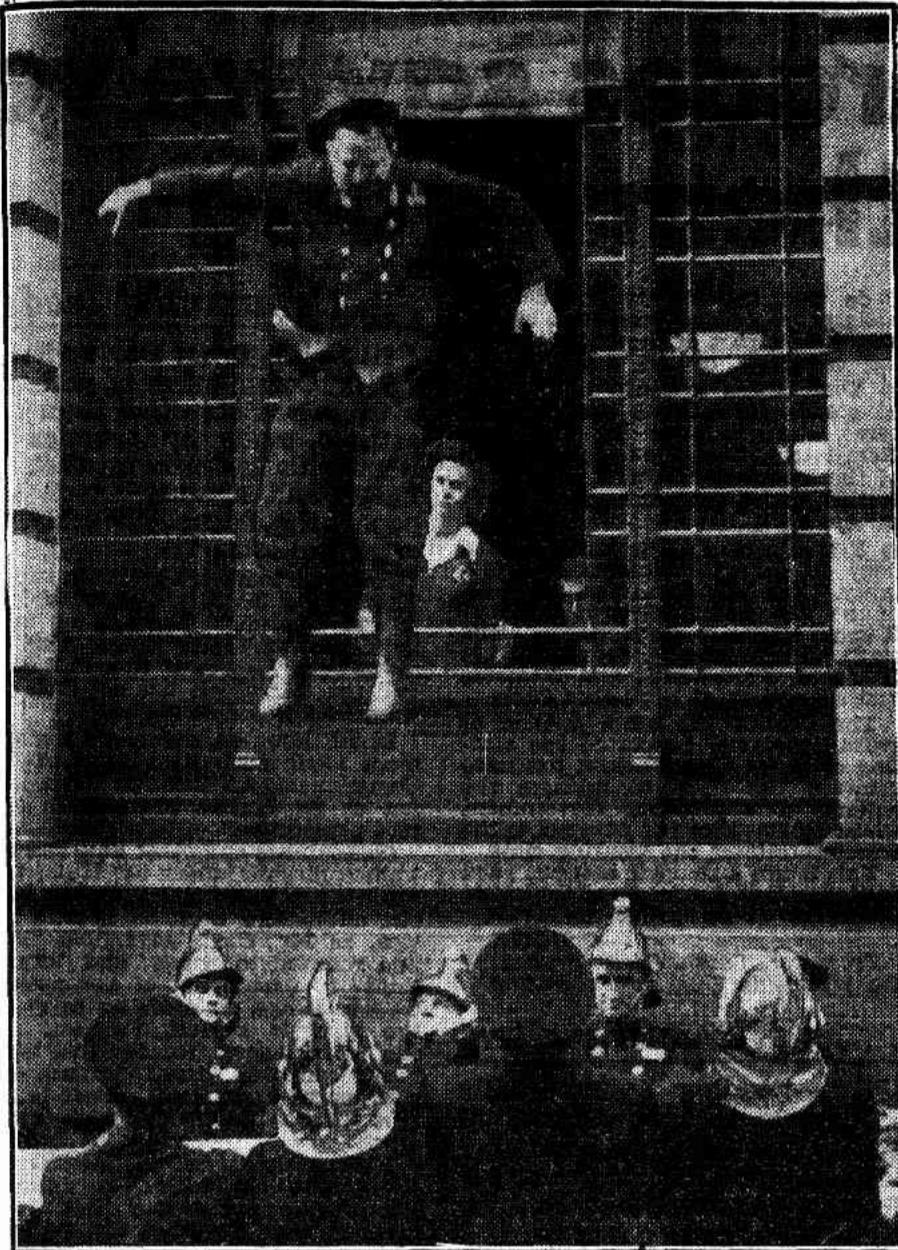


**JUMP FROM CITY BANK**



**FIREMAN** jumping from the Commonwealth Bank building into an outstretched sheet during the fire prevention display in Martin Place yesterday.

**HONOR FOR BLAMEY SUPPORTED**

**Promotion To Field-Marshal "Just Reward"**

Conferring of the rank of Field-Marshal on General Sir Thomas Blamey would be a timely tribute to a great soldier, the Director-General of Demobilisation (Lieut.-General Savige) said yesterday.

General Savige said he would be surprised if the Federal Government did not seriously consider making such a recommendation to the British Government.

An Imperial appointment of this type would be a gesture of Australia's part in the war, and the service rendered by General Blamey, as Australian Commander-in-Chief, he added.

General Blamey retired from his command last week.

The Daily Telegraph, in an editorial yesterday, suggested that General Blamey should be raised to the rank of Field-Marshal.

General Savige said appointment of General Blamey as a field-marshal would not represent any technical difficulty, although it would be a precedent.

**Automatic Head**

In peacetime, retiring soldiers who had rendered exemplary service to the Empire were raised to the rank of field-marshal.

Such an appointment would make General Blamey automatic head of the Australian Armed Forces on the active list, but this position would probably be more nominal than real.

General Savige said General Blamey had proved himself an exceptional leader and tactician.

