

GENERAL NEWS.

Wounded Expected Back This Week.

The wounded and sick soldiers whose names were published in list B, appearing in "The Age" on the 28th June, are expected to reach Melbourne towards the end of the present week.

No War Loan Lotteries.

Following an urgent protest made on behalf of the Presbyterian Church against war loan lotteries, the Moderator-General of the church has been informed by the Acting Prime Minister that the Government has determined not to sanction any lotteries in connection with the forthcoming war loan.

The Tank to go to Sydney.

The announcement was made by the Minister of Defence on Tuesday that the Business Board connected with the Defence department was giving consideration to the matter of transporting the tank presented by the British Government to Australia to Sydney, so that Sydney citizens might have the same opportunity as those of Melbourne to view the machine.

Prisoners to Receive Wages.

The Chief Secretary has revived the bill introduced last session by his predecessor providing for the payment of wages to prisoners during their term of incarceration. The proposal is that all men sentenced to imprisonment shall be employed in gaol in the callings for which they have been trained, and for this will receive payment. The first charge on the weekly wage will be the prisoner's upkeep, and the balance will go towards the maintenance of his wife and family. Under the present system, the Chief Secretary states, many men skilled in various trades have to be employed while in gaol in general laboring work, because there is no provision for the application of their skill. He did not think it would be necessary to remodel the buildings at Pentridge to increase the scope and variety of the industry of prisoners.

Alleged Butchering of Penguins.

Captain S. A. White, the South Australian ornithologist, has been asked by the Tasmanian Government to investigate the assertion that wholesale butchery of penguins is proceeding on Macquarie Island, and that the birds are driven alive in thousands through a race into caldrons of boiling water for the sake of the oil.

Secondhand Tins.

Government control over secondhand kerosene, petrol and turpentine tins, as well as cases, has been tightened by an amended regulation under the war precautions issued yesterday. Such tins and cases must not only not be destroyed, but must only be sold to a collector licensed by the Federal authorities. Purchases can only be made from a Government depot or otherwise by permission of the authorities. Holders of tins and cases must hand them over to the authorities on demand, at a fixed price.

Allen Firm's Motor Tyres.

Rumors have been afloat lately that it is the intention of the Government to dispose of the Continental tyres held in trust since the war, and at a special meeting of the

the war, and at a special meeting of the Bendigo and Northern District branch of the Motor Traders' Association of Victoria, held at the Commerce-chambers yesterday, the secretary, Mr. E. K. Varcoe, was instructed to send the following telegram to the Acting Prime Minister:—"Is the Government going to sell Continental tyres? If so will the proceeds be held in trust for German owners, to be handed to them after the war?" He was also instructed to advise the association in the metropolis of the branch's action.

Police Promotions.

In consequence of the retirement of Superintendent Curtin and Superintendent G. H. Harris, the following police officers have been promoted to the rank mentioned:—Superintendent W. J. Crisfield, Inspector T. E. J. Ryan, Sub-Inspector J. Warren, First Class Sergeant W. Guinane, Second Class Sergeant W. J. Corry, Superintendent W. J. Crooks, Inspector H. G. Beckwith, Sub-Inspector J. Bretherton, First Class Sergeant A. E. Strickland, Second Class Sergeant D. M'Lennon.

Protest Against Police Transfers.

Residents of Melton protested to the Chief Secretary yesterday against the proposed transfer of Constable A. Steinfert from Melton to Russell-street. The deputation expressed the opinion that the constable's removal was due to the bias of a small section at Melton. Mr. Bowser consulted the Chief Commissioner of Police, who explained that the transfer was not being carried out at the behest of any outside person, but simply in accordance with the regulations. Mr. Bowser said that as the discipline of the force was in the hands of the Chief Commissioner, he would not interfere with Mr. Sainsbury's decision.

Workmen's Compensation Suit.

After two trials last week, Mrs. Alice Pattison, a resident of Newmarket, whose husband, Albert George Pattison, was killed some time ago by being crushed between two railway trucks on the wharf at Victoria Dock, obtained alternative verdicts against the Railways Commissioners for herself and two children. Under common law the damages were assessed at £1202 total; and, under the Employers' Liability Act at £475. Yesterday, arguments were heard in the County Court, before Judge Eagleson, as to the heading under which the judgment should be entered. His Honor decided to enter judgment, with costs, at common law. He allocated the £1202 in sums of £500 to the widow, and £377 and £325 respectively to the children; directing that the amounts paid to the latter should be deposited in the savings bank and drawn upon at the rate of 10/ per week each by the mother for their support. Mr. Eager appeared for Mrs. Pattison. Mr. Mann, for the Railways Commissioners, applied for a new trial, on the grounds of misdirection and insufficient evidence, but the application was refused.

Burglaries in Suburbs.

During Monday night the business premises of Mr. Alexander John Howard, jeweller, of 171 Toorak-road, South Yarra, were broken into and jewellery and watches to the value of £85 were stolen from a case. Another safe which stood in the shop was not disturbed.

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Some time between 8 p.m. on 27th and 11.30 a.m. on 29th inst., the residence of Mrs. Lillian Bennet, Rathdown-street, North Carlton, was entered, and two diamond rings and one gold ring, the whole valued at £168 10/-, were stolen from the mantelpiece in the kitchen.

Strength-of-Empire Movement.

