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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS. The death occurred at Ballarat Hospital on Thursday, 25th ult., of Mrs Francis Helena Roberts, wife of Mr Jas. Roberts...

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The following goods were sent to the Y.M.C.A. headquarters last week by the Riponshire Y.M.C.A. Committee:—89 pairs socks, 3 shirts, helmet, 4 handkerchiefs, and 3 tins cigarettes.

At the annual Burns' anniversary celebration of the Ballarat Football Club, held on Thursday evening, 26th ult., the Beaufort Thistle Club was represented by Past-Chief W. R. Glover, Mr P. T. Stevenson (secretary), and Cr. W. H. Halpin.

Mr Albert Chapman, who has acted as manager of Mr L. Bravo's hairdressing saloon since the late months ago, is leaving for Melbourne, as Mr Bravo has disposed of his Beaufort business to Mr Chapman, who is an Anzac veteran and spent the greater part of his life in Beaufort...

Mr Herbert A. Stewart, of Beakfield, Rendelsham (S.A.), who recently found a message in a bottle signed by Private J. Bell (Beaufort) and A. Carmichael (Main Lead), and forwarded it to Mrs J. Bell, has picked up at Rivoli Bay no less than 152 such messages thrown overboard by soldiers on outward bound transports...

The second series of wool appraisements has been completed satisfactorily in Geelong. Buyers and appraisers worked on the catalogue. The highest price of the day, which was also the record for Australia under the present system of appraising, was obtained by Messrs Dalgety & Co. Ltd.

Lewis O'Neil, the 14-year old son of Mr and Mrs R. J. O'Neil, of Mawalok, met with a painful mishap during last week. He threw water upon a vessel containing boiling fat, which was standing in the fire-place and had immediately splashed over his face and arms, practically the whole surface of which was severely scalded.

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Seven members of the Beaufort branch, A.N.A., were present at the fortnightly meeting on Tuesday night; Mr M. Dames (president) occupying the chair. Mr A. H. Sands, met with a very nasty accident. A letter was read from Kerang branch, giving particulars of local hotel accommodation during forthcoming conference. Held over. One member declared on the sick-list and one off. Sick-pay amounting to 25/6/8 was passed for payment.

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Mr W. H. Halpin, auctioneer, Beaufort, reports having held a very successful furniture sale, on account of Mr E. O. E. Hannak, at Beaufort, on Saturday last; the articles offered bringing highly-satisfactory prices. The house was sold to Mr M. Fitzpatrick for £150.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the Riponshire Council's steam roller was engaged rolling several pieces of road recently repaired in the main streets of the township, the operation greatly improving the rough patches.

Whilst a local auctioneer was offering a house for sale on Saturday at Beaufort, a bidder casually inquired: "Does the underground tank go with the house?" "Certainly not," replied the auctioneer with a twinkle in his eye, "I am going to sell that separately." The joke was greatly appreciated by the public.

On Wednesday afternoon a heap of chips in the eastern woodyard at the Beaufort railway station caught fire by some means unknown, and smouldered for some time. As it was in close proximity to wood-stacks, the local fire brigade's hose-reef was sent for, and the fire extinguished by members of the station staff, assisted by a few firemen from the town, the fire-bell was not rung.

An Australian soldier, who hails from a township 100 miles from Beaufort, recently wrote to his friends, telling them that London was not the place it was "cracked up" to be. In fact, it was not as good as his native township, and the shops did not even have verandahs. Numerous Australians have written home expressing their disappointment with London, but this chap "takes the bun."

"This daylight-saving business does not suit us 'cooks,'" said Farmer Cornstalk wrothly to his neighbor the other morning. "The wife, who blames Billie Hughes for it, says she is 'blowed' if she will get up by candle-light in summer-time to suit Government or any other cranks who want 'twelve' the light to country folk." "Well," replied the neighbor, "if I suppose it suits the town folk, and we suit ourselves by sticking to the old time. All we have to do is to remember that our time-pieces are an hour slow when we want to catch a train or visit a storekeeper before he closes his shop. Poor Billie Hughes gets blamed for lots of things now-a-days by people who used to regard him as boss torch-bearer in the march of progress."

Muggins, the tramp, has been scoring a few free beers lately by his fanciful yarns about caterpillars, but he is not always successful. He entered a printing office the other day and remarked, "I can put you on to a good paragraph if you give me two 'bobs' to see me along the road." Before the manager had time to "shoo" him, he declared that he had left a job on from the previous day where the caterpillars were so plentiful that whilst the family ate their meals one of the girls had to stand at the door with a broom sweeping back the advancing insects. "But," he continued, "that was not so bad. In the morning, before the lady of the house could milk the cows, four men had to shovel the caterpillars out of the cowshed where they were two feet deep and all the while she was milking they had to keep on shovelling to keep them back." The manager, with pretended eagerness, asked Muggins to tell him where that farm was quickly, as owing to the high price of paper and other trade commodities and the tightness of his customers' pockets, he had been living on caterpillars and other insects for the past two months.

