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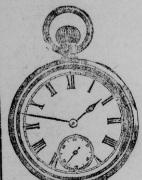
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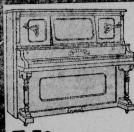
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THE FEDERAL FRAY. HUGHES'S POLICY SPEECH

FURTHER CONSIDERED

"We (meaning himself and the other rats) did not come into the Fusion. Labor movement, as many of these camp followers of Labor have done, to make something out of it."

Here a question arises; several questions in fact. Has the Labor party done nothing for Hughes? Has not the Labor party done more for Hughes than Hughes has done for the Labor party? Has not Hughes "made something out of it?" The answers to these questions will present themselves to everyone. Hughes has rendered services, and has been amply rewarded for them. Honors were bestowed upon him, and, as a result of such honors, he has been able to enjoy pecuniary benefits of a substantial nature. His best reward was the confidence of the rank and file of Labor supporters in the Commonwealth; he has not only forfeited abuse of his former benefactors.

"Labor has been captured by a narrow-minded, disloyal section,

who wish to serve their own selfish purposes."

This is merely abuse. There are no sections in the Labor party, with the exception of those that, with Hughes at their head, walked out of the Caucus meeting and refused to subscribe to their pledges as Labor A LUICID STATEMENT OF FACTS men; and since they are no longer members of the party it retains its solidarity. Neither can the Labor party be regarded as disloyal because it opposed conscription; if it is Hughes must of necessity class as disloyal the 59,000 soldiers who, it is stated, voted against conscription. The last retort of a fool when driven into a corner is the time-honored accusation of disloyalty. Hughes is no fool, but he uses a fool's argument ecause he thinks he is talking to fools,

"I stand here as the leader of all that is best in the Labor movement of Australia. The men who stand with me, whose names have been watchwords in the camp of Labor for years, have given their whole lives to the cause of Labor; and are comrades in this great fight whose side any Labor man might be proud to stand."

There seems to be an idea at the back of the head of Hughes, and of the heads of those that deserted with him, that the longer a man stays in the Labor movement the more is he justified in leaving it and opposing it and reviling those that remain in it. To the ordinary person that is not afflicted with mental obliquity it would appear that the longer a person subscribes to a political belief the less justification he has for turning a somersquit, and the less reason there is for him to blame others for not following his evil example. The conduct of a Judas that betrays his master at the end of a fortnight's service is less reprehensible than the conduct of a Judas that wins the confidence of his master by years of faithful, or apparently faithful, service; and so the fact of these men having given the greater part of their lives to the cause of Labor out aggravates their offence.

"The purpose of the Government (meaning the Phughesion Government) is to do whatever is necessary to enable Australia to aid the Empire to win the war."

But Frank Tudor and every other member of the Labor party have the same object in view. On this question the only difference between Hughes and the Labor party is that the Labor party believes in working and Hughes believes in talking. The Labor party got along very well with its task before Hughes became Prime Minister, but since deplorable event the people of Australia have heard little else but the aseless gabbling of Hughes, who evidently imagines that the Huns are to be frightened out of France by loud talking, the waving of flags, the beating of drums, and neurotic appeals to the emotions.

presence of Liberals in the present Government is palpably insincere." What the "Age" said of Irvine is applicable to the majority to whom Hughes has sold himself politically. They stand for everything the capitalist holds dear and the worker detests. If Hughes was as faithful to Labor as he pretends to be he would scout such a fusion as he would the introduction of the plague. Labor has everything to fear from those that at present control the Commonwealth Administration, and it will have more to fear if this crowd of Tory boodlers get back to the Treasury benches. They have already abandoned, or are on the point of abandoning, some of the chief proposals of the Labor Government.

The wealth tax, price fixing, preference to unionists, etc., these and many other proposals are to be sacrificed. And Hughes says there is no danger in allowing the violent anti-Laborites to have a majority in the Cabinet.

"The present position of the Caucus party is absolutely incom-patible with responsible government. Under the Caucus party's system of government, as laid down by the recent conferences, the men who rule-or would rule if they had a majority in the Parliament-are not members of Parliament at all, not men elected by the people. They are men of whom the people know nothing. A number of obscure nclave and issue instructions to the members of the Caucus party, and upon these instructions the Caucus acts, etc.'

This is an echo of the parrot-like cry of the Tory papers, which cry has been vigorously refuted by Hughes himself some scores, nay hundreds, of times. The rapidity and thoroughness with which Hughes has changed eminds one of the metamorphosis of Faust in the witch's kitchen. For years the object of the Labor party was to devise a workable ander which the solidarity of the party could be guaranteed. It was eventually decided to adopt the Caucus system. It was also a recogn principle that the Parliamentary party should be responsible to the evement-that is to say responsible to those that elected them, the rank and file of Labor electors. Neither Hughes nor any of his runaway comrades raised objections to this system; none of them got up and talked about "secret juntas" or "obscure persons." The Caucus party's system of government suited them excellently, and they laughed to scorn the criticisms of the Tory press and the gibes of Tory politicians.

constitution of the Australian Labor party has not been altered to the extent of a comma since these men left to sit cheek by jowl with the enemies of Labor and to heap opprobrium upon the Caucus system they had helped to build up. Who, then, are the "hypocritical humbugs?"

