large increase in membership. Reports of assistance to comrades and dependents were heartily commended. The election of office-bearing for the ensuing term resulted as follows:—Patron, General Sir Talbot Hobbs, K.C.M.G.; President, L. St., John Kennedy; Vice-Presidents, G. V. Abjorson, Colonel T. Flintoff, and C. Massey (Kalgoorlie); Hon. Treasurer, W. Junner; Hon. Auditor, L. Lobascher; Committee, J. Bull, A. Stowe, T. Flindell, C. Martin, Tony Wolfson, and S. Gordon; Hon. Secretary, R. Alexander, Government House, Perth.

28th Battalion Notes

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Never before has the membership of the 28th Battalion—stood so high. A cloud has, however, appeared on the horizon. Our Secretary, Mr. H. K. Kahn, is at present in the St. John of God Hospital, and if the energetic Mabel does not make a rapid and thorough recovery and get back into harness, the ratio of membership-increase is likely to drop. Meanwhile, Mr. Moss, of the State Audit Department, is carrying the double burden of both Treasurer and Secretary.

Many well-known twentyeights were down in town from the back-blocks during Show Week. There is, however, an indeterminateness about the faces met about town during that period, a sort of haziness that makes one hesitate to mention names. We are sure, however, that Tim Curran's was one of those seen.

Commencing at 12 o'clock and lasting till 2 (in order to suit those lunching at different times), the next lunch will be held at the Cabin Tea Rooms on Monday next, October 28th.

"The 28th are Happy."—Yes, but not so "Free" as heretofore. With the "Old Man" literally "chained to the helm," and a hard worked crew of five in the R.S.L. Ship of State; with innumerable members "second on duty" as presidents, etc., of sub-branches, with sub-committee meetings, re-unions, dinners, etc., to attend—well, yes, "Happy" still, but "Free"? No, not much.

Keith McKenzie's White Onions are maturing well. The next meeting of the 28th Association Committee will be held at the residence of Mr. Keith McKenzie, Cottesloe.

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10th Light Horse Re-Union

The Annual Re-Union of the Tenth Light Horse was celebrated on Tuesday, October 8th. In addition to The King and Fallen Comrades, the following toasts were honoured:—Navy, Army and Air Forces, proposed by the President, Major Timperley, the Tenth Light Horse, proposed by General Hobbs, responded to by Lieutenant Colonel Sweetapple, Kindred Units, proposed by Lieutenant Wix Woodrow, and responded to by Lieutenant Farquharson, and an impromptu toast to the regiment’s V.C., Hugo Throssell, proposed by the Chairman. Community singing and other musical items lent tone to the proceedings. The appointment of Arthur Sweetapple as President for the ensuing year was a most popular one.

“A Feast of Music”

Perth Sub-branch of the R.S.L. carried out a big Centenary undertaking in the Interstate Band Contest. Its committee, with the secretary of the Sub-branch, Mr. G. S. Mellor, as organiser, was engaged on the work for over twelve months, and the fact that their efforts attracted no less than fourteen bands, including four from the Eastern States, testified to the efficiency of their efforts. The contest was a notable contribution to the Centenary festivities, the presence of so many bands in the city at that time being of material assistance to functions other than the contest itself. Musically, too, this State must benefit. The playing of Collingwood Citizens’ Band and Holden’s Motor Body Builders Band was an education to local combinations, and the result should be reflected in increased efficiency throughout the band world of the West.

To the general public the display of diagram marching on Perth Oval was a revelation. Performing intricate movements while playing on the march the fourteen bands put up a wonderful performance, which was a treat to eye and ear. The “A” Grade own choice at Carnival Square was listened to by many of Perth’s music lovers, and that particular evening was summed up by an expert critic who described it as “a feast of music.” It is a pity the weather was so cold and, on two evenings, wet, because the branch was unable to recoup itself for the outlay of £2,100 which the contest cost. However, with a better public appreciation next year, and held in more suitable weather, Perth Branch will probably get its own back—and more.

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PILBARRA

This is a country of big distances, but distance does not prevent the holding of successful re-unions. The long-expected gathering at Marble Bar is evidence of this, members attending from such places as Port Hedland, Eginah, Lalla Rookh, Coongan, Bungalow Station, War­ralong, and De Grey River, and comprised squatters, business men, Government servants, and others. After the toast of “The King” and “Fuller Comrades,” the President (Mr. Ross Keen) alluded to the good fellowship existing among diggers, and to the wonderful work the League has done for Australia. The toast of the State Executive, coupled with the name of Colonel Collett, was proposed by Mr. H. Lamond. A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Jeffries, Robinson, and McCracken, was appointed to deal with a letter received from the Port Hedland Vermin Board, in connection with surplus funds held by their central committee. Another report dealt with work done in the branch in which the committee had conducted and financed the burial of a comrade killed in shooting accident the previous week. The proposal to establish a reserve fund to meet similar contingencies in the future was left in abeyance.

On the financial report it was adopted the health of the trustees (Messrs. Goode and Jeffries) was proposed by Mr. Taplin, and responded to by Mr. Jeffries. Mr. Taplin, who has just returned from an overland trip to Broome, aroused enthusiasm by conveying the greetings of the Kimberley Sub-Branch to the gathering.

FREMANTLE

On October 10 the usual fortnightly meeting was held, and President Theo. Brennan presided over a well-attended gathering. Referring to the success of the State’s Centenary Celebrations the President stated that the Sub-branch’s Armistice Night celebration must be up to similar standard. On this occasion delegates to the Federal Congress will be the guests of the Sub-Branch. The arrangements for this hop-over are in the capable hands of Messrs. Richardson (secretary), Phil. Jane, and Bill Beer, and the charge for admission will be two shillings. The matter of the euchre parties, held every Wednesday night in the Institute, and which are the backbone of the Fremantle sub-branch’s amelioration fund, then received attention. These parties have been falling off lately, and to provide a necessary tonic it was decided to donate £2 in prizes. Bill Beer and C. Allen are in charge of the euchre trades.

Our Fremantle correspondent draws attention to a hitch in the arrangements for the Fremantle Centenary Pageant. On this occasion it had been stated in the Press that accommodation would be provided for returned-soldiers and sailors. The accommodation was not available, and many returned men were deeply disappointed. This was not the fault of the sub-branch, whose members would willingly have constituted a special fatigue and carried chairs from the Institute to the Esplanade, but of those in charge of the general arrangements. The Listening Post sympathises with Fremantle. We, ourselves, remember an incident which occurred during the visit of the Duke and Duchess, when the men of the “Renown” were being entertained. On this occasion the sub-branch of the League was the only body not invited to participate.

Fremantle generally does things well, and the “Canberra” boys had the time of their sweet young lives while in port. They seem to have enjoyed to the full those dances at the Institute. When the Institute is mentioned one’s thoughts naturally fly to its efficient manager, Arthur E. Kirby, his lieutenant, George Hanna, and Mrs. Kirby. Our correspondent informs us that Arthur E. is thoroughly conversant with all the rules, regulations, ration, and rough stuff of the place. Mrs. Kirby is also an indefatigable worker, and at present is the mainspring of the ladies’ committee for Poppy Day.

UPPER BLACKWOOD

On Saturday, September 21, a centenary function was celebrated at Boyup Brook, which was attended by representatives of the Imperial and Colonial Services from all parts of the district, and from Bridgetown. Apologies were received from seven members and from the R.S.L. Executive. After the toasts of “The King,” “Absent Comrades,” the Chairman (Lieu. W. E. Inglis, M.M.) proposed that of “The Navy, the Army, and the Air Force.” Mr. W. Neal, replying on behalf of the Navy, maintained the traditions of the Silent Service, by making a very brief speech. Mr. Young-Jamison briefly responded for the Imperial Army, and Major Whittell, supporting the response, alluded to the number of ex-imperial men who had joined up with the League, and what the R.S.L. was doing for them in seeking a State Pension Board to deal with Imperial pensioners on the spot. Lieut. Stewart responded on behalf of the A.I.F. Artillery, and Mr. C. R. Doutt, in a very humorous speech, for the Light Horse. Mr. J. Cumming, responding for the Camel Corps, stated that whereas the Light Horse had the hump at times, “the Oomitas,” had it all the time. The representative detailed to respond for the Provost Corps was declared A.W.L. Responses were also made on behalf of the Salvation Army and the Y.M.C.A. Captain Wagner, who responded for the Air Force, dealt in a very interesting manner with recent developments in aircraft building. Proposing the toast of the R.S.L., Mr. F. T. Knapp made a stirring appeal on behalf of the League and its ideals. In Australia, he pointed out, returned men had obtained better pensions and greater concessions than in any other dominion. The League had made this possible; therefore every ex-member of the A.I.F. should become a financial member of the League. He drew an amusing mural from the story of how a sleepy recruit at Blackboy earned the name of Rip Van Winkle. The original Rip slept for twenty years, and Mr. Knapp, in concluding, warned his hearers not to go to sleep for even one year, and forget

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the League, or those the League exists to serve. Musical and other items were rendered by Messrs. Landhams, Hirst, Major Whitelaw, and Mr. C. R. Doust. Mr. Nye presided over the piano and kept the team well up to the collar with the old wartime choruses. Mr. Moss, proprietor of the Bayup Brook Hotel, looked after the catering.

