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Armistice Day

The eleventh anniversary of the Armistice was celebrated with all due solemnity. As the years pass the ranks of the brown legions are being thinned. Twenty thousand Australian Diggers have died since the war, but their spirit still lives, for each year the general public shows greater appreciation of the significance of the poppy and of the two minutes' silence. As the plaintive notes of the "Last Post" sobbed themselves to silence on the morning air, hats were doffed and heads were bowed reverently by people of every class and creed—grizzled veterans, women whose eyes brimmed with unsheathed tears, and dear lads, whose fresh, eager young faces, we pray, will never be scorched by the blasts of that red inferno through which we others have passed. It was no spirit of vainglory that the Empire as a whole carried out this simple rite in honour of our sacred dead. Rather was it an expression of gratitude for the sacrifice of those who fell, and of thankfulness to the Great God of All Men for terminating a period of intense suffering. We are not a vainglorious people: indeed, we sometimes go to ridiculous lengths in our endeavours to avoid the semblance of ostentation; yet, even the nonconformist conscience has a sneaking regard for ritual, especially when that ritual has an inner significance which can be felt by all. After the exultant strains of the reveille, with its motif of the spirit of the joyful resurrection, had ceased, heads were covered and shoulders set in the unexpressed determination of all returned men to work for peace and at the same time to maintain an adequate defensive force so that our sons and daughters may be spared the horrors their fathers witnessed and the agony of suspense their mothers endured during those bitter

years. In adopting this attitude, we, returned men, are not illogical, despite the gibes of those who stayed at home. Unlike them, we know what we are talking about; unlike them, we would sacrifice ourselves again for those near and dear to us. As a Digger expressed it to the writer: "I'd volunteer again if it were necessary, but I don't want my boy ever to be cannon fodder." This is the sort of thing that the pacifist calls "war mongering"; those who know, and those who think would call it plain manliness and common or garden sense. Eternal vigilance is the price of safety to-day, just as it was in ancient Greece and Rome. The dear ladies and the male sopranos could not let the occasion pass without meeting to pass pious resolutions in favour of peace, with hazy generalizations concerning disarmament thrown in for weight. On the same page of the paper that reported these hysteric outpourings appeared the account of the clamour raised by certain coloured and parti-coloured peoples against the alleged differentiation against their nationals residing in other countries, such as White Australia. The illustrated papers which arrived from overseas during the week are full of pictures of Russian women undergoing musketry training, of Chinese women doing likewise, and of Russian schoolboys receiving instruction in wireless and other branches of military signalling. In fact, the nations which refuse to repeat these pacifist gestures are the only ones likely to engage in a war of aggression. The hairy-heeled minions of Moscow, in this country, must give vent to many a chuckle when they read of the support given to their insidious propaganda by the more respectable, if more thoughtless, sections of the community; for disarmament for every country except Russia, is a very potent item of their propagandas.

"Some achieve greatness, some are born to greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them."

Buttons a-glitter and cheeks aglow, They fret and they fume. "Dress up, that man! Dress back, that man!" They worry as only your officer can. Front rank or rear, Jim still looks queer. His bulk will loom for it must have room.

"Gad, his chest's all waste, and a waste of space! And then, my hat! With a nose like that, How can we find a place for his face?" But they can't change Jim. No rank fits him.

"Come out here, you! You spoil the view. What's to be done with the son of a gun?" "That's easy as pie, I'll wager. If me rank don't fit—why, alter it. There's only one blankety thing you can do— Make me a sergeant-major!"—Peter Hopegood.
THE MONTH

"Coul or—"

A certain, or uncertain, hazy industrialist, one, Mr. Coull of Victoria, has unburdened himself regarding our military system. He believes in defence, he tells us, but defence for the workers and not for the capitalist. How the one can be protected without defending the other he does not explain, but logic was never the hallmark of the one-eyed. Coull sounds all right, but methinks the spelling should be changed without altering the rhyme scheme.

"Journey's End" on the Continent

"Journey's End," the great play of the war, is finding its Continental public. It has been translated and produced in both Germany and France. At first it was deemed inadvisable to allow Continental people to gain the impression that the typical British company commander was a whisky soaker. However, it was realised that Stanhope is a type that is general, even universal, and his failure is obliterated by other his good qualities. Judged by their portraits in the "Illustrated London News," the actors representing Stanhope and Osborne would pass muster anywhere as typical English officers, the remaining actors are delightfully English. In the French production, Shakespeare is substituted for Lewis Carroll, in the poignant scene between Osborne and Raleigh, immediately before the raid. The change in the text would mar the story for English playgoers, but the delightful nonsense from "Alice" would convey nothing to the French, who, in spite of their reputation for frivolity, are an exceedingly serious people.

A war play, written by an English soldier, devoid either of bitterness or pacifist bleating, staged both in Berlin and Paris, will, like such novels as "All Quiet," do more to promote that mutual understanding and sympathy which is the basis of universal peace than all the political pacts and pious resolutions of the three sexes put together.

Cusack Takes a Curtain Call

The modesty of the shrinking violet, and that sense of sportsmanship which forbids a man to crow in the moment of victory are alike absent from the composition of J. J. Cusack, the newly-elected-member for Eden-Monaro. Returning thanks to his constituents, he spoke for twenty minutes and told his hearers many strange things.

"I have the privilege," he said, "of having been the first Labour man to hold the seat of Albury and of Queanbeyan in the State Parliament and now of Eden-Monaro in the Federal Parliament, and I will not be surprised if I am the first Australian appointed as Governor-General." He added that if he became Governor-General of Australia, he would wear Mr. Bruce's spats and bow-yangs. Poor Stanley Melbourne! The primitive horde simply cannot forgive him for being a gentleman. The sartorial threat may be simply an elephantine pleasantry on Mr. Cusack's part, nevertheless, it is on all fours with that inversion of snobishness which has made certain Speakers refuse to wear the wig and robes. Incidentally, Mr. Cusack did not tell his audience that he refrained from wearing khaki during the 1914-1918 period. This lack of ostentation on his part will doubtless commend him to his colleague, Beasley, who stated in the House of Representatives, that he was worthy of commendation for staying at home from the war; and to the section who strafed that good Labour man, and good front line soldier, Coleman, because the last-mentioned made recruiting speeches in 1918.

Mr. Cusack also indulged in hazy generalisations about the new government representing all classes, and seeing that all people got justice and fair play. Apparently justice and fair play are the exclusive copyright of Mr. Cusack's own party. He wanted to see the large land monopolies abolished, a yeomanry created and a "Singapore Base" established at Sydney. It is easy to tickle the ears of the groundling, and there is no value like the valour of ignorance. Nations like Great Britain, France, and America, who have grown old and wicked in naval warfare, are careful to establish their naval bases as far away from large centres of population as possible. Whether he uses the word "Yeomanry" in its sociological or its military sense is not clear from the report of his speech, but used in the former sense, the word denotes a privileged class, while in its military application, it stands for a rather expensive hobby of the leisure classes. From either point of view, it is unlikely that this portion of his confession of faith will be viewed with favour, by Mr. Cusack's own party. On his own showing, Mr. Cusack has been given the job of ex-member by both his State constituencies, and probably, at the first opportunity, the free and enlightened electors of Eden-Monaro will put the sack on Cusack.

Esperanto

Of all the attempts to found a world language, Esperanto alone looks like surviving, and this was amply borne out by the success of the Esperanto Congress held in Perth early this month: The convenience and advantages of a universal language are too obvious to call for comment. During the middle ages and until a much later period Latin was the language of science and culture. Kings wrote to one another in that language, and the
Church established it as the tongue of all Christian worshippers. Francis Bacon is said to have written his essays in Latin to ensure their survival. Even now, Latin as a school subject is dying hard. One of its opponents once said that the Romans were able to conquer the world because they were not forced to waste their youth learning Latin. Its advocates claim that a knowledge of Latin helps to a better understanding of English, though to us, the spending of hours weekly in learning a dead language to perfect one's mastery of a living one, is rather reminiscent of Thompson's horse. That historic animal, it will be remembered, swam across a river to get a drink.

Esperanto on the other hand, is simple and easily learned. Some few years ago an attempt was made to introduce it, as a compulsory subject, into the Queensland State Schools. The prime movers were people with grand old English names like Leusabitch and Von Bosch, and this is perhaps the reason why it failed. Notwithstanding its many advantages and its interesting nature, Esperanto is unlikely to replace the existing languages. It is artificial, and therefore lacking in vitality and as yet has no literature. Like shorthand, it will be learned only by those who need to use it in their everyday lives, and again, as with shorthand, those who do not need it will do without.

Spit and Polish

Air—"There was a Wife Lived in a Cockpen"

Be your sins as black as black can be,
Wash 'em!
Just bring your sooty souls to me
And a brimstone bath I'll guarantee—
Wash 'em!
Wash 'em, my dearies, scrub 'em!

Old Hercules in days of yore—
Wash 'em!
Most cunningly a flood did pour
To swell a filthy stable floor—
Wash 'em!
Wash 'em, my dearies, scrub 'em!

Oh, eyewash is the staff's delight,
Eyewash 'em!
If we don't keep our clobber bright,
How can the general sleep at night?
Wash 'em!
Wash 'em, my dearies, scrub 'em!

And Jerry's such, a dirty dog—
Wash him!

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British United Services' Association

The British United Services Association propose holding a smoke social some time in January, which will be a little different to the usual run of such functions. Brigadier-General Jess, the State Commandant, has promised to deliver a lecture on this occasion on the subject of "Defence." Those who have served in the Imperial Forces and are desirous of knowing how their unique training, knowledge and experience can be best used in the interests of Australia and the Empire will not fail to attend this function. This is the opportunity so many have been seeking. The General will tell all there is to tell.

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He'd drink his grandad's tot of grog
And pinch his mother's skirt to flog.
Wash him!
Scrub him!
Wash him, my dearies, scrub him!

Our silent navy sweeps the seas—
Wash 'em!
It sweeps the ocean with sookege,
And holystones to keep us clean.
Wash 'em!
Scrub 'em!
Wash 'em, my dearies, scrub 'em!