A suggestion from the Western Plains Presbytery for the affiliation of Bangor with the Beaufort charge, which is under the jurisdiction of the Ballarat Presbytery, could guarantee a fortnightly service by an ordained clergyman at Bangor. It should be attached to the Beaufort charge. Bangor was only 14 miles from Beaufort, and it seemed natural that it should be ministered to from there rather than from Ross' Bridge, which was 28 miles away. Mr W. H. Halpin, representing the Beaufort charge, said they would be a good thing for Beaufort. Such an instance were four out of that this would necessitate the holding by the Beaufort minister of four services on every alternate Sunday. The clerk (the Rev. H. Moore) pointed out that the Beaufort charge was willing to pay £65 per annum, and this would be an addition to the minister's salary, which was a big consideration these times. He moved that the presbytery agree to the request of the presbytery of the Western Plains to affiliate Bangor with the Beaufort charge, and give it a fortnightly service by an ordained minister. Mr W. H. Halpin pointed out that this would mean that the Beaufort minister would lose two morning services per month, and the clerk remarked that this was a very serious case. It was resolved that the interim moderator of Beaufort should bring the matter before the people of the Beaufort charge, and that the presbytery's recommendation for the affiliation should be made if the Beaufort congregation was agreeable.

THE NEW BRITISH MINESFELDS in the North Sea exceed anything of the kind yet attempted. They close the whole of the German coast from the Danish frontier to the border of Holland, and cover a very large part of the southern half of the North Sea.

Australian applications for admission into the Royal Flying Corps, in response to a call for 200 men, are overwhelming. In view of the excellence of the candidates, the Royal Flying Corps desires to absorb all of them, but Lieut-General Sir William Birdwood, Commander of the First Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, is insisting that the Australians should retain their identity as members of the Australian Expeditionary Force.

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SALE. Dalgety & Co. will offer 2,200 good sheep for sale at Skipton next Friday. Further entries are being received by Mr J. W. Henderson, Lismore.

FOR THE EMPIRE. Lieut. Herbert J. Ratcliffe, a Ballarat boy, and well known as a vocalist, is attached to the Royal Fusiliers, and just before Christmas was at the British headquarters staff in France. Whilst in England on special duty early in December he sang at a big gala concert at the Royal Albert Hall, London, and received a wonderful reception. Amongst those present were Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria. Lieut. Ratcliffe frequently sang to Beaufort audiences a few years ago at concerts held under the auspices of the local Agricultural Society and Thistle Club.

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If there is any person in Australia who is entitled to the consideration and respect of the public, it is the returned soldier. His position is one that is far from realised or understood. The fact that returned men are walking about apparently none the worse for their terrible experiences seems to be accepted by the majority as evidence that the men are fully recovered, but this, alas, is far from the case. In some instances, it is true that the men have been invalided home for reasons other than that they are wounded, and many of this class are undoubtedly none the worse physically for their experiences, although it would be worse than useless for them again to be sent to the firing line. It is the wounded men, those suffering from shell shock, and those who have absolutely broken down under the severe mental and physical strain they have endured for many months, that we must look to and make definitely sure that they are fully and properly cared for. That these men are getting a pension is true, but the amount is of course entirely insufficient to adequately maintain them and their families, hence the necessity that suitable employment should be provided. Failing employment there is nothing else but to get relief from one or other of the patriotic funds, and this is the last thing they desire. Officers of the State War Council express the opinion that given suitable work, the numbers applying for temporary relief would be reduced to a minimum, and those would consist of men physically unable to carry out any duties owing to their infirmities. Cannot the employing section of the community realise the position? The War Council can only send men along to the vacancies they are advised of. The Federal and State Governments are giving precedence to returned men in every instance, and their example is being followed by shire councils and other semi-Government or municipal bodies, and a large number of the city warehouses and factories. It is from the country districts the State War Council is looking for support, and it is in the country centres away from the bustle and turmoil of city life, that it is hoped to place the returned man, where in light, congenial employment and under good conditions of life and environment, he may not only earn his living, but also recover as far as possible the best health and strength he sacrificed on behalf of his king and country.

BEGIN TREATMENT AT ONCE.
Have you a weak throat? If so, you cannot be too careful. You cannot begin treatment too early. Each cold makes you more liable to another, and the last is always the hardest to cure. If you take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at the outset you will be saved much trouble. Sold by all chemists and stores.

WHEN LONDON SLEEPS.
Y.M.C.A. NIGHT PATROL ACTIVE.

SNAPSHOTS FROM McME CHEER SOLDIERS.

"One of the most admirable phases of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association" is how a London pressman describes the service of the night motor transport column in that city. The night hawks of London of both sexes are out in flocks seeking as prey the soldier from overseas or who is a stranger to the city. Touts for the worst kind of houses lie in wait to ensnare the unwary. A band of noble women connected with the Y.M.C.A. scout the London streets all night in patrol cars to pick up the stranded or ensnared soldier and convey him to one of the hospitable shelters of the red triangle. This work is producing gratifying results, and car owners are gladly assisting in the voluntary service.
How one of the first photographs sent to the front by the Young Men's Christian Association was received among the Australian soldiers in camp at Salisbury Plain is told by Mr. L. L. Bird, one of the military secretaries of the Y.M.C.A. "A few weeks ago," writes Mr. Bird, "Private W. J. Witt, of Newcastle, New South Wales, came in greatly delighted over a photograph of his home, sent to him by the Australian Snapshot League. This was the first snapshot I had heard of being received at this camp. The snapshot application form had been filled up at this enquiry office, and the interesting thing about it is that it was the first one dealt with by the league. The value of the Snapshots League is evidenced in this case by the great joy it brought to the recipient as he gazed at the picture of his home."
The National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. has been advised that Mr. J. McHardy, of Palmerston North, New Zealand, who last year contributed \$1000 to the Y.M.C.A. fund, has just donated another \$1000 in appreciation of the association's service to the troops.

