

THE REVOLT AT EUREKA



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SOON THE NEWS SPREAD ACROSS THE WORLD
PEOPLE MADE THEIR WAY

AND, LIKE LINES OF ANTS, THOUSANDS OF
TO AUSTRALIA.

ABOUT 6,000
ALTOGETHER CAME
FROM THESE COUNTRIES
TO LOOK FOR GOLD.

28,900
IRISHMEN CAME
TO AUSTRALIA
IN 1853-1854.

-POPULATION -
1851 - 83,350.
1853 - 198,496.



Capt ROSS.

Philadelphia, 1852.
Secretary
for Colonies...
Your Excellency,
I do not
think the presence in
Australia of the Americans
who are going to that country
will lead to much good. The
authorities in that part of
the world should be on
guard.....

16,000
AMERICANS AND CANADIANS
SAILED FOR AUSTRALIA
BETWEEN 1851 AND 1853.
MOST OF THEM CAME FROM
THE CALIFORNIAN GOLDFIELDS.

AMERICAN GOODS BROUGHT TO
AUSTRALIA IN 1853 WERE
VALUED AT £1,668,606.

"I am quite sure that
the diggers are the
most orderly people
I have ever seen...."

1852 - 13 AMERICAN SHIPS
ENTERED PORT PHILLIP.
1853 - 134 AMERICAN SHIPS
ENTERED PORT PHILLIP.

"Ballarat was always the
rallying point of the
Americans."
FREDERICK VERN.

129,607 PEOPLE
CAME TO AUSTRALIA
FROM GREAT BRITAIN.
1837 - 1848.

MELBOURNE VICTORIA





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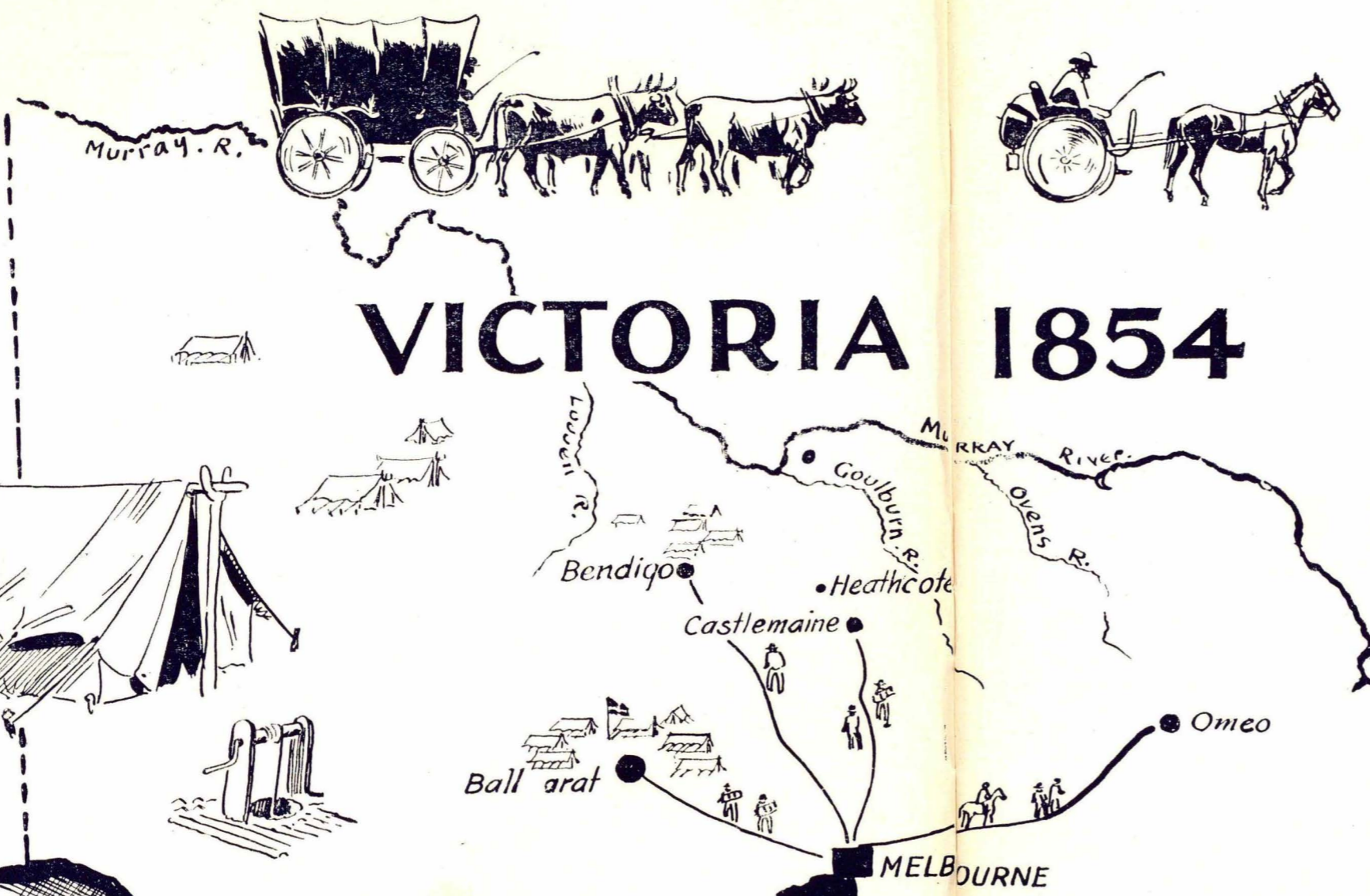
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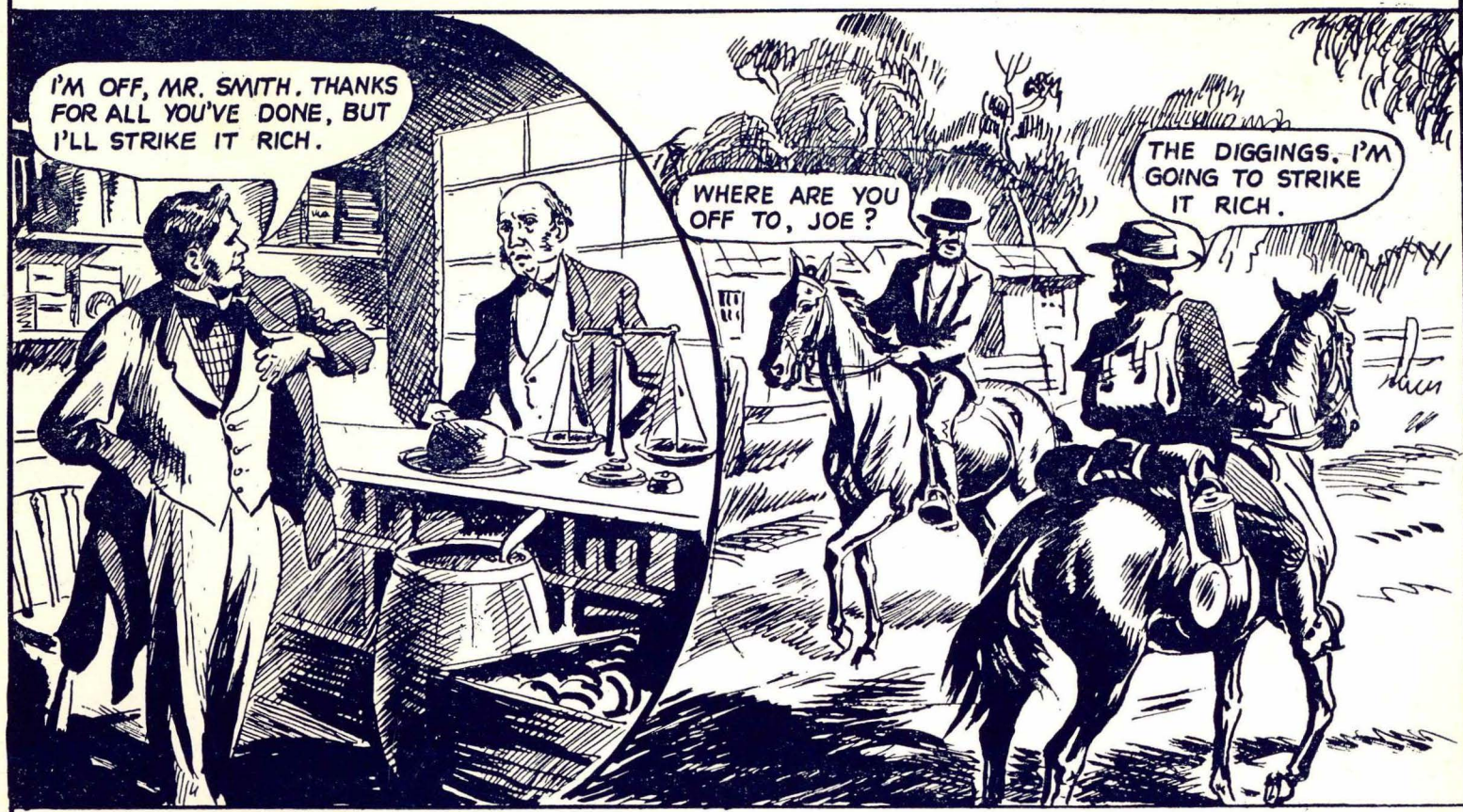
By 1854 there were 66,697 men, women and gold, others still hoped. Meanwhile,

children living on the goldfields. Some found more and more people came to try their luck.

VICTORIA 1854



MEANWHILE, IN MELBOURNE, GOVERNOR SIR CHARLES HOTHAM WAS WORRIED. THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH WORKERS, NOT ENOUGH SERVANTS, NOT ENOUGH SHEPHERDS, NOT ENOUGH LABOURERS. EVERYONE WAS OFF TO THE GOLDFIELDS.



I'M OFF, MR. SMITH. THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE, BUT I'LL STRIKE IT RICH.

WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO, JOE?

THE DIGGINGS. I'M GOING TO STRIKE IT RICH.



YOUR EXCELLENCY, WE NEED AT LEAST 2,000 MEN, IMMEDIATELY.

THE COLONY IS GOLD MAD. WE MUST DO SOMETHING.

