

General News.

The Geraldton Red Cross Society has collected £1290 18s 7d.

The New South Wales Government has set aside £250 for the relief of necessitous families at Broken Hill.

For supplying liquor to a native, two men in Carnarvon were each fined £20 and costs last week.

The Mt Magnet Race Club held a picnic meeting on January 1st in aid of the local hospital and were able to show a profit of £42 13s 3d. Receipts were £127 3s 9d and expenditure £84 10s 6d the prize money paid out being £53 11s 10d

The sudden death of Mr A. F. Ball, accountant at the Ingliston Extended Gold Mine, occurred at his residence early on Sunday morning, the cause of his death being assigned to heat apoplexy. The funeral, which took place the same afternoon, was largely attended. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs Ball in her sad bereavement.

The Albin Weather Mill

The Albion Woollen Mills, at Geelong (Vic) were totally destroyed by fire this week, the damage being estimated at £30,000. The insurance amounted to £23,000. Two hundred and eighty hands have been thrown out of employment, and should re-erection be decided on it will be two years before the mills are again in commission.

Mr G. Foley, acting secretary of the Metropolitan Council of the A.L.F., received the following wire from Mr J. B. Holman, addressed from Meekatharra:—
“ Endeavouring to place men and am requiring financial assistance for the women and children. The whole of the forces of the Chamber of Mines are arrayed against us. Can you help?” By way of response to the appeal, a request for financial assistance for the families of the men is to be made to the unions throughout the State.

One of the methods of communicating from one officer to another in the trenches of the present great war is to give the message to one of the privates and tell him to pass the word along the line until it reached its destination, viz., the officer at the other end. The following story will show how a serious message can be

will show how a serious message can be distorted on its journey from mouth to mouth :—Lieutenant A., in charge of one end of a British line told the private in front to pass the word along to Lieutenant B. : “ We are going to advance, can you send us reinforcements ?” When Lieutenant B. received the message it was like this, “ We are going to a dance, can you lend us three and fourpence ?”

Apropos of the cost of living. The colored man who gathers “ dead marines ” for profit and a local yardman at one of the hotels were, the other day, discussing the cost of living in different countries, when the former announced that in his country the wages ran as high as two bob a week, but the cost of living was a very small item. Rice, which could be purchased in large quantities for a few pence. formed the chief item on the menu. “ Little Tich ” expressed his profound astonishment at the statement, and, mediating for a few minutes, his countenance lit up as he glanced lovingly at his half-full pot and asked, “ What does beer cost ?”

Furniture.—A long felt want is now supplied by the Federal Supply Co., opposite Connelly’s Hotel. regular supplies

posite Connelly's Hotel, regular supplies arriving by every train: Chairs, Tables, Single and Double Stretchers, Bedding (specially made for the firm by Alf. Povey, Perth), Duchess Chests, Chest of Drawers, Sideboards, Child's Chairs and Cots, Glassware, Crockery, Jewellery, Clocks and Watches, also a variety of household necessities too numerous to mention. We specially invite you to see our 30s and 35s Double Iron Bedsteads, being the cheapest line on the fields, considering the high rate of freight ruling. Being agents for Baker and Moore's Prams and Go-Carts, you will save a great deal by entrusting us with your orders. Prices low, terms reasonable. Delivery made to any part of the town. Note address: Opposite Connelly's Hotel, Meekatharra.—Advt.

Mr J. W. Syson is open for engagement for the tuning of pianos.

The Nannine Race Club intend holding a patriotic race meeting on April 7th.

An electoral revision court will be held at the Road Board office on March 7th.

Drivers of vehicles are warned that they are liable to a fine of £2 for neglect-

ing to carry a light after dark.

A price is wanted by Crooks and Brooker, Ltd., for carting 20 tons of building material to Peak Hill.

Tenders are invited for the cartage of battery supplies to the Ravelstone State battery. Tenders close on April 6th.

Mr Alex. Mitchell and Mrs L. Maguire, both of Cue, were married at Perth on Tuesday. They are old and well-known residents of Cue, and the heartiest of good wishes is extended to them.

Mr James Hicky, of Geraldton, has been unanimously selected to contest, in the Labor interest, the Central Province Seat in the Legislative Council which will shortly be vacant. The Hon. Wm. Patrick, the sitting member, has joined the Country Party.

At the Cue Quarter Session this week before Mr L. L. Crockett R.M., and Mr Jas. Chesson, J.P., and a jury, Joe Filipov, a Russian, who was committed for trial at the Peak Hill Court on a charge of shooting Edward Morton with intent to kill, was found not guilty and discharged.

Last November, whilst engaged in

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duties as shift boss on the Queen of the
Hills mine, Meekatharra, Mr R. Carlyle
met with an accident to one of his eyes.
He journeyed to Perth, and early in
December entered the St. John of God
Hospital for treatment. He has been in
hospital some eleven weeks, and has
practically lost the sight of the injured
eye, whilst the other also became weak-
ened.