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Retrenchment versus Economy

Those addle-pated persons who cannot differentiate between disarmament and universal peace must have rejoiced at hearing the Federal Government's resolve to make a drastic reduction in this year's defence estimates. Nevertheless, this reduction must arouse something like consternation in the breasts of all who place their country's welfare above the practice of limelight hunting, and the uttering of false catchphrases. This is the second occasion on which the defence forces have been submitted to the pruning knife. The first occasion that in 1922, when several training years were suspended and the personnel of the permanent forces reduced by one-third, should have proved to the public that retrenchment does not always mean economy. The officers and other ranks who were discharged received compensation at the rate of one month's pay for each year's service. By some curious feat of reasoning, which led the Minister to believe that a civilian can live more cheaply than a soldier, he was able to send a little service snobishness: clerical and deparental personnel were so have been compensated at a lower rate than naval and military ranks. However, to their eternal credit, the Federal Labour Party protested so vehemently that this iniquitous distinction was removed. Hardly had the axe fallen when the same economising government found it necessary to go cap in hand £5 of some of the retrenched officers to ask them to rejoin the service. Some of them did, so that with their compensation money and their jobs, they made a nice little thing out of the Government's reduction muddle.

On this occasion there is not talk of compensation, and it appears that the only ones to be thrown to the wolves of unemployment will be those unfortunate who are graded as civilian staff. As private heads are turned, this is the only way to get them out of the way. For the rest, the reduction will take the form of laying up certain vessels, closing down certain munition workshops, factories, and flying grounds, and disbanding certain citizen force units. That is to say, our already inadequate defence forces are to be pared down the quick. This is to be regretted. In the present condition of world politics, we cannot afford the luxury of disarmament. It remains to be seen how far peace parties and the like will be opposed by Russia and China during the present Manchurian dispute. It also remains to be seen what protection any pact will afford Australia should any Asiatic power feel strong enough in the face of our weakness to resent actively our White Australia policy. History has shown that no agreement yet made has deterred any nation who is sufficiently strong from resorting to arms in support of what it considers an inalienable right.

Brigadier-General Jess told a gathering of South African and Imperial Veterans that regular soldiers realised that there must be reductions owing to the state of the public finances, and they would face the position loyally. Quite so. Our regulars are soldiers and gentlemen, and they cannot do otherwise. Why should the country's defences be picked upon when reduction of expenditure becomes necessary? Are there any other Federal departments to which the axe can be applied with greater advantage to the community? Soldiers and sailors are picked upon because they are the one Federal service without a union.

Again, why have the public finances been allowed to fall into such a parlous condition? The answer is past extravagance and present muddle. We have the spectacle of a legislative body supinely handing over its duties to expensive commission after commission. More money has been squandered on all manner of side issues than would have maintained all the units being disbanded. It is nothing but crass bad management and inexplicable extravagance that has rendered any reduction necessary. There is no reason why a country should not run on business lines. In any big business, when maladministration necessitates retrenchment, those responsible for the muddle are fired. The same should apply to the nation, and, therefore, in all common honesty, the first reductions should be those of Federal members' salaries.

Archbishop Riley

THE LEAGUE'S LOSS

At the first State Executive meeting following the death of Archbishop Riley, Colonel Collett spoke feelingly of the great loss sustained by the League. He stated:

"I would like to say a few words concerning the eminent laymen who have sustained us since the last meeting of this Executive. As you know, Archbishop Riley, the Chaplain-General of the Church of England, a member of the A.I.F., has answered the Last Roll Call. Full of years and full of honours he has left us and we are deprived of a member, a well-wisher, and a true friend. Australia is the poorer.

"Those of us who had known him during the long period of his residence here can perhaps, best appreciate what his work, his example, and his influence have been worth to the community and that high regard and warm affection he has commanded from all. We who had the privilege of serving our country in the hour of its need, can remember his heartening encouragement in the years of work which preceded the period of test. We can well recall his interest and wise counsel as we set out on the great adventure, and we were often reminded of his solicitude for our welfare and his jealous guardianship of our good name.

"After the coming of peace his open and active association with this League gave added weight to its representations and many an ex-service man and woman, as well as a multitude of the dependents of the fallen, can, and do, feel that gratitude which a great service engenders.

"One of our Field Marshals has said: 'It does not matter what a man says, it does not matter what a man does; it is what he is when he comes to the end of life that counts. As regards the Archbishop, his words, his deeds, and his whole life bespeak the man and his calling.

"We all mourn his loss. The attendance at his funeral yesterday is a proof. Our sympathy with his sorrowing family is deep and sincere."
State Executive Meetings
26th June, 1929.


Election B.E.S.L. Delegates.—Moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Wells, that, having heard in detail the correspondence that has passed between this branch and the Federal President in reference to the election of two delegates to the B.E.S.L. Conference, and other matters, this branch desires to make it clear that in the said correspondence the State President was representing the known and expressed views of the State Executive, which deeply regrets the reference made by the General President to there being sinister influence behind the attitude of the State President, such reference being wholly unfounded. This Executive further reaffirms its determination to have its protests pursued until right is vindicated, and as far as the methods used in this election are removed, in order that in future elections of a similar character candidates may be elected by proper methods, so that there may be certainty of the majority opinion prevailing.—Carried.

Archbishop Riley.—Reference was made to the death of His Grace Archbishop Riley, by the State President. It was subsequently moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Parker, that this State Executive of the Returned Soldiers' League expresses its deep sympathy with Mrs. Riley and members of her family at the demise of His Grace Archbishop Riley, Chaplain-General, and begs to offer them sincerest sympathy in their sad bereavement. We place on record our sense of the irreparable loss which the Returned Soldiers' League has sustained by the passing away of a comrade and fellow-member of the League who has unceasingly rendered inestimable service on behalf of those who did their duty to King and Country. Filled as was His Grace the Archbishop with a passionate love of peace, and whilst constantly and steadfastly advocating the cause of peace, he was outspoken in his admiration of those who, when the Empire was in danger, freely and voluntarily accepted their responsibility of defending its integrity. The League retains in grateful memory his inspiring addresses and supporting messages on all occasions when homage was being paid to those who laid down their lives for the sake of Liberty and Right in defence of home and country. No one pleaded more earnestly than His Grace the cause of the widows, the orphans and the dependants of fallen soldiers, or presented more powerfully the claim of the disabled soldiers upon the gratitude of the nation. It is chiefly due to his unforgettable appeal to the citizens of this State that a National Memorial is now being erected, designed to keep fresh in the hearts of this and coming generations the debt the nation owes to those who made the supreme sacrifice. His memory will long be cherished by all ex-service men and women as a friend and comrade ready and anxious at all times to serve them in their need.—Carried.

Deceased Officers.—The Federal President desired to know on which date it was proposed to hold the Federal Congress in Perth. The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Joseph 11th that had been agreed upon.

Leave of Absence.—It was agreed to grant Mr. J. Cornell leave of absence until Congress, owing to private business.

Federal Correspondence.—Repatriation Concessions.—A communication from the Federal Executive concerning the introduction of pensions was received.

War Trophy.—A copy of a communication from the Prime Minister's Department was forwarded by the Federal Executive concerning the exhibition of war trophies in this State.

General Secretary.—The General Secretary, Mr. J. Webster, reported that the recently appointed General Secretary, Mr. J. Webster, would not be taking over his new duties until the 1st July.

Transfer of Staffs to Canberra.—A letter in this connection from the Federal Executive was received.

Anzac Day.—A copy of a communication from the B.E.S.L. was forwarded to the Federal Executive with reference to the arrangements in connection with the assembly at the Cenotaph on Anzac Day.

Invitations.—Campion.—Mr. Logie was appointed to represent the Executive at the annual meeting of the Campion Sub-Branch on July 13th.

Belmont.—Messrs. Tyler and Wells were appointed to attend the Belmont Sub-Branch Social on July 16th.

Leederville.—An invitation from the Leederville Sub-Branch was received that they were having a meeting on the 28th to welcome new members, and a social on the 28th June.

Beverley.—An invitation from the Beverley Sub-Branch to attend their annual reunion was left in the hands of the State President.

New Sub-Branches.—Approval was granted for the formation of the Morninng Mills Sub-Branch, subject to the Constitution being complied with.

Bruce Rock.—The Secretary reported that replies had been received from persons wishing to consider the formation of a Bruce Rock Sub-Branch, and action had been taken to call a meeting for July 3rd, which the President would attend. Action was endorsed.

Anzac Day.—The Campion Sub-Branch wrote requesting that the State Premier, Mr. Collier, be thanked for his attitude concerning the observance of Anzac Day at the recent Premiers' Conference. The matter was referred to the Management Committee.

Development and Migration Commission Report.—Reports of the Development and Migration Commission were laid on the table for the information of members.

World Disarmament.—A communication from the Secretary of the World Disarmament Movement was read. Discussion was deferred pending the perusal of the literature concerned by delegates.

"Listening Post."—Mr. Smith gave notice of his intention to move at the next Executive meeting as follows—"That, as a temporary expedient and pending confirmation of Congress, "The Listening Post" subsidy be increased to 1d. per copy."

War Pensions Appeal Tribunal and Assessment Boards.—Correspondence concerning this matter was referred to the Pensions Committee.

Charity Carnival.—A letter from the "Daily News" concerning the formation of a permanent organisation to obtain funds for charitable institutions was re-
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If you are not a member of a Friendly Society, join the Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia. The Letter asked to be represented by this League to attend their first meeting. Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Philip, that the letter be received and no action be taken.

Carried.

Funeral, R. S. Hitchcock. It was stated that the funeral of R. S. Hitchcock would take place shortly. Moved by Mr. Parker, seconded by Rabbi Friedman, that this League be represented at the funeral, and that a funeral notice be inserted in the 'West Australian,' inviting all returned soldiers to attend. Carried.

Soldiers' Institute, Geraldton. A letter was received from Mr. A. Green, President of the Geraldton Sub-Branch, concerning the Institute. The State President reported on his visit to that town in company with the State Secretary, and stated that a satisfactory adjustment of the difficulties existing between certain parties concerning the Institute had been made. A vote of thanks was expressed for the action taken.

Poppazinning. Mr. Wells reported on his visit to the Poppazinning Sub-Branch in company with Mr. Ferguson.

Noombing Estate. The Secretary reported that an abandoned property had been disposed of to a Southern European, and a protest was lodged with the Agricultural Bank. Action was endorsed.

