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A SHOCKING DISCOVERY.

MAN WITH HIS THROAT CUT.

IN A BACK YARD AT ST. PETERS.

A gruesome discovery was made in the back yard of a house at the corner of Samuel-street and Unwin's Bridge-road, St. Peters, at 7 o'clock this morning. Charles S. Leslie, 55, who landed in Sydney only about three months ago from Scotland, was discovered lying in a pool of blood with his throat cut from ear to ear. A bloodstained table-knife was on the ground near his right hand, which was also besmeared.

Leslie lived with his son-in-law, and he was last seen at 10 o'clock last night, when he was in his usual good health and spirits. He went to bed seemingly happy and contented, but must have got up early in the morning and killed himself, as the corpse was quite cold when discovered. No one can even guess why the unfortunate man should have laid violent hands on his life. The only explanation is that he must have become temporarily deranged.

The body is at the morgue.

A ROUGH SEA.

TOSSING FOR MANLY VISITORS.

THE STRATHFILLAN IN THE BLOW.

Ever since the southerly blow set in on Saturday the sea has been getting up, and yesterday and to-day stormy conditions prevailed on the coast.

The Government coal steamer, the Strathfillan, presented a great sight to the crowds who swarmed round to Fairy Bower yesterday afternoon. She was in deep trim, and as she pushed her way towards the Heads she in the afternoon continually shipped great quantities of water, whilst the spray, went as high as her funnel at times. She was quite close in, and a splendid view was obtained of what a tramp steamer's passage is like in rough weather.

The passenger traffic to Manly yesterday was very dull, compared with the usual Sunday crowds. Those who did make the trip experienced a very bad time, owing to the heavy seas coming across on to Middle Head. The Manly steamers were buffetted considerably, and were tossed about on the waves like corks.

The steamer Woy Woy, plying between Manly and the Spit, carried very few passengers, and the majority of those on board made the trip mainly to experience the sensation of having a "good roll." The little steamer forced her way across the Heads and up Middle Harbor with remarkable buoyancy, and although at times she was hidden from view in the depths of the waves, she continued her course, and kept fairly well to the timetable. At one stage it was thought likely she would have to be taken off the running, but the captain weathered the elements, and steered his charge safely throughout the day.

The steamer Kuringai received a very bad tossing on the 2.45 p.m. trip from Manly. Many passengers on deck were drenched from the blinding spray, and when the Bugarra passed the Kuringai seemed to shoot out of sight for the moment. A course had to be shaped for the Heads, and then, swinging round, the boats headed for Sydney and Manly.

Manly is crowded with visitors, but they deemed it wise to remain in the village, and thousands turned out to view the magnificent sights on the ocean beach and in the vicinity of Blue Fish and Queenscliff headland. The waves thundered in on the rocks with great velocity, and in huge dimensions, causing the spray to be carried right over the cliffs. Surf bathers had a bad time, and it was a novel scene to witness several hundred bathers huddled together near the shore like a lot of children splashing in the surf, and afraid to venture out ever knee-deep. Notwithstanding the danger of being carried out, several venturesome surfers took risks, and went out some distance, shooting the breakers. The life-savers had an anxious time, but fortunately no serious mishaps occurred.

INGOTS OF TIN STOLEN

FROM THE RANDWICK TRAM SHEDS.

The detectives are investigating a mysterious robbery of 19 ingots of tin, valued at £100, which occurred at the Randwick tram sheds some time at the end of last week. The ingots, which weighed altogether about 16 cwt., were taken from a shed at the rear of the main depot, and as two watchmen were continuously on duty about the place, and as they neither heard nor saw anything suspicious, the case possesses some peculiar features. A cart must have been used to remove the ingots.

The late R. M. Fitzgerald, who died last Monday, was a barrister. In 1853 he was amongst the first candidates to matriculate at the Sydney University, and in 1856 he obtained the degree of B.A. and in 1859 the M.A. degree.

