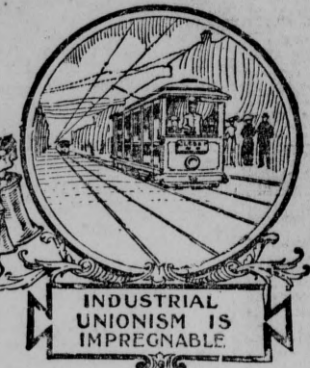


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A number of inquiries continue to reach us from old Service men in regard to the rights of certain employees and ex-employees in the Railway and Tramway Service to one month's pay for each year's service, under the Public Service Act of 1878. From inquiries which we have made, we find that some eighteen months ago a committee was formed of some of the men concerned in the endeavor to organize an appeal to the law courts to obtain one month's pay for each year of service on retirement of all railway and tramway employees in the service of the New South Wales Government prior to September, 1888. This organization brought together a large number of the men concerned, who contributed the sum of 10/- for the necessary expenses, and, although much talk had been in evidence prior to this, it was only at this stage that concerted action was made to attempt recovery of the moneys to which these men felt they were entitled.

The opinions of some eminent barristers, including that of the Chief Justice, Sir Wm. Cullen, were obtained, and in each case these gentlemen held that the men were entitled to the allowance which they were granted under this Act, especially since a "Gazette" was issued containing a list of the men who were permanent railway employees, and who were, under the provisions of the Act, entitled to this retiring allowance. The production of this "Gazette" cleared the way, and the point at issue was the men permanent employees. A big meeting was held at the Redfern Town Hall, where the case was explained to those immediately concerned, and, although the matter had been taken up first by the men in Newcastle, the Sydney men decided to fall in and amalgamate with the men from the North and make a fight on behalf of all.

The case, therefore, came on on December 5th, and after a short conference with the legal men representing both sides it was decided that a verdict by consent should be entered for the defendant, with leave

before the Full Court in argument. Those of our constituents who are interested will be forced to await the case being brought before the Court. The committee, however, are most sanguine of success.

roster, proves that the immutability claim set up by the framers of it had no foundation in fact.

It is well known that the chairman of the board (Mr. Beeby) has no sympathy with needless Sabbath-breaking. No decent Christian-trained person can. The Hebrews and the Mahomedans keep holy the one day, and right down in the midst of paganism we find a legend of rest on the seventh day. Railway officers and men do not expect that trains and trams should stop running, or that any utilitarian public service is to be upset. Someone must stand by, but only a Yankee kind of reason called "pure cussedness" could construct a roster that had a pernicious tendency to subvert one of the most glorious and universally respected laws said to have been handed by an Omnipotent God to Moses on Mount Sinai. This was attempted when the Devil's No. 1 was made, by which officers were compelled to work every Sunday. The eighth crumb from the fourth commandment now put into the Devil's roster won't give it the necessary flavor of Christian regard. However, it is a crumb, and we trust that when the officers take the matter to the Wages Board, that monthly, at least, each man will be able to say:—

"Hail, Sabbath. Thee I hail, the poor man's day."

N.S.W. RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY OFFICERS' WAR FUND.

Writes the secretary:—At the start of a new year it may be of interest to subscribers to have placed before them a short account showing the position of the above fund.

The fund was started in September, the first collection being made for that month, payable at the close of same, and results to date have been as follows:—

Subscriptions received	
up to 29/10/14	£1504 17 7
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The metropolitan officers are between a smile and a tear over the new roster for Sunday duty, which came into force from the 3rd of January.

Since the award Sunday duty was made the rule instead of the exception on the roster known as The Devil's No. 1. The question created some soreness. It was viewed from many points. Some took the orthodox view; others the utilitarian; but the majority looked at it as a nasty innovation into one of the most treasured doctrines of the Christian world.

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Organising.

General Secretary's Campaign

- Friday, 15th Jan. C. C. Sheds, 12.15
 - Mon., 18th ,, Randwick Shops, 12.15
 - Tues., 19th ,, Eveleigh (BOUNDARY ROAD) 12.15
 - Wed., 20th ,, Industrial Court
 - Thurs., 21st ,, " "
 - Friday, 22nd ,, " "
 - Sat., 23rd ,, Penrith, 8 p.m.
 - Sun., 24th ,, " 2.30 p.m.
- Other meetings being arranged.