FOR INDIGESTION DRINK HOT WATER.

A SPECIALIST'S ADVICE.
"If dyspeptics, sufferers from flatulence, indigestion, acidity, gastric catarrh, etc., would only take in half a teaspoonful of bisulphate of magnesia in half a glass of hot water immediately after eating, they would soon forget that they were ever afflicted with stomach trouble, and doctors would have to look elsewhere for patients." In explanation of these words the specialist stated that most forms of stomach trouble were due to acidity and fermentation of the food contents, combined with insufficient blood supply to the stomach. Hot water increases the blood supply and bisulphate of magnesia instantly neutralises the acid and stops food fermentation; the combination of the two, therefore, being extremely efficient and infinitely preferable to the use of artificial digestives, stimulants and astringents. It should be mentioned, though, that the form of magnesia referred to is quite distinct from the sulphates, citrates, oxides, and to prevent confusion you should ask the chemist very distinctly for bisulphate of magnesia.

HAVE WE DONE OUR BEST?

The brave and noble of our young men have not hesitated to sacrifice their young lives, and many thousands have done so in order that liberty and righteousness shall prevail. But what are we doing who are not called upon to make this extreme sacrifice? Can we say that we have done our best? The Federal Treasurer is appealing for subscriptions to the war loan, and therein lies our opportunity to show in a decided manner that there is work that we can do, as the ultimate success of the war will depend, not only on men, but money also. Every £1 is wanted. Therefore, let us show that we are in earnest, and subscribe to the loan freely.

HUNGER THE BEST SAUCE.

Sauce is used to create an appetite. The right way is to look to the digestion. When that is good you are certain to enjoy your food. Chamberlain's Tablets for the stomach and liver improve the digestion and create a healthy appetite. Sold by all chemists and stores.

BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.

Tuesday.
Cattle—A very light supply, numbering only 115 head, was penned for today's sales, consisting generally of middling to useful descriptions, with very few pens ranging from good to prime, rather more than one-half comprising cows and heifers. There was a full attendance of the trade, consequently for all suitable lots competition ruled active, prices for such showing a material improvement on last week's values, closing very firm. Quotations:—Good pens bullocks, £17 to £18; useful, £14/10 to £16; prime cows, £16 to £18/12/6; good, £14/10 to £15/10; useful, £12/10 to £13/10. Calves—30 penned, including a fair proportion good to prime, for which a brisk demand existed, higher rates ruling for all forward; best to £10/2/6. Sheep—4080 came to hand for today's sales, consisting chiefly of middling to useful descriptions, a fair proportion good, with a few odd pens prime to heavy weights. Ewes were largely represented; fully 1500 penned. There was a large attendance of the trade, while graziers were very much in evidence. For quality a brisk demand existed, at prices showing a slight advance on those of the previous week, closing very firm. For other descriptions, especially ewes, a much-improved demand was noticeable, graziers operating freely, at in some instances high prices. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 31 to 33; extra, 34 to 36; good, 27 to 29; useful, 24 to 26; prime ewes, 28 to 30; extra, 32 to 35; good, 26 to 27; useful ewes, 22 to 24; prime merino wethers, 27 to 30/10; good, 23 to 25; useful, 20 to 22; ewes to 22/4. Lambs—2236 to hand, only a small proportion of which were of quality from good to prime, the bulk of the yarding comprising middling to useful descriptions. The demand, especially for trade sorts, was very keen, at advanced prices, whilst for other graziers bid freely throughout, at prices showing a firmer tendency. Quotations:—Prime, 24 to 26; extra, 29 to 31; good, 22 to 23; useful, 19 to 21; prime woolly, 27 to 30; extra, 29 to 33; good, 24 to 26; useful, 21 to 23.

SICK HEADACHE.

This is usually caused by a disorder of the stomach. Take a good dose of Chamberlain's Tablets for the stomach and liver and to-morrow you will feel alright. Sold by all chemists and stores.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SUBSCRIBERS.

The annual meeting of subscribers will be held in the Mechanics' Hall, on TUESDAY evening, the 6th Feb'y., 1917, at 9 o'clock.
N. B. ACTION, Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

MR. L. BRAVO takes this opportunity of thanking all patrons for the support accorded him in the past, and trusts that they will continue the same to his successor, Mr. G. J. McLAUGHEY, who will do his best to merit the same courtesy that has hitherto been given to his predecessor.
LOUIS BRAVO.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that no person will be allowed to shoot or hunt on Wagon or Bushman Estates unless a license is obtained from the manager in charge of each estate. Trespassers will be prosecuted.
DONALD STEWART.

SEVERAL OF RIPON.

TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, and enclosing 5 per cent. cash deposit (to be forfeited if not accepted), will be received up to 11 a.m. on Monday, 5th February, 1917, for the following works:—
Contract 785, North Riding.—Clearing, draining, &c., on the Elmhurst Road.
Contract 786, North Riding.—Re-forming and graveling on the Slatery Road.
Contract 787, North Riding.—Supply of metal and gravel on the Herringwood Road.
Plans and specifications may be inspected at the Shire Office, Ripon, or at Messrs. Coffin, Paton, & Co., 10, Market Street, Ripon.
Tenders or any tender not necessarily returned.

RELIIGIOUS SERVICES.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 1917.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Beaufort, 11 and 7; Middle Creek, 3—Rev. W. G. Wood.