An old resident of Forest Lodge, Mr. James Neely, passed away in his late residence in Illiley-street, Kogarah, on Thursday last, at the age of 76. The deceased gentleman was for many years an active worker in St. Barnabas's (George-street West) and St. Paul's (Kogarah), and was for 37 years a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 83, I.O.O.F. (Chippendale).

SUMMARY.

A fire in Whitechapel, London, destroyed the works of Morris and Sons, tobacco manufacturers, and adjoining places.

The damage is estimated at £100,000, and 400 workpeople have been affected by the disaster.

The Seine fell 5in. on Saturday and the Marne, Aube, and Aisne 6ft.

The French Minister of Works estimates that there are 80,000 people without homes or food in Paris.

King Edward has given 1000 guineas, Queen Alexandra £1000, and the Prince of Wales £500 to the French floods relief fund.

All the London music halls are organising benefit matinees.

Additional heavy rains in Paris have caused a further rise in the Seine.

Thousands of homes have been destroyed, and the people are crying for bread, which is being supplied as far as possible by police patrol boats.

Through the bursting of the great dyke at Gennervilliers 7000 persons were imprisoned in their houses.

Rev. R. L. Gwynne states that he has 60 youths of the better class ready to proceed to Sydney and Melbourne Dreadnought Farms.

Lord Selborne, speaking at a German festival in Johannesburg, declared that every German coming to South Africa was an additional source of strength.

British and Germans there were absolutely intermixed, which led to a mutual understanding.

A railway smash has occurred on the London-Brighton route, with a loss of life of seven, besides 20 injured.

Speaking at Eugowrie on Saturday, the State Treasurer, Mr. Waddell, said that all talk about nationalising the coal mines was balderdash. He added that the Government was determined that strikes should cease.

The Miners' Delegate Board at Newcastle have passed a resolution inviting the proprietors to meet them in conference with a view to ending the strike.

It is expected that the ordinary train service between Werris Creek and Moree and Narrabri West and Wee Waa, will be resumed to-day.

Reports from Walgett state that the flood waters are gradually receding from the flats.

F. E. Beaurepaire (Vic.) won the half-mile swimming championship on Saturday in Melbourne. The 100 yards championship was annexed by C. Healy (N.S.W.).

The quarterly report of the Broken Hill branch of the Amalgamated Miners' Association shows a credit balance of £9200.

Heavy rains have resulted in Ross River and Ross Creek, near Townsville (Q.), being flooded.

At Saturday's meeting of the Political Labor League's Annual Conference a motion favoring the abolition of State Parliaments and supporting unification was defeated.

The Prime Minister intends to deliver his policy speech at Ballarat shortly. He will then endeavor to explain things to Sydney people.

An original mechanical device for saving labor is to be used in the Victorian State coal mine.

Lord Kitchener was impressed by the shooting with the 6in. quickfirers at the Albany forts.

It is expected that Lord Kitchener will leave for England on February 12 or 13.

The highlands were visited with copious rains during Friday night and Saturday. The coast districts also benefited by the downpour.

Over 140 lodges are now affiliated with the Sydney United Friendly Society's Dispensary and Medical Institute, with a membership of 13,056.

The R.A. show prospects this year are good, according to the report of Secretary Somer.

Jeffrey Wm. Monaghan, an engine-driver, was accidentally killed in a Melbourne factory on Saturday night.

A stock truck was derailed at Bathurst on Friday night. Two bullocks were killed and the truck badly damaged.

A bull which George Card, 64, was driving on Saturday at Arncliffe, turned on him and gored him to death.

Mr. Samuel E. Lees, a municipal veteran, was entertained at Clifton Gardens on Saturday and complimented on his 30 years' continuous service.

The Drummoyne Municipal Council have been authorised by a poll to borrow £10,000 for specific works.

The Cowra-Canowindra railway will be completed next June.

A number of persons who wish to conduct private hospitals have been refused registration by the Board of Health.

