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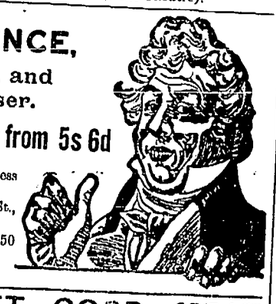

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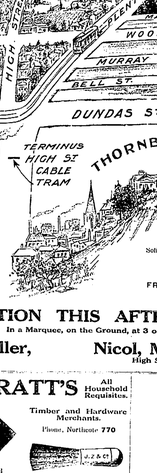

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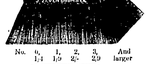

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

The unthinking may have laughed, but surely the judicious grieved at the sorry spectacle which presented itself at the Northcote town hall on Wednesday night. By the Chief Magistrate of the town the citizens had been called together to hear two representative men discuss the question of the day—*democratic section of the people—state of affairs*. Instead of the case for the conscription of men for military service outside the Commonwealth, it is the present question Australians could be called upon to discuss, concerning the life and death of Australians, and the very soul of all this continent, yet it was deliberately to see a considerable section of the audience, mostly lunderlies youths, be it said, treat the whole thing as a passing mime and behave in such a manner as might only be looked for from the rabid and unconvincing partisans at a football match. "Freedom of speech"—that boasted British liberty—was severely assailed, and by the very people who would "counter-jump" as an intolerable tyranny. Senator Lynch, who can claim a 30 years championship of the cause of labor, was given no possible chance of stating his case as he wished to state it, though he had, as he said, addressed meetings "from Cape York to The Leeuwin," in the days when it was considered to be denied a fair hearing. No wonder, then, that many sturdy Labor men went out in disgust, and many more remained at what they had seen and heard. How different was the scene at Bastings on Monday. From beginning to end of a lengthy address there was not a moment's interruption, even though the advice given, and arguments advanced in connection with his plea for the men now in direct opposition to the opinions held by many present. What would have been the outcry and the indignation at a larger city by Sydney's newspapers had their opinion been subjected to the same unfair and cowardly treatment as was meted out to Senator Lynch, and also the soldier speakers, who had been present and had suffered wounds fighting for there very men. There may be questions that can be argued upon a score or more: *Z's* towards supplying comforts to soldiers.

Boxes for the Soldiers—Those who have leisure for the consideration are invited to leave them at the town hall by Wednesday next, which is the latest date they can be received if they are to reach the boys by Christmastime.

Every resident of Preston anxious to secure a "Yes" vote on the 28th Oct. is asked to assemble at the shire-hall next Thursday evening, at 7.30 to assist in organising the campaign.

Mr. W. T. Rowe, coachbuilder, Upper Northcote, who put in 9 exhibits at the Show, had the good fortune to sell all but one. The purchasers came from Port Melbourne, Geelong, Ballarat, Kyneton, and Yarrawonga.

£18,000 the 6d of last year's North-cote rate, representing 66.26 per cent. of the total rate, and £8,000 out of £10,000 electric lighting done. The collector (Mr. J. A. Thomson) was congratulated on his achievement.

Northcote Street Construction.—Cr. Henderson, chairman of the streets committee, reported on a deputation that the commitments in connection with the construction of the last batch of streets amounted to £12,465 2s. 7d. Subject to certain deductions there were made amounting to £2000 and they expected to receive another £1000, making a total of £7000, leaving a liability of £7765 2s 7d. To carry out these works they had put on an advance from the bank of £6000, and with a view of constructing more streets they proposed to ask the Bank for a further advance of £6000.

Northcote Finances.—The town clerk (Mr. W. C. Swift) reported on Monday evening that the year had closed with a credit balance of £1,000 odd. The position is looking all right, and said he felt just as well as was in the council.

Mr. W. Dimmick, of Westbourne Grove, has received word that his son, Private E. Dimmick, is missing. He will be remembered as a brilliant young footballer.

Private H. Dedman, of Emmaline st., has been advised that his son, who is also missing, was a member of Dundas street, and was a well-known footballer.

Mr. W. Dedman, of Dundas street, received word this week that her son, Private Jack Dedman, was killed in action in France.

The military authorities at Ghezl have given leave to Mr. Bert Bastings to state that his son, Private Roy, is in hospital suffering from fever. He left for Egypt in March last as a member of the 4th Light Horse.

Mr McKinnistr, of Thornestown, has received letters from his son, Private C. McKimmie, is missing.

Mrs. Bastings, of Northcote P.O., and Exchange staff, volunteered and was accepted at the meeting on 20th ult.

Private Alf. Harris, son of Mr. A. Harris, of Separation road, Preston, has embarked for the front. Before enlisting he was employed by Messrs. Mason, Firth and McCutcheon, Melbourne, and was the only member of that firm presented him with an illuminated address. The Leader wishes him a safe path, and several other useful months in the trenches.

MENTAL HOME AT PRESTON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I recommend to the councillors of the City of Preston and to the other objectors to the establishment of a Mental Home, the publication of the following out a Biblical command and request them to follow it out in the spirit looking for the beam in their neighbor's eye. Perhaps some might find it in proportion for their consideration. If the establishment of the home in question deteriorates property one half, what effect does the disgusting, revolting, distributing nightsoil on the same land have upon the value as a residential area?

As I understand one of the speakers at the deputation is a Health Inspector, he should be able to query special conditions.

I ask one further question, and I ask it in all seriousness—Where would you prefer to live, adjacent to a home for mental sufferers, or to the depositing of such as property owned by the deputation has become?

If Eastern Preston is ever to be a residential area councillors would do well to prohibit, not a mental home, but the disgusting nuisance created by some of the deputation. It would appear to these specific cases to the Health Officer for Central Board of Health. Certainly a Mental Hospital and a nightsoil depot cannot exist side by side, and knowing the feelings of the deputation, it is obvious.—Yours, etc.,

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KILLED IN ACTION.
Private R. C. Miller, Northcote.
" L. J. Hosken, "
" Hendry, Epping.
" W. H. Fosbrey Aipplington.
" E. Sheffield, Heidelberg.

DIED OF WOUNDS.
Private H. Foster, Northcote.
" " Dimmick, "
" E. Dimmick, Northcote.
" C. McKimmie, Thornestown.

Lance-Cpl. C. Smith, Northcote
Private W. J. Durrance, Northcote
" G. A. Graham " "
" F. G. Gibbs " "
" W. McA. Howden " "
" T. H. Webster " "
" W. Bilcy " "
" F. W. Ebenezre " "
" E. G. Brent " "
" W. J. Bird " "
" J. Heffernan " "
Corporal H. Bellgrey, Ivanhoe
" R. G. Insell " "

SEVERELY WOUNDED.
Private R. H. Thompson, Northcote
" T. J. Lim " "
" E. D. Moore " "
" H. W. Hebble " "
" A. W. Sullivan " "
" H. Hughes, Preston
" S. Mason " "
" W. Richardson, Epping
" H. Spedding, Woodstock

MILITARY CROSS FOR PRESTON BOY.

Mrs Maddon, of Plott street, South Preston, has received a cable stating that on Monday last a cable stating that her son, Private Albert Maddon, had been awarded the military cross for conspicuous bravery in France.

Mrs. Walkinshaw, of Spring street, Preston, has received a letter from her son, Private Alfred Wood (a well-known Australian player) in capturing Pozieres on July 23rd. He says: "We had a terrible time. We got there at 1 o'clock in the morning, and within 20 yards of the German entrenchments. We had to wait about a lively time we got. The Huns commenced to shell us with their 5.9's, and we kept on digging—digging for our very lives. We got a trench and it was the effect of our artillery fire on the Germans. We had to go over the top every kind of souvenir, from a 12-inch shell to a Fritz helmet. We were very part of a German's equipment. We are right in the thick of it now, and I am in a little village called Pernois."

Mrs. Wood also receives from France, after having been under heavy shell fire for 36 hours, that her son, Private Frank Wood, of South Crescent, writes:—"I am sending you my puttee. They were caught about two or three miles from Pozieres, on July 23rd. I was lucky. I won the Queen's prize at our own V.R.A. rifle meeting at Kensington. A bullet passed a couple of shells coming and I hopped into the trench. Some of the boys were down than one shell landed just near them and buried them. They were pulled out of it three or four times. We got back to the trenches at the parapet and buried them. Then another shell fell and I made I got was a scratch on the side of my nose. I was with Dimmick the day he was killed. Dimmick is a friend of mine. I was with Dimmick the day he was killed. Dimmick is a friend of mine. I was with Dimmick the day he was killed. Dimmick is a friend of mine

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, Oct 2.

Present:—Crs. Williams (mayor), Plant, Glanfield, Dennis, Mason, Cain, Henderson, Smith, Gray, Hastings, Vale, Schwarbach, Redmond, Roberts, and McDonell.

Water Extension

The Metropolitan Board of Works wrote agreeing to extend the water in Mitchell street, 24 chains east of Hartley street.—Cr Plant moved that the usual guarantee be entered into.

The Late Private Hembrey

Mr J. G. Membrey, M.L.A., wrote expressing deep appreciation of the sympathetic letter of sympathy in connection with the death on the battlefields of France of their son, Claude, once an officer of the council. They had the consolation of knowing that in the hour of the nation's greatest crisis he nobly did his duty.—Received

Fire Board Representative.

F. H. Hickford, wrote asking council's support of his candidature for re-election to the Fire Brigades' Board

It was resolved, on the motion of Crs Dennis and Redmond, that the matter be made an order of the day for that night four weeks, both councillors expressing the hope that considerable improvements—including an up-to-date fire station on the main street—would be made in the near future.

Salvation Army Appeal.

H. R. Howard Smith wrote in connection with Salvation Army's appeal for £15,000 for work amongst the Australian troops here and abroad.—Received.

More Salary Wanted.

Dr. E. J. Bird wrote applying for an increase of salary as health officer, as his remuneration compared very unfavorably with that given to other municipal officers.—Referred to estimates on the motion of Cr Bastings,

Thornbury Park Streets.

Thornbury Park Ltd., wrote again requesting council to proceed with the construction of the streets on the estate.—Referred to streets committee on the motion of Cr Henderson.

Public Conveniences.

Northcote Ratepayers' Association's central committee wrote urging the provision of public conveniences in the principal streets of the city.—Referred to estimates.

Vauxhall Road.

Alfred Chitts applied for a few "lineloads" of ashes along Vauxhall road and Separation street.—Referred to works committee on the motion of Cr Glanfield.

"Pillow Boon" for the New Tram.

Fitzroy, Northcote and Preston Tramway Trust, were bringing under notice the matter of acquiring land south of Raleen avenue on west side of pipe track.—After consideration in committee, and explanation by Cr. Bastings, it was decided to secure on the ground on Monday at 5 p.m. and decide as to the best course to take. Also £5000 worth of property will have to be acquired.

Footbridge Asked For.

Wm. Wood, 87 Westgarth street, applied for a footbridge to be put across the channel in front of his premises.—Referred to works committee.

Miscellaneous.

H. J. Dann called attention to the bad state of Mitchell street east from Victoria road to Fairfield, on the south side.—Referred to works committee on the motion of Cr Glanfield.

Mr. Stone's offer to sell land at corner of Arthurton road for £6 a foot was accepted, subject to the approval of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

Park Fur Picnic.

Mr Bevin applied for park for picnic for St. George's Road Methodist S.S. scholars.—Cr Glanfield to interview Crs Dennis and Cain.

Protest From Johnson Street.

G. E. Williams, Johnson street, wrote protesting against being charged at the rate of 12/9 per foot wide for rate per foot frontage being charged in Keon parade east only about 4/6. To pay almost three times as much for a 50ft. street as for a 33ft. street seemed unfair.

Cr. Henderson moved that the writer be informed that the plans were adopted and tenders called for the work.

Cr. Smith seconded.—Carried.

Public Works Committee.

Cr. Schwarbach (chairman) submitted report, recommending—

1. That accounts—general, £726 11s 3d; electric light, £127 5s 1d; and street construction, £175—be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. That sewerage at premises of Northcote Brick Works and Mr. Holley's, Auburn Avenue.—That the Metropolitan Board of Works be informed that, in the opinion of the Council, there is not any necessity at present to sewer the above premises.

3. Lighting, Gold Street.—That a lamp be erected at corner of Gotch Street and Railway Reserve, and provided the Healesville Council pay half the cost of the erection and maintenance of same.—Adopted.

4. Re protection of Tramsheds from fire.—The City Surveyor was then directed to take the necessary steps to obtain the fittings for this purpose.—Adopted.

5. Sanitary Contract.—That the contract for the disposal of nightsoil, entered into by Mr. T. Goldsworthy, having expired, same be extended till the Dunhle Pan System is introduced.—Adopted.

Finance Committee.

The finance was submitted by Cr. Plant (chairman), recommending—

1. That accounts—general, £3252 11s 3d; electric light account, £132 15s 7d; tramway, £781 9s 7d; and street construction, £175 15s—be passed for payment.—Adopted.

2. Crossing, Dennis Street, at McDonald Street.—That the sum of £19 15s 5d be written off.—Adopted

3. Supply of Receipt and Notice Books.—That the tender of Messrs Whaller Bros for the supply of Electric Light Receipt and Meter Books, General Rate Receipt and Notice Books at schedule rates, be accepted.—Adopted.

4. Health Act, 1915, order.—That the officer of health having certified that the house owned by Arthur D. Newman, in Gooch Street, Northcote, is unfit or unsafe for human occupation or habitation, this Council directs that such house shall not, after fourteen days be occupied or inhabited.—Adopted.

Tramway Accounts.

Cr. Redmond queried the account—"H. Ackman, cities furniture, £8 14s."

It was explained that the account was for chairs and matting.

Cr. Redmond—Are they Austrian chairs?

The mayor.—No; Australian made.

Cr. Redmond also questioned the item—"Lincoln, Stuart & Co., uniforms and caps, £141 5s."

He was informed that the charge were according to contract.

The Ticket System.

Cr. Dennis said the understanding was that the ticket system was to be given a three months' trial. He would like to know if the committee proposed making a report to the council.

Cr. Redmond said that in the public policity of their duties the committee had not been able to come to finality on this matter; but the manager had submitted a scheme which he says he hopes to simplify the present system. There would probably be a report before the next meeting of the council.

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It was understood that the bank would not advance the £6000 for further advance.

2. That application be made for extension of Lyons street, from Victoria street to Fairfield boundary; Atkinson, William, Dixon and Hilton streets are now open for inspection by any person interested, and will be finally considered on 27th November.—Adopted.

Committee of the Council.

The mayor (chairman) submitted the report, recommending—

1. Baths Site.—That the land having a frontage of 101 feet to the east Separation Creek Estate by a depth of about 175 feet, be purchased for the sum of £3 10s per foot, a deposit of £100 to be paid, and the balance to be payable by three equal half-yearly instalments, at 5 per cent.—Adopted.

2. Cr. Richmond, Farm Colony or Consumptives.—That this Council concurs in the recommendation that the Farm Colony or Consumptives Conference is of opinion that the whole of the cases of open tuberculosis and maintenance of the farm sanatorium should be borne by the Government."

—Adopted.

3. Electric Lights Agreement.—That the agreement now in use be and the same is hereby confirmed.—Adopted.

4. Plinders Street Channelling.—That the matter of Channelling in Flinders Street, between Thornett and Greenside Streets, be set down for consideration with the estimates.—Adopted.

Ordinary Business.

Cr. Dennis moved that a lamp be provided at the corner of Walker and McLachlan streets and one in Clarke street, as the main drain, as provided for in the estimates.—Carried.

Cr. Dennis also moved that the matter of providing a lamp in South Crescent, at the main drain, be referred to the committee, and while doing so complained that the lights in Knowles, Jackson, Westgarth, Rose and other streets were frequently out. He would like to know which he says he hopes to simplify the present system. There would probably be a report before the next meeting of the council.

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WONDERFUL FACTORIES.

COURAGE AND FORTITUDE.

(By Special Representative of Sydney "Sun.")

London, August 7.

Last autumn I gathered sun-kissed apples in a glorious orchard; a week later the bay was being cut down from under the trees; then, one by one, the tiny grey iron buildings sprang up, like mushrooms, at uniform distances.

Passing frequently in the train, I watched the little buildings multiply; as far as the eye could reach their flat-painted roofs gleamed through the branches of the fruit-trees, and gave the appearance of a sanatorium in the making. Rapidly, however, the strange little settlement became peopled by many girls and women, all wearing dull grey cap and overall, who toiled there ceaselessly, by day and by night, preparing for the great and glorious "push." And within six weeks of the day when the long grass fell to the scythe, shells were being turned out ready for the front.

A few days ago, by the courtesy of the Ministry for Munitions, I was permitted to pass through the jealously guarded gates of this national factory and to watch the wonderful process of manufacturing the ultimate liberation of Europe. I smiled as I obeyed, with the view of the factory, I had but a very vague conception of its immensity until, after being provided with overalls and satisfactorily answering the challenge, "All clear" (of matches, tobacco, steel hairpins, and the like), I passed through a tiny door and stood on the wooden platform which had been erected to connect the hundreds of separate workshops, and which serves to carry the eighteen miles of miniature railway that have been built.

From a high bridge which connects two of the different sections, I looked over the 260 acres of land, where nearly 9,000 women are working day and night on the production of shells, and there came to me perhaps a truer realisation of what war means. On every side were whole families sallied in the tremendous effort to win the war—women, many of them, who have hardly known the meaning of "work," for a long time, monotonous hours of labor with that same courage and fortitude with which our men in the trenches are facing death.

"And they are simply splendid," the manager said of them, as he escorted me while pride of place was indicated "Shell City." "Of course," he added, "the work is essentially a woman's."

And later, as I watched the busy workers' crowds on their various dreadful tiles, I quite agreed, for the work is certainly a woman's, and it is work that every woman in the land should be proud to undertake.

Of all war work shell-making is indeed the most fascinating; the very sight of the thousands of shells which are being despatched to add our gallant ranks is inspiring; and perhaps the silent inner of danger which lurks in the handling of high explosives adds a certain amount of zest, though that danger has been eliminated to an enormous degree, and is ever decreasing. Even the temporary sickness which assailed the workers during their first week or so on the new tasks has now practically disappeared; and the effects of certain chemicals which momentarily dyed the hands and faces of the workers a rich golden color, and earned for them the titles of the "Canaries" and the "Girls of the Golden West," are gradually vanishing.