FRYBURNISHAN CHURCH.—Linton, 11; Wetherby, 8; Beaufort, 7—Rev. J. H. Wood.

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W. J. MUIRY, B.C.E., Shire Engineer, Shire Office, Beaufort, 22/11/17.

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Thursday.
Butter—Prime factory prints, 1/4 to 1/4 1/4; lump, 1/4; separator, 1/4 to 1/4 1/4. Eggs, 9d to 9d 1/4. Bacon—Sides, 1/11; mince, 1/4; hams, 1/4. Cheese, 9d to 9d 1/4. And, 9d. Honey, 4d. Potatoes, new, 25 to 26/10. Brown Spanish, 29 to 29/10.

From 1st July, 1916, to 31st January, 1917, 76,341 maternity allowance claims had been granted throughout the Commonwealth, of which 29,400 were in Victoria.

Seventeen cases of ptomaine poisoning occurred among 200 picnickers of the Church of Christ, Kilkenny (S.A.), who journeyed to Burnside on Monday. The condition was Mrs. Scattergood of Kilkenny, and Mrs. Brewster of York, is serious. The persons who are ill partook of beef sandwiches which were packed in tin boxes.
"The Times" correspondent at Amsterdam states that large numbers of starving Germans crossed the frontier, and were arrested. They do not desire to return, stating that food is very scarce in Germany, and they are better off in Holland. Other well-dressed Germans are crowding the frontier and buying food from Dutch frontier residents. German refugees in Holland state that there has been a great increase of sickness and mortality in the large cities, due to food substitutes. Elderly and young people are dying in large numbers.

The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) stated on Wednesday that a cable message from Australia to the Commissioner (Mr Fisher) indicated that two-thirds of the parcels sent for prisoners of war had been found to be worse than useless. Money would be preferable, because it would ensure that parcels would be fresher, and would be delivered more expeditiously. Mr Fisher had also suggested that the forwarding of private parcels from Australia be prohibited, and the Postmaster-General's department has been asked to give effect to his recommendation. Under the new British War Office scheme (excluding officers' parcels for whom will be dealt with as previously) it is provided "that no parcel will be sent to a prisoner of war unless it has been examined or packed by the Central Prisoners of War Committee, or by an organisation authorised by that committee, in accordance with regulations issued by the Government. Every parcel sent will be sent parcels by one, and only one, authorised organisation. Adequate supplies, but not excessive quantities, of food will be sent by the authorised organisation from their own stores to every prisoner." The Minister for Defence said that the Red Cross Society in each State was authorised to send these parcels, and that friends desiring to supplement those comforts could forward cash contributions to the Red Cross Society.

In the latter half of last year Japanese merchants and importers invested in American securities a sum estimated at nearly £10,000,000.

Officials of the New South Wales State bakery are considering the question of making an attempt to popularise whole meal bread. They state that it is cheaper to manufacture than white bread, and could be sold over the counter at 2d a 2lb loaf at a fair profit.

Surgeon-Major Bouvercy, of the French Army Medical Service, has performed a remarkable operation. He extracted a bullet from a soldier's heart, in which it had been lodged for several months. The soldier is entirely cured.

The Broken Hill M.A. has decided that the Daylight Saving Act was detrimental to the workers. It was resolved that, as far as the line of lode was concerned, the clocks would be put back to the old time. The Mining Managers' Association has agreed with the decision of the M.A.

DONNY wanted for children; must be thoroughly quiet and reliable. Apply Mrs. WHITE, c/o Hon. T. Beegs, Erambeen, Beaufort.

DALGETY & CO. will hold their next **SALE AT SKIPTON ON FRIDAY, the 9th of FEB'y.** when 2,200 good **SHEEP** will be offered for sale. 1,000 C.B. Ewes, 1-year-old, station bred, hand shorn, great wool cutters. 226 good Ewes, 1-year-old. 200 good X Wethers, 1-year-old. 300 aged X Ewes, fat. 200 good X Wether Lambs. 100 good X Wether Lambs. 100 good X Lambs, as dropped. 100 Mixed Sheep, in small lots. Further entries being received by **J. W. HENDERSON, LAMBORE, DALGETY & CO.**

BEAUFORT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE AND FREE LIBRARY.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SUBSCRIBERS will be held in the Mechanics' Hall, on TUESDAY evening, the 6th Feb'y., 1917, at 9 o'clock.
N. B. ACTION, Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

MR. L. BRAVO takes this opportunity of thanking all patrons for the support accorded him in the past, and trusts that they will continue the same to his successor, Mr. G. J. McLAUGHEY, who will do his best to merit the same courtesy that has hitherto been given to his predecessor.
LOUIS BRAVO.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that no person will be allowed to shoot or hunt on Wagon or Bushman Estates unless a license is obtained from the manager in charge of each estate. Trespassers will be prosecuted.
DONALD STEWART.

SEVERAL OF RIPON.

TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, and enclosing 5 per cent. cash deposit (to be forfeited if not accepted), will be received up to 11 a.m. on Monday, 5th February, 1917, for the following works:—
Contract 785, North Riding.—Clearing, draining, &c., on the Elmhurst Road.
Contract 786, North Riding.—Re-forming and graveling on the Slatery Road.
Contract 787, North Riding.—Supply of metal and gravel on the Herringwood Road.
Plans and specifications may be inspected at the Shire Office, Ripon, or at Messrs. Coffin, Paton, & Co., 10, Market Street, Ripon.
Tenders or any tender not necessarily returned.

RELIIGIOUS SERVICES.