Other matters touched upon by Hughes in his policy speech included the wheat question, sugar, meat, metals, "cheap" food, repatriation, immigration, taxation, etc., etc. He claimed credit for what has been done on behalf of the present conglomerate Administration, when, as a matter of fact, it is due to the Labor Government that preceded the matter of fact, it is due to the Labor Government that preceded the Fusion. No proposal that he makes in regard to any of the matters enumerated is original, and there is nothing that he proposes to do that could not be done better by a Labor Government. He said that time would not permit him to speak of these things at length. Apparently he thought that time spent in the fanatical abuse of the Labor party would be more likely to influence the electors than would an intelligent and reasonable survey of the problems that have to face whatever administra-

Incidentally he tells the meat producers of Australia that efforts will be made to get their produce to the oversea markets, but he says nothing about providing the meat consumers of Australia with this class that confidence, not only betrayed his great trust, but has chosen to join food at a reasonable price. The welfare and convenience of Australians of forces with Labor's bitterest enemies, and to out-Herod them all in his

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A LUCID STATEMENT OF FACTS

BY HUGH MAHON, M.H.R.

Speaking at Perth on March 20th, Hugh Mahon said, in part:

Labor and Conscription.

Before going further I should like to clear away some misapprehen-The idea is sedulously circulated that in opposing conscription for military service abroad the Labor organisations took a retrograde step, and that in advocating this form of conscription Mr. Hughes was carrying out Labor principles. A brief retrospect will show how unfounded this supposition is. If you go back to the time when the first Defence Bill was under discussion you will find that, in consenting to compulsory service for home defence, the Labor party insisted that no Australian soldier should be sent on service outside Australia except by his own consent. In fact, there is a clause in the Act to that effect. Here is the

Section 49. Members of the Defence Force who are members of the military forces shall not be required, unless they voluntarily agree to do so, to serve beyond the limits of the Commonwealth and those of any territory under the authority of the Commonwealth.

No Overseas Compulsion,

This provision declares beyond all possibility of equivocation the real intention of the Labor party at that time, and I am not aware of any change since. And Mr. Hughes, prior to leaving for England, olemnly pledged that he would be no party to sending a single man on solemnly pledged that he would be no party to sending a single man of foreign service against his will. This declaration has been frequently quoted. It has been brought to the author's notice time after time, but so far as I know he has never adequately explained—much less justified—his departure from the attitude he then assumed.

It is not correct, therefore, to say that the Labor party's opposition to conscription of service abroad is a backward step. On the contrary, Labor's policy throughout has been consistent and straightforward. is Mr. Hughes who has changed his ground. The charge of inconsistency lies against him and his followers alone. It is they who have to answer for a departure from the spirit if not the letter of the Labor platform.

Were I asked for the grounds of Mr. Hughes' conversion tion, my reply must be that I do not know them. So far as I know he never confided them to his Ministerial colleagues. He called secret of members of Parliament, but apparently did not reveal much
Many members complained that they were no wiser coming out of these secret meetings than when they went in. Others remarked that all they had heard might hate been safely disclosed to an enemy udience. There was a good deal of what may be called "hugger mugger in Cabinet and caucus and secret sessions

Frankness Not Manifest

Obscure hints were given freely, and some half-disclosures, cloudy assertions, but no definite facts from which plain men could reach a rational conclusion. As we have seen Mr. Hughes was not a conscriptionist when he left for England in January of last year. returned in August, after some temporising, he pronounced decisively for compulsory service. What brought about the change? As already said, I do not know, for he never told us. All one can do is surmise. We know that while in England he was taken up by the Tory Press and boomed and flattered and feted in unprecedented fashion.

It is stated and not denied that his associates and confidents were chosen almost exclusively from the Tory Class. At any rate, he spoke from many platforms under their auspices, the hereditary enemies of democracy thunderously cheered his sentiments, and their subsidiged press carried his words into every hamlet in Britain. Being without any definite explanation of his change of front, and driven to rely on merely circumstantial evidence. circumstantial evidence, it is possible that in any surmise concerning his otives some injustice may be done Mr. Hughes. But a popular leader who abandons his own policy and embraces that of his opponents must not wonder and ought not complain if his "conversion" excites suspicion.

What the Facts Show.

At this time no one knew, except by intuition or from vague generalities, the actual needs of the Empire. Before going to Englant he had certainly made a promise to the Imperial Government that Australia turned out to be a rash one, quite unjustified by the available resources of Australia in willing and suitable men of military age. It was also unjustified because it ignored two salient factors which should always have been kept in the forefront by any leader to whom Australian

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Kensington, Wed., April 25 J. UNDERHILL Sec.

Eastcourt, who was hardly ready, did well to finish just behind the placed horses.

Books had a great day, and the winding-up event, the Highweight Handicap, fell to Ardrossan, a rank outsider, who just beat the favorite Heatherbrae.

The Victorian jumper, Lobanoff, fell early in the Hurdles, and was destroyed.

Londonderry, who was kept a long way out of the race for over a mile, ran to the leader at the bottom of the hill the last time, but then tired badly and finished nowhere.

Rentile ran off at the second

Fight Ever outclassed the opposi-tion in the First Nursery Handicap, and won by eight lengths. The Vic-torian colt Remmon was never

Tom Castro was badly interfered with at the start in the Tocal Handi-cap, and his pilot almost came off.

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The day wound up slightly favor of books.

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Aleconner was going well at the finish in fifth place.

When the field had gone half a mile in the St. Eeger it locked as if Thana was out to make the running for stable mate Colbert. The Tressady filly was out a dozen lengths at the end of five furlings, and it was cenerally expected that she would be as accorded, while Colbert only ran hird.