A number of buildings in Brewarrina have been destroyed by a cyclone which struck that town on Friday.

A terrific wind storm occurred at Bourke on Saturday night, when a factory was blown down.

Strong winds have prevailed generally throughout the State.

On Saturday the Adelaide express to Broken Hill arrived late owing to head winds.

Broken Hill was in darkness for several hours on Friday as the result of a thick duststorm which enveloped the city.

Last night Timothy O'Mahoney, 60, a gardener, was found dead in an outhouse at North Sydney. Death was due to natural causes.

George Pard, 66, a dairyman, living in West Botany-street, Arncliffe, was rushed by a bull which he was driving from a paddock on Saturday. He was badly bored, and died shortly afterwards.

George T. Shannon, 22, a carrier, living in Carrington-road, Coogee, was killed through his horses bolting in Alison-road on Saturday. He was dragged for 300 yards and shockingly injured.

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IMPRISONED FLOOD VICTIMS.

SEVEN THOUSAND RESCUED.

80,000 PARISIANS HOMELESS AND FOODLESS.

BRITISH RELIEF MEASURES.

LONDON, Sunday, 4.30 p.m.

One result of the present calamitous floods in France is the demand of Parisians that the Seine should be straightened, whatever the cost. It is proposed that the work should be carried out in a manner similar to that in which the Canal of Peter the Great was constructed in St. Petersburg, which has served as an outlet for any river floods.

It transpires that when the Seine quays were built the river bed was restricted, in order to deepen the stream, and this, it appears, was largely responsible for the present disaster.

The 7000 inhabitants of Genne Villiers, who were imprisoned in their homes through the bursting of the great dyke, have been rescued. The Boucicaut Hospital was hastily evacuated, and engineers hastily constructed a footbridge and carried women patients with difficulty across water 5ft. deep. Some of the patients did not survive the shock.

M. Millerand, Minister of Public Works, estimates that 80,000 people in Paris are without either homes or food.

King Edward has donated 1000 guineas to the Mansion House Fund, while Queen Alexandra has given £1000, and the Prince of Wales £500.

The London music halls are arranging benefit matinees for the sufferers.

Direct telegraphic and telephonic communication between London and Paris has practically ceased.

The Seine fell 5in. on Saturday, and the Marne, Aube, and Aisne, 6ft.

THE LAST MINUTE

STOP-PRESS NEWS.

CANTERBURY PARK RACES.

The following scratchings were made today:—All engagements: Pialden. Canterbury Handicap: Malt Rose. Flying Handicap: Nandillyna Maid. Shorts: Asturias.

NEW WHEAT STANDARD.

At this afternoon's meeting of the New South Wales Chamber of Commerce it was decided to fix the standard for f.a.q. New South Wales grown wheat at 62lb. to the imperial bushel.

LIBERALS AND UNIONISTS.

THEIR FORCES EQUAL.

LONDON, Sunday, 4.30 p.m.

The polling in the election was concluded yesterday, but all the results have not yet been declared.

The "Observer" forms the following estimate regarding the composition of the new Parliament:—

Liberals	274
Unionists	274
Labor	40
Nationalists	72
Independent Nationalists	9

Mr. Asquith has left London for a short holiday in the south of France.

"THE SPIRIT OF SEVENTY-SIX."

AN AMERICAN VIEW ("PUCK'S") OF THE BRITISH LIBERAL FIGHT.

A TIMELY ARREST.

SEDITION-MONGER SENTENCED.

LONDON, Sunday, 3.40 p.m.

Upon the arrival of the steamer Sydney at Bombay from Marseilles the police arrested a Hindu, who, when searched, was found to be in possession of a revolver and of prescriptions for the manufacture of bombs.

He had with him also a false-bottomed box, in which were concealed a number of seditious pamphlets.

This dangerous individual has been sentenced to two and a half years' imprisonment on a charge of having imported arms without a licence.

MISS TITTELL BRUNE.