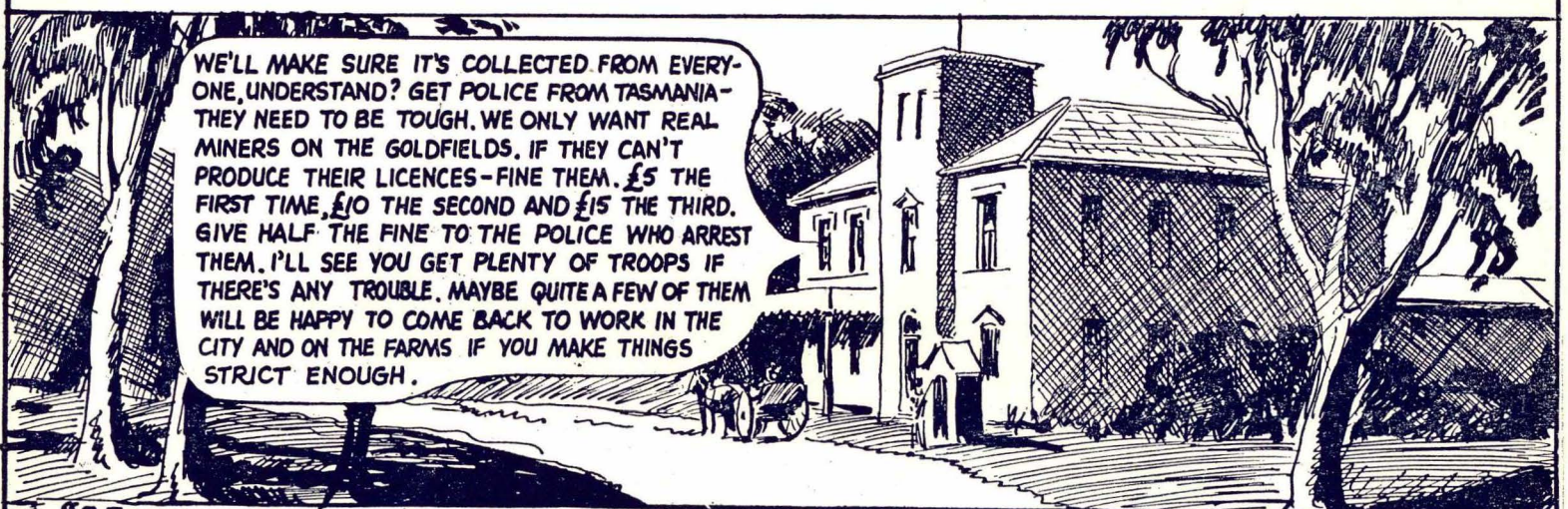


ANYONE CAN GO TO THE DIGGINGS. IS THAT SO?

YES, YOUR EXCELLENCY, BUT THEY HAVE TO HAVE A LICENCE.

GOLD LICENCE

No 308
The Bearer
George Smith
30th November
Commissioner



WE'LL MAKE SURE IT'S COLLECTED FROM EVERYONE, UNDERSTAND? GET POLICE FROM TASMANIA - THEY NEED TO BE TOUGH. WE ONLY WANT REAL MINERS ON THE GOLDFIELDS. IF THEY CAN'T PRODUCE THEIR LICENCES - FINE THEM. £5 THE FIRST TIME, £10 THE SECOND AND £15 THE THIRD. GIVE HALF THE FINE TO THE POLICE WHO ARREST THEM. I'LL SEE YOU GET PLENTY OF TROOPS IF THERE'S ANY TROUBLE. MAYBE QUITE A FEW OF THEM WILL BE HAPPY TO COME BACK TO WORK IN THE CITY AND ON THE FARMS IF YOU MAKE THINGS STRICT ENOUGH.

UP TO THE MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER THE SEARCH FOR LICENCES HAPPENED ONCE A MONTH - AT MOST, TWICE; PERHAPS ONCE A WEEK ON THE GRAVEL PITS. NOW, LICENCE HUNTING BECAME THE ORDER OF THE DAY - TWICE A WEEK ON EVERY LINE, AND THE MORE THE DIGGERS FELT ANNOYED, THE MORE OUR CAMP OFFICIALS KEPT GOADING US - IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER THE CAMP RODE OUT EVERY ALTERNATE DAY... Carboni Raffaello.



SOON, ALL OVER THE "DIGGINGS", LICENCE HUNTS WERE TAKING PLACE.

THERE HE GOES. GET HIM!



WHERE'S YOUR LICENCE?

YOU SHOULD CARRY IT ON YOU. YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.

IN THE TENT.

WHEN ARRESTED, A MAN WAS TAKEN TO THE "CAMP" - WHICH WAS A KIND OF POLICE BARRACKS. HERE HE WAS CHAINED TO A LOG OR A GUM-TREE OR FLUNG INTO A FILTHY PRISON UNTIL HE OR HIS FRIENDS FOUND THE "FINE". IN CHARGE OF THE "CAMP" AT EUREKA, NEAR BALLAARAT, WAS ROBERT REDE, WHO TOOK HIS ORDERS DIRECTLY FROM SIR CHARLES HOTHAM, THE GOVERNOR. ROBERT REDE HATED THE "DIGGERS" - TO HIM THEY WERE A CROWD OF ROUGH, COARSE MEN WHO NEEDED TOUGH HANDLING.

THEN, ON 6TH. OCTOBER, 1854, AT EUREKA, NEAR BALLAARAT...

LOOK, PETER, THE HOTEL IS OPEN. LET'S CELEBRATE OUR MEETING AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.

BUT THEY'RE SHUT. BENTLEY'S A TOUGH MAN TO KNOCK UP WHEN THE HOTEL'S CLOSED.

OPEN UP, BENTLEY. D'YE HEAR? OPEN UP OR I'LL BREAK THE DOOR DOWN!

JAMES BENTLEY, THE OWNER, TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE AND THREE MEN, CAME OUT. SOON A FIGHT WAS IN PROGRESS.

HELP! HELP! THEY'VE MURDERED MY FRIEND JIMMY.

JAMES SCOBIE WAS KILLED. HIS FRIEND PETER MARTIN WENT FOR HELP.

LATER, AN INQUEST WAS HELD.

NO, MR. CORONER.

NO, DR. CARR.

NO, I DIDN'T.

NO, NEVER. IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.

THAT'S RIGHT.

DID YOU KILL THIS MAN, JAMES BENTLEY?

DID YOU, MRS. BENTLEY?

DID YOU KILL HIM, MR. HANCE?

MR. MOONEY - YOU SAY YOU HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT?

AND MR. FARRELL - ARE YOU GUILTY?

MR. AND MRS. BENTLEY AND THEIR FRIENDS WERE FREED, SINCE DR. CARR SAID THAT UNKNOWN PERSONS HAD KILLED SCOBIE. THE DIGGERS ON THE GOLDFIELDS WERE FURIOUS, SINCE IT WAS WELL-KNOWN BY THEM THAT BENTLEY AND FARRELL WERE THE KILLERS.

Next day -

THEY'RE GUILTY, MR. COMMISSIONER. GUILTY OF MURDER.

IT COULD BE, BUT THE LAW WILL DECIDE, NOT YOU PEOPLE. WE'LL ARREST THEM AND TRY THEM.

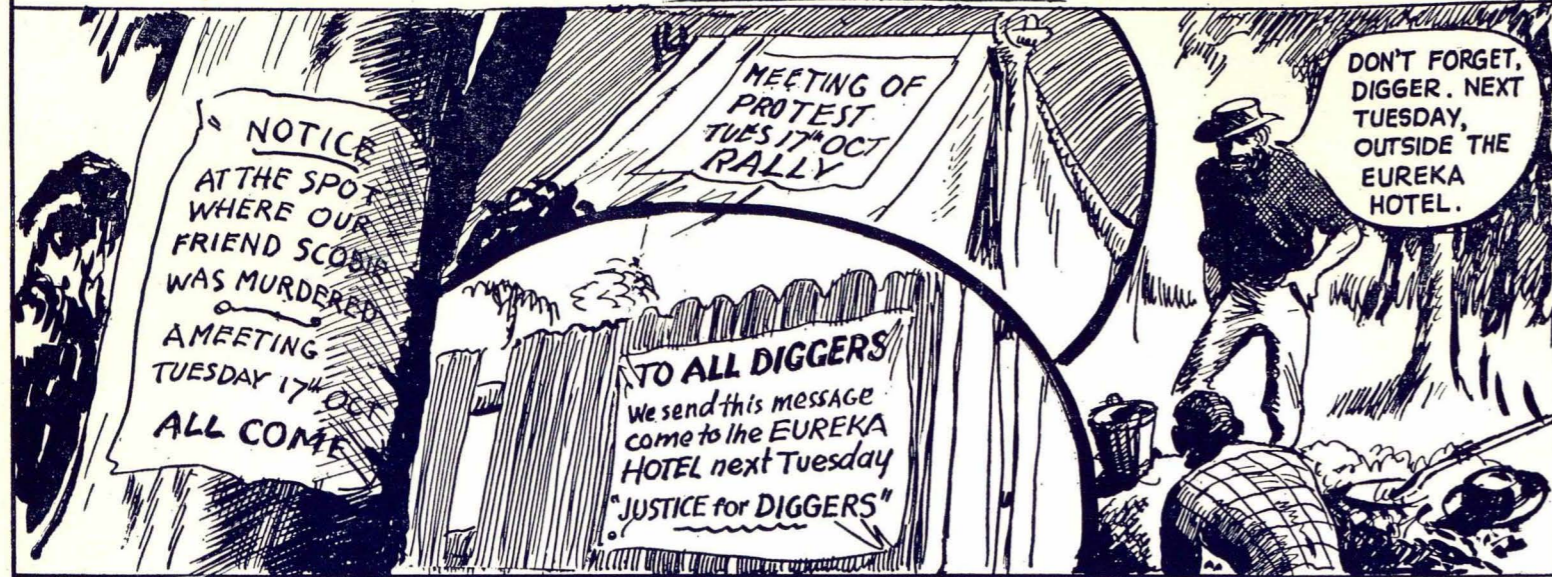
THEY'RE GUILTY.

DISGRACEFUL.

LET'S GO TO THE CAMP.

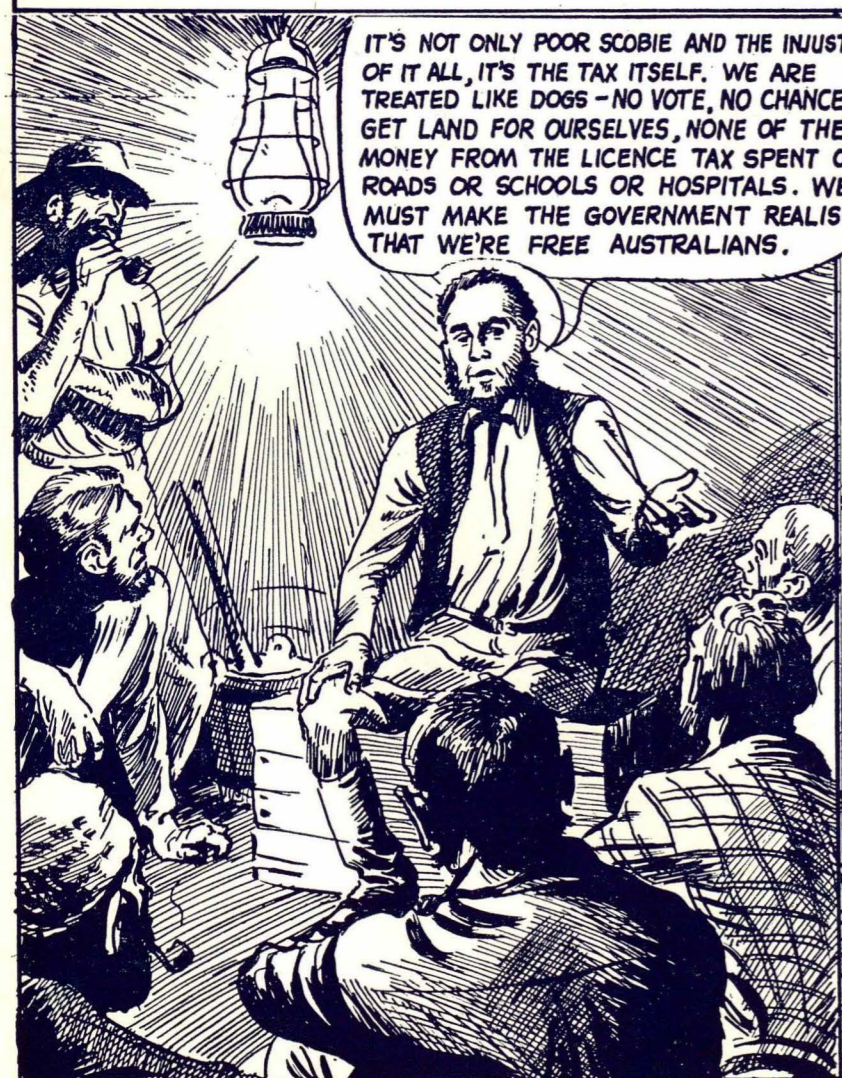
MR. AND MRS. BENTLEY - YOU'RE UNDER ARREST. AND YOU, TOO, FARRELL.

