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The Editor
"S. M. Herald"
Dear Sir

As an old time
Australian I send you
the enclosed clipping
from which you will
notice that you have
an "undesirable" in your
midst, from his style
would say he was a
Domain Grator or a
labor agitator, have they
call them "walthamstons"?

From occasional paragraphs
in the paper here I have
an idea that with your
and new zeal and the activity
have things pretty much
their own way. Labor
of course is entitled to
some representation but
it is not good to give too
much headway, you
know the old saying
"put a beggar on horseback"
I was in Sydney some
25 or more years ago when
there was a big merchants
strike on and the leaders
were going to do terrible
things to everybody but
when the coincidence came
they all went back to work
again. It is the same thing here

The Presidential Election
 is showing a thing of the fact
 very close voting and the
 result in doubt for a time
 The final count gives it to
 Mr Wilson As "spoils to the
 Victor" is the slogan here
 a vast crowd of Republicans
 are sorely disappointed
 but insist on "spoils"
 this party in "patience"
 for another 4 years, in the
 hope that the loaves
 and fishes will come
 their way next time

Yours truly
 John G. Alston

AUSTRALIA REBELLION IS HINTED IN LETTER

Communication From Sydney Resident Tells
of Serious Conditions

Corona, Nov. 25, 1916.

Editor Examiner: Recently I read in a paper that the Hearst newspapers were debarred from entrance into Canada, and that any person caught with them in their possession in that free country would be fined \$5000 or get five years in jail.

Today brought me the inclosed letter from Australia, which you can make use of to illustrate the British brand of liberty in that unfortunate vassal state. I was born and raised in Australia, and am an American citizen by choice and legal qualifications. This letter is from my brother, and you will understand why the postal address and his signature are missing. For the same reason I want you to omit mine and my address, as I will continue to send him your "Examiner." The situation regarding Japan needs explanation to those not familiar with international affairs in the South Pacific Ocean.

The Australian constitution has a plank called the "White Australian" plank, meaning Australia for the white race; and they have exclusion laws against the Asiatic. Until the war started Australians were always told that they were a helpless lot of descendants from convicts and that their existence depended on the English navy.

However, when the war started England did not send a single naval boat to protect Australia, and the latter country had to go out on the trade route of the world and cripple the German raiders on its own account, and in this manner protect English commerce.

Japanese Force Entrance

Immediately Japan seized some Pacific islands and later sent an ultimatum to the Australian government demanding free entrance of her subjects into Australia. With the steamer that carried the ultimatum went twenty Japanese. They demanded admittance, and the Federal Government, presided over by Hughes, an Englishman, cowed before the Japanese and allowed them to enter, tearing up the Australian constitution like a "scrap of paper" for the benefit of England, and in spite of the immigration laws. Hence, Japan's desire now to break through into Australia wholesale, with the help of England. The latter country, having learned that Australians resent being sold out to Japan, have now sent some English naval ships to the Pacific, but these ships are not to watch Australian interests, as my brother seems to think, but to co-operate with Japan and the foolish Australians in attacking America in case this country tries to assert its independence again by enforcing freedom of the seas for American commerce. Since England took refuge in the "Yoshiwaras of Japan" with the Japanese alliance, they have both figured on attacking America when the time was opportune.

Excuse this long, personal explanation, but it was necessary to have you partly understand the remarks re Japan. Yours very truly,

EX-AUSTRALIAN.

Calls Conscription Outrage

Here is the brother's letter:
Sydney, Australia.
4-10-16.

Dear Brother:

I duly received the Los Angeles newspapers. I like the illustrated New York papers that you sent. Odd copies at different times. The literary ability is first-class. Pity that we could not have some papers like them in Australia.

You will know by the current Australian newspapers sent to you, that we are in the throes of a big political fight. A referendum to establish conscription in Australia is to be decided on the 28th of this month, and in my opinion it will be thrown out and defeated 2 to 1. Prime Minister Hughes, a foreign-born minister at that, is forcing his mad schemes on Australia. It would not be so bad if the conscription to be established was like that of Germany or France, or other continental nations, but it is the vilest scheme possible. It is not for the defense of Australia, as you might suppose, but it really amounts to the forcible deportation of the manhood of Australia to fight Britain and French battles in France.

