
COUNTRY NEWS.

PORT ELLIOT.

January 9.

The death occurred on Saturday at Port Elliot of Pte. Alexander Hiltunen, a member of the Returned Soldiers' Association. The interest shown by the public of Port Elliot and Victor Harbor was evidenced by the number of conveyances at the funeral on Sunday. Pte. Hiltunen was a Russian Finn, and judging by correspondence in his possession was of no mean birth. He arrived as a sailor at Port Adelaide about seven years ago, and leaving his ship made his way to Port Elliot. He was unable to speak the English language, but by making signs to Mrs. Trigg, of Cliff House, conveyed the fact that he was very hungry. He seemed young and fresh, and the good lady's heart went out to the lad, with the result that she treated him as a son, teaching him the English tongue, and giving him some experience at a trade. Subsequently he enlisted for the front, and after a bad attack of pneumonia and pleurisy was returned to Australia with consumption and other diseases contracted in his low state of health. He did not care to make his home with his friends on account of his complaint, and secured a position at Port Pirie as a watchman until all his money gave out in doctors' expenses. He then returned to Adelaide to obtain more assistance, but this was refused him, as he was receiving a pension. The boy had to give in and acquaint his former friends with his condition. He was sent for im-

give to and acquaint his former friends with his condition. He was sent for immediately and nursed by Mrs Trigg until a few days before his death, when a nurse who happened to be on holidays heard of the strain which that good lady was undergoing, and volunteered to assist her. At the funeral four returned soldiers—Messrs McCoy, Stidson, Smith, and Tripp—acted as pall bearers. The Rev. Mr. Boyer read the burial service, in which he spoke of the manliness of the deceased. Another mark of appreciation was shown by the public, when Mr. Bull (manager of the Y.M.C.A. concert party) organized a concert at Port Victor on Sunday afternoon for a collection to place a headstone on the grave. Members of the Returned Soldiers' Association have expressed deep appreciation of the sacrifice and motherly interest displayed by Mrs Trigg to the unfortunate soldier.