ON 12th. OCTOBER, 1854, BENTLEY AND HIS WIFE AND FARRELL, WERE FOUND NOT GUILTY OF MURDER ONCE MORE. TWO OUT OF THE THREE 'JUDGES' WERE JOHN D'EWES AND ROBERT REDE. JOHN D'EWES WAS A FRIEND OF BENTLEY'S AND ROBERT REDE WAS A WELL-KNOWN ENEMY OF THE DIGGERS. WHEN THE NEWS BECAME KNOWN THAT BENTLEY, HIS WIFE AND FARRELL WERE FREE - "HONOURABLY DISCHARGED" - THE MINERS DECIDED TO CALL A HUGE PROTEST MEETING.



DON'T FORGET, DIGGER. NEXT TUESDAY, OUTSIDE THE EUREKA HOTEL.

THE DIGGER WHOSE CLAIM WAS NEXT TO THAT OF THE MURDERED MAN WAS PETER LALOR, AN IRISHMAN MEN TRUSTED HIM AND HIS TENT WAS ALWAYS FULL.



IT'S NOT ONLY POOR SCOBIE AND THE INJUSTICE OF IT ALL, IT'S THE TAX ITSELF. WE ARE TREATED LIKE DOGS - NO VOTE, NO CHANCE TO GET LAND FOR OURSELVES, NONE OF THE MONEY FROM THE LICENCE TAX SPENT ON ROADS OR SCHOOLS OR HOSPITALS. WE MUST MAKE THE GOVERNMENT REALISE THAT WE'RE FREE AUSTRALIANS.



MEANWHILE BENTLEY HEARD OF THE COMING MEETING AND WAS AFRAID.

HALT! WHO GOES THERE?

A FRIEND. MY NAME IS BENTLEY. I MUST SEE MR. REDE.



YOU MUST PROTECT ME AND MY HOTEL.

NEVER FEAR, MR. BENTLEY. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.



AH! I WANT THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE TO REPORT TO ME AT ONCE.

YES, SIR.



THERE'S TO BE A MEETING NEXT TUESDAY NEAR THE EUREKA HOTEL. MAKE SURE IT'S WELL GUARDED. AND SEE BENTLEY COMES TO NO HARM.

YES, SIR.

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 1854, ABOUT 4,000 MEN MADE THEIR WAY TO THE SPOT WHERE JAMES SCOBIE HAD BEEN MURDERED. THE MEETING WAS ORDERLY AND WELL RUN. AFTER SOME SPEECHES, IT WAS DECIDED TO OFFER A REWARD FOR EVIDENCE WHICH WOULD PROVE THE HATED BENTLEY GUILTY OF MURDER. BENTLEY HIMSELF WAS LOCKED INSIDE THE NEARBY EUREKA HOTEL, WHILST ALL AROUND, GUARDING IT, WERE THE HATED "JOES" OR POLICE. JUST AS THE MEETING WAS BREAKING UP, SOMEONE THREW A STONE AT THE HOTEL. THE MOUNTED POLICE IMMEDIATELY RODE INTO THE CROWD, TRYING TO HERD THEM AWAY.

- RESOLUTIONS.
1. That this meeting pledges itself to use lawful means to have the Bentley case tried again.
 2. That this meeting offer a reward for the conviction of James Scobie's murderers.



INSIDE THE HOTEL WAS MAURICE XIMENES, A POLICEMAN.

A-A-ALL RIGHT. WHERE'S YOUR HORSE?

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO, BENTLEY. TAKE MY HORSE, LET THEM SEE YOU AND THEN RIDE OFF. THEY'LL FOLLOW YOU THEN.

BUT BENTLEY WAS TERRIFIED. MOUNTING THE HORSE, HE RODE FULL GALLOP, STRAIGHT TO THE POLICE CAMP, AND DISAPPEARED INSIDE. THE CROWD SAW HIM, AND LOUD SHOUTS WENT UP.



THE CROWD, NOW 10,000 IN NUMBER, MOVED IN A BODY TOWARDS THE EUREKA HOTEL. THEY THREW STONES AND STICKS. SOME BEGAN SMASHING THE WINDOWS AND DOORS. THE POLICE LAID ABOUT THEM. SUDDENLY, COMMISSIONER REDE CLIMBED ON TO A WINDOW SILL.



BREAK IT UP! I'LL HAVE NO RIOTS. GO BACK TO YOUR TENTS. GO HOME!

YOU GO BACK TO THE CAMP.

BENTLEY'S YOUR MATE!

BURN IT DOWN!

TELL YOUR JOES TO GO HOME.

SOON THE EUREKA HOTEL WAS ALIGHT FROM END TO END.

R. WENBAN.



SEVEN MEN WERE ARRESTED.

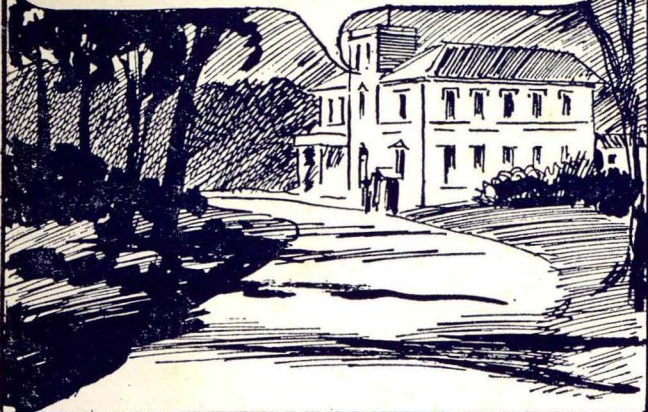


Balderstone. McIntyre. MacIntosh. Van der Byl. Stuart. Fletcher. Westerby.

WHEN GOVERNOR HOTHAM HEARD THE NEWS, HE DECIDED TO SHOW THE MINERS THAT THEY COULD NOT TAKE THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS.

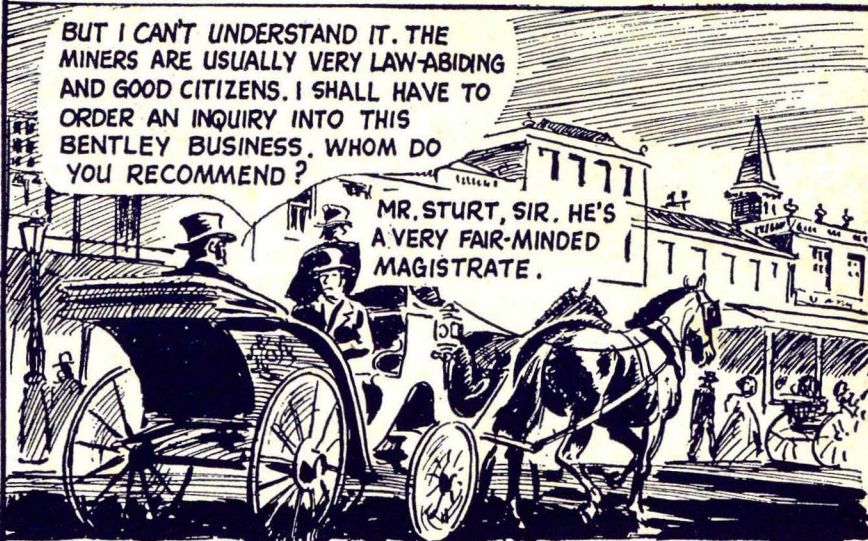
MELBOURNE -

I WANT 500 EXTRA POLICE AND SOLDIERS SENT TO BALLAARAT AT ONCE, YOU UNDERSTAND. YOU ARE TO USE FORCE WHENEVER NECESSARY. I WANT MORE LICENCE HUNTS. ANYONE WITHOUT A LICENCE IS TO BE FINED, GAOLED OR SENT OFF THE GOLDFIELDS. IF THE MINERS WANT A ROW, THEY CAN HAVE IT.



BACK IN BALLAARAT, FOUR OF THE 7 MEN - BALDERSTONE, STUART, MACINTOSH AND VAN DER BYL - WERE FOUND NOT GUILTY. THE OTHER THREE WERE TAKEN TO MELBOURNE TO STAND THEIR TRIAL. BUT GOVERNOR HOTHAM WAS WORRIED...

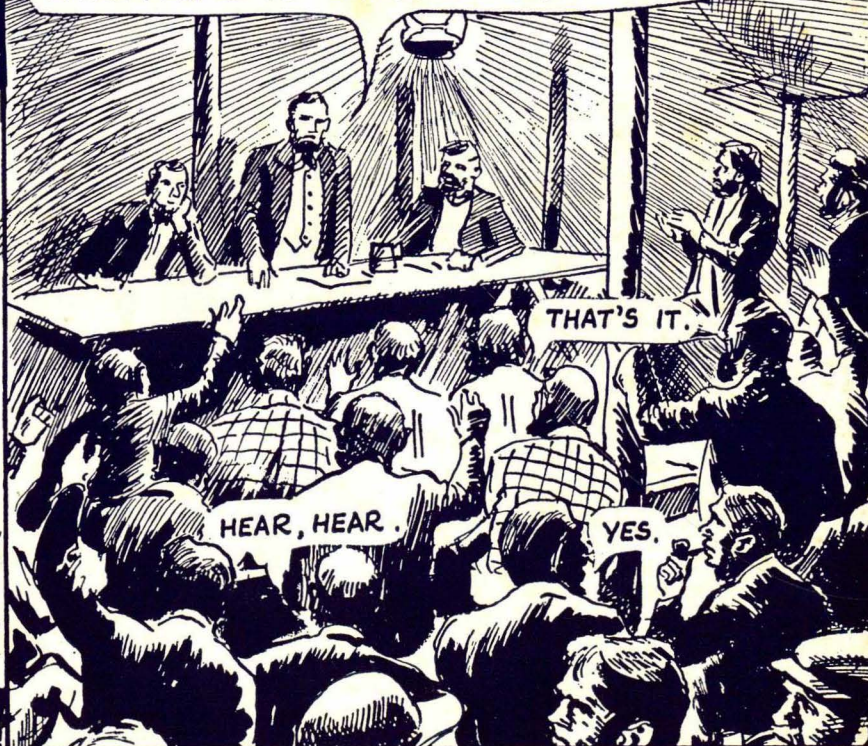
BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT. THE MINERS ARE USUALLY VERY LAW-ABIDING AND GOOD CITIZENS. I SHALL HAVE TO ORDER AN INQUIRY INTO THIS BENTLEY BUSINESS. WHOM DO YOU RECOMMEND?



