

PERSONAL ITEMS

Our Perth representative states that the Minister for Mines (Mr. Collier) left for Kalgoorlie by last night's express from the coast.

Mr. G. Stephenson, manager of the Great Fingall mine, Day Dawn, will (says the "Murchison Times" of January 1) be leaving at an early date, having completed the period of his engagement. It is probable he will go to England.

Among the passengers who left Perth for the goldfields by last night's express were:—Messrs. Middleton, McKenzie, White, Stoddart, Manning, Cubley, Strong, Davis, McCreery, Vincent, Scown, Marshall, Brook, Hookins, O'Loughlin, Marmion and Frewin; Mesdames Lanning and Cubley; and the Misses Alford, Beattie, Williams, Brown and Ryan.

One of the oldest members of the Stock Exchange of Melbourne, Mr. Henry Wolfe, died at his residence, Dalmah, 23 Bruce-street, Toorak, recently, of heart failure. The late Mr. Wolfe, who was 87 years of age, was a member of the Stock Exchange from its inception, having come from London about 60 years ago. He was the senior partner of the firm of Gavin G. Brown and Co., stock and share-brokers of 100 Queen-street, but on account of his failing health he was not able to take an active interest in the business nor his seat in the callroom for the past two years or more. He leaves four daughters and a son, Mr. A. J. Wolfe, who is also a Stock Exchange member.

Mr. E. B. Eiffler died at Paynesville on December 27, at the residence of his son, Mr. B. E. Eiffler. Deceased resided at Day Dawn for about 18 years, where he was in business in partnership with Mr. Alex. Morris as general carter and contractor, and took an active part in his work until a couple of years ago, when his health became indifferent. The deceased was 81 years of age.

Sir Henry Briggs, the President of the Legislative Council of West Australia, who was recently created a knight, is a candidate for re-election at the coming Legislative Council elections. He is a resident of Fremantle, is 71 years of age, and has represented the West Province for the past 20 years. He was for six years Chairman of Committees, and has been ten years President of the Council. He is extremely popular amongst the members, all of whom regard him with respect. He is an excellent public speaker, and is a bachelor.

Mr. Chanter, M.P., chairman of committees in the Federal Parliament, has by recent mail, received a letter from one of his sons at Gallipoli (Lieutenant John C. Chanter, of the 9th Light Horse Regiment) that he has been promoted to the rank of captain. Mr. Chanter has two sons, one grandson, eleven nephews and two nieces (as nurses) on active service at the front. - One other grandson has enlisted, trained, and ready to depart for the front. Another grandson is in the home service in Queensland, training recruits. All these are Australian-born, as is Mr. Chanter himself.

Major-General Sir William Robertson, who has been recalled from

son, who has been recalled from France to fill the position of Chief of the Imperial General Staff in London, is a splendid officer. Between him and Sir Douglas Haig lay the choice of the War Office for a successor to Lord French. He is one of the thinkers of the British army, a keen student of military science. He distinguished himself in India and South Africa, and he has risen from the ranks. He was chief of staff to Lord French, and it would be hard to find a better man for the position he is now to fill. The position of Chief of the Imperial General Staff is probably, in the absence of an Imperial Commander-in-Chief who would correspond to General Joffre, after that of Earl Kitchener the most important military position in the British Empire. The new Chief of the Imperial General Staff will have to plan for three or four large and several smaller expeditions, totaling already 1,250,000 men.

Writing to an Adelaide friend from the House of Commons under date November 15, Sir T. H. Gratton Esmonde, Bart., M.P., Senior Whip of the Irish Home Rule party, said:—"I suppose like us you are all wrapped up in the war. We can't think much else, and we are all trying to do what we can to help—men and women alike. We are determined to go on fighting until we win, and these new developments in the Balkans and in Greece don't trouble us very much. Germany has nearly done all the mischief she can, and this winter will see a big change in her fighting capacity. By degrees we are coming along and getting into better shape. Our trouble is that for 300 years we have been organising for peace, while our adversaries have all along been improving on their organisation for war. But as I said before, we are

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war. But, as I said before, we are getting into shape by degrees. I have been engaged on munitions work for some time past. We shall soon have quite a big output from Ireland of all sorts of war material. It is really surprising what a variety of things we are producing now—from cordite and shells to ammunition boxes, and covers for flying machines, things we never thought of making before." Sir Thomas Esmonde, who has many friends in Australia, has two sons in the navy, the elder one of whom took part in the big fight in the North Sea with the Germans, and subsequently had the honour of serving in the Falkland Islands engagement under Admiral Sturdee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Canning, of Whitley House, Beach-road, Grange, on December 28 last, celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding. It was on September 26, 1863, that Mr. Canning and his future wife, Miss Smith, arrived at Port Adelaide in the ship *Adamant* from England, the day being Mr. Canning's 22nd birthday anniversary. Soon after his arrival Mr. Canning secured work at Gawler River on the farm of Mr. Dawkins, and afterwards went to Mount Gambier, where he worked for Mr. W. Palttridge. Later he went to work for Mr. Riddocks at Yallum Park, Penola. Returning to the city, he became a builder, and on December 28, 1865, was married at Christ Church, North Adelaide, and spent the honeymoon at Glenelg. For the next 46 years Mr. and Mrs. Canning kept the anniversary of their wedding at that popular resort. In 1881 Mr. Canning retired from business, lived at Ovingham, and at Teatree Gully, and in 1893, with his wife, took a trip to England. Mr. and Mrs. Canning have spent the last

took a trip to England. Mr. and Mrs. Canning have spent the last 20 years at the Grange, where Mr. Canning is a well-known genial figure on the jetty, fishing being his favourite pastime. Mr. and Mrs. Canning are still ardent workers in the Methodist Church, having joined the Primitive Methodists at Wellington-square, North Adelaide, in 1867, where both took a very active interest in church and Sunday-school work for many years. Mrs. Jackson, wife of the Rev. Richard Jackson (superintendent minister of the Hindmarsh circuit), Methodist manse, Brompton, South Australia, is their only daughter. There are two grandchildren, Private George Canning Jackson, of the 9th Light Horse (wounded), and Miss S. Elizabeth Jackson, M.A. Mrs. Jackling, wife of the stationmaster at North Gawler, is an adopted daughter.