Australian War Memorial. A letter from the Australian War Memorial Committee with reference to the illustrated programme for the inauguration of the Memorial in Canberra last Anzac Day was received.

Delegates to Federal Executive Meeting. Moved by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Tyler, that the delegates from this Branch to the Federal Executive meeting be selected at least two months prior to the anticipated date of the next quarterly sitting of the Federal Executive, in anticipation that delegates will be sent to such sitting. Carried.

R.S.L. Concert Party. Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Philip, that this Executive approves of the idea of the formation of an R.S.L. Concert Party, and appoints a committee, consisting of Messrs. Philip, Cook, Watt and Bader, with power to co-opt, to further investigate and report back to the Executive. Carried.

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

Finance Committee. Mr. Tyler submitted a report on the meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 25th June. The report was received and adopted.

Art Union Committee. A report of the progress of the Art Union Committee was received and adopted.

House Committee. The report of the House Committee meeting held on the 18th June was received.

Province Report. The Provincial Report on the R.S.L. Relief Fund for the month of May was received.

Darling Range. Mr. Tyler reported being visited the Darling Range Sub-Branch in company with Colonel Dunkley.

Victoria Park. Mr. Tyler reported having represented the Executive at the half-yearly meeting of the Victoria Park Sub-Branch.

Moora. The report of a visit to Moora was submitted by Mr. Tyler. Report received.

Harvey. Mr. Cooke reported having visited the Harvey Sub-Branch.

Lennons Hospital. The report of the Lennons Board of Visitors was laid on the table for the information of deleges.

10th July, 1929.

Present. Colonel Collett (Chairman), Messrs. Watt, Yeates, Cornthwaite, Pady, Tyler, Margolin, Cooke, Lovell, Friedman, Dunkley, and Bader.

Apologies were received from Messrs. Parker, Philip, Stidler, and Wells.

Delegates: Federal Executive Meeting.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last Executive meeting, delegates to the next Federal Executive meeting were selected as follows: Rabbi Friedman (1), A. Yeates, emergency. An amendment was moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Lovell, that consideration of nominations be deferred until the next meeting of the Executive, and in the meantime the Management Committee consider the advisability of calling for names of all Executive members who would be willing to attend the next Federal Executive meeting. Carried.

Federal Correspondence: C.P.S. Matters. The Federal Executive forwarded a copy of a letter received from the Prime Minister's Department in connection with the representation made on behalf of temporary employees in the Commonwealth Public Service. The letter was received, and the Secretary instructed to forward a copy to the West Perth Sub-Branch.

Souvenirs. H.M.A.S. "Sydney." The Federal Executive advised that a number of souvenirs were available to be purchased from the H.M.A.S. "Sydney." After consideration it was decided that this Branch purchase one starboard light, at a cost of £2.

Photographic Records Great War. A communication and pamphlet in this connection was laid on the table for the information of members.

International Peace. A letter from the Federal Executive concerning International Peace was deferred, to be brought up for discussion in conjunction with correspondence re World Disarmament.

Life Membership. A communication from the Federal Executive concerning Certificates for Life Membership was received.

Empire Trade. A telegram was received from the Federal President advising that this State Branch offered any objection to the South Australian Branch launching an Empire Trade Campaign on the 5th August. The Secretary was instructed to write a reply that no objection will be raised.

Employment. The report of the Employment Bureaux throughout the Commonwealth for the month of May was received.

Invitations. The following were appointed to attend sub-branch functions as under:


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Southern Cross, August 7th. State President and Mr. Cornell.

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Belmont, July 10th.—Messrs. Wells and Tyler.
Further invitations from the Boyanup and Kojonup Sub-branches were left in the hands of the State President.

New Sub-Branches.—Cottesloe Beach: Approval was granted for the formation of a new sub-branch at Cottesloe Beach.

Bruce Rock: Approval was granted for the formation of the Bruce Rock Sub-Branch.

Funeral of Archbishop Riley.—Letters of appreciation were received from Mr. Riley and the Church Office in connection with the action taken by the League concerning the Archbishop's funeral. Moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Pady, that this League associate itself with the fund for providing a house for Archbishop Riley's widow and family, and the matter be left in the hands of the State President.—Carried.

Surgical Aids.—A letter was received from Mr. J. W. Johnson concerning duty on aids to hearing, and requesting that some action be taken to secure a reissuance of such duty. The matter was referred to the Pensions Committee.

Delegates, B.E.S.L. Conference.—The Fremantle Sub-Branch forwarded a resolution supporting the State Executive in its action concerning the election of the B.E.S.L. Conference delegates.

Development and Migration Commission.—Reports of the activities of the Development and Migration Commission were laid on the table for the information of members.

Leeuwin Light House.—Correspondence concerning appointments at Leeuwin Lighthouse was received. It was stated that at the present time a returned soldier was temporarily employed at that station.

National Anthem.—Recently a circular was forwarded to the leading theatres of Perth requesting that the National Anthem be played at the commencement of the entertainment. A reply was received from the Ambassadors Theatre and discussion therefore was deferred.

Soldier Settler.—Correspondence concerning a soldier settler was read and received. It appeared that the Agricultural Bank threatened to enforce the security and, in view of the fact, representations had previously been made on this settler's behalf with success, and apparently he had not carried out his obligations; it was moved by Mr. Yeates, seconded by Mr. Tyler, that this Executive is unable to recommend any delay in the continued action by the Department.—Carried.

"Listening Post."—Mr. C. P. Smith withdrew the motion of which he gave notice at the last Executive meeting.

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Yeates, that a Sub-Branch and Unit Association Directory be included in every issue of the "Listening Post." This directory to give the name of every Sub-Branch and Unit Association, the name and address of each President and Secretary, and the date, time and place of regular meetings. The cost to each organisation would be £1 Is. per annum, paid direct to the Imperial Printers Company. Sub-Branches and Unit Associations to be circumscribed accordingly.—Carried.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Lovell, that the charge be 10s. 6d.—Lost.

Moved by Rabbi Freedman, seconded by Mr. Smith, that such proportion of dividends received by the R.S.I. Co-op. Company on behalf of Sub-branches and the Executive be used as will indemnify the "Listening Post" against any loss.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cornell, seconded by Mr. Smith, that it be suggested to the Management Committee that a circular be forwarded to Sub-branches with the Congress Agenda, giving full details of the position concerning the "Listening Post" and the proposals already carried.—Carried.

Perth Messenger Service.—A letter was received from the Perth Messenger Service offering a seat on their directorate to the State Secretary, stating that their object was to employ only ex-service men and their dependents. Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Tozer, that the letter be received.—Carried.

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

Art Union Committee.—The report of the drawing of the No. 9 Art Union was submitted and received.

Pensions Committee.—Mr. Watt submitted a report of the Pensions Committee meeting held on the 7th July. The paragraph dealing with the appointment of an advocate to appear on behalf of appellants to the War Pensions Appeal Tribunal was referred to the Management Committee. The report was received and adopted.

Employment Bureau.—The report of the activities of the Employment Bureau for the month of June was received.

R.S.I. Relief Fund.—The report of the R.S.I. Relief Fund for the month of June was received. The report stated that the Trustees had agreed to accede to the request of the Merredin Sub-Branch that their Memorial Hall site be vested in the name of the League.

"Lennons" Hospital.—Colonel M gargolin's report concerning visits to Lennons Hospital was laid on the table for the information of members.

Congress Agenda Committee.—Messrs. J. Cornell, C. L. Riley and C. P. Smith were appointed Congress Agenda Committee.

Executive Meetings.—Moved by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Mr. Bader, that the House Committee be asked to give consideration to the better furnishing of the Board Room, particularly in regard to scaling and pictures.—Carried.

Executive Photograph.—Moved by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Tyler, that the State Secretary make arrangements for a group photograph of the present Executive.

Leave of Absence.—Colonel Dunkley was granted leave of absence for two months.

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As we go to press there is every indication that armed hostilities will occur between the two western and the two Eastern Asiatic powers, namely, Soviet Russia and China. Some time ago Nationalist China commenced setting her house in order by booting the Bolshevist trouble-makers out of the sea ports. Apparently the process has been extended, for this week, in sympathy with the Eastern-Chinese railway disaffiliations, Russia has retorted by presenting an ultimatum. The point at issue seems to be a question of China for the Chinese, and the Nationalists of that country are determined that they will not be made a cat's paw by the gang of international criminals who now control the destinies of Western Asia. Russia is undoubtedly the interloper and the aggressor, and now we look forward to seeing those ladies and ladylings personages, who seize every opportunity of shrieking peace propaganda into the ears of people who are fed up with war already, recommending peace, pacifism, League doctrines, and disarmament diatribes to Moscow. But, methinks, in Moscow they will find a foe man worthy of their squeal.

No Trip for Trotsky.

Trotzky (nee Bronstein) has been disappointed in his hopes that the new British Government would allow him to find a haven in England, and he has decided to tour the world and make a second attempt to instigate revolution. Trotsky, from his lips, it seems, have waxed raucous and all the while capitalist is before the public his new book. The book will be published, he says, in London, and it will be given to the people for nothing. The book is a collection of the works of Trotsky, and it will be called 'The Little Red Book.' The book will be published in London, and it will be given to the people for nothing. The book is a collection of the works of Trotsky, and it will be called 'The Little Red Book.'

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Burg and Halle in Germany's own Thirty Years War, can compare with the sack of Louvain. The Germans were the first to poison wells, to use poison gas and bacteria, to bombard undefended ports, to slaughter civilians by means of aircraft, and to sink neutral passenger ships. In two respects only, were the allies compelled to copy them, in the use of gas, and in air raids on towns, and this only at a relatively late stage of the war when the exigencies of the situation demanded some form of retaliation. These facts can easily be verified by reference to the pages of German writers on the war, and if they do not constitute war guilt, black is white, and Sir Edward Wittenoom is a union secretary.

Anti-British Propaganda.

A few issues back, the "Listening Post" drew attention to the insidious means being adopted for flooding the country with anti-British propaganda. Roughly these fall within two categories, communist bumph, and the publications issued by a pseudo-religious sect. The matter was discussed at the last meeting of the Perth Sub-Branch of the R.S.L. Mr. W. Buchan spoke very strongly on the subject, and was ably supported by several other speakers. The following motions were carried, and will be submitted to the State Congress of the League next month:

"That the conference views with alarm the influx of migrants of foreign origin, and anti-British views, and wholeheartedly supports any action the migration authorities may take to suppress this menace."

