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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. As a matter of hard fact it probably influenced him in his onslaught against jecturing. The aimless inquiries of it, for, after all, Walsh is not an Australian, and a White Australia is something which he doesn't support.

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 complications. of unionists deserting the people's cause, has won. The Prime Minister has announced his intention of submitting to Parliament a proposition to dispose of the whole calamitous undertaking, and there is little doubt but that Parliament will give its approval, and so save further waste of public funds.

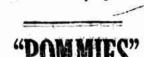
The destiny of the line after that is uncertain, but the ships will pass into the hands of outsiders, probably foreigners some of them, and possibly Asiatics. The ships that White Australians manned will fly the flags and carry the crews of all sorts of polyglot peoples, and the money that used to go into Australian homes will go to support races who one day may fight against us. It is a great victory!

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 hey set about the task of bleeding the public in every possible way. The history of the concern has been marked by a disastrous sequence of industrial hold-ups. And in the final phases the Government has been faced with the alternative of disposing of the line, or handing over the control to the Walsh interloper and his creatures. It has to choose the lesser of the two humiliating alternatives and sell.

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.



Someone in authority should remove the impression that a few mischief-makers are continually contriving to w-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. But in the meantime quite a lot of imnecessary petty feeling is being caused by the propagation by some of our own citizens of the idea that the expression is an insult.

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. But there should be some distinction between those witnesses whom the State considers important and valuable, and others whose main desire is to rush into the lime-

light as authorities on the subject. 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 But he's easy to please and he won't the witnesses have no claim to speak with an authoritative voice. The consequence has been a lot of unnecessary He's evidently hardly a glutton for wordspinning and side-tracking of issues that will only serve But he thinks he's some shucks as to make the task of the Commissioners more difficult.

We have no doubt of the ability of Mr. Higgs and his For five hundred per annumcolleagues to separate the wheat from the chaff, but at the same time some of the stuff put forward is anything but a Go slow, bright young man, educated 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." Then the For persons blue-blooded and British Commissioners would have known beforehand just how much value they were expected to attach to some of the mere piffle presented to them.

**-ON MEN AND THINGS** 

Prince Teddy's Trips

THE English Labor Party was not slow in issuing a disclaimer of any conection with the statement by Labor Member Kirkwood attacking the tours of the Prince of Wales. When Labbe considers that these trips are not a pleasure jaunt, but a public duty, the nation-wide apwoval of the monarchy as an essential part of England's democracy needs no further evidence.

The Maritime Mystery

MARITIME thrills on the Australian coast are so rare that he little excitement provided by tray Norwegian craft near Newcastle last week has set half Australia consome strange woman, and the fact that a heavily-laden ship happened o wander off her course provided the heme for the rumor-mongers to concoct quité an intriguing romance Anyhow Norway doesn't cut much ice possible field for international

Not Co-operation

CO-OPERATION has always been the essence of Labor's platform, but it's trespassing on the -operative spirit when the Fre mantle lumpers, already out of poc et as a result of the maritime strike and their £1000 fine, are asked to put in" to pay the costs of Tom Valsh's action in the Melbourne Walsh's action ourts. Many of them no doubt would willingly subscribe to a fund to give Walsh his walking ticket to some other part of the world.

Not Likely

THE Labor selection ballots have not unearthel any inspiring hampions to carry the party's col-The paucity of experienced men to contest a seat so important as Perth s evident by the selection of R. D. ane to tussle with E. A. Mann. The chances of a hard worker like the sitting member being displaced by a comparative newcomer as Lane is, are iturally on paper small. Labor can hardly hope to go faverite to the polls when personality is so lacking in most of its selected candidates.

Wireless Advancés

MARCONES annual report sums up well the progress made all over the world in the last year by wireless and its various ramifications. What interests us most, however, is the fact that the establishment of stations which will make possible continuous communication between England and Australia should soon be n'ected. Commercial wireless is to-

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 Aus tralian representative regularly comes home when something special is on At other times we rarely see him However Pearce as senator is rapidly approaching his eclipse.

Tromway Extension

MELBOURNE, buying declared against tramway extension and the electrifiation of the present cable service is strange to find local authorities till committing themselves to a polies of bolstering up an antique util Long promised extensions are about due now, and as no funds ar available the Minister is content t sit back, still, however, adhering his preference for the tram over the more flexible bus. A further organising of the bus service would be apprecented more by the community concorned than further windy promises of possible act away extensions

About Time

DRIME Minister Bruce in a communicative moment the other day told the public that he was mov ng to have the term "Colonial Ofas applied to the department London, which deals with Australia, altered to something more suitable. Which is a good idea as the term "colonial" is not only objecionable, but incorrect. Will our lo al government follow the good exmple by altering that obsolete term 'Colonial Secretary" to "State Sec-We ceased to be a colony etary?" uite a long time ago.