PRESS

The Press Sub-Branch held its first annual dinner on Saturday, September 21, at the R.S.I. Institute. There was a large attendance, among the guests being Captain Jean Odendahl, commander of the French cruiser, Tourville, Lieutenant H. B. Hasten (representing the District Naval Officer), the District Commander (Brigadier-General C. H. Jes), Lieutenant-General Sir Talbot Hobbs, the French Consul (Mr.-M. P. Michelides), and the Rev. C. L. Riley (representing the President of the State Branch of the R.S.I.).

The President (Mr. C. P. Smith) after the toasts of "The King," "The President of France" and "Fallen Comrades" had been drunk, gave a resume of the sub-branch's activities during the first year of its existence. Its success might be judged, he said, by the fact that there were three members on the Executive of the League.

Equally important was the representation of the sub-branch on the executive of the Legacy Club. The club was an organisation of ex-soldiers who endeavoured to assist the children of fallen comrades, and the President, Vice-President, and four members of the committee, were members of the Press Sub-Branch. During the year, there had been monthly luncheons and quarterly dinners, and he would suggest to the incoming committee that there be monthly evening meetings at which members might discuss public questions. The preparation of the "Diggle Book" had been entrusted to the sub-branch, and this was now on the eve of publication.

The toast of "The British Empire and France" was proposed by General Hobbs and responded to by Captain Odendahl and M. Michelides.

The toast of the "Returned Soldiers' League" was proposed by Mr. E. S. Watt and seconded by Mr. C. Longmore. In responding, the Rev. C. L. Riley said that after repatriation was finished, there was still great work for the organisation along the lines of that being done by the Legacy Club. Those who had been educated in the stress of war, should use that education as a force in moulding public opinion for the betterment of Australia. Captain Edmonds responded on behalf of the British United Services' Association.

In response to a request for information about the activities of French ex-service men, Captain Odendahl explained that the orphans of French soldiers were taken under the protection of the whole nation, while pensions were paid to those suffering from war disabilities. Several associations of returned men had been formed, but these had not been on the right lines, political considerations interfering with their proper functioning. About eighteen months ago, however, a big conference was held, with the Prime Minister presiding, and a good organisation was started and it gave promise of future usefulness.

Other toasts were: "The Navy, the Army, and the Air Force" (proposed by Lieut.-Col. R. F. Fitzgerald and Mr. A. D. Hood, and replied to by Lieut. Hatten, Brig.-General Jess, and Mr. J. Paterson); "Our Visitors" (proposed by Mr. I. T. Birtwistle, and responded to by Col. C. H. Lamb and Mr. B. P. Stirling); "The Chairman" (proposed by Captain C. R. Collins). Mr. C. P. Smith was re-elected president, and Mr. I. T. Birtwistle secretary, unopposed. The other positions were filled as follows:—Vice-Presidents: Messrs. E. S. Watt and R. F. FitzGerald; committee: Messrs. A. D. Hood, C. Longmore, J. S. Pocklington, A. D. Stone, K. Henderson, S. F. Cusack, L. Glaubert, and C. R. Collins; treasurer: Mr. M. J. Fitzgerald.

During the evening an entertaining programme was provided by Messrs. A. R. Tolchard, Philip, and F. Williams, while Mr. Harrison, presided at the piano.

MOUNT HAWTHORN-NORTH
LEEDERVILLE

Mount Hawthorn-North Leederville, a sub-branch founded only two years ago, is in a flourishing condition. The membership has passed the century mark, being now 127, and the average attendance at the meetings, held fortnightly in the Council Chambers, has been 31 for this year. In February, last year, a movement was initiated for the erection of a memorial hall in the district. A block of land has been purchased in Oxford Street, costing £100, and the title deeds are now in the custody of the trustees. Plans and specifications are being

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drawn up and will soon be ready for consideration by the members. The year's social activities, which have taken the form of forenights dances in the Parish Hall, will culminate in a grand novity dance, to be held on Saturday, October 26. It speaks well for the management that these little affairs have been a financial, as well as a social, success.

Members, their wives, and friends rolled up well to the social held on September 12, at which Lieut.-Col. A. J. D. Dunkley, representing the State Executive, presented certificates of services to the past president and secretary, for service rendered in 1928. During the year the sub-branch has expended over £40, on amelioration. The Ladies' auxiliary is a very live show and has co-operated with the sub-branch on all occasions. Their combined efforts are now being centred on a river picnic to be held in December, and a good time is promised the kiddies on this occasion.

MUNDJONG

At the October monthly meeting of the Mundjong Sub-Branch, it was decided that the picnic outing for the district's returned men and their families should be held at Point Peron, on November 10th.

This ball, to be held, the Sub-Branch now has a membership of 34. A complete set of official war books has been presented to the libraries of the Mundjung and the Serpentine State schools. The latter school has also been voted a grant of £1 10s. for its piano fund. It is good to note that the Sub-Branch, while still adhering to the old ideals, is able to legislate for the young idea.

CORRIGIN

Corrigin Sub-Branch has just held the annual election of office-bearers. A good team has been chosen, consisting of President, Padre Fry; Secretary, the genial G. A. White; Committee, Messrs. H. Brankstone, R. Larke, J. Horne, E. Fry, and F. E. Clarke. Our Corrigin scribe draws attention to the excellent work done for the Sub-Branch by Messrs. G. A. White, Brankstone, and Chipper, but his modesty forbade him to mention what the LISTENING Post well knows—one good worker for Corrigin is the aforesaid correspondent, a certain Mr. W. Hill.

NEDLANDS

"From scenes like these, Young Nedlands grandeur springs," might well be applied to the last meeting of the Nedlands Sub-Branch of the R.S.L., as Dr. A. J. Love delivered his lecture on "America," to a large and unusually attentive audience of diggers.

Mr. Ottwell, the new President, is to be congratulated on obtaining the services of such an able lecturer as Dr. Love, and so maintaining the tradition founded by the previous President of making the Sub-Branch a centre of educational interest and progress, and of amplifying the qualities and stimulating the thinking powers of its members. The lecturer's facts partly the result of keen observation, and his deductions allow from bias as to make it safe to venture that no digger left the hall with his preconceived notions of the Yanks unshaken.

He spoke in an unconventional and conversational fashion admirably adapted to his audience, and succeeded in making the America of his discourse live and breath in a most human manner. His characterising the Americans as the "most hospitable people in the world" indicates his trip to Scotland has not yet materialised. As the biscuits and cheese were handed around, everyone agreed that W.A. was a better place than America to live in.

Prior to the lecture, the ordinary business of the meeting was disposed of by the President with characteristic brevity. Correspondence was dealt with, finance reported buoyant, and increased membership figures quoted. A vote of thanks was carried to the "Finished Soldiers" for their part played in the Centenary Pageant. Discussion was held on the desirability of arranging inter-sub-branch debates, and preliminary arrangements made for a "Christmas Tree" to be given to the local diggers' children. A sub-committee was formed to handle the arrangements for Poppy Day.

The designation of Assistant Secretary, Mr. Harry Permaine, was accepted with great regret, Harry having been man responsible for a large proportion of new members in the near future.

"Mussolini" in the chair then detailed Capt. W. L. Wilson as Publicity Officer for the Sub-Branch, after stating, he wanted someone with a "snappy flow of language."

COLLIE

Members who were in attendance at the branch meeting held on October 8th had a very busy evening, and matters owing to the fact that no meeting had been held for a month on account of the secretary and treasurer being absent in Perth, attending the 11th annual State Congress of the League.

Eleven o'clock struck before all business on the agenda was dealt with, and members were thus able to feel that all was going well in R.S.L. affairs at Collie once again.

A letter was received from branch member Jack Casey, who is at the present time an inmate of the Edward Millen Home, expressing his appreciation of the branch's kindly action in forwarding a parcel of tobacco, chocolate, etc.

Incidentally, in his letter, Jack made mention of the excellent 'treatment' he is receiving at the Home.

Fred ("Pat") Woods is looking forward to the visit to this State of the Pensions Appeal Tribunal. This case has extended over a number of years and has been decided that the branch president, Harry May, who is fully conversant with the details of the case, will appear on Fred's behalf.

The Collie branch is well represented on the Centenary Celebrations Committee. The secretary and vice-president of the committee are keen R.S.L. workers, whilst three other members of the committee and branch members also.