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actics.

Taken all round, it was a very be slaves."—"The Public," U.S.A. interesting bout, as evidenced by the continuous cheering of a larger crowd than usual these times. men are to be congratulated: Uren for such a good display against a much heavier man, and McGoorty for stimulants a wonderfully good comeback. The weights were—McGoorty 11st. 9lbs., Uren 10st, 7lbs.

The first preliminary was between Ray Weekes, son of Wally Weekes, and Havilah Uren, younger brother of Tommy. Uren won on points, but TONIC NEEVE NUTS.

Jim Bailey and Les King came together in the second prelim. King AMALGAMATED RAILWAY AND damaged his left hand in the second TPAMWAY SERVICE round and although he shaped leftmuch for him and he gave up in the NOMINATIONS CALLED FOR

a points victory over Les Watson in general secretary, assistant secretary six rounds.

Ern McLaughlin met a much big-ger and heavier boy in Wai Thomas, was all over his opponent, and Association.

knocked him out in the fourth round.

In the main bout of 20 rounds around through branches, signed by six financial members. Matt. Murphy met Percy Young. In Matt. Murphy met Percy Young.

10 round bouts Young has usually held his own with Murphy, but the longer distance showed Matt. his longer distance showed Topics on the salaries as passed by Control of the salaries as passed by Contro superior. After the first four rounds ference are as follows:

Murphy had things very much his

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orearm instead of the glove; in fact The wishes of these citizens re this appears to be a regular fault with him. During the first 10 rounds they had been convicts in the peni-McGoorty took a lot of punishment, tentiary, or Belgians deported to Gerbut, strange to say, in the latter half many, or black slaves in the South

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reported to have wept. I must refer with still greater reserve to the proceedings in Cabinet. By immemorial usage Cabinet transactions are secret. Although Mr. Hughes has forgotten this usage and disclosed to the Press the vote which he says I gave for conscription, it is not my intention to imitate him.

You cannot convert a bad example into a good one by copying it. The Cabinet is not only secret, but until recently its decisions were never recorded. There is no note taken of the discussions of its members; consequently in any dispute it is one Minister's memory against that of consequently in any dispute it is one Minister's memory against that of another. Now, although I must not tell you what took place in Cabinet, I can tell you what did NOT take place there. One thing which did not take place, at least in my presence, was the taking of a vote on conscription. That issue was never put to the Cabinet. A certain allied question was raised, but for the reason already given I cannot refer to it specifi

In the Cabinet

In the nature of things differences of view are found in Cabinets as amongst all other bodies of men, small as well as large. Decisions are arrived at in all Cabinets from which some Ministers strongly dissent. Many things were done merely on the recommendation of the Minister whose department was concerned. This was often inevitable.

Each Minister's hands were full of his own departmental affairs the duties of all were onerous and exacting, and we fell into the habit of usually accepting without much question the advice of the Prime Minister and the Minister for Defence on all matters arising out of the war. We had not the time and seldom had the information necessary to test the views placed before us. In addition to these disabilities it sometimes happened that instant action was required to meet some particular exigency. I had even then an uneasy feeling that the practice was a mistaken one, and looking back over what has occurred, I am now

Several times I urged the transfer to one or two Ministers of the adjustment of many minor affairs, Labor disputes and the like, which occupied much of our time, in order that the Cabinet might be freer t deal with larger problems, but my advice was not accepted. Cabinet often became the automatic registrar of an individual Minister's recommendation and sometimes, I suspect, the registrar of the views of some official. Indeed, in several matters of the first importance, the Cabinet as a body was not consulted at all, action having been taken by the Prime Minister on his own volition or in consultation with one other member of the Government.

I can offer no defence of this state of affairs other than that indicated. I may refer to it in a general way, so that you may understand some of the workings of the Cabinet machine. Possibly the time may come when the restrictions which I have imposed on myself will be removed, and I shall be more free to go into details. But that depends to some extent on what others may do.

Tactics of Mr. Hughes,

Reverting to my narrative, I may say that as referendum day approached, my amazement at the tactics resorted to by Mr. Hughes to snatch a vote for conscription grew apace. Of these tactics I shall say no more now than that which is required to justify the resolve which was hardening in my mind that when the party met I would tender my resignation to them. I refer chiefly to the abuse of the censorship, the subsidising of professional journalists, and the evidently pre-arranged cables from Lloyd George, General Birdwood and others, whose intervention in the domestic affairs of Australia can only be regarded as an impertinence. The culmination came in the attempt to intimidate certain electors from casting a vote on referendum day. With the details of this incident you are happily familiar. I should have been very glad to have assisted in its frustration had I known anything about it. But I was absent in New South Wales at the time, and being ill Senator Gardiner and others refrained from apprising me of the facts and of their intended resignations. All the information available to me came from the Press. But the same newspaper which reported my colleagues' resignations tained a flat denial from Mr. Hughes that any such instructions as those ndemned had been issued by him. It was not until my return to Melbourne nearly a fortnight later that I learned the real truth.

I attended no more meetings of the Cabinet, and as a party meeting was being held almost immediately, I deferred action for intervening days. I was induced to do this because, as I had received my appointment from my fellow members and not from Mr. Hughes, i was proper that I should surrender it to their hands.

Caucus and the Leadership.

