

Canberra

CHAIRMAN OF THE RATIONING COMMISSION, Mr. Coles, said in Canberra, last night, "The latest meat cut enables us to lift our heads high." Australia could tell the people of Britain that she was bearing the whole of this cut to enable her to maintain her commitments rather than ask less fortunate people to carry part of the load. No relaxation of this cut could be expected in 1945, but the position would be kept under review, and as soon as production increased the Government would revise the scale, he added.

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS for dealing with black marketing and war pillaging throughout Australia will be made soon to the Federal Cabinet by its anti-pillaging sub-committee of four Federal Ministers. The Customs Minister, Senator Keane, chairman of the sub-committee had been appointed by Cabinet on Monday to examine every phase of black marketing.

New South Wales

FRED SEARLE, well-known old-time cricketer who died on Monday aged 86, was a brother of the late Jimmy Searle, founder of Union cricket clubs.

SHEARING HAS BEEN RESUMED in all NSW districts which normally work at this season, said the northern district manager of the Graziers' Co-operative Shearing Company, W. Payne.

DESPITE THE ORDER of the Federal Conciliation Commissioner, Mr. Morrison, that work was to be resumed on Wednesday, it is unlikely that striking Balmain Ironworkers will resume before today. Judge O'Mara warned strikers that he would not be influenced by a continuation of the strike, and said he preferred a long strike concluded with proper settlement, rather than a patched-up settlement. He said this after Mr. N. Orgillan, chairman of the strikers' committee, told him in the Federal Arbitration Court that another meeting of the men was being held to consider an order to return to work.

NELLIE MAUD CHERENY, 52, Arncliffe, was found by her husband hanging from a rafter with a cord round her neck. Her husband had to force a window to gain entry, and found a note beside the body.

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INDIAN LASCARS REFUSED TO SAIL on an overseas ship from Newcastle when an attempt was made to include an African Zulu deportee in the crew. The Zulu was brought under police escort, and was to have been engaged as a coal trimmer. Following the Lascar's objection, which was stated to be based on religious grounds, the Zulu was returned to await deportation.

TEMPORARILY POSTED MISSING over Rumania the day his son was born, Warrant Officer Clifford Bridges, RAAF, of Rose Bay, formerly a member of the Bridges trio, has completed operations over Italy and is spending leave with his wife's relations in Scotland. This news has been received by Mrs. M. Bridges, of Rose Bay, whose son was married in London on November, 1943, to Miss Margaret Davidson of Uphall, Scotland.

A WOMAN WHO WAS ASSAULTED in King's Cross on Tuesday, and a man who went to her assistance had to receive hospital treatment. Mrs Alice Fitzhenry, 44, Rose Bay, said a man tried to drag her into a lane. Her screams brought Patrick Marden, 54, who was hit on the head and kicked when he was down. A man was arrested and charged with assault.

WHEN THE BRISBANE EXPRESS REACHED COFF'S HARBOUR on Wednesday morning, David Allen Know, three months, was found dead in a carriage. The child's grandmother left him for a few minutes while she went to the refreshment room, and on her return he was dead.

THIEVES WHO ATTEMPTED A SMASH-GRAB RAID on a window of the Quality Stores Pty., Ltd., Botany Road, Mascot, early on Monday, were disturbed when the burglar alarm sounded. This is the second time within two months that attempts have been made to steal goods displayed in the window. Thieves were successful the first time.

MISS PNINO SALZMAN, the Palestinian pianist now in Sydney, has given 500 concerts since her first performance at the age of 12 at the Salle Garveau, in Paris. Miss Salzman was born in Tel Aviv 22 years ago. She will give her first Australian concert in Sydney Town Hall on May 6.

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BERTHA BLUME WERNER, trading as the Paris Perfumery, Elizabeth Street, Sydney, was fined \$20 in the Special Federal Court for offering nail lacquer and remover for sale. Mr. Bradley, K.C., for the Crown, said these were luxury articles prohibited in wartime. Mr. Church, for the defence, said Werner had brought the lacquer in bulk, and thought she could sell it as and when required.

Tasmania

TWO MEN WERE BADLY INJURED when a motor car got out of control and careered down Moore's Hill, on the Launceston side of Beaconsfield, coming to rest on its side in the midst of broken parts. The injured men were: Frederick Reed, about 33, married, forestry ranger, Beaconsfield, slight concussion; Lyall Harrison, about 30, extensive cuts to head; Cyril Manion, 46, motor mechanic, Beaconsfield, who was driving the car, received abrasions and slight cuts to the forehead.