It can, therefore, be confidently expected that the carnival extending from October 31st to November 4th will prove highly successful and that as a result the Soldiers' Memorial Park will become a park in more than name when the proceeds of the carnival have been expended on it.

Members of the branch generally are reminded that meetings are held fortnightly and that their attendance is essential 'therein order that League matters may receive the fullest possible attention in the Collie district.

MUNDARING AND DISTRICTS

A well-attended meeting was held at Mt. Helena on October 17th. It was decided to make application for 1,000 poppies for Anzac Day. Ladies' auxiliaries will be formed in each centre so the branch's amelioration fund should be largely augmented. In future the social side is going to receive more attention. The members living on the Eastern railway have challenged those living on the Mundaring loop to a cricket match. This will probably unearth one or two test players. Other social events in the near future will be a bridge evening and later a housey-housey night for the sick, lame, and lazy.

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**The Edward Millen Home**

It is very regrettable that the resolution passed by last Congress with reference to charges made by a sub-branch delegate against the administration of the Edward Millen Home, should have caused misunderstandings between the State Executive of the R.S.L. and the Repatriation Department. However, the atmosphere has been cleared and the embargo placed upon the visiting committee has been removed, the department being now aware that the Executive cannot be held responsible for the action, tactless or otherwise, of delegates from individual sub-branches. As far as the State Executive is concerned, matters arising out of Congress' resolution are still sub judice, the visiting committee having been instructed to make a report which will be considered at the Executive meeting called for October 30. We will have more to say about this matter in our next issue.

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Poppy Day

The Poppy Day Sub-committee of the R.S.L. has already initiated action for the proper organisation of this year's public appeal, which, in the metropolitan area, will take place on Monday, November 11th. Throughout the English-speaking world, the imitation flower of Flanders Field symbolises remembrance. The blood-red flower calls to mind the sacrifices of the Empire's dead in the cause of freedom. It serves also as a reminder to citizens of what they owe to those who suffered as a result of service.

One of the great achievements of the late Field Marshal Earl Haig was to firmly establish the Soldiers' Appeal Day. In Western Australia, Poppy Day is the one day of the year on which an appeal is made by the R.S.L. for replenishing amelioration funds to aid distress. The trustees of the State Executive amelioration fund last year distributed nearly £1,000 for the necessities of life, and of this amount £400 came from poppy sales. The majority of sub-branches also benefited by the same effort. Poppies again this year will be sold to the public for 1/- each. Of this amount, 4d. will be paid to the Executive from which to meet the Federal Executive royalty, manufacturers' cost, freight, and other charges. Stickers for motor cars and shop windows are also available and will be sold for 1/-. Public bodies and big business firms should be invited to purchase remembrance wreaths at £1 1s. each, for hanging on memorials, tablets, and honour boards.

Sub-branches are urged by the Executive to get busy and leave nothing undone to ensure a bigger success than ever in this Centenary year's Poppy Day. Last year passed all records, and this year the Executive sub-committee hopes, with the active co-operation of sub-branch officials and women's auxiliaries, to do better.
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The State President (Col. H. B. Collett) delivered his presidential address to Congress.

His Excellency then addressed delegates and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the motion of Mr. C. R. Gillett (Bunbury), seconded by Mr. Mulqueeney (Perth).

The State President tendered the appreciation of Congress for his excellent address and congratulated on presenting over the largest attendance of Congress delegates yet recorded.

It was also decided that his presidential address be printed and circulated to sub-branches.

At a later stage the Agenda Committee submitted the following items as arising out of the President’s report. The items were adopted.

1. Archibald Riley—Congress regrets the passing of our late friend, His Grace Archbishop Riley, extends its condolences to the bereaved members of his family, and places on record the invaluable services he rendered to the R.S.I. in general and the great part he played in making the State War Memorial an accomplishment.

2. Repatriation Department.—Congress records its appreciation of the purveyors and consideration extended by the Deputy Commissioner of Repatriation and Staff during the W.A. branch’s past year’s activities.

3. Legacy Club.—Congress endorses the purpose of the Legacy Club, congratulates and thanks its founders, and wishes the club and its membership deserved success.

4. Morn Day.—Congress urges the Executive, all sub-branches, and unit associations to officially and practically recognise. Morn Day by deputing a given number of respective members to attend any or all recognised functions held on and commemorative of that day.

5. Empire Trade.—That in order to secure a greater degree of economic independence and relief from heavy taxation, Congress resolves that League members, when trading, give preference of purchase to—

(a) West Australian-manufactured goods;
(b) Eastern States-manufactured goods;
(c) Goods manufactured within the King’s Dominions.

6. Soldiers’ Institute.—That, while admitting the wisdom of preserving well grown trees, and particularly those of sentimental value, Congress is of opinion that the tree within the Soldiers’ Institute Buildings is not entitled to protection on any other score than age, and that the State Gardens Board be again urged to waive its objection to the removal of this tree, as it is seriously damaging the building, and preventing the branch from making the fullest use of the accommodation provided through the generosity of the public.

Federal Congress.—Moved Mr. Law (Merridie) seconded Mr. Longmore (Perth). That the appreciation and thanks of this Congress be conveyed to the Tasmanian branch for its action in foregoing its right to the Federal Congress being held here this year, so as to enable it being held in Western Australia.—Carried.

Moved Mr. Smith (Harvey), seconded Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie) that in future the presidential address to Congress be broadcast.—Carried.

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NEWDEGATE CUP

The Rev. C. L. Riley read the following report of the Newdegate Cup Committee:

"Your Excellency, Mr. President, and Delegates:

The following is the report of the Committee responsible for the Awarding of the Newdegate Cup for this year. The Committee met at 3 p.m. on Monday, September 9th, at the Institute. Twelve sub-branches submitted claims for the cup, the largest field of late years. The standard of claim being high, there was naturally more difficulty than usual in reaching a decision, but the trouble was well worth while when the Committee had the satisfaction of noting how the sub-branches are steadily reaching out beyond the confines of merely selfish parochial interests, to the growth of the State and Commonwealth as a whole. Signs of this are evident in a claimant that writes: 'At all civic functions we are represented, which proves that locally we are an association alive to our responsibilities.' Such signs are definite in the following: Propaganda with a view to demonstrating to the people of Australia generally, and to those of our own district in particular, the keen desire of our League and of our sub-branch to push on with the work of developing our State and our district, and our great desire to serve our country in these days of peace as we did in days of war. Perhaps the fact that the particular sub-branch covers 1,600 square miles has helped to enlarge its vision. It is surely indicative of a genuine desire of self-education that we find two sub-branches reporting a library of 1,000 books.

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The memory of those who went West is clearly emphasised in proposals for a new Memorial Hall, as in one case, or the more routine accounts of Anzac Day services. Even these latter have their own individuality at times, as witness the district which reports the largest attendance ever attained, attributable, apparently, to the wisdom of the sub-branch in getting the main address delivered by a member of the sub-branch, and not by a parson, as in past years. Items such as 'Poppy Day, £12,' or 'a member in two months found employment for over 30 returned soldiers,' are worthy of wider circulation.

"Put in alphabetical order, which is not necessarily the true order of merit, the following deserve very honourable mention for their work, as reported: Boulder, Merredin, Mount Barker, Nedlands, and South Perth.

But the cup is awarded for this year to the sub-branch at Bunbury.—(Sgd. C. L. RILEY.)"

The cup was presented by the State President, and Mr. C. R. Gillett suitable responded on behalf of the Bunbury sub-branch.

Annual Report and Balance Sheet.—The annual report and balance sheet was submitted and adopted on the motion of Messrs. Tyler (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Scott (Mundaring).

LAND SETTLEMENT
Mr. President and Delegates:
Following the resolution of last Congress, sub-branches interested in problems of soldier land settlement were invited to meet at the Soldiers' Institute at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 24th. There were present Messrs. A. Yeates (chairman), Logan (Carrington), Shaw (Poultry Farmers), Simpson (Upper Chapman), Mulqueeney (Lake Brown), Nugent (Campion), Moriarity (Bridge town), Baker (Carlla), Blake (Herne Hill), Ryder (Carnamah), Hoar and Whid (West Swan), Randolph and Law (Merredin), Silver (Mullewa), Marsch (Murray), McMahon (Cool up), Elson (Darling Range), Loney (Noomblong), Smith (Hove), Noonan (Wagin), Gib (Victoria Park), Rensfield (Tambellup), and Whitem (Torbay).

After opening proceedings in the usual way, the chairman invited discussion on resolutions Nos. 1 to 14 appearing on the agenda paper. At the outset, the resolution of the last year's Congress authorising the meeting was endorsed.

Item No. 1 read as follows: "That the Congress affirms that where specific problems arise the State Government should be required to extend relief where justified. The R.S.L. to be represented on any investigating authority."

Item No. 4, withdrawn, read as follows: "Upper Chapman, in the opinion of Congress, ex-soldiers not engaged in wheat and sheep farming, on land which will not warrant the capitalisation prevailing eight or ten years ago, re-valuations be made."

