

The Daily News

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Cheer Yourself By Cheering Others

In this issue the "Daily News" launches its customary appeal for Christmas cheer for the sick, suffering and sorrowing...

Selfishness leads the way to plums that ought to be regarded as the bitter-sweet of stolen fruit where the methods employed in obtaining them are not honorable...

Last year that response reached the inspiring total of £1055, which amount was spread over 61 institutions, gladdening little hearts who have no parents to play the traditional role...

Will, out on the cynics and Scrooges in the beautiful Christmas spirit. We are a State full of good fellows when it comes to the real test; and the test is on...

Let the healthy childhood that is ours do its bit by sending along its pennies or half-pennies to the good cheer of their less fortunate brothers and sisters...

Particularly let the man who can sign a cheque for thousands (and get it honored) back the terrible income tax demand by giving something. Why should the Tax Commissioner get it, anyway?

BY ONE VOTE

Government is Defeated

SAVED BY ONE VOTE ALSO

Accepting the defeat of the Government by one vote on the Land Tax Bill as calmly as if the amendment moved by the Leader of the Opposition...

The peace of the present session was shattered by the unexpected development in the Assembly, and a feeling of expectancy ran high when the Government survived defeat by one vote on the Electoral Provinces Bill...

The evening was also marked by an incident when Mr. Collier castigated the Country Party member for Todayday (Mr. Lindsay), accusing him of having broken his word.

The Land Tax and Income Tax Bill, which was being discussed in Committee, imposed a land tax of 2d for every pound of the unimproved value...

When the division was taken there were only 23 members in the House, 33 members, including 13 Government members, being apparently busy elsewhere.

Mr. Latham (York, C.P.), Mr. Taylor (Mt. Margaret, N.), Mr. Brown (Pingsly, C.P.), and Mr. Sampson (Swan, Nat.) supported the amendment, protesting that land taxation was too high.

Mr. Collier pleaded that he was guided by the exigencies of the Treasury. The Government was in the position that it could make no reduction in taxation without going on the wrong side of the ledger.

The vote was taken and Sir James's amendment was carried by one vote.

THE COUNCIL BILL

The Electoral Provinces Bill involves a constitutional amendment dealing with the basis of franchise for the Upper House, therefore it was necessary that the third reading should be passed by an absolute majority of the House.

The Government obtained that majority, and only just, by the expedient of bringing three sick members into the Chamber. The surprise was the appearance of Mr. Lutey, the Labor member for Brown Hill-Ivanhoe.

Mr. Lutey, who had not yet recovered from a serious illness and he came to the House in the arms of his wife and a nurse. Mr. Lutey's name was moved from the danger list of the House.

The Premier announced that the Government had the bare majority of 26. Only 12 Opposition members voted, making a total of only 38 members present when the vote was taken.

THE PREMIER ANNOYED

When Mr. Lindsay objected to his measure dealing with Alsatian dogs being referred to a Select Committee, the Premier (Mr. Collier) became very annoyed. He said that he had made an agreement with Mr. Lindsay the previous night to postpone 15 items on the Notice Paper to enable the Bill to be discussed.

Mr. Lindsay replied and said that there had been a misunderstanding, and he knew that the Premier had intended to refer the Bill to a Select Committee. He thought the Whip had told the Premier. Mr. Lindsay withdrew his objection, and the motion was carried.

NEW MIGRANTS

The officer in charge of immigration advises that the following is the list of new settlers due to arrive by the s.s. Oronsay at Fremantle on or about November 12:

Nominations: Brown, Mrs. Mary and family; Cropper, Miss; Frank; Mrs. Miss B. Hallett; Miss Elsie; Kirkpatrik; Miss Marion; Mapstone, Jenn. H.; Mule, Miss Jean V.; Noble, Joseph, wife and family; Quigley, John; Wilcox, Clifford; Glenroy; Wilcox, John E., wife and family.