MR. STURT, SIR. HE'S A VERY FAIR-MINDED MAGISTRATE.

MR. STURT REPORTED THAT MAGISTRATE DEWES AND SOME POLICE OFFICERS WERE NOT ONLY LIARS BUT WERE BRUTAL AND WICKED AND THAT BENTLEY WAS UNDOUBTEDLY GUILTY. ON 18TH NOVEMBER, BENTLEY, FARRELL AND HANCE WERE SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS HARD LABOUR ON THE ROADS, FOR THE MANSLAUGHTER OF JAMES SCOBIE. THE DIGGERS HAD WON THEIR LONG STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE. BUT THREE OF THEIR MATES - McINTYRE, FLETCHER AND WESTERBY WERE STILL IN GAOL AND TWO DAYS LATER WERE FOUND GUILTY AND SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT. THE NEWS SOON REACHED BALLAARAT.

WE'LL HAVE TO SEE THE GOVERNOR. WE CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS. WE'RE HUNTED LIKE DOGS EVERY WEEK. WE HAVE TO PAY A LICENCE TAX WHETHER WE STRIKE GOLD OR NOT. WE'VE GOT NO VOTE, NO LOCAL GOVERNMENT. WE CAN'T GET LAND. THERE ARE NO SCHOOLS, NO ROADS. THE POLICE BEAT US UP. I MOVE WE SEND THREE PEOPLE TO GOVERNOR HOTHAM.



THAT'S IT.

HEAR, HEAR.

YES.

The Age 2
MELBOURNE NOV 21st 1854

WESTERBY SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS
McINTYRE GUILTY - 3 MONTHS
FLETCHER GIVEN 4 MONTHS.
FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

In the Melbourne Court today, the three Ballaarat miners, Westerby, McIntyre and Fletcher were each found guilty of setting fire to the Eureka Hotel.

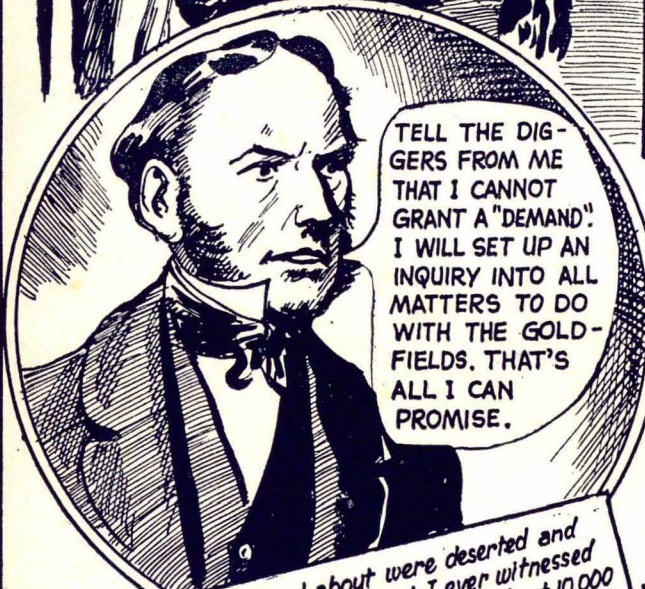
PRIEST'S SERVANT ARRESTED.
Ballaarat.
Johann Gregorius, the Armenian servant of Fr. Smyth, the popular goldfield Priest, was arrested today for not having a licence.

MONDAY, 27th. NOV., 1854.

YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO HIS EXCELLENCY?



YES. TELL HIM THAT MR. KENNEDY, MR. BLACK AND MR. HUMFFRAY WISH TO SEE HIM ABOUT THE THREE EUREKA PRISONERS.



TELL THE DIGGERS FROM ME THAT I CANNOT GRANT A "DEMAND". I WILL SET UP AN INQUIRY INTO ALL MATTERS TO DO WITH THE GOLD-FIELDS. THAT'S ALL I CAN PROMISE.

WE ARE HERE, YOUR EXCELLENCY, TO DEMAND THE RELEASE OF FLETCHER, McINTYRE AND WESTERBY.

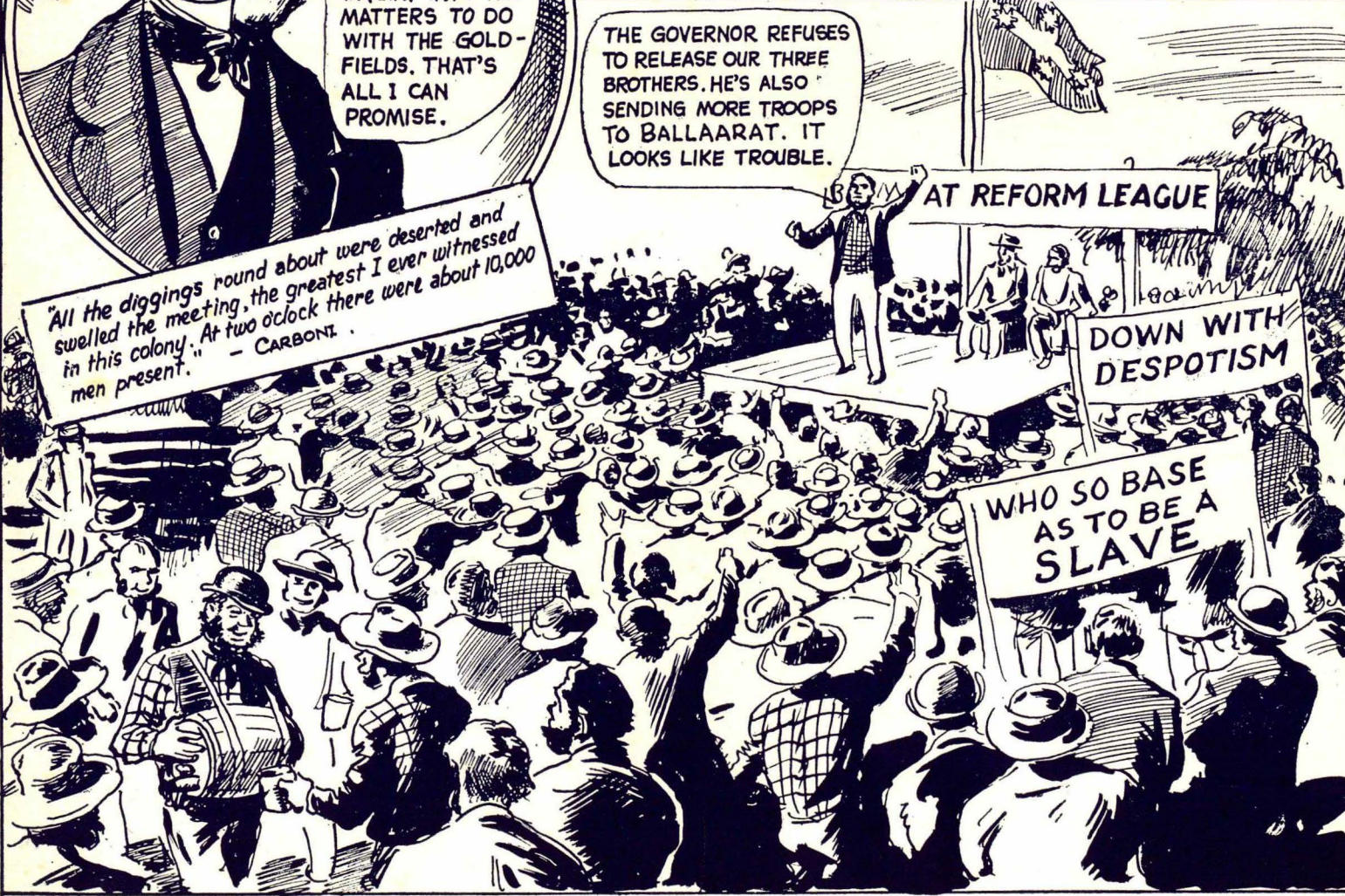


"DEMAND," INDEED? IS THAT WHAT YOU SAY?

THAT'S THE MESSAGE WE WERE ASKED TO DELIVER.

NEXT DAY, NOV. 29th., 12,000 MEN WERE AT BAKERY HILL TO HEAR WHAT GOVERNOR HOTHAM HAD TO SAY.

THE GOVERNOR REFUSES TO RELEASE OUR THREE BROTHERS. HE'S ALSO SENDING MORE TROOPS TO BALLAARAT. IT LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE.



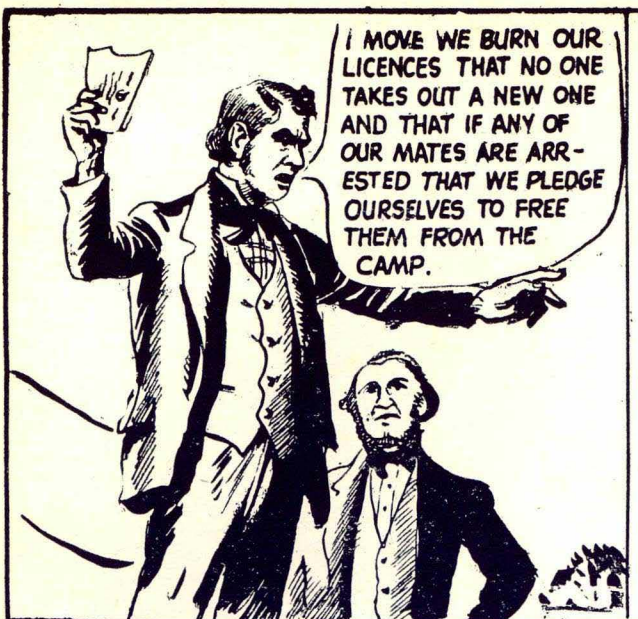
AT REFORM LEAGUE

DOWN WITH DESPOTISM

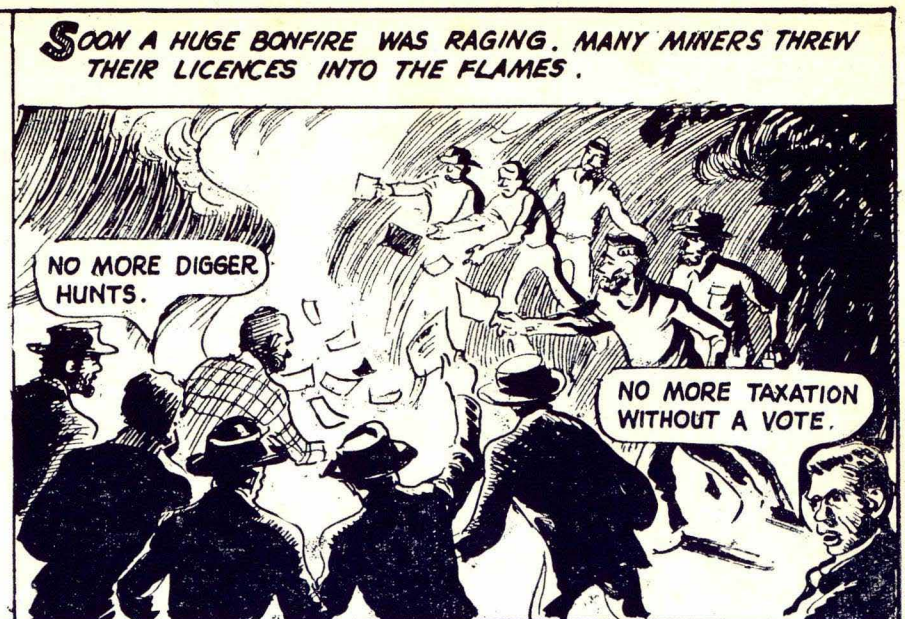
WHO SO BASE AS TO BE A SLAVE

"All the diggings round about were deserted and swelled the meeting, the greatest I ever witnessed in this colony." At two o'clock there were about 10,000 men present. - CARBONT.