"That this conference brings to the notice of the responsible authorities the amount of anti-British literature being distributed in streets and public places."

Entry of Aliens.

Regarding the entry of aliens into the Commonwealth, a deputation from the British Migration Association waited upon the Minister for Home and Territories recently and recommended the establishment of a scientific quota for the regulation of alien migration into this country. Mr. R. E. Hardie, a member of the deputation, advocated a system similar to that adopted by the United States, whereby the number of alien migrants would be restricted and the preponderance of the British race in the Commonwealth be maintained. A good deal of doubt, he added, existed in regard to the actual percentage of British and aliens in Australia at present.

The Minister (Mr. Abbott), in reply, assured the deputation that the preponderance of the British race is being maintained, and that Australia is still 98 percent British. In 1927, there were 127,346 births, the British parents comprising 124,693 fathers, and 124,223 mothers. Thus, 470 foreign-born mothers had been absorbed into British families. Of children born of foreign parents, there had been 2,682 fathers', and 3,153 mothers. More women were allowed to enter the country than men, as it was felt that they became

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Mr. Abbott further assured the deputation that the number of immigrants prohibited every year is greatly in excess of the number admitted, and that while, in a sparsely populated country like ours, it is impossible to close down on foreign immigration the government has not and will not allow the quota of 98 per cent. British to be exceeded.

In answer to a question regarding the amount of landing money required by foreigners the Minister replied, "Some of these men are in possession of large sums of money. The total assets of 185 persons who applied recently to enter this country amounted to £247,000."

Mr. Hardie was of the opinion that these were not Southern Europeans, and Mr. H. C. McRae pointed out that Signor Mussolini wanted to leave the country to settle elsewhere with more than £50 in his possession. Another member of the deputation, Mr. Hibbit, made the following illuminating statement: "When I went to Rome I had to pay 1/3 extra tax for every member of my family each day I was at an hotel."

Certainly the Minister's reply to the deputation is reassuring as far as it goes. Nevertheless, we are still of the opinion that greater inducements to settle in Australia should be held out to men of our own race and blood. Further, while the Federal authorities seem to be doing their job as regards numbers, we consider that stricter supervision should be exercised in the case of individuals. Badly as we need population, no immigration at all is preferable to immigration of the wrong colour or type. Mr. Hibbit gave the Minister a hint that should be acted upon. Why not impose a head tax? - The United States does. And why should the Federal Government be so tender of Signor Mussolini's feelings? He doesn't care a continental for us.

The Cancellation of the British Preferences.

The proposed cancellation of the preferential tariffs in favour of the British Dominions by the new Government in England has come as a big shock to Australia, the effect of which will be much more serious, both for Australia and England, than these, apparently, insular politicians have bargained for.

We in Australia are intensely patriotic and our love for the old country from whence we sprang amounts almost to a religion with us. We not only proved this in the exciting period of war, but also in the calm time of peace. Although only a comparative handful of people, we are today England's second best customer. Our tariff preferences to Britain are considerably larger and more valuable than those which were granted to us by Britain.

We live a long way from the world's trade centres, and we have endeavoured to build up a race of hardy Britons enjoying a high standard of living. The preferences granted by Britain have enabled us after much struggling to build up our fruit, wine, butter and egg industries. In the process we have absorbed many of Britain's surplus people, and purchased enormous quantities of British goods. Now we will be forced to compete in the British markets with the low wage exporting countries living closer at hand.

We may be forced to look for other markets in foreign countries which would stimulate reciprocal trading, to Britain's detriment.

Actions such as the removal of the preferential tariff naturally have a strong moral effect on the people. We in Australia have been developing a "buy British" conscience, which would be endangered by the feeling that the people of Great Britain may be too insular in their outlook to appreciate the efforts and difficulties of their kinsmen in the development of other parts of the Empire.

Sub-Branch Directory

The State Branch and also the proprietors of "The Listening Post" are desirous that this journal shall be enlarged and illustrated. The circulation is increasing with such rapidity that its publication, even in its present form, is rendered difficult. The State Executive has issued to sub-branches and unit associations a circular requesting them to assist in securing advertisements and inviting them to subscribe to a sub-branch and unit association directory. Already a number of sub-branches have sent their particulars and subscriptions, but in order that the directory shall be as complete as possible, we have deferred the commencement of this feature until our August number.

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WAR AREAS VISITED

Schoolmaster Tom Steen, recently secretary of the Beverley Sub-Branch, who is at present visiting England, has sent to The Listening Post the following very interesting notes on a quick glimpse of portions of the battle zone: The north is practically wholly restored. So much so, that after a glance one feels that there is nothing of interest left. The north and its surrounding towns make a smoky industrial area and Armistice seems to have lost its great deal of glamour. To the soldier it was rather a stroke of good fortune to be in Armistice to the tourist of the present day it is a town without charm or interest, and very dirty. Here and there a ruin suggests stormy days, but the town is almost completely restored. The same applies to Nieppe, Pont Nieppe, and the villages surrounding. The new buildings consist of a dense regrowth with here and there a group of veterans still standing over the younger generation. The Catacombs, on Hill 63, have entirely disappeared; with the removal of the timber new stones are placed and all to be seen is a number of irregular mounds and a distinct subsidence in the side of the hill. Looking across to the Messines Ridge one is surprised to see that the ground once a mass of shell holes and craters which appeared as if it might defy all efforts at reconstruction, is now a smiling green valley, overlooked by a new red town, with a restored church which has arisen on the ruins of Messines. One is impressed with the transformation taking place; the object is to bring light along the roads in such districts one frequently sees small dumps of shells and scrap awaiting sale to the contractor for the area. Accidents still happen, and only recently a farmer was blown up near Anzac. Enough has been said already of the wonderful state of the cemeteries. With such ornamental with remains of equipment and boots, tin hats, dixies, and duds. High Wood and other woods have never been cleaned up, and here, in the dense new growth, in all sorts and directions are the debris of war. An odd skeleton may even be found and human bones still supply gruesome souvenirs.

Mosque Farm is of special interest to Australians, and the new building adjacent to the ruins of the old is a very fine farm house. Much of the ground in this area still lies neglected. Barb-wire fences, with angle-iron posts, are dug up, as a common feature. In the fields no piece of scrap is too small to be passed over. The ground is continually being gone over for shell fragments, bullets, and shrapnel pellets. This is particularly so after ploughing and harrowing. For, larger treasure the ground is searched with a long steel rod. When an obstacle is struck, it is explored, and if it suggests a dug the ground is dug until the object is brought to light. Along the roads in such districts one frequently sees small dumps of shells and scrap awaiting sale to the contractor for the area. Accidents still happen, and only recently a farmer was blown up near Anzac. The ground is searched with a long steel rod. When an obstacle is struck, it is explored, and if it suggests a dug the ground is dug until the object is brought to light. Along the roads in such districts one frequently sees small dumps of shells and scrap awaiting sale to the contractor for the area. Accidents still happen, and only recently a farmer was blown up near Anzac. Enough has been said already of the wonderful state of the cemeteries. With such grounds and memorials on the battlefields seem unnecessary, as none of the small monuments are as impressive as these graveyards, with their closely mown grass and beautiful shows of flowers. The inscription on the graves of the unidentified—"A Soldier of the Great War; known unto God"—seems a splendid inspiration. It is impossible to see every memorial; they are innumerable. A few stand out for originality of design. One of the finest perhaps is that to the Newfoundlenders. A rugged pile of rock surmounted by a stair is surrounded by a reserve of trench area, where the visitor gets an excellent idea of the environment of the soldier in the line. The caretaker's house is appropriately built in the form of a log hut.

The memorial to the Ulster Division is a replica of Ellen's Tower, in Ireland, and from the top one sees grass grown shell-holes and trenches, and chalky traces of trenches, across the crops. The South African Reserve, with its very fine memorial, includes Delville Wood, where so many of the South African Force gave their lives. Most of the original wood lies rotting amidst the new growth. An interesting memorial is the wooden cross to the II Division erected, I believe, after the 1916 Somme offensive, and respect-

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ed by the enemy in the 1918 advance. The divisional memorials take the form of stone obelisks, with the exception of the one at Mont-St. Quentin, which portrays an Australian soldier in the act of firing a Vickers machine gun. Here is the real "Digger," with rolled-up sleeves, open neck, and putties rolled up in typical Australian fashion.

To the R.S.L. enthusiast the cemeteries, with their next lines of headstones, leave, perhaps, the most lasting impression, and the realisation that if only for the sake of the dead the cause of the League is a good one.

**Seeing Peter Pan**

*(A Recollection of 1916)*

During the war, some time in 1916, I was asked by a young Australian soldier at St. Dunstan's—Signaller Edward Penn, if I would take him out the following Sunday. "You know," he said, "I'm to return to Melbourne in a week or two, and I simply must see Peter Pan before I go. We always "see" at St. Dunstan's. It seemed to help somehow."

Pen was just twenty, 6 ft, 2 in., and a lion for strength. He had one of the finest characters I have ever known, right in his ideas of what was brave and enough determination to fit out a whole platoon.

He was blinded at Gallipoli when he went ashore from one of the first boats to reach that ill-starred landing place.

When he made his request to me, Penn had been at St. Dunstan's about eighteen months, and was expecting his boarding notice at any moment—his training as a masseur having been completed.

The following Sunday I got started out. It was rather early. I remember, with not many people about; full summer and the grass green and springy. The gardens had everywhere the wonderful blue haze that seems to linger there among the trees.

We walked through the "Nottin Hill" gate, the only true way to visit Peter Pan.

When we reached the statue Penn put his hands upon it. "Why," he said, "it's smaller than I thought. I shall know it." Very carefully, with the delicacy of touch his training taught him, he felt it piece by piece, with little murmurs of delight. "Just look at this tiny mouse," he would say. "See this lovely little fairy. Why, she is stretching up to speak to him!" Then again, "You are quite sure I am not missing anything?" Indeed, I thought he was taking in more than many with sight. He was very intent on this examination, but at last he was satisfied that nothing had escaped him. He turned to me and whispered, "Surely there are a number of people near us." As a matter of fact there were, but I had hoped he would not notice.

They had stopped. As they passed, seeing this tall young Australian figure so carefully the statue that all London knows and loves so well. He was so obviously blind, and just as obviously full of sap and strength and vigor as the trees that grew above him. I can remember two women among the little crowd who stood watching in silence with the tears running down their cheeks.