Every effort is made to ensure the well-being of the workers. Beautifully outspeed hospitals have been built, and lady doctors and trained nurses are always in attendance. Canteens, where substantial food can be obtained at nominal prices, have been erected in various parts of the factory grounds, and lady superintendents have been engaged, whose sole business it is to attend to the comfort of the employes. I heard one of the girls appeal to a lady superintendent for a transfer to some other building.

"Aren't you happy?" is there anything wrong?" was the anxious inquiry.

"Oh, no," the girl replied; "but I want to be near grandmother."

From workshop to workshop we passed, and everywhere the women looked happy and healthy. A very apparent keenness was shown to increase the output, and there was no slip or slacking there, no grumbling.

The already popular which have been circulated of the dangers which lie in the shell factories have by no means checked the determination of the women at Hesland. The are patient and quick enough to understand the origin of such rumors, and realise that there is practically no risk when the precautions laid down by the factory are rigorously observed. Even if such dangers existed I warrant the women would be prepared to meet them. While not one of the many shell lives down by the thousand, the women would not fail to do likewise. were that necessary. I had ample evidence of the calmness and resolution of the shell workers, for just as I was about to leave the grounds a heavy thunderstorm threatened, a ominous rumbling could be heard in the distance, immediately on the shrill notice of the warning whistle the girls streamed out of their respective workshops, in perfect order, and made for their shelters—some the huge, dug-out woman of each shop remained behind to draw the dark storm curtains with which each shed is provided. There was no panic or even rushing, and when the storm had passed by they resumed their duties quietly.

The watch-word of the factory is "Work, unceasing work." The weekends are free to enable the workers to husband and gather strength and energy for the coming week. Fifty-four hours a week is the shift for the day workers, and for the night workers five fifty.

Contentment reigns there on that battlefield of the workers, for they feel, very rightly, that they are fighting the country's battles, side by side with the soldiers, and are helping them to win the war. Nor is duty the only element in this stern world of work, for romance, too, has crept in. Cupid of the girls confessed to having slipped a message of good will and cheer into one of the boxes of shells that are on the battlefield of France a lonely soldier lad soon the white message flutter in the moonlight. over the blood-stained earth, and soon there will be another war wedding!

Will Australia help these women by maintaining her sun-power at the Front?

"Everyone has some secret sorrow," says a philosophising friend. "Even the fattest and jolliest of us has a skeleton in his midst."

From Various Sources

It's a wise man that knows his income tax expenses.

Visitor (nervously): "Will that dog eat out of your hand?"

Owner (proudly): "Yes, and got of your leg, too, if he gets the chance."

They sat in a hammock built for two, And they talked and—well, what they always do.

And he held her hand in a throbbing thrill,

And told her the story, never old, And a skeeter sat on his leg and bit him,

But he never moved, though it stung and stung.

His very appearance precluded him from a tram, or he knocked at the kitchen door. His voice carried a professional note. "Please, kind lady, I'm a sick man. The doctor gimme this medicine, but I need something to take it with." The lady was ready to help. "Your folks?" she said, "do you want a spoon and a glass of water?" The answer was unexpected. "No, mum, I wouldn't touch you. But this medicine tastes like the devil, so I'm going to get a drink of beer to take it with."—Ladies' Pictorial.

Modern Dress— lot of stuff and nonsense.

"Ah! I see you wear glasses—what were you a poet in your youth?" "Short-sighted, sir!"

THE NEW STYLE.

"I give thee, love, my gramophone, My pipes and worn-out suits, Likewise my old hats, dearest own, My cast-off ties and boots; And you can have my cassoul and pipe On borrowed novels, dry, And need to read before the day Your beauty caught my eye."

"But will you give me," asked the bride,

"Your links and diamond ring, The watch with which I used to time your wife's prize

Or other precious thing?

Will you fork out your cheques and pay

The bills?" "Why, certainly!" "Oh, Emma, dash!" replied her mash, "I'm glad I've married up on a duke—

But I always served right at the places I dine—

I'm not wants to make lure to a fish!

Now, I'm off," said old Rick, "to the seashore again.

I'm still waiting for me on the boat."

Whilst I packed up and dashed to the very first train

For the beach—to teach widows to float!

—Captain Leslie T. Peacocke.

"I heard to-day that your son was an actor. Shouldn't you told me he was a physician?"

"Not at all, mum!"

"I don't like to contradict, but I'm positive you did say so."

"You misunderstood me. I said he followed the medical profession."

"The Hymn of Hate" may come to be known as the German gnash-tonal anthem.

"What did you think of the new verse last night?"

"Hellishfull! The girls were so natural—nothing put on, don't you know!"

"The hospital at X. is a comfortable place, and the man are in no hurry to leave there for the trenches!

—A. N.

Every young man who can save up money during his engagement can afford to marry.

Doctor (to tattooed Tommy): Hullo, my lad, who tattooed you like this?

Tommy: Me father, sir!

Doctor: Did I, eh?—Sort of illustrated by the author, eh?

Many women take up correspondence classes with lonely soldiers without any thought as to the social complications which may occur when the men return from the Front. Already several amusing incidents are recorded. A correspondence class which is "society" and her own estimation wrote telling the fortunate lonely soldier to a club little evening party. He came in civilian garb, and was at once presented by the small son of the house, who rushed in crying, "Oh, Mum, here's Jim the butcher's boy!" The soldier was a fish out of water all the evening. In another case the maid and the mistress entertained their returned soldier on the same day. The girl gate pattock of tea and hot muffins in the drawing-room, whilst the commanding officer took tea and bread and butter in the kitchen. At another house the daughter was so excited at the arrival of her special "lonely" that she called them "Jack" and "Tom" when she met him on the verandah, took him inside, and gave him the tea which was brought by the maid. The maid nearly dropped the tray and suddenly became hysterical. The lonely soldier turned red and fled, hauling the front door and jumping on a passing tram. He was the maid's husband. She hadn't seen or heard of him for three years.—Perth "Sunday Times."

Mercers will soon be complaining that they cannot sell velvet. A pessimist men will be trying to construe the exemption courts what a lot of ties they have.

"Did you speak to father about me, Arthur?" asked the girl.

"Yes, I did, dear," and he agreed with me heartily," replied her wooer. "He said I might marry your daughter. Why—er—no, I didn't quite get so far as that. He said I could pay were a fine girl."—Town Tales."

"A sniper was busy at a certain point not so very long ago. The lads knew the place well, so no one decided to give him a target. A dummy was made and placed on the parapet, and boldest over the parapet in a style which might be considered to be in the act of creeping over. Pritz's watchful eye detected the figure, and save several snipers were quickly at work. Another bullet pinned across, but the dummy gradually rose to the full dimensions of standing erect. Pritz was provoked by the trick, and a terrific volley came across. There was a lull for a few minutes, then a machine-gun man in khaki was lowered to his trench. There was a side-splitting chuckler. They had got Pritz with a machine-gun! "Now then," said a sergeant, "give him a kerosene tin," suggested one, "and riddled with bullets."—From a correspondent at the Front.

A cursory remark need not cause a volley of curses.

"I never saw a man so afraid of catching cold as Tompkins is."

"Is he, really?"

"I should say so. Why, I've heard that whenever he takes a bath he shuts the holes in the sponge for fear of draught."

Strange that our soldiers work with a football seems, yet they use sewing watches—which are always behind time.

Mystery of the Machine-Guns.

"You can't beat 'em," said a young subaltern, a second-lieutenant who is in command of three companies by ten o'clock on this afternoon. "Further than what I don't understand is how the devil the Germans could have got those machine-guns into action after the bombing our bombers gave them."

"Well, now, I can tell you about that," said a Scottish subaltern. "I was machine-gun officer of my battalion before I joined the trench mortar service, you know, and I'm interested in machine-guns. You know the latter part of our artillery preparation was left all on their rear lines. Well, that was when the Boche got his machine-guns to work in front, and I'll bet you what's made that possible. When I got into the Hooke front line before 'Somme' day I stumbled right on to his machine-gun dodge. Everything was knocked flat, but that made no odds at all. Machine-guns don't die from that. One has a tunnel going down into a big dug-out over twenty feet deep, and is splendidly roofed. That's for the gun. From that still more to the front a flight of steps leads up to the front a flight of steps leads up to the parapet, splendidly roofed. That's for the gun-emplacement, and one or two other doors. The narrow loophole enables them to traverse on ground level with they like, and the bed is solid. When the bombardment lifted to the zone were run up into that small chamber, and gave us 'taffy.' No shells in the world would hurt them in the big outer chamber. There's no sort of doubt there's eleven, but I think one more'll come now. I don't think their clever'n poor can save them, I mean.

"Compare the push with last year's stunts. It's costly, of course. The advance must cost a lot, and it hasn't got a sure touch there was to it. Everything had to be done by rule of it. We are so much better off in every way. They're all of a muck-sweat to bolshie can alter that, but my belief is they don't stop us. As for men, well, their Prussian Guards are good, but they're not up to the standard we've shown. Their officers are obviously their superiors."

Why He Enlisted.

Some time ago, before conscription was obligatory, a certain city stockbroker called together his staff, which consisted of a solitary assistant, and proposed that one of them should enlist. Further, to the somewhat relief of the other, he said he would go himself, being a single man.

"Yo, Mackay, will stay behind and keep the business going."

Mackay, who, true to his eyes, warmly seconded, so in a short time the deed was done.

Many months passed by, as the story-book says, and the employer when going off trench duty received a letter from his staff, in the form of a letter from his assistant dressed in khaki standing behind him.

"Mackay (read Pirkins, can that be you?" he exclaimed, aghast. "Did I not leave you in charge of the shop?"

"No I fleeted you, mister," replied Mackay, sadly, "but the fact is, I was so busy I never had time to charge it, but if your wumman foln me, see I has none, Mackay, if you've got tae feeht yr may as well feeht something ye can hit, so I fleed."

Ladies' Letter.

The war has rung the death knell of a pretty boy and girl romance which might otherwise have ended in a peal of wedding-bells. The two had been friends since childhood, the friendship continuing through dapper days and gawky years, when they were both at the high school, nearly reaches man's estate, decided to obey the call to arms. Before buckling on his armor, he and she agreed to be true to each other, although their youth precluded the idea of a real engagement. Ever since the boy left home scarce an evening has he not written every week to the girl he left behind him, and his letters still arrived after she knew by rabbi that her lover could never come back to her, already made provision for his country.

The other night under seems to point to the coming of a picturesque period of attire for all seasons. For some time to come the majority of our men will be clothed in uniform, and in spite of the fact that our women are engaged in more strenuous occupations than ever before, yet they have not generally adopted the sensible, practical style of dress which would have enabled them to perform their duties with ease and comfort. Instead of which they have managed to retain astute fashion, so that in front from the back they look a very different sex. The younger, Rossendel, was wounded in the leg at the battle of Mons, and in the early days of the war he was taken a prisoner to Germany, where the surgeons say he did not receive intelligent attention. Brought back here last September, it was necessary to perform a second operation on the injured leg, and it may be another (about five and a half inches). But after the amputation was performed, there was still a lack of bony matter between the two portions of the broken femur.

The other soldier, Tillets, an artillery man, was seriously wounded in the leg two months ago In the deeper part of the left Part Hamstring. A field operation his leg was amputated above the knee. Later it was found that a second operation was necessary in order to shorten the leg by some inches.

Would Junk Engine.

"It would not be long before I would have to junk it. But while it has been patched up and used as a spare for so work not deaden another with a fresh engine that I got from the first. I would run that to destruction, and finally, after going on for four similar trials, I would deaden an engine embodying all these improvements, submit it to tests far more severe than it would ever receive in practice, and if it passed the ordeal I would scrap the engine I had run after, from which duplicate sets could be furnished to my engineers and drivers of their four like trenches. We would go out and get low down on the rails, and then we would be ready to run back in business and ask everybody else why the work ain't done, and then get so mad because we couldn't explain that we'd go home early, and be so tired I can't help myself and make paper and smoke more big cigars and blame the Government."

Extreme Measures.

"This towel," said the attendant to the acrimonious barber's shop, "has been used by shed a hundred men and is thoroughly sterilised."

"Good thing," commented the patron.

"This soap has been debacterised, and the comb and brush are thoroughly antiseptic."

"Great scheme," said the patron. "The whole thing is wrong, you all is given a daily bath in bichloride of mercury, and then, finally, you're baked in an oven heated to a temperature of 400 degrees Fahrenheit, which is guaranteed to shrivel up any germ that ever came down the pike."

"My word!" said the patron.

Then he went home and washed before being used. Dettol.

"Well, look here," said the patron, who had been waiting his turn, as he put on the towel during all this, "I'll give you so much an hour to—"

"But I am not the barber."

"Why, you said you were in he?"

"They are boiling him, sir."

War Heroes Give Legs to Each Other.

FRENCH SURGEONS WATCHING A REMARKABLE OPERATION IN GREAT HOSPITAL.

One of the most remarkable surgical operations on record is now being performed at the Grand Palais, the huge exhibition building used for the annual sales, but now transformed into a vast hospital. Here men and soldiers lie side by side, bound together by the same ties, while a large part of the leg of one of them is being slowly transferred into the leg of the other one.

Noted surgeons gather about, watching the slow progress, which they regard as marvellous both from a surgical standpoint, as from the sentimental, one soldiers calmly giving day by day part of his body to a fellow hero.

The man upon whom the operation is being performed is a Zouave, who lost his leg in the battle of the Somme. He is a native of Algeria, and when he was taken to the hospital he was in a high fever, and his wound was in a terrible condition. Gangrene had already set in, and it was necessary to perform an operation without delay. The leg was amputated above the knee.

It was at this point that the surgeons conceived the idea that as he needed the shortened leg could give up its place to the soldier who had lost the longer leg. Now, after some weeks, the two soldiers lie there on their beds, the diminutive zouave's stump against the left thigh of Tillets, bound together with the most careful bandages so as to prevent the slightest shifting of the opposed parts, but with the phenomenon of transferring one leg to the other is accomplished.

Submarines to Quick Order.

EDISON SAYS UNDER-SEA BOAT CAN BE BUILT IN FIFTEEN DAYS.

Thomas A. Edison believes (says the New York "Tribune") he can build a submarine in fifteen days. He is also of the opinion that, given the necessary number of men and enough money, he can complete the engine of the vessel in one hundred hours.

Mr. Edison, who made these assertions in a speech delivered before the American Defence Society, urged the construction of submersibles for which engines of defence can be perfected. He says he fundamentally believes in the submarine as a weapon of defence, and that the submarine is destined to play a great part in the present war.

Two steamers lie at opposite sides of the dock (says the London "Daily Telegraph"). One is obviously a vessel with no desire to advertise her presence on the high seas. "On other words" as they sing in "The Ring Zoo"—a transport. She wears it's dazzling white, ornamented with a good deal of green, supplemented by red. She makes an attractive picture. The other steamer is dingy. Even by night you could not miss her, for she goes about her business with her entire hull outlined in red lights, a certain fashion with a great business red cross blazing on either quarter. Not even the commander of a U boat could mistake her for anything but what she is—a hospital ship.

Two great "hoses," or covered runways, connect the hospital ship with the quay. Through these hoses the stretchers are hedriaing to pass. Every few yards from below decks is a cumbrous mechanical device which raises or lowers the stretcher-laden platform to the level of the quay. Here the stretchers are picked up by the porters, ready for carrying to the waiting motor-ambulances.

The carrying is a miracle of gentleness. Not a single unnecessary jolt is given to the wounded men as they are carried from the ship to the motor-ambulances. Then they are driven off with the utmost speed to the hospitals.

One of the best to desert him was the man who, when asked what he was doing, when politely pressed for a reply, said he was thinking. He threatened "to paint both her eyes black" if she did not mind her own business.

"It's no' her eyes," her wife makes chaupon head, nae yer smear, which is the reason why she's no' married yet, it's but the trashy paperscape yer no' like, and I don't like," she explained. "He tied up a couple of times, and he's no' been right since. He's no' been right since. He's no' been right since. He

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Special Church Notices

NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCH, High Street.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES will be celebrated on SUNDAY, 15th OCTOBER, 1916.

11 a.m., Rev. A. McCallum. Subject, "The Watchtree (our Israel," "Thanks Be to God." Choir, "Book of Amos." Mr. Arthur Shands. Anthem, Rev. J. E. Watkins, "Behold, the Lord, Before Thy Footstool." Solo, Mr. Arthur Shands, "Choir: Hallelujah Amen" (The Prodigal Son) (Gallia). Solo, Mr. Arthur Shands, "Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth Sunday," Mr. Dreamland.

3 p.m., J. E. Watkins. Anthem, "It not Afraid," Choir; Trio, "Gift Forever," Misses Ellis, Shands, Bennett; Solo, "Faith," Denise; Solo, "Sing, Ye Heavens," Mr. Arthur Shands; Duet, "Lead Us My Light," Mr. Harry Price; Solo, "Behold, I Stand at the Door," Mr. Arthur Shands; Miss Dorothy Humphries.

CHURCH AT HOME on Tuesday, 24th inst., at the residence of Mrs. R. Bayles, Reception by Rev. A. Church, President of the Conference. Good Musical Programme. Pastoral Address by Rev. A. Madden. REFRESHMENTS.

Deaths

On Active Service.

MAYES.—Killed in action "somewhere in France" (previously reported missing), Ernest Mayer, only brother of Mrs. Hall, an active worker, Northcote, and P. H. Mayer, High Street, Northcote.

WATSON.—On 3rd October, at Kyneton, son of Watson and Edith Watson, "Rhodeholme," Preston.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14.

THE WAR AND ITS NEEDS.