ANOTHER LONDON SUCCESS.

LONDON, Sunday, 3.40 p.m.

Miss Tittle Brune, the young American actress, has achieved another success.

All the newspapers commend her performance as Lady Carew in Mr. H. B. Irving's successful production of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" at the Queen's Theatre.

AMERICAN TRADE.

LAST YEAR'S RETURNS.

LONDON, Sunday, 3.40 p.m.

Trade returns just issued in the United States show that the value of imports last year amounted to £295,104,041, an increase of £71,000,000 compared with 1908.

The exports during the same period were valued at £345,476,621, or £5,000,000 less than those for 1908.

Pony racing in Melbourne, which ceased about Christmas time, commences again on February 21.

PROFIT AND LOSS.

INVESTMENTS: WISE AND OTHERWISE.

SYDNEY FERRIES, LIMITED.

(This column appears every Monday.)

The impression left on one's mind after a cursory glance at this company's latest report is that the half-year ended December 31 last was not at all a bad one, despite the coal strike and its attendant prejudicial effect on the company's expenditure. A deeper scrutiny confirms this impression, though, at the same time, it fails to reveal what profits actually were made. The report shows net profits of £10,119 (only £113 more than is necessary to pay the half-yearly 10 per cent. per annum dividend of £10,000), while there have been additions of £2000 to the reserves during the half-year, so that the total net earnings disclosed are £12,119. This sum, though about £4000 below the June, 1909, figure of £16,098, and almost £6000 less than the record of £18,019 in December, 1908, is still just about the average of £12,600 earned in the four previous half-years.

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Still, it does not by any means represent the true earnings for the period, but the shareholders must perforce be content to let it go at that. They have, however, but little to grumble at, and so long as the dividends are maintained and regular issues of new shares are forthcoming they are not at all likely to make much inquiry into the inner workings of the business. The average shareholder in the company is really more concerned about the new issues of shares he has now come to expect every two or three years, which expectation has been fostered by the frequent issues of late years, no less than four issues (including that now pending) having been made since 1902.

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The new issue to be made on the 3rd proxo, however, the largest yet, for by it 100,000 shares will be offered to the shareholders in the proportion of one new share for two old ones. The three previous issues did not total more than 80,000 shares in the aggregate. The whole of the new capital is not required at once, and but 10s per share will be called up now, the balance to be asked for when the directors think fit. The capital obtained by this issue (£50,000) is to provide for the construction of new steamers and other expenditure for development purposes, and will, moreover, "enable the directors to set free certain funds which have been set aside and are now held in reserve." Of this sum so released £20,000 will be paid away in March by a cash bonus of 3s per share to the proprietors.

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Now the funds to which the directors refer must either be the public reserves of £41,000—made up of reserves for special repairs and new steamers £25,000, and reserve for insurance fund £16,000—or must be some secret reserves not disclosed. If the former, then the directors' proposal is to release £20,000 of the published reserve of £41,000, treat it as surplus profits, which it evidently is, and pay it away to the shareholders. If the bonus is to come from the secret reserves the alteration in the reserve power will not be so patent in the balance-sheet, still that power will be reduced by £20,000 whichever course be adopted.

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There is little doubt that this application of portion of the share capital to release reserves is a new expedient on the part of the directors to unload surplus profits without attracting too much attention. Still it is unsound, for it increases the share capital at the expense of the reserves and at the same time weakens the proportion of those reserves to the shareholders' capital.

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At present the former, £41,000, are 20.5 per cent. of the share capital of £200,000, after the new issue has been subscribed, and the bonus paid out they will be but £11,000, that is 4.4 per cent. of the total capital of £250,000. It must be admitted, however, that the effect on the company's security will be very slight, for it is understood that its assets are considerably undervalued. A conclusive proof of this undervaluation was forthcoming in August last when, in an obviously inspired press article setting forth the directors' views on double-deck pontoons, it was stated that if such pontoons were adopted it would be necessary to alter every boat in the company's fleet, which it was understood represented about £200,000.

