

WHO ARE THE TRAITORS?

Labor partisans throughout the Commonwealth (and particularly in this electorate at the present juncture) seek to embellish their woful arguments by a tirade of invective on Mr. W. M. Hughes, the representative head of the present National Government. It is a comparatively easy matter to make white black if you use the right paint. Mr. Hughes has been held up by Labor agitators as a traitor to the Labor cause. Only as recent as last Sunday, a Labor representative, speaking in Prince's Park, said the working fraternity could admire a man who threw up his commission in the army, and refused to fight, but that there was nothing but execration for the man who picked up the sword he had discarded, and used it on behalf of the enemy. This was used as a parallel case in the instance of Mr. Hughes. The man who made this illustration was a good agitator—(agitators who get £12 per week for agitating must be good agitators for the mere sake of the salary)—said that Mr. Hughes was a traitor because he was now arraigned on the side of those he formerly fought against. Let us examine, analyse, and inspect the statement closely. When the present Prime Minister returned from England he was a Labor idealist—(he is now, but when they close both eyes people cannot expect to see it)—and he put the conscription issue to the people as a Labor representative, not, it may be mentioned, in the interests of any united group of workers, but in the undoubted interests of the workers' grand and united Empire. A number of Labor Parliamentarians—(dictated to by a united group of workers)—opposed Mr. Hughes and the Referendum. They did all in their power to defeat the conscription proposals. The (then) Liberal Party sided with Mr. Hughes, and helped him. They ranged themselves by his side, and fought for the objective of compulsory oversea service. The Referendum was lost; the Labor repre-

Referendum was lost; the Labor representatives helped to lose it. Who then are the traitors? The man who stuck to his guns in spite of all opposition, or the men who deserted him? Mark this clearly: Mr. Hughes deserted nobody. The Labor men deserted him. The Prime Minister formed a coalition Government. All party issues were cast aside. Mr. Tudor and his followers were asked to join the Coalition, but refused point blank. Mr. Tudor might have liked to, but his masters decreed otherwise. It must be nasty at times to have masters when you are considered the master. It is all a question of perspective and aspect. Look at it this way: Mr. Hughes is just as much a Labor man to-day as he was before he went to England. All legislation introduced to date has bearing on the war or its problems. He is assisted by the men he formerly fought against because they have agreed to put aside all party questions till after the war—till after a common enemy has been defeated. It is not the fault of Mr. Hughes that the Official Labor Party has made itself a proportion of the common enemy. We fought against the French once, and trounced them at Waterloo. Are the British and the heroic Australian soldiers traitors because they fight side by side with them now? We are allied with the Russians, whom we got into holts with nearly a century ago, but are we traitors? The Americans fought against and beat us; the Boers pitted their strength against ours, and were defeated—are they traitors because they assist us in the present all-in struggle? According to Labor logic and reasoning they are. The Official Labor Party brands the Prime Minister as a traitor because he fights for Empire alongside his former antagonists; they must regard in a similar manner all who do likewise. They state that the Prime Minister has said that the reinforcements going forward now are sufficient. That is untrue. Why have we in our midst right here and now the staff of recruiting officers begging and beseeching men to enlist in

ging and beseeching men to enlist in order to relieve the men at the front? It is because conscription was not carried, and because the reinforcements are totally inadequate to give our gallant soldiers a respite. On Saturday next the electors of the Gramplains will be given the opportunity of choosing a political representative. Mr. E. Jowett espouses the cause of Mr. Hughes and the Empire; Mr. Russell adheres to the Official Labor Party, who deserted Mr. Hughes and the Allies, and the majority of whose members have rigidly refused to raise their voices in

a recruiting appeal. Mr. Jowett wants to defeat the dastardly Huns, who devastated Belgium in defiance of their obligations to preserve its neutrality; Mr. Russell wants peace even if it is obtained by the revolutionary way of Russia. He has said this openly here in our own town hall. Need the electors hesitate in making their choice? Let the ballot box on Saturday next reveal the tangible evidence of their loyalty.

(T. P. Richards, High street.)

The Egg Day held at State School 404, for the Maryborough Hospital, resulted in the grand total of 104 dozen being forwarded to the institution.

The annual licensing court, dealing with the renewals of licenses under the Licensing Act, will be held at the local court house on November 15, at 11 o'clock. Holders of licenses are requested to send their applications to the clerk of the licensing court on or before November 10.