So, as we're out to win the war,
Wash 'em!
It's silversand your knuckles raw,
And saddlesap from six to four.
Wash 'em!
Scrub 'em!
Wash 'em, my dearies, scrub 'em!

Oh, Madame France's shimmy teems—
Wash 'em!
With grey-backed Huns it fairly steams:
It's up to us to iron the seams.
Wash 'em!
Scrub 'em!
Wash 'em, my dearies, scrub 'em!

The thunder's roar, the lightning's glance—
Wash 'em!
For Little Willie's spoilt his pants—
It's all along of our advance.
Wash 'em!
Scrub 'em!
Wash 'em, young Willy, scrub 'em!

—PETER HOPEGOOD, 1916

28th Notes

(by "389")

As Quartermaster, Mr. Norman Graham gained much experience in satisfying the wants of the troops during the war. When they did not get what they wanted, then they got what was "good" for them. Under his hand, therefore, the programme for the bi-annual reunion, to be held in the Soldiers' Institute on Friday, 13th December, is safe. "Returns" of size and description of talent available should be forwarded to Mr. Graham, c/o Wunderlichs Ltd., Perth.

One learns with satisfaction that the operation performed on our indefatigable Secretary, Mr. Harry Kahan, has been successful, and that he hopes soon to relieve "Mossie" of one half of his double burden.

Ex-28th who are accustomed to lunch at mid-day are reminded that the monthly luncheon commence at noon, and that any time between ten and 2 p.m., they may lunch with their old cobs at the Cabin Tea Rooms on Thursday, 28th December.

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"SWAN" BRAND SWEET MUSTARD PICKLES are worth having
State Executive Meeting
30/10/29

Present.—Masters, Collett, Riley, Smith, Freedman, Philip, Watts, Longmore, Cornell, Logie, Cooke, Sadlier, Pady, Parker, Wells, Margolin, Shaw, Lovell, Dunkley, Farquharson, Tozer, Bader and Edmonds.

Leave of Absence: Mr. Tyler applied for leave of absence from executive meetings on October 30th and November 11th, trustees' meetings on October 28th and November 4th and 11th. Leave was granted. Mr. Yeates was also granted leave of absence for October 30th.

Federal Correspondence.—Financial Clips: A communication was read and received from the Federal executive concerning financial clips for 1930.

Armistice Day Message: The Federal President's Armistice Day message was read and it was decided that publicity be given to it.

Entertainment V.C.'s: A telegram was read from the Federal President in which it was stated that the Governor-General had been requested to invite State Governors to tend a dinner to V.C. holders in the various States. A reply had been received that this State was not in accord with the suggestion, and action had already been taken.

War Service Homes: A telegram, was received from the Federal President concerning the cessation of War Service Homes activities.

Employment Return: The report of the Employment Bureaux throughout the Commonwealth for the month of September was received.

Invitations.—An invitation to a smoke social by the Murray Sub-branch was received. Mr. Logie was appointed to present the Executive.

Trayning: Delegates were advised that the State President and Secretary would visit Trayning on the 2nd November.

Nannup: Mr. Pady consented to represent the Executive at Nannup on November 11th.

Letters of Appreciation: Letters of appreciation were received from Mr. C. T. Grant, Mr. W. F. Trorey-Hunt and Mr. B. Stringfellow.

Aliens on Mines:—Moved Mr. Sadlier, seconded Mr. Bader, that the resolution carried on the 4th September adopting the committee's report in connection with aliens on mines be rescinded.

Carried.

The Collie Sub-branch forwarded a copy of a communication from the Collie Road Board in which it was stated that the Minister for Works had instructed that in future no foreign labour be employed without its permission, and provision now appears on the Board's contract conditions.

Finance Committee:—The report of the Finance Committee was then taken and submitted by Mr. Parker. The report was adopted.

A rising out of the report, a deputation from the Mt. Hawthorn Sub-branch waited on the Executive in support of their application for a guarantee of £710. Messrs. Charles and Rowles addressed delegates. Moved Mr. Watt, seconded Mr. Logie, that this matter be deferred to allow the Finance Committee to discuss it further with the secretary of the Mt. Hawthorn building fund committee. Lost.

An amendment was moved Mr. Philip, seconded Mr. Wells, that the committee regrets that no action can be taken towards providing a guarantee as desired by the Mt. Hawthorn Sub-branch. Carried.

Assessment Tribunal:—Mr. H. H. Howard, chairman of the No. 2 Assessment Tribunal, attended the meeting, and was welcomed by the President. He addressed delegates on the work of the tribunal.

Wagin:—A letter was received from the Wagin Sub-branch concerning Padre Riley's visit to that centre. The Padre submitted a report on his visit.

Edward Millen Home:—Rabbi Freedman submitted the committee's report on its visit to the Edward Millen Home on the 23rd October. The committee recorded its complete satisfaction at the noticeable general contentment now prevailing. He stated that the peaceful and contented atmosphere now existing at the Home is so marked and gratifying that the committee is loth to do anything to disturb it. The report was received and adopted. On the motion of Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Cooke, it was decided that a copy of the report be sent to the North Perth Sub-branch and the Deputy Commissioner, Department of Repatriation.

It was also decided that Rabbi Freedman and Mr. Tozer attend the meeting of the North Perth Sub-branch to further explain to members of the sub-branch.

Lecture by President Federal Capital Territory Branch:—A telegram was received from Mr. Rowe stating that he was agreeable to lecture in Perth on Sunday night, after church hour, if desired; otherwise Subiaco and Claremont Sub-branches were co-operating with him in aid of charities.

Guildford Branch:—A communication was received from a returned soldier in Guildford stating that he considered a sub-branch should be formed in that district. The matter was left in the hands of the secretary for enquiry and report.

Noombuling Sub-branch:—Approval was granted for the appointment of Mr. A. S. Pennington as secretary of the Noombuling Sub-branch.

Harvey Rent:—A communication was received from the Secretary for Lands concerning a deputation from Harvey, which waited on him some little time ago, with Mr. Logie. The Minister stated that it had been agreed to capitalise arrears of rent and interest to the end of the current year. The secretary was instructed to forward copy of the letter to the Harvey Sub-branch.

South African and Imperial Veterans Association:—An invitation was received from this as-
Arts Association for representatives to attend their memorial service to be held in King's Park on Sunday, 17th November, at 3.30 p.m. It was decided that the Executive be officially represented, and that a wreath be laid on the memorial.

Arms Service.—J. T. Riley advised delegates that an Armistice Day service would be held in St. George's Cathedral at 10.45 a.m. on the 11th November.

Arms Medal.—A communication from the Royal Mint concerning Arms medals was received.

X-Ray.—The Maylands Sub-branch forwarded a complaint on behalf of one of their members that he had attended the Perth Hospital for X-Ray on three different days without being attended to. On the fourth day he was dealt with. The Maylands Sub-branch pointed out that he had lost three days' pay and suggested that he was entitled to some compensation for loss of time.

Advertisements were made at the Department and it was stated that owing to an unfortunate set of circumstances, the delay in this case was unavoidable and that it was an isolated case. During discussion reference was made to other delays occurring at the Perth Hospital, when ex-servicemen were asked to report for X-Ray and other treatment, and had to wait hours during the day before being attended to. In this connection the secretary was instructed to take the matter up with the Department.

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

Land Committee: Mr. Logie submitted a report on two meetings of the Land Committee, which dealt with several cases. Report received.

Poppy Day: The report of the Poppy Day Committee was received and adopted.

In this connection a letter was received from the Poppy Day Appeal Committee, Sydney, suggesting co-operation in certain matters. The letter was referred to the Poppy Day Committee.

House Committee: Mr. Philp delivered a report of the House Committee meeting held on the 23rd October. The report was received.

The question of board room accommodation arose out of the House Committee's recommendation, and after discussion it was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the Committee to report at a later date.

Condolence.—On behalf of the delegates, the State President extended sympathy with Mr. C. P. Smith in his recent sad bereavement.

Notice of Motion.—The Rev. C. L. Riley gave notice of his intention to move at the next Executive meeting as follows: “That it be a recommendation to sub-branches to agree that in future no land matters will be accepted as notices of motion during Congress without the endorsement of the Executive Land Committee, and that matters not acceptable to the Congress agenda as made up must be submitted to the Soldier Settlers' Conference the day before Congress.”

Next Meeting.—As the Federal Congress will be sitting when the next Executive meeting should take place, it was decided that the Executive meet one month from date, and that if necessary the President call a special meeting in the meantime, otherwise all urgent business be attended to by the Management Committee.

Broadcasting.—The appointment of a delegate to broadcast matters of League interest was left to the President.

Agenda Items.—Agenda items referred to the Executive by Congress were deferred until next meeting.

South Perth.—Mr. Longmore reported having represented the Executive at the smoke social at South Perth.

Osborne Park.—Mr. Bader reported having represented the Executive at the Osborne Park smoke social.

Dowak.—Mr. Cornwell reported having visited Dowak Sub-branch.

State War Memorial.—Delegates were informed that provision was being made for two flags to be flown on the State War Memorial. Moved Mr. Watt, seconded Mr. Riley, that the League make an offer to the State War Memorial Committee to provide one flag and staff.—Carried.

Leave of Absence.—Mr. Stiller was granted leave of absence for three months owing to ill-health.

Some Impressions of Federal Congress

That Congress expresses its sincere thanks to the State Executive of Western Australia for the excellence of the arrangements made for the conduct of the Conference, and to all members and officials of the League in Western Australia who were in any way responsible for the entertainment of delegates, or assisted in carrying out the work of Congress.

There was no mistaking the cordiality with which Colonel Dollman, of South Australia, submitted this resolution to the Federal Congress before its conclusion. It was heartily endorsed by inter-State visitors, and carried unanimously. The Congress also carried a resolution of appreciation to the Commonwealth and State Governments, the Lord Mayor and Councillors of Perth, and the Mayor and Councillors of Kalgoorlie and Boulder, to Perth, Fremantle and Press sub-branches, the Legacy Club, soldier members of Parliament, the State Secretary and staff of Western Australia, and members of the Women's Auxiliaries, who so thoughtfully attended to the morning and afternoon tea arrangements.