Item No. 5 read as follows: "Upper Chapman. Whenever the Soldier Settlement Board possess any property more consideration should be given to the settler, not only in the interests of the settler himself, but in the interest of the State generally."

On the resolution of Mr. Simpson, seconded Mr. Mulqueeney, it was decided that discussion take place at Congress.

Item No. 6: "That Congress re-affirms the previous decision that in the event of a soldier settler being dispossessed of his holding and tenants called in accordance with foreclosure proceedings, the immediate past soldier settler be given the first refusal in preference to other tenderers."—Carried.

Item No. 7: "Altered and carried: 'That the Trustees of the Agricultural Bank be requested to give serious consideration to the practicability of issuing threatening and distressing letters to soldiers settlers be abolished.'"

Item No. 8 read as follows, and was carried: "That the Agricultural Bank be asked to make arrangements so that soldier settlers buying superannuation policies on an Agricultural Bank loan, should have benefit of discount so far as cash with order."—Carried.

Item No. 9: "Altered and carried: 'That stronger measures be taken to deal with the fruit fly menace in the Murraro and other districts by a more rigid enforcement of the Departmental regulations.'"—Carried.

Item No. 10: "On the resolution of Mr. Law (Merredin), seconded by Mr. Saker (Carrilla), altered and carried: 'That the Agricultural Bank and Lands Department be urged to extend special consideration by relief of payments to Noombling settlers in occupation of poison lands.'"

Item No. 11, reading as follows, was referred to the Finance Committee: "Woodroo.—That the Government be urged to postpone payment of principal on properties on which it is now due."

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Item No. 12, reading as follows, was withdrawn:

"Herne Hill.—That a reduction should be made in the capital value of soldier settlers' viticultural properties."

Item No. 13, reading as follows:

"Perth.—So that soldier settlers in Western Australia may be more fully acquainted with the findings of Mr. Justice Pike's report, Congress requests detailed replies to the following questions affecting this State:

(a) What were the findings of Mr. Justice Pike on Soldier Settlement?
(b) From what source or sources did he obtain his evidence?
(c) What action is the Government taking to put his suggestions into force for the relief of soldier settlers?"

This item was endorsed, and, after hearing the report of the Land Committee, it was recommended that Congress adopt the report and recommendations of the Land Committee in respect to Mr. Justice Pike's report on Soldier Settlement Losses. Congress considers, that the concession allowed by the Commonwealth Government does not justify the Commonwealth Government's withdrawal from the field of soldier settlement, also that the Land Committee of the Executive continue to press for a fighting chance for all soldier settlers.

Item No. 14, reading as follows, was withdrawn:

"Campion-Geelakin.—That the Primary Producers' Association be asked to move in the direction of obtaining a bonus for wheat growing similar to that for the production of sugar, rice, butter and other products."

Item No. 62, reading as follows: (As the Spearwood delegate was absent, the motion was referred to the Full Congress, but not recommended, as it was considered impossible of attainment.)

"Spearwood.—That all ex-Imperial men taking over abandoned A.I.F. properties shall be entitled to all benefits and charges under the Soldier Settlement Scheme."

Proceedings closed by the unanimous endorsement of a resolution moved by Mr. Mulqueeny (Lake Brown), seconded by Mr. Law (Merredin): That a vote of thanks, appreciation and confidence be recorded for the services of the Land Committee of the Executive.

The Report was adopted.

(Sgd.) A. YEATES, Chairman.

Item No. 5: Foreclosure.—A rising out of the Land Committee's Report, Item 5 was referred to Congress for discussion, and was moved by Mr. Simpson (Upper Chapman), seconded by Mr. Nugent (Campion). That when a soldier whose name was on the Soldier Settlement Board repossess any property, the utmost consideration should be given to the settler, not only in the interests of the settler himself, but in the interest of the State generally. Carried.

Item No. 11: Payment of Principal.—Item 11, reading as follows, was referred to the Land Committee for discussion, and was withdrawn:

"Upper Chapman.—That in the event of a soldier being dispossessed of his holding, and tenders called for the same, the soldier be given the first refusal in preference to other tenderers."

Notice of Motion—Moved by Mr. Cornell (Dowak), seconded by Mr. Mulqueeny (Perth): That the interests of soldier settler and other tenants allow and the S.S.S. be extended to all ex-soldiers who have been, and who may be, granted land under the Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act.—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Shaw (Southern Cross), seconded by Mr. Yeates (Kalgoorlie): That the item be referred to the incoming Executive.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops), seconded by Mr. Vivian (Mt. Hawthorn): That the remaining notices of motion dealing with land settlement matters be referred to the incoming Executive.—Carried.

The items were Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 16, 22, 25, 29, 30, and read as follows:

"No. 4.—That Congress considers it advisable in the interests of soldier-settlers, and the State generally, to press for a flat freight on wheat. (A. P. Nugent (Campion).)

"No. 7.—That every avenue be exploited with a view to lessening the cost of primary production, in the reduction of tariff on agricultural machinery necessities, and in the reduction of taxation generally. (A. P. Nugent (Campion).)

"No. 6.—That Congress support the action of the State Government in endeavouring to establish a rural credit system. (A. P. Nugent (Campion).)

"No. 7.—That in view of the action by the Bank in the cases of one or two settlers, whose blocks have proved salt, is the Bank prepared to give the same treatment to others similarly situated, or write down their indebtedness to a sufficient figure to enable them to carry on, provided they desire to do so? (A. P. Nugent (Campion).)

"No. 8.—That in the event of this season's crops failing, or not proving sufficient to cover liabilities, Congress considers that the Bank should furnish assistance to such settlers for the next season by supplying super. (A. P. Nugent (Campion).)

"No. 11.—That an expression of opinion be asked of the Trustees of the Agricultural Bank, I.A.B., and S.S.S. whether it is the intention to write down the present grants to settlers who have passed through two bad seasons, or whether they intend to displace them. If they do replace them with new settlers, they be asked to give them the benefit of the write-down if any. (J. Mulqueeny (Perth).)

"No. 12.—That an expression of opinion be asked of the Trustees of the Agricultural Bank, if on account of the bad seasons they intend to help soldier settlers who went on the land at their own expense, to carry on to retrieve their position. (J. Mulqueeny (Perth).)

"No. 11.—That all A.I.F. and ex-Imperial men be treated on the same basis as to supply of manures at the same rate of interest as at present, does create a very ambiguous idea in the mind of the public to true values of settlement to the State. (P. Powell (Karridale).)

No. 29.—That the Agricultural Bank grant for building be raised from £210 to £300, as otherwise, it has not been renewed for the last sixteen years, notwithstanding that the price of everything has gone up in that time. (R. F. Mulqueeny (Perth).)"

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No. 23.-That in view of the fact that Primary Industries are the main source of Australia's wealth, Congress is of the opinion that Federal and State Governments should use every endeavour to lighten the burden of primary producers. - J. S. Denton (Nedlands). - Carried.

No. 29.—That a country, veterinary service be established and subsidised by the Government. - A. P. Nugent (Campion). - Carried.

No. 30.—That a select committee be appointed to go into the conditions of the settlers in the Eastern Wheat Belt, and to investigate the alterations brought about in the reclassification of moral, country. - A. P. Nugent (Campion).

Question 3: Perth. — (1) How many returned soldiers have taken up land under the Soldier Settlement Scheme? (2) How many have been forced off, or left their holdings since the Scheme has been in operation? (3) What reasons are advanced for these settlers leaving their holdings? (4) Was any definite or sincere effort made to retain them on their blocks, or were they given propositions which the Controller knew they could not be able to accept?—Moved by Mr. Mulgrew (Perth), seconded by Mr. Simpson (Upper Chapman): That the questions be referred to the incoming Executive, and that it be asked to endeavour to ascertain the desired information.—Carried.

Item 46: Repatriation and Pensions. — Moved by Mr. McLarty, attended Congress, with Mr. Hugo Throssell, the Soldiers' Representative on the Soldier Settlement Board. Mr. McLarty addressed delegates, and was tendered a vote of thanks.

Moved by Mr. Shaw (Southern Cross), seconded by Mr. Gibb (Victoria Park): That when land matters are being considered in Committee on the day preceding each Congress, Mr. McLarty be invited to that Committee meeting in order to speak on any question of land settlement, and that his invitation to Congress be continued to the matters of reception and reply.—Carried.

Repatriation and Pensions

Item No. 16: Hospital Treatment.—(1) Moved by Mr. Watt (Press), seconded by Mr. Longmore (Perth): Congress re-affirms its resolution of 1925 for the provision, at the expense of the Repatriation Commission, of free hospital treatment of dependent or at present entitled to free medical treatment by Friendly Societies, doctors.—Carried.