Meetings in most of the suburbs were held last night as part of the Strength-of-Empire temperance and social purity campaign, and the promoters report very successful results. At head quarters, the Temperance Hall, Russell-street, there was only a moderate attendance at the third evening meeting, but those present were both enthusiastic and unanimous. Mr. F. M'Clean presided, and said the war the Strength of Empire movement was entering upon was a greater war than that raging in Europe, because it was a war in which right and wrong were the participating enemies. The Liberty League was out on behalf of pleasures and passions, fighting for the demoralisation and degradation of the community, whereas the movement in which they were assisting that evening stood for all that was righteous. The three resolutions submitted at each meeting were presented by Rev. N. L. Beurlie, who claimed that all the evils the reformers were fighting could be eradicated if some system could be evolved whereby the will of the people could be forced upon Parliament and promptly given the force of legislative enactment. A great women's rally in connection with the movement will be held in the Auditorium tomorrow, at 3 p.m. Addresses will be delivered by Mrs. Andrew Glencross, Sister Eva, Dr. Mabel Baillie, Mrs. J. M'Leod, Mrs. A. Moodie, Mrs. Frederick Spencer, Mrs. Lavery, and Mrs. Robert Morton.

Importation of Motor Bodies.

The Minister of Customs (Mr. Jensen) on Tuesday promised a deputation of employers and employees in the motor body building trade that full investigations would be made into complaints that certain importers were importing finished and partly finished motor bodies, thus defeating the objects of the proclamation regarding motor bodies.

"Lest We Forget."

A filip should be given to patriotic enthusiasm by the American film production, *Lest We Forget*, a private screening of which was given yesterday in the Auditorium. The picture portrays with vivid realism many aspects of the war, including the German invasion of Belgium and the sinking of the *Lusitania*. A love story interwoven with the war scenes is that of

a young American who enlists in the French army, and a French girl, Rita Heriot, the latter role being taken by Miss Kna Jelivert, a survivor of the *Lusitania* catastrophe. The photography is excellent. Incidental vocal items, *Ave Maria* and *La Marseillaise*, were effectively rendered by Miss Irma Caron.

Child Killed While Playing.

Whilst playing on the roadway at the corner of Dryburgh and Ireland streets, West Melbourne, yesterday, an infant child aged two years, named Lyall James Phillips, was knocked down by a passing light dray, receiving injuries which resulted in his almost immediate death. The parents of the child reside at No. 16 Dry-

burgh-street. The name of the dray driver has not been ascertained.

Soldiers' Insurance.

At the monthly meeting of the council of the Victorian Sailors and Soldiers' Insurance League last week, the trustees reported that since the league was formed three months ago over fifty applications have been made by recruits with dependants. Twenty of these had been granted, and arrangements completed for the issue of £200 life policies. The remainder were under consideration and on the way towards completion. War risk premiums to the amount of about £140 had been paid upon policies of men who had actually embarked, and this was a recurrent half-yearly liability the trustees were committed to. Nearly half the funds in hand represented donations that had been promised annually during the continuance of the war, the total sum already subscribed being about £3000. The following additional subscriptions have been received:—Mr. F. J. Goller, £8 9/7 (being the cash value of an insurance bonus), and Shire of Lawloit, £2 2/- The trustees are anxious that recruits desiring the league's assistance should apply as early as possible after enlistment. Recruiting officers and camp commandants will be able to supply all necessary information, which may also be obtained from the office of the trustees, No. 1 Queen-street.

Sydney Postal Service.

In connection with the remodelling of the Sydney G.P.O., the Postmaster-General, Mr. Webster, announced on Monday that he proposed to transfer the mail business from the big building at the railway station back to the G.P.O. premises. This would enable portion of the building at the railway to be converted into a workshop and store, and would thus obviate the necessity for erecting a special building for that purpose. The handling of the mail at the G.P.O., too, would mean that business people would be given an extra half hour before the mails close. Mr. Webster estimates that these arrangements will save at least £20,000 a year in the administration of the postal service in Sydney.

St. Kilda Boys' Naval Brigade.

Information is being sought concerning the record of members of the St. Kilda Boys' Naval Brigade, No. 2 Company, who have proceeded on active service. It is known that of the 100 members of the unit about 50 went to the front. Three of the lads were reported to have been killed, while another was a member of the crew of the Australian submarine taken prisoner by the Turks early in the *Mar-danelles* campaign. The names of the boys who volunteered for war service are to be inscribed on an honor roll, and relatives and friends possessing information of members of the brigade who have enlisted are requested to communicate with Mr. F. Smiley, Robe-street, St. Kilda.

Income Tax Prosecutions.

Fines ranging from 10/6 up to £11/-, with costs, have been imposed at the Melbourne City Court upon the following persons for failure to lodge Federal income tax returns:—

S. J. Tarrant, draper, Nolan-street, Kerang; Eileen Rush, milliner, 116A Glenferrie-road, Malvern; J. W. Orlinton, plumber, Bent's-avenue,

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Soldiers' Tree Memorial.

Members of the Northcote Bowling Club held a tree-planting ceremony in Pearl-street, adjoining the green, on Saturday afternoon, in honor of soldiers whose relatives are members of the club. The trees were given by Mr. W. Campbell, hon. secretary, and comprised Oriental planes. The president and Mrs. Plant subsequently entertained the guests at afternoon tea.

Soldiers' Next of Kin.

The Defence department desires Mr. H. Crawley, formerly of 1 Clarke-street, St. Kilda, next of kin to Lieutenant C. Crawley, 68th Battalion, to communicate as soon as possible with the officer in charge, Base Records, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.