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Now, the book value of the fleet of 23 boats in June last was set down at £79,958, nearly £120,000 less than this valuation of £200,000 placed upon them to back up a particular argument.

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In the light of such a statement it is interesting to note that the ship property of £79,958 only rose during the half-year by about £5999 to £85,951, though two new boats were completed and one more was in hand and expected to be completed very soon. The total fleet was now practically 26 boats, which are valued at £85,951, less than £3290 a piece—apparently about a third less than the average cost. Clearly the directors do not err on the side of over-valuation.

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The same indication of a conservative valuation policy is not present in the case of the landed property asset of £132,983. Still it is no doubt safe to assume that the directors valued this asset in the same drastic fashion. Yet land is a far more difficult asset to value than is ship property with its known depreciation, and no matter how careful directors may be in their assessment they may still be misled into an over-valuation.

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This point is of special importance to this company's shareholders, for their interests are becoming each year more those of landlords than of shipowners. In December, 1909, their ship property was £79,828 and their landed property £123,737; now they have £85,951 in ships and £133,983 in land—an increase of but £6123 in the former as against nearly £10,000 in the latter. It must not be forgotten, of course, that the ships are being written down faster than is the land. Even so, the increase of the latter asset demands the shareholders' careful attention. The balance of the company's assets of £268,033 consists of cash in Government debentures £33,871, wharves and waiting-rooms £10,512, plant £1761, stock in hand £1950, coal in stock £213, furniture £224, and sundry debtors £467. Only two of these items show any change of importance—the cash and the Government debentures being now £7048 below the June, 1909, total, and the coal in stock £684 less than the supply then. The latter change is of interest as showing how the company's stock of coal was affected by the strike.

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It is rather unfortunate for the cause of private enterprise that the directors of this company, in common with those of the North Shore Gas Company, should have failed in the initial stages of the strike to see how very important it was that their customers should not be inconvenienced by the shortness of the coal supply. In the position of a public provider with a monopoly the Sydney Ferries' directors should have secured in the first week of the strike all the coal necessary to maintain a full boat service for three months or more.

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No matter what the cost of the coal, the company could have well afforded to pay it. But the directors preferred to chance the strike being a short one, and the consequence was that the company has only been able to give its patrons a limited service, and to all intents and purposes will continue to do so as long as the strike lasts.

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The boat service necessarily affects the tram service, and the unfortunate North Shore inhabitants, a large proportion of whom but rarely travel on the boats, are forced to put up with a bad tram service just because of the lack of foresight and initiative of the directors of the Sydney Ferries.

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Here, as in the case of the North Shore Gas Company, this company's board failed to see what a splendid opportunity it had of proving to the public that a private company can serve it better than can a State department. Opponents of private enterprise would have then been crushed with the telling argument that in cases of emergency the private company is to be depended upon whatever may happen. As it is, the argument is all the other way, and the lady cities of State enterprise can now point to two monopolies which flagrantly fail in their endeavors to do good, preferring rather to consider the interests of their shareholders. Surely never was time more inopportune for a distribution of a bonus of £20,000 among shareholders, in addition to a dividend of £10,000, than now, when the company is running its boats on a limited service because it cannot get coal at a certain price, and when public opinion on the North Shore is rapidly becoming exasperated at the attitude of the directors in ignoring its complaints.

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The shareholders, however, appreciate the bonus and the new issue, for they are now asking 7s for their shares in the market. At this price, which gives purchasers the right to the new shares, the return on the investment when the shares are paid to 10s will be £2 2s 6d per annum, and when fully paid to £1 10s £1 6s 5d per cent. per annum, which is, of course, after allowing for the bonus of 3s per share. This is a low return, but investors at such prices do not look so much for the dividend yield as at the possibility of future issues of shares, and to the probability of the new shares rising to the price of the old ones.