Item No. 46 (2), reading as follows, was ruled out of order:—

"That in view of the Federal Cabinet's refusal to provide hospital treatment, full details of the scheme be referred to the W.A. members of the Federal Parliament, with a request that the matter be reconsidered."

Item No. 18: Medical Staff. — Moved by Mr. Heyward (Gosnells), seconded by Mr. Farquharson (South Perth): That Congress expresses its appreciation and thanks to the individual members of the medical staff of the Repatriation Department for their efficient and courteous treatment of returned men.—Carried.

Item No. 46 (3), moved by Mr. Dr. Rule (Darling Range), seconded by Mr. Gibb (Victoria Park), and amended to read as follows:—"That a fund be set up by the Commonwealth Government for the treatment in hospital or otherwise of returned soldiers on the lines of the National Insurance Scheme of Great Britain, or a Friendly Society."—Carried.

Item No. 20: Educational Facilities.—Moved by Mr. Main (Bayswater), seconded by Mr. Farquharson (South Perth), and amended to read:—"That the repatriated ex-soldier's child be allowed to receive the same educational facilities as a deceased soldier's child now enjoys, during, and after the life of the father."—Carried.

Item No. 21: Headstones.—Moved by Mr. Pady (Freemantle), seconded by Mr. Jane (Freemantle). That, in case of non-payment against the inordinate length of time allowed to elapse between the death of an ex-soldier from war causes and the erection of the accepted headphones by the Defence Department.—Carried.

Item No. 22: Travelling to and from Hospital. — Moved by Mr. Harm (Victoria Park), seconded by Mr. Longmore (Perth): That one free rail pass and one free hospital bed be made available monthly to the nominee of any patient who is undergoing prolonged treatment in a Repatriation Hospital.—Carried.

Item No. 60: Ex-Imperial Pensions—Moved by Mr. Finlay (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Lennell (Boulder): That Congress protests against the practice of deducting 19/- per week from ex-Imperial Army pensioners when they are admitted to Australian hospitals for treatment of war disability.—Carried.

Item No. 44: Ex-Imperial Pensions—Moved by Mr. Pady (Freemantle), seconded by Mr. Law (Merredin): That Congress is of opinion that the British Pension Authorities should appoint a Commissioner resident in each State of the Commonwealth of Australia to deal exclusively with pension claims and all matters in connection with ex-Imperial Service men in Australia.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops), seconded by Mr. Vivian (Mt. Hawthorn): That Congress is of the opinion that the British Pension Authorities should ask the Repatriation Department in each State to deal with and finalise the pension claims of ex-Imperial Service men in their respective States, and report to the British Pension Authorities. Also that the British Government pay a subsidy to the Repatriation Commission of Australia for service renderend.

Item No. 65: Ex-Imperial Men, Medical History—Moved by Mr. Jane (Freemantle), seconded by Mr. Salmon (Geraldton): Congress recommends to the British Imperial Pension Authorities that when replying to applications for medical Board or Review made on behalf of ex-Imperial Service men now resident in Australia, a copy of such ex-soldier's medical history should accompany the report to the Australian Repatriation Commission, and that the High Commissioner for Australia, be requested to ascertain from migrants whether they are ex-service men, and in so far, to communicate with the Imperial Authorities, furnishing the name and destination of the ex-Imperial man, and requesting that his medical history be forwarded to the Australian Repatriation Commission.—Carried.

Item No. 24: Patients of Edward Millen Home. — Moved by Mr. Dowall (North Perth), seconded by Mr. Gibb (Victoria Park): That this Congress representing organised returned soldiers of Western Australia views with deep concern the reported complaints affecting the treatment and wellbeing of conges within the Edward Millen Home, Victoria Park, and recommends:

(1) That the Executive continue to press for an improvement in the outlook and treatment of such patients, and

(2) That strong representation be made to the Commonwealth Government, to establish visiting committees to Repatriation Home
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(3) That the R.S.L. be represented on any authorised visiting committee, and that such committee report direct to the Minister for Repatriation.—Carried.

N. of M. No. 25: War Pensions—Moved by Mr. Edmonds (West Leederville), seconded by Mr. Cattermole (Perth): In the case of a returned soldier in receipt of a pension with but a short expectation of life, Congress requests the Department of Repatriation to grant to his dependents full pension rights should he be accidentally killed or die meanwhile from non-war caused or war-aggravated disabilities.—Carried.

Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation Attended Congress.—Mr. Chas. Taylor, Deputy Commissioner for Repatriation, and Mr. H. Hocking, O.I.C. Medical Section, Repatriation Department, attended Congress. Mr. Taylor addressed delegates, and was accorded a vote of thanks.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Nominations received for election of Officers were as follows:

State President.—Col. H. B. Collett.
Vice-Presidents, two (2) to be elected.—Riley, Rev. C.L. (Perth), Philp, G. H. (West Perth), Smith, C. P. (Press), Tyler, R. E. (West Perth).
Trustees, three (3) to be elected.—Cook, R. (Maylands), Philp, G. H. (West Perth), Tyler, R. E. (West Perth), Watt, E. S. (Press).
Auditor.—Mr. J. J. Prendergast.
R.S.L. Co-Op. Director, one (1) to be elected.—Tyler, R. E. (West Perth), Wells, H. E. (Victoria Park).
Committee-men, eighteen (18) to be elected.—Longmore, C. (Perth), Smith, C. P. (Press).

The result of the elections were as follows—State President.—Colonel Collett (unanimously).
Vice-Presidents.—Rev. C. L. Riley (Senior), and Mr. C. P. Smith.
Trustees.—Messrs. G. H. Philp, E. S. Watt, and R. E. Tyler.
Auditor.—Mr. J. J. Prendergast.
Committees.—Messrs. Longmore, Cornell, Philp, Yeates, Sadlier, Pady, Parker, Wells, Denton, Margolin, Shaw, Lovell, Dunkley, Farquharson, Tozer, Bader, Edmonds.

Allocation of Committee.—Agenda Committee Report No. 3 was submitted as follows and adopted:


The foregoing disposition has been made on the Electoral Districts Legislative Assembly, as defined by the Re-Distribution of Electoral Districts Act, 1929. Should such Act not be proclaimed, as anticipated, it will be necessary for the Executive to make a registration on the existing Electoral District Boundaries.

ANZAC DAY
Question 4: Re-Unions.—Question 4, appearing on the agenda in the name of the Kellerberrin Sub-Branch, was moved as a motion, as follows:

Moved by Mr. Mann (Kellerberrin), seconded by Mr. Simpson (Upper Chapman): See...
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ing that the Executive is trying to get. Anzac Day a 53rd Sunday, Congress is of the opinion that soldiers' reunion dinners should not be held on that day.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Watt (Pres), seconded by Mr. Nugent (Osborne Park). That the matter of holding soldiers' reunion on Anzac Day be left to the discretion of sub-branches.—Lost.

A further amendment was moved by Rabbi Freedman (Gnowangerup), seconded by Mr. Mulqueeny (Perth): That this Congress is of the opinion that soldiers' reunions of the character of smoke socials should not be held on Anzac Day.—Carried.

Agenda Committee's Recommendations.—Recommendation No. 9 of the Final Report of the Provisional Agenda Committee, reading as follows, was moved by Mr. Cornell (Dawson), seconded by Mr. Farquharson (South Perth), and lost:

"No 9: Anzac Day.—(a) Before proceeding to discuss points 56-60 inclusive, we recommend that Congress proceed to re-affirm, or otherwise, resolution of the last six Congresses, viz:—(i) That the Government be urged to declare Anzac Day a sacred holiday ranking equally with Christmas Day and Good Friday. (ii) That the Statutory Enactment be given to Congress' decisions in regard to the observance of Anzac Day. Congress is of the opinion that such day should proclaim a fully paid statutory holiday applicable to all workers. (b) Should Congress so re-affirm the above resolution, we further recommend that: (1) Items 37, 38, and 60 be discharged. (2) The adoption of items 56 and 59 be moved separately.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Bell (S. Perth), seconded by Mr. Gibson (Railway Workshops): That Anzac Day be declared a sacred holiday, and that statutory enactment be made to have it proclaimed a fully paid statutory holiday applicable to all workers. Carried.

A division was taken, and the amendment was carried.

When the amendment was put as the motion, a further division was taken, and the motion was lost.

It was then moved that recommendation No. 9 of the Provisional Agenda Committee be referred back to the Committee, and that they co-opt the mover of the amendment and the State President.—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Watt (Pres), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie): That recommendation No. 9 of the Provisional Agenda Committee be referred back to the Committee, and they co-opt the second of the amendment and the State President.—Carried.

The State President, at a later stage, submitted a report on behalf of the Agenda Committee, dealing with the Provisional Agenda Committee's recommendations concerning Anzac Day.

A Majority Report was submitted as follows:

"It is recommended that Congress re-affirm the resolutions of the last six Congresses, and further, that the foregoing be remitted to Federal Congress with a view to arriving at unanimity."