EVEN though Mr. Asquith, as the mouthpiece of the British nation, has much to say in his review of the war that is reassuring, yet, as compared with the lines the situation is still grave, as we understand it, and that it is possible for any man to feel otherwise than grave in the circumstances of this and not think the same. These men are the pigeon-holers and shelvers of the regarding an equal term; but do they see it? Do they realise the meaning of the figures? Do they realise that we are not getting on at the same rate for an indefinite period, so as for from having reached the "beginning of the end" of the war, we have only arrived at the "end of the beginning." And so, too, as regards our losses, though 5,000,000 have been withdrawn from the population of the United Kingdom for the work of the war, the number of men who are actually engaged in the firing line is far more than 5,000,000, and the reasonable arguments being disseminated by the anti-conscriptionists. Public meetings are being arranged at the Town Hall. On Friday next, 20th October, a "Big Gun" meeting is called, and ladies will be held, when leading lady speakers will address the audience. A public meeting will be held on Thursday following, when Cr. Gordon and the Rev. Scholz will be the principal speakers

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WHITTLESEA SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, OCT. 9.

Present :—Cr. Clarke (president) Sutherland, Thomas, Reid, Hurry, Murphy, Hardie, Morgan, Mitchell, Cornfoot, and McCormack.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Education Department, stating they would consider matter of laying water on to the Thomson-on school when they got an estimate of cost of work from the Public Works Department.—Received.

From Education Department, stating that any nuisance at Yan Yean Side School was due to the fact that the road drain at this point is at such a low level that the water cannot flow away.

The engineer said this statement was ridiculous. It was the drainage from the school that caused the nuisance.—Received.

Cr Hurrey moved that the council insist on the nuisance being abated by putting in a channel to carry off the school drainage.

Cr. Murphy seconded.—Carried.

From Country Roads Board, stating they had made the following allotments for maintenance of main roads :—Epping, £200; Whittlesea, £75; Wallan, £200; Whittlesea-Kinglake, £250; Heidelberg (plant), £50.

The engineer said he thought these estimates were on the "low side." He would suggest the following increase be applied for :—Epping, £50; Whittlesea, £100; Wallan, £25; Whittlesea-Kinglake, £50; Heidelberg, £50.

Cr Morgan moved and Cr Murphy seconded that application be made in accordance with this recommendation. —Carried.

From Country Roads Board promising to consider the gravelling of Kinglake-Whittlesea road at Scrubby creek deviation when inspection is made.—Received.

From same re proposed works on Hurst brick-pug-mill-kiln, that the engineer may be instructed to make a comprehensive survey of the section of the road between Thompson's hotel and Tommy's hut—The president moved that the engineer make a survey.—Carried.

From same stating that any urgent repairs of land drainage may be effected out of the maintenance allotment for this financial year.—Received.

Edward Miller wrote applying to be placed on the panel between South Morang and Epping brought under the Transfer of Land Act.—Referred to engineer in connection with Cr Thomas and Morgan.

From Heidelberg council, stating that the work on Bannon's lane had been referred to the shire engineer for report.—Received.

From Prahran council, asking council to forward its Parliamentary representative to see that the Government agrees with the council's liability for the removal of £80,000 on the Infectious Diseases Hospital.—Cr McCormack moved and Cr Sutherland seconded that the request be complied with.—Carried.

From Shire of Eltham, reporting decision of the conference of the three councils to erect a new concrete bridge over Diamond Creek at Hurst-bridge at a cost of about £2000, one-third of which is to be provided by this municipality. They (Eltham) approved of the tender of the Reinforced Concrete Company, exclusive of approaches, at a cost of £1620.

The president said that a deputation was to wait on the Minister of Public Works in regard to a grant for the bridge on Wednesday.

The Lord Mayor of Melbourne was asking a conference in connection with Hospital Rotten Day on 25th October.—No action taken.

Several property-owners were asking for "time" to pay their rates.—A months grace was allowed.

From Salesbury and Gunnow, asking that a road be at once made to get the signatures in connection with the transfer of land for road purpose, Hurst-bridge.

It was decided on the motion of Cr Morgan and Cr Mitchell—That Mr Salesbury's action in paying land-owners' costs in connection with matter be endorsed.

From Maddock, Jamieson and Duke, asking council's decision re Ellen Park road had been forwarded to the Public Works department.

From National Refrendum Council, asking co-operation in conducting the campaign to secure an affirmative vote. Committees should be formed, canvassing done, and literature distributed.

The president stated that in response to the Prime Minister's urgent telegram he had had meetings called in the various centres of the district.

Cr Reid moved that a note of thanks be sent to the president for his action in the matter.—Cr Thomas seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Cornfoot reported that there was an attendance 150 at the Whittlesea meeting, and a committee of 15 was set up. 16 men and half-a-dozen ladies had been formed and were doing good work.

Cr. Morgan said it was reported in the district that Mr Salesbury had himself had supported the conscription motion at the Morang meeting, whereas they had only moved and seconded the motion.—Cr Thomas spoke.

From P. Malone acknowledging with thanks council's letter of condolence in connection with the death of his son killed in action in France.—Received.

From Municipal Association initiating that the annual conference be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 1st and 2nd November.—The president was appointed the council's representative, Cr. Thomas to go if he is unable to attend.

From Dr. Day, health officer, stating he had ordered a meningitis case, from Greensborough, to be removed to the Melbourne Hospital, where he died on August 31st. The bed used at bell-ringing and clothing of patient to be burned and the portion of Mr. Patrick Nolson's house, therein, occupied by the patient to be disinfected. He had since removed the quarantine.—Received.

From W. Worden, sanitary inspector, stating that since last report he had inspected 50 head of horses and had found 7 affected. Have had some of the horses tea or three times. From what he could see it was like a defluence to him. They pay their 3d per head and you will see them next repeatedly. These sort of people should be stopped by a heavier fine. If he had the making of the law they would be.

Cr. Mitchell said the cattle belonged to a dealer, and as soon as they were taken to the pound they were let on again.

Cr. Cornfoot.—You have only heard that, you don't know it.

Cr Mitchell.—The inspector told me himself.

From Denis J. Murphy, forwarding cheque for £20, as promised, towards cost of new bridging to Schaffer's bridge.

Mr Murphy's application to do some ratrunning now his property at Kinglake-West was granted, and the matter of the council's grader offered if he so desired.

FINANCES.

Cr Thomas, chairman of the finance committee, submitted his report as follows :—Payments, £336 2s 11d; receipts since last meeting, £150 0s 3d; Cr. balance, £11 3s 5d.

Country Roads Board—Payments £614 16s 8d; received since last meeting, £1409 12s 6d. Dr. balance, £2417 13s 6d.

Billing balances :—Whittlesea, Cr. £11216 11s 3d; Epping, Cr. £1 18s 4d; Yan Yean, Dr., £2025 11s 2d; Morang, Cr. £1 1s 5d.

Adopted, on the motion of Cr. Thomas and Sutherland.

CONTRACTS AND REPAIRS.

1. Cook's lane has been graded for one mile of its length, and Laidley's, for 40 chains. Cook's lane for a length of 60 chains.

2. Cook's Lane.—During the recent heavy rain I have had an opportunity of forming an idea of the requirements of this piece of road, from the main road to the bridge. To adequately deal with the water coming at normal times I estimate the cost to be £50.

3. Dawson's culvert completed.—Country lane west metalling and gravelling nearly finished.

4. Brown's Creek bridge, near Mc-Donald's, new approach and side for traffic, and I recommend construction of a new one :—Approved, on the motion of Cr. Sutherland and Mitchell Cost £25.

5. Bridge near Dawnin's.—Bruce's Creek will be attended to as soon as possible.

6. Morang riding.—About 15 chains of Greensborough road has been formed by roadlayer from gravelling. Wilton Vale road has been sheeted with gravel for another 5 chains, making a total of 21 chains. About 7 chains remain to be done to connect up new work with the old formation. Also a portion of new work in this riding has come through flood period very well and I recommend council to make application to the Roads Board.—Adopted, on the motion of Crs Cornfoot and Sutherland.

17. Scrubby Creek deviation.—The recent rains, beyond causing settlement in the banks and a few slips in batters of cuttings, have caused no damage, the contractors for the 6th section have made a start.

18. Todd's lane.—Two crossings are required in this lane, one a 15 in. by 9 in gutter crossing pipe and the other a pitched crossing.—Agreed to.

19. Brock's road.—I have to report having looked at this road and have to report that this council has carried out its part of the agreement, viz., to survey and fence the deviation, the cost of which, I understand, to be ex reated by Mr. Brock.

Cr. Morgan said that Mr. Brock undertook to make any side cuttings he required, but the fact is he has not require any side cuttings.

It was decided—on the motion of Crs Thomas and Morgan—that the secretary look up the minutes for next meeting.

20. Morang to Epping road through Mullers'—In the construction of the above road it will be necessary to erect a small bridge over the creek in the Epping riding.

21. Whittlesea drainage.—I have now been successful in obtaining a distance and this work will be pushed on with immediately.—Received.

Replying to the engineer Cr. Morgan said he would like the path at South Morang continued beyond Mr. Nagle's house.

The engineer said the cost would be £20.

Cr. Morgan moved that the work be done. Cr. Thomas seconded.—Carried.

The engineer said that to overcome the "dirty patch" in Bridge Inn lane about £60 would have to be expended.

It was decided—on the motion of Crs. Thomas and Sutherland—that the chief engineer, with Crs. Reid and Hurrey, interview Mrs. Hennessy and Mr Goodall re the view of getting the water brought through to the Plenty River

APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR.

The following local solicitors were invited to submit applications for the position of council's solicitor, viz., Shose of Melbourne, Laidlaw and Mc-Nab and Messrs Salesbury and Gunnow. Mr. Salesbury reminded the council that he had been on the list for nearly 40 years, and that his retaining fee of £5 5s covered all work.

Cr Murphy moved that Salesbury and Gunnow be appointed, remarking that Mr. Salesbury had acted fairly and squarely for a long period and no one could do more than he acted reasonably.

Cr Reid seconded the motion, saying Mr. Salesbury had given them every satisfaction.

Crs. Thomas, McCormack, Cornfoot, Morgan, the president, and other councillors having supported the motion, it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Salesbury, who was present at a later stage, expressed his appreciation of the council's renewed vote of confidence, and said his partner was a young Victorian, grandson of the late Cr. Shoppee, so many times mayor of Ballarat.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

On the motion of Crs. McCormack and Hardie, Mrs McCulloch's application for payment of the Epping shire hall was rone red.

It was decided—on the motion of Crs. Morgan and McCormack—that applications be invited for thistle inspector for the Epping riding.

The gas fuse were fixed at 30s per ton on the motion of Crs. McCormack and Sutherland.

Cr. Sutherland moved and Cr. Mitchell seconded that a notice signboard be called for the sanitary service.—Carried.

On the motion of Cr. McCormack the engineer was instructed to report on Upper Plenty road, at Gardiner's.

Cr. McCormack moved that letters of condolence be sent to Mr. and Mrs Brophy, of Epping, and Mr. and Mrs Thomastown, and Mrs. McClelland, of Epping, and all lost sons in the fighting at the front, Private McClelland being an only son.

Cr. Hardie seconded the motion, which was supported by Cr. Thomas, who recalled that Private McClelland used to figure prominently in the local football contests and was a well-behaved lad.

It was decided also to send letters of condolence to the next of kin of Private Mcintosh and Private George Jelling, Cr. Cornfoot saying that he had been broken in Coastery lane. There

Cr Hardie moved that the engineer be asked to report on a suitable site for a new cess and Cr. Hurrey in the latter.

Cr. Mitchell moved that the engineer give attention to the footpath from the police station to the hall.—Carried.

On the motion of Cr. Cornfoot it was decided to repair the bridge over Civet Creek and also fill up the hole in Tilley's lane.

Cr. Cornfoot asked that the engineer report as to providing road as outlet for Mr. Newton; also have some metal spread on Pat Dill's road, and have attention given to the lamps in Whittlesea township, which were burning very unsatisfactorily.

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The engineer said he would send a note up to attend to the lamps.

Replying to Cr. Cornfoot the engineer said the matter of the deviation at Mr. Eden's was receiving attention.

Cr. Sutherland moved that the caretaker attend to the park fence where it has been damaged by the horses.

Cr. Sutherland complained that there was no improvement yet to the lighting of the Whittlesea station.

Cr. Reid said improvements at Bridge Inn lane cost were urgently wanted, but the engineer says an expenditure of less than £400 was no use.

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Cr. Reid moved that the president interview the Minister to see if this could be done.

Cr. Thomas seconded.

Cr. Murphy said there was "no hope in life" of getting this transfer, and besides it was not fair to Yan Yean.

The president said a lot of Yan Yean ratepayers would get more benefit from it than Morang ratepayers.

Cr Morgan said Bridge Inn road was bad, but Brennan's was worse. They should get Mann's road money voted to Brennan's.

Cr. Reid said he had never come across a worse bridge than the one in favor of spending the money on Sheahan Hill.

The motion was withdrawn.

Cr. Hurrey moved that the engineer report on the road at Morris's road, now old Yan Yean Hotel.

Cr. Cornfoot said the engineer make an inspection with a view to seeing whether a drain could not be made down McCardle's lane to carry the drainage to the river. Cr. Thomas seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Morgan asked the engineer to report on the drain at John Smith's entrance; also that the culvert in Craven's lane be taken up. He also wanted to see that the drain at Bridge Inn be attended to.

The president moved that the drain at Doreen Post Office be attended to

The engineer, replying to Cr. Thomas, said the only chance of getting the main road between Mrs. Cranes and the Plenty was to get a man-ooo and Cr. Hurrey in the latter.

Cr Hardie moved that the engineer have a look at the gravel pit on Reilly's Hill.—Carried.

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CHAPTER III.

Under Suspicion.

They stood confronting one another in the yellow glare from the lamp, the young man, and the excited and obviously hysterical girl who had accused him of murder. After the first shock the accusation did not strike him as a very serious matter. He would reason with her into her senses again. He did not realise—he was not conscious—that her vehemence was largely due to the nervous excitement of the moment. She had learnt from Bulton at dinner of the meeting with Dhata Haywood, and rightly attributed, as Bulton had done, the unconscious suggestions that had been put on them by the trap-door, to the influence of the Hindu. She had come down to the study in search of information, and had found none. Then, as she was about to leave the room, she had heard the footsteps on the roof, and had returned before the window was thrown open. She had not been out on the roof herself, and had not observed before. They stood looking on the flat surface of the roof, and it was the moonlit scene about them.

But there was nothing suggestive of mystery and awe as he looked down at the dark figure huddled at the slope below. A terrible accident, he told himself, had occurred in the tower upon which they stood—a fall, perhaps, due to the sudden and fatal breath of evil in the air.

Then, as he looked, he realised secretly through the door between the study and the hall, the threatening figure of Ramsden was now lurking somewhere close at hand.

Indeed, unless he had travelled by a way of which he could not have seen, for there was no train due from Melbourne, the manservant had arrived at Hilda's in the evening. He had come, if he remembered aright, by the 5.30 train, and had then left the house, and had not returned, he had travelled in the same train as Bulton, and had followed him to the house, he had come by train, and had followed him, and yet he had not seen him.

"It occurs to me," said Franklin suddenly, "that we could not have seen the park palling from the road because of the thick undergrowth bordering the gates. The road borders the park for many hundred yards. We might find signs of its having been broken down lately."

"We can try. I'm afraid our explanation will hardly recover very much ground."

They descended to the ground again, and Franklin looked at the lower palling. Sure enough, it was scrambled down, through a small forced gap, and the broken palling had been pressed along slowly, showing it closely. It was a fresh break, and not overgrown.

It revealed absolutely nothing to the two men, but it was destined to elucidate the mystery to almost the last detail.

The clear turned to Franklin with a short laugh.

"The fact is, Franklin," he said "we have got on a level with a man who is trying to find his way out of a maze. Special qualifications are useful for the purpose, but if you think it worth the expense—"

"I don't think it does. I have given a Hindu a chance, and he has only three days to live."

"That is fortunate for you. You can throw the blame for what has happened upon the mysterious person who lives upon the roof."

"Hilda, Hilda!" exclaimed Dr. Bennett, in consternation, from the study. "You have no right to form judgments like that. You have no right to say that man is the same into carefully, with all your reason."

At this point Hilda's excitement culminated in the most violent storm of sobbing. Her father led her into the study, and Franklin, after a few moments, followed the doctor entered the room.

Dr. Bennett, however, in short, gasped little man, precise of speech, and with a mind that invariably cheered in the darkest hours.

"Well, doctor?" Franklin, breaking the verdict.

"There is no pressure on the brain. It has been a terrible shock to the nervous system, and I am afraid it will send my car for a specialist. I will send my car for a specialist. I will send my car for a specialist. I

How It Stands

GERMANY HAS LOST INITIATIVE BUT IS NOT CONQUERED

(By Frank H. Simonds, in New York "Tribune.")

The measure of the meaning of the second year of the Great War is perhaps best had by a contrast between the situation as it ends and the situation a year ago. We did not know then what the extent of the German victory in the East was to be. But the year closed while Germany was still quite confident in the strength and completion of the war, and the magnitude and extent of her conquests and objectives filled the whole world.

One year later the chance is unmistakable. It is the Central Powers, Germany, for she is the heart and head of the war in her own camp, which are on the defensive, and the Allies, who are attacking, in Armenia, in Volhynia, in Galicia, in the Baltic provinces and in Northern France, as well as along the Alps in the Trentino district, Russian, French, British and Italian troops are attacking, and there is every months of a new offensive from Saloniki almed at Bulgaria and designed to liberate Serbia.

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From Various Sources.

"Wonder what time it is? I'm invited to a dinner at seven, and my watch isn't going."

"Why wasn't your watch invited?"

It was dusky in the secluded alcove, very dusky, and almost silent. Something seemed to be on his mind. His face took on a strained look, like trouble coffee. He stirred uneasily. "Grandest girl in the world, Jack. She with her far, far eyes. Suddenly the music struck up. It was his dance again, and she glanced dismay.

"Damn," he whispered. Then she turned to him.

"Artie, what's the matter? You seem so uncomfortable."

Artie shuffled his handkerchief, fidgeted, gave you how I only had one-spender button to start with and oh, Lord, let's sit it out!"—"Purple-Cow."

A contemporary says the deeds of the Australians will soon be beautiful. Some of them are, now.

THE SLANDERED SEX.