Mr. V. G. Kavanagh's Dates

- Friday, 22nd Jan. Ryston, 8 p.m.
- Sat., 23rd ,, Mudgee, 4 p.m.

Mr. J. McDonald's Fixtures

- Mon., 1st Feb. Kiama
- Tues., 2nd ,, Wollongong
- Wed., 3rd ,, Waterfall, Loco, Mid-day
- Waterfall Branch, Evening

The General Secretary will be glad to hear from any members who can arrange a little meeting for the lunch hour. He will be prepared to afford any information on industrial matters.

to reserve to the plaintiff to move the Full Court to set the verdict aside. The plaintiff in the test case was William Fountain, who claimed for the sum of £397 10s., less £52—already paid under the Public Service Act.

The point for the Full Court to decide is whether Fountain, and the other men concerned, were permanent employees of the Railway Department under the Public Service Act of 1878, and when the case is called the plaintiffs are sure they will be able to prove this up to the hilt. The counsel representing the men are very confident, and since the number of men involved is very large and the amount of money will be quite huge, it will be a most interesting case when it does come on. It is recognised that the Government would not be justified in paying unless the verdict of the Full Court was secured. It is impossible to disclose to our readers the whole of the evidence which it is proposed to bring

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Local Secretaries will kindly furnish time and place of meetings, and notify any errors appearing with respect to table below.

Table with columns: BRANCH, SECRETARY, ADDRESS, PLACE OF MEETING. Lists various branches like Albury, Armidale, Armidale, etc., with their respective secretaries and meeting locations.

EXECUTIVE.

A meeting of the Executive of the Amalgamated Railway and Tramway Service Association, was held at Head Office, Bowen's Buildings, Central Square, on Tuesday, January 5, 1915. There were present: Messrs. V. G. Kavanagh, J. McDonald (vice-presidents), G. H. Stokes, M. A. O'Donnell, H. S. Odell (executive officers), Claude Thompson (gen. sec.).

(3) Only one amendment upon any one motion shall be received at a time, and such amendment must be disposed of before any further amendment can be received. (4) Questions of order shall be decided by the chairman, whose ruling shall be final, unless it is immediately challenged by a formal motion submitted to the conference.

Eveleigh Branch.—A further letter was received from Mr. J. O'Sullivan, secretary of the Eveleigh Branch, with reference to what he considered was an illegal election of officers and delegates. The General Secretary reported that he had asked Mr. O'Sullivan for statements from one or more independent witnesses who had attended the meeting.

The secretary would like all members to let him know if they require a 1915 medal, as the medals are now ready, and may be had by paying the yearly contribution of 12/-. MOUNT VICTORIA.

The usual monthly meeting of the Mount Victoria branch was held on Saturday, 9th inst., and was well attended. In the absence of the president, Mr. Clyne occupied the chair. Several accounts were passed for payment for last quarter. The balance-sheet, which showed the branch to be in a very satisfactory position, was adopted.

Branch Meetings. The usual monthly meeting of the Brook branch of the Association was held in the general waiting room on January 2nd. There was a good attendance of members, and the president, Mr. R. Hocking, occupied the chair.

BATHURST. The quarterly meeting of the Bathurst branch was held in the Masonic Hall on January 6th. In the absence of the president, Mr. John Maloney, the chair was taken by the vice-president, Mr. F. A. Hudson.

GOULBURN. The quarterly meeting of the Goulburn branch was held in the Oddfellows' Hall on Saturday, January 9th, the president, Mr. E. Rogers, in the chair. There was a good attendance of members.

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Staff Changes and Promotions

RAILWAYS. Week Ended 2nd January, 1915. APPOINTMENTS. Murdoch, Zorra-st., Power House, Newcastle. Fitter: John Whittaker, Zorra-st., Power House, Newcastle. PROMOTIONS.