Selected: Arbutnot, William; Atkinson, Jonathan A.; Ault, Bertram S. C.; Baechou, John; Bell, John W.; Blamy, Miss Teresa; Bokes, Adnan; Burnie, Rahby; Bowen, Harry; Miles, Walter; Bresford, John; Bywater, Chas.; Casey, Miss Mary; Crompton, Clarence; Crowe, Miss Annie; Dickson, Laurence; Ears, Miss Norman; Gallagher, Peter; Garlick, James; Gilchrist, Samuel; Harcourt, William; Herring, Ernest; Higginson, Francis; Higgs, Miss Gladys M.; Hollingsworth, Harry; Howden, John; Howell, Philip; James, Edwin; Jones, Gerald; Kelly, Miss Norma; Kierman, James; Lamb, Charles; Lanning, Miss; Luff, Joseph; Morgan, Miss Elizabeth; Mowat, Miss Caroline; McKenzie, Alex; O'Reilly, Christopher; Parker, James; Parry-Brown, David; Partridge, Ernest; Farry, Arthur; Phillips, Miss; Pritchard, Miss Mary L.; Pullen, Miss; Winifred; Robertson, Miss J.; Russell, Miss Kathleen; Rutherford, Jack; Saunders, Miss Barbara; Smith, Joseph; Stevens, Aaron; Thomson, William; Weir, Nicol; Thorpe, Jack; Webster, David; Willis, William; Wilson, Miss Ellen; Woolley, George; Young, George.

Ring up the Optics, A1627, when you have any left-off clothing. The poor children will benefit this wintry weather.

FIGURES SEE-SAW

Railways' Quarterly Loss

HUGE EXPENSES - MET

Bigger losses than those of the corresponding periods in 1928 and 1927 were reported from the Railway Department for the quarter ended September 30 this year.

Earnings, working expenses, net revenue and interest fell a loss of £130,183 for the quarter under review, as against losses of £113,376 in 1928 and £42,201 in 1927.

Reasons for that adverse showing are the increase of 2s a week in the basic wage which was granted to the staff generally, with the exception of those in the goldfields areas and which operated from July 1 this year, and the grade increases to certain of the starred staff under the Classification Board award.

The additional amount expended in this connection was approximately £12,000, while the interest bill had increased by more than £4,000.

A comparison of figures detailing loss after payment of working expenses and interest of the various States shows that Western Australia's loss was comparatively very small.

The earnings of the service, including those from coaching goods traffic, live-stock traffic, etc., revealed a loss of £691,576 for the recent quarter as against £877,958 and £884,371 for the previous years.

BETTER GOODS EARNINGS The decrease of £3000 in coaching earnings was due mainly to increased motor transport. Goods earnings, however, were £14,000 better than last year, being to a large extent due to the haulage of construction material to Meekatharra for the Wiluna railway.

Working expenses in general, traffic, locomotive and way works for the quarter were £783,337 as against £752,018 and £688,760 for the preceding years. The principal increase was in wages and salaries. Additional expenditure was also necessary to maintain and operate new lines taken over, which are expected to be run at a loss for a period.

GREATER MILEAGE Increases in train mileage for the quarter noted. Passenger trains of the suburban and country country goods and mixed trains covered 1,397,388 miles as against 1,361,770 miles during the corresponding quarter last year and 1,365,746 miles in 1927.

The total train mileage for the quarter was largely due to the transport of material for the Wiluna railway and the operation of the Amery Northwards, the Lake Brown-Bullfinch and the Denmark-Frankland River lines, all of which have been taken over by the Railway Department since September last year.

For the respective quarters in 1928, 1928 and 1927 the losses per train mile were 22.3 pence, 19.9 pence, and 7.4 pence, being due mainly to the large amount of empty coaching working through the return of trucks and from the reduced amount of wheat recently.

BETTER RETURNS were recorded from the tramways, a profit of £187 being shown for the quarter when earnings, working expenses, net revenue and interest were taken into account. The corresponding quarter last year showed a gain of £181, while a loss of £125 was noted in 1927.

This year earnings increased by £4500, and working expenses by only £2000. Interest was practically the same.

For the three months ended September 30, in 1929, 1928, and 1927 the mileages were 885,347 and 819,146 and 772,682 respectively.

Profits were also reported from the working of the electricity supply for the quarter. The quarter under review showed a profit of £7483, as against profits of £1918 and £1000 in 1928 and 1927 respectively. Earnings increased by more than £2000 and working expenses by just over £3000.

SHAGS ON THE RIVER Methods of Killing NUMBERS NOT UNUSUAL

Commenting this morning on the number of shags to be found on the river at the present time, Mr. F. Aldrich, Chief Inspector of Fisheries, said that they were no worse than usual.

At the present time there are brown and white breasted shags on the river, which undoubtedly deplete the fish supply, but the number is nothing out of the ordinary. They make themselves a nuisance on sailing boats, as they choose them for nesting purposes.

Touching on methods of remedy, Mr. Aldrich said that the whole trouble was one of balance. Raids are made on the nesting places on the islands off the coast, and all eggs and young are killed, and as far as he knows no nests are to be found along the river banks, although there may be a few in the swamps, but very few.