Who dare say the women deceive us—What more of themselves could they show?

Oh, would it not really grieve us If fraider they ever should grow?

As dressed, they're confessed; they relieve us

Of doubt and permit us to know!

We have eyes! What excuse can refuse us

To see how and rue it? For oh, where say the ankles of Araminta?

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—Judge," New York.

First Voluntary Aid: This patient's temperature is 105 degrees. What shall I do?

Second V. A.: Put him down 106. The doctor gave me reverse if it's more."—"Sydney Bulletin."

"I am sorry to tell you," said the doctor, "that we cannot use your poem."

"Indeed!"

"We are candid with you. It is clumsy in sentiment and faulty in construction. The rhymes are all wrong and altogether, it is not even decent enough."—Life." Here the editor paused for breath, and the poet said meekly: "I've tried to do my best, sir. I don't think you can do anything with it."

"Oh, yes, I can. I'll have it set to music and make a popular song of it."—"Musical American."

Marriage is not a daisy chain. You can't be strinking pretty words on it all the time.

"Do you know the nature of an oath, madam?" asked the magistrate.

"Well, I ought to, sir. We've moved and my husband has been laying the carpets."

THREE AGES OF A SUCCESSFUL MAN.

Without a name.
Without a clash.
Unknown to fame,
Without a cash.

He soon beains
To pass the lunch;
And why he wins?
He has a paunch.

Reward of merit,
And virtues staunch,
Is but cheerio
He has a paunch.

—Melambourah Willson.

The aeroplane is coming into the war in considerable force, and in a fortnight in New York some of the ancients will be airlines—"dropped in" to tea, as it were.

DOMESTIC.

"I was arrested the other night by woman policeman."

"How did it seem?"

"Rather lonesome."—"Judge."

The lions of Thomas Atkins take some interpreting. For instance, who would guess that "souvenir" is his word for shell-scored for a shell, that "souvenirs he divides into "wifi and "souvenirs" into sighty? "Sighting Sarahs," and "horridge pots" are "horrid" and "pots" are not wrong? You never can tell."—"Table Talk."

He: And that night we drove the Germans back two miles.

She: Then, when you reached I'd have made them walk every step of it.—Liverpool "Post."

MUZZLED.

It was in the turlinton-arcade, and two youths spied a pair of garters with silver clasps in a shop window. Thinking to raise a smile, at least, from the charged at the counter, they asked the price of a dog-collar, pointing to the garters the while. Whereupon elasped zorter? She turned, looked severely at the young man, and said: "We do not separate them for puppies, sir."

All ranks, as soon as their land in France, are supplied with a printed answering questions asked them by people upon they do not know through the committee is apparently a British officer, for many answers have been found in the uniform of all ranks. A certain conscientious young sub. was in the front line the other day, when a major of the lifeisland Staff came along and began questioning the boy, with a view of testing his alertness and efficiency. "What breed is this?" "I don't know, sir." "What is your opinion of the enemy's morale?" "I don't know, sir." "How do your rations come up?" "I don't know, sir." "What do you seem to know much, young fellow, do you?" "Excuse me, sir, but I don't know why you are."

RUSSIA.

A year ago the Russians beat A great and masterly retreat. Superbly handled was it indeed, That mighty host remained intact. Yet still our countrymen in doubt Blished dolefully—"Rule Russia cant"

Meanwhile with dogged soul the Boer Made preparations to do his bit. All Russia labored hour by hour To strengthen and increase her power. Securing conquest, at the price Of rigorous self-sacrifice.

And now one winter's current hums, Again the conquering Cossack comes. Obstructions and resistance vain, To Petrograd broken to fain. Victor and mightier than before The great steam-roller comes once more.

Some Page, in "Daily Express"

Some people are too clever to be wicked, and some are not clever enough.

ONE OF THE ELECT.

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FELLOW CITIZENS OF AUSTRALIA,—

We are facing the gravest crisis that has ever occurred in the history of your country.

You must decide whether Australia is to be dishonored or will maintain her glorious place among the Allies.

You must decide whether the secret agents of Germany have corrupted this country, or whether Australia intends to perform her fair share in defeating the enemy of humanity and civilisation.

You must decide whether your fellow-Australians in the trenches are to be abandoned and your Allies betrayed, or whether we shall send reinforcements to spare the men at the front and shorten the war.

Every possible falsehood has been invented by those who oppose the national cause; every conceivable means of intimidation, often directed to German hands, has been used. Still on the polling day all loyal and intelligent citizens should strike for each side.

I appeal to the Australian nation not to let itself be dishonored; not to become a "quitter" in this great crisis of its history; but to prove itself worthy of the illustrious honor which the Australian soldiers have already added to their country.

W. M. HUGHES.

Special Notices

SUSPENSION OF SENIOR CADET TRAINING.

In view of the suspension of Senior Cadet Training, it is essential that Junior Cadet Drill be kept in force next year to become efficient.

For this reason Parades are being held at the Drill Hall, Westgarth, every Wednesday, at 8 o'clock, and every Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

The Parades will commence To-Day (21st inst.), and the Band and all Committee attend Saturday at 2.30 This Afternoon.

A. COLECHIN, Lieutant,
35th Batt. Senior Cadets.

NORTHCOTE FREE LIBRARY,
NOTICE TO BORROWERS.

Borrowers are notified that the Library will be CLOSED for the Annual Stocktaking on Monday, 23rd October, 1916, by order of the Board. It will be RE-OPENED for issue of books on Monday, 30th October, 1916, by order.
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NATIONAL REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN.
PRESTON DIVISION.
MEETINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

MONDAY, 23rd October, at 8 p.m. Methodist School Hall, North Preston. Leading Speakers.

TUESDAY, 24th October. Mid-day Meeting, 12.45 to 1.30 p.m. Opposite J. C. Hutton's Factory.

WEDNESDAY, 25th Oct. Mid-day Meeting, 12.45 to 1.30 p.m. Opposite T. Broadhurst's Tannery.

THURSDAY, 26th OCTOBER, at 8 p.m.

Great Public Meeting
AT SHIRE HALL.

Messrs. A. ROBINSON, M.L.C., and J. W. McLACHLAN, M.L.A., will Address the Meeting.

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VOTE YES.

C. C. H. WARR, Chairman.
H. BELL, Secretary.

NO CONSCRIPTION.

Frank Anstey,
AND OTHER PROMINENT SPEAKERS,
Will Address the Citizens in
NORTHCOTE TOWN HALL
on
MONDAY, 23rd OCTOBER,
at 8 p.m.

Authorised by W. H. Turner, 50 Emmeline St., Northcote.

NATIONAL REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN.
PRESTON DIVISION.

A Meeting of the Committee will be held at Shire Hall on Tuesday, 24th October, at 8 p.m.

C. C. H. WARR, Chairman.
H. H. CASEY,
H. BELL, } Secretaries.

NORTHCOTE SOLDIERS' INTELLIGENCE BUREAU.

Members are reminded that the Monthly Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday next, 24th Oct., at 8 p.m.

Election of Officers.

Members are requested to bring letters of interest from Soldiers at the Front.

Full attendance requested.

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Death

PHILLIPS.—On the 21th October, at his residence, 7 Harrington St., Northcote, dearly beloved husband of Margaret, and loving father of Mrs. Langley (Flemington), Mrs. H. Stephens (Elsternwick), Florrie, Vedo, Hubert, Sergeant V. C., late Private Arthur E., and Corporal M. H. (on active service). Aged 69 years.

In Memoriam

JOHNSON.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Richard, who passed away on the 22nd October, 1915, at "Toora," Andrew Street, Northcote.

Gone is our son we loved so dear,
Silent the voice we loved to hear;
Too far away for sight or speech,
Too near for fear or thoughts to reach.

—Inserted by his loving parents, brother-in-law, sisters, and brothers

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21.

AUSTRALIA'S DESTINY.

NOTHING could be more calculated to bring home the grim fact of the war than the courts to hear claims for exemption from military service. Courts are now being held throughout the land, and two of which have already sat locally. There the business seems to be told he must find some one else to run his business, the farmer that he must find a substitute for the working of his land, and the employee that another can do his job. There are "hard cases," of course, which in normal times of peace would startle the community. Even in these days the shock is felt—but being hurt is realised, far removed as we are from the actual scene of conflict, that such things are produced by necessity. The reasoning revoxed to all how gravely the "powers that be" view the situation when a course so drastic is adopted. But it must be borne in mind, however, that what we are now doing in Australia was done in England long months ago, and has for a long time been the order of the day. Kitchener's armies of millions fighting for Australia as they are now doing. We "see" for Australia because we must recognise that every blow struck by the British soldier for England, whether it be on the fields of Flanders of the Somme, in the forests of Africa, at Salonika, or on the Mesopotamian plains, is equally struck for Australia. Australia has already done much, and done it magnificently; but that knowledge should stimulate her to do even more. As yet she has not made more than one-half the sacrifice of the lesser consequence. Her sacrifice must—and there can be no other assumption—that if England falls Australia is doomed also, the justice of "equality of sacrifice" must appeal to all. The cry is raised that the further vigorous prosecution of the war while our Government demands will endanger our White Australia policy. The fact is that the very reverse is the case. What has been our policy possibly due to the present? One power, and one alone—the British fleet—that mighty power which is the envy of the world's potentiality, knows can strike both near and far. Let Great Britain come out fighting for his country is removed in his own case, yet the kind of blow he boasts of striking in his country's grave emergency is going to Wombaggi and doing his best to prevent the miners there becoming soldiers.

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"Lace father like son" is a well-known adage, but there are exceptions to the rule, as indicated by Cr. McDonell when speaking at the anti-conscription meeting at Croxton on Monday evening. He said how during the early outbreak of the South African war he gathered his sons round to ask them were they going to "enlist for the old country." Cr. McDonell did not say how many answered the appeal, but he made it plain in the audience that it struck him. He had nothing but ridicule for his father's idea of fighting for a country he did not owe a foot of. That same country, however, was evidently good enough to enable Mr. McDonell, snr., to bring up a family, and give one of them at least good opportunities for himself. In any case his father's alleged disability for fighting did not prevent his sons from enlisting.

LOCALISMS

Hospital Saturday.
Hospital Sunday to-morrow.
Remember our charities and make the collections a record.

With church accretentries please leave results of collections at Walker's, chemist, Northcote, or Mr. Bayles's shop, Davis's, Preston, so that we may collect and publish early.

Mr. R. J. Osler has been appointed to the agency for Gillett's books at a fee of £65. He has already commenced his duties.

Charlie Chaplin will appear all next week at the Northcote theatre in his funniest Mutual comedy, "1 a.m." It is the ultimate concentrate scores a huge laughing success." [Advt].

At Monday's meeting of the Preston A.W.A. arrangements will be made for a social evening in aid of the Returned Soldiers.

At the shire ball, Preston, on the 20th inst. a social evening will be held in aid of the Sacred Heart school debt.

Mr. Jas. Hall, of the Returned Soldiers' Intelligence Bureau on Tuesday will be present at the election of officers, and members are requested to bring their list of intending soldiers to the front.

Senior cadets are notified that they must still put in 64 hours training per year, whether there is to be camps or not. Parades are held at the Westgarth drill hall as per notice in another column.

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PROTEST FROM P.L.C.
AND REPLY THERETO.

R. W. Bryan, president, and R. Alway, secretary, Northcote P.L.C., wrote to the Northcote city council on Monday evening protesting against the action of the council in refusing the P.L.C. application for the use of the town-hall for a meeting. The letter reads as follows:—"The P.L.C. was composed of ratepayers of Northcote, all of whom pay rates, and the council has no right to arrogate to themselves the power of putting a veto on the meeting. We are getting a great public question, and will be allowed to discuss it. The council's action in this matter is a direct affront to the members of the P.L.C., and the council should be ashamed of itself for its assistance of an overseas organisation. The best way to combat the pest is to destroy it in its larval stage, when it is perpelling itself through its native pool by convulsive whip-lash jerks, which has earned for it the name of "wriggler." The wriggler must breathe atmospheric air, and consequently pushes the end of the "whip-lash" through the surface of the water, which is provided with adaptation of means to an end allows it to breathe without inhaling water. Here the destroy of the pest comes in. We should percolate through the mesh of fine wire netting, such as the wire netting of hole or nostril, and so drown the wriggler. If we can destroy the pest we shall be decreased! By pouring a small quantity of kerosene on the surface, the pest will be destroyed, and we can do as many as an anti-conscriptionist to a recruiting meeting. Persons failing to comply with this request may have their premises visited by the police.

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CONCORD.

The Northcote Baptist Choir held their annual concert in the church on Monday evening last, when there was a good attendance. The programme was ably rendered by a large audience. Mr. Wm. Hall, jun., was in the chair. Mr. Hall has been most gratifying both as a choir and Sunday school worker, and all present were the theme of Mr. Ernest Page and Mr. Charles Hobbs, pianist of Mr. Page beautifully rendered, and greatly appreciated. Mr. Hall's solo, "Sing, Sweet Bird," Dulcie Bland, Miss Copperwaite and A. White duets, were also highly effective, and solos were well rendered, and all were much appreciated. Mr. Hall's solo, "Sing, Sweet Bird," Dulcie Bland, Miss Copperwaite and A. White duets, were also highly effective, and solos were well rendered, and all were much appreciated. Mr. Hall's solo, "Sing, Sweet Bird," Dulcie Bland, Miss Copperwaite and A. White duets, were also highly effective, and solos were well rendered, and all were much appreciated. Mr. Hall's solo, "Sing, Sweet Bird," Dulcie Bland, Miss Copperwaite and A. White duets, were also highly effective, and solos were well rendered, and all were much appreciated.

CONSCRIPTION.

EXEMPTION COURT AT PRESTON.

A court to consider claims for exemption from military service was held at Preston on Tuesday, Mr. P. Cohen, P.M., presiding.

Frederick Wm. Allen's claim was that he was employed by a firm of boot manufacturers, which was now busily engaged in the making of army boots, and that he was a highly skilled man. Great difficulty would be experienced in getting a man to take his place. Applicant's brother was at present in camp. Exempted.

Exemption refused, Mr. Cohen saying that facilities would be given to harvest would produce sufficient for the country.

Wm. John Leonard Croft said he had been employed by Mr. Arthur Morrison. There were sons in this family 7, 13 and 16, and sisters 12 and 15.

Application refused.

Percival Wm. Talbot. "Only single at present," he said.

Wm. J. Davis, chemist, claimed exemption on the grounds that he was supporting his mother and four children. Exempted on condition that he enlisted on December 1 or within two months.

Exemption to end of December to try and get a locum tenens.

High Duncan. "Sole support of widowed mother." Exempted.

Wm. Bowman said his only other brother had enlisted and was supporting his employer so as to go to the war. Exempted.

Harry S. St.G. Calce. "Sole support of his mother." Wife and two brothers, one married. Refused.

Chas. Joseph Dent said his only brother had joined the Aviation Corps. He was the sole support of his family. Exemption to be granted.

Norman Brownlow said he managed butchering business, his father being incapacitated through illness. Both of his sons had married brothers in butchering business. Exemption to be granted provisions to be made regarding father's health

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NORTHCOTE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Present:—Cr. Williams (mayor), Pleat, Shanahan, Mann, Smith, Henderson, Gray, Redmond, Roberts, Vale, Edwards, Hastings.

Apologies were made for the absence of Crs. Gale, Ingpen and Brooks.

WATER EXTENSIONS REFUSED.

The Metropolitan Board of Works wrote intimating that Cr. Hastings had again urged the laying of a main in Victoria road, but the committee could not recommend the work at present.

The same rep. rt was made with regard to the desired extension in Station street and Darebin street.

It was pointed out that these streets were about to be constructed, and it would be much better for the mains to be laid before this work was done.

Cr. Hastings was asked to make another effort to get the Board to grant these extensions; also to Kellett street, Cr. Redmond saying he considered it "disgraceful" that a locality so close to High street should so long be denied the benefits of water supply.

WIDENING OF ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.

The Metropolitan Board wrote telling of further interview with Cr. Best. Inings to creation of 50 feet of roadway through the land at the corner of Arthurton and St. George's road. The Board had decided to join the council in getting three valuations, and £270 for the three necessary allotments.—Received, and necessary action taken to proceed.

PENDER'S GROVE STREETS.

The Leads Purchase and Management Committee wrote forwarding to accept T. Goldsworthy's tender at £1365 12s 4d for construction of Hamilton and part of Penders and Collins streets, subject to the elimination of a small portion of Newcomb street (at South end) adjoining private property and saving in cost to be assumed as part of the Board's final contribution for £500 approved.

VISIT OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

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The Railway Department notified that the commissioners proposing to accept to inspect Harstbridge and Whittlesea lines on the 19th inst., and they expected to reach Westgarth and Northcote at 9.32 and 1.2 p.m. respectively.

Cr. Henderson.—Now is our chance for the subway. He moved that a deputation be arranged as possible one of the commissioners.

Cr. Roberts seconded.—Carried.

LIGHT FOR THE EAST.

The Shire of Heidelberg wrote agreeing to erect an electric bracket at corner of Darebin and Rathmines Sts. if this council will pay half cost of maintenance.—Received.

A.N.A. AND AMUSEMENT PARLOR.

Secretary Northcote branch A.N.A. wrote asking if any report has yet been received from the surgeons of police re the amusement parlor in High street.

The mayor said the position was that the matter had been referred to the committee to take any action they considered necessary.

OBJECTIONS TO STREET CONSTRUCTION.

D. F. Joyce, Wallace, N.Z., wrote protesting against his apportionment for construction of William street, viz., £20 8s. for a 33ft. allotment.

A. G. Aspinall, Sydney, complained of having to pay £13 10s for a 23ft. frontage.

To be considered under the orders of the day.

WATER FOR NORMANBY AVENUE.

James Hamilton and Edward Carson asked that the water be extended in Normanby avenue, west of St. Georges road, as they intended building there shortly.—Granted.

WEST WARD WANTS.

Chas. Gorman asked that the footpaths in Hotham street be attended to.

F. G. Swan, Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. E. H. Gall, Arnold Mr. and Mrs. Hunsley asked that some action be spread on the Smith street paths.

These matters were referred to the works committee.

