

The Bulletin

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1928.

At the present moment some 500 cooks have held up all the passenger steamers in Australia, and are now rendering the cargo steamers idle. And this is the progress result of ten years of Arbitration; that much belauded policy, saviour of timid or slippery politicians, who by its aid evade responsibility; cherished by many of the Arbitration Court Judges, most of whom imagined, in the intensity of their economic ignorance, that they had absolutely settled for all time, the age long differences between capital and labor; beloved of employees who marched to higher wages under its provisions, or, struck against an award which did not meet with their approbation. Until recently the last mentioned alternative policy was almost universally successful, and on scores of occasions, concessions above the award, wrung from employers who could, or could not pass it on, were later embodied in the awards, which had previously to be broken, to obtain the required concession. This method of obtaining higher remuneration and easier conditions was practically endorsed by all the Unions, which never refused to accept the benefits wrung from employees by illegitimate sectional strikes. Under such circumstances, therefore, with the secret blessing of the Union leaders, and the apparent helplessness of the Arbitration Court, it was only reasonable to expect these guerilla like attacks, on the indifferently organised employers, should become popular. The Cooks are only repeating what seamen, watersiders, ships' firemen, railway men, and other members of Unions have repeatedly, and successfully

have repeatedly, and successfully done before them. The only difference in the position, is, that the steamship owners appear to have now decided to fight, and have it out with their refractory culinary artists. The big unions, which previously never hesitated to accept the concessions, won in these sectional strikes, have now taken alarm, and are endeavouring to coerce the Cooks into submission. Like the Innisfail watersiders who have defied their Union for years, the Cooks have still the "No surrender" flag flying, and the other maritime unions, if they cannot induce them to haul down the flag, will either have to provide cooks, sail with non-unionists, or leave the ships. In the last mentioned event, of course, there will be a very serious extension of the dispute. People generally have a pronounced dislike to taking sides in a quarrel, when such action may result in personal loss. If, however, the ships cease to run, the prosperity of the country will be so seriously affected, that financial ruin will stare most people in the face, unless they put up a fight and get the steamers going again. If the best paid maritime workers in the world, spoilt by the long period in which they have had it all their own way, refuse to carry on; it is very unlikely their feelings will be considered, if it becomes a question of non-union labor. This is now recognised by the leaders of most of the Unions, but the Frankenstein which they created, and which proved so valuable when concessions from employers could be obtained by direct action, now refuses to suspend operations, is as unpopular as it was once popular, and refuses to be laid. The Unions have decidedly the worst of the position, because they cannot hope for further concessions; the steamship owners, hardened by previ-

steamship owners, hardened by previous encounters, are ready for the fray, because they have nothing more to lose, and with the public behind them, may secure some measure of reasonable service from their future employees.

A dance will be held in the Flying Squadron Hall to-night.

A social and dance will be held in the Oonoonba State School room to-night.

The opening of bicycle racing on the new track at the Show Grounds takes place at an early date, the first meeting being in aid of the Ambulance.

Skating will be held at the Roof Garden to-day, children from 10.30 to 12.30, also afternoon and night sessions.

A euchre party and jazz evening will be held at the residence of Mrs Con O'Callaghan, on Tuesday, June 26, in aid of the parish debt.

The annual ambulance competitions of the Railway Department in the various divisions of the State are at present being arranged. They will all be held before the end of September.

Have you seen the new Velours and Tobracos at McKimmin's. They have just opened a big shipment of these popular materials and the price of the

A meeting of the ladies of the Cancer Campaign will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday next, at 8 p.m. to finalise the proceeds of the dance, etc.

Grandstand seats for the Mackay—Townsville Rugby Football match tomorrow, may be reserved at Hoffimans Sports Depot until 1 p.m. to-day. Reservation 1/- each. Ground entrance tickets at 2/- each are also available.*

Mr. M. P. Hynes, M.L.A., writes: I beg to inform you that it has been decided to extend for a further period of six months ending on the 31st October, 1928, the concession allowed to overseas vessels loading, for bunkering or cargo purposes, 300 tons or over of coal from the Bowen district.

Before the Industrial Magistrate on

Friday Joe Song and Gat Chung, Chinese storekeepers, were each fined £3 and 3/6 cost on charges of having kept their business premises open after the hour prescribed by the Act for the closing of such premises. The complainant was Mr. H. Harris, Industrial Inspector.