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There's a Hot Time Ahead!
Prepare for it! Enjoy it!
THE COST OF GOOD CLOTHES IS MONEY WELL SPENT.
Dress Goods. We are showing the Daintiest Lines, Fresh from the World's Fashion Centres. These goods are the embodiment of good taste. Prices are as light as the goods themselves. —* DRESSMAKING A SPECIALITY. —*
Millinery. This Department is under the care of an Expert. Our creations are most artistic, and the Small Prices bear a heavy burden of Quality.
Clothing. There is a distinguishing character to the clothes we sell that gives the finish that makes the wearer well dressed.
Boots & Shoes. A day on your feet proves the value of Shoes purchased here.
The pleasure is ours, the profit yours.
Always at Your Service,
J. R. Wolterspool & Co.
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Tarpaulins, Horse Rugs, Tents, etc., always on hand.
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Highest Price given.

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Forwarding Agents—Crawford, Dowling & Seymour, Ballarat; L. A. Fairburn & Co., Melbourne.
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MR. A. HAYWARD.

RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE.
Notice to Advertisers.

OWING to the inconvenience caused by advertisements being received after the appointed time, we beg to notify that ALTERATIONS TO STANDING ADVERTISEMENTS reach us by WEDNESDAY Morning, such alterations will not be made till the following issue.
In future this rule will be strictly enforced, in fairness to our employees.
Corrections are also requested to send reports by Thursday.

AN GENERAL Advertisement under the Advertisement Act, 1905, is not subject to the provisions of the Act.
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HON. MRS. JOCELYN, Author of "The M.F.H.'s Daughter," "Run to Ground," "Junia Carrington," "Only a Flirt," &c., &c.

CHAPTER I



MISS AIRMERE, one moment, if you will, I have been looking for you for the last hour or so.

"I did not know you were here," said Violet, looking up at her.

"I have been looking through the house at Stourby into the garden."

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was relieved at being able to say an emphatic "No" to them. They were both equally impossible.

"And if she will give you to me you will be my wife?" he went on in a voice which was not under his control.

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"Well, then, I'd just as soon," said the invalid, maliciously of his own idea.

"She isn't worth it," growled Graves.

"Yes, she is, though she isn't the question," Kiddersleigh replied.

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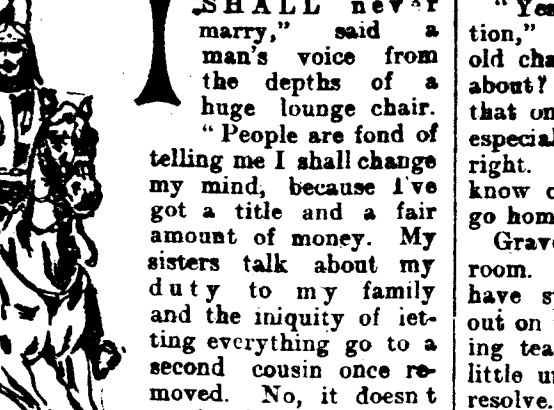
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Australian Natives Association. THE FINEST MEETING of the Beaufort A.N.A. will be held in the MESSIAH.

Religious Services. CHURCH OF ENGLAND—Beaufort, 11 and 7, Tawallah. 3—Rev. W. C. Wood.

The Riponshire Advocate. Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1917.

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A successful and enjoyable social, given by the ladies of Lake Goldsmith and Stockyard Hill, was held at the latter place on Friday night, 2nd ult., in aid of the funds of the Beaufort Girls' Anzac Club.

On account of Germany's new policy of ruthless submarine warfare, it is advised to be very careful in handling mail.

FOR THE EMPIRE.

Mr Douglas Rogers, of Beaufort, has enlisted for active service with the A.I.F. He has four brothers in khaki, and is the 12th volunteer from the township and district for 11 months.

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RAGLAN PUBLIC SPORTS.

The annual sports meeting is to be held at Raglan on Saturday, 17th inst., in aid of the local Patriotic League. An attractive programme of footracing, woodchopping, and horse events has been issued, and good entries are expected.

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THIRTY-FOUR.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Beaufort Branch of the Mechanics' Institute on Saturday night, 10th members were present: Mr J. Miller (chairman) presiding.

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RIPONSHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY, 1917. Present—Mr. Lewis (president), Slater, Stewart, Halpin, Beggs, Roddis, Hannah, and Oddie.

From Country Roads Board, forwarding extract from Government Gazette, containing amended description of roads in Riponshire which have been declared main roads, and drawing attention to sub-sections 3 and 4 of section 17 of Country Roads Act 1915.

From Public Health Department, certifying that samples under Pure Food Act forwarded to Inspector T. Dickman complied with standards.—Received.

From State Forests Department, forwarding report on timber in the district of the East Riding, and asking for a return of the number of sheep loaded at the local station during the past 12 months.

From Municipal Association of Victoria, asking for copy of any motions which the council desires to have placed on the business paper for consideration at the next annual session of the Association.

From Mr. J. J. Martin, Beaufort, stating that the secretary of the East Riding Council had been notified that the matter should be discussed till after the conference met.

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There are many ways to improve your health. Regular exercise, a balanced diet, and sufficient rest are the keys to a long and healthy life.

Do not neglect your health. Take care of yourself today, so that you can enjoy a bright and successful future.

Remember, health is wealth. Invest in your health, and you will reap the rewards of a long and happy life.