The fateful cascus meeting was held on the 14th November. Immediately we met a motion was submitted that Mr. Hughes no longer possessed the confidence of the party. Several amendments were moved (but not put to the meeting) with the view of delaying a decision on the main question. After some speeches from both sides Mr. Hughes arose from the chair, and collecting his papers invited all who supported him followers, and the uprising was so spontaneous that it struck me as having been carefully rehearsed beforehand. It was gathered that the Hughes section had held a preliminary meeting and resolved on their course of action regardless of what the majority of the party might At any rate Mr. Hughes left the meeting without putting, as was his duty as chairman, the motion to a vote. There was no expulsion by the party, as has been represented. Mr. Hughes and every man who went with him abandoned the party of their own volition.

In so doing they violated their pledge according to the general interpretation of it. In any case it is a sheer perversion of the position to exalt them as martyrs who were expelled. They were not expelled, and if they are martyrs, then their martyrdoom is self-inflicted. By forming another party and coalescing with our opponents, they finally Mr. A. W. Buckley, M.L.A., left and 30 expenses.

for the Albury electorate, where he will remain until the second ballot and assist Mr. Bodkin in his campaign.

and if they are martyrs, then their martyrdoom is self-inflicted. By forming another party and coalescing with our opponents, they finally placed themselves outside the pale of the Labor Movement. That is if the constitution is to be upheld. The ridiculous objection which has been taken that the party had no power to depose its leader does not

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call for notice. The authority which creates a leader has, and must have, the inherent power to remove him,

Formation of the Coalition

With the subsequent proceedings you are all fairly familiar through the press. Mr. Hughes formed a Government from his secessionist comrades and carried on in the Lower House with the aid of his erstwhile All went well until the Liberals tired of this arrangement. were not satisfied with dictating the policy which Mr. Hughes had to pursue; they wanted to browse in the rich paddocks of office as well. So they forced a coalition. They had the hardihood to invite the Labot party, to whom they had been applying such epithets as "Huns." 'Traitors," "Men who had handled German gold," to join them in forming a new Government.

It is clear that they either knew they were lying when they applied such epithets to Labor members or else they were lying when they applied extending this invitation to "traitors." They can sit on whichever horn My own opinion is that this offer was bogus, and was made merely to gain time. Because although professing that winning the war was their paramount desire, they haggled for many weeks over the distribution of the loaves and fishes. And they refused to include Sir William Irvine, the most thorough-going win-the-war "patriot" of the But I need not dwell on this squalid and contemptible business except to say that the actors in it touched the high-water mark of hypocrisy. Then we had the spectacle of Mr. Hughes sacrificing without a murmu who had risked political extinction to support his apostasy. This was their reward—to be thrown to the Tory wolves.

Tory Control of the Cabinet. worse than this, from the point of view of the public interest, was that the Tory party were given by Hughes a majority in the Cabinet. You see what this involves. It means that a party whose policy was rejected by the country at the last election is now able to dominate legislation and the administration of the country's affairs. This has been effected behind the back of the electors by party manipulation in Parlia-

Having a majority in the Cabinet, whatever the Cook Tory section says goes. And the party which was entrusted by Australia with power stands to-day powerless. This is such an outrage on the constitutional rights of the nation that every elector should be quick to avenge it and punish its authors at the forthcoming election.

Fusion Policy Now in Force Already, at the instance of the Tory majority, Mr. Hughes has abandoned the levy by which wealth would have contributed a proper quota towards the war and the repatriation of soldiers. Fixing the price of commodities and other reforms accomplished by the Labor party will paper to revoke the regulation providing for preference to unionists in Government employment. And we have been assured by Mr. Gregory that if Sir John abandons this motion he will take it up and press it to a division, in which case it will be abolished, as the vote of one House It will be interesting to see how the deserters from the Labor party, who have been advocating preference to unionists all their political lives, will vote when confronted with this

Some Recent Episodes A brief summary of recent sensational episodes will conclude my remarks. The coalition gave the Hughes-Cook Government an assured majority in the House of Representatives. But in the Senate Labor still retained its power, though reduced in numbers. The Senate had refused to be wheedled, bullied, or coerced; it limited "supply" as it had a right to do, and generally it pursued an independent course. So an intrigue was set afoot to seduce certain Labor Senators from allegiance to their party. The two men selected for attention were due to retire in June, and their prospects of re-election were not considered bright. One of 6 o'clock in the evening, and early next morning his successor was on the Senate door-mat ready to enter and vote for the coalition in a division vital to them. The filling of such vacancy by the State Legislature or Government usually takes weeks, but it was done in a few hours on this Were there no suspicious circumstances other than the indecent haste, strict inquiry would be imperative, but this the Government has refused. As to the plea of ill-health, the senator in question is previously exhibited any trace of serious illness. That the excuse was genuine is shown by the fact that he could have obtained a pair, which would make his vote as effective to his party as if he were presen No sick man is ever refused a pair who gives due notice of his request.

Alleged Attempted Bribery.