COMPLAINT RE VALUATION

Elizabeth Hardy, Dundas street, wrote complaining that the valuation of her land had been increased from £9 to £12.—Referred to finance committee.

DRIVING OF PIGS BY-LAW.

Watson & Paterson, Preston, wrote asking council to receive a deputation from their solicitor in relation to by-law being framed prohibiting the driving of pigs through the city streets.

Cr. Schwaebsch moved and Cr. Gray seconded that the application be received next Monday night.—Carried.

BAND STAND FOR BATMAN PARK.

Central and West Ratepayers' Association wrote asking for erection of sound reverberating shell in the centre of Batman Park for the erection of a band stand. They guaranteed to collect the necessary funds.—Referred to works committee.—Note

Organiser of Victory

TRIUMPH OF DEMOCRACY.

GENERAL SIR W. R. ROBERTSON.

By Frederick Palmer in "Collier's Weekly."

General Sir William Robert Robertson, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., Chief of the Imperial Staff, whom the Court Circular frequently mentions as being received in audience by the King, not newspaper mention as the moment approaches for the Prime Minister, is the same Will Rob Robertson who once was Queen Victoria's drilling as a private. The early advantages of talent and strength drove Robertson to the front rank with Haig and French, and, by sound, unbrilliant service and a keen intelligence, which required the exceptional opportunity of a high war office, he has risen to the post of first military adviser of the King. Robertson's career is a proof that, in the British army, a boy of his type can get to the top, if he has the ability and is prepared to pay the price. He was not born to the purple, as was the case in many armies before the war. He was not even born to the middle class, as was the case in most armies. He was born to the working class. His father was a groom in a livery stable. Robertson began his career as a bugler boy in the 16th Lancers. He was not a commissioned officer when he was a sergeant-major. He was not a staff officer when he was a captain. He was not a general when he was a major. He was not a colonel when he was a lieutenant-colonel. He was not a brigadier when he was a colonel. He was not a major-general in the Regular Army when he was a brigadier-general. He was not a lieutenant-general when he was a major-general. He was not a full general when he was a lieutenant-general. He was not a member of the Army Council when he was a full general. He was not chief of the Imperial General Staff when he was a member of the Army Council. He was not a field marshal when he was chief of the Imperial General Staff. He was not a peer when he was a field marshal. He was not a member of the Order of Merit when he was a peer. He was not a member of the Privy Council when he was a member of the Order of Merit. He was not a member of the Cabinet when he was a member of the Privy Council. He was not a member of the War Council when he was a member of the Cabinet. He was not a member of the Imperial War Cabinet when he was a member of the War Council. He was not a member of the Imperial War Conference when he was a member of the Imperial War Cabinet. He was not a member of the Supreme War Council when he was a member of the Imperial War Conference. He was not a member of the Versailles War Council when he was a member of the Supreme War Council. He was not a member of the Executive War Board when he was a member of the Versailles War Council. He was not a member of the Supreme War Council when he was a member of the Executive War Board. He was not a member of the Supreme War Council when he was a member of the Executive War Board. He was not a member of the Supreme War Council when he was a member of the Executive War Board

Church Notices.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, NORTHCOTE.

"Go to Church Sunday."
11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Rev. A. C. KELLAWAY, M.A.
"I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the House of the Lord."

HOLY TRINITY, THORNBURY (Railway Parade).

"Go to Church Sunday."
8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Matins and Sermon.
7 p.m., "Morality or Religion."
Rev. C. W. Wood.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PRESTON.

"Go to Church Sunday."
8 a.m., H.C. (C.S.M.S. Quarterly).
11 a.m., Matins and Sermon.
7 p.m., subject, "The Only Way."
Rev. R. C. A. Eva.
11 a.m., St. Mary's.

NORTHCOTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (JAMES ST.)

Sabbath Services:
Rev. R. Boog, morning and evening subject, The Gospel in Art (continued—Leonardo Da Vinci's Great Picture, "The Last Supper."

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NORTHCOTE METHODIST CHURCHES.

Sunday Services:
HIGH STREET.
11 a.m., Rev. C. Anthony.
7 p.m., Mr. R. Bates, subject, "Man's Judgement of God."
Strathallan. Subject, "A Glimpse of the Glory." Leader, Mr. W. H. Gray.

PRINCE OF WALES' PARK.
11 a.m., Mr. J. W. Stares.
ST. GEORGE'S ROAD.
11 a.m., Mr. J. Purvis.
7 p.m., Mr. W. Oliver.

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11 a.m., Mr. J. W. Stares.
7 p.m., Rev. A. Uglow.
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Sunday Services:
Preston.—11 a.m., Rev. Wesley Hobbs; 7 p.m., Mr. F. Greenwood.
South Preston.—11 a.m., Mr. J. Dyson; 7 p.m., Rev. Wesley Hobbs.
Penna's Grove.—11 a.m., Mr. J. Garland; 7 p.m., Mr. J. McLean.
West Preston.—7 p.m., Mr. W. J. Gray.
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Sunday Services:
10 a.m., J.C.E. Meeting.
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3 p.m., Bible Class.
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BE TRUE TO YOUR COUNTRY.

The people at the Conscription meeting at Preston on Thursday evening were divided into two groups, the one, apparently in majority, giving wholehearted support to the proposal. Mr. Hughes, the other consisting of active shareholders of Mr. Frank Anstey, Limited, which has for many years set out into cheers on his behalf on the least provocation. To the latter group the word conscription, as applied to the defence of the country, was anathema being received with yells of protest. Conscription, let us say, was their pet champion, Mr. Anstey, stands on the matter of conscription. Hansard records him on several occasions Mr. Anstey said: "This (the Labor) party has no argument against conscription. It cannot have any. It was the first party to make it a party battle cry to have conscription of men for the defence of our country . . . It may be a policy of discretion that rather than have the fights around our own doors, we carry it so far as possible away from our doors."

The honorable member (Mr. Watt) drew harrowing pictures of one family giving all its sons to the cause of the Empire and another family giving none at all. It is very harrowing, very wrong and very improper." The convinced conscriptionist speaks here surely. His words are the words of conviction. His arguments are sane and just. As Northcote on Monday evening and at Melbourne on Tuesday, Mr. Anstey declared that he would still favor conscription if he thought it would be the means of shortening the war, preventing further atrocities, or, in fact, if it would results in the saving of a single life. The one difference between those who are supporting conscription in this gravo emergency and Mr. Anstey is that they believe the men the country has trained for fighting are necessary, while he does not. That is all. And on such a matter it is monstrous that a difference of opinion as to fact should be made the occasion of a party cry. Mr. Anstey's opinion before that of the Imperial authorities who have the responsibility of conducting the war, are on the spot, and have all the facilities to gain that inner knowledge enabling them to arrive at a right judgment! We should think not. We would have all been glad to have seen Australia the nation to do this or that under the voluntary system—safair to the brave-hearted families as that system is—but the system has failed—recruits are short by thousands—and the Compulsory service, then, was the only course open if Australia is to preserve her honor and be able to say not only to the Motherland but to her own brave sons by sending such reinforcements as will restore the ranks the risks of war to at least a reasonable extent. Adequate reinforcements mean more than the saving of not only the "one life" than Mr. Anstey talks about but thousands, and this fact—for it is a fact—has to be communicated to the leader-hearted man who now by undue impression that by voting in the affirmative they send "another mother's son to the slaughter." We must not let ourselves get away from the reality of the situation, the reality that the greatest and most terrible war of all time is on, that we are in it, and that it is our war. How the responsible statesmen of the Motherland propose to avert the war is now history, with which all are familiar. To stay out on the conclusion sought to be imposed upon honor stripped of all honor as a nation, and to stand trembling till the executioner drops his axe ready to deal with her also. England's brave and noble decision in 1914 was acclaimed with enthusiasm in every part of the Empire. The Labor Prime Minister of Australia at that time made the declaration that "the last man and the last shilling should be at the service of the Motherland," and his offer found enthusiastic response in every Australian breast. If that was the attitude then, why should there be any change now? Since that time our soldiers have won immortable glory at Gallipoli and in Egypt. What injustice to our gallant heroes, living and dead, if any course was followed causing that glory to be dimmed. After more than two years of war the solidarity of the Empire remains. A "No" majority the day would trumpet forth to the world the first break in that wonderful union, and with death-shocking hope the harsh and his myriad disciples throughout Russland would be saying "We told you so." To be true to herself, to the Motherland to whom she owes and must continue to owe, so much, and to her own gallant boys fighting to preserve Australia from the horrors others lands during the past two years have known, Australia must answer to-day's momentous question with an overwhelming "Yes."

J. S. Whalley, Northcote.

A regrettable case was heard at the Northcote Court on Monday, in which a wife sued her husband for maintenance, after over thirty years of married life, during which fourteen children were born, eleven of whom were living and were married. Plaintiff said her husband treated her properly for half her married life, the other half he made things unpleasant by continually ill-treating her. He had knocked her about on many occasions, struck her on the face and body, and had threatened her life, and on one occasion she had to send for the police. She left him five years ago, but he begged her to return, and she agreed to give him another chance. For a time things went on smoothly, and then she was again subject to all kinds of ill-treatment. Things became unbearable and she again left her husband. For five weeks, through a local firm, he allowed her 7/6 a week. After her daughters were married she was obliged to go out washing and cleaning, and her health gave way. She was therefore obliged to sue for maintenance. In examination plaintiff denied ever drinking to excess, but admitted that she was in the habit of taking a glass or two. Corroborative evidence was given by three of plaintiff's daughters. No evidence was called for the defence, and the Bench made an order for £1s a week, in default one month's imprisonment.

At the Northcote court on Monday, Mr. Osborne, and Coben, Claud Raines appeared before the Shire Valuation Council for the recovery of £6 6s, being equivalent to three weeks' wages, which he alleged was due to him for being wrongfully dismissed. Evidence was given that complainant had been employed as conductor on the Northcote tram service from the end of the 21st August he accepted from a passenger two single penny tickets, for which he did not give him the customary checks. The passenger, after proceeding some distance, asked for the checks but got no satisfaction. On reaching the town hall complainant informed the driver of the car and the passenger went to him and gave him his number. Noticing that the badge number was the same as that the removed the passenger turned it round and reported the case to the inspector. Raines was subsequently questioned about his conduct and was suspended pending an inquiry being made. At the expiration of 10 days, and after the fullest investigation had been made, he was discharged. Raines denied any recollection of the incident, and stated that he was not on the car at the time mentioned. When he was suspended four days' wages were due to him, amounting to £1 14s. This sum, with the costs, was paid into court by the defendant municipality. The Bench made an order for £2 9s, without costs, as there was no appearance for complainant and D. Herald for defendant.

LOCALISMS

POLLING DAY: Hours, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. VOTE EARLY.

Sinking fund on Preston £10,000 loan now standing at 2/6 in £.

Northcote's contribution to the hospitals was the fine sum of £2245 17s 6d—far and away beyond any previous year.

The monthly meeting of the North Melbourne W.C.T.U. will be held in Queen Christ school hall on Tuesday, 31st, at 3.

At the Preston council meeting on Monday evening no fewer than four councillors' chairs were notified and one of meringville.

Preston council have asked Mr. Membrey, M.L.A., to arrange for a deputation to the Chief Secretary re the Mental Hospital in the east riding.

Owing to the unexpected concourse having engaged a hall to-night's proceedings will be confined to the chair, three representatives of each of the three councils, and an independent chairman.

All star artists are promised at to-night's vaudeville entertainment at the Town Hall, which will be in aid of the Red Cross funds, and which such a hit at the Northcote Town Hall on Friday night, will be a success. The artists will first proceed a short distance along St. Georges road, cross the road at the corner, and run along St. Georges road to the northern boundary of Northcote, and back. There are two branch lines. One will go as far as Preston, the other terminate at Miller street and St. George's road to a point in line with the continuation of Elizabeth street, Preston, the latter Elizabeth street and Gilbert road to Regent street, Preston. The main line branch will run easterly from the latter, and then along Dundas street, Preston, and St. George's road, along Dundas street to Plenty road, and along Plenty road to Tyler street, Preston. The total length of the main line and branches will be 12 miles.

The system is to be divided into five sections, and a penny fare is to be charged for each section, while a fare of 2d for adults, and 1d for children under 12 years of age, is to be charged for a through journey over the tramway. Children will be given cheap fare tickets for school children to and from school, and there to be no charge penny for one section, and one penny for a through journey.

TOO LATE!

Vote NO! they said, and I voted.
Oh God—that first I had died!
For now I see nought but the dead,
And know that our days they are o'er!
"Send help," in voices that quivered with pain.
"Send help," but pleaded and pleaded in vain.

Vote NO! fonds said, and they prated That women would send help to die;
And NO! with others I voted,
And turned a deaf ear to the cry.
"Send help," oh mothers and sweethearts and wives
Send help to those who are saving your lives!

Vote NO! they said, and I voted
As ordered the legions of Hell;
And now, day and night, I'm haunted
By tales that had sealed a heart's knell.
"Send help," they had cried—but now they are dead.
Oh God! how I wish 'twas YES I had said.

—Maud V. Pilmoor, South Yarra.
Mrs. Hannah, Sylvia.

CASE OF DISTRESS.

We have to acknowledge the following further subscription in relief of the case of distress brought under notice in a recent issue of the "Leader," viz.—Mrs. Dyason, 2/6.

SPIRITED MESSAGES.

FROM V.C. HERO.

"Do not leave Us in the Lurch"

The anti-conscriptionists captured a supposed prize when they found the father of Lieutenant Leak, V.C., had placed him on the platform as an opponent of conscription. The elder Leak was taken from meeting to meeting, and by opposition to the Government scheme was quoted at a hundred meetings which the anti-conscriptionists attend. But the question is not what the father thinks of the situation, but how it appears to the son who wears the Victoria Cross.

This is revealed by the cable message which has just come to Mr. Hughes from Lieutenant Jacks himself, at present on England. It is as follows:—

"Anzacs demand to be reinforced. Trust Australia will not leave us in the lurch. Germans Regiments mean light losses."

AUSTRALIA'S ARMY.

"FAR BELOW STRENGTH" SAYS GENERAL HAIG.

"Australian divisions in France are far below strength, and drafts are not arriving in sufficient numbers. The divisions are fighting splendidly, and their heroic efforts will live in history; but they cannot continue to achieve results unless their strength is kept up. Successes of past few months justify absolute confidence in power to win final victory. But it is not yet won. To complete our work and ensure a future, we must make strenuous efforts of Empire and Allies are required for long time yet. I hope strong drafts for your divisions will be despatched and their strength maintained."

ANZAC LEADER'S APPEAL.

KEEP UP REINFORCEMENTS.

Vote YES, For Australia and Empire.

Vote NO, For Germany and the Kaiser.

GALLANT AUSTRALIANS.

THIS WEEK'S CASUALTIES.

DIED OF WOUNDS.
Private J. P. Lewis, Northcote
C. E. Blackburn, Alphington

WOUNDED.
Private J. F. Lewis, Northcote
Sgt.-Major R. C. Kimpton, Fairfield

Mr. J. H. Hannen, of Jenkins street, Northcote, has received a letter of condolence in connection with the death of his brother, Private Percy Hannen, who was killed fighting front, France. It appears that he was in a dugout when a shell fell on the fire. The officer under whom he was serving wrote: "He was a splendid soldier of my best men, and we shall all indeed the cousins of 10 members, comprising three representatives of each of the three councils, and an independent chairman.

COMPULSORY SERVICE.

RALLY AT PRESTON.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

The final rally at Preston of those supporting the Yellow Volunteer propaganda took place on Thursday evening. The Town Hall was filled and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The strong policeforce under Mr. McLachlan, M.L.A., and Sir Robert Best, M.P., in their rousing speeches were cheered to the echo. Strong reinforcements of specials were present and frequently manifested themselves by rushing to the front of the upper hand, and the speakers, with the exercise of determination, managed to have their say from start to finish.

Cr. G. H. Warr, the president of the shire, occupied the chair.

Mr. McLachlan, Labor member for one of the Gippsland seats, said this was no party political question, but a national one—a life and death matter for Australia.

"When Australians were going away voluntarily to fight did anyone call a meeting to object," asked Mr. McLachlan. No; they did not. It may therefore be taken for granted that Australia was opposed of. As we are now, then, going to do the fair thing by them and send them reinforcements, or are we not? We might talk for a week, but it always comes back to this.

In the event of our losing the war went on Mr. McLachlan, Australia would be in Germany's greatest prize, so we should be ready to use all the resources to prevent Germany getting possession of Britain's fleet. The people were already beginning to realise the necessity for universal service. Those who were not prepared to do their duty all lies and all tremors should allow be cast aside.

I appeal to the Australian nation not to let itself be dishonored; not to become a "quitter" in this great crisis of its history; but to prove itself worthy of the illustrious deeds which the Australian soldiers have already won for their country.

W. M. HUGHES.

APPEAL FROM MR. HUGHES.

MAINTAIN AUSTRALIA'S HONOR.

VOTE AGAINST GERMANY.

FELLOW CITIZENS OF AUSTRALIA,—

You are facing the greatest crisis that has ever occurred in the history of your country.

You must decide whether the secret agents of Germany have corrupted this country, or whether Australia intends to perform her fair share in defeating the enemy of humanity and civilisation.

You must decide whether your fellow-Australians in the trenches are to be abandoned and your Allies betrayed, or whether you shall send reinforcements to spare the men at the front and shorten the war.

Every possible falsehood has been invented by those who oppose the national cause; every conceivable means of intimidation, often directed by German hands, has been used. But the polling day all lies and all tremors should alike be cast aside.

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EXEMPTION COURT.

A court to hear claims for exemption from military service was held at Northcote yesterday. Mr. F. Cohen, P.M., presiding.

S. W. Cole said he had conscientious objections.

The P.M.—What if a man was endeavoring to drive a sword through you?

Cole—I would endeavor to prevent him, but I would not kill him.

The P.M. said he would have to do non-combatant duties.

Alfred Wells, Darebin—Adjourned.

Thos. Davis applied on behalf of William Davis for exemption. Ordered to make application to Darebin Overseers, A. Dr. Hale.—It was reported that he had gone into camp.