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Contract 786, North Riding... The president said he had just had a... The annual meeting of subscribers... The West Riding members reported... The North Riding members reported... The following accounts were passed...

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HUNGER THE BEST SAUCE... Since it is used to create an appetite, the right way is to look to the digestion.

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CONVICT DAYS. VIVID AND REALISTIC PICTURES OF THE PAST.

THE SKIPPER OF THE ALBATROSS. PART ONE.

A gang of convicts, drenched to the skin with the heavy rain that had been falling all day, were at work...

no bones were broken, but he lay for hours half-conscious in the dark. Something moving close to him roused the man, who started up...

ly uninjured. That it was deserted there would be no doubt, but with the terror of bondage uppermost in his mind the fugitive crept stealthily to the hull and listened for some minutes before clambering on deck.

horizon next day. Strengthened by the food and slumber, Peel quickly decided on his course of action. He knew that the north-west coast of the island was the best place to make his way to.

to try and clear the passage. It wanted an hour to do so when the disaster overtook the voyagers. The Albatross had swept down the side of the trough when the recently erected mainmast snapped off close to the deck.

HOW THE HUNS FIGHT DISEASE. In fighting disease and the spread of epidemics among soldiers by fleas and other insects, the Germans are as thorough and systematic as they are in most other things.

WISE AND OTHERWISE. Of the unconscious humour of witnesses the following is not a bad example. Magistrate: "I understand, then, that after heckling the candidate the defendant became very violent and abusive."

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no bones were broken, but he lay for hours half-conscious in the dark. Something moving close to him roused the man, who started up in the belief that his pursuers were on track. A few moments he realised it was an animal that had scented him. Not thirty feet along the glen he saw two bright spots gleaming in the blackness which surrounded him, and, as he rose to his feet, the beast slunk away.

ly uninjured. That it was deserted there would be no doubt, but with the terror of bondage uppermost in his mind the fugitive crept stealthily to the hull and listened for several minutes before clambering on deck. Save for the soft clapping of the water against the craft, and the occasional scream of a gull, a deep silence reigned, and soon, impelled by hunger and scarcely less by curiosity, the convict stood erect, seized the overhanging rail of the bulwarks, and pulled himself on to the "stopping deck."

horizon next day. Strengthened by the food and slumber, Peel quickly decided on his course of action. He knew that on the north-west coast settlement had taken place, and it would not be difficult for him to find his way against the craft, and what story should he tell. If he went as Captain Edwards, for papers in the cabin told him that was the name of the missing skipper, the fact that he alone of the crew survived would create suspicion. Had he been certain that death had overtaken the man of the Walrus, Peel would not have hesitated to present himself at the first settlement in the name of Edwards, but if any of the crew of the whaler survived the fraud would in all probability be soon discovered.

Assembled at Carr's hut on the night of December 7th, 1839, each of the men who formed it arrived shoddy, ragged, and weary. They were the survivors of the ship, and they knew the penalty of discovery. Carr had given them sufficient information to enable them to practically decide on their course of action, and each of them carried a large saw, for they did not mean to return.

to try and clear the passage. It wanted an hour to dawn when the Albatross overtook the skipper. The Albatross had swept down the side of the great wave, and was about to rise from the trough when the skipper erected himself and snapped off the deck. It carried no sail, but the ropes held it thrashing alongside, and with imminent risk of snapping off across the deck, and had it not been for the skill and courage of the skipper the voyage might have ended there and then. He sprang from the helm, and, at times buried under green water, managed to chop away the ropes.

HOW THE HUNS FIGHT DISEASE. In fighting disease and the spread of epidemics among soldiers by fleas and other insects, the Germans are as thorough and systematic as the army in most other things. Disinfection stations are built everywhere along their fronts, usually in the vicinity of railroad depots. At each of these stations 12,000 men can be treated, disinfected, and provided with clean clothes in twenty-four hours.

No 2050 THE KAISER'S BILL

You've heard, of course, the King of the mod. The man who's made of By his Zappin horn. But have you heard how Way back in the year And how the recruiter? Till he got the wags? Well, listen, my friend, it's a bit of a secret. Just when, and where, The Kaiser began his He the grim recruiter Who knew in his inmost To beat all comers at The Recruiter's name? before— The one known as had Who can give you power more? And fill you with proud Now Kaiser Bill had off As he sat in quiet ease He'll be glad to give you (It seemed at times a As he heard the sweet, Come whistling into It shall be done in ways And he banished away But he wouldn't enlist us The great recruiter's To help him along and With I wish, mighty woe! I'll make him pay for it Including the British I Ambition's heart seems pride, Tho' his face was wreath And Schiller and Goethe And the words which flow And the masters of old in As they dwell on my he Day? For thou art a king of He caught up these words head.

At that moment the sun 'Twas then he took Amb And commenced his ma And no recruit was ever Or less imbued with love He soon had an army sec And a navy (we'll say fight) It kept him busy with And nations watched him eyes, 'Cause they never knew When Kaiser Bill might sp And have them in his po But the humorous thing at He had always "Peace" Tho' his mouth contained a ball And he still built deadl And his prayer each morn To dawn and the time on When over all Europe h away. With everyone else in th

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WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Of the unconscious humour of wit nesses the following is not a bad ex ample. Magistrate: "I understand, then, that after heeling the candidate the defendant became very violent and abusive?" Constable: "Yes, sir." Magistrate: "You used drastic measures to remove him?" Constable: "No, sir, I used my truncheon."