Delegates to the 14th Annual Congress soon got to work on an agenda extending to 52 type-written pages, and although their social entertainments were many and varied, the attention to business was almost continuous. Adjournments were not allowed even for morning and afternoon tea, the ladies kindly bringing the refreshments to the meeting table. Where items were generally acceptable, repetition was avoided, an instance of this being afforded when Dr. Purdy, of New South Wales, in seconding the other New South Wales delegate's motion, said, “Mr.

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“SWAN” BRAND MUSTARD PICKLES—Appetising, Piquant
President, I merely dot the i's and cross the t's of the words uttered 'by my colleague'; and as the resolution under notice was acceptable to W.A., Colonel Collett contented himself by saying, 'I underline what Dr. Purdy has said.'

Federal Presidency.—In one or two incidents of the recent Federal Congress, the view point of more than one State, peeped through. Before the election for President, Mr. Holland, Victoria, asked Captain Dyett if he would be a candidate next year, and in reply Captain Dyett definitely assured delegates that he would not be a candidate for the Presidency in 1930. On, the concluding day of Congress, ten of the thirteen delegates signed a letter of appreciation of the way Captain Dyett had handled the business of Congress, and concluded with a hope that he would once more place his services at the disposal of the League. This letter was included in the Minutes of Congress proceedings, and published.

It will be remembered that last year, Western Australia submitted a resolution to the Federal Congress suggesting that Sir John Monash should be asked to place himself at the service of the League next year, meaning 1929. The suggestion and the hope were ruled out of order, as tending to pledge a future Congress. The onlooker could be excused for comparing the reception of the two aspirations, one rejected, that is, the one last year, whilst this year the one in favour of Captain Dyett was apparently in order and accepted.

One of the picturesque figures of this year's Federal Congress was Mr. W. L. Allnat, of Victoria, a mallee farmer, and one who believes the generally accepted opinions of a dry farmer, by approaching 17 or 18 stone weight. Mr. Allnat saw service with the Imperial Forces, and has a breezy and entertaining personality. More than once, his opinion clashed with the Chairman's, but his good nature never allowed heat or bitterness to obstruct themselves on discussions.

Lieutenant-Colonel L. M. Mullen, one of the Tasmanian delegates to the Federal Congress, is the Governor of Hobart Gaol, and in one or two items, displayed quite a professional knowledge in the affairs of diggers who faced the civil orderly, room preceding detention.

The dominating figure of the 14th Federal Congress, was, of course, the President, Captain Dyett, who does not adopt the usual accepted practice of a chairman by announcing the fate of resolutions, but vigorously enters into relative discussions, sometimes even before a motion is seconded. To the regret of many, he strongly counselled caution in respect to a defence motion submitted by Mr. Rowe, of Canberra, and it was at his instigation that this item was withdrawn. Listening to Congress proceedings, it is a pity that this, and one or two other matters, were not proceeded with. Representatives of States assembled in Conference should be permitted to submit and propound the viewpoints of the various States, the majority prevailing. The presiding officer, at such a gathering, should merely accept proposals, count voices, and, when decisions are arrived at, be the channel for conveying the considered views to the responsible authorities. Anything of a revolutionary nature would most certainly be rejected by the majority.

At the instance of the Queensland representatives, the recent Federal Congress was asked to give direction and guidance concerning the admission of ex-members of the Allied Forces to League membership. The resolution was subsequently withdrawn, after the Federal President pointed out that the Federal Constitution, Clause 5, Para. (c), provided that members of the Allied Armies may be admitted as members, after investigation. Apparently, the responsibility rests on the sub-branch, who may, without giving any reason whatever, reject an application for membership from a member of one of the Allied Armies.

Perth and Fremantle sub-branches have earned the gratification of the West Australian Branch of the League for their splendid efforts at entertaining the visitors to the recent R.S.I. Congress. Smokes, socials arranged by each sub-branch were attended by the Federal President, and half of the delegates, and most of the State Executive also attended.

Large efforts were arranged by each delegate to show them the beauty of their country and the hospitality of its inhabitants. Several of the visitors from other States to the Federal Congress enquired into the system of administration and League Headquarters, taking back with them copies of various forms and methods of dealing with soldiers' affairs. The expeditious way in which the Minutes of Congress proceedings were turned out, was also referred to with appreciation, this being in the efficient hands of Miss Christie, of League Headquarters, whose services were at the disposal of Mr. Webster, the General Secretary, whilst the delegates remained in Perth.

Even the Prince of Wales remembered that the Federal Congress was meeting in Perth on Armistice Day, and sent greetings to all delegates and comrades, wishing success to their deliberations and peace-time efforts.

Lord Jellicoe, the Grand President of the R.E.S.L., also cabled his warmest greetings and sincere congratulations on the fine achievements of the League, adding that he trusted the efforts would not only further the interests of ex-members of the A.I.F., but all comrades who had migrated from the Old Country.

Bunbury Sub-Branch also joined in
the welcome and good wishes, and hoped for a visit of delegates to the South-West, which later on was found to be impossible.

The Federal Congress, at the instance of Mr. Rowe, Canberra, accepted the principle of establishing League Headquarters at the Federal Capital, to which the Federal Executive would contribute £1,500 in return for which the Federal Office would receive office accommodation rent free. The Capital Territory Branch aims at erecting a building ultimately to cost £30,000, and a proper legal agreement is to create a trust, giving the Federal Executive equal representation thereto.

Prominent Leagueites

W. J. LOVELL, M.M.

"Bill" Lovell, when quite a lad, heard the "fall in," and served abroad for two and a half years with the 71st Battalion. He was wounded at Villers Brettoneaux, in April 1918, and was awarded the Military Medal in September, 1918, for carrying messages under intense fire at Roisel, north of St. Quentin.

On his return in October, 1919, Bill immediately joined the League, and has since been a staunch worker and friend to the digger and his dependents. For many years he has been Hon. Secretary of the Railway Workshops Sub-Branch. At the recent Congress, Bill was again elected to the State Executive for the third year.

From a Congress Delegate's Boarding House

I

THE DESERTED DINING-ROOM

(By Helliver Tinsmith)

The latest diner has arisen and gone;
Dismantled are the tables, now, whereon
Baked meats were set, with confitures and tea.
Departed hence has all the company,
Some to the pictures, others to the play,
Others to haunts less seemly, but more gay;
But others, still, desiring not to roam,
With frantic sounds, make bedlam of the home.
That chaste grey nun, the Evening, flees in fright
Before the raucous riot of the night.
O Room, a while ago so bright and gay,
Fain would I seek thy silent disaster,
For how can I ascend Panhian Heights?
When jarring noise my Pegasus affrights?
These noisy folks who make me so alert,
By name, I'm powerless to indicate:
The laws of libel make me too afraid.
Fair Algebra, I call thee to mine aid,
And Trigonometry, for it were better To point them out by symbol and by letter.
From Room, XY there comes the blurt ing moan
Of that weird instrument, the saxophone,
Devised by one of Satan's prototypes
In vengeance on the Scotsmen for the pipes.
In Room Co-secant B a baneful fellow Performs lugubriously on the 'cello.
(1 thank the gods, with unction and with passion,
That shamoe and psaltery are out of fashion.)
In Minus N there dwells a gallant who Sets on the gramophone, and warbles, too,
And hourly perpetrates the vocal crime Concerning one, Jeanine, and Lilac Time.
All these and others struggle to derange My senses, with a hideous melange.
The noises that I heard in No Man's Land, When great guns roared and maxims rataplaned,
Compared with these were music of the spheres.
Ulysses-like, I'll have to stuff mine ears.
I'll write no more; my Muse has stole away
To shake a leg within some cabaret.

II

THE BOARDING-HOUSE WARRLER

("Syngung he was, or slayoing at the day"—CHAUCER)

(By Pipp Tos)

He sings each morning 'neath the shower,
And every day, at any hour,
We hear his voice—a voice of power
Though rather weak in tune.
His wild notes hurtling to and fro
Our shreds of patience overthrow.
As tides, with constant ebb and flow
Lay waste some sandy dune.
The singing hardly would suggest
Caruso at his very best;
It lacks the true melodic zest
Of fabled Philomel.
Aptol's lyre made no such sound,

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Nor Pan, whose pipes could hold spell-bound
The nymphs and Dryads, swanking round
Near banks of asphodel.

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Are songs for operatic star,
And some more suited to a bar
That boozey men infest.

Ye Muses, tell this erring man,
Whose vocal cords are rough as bran,
We care not where his caravan
Has dragged itself to rest.

O that whatever gods there be
Would soon incline to leniency.
Perchance they might erase for me
This penance from the scroll.

If not I'll hire some hefty brute,
With ham-like fist and hob-nailed boot.
To come and extirpate the coot,
And ease my tortured soul.

Captain Richard Meares
GREAT GRANDFATHER OF MISS MARY MEARES

Captain Richard Goldsmith Meares, one of the earliest settlers on the Swan River, arrived in the colony on the "Gilmore," in 1829. He was born in West Meath, Ireland, in 1780. At the age of twenty he held a captain's commission in the Royal Fusiliers. Later he transferred to the 2nd Life Guards, where he became captain 1812. He fought in the battles of Jenia, Vittoria, Toulouse, and Waterloo.

In 1829 he sold his commission in the Second Life Guards, and his home in Devon, and he and his wife and eight children embarked on the "Gilmore," in June, for settlement at the Swan River. He took up land on arrival, at Guildford, and built the Bower, which stood approximately where Rose Cottage now stands. After some years he moved to York, where he lived in Auburn Cottage, and for 22 years was Resident Magistrate of the York-Beverley district.

He died in 1862 and was buried in the York Cemetery.

The attitude adopted by the Federal Congress towards the Government's less-defence policy was disappointing to those of us who wish to see the League exerting a greater influence upon questions of national importance. The desirability of our compulsory scheme has been discussed, ad nauseam, in the press and elsewhere, both before and after the Federal elections; and the criticisms hurled at the system have generally been characterised by ignorance, prejudice, or, at best, that little knowledge which is, too often, more dangerous than complete ignorance. Professional soldiers cannot enter into newspaper controversies on defence matters; in this respect the Federal Congress had a unique opportunity. Consisting, as it did, of men whose knowledge is reinforced by experience, who are untrammeled by departmental regulations, and who have neither professional interests to serve nor political axe to grind, such a gathering was eminently qualified to speak with authority and offer suggestions regarding Australia's future defence policy. From two points of view it was the duty of Congress to do so.

