

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Dried Fruit Delay

Rain in the dried fruit areas of Mildura, Nyah and Redcliffs has interfered with the preparation of exports, and bookings on several ships have been reduced considerably.

In three vessels, where forward space for 40,000 boxes had been reserved, the amount likely to be loaded will be only 20,000 boxes.

### Passing the Hat Round

SYDNEY.—Because there are no funds available in the college treasury, the hat is being sent round daily in the art classes at the East Sydney Technical College to pay for the services of models. The students yesterday had to find sevenpence each; today with a bigger class, they had to find only 3d each.

### Street Betting Fines

When a man charged at Footscray Court today with street betting said he committed the offences because he was unemployed, Mr Tibb, P.M., said that most men so charged seemed to give that excuse, but he doubted whether that was the real reason for the practice.

Thomas Graham, of Bourke Street, Braybrook, and Walter Henry Cooper, of Walter Street, Footscray, were each fined £20 for having been found in a Footscray street for the purpose of betting.

Alfred Lowe, of Princess Street, Seddon, was fined £20 for having been found on land off Schild Street, for the purpose of betting.

### New Search for Lost Plane

ALBURY.—Another search for the lost Southern Cloud in the country west of Bright, in the area known as Red Jacket or Devil's Creek, is being planned.

Residents in this area reported having seen strange lights in the sky when the plane was lost. The timber is so dense that much of it has never been explored.

### £277 in Three Robberies

SYDNEY, Thursday.—Since Saturday cracksmen have opened three safes in Sydney, securing £65, £142 and £70 respectively. The first robbery was at the hotel in Park Street, Sydney; the second

respectively. The first robbery was at the hotel in Park Street, Sydney; the second at the offices of the New Zealand Perpetual Forests Ltd. in Margaret Street; while the third was at 4 a.m. today at the dairy of Stanley James Richards, Arncliffe. In their haste thieves overlooked another £40, which was in one of the drawers of this safe.