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At first sight it would seem that dynamite was a cargo to be carefully avoided. But from a sailor's point of view there are far more dangerous loads. He dreads, for instance, a cargo of sugar. Put hundreds of tons of cane sugar in casks in the hold of a vessel and let the ship steam through a belt of hot weather, and the odour is sickening. The sailors cannot get the sweet taste out of their mouths. They crave vinegar or lemon-juice—anything sour. They lose their appetites and are always glad when a voyage on which the cargo was sugar is over.

SAVED!

They were on leave from the Front and they had dined well and wined well, and finished at a theatre. Outside they separated, and the leader of the party was lucky enough to secure a taxi. Halfway home, however, he discovered, on putting his hand into his pocket, that he was penniless. What was to be done? The British Army is never at a loss and in a few moments he saw a way out. He caught up the speaking-tube and shouted "Stop!" Then, jumping in, he told the driver to wait. "I just want to pop into this tobaccoist's to get a box of matches. I've dropped a sovereign on the floor of the cab, and I can't find it in the dark."

There's a vast difference between fault-finding and pointing out faults.

SOLDIER'S LETTER.

Writing from "Somewhere in France" on 17/12/16 to a Beaufort friend...

RIPONSHIRE HONOR ROLL.

- Beaufort W. B. Bridges, of Travalla... Riponshire Honor Roll list of names.

BALLARAT STOCK MARKET.

Cattle—A light yarding, numbered only 109 head, came to hand for today's sales...

I've a White Man Me... Mr Alf Sad... Mr J. Thompson...

THE EMPIRE.

Thos. Grace, who Gallipoli and has been engagements in Egypt... The Empire news column.

SICK HEADACHE.

This is usually caused by a disorder of the stomach. Take a good dose of Chamberlain's Tablets...

THROAT AFFECTIONS AND HOARSENESS.

All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be relieved by the use of Chamberlain's Tablets...

HUNGER THE BEST SAUCE.

Sauce is used to create an appetite. The right way is to look to the stomach...

THE BROKEN SOLDIER.

Thousands of her stalwart sons afar did roam, And won Australia fame across the foam...

BOY SCOUTS.

Harold K. Parker, P.L., 1st Beaufort Troop, Boy Scouts, reports: "The troop met on Saturday evening, 10th inst..."

SHIRE OF RIPON.

TENDERS, addressed to the President, are invited for the undermentioned works, to be carried out under the provisions of the Country Roads Act, 1915...

BEAUFORT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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W. H. HALPIN, AUCTIONEER. Advertisement for real estate and commission services.

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Hawkes Bros., BEAUFORT. Advertisement for hardware, timber, produce, and other goods.

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SUMMARY.

(Gabriel Peel, a convict working in a lumber gang at Maquarie Harbour Settlement, on 10th November, 1830, escapes. Lieutenant Sorell, on reporting the occurrence to the commandant, learns that a few hours previously a free pardon for Peel has arrived at the station. Meanwhile the fugitive wanders along the West Coast for five days in a starving and hopeless condition, but on the morning of the fifth day he is astonished to find a stranded ship lying in a small cove. The vessel was deserted, and after an examination he found it was seaworthy if floated, and the latter did not offer insuperable difficulties provided he could secure a dozen or so men. With that object he decided to visit the inhabited part of the north-west coast, being lucky enough at the first hut he reached to find a former convict mate named Carr. The latter passed word secretly round, and in a few days managed to gather thirteen men at his hut, where he introduced Peel as the skipper of the stranded vessel, who, having lost his crew, wished to man the ship with convicts, giving them a road to liberty. The ship was floated and repaired after two months' work and got out to sea. Then a difference of opinion arose as to the course to follow. Peel urged that the provisions would not carry them a long voyage, and he wanted to put into Van Diemen's Land port to refuel. The risk frightened the others, but the difficulty was solved by a storm, which almost wrecked them, and they had to seek shelter in the Tamar River, where they berthed at the military station of George Town, where the skipper was invited to dinner by the Commandant.

About midday the Albatross entered the smooth waters of the river, and as she did so Peel opened the hatch, went below to his cabin and loaded a pistol. Then he came on deck and ordered the men to be mustered. They soon came up, looking a sorry crew, and the moment they reached the deck and glanced round they knew what had happened. Less than three miles away they could see the settlement of George Town. At once Peel walked to them. "It was our only hope, lads," he spoke, "we must take the risk, and if anything happens—well, it isn't a hanging job."

"It's piracy," suddenly replied one of the men. "Piracy be d—d. Nothing of the sort. We only salvaged the ship." "But we oughtn't to have altered the name," persisted the man. "Well, we did alter it, and we've got to stick to it. We haven't come here to give the ship up and surrender ourselves. We've come here to repair and get provisions, and then sail to freedom. If any of you are afraid of being recognised you can go below and hide until we're out of this, and we'll not stay here longer than we can help. Understand, I am Captain John Edwards; Carr is Ned Jones; Franklin's Flynn; and I've written your names on this paper, and the skipper handed the grumbler a paper.

To the credit of the men, not one of them decided to skink in hiding. They were not wanting in courage, and came what might they would face it openly. A small lug sail had been hoist, which assisted them to keep steady way, and slowly the craft approached the rough wharf at George Town. Even whaling vessels were seldom in the Tamar, and the Albatross, near her moorings, a small group of officials gathered on the landing. Peel handled the craft in a seamanship way, and within half an hour it was tied up at George Town wharf. A soldier in the uniform of a sergeant at once stepped on board, and was received by Peel.

