

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THURSDAY, March 29.

The steamer Kuranda is aground at Port Douglas, but it is expected that she will be refloated at 5 o'clock this morning.

C. Graham won the 100 yards Swimming Championship of Queensland last night. It is likely that the Premiers' Conference in Sydney will take place about the second week in May.

Sir Timothy Coghlan is retiring from the position of Agent-General for New South Wales at his own request at the end of the present month.

One of the crew of the steamer Morea, which arrived at Fremantle yesterday from London, is suffering from smallpox.

Two interned Germans on Somes Island, Wellington, escaped and swam half a mile to Petone in a rough sea, but gave themselves up to the police on landing.

An inspection of lighthouses and the staffs attached to them from Cape Moreton to North Reef was made by the Commonwealth Inspector. The Commonwealth will take over the coastal lights on April 1.

A deputation of Trades Hall and Labour Union representatives waited on the Federal Attorney-General in Melbourne, and complained of the manner in which the policy of preference to unionists was being carried out. Mr. Hughes promised to make representations to the Cabinet on the subject.

The Australian notes in circulation on March 22 amounted to £26,489,300, and the gold reserve to £10,125,065, or 38.22 per cent. of gold.

The Minister for Home Affairs states that he thinks it would be an excellent thing if the States principally concerned were to send an engineering expert over the line from Port Augusta to Brisbane, which was now being examined, on behalf of the Commonwealth in connection with the Prime Minister's proposed strategic railway.

A large gathering of farmers and others waited on the Prime Minister (Hon. A. Fisher) at the Shire Hall, Kingaroy, to seek assistance in the direction of bringing about an increased duty on imported maize. Mr. Fisher promised to give the matter his earnest consideration.

It is stated by the Assistant Minister for Defence, that ten stokers from an Australian warship had been returned for disciplinary reasons and were being discharged from the Royal Australian Navy.

Expressions of opinion regarding the effects of the universal training system on the general conduct and bearing of the youths of Australia show that the training has had most beneficial effects, and the general behaviour has shown a considerable improvement.

A record high jump by a horse for Australia was registered at the Queensland Show, when A. Judd's Bandolier cleared 7ft. 2 1/2 in.

Considerable activity is being evinced in the matter of banana growing in the Cooroy district.

During February the Pioneer Dairy Co., N.S.W., manufactured 91 tons of butter.

The Orara Dairy Co., N.S.W., manufactured 22 tons of butter during February.

FRIDAY, March 26.

The steamer Kuranda, which grounded at Port Douglas at 4 a.m. on Wednesday, was refloated at 5 1/2 a.m. yesterday, apparently undamaged.

The Prime Minister (Hon. A. Fisher), accompanied by Senator Givens, arrived at Maryborough yesterday from Kingaroy, and was accorded a civic reception.

The Southport School swimming championship, 150 yards, held yesterday, resulted: S. R. Dowling 1, Tyack 2, Collins 3.

The second day of the Kingaroy Show passed off successfully yesterday. The weather was fine, and about 2000 persons were present.

The hotel and restaurant employees at Broken Hill are out on strike. It is stated that they did not wish to go out, but had to.

The second and concluding day of the Inglewood Show passed off successfully yesterday.

A deputation which waited on the Minister for Customs yesterday at Melbourne urged that the proposed duties on jewellery be increased.

The Minister for Railways inspected the proposed route of the railway from Wallumbilla to Durham Downs. The Commissioner explained that it was not possible to give immediate relief by the construction of a railway, but assistance might be given by means of motor lorries.

Approval has been granted for the establishment of State schools at East Roperley, near Gatton, Tannymorel, near Warwick, Thorndale, near Stanthorpe, and Wilmott, near Mount Larcom.

Executive approval has been granted to a notification amending the Sugar Works Township Regulations of 1914 by reducing the annual rentals of residence leases from £10 to £5.

An area of 64 acres in the sugar works area of the township of Babinda, in North Queensland, has been reserved for recreation purposes.

A party of farmers, selectors, and pastoralists, numbering 150, visited the prickly pear destruction area at Dulacca.

Roderick Marsden, aged about 62 years, was accidentally killed at Toowoomba through falling from the balcony of an hotel.

Mr. J. W. O'Halloran has been appointed principal Registrar of the High Court at a salary of £800 per annum. The epidemic of diphtheria continues at Nanango, and there are a large number of cases in the hospital.