The Highland and other dancing events in connection with the South Street Competitions were entered upon in the Athenaeum, Ballarat, on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, and owing to the great number of competitors in the various events the session did not conclude till 2.30 p.m. The judge for pipe music and dancing was Mr. P. D. Stu-

art, of Maryborough, who expressed his pleasure at the standard of the dancing in all events. Mr. Stuart, whose decisions were most popular, has had much experience abroad, both in piping and dancing, and was for some time instructor of Edinburgh's junior bands—First Cadet Pipe Band and First Boys' Brigade Pipe Band. At the conclusion of the session many of the parents of the children who were not successful in the various events waited upon Mr. Stuart, and were given the information as to how and where the competitors failed in their dancing. This action of Mr. Stuart was much appreciated. The officials of the Caledonian Society expressed their pleasure at the manner in which the awards were received, as no complaint or protest was lodged throughout the session, which was a common practice on previous Highland days for some years past—"Ballarat Courier."

The State Parliamentary elections will be held on Friday, November 16. Nominations will be received up to November 6 (Cup Day). The Premier (Sir Alexander Peacock) will deliver his policy speech at Creswick on Saturday evening.

The Hon. W. A. Watt, M.H.R. Minister for Works and Railways, and Mr. Crawford Vaughan, M.L.A., ex-Premier of South Australia, are announced to address a meeting at the town hall on Thursday evening next, on "National Politics." It had been the intention of the Prime Minister (the Hon. W. M. Hughes) to have addressed the meeting, but the state of his health has made it necessary that he should cancel the engagement.

The selected National candidate, Mr. E. Jowett, will deliver an address to the electors at the Carisbrook Town Hall on Friday evening next.

In the interests of the "Queen of Progress" (Miss P. Kennedy), a dance will be held on Saturday night next in the shop next to Mr. Oppy, jeweller.

Mr. P. W. Latham, the National Lib-

Mr. R. W. Laidlaw, the National Liberal candidate for the Maryborough seat in the State elections, will address the electors at Rae's Hotel, Craigie, at 5 p.m., and at Apollo Hall, Majorca, at 8 p.m. this evening.

Under the auspices of the Highland Pipe Band, a Hard Times ball will be held on November 7.

A very enjoyable dance was held in the Majorca Town Hall on Monday night, in aid of the "Queen of Progress" (Miss P. Kennedy). The music was supplied by Mrs. J. F. Kennedy and Mrs. G. Jansen. All who intend visiting Cr. J. Dillon's residence to-night with the "Queen of Progress" party are reminded that buses will leave Solomon's corner at 7.15.

If money is worth saving—and it certainly is these days—Lucas & Co's. special announcement, which appears elsewhere in this issue, is worth investigation. Daily, with increasing emphasis, are the advantages which this store offers, being impressed upon the minds of all careful shoppers. Here the ruling principle is to make merchandising the most equal exchange of value and money, but on Friday next and following days this principle is exceeded for bigger values are hitched to smaller prices. For instance, children's light print tunics, nicely trimmed, 1/ each; girls' dark print dresses, well made, sizes 24 to 30 inches, 2/8½ each. Ladies' fine organdi muslin blouses, finished with spoke-stitching, and smartly cut, 1/11 each; ladies' white undershirts, with deep embroidered flounce, usual 9/11 value for 7/11—all money-savers.—(Advt.)

Mr. D. P. Russell, the selected Labor candidate, will address the electors at the town hall at 8 o'clock to-night. The mayor (Cr. G. Frost) will preside.

There passed away on Monday, at his residence, "Richmond House," Bung Bong, an old and well esteemed resident of the district, in the person of Mr. F. Miller, J.P. Deceased, who was 80 years of age, was for some time a mem-

years of age, was for some time a member of the Avoca Shire Council. He was the father of Mr. John Miller, of Richmond Park, Rathscar (president of the Agricultural Society), and of Mr. Ralph Miller, a well-known farmer of Rathscar.

A social in aid of the "Queen of Victory" (Miss J. Clifford) will be held at Alma on Friday night next.

Miss Grant, of Misses Grant, expert knitters, Inglewood, will visit Maryborough from Wednesday, 24th, to Friday, 26th. Special arrangements may be made by telephone to the Bull and Mouth Hotel. Miss Grant will sell and take orders for knitted goods in silk, wool, and cotton. Ladies' sport coats and children's clothes in summer wear a speciality.—(Advt.)