"Ah, well!" he said, as we turned away, "I don't wonder it draws a crowd. It's one of the loveliest things I have ever seen. I shall be glad to think of it when I am back in Australia.

**Y.A.L. Boys Entertain Canadian Veterans**

Good luck to J. J. Simons and his band of travelling youths of Australia! They proved to be good ambassadors of their country, and, in enjoying the pleasures of the moment, did not forget the stricken men of war in the hospitals of Canada. We are in possession of a Canadian daily illustrating one particular concert given by the Y.A.L., which makes good reading. Here are some extracts:

"Our grass is the green of the gums in the spring."

"Our gold is the gold that the mountains bring."

Boys' voices rang clear in the assembly hall of Christie Street Hospital last night.

"The "ers" were softer, the "as" longer-drawn than those walls are accustomed to hear, but the tone was deep and true:

"Our purple we owe, while memories elude."

To our heroes who died for Australia."

Long ago it must seem, hardly a memory to the tall, straight-backed boys "from the other side of the world" who filled the front rows of benches in Christie Street Hospital Auditorium last night.

Yet fellow-soldiers of the men who, 14 years ago next week, met the gas beyond St. Julien, hard young voices sing of men who made the landing on Anzac Beach and died holding the heights above.

And they remembered.

Mr. Simons, leader of the company, spoke for the boys. He assured Canadian soldiers whose suffering gave them no chance to forget, that the young of Australia is expected to remember the price that was paid for freedom, and "so hold feelings of gratitude."

"The soldiers of Canada are not forgotten in Australia or in any part of the British Empire."

The Australian Boys' Band numbers 35, and its music filled the hall. Marching tunes and old songs played mostly. Feet tapped the time from the back benches, lips shaped remembered words, and a wheel-chair well to the front conducted the concert to an accompaniment of children's delighted laughter.

Farewell was spoken by a Canadian in dressing gown and slippers, who stood back on his crutches to let Young Australia pass down the long corridor. "Good-bye, young fellows! Good luck!"
Bookshelves and Shows

Funeral of Marshal Foch

A recent topical gazette showed the very impressive rise connected with the obsequies of the late Marshal Foch. Unfortunately, the feelings of reverence which such a film should have evoked, were tinged with exasperations at the blatant Yankee captions and the raucous Yankee twang of the altogether unnecessary announcer. The picture showed General Pershing doing the final honours to his "old comrade in arms." There were British Generals present, but apparently they had not been in the war long enough to be able to appreciate the late Marshal at his true worth. Perhaps the most impressive part of the whole ceremony was the stately march of a band of the British Foot Guards. These soldiers, par excellence, passed without comment, either in the sub-titles or during the dialogue. On the other hand, a contingent of "America’s fighting men" received an excessive amount of publicity. Even if they did win the war, it’s a bit rough when they imply that America hurled Marshal Foch. The American soldiers were, as usual, like a good vaudeville turn—funny without being vulgar.

The Silly Ass Complex

There is a certain type of Englishman, who, in his anxiety to avoid the appearance of ostentation, runs to the other extreme and endeavours to make himself appear foolish in public. It is this posing in reverse gear that has made ugly and ridiculous clothing, such as Oxford bags or plus fours, despite the fact that the Englishman, when he chooses, is the world’s best dresser. It was responsible for the "strong silent man" cult, which had such a vogue just before the war, and it now finds expression in the silly ass complex, the sedulously simulated appearance of imbecility which is shed to the astonishment of friends and the dismay of enemies when the hero gets into a tight corner: "There you are, now. You all thought I was just a silly ass, but look how clever, reliable and efficient I can be when it is necessary."

Beneath Orzcy twinkle the eyes of the "Scarlet Peppermint," and Douglas Sinderly has exploited it with great felicity in his hilariously wicked novel of military life, "Dogbody." "Dogbody." Catteram, the hero, has a penchant for getting into scrapes and wangling his way out of them. He is in love with his General’s daughter, but is diplomat enough to realise that he couldn’t place: the general until he ingratiated himself with Mrs. General, who really wears the spurs, for even the sternest martinet: on leaving the barracks square for the boulevard, is often made to realise that an Englishman has to become his own ass. His efforts in both India and in Egypt gang aft agley, but his pertinacity and colossal cheek carry him through to the usual happy ending. The story is one sustained shriek from beginning to finish. It is the sort of story in which the army it is the wickedest thing that has appeared since "Hints to Young Officers," by the Junior Major. Get it from your nearest circulating library and enjoy a good laugh.

Wisdom After the Event

Rail at the higher command, pile horror on horror, pad well with pacific triple, blast pseudo-philanthropy, overwork the national adjective, impart a suspicion of strength, interlard with Bernard Shaw’s snarling omniscience, mix in a dash of Michael Arlen’s pornography, and you will be following faithfully the young novelist’s recipe for the war novel. In his book, "The Red Horse," (the animal being one of the four of the Apocalypse), Duncan Keith Shaw has used all the prescribed ingredients. However, there is more in the effort than this. His descriptions of the Loos offensive, and the Somme fighting are realistic. He has the gift of graphic narration which is sustained throughout. He raves against the futility of war, and the sacrifices it entails, but then he must follow the fashion set by Phillip Gibbs and Henri Barbusse. The great battles, to him, were expensive and useless butcheries, rendered futile by the inexactitude of the higher command. It is interesting to note, in this connection, that German-writers had just the same opinion of their leaders, and are unanimous in referring to the terrible loss of life that same Loos and Somme offensive inflicted upon their own forces. Shaw, is least felicitous in the thinly-veiled socialistic propaganda he shoves in as padding. The working classes were not the only ones to make sacrifices during the war. Neither patriotism, nor profiteering for that matter, were the monopoly of one class. It is true that working men have a harder time of it in battle, as they do during the horrors of peace, and this for the very same reason that horses eat more chaff than white horses—there are more of them.

Apart from these defects, the book is one of outstanding merit, the theme being the effect of war upon the nerves and mentality of a highly strong and artistic temperament. Owen Seafirth, the hero, is a fine, clear-sighted and rather ruined by the war. He has led a solitary existence, and is thrown into the accustomed and somewhat uncivilised atmosphere of an officer’s mess. His virginal attitude in sex runs him the sobriquet of Gala- had. He wows, wedds, and finally slips in Amiens, that potent crumber of marriage lines. The psychic changes and ultimate moral disintegration brought about by years of war strain are well portrayed, though in the light of his later experiences, he fears, that his early decency was merely depravity in a funk.

A well-written readable tale, denoting narrative ability, and profound psychological insight on the part of the writer, eked out by propaganda, and not a little common or garden jum.

Dawn.

The film dealing with the trial and death of Nurse Cavell, the banning of which caused so much discussion the other side of the world, is now being shown in Perth. The propaganda and the acting are alike of a high order. Naturally, an experienced actress like Miss Sibyl Thorndike is able to sustain the character of the martyred nurse with a dignity and pathos that are conspicuously absent from the usual Hollywood grimacings that infect this country. To our mind the one thing that marred an otherwise excellent production was the crude melodrama and the historical inaccuracy of the ending. It was like finding a piece of grit in a well flavoured strawberry. Obviously, every effort had been made to spare Germany’s blushes, and the backbone appears to have been censored out of the picture. The intervention of the American Ambassador, Mr. Brand Whitlock, is brought out in high relief, but, of course, Germany felt that she could afford to ignore a people who had had tamely acquiesced in the sinking of the "Lusitania." One other defect, and this appears to have been the fault of the censor rather than that of the producer, was the tone of the subtitles. They evinced a desire to smudge to the peace panderers on the one hand and to German "ideals" on the other.

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The Wheatbelt Re-union, which is to be held at Merredin on Friday, 13th September, is now taking definite shape under the hands of the Merredin Sub-Branch's executive committee. Arrangements for the most attractive programme have just about been completed and the items for the day will include a visit to the State Experiment Farm, where Mr. J. H. Langford has promised to conduct a party through the experimental plots; an army shoot on the Merredin rifle range, which will be conducted in two sections, Section A for riflemen and Section B for men who must qualify by never having handled a rifle since discharge from the forces; a sports picnic for soldiers' children and wives during the afternoon; a grand reunion dinner to be held in the Town Hall at night, which will synchronise with a cinema entertainment for the women and children in Cummins Theatre. Arrangements will be made for the last two items to conclude at exactly the same hour. Amongst those who have signified their intention to be present are the State President and Secretary (Colonel Collett and Mr. Benson), Rabbi Freedman, and other members of the State Executive, Brig.-General Bes-

sell-Brown (Patron of the Merredin Sub-Branch), while General Jess will also probably attend. Sub-Branches throughout the Eastern wheatbelt will be informed individually at an early date.

Pension of Deceased Soldier Pensioner

The following letter has been received from the Minister in Charge of Repatriation:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 5th September, appending the following resolution, which was passed at the 13th Annual Congress of your League:

'That where a soldier pensioner dies, leaving a widow with or without children through other causes than war disability, his pension should be continued to be paid to his wife until her death or remarriage, and after her death or remarriage, to be used for the benefit of any children of the deceased soldier pensioner, under sixteen years of age, provided that the amount received shall not be in excess of the maximum amount payable to a Widow.' It has to be borne in mind that a soldier's pension is paid to him in his own right in respect of his war-caused incapacity... and his wife and children are paid in their own right contingent pensions. Upon his death from other than war causes, the soldier's pension ceases, but, subject to the Act, his wife and children continue to receive the rates of pension which were payable to them at the time of death. This last provision is exceptional, as in most other countries nothing whatever is paid in such circumstances after the soldier's death. As it would be quite illogical and unsound to continue payment of a soldier's personal pension after his death, I do not consider that the proposal could be accepted."

The League Membership
A SUCCESSFUL DRIVE

The membership drive has been a wonderful success in Western Australia, and, like Johnnie Walker, is "still going strong." Every live sub-branch is making a big effort to double its membership, and new branches have been formed, with the result that the membership figures at the State Executive Office have increased by 1,850 in three months, bringing the total up to nearly 7,000.

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When passing through Perth on his journey to London as the R.S.L. delegate to the British Empire Service League conference, Colonel McCann stated that he intended concentrating his energies towards getting the next conference, which would be held in 1931, for Australia. The Colonel achieved his objective, but not without a big battle. The highlight of the conference was the distinguished fighting men, including Earl Jellicoe, who attended, should act as a stimulant to the R.S.L. and a further increase of membership should result.