At a meeting held in the Shire Hall, Childers, it was decided that an application should be made for a co-operative sugar mill in the Isis, and that all the necessary collateral documents be signed and lodged with the Treasurer.

Amongst the important contracts let by the Defence Department, the Queensland Woollen Mills, Ipswich, secured two, covering 17,500 yards cloth flannel khaki, 95,000 yards flannel, and 4500 blankets.

Lieutenant-Colonel D. D. Dawson has been appointed as second in command of the 20th Battalion of the Expeditionary Force.

Approval has been given to the regulations under the War Pensions Act providing for the payment of pensions in a number of cases in which deaths have occurred in the Expeditionary Forces.

It has been decided to adopt the recommendation of the Minister for Home Affairs to order 12,500 tons of steel rails from the Broken Hill Proprietary Co., N.S.W., which was the equivalent of the rails required for 100 miles of track. The amount of the contract will be approximately £120,000, and delivery will commence in July.

The Liberal League Conference in Perth, West Australia, has resolved to establish a Liberal Council.

The Minister for Agriculture has decided to suspend the regulations by which farmers have to secure permits to truck pigs by rail in Queensland.

Areas aggregating 394 1/2 square miles, carrying a value of £120, were taken up as occupation licenses in Queensland during February.

In the Central Police Court, Brisbane, Ellen M. Forby was charged with sly grog selling at Enoggera, and fined £30 and costs.

SATURDAY, March 27.

The Prime Minister (Hon. A. Fisher) arrived at Bundaberg yesterday from Maryborough, and attended a meeting of the Workers' Political Organisation in the evening. He will return to Gympie to-day, and leave for Melbourne on Monday.

The Hon. A. H. Barlow, M.L.C., is seriously ill.

The aggregate wheat yield of Victoria was only 3,940,947 bushels, while the previous year's yield was 32,036,245 bushels.

Yesterday was Belgian Flag Day in Victoria, and over £5000 was realised in Melbourne alone.

Following is the list of the final honours school, philosophy (Faculty of Arts):—Class I., James Lockhart Murrell; Class II., none; Class III., none.

New wharves and sheds for the South Brisbane Council have just been completed by the contractors, the cost being in the neighbourhood of £11,000. The length of the new wharf is 480ft. by 70ft., with sheds running nearly the whole length.

A combined deputation of employers and employees waited on the Minister for Customs in Melbourne, and urged increased duties on Oregon and Baltic pines. Mr. Tudor promised to make a careful investigation of the suggestions of the deputation.

In the Beachworth Supreme Court, Victoria, a Chinaman named Ah Tane was found guilty of the murder of William Braulin and sentenced to death.

In the Maryborough Police Court, Christian Martens, s.p., was charged with having uttered disloyal sentiments, and fined £15, including costs.

Private W. J. Morris was convicted by a District Court martial at Broadmeadows, Victoria, for desertion and fraudulent re-enlistment, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment and to be discharged with ignominy from his Majesty's services.

A motorist named John G. Guest, of Glenside House, Melbourne, was fatally injured through his motor car colliding with a barrier erected where road repairs are being done.

A soldier named Thomas Agnew, aged 21, while returning to Broadmeadows camp fell off and rolled under the wheel of the motor car in which he was travelling, and was fatally injured.

MONDAY, March 29.

John Hamilton, aged 50 years, employed on the Logan Village to Canungrera railway, was drowned yesterday while bathing in Canungrera Creek.

The eleventh set of cricket fixtures were concluded on Saturday. University won by 100 runs on the first innings from South Brisbane, Nundah defeated Toowong by eight wickets; Woolloongabba won by 44 runs on the first innings from Toombu; and Valley won by 21 runs on the first innings from Goodna.

At the Ipswich Jockey Club race meeting at Bundamba on Saturday the First Division was won by Cubbaduoh, third Pos second and Loch Raven third. Lotchen won the Bundamba Plate and Mullerite the Purse.

At the Hawkesbury race meeting on Saturday Lochano won the Hawkesbury Handicap and Dear Laddie the Two-year-old Handicap.

Allansford won the Apendale Park Handicap on Saturday. The Brush Steeplechase went to Yinalle.

The Department of Home Affairs is arranging a visit by the Governor-General to the Federal Capital site at Canberra.

