

the minds of Sleath and O'Connor. Certainly for a few minutes things looked black for the pair, and the Wilcannia and Sherbrooke seats became very near to being declared vacant, owing to the sudden death of the respective members. Explanations followed. Though satisfied as to their identity, the commandant wore the air of a man who was sorry to have to forego a real pleasure. Sleath and O'Connor were given their conge, and were told to trek at once. They lost no time in shaking the inhospitable dust of Bethulie off their feet.

"A train came along, they boarded an open truck, and wedging themselves in among camp kettles and quartermaster's stores, they duly reached the capital of the Orange Free State. Neither of them appears to be particularly impressed with the British army or its officers. The member for Wilcannia feels sure if some of the officers were put into a stockyard in daylight they would lose themselves in attempting to get out. Certainly the visitors have seen whatever there has been to see. They even inspected the New South Wales contingents. Mr. Sleath has developed a keen military instinct, and is bent on becoming the expert of the House. He is amassing facts and figures, which he intends to spring upon an astonished Parliament in due course, and upon a gentleman whom he dubs 'the Paddington Pompon.'

A DAY AT THE FRONT ENOUGH.

"Yesterday Wilcannia's elect arraying himself in a khaki helmet, visited our outposts 20 miles northeast of here, where the N. S. W. Mounted Infantry are on duty. It is asserted that he scored an outer off a Boer, who was injudicious enough to show himself while Sleath was looking along a rifle barrel. Not keen on bivouacing in a foot or so of water, Mr. Sleath returned to Bloemfontein, after a day at the front on active service.

"Two days ago both members were granted an interview by Lord Roberts. The Field Marshal chatted amicably for ten minutes, and concluded by expressing a hope that his arrangements would permit him to visit Australia at the conclusion of the war. 'Lady Roberts is just as anxious as I am to see Australia,'