

THE CALL

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TOM WALSH TRIUMPHS

Tom Walsh, the seamen's dictator, has triumphed. And no doubt he is a very satisfied man.

It is not so very long since Walsh set out to put the Commonwealth Shipping Line in its place. The fact that it was Australian-owned, and manned by White Australians didn't make any difference to Tom Walsh.

It has been a long and pathetic fight that the Commonwealth line has tried to put up. It was latterly a case of the people against Walsh, and Walsh, thanks to a great body of unionists deserting the people's cause, has won.

The destiny of the line after that is uncertain, but the ships will pass into the hands of outsiders, probably foreigners some of them, and possibly Asiatics.

The Commonwealth line had little chance from the start. Because it was government-owned it was voted fair game by the direct-actionist and the industrial gangster, and they set about the task of bleeding the public in every possible way.

No doubt many of the seamen are rejoicing at Mr. Walsh's victory. Later on they may have time to change their opinions.

In the meantime sane Laborites have real cause to mourn over the fact that one of the most ambitious State enterprises ever launched has been killed by Labor.

"POMMIES"

Someone in authority should remove the impression that a few mischief-makers are continually contriving to make on new-arrivals with regard to the word "Pommy."

It is neither offensive in origin nor in intention, and only fool-minds want to make it so. The word originated as much of the old rhyming slang and sprung from the similarity in sound between the words "immigrant" and "pomegranate," the rosy complexion of the average Englishman and the average pomegranate adding to the popularity of the expression.

It is no more offensive to call an Englishman a "pommy" than it is to call an Australian "digger" or "cobber." The only time the word is offensive is when the user wants to make it so, and of course that can apply to any nickname.

The new-arrival should be informed of the harmlessness of the term directly he is welcomed to the State.

SPOILING OUR CASE

Nothing can do more to spoil a good case than the testimony of irresponsible witnesses.

Apparently under the terms on which the Royal Commission on Western Australian disabilities was appointed, anybody can give evidence, which, of course, is a wise provision.

There has been some splendid evidence tendered before the Commission, and also quite a quantity which isn't worth the paper it is written on, for the simple reason that the witnesses have no claim to speak with an authoritative voice.

We have no doubt of the ability of Mr. Higgs and his colleagues to separate the wheat from the chaff, but at the same time some of the stuff put forward is anything but a testimony to Western Australian intelligence.

It should have been plainly emphasised in the beginning who were the advisory committee's special witnesses and who were the independent "authorities."

THE WAY OF THE WEEK CASUAL COMMENT—ON MEN AND THINGS

Prime Teddy's Trips

THE English Labor Party was not slow in issuing a disclaimer of any connection with the statements made by Labor Member Kirkwood, attacking the tours of the Prince of Wales.

THE Maritime Mystery. The Maritime thiefs on the Australian coast are so rare that the little excitement provoked by a stray Norwegian craft near Newcastle last week has set half Australia conjecturing.

Not Co-operation. Co-operation has always been the essence of Labor's platform, but it's trespassing on the co-operative spirit when the Freemantle lumpers, already out of pocket as a result of the maritime strike,

Not Likely. THE Labor selection ballots have not unearthed any inspiring champions to carry the party's colors in the next Federal re-shuffle.

Wireless Advances. MARCONI'S annual report sums up well the progress made all over the world in the last year by wireless and its various ramifications.

Hard to Believe. HERE'S a disquieting fact: Australia ranks next to America and Italy in the yearly number of suicides, on a population basis.

day at a point where the next move will bring astounding changes to the world's established means of communication.

Coming West. BRUCE comes West shortly with Pearce to show him round. Strange how this casual Western Australian representative regularly comes home when something special is on.

Trolley Extension. MELBOURNE, having declared most emphatically against trolley extension and the electrification of the present cable service,

About Time. PRIME Minister Bruce in a communicative moment the other day told the public that he was moving to have the term "Colonial Office" as applied to the department in London, which deals with Australia,

Much Missed. LABOR will miss J. B. Holman. He was one of the constructionists of the movement, who fought hard and bit hard when necessary,

Not Rushed. THE cabled news from London that nobody seems violently inclined to purchase the Australian Commonwealth liners isn't unexpected.

Widening the Beach. THE proposal to open the public parks for Sunday afternoon tennis in Sydney is meeting with a storm of dissent from many of the churches.

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BITES! "The Bullant."

Oh! "Picking Up Places": The Bargain sales? Dr. Anderson narrowly escaped being gellig-knigged? Girls Note! Apples are the only Australians with brown hearts. Dark Perth's only open air theatre has been declared "black." Yes Dr. Anderson is quite mad about the gelignite episode. Our Warning We threaten a boycott of our laundryman if Sun Yat Sen dies again. The Good Oil Says the "West": The oil question: How many miles to the gallon, we'd suggest. Right "Prince of Wales Trips." News heading. Usually when he's on horseback we presume. In Pieces A woodman the other day dropped a roll of notes into a chaffcutter. Another woodman's pile cut up. He Ought To "Mr. Guggenheim has secured the services of Mr. Aylett to conduct the foundation." News Item. We hope he does. Their Way The steward of the Maheno, who is said to have given DeGaris away, has been censured by his union. Apparently a steward's duty is to receive tips not give them.

KILLING TIME

The greatest problem of the idle is to kill time. For time is a stubborn thing and fights hard against being killed in anything but a good cause. And after all there is rarely any need to kill it. The necessities of the world are so many that the time of every man in it can be usefully and even pleasurably employed. Time wasn't made to be killed, but to be used. And there is more delight to be had in using it than killing it. It is possible for us to gain something out of every second of our existence. And if we care to, everyone of us can learn how.

CASUAL JINGLES (By "VEE-CEE.")

FIVE HUNDRED PER ANNUM Englishman, young, educated, wishes meet lady, spinster or widow, age in material, with income of 1500 per annum or over, will view to above.—DISE's office, Advt in Tuesday's "West Australian." LBT to the plea of this pertinent poem WHO's out for lassoing a lady. Not caring her features or where she is from, or whether she's dark or is shady; He wants up to be out of the everyday ruck, And dwell in comubial clover, So now for a lady he's trying his luck With five hundred per annum —Or Over!

NOT A FABLE Once upon a time Our seamen used to say What a great thing It would surely be If we had Aussie ships Owned by the Aussie people And run in their interests By White Aussie crews. And then a good fairy In the annual shape Of little Billy Higgs Suddenly appeared And supplied those ships; And everyone said, "How happy in future The seamen will be!" But before very long The seamen themselves Began to cry out, And then they left work,

And held up the ships, Until now we find That there will be no peace Until they are sold. And so before long These good Aussie ships That we all dreamed Would always be run In good Aussie interests By White Aussie seamen Will go to other hands, And probably be run By foreign crews. And perhaps be manned By Chinks or Japs To fill the purse, Of some foreign firm, Which seems to suggest That the fable about The fools that killed The goose that laid The good golden eggs Was not so much a fable After all! Don't you think so? STOKER! —VEE-CEE.

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