"I'm Captain Edwards and this is my craft the Albatross, whaler, of Boston, United States," he introduced himself. "We have come here to repair and provision. Nearly felled in last night's storm, and, as you see, we had a mishap."

"Faith we're glad enough to see you, for 'tis few visitors we get," replied the soldier in a strong brogue. "In Sergeant Gorman, an I welcome ye all."

"Come to my cabin, sergeant, and we'll have a drink," briefly answered the skipper, and a few minutes later Gorman was toasting the newcomers with a pannikin of rum, of which liquor there was eight kegs on board. Meanwhile the mate, with the new name of Jones, was keeping a watchful eye on deck; but he saw nothing to note him in the least suspicious.

had little to fear from inquisitive or suspicious people. The vessel also looked what she was represented to be—and what, in fact, she was. Most of the crew kept below while Peel, Carr and Franklin stood on the poop and discussed the situation. The skipper's visit to the Commandant would be a crucial test, but Peel felt quite confident he would pass the ordeal undetected. "It's not the captain I'm afraid of," he remarked, "I am a stranger to him, but there may be someone around who knows me, or at least one of us. Anyhow it's got to be done, for we must have stores."

"Yes," dubiously retorted Carr, "now that we're here we must go right through with it. 'Twould be madness to take fright and clear out. I'd feel safer if I had a spar aboard with which we could rig a jury mast."

Peel remained silent for several minutes, thinking out the matter. At length he said: "The mast is the biggest danger we have. After I go to the barracks you might take a look round and see if there is a spar lying about which we could get aboard quickly. As for the stores, those are plain sailing, but if we hang about here for days rigging up, we must it might mean discovery. With the material on board we could get off at night, and do the work of raising it at sea."

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"Buy a flag, sir?" "Ah'm sorry, lassie. Ah'd like fine to give something to the grand wark of the Red Cross, but I find I've naethin' less than a penny!"

A man condemned to be hanged was visited the day preceding his execution by his wife (an ignorant woman), who, as the sequel will show, intended to have no hitch in the carrying out of the sentence. After the anxious inquiries about his health had been made and answered he asked what was in them.

"You have been to England, I hear." "Well, I can't do this time," said Joe, "but if I am as lucky as my father-in-law you shall have the next chance."

The French think the English people somewhat slow and serious. It is all a matter of comparison. A dour, taciturn Scot—a house painter by the way—had been to England, and returned to his native town. The lady of the house where he was working tried to get him to talk.

"You have been to England, I hear." "Aye." "Were you there long?" "Power year." "Well, what do you think of the English?" "Gabs-baghs"—solemnly, without the twitch of a muscle. The conversation ended there.

The editor of the correspondence columns had a very busy day—a very busy day indeed. So busy, in fact, that he had to enlist the services of the "sub" to read out the correspondence.

"What is the next query?" he asked, when he had gone half way through the pile of letters. He "yeh" replied the "sub," a reader in South Africa wants to know how to prevent the hairs in his moustache from falling out. What shall I put down, sir?

"Well, answered the editor, with a sigh, "just put down." The best way to prevent hairs from falling out is to brush them lightly apart, and keep them from quarrelling."

The manager of Kildem's great menagerie had induced all the crowd to become patrons, except one individual who stood gazing at him with mouth agape.

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SOLDIER'S LIFE

Writing on 18.12.16 to Miss M. Sinclair, of Chas. Hill, an old beau attached to a machine states:—"I will be spent birthday and Xmas. In this year, as we are in month this time. You Xmas, will not be a very I just came out of the nights ago, and was very as we were waist deep there. There were no rain and snow, and we about, but just had to place all the while we were. It is going to be a very for us boys here this year, them are going away with the worst of the winter. It came as a great blow here when we got the no-cription had been lost. Just fancy Australia being quit when she ought to be very last. Who are us? What would happen to a German? We also here on conscription, and boys were not of opinion had to force men to come not be any good to us here. Pride more than a stopped some of the boys. "Yes," but none of us down our arms till we have enemy and made them pay outrages that they were during this war. We have enemy a terrible doing it months. It has been one from start to finish, and we've beaten on this front. With another six weeks weather we would probably them retreating, and they gone miles before they stopped again. We had lost all their strategic positions, mass of forts from start to must have lost thousands matter wherever you look can be found, sometimes in must have lost four or one. It must be terrible, one of our bombardments, are thousands of cannon that of all sizes up to the 15cwt. You people have not the slightest of what war is like and rights we see shortly to England very shortly, been waiting for someone to Bob's address, so now I go to see him when I get to the for the first time and he me for two nights. He the his unit, which was coming, trenches and we were g hoped to see him again, I loved another division, so lieve mine this month, so am looking forward to see boys when in Egypt, but soon any of them in France get a letter from Jim, of Egypt, and when he last well."

THEATRE AFFECTIONS AND ALL suffering from irritation and hoarseness will be relieved at the Albatross Theatre. The use of "Brown's Bronchitis" These famous "lozenges" are a new, respectable and reliable remedy. People troubled with cough, "a slight cold," or hoarseness, should try them. Similar troubles, if allowed to result in serious Pulmonary Affection, will be cured by I. BROWN'S "See that the signature on U.S.A. European Depot, 67, Old Broad Street, London, E.C.4."

The Imperial Supplies Co. in New Zealand has £6,000,000 worth of wool on behalf of the Imperial authorities.

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