Individual branches have, from time to time, passed resolutions deploiring the pruning of the defence estimates, and declaring the League's policy with regard to the maintenance of an adequate defence force. Secondly, though the Federal Labour Party includes several returned soldiers, none of these was allotted a portfolio in the new Government. No member of the new Ministry has had military experience of any kind; on the contrary, some have, on several occasions, publicly manifested an undisguised hostility to returned men and the things they hold sacred. The bounden duty to offer practical advice to a cabinet of theorists, as far as military matters are concerned, was side-stepped on the grounds that it would be inadvisable to embarrass the Government by expressing an opinion on a matter that was said to be sub judice. As a matter of fact, the Government had decided to suspend compulsory training before Congress met, so that, when the responsible heads of the different branches of the service proceeded to formulate a new defence policy, they were confronted with a Hobson's choice. Ride any horse you fancy, but
you must take the one nearest the door. The only alternative to no defence at all was a reversion to the voluntary system, which, in the long run, will mean the same thing.

As a result of Congress’s inexplicable stand (or deplorable lying down, call it what you will), honest opponents of the compulsory system, peace cranks, plain, unvarnished traitors, and others have been vigorously clamant, while the one representative body competent and able to offer a non-soldier ministry advice, remained timorously inarticulate.

The voluntary system of defence has been tried before in Australia and found wanting. When the writer commenced soldiering, some twenty-eight years ago, the local forces—consisted of a curious medley (a legacy of the different systems in vogue in the old colonies) of regulars, militia (i.e., partially paid volunteers, practically equivalent to the British Territorials and our present Citizen Forces) and volunteers, who drew no pay and did less training. In addition, there was the Cadet Corps (seniors and juniors) who contributed towards the cost of their uniforms. The central nervous system which governed and co-ordinated these various units was the Administrative and Instructional Staff (officers), and the Instructional Staff (warrant and non-commissioned officers). There was also the nucleus of a navy consisting of a few antediluvian gunboats like the old “Protector,” a Naval Brigade, composed of ex-ratings of the Royal Navy and ex-members of the Mercantile Marine, and the Naval Artillery Volunteers, which comprised Sydney Harbour yachtmen and other types of land sailors. This naval nucleus was administered by a permanent staff of dinkum navy men. While individual units achieved a high standard of efficiency and maintained a high degree of esprit de corps the haphazard, anomalous defence force suffered from a lack of uniformity as regards training and efficiency, and was almost dying of inanition when the Fisher Government, the first Labour Government to take office as the result of a general election, revitalised the services by inaugurating compulsory training.

The compulsory training system was not perfect; what humanly devised system is? Its outstanding defects were these: In the first place, it did not go far enough; in the second, the professional politicians never allowed it to be made properly compulsory. Nevertheless, it did provide Australia with a national scheme of physical culture, which is still employed in our schools; it unified the conditions of service; and it threw the commissioned ranks open to merit as distinguished from mean.

Owing to its opportune introduction in the year 1911, Australia was able to realise on it during the war years, especially during the recruiting of the Third Division, and of the later reinforcements. It was noticeable that the A.I.F. was the only Empire force that was able to maintain an even standard of physique throughout the war.

In suspending compulsory training, the new Ministry is only following the bad example set by its predecessors, who suspended the training of certain quotas, and cut out a number of training centres in 1922, following up the “good work” by disbanding certain units this year; and while suspension does not necessarily mean total abolition, it is hardly likely that the compulsory system will be re-introduced by the present Government. The fact is, we have not outgrown the pernicious belief engendered by the Boer War, that the Australian is a natural born soldier, who needs no training. In its latter stages the Boer War was waged largely by uniformed irregulars against irregulars in mufti, and ability to ride and shoot were the sole qualifications required. The Australian bushman was eminently adapted for this kind of warfare, but no war has been altogether like it before or since. The anti-defence crowd point to the success of the A.I.F., and argue therefrom that training, except for a short period, is unnecessary. That argument is all the kind of thing they play billiards with, for it ignores the fact that the original four brigades were composed very largely of men who had had years of experience in the permanent forces, and in the voluntarily enlisted units, while the same can be said of the non-commissioned ranks. Many had served in South Africa, and many younger officers, in their eagerness to see service, sank their rank and went out as N.C.O.’s. Even with such a force of trained men, men of outstanding physique, by the way, it was found necessary to put the brigades through a very severe course of intensive training before they were sent to the front. The first four brigades to reach Gallipoli had had longer service and more training than the average regular who took the field in Britain’s previous wars. So much for the “no need for training” fallacy.

In this connection, too, we might ask, will any potential enemy be generous enough to wait until we have raised and trained an adequate force before attacking us? While we are fooling about with our defence force, Japan maintains a peace establishment of 214,340 officers and other ranks; Soviet Russia with 1,000,000 men liable for service trained 800,000 last year. China, according to the Statesman’s Year Book of 1929, from which the preceding figures were also taken, has 3,000,000 men under arms. With the world’s danger zone shifting to the Pacific, and with well-armed and vigorous Asiatic powers resenting our immigration laws, Australia, with its huge area and sparse population cannot afford the luxury of being unprepared for trouble. None of these powers has so far shown any signs of a tendency towards disarmament, and in this respect, the sublime optimism of the Federal Government reminds us of the Roman Emperor who played the saxophone, or some other instrument of torture, while Rome was burning.

A voluntary system may succeed for a while, and it is a healthy sign that the youngsters are still continuing with the colours; but none should know better than a Labour Ministry that there is an economic factor in the case. Under compulsory training the soldier attended a certain proportion of his parades in his employer’s time. He also attended schools of instruction and night classes, putting in far more time than the Defence Act demanded. Under the new conditions greater sacrifices will be demanded of the soldier, for it is unlikely that employers will allow time off for military purposes when not compelled to do so by law. It will be found, as it was before, that only men of assured position and leisure will be able to afford to take commissioned and non-commissioned rank. This will make for the creation of a military caste in Australia, which, one feels sure, is the very last thing the Government wishes to do. On the whole, it looks as though the Government, while cautiously refraining from whipping out our citizen army altogether, is prepared to allow it to fizzle out.

Lieutenant Colonel J. P. Clarke, Tasmanian Crown Prosecutor, was in Perth in connection with the Public Service Conference. Colonel Clarke went away as second in command of the 40th. He afterwards commanded the 44th.

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The W.A. Digger Book

The "W.A. Digger Book," which represents the Press Sub-branch's great centenary effort, and which has been written, illustrated, printed, and published by Diggers, has been published. We hope readers will acquit us of bragadocio when we state that the book is a splendid production, whether judged from the publisher's standpoint or from that of literary and artistic merit. It is in every respect a worthy successor to those wartime publications, "The Anzacs Book" and "Australia in Palestine."

Balance and proportion are its outstanding characteristics. There is hardly an aspect of the soldier's life, in the line or out of it—in Australia, Egypt, Gallipoli, France, and Palestine—which does not find treatment. Our battle leaders and our V.C. winners are here enshrined in what should become a part of every Western Australian soldier's family archives. The book's 160 pages contain articles, stories, and verse, photographs, and drawings, not the least interesting of which is a series of reproductions of water colours by General Jess. The facsimile of a telegram received by General Hobbs during the Battle of Polygon Wood recalls the well-known Bairnsfather drawing of the sorely-harassed colonel, called upon, during a heavy strafe, to wire the number of tins of "plum and apple" consumed by his unit the day before.

State War Memorial

The unveiling and dedication of the State War Memorial at King's Park on Sunday was an historic ceremony. It has taken years of striving, marked by many bitter disappointments, to reach the goal. At one time it looked as if the League would have to finish the memorial, but the situation was saved by the stirring appeal made by the late Archbishop Riley.

To-day we have a fitting shrine in a splendid position, where we can pause and meditate awhile and our thanks go out to all those grateful citizens who made the building of the memorial possible.

The Old Sixteenth

The secretary of the 16th Battalion Association has kindly sent us a copy of the book produced by his Association, and edited by Captan' C. Longmore, called "The Old Sixteenth." We will review this very worthy production in our next issue. The book is a credit to every one concerned in its production, and a copy should be on the bookshelf of every digger.

To Contributors

Correspondents, especially of sub-branches, are requested to make their reports as brief as possible. Type-written copy, double-spaced, is preferred. Notes written in light pencil are having such a disastrous effect on our Sub-Editor's eyesight, that he is threatening to "put the nips" into the Amelioration Fund for the price of a dog, a printed card, and a money box.

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Personal

According to the old proverb, "a good wine needs no bush," therefore, it is rather superfluous to praise a good beer. This is why our modest and energetic Fremantle correspondent, Bill Beer, stresses the work of everyone but himself. The Fremantle crowd are noted for running their show well, not only in League matters. Their Rugby Football Club was a pattern as regards organisation and sociability to other clubs. The secret of their success is undoubtedly the way they manage to enlist the sympathies and practical assistance of the ladies. There must be something in that seaside air after all. With regard to our correspondent, whose manner is even as pleasant as his name, we hope he will not be annoyed if we betray a cabinet secret. In his covering letter, he warned us that he is not an expert at wielding the pen. The size of the news budget he sent us would make even Edgar Wallace look lazy. What is more, it was written in a bright, natural style. Only the demands of space prevented us from publishing it in full.

Back in Perth after a trip round the world, Charlie Stanford. Charlie, who is a vociferous wool buyer now, served with the Silent Service during the war. He has come back fully convinced that there's no place like Australia.

Arthur Wheen, the translator of "All Quiet on the Western Front," is represented in the Mercury Storybook, a collection of stories originally published in the London Mercury, by a tale entitled "Two Masters." This story has also been reprinted in "Australian Short Stories," an anthology edited by Mr. George Mackaness, M.A., of Sydney University.