APPOINTMENTS. Traffic Branch.—Junior Porters: Harold G. Thompson, Newcastle Relief Staff; Raymond Hunt, Newcastle; Thomas A. Amos, Tarr; Colin S. McAlpin, Glen Innes. Electrical Branch.—Cleaners: Jno. P. Morlock, Wilfred L. Simpson, Wm. Jones, Roy Cameron, William P. Whall, John A. Orrey, Arthur C. Bottomley, Robert L. Myers, Sidney

BRANCH NOTICES. NEWCASTLE No. 10. The usual meeting of No. 10 Traffic will be held at Beacham's Room, Fern-street, Islington, on Sunday, January 17th, at 10 a.m. sharp.

AMALGAMATED RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICE ASSOCIATION. Tram Per. Way Men's MASS MEETING SAT., 30th JANUARY, 1915 8 p.m. BOWEN BUILDINGS

A MEETING of all men employed in the Tram Per. Way will be held at the Rooms of the AMALGAMATED ASSOCIATION, BOWEN BUILDINGS, CENTRAL SQUARE, opp. Railway Station, on SATURDAY, 30th JANUARY, 1915, at 8 p.m.

Look out for the large electric "Talking" Sign which is on Bowen Buildings! Business. Consideration of matters vitally affecting the interests of men working in the Tram Per. Way. Mr. Claude Thompson, General Secretary, will be present and answer questions.

YEARLY MEDALS 1915. Medals for 1915 are now ready. Branch Secretaries and Collectors should send to Head Office for a supply. Any member who pays a year's contributions in advance is entitled to a medal free of cost. Get a medal—they look well.

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THE WEEK'S WAR NEWS EPITOMISED.

WAR NOTES

The latest communique... The situation is unchanged. Such is the stereotyped command...

footing, and have endured heroically. But until a million more British troops are landed in France and placed in the fighting line...

THE INVASION OF EGYPT.

Lord Kitchener, in his recent speech, mentioned that the invasion of Egypt had not materialised...

BRITISH RAILWAYS IN WAR TIME.

EVIDENCE FOR STATE OWNERSHIP.

The British Railway Executive Committee were the special guests of...

AMERICAN'S MORAL COWARDICE

The London correspondent of the Chicago "News" gives Uncle Sam "one to go on with."

A BIOLOGICAL LIFE.

The other despatch quotes a statement of Bernhardi, the German military expert, whose book, "Germany and the Next War,"...

TRAM CONDUCTOR IN THE TRENCHES

DOWN FOR THE COUNT.

IN A GERMAN HOSPITAL.

An English tram conductor, Lance-Corporal H. J. Rush, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, writes home to his friends at Norwich as follows:—

WRECKS OF WAR ON BELGIUM RAILWAYS.



When the Germans were attacking Antwerp, the Belgians sent five locomotives, with waggons loaded with sand, under full steam full tilt in the direction of the German lines at Malines.

able states that General von Falkenberg, who is to command the army of invasion, has arrived at Damascus, in Palestine, and that large numbers of Germans—1200 in one corps alone—have been attached to the Turkish army...

the American Luncheon Club in London in November last, and some of its principal members told the story of how great a part railwaymen had played in the dispatch of the British Expeditionary Force to France...

chivalry, courage, and magnanimity. She is blamed for ignoring the invasion of Belgium and the violations of the Hague Convention...

ADVENTURES OF AN ENGLISH NURSE.

THROWN INTO A GERMAN PRISON.

An English nurse, named Ethel Ellen Coe, who was in Berlin when the war commenced, and who recently was released through the good offices of the American Minister...



The havoc made by the locomotive charge mentioned above was so great that the Germans found it more expeditious to build a new track parallel with the old one instead of attempting to remove the wrecks and repair the old line.

the Commander-in-Chief, was carried out without a single hitch. "The Government," said Mr. Walker, who is chairman of the committee...

upon by a street mob, who smashed her bicycle and would have gone, no doubt, to much greater lengths but for the intervention of a German officer...

AVIATORS IN PERIL

ADVENTURE NEAR TURKISH POSTS.

A REMARKABLE RESCUE.

Captain C. E. W. Bean, official reporter with the First Australian Forces, reports that a cruiser watching a certain part of the Turkish coast line sent out a seaplane with a French pilot and Captain Stirling...

the wind, so as to check its speed, and finally, striking still air, the seaplane fell swiftly towards the sand.