In the other case the senator affected alleges that Mr. Hughes promised that "money need not stand in the way" if he was prepared to betray his party. Senator Watson's statement was made to the before he disclosed the facts to the Senate publicly. I heard that statement, and every word of it bore the impress of truth. He was corroborated as to details by two members from his own State, in whom he had confided immediately after his interview with Hughes. The Labor party demanded that the whole business should be investigated by a High finally repudiated his promise and voted against the inquiry, of this he has begun a bogus civil action against (Watson. I say "bogus" ecause if he really wanted to vindicate his reputation he would have taken a course which would permit all the alleged corrupt proceedings In this civil action against Watson no question regarding the resignation of Ready could be asked or answered. is this case, even more than Watson's, which requires to be probed to the

Finally, the conspiracy to turn the Labor majority in the Senate into a minority was temporarily successful, two other Labor senators being absent through illness. The London delegation, consisting of being absent through illness. The London delegation, consisting Hughes and Sirs Forrest and Irvine, were in readiness to depart im diately the approving motion had passed the Senate. rancid for the stomachs of certain Liberals, who refused to swallow the motion. The upshot was that the Government abandoned the motion and the delegation, and in evident desperation precipitated this appeal to the electors. They come before you now brazen in their refusal to allow an adequate and impartial inquiry into the gravest charges that could be brought against public men, and it will be a stain on public life if the electors of this country do not pronounce their condemnation. "Westeralian Worker," March 23rd.

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ONE REASON WHY THE HOME FIRES ARE NOT KEPT BURNING.

When times are bad the poorer class, whose lot is cast amid the restrictions of Sydney, are inclined to direct an envious eye upon their country cousins, and compare positions. Those that do not know the advantages and disadvantages obtaining in both situations, and those that have had no practical experience, often remark, when they are asked to pay high prices as at present for everyday necessaries which that country courses and disadvantages and disadvant conference, and that it was inadvissasked to pay high prices as at present for everyday necessaries which able to have no official check of the business transacted. It was undertiers must be making plenty of money, and they wonder why the land is so empty, and the primary producers so few compared with the urban population. The experienced among them reply that it is because of the commercial system, which is probably the worst in the world, and because of the State Parliament, which is composed principally of city men or those whose interests are urban rather than rural, and who have men or those whose interests are urban rather than rural, and who have men or those whose interests are urban rather than rural, and who have men or those whose interests are urban rather than rural, and who have modified in the sub-committee.

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There are plenty of families in Sydney who would prefer to live in the country, but are deterred by such circumstances as these from taking the step. The spoiled market and bad administration are the disadyantages that have to be found by these than the country and the country.

Dan Clyne made a statement, which, together with the copy of a letter from the Department, appears in another column.

Mr. A. W. Buckley, M.L.A., who was present for a short time, was congratulated upon his election to other column.

No. advantages that have to be faced by those that are not afraid of hard work and of roughing it in the making of a home. In these days of exceptional stress many more might be willing, despite these drawbacks, to go into the country and trust to a better future if they were afforded reasonable facilities of getting quickly on to a block of land; but their purses are not equal to the delays, expense, bother and worry occasioned by red tapeism. In any case, they don't know of any available land to go on to—except an odd piece in some out-of-the-way locality, and of a kind that would require at least a year's preparation before it could be To do that, besides erecting necessary buildings and buying stock and implements, would need an amount of capital which very few working men in Sydney to-day possess. The Government does not help them to get out of Sydney, even to the extent of franking them the railways; and it has no money to advance to settle them, even if it had a suitable place to settle them on, though money appears to always available for works for which there is no real urgency, and to squander on utterly useless objects like the referendum on the question of the closing hour for hotels. Much is said about the evils of congestion, but not a genuine effort is made, or even proposed, to improve country conditions, and give a healthier glow to the home fires about which there is so much empty talk.

good things provided by Mr. J. Reed, bringing the total membership up to tunity to defend themselves against supply of music for the picnic the chairman opened the 180. The funds, too, were in a the charges made against them. In The next meeting is too proceedings with the usual loyal good way. (Applause.)

Mr. W. R. Bailey proposed the Mr. J. Buchanan proposed "The for which he was not responsible. delegates are req "Day we Celebrate" coupled with the Visitors," Messrs. Smith and Martin It was decided that the president

name of the Amalgamated Associa responding.

tion. Mr. Bailey spoke on the ob- Mr. R. Murray proposed the "Boys evidence and prepare a concrete case" which he said was out to gain better and singing "For they are Jolly Good working conditions, wages and the Fellows."

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amalgamation of the whole of the "The Press" was proposed by Mr. peal against these cautions and re-Unions in the service. Mr. Bailey Cameron and responded to by Messrs. primands, and yet these things meant bointed out that there was 17 or 18 Pinkstone and Smith.

different Unions in the service which "The Caterer" was proposed by W. histories were compiled at the end was detrimental to the interests R. Balley, and responded by Mr. J. of twelve months. If the men in their efforts to gain Reed. The toast of "The Chair-better working conditions. If more man," by Mr. S. Clarke, closed the progress report on the subject of the

ent heads of the various Unions he Messrs. Beddoe and Gundry and in another column. was sure it would not be long before the whole of them were combined together. He appealed to those present, who were not members of the Save the King."

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The president also went into the bistory of the Denford prosecution, and stated that a full account of the matter would be furnished the "Co-

The arrangements were carried operator" in order to allow members Amalgamated, to discuss the matter of "One Big Union" amongst their out by Messrs. J. Waish Buchanan, of the Association to thoroughly un members, and thus bring about the Sidebottom, Murray, Methven and W. object which they were aiming at. R. Bailey (Hon. sec.)

MONTHLY MEETING.

