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SUMMARY.

Proposals for establishing a national electrical scheme in Great Britain have been advanced by Mr. Baldwin.

Unless electrical power was developed on a large scale, he said, Britain would be seriously handicapped industrially.

Since reopening after the holidays business on the London Stock Exchange has been dull.

There has been an improvement in the market for butter in England. The Australian wine trade shows an increase.

There has been a slump in the market for Australian eggs. There are complaints of some having been unsalable.

There is marked unrest among the peasants in various parts of Russia. Murders of Communist officials are reported.

Moscow has agreed to participate in the League of Nations preliminary discussion next month on disarmament.

A number of important changes in important administrative positions at the Communist headquarters have taken place in Russia.

An expert expresses the opinion in the "Yorkshire Post" that manufacturers cannot ignore the existence of artificial wool.

Those best qualified to judge, he says, consider that it will have to be seriously reckoned with.

Proposals to establish a system of wool control were rejected at a meeting of the British Wool Federation at Bradford.

The United States Attorney charged with enforcing prohibition in New York says that "well-intentioned people favour prohibition."

He speaks despondently of enforcement, however, and says that the law "is only 10 per cent. enforceable."

A reduction in the age of the prison population is commented upon by the United States Prison Commission.

It points out that a large number of the inmates of the famous Tombs Prison, New York, are between 16 and 20.

It is claimed in London financial circles that London is a more favourable borrowing centre for Australia than New York.

A scheme for raising £100,000 for securing the Shahlinger treatment to Great Britain has been announced at Manchester.

A London paper says that chainmakers are being offered a minimum wage of £5 to migrate to Queensland.

Pearls estimated to be worth £1,840,000 were bequeathed by the late Queen Margherita to her son, King Victor Emmanuel.

German ambassadors in allied countries are seeking to obtain statements regarding the number of troops to be maintained on the Rhineland.

It is rumoured in London that a special list of Wembley honours will be announced shortly.

A steamer has left England to lay a duplicate and improved cable between Fremantle and Cocos.

Sir Joseph Cook has protested against "deprecatory Press cables from Australia being despatched to London."

There has been a heavy fall of snow in Europe. England is reported to be snow-bound.

The finance committee of the French Chamber of Deputies has agreed further to consider the Government's financial programme.

Lord Allenby was welcomed by soldiers in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall at Moss Vale on Saturday.

He expressed great pleasure at meeting men who had been with him in Syria and Palestine.

The brunt of the heavy work there, he said, fell on the Australian Light Horse.

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Lord Allenby also declared himself a pacifist, and said those who had been through a war never wished to go through another.

They were proud of having done it successfully and victoriously, but they did not want to have to do it again.

Lady Allenby, in an interview, described the life of the Egyptian women.

They left off their veils when they visited Europe, and were loth to resume them when they returned home.

Taken as a whole, Lady Allenby said, the lot of the Englishwoman in Cairo was not a bad one.

In parliamentary circles on Saturday the Premier's direction that "pairs" must be withdrawn in the Legislative Council was discussed.

It was considered doubtful whether the direction would be obeyed by all the members concerned.

It is understood that the Government intends to deal with eleven bills now on the business paper before the session ends.

Amongst these is the bill for the abolition of the Upper House and the retention of railway passes bill.

The steamer Atlantiocs, which grounded when leaving Geraldton with a wheat cargo, had one of her plates damaged.

She has been brought to Fremantle, where the damage will be repaired.

The Commissioner of Police said on Saturday that his views on the carrying of handcuffs by police were unchanged.

His proposal was based on the experience of older countries where the criminal type was superior to our own.

In those countries police officers refused to carry handcuffs, as they found them unnecessary.

All the recognised political parties are calling for nominations for the Eden-Monaro seat, vacant through the death of Sir Austin Chapman.

Major John Austin Chapman, a son of the late Sir Austin, has announced his candidature for selection in the Nationalist interest.

In St. James' Church last night, Bishop Halse, of Riverina, delivered a sermon on Modern Christianity.

There were features of religion in the village, the country town, and the city, he said, which made them rivals to Christianity.

A fire in some nitrate of soda on the barquentine Fennia was discovered at Yarraville, Victoria, on Saturday.

The crew fought the flames, and had almost mastered them before the fire brigades arrived.

Twelve bags of nitrate of soda were destroyed and the vessel's hold was slightly damaged.

Mr. E. Tindall, an old-time international cricketer, and a contemporary of Spofforth, died on Saturday, aged 75 years.

In the lawn tennis matches at Rushcutter Bay on Saturday between city and country teams, city teams were successful.

Large numbers of people visited the motor show on Saturday, and took great interest in the exhibits.

The widow of the late Mr. J. D. Holman, M.L.A., of Perth, has been granted £3 a week from her husband's estate.

At the Sports Ground, on Saturday, G. A. Dempsey, with W. Coppins as partner, won the 100 kilometres teams' race.

The annual swim at Perth, from Crawley Bay to the A.N.A. clubhouse—three miles less 110 yards—was won by C. Baker.

His swimming time was 1 hour 42 minutes 42 seconds. He had a handicap of 10 minutes.

F. Doyle, at the Domain baths, on Saturday, swam 100 yards in 54 1-5 seconds, the fastest time ever made by an Australian.

The 16-footers sailing handicap on Saturday was won by Avalon, with Hallmark second, and Furious third.

In the athletic track competitions, University and Western Suburbs clubs are equal in the McDonald Memorial Cup.

The January Handicap at the Rosehill meeting was won on Saturday by Moonah by three-quarters of a length.

Only limited business was done in investment shares on the Stock Exchange on Saturday.

In the mining market the turnover also was small, but values appreciated.

Forecast.—Warm and sultry generally; mostly fine in the eastern half of the State, but unsettled conditions with rain and some thunder in northern areas and in scattered parts of the coast. S.E. and E. winds, chiefly fresh to squally, on the north coast.

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