The moment the floats touched the sand the tail of the machine was thrown up. The Frenchman was hurled clear, but Captain Stirling was pinned down, with his legs bent over his spine.

After they had covered four miles in four hours, the Frenchman complained of internal pains and was forced to give up. Stirling gave him half a chocolate and all the water he had, and then went on alone.

When night came on he crept through the Turkish camp fires to water, being desperately thirsty, but expecting momentarily to be seen.

The captain felt an intense conviction that the airman would yet be found, and he urged a return to search a particular portion of the beach.

About 15,000 Germans and other aliens are confined in concentration camps in England, and it is estimated that 29,000 are still at large...

The German hatred of England appears to be ferocious in its intensity. Nurse Ethel Ellen Coe, who recently returned from Berlin via the Dutch frontier, states that the very children in Germany are drilling, and she has no doubt whatever that in case of invasion the German women even will take up arms.

SPEECH BY LORD KITCHENER

Lord Kitchener has the reputation of being a somewhat stern, taciturn, unapproachable man, who never speaks unless he has something to say. In this respect he differs from the average politician, who talks whether he has anything to say or not.

Importance of defeats, consequently we may be quite sure that the present situation is satisfactory, and that the prospects of a successful campaign in the spring are good.

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MODERN BATTLEFIELDS.

POMP AND PAGEANTRY ABOLISHED.

UNPICTURESQUE SCENES OF CARNAGE.

Colonel Charles d'Court Repinton, the military correspondent of the "Times," thus summarises modern warfare:—"All the spectacular side of war has gone, never to reappear.

A FALSE PERSPECTIVE

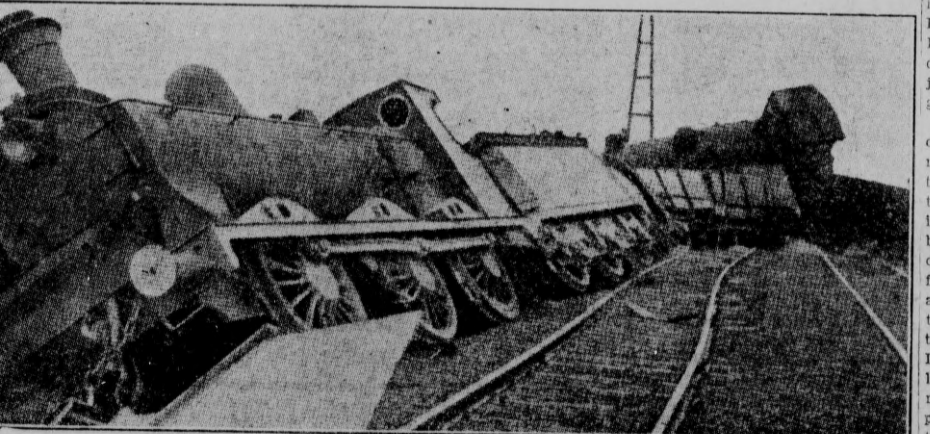
It is anticipated that very shortly the troops comprising the new British army will be crossing the English Channel to take their places in the fighting line when the spring campaign commences.

If this slow process of attrition is to give place to a more rapid method of attaining the same end, the Allies will have to do more than hold the line in Eastern Europe.

WAR'S TOLL

A remarkable leading article appears in the "Toronto Globe," in which Dr. J. A. Macdonald, its editor, shows vividly how war takes its toll of the best blood.

"War's call is: 'Send us the best you breed.' The best are chosen first and are first to fall. The fittest stand in the forefront, and do not survive. Wars reversed selection makes for the survival of the unfit.



This is another view of the wrecked locomotives that charged the German position at Malines. The Germans, who saw the fiery chariots coming, had just time to throw up some obstructions that sent the engines off the rails in a great heap of scrap-iron.

lined by female searchers, and was thrown into prison, where her room was swarming with vermin. She was told she was liable to be shot, and that she had been arrested on the charge of sending wireless messages to England.

"plane" flew over a wide, rocky desert into a valley shut in by high, barren mountains. It was found that Turkish posts existed in the district.

and extensive war preparations is diminishing, while the Allies are daily increasing in resources of men and material, and said that this would enable the Allies to prosecute the war triumphantly.