IN THE CROWD WAS A MAN NAMED FREDERICK VERN. HE NOW PUSHED TOWARDS THE PLATFORM AND SAID HE WISHED TO SPEAK TO THE MINERS.



I MOVE WE BURN OUR LICENCES THAT NO ONE TAKES OUT A NEW ONE AND THAT IF ANY OF OUR MATES ARE ARRESTED THAT WE PLEDGE OURSELVES TO FREE THEM FROM THE CAMP.

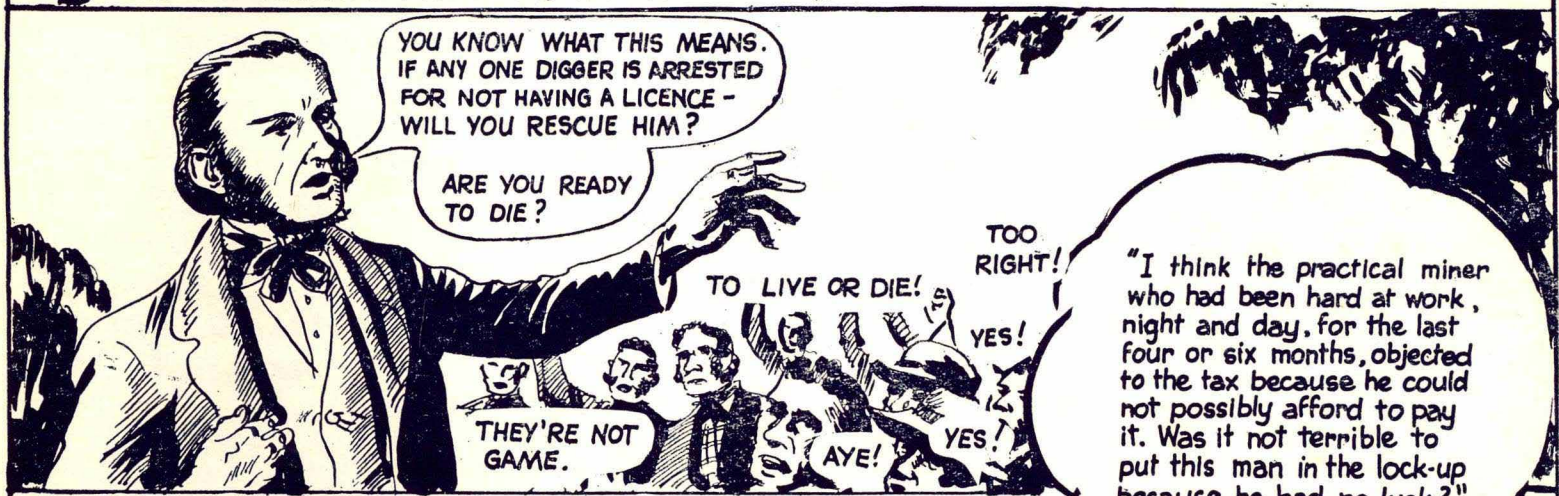


SOON A HUGE BONFIRE WAS RAGING. MANY MINERS THREW THEIR LICENCES INTO THE FLAMES.

NO MORE DIGGER HUNTS.

NO MORE TAXATION WITHOUT A VOTE.

BEFORE THE MEETING BROKE UP, THE CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR ORDER



YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS. IF ANY ONE DIGGER IS ARRESTED FOR NOT HAVING A LICENCE - WILL YOU RESCUE HIM?

ARE YOU READY TO DIE?

THEY'RE NOT GAME.

TO LIVE OR DIE!

TOO RIGHT!

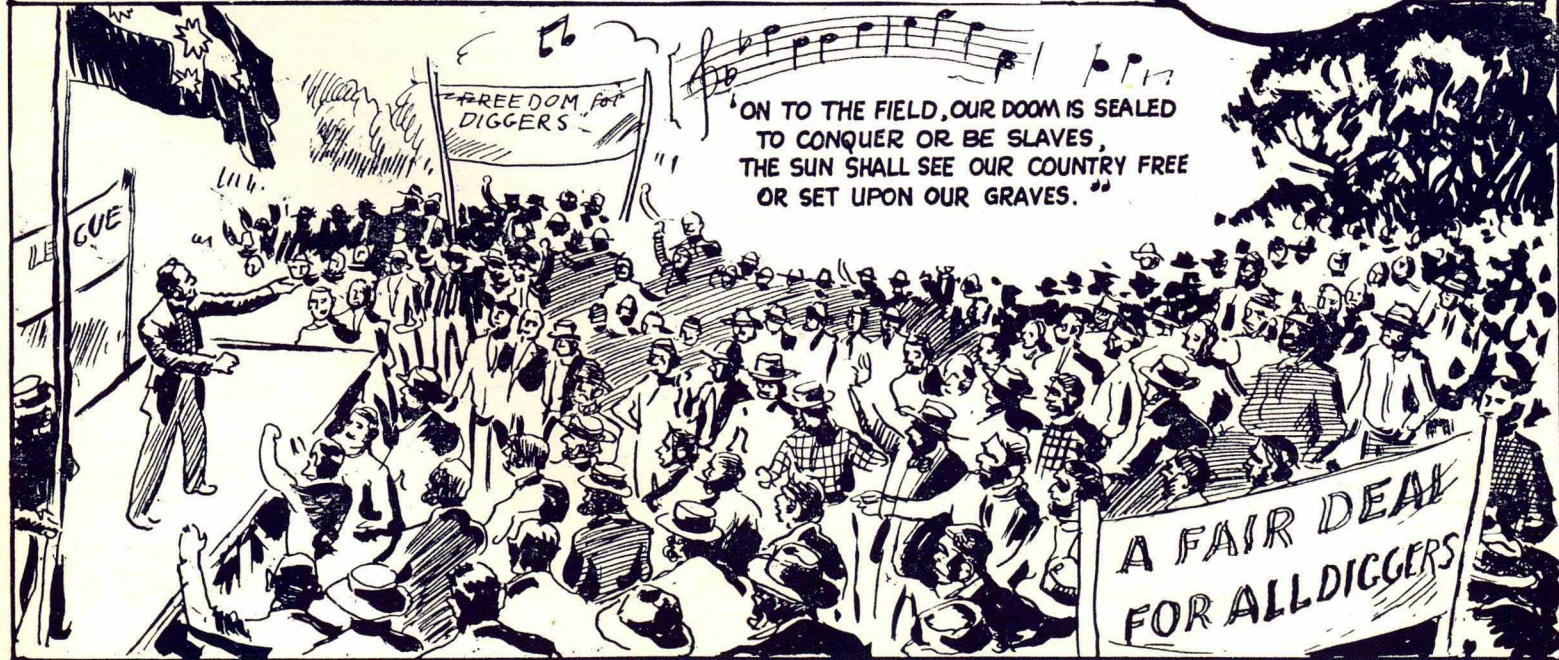
YES!

AYE!

YES!

"I think the practical miner who had been hard at work, night and day, for the last four or six months, objected to the tax because he could not possibly afford to pay it. Was it not terrible to put this man in the lock-up because he had no luck?"
RAFFAELLO.

GUNS WERE FIRED. THE BONFIRE GREW BRIGHTER. SOON 12,000 VOICES WERE SINGING. THEIR VOICES CARRIED OVER TO THE CAMP WHERE COMMISSIONER REDE SAT LISTENING TO THE STORIES BROUGHT BY HIS SPIES.



FREE DOM FOR DIGGERS

"ON TO THE FIELD, OUR DOOM IS SEALED TO CONQUER OR BE SLAVES, THE SUN SHALL SEE OUR COUNTRY FREE OR SET UPON OUR GRAVES."

A FAIR DEAL FOR ALL DIGGERS

AT THE CAMP.

SO THEY'VE BURNT THEIR LICENCES, EH? THEY'RE DARING ME TO ASK FOR THEM, EH? SEND JOHNSTONE TO ME AT ONCE.



LISTEN, JOHNSTONE. I WANT THE BIGGEST LICENCE HUNT, EVER, TO TAKE PLACE TO-MORROW. DON'T LET A MAN ESCAPE. ARREST ANYONE WITHOUT A LICENCE. I'LL SHOW THESE DIGGERS WHO'S IN CHARGE. AND MAKE SURE THE NEW TROOPS FROM MELBOURNE AND BENDIGO ARE READY. IF MY GUESS IS RIGHT, THERE'LL BE TROUBLE TO-MORROW - BUT THEY ASKED FOR IT.

"THE WHOLE PACK - COMMISSIONERS, TROOPERS AND TRAPS ON THE BALLAARAT CAMP, EXCEPT MAGISTRATE HACKETT, ARE DETESTED BY THE DIGGERS. THERE WILL BE LASTING DISCONTENT AS LONG AS REDE... IS LODGING OVER THAT WAY."
Carboni.



NEXT DAY

THE JOES! THE JOES! THE TROOPS ARE COMING!

MANY DIGGERS WERE CAUGHT, BUT AS THEY WERE BEING TAKEN TO THE CAMP, THOUSANDS OF MINERS BLOCKED THE WAY.



KEEP QUIET.

LET 'EM GO.

DIGGERS NEVER NEVER SHALL BE SLAVES!

DOWN WITH THE LICENCE TAX.

WE WON'T PAY!

GET 'EM. EVERY ONE OF 'EM. THEY'RE WORTH A FIVER.

WHERE'S YOUR MATES NOW, EH?

SURROUNDED BY MOUNTED TROOPS, COMMISSIONER REDE RODE INTO THE DIGGINGS HE HAD A PARCHMENT IN HIS HAND.