E. W. Corboy, member for Yilgarn in the State Parliament, will have the fight of his life in the forthcoming elections. His opponent, Mr. G. W. Lambert, M.L.A., is a member of the same party, whose constituency has been lumped with Ted's under the Redistribution of Seats Scheme. Both candidates are confident of success. Mr. Lambert has big business interests in the electorate, but Ted is pretty sure to get most of the first preferences of his own end of the constituency. We wish him luck, for Ted, who soldiered with the 28th, is one of Australia's youngest legislators. Mr. Lambert is not a returned soldier.

Members of the Women's Auxiliary Branch, R.S.L., Kulin, entertained Mr. Tyler, of the State Executive, to afternoon tea, on November 14th, at Mrs. Tumber's restaurant, Kulin. The above Branch, which was organised on March

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1st, 1928, now has a membership of 45. The Branch had the pleasure of entertaining Mr. Tyler last year, just 24 days after its inception.

Placed on duty and medicine after rather a serious time undergoing repairs in hospital, school-teacher Henry K. Kahan, late of the 28th Battalion, and member and solid worker of the South Perth Sub-Branch.

In Perth for a few weeks with the members of the Entitlement Tribunal, of which he is Secretary, is George H. James. George, who served with the 10th Light Horse, was for about eight years the State Registrar of Pensions, in which position he was highly regarded in League circles.

The driving force behind the resurrected Boyup Brook Sub-Branch is our friend, Fred T. Knapp, J.P., an old soldier of the Gordon Highlanders, who is acting as secretary, and W. Ingle, M.M., late of the 16th Battalion, the Sub-Branch President. Both good fellows are farmers. We understand that, taken generally, the soldier settlers are doing well in this district.

Clarrie Fairley, the Kalgoorlie Sub-Branch secretary, is always at hand with a few supporters to welcome to Kalgoorlie distinguished soldiers and prominent League passing through on the Trans. train. There is a wonderful amount of energy and enthusiasm in Clarrie, and when stirred, he is full of fight.

The first country member of the Press Sub-Branch is Alf. Anderson, the Managing Editor of the Collie Mail. Alf, is a great worker for the Collie Sub-Branch, and was for a few years its President.

Congratulations to Leonard Gibbons, the Town Clerk of Guildford, on his very interesting book on the history and progress of Guildford. This town was surveyed and planned during 1829, under instructions from Sir James Stirling, who built the first vice regal residence there. Len. served with the 28th Battalion, suffering the loss of a leg.

During the past month Perth has been visited by several distinguished A.I.F. officers from other States. The police commissioners’ conference was attended by Brigadier-General T. A. Blamey (Victoria), Brigadier-General R. Leane (S.A.), Colonel J. E. C. Lord (Tasmania), and Major Manning (Federal Territory).

General Leane is no stranger to the West. In the pre-war days he was a member of the old Goldfields Regiment, and he saw the more serious side of soldiering with the 11th, and as C.O. of the 48th. Eleven of the Leane family saw service in the late war, several of them in the 48th, which gave rise to the old Digger joke—Why is the 48th like Joan of Arc? Because it is made of all Leanes. During the latter stages of the war General Leane was in command of the 12th Brigade.

General Blamey was also able to renew associations with local friends. Originally a teacher in the service of the W.A. Education Department, he closely associated himself with cadet training. When the Commonwealth took over this activity from the individual departments, T. A. Blamey joined the permanent forces with the rank of lieutenant. The outbreak of war found him a major at 31, and a p.s.c. of the Quetta Staff College.
A Congress in Valhalla

The report of the proceedings has been relayed by special ethergram, and is now set down by Pip Tok.

Scene:
The Conference Room of the Valhalla Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Institute. The background is a wall on which are pictures of battles and prominent generals. There is a door (left) leading into the room, and a long bar (right), behind which Bill-Adams, a short man with greying hair and close-clipped side-whiskers, dressed in the high-stocked swallow-tailed, white-faced scarlet jacket of the Waterloo period, is busy setting glasses and tankards on trays. In the room itself is a Digger, in the rusty khaki of the A.I.F., packing sawdust into spittoons and arranging them round several chairs.

Digger: 'Struth, whatter they want these things for. We didn't have 'em at Blackboy?

Bill Adams (looking up): Oh, them. Well, you see, we 'as several American officers up 'ere an' them things mikes 'em feel at home.

Digger: Oh, I see. Say, Cobber, what's your name?

Bill Adams: Eddums.


Digger: Oh, I get yer. (Then a bright idea strikes him)—Not the Bill Adams of Waterloo fame?

Bill Adams: That's me. The covey what won the famous battle. An' what's more, young feller-me-lad, I were a famous milling cove in me time. Could plant a bunch of fives with Jim Belcher, or Mendoza, or any of the Fancy.

Digger: You mean you were no slouch as a pug, and packed a deadly wallop in each mitt.

Bill Adams (with asperity): I means exactly what I says. Cawn't youse Horstrylyuns speak the King's Hinglish? Get them chairs rahnd them tables. The Congress'll be starting in a jiffy.

The door opens and delegates commence to file in and take their seats. The retiring president, the Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell, seats himself at the table nearest the bar. The others entering are the vice-presidents: Wellington, Napoleon, Nelson, Sir Francis Drake, Julius Caesar, and George Washington; executive: Generals Wolfe, Clive, Sarsetield, William of Orange, Grant, Sherman, Lee, and Jackson; trustees: Robin Hood and Sir Henry Morgan; secretary: Dr. Charles Lever; assistant-secretary: the Sieur de Froissart, treasurer: the Duke of Marlborough; delegates: Macbeth, Henry V, Richard III, and Othello (Shakespearean sub-branch); Colonel Lovelace, Sir Philip Sidney, and Lord Byron (Press sub-branch); Thor, Wat Tyler, John Ball, and Jack Cade (Workshops sub-branch); William Wallace, Robert Bruce, Bonnie Dundee, and Bonnie Prince Charlie (Walter Scott sub-branch); Francois Villon, Richard I, King John, and Prince Rupert (The Gaylads sub-branch); and the special delegates from the Women's Auxiliary; Boadicea and Joan of Arc.

Bill Adams has now filled the drinking vessels which he and the Digger proceed to hand around. Adams hands a huge tankard to Cromwell, who rises and drinks. Wiping away the froth in regulation barrack-room style he speaks:

Cromwell: Well, gentlemen, I declare the congress open. I assume we will commence the proceedings in the usual way.

A Voice: With the Old Hundredth?

Cromwell: Order! I call all present to witness that that's the first I've had to-day. (He turns to Bill Adams, handing him the tankard): Take away that bauble!

(Meanwhile, the Digger is serving the Shakespearean table.)

Macbeth: Is this a Digger that I see before mine eyes?

Digger: Too right, me blinking Lord the King, it is.

Henry V (drinks and orders a return):

Once more into the breach, dear friends, once more.

Stoke up this aching void with English stout.

Othello (holding up a creme de menthe): Aha! the green-eyed monster. (He drinks.) Now, alas, is all mine own pre-occupation gone.

Richard III (is about to drink from a small glass. He sets it down, protesting): What, saucy ruffian! What is this you bring?

Is pony beer a drink to serve a king? (Snatches up a tankard)

No ponies! Thirst-like mine demands a horse.

A horse! a horse! my kingdom for a horse!

Cromwell: Can't you carnal Shakespeareans keep order. We'll have to get

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William of Avon to rewrite you.

A Voice: Or perhaps we should send for Bacon.

Digger (butting in): Excuse me, gentlemen; Bacon didn’t write Shakespeare’s plays: the Americans did.

George Washington: I did it with my little hatchet.

(The Shakespeareans murmur among themselves, looking furiously from time to time at the American group.) The Digger moves away to another table. Bill Adams sets a tray of twelve tankards before the Duke of Wellington.

Wellington: Ho, up guards and at them!

Bill Adams: Hec!cuse me, Me Lord; they’re for you. Senior vice-president gits hextra, Me Lord.

Wellington: Oh, it’s you, old comrade. Remember this chap, Boney. He’s the fellow who really thrashed you.

Napoleon: Mille diables! Is this the man?

Bill Adams: Drink hup, Me Lord; there’s still four left.

Wellington: Well, I suppose I must. What would they say in England if the Iron Duke gave way? (As he commences on the last but one, he sighs.) Oh, that Blucher or night would come. Speaking of Blucher, Boney, don’t you think it’s time we re-admitted him to this league? (Stands up and addresses the chair): Hey, Crommie! What about letting old Blucher come in?

Cromwell: I don’t see why we shouldn’t. Everybody’s getting friendly with the Germans on earth, so I suppose it’s up to us to follow suit. I’ll thank someone for a motion.

John Ball: Moved. When Adam delved—

Thor: Seconded, Thor. The motion now stands. Let’s have an old Blucher in. Donner und blitzen!

(The motion is carried. The Digger opens the door and admits Blucher, who finds a seat with Wellington and Napoleon. He gazes at the pictures and the bar, and exclaims): Blucher: Himmel! What a wonderful place to loot.

(The Digger now pauses by Sir Philip Sidney. Sir Philip hands back the tankard.)

Sir Philip Sidney: Have one yourself, my good fellow. Thy need is greater than mine.

Jack Cade: Hank at him swanking, and look at that bleedin’ fellow drinking it. Hey, Digger, ain’t you got any class consciousness?

Wat Tyler: Yes; that’s the trick the Sidney fellow did during the Zutphen stunt. Gave a wounded soldier his water bottle. What did he want with water when he could pinch the soldiers’ rum like the rest of the bleedin’ brass hats? (They sing):

It’s the same the ‘ole world over,
It’s the poor what tikes the blame,
While the rich ‘as all the pleasures;
Isn’t it a bleedin’ shime?

(Yells of “Order!” arise in every quarter and when their singing subsides there is a disturbance at the Gaylads’ table. Bill Adams has offered a tankard to Francois Villon, who demands a larger drinking vessel.)

Bill Adams: Cawn’t be done, sir; them’s the largest we’ve got.

Villon: Sangdie! the beakers diminish with the years. Time was the tankard was vastly larger and a gentleman could get agreeably drunk at a tithe of the cost. (He sings):

Ovid, Anacreon, Bacchus or Dion,
Hebe and Ganymede, Eros sans eyes.
Lovers and revellers, what is this try on?
Why is the beaker reducing its size?