At the Supreme Court on Friday, before the Registrar, Mr J. Comerford, Henry Frederick Jacob Ivers was adjudicated insolvent on his own petition, the first meeting of creditors being fixed for June 28, the statement of affairs to be filed the previous day. (Wilson Ryan and Grose, solicitors for the petitioner.)

At a meeting of St. Paul's Brisbane, congregation on Wednesday night, it was agreed to call the Rev. John Sinclair of Townsville, to succeed the Rev. James Walker as minister of the congregation. The financial secretary leaves Brisbane on Monday, to attend the annual celebrations of the Presbyterian and Methodist schools at Charters Towers, and to visit other Northern centres.

The statement that a large proportion of the bacon and hams exported by Queensland to Victoria was the flesh of wild pigs has been officially denied. Wild pigs only exist on the coast and on some western rivers and their numbers are comparatively few. In any case the pigs are so lean and coarse that wild pig bacon would be unsaleable. The statement is as untrue as that made by interested parties in Victoria that Queensland beef is of poor quality.

Reports have been received in Brisbane of demonstrations in North Queensland against the employment of Japanese cooks in hotels. It is said in consequence of this a number of Japanese have lost employment, and that so seriously do the Japanese authorities consider the position to be an infringement upon the rights and status of their nationals, that the Japanese Consul in Sydney has come to Queensland to investigate the matter.

Music and special instruments at half price. Yes, it's a fact. See the special display in one of McKimmin's Flinders Street windows. They are having a clean up in their Music Department prior to stocktaking, and most of the instruments are only slightly shop soiled. Good records at

slightly shop soiled. Good records at 1/3 and 1/11. Planola rolls at half price and less, while the prices of the musical instruments will astound you. No need to wait till next pay. Make it a "Lay By" at McKimmin's to-day.*

Large specimens of coal brought in from a depth of 27 feet at Lower Bros. coalmine appears to be of excellent quality. The government analysis of coal sent from this shaft to Brisbane reads for the best specimen: moisture 0.7, volatile matter 17.2, fixed carbon 14.6, ash 7.5; for the other; moisture 0.4, volatile matter 18.1; fixed carbon 67.5, ash 14. A note from the analyst says: "As the analysis in each case is of a small specimen and not of a sample, it would not be safe to draw definite conclusions from the results as to the value of the bulk coal."

The Railway Appeal Board will sit in Townsville from the 2nd to the 5th of July inclusive. The Board will sit in Cairns on July 7th, returning to Townsville to sit from the 10th to the 14th inclusive, after which it proceeds to Concurry where they will sit on the 17th and 18th. Mr. H. Harris is Chairman of the Board. Mr. F. Lenihan, Secretary, and Mr. A. Morris, Commissioners' Representative. Three employees' representatives will complete the Board, which has a very heavy programme before it.

Eggs! Eggs! Fresh Eggs! Stacks of Fresh Eggs at the Great Big O.K. Smash on this morning. Peach and pineapple jam, 7d. per tin; pineapple and melon jam 7d. per tin; Pineapple shoulders 11d. per lb.; large tins of peaches, 1/ per tin; plums, large tins, 11d.; cream, jars, Nestle's 1/1; Pineapple rib rashers 1/3 per lb.; potatoes, beauties, 7lb. for 1/; onions 5 lbs. for 1/; Champion Four A butter (the world beater) 2/1 per lb.; Apollo No. 1 soap 2 bars 1/3; sand soap, 5 bars for 1/; Ham rashers, collar rashers, sausages, March with the crowd. Early doors 8.30 a.m. Sharp.*

At the Supreme Court on Friday probate of the will of Auguste Gallet, retired farmer, who died at Cairns on June 2, 1926, was granted to Bernard Moses Gallet, farmer, of Bahinda, and Edward Alexander Lymbuner, of Cairns, merchant, the executors named in the will. Realty was sworn at under £1371 and personalty at under £5342. Messrs Murray and Bennett, Cairns, are solicitors for the executors. (Town agents Messrs Wilson, Ryan and

agents Messrs Wilson, Ryan and Grose.)