A Minority Report was submitted as follows:

"It is recommended that statutory enactment be made to have Anzac Day proclaimed a fully paid holiday applicable to all workers."

Moved by Mr. White (Northam), seconded by Mr. Bader (Moora): That the majority report be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Gibson (Railway Workshops), seconded by Mr. Sadler (Kalgoorlie): That the minority report be adopted.

On a division the majority report was carried. In accordance with the Provisional Agenda Committee's recommendations, Items 37, 38 and 60 were then discharged from the Agenda Paper.

Item No. 57: Railway Workshops.—That Anzac Day should be declared a statutory paid holiday.

Item No. 58: Railway Workshops.—That all places of entertainment should be closed on Anzac Day.

Item No. 60: Perth and South Perth.—Congress is of the opinion that the Government should be approached and requested to grant extramperial Service men, who served on active service, the same privileges as accorded to A.I.F. men on Anzac Day, i.e., a holiday on full pay.

Item No. 86: National Celebrations.—Moved by Mr. Law (Merredin), seconded by Mr. Wells (Victoria Park): That the future celebrations of Anzac Day be of a more national nature, so as to comply with the undenominational character of the League.—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Philip (W. Perth), seconded by Mr. Ryder (Carramar): That the item be referred to the State Executive for consideration by the Anzac Day Committee.—Carried.

Item No. 59: Excess Fares.—Moved by Mr. Farquharson (S. Perth), seconded by Mr. Vivian (Mt. Hawthorn): That the State Government be requested to abolish excess fares charged on the tram on Anzac Day.—Carried.

PREFERENCE

Item No. 31.—Moved by Mr. Salmon (Geraldton), seconded by Mr. Gibb (Victoria Park): That Congress protests against preference not being given to returned soldiers in the employment of labour on Geraldton Harbour Works.—Carried.

Item No. 32.—Moved by Mr. Finlay (Kojonup), seconded by Mr. Randolph (Merredin): That in all Federal, State, and local governmen bodies' elections, preference be given to ex-soldiers in the appointment of the necessary officials for the conduct of these elections.—Carried.

Item No. 33.—Moved by Colonel Flightt (Mt. Lawley), seconded by Mr. Yeates (Kalgoorlie): That at all Repatriation Institutions preference be given to the dependents of deceased or incapacitated soldiers in filling vacancies on the domestic staff.—Carried.

IMMIGRATION

Item No. 23: Influx of Aliens.—Moved by Mr. Sadler (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Longmore (Perth): That this Congress re-affirms the resolutions of previous Congresses in regard to the influx of aliens.—Carried.

Item No. 24 and 26: Employment of Aliens.—Tobor: That in all Government-let contracts, a stipulation be made that unnaturalized foreigners shall not be employed if British labour is available.

Item No. 28: Claremont: That aliens be not employed in the building of War Service Homes.

These two items were grouped, and Item No. 24 taken as substantive motion.

Moved by Mr. Whitlam (Tabor): That Congress re-affirms the opinion that in all Government-let contracts or sub-contracts a stipulation be made that unnaturalised foreigners

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shall not be employed if British labour is available. —Carried.

Item No. 27: Desirable Immigrants.—South Perth: Congress is of the opinion that too many undesirable immigrants are being admitted to the Commonwealth, and desires that the immigration laws be more strictly administered.

This item was deleted, and the following substituted:—

"Moved by Mr. Farquharson (South Perth), seconded by Mr. Loney (Noongar). That in pioneering this young country, Australia, only the best citizens are required, and Congress desires that the Commonwealth Government should continue its policy of strict prohibition against those of criminal tendencies, mental defects, and those of anti-British views. —Carried.

Item No. 29, reading as follows, was ruled out, as it was covered by Items 23 and 27.

"Pert h. —Congress views with alarm the influx of immigrants of foreign origin, and of anti-British views and wholeheartedly supports any action which the Immigration Authorities may take to suppress this menace."—Carried.

Item No. 25, reading as follows, lapsed:—

"Gosnells. —That the Commonwealth Government be asked to suspend alien immigration for the period of five years.

N. of M. No. 2: Alien Question.—Moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. O'Grady (Boulder). That this Congress is fully in accord with the effort on the part of the Government to grapple with the alien question in relation to the gold mining industry. —Carried.

N. of M. No. 14: Nordic Race.—Moved by Mr. Watt (Press), seconded by Mr. Roefiel (Tambellup). That in the opinion of Congress, the Nordic race is the best fitted to work in the agricultural industry. That the Immigration Authorities be asked to see that no Nordics are admitted to Australia. —Carried.

Item No. 28:—Moved by Rabbi Freedman (Snowy), seconded by Mr. Nugent (Campion). That while placing on record its belief that it is the duty of every citizen to serve in the defence of his own country if attacked, and while it affirms the principle that Australia should continue to maintain its policy of conserving a national defence adequate for the protection of its civic and social ideals, and for the preservation of the integrity of the Empire, Congress heartily welcomes the negotiations which have been taking place between the Great Powers for the purpose of bringing about a disposition of armaments, and thereby support to every practical proposal which makes for the establishment of international peace. —Carried.

N. of M. No. 3: Defence.—Moved by Col. Olden (South Perth), seconded by Mr. Farquharson (South Perth). Congress is of the opinion that the time is now ripe for an independent body of experts to review the whole position of the defence of Australia by land, sea, and air, and recommends that this item be placed on the Agenda Paper for the forthcoming Federal Congress. —Carried.

FEDERAL CONSTITUTION

The suggested amendments to the Federal Constitution, as contained in the Addenda of the Agenda Paper, were proceeded with as follows—

Paragraph 1.—Moved by the Rev. Riley, seconded by Mr. Longmore. —Carried.

Throughout the Rules: For: "President" read "General President", "Secretary" read "Federal Secretary", "Treasurer" read "Federal Treasurer", "Executive" read "Federal Executive" read "Federal Council", "State Branch" read "Division", "State President" read "Divisional President", "State Secretary" read "Divisional Secretary", "State Executive" read "Divisional Executive", "Executive" read "Council", "Sub-Branch" read "Branch"; "Branch" read "Division.

Paragraph 2, dealing with Rule 5 (a) of the Federal Constitution was moved by Mr. Watt (Press), seconded by Mr. Tyler (West Perth). —Lost.

Rule 5 (a): Cancel, and substitute.—Any person, being a British subject, who, by virtue of services rendered during the Great War of 1914-1918, is in receipt of the British War Medal, 1914-1918 (in silver), shall be eligible for membership as a full member of this League.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Ryder (Carnamah), as follows:—After the word "silver" in the fourth line, insert "except those referred to by sub-clauses (c) (d) and (e)."

Army Order No. 226, provided that such persons may be admitted after investigation by the State Executive. —Lost.

Paragraph 3 of the Addenda as follows was moved by Mr. Yates (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Brown (Perth).

"Rule 5 (b) cancel, and substitute: Any person being a British subject, who is in receipt of a medal granted by the Crown in respect of past wars of the Empire, or that may be similarly granted in respect to such future wars, shall be eligible for membership as a full member of this League." —Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Law (Merredin), seconded by Mr. Sadler (Kalgoorlie); That the words "or that may be similarly granted in respect of future wars" be deleted. —Carried.

Paragraph 4. Addenda, as follows: Moved by Mr. Edmonds (W. Leederville), seconded by Mr. Cattermole (Perth). —Carried.

Rule 5 (d).—Before the word "honorary" in line 1, insert: "Persons eligible for membership in any constituent part of the British Empire Service League who do not possess qualifications as prescribed in Rules 5 (a) and (b) may, on production of proof of such eligibility for membership, be admitted as "honorary members of this League." —Carried.

Item No. 35, 36, 37, and 38 were ruled out as having already been covered.

Item No. 36.—Moved by Mr. Fairley, seconded by Mr. Law (Merredin): Rule 5 (page 3, F.C.), delete paragraph (c) as follows: "Members of the Allied Armies who have served in the present war may be admitted as members after investigation." —Carried.

The remaining items appearing on the Addenda as follows, dealing with the Federal Constitution, were then agreed to:—

(1).—Delete all words after "foremost" in line 2.

Rule 5 (g).—Delete.

Rule 10.—Delete and substitute: "10 (a) Officers: There shall be a General President, six Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Federal Treasurer of the League, and such officers (if any) as may be prescribed by the Rules of the League for the time being. Nominations for these offices, except that for Vice-Chairman, shall be made by the respective Divisions in writing, and shall be sent to the Federal Secretary at least eight weeks prior to the date of the meeting of Congress. No person shall be eligible for office who is not a full member of the League.

(b) The General President shall preside at all meetings of Congress. If a vacancy occurs in office of General President during the term of his appointment, the Federal Council shall have power to fill the vacancy until the expira-
tion of the term. If the General President shall be at any time absent from office the senior Vice-President shall act in his stead.