At the State School Boys' Swimming Carnival in the South Brisbane Baths on Saturday the 100 yards championship and

the 66 yards breast stroke championship were won by R. G. Johnson, Upper Irebourne (North Queensland), and the 50 yards championship for children under 12 years of age by F. Venning (Valley).

J. Saunders won the three-quarter mile swimming championship of Queensland, contested at Mount Morgan, on Saturday night. S. Springfield was second.

As the result of a motor car accident in Sydney yesterday, Mr. G. M. Redmond, news editor of the "Sun," was killed, and Mr. Reg. L. Baker, Engineer Commander Mackean (of H.M.A.S. Brisbane), and Mrs. Mackean were injured. Mr. Baker sustaining a severe shock, and, it is feared, an internal injury.

The South Australian general elections were held on Saturday. The Premier was defeated, and the Attorney-General will probably also be defeated. The present position is Liberals 20, Socialists 26, but the present figures will very likely be altered.

A referendum on the earlier closing of hotels was also held. Progress returns show that the ultimate result will either be 11 o'clock, as at present, or 6 o'clock.

The work of the surveyors between the Risk and the Queensland border on the proposed Kyogle-Bundesert railway is said to be proceeding very satisfactorily. On account of the unfavourable weather it has been decided to alter the date of the Roma show from May to July.

No. 5 bore at R. McColough's Eumabee Station, Barcaldine, has been completed at a depth of 401ft. a good supply of sub-artesian water being struck.

At a meeting of the Mackay Chamber of Commerce it was decided to urge on the Government the necessity of granting every concession possible with regard to the party of N.S.W. dairymen who wished to take up areas on the Enggella lands.

Mr. J. Asphen's planing and wood working mill at Goodna was destroyed by fire on Saturday night.

The mine buildings, winding plant, and battery at the William Tell mine, Daylesford, Victoria, were destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at £3000.

In a speech at Ballarat East, Victoria, the Premier (Sir Alexander Peacock), referring to the war and the general outlook, said that the Victorian Government had set a lead to the people and he believed that this was not a time to retrench.

The New Zealand Arbitration Court has decided that the hearing of industrial disputes shall go on during the war.

Since the beginning of the war the amount subscribed in Victoria to the Patriotic Belgian Red Cross, and minor funds has been £750,000.

The first, second, and third Australian reinforcements have arrived in Egypt.

The directors of the Maryborough Co-operative Dairy Co. have decided to proceed with the erection of a butter factory at Munduberra, and have secured from the Government a lease of two acres of land on the railway line.

At the annual meeting of the Cairns Chamber of Commerce Mr. S. H. Warner was elected president for the ensuing year.

The Cairns Chamber of Commerce has decided to write to the Treasurer and ask that the rentals for allotments at Bahinda should be on the same basis as for similar tenures in mining districts.

In the annual report of the principal medical officer of the New South Wales Department of Public Instruction it is stated that during the year 94,198 children were medically examined, and that 60.3 per cent. examined in public schools were found to be suffering from some physical defect, while the percentage in private schools was 64.9.

TUESDAY, March 30.

The death occurred shortly after noon yesterday of the Hon. A. H. Barlow, M.L.C., who was a member of the Ministry without portfolio. There will be a State funeral this afternoon.

Mr. John Patrick McNamara, an officer of the Justice Department, and private secretary to the Hon. J. W. Blair (Minister for Public Instruction), lost his life while surfing at Southport yesterday.

The Master Carriers' Association of Brisbane has decided to increase the rates by 15 per cent. on and after April 6.

A number of interesting official publications of the French Government relating to the great war have been presented to the library of the University of Queensland by the Consular Agent for France (Hon. A. J. Carter, M.L.C.).

Mr. Frederick Stein, jun., a native of Roma, was accidentally killed through being crushed between a wagon and a fence.

The friction between the Federal Minister for Home Affairs and Mr. Griffin, the Federal capital expert, has been brought to a close by the detailed plans prepared by Mr. Griffin being handed into the department.

The Plane Creek Mill trouble, Mackay, on which a commission recently reported, is being settled. The directors have paid 2/ per ton for cane of last year's crop.

Owing to the severe drought on the lower Burdekin the Inkerman Sugar Mill, said to be the largest and most up-to-date mill in Queensland, and representing a capital of about £200,000, will not crush in the ensuing season and probably not next year either, as it is too dry to plant.

