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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Hungary will sign peace next week.

The Japanese have landed troops at Ni-
laevsk for action against the Bolsheviks.Attempts have been made in France to
establish the Soviet regime.A cost of living bonus has been granted
the military staff of the Dominion.The trial of Denis Gunn for the murder
of the postmaster at Pounsonby has begun.It is now proved that the Czar of Rus-
sia, his wife and children, are dead.It is anticipated that there will be a
further decline in the price of rabbitskins.Captain Burton, who will be sailing
master of Shamrock IV, has arrived in
New York.The Mexican bandit Villa is holding a
British subject under a ransom of 50,000
dollars.A business man in Wellington is ac-
cepting War Bonds for payment of goods
purchased.Don't fail to record your vote for Har-
gest as the Returned Soldiers candidate
for the Land Board.Recent cabled reports tell of a Church
of England clergyman, who has suggested
a club for lovers. In former days father's
boot was quite effective.Mr Robert Masters' victory in gaining
the Stratford seat was celebrated by a
great social gathering and presentation of
a gold watch and chain.Councillor T. B. Williams has been ap-
pointed to the position of Mayor of Wan-
ganui, rendered vacant through the re-
signation of Mr C. E. MacKay.Paddy is still going strong in Ireland.
Why talk about the principle of self-
determination and fail to put it into
practical effect in Ireland?The Invercargill returned soldiers are
arranging a smoke concert in honour of
General Birdwood, who will arrive in In-
vercargill on 15th June.The Chinese Cabinet has declined to
enter into direct negotiation with Japan,
regarding the Shantung Peninsula set-
tlement.Crown Settlers, don't let your voting
paper get into the waste paper basket.
Vote for Hargest and return it to the
Land Board NOW.The difference between the modern work-
er and the modern watch is that one
strikes and the other doesn't.The question of forestry has been receiv-
ing a good deal of attention lately. Offi-
cials state that the depletion of our forests
will shortly effect the erection of wooden
houses. If they put their heads together
it will remedy that.To exercise a vote in a democratic
country is a glorious privilege. Crown set-
tlers should not fail to record their vote
for the vacancy on the Land Board. Har-
gest is a man of action. Give him your
vote.The Minister for Education recently
stated that there was a difficulty in getting
suitable teachers for proposed classes of
backward children. When applications
are called for a Bachelor of Science at
£250 per annum, what do you expect?There are a few cases of small-pox about
just now. While there is no cause for
alarm, it is well to remember that, "It
is easier to erect a fence at the top of
the precipice, than to maintain an am-
bulance at the bottom." The point is to
get vaccinated.The fact that a lady teacher was living
in a tent rather upset the equilibrium of
the Auckland Education Board. One
member suggested rooms on wheels similar
to those used by the Public Works Depart-
ment employees. We may soon hear of
a retrograde step to the cave dwellers.A recent cable item states that cavalry
has been put into districts of Roscommon,
Galway, and Leitrim, resulting in seventy
prosecutions for cattle driving. In some
districts the constables had been strength-
ened by the presence of three soldiers in
full fighting kit.The women of Auckland who are as-
sociated with a society to attempt to re-
duce the cost of living have recently pass-
ed a resolution: "That classes be formed
to enable husbands to learn boot-repairingand effect repairs to the family's boots.
Now, mere, man? Who's the head of the
house?An Invercargill resident was attempting
to board a tram car when he was knocked
down by a motor car and severely bruised.
Upon being requested to drive him home,
the motorist stated that he had a long
way to go and could not do it. In fair-
ness to the motorist he should have an
early opportunity of telling Mr Cruick-
shanks that story. Do you think it will
go down?"The Otago Witness" seems to find it
difficult to find words to express Dunedin's
weather during the Royal Visit. In a
recent paragraph dealing with the civic
reception to His Royal Highness it states:
"The sun shone forth a brilliant welcome,
and the whole face of nature was lit with
smiles." So, a bit like: "Were the
whole realm of nature mine."On the parade ground, during the
Prince's visit, was a small table to fac-
ilitate the presentation of medals. An at-
tendant had neatly arranged the medals
when an 'high official' came along and
bundled them into a drawer. The Prince
was arriving and the attendant had slight-
ly lost his equilibrium through someone
doing the presto fly stunt with the medals.
Things were slightly confused when the
hat trick artist turned around in quite an
unconcerned manner and said, "Perhaps
that's them I put into that drawer, they
were in the way there." The attendant
was not heard to say anything out of
place, but it is understood that he said
some very naughty words under his
breath. However, the medals were now
upon the table and the Prince arrived.
"Where are these d— Medals?"
Attendant: "Its orl right, I'm sortin'
em."

Y.M.C.A. BOOKLET.