Rule 11.—Delete all words after "respective" in line 2 to "situated" in line 5, and substitute: "Divisions for the six Military Districts of the Commonwealth. The seniority of Vice-Presidents shall be determined in accordance with priority of date of election to current term of office."

Rule 11 (a).—New Rule: "Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Chairman shall be elected as prescribed in Rule 10 (a), and shall preside at all meetings of the Federal Council. The Chairman shall have a casting vote only.

"At the first meeting of the Federal Council held after the Annual General Meeting of Congress, the Councillors shall elect one of their number to be Vice-Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Federal Council.

Rule 12.—Delete full stop in line 4 and add: "Save that the Divisions for the Federal Capital Territory and Northern Territory, and the Territory of New Guinea shall have only one delegate each."

Rule 15.—Delete lines 1 and 4, and insert in lieu thereof: "The second Monday in November."

Rule 22.—In line 2, for "25/ " read "40/ "

Rule 26.—Cancel the first paragraph and substitute: "The Executive power of the League shall be vested in the Federal Council, composed of the Chairman and one Councillor for each of the Divisions of the six Military Districts of the Commonwealth. The Divisions of the Federal Capital Territory, the Northern Territory and the Territory of New Guinea may each nominate one Councillor, who shall have the right to speak but not to vote at meetings of the Federal Council.

"The Executive power of the Federal Council shall extend to the execution and maintenance of this Constitution, and of the rules and resolutions of Congress."

Rule 27 (d).—Strike out from "such" to "determine" inclusive in lines 3 and 4, and insert in lieu thereof: "Least twice in each year other than meetings held during or immediately prior to Congress. At meetings held during or immediately prior to Congress the senior delegate from each Division shall be deemed to be the Councillor from that Division." (Note.—The first sentence in this clause was approved by the 1928 Congress.)

Rule 27 (f).—New Rule: "The General President and Federal Treasurer shall be members of the Federal Council ex-officio."

Rule 44 (a).—In lines 1 to 3 delete all words after "Trusted" to "invite."

Rule 44 (b).—In lines 1, 4, and 5 delete the word "District."

Rule 46 (b).—Delete full stop in line 2 and add: "And one each for the Federal Capital Territory, the Northern Territory and the Territory of New Guinea."

Rule 48.—Cancel.

STATE CONSTITUTION AND ADMINISTRATION

Item No. 40: Certificate of Service.—Moved by Mr. Oostwell (Nedlands), seconded by Mr. Catermole (Perth) That the rules governing the presentation of the League's Certificate of Service be amended to permit the nomination of a member not officiating as either President or Secretary of the sub-branch.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Watt (Press), seconded by Mr. Law (Meredith): That the following be added to the motion: "Pro-

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The following amendments were moved by Mr. Shand (Subiaco), seconded by Mr. Mulqueen (Perth): That a Special Certificate of Merit be issued by the State Executive to members of sub-branches other than sub-branch President or Secretary, who are already provided for, on a special recommendation of the majority of the members of a sub-branch at a properly constituted meeting.

Leave was then sought to withdraw Item No. 40, which was granted.

The further amendment then became the motion, and was carried.

Item No. 41. Associate Membership.—Moved by Mr. Watt (Press).—Seconded by Mr. Gibb (Victoria Park): That Item No. 41, reading as follows, be referred to the incoming State Executive for its consideration and report to the next State Congress.—Carried.

"Item No. 41: Press.—That Associate Membership of the League be extended so that the traditions and spirit of the A.I.F. and the R.S.L. may be perpetuated."

Item No. 42.—Moved by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Sadlier (Kalgoorlie), and amended to read: That permission be granted to the majority of Interest Sub-Branches to only enrol as full members such ex-service men as reside within five (5) miles of the meeting place of the sub-branch. All ex-service men desiring to become associated with such sub-branches may do so as associate members.—Lost.

Item No. 43.—Moved by Mr. Cooke (Moylands), seconded by Mr. Kirke (Guildford): That associate members be granted the same privileges as a full member, but not to be taken on strength for Congress.—Lost.

Item No. 44.—Moved by Mr. Langdon (Railway Workshops), seconded by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops): That the W.A. Branch of the R.S.L. should carry as honorary members those of its members who have been out of employment for over twelve months through illness.—Lost.

Item No. 45.—Moved by Mr. Lovell (Railway Workshops), seconded by Mr. Connolly (Railway Workshops): That Rule 2, page 37, be amended by deleting the word "Congress" in lines 7 and 8, and inserting the words "a three-fourths majority of the State Executive."—Carried.

Item No. 46.—Moved by Mr. Watt (Press).—Seconded by Mr. Smith (Busselton): Rule 5 (3), page 39: Delete all words after "sub-branch" in third line and add "provided that one year's capitation fee for at least ten intending members, together with the full military past-acces- sory of such intending members accompany the application."—Carried.

Item No. 47.—Moved by Mr. Tyler (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Philip (West Perth): Rule 11, page 7: Add after "Congress" the words "of Federal Council."—Carried.

Item No. 48.—Moved by Mr. Tyler (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Bader (Moora): Rule 14 (a), page 43: In second line delete "Chairman and Vice-Chairman" and insert "President and Vice-President."—Carried.

Item No. 49.—Moved by Mr. Yeates (Kalgoorlie), seconded by Mr. Fairley (Kalgoorlie): Rule 19, paragraph 6: Delete and substitute: "If the annual or half-yearly subscription of any member remains unpaid for more than one month after it becomes due, such member shall be deemed to be unfinancial, and thereafter shall not be entitled to vote at any sub-branch meeting. If the subscription remains unpaid for a further two months, the membership shall be deemed to be terminated, and the member shall be notified accordingly in writing by the sub-branch secretary."—Carried.

Item No. 50.—Moved by Mr. Tyler (West Perth), seconded by Mr. Mulqueen (Perth): Rule 26, page 52: Insert the words "Past Vice-President" after the word "President" line one. Insert the words "and with the approval of" after the word "by" in line four. In line five substitute "two years" for "one year."—Lost.

Item No. 51.—Moved by Mr. Pady (Freemantle), seconded by Mr. Watt (Press): Rule 26, page 52: In the fifth line delete the words "not less" and insert "more than."—Carried.

Item No. 52.—Moved Mr. Cook (Moylands), seconded by Mr. Longmore (Perth), Rule 26, sub-paragraph (6): Delete and substitute: "That the majority of members at a properly constituted meeting shall resolve and a copy of such resolution is forwarded to the State Executive. The applicant sub-branch must satisfy the State Executive that the award is merited by the progress and standing of the sub-branch."—Lost.

Item Nos. 50 and 51.—Moved at the substantive motion. Moved by Mr. Farquharson (South Perth), seconded by Mr. Vivian (Mt. Hawthorn): No. 10: Donnybrook.—Rule 19 (1) (a): Substitute "2/6" for "4/6."—Carried.

No. 51.—Executive, Mt. Hawthorn, S. Perth, Osborne Park. In Rule 19 (b), page 48, substitute "1/" for "6/", and in 19 (c), substitute "5/6" for "1/6."—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Smith (Busselton): That "1/6" be substituted for "5/6" in the last line.—Lost.

Item No. 47.—Moved by Mr. Riley (Northam), seconded by Mr. Sadlier (Kalgoorlie): That in Rule 6 (1), line 1, substitute "eighteen" for "fifteen."—Carried.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONGRESS

Report of the Congress Agenda Committee, reading as follows, was adopted:

"Mr. President:

The resolutions passed by the Women's Auxiliary Congress have been submitted to us by the State Secretary for perusal, and to make suggestions to Congress. We have carefully considered each resolution, and submit the following:

Resolution 7.—That the State Executive be asked to provide booklet of rules and by-laws governing Women's Auxiliaries, similar to those provided for the men, the present typewritten copy being too bulky for convenience.

As it will be necessary to reprint the whole of the W.A. Branch Rules, we recommend that, in any reprint of these rules, the rules and by-laws governing Women's Auxiliaries be embodied therein, as is the case in the Federal Constitution.

Resolution 8.—That a free railway pass be made available to and from hospital for the wife or mother of any patient who is undergoing extended treatment in a Repatriation Hospital.

We consider that the purpose of this resolution is adequately covered by the adoption of Agenda Item No. 22.

Resolution 12.—The members of this Branch desire Congress to use every effort in getting the Repatriation Department to make a widow's pension (2½/- per week) permanent, irrespective of any money she may be able to earn.

Resolution 13.—That a strong stand be taken to improve the position of deceased wives of returned soldiers, that in deserving cases they may be classed as widows and pensioned accordingly.

We recommend that these two resolutions be referred to the incoming Executive for enquiry,
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and, if thought fit, adopted.