Much Missed

ABOR will miss J. B. Holman. He was one of the constructivists of the movement, who fought ard and hit hard when necessary out only believed in the movement ghting when it had something to ight for. There are too few Hol nans in the Labor Party to-day, and oo many Walshes, and for that rea n we will miss the member for Ferest both politically as well as per cenally.

Hard to Believe

HERE'S a disquieting fact: Australia ranks next to America nd Italy in the yearly number of murders, on a population basic. It could be interesting to know to what cause psychologists would ascribe

We are not suffering from starvation. crowded conditions. So what makes

MESSES Hocking and Irvine. J's.P. must have a sense of huor. In dealing with a particularly offensive motor hog, found guilty on fuesday of being drunk in charge of a car, they remarked that someone on the bench had to set the example of being stern in these cases-and they then fined the offender £20. A mere trifle. Gaol is the only kind of sternness that will meet these cases.

Too Bad!

WE hope we will be forgiven if we decline to take the asylum nystery as seriously as the dailies There has been so many jokes at the Claremont Asylum lately that—well, we find it hard to be serious. The detectives should have an interesting report to make.

Inother Side

HERE'S another side to the £1000 fine proposition which the Frenantle lumpers find themselves up against. The fine was inflicted by heir own union headquarters for ereach of the arbitration laws. And et the governments which adminiser the arbitration laws haven't even administered a caution to the erring yharfies. Now, we wonder what the Melbourne executive, which inflicted the fine, would have said if an arbitration court judge had called on the union to pay that penalty. What a joke it all is—or would be if it weren't such a tragedy for the taxpayer!

Widening the Breach

THE proposal to open the public parks for Sunday, afternoon ennis in Sydney is meeting with a storm of dissent from many of the burches. Then later on we suppose he churches who try to keep a man tway from his Sunday afternoon tenis, will wonder why he keeps away from the Sunday morning church!

THE cabled news from London that nobody seems violently inxlous to purchase the Australian commonwealth liners isn't unexpectd. As things are on the waterfronts of Australia to-day, any capitalist would be a fool to risk millions on the trade there. It's merely banking on the whims of Walsh, and while Walsh's whims are law on the waterside there will be no stability and no

"Picking Up Places": The Bargain sales? Girls Note!

Applies are the only Australians with brown hearts.

Dark Perth's only open air theatre has een declared "black."

Dr. Anderson is quite mad about he gelignite episode.

Our Warning We threaten a boycott of our laun-

drýman if Sun Yat Sen dies again. The Good Oil Says the "West": The oil question:

How many miles to the gaflon, we'd suggest. "Prince of Wales Trips." News Usually when he's heading.

horseback we presume.

In Pieces A woodman the other day dropped roll of notes into a chaffcutter. Another woodman's pile cut up.

He Ought To "Mr. Guggenheim has secured the services of Mr. Aydelotte to conducthe foundation."- News Item. 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 no doubt, that it was no miracle but tips not give them.

Dr. Anderson narrowly escaped being gelig-knigted! Yes!

Being drunk in charge of a motor car these days is a "fine" recreation:

Not Essential "Is marriage a asks Elinor Glyn. We don't know about the necessary part of it!

In Passing. "Politics in America," says W. R. Hearst, "have come to a pretty pass," In Australia they mostly come to a

free pass!

Why? Why all the fuss about changing the name of Daglish station? If there's so much money to spend why not shift the station ten yards nions

and plant flowers in the subway?

They agreed

An Englishman, who has made ease the other day, that it was a form of insanity, (Cheers of approval from the spectators' gallery).

"The old rumor has been revived." ays an Eastern paper, "that Dan. Kelly is alive, this time in Egypt." Well, if he is, why doesn't the Government take action and Sue-Dan!

Wopers An Italian operatic singer, who set light to her dress with a torch, considers it a miracle that she was not burnt to death in front of the audience. Some of the audience consider

**Great Word Correcting Competition** 

Underline all the errors you can find in it, and send in your entry in accordance with the rules of competition.

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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.

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She may be the frolicsome, flapperish kind. Who'll mug and cajole him with "Kiddo!" At a sample of last scason's widow: work.

lover. And so he is out on a lucrative lurk -Or Over!

and young. Our girls may be sprightly and skittish. But they haven't to novelist notions quite clung. There is wealth from the soil await-

Suddenly appeared And everyone said, "How happy in future The scamen themselves ing to woo For the ready-to-do-something rover Began to cry out. But what-ho for the girl who's been

We'll tell you quite frankly your Until now we find For five hundred per annum--Or Over! -VEE-CEE

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 unusual shape Of little Billy Hughes

And supplied those ships;

The seamen will be!" But before very long

And then they left work,

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 goese that laid The good golden eggs Was not so much a fable After all!

Don't you think so?

-VEE-CEE.

S'Long!

And held up the ships,

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