We have to acknowledge from Mr
Berry, secretary of the Invercargill Y.M.
C.A., a splendid little booklet entitled
"Buckshee." The booklet is being dis-
tributed free of cost to all who have any
interest in the Y.M.C.A., and returned
soldiers have every reason to appreciate
its work. The title itself will recall to
memory the "buckshee" bun and cup of
tea which so many Diggers had reason
to appreciate. There are many instances
that booklet calls to my memory. Diggers
will remember the Y.M.C.A. on Hill 63,
composed of an excavation on the side
of the road and covered with sheets of
iron. The guns were wheel to wheel in
the wood and had quietened down after
the Messines stunt, when at 9 min-
utes past three that morning they opened
fire and there was just one long line of
fire, and then the mines which opened up
around Hill 60. We were ready for the
attack on Messines, and with customary
foresight the Y.M.C.A. copper was making
preparations to supply walking wounded
and others who had to traverse this road.
How well I remember that "Buckshee"
cup of tea and a packet of biscuits as we
came back about 7 o'clock that evening.
Diggers will ever remember Ypres. We
had come up one afternoon to the old
German front lines where we stayed until
evening. A lieutenant and thirteen men
were just starting off for the line when a
"Slippery Jim" practically disembowelled
our lieutenant. Some of the men were
killed and others wounded. The next
morning we buried those who were dead,
and on leaving the graveside I noticed a
little smoke coming from under the
ground. Naturally enough I enquired and
there, right under the ground, was a
Y.M.C.A. I had the usual "buckshee"
stunt, which in this case was also a few
Player's cigarettes. That afternoon I had
searched the lining of my coat, but no
luck, so the Y.M.C.A. was a pleasant
surprise. I was making towards where
my abode was (which consisted of a piece
of roofing iron supported by two sticks),
when I met another Digger who seemed
gloomy enough to expect the end of time.
"Where the — did you get that tag?"
I hastily told him where the Y.M.C.A.
was, and he too enjoyed the "buckshee"
stunt. He was just coming away when a
"Slippery Jim" burst right inside the
Y.M.C.A., and naturally enough this was
the end of the Y.M.C.A., and added a
deeper look of depression on the face of
my chum, who had cheered up to some
extent by getting a bit of "packing" and
a tag. These incidents are merely in-
tended to draw attention to the fact that
as far as the grand work of the Y.M.C.A.
on active service is concerned, "The half
was never told." The booklet itself is
very modest in its explanation of the
work of the Y.M.C.A. but gives sufficient
description to form some idea of the mag-
nitude of its work and should be obtained
by those interested, especially at the price
asked, namely, the "buckshee stunt." It
is well got up, firmly bound, and the re-
productions are good.

R.S.A. EXECUTIVE.

The usual meeting of the Executive was
held on Tuesday last. Correspondence
was read stating that General Birdwood
would arrive in Invercargill on 8th June.
It was decided to make the necessary ar-
rangements to enable him to meet re-
turned men. Mr Caws, Mr Cuthbertson,
and Mr McGregor, were appointed a sub-
committee to arrange a smoke concert in
his honour.

The following remits were passed for
the consideration of the annual conference
in Wellington:—

- 1.—That at least one month's notice be
given of the Annual Conference, and that
copies of remits be forwarded to local
associations for consideration.
- 2.—That all returned soldiers' pensions
be free of income tax.
- 3.—That returned soldier holdings be
exempted from Land Tax to the full ex-
tent of their mortgage to the Govern-
ment.
- 4.—That the Government be asked to
obtain stocks of artificial eyes from Tay-
lor, London, and supply the same free of cost
to all returned soldiers requiring them.
- 5.—In view of the interest, that an
election of a member of the Land Board,
to represent Crown Tenants, presents to
returned soldiers, this Association is of
the opinion that the method of conduct-
ing such an election should be altered by
substituting for a signed ballot paper, a
secret method of voting, such as enclosing
a sealed ballot paper in a signed envelope.
- 6.—That in all public appointments re-
turned soldiers should be given preference
provided all qualifications are equal, and
that all civilians be urged to give returned
soldiers preference.
- 7.—In the event of property being ap-
plied for on more than one occasion dur-
ing a period of six months only the last
valuation fee be retained by the Land De-
partment, the previous fees being refund-
ed to the unsuccessful applicants.
- 8.—To place the Defence Department
in the same position as all other Govern-
ment Departments as regards the payment
by the War Expenses Department of super-
annuation premiums of members on
Active Service.
- 9.—To make Defence Department
bonuses applicable to members on active
Service abroad as well as to those remain-
ing in New Zealand.

THE DOINGS OF DIGGERS

AND THE WAY OF THE WAACS.