ARTHUR DAVIDSON, 52, Glenorchy, and Arthur Polley, 60, Moonah, were admitted to the Royal Hobart Hospital with head injuries. Their condition is regarded as serious. It is understood that they were passengers on a train conveying shift workers to the zinc works at Risdon, and that they were injured when the train hit a stationary truck on the zinc works siding.

A VERDICT OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH was recorded by the Coroner, Mr. G. W. Easton, at the resumed inquest at Wynyard into the death at the Spencer Hospital of Ivan James Wells. Wells was injured at Cumming Brothers' sawmills at Guildford. He was heading-in at the mill when the saw threw out a piece of wood which struck him in the face.

EDWARD LEWIS, 80, Sandy Bay, Hobart, was admitted to the Royal Hobart Hospital at the weekend with head injuries. He was knocked down by a car at the corner of Argyle and Liverpool Streets. His condition is serious.

"I CERTAINLY THINK that what Britain can do Australia can do also," said the Treasurer, Mr. Dwyer Gray, commenting on the announcement of the British Chancellor of the Exchequer that taxation in Great Britain after the war would be reduced considerably, and the statement of the Federal Treasurer, Mr. Chifley, that Australian taxation was not likely to be similarly reduced.

Victoria

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT, Mr. Justice Cavan Duffy directed a jury to acquit Angus Donald McGregor, of Gipps Street, East Melbourne, waterside worker, on three counts of having, contrary to the National Security (Rationing) Regulations and without lawful authority, obtained possession of clothing coupons. McGregor was discharged.

SIR EDMUND HERRING, Chief Justice, who was knocked down by a motor truck when he alighted from a plane on April 12, has resumed his judicial duties at the Melbourne Law Courts.

REPORTING A 50 PER CENT EXPANSION in turnover, to £2,000,000, Permewan Wright Limited, made a record profit of £28,805 in the year to January 31, equal to about 8½ per cent on the total disclosed funds of shareholders invested in the business.

MILK SUPPLIES FOR MELBOURNE are falling so rapidly that the Milk Board held a conference late on Wednesday to arrange for available supplies to be distributed as evenly as possible. The Board Chairman, Mr. J. T. Packer, said reports were being received of shortages all over the metropolitan area. Quotas had fallen heavily despite provision of supplies from emergency sources.

GOLD PROSPECTING HAS BECOME HARDER NOW because of food rationing and petrol and tyre shortages. This in the opinion of Mr. George Eastwood, a gold prospector who became "fed up" with big cities 14 years ago, and left Melbourne to seek a fortune in and around Kalgoorlie, West Australia. He returned to Melbourne this week, and it is claimed that he won over £10,000 worth of gold, but in his first year of prospecting in 1931 he earned only 12/6. His biggest find was 400 ounces out of 10 tons of dirt in 1943, which earned him £3500.

THE NAMES OF 158 VICTORIANS among the 430 AIF prisoners released in Western Europe and repatriated to England in the week ending April 28 are published in full. The list contains names of many officers and men captured in the campaigns in Greece and Crete.

ADVICE HAS BEEN RECEIVED that Private Kenneth McLennan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. McLennan, of Queen's Parade, Fawkner, is missing from a Japanese transport which was torpedoed on September 12 last year. Private McLennan had fought in Syria before being taken prisoner by the Japanese in 1942. His brother, Bill, is still a prisoner of war in Thailand. Both were members of the 2/2 Pioneer Battalion.

IN TIGHTENING OF CONTROL of casual waterfront workers by Manpower authorities, 180 men have been de-registered and withdrawn since the beginning of February. The Deputy Director-General, Mr. Cameron, said that registrations had been withdrawn because of chronic absenteeism or because men had been located holding national security wharf passes, but not using them for work. Men under 35 years and medically fit are allotted to the services, and unfit and older men are placed in other essential work.

THE HOUSING COMMISSION'S FIRST YEAR'S PROGRAMME for the development of the new estate at Heidelberg, and another in the Brighton, Sandringham and Moorabbin districts, will cost the Board of Works £256,600 in providing water supply, sewerage and main drainage.

THE RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS announced this week that since January 1 nearly 120,000 tons of firewood had been carried by rail from all country sources to suburban sidings. For some months previously, when firewood was not required for immediate use, large quantities were also brought to the city so that, apart from stocks at

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South Australia

THE RELEASE OF A PROPORTION OF TRAINED NURSES from the forces to alleviate the serious position regarding civilian hospital accommodation has been suggested to the Prime Minister by the BMA.