There was a full attendance at the all possible assistance. all-day sitting of the Amalgamated Executive, held at head office on Saturday last, the president (Mr. V. G. Kavanagh) in the chair. In the complaints made by porters employabsence of Mr. Corish, Mr. Evers complaints made by acted as minute secretary.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were passed for payment:—"Co-operator" (Good Friday) the men had not been called upon to work overtime. He salaries (head office, for four weeks), 280; rent, £12; lighting, 11/; print-£80; rent, £12; lighting, 11/; printing, £2; branch expenses (Redferr 5/6, Fuelmen 3/10, Eveleigh 7/4), 16/8; fares (F. W. Bell), 5/; council (E. Savage), 13/; No. 3 Board

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A considerable amount of discus- tions.

discussed at some length, and Mr. 12th. COOTAMUNDRA BRANCH 'SMOKO', The speaker regretted there was Campbell's plans were approved.

The president read Mr. Corish's Wages Board,

executive.

THE AMALGAMATED EXECUTIVE A letter was read from the V.R.U. THE RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY

Boards. It was resolved to render DOING.

The president reported upon the brief review of the various Wages first complaints made by porters employ- Boards proceedings, compiled by Mr. through to the capital city. ed at the parcels office, in re over- Corish and submitted to the Exe-Without question Hobert is the most prettily situated capital city in

time. The report was in the terms set out in the "Co-operator" of last week, but the president went on to

Consent was given to the estab

The details of the subject were meeting will not be held until May be put up when the matter is before Powers in regard to the plaint of the

ood way. (Applause.)

One case mentioned a man was reprimanded or cautioned for something

Mr. J. Buchanan proposed "The for which he was not responsible." delegates are requested too be in electrical fitters' assistants and elec-week? business is im-trical mechanics' assistants. The Board was called together on the

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> After returning to Launceston Gentlemen,-The following is a from the East Coast trip I took the

HOLIDAY JOTTINGS

(By Claude Thompson.)

TASMANIAN TOWNS.

would not be so if it were not for th

tourists, who in the season, October-

NO. 2 BOARD (LOCO AND STORES):

May, in every year foregather from the question of reprimands and cauther the question of the question of

No. 4 BOARD (STATIONARY

was present for a short time, was congratulated upon his election to the recolum.

Letters were read from Messrs, it is and Russell on behalf of their clients, the "Co-operator" Company, in which the executive was asked to make some arrangement for the iliquidation of the old standing debt.

The matter was held over until a later stage, when the executive went into committee to consider it. The outcome of the discussion was that the position of the Association in regard to this matter.

Mr. E. D. Campbell, who was present for a short time, was present for a short time, was present for a short time, was congratulated upon his election.

This Board had a preliminary meeting on Tuesday, 3rd April, and arrangements have been made to meet again on Wednesday next, lith inst., which meeting, I understand, will be an inspection at Evel leigh.

No. 5 BOARD APPEAL.

This is expected to come on any portion thereof shall be paid such sum as the executive may approve.

In reference to the complaint by the Tramway Traffic branch on the position of the Association in regard to this matter.

Mr. E. D. Campbell, who was present for a short time, was congratulated upon his election to Parliament. Mr. Buckley assured the executive that the would remain as much an Amalgamated man as ever, and be always willing to assist the Association in any way that he could.

It was resolved that any member of the executive that is absent from a meeting for half a day or any portion thereof shall be paid such sum as the executive may approve.

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The details of the subject were defended in this award. Mr. Kay-nagh and myself are assisting Mr. Geahan in reference to this appeal and feet sure that a good fight will be put up when the matter is before the de Telephone Officers' Association. On

Witness: Yes.

21st March, and the chairman, Mr. food?-Principally clothing.

During my stay in Hobart I

the previous day a female exchange

he suggested that a conference be held between Mr. Warton and myself for the purpose of arriving at sion.

an equitable arrangement. This has been done, but an agreement has not The general secretary, Mr. Claude een arrived at. As we have Thompson, returned to Melbourn the largest number of members. I last week after a most enjoyable and naintain that we should have the instructive visit to Tasmania control of the case, and if the mat- a few days' stay in the Yarra city ter is not fixed up at an early date I Mr. Thompson intended to intend to make a further application to Adelaide for Easter, and probably to the Board and ask for this con-re-visit several South Australian

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THE DANGERS OF A GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED BY LIBERALS

The only way in which the Phughesion Government could be formed was by giving the Liberal party six representatives in the Cabinet as against five representatives of the Hughes party.

town is now called Waratah) woul have absorbed something more than a week. Hence the West Coast trip had to be abandoned for the time had no be abandoned for the time being. During my stay in Hobart I

4. A permanent committee has been appointed, consisting of Messrs. S. Burt, W. T. Loton, A. C. Gillam, W. Burges, D. Forrest, and Sir John Forrest, to make this special appeal and to control the expenditure of the money to the best advantage in furtherance of the propaganda and the other work of the Liberal League throughout the State.

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The Association of the league seems to us the best and most economical channel through which to carry on the proposed work, and we suggest that the permanent committee be authorised to make stand, will be an inspection at Evelophic tramway services. After a most delightful sojourn in the garden island leigh.

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6. It is simply suicidal to sit still and do nothing. We all owe a duty to ourselves and our dependents to take some action to defeat this policy of confiscation and injustice which is so plainly declared.

7. Contributors to this fund will be registered as members of the Liberal League, and will not be asked to contribute in the ordinary way to the funds of the league.

8. We send you a list of promised subscriptions by ourselves, and hope you will add your name to the list for such sum and for such period as, in view of the gravity of the position, you think fit.