SUPERANNUATION SCHEME AND RELIEF FUND

The Committee appointed to consider Item No. 94, and also addenda items concerning the Distressed Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund and Superannuation Scheme, and "The Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Relief Fund," submitted its report, as follows, which was received and adopted:

"Mr. President and Delegates:

Your Committee, consisting of Messrs. Cattermole (Perth), O'Grady (Boulder), Anderson (Collie), Kirby (Wickepin), Gibb (Victoria Park, Co-opted), and Mr. Tyler (Chairman), considered this matter, and it was moved by Mr. Kirby (Wickepin), seconded by Mr. Cattermole (Perth): That in view of the large amount of information and detail which it is necessary to obtain, which would be impossible to collect in order to present this report to Congress before its close, this Committee recommends Congress to affirm the principle of the Scheme, and that it be an instruction to the incoming Executive to appoint a committee to investigate as to its practicability for the purpose of placing same on the Agenda for the forthcoming Federal Congress."

(Sgd.) R. E. TYLER, Chairman.

Item No. 94: Distressed Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund and Superannuation Scheme—Wickepin:

That a Sick Benefit Fund be formed on similar lines to a Friendly Society.

This proposed scheme is submitted by the Wickepin Sub-Branch.

Object (a).—To make weekly payments to subscribers when they become incapacitated, and to pay funeral expenses of deceased subscribers.

Object (b).—To pay weekly sums on attaining the age of 60 years.

Finance.—A subscription of 10/- per annum: 5/- to be allotted to Object (a), 1/- to Object (b). The amount allotted to superannuation to be invested in securities by the Trustees, who are empowered to expend the interest of the said securities only.

Trustees.—The Trustees shall be five, consisting of the State President, and four others, elected annually by Congress.

Powers.—The Trustees may pay to each subscriber who is sick such sum as they may determine, and pay to each subscriber to the scheme a weekly amount on reaching the age of 60 years, such amount as may be determined by the Trustees.

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The Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Relief Fund—Wickepin:

The principles outlined in this suggested scheme have been endorsed by the Executive.

1. That there shall be established in each State an Aged Sailors' and Soldiers' Relief Fund.

2. That the Trustees of such Fund be persons as may be appointed by the Congress of each State Branch.

3. That the Fund be formed, and augmented from time to time, by—
   (a) The division amongst the State Branches of the Poppy Day Appeal Fund at present in the account of the Federal Executive. Such division to be at a per capita rate on the average mean membership for the five years immediately preceding the passing of this Resolution by the Federal Congress. (It is assumed that the funds of the Federal Executive are not disbursed for amelioration purposes.)
   (b) The allocation of fifty per cent of the net proceeds of the Annual Poppy Day Appeals made by each branch and sub-branch.
   (c) A deduction from the capitation fees paid annually, by sub-branches to State Branches. The amount of such deduction to be determined by each State Congress.
   (d) Such other sums as may be expressly set aside for the purpose by each State Congress.
   (e) Donations from other public or private sources.

4. That moneys from this Fund shall be used solely for the benefit of aged and/or invalid sailors, soldiers and nurses eligible for membership of this League, and may be disbursed in cash or kind, and in such amounts, entirely at the discretion of the Trustees.

5. That no payment from such Fund shall be made before the lapse of ten years from the date of the passing of this Resolution by the Federal Congress.

6. That the Commonwealth Government be asked to submit a Bill to Parliament exempting the recipients of any payments from this Fund from the operations of the Federal Income Tax.

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by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Mulqueen (Perth): That Congress bring under the notice of the responsible authorities the large amount of anti-British literature which is being sold and distributed openly on streets and public parks and request immediate attention to its suppression.—Carried.

Item No. 92: Dressing Room at Institute.—Moved by Mr. Caigley (Belmont), seconded by Mr. Shaw (Southern Cross): That the Executive take the necessary steps to have installed in the Soldiers' Institute facilities whereby a returned soldier may change clothes, etc.—Carried.

Item No. 81: First Aid Outfits.—Moved by Mr. Loney (Noongar), seconded by Mr. Nugent (Osborne Park), and amended to read: "That a course of first aid be included in the training of school teachers, and that first aid outfits be supplied to country schools."—Carried.

Item No. 73: War Service Homes.—Moved by Mr. Gray (Midland), seconded by Mr. Pady (Fremantle): That the administration of the War Service Homes Act the divorced wife of an ex-soldier be treated as though she were a war widow.—Lost.

Item No. 74: Moved by Mr. Farquharson (South Perth), seconded by Mr. Vivian (Mt. Hawthorn): That the administration of the War Service Homes Act be speeded up, and that the responsible authorities be requested to consider all applications for War Service Homes in the Western Australian area.—Carried.

Item No. 72: Poppy Day.—Moved by Mr. Gillert (Bunbury), seconded by Mr. Kirby (Wickepin): That Congress approves the sale of poppies being held in country districts on the nearest Saturday to Poppy Day.—Carried.

Item No. 68: District Committee.—Moved by Mr. Leckie (Bunbury), seconded by Mr. Cantrich (Perth): That Congress approve of one State-wide Re-Union being held each year.

The following items were carried:

(a) That Congress approves of one State-wide Re-Union being held each year.

(b) That Congress approve of one State-wide Re-Union being held each year.

(c) That Congress approve of one State-wide Re-Union being held each year.

(d) That Congress approve of one State-wide Re-Union being held each year.

(e) That Congress approve of one State-wide Re-Union being held each year.

(f) That Congress approve of one State-wide Re-Union being held each year.

In the event of two or more sub-branches making application for a Re-Union for the year, the Executive shall decide who shall have the right for that year, and its decision shall be final.

In no case shall permission be granted to any sub-branch in the metropolitan area.

Carried.

Item No. 63, reading as follows, was discharged:

"The Executive patronage and support be granted to one Re-Union each year, to be held in turn in centres approved by the Annual Executive Committee regarding the formation of Re-Unions in this State."

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Congress, and that the date, say, Easter Week, be permanently fixed.

N. of M. No. 18: Soldiers' Institute.—That it be a recommendation to Congress that the control of the Soldiers' Institute be taken away from the State Executive and vested in the Perth Sub-Branch, R.S.I.—Carried.

N. of M. No. 20: Unemployment Insurance.—Moved by Mr. Longmore (Perth), seconded by Mr. Logie (Corrigin).—That this Congress is of the opinion that unemployment insurance is a vital necessity in any civilized country, and that Federal and State Governments be approached through the proper channels to bring same into effect in Australia.—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Cornell (Dawak), seconded by Mr. Watt (Press): That the item be referred to the incoming Executive for enquiry and report.—Lost.

N. of M. No. 21: Federal Amusement Tax.—Moved by Mr. Brown (Perth), seconded by Mr. Longmore (Perth).—That this W.A. Branch of the R.S.I. considers that the proceeds of any Federal Amusement Tax should be devoted to the advancement of the art of music, and the endowment of a Conservatorium of Music in each State, and by the further education of talented musicians, cinema, and concert artists throughout the Commonwealth.—Carried.

N. of M. No. 23: Community Settlements.—Moved by Mr. Ottewell (Nedlands), seconded by Colonel Margolin (Nedlands): In order to effectively deal with the high cost of living and high rents, Congress is of the opinion that the State Government should form community settlements within a radius of 20 miles of Perth with a view to purchasing land and erecting thereon suitable homes for workers under the Workers' Homes Scheme.—Lost.

Item No. 35: War Fines, etc.—Moved by Mr. Gray (Midland Junction), seconded by Mr. Wells (Vicoria Park): That all war fines imposed be remitted, and that deferred pay withheld be allowed to all discharged soldiers.—Lost.

Item No. 79: British Films.—Moved by Mr. Law, (Merriand), seconded by Mr. Mulqueeny (Perth): That the Government be approached with a view to introducing a Quota Bill in connection with British Films on similar lines to the law operating in England.—Carried.

Item No. 80: Hire Purchase System.—Moved by Mr. Simpson (Upper Chapman), seconded by Mr. Mulqueeny (Perth): That the Government be urged to amend the laws relating to the hire purchase system.—Lost.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Tyler (W.): The Agenda Committee's Final Report, as follows, was submitted to Congress and adopted.

Mr. President:

"We recommend that the thanks of Congress be extended, for services rendered and favours conferred, to:

(a) The President.
(b) The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Office and Institute Staff.
(c) The ladies for their generous and unselfish aid in preparing and serving refreshments.
(d) Employers generally for facilitating the attendance of their employees as delegates to Congress.
(e) The Lord Mayor and Councillors, City of Perth; Departmental Officers for attending and submitting information to Congress.
(f) Sir Thomas Coombs and Union Pictures. The Band Contest Committee.
(g) The W.A. Trotting Association. The Royal Mint. The W.A. Football Association and other organisations who have assisted towards promoting the comfort of the delegates.

The Press.

Congress concluded at 12.45 p.m. on Saturday, 28th September, with the singing of the National Anthem.

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