Never, in the world's history, has such an outrageous, villainous and despicable action been attempted in any country. German or French conscription is for the defense of their own countries. When France or Germany desired to send troops abroad they always called for volunteers. France established the famous Foreign Legion, but anything is good enough or bad enough for Australians.

Bone-head Englishmen, in authority in England, not content with shamelessly robbing this country of its wealth, and creating a charity organization for themselves by deluding our political leaders to perpetually pay interest to them and their heirs forever on the sinister loan system, but they now desire to rob us of our citizens, the most fit and physically perfect, to fight their battles for them, they being physically unfit, and, morally, cowards of the first water.

They have established a system of intimidation so vile and a censorship so pestilential, that the shades of the old inquisitionists of Spain can now hold up their heads.

Talks of Rebellion

They have been beaten in the art of intimidation by the foreign British Junta now ruling by force in Australia. Two companies of men with machine guns have been sent to Broken Hill, and rumors are abroad that bloodshed has resulted, but nothing is definitely known. Newspapers are forbidden to print Broken Hill news. Martial law has been declared in Brisbane, Queensland, and no news is allowed to leak through. And Englishmen have the hide and gall to prate about liberty and freedom.

Rebellion is freely talked about in Australia now, and if the federal government goes much farther in intimidation, persecution and suppression armed resistance must result. About nine members of the I. W. W. have been arrested in Sydney for treason, but what their treason consists of no one has been able to find out so far. Heaps of literature have been seized by the police, but it cannot be very treasonable, for the manifestoes would be very particular in their language and ideas. If the I. W. W. men were plot-

ting treasonably it stands to reason that very few documents about the matter would be left lying about. Also I am informed on very good authority that the I. W. W. people knew that a raid was to be made, and hence they would have been very foolish to allow dangerous papers to remain where the police could get them.

I think Billy Hughes, federal premier, and an Englishman, has gone mad. He has been expelled from the Labor Party in Australia. The men who elected him have expelled him from their union, so he is politically dishonored in this country, and I think he has gone mad. Holman, the New South Wales state premier, another Englishman, has been expelled and about a dozen more Parliamentary leaders. Nearly all the conscriptionist leaders are Englishmen, with a sprinkling of deluded Australians. Billy Hughes now consorts with the leaders of the Liberal, or Reactionary, party, but even some Liberals are keeping out of sight, fearing the political wrath of the people.

Hints at Disruption

What will be the outcome of it all God knows. Whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad, and I think the British authorities are stark, staring mad. They are doing more to bring about the disruption of the British empire than a roomful of kaisers, executions by the hundred in India, in Egypt, in Ireland, and the Lord knows where else. The vilest system of conscription yet invented is to be applied in Australia, though they dare not try it on in South Africa or Canada, and as to poor Greece, the least said the better.

Casement was the man who put a stop to the "Congo" Belgian horrors and South American English ditto, yet he is hung in cold blood as a traitor (a man whose moral equal does not exist in the whole British dominions).

I don't think the devil and his imps reside in hell at all. They incarnated in a European nation that owns many stolen possessions abroad. Satan, maybe, incarnated in that nation for its ultimate ruin. One can picture the future Australian mother hushing her baby to sleep and telling the infant that a vile Englishman will come and take her if she does not be good and go to sleep. Maybe it's true, after all, that the "blood of an Englishman can be smelt," as a peculiar phantasy has it: "Fee, fo, fum; I smell the blood of an Englishman." Yet, many Englishmen are good. How they must feel ashamed of their country and nation sometimes. Will send you some press clippings if you so desire. Thompson is very down-hearted over his beloved Australia. No wonder.

Part of the Australian fleet and some English war ships are keeping an eye on Japan. The situation is "delicate" there. With best wishes, yours,

JOHN.

The Editor



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INTERNATIONAL
EXPOSITION
AT SAN DIEGO
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