Records kept at the Condong mill, two miles from Murwillumbah, N.S.W.,

show that the present month is the driest March since 1881.

The maize crop in the Warwick district is said to have been fair, and in many instances where it is being fed off owing to the dry weather it is providing a good stand-by to farmers.

It is stated that of the 120 nurses required by the Commonwealth for active service from New Zealand five were ready to go within four hours of the request. The plaint of the Small Arms Factory Employees' Association against the Minister for Defence has been settled.

It has been decided by the Victorian Price of Goods Board to recommend the Executive Council to fix 9d. as the highest selling rate of the 4d. flour.

At the Malvern Police Court, Victoria, William A. Bleck was charged with having in his possession an apparatus capable of tapping wireless messages, and was fined £1 with £2/3 costs.

At the present time there are 322,491 names on the electoral rolls for Queensland, and after the Revision Courts, allowing for claims to be confirmed, the prospective enrolment will be 350,375.

Mr. George Johnson, a well-known farmer of Mackay and president of the Pioneer River Farmers and Graziers' Association and the Cane Growers' Union of Australia, has been selected as the Liberal candidate for Mackay.

A shed containing about 10 tons of hay and chaff was completely demolished at Mr. C. Schmidt's dairy in South-street, Toowoomba.

It is understood that the final agreement between the New South Wales Government and Norton Griffiths, Ltd., of London, for the construction by the latter of public works has now been signed.

A pastoral and agricultural society has been brought into existence at Munduberra with a fair prospect of a district show being held next year.

At a meeting of the Rosewood A. and H. Society, it was decided to inaugurate a herd-testing association for the district, providing sufficient support could be obtained.

For the six months ended December 31, 1914, 407 tons of butter was manufactured by the Wide Bay Co-operative Dairy Co.

The Victorian University Council has approved of a scheme submitted by the trustees of the Walter and Eliza Hall fund for the endowment of an institute of research in pathology and medicine.

Owing to the prolonged spell of dry weather the Warwick town water supply derived from the Condamine River has given out.

Mrs. Charles Hackett, aged 88 years, died suddenly at his residence in Warwick. Deceased came to Queensland over 50 years ago.

WEDNESDAY, March 31.

The State funeral accorded the remains of the late Hon. A. H. Barlow, M.L.C., was witnessed yesterday afternoon by thousands of citizens.

The "Courier" Patriotic Funds were increased by £144/1/4 yesterday, £296/7/4 of this going to the Belgian Fund, and £19/10/ to the Motor Ambulance Fund.

The special poll taken yesterday by the Q.T.C. on the question of granting registration to the Doomben syndicate resulted: Against the proposal, 130; for, 70; majority against, 60.

The first swimming carnival of the new Secondary Schools' Association was held yesterday, and points for supremacy were won as follows:—Brisbane Grammar School, 54; Christian Brothers, Gregory Terrace, 29; Technical College Day School, 3.

The dead body of Joseph Riddell, 87 years of age, was found floating in the Brisbane River yesterday.

English mails ex Morea are due to-night, and will be delivered to-morrow.

In the course of a reply to a deputation yesterday the Commissioner for Railways said he thought a great deal might be done to assist farmers to get their produce to market by providing motor lorry services. He had brought the proposal under the notice of the Minister, who had expressed the hope that the system might be successfully introduced.

There are now 70 cases of diphtheria at Nanango.

Splendid rains have fallen over practically the whole of the eastern half of New South Wales, and the drought, which had become serious, is broken so far as that portion of the State is concerned.

The Hon. T. O'Sullivan, M.L.C., will represent Queensland at the Conference of Premiers, which will be held in Sydney during the second week in May.

Mr. R. L. Baker, who was injured in a motor smash at Manly, N.S.W., is suffering from jar of the spine, but is rapidly improving.

Mr. T. W. Arthur (foreman of construction in the Commonwealth Lighthouse Service) is in Brisbane in connection with the erection of lighthouses at Emery Point and Don Cape, near Darwin, Northern Territory.

Trouble has arisen with the draymen engaged on the Maryborough railway improvement work, owing to their demand for an increase of 1/6 per day being declined.

At a meeting of produce merchants and agents held in Victoria to consider the price of butter it was decided to forward to the Prices of Goods Board a letter stating that it was imperative to raise the wholesale distributing price of butter to 1/3 per lb.

The Victorian Navy Office has received a message from H.M.A.S. Sydney, stating that all is well.