The Federal Congress of the League will be held in Perth during November. It was Tasmania's turn, but at their recent Congress this State very generously acceded to Western Australia's request to waive their claim in order that W.A. may be given the opportunity of holding the Congress and entertaining delegates during their Centenary year. The island State's kindly action is highly appreciated.

"Effendi" writes: Much controversy has arisen by the claim of the G.O.B.'s that they won the war, and I have read with great interest the articles "The Truth about the War," published in the "Listening Post." To my unprejudiced mind the troops who actually did win the war were those who fought on the Palestine front. We did what has never been accomplished before, when we captured the whole Turkish army. The Turks then threw in the towel. The Bulgarians, fearing that the Palestine troops might be let loose amongst them, also ground arms, followed by the Austrians, and lastly the Germans—all for the same good reason. Perhaps the Americans may eventually admit the truth of these facts, but I am sure that our infantry won't.

It is not generally understood by soldiers that they and others are eligible for free education at the State Technical Schools. There is an el-clause inserted in the regulations which reads:— "Returned soldiers, widows and children of fallen soldiers, wives and children of incapacitated soldiers, will be exempt from payment of fees."

"The Listening Post" is pleased with a letter of appreciation received during the month from the Secretary of the 28th Battalion Association, which reads:— "I have been instructed by my committee to express its very hearty appreciation of the generous publicity you have given us from time to time per medium of 'The Listening Post.'

"Our Association has prospered exceedingly these last few months. Its present membership constitutes a record, and the interest of members is higher than ever. It is very sensible of the part 'The Listening Post' has played in bringing about this happy state of affairs."

The death of Dr. Pierre Marie, of the Pasteur Institute, as the result of botulism incurred while carrying out laboratory experiments, adds another name to the honours roll of science. We now expect the shrinking sisterhood to arise and demand the abolition of training in science at schools and colleges, lest the young men of the future be forced to endure the horrors of peace.

Mr. Hengest O'Hara, probably with his mind on the Federal Deficit, assures us that Economics is the science that abolishes economy.

By sentence of a court-martial, a member of the Air Force was sentenced to 28 days' imprisonment for giving away information to the press. The airmansman concerned was doubtless unaware of the full terms of, and the penalties set forth in, the Official Secrets Act. Nevertheless, the editorial staff of the paper should have known better in view of the fact that this particular weekly has diggers on its editorial staff.

It is despicable on the part of an allegedly reputable publication to seduce an enlisted man from his oath of service, and it is doubly damnable when that enlisted man has to endure the penalties of a trial by court-martial while that "Squeakly" paper remains unpunished.

The Perth Legacy Club is doing a splendid work in the community and the League is strengthened by having such an institution. The chief care of the Club is the welfare of the orphan children of our fallen comrades. They not only find the children suitable employment, but take a personal interest in their welfare. A Legacy Boys Club has been formed which meets weekly, at which interesting lectures are given and physical exercises and games are indulged in. Any employer has a vacancy for a trade apprentice, they will be helping the objects of the Club by getting in touch with secretary Harry Hocking, of the Repatriation Department, Perth.

Non-Combatants and the League.

C.R.C. writes:— J.S.Y. in his advocacy of the non-combatants implies that I have hit below the belt, and, carrying on with his boxing metaphor, accuses me of shadow-sparring. Of course, if I have struck out against a shadowy claim I must be guilty of shadow-sparring. But, J.S.Y. is again, unfortunately in his metaphors. I raise a point of order against the implication of hitting below the belt, neither do I consider that J.S.Y.'s claim re the "hit to the body" above is a strong point. My argument has been based on constitutional and logical grounds. I do not wish to traverse the ground once more, but, at the risk of being tedious, I would repeat that under our present constitution non-combatants or sailors are not eligible for League membership. J.S.Y.'s endeavouring to prove his case, quotes extreme instances. He has even dragged into argument the unique exception the Imperial Council made to the V.C. at Buckenham. How many non-combatants won the V.C. during this war? How many of them were even wounded? It was J.S.Y. himself who brought the clink-bird aspect into the discussion, but I would remind J.S.Y. that the clink-bird was the exception in the A.I.F., and the non-combatant was certainly the exception in the danger zone. J.S.Y., in trying to make out a case, raises extreme possibilities and tries to make the impossible exception, on his side, the rule for the fighting soldier.

It is all very fine for J.S.Y. to refer to A.M.C., A.S.C., lines of communication and base details, but the fact remains that these were definite army organizations. They sustained their casualties and their personnel was interchangeable with that of the fighting line.

The Red Cross (J.S.Y. is a bit hazy here, for the Red Cross was a civilian affair, and not an army unit) did not operate in the forward zone. The same applied to other kindred non-military shows. Apparently the main objection is that the League in defining its constitution as a returned sailors' and soldiers' body restricts its membership to those humble individuals who were merely sail-

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It seems as though that seat of learning is qualifying for the title of “The Nursery for Novelties.” There was something charmingly novel in the idea of rounding off a theatre party by the desecration of a war memorial, and of allowing a young “gentleman” with a foreign name to play a leading part in the proceedings. Original, too, was the suggestion that the Government be requested to make arrangements for a long-sentence criminal to address the Varsity Union on some psychological subject. We do not know whether the Sydney undergrads intend to crown a Chair of Crime, but perhaps this evidence of desire to imbibe wisdom from the mouth of a convicted crook is merely a manifestation of the morbid sloppiness which does duty for thought in these times.

Sydney’s latest contribution to the cult of the bizarre was the address delivered by Comrade Kavanagh to the Students’ Christian Union. Comrade Kavanagh (these levellers cannot do without a title of some sort) received a very mixed reception. According to the day’s comments on his remarks regarding Soviet Russia and the things the Bolshis calls his ideals evoked loudly expressed dissent, while his fulminations against “imperialism” — whatever that may mean — were loudly applauded. The students are apparently in accord with those timorous folk who will not make a patriotic utterance for fear some coldfooter will call them militaristic, who consider that Australian-born Britons should isolate themselves in spirit from Britons born in the homeland, Canada, New Zealand, and South Africa, lest some unwashed person of foreign extraction should rub them imperialistic, who, in short, are prepared to give every darned country the benefit of the doubt except their own. In the absence of further information as to the remarks the students applauded, we can say no more, and it is gratifying to note that they refused to swallow the Soviet sophistries.

It is apparent, however, that Comrade Kavanagh is preened over China’s insults to the Jeveti. This Kavanagh belongs to the same crowd that howled like dingoes against Britain’s action, a few years ago, in dispatching two divisions to Shanghai. This necessary measure for the protection of the lives of British men, women and children, was an unwarranted interference with China’s national aspirations. But now, when China prefers to take her own internal affairs without the unrequested assistance of Moscow, and when the Chinese Nationalist leaders take active measures to forestall the gradual and underhanded annexation of Manchuria, Kavanagh considers that Holy Russia has been insulted. There is something engagingly Cyclopean about the vision of these Scumminists.

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attested as soldiers were.

He seems to object to my phrase “these people clamouring to be considered returned soldiers.” J.S.Y. I withdraw the word “clamouring.” It is certainly a more vigorous and manlier word than “wangling” or even “whining,” but I leave the amendment to J.S.Y. himself. If they are not requesting admission, why should anyone else raise the issue?

J.S.Y. refers to a sense of justice, but where is there any injustice in debarring people from admittance to an organization whose constitution renders them ineligible?

Our difference of opinion seems to be that he is raising ethical arguments in favour of rare exceptions, while I rest upon the letter and spirit of our constitution. I would remind J.S.Y. that one swallow does not make a summer, even if one kangaroo can make a spring.

**Preference to Returned Soldiers.**

It is a healthy sign that the various sub-branches are busying themselves with the question of preference. If we do not stress this matter whenever and wherever possible, we deserve any neglect that occurs. As we pointed out in a previous issue, there is a fundamental dishonesty in giving effect to the principle when appointing a yardman or caretaker but ignoring when it becomes the case of appointing a head of a government department. The retirement of the Director of Education affords an opportunity to give expression to this principle. As a sub-branch, it is up to us to ensure the appointment of a returned soldier when appointing the next Director of Education. A similar resolution was passed by the Press Sub-Branch last month. It is hoped that other sub-branches will follow suit, for if we do not stress the principle we cannot blame others for ignoring it. Should the Executive make this request to the Minister, it will involve no question of departmental policy, and in most of the cases of the Education Department were of military age when the war broke out, but they did not serve with the A.I.F. Furthermore, they are now only about five years or so from the retiring age themselves. Among their immediate juniors, there are at least four gentlemen who served active service, and whose seniority and qualifications render them suitable for the appointment. Moreover, they are sufficiently on the right side of the retiring age to ensure the State a continuity of policy, whichever, if any, is appointed. We hold no brief for any individual, but we intend to fight tooth and nail to see that a returned man receives this very important appointment, and a united front presented by 7,000 returned men should make an impression even upon a Minister—of the Crown.

**A Nursery for Novelties.**

Oxford has been called the Home of Lost Causes, and in view of the striking originality displayed by Sydney students...
Casualties in the Australian Signal Service, 1914-18
(Compiled by Colonel H. B. Collett, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.)

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Personalia

We expect that at least four members of the State Executive in the persons of Hubert Parker, Cliff Sadler, Herb E. Wells, and Alf Yates will be contesting seats at the next State Legislative elections.

Holidays in Perth during the month was Percy Gillam of Mount Barker. Of course, Percy did not forget to bring to the capital much work to be transacted for his sub-branch. A prominent League official was once heard to remark, “Give me a hundred Percy Gillams scattered over the State, and few eligibles would remain outside the League.”

A “New Settler” arrived at Nedlands on the 10th instant, in the person of Master Denton, the son and heir of Colonel Jim Denton, the president of the model Nedlands Sub-Branch. Needless to remark the Colonel is the proudest man on earth. We join with crowds of diggers in extending our heartiest congratulations to Jim and Mrs. Jim on their good fortune.

The stork has also been kind to Colonel R. D. Fitzgerald in bringing him a fine bouncing baby girl. But why this rush on the Colonels lately? Perhaps this advice will act as sufficient warning to Charlie, Tommy, Herb, Clarrie, Arthur, Margy, George, and a few others who, anyhow, may be non-starters.

“The Listening Post” regrets to hear of the death of Harry Randolph, aged about 23, who passed away on June 29th, and extends sincere sympathy to the father, Mr. E. Randolph, of East Goomarin, who is a good League member and has attended the last three of four State Conferences.

