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Message from the Trenches.

BY A GALLANT TEESDALE SOLDIER. LAST NIGHT'S MEETING IN THE MISSION HALL.

War Loan and National Economy. Last night an exceptionally interesting meeting was held in the Mission Hall, Barnard Castle, to consider the national crisis.

Dr. Headlam remarked that the welfare of the country depended largely upon national economy and thrift, and in referring to the situation he observed that there had been a remarkable revival of German power.

A Vigorous and Manly Address. Captain Hutchinson, who has proved himself to be a brave and courageous leader...

Serious Accident to the Rev. C. N. Lightfoot. On Sunday night, about nine o'clock, a somewhat serious accident befell the Rev. C. N. Lightfoot, the pastor of the Barnard Castle Primitive Methodist Church.

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

The work of restoring and strengthening the Tees Viaduct proceeds satisfactorily, the bridge being now connected with the town by a telephone.

The 1st Durham (Somaldikirk) Troop of Girl Guides have collected and sent to the Hon. Mrs Anstruther 325 books and magazines for the men at the front.

Mr William John Fraker, of Cotherstone, is setting an example in this national crisis well worthy of imitation.

Hay-making operations in the Teesdale district are progressing but slowly, and very little grass is out between Barnard Castle and Scotch Corner.

Gettorick railway station has assumed a hazy aspect in view of the military developments in the neighbourhood, while passengers on the highway are very numerous.

The Rev. A. L. Manby, vicar of Starforth, conducted a dramatic service with the 10th Leicestershire Regiment, at Deerbolt Camp, early on Sunday morning.

Large congregations continue to attend the services at the new Roman Catholic Church at Lartington, numerous worshippers from Barnard Castle and Cotherstone included.

The environment of Gettorick is being completely transformed into a huge, permanent military camp, with aerodrome and perfect railway communication, a very large number of workmen being employed.

A speech of Major Chichester-Constable, at Wednesday's meeting of the Hull Recruiting Committee, which cast reflections on Scarborough's record in regard to recruiting, has been questioned in Scarborough, the Mayor (Mr. C. Graham) having taken action by writing to the Press.

A fund has been started for sending food and other comforts to prisoners of war of the Durham Light Infantry in Germany. Wives, mothers, or relatives of prisoners should send in the names and addresses of any of the three ladies whose names and addresses follow—Mrs C. D. Saffer, 9, South Bailey, Durham; Lady Katarina Vano, Haughton Hall, Darlington; and Mrs Darwin, Dybburn, Durham.

There was a large body of men of the 17th Durham Light Infantry and the 10th Leicestershire Regiment at the Wesleyan Church, Barnard Castle, on Sunday morning last, when the Rev. W. W. Watson preached.

Streatham's roll of honour includes Private Thomas Walker, 3rd Durham Light Infantry; Private Frank Walker, of the Army Service Corps; Private John Walker, of the 2nd Durham Light Infantry, all of Streatham Lodge; and Private K. Swan, of the Black Watch, brother-in-law of the Walker brothers, all of whom are serving with the King's force.

The Rev. J. W. B. Heslop said it was not a question of England being smashed, but would Germany be smashed, and to paraphrase Lord Kitchener's appeal for more men, more men, and still more men, he would say more men, more men, and more men.

Mr W. Dunt has been elected Vicar's warden, Mr J. Parkin paragon's warden for Micklethorpe, Mr P. Brown, jun., for Lunc, and Mr J. Shields, for Holwick, all in the parish of Lartington.

Mrs Bell-iving, with the kind assistance of Mrs Castell, of Rokeby, has been able to send, for the first time, 304 eggs to the front in London, 60 to Mansfield, and 250 to Richmond.

The War.

LOCAL SOLDIERS WRITE FROM AFRICA AND FRANCE. INTERESTING ACCOUNTS.

Letter from German South-West Africa. Graphic Description of the Fighting Around Gibeon.

A nephew of Mr and Mrs R. Morton, Turk's Head Hotel, Barnard Castle, who is serving with the British forces in Germany, South-West Africa, writes under date 18th May, 1915, as follows: To tell you how we got here, in detail, would occupy a long time, but I know you will be interested to read what life is like.

Yesterday afternoon, in the House of Commons, the Premier moved his resolution of thanks to Generals Botha and Smuts for their success in South-West Africa.

Yesterday morning Mr R. P. W. Price, cashier at the National Provincial Bank, Barnard Castle, received a telegram announcing the death of Mr E. J. L. Price, his elder brother, at Alexandria, from wounds received in the Dardanelles.

Baron Little, of Stawick, near Dardanelles, is the eldest surviving son and heir of the Duke of Northumberland. He holds a commission as captain in the Grenadier Guards Special Reserve, and is honorary colonel of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Engineers.

Two well-known Barnard Castle men have been promoted. Temporary Captain A. W. Little (as already notified in this journal) has been promoted to the rank of Temporary Major in the 10th Northumberland Fusiliers (Commercial Battalion), and is now camp in Brough Hall Park.

Sergeant Donnelly, of the 17th Durham Light Infantry, stationed at Barnard Castle, has been granted a commission, and has been promoted to the rank of Captain.

The internment of the late Mr John Hunter, of Marshall-street, Barnard Castle, whose death was chronicled in this journal last week, took place in St. Mary's Parish Church Cemetery, on Thursday afternoon, 3rd inst.