This circular was read in the Senate by Senator Needham on March

Senator Needham said, in part:

"That was signed by Sir John Forrest, Sept. Burt, and W. T. Loton. Those gentlemen have agreed to subscribe £100 each per annum for COOTAMUNDRA BRANCH 'SMOKO',
The speaker regretted there was not an executive officer present to explain more fully the working of the polical Town Hall on Saturday, 37st place and the election of officials was march. There were about 60 per means of keeping a representation. The entered in getting there was present.

Regret was expressed at the abmence of an executive officer at the function.

Mr. J. Walsh, branch chairman, Mr. J. Walsh, branch chairman, Mr. J. Walsh, branch chairman, Mr. J. Quadry sang "Beware" in his usual capable style.

After justice had been done to the good things provided by Mr. J. Reed, bringing the total members and coult the the men have agreed to subscribe a special and those associated with him think of a man holding office in the present doctor the explain more fully the working of the explain more fully the working of the splain more fully the working of the past. The delegates from the various date due the free the acting Leader of the Sanate and those associated with him think of a man holding offect in the Complete. The capable of the contaminant the count of the capable attendant said she could not possibly attendent the "Co-operator," we have claims lodged because of the financial magnates. And the Court claims by the Ironovokers' Assistance of the financian the count of the capable ath three years. What does the acting Leader of the Senate and those asso-

Mr. Skewes: Do you really mean but saving their own banking accounts. It has not been published in No. 4 BOARD (TRAMWAY). to say that you have to do without This is an application to include the necessities of life on £2/2/ per Septimus Burt promised £100 per year for three years to help the sick and wounded men coming back after fighting the Empire's battles on the fields of France. That circular seeking financial assistance to defeat the Are you speaking of clothing or taxation proposals of the Labor party was signed by the present Treasuret of the Commonwealth in order to save his own pocket, and now we find 21st March, and the chairman, Mr. Another lady witness said she was Senator Pearce, Senator Russell, Mr. Hughes, and two others who were een presented to the Board both now a clerk in a merchant's office at in the late Government, in the same Cabinet with Sir John Forrest, who

been presented to the Board both from the Amalgamated and from the Amalgamated and from the Tramway Union, but as cally one the Tramway Union, but as cally one to f claims could be dealt with by the Board, and only one union given charge of the case before the Board, he suggested that a conference be sideration. She had fainted under he suggested that a conference be sideration. She had fainted under for extra Exchange as telephonist, but would not go back to the work for the case before the Board, and only one union given the suggested that a conference be sideration. She had fainted under forment, in the same cabinet with Sir John has control of the purse strings, and can direct the taxation proposals of the Government in regard to winning the war."

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LABOUR DAILY: M. A. O'DONNELL.

Hall on Sunday, 1/4/17, there being a very fair attendance. In reference Fund; it was decided to appoint a to the correspondence from H. traffic collector for this good work. Aubrey, hon, secretary to the communities appointed by the railway employee should take mittee appointed by the railway employees in this depot already for the ployees rethe removal of the Pendanger. The contention of the Pendanger and the progress of the fusal when requested by the works arily vacated by a passenger to be occupied by another. Traffic Appeal being heard by Mr. Dustice Rolin, and read a letter which appeared to invite the know what it is to treat this matter. The content of the porting Mr. Gardiner.

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One of the most successful and enthusiastic meetings of this branch was received; he has been a member was held on Sunday morning the 1st of the branch for some years, and

retary, the assistant secretary, and two organisers. It was decided to nominate Mr. Claude Thompson as taken by Mr. Geo. Shute.

peal; this matter was now well in organisers.

From Head office re the amount of the branch. considered very satisfactory.

cert be held on Saturday, May 12th, and a committee was formed to carry out the necessary arrangements. The price for the tickets was fixed at 1/6, so that all may be able to attend and enjoy themselves. An invitation was extended to the executive officers of the Assemble was said.

Ings on March 31st.

Mr. Mick Kelly presided, and there as a long of traffic men, clearly showing that they are a long of the meeting, and a keen interest was manifested in all that was said.

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ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE.

G. R. O'Donnell, a storeman in the stores branch, Eveleigh, was discontinuous distribution. awarded to Mr. Shute.

It was resolved that a smoke concert be held on Saturday, May 12th.

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to the executive officers of the Association, and it is hoped that the members of this branch will remember and keep that night open so that be and keep that night open so that

WATERFALL.

We mentify meeting of the Waterfall branch was held on March 15th, Mr. Woodward presiding over a good number of members, and although the loco, department has been removed to Thirroul, quite a number have made themselves financial or shown their willingness to do detail.

Mr. Kavanagh pleaded guilty on chalf of O'Donnell, and, after having heard the cause of appellant's absence, the Board decided to reinstate him on April 1st.

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Office, placed before those present were urged to assist in obtaining the necessary facts, so that when the deputation again meets the Commissioners this information can be supplied.

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LABOUR DAILY: M. A. O'DONNELL.

W.E.A.: M. ARNOLD.

BRANCH MEETINGS

From Head office re affiliation with P.L.L.; this was thought to be a step in the right direction.

From Head office relative to the case of junior porter W. R. Chown, The monthly meeting of this of Goondah; this case was satisfactor branch was held in the Temperance branch was held in the Temperance to ranch was decided to appoint a very fair attendance. In reference

Lawrance, of Stanwell Park.