A well known digger in the person of Mr. Ted Gaynor passed away suddenly during the month as the result of war caused injuries. Ted, who was an active member of the Victoria Park Sub-Branch, was an instructor at the Perth Technical School. He was big in body and big in soul, and we extend our sympathy to his relatives in their sad loss.

Visiting Perth now, in his capacity as an official on the medical side of the Repat. Department, is Capt. Cecil L. McVay, M.C., who fought the good fight with the 40th (Tasmanian) battalion. “Cess” is a six-footed, long-legged athlete, and a dashed sight better-looking than his newspaper photographs. Before the war he played Australian rules football very vigorously, but his long suit was rowing. He was amateur sculling champion of Australasia in 1910 and 1911, but the star in his athletic crown was winning the Diamond Sculls at Henley in 1913. He is still the only Australian who achieved that distinction.

Regarding that over-worked stork, “Wally” Schleicher, an original 28th man, has acquired a son and heir. Under our Australian law the waled must register for compulsory training, so “Wally” of the 28th has a young recruit for the .29 quota. Mr. Herbert Norton, of the “Sunday Times” (a good friend to diggers), is the proud grandfather. All doing well.

The Digger from Nedlands heaved a great sigh. “Jim Denton a son, Colonel Fitz a daughter, and Margie a garage. Now, doesn’t this get the stork bewildered?”

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“SWAN” BRAND SWEET MUSTARD PICKLES are worth having
Readers will be sorry to read that our friend and comrade Peter Hopegood is in a bad state of health, suffering, as he is, from wartime gas. Peter, who served with the Essex Regiment, won a stout M.C., and since coming to Australia he has proved himself no mean black and white artist, and his writings in the "West" and the Sydney "Bulletin" are of outstanding literary merit. In recognition of this, the Press Sub-Branch, on the recommendation of Mr. E. Birtwistle, seconded by Captain Collins, unanimously elected Peter a member of the Sub-Branch. Both proposer and second paid warm tributes not only to Peter's literary skill, but also to his personality and qualities as a man. Then Mr. C. F. Smith (President of the Sub-Branch) announced that Mr. Hopegood had been awarded the "Western Mail"s" prize for the best verse submitted in the "Mail's" next Christmas number. There were many contributions, but Peter's poem, "The Diver," was easily the best submitted.

Readers who are acquainted with the breezy personality and unfailing geniality of Mr. W. Hope Jenkinson, State Manager for Smith, Wylie, Ltd., who fought the good fight in a New Zealand battalion, will join with the "Listening Post" in extending him deep-feet sympathy and condolence in his recent double bereavement. On Saturday, July 20, his wife succumbed to double pneumonia, and his mother died of the same complaint the following day. His elder child at the same time is seriously ill. Fate has struck two cruel blows in one week-end, and it is times like these words seem such pitiful things to express what one feels. We express our deep regrets, and wish the little one a speedy recovery.

Peace or War?

If this be War—this many-headed monster,
This dragon, dealing out with poisoned breaths
A million deaths;
This murderer-monger, marching through the flood
Of martyr blood;
This breaker of men's bodies, women's hearts;
This sword that parts
The twin whom God had joined forever one;

Mother from son,
And father from his lispning infant boy—
Slayer of joy.
If this be war—this trafficker in horror;
This factory of countless needless pains
And galling chains;
This to breed chambers where nerve, brain, and heart
Are wrenched apart;
Where life is changed from pleasant unity
To agony
This water of earth's wealth of blood and tears
And precious years—
If this be war, I'll shout no more its glory:
But weeping, wrestling, pleading, pray for peace.

Till wars shall cease.

II

If this be Peace—this cowardly consenting
To evil, weakly hoping good may rise
In glad surprise;
This standing by while tyrants spoil the land
Nor raising hand,
Nor lifting voice the oppressor to reprove;
Nor to remove
From one's own book of fellowship the name
Of one's fame.
If this be peace—this following after riches;
This selfish strife for wealth; and for its sake
Dear hearts to break;
Pursuit of power—class overbearing mass—Mass crushing class;
This pirate vessel gliding on the wave
To smuggler's cave—
This market-place where honour may be sold;
"Truth slain for gold—"
If this be all the peace the world can give,
Then while I live,
I'll seek the only peace that can uplift
God's perfect gift
The world can neither give nor take away—
His peace to-day.

III

O gracious Prince of Peace! Great God of Battles!
Be Thou my inward rest, my outward strength
Till the full length
Of strife be run to its appointed end—
May I defend
As far as in me lies, the truth and right
Until the light
Of peace, through Thine appearing, dawns at last;
And wars arepast.

—LILIAN WOOSTER-GREAVES

"Pals of Yesterday"

(Specially written by RICHARD MANSFIELD for the British Legion, and sung at their 1925 Annual Conference.)

(Music by Sir Alexander C. Mackenzie)

1. Out in the past I met you
In a dark and storm-swept land,
Out in the past you gave me
The clasp of a comrade's hand;
This chain of friendship true,
The chain that's still unbroken,
That binds my heart to you.

REFRAIN:
Here's to the old days, comrade of mine,
Here's to the men we knew,
They lit a lamp that is burning still
With a light undimmed and true,
Here's to the new days, old pal of mine,
Though skies be gold or gray,
Let us swing along with a right good song,
Just pals of yesterday.

2. Where are the dreams we cherished
As we stood there, you and I?
What of the faith and longings
That wakened but to die?
This be the hope that rises
In all our prayers at last,
To keep the Light before us,
The Glory of the past.

Poor Hubby!
Prospective Bride: "What do you do when your husband is late for dinner and the food is cold?"

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The Truth about the War

Since we have been invited to make comparisons, let us see what the American contribution was up to the time that the tide of war turned finally, in favour of the Allies. General Reilly, in his second article for "Cosmopolitan" in March, makes much of the statements by some mythical German general concerning the British effort. General Ludendorff, who was not unfavourable to the Americans, tells us concerning the part they played up to the 1st August, 1918: "The six American divisions that had taken part in the battle had suffered most severely without achieving any successes. One division appears to have been broken up in order to bring them up to establishment. Notwithstanding the gallantry of the individual American soldier, the inferior quality of the American troop is proved by the fact that two brave German divisions were able to withstand the main attack made by very superior American forces for several weeks; and these two divisions, the Fourth Ersatz and the 21st, have up to that date considered no better than the average."

The British had borne the main force of the German attack, had suffered appalling casualties and considerable loss of men. In the 1st they had had sixty-one divisions engaged on the Western Front. The British do not suffer by a comparison at that date. But General Reilly tells us that "in the important last stages of the war -- the United States -- had more men facing the enemy than the British." Is that true?

The last hundred days, opening with the attack of the Canadian and Australian Divisions at Amiens, on August 8th, may be taken as "the important last stages of the war." An unbroken series of Allied victories led up to the last phase which commenced on September 20th. The battle from that date being one of continuous movement, September 25th is the last date for which there is an accurate record of the placing of the various divisions of the opposing forces. The official record, compiled from all sources on file with the Historical Section of the Department of National Defence, gives some intensely interesting information.

On September 25th the British Army had 62 divisions in action. They were opposed by 28 German divisions. The American Army comprised 21 American divisions and 8 French divisions, and the 29 American and French divisions under Pershing were opposed by only 20 German divisions. It would seem from this that in the last great success at Saint Mihel in the middle of September, Ludendorff had not yet become impressed with the fighting qualities of the American divisions, although paying full tribute to the individual bravery of their men. The Americans also had two divisions with the British and two with the Southern French Army of General Castelnau. Altogether then, the British had 82 divisions in action. The Encyclopaedia Britannica tells us that at the time of the Armistice the United States "had 8,654,264 men in France against Germany, more than any other nation, excepting only France." On November 11, the British still had 82 divisions in action. The Encyclopaedia Britannica tells us that at the time of the Armistice the Americans had 32 divisions ready for battle. Whether they were all engaged it does not say. No official record can be found of more than 25 being in action.

This is the Truth.

The truth is that at no time up to the Armistice did the Americans have more than half as many men in "the face of the enemy" as the British did in France alone. And remember, too, that up to the Armistice the British had suffered 3,679,284 casualties as compared with 360,253 American casualties. And also do not forget that another British army had conquered Palestine and defeated the Turk; that another British army had advanced from Salonika against the Bulgarians and had been chiefly instrumental in their defeat; that they had also fought in Africa and were still fighting in Russia.

We have disposed of the gross misstatement that in the important last stages of the war the United States troops had more men facing the enemy than the British, whereas in fact most of the men being counted were still well back of the line in the training areas. But if a comparison were based on the basis of men mobilized, the figures are still immensely in our favour. The United States with her draft law mobilized 4,165,483, while the British mobilized 8,654,264 men of fighting age and the largest about one-fifth of whom saw active service. General Reilly declares: "There is no better proof of how far the people of a nation really believe in that nation than the..."
readiness and spirit which they display in furnishing men for war." These figures speak for themselves. A war is won by fighting.

The American Army during the whole war captured 49,841 German prisoners, 833 Austrian prisoners and 850 guns. The British, in a period of little over three months from August 8 to November 11, 1918, captured 187,000 prisoners and 2,850 guns, to say nothing of 29,000 machine guns and 3,000 trench mortars.

There is no better evidence of fighting ability than in the number of enemy prisoners captured. The fact that the British captured nearly four times as many prisoners and guns in the last three months as the Americans captured in the whole war perhaps tells in the most graphic possible terms who really did the fighting. But that is not all. General Reilly does not tell us that in the campaign against Turkey, which he criticised as a useless expedition, the British, in three weeks from September 19 to October 7, 1918, took 79,000 prisoners and the United States took 50,674, a hundred per cent more.

Were the efforts of Allenby and Lawrence of less use than those of more than a million non-combatant American soldiers in France? The answer is that Turkey surrendered.

"During 1917 to 1918, Britain's armies held the enemy in three continents and on six fronts, and co-operated with her Allies on two more fronts. Her dead, those 639,000 dead, lay from the Zambesi, the Aegean and across the world to Flanders' fields. Between March 21 and April 17, 1918, the Germans in their drive used 127 divisions, and of these 102 were concentrated against the British. That was in Flanders. Britain, at the same time she was fighting in Flanders, had also at various times shared in the fighting in Russia, Kiao-chau, New Guinea, Samoa, Mesopotamia, Palestine, Egypt, the Sudan, Cameroons, Togoland, East Africa, South Africa, Salonika, Aden, Persia, and the Northwest frontier of India.