Bottomless, limitless, brimming with cheer?

Midas has squeezed till it shrinks and it dies:
Where are the pots of yesteryear?

(Someone now commences, and most of the delegates join in): One, two, three, four—

Cromwell: Order! Who told you fellows to number. Villon, you are carnal-minded and sigh for the fleshpots of Egypt.

Wellington: Yes, Frankie, for the love of Mike talk about something we can eat.

(All this time Joan of Arc has been sitting deep in thought.)

Boadicea: Why so pensive, Joan?

Joan of Arc: I was listening to the voices. I fear me they are not the voices that called me forth from Domremy.

(Congress now proceeds to business. There is no agenda paper.)

Cromwell: What! No agenda paper! Lucky for you you are not my Long Parliament.

Wellington: Surely, being soldiers, we can take up a grievance of some sort. What would they say in England if soldiers had no grievance to ventilate?

Nelson: That would be the principal grievance.

Napoleon: Oh! Kiss me, Hardy.

Robert Bruce: Weel, ye ken, I think
someone ought to make a speech.

Wallace: Ah! gang awa' an' catch spiders, Rabbie.

Cromwell: How about the treasurer's financial statement?

Marlborough: I have to report that after deducting my two-and-a-half percent from the League's funds the balance was handed over to the trustees.

Cromwell: Did they draw a balance?

Marlborough: Yes, our trustees, Robin Hood and Sir Henry Morgan, drew the balance—out of the bank—and duly spent it.

Wellington: Damned good staff work. We don't want to be bothered with money matters in Valhalla.

(There is a fierce altercation between King John and Prince Rupert.)

General Grant: The Gaylands sub-branch seem to be in trouble over their Memorial Port.

King John: Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. Prince Rupert will persist in asking me what's wrong with my laundry.

Cromwell: The delegate must refrain.

Prince Rupert: Well, he lost everything in the Wash, didn't he?

Field Marshal Blucher: What are we here for?

Cromwell: Come lads, spring to it. We can't have a Congress without a speech. Ah, General Wolfe.

Clive: Oh, don't listen to him, Crommie. He bites all the other generals. Churchill and the Trustees are bad enough, but—

(Cries of Order! Wolfe has the floor!)

General Wolfe: Mr. President and fellow delegates. Of course, we don't want to glorify war—

A Voice: Hey, Wolfe! Try something else. That speech is copyrighted in Western Australia.

General Wolfe: All right, then. The paths of glory lead but to the grave—

George Washington: Go steady, Wolfe. Remember what happened the last time you recited that thing.

General Wolfe: Whose speech is this? As I was saying, we don't want to glorify war, but look what we gained by the last war. Look at all the dreams it spurred into reality. American pictures, jazz bands, votes for women, women in politics—

General Sherman: As I remarked once before, war is hell.

(Wolfe sits down in some confusion. There being no other business, Congress proceeds to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The office-bearers are all re-elected; the only difference in per-

sonnel being that Wellington is elected president and Cromwell senior vice-president.)

Jack Cade (in a nasty, sneering tone): Same old gang in power again.

Villon: Well, damn it all, this is a congress, isn't it?

(Congress adjourns.)

A Returned Soldier
Political Aspirant

LIEUT.-COL. R. F. FITZGERALD
D.S.O.

A man of extensive and varied experience is Lieutenant-Colonel R. F. Fitzgerald, who will be contesting the new Toodyay seat under the banner of the Nationalist Party. Closely associated with the military forces of Australia since the old voluntary days, he was one of the first area officers, after which he qualified by competitive examination for the permanent staff. He saw considerable war service, going away very early in the piece as adjutant of a light horse regiment, and is reputed to have been in command, at one time and another, of more units of the A.I.F. than any other commanding officer. In his description of the fighting in France during 1916, Bean, the official historian, gives him a very favourable mention. After the war he was for some time second-in-command of the volunteer, defence forces of the Federated Malay States.

During his residence in the West, "Fitz" has associated himself very closely with agricultural and athletic matters. For a while, as Inspector of the Agricultural Bank, he travelled the back country, and his sympathetic treatment of diggers gained him a host of friends. He has written many special articles on agricultural and other rural topics, under the pen-name of "Canberra." Quite apart from his literary and military experience, he is a practical farmer, and this, coupled with his present position of Agricultural Editor of the Perth Sunday Times, should make him a valuable representative for any country constituency.

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Added to all this, he is a keen athlete and horseman. He is President of the W.A. Rugby Football Union, on the State Executive of the Surf Life Saving Association, while he holds a very fine record for work as a member of the Executive of the R.S.I. for over three years.

[Returned soldiers should be better qualified than other sections of the community to enter the houses of legislature, and it is our intention to, if possible, publish particulars of all returned soldier candidates offering themselves to the electors at the forthcoming State Elections. Will all digger candidates please communicate with this Journal?—Editor L.P.]

From the News

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The above are headings which frequently appear in our newspapers, showing that Peace has her horrors as ill-renowned as War. Let the shade of Milton be disturbed by this mis-quotation, we proceed to tune up the office lyre.

TO BELLONA
Bellona, you're a horrid wretch;
And so's your old man, Mars;
The list of your misdeeds would stretch
From Neddlands to the stars.
You get no more than your deserts
When quondam lovers turn aside,
When each and everyone asserts
He'll seek a fairer, worthier bride.
You did not hesitate to slay
And maim your lovers; and you spread
Your snares to trap them night and day,
While Death lurked by the bridal bed.
You blazed a trail of ruin and want;
No wonder lovers turn their backs
And seek that blushing debutante,
Your charming little sister, Pax.
And yet, Bellona, we, who loved,
Sly admiration must confess;
Your reddened hands remained ungloved;
All open was your wantonness.
Your way was hard, your favours few;
A grave the guerdon, death the prize;
But loving, hating, all men knew
You looked, at least, through honest eyes.

This Pax is a designing minx,
A rosy wench, not overbold;

But those who've drained her Circe drinks
Can many a sordid tale unfold
Of victims and of tragedies,
Bellona's sins seem naught to me—
This artful Pax, methinks that she's
No better than she ought to be.

—Pip Tok.

Obituary

Herne Hill Sub-Branch reports the death of an old comrade, Mr. W. Trevithick, who died as the result of an accident on October 19th. The late Mr. Trevithick was a staunch member of the Sub-Branch, and also of the local Progress Association. He was one of the original soldier settlers on the Herne Hill Estate, and Sir James Mitchell planted the first vine on his block. His personality and public spirit made him popular and respected throughout the district, and the LISTENING POST joins with the Sub-Branch in mourning his untimely demise.

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A United R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary meeting was held at the Soldiers' Institute, Perth, on Monday, 4th November. Eighty-six members attended, most of the metropolitan auxiliaries being represented. The evening opened with a little business when the ladies subscribed toward the purchase of beds for a family in distress. Guessing competitions resulted in the following prize-winners:—

Weight of cake, Mrs. Furrow and Mrs. Kirby (Fremantle) both guessed the same and agreed that the cake should be presented to the Fremantle Hospital. The cake was donated by the Bayswater Auxiliary. The prize runner was won by Mrs. Wear, William Street, Perth. Mrs. Snashall (Executive) gave a prize for guessing the number of peas in a bottle; this was won by Miss T. Mittian. The prize donated by Mrs. Stubbsfield (North Perth) for a competition "anatomy" arranged by Mrs. Wear (Perth) went to Mrs. Facey (Perth). A good musical programme was given by the following artists: Roy Facey (Perth), Mrs. St. George (Subiaco), Mrs. Bills (Victoria) and Mrs. Power (Bayswater). The accompanists were Mrs. Wilkins (ubiac) and Mrs. Power (Bayswater). Dancing was enjoyed to music by Mrs. Power, and a voluntary staff of six arranged the supper. The ladies declared they had spent a most enjoyable evening and judging by their smiling faces they had.

The Perth Sub-Branch Ladies' Auxiliary entertained the patients at Lemnos Hospital on the 6th, when the following artists contributed items: Miss May Holman, M.L.A., Miss Dot D'Raine, Messrs. H. Hopperton and Frank Larter. Miss D'Raine acted as accompanist. Cigarettes and literature were distributed to the patients.

The annual meeting of the Perth Sub-branch R.S.L. Ladies' Auxiliary took place on Tuesday, the 5th inst. The president (Mrs. Clark) and secretary (Mr. Hopperton) both gave splendid reports of the year's activities. The work of the committee consisted of collecting and re-distributing cast-off clothing, assisting with a Christmas party for children of soldiers, exhibition of goods by disabled soldiers, hospital visiting, investigating cases of distress, and last, but not least, arranging 53 concerts to soldiers in hospital, at which approximately 2,300 books, 700 packets of cigarettes, and 210 ozs. of tobacco were given to the soldier patients.

The treasurer (Mrs. Page-Lennon) reported a very satisfactory balance-sheet. The following officers were elected:—

President: Mrs. L. Clark; vice-presidents: Mesdames Jamieson and Brawn; secretary: Mrs. H. Hopperton; and treasurer: Mrs. Page-Lennon.

Poppy Day

We are not yet in a position to announce the total poppy sales in Western Australia, but the State Secretary has announced that of the 40,000 poppies received from the manufacturer, all but 500 were despatched in fulfilment of sub-branch orders. In addition to this, about 100 wreaths at £1.1s. each were sold to business houses and public bodies.

It is understood that some of the sub-branches still have poppies unsold, and which, of course, in accordance with the placing of orders, they must carry over until next year. This condition is necessary, as the State Executive must pay the manufacturers on poppies ordered on the requisition of sub-branches, and if over-ordering has occurred, it is the responsibility of the sub-branch demanding supplies in advance of requirements.

A good deal of complaint was received by Headquarters at the pirating of allotted areas in Perth by voluntary lady workers acting for sub-branches to whom another area had been allotted.

Complaints were also received that poppies had been offered for sale in some of the Perth offices and business houses before the authorised day of sale, November 11th.

Altogether, there is a good deal of tightening up to do; for instance, although required to submit progress reports for publication, only about half a dozen sub-branches attended to this provision.

A meeting of representatives of metropolitan sub-branches has been called for Tuesday, December 3rd, at 8 p.m., to discuss prevailing conditions this year, and determine any alterations for improvement.

