

## WEST AUSTRALIA

Frank Hedges, a Perth lineman, was strapped to the top of a telegraph pole disconnecting wires when the pole collapsed and fell on him. He was instantly killed.

A vehicle containing three men overturned at Leederville. William Chandler, one of the occupants, was pinned beneath the vehicle and killed. David Grant was seriously injured, and the third man escaped with a few abrasions.

At Kalgoorlie the inquiry into the derailment of a brake van on the trans-Australian railway on January 5, as the result of which Thomas Kearney, Thomas Broderick, James M'Keown and Patrick Hall were killed, resulted in a verdict of accidental death.

Leonard Johnson was killed by an explosion at the Robin Adair iron works, Kalgoorlie. He was holding a hermetically sealed piston-head in the flames of the forge by means of a rod, when a terrific explosion occurred and he was killed.

Caught in a gale off the coast 70

Caught in a gale off the coast 70 miles north of Fremantle, the fishing boat Mildred capsized and sank. The captain, Gustave Hill, and his two mates, Jack Troyle and Chris. Hansen, clung to the ice-chest after the boat foundered, but Hill, who was unable to swim, was washed away from the chest, and drowned. The other two reached the shore, and arrived at Gingen, 20 miles inland.

West Australian Treasury returns for January show a revenue of £369,027, a decrease as compared with January, 1914, of £13,559. The expenditure was £531,320, an increase of £52,472. The deficit for the month is £162,293. The revenue for the seven months of the present financial year totals £2,632,254, an increase of £82,864. The expenditure was £3,246,509, an increase of £409,745. The total present deficit-accumulated during the Scaddan Government's administration is £1,061,181.

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