"He had one principle which he instilled into his troops—that a soldier's duty was to fulfil the requirements of his Government, no matter what brand of politics that Government might represent," General Savige said.

"In the critical days of the war no better principle could have been enunciated."

State president of the Returned Soldiers' League (Mr. J. C. Neagle) said last night that Australia should not be behind other nations in recognising her greatest war leader.

"Not only would it be conferring a personal honor on an outstanding soldier, but it would be a mark of gratitude to all the men in the Australian fighting services," Mr. Neagle said.

"Just as often one man receives a decoration for his whole unit in a battle campaign, General Blamey would be carrying the medal for the mob."

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**Explosion In Car Kills 2, Injures One**

PERTH, Wednesday.—An explosion in a moving car today killed two women and seriously injured a man.

Detectives are investigating a theory that an explosive had been placed deliberately in the car.

The women were blown almost to pieces by the explosion.

They were: Mrs. Elizabeth Rhodes, 60, and her daughter, Mrs. Betty Baird, 30, both of Ascot Inn, Belmont.

The man injured is James Alexander Baird, 45, husband of Mrs. Baird. All had been living at Ascot Inn as guests of the licensee, Mr. Ronald Rhodes, who was to have been married today.

When the explosion took place, Mrs. Baird was driving along the Great Eastern Highway. Mrs. Rhodes was sitting beside her.

**TEMP. 10 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL**

Sydney's maximum temperature of 67 degrees yesterday was 10 degrees below the normal temperature for this time of the year.

At 9 a.m. yesterday moderate to heavy rain had fallen over north-eastern districts of New South Wales. Scattered thunderstorms were recorded on the northern tablelands.

Nearly four inches of rain fell at Ballina, three inches at Byron Bay, and two inches at Maclean and Mullumbimby.

**No Pork For Civilians Yet**

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.—Regulations prohibiting the civilian consumption of pork are not likely to be relaxed for at least six months, a meat control spokesman said today.

Restrictions would not be lifted until adequate supplies had been sent to the United Kingdom, he added.

Australia wanted to export more pig meat to Britain because of the shortage of lamb and mutton.

**Offer Of Frequency Modulation Station**

Consolidated Press, Ltd., Sydney, would be prepared to establish a frequency modulation and television station for experimental purposes if the Federal Government gave the authority.

So Mr. E. W. MacAlpine (Editor-in-Chief of Consolidated Press, Ltd.) told the Parliamentary Broadcasting Committee yesterday.

"Some organisation should undertake the research under licence from the Government, and Consolidated Press is prepared to do it," said Mr. MacAlpine.

"If Australia is not to lag behind in the exploitation of these developments in radio, permission should be given without delay."

"A great deal of experiment will be necessary."

"We are vitally interested in frequency modulation, television, and facsimile."

"We believe that licences for stations prepared to experiment should be offered on a competitive basis."

"Subject to the usual requirements, the licence should go to the highest bidder."

"This would bring additional revenue to the Government."

**What It Means**

Facsimile reproduction is a means of transmitting diagrams, maps, photos, or printed matter over telephone lines or by radio waves.

By means of mechanism attached to an ordinary radio receiving set, it is possible for a newspaper complete with illustrations to be printed in the home.

The "newspaper" comes out in a long roll about foolscap width. Letterpress is "printed" by the machine at a faster rate than it can be comfortably read.

It is possible to leave the automatic machine running overnight and have the full newspaper prepared for the next morning.

Any existing radio receiver could be equipped with facsimile reception apparatus.

**Bill To Ban Obscene Reports**

Publication of obscene or indecent evidence given in any law court will be forbidden in a bill to be submitted to the State Parliament next week.

The bill was approved by the State Labor Caucus yesterday.

A section of Caucus urged that the bill should be similar to the English Act, which limits divorce court reports to the names of parties, grounds for the petition, summary of the case by the judge, and the verdict.

The bill as finally approved permits publication of divorce court evidence, provided it is not obscene or indecent.

The bill defines as indecent evidence which is against public morality and decency.

A Labor member said last night that the bill would tighten up the existing law and permit offenders to be prosecuted successfully.

**SANTA CLAUS SHIP TAKES XMAS DINNERS TO FLEET**

H.M.S. Tyne will leave Sydney today for Tokio and Hongkong with the Christmas dinners of the destroyer flotillas of the British Pacific Fleet.

Known as the "Santa Claus" ship, Tyne has been loading Christmas and New Year supplies in Sydney for more than a week.

Yesterday's loading was a sample of the food placed in the ship in large quantities this week.

It included: 2000lb. turkey, 100lb. plum pudding, one case mince meat (for pies), 100 cases bananas, oranges, apples, two

**BOXER'S BODY FOUND IN HARBOR**

The body of Arthur Messenger, 37, a lightweight boxer who used the name of Art Walker, was found in the harbor near Manly wharf, Circular Quay, yesterday.

Walker fell overboard from a Luna Park ferry near Circular Quay last Friday after a scuffle on board.

A lifebelt was thrown to him, but Walker made no attempt to use it.

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