Ernest Thos. Davies.—Adjourned.

Ernest Frank Escott. Two brothers serving.—Granted.

Albert Henry Evans.—Refused.

Ernest Wellington Ingram claimed that where military duties were voluntarily enlisted prior to October 1, he should be exempted from service.—Adjourned.

Frank Fillingham.—Refused.

Allan Gray.—Only son.—Granted.

Stewart Norman Griggs.—Granted, conditional on his paying £2 10/ weekly to the support of his widowed mother.

Henry Peter Ghiard applied for exemption on grounds that he was a munition worker—making hair brushes.—Exemption to end of November, when contract for making brushes for the Defence Dept. ends.

Jas. Thos. C. Harvey. Only son.—Granted.

Reginald Kelly. Only son.—Granted.

Jas. Kelly.—Refused.

Fredk. Hart Mackinnon. Only son.—Granted.

John Scott Mackinnon. Only son killed.—Granted.

Thomas Wm. Stripp.—Adjourned to City Court.

Leslie Hayes.—Adjourned.

Redmond Horan.—Refused.

Alexander Hunter.—Adjourned.

Arthur Brother at front and he had been sent to hospital in France. Wounded in November.—Refused.

Percy Hill and Frederick Hill.—Refused until end of month.

Harry C. Stocks.—Referred to P.M.O.

Andrew Jas. Hamilton.—Refused.

Robert Thos. Oliver. Only son.—Granted.

Herbert Wm. Drakeford. Only son.—Granted.

Bertie Flaxington Pitt applied for exemption as manager of his father's tannery.—Granted.

A. A. Hall.—Exemption to the end of November.

Captain Christian Proposch claimed on grounds of being the sole support of his parents. He was also a naturalised subject, and conscientious objector.—Adjourned to Court.

Edward Arthur withdrew his application. He was single.—Granted.

Chas. Hy. Taylor.—Refused.

G. O. Fields.—Refused.

Donald Cain claimed he was the sole support of his mother.—Adjourned for 14 days.

Samuel J. Cahill.—Refused.

Thos. Hy. Hamilton referred to P.M.O.

Jos. F. Geoghegan, Preston, manufacturer.—Exemption granted to the end of December.

H. F. McKenzie.—No appearance.—Refused.

Wm. Jos. Cavah. Applied on month's exemption only. He had just been married, and wanted to fix up his affairs.

G. D. Hamilton. Conscientious objector.—Adjourned to Court.

The P.M.—We all unfortunately are, and I suppose we must undertake non-combatant work. Application refused.

After hearing the cases this day the court returned and said a clergyman was going to apply for £7 5/, which was all the £.S.D. it was going to apply for.

(Laughter.)

The P.M.—That makes no difference. It seems to me you are trying to make a joke of the matter. Application refused.

Applicant—I would ask God to help me.

The P.M.—I'm afraid you'll have to do more, as you prepared to do non-combatant duties.

Application refused.

J. Stewart.—Sole but only wanted time to wind up his business. Granted to end of December.

MARRIAGES.

THOMPSON—BARROW.

On Saturday last, at Preston Methodist Church, the marriage took place of Mr. Lancelot Thompson, of Coburg, and Miss Catherine Beatrice Barrow, daughter of Mr. Thomas Barrow, late Mr. Isaac Barrow, of "Silverdale," Preston. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very pleasant in a navy blue costume, with white picture hat, and was attended by Miss Brummer as bridesmaid, who wore a navy blue costume with white picture hat, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Mr. Stanley Thompson, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and Mr. Hedley Barrow, brother of the bride, was groomsman. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thomas Hincks, of Preston. The wedding march was played by Miss Hincks, and the hymn, "The Voice that Breathed o'er Eden," was sung by Miss Hincks. The bride's travelling dress was of white crepe de chine, with white picture hat. The bridesmaid's gift was a gold brooch, and the groomsman's gift a gold watch. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a gold chain with gold locket attached, and the bridegroom's gift to the bridesmaid was a gold chain. Presents were received from Mr. and Mrs. Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Hedley Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. Brummer, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Hedley Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. Hincks, Miss Hincks, Mr. Harold Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. Hedley Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. Hedley Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. Hedley

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PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23.

Present:—Cr. Warr (president), Braithwaite, Stanlake, Howe, Robertson, Crisp, Bricknell and Allchin.

WATER FOR JOHN AND BRUCE STREETS.

The Metropolitan Board of Works were stating they would only agree to an extension of the water to Bruce and John streets subject to the conditions before laid down. Connection with the sewers would not be allowed until an adequate supply of water is available at the premises.—Referred to the committee of the whole, on motion of Crs. Robertson and Bricknell.

NO WATER FOR KELSBY STREET.

The Metropolitan Board were stating they were not prepared to recommend the Board to authorise the laying of a main in Kelsby street at present. The cost of laying a main in Edwardes street, from Price street to Kelsby street thence northward along Kelsby street 14½ chains—a total distance of 16½ chains, is £1450, and the estimated revenue was 12½ per cent.

Cr. Robertson moved and Cr. Howe seconded that a copy [illegible] be forwarded to the parties interested.—Carried.

SUBSIDY FOR PLENTY ROAD.

The Public Works Department wrote re council's request for grant towards the maintenance of Plenty road, no amount of increased traffic thereon by reason of the heavy cartage to the Mont Park Hospital new buildings, it was pointed out, were now approaching completion and as the estate was served by rail the bulk of the material in future required would be carried by such means. However, the application would be scheduled and receive consideration in the event of any funds being provided by Parliament for road works.

Cr. Allchin said he saw lorry load after lorry load still going up the road.

The letter was received.

FLOWER DAY.

J. P. Danaher, head teacher of the West Preston school applied for permission to hold a flower stand in High street near white hall on November 4, when flowers would be offered for sale for the School Patriotic Fund.—Granted, on the motion of Crs. Braithwaite and Stanlake.

MURRAY ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

H. Griffith wrote asking that the chancelling be continued past his shop in Murray road, so that a crossing be made from the school to his premises.

Cr. Stanlake moved that the matter be referred to the works committee, the issue to report.

Cr. Howe seconded.—Carried.

INVITATION.

H. E. Bate, hon. secretary All Saints' Church, invited the councillors to be present at the evening service of their Patronal Festival on Sunday, November 5.

Cr. Stanlake moved that the invitation be accepted, as many councillors as possible to attend.

Cr. Braithwaite seconded.—Carried.

CONCERT FOR LIBRARY.

C. Greenhalgh, hon. secretary, applied for use of hall for entertainment for the library.—Granted, on the motion of Crs. Bricknell and Howe.

MENTAL HOSPITAL.

G. J. Tucker, secretary East Reliance Progress Association, wrote asking what steps had been taken regarding the joint deputation to the Chief Secretary re mental hospital.

Cr. Bricknell moved that Mr. Merrick, M.L.A., be asked to arrange a deputation and the association notified accordingly.

Cr. Crisp seconded.—Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cr. Howe (chairman) submitted the report, recommending—

1. That the accounts amounting to £221 5s 5d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

Cr. Bricknell (chairman) submitted the report, recommending—

1. That accounts amounting to £107 4s 6d be passed for payment.—Adopted.

PUBLIC LIGHT COMMITTEE.

Cr. Crisp (chairman) submitted the report, recommending—

1. That accounts amounting to £219 14s 10d be passed for payment.—Adopted

2. Letter, Preston East Riding Progressive Association, re electric light for Murphy Grove.—That the request cannot be granted at present.—Adopted

Cr. Crisp said an expenditure of £36 would have been necessary for a return of 10/- per month.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Letter M. and M. Board of Works, and letter John Rogan & Co., re pipe-track between Rosa and Station streets.—That a copy of the letter No. 2015 be sent on to J. Rogan & Co.—Adopted.

2. Letter M. and M. Board of Works, re cost of laying main in Gilbert road from Murray road northwards for a distance of about 6 chains to supply houses on the west side of the road.—Adopted.

3. Letter Country Roads Board, re last year's allocation for Whittlesea and Epping roads.—That the letter be received.—Adopted.

4. Letter Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board, re assented alterations in regulations affecting quarterly payments.—That the finance committee be empowered to draw a cheque for the amount.—Adopted.

5. Subdivision Crisp, Clause 3 re subdivision of land west side of Oak Avenue north of Tyler street.—That the plan be approved under seal of the council.—Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts for the fortnight, £166 3s 5d; net overdraft, £3516 9s 5d.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

1. The output for the fortnight was 570 cubic yards

2. The tracks at the quarry will require overhauling. Bottom of quarry is being lowered to allow of draining —Referred to quarry committee.

3. No plan of subdivision of land at corner of Bell street and Tyler streets be approved on certain conditions.

Cr. Robertson moved that the seal be affixed on same being complied with.

Cr. Crisp seconded.—Carried.

4. Have had some bright flowering plants planted in park.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT.

This concerned the outbreak of diphtheria at Preston West State school.—Referred to committee of the whole.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Braithwaite drew attention to the very bad crossing to High street from the firm station at Rosebery avenue. Already one of the springs of the motor fire cart had been broken. He moved that the matter be referred to the works committee, the engineer to report.

Cr. Allchin seconded.—Carried.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Several orders issued to abate nuisances, viz., removal factory premises and found eaves in good order.

MEAT INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Inspected and branded for the month—Cattle 68, sheep 1464, pigs 2150.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Cr. Crisp moved that the matter of plotting Lincoln avenue and Murray road be referred to the works committee.—Carried.

Cr. Allchin referred to the bad state of the water supply in Gower street, east riding. They could not use the hose on account of the low. The pipes were recently flushed out, but without having the desired effect.

Cr. Braithwaite said that down his way they could hardly have a bath the water was so dirty, and for a long time they had to use tank water to make tea etc.

Cr. Howe said they had better provide him with samples of the water they were using, as a matter looked into.

Referred to the commissioner.—on the motion of Crs. Allchin and Bricknell.

Cr. Howe drew attention to the bad state of right-of-way at the rear of the houses on the south side of Gertrude street west, where there was no gutter for the drainage.

Cr. Robertson said the trouble would be ended by connecting the houses to the sewer.

Cr. Howe moved that the Board be again written to asking them to expedite the laying of the sewer to the premises.

Cr. Robertson seconded.—Carried.

Cr. Bricknell asked that the drain in Dundas street, near Foley's, be cleaned out.

Cr. Stanlake reported that 12 horses belonging to Mr. Cooney had broken their way through the gate and got into Edwardes Park. He sent word to the inspector, who put them in the enclosure. He thought Mr. Cooney should be made to pay for the damaged gate.

One step won't take you very far,
You've got to keep on walking;
One word won't tell folks what you are,
You've got to keep on talking;
One inch won't make you very tall,
You've got to keep on growing;
One little "ad" won't do it all,
You've got to keep 'em going.

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

TUESDAY, 24TH OCTOBER.

[Before Messrs Bricknell (chairman), and Ellison, J's.P.]

OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR.

Four youths, Roy Powell, Stanley Jamieson, William Kirwood, and Arthur Stevens were charged with behaving in an offensive manner in a public place.

Constable Kennedy stated that at a quarter past 12 a.m. on the 8th, while in company with Constable Hunt, near the Junction hotel, he saw the four defendants in High street. They were arguing in a loud voice, and using very bad language. Witness said to Powell "What are you using such language for?" He replied "We are only having an argument."

Constable Hunt gave corroborative evidence.

Constable Kennedy said Jamieson was not a bad lad but he would persist in mixing up with others.

Powell and Stevens were each fined 20/-, and Jamieson and Kirwood, who had not previously been before the court, discharged with a caution.

Alfred Hooper, 32 ward Barklem, and John Cooper were charged with behaving in an offensive manner in Plenty road on 6th October.

Constable Kennedy stated that at 11.40 p.m. on Friday, 6th October, he heard these men, with others, arguing with and jostling each other in Plenty road. He approached within 20 yards of them. They then moved away were using was an indecent one. Witness asked them what they meant by such conduct. Barklem said some one had hit him.

Jones said it was the men who had got away who were using the indecent language, not any of those before the court.

The chairman said the Bench decided to let the defendants off on this occasion, but they hoped they would give up indulging in this kind of horseplay, as there had been too many complaints about it and it would have to be put down.

BUILDING REGULATIONS IGNORED.

Frederick Cross was charged by F. W. Schulz, the shire inspector, with erecting a building in Youngman street without first obtaining the permission of the council. Mr. Hall appeared for the prosecution.

The defendant said he admitted the offence, but he objected to Cr. Bricknell adjudicating.

Cr. Bricknell, J.P.—On what grounds?

Defendant—Because of the action you have taken in the council in connection with such buildings.

Cr Bricknell—I have no wish to adjudicate. An adjournment was by consent granted if defendant is willing to pay the costs.

Defendant elected to proceed with the case.

The inspector stated that on 8th September he found defendant engaged in erecting a weatherboard building in Youngman street. Witness asked defendant if he had put up a plan of the building. He replied "No; nor paid the fee." He also said he did not know he was required to, and the council could summons him if they liked.

Defendant—How many houses have been erected in Preston without plans being produced and permission given.

The chairman—We are only dealing with your case now.

A. F. Long, acting shire secretary, gave formal evidence that defendant had lodged no plans and applied for no permission.

Defendant—You need not worry about that. I am not disputing it.

Defendant, who elected to go into the box and give evidence on oath, said a ratepayer of the shire wrote asking the council for permission to erect two rooms, stabling &c., and undertaking to put up a third room in six months time. Cr. Bricknell got up at a Council meeting and said he was opposed to the application being granted.

Mr. Hall objected to such matter being introduced.

Defendant said he had asked Cr. Stanlake why this application was refused, while a number of new houses were being built that did not comply with the regulations. He (Peare) drew theinspector'sattention to two places which had been erected in Murray road, and did not comply with the building regulations. He wanted to know why he should be penalised while others were escaping prosecution.

The chairman—A start must be made somewhere.

Mr. Ellison, J.P., (to defendant)—You broke the law.

Defendant—I know that, and I am prepared to pay the penalty.

Fined 20s. with £2 5s costs.

WANDERING CATTLE

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"How do you account for his personality—so inconsistent for, him—of chloroform?"

"I can only make a guess at that. The fellow meant to attack Mr. Bulton in the train. He thought that he knew Mr. Bulton to be a big, powerful man, and therefore, probably, he would be prepared for any emergency."

"That is meant to do nothing for three days."

"That's true. But there was no use to prevent him buying the stuff three days in advance. Probably he'd bought it that evening, while he thought of it; but a week or two later came sooner than he expected, and had to shake of Joe Larmer somehow."

"He might have saved himself all that trouble by sending him the stuff through the post," suggested Pranlin.

"True again. But a gentleman like Mr. Bulton has a lot of letters of all kinds, and might toss this addressed envelope aside without noticing it. It came with letters that seemed of more importance. Sending it as it did, he calculated on it making no suspicion. And really, and indeed it would have succeeded, but for Joe Larmer's quick wit."

"Well, he was out of his reckoning when he followed Mr. Bulton to Melbourne," said Pranlin, "and probably counted it with contempt."

"Mr. Bulton dines out about a few minutes. Then Pranklin spoke again: "Mr. Sipkyn, you said, I think, that you've been thinking a good deal about the Mr. Bulton's affairs, Mr. Bulton," said Sipkyn. "Rather a close-fisted man with his money."

Pranklin rubbed his eyebrows and looked thoughtful.

"I see you pumped the village people to no purpose," he said, "Mr. Bulton's cousin and Miss Bulton's cousin Mr. Bulton's cousin Mr. Bulton's cousin Mr.

The Men at Arms

SPIRIT OF THE NEW ARMIES.

PRIVATE HAWKINS, NEWSBOY.

By Professor J. H. Morgan in "Land and Water."

The Major's wife had shown him the Major's D.S.O., and had told him the story of how the Major got it as a company commander in the first winter campaign near Ypres. The story was a liberal application of the official exhortation in notes from the front that "it should be a point of honor with all officers to carry through any task confided to them without asking for reinforcements." She had also given him a writing-case and had asked about his mother. He swallowed a gulp in his throat.

"She kime to see me orf at Waterloo, mum. And she talked as though she were scolding me she hadn't talked to me like that since I was a little nipper. But I saw through it, she was fair daft at my going. And then when the whistle went she broke down.' He hastily brushed something away from his eye. 'So I started on me most organ for all I was worth, and said, 'Now we can't 'ave long, mother! And the last I saw of her she was waving her handkerchief."

"Well, Hawkins," said the major, "I've written to Major C—— to keep an eye on you. He is a particular friend of mine, and if you ever want advice, go to him. You remember, always keep your head—and your left-hand pocket and your endurance in reserve. And keep them like the ten commandments. And anoint yourself with carbolic soap as with oil. You've had to wait a long time for your draft to go out, but it was worth it. A Lewis gun takes some learning, you know. Can you strip her?"

"Yes, sir, right down to the radiator."

"And put her together again?"

"Yes, sir."

"You've passed all your tests, I think?"

"Yes, sir. Sergeant-major put me through with a stopwatch the other day. Put me down in front of a landscape target, he did. And said, 'Action, son.' And I moved the screws with the flat of me hand and got the sight set 'um. But anyone could do that, as you know sir. Then he tried me with stoppages. And then he said 'You'll do.'"

"Good."

The Major was pleased. A well he might be, for there are one hundred and thirty-seven parts in a Lewis gun and it's skilled labor.

"Now, goodbye, and good luck to you."

The boy saluted, but the Major held out his hand. "Stoke will give you some supper. Mind you don't miss your train back to camp."

The major and his wife told me the history of their protege. He had been a newsboy at Piccadilly Circus 12 months since, and the Major's sister had been in the habit of buying papers from him. One day he confided to her that he was going to enlist. His father wore the Egyptian medal and the Khedive's star, and there may have been an heirloom in that. She had asked the Major and his wife to keep an eye on him, and, as it was would have it the boy [illegible] and the Major, after being invalided home, had joined the staff of the Southern Command; so had kept in touch with him.

"What do you think of him?" they asked me.

I told them. He had an honest countenance, fearless blue eyes set well apart under a square forehead; they looked you straight in the face, and except when he was moved and spoke the clipped dialect of the Cockneys, his speech was good homespun English. Also he was straight as a lath. His face was tanned brown, his chest was tight across his chest, teeth were white as ivory.