A long discussion toook place in connection with the doings at the date annual conference, principally on the support given Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Kavanagh (president of the would have some information to give hem.

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Will members please note and date.

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Complaint.

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Nominations for the positions of general secretary and assistant secretary were considered, and it was decided to nominate Mr. C. Thompson and Mr. Corrish, respectively.

Regarding unfinancial members, it Resolved that the Superintendent Resolved that the Superintendent would he please send his address of Mr. J. McAllster, who was transferred from the had one of the worst lengths on the lay on 28/3/17.

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ing short time period of January; it secretary of the local P.L.L. asking time, it has been decided to ask the was decided that guards shall bring for assistance for the Labor candi-chairman of the Goulburn branch to this matter under notice of the secretary when similar circumstances

It was resolved that this branch a thorough amalgamated member.

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sitting another day.

A hearty vote of thanks was A mass meeting of the Traffic em-

they may have a good time to-

Two new members were admitted.
Mr. Hopkins, of Waterfall, and Mr.
F. Lawrence of Stanwell Park

Resolved to draw the Superintendent of lines, attention to the fact ply to correspondence re sick pay.

Resolved to write to the District wellbrook branch will be held at the series Superintendent, Junee, for reply to Railway, April 14th, at 3 p.m. made all local arrangements, and at Springdale (North end.)

The monthly meeting of the Muss-colved; he has been a member to the branch for some years, and is now retired from his position as guard, having attained the age of 60 years. The members deeply regret that a fellow member like Mr.

GOULBURN.

date. The letter was received. make the presentation. "Paddy" is

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nominate Mr. J. Kearney, of the
Sydney Ticket Staff, as one of the in the person of Arthur Ayre, gan-"Paddy" is The adjourned meeting of the

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the business transacted, and defended the action of conference in sitting another day. A hearty vote of thanks was a mass meeting of the Traffic em-

on Sorrell's part, and that the pur ishment was rather severe, and there

Sorrell to the position of 2nd class

that was said.

Guard Francis and Mr. A. Evers missed on 1/3/17 for absenting him(general treasurer) gave a lengthy self from duty without leave.

"PERSISTENT AND DEFIANT INSUBORDINATION."

ate.
Mr. Stead, of Darling Harbour,
Mr. Shenstone, works manager at directed as per charge No. 1, 9/2/

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Commissioners had only agreed that the recommendation of the Goods lant appeared on the scene and state.

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and Stereotyper.
VICTORIA ARCADE, SYDMEY punishment. The Board, after a short retirement, dismissed the appeal.

As he had no one to appear for peal. As he had no one to appear for him. Mr. Kavanagh interviewed the

appellant for a few minutes, and he

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converted into a motor launch in a few minutes. I weighs but 65lb., and is fixe to the stern of a boat by two thumb-screws. It is excep-tionally well made. The en-gine develops 2½ h.p., a speed

of from 2 to 8 miles per hour being obtained. The bronze propeller is 9in in diameter. The fly-wheel, on the top of the motor, contains a high-tension magneto, and but two or three turns of the fly-wheel suffice to start the engine. The rudder, also of bronze, is fitted outside the propeller, and is worked by means of a lever. The engine is reversible—an important consideration—but not complicated. The material used in t construction of the motor is chosen for adaptability to its particular work. haust is rendered almost noiseless by the use of an expansion muffler.

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CASUAL MEN AND SUPER-ANNUATION DEDUCTIONS

peal to the engineer against his Board decided to reinstate Moloney made from the wages of casual punishment. made from the wages of casual service or longer refunds of contri-hands, which is said to be causing butions could not be granted. In

partment.

After going into the evidence the tor being dispensed with for departmental reasons other than an offence, he will be entitled to a gratuity not exceeding one month's pay

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cleaners was cited before the Board. They were brought on for three o four months at a time, stood off, and brought on again from time to time CLYNE.

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sas held on Sunday morning the last of the branch for some years, and finst. Durling the week previous to is now retired from his position as this date a notice of meeting was award, having attained the age of the beld at the seernmake; it his business to attend, as great that a fellow member like Mr. Y. G. Kavanagh appeared on the eulbetes to be dealt with con. Dodd should leave our ranks, but members are asked to note the although the appointed time. It am, will. It was resolved that a letter were pleasing to the officers to see the proposal was crowded, and it was be sent to Mr. Dodd expressing the roof make themselves and the form was crowded, and honorary member where pleasing to the claim of \$17/13/3 had to see this member as a substitute of the branch for some years, and the department of the subjects. The emeting of the Singleton townsmen, wereracedfor. The employees handicap to the plant, \$1/12/1916. Mr. Wallace asked for further in plant to the partment, and Mr. Webby hand the serve that a fellow member like Mr. Was an shapp. All members are asked to note the although the appointed time, \$11 a.m., was placed on scratch. Mrs. Salcair, for the married agone astray, and the department, as "pare" Campbell at the serve pleasing to the officers to see that be retired to see that the remains and the serve pleasing to the officers to see that the roof the server pleasing to the claim of \$17/13/3 had to be plain, \$1/12/1916. Mr. V. G. Kavanagh appeared on the department, and the well be plain, that a case of cigarettes had a fixer to complete against the first of the server the domain of \$17/13/3 had to be plain, \$1/12/1916. Mr. V. G. Kavanagh appeared on the department, and the department, and the subject. The end to the department, and the department, and the subject and the subject in the subject of the department, and the subject in the part of the department, and the subject in the subject in the subject in the subj

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