At Brocton, when the sun sinks low
And the hills are bathed in twilight
glow,
The "Diggers" put on their belts and
go
To stroll on the Moors, or to drown their
woe
In the Government Beer at the Barley
Mow.
Round Brocton way its pretty well
known,
That the "Diggers" don't stroll on the
Moors alone;
So tired of themselves have the boys all
grown
That they seek other company besides
their own.
And, ere I have finished, I think I'll
have shown
Why the "Diggers" don't stroll on the
Moors alone.
For away to the Moors they go each
night
Little brown ladies, so merry and bright
Why the "Diggers" fall victims—and
well they might,
For who could resist such a lovely
sight
As the "Waacs" on the Moors in the
evening light.
So each "Digger" takes his lady fair,
And they all stroll off, for they know
just where
There's a nice little posie that two can
share,
And there is no one to worry, and no
one to care,
What they say and do on the Moors
out there.
The "Digger" he tells of a lovely home
That he has in New Zealand, across
the foam;
Of his motor car and his horses fine,
Of his blackberry farm and his treacle
mine,
Of the fabulous wealth that his father's
got;
And poor little "Waacie" believes the
lot.
But little Miss "Waacie" has a story
To tell to her "Digger," so kind and
true,
Of how, ere she joined this army
corps,
She had never done work at all before—
Except to paint, or sing and play
On her grand piano all the day.
So the "Waacs" and "Diggers" up
Brocton way,
Though they can't do much on there
Army pay,
Have a jolly good time in their own
little way;
And they don't care a jot what other
folks say.
In love, in war, at work or play,
The "Waacs" and "Diggers" win the
day.
—A 24/Dink in "N.Z. Chronicle."

REPATRIATION.

COST AND HOW INCURRED.

The Minister of Lands has made
able some particulars as to where
the nineteen millions expended by the
Government on the repatriation of
diggers has gone. A little more than
teen millions has been spent on the
tlement of soldiers on land, although
some of this expenditure, upwards of
million and a half, is not effective
as the land purchased has not been
ferred for selection. A little more
a million has been expended on
branches of repatriation activity.
gross total is £19,065,891.

Following are details as supplied
the Minister:—

Settled on Settlement Land.—(a) On
subdivided purchased estates, 104,000
on 280,576 acres; (b) on estates purchas-
ed by the crown on behalf of soldiers
groups of soldiers under section 3
of the Act, 195 on 30,095 acres.

Settled on Crown Land and National
Endowment Land.—899 on 897,996 acres.
Assisted to Purchase Private Land
under section 2 of the Act.—4750
911,524 acres.

Total on Rural Land.—6658 on 2,120,000
acres.

Assisted to Purchase Town Dwellings
—6825.

Total number assisted, 13,684.

PURCHASE OF LAND.

The cost was analysed by the Minister
as follows:—

Under Discharged Soldiers' Settlement
Act:

- (a) Advanced for stock and improve-
ments, £1,854,634.
- (b) For purchase of private land
£7,181,094.
- (c) For purchase of town dwellings
£4,454,708.

Total: £13,490,436.

Under Lands for Settlement Act.—Gross
total value of 203 estates purchased, com-
prising 210,991 acres, and offered to
diggers, £2,834,198.

Total expenditure in providing
men with homes or farms, £16,324,634.
In addition the Government has pur-
chased under the Lands for Settlement
Act 61 estates comprising 206,689 acres,
which are now being subdivided and
pared for settlement—at a cost
£1,680,571.

The total outlay by the Land and
Purchase Departments is thus £18,005,205.

AVERAGES PER MAN.

The Minister made an interesting state-
ment of the average expenditure under
the various headings as follows:—

- Advance for stock and improvements
- Advance for purchase of private land
- Advance for purchase dwellings
- Capital value settlement sections

OTHER REPATRIATION WORK.

Mr Guthrie, as a member of the Re-
patriation Board, was able to show that
had been done in repatriative work
from that which is most concerned
land and homes. At April 30 he
there were 77,499 men on the Re-
patriation Department's Register. The
ity of these required no assistance;
assistance had been given to 35,275
the following headings:—

- Placed in employment, 16,681.
- Training arranged for, 5319.
- Financially assisted to re-establish
selves, 12,345.
- Sustenance grant made to 930.
- The total amount granted by the Re-
patriation Department by way of
cial assistance was £1,060,320. It
thus be seen that the two Depart-
ments had repatriated 48,959 men at a cost
of £17,384,954. These figures, of
did not include the estates or
settlers to be dealt with, as outlined
the next few months.

RECRETS.

I used to loathe the Army ways
Its piffle and its pose;
The fretful nights, the strenuous
And raucous N.C.O.'s.
The too Red Tape, the perky
The needless show of kit;
The poshing up, the same old
The sergeant-major's wit.

Yet with it all it had one joy
That nowadays I miss,
When profiteering rogues destroy
Our chance of homely bliss.
For in those dear old days of
I knew no tailor's bill—
I simply saw my Q.M.S.,
And got a suit for nil.

—P.H.