"And eighteen months ago he was a street urchin dodging the taxicabs' spectacle, dominated with a phthisical cough and incipient rheumatism," said the Major reflectively. "And now look at him! a horrible example of militarism, ain't he? What?"

"And what does Stoke think of him?" I asked. Stokes is Major B.'s servant, a twenty-one years' service man in an old regiment, now doing, he [illegible] cleaning the Major's knives and forks.

"Ask him," said the Major. "I would like to know."

Later in the evening after he had administered to the astounding appetite of the New Army and over him all I questioned Stokes. Stoke was a good deal of the men on the Path to the Major" with his many recommendations under her parental care and the always kept them clear of her boys before they go out with the draft.

Stoke paused a he tapped the ashes out of his pipe on the garden gate.

"Well I do, sir," he said thoughtfully.

Coming from the old Army, that tribute to the New Model was considered. For the old time best [illegible] Tommy took [illegible] trained in all some of 'em 'as, and in no time it were three years and he [illegible] you made a soldier. And the three [illegible] bombing and machine and bayonet practice at Solano Farm and machine-gun and machine and man-read the [illegible] school up on the plain there. And such a mix-up, the [illegible] in the ranks! We never 'ad more'n one at the depot in my time, and 'e were a sort of freak of nature. Like a white pheasant. Done time, we used to think 'e 'ad 'ad an education gift for handwriting, and one day he wrote another bloke's name on a bit of paper, and did it so well that the bloke's own mother were taken in by it. That got 'im in good, I reckon, and after that there was no thing for it but the Army."

"But, Lord bless you, sir," continued Stokes, "there are no end of real toffs in the ranks now. And there ain't no flies on 'em, either. Some of 'em very handy with the mittens, too. Thank you, sir, but I'd prefer Shag, if you don't mind. There's only one fault as I 'ave to find with this 'ere New Army," he added as he pressed his forefinger into the bowl of his pipe.

"What's that?"

"They're too well-behaved for me. Why, sir" and he lowered his voice fearfully—"how many hours 'Detention Barracks' d'you think they've a given in No. 6 Camp up there last week? One hundred and sixty-eight! Yes, that's all—strike me dead if it ain't. And over two thousand men there, too. It ain't natural. It's like a Sunday School. Why, in my time you'd 'ave no end of men in clink. Mind you, sir, we was a good line regiment: no better in the British Army. But a few hours' pack-drill or C.B., or in clink—why that was all in the day's work. It was a sort of growing pains. But this New Army seems to be full-grown all at once, so to speak."

He looked over the hedge at the road below; it was a warm summer evening, the chimes of the cathedral bells floated over the blue irises in the water-meadows, the air was full of the scent of the honeysuckle, and a thousand gnats danced in the sun. In the road soldiers on duty strolled by in twos and threes, flourishing little canes. A solitary figure in a red cap patrolled up and down.

"That bloke's got a soft job," said Stokes enviously. 'Reckon if I was to like this New Army a job as Military Police would just about suit me."

The spectacle of the military police man's sinecure must, I think, have mightily exasperated Stokes, though I have a private suspicion that Stokes carried an ancient soldier instinct by kind. At any rate, the moment my back was turned he vaulted coolly over the hedge, "Hi! mate." The police man made a right about turn.

Daddy, said Stokes endearingly, what did you do in the Great War?"

This was some two months ago. I have never seen Private Hawkins since nor Stokes either, for that matter, but I have read within the last few days of the doings of his regiment at [illegible] and I doubt not that he was strong and acquitted himself like a man.

Hawkins was in his way portentous, for he was a conclusive proof that there is no continuation school like the New Army, and when he returns to civilian life he will not be content with the blind alley of the newsvendor. He was only one of thousands in our great cities running to waste with his eye untrained and his hand unskilled when he joined the Army. Long before his platoon had learnt to form column of sections he had discovered many things. He began to learn from the day the medical officer, after beating a hollow tattoo on every bone in his chest and inviting notes of exclamation as he made an auricular examination of his lungs (he was, he told us a trifle phthisical to begin with), advised him that if he wanted to avoid ingrowing toenail he should not only cut his nails once a week (he had never thought of that before), but cut them in the Corman style of architecture with a dog-tooth ornament. Also, with his Majesty, out of the inexhaustible bounty of the Q.M.G., would present him with a toothbrush which was not to be used to clean the buttons of his tunic.

Then one day an instructor took his platoon out for a walk and asked them what they saw. One of them modestly remarked that he saw a field; until, greatly encouraged by the instructor's reception of this bold guess, Hawkins distinguished himself among his platoon by seeing a herd of cows in it. In no long time he could, at a glance, estimate the number of cows in the herd, the number of yards from the herd to the platoon and the length of the hedge which divided the one from the other, until in a flash of the eye he could sum up a land capes. "Wind—ill to the left. Two ploughs in the foreground. Cottage in the middle distance. Eight hundred." Thereafter he progressed rapidly, for he had learnt the hardest thing that a town-bred man learns: he had learnt to observe. It is a long journey from that to knowing a Lewis gun inside out, from body locking-pin to cocking handle, but Hawkins had travelled it, at first querulously, then with interest, and finally with enthusiasm.

Also he had learnt that his regiment formed the bodyguard of Pontius Pilate, that they were the finest regiment in the British Army, and that it was up to him, George Hawkins, to see that they remained what they were.

Hawkins is a type, but he is the type not of a genus, but of a species, or to-day the Army is the mirror of the nation, and in the great republic of the ranks there are a hundred special species. Orthodox, Nonconformist and bearded doubtless such prodigal one are to be found there if you look hard for them, but they have undergone a subtle refinement by contact with the new type. I cannot imagine Cotherstone marching up "French and how to speak it" by his battalion as Hawkins has done. A P.S.C. brigadier of my acquaintance told me early in the war, with a kind of proud confession how the greatest subject of our day had taught himself French to see a trooper, by paying another man in the troop twopence an hour to relate Macaulay's Essays to him in a corner of the barrack-room, while he took it down in French, and was coached at by his comrade for his pains. My friend had the story from a trooper who had remained a trooper not because he was a time-expired man but because a comrade in the ranks had taught him how to learn French as a remarkable fact that men had never forgotten it. It was to him a confidence as if a man had begged to be put on extra fatigue.

To-day there are hundreds and thousands of men in the ranks teaching themselves French and many other things and there is a kind of table d'hôte in barrack the largest number of things in the shortest possible time. The New Army appears to have borrowed the motto of the N.E.C. All the Labor conscious that if you can get through your fourteen weeks' training with a heavy credit balance on your side, all kinds of technical promotions are open to you the ballistic attitudes of the bomber, the distinction of forming one of the exact six who serve the Lewis gun of the platoon, or maybe, even passing out into the machine-gun corps and waiting on a whole brigade to do the Brigadier's bidding.

I once overheard a ruddy Wiltshire man on leave say to a group of admirers: "I used to think it wur only lazy blokes what went for soldiers. It's b hard work; carrying six teen of them bombs and each of 'em weighing one pound thirteen ounces."

It was obvious that he groused at it; it was equally obvious that he was rather proud of his grievance.

Some day someone will write the story of how the glorious reverse of Mons taught the children of England "the use of the bow," and raised in this country a mighty archery. It will be a story of much tact, infinite patience, and passionate devotion, of time-expired N.C.O.'s and invalided officers working against time to teach the manhood of England the art of war and getting into fourteen weeks the curriculum of three years. I have seen a good deal of that task, and if one thing has impressed me more than another, it has been the infinite tact of the C.O.'s in dealing with material that was sometimes sullen, often impatient, but rarely intractable. There was a battalion of Welsh miners who, after being put through the mazes of company drill, varied by long and dusty route-marches, took counsel murmurously together after many days, and under the influence of a noisy cheek-welcher, decided to "down tools."

"Fair play," said one of them. "Let us tell the old man first."

A deputation was appointed to wait on the Colonel surely the strangest interview that ever took place between a C.O. and his men. The Colonel was a wise man and discerning. He did not threaten field-punishment or a court-martial; he heard them out. Then he talked to them—like a father. He knew something about coal mines and he spoke a parable. I have forgotten most of it, but the central incident was a mining explosion in which a number of miners were in a tight place, beset by deadly fire-damp, and a rescue party was called for, every man wanted to go down the pit one Welsh miner has ever been known to hang back in such a crisis), but only the very fit were chosen.

Before he had pointed the moral they interrupted him: "It's all right, colonel, look you. Iss indeed. Thank you kindly. We see it now. And when can we go down the pit over there?"

There was no more trouble.

Even the conscientious objector has been known to succumb. I knew one C.O. who, confronted with one member of that distracting species among the new recruits of a reserve battalion, instructed the sergeant to leave him severely alone. The sergeant acted accordingly, but he did not consider his instructions precluded him from thoughtfully abstracting the civilian clothes of the objector while he took a bath, and leaving a suit of khaki in their place. There was nothing for it but to wear the hated raiment of "militarism." But the objector continued to object. Meanwhile, no one spoke to him. At the end of two days the C.O. sent for him.

"Had a good breakfast?" he asked.

"Yes, sir."

"Had a good dinner?"

"Yes, sir."

"Any complaints?"

"No, sir."

"Well now, don't you think it's playing it rather low to draw rations and wear his Majesty's uniform and leave the other fellows to do all the work? Think it over," he added indulgently.

The objector thought it over; he was in no mood for a hunger strike, and he found the life of an anchorite in a hutment depressing. In three days he had discovered that there is a more sustaining thing than an individual conscience; there is a social conscience. The last I heard of him was that he had got a corporal's stripe.

So the work of the Great Assize of Arms goes on. On rolling downs, sweet with wild thyme, where neolithic man fashioned his arrow heads of flint and the Roman auxiliary cast his javelin, the youth and manhood of England are learning the use of the rifle and the art of the bayonet. Hamlet which had forgotten the exercises of war since the archery practised at the village butts now echo with the reports of musketry upon the field-firing ranges on the chalk uplands. Soil which had not been turned since the last Briton was laid to sleep in his lonely barrow is now sculptured by the entrenching tool of the modern infantryman. Truly, one generation goeth and another generation cometh, but the earth endureth for ever. But so long as this English earth endures the memory of this generation and its blithe spirit and the mighty deeds it wrought shall not pass away.

But I have forgotten Hawkins. Two days ago the Major's wife sent me a letter of his of very recent date:

Dear Sir, I hope this finds you well, as it leaves me at present. We were in the thick of it at a place called ——, but I'm not supposed to say where. The Huns didn't half get it our platoon's Lewis gun was a fair treat. Being short of a pair of socks, I took the liberty of pinching a German pair, but had to make them do the goose-step first. Yours respectfully,

GEORGE HAWKINS.

MEN WITH MASTER MINDS—REAL BIG MEN.

The big men dare, and the big men do;
They dream great dreams, which they make come true.
They bridge the rivers and link the plains,
And gird the land with their railway trains;
They make the desert break forth in bloom,
They send the cataract through a flume
To turn the wheels of a thousand mills,
And bring the coin to a nation's tills;
The big men work, and the big men plan
And, helping themselves, help their fellow-man.
And the cheap men yelp at their carriage wheels,
And the small dogs bark at the big dogs' heels.
The big men now while the cheap men sleep,
And when they go to their fields to reap,
The cheap men cry, "We must have a share
Of all the grain that they harvest there!
These men are pirates who sow and reap,
And plan and build while we are asleep!
We'll legislate till they lose their hair!
We pass new laws that will strip them bare!
We'll tax them right, and we'll tax them left,
Till of their plunder they are bereft,
We'll show these men that we all despise
Their skill, their courage and enterprise!"
So the small men yap at the big men's heels;
The fake reformer with loud-voiced squeals;
The four-eyed dreamers with theories fine,
Which bring them, maybe, three cents a line,
The tin-horn grafters who always yearn
To collar coin that they do not earn,
And the big men sigh as they go their way;
They'll balk at the whole blamed thing some day!

"Cincinnati Republican."

British Rule the Air

DAUNTLESS FLYING MEN.

THE DARDANELLES AFTERMATH.

London, August 23.

What can be accomplished by co-operation is shown by the Battle of Europe as it is being fought to-day. This time last year the co-operation was lacking. Each Ally was willing and eager to do its part. Each was valiantly using its armies in great but reckless endeavor. Neuve Chapelle, Champagne, Loos, Gallipoli, Galicia, Trentino each told of a great effort hopefully entered on. No master mind controlled all. No secretariat kept the armies informed of what the others were doing. There were here and there liaison officers, but each general was supreme, each Government was supreme, each Parliament was treasuring national tradition and special national interest. The lesson has been well learnt. It is now permissible to say that the conference in Paris two months ago decided and bound all the Allies to open grand operations simultaneously at a given date, and that these were worked out in detail by the principal generals. At the same time, Great Britain so surrendered her pride as to give Joffre command of the movements of the British armies in France, General Haig being placed in much the same relation to Joffre as Birdwood is to Haig. That is to say, General Haig retained full administrative control of the British Expeditionary Force, but in the fighting of his men was amenable to Joffre's instructions. In the same way the forces at Salonica were brought, under the French generalissimo, who was given command over General Sarrail, and incidentally over the British divisions there. To-day General Joffre directs the movements of French, British, Servian, Russian, Italian, Montenegrin and Albanian forces in the Balkans, whilst controlling the operations on the western front. No German general in the field has ever had such a command; no general in history has been a more commanding figure. The result of the co-operation has been immediate. True, the offensives were forced upon us earlier than we wished to move. But preparations were nearly complete; and to-day Germany is so tightly pressed on all fronts save the Balkans, where there is almost certainty of an offensive soon in combination with a new Ally—that she is surrendering ground and showing failing strength. What is meant in the military sense by failing strength is illustrated by events on the Somme. It is true that the Germans are either still at their maximum or only slightly below it. But relatively their strength is failing to such an extent that their mass of counter-attack is insufficient for defence. Their ability to defend their lines is gauged by two essentials—capacity in guns, and capacity in numbers of men to retake positions conquered after the attackers' bombardments. Every counter-attack is failing. The Germans simply have not sufficient weight of men to hold on to their positions. And inasmuch as the depth of any one section of line is the depth of the whole line, under any scheme of general offensives, we can say that they are fully on the defensive.

Aerial Superiority.

Our new Rolls Royce and Nieuport flying machines have enabled our intrepid young aviators to reconquer the air. They are wonderful aeroplanes, swift in climbing, and powerful in fighting, with remarkable co-ordination between propeller and machine-gun, enabling accurate fire downwards through the propeller blades. The real romance of these machines is in the factory and designing room, where stability is worked out by the cleverest young mathematicians from Cambridge. But the strangest part of their history is that by ill-luck we presented the Germans with the first models of each. Three were sent across to France one calm day, and the aviators of two mistook their directions and landed in good style in German aerodromes. "The new machines have arrived. Many thanks," was the wireless notification we got from the German lines. Though they have had time to copy our secrets, the Germans have produced nothing to equal these superb flyers. And we are likely to maintain our predominance in the air for some time, for British aeroplanes are so much a matter of stability, worked out with extraordinary exactitude for each machine, that they cannot be copied in design. What the Germans will make of our engines remains to be seen. The Germans freely admit that their Fokker cannot live against these machines, and they are leaving the air our free domain. We fly at will over their lines, certainly getting concentrated artillery against us, but descending with the dare-devilry that marks the youthful flying corps to a few hundred feet over the German infantry reserves, and putting belt after belt of machinegun cartridges into them. Most eloquent is an extract from a letter written by and captured on a German prisoner: "

Each of us crouches in a little hole that he has dug out for himself as a protection against possible splinters and stares at nothing but the sky and the black wall of the trench. And the airmen circle over us and try to do some damage, but only enemy ones, for a German airman will not dare to come here for too much afraid: only behind the front a great crowd, and here not one appears." Our airmen are doing great work. And it is justifiable to record the fact that 75 per cent. of the men in the Flying Corps are Dominion men, and that in army orders the War Office and generals in the field have frankly admitted that Dominion men are better fitted for this work than any others. Occasionally an Immelmann arises from amongst the hordes of nervous German flyers; but as a flying man the German admittedly is outclassed by the fine youngsters from the open spaces and free air of the British Dominions.

The Super-Zeppelin.

For six months Germany's Zeppelin raids have been ludicrous. Mammoth airships have lost their way in the clouds, bombed the vacant sea and ploughed fields, darted thousands of feet upwards into the sky at first sign of our anti-aircraft defences. The failures have not been for want of airships. Germany has still about 40, despite the Allies' officially estimated bag of 35 destroyed or badly damaged. Lord Montagu, who is responsible for this estimate of Germany's resources, states that 25 Zeppelins are too old for raiding purposes, or are employed on military work, leaving 15 available for raids on Great Britain. Why do they not do better? The newest super-Zeppelins seem capable of much. They are, according to Lord Montagu's spies, a great advance on the previous types. They have range, carrying power, speed and capacity for climbing. They are 78ft. long, 80ft. broad; they have cruising speed of 35 miles and maximum speed of 65; radius with half load, 3000 miles; carrying capacity for long raids, five tons; capacity in size, two million cubic feet. These monsters are a match for any aeroplane, for they carry guns fore and aft and machine-guns on top. They have six or seven high-power engines, and can rise easily to 17,000 feet. What a future in aerial travel do these monsters open up! Our Government does not claim that the new British rigid airships can claim similar excellences, but we do claim that our anti-aircraft defences are now such as to make accurate observation from a Zeppelin impossible. How many of the super-Zeppelins Germany possesses is not known, but only two have so far been observed, and both of these were on naval work in the North Sea. German airmen have recently been confessing that voyages to England are difficult and unpleasant. The wind must be "right." "Herr Schwapphauser sits at his beer table and indignantly says, 'Why aren't our Zeppelins busy in this fine east wind?'" writes one baby-killing enthusiast, "but west winds to help us home are really needed. Moreover, the darkness of long winter nights are needed also, for how else can we escape the English cruisers and coast defenders? Very often do our brave Zeppelin commanders have to admit, as we knock the ice from them when they step out of their gondolas, 'We could not get rid of our eggs to-night.' Winds or guns have held them back."