Another method adopted is for the Minister to issue special permits to reputable persons to shoot these shags, and so reduce the pest. If the department had more money available it would perform this work itself. Recently the Minister granted special permits to two members of a yacht club to shoot the birds owing to the nuisance they were causing on the anchored sailing boats. It is necessary to secure a permit, as the river native game is protected.

SHEEP FROM THE EAST

2000 For Laverton Station

SUCCESSFUL TRIP

KALGOORLIE, Thursday. Mr. Korner, manager of White Cliffs Station, Laverton, arrived by special train from Port Augusta this morning with 2000 sheep. His reports are exceptionally successful trip, with no losses. He will proceed by special train to Laverton tomorrow.

White Cliffs is the property of Messrs. Broke, the well known Victorian millers. This is the third special shipment to the station this year from the East.

WERRIBEE BOYS' FARM

Official Opening

The official opening of the Werribee Boys' Farm will take place tomorrow. Situated in ideal surroundings, the home has been established by the Methodist Church as a Centenary effort, and is being conducted on the lines of the Fairbridge Farm School, with the exception that the boys are natives of Western Australia.

A train to convey the boys interested in the project will leave Perth tomorrow at 1.30 p.m., making a stop at all stations to Midland Junction. The return journey will commence at 6 p.m.

Among those who will attend the opening ceremony will be the Minister for Lands (Mr. M. P. Troy), who will deliver the first Methodist service.

A notable incident will be the unveiling of a tablet by Mr. Eubert H. L. Hardey, who is a grandson of the late Mr. Joseph Hardey, who conducted the first Methodist service in Western Australia 99 years ago.

CHINESE LIKE RAISINS Australian dried fruits were infinitely better than the American product, but China was flooded by American raisins, the Americans having extensively advertised. Raisins, a healthy food, were extremely popular in China as a delicacy.

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TRADE WITH CHINA

White Australia Policy

CONSUL-GENERAL'S VIEWS

His Government's attitude towards the White Australia policy, the problem associated with the trade relations between the two countries, and the existing military and political situation in China were subjects of interesting comment by Mr. F. T. Sung, the new Chinese Consul-General for Australia, who is paying his first visit to Perth.

Mr. Sung has been China's chief representative in the Commonwealth for five months. When he arrived he said the office of the Consul-General was in Melbourne, but it was decided to transfer it to Sydney, where the Chinese population numbered 6000 as against Melbourne's 2000, thus making Sydney the better centre.

There was the further fact that more Chinese were located in and north of New South Wales than there were in and west of Victoria. Furthermore Sydney was the main centre of eastern shipping.

IMPRESSIONS OF AUSTRALIA

Having travelled extensively in Europe and America Mr. Sung said he found conditions in Australia very different. They were really peculiar to the country. Australia had great potentialities. He thought trade relations between China and Australia must advance, although at the present time they knew little of each other.

The shorter distance between them should encourage trade on a better footing. It was imperative that there should be direct shipping services between the two countries. At the present time steamers proceeded only to Hong Kong, but a service was required direct between Sydney and Shanghai or some other Chinese port. It would avoid the transhipment necessary at Hong Kong under existing arrangements, and reduce freight expenses.

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China's requirements of wheat and flour would be increased many times if the whole of the shipping could be removed. Butter and dried fruits were also in demand in China.

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BROAD FACTS OF U.S.A. CRISIS

Largely Paper Losses Cancelling Paper Gains

SLUMP MAY LEAVE WORLD BETTER OFF

When in 1913 the United States set up the Federal Reserve System its sponsor, Senator Owen, boasted that it would make the old-time panics impossible. No. out of a blue sky of record prosperity comes a devastating smash on Wall-street, and at the usual time—the fall.

The trouble is that American financiers have not yet learned their responsibilities as leaders of a great creditor nation. In their days of sudden wealth the United States have hugged their traditional interests, first and foremost in the home market.

No doubt it is a wonderful one—120 million people with high spending power, rather uniform, notions of using it, and no impediments to internal trade. Yet even that is insufficient force for business expansion and modern salesmanship, despite consumers' credit.

Great Britain, in similar circumstances after the Napoleonic war, had perhaps less temptation to play the hero in her own market, though she tried it in wheat-growing for a time. In the second half, the wonder-time of the 19th century, she took the more courageous line of building up the prosperity of her customers abroad, by private investment there.

Private ventures sold British iron and steel, locomotives and steamships, above all British textiles all on credit. Having by railways and mechanical transport overcome physical obstacles to trade, they offered rich cash markets in Europe for old and new inventions. They spread thence a great system of finance and insurance to make the process safe.