"These are the words of another American, Owen Wister, who found his Truth in the official records, not in the mouths of unnamed officers of the German General Staff. Owen Wister tells us where Britain, used her 8,654,280 fighting men, And yet we have been told that "the British thought only of protecting the French ports along the British Channel, those being on the shortest route to London from Germany." Not so, the sort of Truth about the British Army that nearly half a million Canadians have read. Why, even the epic story Wister has told in these few words omits at least one important contribution which the heroically General Reilly has studied by facts. He appears not to know that in 1917 five British divisions went to Italy—more divisions than the U.S. had in action a year after they entered the war!

"General Reilly tells us further that "The failure of Britain to have a greater total in France was due not to the lack of troops, but to keeping large numbers at home," and continues with an amazing statement that "The quick action of our Congress and the slow action of the Brit-

ish Parliament reflected the comparative willingness of the mass of the American and British people to fight for their country."

Once more let Owen Wister reply: "Tell them that in May, 1918, England was sending men of fifty and boys of eighteen and a half to the front; that in August, 1918, every third man within the British Empire, of which Ireland's share was two and three-tenths per cent, Wales three and seven-tenths, Scotland's eight and three-tenths, and England's more than sixty per cent; and that this, taken proportionately to our greater population, would have amounted to about thirteen million Americans."

And yet we are told that if any criticism is to be made of the United States are the ones entitled to do it. Criticism of what? Certainly not of the amount of fighting the British did! For once let us forget the tactful reticence ordinarily exhibited when the question of United States participation is raised by some of our American friends. The fact is that any comparison between the fighting of the British and United States armies is manifestly absurd. Nearly four times as many prisoners taken in three months as the Americans captured in the whole war. Why, four—Canadian divisions—alone in those last three months captured 31,537 prisoners and 623 guns, as compared with 50,691 prisoners and 850 guns captured by the Americans in the whole war.

(TO BE CONTINUED)
The British United Services' Association

The British United Services Association are making arrangements for the Annual Men’s Sunday Memorial Service this year for Sunday, August 18th. Details—2.30 p.m., Parade, Forrest Place; 2.45, March off via Wellington and Barrack Streets and St. George's Terrace to the Cathedral, the R.S.I. Band leading. Service at 3 p.m. After the service His Excellency the Governor will either "take the salute" or inspect the parade. Led by the Coastal Scottish Pipe Band, the troops will return by the same route to Forrest Place for dismissal. Captain E. H. Edmonds, President of the B.U.S.A., will be in command.

The B.U.S.A. will hold its second annual smoker at the R.S.I. Headquarters on Monday, August 19th, at 8 p.m. Tickets, 2/-, from Hon. Secretary, 229 Charlese Street, West Perth. A fine programme has been arranged, and the catering will be O.K. diinkum.

Flying Corps Association

INAUGURAL MEETING

After many years of post-war inactivity events moved in Perth on Tuesday evening, 2nd July, and the W.A. branch of the Australian Flying Corps Association was formed, at a gathering of over 30, in the Soldiers’ Institute, Perth. Mr. Reece Price was elected president; Messrs. A. Lawson, W. E. Corbett, C. A. Lloyd, as vice-presidents; and Mr. T. A. Burn was installed as secretary. The committee, consisting of the following, was also elected: Messrs. J. E. Armstrong, C. A. Hine, A. S. Harris, H. V. Johns, A. Viveash, A. E. James, L. Rider, W. H. Johnson, W. M. Hatcher, S. W. Smith.

Other appointments were: Country representative, Mr. Hoddle; publicity officer, Mr. J. G. Paterson; auditor, Mr. W. A. Wilkins; treasurer, Mr. G. A. Swain.

After some discussion it was decided that the new branch affiliate with the headquarters of the A.F.C.A. in Sydney. Membership is open to all ex-members and members of the R.A.F., Royal Naval Air Force, Royal Flying Corps, Royal Air Force, Royal Australian Air Force, and any air force included in the Allies during the Great War, but such members must have been on active service. The entrance fee is five shillings, and the annual subscription is five shillings: this fee also includes the purchase of the badge.

At the first general meeting of the branch to be held in the Soldiers’ Institute, on Thursday, August 8th, every eligible man is asked to be present, as it is intended that the branch secure a one hundred per cent membership of those eligible. Kingsford Smith, Ulm, Hinkler, Moir, Owen, Cobham, and many other famous aviators are members of the A.F.C.A., as well as some five hundred others who saw active service as pilots, observers, mechanics, riggers, aircraftsmen, etc.

The first public appearance of the new branch took place on Wednesday, 3rd July, when, at the request of the controlling authorities, the branch took part in the funeral of the late Mr. "Bobby" Hitchcock, who died in Central Australia, with late Lieutenant Anderson.

28th Battalion Association

Hard work is bringing its reward, and the quickening interest of ex-28th's in their old battalion Association is reflected in the financial membership, which is nearing the double century. Calls for assistance have been more numerous than usual of late, but the Association has been able to meet the demands and has been vigilant in the interests of old comrades in hard circumstances.

The elevation of Mr. Norman Graham and Mr. H. Farquarson to the posts of presidents of the R.S.I. Sub-Branches of West Guildford and South Perth, respectively, were the causes of hearty congratulations at the last monthly meeting of the 28th Association committee. Following the "old man's" example—doing their bit!

Members are not taking full advantage of meeting old comrades which is afforded by the monthly luncheons. Relieve "Mum" of the duty of cutting lunch once a month, and spend a pleasant hour with your old war associates. Rendezvous for the next luncheon at the Magnet Tea Rooms, Murray Street, at 1 p.m., Monday, 29th July.

Those at the annual meeting of the South Perth Branch who had the pleasure of listening to Mr. H. K. Kahan deliver his skit on "Method (7) of Procedure in the A.I.F." were satisfied that "Mabel" did not waste "her" time in the orderly room, although "she" may have wasted the Adjutant's.

If you want to find out what became of old "Jonesey," whether he died after collecting, or joined a "safer" unit, look up the index in vol. I of the 28th Battalion History. You will find it all there, and lots more of interest. Price 8/6, from the Secretary, or any committee man.

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“SWAN” BRAND SWEET MUSTARD PICKLES are worth having
The Woman's Auxiliary

The Women's Auxiliary R.S.I.L. State Executive held its first half-yearly meeting last month. Reports show the progress and finances to be satisfactory. Fifteen applications for assistance were granted during the half-year. Meetings have been addressed by the President and Secretary, and auxiliaries are forming to many sub-branches. At the time of writing nineteen auxiliaries are in existence, being an increase of ten since November last.

A United Social Meeting of Women's R.S.I.L. Auxiliaries took place at the Soldiers' Institute on the 9th July, and proved a wonderful success. Between 50 and 60 members attended, and much discussion took place. The meeting opened with addresses by the State President (Mrs. T. G. Wilson) and the State Secretary (Mrs. H. Hopperton). Some of the ladies stated they had learned more from this meeting than they knew before. Several branches put forward motions for Congress agenda, while others asked for suggestions. Mrs. Williams (Maylands) requested that names and addresses of auxiliary secretaries should be exchanged with the view of attending social functions. The State Secretary promised to forward a list of names and addresses to every secretary. Mrs. B. Horswill (Perth) moved and Mrs. Kirke (Bassendean) seconded the resolution that similar meetings be held quarterly. This motion was carried unanimously. The meeting closed with supper provided by the ladies.

Perth Sub-Branch Women's Auxiliary is unique inasmuch as they have five members who are certificated nurses, one (Mrs. Critchley) with a war record, while four other members possess certificates for first aid; also some of the members, when in a kindly disposed with their families, can form a concert party—useful either in sickness or for entertainment. Mrs. Tom Tandy was tendered a farewell afternoon at Temple Court by members of the Auxiliary prior to her departure for England on an extended holiday. She has acted as accompanist for auxiliary concerts, for some time past. She is also a singer of merit, and an ex-hospital sister.

Leederville Women's Auxiliary are holding a Freak Ball at the Leederville Town Hall, Cambridge Street, on 16th August.

Victoria Park Women's Auxiliary are holding a dance at the Victoria Park Town Hall, Albany Road. They have a good orchestra. Admission: ladies 1/-, gents 1/6. "To the dance they have a learners' class for old-time dancing, 7.30 to 8 p.m. Admission is free to patrons of the dance.

Maylands are holding a Carnival Dance at Maylands Town Hall on 30th July.

At the last monthly meeting of the Narrogin branch of the Ladies Auxiliary, a social afternoon was held in honour of the retiring secretary, Mrs. E. Hart, who is leaving the town. At the conclusion, Mrs. Doney, the president, on behalf of the branch, presented Mrs. Hart with a case of spoons in recognition of the latter's faithful service as secretary for a period of three years.

The energetic Narrogin branch has had a highly successful time during the whole of its existence, and has been a big fruitful source of help to the returned soldiers of Narrogin district.

What a Girl!

"You say she's a selfish girl?"

"I should say she is! When she wanted her bob to grow in, she demanded all the hair tonics money saved up by her poor, bald old father."

Value of College for Women.

Judge: "Do you mean to say that your wife picked you up, maulled you and threw you into the upper shelf of the closet?"

"Yes, your Honor. She used to play on her college basketball team."

Sub-Branch Notes

SOUTH PERTH.

The South Perth Sub-Branch marked its first birthday with an Annual General Meeting, which packed the local Masonic Hall to its utmost capacity of 120, and in view of the phenomenal growth and great interest taken in the sub-branch, its committee is faced with the task of supplying accommodation for an ever-increasing number of members.

The business of the meeting was disposed of by 8.30 and was followed by a most successful social carried out in a typically digger manner. Items were rendered by various members and the Social Committee has noted the "talent" for further use and the artists who helped make the evening so happy are hereby notified to hold themselves ready for future functions.

The following officiating officers were elected: President, Mr. E. M. Farquharson (our champion, member-catcher); Vice- Presidents, Mr. Richardson and Colonel Olden; Honorary Secretary, Mr. H. R. C. Sims; Honorary Treasurers, Mr. H. A. Tottenham; Committee: Messrs. Lucas, Stockdale, Buchanan, Khan; Jones (who has aided "Farkie" in the enrolment of members), Jackson, Grimmings, O'Dea, and Horne. Mr. J. H. Hanley was re-elected Honorary Auditor. This body will be re-inforced most ably by the Past President, Mr. Garnet Philp, and South Perth diggers are confident that this team will be able to safely guide the interests and guard the welfare of the returned men of the district.