A MOTOR CYCLIST RECEIVED A COMPOUND FRACTURE of his left leg in a collision on Lower North East Road, Highbury, on Wednesday. He was Jel Rehn, 26, married, carrier, of Houghton.

ADVICE HAS BEEN RECEIVED by Mr and Mrs J. S. Casey, of Pt. Broughton, that their son, Warrant Officer Raymond T. Casey, is missing as a result of air operations on April 3.

MRS B. T. JORDAN, of Mellington Street, Dulwich, has received advice that her husband, Flying Officer Bernard Thomas Jordan, is missing from operations in the South-west Pacific theatre.

EDWIN C. JONES, Stonehaven Street, Rosewater Gardens, suffered a compound fracture of both legs, concussion, and abrasions as a result of a collision between his bicycle and a trolley bus at Commercial Road, Port Adelaide, on Tuesday. He died in Adelaide Hospital a few hours later.

A SURVEY HAS BEEN COMPLETED by the Waite Institute of 25,000 acres of Mallee land at Wanilla, Eyre's Peninsula, for sub-division and land settlement.

BUILDING TRADES HALL COUNCIL HAS SUGGESTED that the Duke of Gloucester should be asked to attend May Day celebrations in Botanic Park on Sunday.

JOHN O'BRIEN O'CALLAGHAN, 57, Esplanade, Grange, has died in Waikerie Hospital, from injuries received as a result of a collision between a buckboard in which he was a passenger and a motor lorry near Blanchetown on Monday night.

ADELAIDE JEWELLERS said on Wednesday that relaxation of war-time controls on jewellery manufacture, expected to be announced in Canberra this week, would have no immediate effect on the trade. The relaxation is designed to permit large scale employment of disabled servicemen in the trade.

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FOR LABOUR, Mr Holloway, intervenes, it is expected that the organiser of the State branch of the Federated Ironworkers' Association, Mr W. J. Nourse, will receive a call-up for military service this week. Exemption from service has been applied for on the ground that he is a key member of the Union organisation, and that he is a married man with four children.

MEMBERS OF THE TRAMWAYS EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION are to consider a recommendation from their executive that unless the Manpower authorities provide a certain number of men within a month they should refuse to man foot-ball specials.

ALTHOUGH HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID that he would nominate for a further term of office, Mr V. Harvey, called a special meeting of the council to announce, that because of unforeseen circumstances, he would not nominate on Saturday for re-election. Mr Harvey has established a local record—eight years in office as Mayor of Henley and Grange. He declined to amplify his reasons for retirement.

MRS L. J. MCINERNEY, of Torrens Road, Alberton, has been informed by the Air Board that her husband, Flying Officer Leonard McInerney, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany for 13 months is now safe in Britain.

THE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE REPORTED that Adelaide bank clearings for April amounted to \$21,809,620, compared with \$20,115,881 for the corresponding month last year.

FOLLOWING THE RECENT RESIGNATION of Professor K. S. Isles as president of Common Cause, three chairmen were elected at the annual meeting to act temporarily. These were Professor Portus, Dr. J. W. H. Lugg, and Mr A. B. Thompson. Another meeting will be held towards the end of July, when a president will be elected. Professor Isles resigned as president when he left for England recently.

CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO worth £10 were stolen from the hairdressing shop of Hurtle Thomas Taylor in Flinders Street, City, on Monday night. The intruders broke a padlock off the front door.

JOYCE MAY LUNDBERG, 19, of Hindley Street, Adelaide, pleaded guilty in the Criminal Court to having on April 1 at Allenby Gardens broken into the house of Oliver M. W. Lundberg and stolen clothing valued at \$54/2/6. She was released on a bond of \$20, with a surety of £20 to be of good behaviour for two years.

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USED by thieves to break two locks on the main door of the Town and Country grocery store, Port Road, Hindmarsh, this week. The thieves took 18/4 from the cash register. The stock was not touched. Unsuccessful attempts to enter four other nearby stores were also reported to the Hindmarsh police.

SUPPLIES OF THE NEW INSECTICIDE, DDT, are now obtainable in Adelaide in bulk quantities, said a firm of manufacturing chemists on Wednesday.

WILLIAM EDWARDS, labourer, of Whyalla, who had been remanded for sentence on a charge of theft, was released by Mr Ziesing, SM, in the Adelaide Police Court on a bond of £40, with one surety of £40, to be of good behaviour for 12 months. The charge to which Edwards pleaded guilty, was that on April 21, he stole a pistol and some bullets worth £5/4/, the property of William Keith Francis.