The Pension Appeal Boards

"My troubles are over," was uttered with relief by a seriously disabled digger, a member of North Perth R.S.L., when emerging recently from the hearing of a pension appeal in which he was successful. His had been a particularly interesting case, a most uncommon malady having manifested itself nearly two years ago. Cessation of work due to the injury preceded strained circumstances, and being a married man with a family, his position bordered on the acute. The rejection of his pension claim by the Repatriation Commission was followed by a notice of appeal, and arousing the skilful interests of a Perth specialist, his own studied assembly of supporting evidence was reinforced by the efficient ad-

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This is only one of the notable cases happily concluded by the Pension Appeal Tribunal now sitting in Perth. There are others where widows and children are concerned; to whom whom there will be two visits of Father Xmas, bringing joy and comfort. The first Father Xmas has appeared in the person of the Appeal Boards created by the vigorous advocacy of the R.S.L., and to many afflicted by the loss of husband and father this Xmas will be rendered all the brighter by the shadow of want being driven from the door. In fact, the atmosphere will be changed from a condition bordering on want, to at least living conditions, owing to the acceptance of the nation's responsibility to them following the creation of War Pension Appeal Boards.

The R.S.L. has a fine record of achievement to look back upon, but shining out like a light on a murky way this last effort, whereby independent boards were created, has been the brightest and best of all. Obviously, many poignant stories are interwoven with the business of appeals, but readers of this journal, being members of the R.S.L. of Australia, can lay the flattering vocation to their souls that through their adherence to the soldiers' cause an organisation created to safeguard the welfare of the dependents of the fallen, has faithfully carried out this very important phase of its aims and objects by bringing about the creation of the independent Appeal Boards.

Sub-Branch Notes

TEDLANDS.

To write a personal letter of thanks to every lady who assisted in organising for and effecting the sale of poppies on Anzac Day was how the Sub-Branch decided to express the appreciation of Mrs. Grainger and her fine band of helpers, formal expression of appreciation being recorded in the minutes on the motion of Mr. Cliff Sadlier, V.C.

Arrangements for a Christmas Tree, to be given to the children (whose number is legion) of local diggers, are well in hand, and the Goose Club tickets are going like hot cakes.

Members of the debating team to represent Nedlands against South Perth were chosen at the last meeting on Tuesday, the 18th instant. Arrangements for meeting the challenge of Perth Sub-Branch to a cricket match are not yet finalised, but Jack Tozer and Colonel Denton are said to have commenced training, and are trying to effect a transfer of weight.

As has become customary, the last monthly meeting concluded with a lecture, the speaker, as on the last occasion, being a local member. In "Experiences of a Prisoner of War in Germany," Captain Wilson painted many vivid pictures of life on the wrong side of the line, and in the narration of many harrowing experiences of punishment reprisals displayed a restraint, which showed an anxiety to render justice to any crumbs of humanity left upon occasion by the German. One hopes that later may come a sketch of Germany in the transition period of the revolution.

At the next meeting on Tuesday, December 10th, the lecturer will be Padre Riley, and the subject will be "Pots," and as both speaker and subject stand high in the estimation of diggers, a large attendance is anticipated.

At the initial meeting in the New Year, a local member will again entertain fellow diggers, when Mr. E. H. Olden will give an illustrated talk on Ceylon.

Members having now quite fallen into the habit of forgetting every second Tuesday each month at the Nedlands Pictures Hall, no individual notices of the monthly meetings are being sent out in future.

Nedlands boasts an Assistant Secretary, who really assists, and in Mr. Henderson, of Hollywood, Mr. Duffield has a round-in-command worthy of the uniting worker himself.

The excellent lecture, illustrated by moving pictures, given by the President of the Canberra Branch (and former Councillor of Subico), Mr. Rowe, at the Nedlands Pictures Hall, on Monday, the 18th instant, was worthy of a much larger audience. Indeed, however, the time or preparation was limited, and if the Amelioration Fund does not greatly benefit, at least the Sub-Branch, thanks to Mr. Rowe, can congratulate itself on having afforded local residents the opportunity of really getting to know Australia's National Capital.

We are deeply indebted to Mr. Rowe, a feeling which was expressed by Col. Denton, in moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer. We are also indebted to Mrs. Nagle and the members of her orchestra who gave their services free.

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With the necessary assistance from the Women’s Auxiliary, this branch had a stall for the sale of poppies on Poppy Day. The results are the nucleus of our Amelioration Fund. This, undoubtedly, is necessary, and unless the dried fruit industry and its prospects brighten up, most members will be compelled to draw on it very soon.

The branch, after business finished, celebrated Mr. Preston’s birthday with the usual toasts, and we sojourne to Egypt, Gallipoli, and France, forgetting for a while all our troubles re dried fruits and its prospects. Now that the rush is over, this active branch desires its members to roll up and interest themselves in its activities.

PILBARA

Jimmy Hay, of Broome, paid a surprise visit, business, to Port Hedland early in the month. The local lads gave him a run inland, during which Jimmy had the opportunity of seeing some fine pastoral country.

The Armistice Day picnic took the form of a motor launch trip to “the Island,” and some sixty or so adults and children were entertained. Special thanks are due to the fatigue party which went across to the Island in the morning to carry wood and water, and to erect a flag pole.

FREMENTLE

The Fremantle Sub-Branch held their Annual Social on November 12th, which was a great success. Fully 200 returned men attended this function, and the efforts of the Committee, who organised the social, were well rewarded by a full house. Theo Brennan was in splendid form, and the Congress Delegates will long remember the welcome that was accorded each individual when they introduced them. Captain Dyett, who did not arrive until 9 o’clock, received a splendid ovation, and he made a very impressive speech in response. Bush’s Jazz Band kept the troops in happy mood, while the “Speciality Four” gave the boys some splendid musical items. Ted Scott was all that could be desired, and he certainly deserves the “Medal of Merit;” he never fails to oblige the lads with the stuff they like. A newcomer to Fremantle was “Woodbine Gus,” who gave a concertina turn, which certainly was greatly appreciated by the audience. We hope to hear more of this returned digger’s efforts. Mr. Fagberg was well received with “Mother Machine.” It was a splendid night, and everyone enjoyed the island in splendid form by the delegates, too lengthy to report in full here, would be a treat to hear at every social, and it is a pity we don’t have a Federal Congress in Perth every year. The important fact to remember is that we have some real good men in our organisation, and those outside the League do not realise this. Phil Jane, our energetic Secretary, organised the whole show in first class order, and every financial member was advised of the event by letter.

So now the long-looked-for social is a thing of the past, and we are to build up again for next year.

Poppy Day was a great success in Fremantle this year, and, I believe, a record. We have to thank the Rev. Eric Nye a lot for this, as he has made many appeals to the church folks, and the lady workers responded excellently.

Thompsons Ltd. gave the Branch a splendid musical evening on November 3rd, which was greatly appreciated, and a good audience attended.

MURRAY

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Sub-Branch of the above was held at North Dandalup Hotel, on Saturday evening, November 2nd. The President (Mr. D. R. McLarty) presided over a fair attendance of members. The Secretary (Mr. W. J. Marsh) read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed on a motion, moved and seconded by Messrs. E. T. Rowley and C. Johnston.

The Secretary reported that he had ordered 120 poppies for sale on Armistice Day, and Messrs. Rowley and Patten moved and seconded that the Secretary’s action be endorsed.

Messrs. E. H. Perry and Rowley moved and seconded a motion that the Chairman’s action in advancing 10/- to destitute soldiers be endorsed.

After discussing the above, a motion moved by Mr. Capps, and seconded by Mr. Pattee, was submitted to the effect that no soldier be assisted unless he produce the League badge. Messrs. Marsh and Johnston moved and seconded an amendment that any man seeking assistance be given an order for his requirements in lieu of cash. The amendment was eventually withdrawn, and the motion submitted, on being put to the meeting, was lost. The position is that the matter now stands as was the previous practice.

Several matters in connection with soldier settlers were discussed at length; and, after several motions and amendments had been submitted on the question, Mr. Strang moved, and Mr. Rowley seconded, that the matter be left to the local Council Committee, and that they be empowered to call a special meeting if necessary.

Discussing the question of the annual union smoke, Mr. Patten moved, and Mr. Davies seconded, that a charge of 1/- be made for tickets for the functions.

It was decided that a motion was moved and seconded by Messrs. Patten and Davies, that a social fund be established, such fund being subscribed to by members at the monthly meetings.

It was agreed that the matter of advertising the Armistice Day Service and the smoke social be referred to the hand of the secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Patten, which was seconded by Mr. Davies, it was decided that the Chairman (Mr. H. Tuckey), and Mr. W. E. C. McLarty be invited to attend the smoke social as representatives of the local governing body.

Mr. Tucker and Mr. Patten moved and seconded a motion, which was carried, that the Committee get in touch with the Women’s Auxiliary so as to discuss financial and other matters.

The question of the decision of the Federal Government to abandon compulsory military training was brought up, and, after discussing same, the following motion, moved by Mr. Perry, and seconded by Mr. Rowley, was submitted:

“That this Branch views with alarm the proposal to abandon compulsory military training, also its consequent loss of employment to returned soldiers.”

CARILLA

It would appear that whenever the Carilla soldier settlers require rain, Carl Bader comes to the rescue. The fourth visit of his high-class volunteer company of entertainers from the city, made on the evening of November 9th, synchronised, as usual, with a heavy and sustained downpour. The appreciative community in the hills enjoyed a rare vocal and instrumental treat, after which dancing was indulged in to the music of the visiting party’s orchestra. Jen, the little daughter of the Sub-Branch’s Secretary (Jock Lee), presented the ladies of the party with roses on behalf of the diggers.

WAGIN

Unveiling of Honour Roll.