"The Glorious 6th Durhams": Letter from a Local Artilleryman. During the past eight weeks a collection of eggs has been made in the parish by the school children, and forwarded by the master to the general depot.

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BOWLS.

Several competitions in connection with the Darlington and District Bowling League were played last Saturday afternoon on the Lowsen Museum bowling green, Barnard Castle.

The roll of honour of patriotic Barningham and Nawham includes twenty volunteers, officers and men, all of whom are serving in His Majesty's force.

Messrs Thomas Spence and Charlie Kiltop, of Wyolfles, have both received injuries in France. The former is suffering from gas poisoning, and the latter was wounded in the arm. Both are progressing favourably.

TEESDALE VOLUNTEER TRAINING CORPS.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] THE RIVER TEES WAS IN FLOOD LAST WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, and towards evening numerous fishermen were to be seen by the river-side.

The Rev. John Strong (superannuated Primitive Methodist minister) paid a visit to Middleton last week-end, and occupied the pulpit at the Primitive Methodist Church, Middleton, on Sunday morning and evening.

Summary of Accounts. Prize fund.—The President of the Meot, 21 18; Excelsior Cycling Club, 21 16; Mr Raper, Newcastle, 26 6; Major Heslop, 21 18; Masters of the North Eastern County School, 22 12.

Box collections.—Mrs Wiseman, 25 4s 4d; Mrs F. Newton, 16s 11s 3d; Miss K. Duckell, 13s 6d; Miss D. Bainbridge, 18s 5s 3d; Miss Nicholson, 21 11s 3d; Miss C. Carter, 10s 7d; Mr Richardson, 21 10s 3d; Miss B. Ratne, 7s 3s 4d; Miss Todd, 3s 2d; Mrs Barr, 16s 10s 10d; Miss F. Hunter, 10s 4d; Miss A. and Miss E. Welford, 3s 5d; Miss A. Morton and Miss F. Welford, 21 11s 2s 3d; Mrs S. Carter, 4s 11s 4d; Miss Jean Bell, 5s 7s 3d; Miss A. Pordman, 7s 11d; Miss D. Sayer, 7s 7d; Miss A. Carter, 21 16s 11d; Miss M. Emerson, 11s 8s 3d; Miss Scarth, 21 2s 7s 3d; Miss W. Newton, 1s 10s 4d; Miss E. Carter, 5s 5d; Miss B. Bun, 4s 11s 4d; Miss D. Duckell, 14s 8s 2d; Miss Sumner, 15s 7d; Miss L. Higginbotham, 15s 3s 4d; Miss M. Wood, 8s 4d; Miss Stewart, 1s 11s 4d; Miss N. Carter, 3s 5d; Mr T. Coulthard, 4s 8s 3d; Mrs Ashton, 21 11s 2s 3d; Mrs S. Carter (Belmont), 4s 9s 9d; Mrs W. Jones (Barnburgham), 2s 6s 1d; Mr W. H. O'Brien (Rokeby), 21 15s 8s 3d; Mrs Peacock (Sargall), 8s 7s 3d; Mrs Heslop and Miss Condon (Starforth), 21 6s 8s 3d; Mrs Heslop (Rokeby), 21 11s 2s 3d; Miss B. (Romalaker), 2s 10s 4d; Miss Howard (Cotherstone), 21 13s 10s 4d; Miss F. Ball (Cockfield), 21 13s 10d; Mr J. E. Spence (Winston), 4s 6d; Mr Appleghart (Staindrop), 3s 11s 3d; Mr R. H. Straker (Bowes), 7s 3d; Mr J. G. H. Straker (Bowes), 7s 3d; total, 238 14s 3s 4d.

Evening entertainment in Inner Bailly.—Gate money, 21 13s 8s; expenses, including half-shares of profit made to cricket club, 22 3s 3d; balance carried to general fund, 23 10s 5s 3d.

Poisoned the Water-Holes with Carbolic Acid and Dead Animals. We had to drink something, as the horses (poor beggars), and at times our rations were down to one biscuit per day.

Conservatives Visit Raby Castle. A party of 63, comprising members of the Middleburgh Conservative Club and their wives, on Saturday paid a visit to Raby Castle, the seat of Lord Mansfield, and spent a most enjoyable time.

Newbiggin-in-Teesdale Council School. National Egg Collection for the Wounded. During the past eight weeks a collection of eggs has been made in the parish by the school children, and forwarded by the master to the general depot.

Literature for our Troops. To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." Dear Sir,—On behalf of the officials of "The Camps Library," permit me, through the medium of your paper, to thank the inhabitants of Barnard Castle for the splendid way in which they have responded to our request for books for distribution to our gallant soldiers at the front and in the home camps.

CRICKET. North Eastern County School v. Barnard Castle. The above match was played on the school's ground last Saturday, and resulted in an easy win for the town.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS. In Memoriam. WATSON.—In loving memory of our dear brother, John Thomas Watson, who died at Rigg Side, Harwood, on July 12th, 1913.

THE KAI SER AS MESSIAH.

The "Jewish World" says: An extraordinary report has gained currency in Russia, that the Kaiser, during a visit to Lodz, entered the Synagogue and raised a scroll of the law, and told the congregation that he was the Messiah whom they were awaiting, and that he had been sent by God to save them.

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