PLEADING GUILTY to a charge of having obscenely exposed himself in the parklands at North Adelaide, William Daniel Hawkes, 35, painter's labourer, of Fifth Street, Brompton, was sent to jail for three months by Mr Muirhead, PM, in the Adelaide Police Court. Hawkes admitted several previous convictions.

SEEN BY TRAFFIC POLICE riding a bicycle carrying a large sheet of asbestos-olite at Birkenhead, Horace Warburton, of Torrens Road, Alberton, appeared in Port Adelaide Police Court, charged with having been in unlawful possession of the material. He pleaded guilty and was released on a bond of £5 to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

CALLED TO A HOUSE in Angas Street, police found George Patrick Malloy unconscious on a bed. A glass containing poison was nearby. Malloy was admitted to the Royal Adelaide Hospital, where he is progressing satisfactorily.

West Australia

TO PROVIDE CULTURAL, PHYSICAL, AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES for the post-school group in the Southern Cross area, a youth centre was opened in Southern Cross on Monday.

A BOY WHO SAID HE HAD A DEFINITE GRUDGE against his father told the Children's Court Magistrate Mr. Schroeder, on Wednesday that he had stolen about £300 from his father and had just about settled the grudge.

RETIRED RAILWAY DETECTIVE, 66-year-old Samuel Sharples, of Blackford Street, Mount Hawthorn, was found in a state of collapse in a railway carriage at Fremantle railway station.

riage at Fremantle railway station about seven am on Wednesday. He was assisted on to the platform, but died within a few minutes.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES of 45-year-old Rose Henrietta Boyd's past and her subnormal mentality induced Mr. Justice Wolfe to release her on a bond in the Criminal Court on Wednesday. Mrs. Boyd, mother of nine children by her husband, and one by the man with whom she committed bigamy, admitted that on May 18, 1943, she went through a form of marriage with Frank Arnold Austin, while her husband, Stephen Ballanger Boyd, was still alive.

FIVE REPRESENTATIVES of the Perth Chamber of Commerce will attend the annual conference of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Australia to be held in Melbourne next week. Messrs L. J. Haining and P. Fitzpatrick left by train on Wednesday evening, the president, Mr. R. Allingham, and vice-president, Mr. H. S. Bickford, will go by plane today, and the secretary, Mr. E. S. Shaw, will travel by plane on Sunday.

RECENT DONATIONS HAD BROUGHT the Perth Legacy Club's War Orphans Appeal to \$17,000, said the president of the club, Mr. M. E. Zeffert.

DURING THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31 this year, 52 people were killed in road accidents in the metropolitan area, 342 people were seriously injured, and road accidents totalled 2364.

WEST AUSTRALIA'S SALMON CANNING INDUSTRY is getting into its stride. In the 10 weeks since February, 20 tons have been treated by the Ocean Canning Company, and turned into many thousands of tins of fish cake for service and civilian use.

Queensland

FIVE MEN WERE HURT when cars driven by Thomas Ferrier and Arthur Gibson collided on the Glenmorgan Road in the Sumt district on Tuesday night. Ferrier and Gibson received head injuries, and A. Evans, T. Eyles, and N. Patterson suffered from bruises and shock. All were admitted to hospital. Gibson's car was carrying shearers from Wongabel.

NEXHAMEDIN IBRHIM, 21, Albanian cook, who was said by the prosecutor to have been sentenced in 1940 to five years' jail for manslaughter relating to his father, pleaded guilty in the Brisbane Police Court on Wednesday to two charges, firstly that he carried a revol-

charges, firstly that he carried a revolver without a license, and secondly that he had clothes and ammunition suspected of having been stolen. On the first charge he was fined £20, with costs, or two months' jail, and under a provision of the Firearms Act on his admission of having served a sentence for an indictable offence was sentenced to six months' jail. On the second charge he was sentenced to one month's jail.

HAVING SECURED THE RELEASE of 60,000 tons of distilled tar from the Allied Works Council, the Works Committee of the Brisbane City Council proposes to dust proof 40 suburban thoroughfares, most of which have suffered from heavy military traffic.

OCCUPATION SURVEY CARDS to be filled in by all male and female civilians 14 years and over are being distributed to post offices in Queensland. They will be available on May 10, and after completion must be handed in when the new ration books are issued on June 2 and 3. The survey is to ascertain the occupations of all persons 14 years and over in the Commonwealth.