RETURN TO WORK, ALL OF YOU! THIS IS A RIOT. I SHALL READ THE RIOT ACT AND ANYONE STILL AROUND WILL BE ARRESTED. TAKE THOSE PRISONERS TO THE CAMP.

ONE MAN MADE A DASH TO ESCAPE.



WE MEAN BUSINESS. DON'T TRY TO RESCUE YOUR MATES.

EIGHT MINERS WERE TAKEN AWAY TO THE CAMP. SOON THOUSANDS OF MINERS MADE THEIR WAY TO BAKERY HILL. PETER LALOR, RIFLE IN HAND, STOOD ON A TREE STUMP.



IT IS MY DUTY NOW TO SWEAR YOU IN, AND TO TAKE, WITH YOU, THE OATH TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE SOUTHERN CROSS. I ORDER ALL PERSONS WHO DO NOT INTEND TO TAKE THE OATH TO LEAVE THE MEETING AT ONCE. LET ALL DIVISIONS UNDER ARMS FALL IN, IN THEIR ORDER, AROUND THE FLAGSTAFF.

VERY SOON AFTER THIS, ALL THE DIGGERS "FELL IN" IN FILE TWO ABREAST AND MARCHED TO THE EUREKA. CAPTAIN ROSS, OF TORONTO, WAS OUR STANDARD BEARER. PATRICK CURTAIN WAS CHOSEN AS CAPTAIN OF THE PIKEMEN.

Carboni.

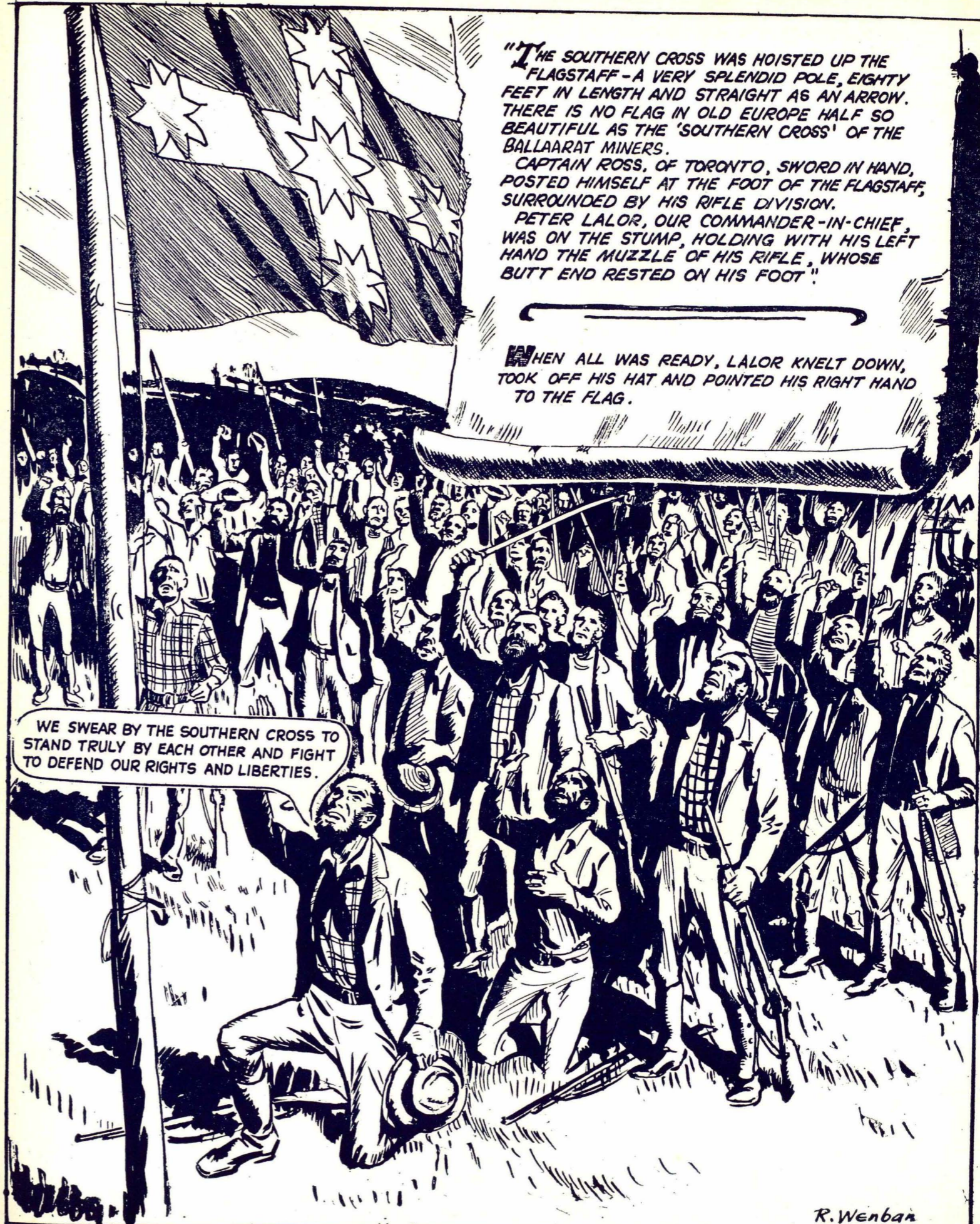


"THE SOUTHERN CROSS WAS HOISTED UP THE FLAGSTAFF - A VERY SPLENDID POLE, EIGHTY FEET IN LENGTH AND STRAIGHT AS AN ARROW. THERE IS NO FLAG IN OLD EUROPE HALF SO BEAUTIFUL AS THE 'SOUTHERN CROSS' OF THE BALLAARAT MINERS.

CAPTAIN ROSS, OF TORONTO, SWORD IN HAND, POSTED HIMSELF AT THE FOOT OF THE FLAGSTAFF, SURROUNDED BY HIS RIFLE DIVISION.

PETER LALOR, OUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, WAS ON THE STUMP, HOLDING WITH HIS LEFT HAND THE MUZZLE OF HIS RIFLE, WHOSE BUTT END RESTED ON HIS FOOT."

WHEN ALL WAS READY, LALOR KNELT DOWN, TOOK OFF HIS HAT AND POINTED HIS RIGHT HAND TO THE FLAG.



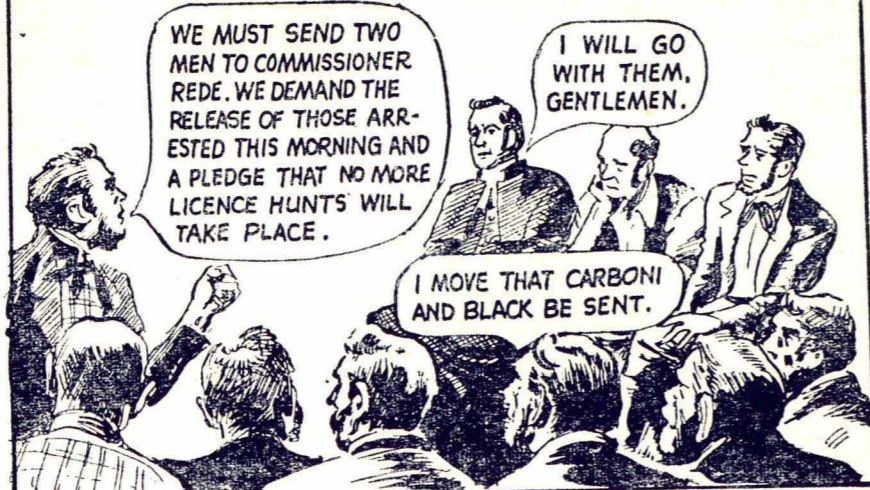
WE SWEAR BY THE SOUTHERN CROSS TO STAND TRULY BY EACH OTHER AND FIGHT TO DEFEND OUR RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES.

THAT NIGHT, BEFORE A FINAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, LALOR SAT DOWN AND WROTE THIS LETTER.

Eusebia,
30.11.1854.

Dear Alicia, I would be unworthy of my-
self were I base enough to desert my
companions in danger...
Should I fall, shed but a simple tear
on the grave of one who has died
in the cause of honour and
liberty.
Yours until
death

LATE THAT NIGHT THE COMMITTEE MET IN A ROOM 12 FEET SQUARE IN DIAMOND'S STORE.



WE MUST SEND TWO MEN TO COMMISSIONER REDE. WE DEMAND THE RELEASE OF THOSE ARRESTED THIS MORNING AND A PLEDGE THAT NO MORE LICENCE HUNTS WILL TAKE PLACE.

I WILL GO WITH THEM, GENTLEMEN.

I MOVE THAT CARBONI AND BLACK BE SENT.

DOWN THE HILL AND ACROSS THE GULLY WENT THE THREE MEN - RAFFAELLO CARBONI, GEORGE BLACK AND FATHER SMYTH. THEY WERE MAKING FOR THE HEAVILY GUARDED CAMP.

I DON'T LIKE 'DEMANDS' FROM REBELS. YOUR COMPLAINTS ABOUT LICENCE HUNTING ONLY COVER UP YOUR REAL REASONS. I HAVE A DUTY TO DO. I KNOW MY DUTY AND I WILL STICK TO IT. THIS REFUSAL TO PAY THEIR LICENCE TAX IS A MERE CLOAK TO COVER A REVOLUTION.

YOU SHOULD SEEK PEACE, MR. REDE, NOT BLOOD.

Mr. Black agreed that the collection of the tax at bayonet point was not the only complaint. The diggers wanted a vote and they wanted to 'unlock the lands.'

- CARBONI -

ALL THE NEXT DAY - FRIDAY - AND THROUGHOUT SATURDAY THE REBELS PREPARED FOR AN EXPECTED ATTACK FROM THE TROOPS. A STOCKADE HAD BEEN BUILT OF SLABS, LOGS AND OTHER ODDMENTS. IT WAS REALLY ONLY A VERY ROUGH FENCE AND GAVE VERY LITTLE PROTECTION. INSIDE IT WAS ABOUT AN ACRE OF GROUND ON WHICH WERE TENTS. SOME MINERS STILL DUG FOR GOLD INSIDE THE STOCKADE. ABOUT 500 MEN WERE MARCHING AND DRILLING. OVER THE STOCKADE FLEW THE FLAG.

NEWS SOON SPREAD. ON FRIDAY THE LOOKOUTS SAW A GREAT CROWD COMING TOWARDS THE STOCKADE.



"... four hundred diggers from Creswick, helpless, dirty and ragged, proved the greatest nuisance. One of them, Michael Tuohy, behaved valiantly." - CARBONI.

IN THE CENTRE OF THE STOCKADE A HUGE BONFIRE WAS LIT FOOD FOR THE MEN WAS COOKED. BOTH SIDES WERE PREPARING



A GERMAN BLACKSMITH WAS BUSY MAKING PIKES.