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In 1906 the shares rose to 7½, and after the new issue they fell to 4½ to rise again to 8½ in January, 1907. After the new issue about that date they subsequently declined to 5½ in October, 1908, but improved thereafter until they are now 7½. A purchaser in 1907 would now, three years later, have to pay 7½ for every 5s share he received. In the same way, buyers now 7½ hope to get in three or four years the same price for the new shares they are now receiving. This is what makes the investor so much desire to hold Sydney Ferries shares.

ANOTHER LONDON FIRE.

BIG BLAZE IN WHITECHAPEL.

DAMAGE, £100,000.

LONDON, Sunday, 3.40 p.m.

London has had another big fire. Whitechapel was the scene of the disaster, the places involved being those of Morris and Sons, tobacco manufacturers, in High-street, and adjoining houses.

The job proved a formidable one for the brigade, and necessitated the attendance of no fewer than 40 engines.

The fire resulted in the destruction of £100,000 worth of property, and in throwing about 400 work-people out of employment.

THE GREEK CRISIS.

LONDON, Sunday, 3.40 p.m.

King George of Greece opposes the Military League's demand for a National Assembly, because the Constitution ordains that there should be a precedent demand of two successive Parliaments.

DRUMMOYNE MUNICIPAL LOAN.

A poll was taken on Saturday at Drummoyne on the question as to whether the council should borrow a sum of £10,000 for the purpose of building new council offices and carrying out some much needed street improvements and repairs. Two polling booths were provided, one at Drummoyne Council Chambers and one at the School of Arts, Five Dock. Following is the result of the ballot:—

In favor of council's proposal	201
Against council's proposal	42
Informal	11
In favor of raising loan rate on unimproved value	24
In favor of raising loan rate on improved capital value	70
Informal	18

Mr. Henry Robert Davies, who retired on account of ill-health from the position of controller of the transport branch of the Sydney General Post-office last year, died in his late residence, "The Laurels," Summer Hill, at the age of 51 years. The late Mr. Davies was at one time an alderman in the Ashfield Council, and at the last meeting of that body it was decided to forward a letter of condolence to his wife and family.

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Ayres' Gut Reviver, 9d per Box; Usually 1/
Ditto, Cypine Adjusters, 3/ each; Usually 5/3.
Slazenger's Tennis Tapes. Our Price, 9/6 each; Usually 12/6 each.
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HYMNS WE SING.

Mr. A. J. Spencer delivered an address to the members of Annandale Men's Brotherhood yesterday afternoon. The speaker took for his theme "Hymns We Sing," and in explaining his subject gave some interesting particulars of popular hymns and their authors, their titles, and the inspirations which prompted them. The address was interspersed by the singing of portions of the hymns dealt with, in which the audience heartily joined.

A vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer on the motion of Mr. A. J. Carrington, J.P., leader of the Brotherhood.

The Rev. A. J. B. King, who for the past 12 months has officiated as curate of the parish of St. George, and who has been transferred to Wollongong to fill a similar position, was, on the eve of his departure, tendered a send-off by the committee, choir, and adherents of St. Cuthbert's Church, Langley. During an interval Mr. M. T. Hookham presented Mr. King with a silver-mounted umbrella, and wished the recipient and his wife every success in their new sphere of operations. Mr. King and Mrs. King were tendered a farewell social in the Kogarah parish hall by the parishioners in the Kogarah, Sans Souci, and Blakehurst portions of the parish, and were made the recipients of several presentations, among them being a purse of sovereigns from the Kogarah and Blakehurst portion of the parish, and a traveling-bag from Sans Souci to Mr. King, while Mrs. King was also the recipient of several marks of appreciation from the ladies of the parish.

RICKARD'S THREE O'CLOCK AUCTIONS.

Three important land auctions are to be held on the three next Saturdays. The estates to be offered are excellent—prices are to be fixed in the Rickard way, at auction—terms are as easy as it is possible to make them.

Next Saturday.

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