Oscar Nixon, ordinary signalman on H.M.A.S. Australia, has died of pneumonia. His father resides at Tipperary, in New South Wales.

Four special trains, conveying 4000 troops, arrived in Sydney from the camp at Liverpool owing to a cyclonic storm having washed them out of camp.

At the Bundaberg High School one of the pupils, Miss Bertha Butler, was presented by the mayor with the Thallon Memorial Medal, which she won at the last Junior University examinations.

CLIMATOLOGY OF QUEENSLAND.

Extremes of shade air temperature and total rainfall during the week ended Tuesday, March 30, 1915.

Divisions and observing stations.	Ex. of Temp.		Total rain-fall.
	Max.	Min.	
NORTH COAST—			
Cairns	85	71	147
Cardwell	90	63	28
Cooktown	87	73	48
Herberton	77	55	20
Ingham	—	—	70
Innisfail	—	—	131
Townsville	85	67	—
CENTRAL COAST—			
Bowen	89	71	—
Charter Towers	98	33	—
Mackay	83	63	—
St. Lawrence	83	61	—
SOUTH COAST—			
Brisbane	85	59	—
Bundaberg	85	69	—
Childers	86	60	—
Gayndah	91	52	—
Maryborough	87	67	—
Rockhampton	88	64	—
DARLING DOWNS—			
Baly	91	55	—
Goondiwindi	96	64	—
Miles	93	61	—
Pittsworth	89	56	—
Stanthorpe	89	51	20
Toowoomba	80	51	—
Warwick	90	50	—
CARPENTARIA—			
Burketown	100	73	—
Cloncurry	99	73	—
Croydon	99	70	—
Georgetown	95	65	—
WESTERN—			
Boulia	107	65	—
Camooweal	101	75	—
Windorah	102	60	—
Winton	100	65	—
CENTRAL—			
Barcaldine	94	63	—
Clermont	91	56	—
Longreach	97	66	—
Springvale	92	60	—
Tambo	99	63	—
FAR SOUTH-WEST—			
Adavale	103	64	—
Thargomindah	102	61	—
WARREGO—			
Bolton	101	68	—
Charleville	100	68	—
Cannamulla	102	65	—
Eulo	102	65	—
Wyandra	102	69	—
WARANGA—			
Mitchell	96	60	—
Surat	95	65	—

LAND COMMISSIONERS' COURTS.

CHINCHILLA.

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The following business was transacted at the Land Commissioner's Court on Wednesday:—

Applications for Land.—Accepted: George Neal, Burnelluith; A. V. Hamman, Chinchilla; Owen McDonald, Burri Burri; Kate Elizabeth Signey, Burri Burri; John McDonald, Burri Burri.

Certificates for Lease were granted to H. Ensor, jun., Cadgera; J. C. Neveil, Buchan; A. H. Chandler, Midgley.

Show Cause Cases.—J. C. Bell, p.p.'s, Earle, six months to comply with conditions; Jas. Evans, p.p.'s 24, Logic, to be allowed to excise halt and resume conditions.

GYMPIE.

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A Land Commissioner's Court was held at Gympie on Thursday before Mr. W. M. Watts, when the following business was transacted:

Applications for Land.—Accepted: S. Benetead, 414 acres, Widgee; G. J. Schneider, 65 acres, Murgon; Arthur Ferritt, 1280 acres, Widgee; P. E. Janke and M. Kohr, 512 acres, Widgee; W. McGill, 160 acres, Kilkivan; Eric Sydney Jackaman, 195 acres, Tuchekai; W. Smith, 102 acres, Amamoor; Miles B. Smith, 111 acres, Amamoor; J. H. W. Burkhardt, 107 acres, Amamoor; Geo. H. Smith, 164 acres, Amamoor.

Applications for Certificates.—Granted for Deed: J. S. Kelher, Gutchy; A. H. Hansen, Goombocrian; W. J. Eisemenger, Murgon; Frederick Wieland, Goombocrian; Henry Ibach, Noosa.

Granted for Lease: O. B. Friedland, Brooloo; S. C. Polkinghorne, Amamoor; William Cot, Widgee; Alfred Richardson, Kilkivan; J. A. Strandyust, Murgon.

A. F. 6578, Goombocrian (Clement Lewin), and A. F. 5048, Brooyar (C. F. F. Franke) were forfeited for non-residence. Thomas