When the Wagin Municipality decided to erect a modern Town Hall, the question of the erection of the original wooden Rolls of Honour was discussed. Through the active intervention
Office-Bearers of the State Branch of the Returned Soldiers' League for the next twelve months. Front row (left to right): Mr. R. E. Tyler (Trustee), Rabbi D. I. Freedman (Past-President), the Rev. C. L. Riley (Vice-President), Colonel Collert (President), Mr. C. P. Smith (Vice-President), Mr. G. H. Philip (Trustee), Mr. E. S. Watt (Trustee). Second Row: Mr. J. Cornell, M.L.C., Mr. E. M. H. Farquharson, Mr. R. Cook, Mr. E. W. Edmond, Mr. C. Longmore, Mr. W. J. Lovell, Mr. C. W. Siddler, V.C., Mr. J. H. Tozer, Mr. A. H. Yeates. Third Row: Mr. A. E. Pady, Mr. C. Bader, Mr. G. D. Shaw, Mr. W. H. Logie, Mr. D. M. Benson (State Secretary), and Mr. C. G. Ferguson (Assistant Secretary). Absentees from the group are Messrs. H. S. W. Parker, H. E. Wells, and Colonels Denton, Dunkley, and Margolin.
of the local R.S.L., it was decided to erect a brass tablet—the cost to be divided between the Municipality and the Road Board.

On Friday, October 25th, Padre Riley jour-neyed from Perth, and, in the presence of the Hon. Minister for Railways, and the Hon. Henry Stewart, M.L.C., Mr. Sydney Stubbs, M.L.A., the Mayor and Councillors, and a large and interested audience, unveiled the memorial.

The Mayor, C. J. Hill, briefly introduced the Padre, who then conducted the service with the assistance of A. Lyons. Padre Riley's address, which was listened to with deep attention, was calculated to enrich the memories of the fallen, and to impress all present with the greatness of the heritage which their deaths had purchased. The sounding of the "Last Post" concluded a very impressive ceremony.

The Inscription.

"In memory of the men of Wagin and district who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-1918. 'We mourn our noble dead.'

The Roll contains one hundred and fourteen names.

GREAT SOUTHERN DISTRICT SUB-BRANCHES.

A meeting of delegates from sub-branches of the R.S.L. in the Great Southern District, was held at the offices of the Katanning Flour Mill, Katanning, on Wednesday, 3rd November, at 7.30 p.m.

Present—Messrs. Tratham (Tambellup), Cobb and Fildes (Katanning), Findlay and Roach (Kojonup), Ferguson (Wickepin), Tassicker and Noonan (Wagin).

Mr. Cobb was elected Chairman, and Mr. Noonan, Secretary.

Mr. Tratham (Tambellup) moved: That a Great Southern District Re-Union be held at different centres each year, and that the first re-union be held at Wagin on March 22nd and 23rd, 1930. Seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Wickepin).—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Tassicker (Wagin): That the entertainment be in the form of a dinner, fol-lowed by a social evening on Saturday 23rd March, 1930. That Wagin Sub-Branch make arrangements for visitors to view places of interest in the Wagin district. That the State Executive be invited to attend. That the price be fixed at 5/- per ticket. That all sub-branches represented at this meeting guarantee Wagin Sub-Branch against a financial loss to the extent of up to 1/- per head of membership of their sub-branches, and that all sub-branches not represented be asked to make similar guarantee. Seconded by Mr. Tratham (Tambellup).—Carried.

Mr. Ferguson (Wickepin): That Wagin Sub-Branch call a meeting of two delegates from every sub-branch in the G.S. District to meet and discuss any matters of interest to G.S. District, with members of State Executive at Wagin on March 22nd, 1930. Seconded by Mr. Tratham (Tambellup).—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Tassicker (Wagin): That all sub-branches in G.S. District be asked to appoint two (2) members to attend meeting on March 23rd, 1930. Seconded by Mr. Findlay (Kojonup).—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Findlay (Kojonup): That the G.S. District Re-Union be confined to returned A.I.F. and ex-Imperial soldiers only. Seconded by Mr. Fildes (Katanning).—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Tassicker (Wagin): That the State Executive be written to the effect that it is in the minds of G.S. sub-branches to form a Great Southern District Council, and ask would this be constitutional, and what steps would have to be taken to form such council, and this in view, we are calling a meeting of delegates for March 23rd, 1930, to meet and discuss this matmter with representatives of the Executive. Seconded by Mr. Roach (Kojonup).—Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to obtain from the State Secretary a list of sub-branches.

It was agreed to hold a parade on March 23rd, at 11 a.m., and all sub-branches to place a wreath on the Fallen Soldiers' Memorial in Wagin.

Mr. Cobb (Kojonup) proposed; That the G.S. Sub-Branches give their full support to the Great Southern Re-Union proposal, and regretting they could not attend the meeting of delegates at Katanning.

MAYLANDS.

At the bi-monthly meeting, held in the Maylands Town Hall, on Thursday, November 14th, President Lou Butcher was in the chair. Only ordinary business was conducted for the meeting.

Four new members, Messrs. Joyce, Jemerson, O'Dwyer, and Curran, were welcomed by the President.

At 9 p.m., business being concluded, members resolved themselves into "Maylands in Billets," when a very enjoyable time was spent listening to Mac's war stories, and in consuming a little of the usual with biscuits and cheese.

A raffle for four Tatt's tickets was won by Digger, Arthur Baker, of the Car Barn.

MERRIDIN.

The excellent congratulation which has always existed between the Kellerberrin and Merredin Sub-Branches was again demonstrated on Sunday, 27th October, when, in response to an invitation, about forty members of the Merredin Sub-Branch attended the R.S.L. Picnic organised by the Kellerberrin Sub-Branch.

The Merredin detachment took the road at 10 a.m. with Secretary "Dick" Law in the van. In the column was a truck piloted by Digger Jack Riordan, late 48th Battalion, which carried the full complement of the Merredin R.S.L. Band, under Bandmaster Hobbs.

Digger Arthur Chambers loaded up his car to its fullest capacity with soldiers' children, and was much relieved, on calling the roll at Kellerberrin, that he had a full muster.

Arrangements were made for the party to be met at Kellerberrin Post Office at 12 noon, and President Ogilvie was deputed to meet them there. He found them eventually—but not at the post office—and Wulf Richdson, the big double "B" of the Band, explained that, having travelled the requisite thirty miles, they were rather late.

On the picnic grounds many old friendships were renewed and new ones cemented, and the boys from Merredin were struck by the excellence of the arrangements. Even the provision of convenience for the gentlemen of the Light Horse had not been overlooked.

Bandmaster Hobbs, whose musicians put up a splendid performance, was highly gratified with the way in which the musical numbers were received.

After a very pleasant day the Merredin party took the road, hoping that the two sub-branches will soon find another excuse for getting together.

SOUTH PERTH.

South Perth diggers report a very busy and very fruitful month. The Building Committee has finalised arrangements for the purchase of a block of land in Coode Street, near Angelo Street, and, no doubt, members will soon be occupying it.

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Memories of Padre Bell's Armistice service will long remain with us, and he is hereby complimented and thanked for the manner in which the service was arranged. Padre Riley preached a most inspiring sermon, which was appreciated to the full by the diggers present. On behalf of the Sub-Branch, President Farquharson placed a wreath on the Memorial Board.

More than £100 was collected on Poppy Day, and the numerous ladies who worked so successfully to augment the Amelioration Fund will feel gratified to learn of the measure of their success.

Diggers Broadhurst and Fred. Strickland received visits from the stock, and in each case a young digger was taken on strength.

The first Wednesday night of each month has been set aside as "Picture Night," and by arrangement with the proprietor of the Gaiety Theatre Pictures, the Sub-Branch will profit from the sales of tickets. The members and friends of the Sub-Branch are particularly asked to purchase their tickets from a member of the Committee as it is only from ticket sales that the Sub-Branch can benefit. The first picture night will be held on December 4th.

The "Estaminet Night" smoko was an unqualified success, and was pronounced the best yet. Prominent in the festivities were Messrs. Grant, Simp, and Sinclair, as "Madame" and her daughters, and many of the members turned up in uniforms, which strained at the garter. Mr. Kennedy's impersonation of the "Tiger of France," and his very witty speech in broken English was the gem of the programme. Those who have been developing a recent interest in psychology would have noted with interest the spontaneous "boo" which greeted Mr. Le Ferre's study of a "Red Cap." It was a distinct tribute to his histrionic powers. Ted Scott, Petit Brie, Vin Blanc, and other notabilities added to the evening's enjoyment.

We don't know what Victorian diggers are doing these days, but it was left to Mr. Farquharson to add the name of Brigadier-General Blamey (Vic) to the roll of the R.S.L. We congratulate "Farkie" on his capture, and we congratulate General Blamey for his discernment in joining up with South Perth.

DOWAK.

The Annual Meeting of the Dowak Sub-Branch was held on September 19th. Mr. J. W. Wagoner was re-elected President. The following officers were appointed: Vice-President, Mr. E. S. Weeks; Secretary, Mr. G. Andrews; Treasurer, Mr. H. McGuckin; Committee, Messrs. McGuckin, L. A. Weeks, E. S. Weeks, Evans and Crouch; Advisory Committee, the President, Secretary, and Mr. A. J. Evans.

The balance sheet for the year shows a credit balance of £17 17s. 9d. This amount represents the proceeds of entertainments. The cup presented by the Sub-Branch, to be won at the South Mallee Agricultural Show, was handed over to the winner, Mrs. McCrae, of Salmon Gums, at the Agricultural Society's Grand Ball. This cup is to be won outright by the person (who must be an agriculturist) obtaining the largest number of points. It was engraved by the R.S.L., with the name of the winner, Mr. Thomas, Superintendent of Wheat Farms, in making the presentation, remarked on the value of the cup as an aid to competition, and complimented the Sub-Branch.

Mrs. McCrae submitted a large number of entries. The balance sheet in connection with the benefit dance held on September 21st, shows a profit of £6 8s. 8d. Thanks to the splendid efforts made by all, the expenses were only £2 9s. 10d. A copy of the balance sheet has been posted to Salmon Gums, and the proceeds handed over to Mr. Bickle.

A review of the Sub-Branch's working shows that it has been active in many matters, and the results have been very satisfactory. All returned men who have not yet joined up are invited to do so at once.

The Hon. J. Correll, M.L.C., represented the Sub-Branch at the Annual Congress.

A vote of thanks to the retiring Secretary, Mr. A. J. Lloyd, was passed.

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