Pleading guilty to having failed to attend a compulsory drill three trainees, Sidney Murray Wright, Charles Garnet Wright, and John Longford Kennedy were each convicted and ordered to be handed over to the custody of the Adjutant of the 31st battalion for a period of 20 days on Friday. In each case the Adjutant, drill-Major Wells, stated the defendant had been written to on several occasions but had failed to make good the training missed. The last named trainee Kennedy, was sentenced to a further three days in the custody of the Adjutant for having been 15 hours short in the training time completed for the year 1926-27. The only member of the trio to advance an excuse was S. M. Wright, who stated that he had been unable to get anyone to take his place in his father's business while the eight days c. ip was on. The period of training missed was twelve days in the case of this defendant and Kennedy, and eleven days in the case of C. G. Wright.

George Barnard, 22, William Bray, 19, and George Hutton, 18, appeared before Mr. J. Fraser, Acting Police Magistrate, in the Summons Court on Friday afternoon, as a sequel to a joy-ride on a railway trolley on Thursday night. The Townsville Station Master, Mr. J. A. Blom, appeared as complainant, charging the defendants that they, on June 6, at Townsville, willfully interfered with certain property of the Commissioner for Railways, namely a "pump car." Each of the defendants pleaded guilty. Sub-Inspector O'Sullivan explained that the young men were intercepted by Sergeant Howard and Plain Clothes Constable Aspinall the previous night as they were running along the line on the trolley. They were members of the crew of the Surrey, and appeared to be getting some fun out of the performance, although they were at one stage perilously close to being run down by a train. The P.M. explained the gravity of the offence to the defendants, pointing out that it was an offence for which a penalty of three months' imprisonment could be imposed. Barnard stated that he was earning £12/10/- per month and each of the others stated his wages to be £3/10 per month. A fine of £1 and 3/6 costs was imposed in each case. In de-

was imposed in each case. In default three days imprisonment. As each of the prisoners admitted they had no goods other than personal property on board the imprisonment was made peremptory, but the police promised to give the lads every assistance to obtain the money to pay the fines.

Sub-Inspector J. O'Sullivan, officiating in his usual role of prosecuting officer, told to the Acting P.M., Mr. J. Fraser, a strange story in connection with a charge against a 19-year-old lad named William James Smith, of having stolen two suit cases and a quantity of wearing apparel, the property of Patrick Walsh. The Sub-Inspector said that Smith, who pleaded guilty to the charge, travelled from Brisbane in company with Walsh. The latter paid Smith's fare to Bundaberg, and from there they made their way together to Gladstone. At that city Smith obtained employment, and Walsh came on alone to the north. Before leaving Brisbane, Walsh had left two portmanteaux in the care of the Railway Department, and Smith was aware of the fact. In Gladstone he assumed the name of Walsh, and sent for the portmanteaux, which he was successful in obtaining on May 5 last. He pawned both of them, and used the clothes. The previous day Walsh, returning from up north, met Smith, in Townsville, and was amazed to discover that the latter was wearing his (Walsh's) clothes. The police were informed, inquiries were made, and Smith was arrested. There was one previous conviction against him for stealing fruit in Gladstone. When asked by the P.M. what he did for a living the defendant replied, "Travel on the road," which the P.M. "repeated" as "Travel on the railways." The defendant was convicted and ordered to enter into a bond of £50 to be of good behaviour for 12 months, and to make restitution in the sum of £7 to Patrick Walsh.

Bessie Kozachuk made application before the acting P.M., Mr. J. Fraser, on Friday, for an order compelling her husband, Koenofont Kozachuk, a miner of Collinsville, to keep the peace towards her. Mr. F. North, of Roberts, Leu and North, appeared for the complainant and the defendant conducted his own case. The complaint gave evidence to the effect that she was married to the defendant on December 17, 1921, and there were three children of the marriage. On May 5 last an altercation occurred between witness and the defendant

between witness and the defendant during which she was badly knocked about. The defendant was fined £5 for that assault. That was not the first occasion on which her husband had knocked her about. She left him after that, and came to live with her mother in Townsville. Some trouble occurred over the children, and on May 27 defendant said to witness, "I'll do you in," and remarked that her mother could have the body in two days to bury it. Witness was afraid he would carry the threat into execution and she wanted him bound over. The latter portion of the evidence was corroborated by Mr. Morris, mother of the complainant. The defendant closely questioned the witnesses, and gave evidence himself concerning the events narrated by the complainant. He admitted having a lot of trouble with his wife for some time, and having struck her on several occasions. After hearing the evidence the P.M. ordered that the defendant enter into a bond of £25, with one surety of a like amount, to keep the peace towards his wife, in default of such bond and surety the defendant to be confined in Stewart's Creek gaol for one month. The defendant was also ordered to pay £2/2 professional costs.