= NOTICE =
NO LIGHT WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE KEPT BURNING IN ANY TENT WITHIN MUSKET SHOT OF THE LINE OF SENTRIES AFTER 1 O'CLOCK P.M. THE SENTRIES HAVE ORDERS TO FIRE AGAINST ANY PERSON OFFENDING AGAINST THESE RULES

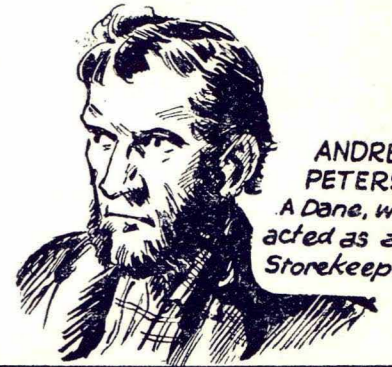
BY ORDER OF:
T. Bailey Richards

BUT INSIDE THE STOCKADE WERE TWO SPIES

HENRY GOODENOUGH.
A policeman disguised as a miner.



ANDREW PETERS.
A Dane, who acted as a Storekeeper.

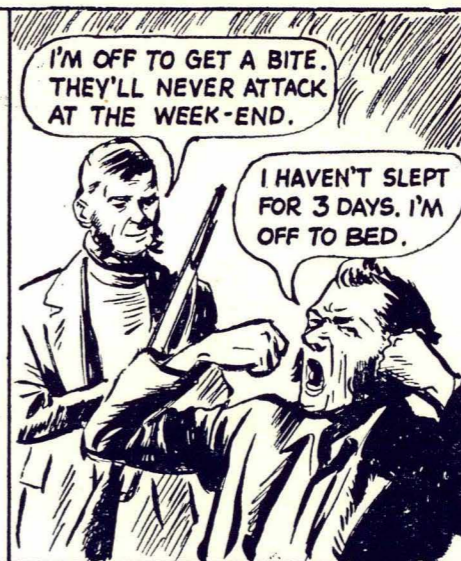


AT NOON ON SATURDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, NO ATTACK HAD COME. THE MINERS BEGAN TO LEAVE THE STOCKADE.



THEY WON'T ATTACK NOW.

LET'S HAVE A DRINK.



I'M OFF TO GET A BITE. THEY'LL NEVER ATTACK AT THE WEEK-END.

I HAVEN'T SLEPT FOR 3 DAYS. I'M OFF TO BED.



I'M LEAVING. NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN.

WE'LL COME BACK ON MONDAY.

BY SATURDAY NIGHT, ONLY 150 MEN REMAINED INSIDE THE STOCKADE. THE SENTRIES WERE POSTED, THE FIRE HAD BURNT LOW AND EVERYTHING WAS QUIET. OVER IN THE CAMP, COMMISSIONER REDE WAS LISTENING TO GOODENOUGH AND ANDREWS.





THERE'S ONLY 150 MEN LEFT, COMMISSIONER. VERY FEW HAVE ARMS AND ANDREWS HERE HAS A PLAN OF THE WHOLE STOCKADE.

THIS SHOWS WHERE EVERY-ONE IS. THE PASS-WORD IS "VINEGAR HILL"



JUST THEN A MESSENGER CAME IN.

MAJOR NICKLE & COLONEL MACARTHUR ARE ON THE WAY, SIR THEY HAVE TWO REGIMENTS WITH THEM, MARINES FROM H.M.S. "ELECTRA" AND H.M.S. "FANTOME" AS WELL AS HOWITZERS AND HEAVY GUNS.

THANK YOU. THAT IS GOOD NEWS.



REDE SENT FOR CAPTAIN PAISLEY.

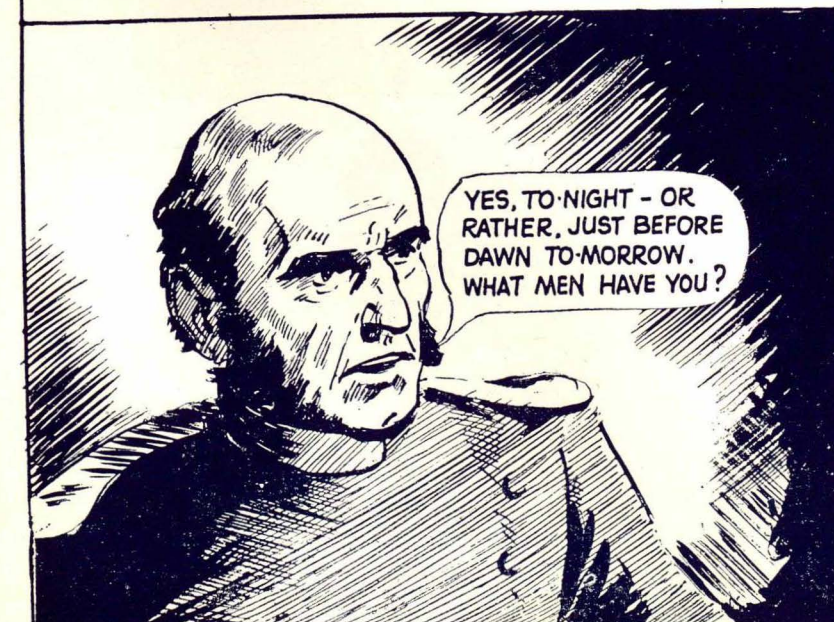
MORE TROOPS ARE ON THE WAY FROM MELBOURNE AND GEELONG, CAPTAIN PAISLEY. IT'S TIME WE ATTACKED.

TO-NIGHT, SIR?

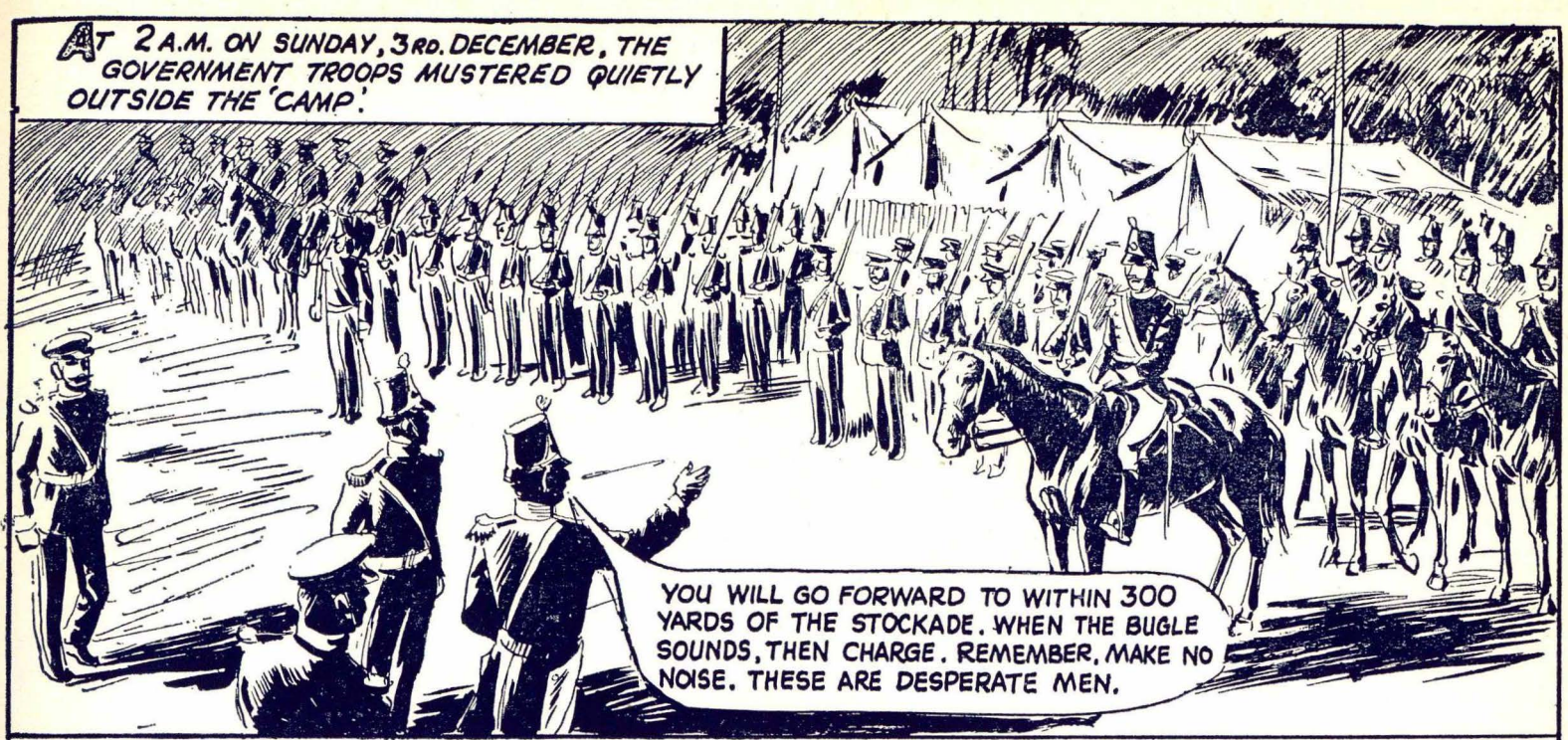
SOME OF THE BEST FIGHTERS WILL BE OFF TO TRY TO STOP THE TROOPS, YOU MARK MY WORDS.



GOVERNMENT TROOPS		
	INFANTRY	152
	CAVALRY	30
	MOUNTED POLICE	74
	FOOT POLICE	24
	INSPECTORS	5



YES, TO-NIGHT - OR RATHER, JUST BEFORE DAWN TO-MORROW. WHAT MEN HAVE YOU?



AT 2 A.M. ON SUNDAY, 3RD. DECEMBER, THE GOVERNMENT TROOPS MUSTERED QUIETLY OUTSIDE THE 'CAMP'.

YOU WILL GO FORWARD TO WITHIN 300 YARDS OF THE STOCKADE. WHEN THE BUGLE SOUNDS, THEN CHARGE. REMEMBER, MAKE NO NOISE. THESE ARE DESPERATE MEN.

INSIDE THE STOCKADE MOST OF THE MEN, INCLUDING THE LEADERS, WERE ASLEEP. NEARER AND NEARER CAME THE TROOPS, BAYONETS FIXED, HORSES PRANCING, FEET MAKING LITTLE NOISE AS THEY CROSSED THE GULLIES. SUDDENLY A VOLLEY OF SHOTS RANG OUT. SOMEONE HAD SOUNDED THE ALARM. THE STOCKADE JUMPED TO LIFE.



"The shots whizzed past my tent. I rushed to my chimney facing the stockade-Ross and his division Northward, Thoren and his division Southward answered with a smart fire-Vern floundered Eastwards-and a whole pack ran away towards Warrenheip" - CARBONI.

RIFLE-MEN TO THE FRONT.

THIS WAY, MEN.

LOOK OUT!

WE'RE DONE!

FOR FREEDOM!

VINEGAR HILL! THE TROOPERS!

THE FIGHT LASTED ONLY FIFTEEN OR TWENTY MINUTES.