They raised the world's income about six-fold between Waterloo and 1870. The carrying of ships suddenly rich by selling munitions and food to governments and thought, after the war, to go on dealing with governments. British investors, finding private ventures closed, turned to public securities. They bought the bonds of the United States, and so on.

These must be losses on a large scale. For a year New York banks have been trying hard to prevent their loans being used to finance speculation, but in vain. Money, once in circulation, is likely to go wherever the demand for it is greatest. It has gone.

SOBERING EFFECT The loss of such money must have a sobering effect, and luxury trades, in particular, may budget on less reckless spending. But the downward trend of commodity prices generally is not so much the effect as the cause of the break in speculative stock-trading. In New York, under the lead of the Federal Reserve Board, can check the fall at a level of stock prices reflecting the profit likely at a commodity price-level corresponding with that of Western Europe, the world may well be better off as a result of the slump.

Ricardo of London (1812) knew more than Senator Owen. No monetary system, he said, is panic proof. But a wise handling of the crisis may enhance the prestige of the Federal Reserve System and give Americans a reasoned faith in their financiers such as they could not have in the days before 1913.

More important for the world at large is the question whether America will draw the lesson that she cannot prosper alone. Edward F. Pineda predicts that within five or ten years the United States will be a low tariff country, ready to regulate reciprocal reductions in the falling commodity prices. The world will be better off as a result of the slump.

GENERAL ADVANTAGES If so, the broader basis of prosperity that this policy can provide will be the advantage of America, Britain and Europe alike. Britain has a hand in all trade and all trade brings mutual benefit to the parties. If it did not, men would not engage in it. There is one condition for W.A. to be advertised. If we know how to admit their operation here, through all our knotted restrictions on trade, they may be a boon to the world.

On the other hand any reduction of American tariffs may reduce our own tariffs should open, breathing become and the mucous stop dropping from the throat. It is easy to take. Anyone who is threatened with catarrhal deafness or who has had noises should give this prescription a trial.

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Our Readers

To the Editor

Extravagant Waste

"Heavy Leger"

In all the talk about the need for economy there is no mention of the enormous waste involved in attending the matter of land and income tax. It is money more lost by visitors to the fourth floor of the General Post Office than would represent half a dozen taxes.

Today I attended at 2.15 with a simple matter that should in any ordinary business take three minutes to decide. I was told to wait on an officer in a cabin. He was already engaged, and three officers were waiting. I eventually got away from the office at ten minutes past 3, and by that time 14 weary taxpayers were waiting for an interview.

With the enormous staff employed something better might surely be recorded. I would suggest that a time clock be installed and callers mark the time of calling and leaving. The record printed would be sufficient to abolish the tax on the evidence of the enormous waste of time and loss involved to the public. If there was any idea of business practice or of general business equity in the discussions when officials were seen there might be some consolation. As it is one leaves with the deep impression that the negotiation of a penny chocolate stick would represent a more complicated business transaction to most of those entrusted with consideration of business problems.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The cancer committee of the board of management of Perth Hospital has been seeking for a name for the new block of buildings which are in course of erection, wherein the disease of cancer will be combated.

The choice of a name embracing the several methods by which cancer can be treated has been found a difficult problem, as cancer can be dealt with by several different methods, or combination of methods, namely, surgery, X-rays, radium rays, diathermy, and certain drugs such as lead.

The decision of the committee in recommending that the word "cancer" be eliminated from all stationery, notices and documents of any description, met with the general approval of the board of management at its meeting held yesterday afternoon.

As the entrance to the new building will be by way of a gangway, which member referred to as "The Bridge of Sighs" it was feared that a stigma might attach to all seen entering the building, and in order to remove any feeling of dread or suspicion, the suggestion to re-name the department was unanimously adopted.

To find a name was not easy. After numerous suggestions had been made, the term "Radiotherapy" was finally adopted, "radio" taken from the rays of the radium and X-ray, and "therapy" meaning "treatment" from the deep therapy X-ray plant to be installed in the building. Henceforth the building will be known as the Radiotherapy Department.

UP SHE GOES!

Appropriate Song Title

FIND IN GUTTED GARAGE

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The inability of the firemen to find a power plug caused delay in the application of fire-fighting appliances on the occasion of a fire which destroyed the garage of Clark and Co. Ltd. at Edwinstown early this morning.

The damage is estimated at more than £1000. "Up She Goes!" and "Glory" were the titles of two songs found among the