—Keith Murdoch in Sydney "Sun."

Ladies' Letter.

Adorable Billie Burke, the New York actress, is about to spring some more surprises upon the world of fashion. In Gloria's Romance, her next big feature, she is seen arrayed in the creations of such noted modistes as Lucile, Henri Bendel and Halcom. Her natural beauty and charming personality, backed by the exquisite surroundings Palm Beach, Florida, in the "season"—will ensure crowded houses wherever "Gloria's Romance" is shown. Those who saw this winsome artiste in "Peggy" a short while back will be eager to witness her portrayal of the youthful, vivacious Gloria, sixteen and beautiful. She is the daughter of typical modern "Society" parents, and the story relates her rebellion against the shackles and conventions of the New York "Four Hundred." How she eventually wins out and finds love and happiness amidst the gorgeous scenes of the Everglades is told with sympathy and that careful attention to detail which marked "Peggy," the film masterpiece which was ruined by that altogether unnecessary and distressing third reel. Do you still picture the bright, vivacious girl being married to that colorless, humorless, dry-as-dust parson?

"My" soldier writes from the trenches:—"The French housewife is thrifty, very much so. She can show any Scotchman points. Money, once it reaches her stocking, is a sure prisoner. I like them here, but have often wondered what chance a fellow would have of bleeding them for advertisements. The local paper has very few, and those are of a very poor quality. Looking at them, I am often reminded of the home of my parents in Ireland, which I visited on my 14 days' furlough. The little shops are run on the same lines. Everyone in the family is responsible for everything, with the consequence that everything is topsy turvey. If you go in for one pennyworth of tacks, whoever starts to serve you has a hunt for them—looking in every drawer and on every shelf in the shop. If a big packet is taken out of a nest to see whether the tacks are behind it, you can bet the big packet is not returned to its place. Suppose you return the next day, you are sure to find the packet still in the place it was dropped when taken out of the shelf. When you are served, it seems it is bad manners to rush off. Have a yarn, no matter what hurry you are in. If it is your second visit, they are getting to know you as an old friend, and will ask you for your name—not your surname, your Christian name, and ever after they call you that. Yours truly is known to as many folks here as "Bill" as ever he was in Melbourne.

Charlie Chaplin seems to think that he has received enough publicity to last him for a long while. A press agent recently wired from New York, "What is your dearest wish, your highest ambition, the thing you want to do most? Chance for a big story?" Chaplin, without a moment's hesitation, telegraphed in reply, "I have always wanted to know what would happen if I threw a plate of eggs into an electric fan."

Women are hanging back from the purchase of their summer clothes, waiting to see what the scheme of taxation is really to amount to. It is going to make a big difference to their pin money. What do you think of the State Parliament seizing the opportunity of piling on taxes, too? Isn't it like the little boy who, when his elder brother asks for payment of something legally earned, demands "me, too?" and insists upon having some money given him. The Federal Parliament has a legitimate, though, perhaps, an over-extravagantly run up bill to pay. But there has been no forced, inevitable expenditure for the State—rather otherwise. Nevertheless, it has seized the opportunity, like many monopolies when prices go up anywhere, to increase its charges also.

How the first sight of Anzacs in France affected Australians who were working there is told by Miss Mildred Gillespie. It is her own case, but typical. "I was in Havre one day—a day off from work in a hospital for French wounded—when I fear my hospital companion thought I had gone mad, for I dashed through the traffic of the busiest street in Havre—the wonderful line of the Belgian and English—at the sight of three great sons of Australia, to shake them by the hand. They had only just arrived after months of hard work in Egypt, and were strange in their new atmosphere, which they were not liking too well. Their blood was hot to get at the Huns, and the bustling base was likely to pall on them if they were to remain long in it. They gave me such a handshake, for I was wearing the badge of the *Australian Officers' Hospital*, where I had been working as masseuse for six months before my call to France. Then, just as I was leaving to go back, I saw a remnant of Australian artillery trundling along, dust-covered and tired after a long day's march. I was proud of those men, sitting their horses like young kings, and as the French women called 'Vive l'Australie!' I found myself waving my hands from the car I was in and calling 'Hurrah, Australia!' Later, in Rouen, I saw many Australians. They visited our 1st General Hospital in preparation on the Rouen Racecourse, which is the site of many busy and crowded hospitals. Australian sisters were busy getting beds aired, lockers scrubbed out and generally making ready, and orderlies and Red Cross men were making their billy tea and squatting under the shade of the trees for their mid-day meal." Miss Gillespie will be best remembered in Melbourne as Millie Gillespie, who was under suspicion of being the original "Susan Nipper" of the old "Sporting and Dramatic News." She qualified as masseuse just before war broke out and has had many interesting experiences during her war work under the Governments of three of the Allies. Her first war work was in Lady Clementine Waring's country seat in Scotland, where she was in charge for treatment to Belgian and British officers.

The parcels office, Spencer-street, or at the G.P.O., was a sight to see all last week. There was a positive mountain of boxes sewn up in canvas, reaching well up to the ceiling of the big office at Spencer-street. These were all soldiers' Christmas gifts and must have represented a goodly stack of sovereigns, for say the contents of the boxes averaged five shillings—and that is a very low estimate—and two shillings postage each, our Christmas mail would represent thousands of pounds. No wonder the post-office is doing well now and making a paying job of its business at last. It would be interesting to know how much postage has been paid on parcels to soldiers since the war broke out. Isn't it like the Melbourne authorities to place the chief parcels office at the extreme outside edge of the city?

By the way, I have been asked to advise relatives of our boys in France or elsewhere to be cautious in regard to sending them money asked for by cablegram. It is a curious coincidence that if a man is wounded and sent into an English hospital his nearest relative, in most cases, receives a wire from the military authorities with the bad news and almost simultaneously a cable, signed with a surname only, asking for £10. The amount scarcely ever varies. The money is to be sent to the cable office, which in itself doesn't look too healthy. Military "heads" strongly advise recipients of these cables not to send the money without further inquiries and authentication, while, if one gives the matter a thought, the man himself would hardly want £10 when about to be operated on. Some of the applications may, of course, be genuine, but every care should be taken.

BERTIE.

I met him strolling idly on the Block
  before we sailed
Be-monocled and done up like a new
  baked wedding cake.
I'd a quiet sneer for Bertie when I
  met him, never failed,
But I'll pause if e'er I meet him ore
  another taunt I make.

Lord, his hands were like a lily and
  his nails were neatly trimmed,
  (I have seen those hands stained
  crimson with the blood that
  wasn't his)
His cap at jaunty angle tall and tired
  and lightly limbed,
  But you should have seen "our Bertie" when we settled down to 'biz.

When old Abdul Hamid started, made
  the pace and gave us hell,
  When our parapets were shattered
  by the big guns in their stunt,
Each sap and traverse littered by sad
  victims mauled by shell,
  It was good to see "our Bertie"
  cheer the fellows up in front.

Cool as ice and calm as ever, but the
  devil in his eye
  Augured ill for any Jacko that
  came close enough to mash,
Yet the devil faded from them when
  a mate was stricken by
  Or he brought a wounded cobber in
  with eager willing dash.

He would share his pint of water
  with a swaddy when the heat
  Would choke your throat with blisters (only those who've been
  there know),
Though to fill the water bottles meant
  a trip across the boat
  Where the snipers make a surety
  of the bravos that come and go.

Where is Bertie? Now you have me,
  but I'm sure he isn't dead,
  We missed him in a scrap at night,
  as black as Wilhelm's sins,
He was up in front there somewhere,
  with the outpost up ahead
  When the fight grew fierce and hottest, in that tussle up at Quinn's.

Somewhere out in Asia Minor they
  have got him, so they say,
  Waiting for the scrap to finish and
  the prisoners' release,
But I'll bet the price it cost them
  was a bitter one to pay
  To have him an unwilling guest
  until the times of peace.

But if ever Bertie meets me with his
  eyeglass swank and cane,
  There's a swaddy that will greet
  him in some new place on the
  map,
Grip his hand and take him swiftly
  where they fill-em-up-again,
  And "early closing's" vanished with
  the echoes of the scrap.

So here's to him, whether fighting or
  a prisoner of war,
  A braver, better soldier than I'll
  ever, ever be,
And I'd give my year's promotion and
  besides a good deal more
  Once again to see "our Bertie"
  focussing his glass on me.

—F. W.

A fashion writer informs her following that "many of the new frocks have skirts that hang in absolutely straight lines." Certain it is that many of the skirts one sees are easily "the shortest distance between two points." Which, we believe, is Euclid's definition of a straight line.—"New York Puck."

A tattoo artist claiming exemption from the Army, stated that many of his clients were soldiers. But it is on the enemy, and not on themselves, that our boys in khaki nowadays have designs.

From Various Sources.

Lots of women make hay by making eyes.

The Farmer: Ah! There you are! Where have you been all this time? And where's the mare I told you to get shod?

The Hand: Shod! I thought you said shot! I've just been a-burying of 'er!"—"Sketch."

DISILLUSION.

Since shortened skirts in view have
  moved,
  With frank regret we must aver
A lot of ankles have not proved
  As shapely as we thought they
  were.

—"Washington Star."

The betting-tax is introducing to Melbourne the controversies which have raged elsewhere on the subject, and once more the unfortunate bookmaker and the injustice done to him are set forth in the press. The bookie who magnificently lays Mr. K. S. McLeod five hundred to two hundred doesn't worry about the three-penny stamp on the ticket. Both the book and the backer may growl a little over the necessity for passing a ticket, omission to do which is punishable by a fine of £2. That means that the bet is either £500 to £199 19/9, or £500 to £202, with a commission to the State of one per cent. on the punter's stake. But when you get down to the chap who takes five bob to two, the plight of the small and struggling bookmaker becomes apparent. As far as he is concerned, the bet is then 5/- to 1/9, making five points difference in the odds—100 to 35, instead of 100 to 40. Obviously he must shorten his price to protect his profit—that is where bookmaking is different from all other businesses—and bet his client 9 to 4. The bet then becomes 4/6 to 2/-, with the 3d. tax payable by the bookmaker. He makes sixpence and loses threepence, which is entirely in accord with the best traditions of his profession.—Melbourne "Table Talk."

Mayor Fear, of Richmond, permits councillors to smoke at their meetings in the municipal chamber. After all, puffs for embryo politicians are no new thing.

ZEPS. IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

I wor milkin' the cow omost lost in
  a dream,
When a noise like a plough over-
  driven by steam
Made Crunkle—the cow—kick her bucket,
An' smother my waistcoat wi' cream.

That noise it grew loud, an' baring
  my arm
—Not wantin' no crowd—I riz in
  alarm,
It sounded like thousands of engines
A tearin' all over the farm.

Full smash at the door the waggoner
  come,
Rushed up like a boar, an' pointin'
  all dumb:
His hand in the sky, like a preacher,
His face like an overripe plum.

"The Devil!" says he—out ravaging
  set,
He's comin' for we, his own for to
  get——"
I crep behind Crunkle for shelter,
An' brok' in a gallopin' sweat.

Just then come a crack, as shook all
  the ground,
Crunkle fell on her back, the cow-
  shed fell down,
I bolted full pelt for the Missis;
The place wor all smokin' an' brown.

The Missis stood by, lookin' out of
  the door,
"The Devil?—my eye." Doant mek
  sich a bloor.
Tis nobbut them Zeps passin' over—
Them Jarmins—they've done it
  afore."

I collared my gun, but the Jarmins
  'ad gone,
I brok in a run, that scared 'em, I
  swan,
The hummin' an' threshin' grew
  fainter,
The devils!—their mischief wor done.

The childer in fits, one corn stack
  ablaze,
My pig tore to bits—out yonder he
  lays—!
Noa Xmas pork pies nor noa sausage! . . .
Who ever could hold wi' sich ways?

—Bernard Gilbert in the "British-Australasian."

Australia is out to beat the German eagle, and no saving claws should be left for shirkers.

A little boy in the Boulder tram had a cold in the head, and he sniffed and he sniffed, until a lady seated opposite him was compelled to ask pleadingly, "Haven't you got a handkerchief, little boy?"

The little boy paused in his sniffling, and, after a suspicious look at the lady, he replied, "No; not to lend!"—Kalgoorlie "Sun."

What song will the Germans sing in the trenches to W.A.'s tallest soldier, Dick Waldon, of Wongan Hills, 6ft. 5½in.?

"Bob down, you're spotted!"—Perth "Sunday Times."

Mary had a little lamb;
  Why tell the tale by halves?
The present fashion shows she has
  A pair of shapely calves.

TOMMY'S TRILLS.

"Tommy Atkins, bless him, has an invincible antipathy to patriotic songs.

"You never hear him singing 'Rule, Britannia!' or 'The British Grenadiers' or 'The Red, White and Blue.' He is a true type of the British character. He does not wear his heart upon his sleeve, and considers it bad form to exhibit emotion. He is reserved and cold, and hates making scenes. Moreover, strange as it may seem, he is modest, and considerate of other people's feelings. He knows Britannia rules the waves—but would not like to hurt the feelings of others by telling them so. He knows the British soldier is the best in the world—but does not shout the odds. He leaves his enemy to find it out.

"So, if Tommy feels in a hilarious mood he sings to suit himself, and as he has not the slightest objection to his companions suiting themselves, there is often a most inharmonious medley arising from a regiment on the march. But he generally prefers the melancholy ditty.

"One day we had an impromptu concert, and I remarked the fact that only one comic song was volunteered. All the rest were about consumptive children, orphans, deserted maidens, the return of erring wanderers, and so on. No one seemed to see anything at all incongruous in a burly artilleryman singing 'Shall I be an Angel, Daddy?' or a six-foot trooper, twiddling his cap round and round as he fixed his eyes on the ceiling, singing 'Don't Go Down the Mine, Daddy.'"—"Somewhere," by Sapper Hall.

Woman's love of beauty stops at her own face.

"If every day was sunny, with ne'er a cloud in view, we'd soon be spending money to buy a cloud or two."

"There's medicine in azure skies, and sunshine is a wonder; more cures are wrought by exercise than by all bottled thunder. So let's forsake the closed-up room and hoe weeds cockle-burrihs, where elderberry bushes bloom and juniorberries flourish."

"I stood on the bridge at midnight, and looked at the sizzling town, where the pleasure-seeking people were holding the side-walks down. The moon rose over the city and shone on the dames and gents, but the glare of the lights electric made it look like twenty-cents."—Walt Mason in "Horse-Sense."

"I could stand the master, and the neighbors, and the children—but 'er! oh 'er!"—Wish Wynne.

Some men have all the luck. It was recorded at the Board of Health that a bun purchased at a suburban shop had contained a mouse. The buyer, an ungrateful kind of fellow, immediately rushed to Dr. Robertson—in a great state of excitement, the chairman of the board said—and made complaint. His excitement was comprehensible: a man who gets a meatpie for the price of a bun may well be lifted into a mood of elation; but why the complaint? And why should the board authorise a prosecution? It was not to be, under the Pure Foods Act, a charge of selling goods not of the nature, quality or substance demanded by the purchaser, though that certainly appeared to be the proper classification of offence, if any. The board authorised a charge of allowing the premises to be in an insanitary state. Strange. Are all premises with mice in them considered insanitary? There will be a lot of prosecutions if that is so. And, anyhow, if mice are insanitary, was not that particular man trying to remove them from his premises? Of course, he might have done it openly, instead of trying to smuggle them away in buns. Still!—"Table Talk."

When motor-car drivers refuse to stop, the public naturally complain about their goings-on.

Died in New York from pneumonia, Hugo, the giant of Barnum and Bailey's circus, "The Greatest Show on Earth." Hugo was a Frenchman, 7ft. 4in. in height, and of perfectly symmetrical build. Hugo was quite a joker; and I remember when he pretended to be a rival for the hand of our fat lady, who was known as "Beautiful Marie, the Human Mountain." Another of Marie's suitors was "Zip, the What Is It?" Zip was supposed to be the last of the Aztecs. He was really a negro, and a harmless imbecile; but when he was told that Hugo was showing attentions to 'Beautiful Marie" there was an awful row; and Zip, who weighed less than eight stone, and who was certainly a bad matchmaker, boldly attacked Hugo, who tipped the scales at over thirty-eight stone. Zip went after Hugo with great fury; but the giant was good-natured, and when Zip's attack became annoying Hugo picked him up by the seat of his tights, and dropped him in a tub that was used for watering the horses. The cold water speedily mollified Zip's anger, and Hugo and he were soon good friends again.

One of Hugo's perquisites was the privilege of selling his photographs to those who desired them. As the giant was the most conspicuous of all the freaks, and as he was also a very handsome man, his admirers were numerous, especially among the women; his photographs at five cents apiece sold like hot cakes. The consequence was that every day Hugo accumulated a great collection of nickels. With these he was accustomed to purchase his meals. I frequently accompanied him to dinner, and it was great fun, especially in the small towns. Hugo and I, on our way from the circus-lot to the village restaurant, would be followed by an admiring crowd, the members of which would throng around the windows and invade the dining-room to see Hugo eat. The giant appeared to enjoy having an audience at mealtime, and took pleasure in displaying his marvellous appetite. I have seen him order half-a-dozen steaks and a peck of baked potatoes. Then as the astounded waiter was about to notify the cook, Hugo would nonchalantly say he would like half-a-dozen omelettes before the steaks. These he seemed to regard as hors d'oeuvre. When they were served, as they usually were on six separate platters, he would dump them all on one large plate, and with the aid of a soup-spoon swallow them in a jiffy, while the spectators looked on aghast. Then he would eat his steaks and potatoes; and top off with a couple of apple pies, and a pot or two of coffee. For all of this he would pay by ladling out handsful of nickels.—By George Bowles, formerly press agent for Barnum and Bailey.

"Not much, you don't get two passports," said the officer in charge.

"But I only want one," replied the applicant, a little puzzled.

"It doesn't come across," snapped the officer. "Do you think I'd forgot that hair—it's like the flames of Antwerp. And there's your name in the book—only yesterday—John Fitzkookles. What DO you take me for?"

"James Fitzkookles is my name," said the applicant mildly,