THE FLAG OF THE DIGGERS, THE "SOUTHERN CROSS", AS WELL AS THE UNION JACK, WHICH THEY HOISTED UNDERNEATH, WERE CAPTURED BY JOHN KING, AN IRISH POLICEMAN.

"THE EUREKA CAMP, AS WELL AS THE STORES AND TENTS AROUND IT, HAVE BEEN BURNT TO THE GROUND. MANY INNOCENT PERSONS HAVE SUFFERED..."

PETER LALOR WAS SHOT DOWN IN HIS LEFT SHOULDER. ROSS WAS SHOT IN THE GROIN. THONEN WAS FELLED ON THE SPOT.

"More than half the loss of life took place after resistance had ceased..."
JOHN LYNCH.



"THERE WERE ABOUT 70 MEN POSSESSING GUNS, 30 WITH PIKES AND 30 WITH PISTOLS, BUT MANY HAD NO MORE THAN ONE OR TWO ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. THEIR COOLNESS AND BRAVERY WERE ADMIRABLE WHEN IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE ODDS WERE 3 TO 1 AGAINST. I NOW HAVE NO DOUBT THAT WE SHALL SOON HAVE MANY MEASURES OF USEFUL REFORMS, BUT WHY SHOULD WE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO TAKE UP ARMS AT ALL?"
Peter Lalor.

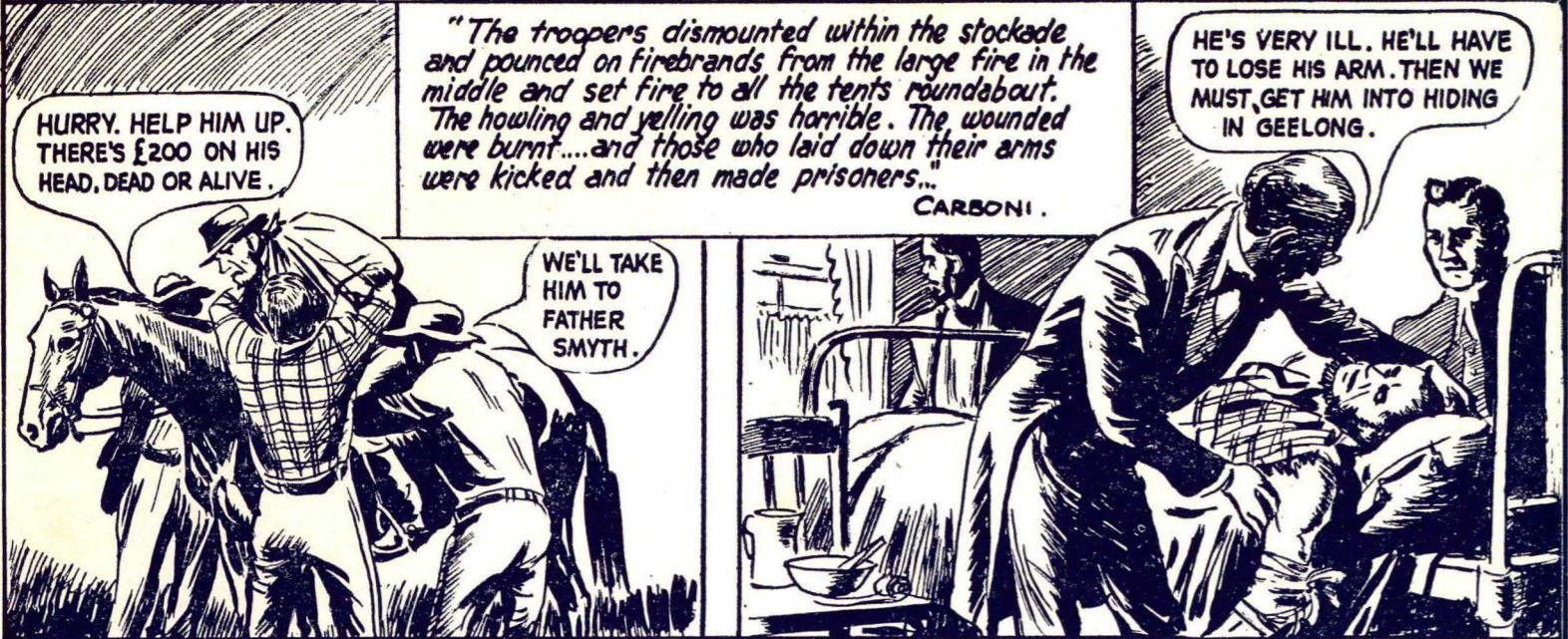
THOSE WHO SUFFERED MOST WERE THE SCORE OF PIKE-MEN WHO STOOD THEIR GROUND...

AMONG THE MEN KILLED OR WOUNDED WERE...

20	MEN FROM IRELAND,
3	" " ENGLAND,
2	" " SCOTLAND,
1	MAN FROM PRUSSIA,
1	" " WURTEMBERG,
1	" " CANADA,
1	" " NOVA SCOTIA,
1	" " NEW SOUTH WALES.

R. WENBAN

THE FIGHT WAS OVER. MANY WERE KILLED, MANY WOUNDED AND THE SKY WAS FILLED WITH SMOKE FROM BURNING TENTS, FURNITURE, HUTS, STORES AND TREES. PETER LALOR HAD BEEN SHOT IN THE SHOULDER AND LAY HIDDEN BENEATH SOME SLABS.



HURRY. HELP HIM UP. THERE'S £200 ON HIS HEAD, DEAD OR ALIVE.

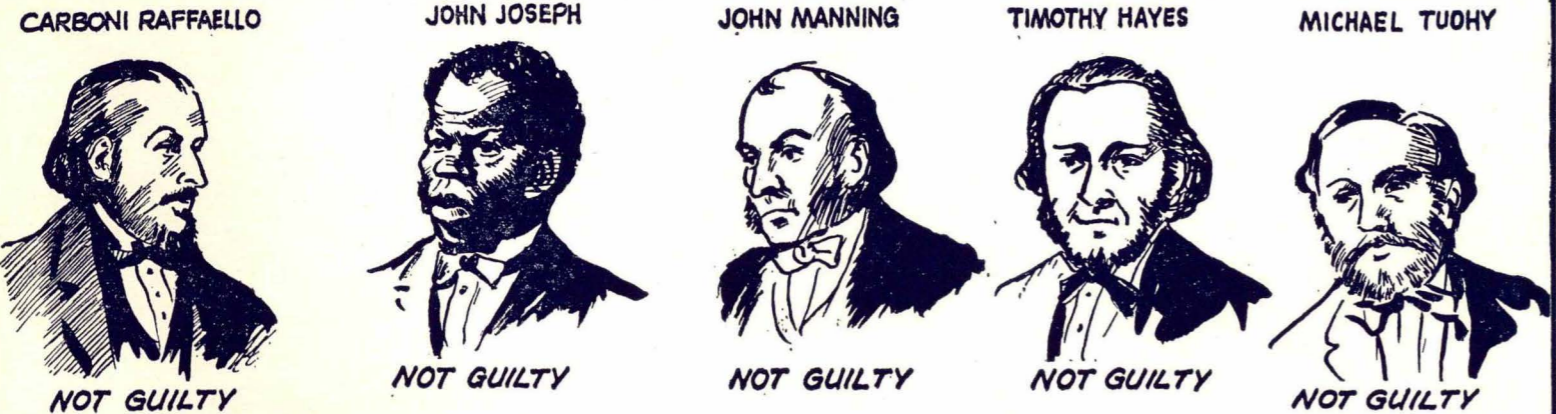
"The troopers dismounted within the stockade and pounced on firebrands from the large fire in the middle and set fire to all the tents roundabout. The howling and yelling was horrible. The wounded were burnt...and those who laid down their arms were kicked and then made prisoners..."

CARBONI.

WE'LL TAKE HIM TO FATHER SMYTH.

HE'S VERY ILL. HE'LL HAVE TO LOSE HIS ARM. THEN WE MUST GET HIM INTO HIDING IN GEELONG.

ALTHOUGH LALOR ESCAPED, MOST OF THE LEADERS WERE EITHER KILLED OR ARRESTED. BUT THE PEOPLE OF VICTORIA WERE ANGRY, NOT WITH THE 'REBELS', BUT WITH THE GOVERNMENT. THE ARRESTED MEN WERE FOUND NOT GUILTY, ONE AFTER THE OTHER.



CARBONI RAFFAELLO

JOHN JOSEPH

JOHN MANNING

TIMOTHY HAYES

MICHAEL TUOHY

NOT GUILTY

NOT GUILTY

NOT GUILTY

NOT GUILTY

NOT GUILTY



TWO OF THE LEADERS WERE KILLED.

PRUSSIA

CANADA

TORONTO

EUREKA

EDWARD THONEN

CAPTAIN ROSS

THREE DAYS AFTER EUREKA, THE PEOPLE OF MELBOURNE SPOKE TO THE GOVERNMENT. THE SPEAKER WAS A LAWYER, MR. CATHIE.



THESE MEN WHO HAVE FALLEN AT EUREKA WILL HAVE THEIR NAMES REMEMBERED BY AN ADMIRING PEOPLE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS GONE TOO FAR AND MUST NOW DO SOMETHING FOR THE DIGGERS AND THE SOONER THE BETTER.

WITHIN 17 YEARS MANY IMPORTANT LAWS WERE PASSED, WHICH HELPED TO MAKE AUSTRALIA THE GREAT FREEDOM-LOVING NATION IT IS TO-DAY. IF THE MEN OF EUREKA HAD NOT "STOOD UP" FOR THEIR RIGHTS, THE HISTORY OF AUSTRALIA MIGHT HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IT IS.

<p>1856 SECRET VOTING</p> <p>ENGLAND DID NOT HAVE SECRET VOTING UNTIL 1872</p>	<p>1857 EVERY MAN COULD VOTE</p> <p>ENGLAND DID NOT HAVE MANHOOD SUFFRAGE UNTIL 1884</p>	<p>1857 A MAN NO LONGER HAD TO OWN PROPERTY TO VOTE</p> <p>ENGLAND 1858</p>	<p>1858 SHORT PARLIAMENTS EVERY 3 YEARS</p> <p>ENGLAND FIVE YEARS 1911</p>	<p>1871 PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT THUS ALLOWING POOR MEN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>and I promise to give all my time, and my duties to Parliament.</p> <p>ENGLAND 1911</p>
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CAN YOU ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

1. What measures did Sir Charles Hotham take to cope with the rush of workers to the goldfields?
2. Why were the police keen to find a miner without a licence?
3. Give reasons why it seemed that there was a different law for the diggers at Ballarat.
4. Tell in your own words why the Eureka Hotel was burned.
5. Was Magistrate Sturt "a fair-minded magistrate"?
6. Why did the diggers at Eureka burn their licences?
7. What kind of man was Commissioner Rede? Would you have sympathised with the miners?
8. What parts did Henry Goodenough and Andrew Peters play in the Eureka revolt?
9. Give details of the fighting at Eureka. What part did Peter Lalor play in the revolt?
10. Eureka exposed a system that was bad. What practical reforms come from the revolt?

Ask your mother or father or one of your friends at school to check your answers.

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