The July meeting was held on the 15th and was well attended. Much of the evening was devoted to the consideration of Congress matter and a number of resolutions have been sent forward. Colonel Collett was unanimously chosen as the branch's nominee for the Presidential Office, but of course it is not at all anticipated by South Perth diggers that they are the only ones with the right idea.

In the good old days of "la guerre" it was not at all usual for a C.O. to personally lead a fatigue party, but at the present time C. O. Farquharson is at the head of a volunteer (that, too, is unusual) fatigue party which aims to chop the wood, mow the lawn, etc., for any indisposed digger, or for a widow who needs a helping hand in the manner indicated. One enthusiastic supporter of the idea suggested that he would probably be sick in the near future, and that he was therefore fully in support of the suggestion.

The branch is organising for a lecture by Captain Sheffield on "Big Game Hunting in Kenya," and as the proceedings are to be divided between the local Amelioration Fund and the Parkerville kiddies, it is hoped that the lecture will be well patronised.

BRIDGETOWN

That the new scribe nearly got the sack for being so dumb.

That he was given one more chance to make good (notes).

That our senior Vice still has the bridge, but nothing to fit it on.

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That the Guardaman gave a vivid description of his Irish tour.
That his action in saving life there (his own) was highly commendable.
That if he hadn't swum out of the brewery, he'd have been drowned in Bass.
That all the Scotch jokes are aimed at the Sec. Why is this?
That our President has thought better of it, hasn't he with us.
That the Rest-Room is emerging from the shadows at last.
That our meetings still start punctually—at 9 pip emma.
That the roll-up to the Memorial Service was an eye-opener.
That the Padre missed an opportunity for collecting a fiver for the widows' fund.

BUNBURY.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th July, with a record attendance, late comers finding it hard to secure a seat.

The President (Mr. C. R. Gillett) was in the chair, and his report on the activities of the past year was comprehensive and full. The amount of work done, and the progress made, as shown therein, was enough to start members off on the current year with a determination to excel even such a splendid performance.

An addition of 89 members during the year brought the total of financial members to 140, and an endeavour is now being made to bring the figure up to 200 or over. This is being done by a system of dividing the town into sections, whereby every returned man in each section will be met with a personal appeal to join the League.

Amelioration Funds were greatly augmented during the year by the performances of the Concert Party, which, under the leadership of Mr. Arthur Parham, drew crowded houses. With cash and property, the assets of this Sub-Branch now total £700, but there is a constant drain on the Amelioration funds, as the cases of hardship dealt with during the year were numerous, and appear to be increasing. The Concert Party is now rehearsing for a performance to be given to assist the Bunbury Band, to take part in the Centenary Band Contest.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in Mr. C. R. Gillett, Mr. A. E. Murray, and Mr. Robin being re-elected unanimously as President, Secretary, and Treasurer respectively. A ballot was necessary for the offices of Vice-Presidents: Messrs. Wood and Downs eventually being the most popular. Nominations for five Committee members were heavy, and the resulting ballot declared in favour of Messrs. Gates, Pearson, McLaren, Levy, and McKenzie. With two Scotsmen and two Saxons whose names will indicate his race, the above Committee should be able to put in some good work.

As a consequence of this election, the personnel of this year's executive is the same as last year, with the exception of one member, who has left the district.

At the conclusion of business at the Annual General Meeting of the Bunbury Sub-Branch, Vice-President Mr. T. G. Downs, on behalf of the diggers present, presented Mr. C. R. Gillett with a case of pipes as a little token in remembrance of the strenuous work done in making the State Wide ReUnion a success.

OSBORNE PARK

The annual election of officers of this sub-branch resulted as follows:—President, Mr. H. Nugent (re-elected); vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Corlett and A. Glass; secretary, Mr. H. Float (re-elected); auditors, Messrs. J. Godfrey and J. Adams; committee, Messrs. D. Miller, D. Foreman, G. Nicolls, C. Garner, F. Stephens, S. Forysth, and H. Cooper.

Finances reported good and membership satisfactory.

At a recent civil social held in the Agricultural Hall, speakers were loud in praise of the work done by the sub-branch in connection with affairs associated with the progress of the district.

"Sandy," the soldiers' dog, who, like his owner, never missed a social, is dead. He tackled a big snake near the house and was fatally bitten, dying within 30 minutes. He was well known in the Park, and at every gathering would lie quietly under a seat until refreshment time, when he became a prominent participant.

A valuable citizen, Capt. Robertson, 1st Pioneers, has joined the branch. He will be an acquisition as a useful worker and also in a social capacity.

It is stated that 75 per cent. of the soldiers in the Park belong to the sub-branch.

The Park is losing some of its best residents, the latest to evacuate being Mr. C. Sheriff and his family, who have taken up a location at Victoria Park. Charlie is past president of the branch and was a useful and popular member. For seventeen years he toiled in the Park with the exception of the few years spent "over there," and ten years he was in the employ of the Perth Road Board. Vice-president of the Agricultural Society, member of the Health Board and Progress Association, he has always taken a lead in movements for the good of the district. His sons were farewelled by the Tennis Club; his wife, another hard
worker amongst the lady helpers, was
honoured by the members of the Anglican
Church. On the 21th June a big gathering
of the members and friends of the Agri-
cultural Society assembled in the Agri-
cultural Hall to honour Mr. Sherwill.
An address by the Minister for Agri-
culture (Mr. H. Millington), who is also
member for the district, and speeches by
the president (Mr. Collin) and the secre-
tary (Mr. Reg. Johns) were items on the programme, and Charlie had
great difficulty in replying to the many
good things said about him. Strange,
when "Old Bill" and Charlie got going
recounting their experiences in camp at
Monte Video, Charlie is not bashful in his
oratory. However, neither of the parties
have decided who won the war—a ques-
tion to be brought to a head at the next
social. A dance followed, healths were
toasted, and a supper was provided by
the ladies of the Agricultural Society's
auxiliary. Chooms wash him the best
of luck in his venture.

The local Health Board, with a view to
expediting the issue of rate notices, has
empowered the secretary to employ a re-
turned soldier, if available, to assist in
making up the rate book and rate
NOTICES
NAREMBEEN
Owing to the dismal weather and the
bad state of the roads on Saturday, 29th
June, many members were prevented from
attending the meeting arranged for that
date. A good number of the members
commenced the journey, but later reports
proved that many were bogged. Owing
to the small attendance, it was agreed to
postpone the meeting until a later date,
as the business for discussion was of vital
importance and demanded the attention
of every member.

H. Wilde, secretary of Bruce Rock Sub
Branch, extended an invitation to Nare-
mbeen Branch to attend the re-union at
Bruce Rock on July 3rd. Narembeen was
represented by the Honorary President,
H. A. Boyes (secretary) and Messrs.
Elliott, Handley, Cocks, Gallagher, and
Turner. Col. Collett, State President,
was also in attendance, and the valuable
information of Col. Collett re the ne-
necity of the diggers of Bruce Rock
forming a branch has fallen on fertile
soil.

Members are asked to note that it is
important that everyone should be present
at the next meeting, notification of which
will be by circular.

To curtail expenses, members with
trucks are requested to bring a load of
firewood for L. Club.

CAMPION-GEELAKIN
The above branch held their first An-
nual Meeting and Social in Campion
School Hall on Saturday, the 13th July,
1929.

An invitation had been accepted by that
industrious worker, Bill Logie, and a
very pleasant surprise was created when he
arrived with our old friend Jimmy
Cornell, M.L.C.

They arrived a little late, and in his
excuses, Mr. Logie attributed it to: first,
having taken the strong road, and then
to the weight of the Hon. Jimmy, having
caused a blow-out of a tyre, and a badly
wrenched rim.

The two State Executive visitors were
warmly welcomed by the President, Mr.
Nungent, who then read the annual report,
showing that even though it was a very
scattered district, the membership figures
were very creditable.

A special appeal was made to returned
men who had not joined the Sub-Branch,
and this resulted in three joining and
paying subs, as from January last.

At the invitation of the President, the
two visitors addressed the meeting. Mr.
Cornell spoke in a general manner on the
aims and objects of the League, and re-
counted some of its achievements. Mr.
Logie dealt mainly with matters connect-
ed with land settlement, and explained
many things that hitherto settlers, could
not understand.

Secretary George Orwin moved a hearty
vote of thanks to the visitors, which was
supported by Treasurer Andy Greay, and
carried enthusiastically by acclamation.

The evening was then given over to
dancing, etc.

Many thanks are due to the ladies for
the hearty manner in which they assisted
with so many tasty cabables.

The efforts of Mrs. Greay in keeping
the helpers moving during refreshments
were also greatly appreciated.

A particularly noticeable feature was
that nearly 100 per cent. of the members
and their families attended, but these
were outnumbered by the support from
the general public.

Only two alterations occurred in the
election of officers: George Orwin
replacing Joe Wilkinson (retired) Secre-
tary, and Sid Ray replacing Jim Chandler,
who has left the district.

COLLIERS
We are in receipt of a printed pamph-
let giving the record of the activities of
the Collie Sub-Branch for the year ended
30th June. The record is a splendid one,
embracing all the activities that a live
and useful sub-branch should have. The
employment committee has located many
jobs; the employers of the district gen-
erally having given preference to ex-
service men. Many cases of hardship
were alleviated, sometimes by cash and
kind, and at other times by personal help.
The necessity of the League to guard

pension rights and to care for deceased
soldiers' dependants was stressed. A
Christmas tree and special Christmas
cheer were provided, as in past years,
for about thirty children of fallen com-
rades. The report concluded with an
appeal for increased membership.

The Collie Sub-Branch continues to set
a lead worthy of emulation by other units.

The Maylands Sub-Branch is bemoan-
ing the fact that Bob Cooke's resignation
as secretary became necessary owing to
his leaving the district. Bob is an enthu-
asiast at anything he interests himself
in, and under his capable leadership May-
lands Sub-Branch made wonderful pro-
gress. He so ably represented his branch
at the last State Congress that delegates
voted him on to the Executive, where his
worth is appreciated.

Just back from a well-earned trip to
the Eastern States is J. S. Pocklington,
the advertising manager of Harris, Scarie
& Sandovers, and president of the Ad-
vertising Men's Association of W.A., Mr.
Pockington, who served with the R.A.
Battery, is an enthusiastic member of the
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