

WAR ITEMS.

The following official communication, received from French Headquarters, was issued by the Press Bureau yesterday afternoon...

Mr James L. Robinson, of Vane Road, Barnard Castle, late manager of the Teesdale Farmers' Association, has been appointed secretary and manager of the newly-formed Wimborne, Dorsetshire, Farmers' Association...

Mr Peter Jones has three sons in the army, one having left Barnard Castle yesterday week, and a fourth son will shortly join the colours.

The Rev. J. B. Robinson reports that last week the number of eggs collected and despatched from Barnard Castle and district for the wounded soldiers and sailors, reached the record number of over 1,000.

Lieutenant the Hon. R. Sobbell, of the Scots Guards, is reported to be wounded. He is the only son of Lord Westbury, late lessee of Wemmergill and Egglestone grouse moors...

Private A. W. Ardagh, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, late with Mason's Drug Company, Horse-market, Barnard Castle, was a member of the team representing the above corps in the cross-country race...

Second-Lieutenant A. A. Batty, of Wolsingham, has been promoted Lieutenant. Mr Batty joined the Leeds Rifles as a private, and later obtained a commission in the 17th Durham Light Infantry...

Mr A. E. Wilson, Bishop Auckland, has been appointed by the directors of the Teesdale Associated Farmers, Limited, secretary and manager, in succession to Mr J. L. Robinson...

Major A. E. Irvine, who commenced this year as captain-adjutant of the 4th Extra Special Reserve Battalion Durham Light Infantry...

H.S.H. Prince Pias-Riodolski left Gaisford on Saturday. Captain A. Graham has been promoted temporary major in the Alexandra Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment...

"O give back my Barney to me!" is the refrain of a song now sung round the camp fire by the 29th Northumberland Fusiliers (Tyneside Scottish).

News has reached Barnard Castle that Private F. Howard, of the Durham Light Infantry, has been killed in action.

Mr G. T. Gihlin-Brown, of Sedbury Park, was at Richmond, on Saturday, re-elected chairman of the Richmond and guardians for the twenty-fifth time in succession.

By Government order carlow bells have ceased to be tolled, and public chiming and striking clocks are now silent in the night.

There were sixteen applications for the post of manager and secretary of the Teesdale Farmers' Association.

News has reached this town that Second-Lieutenant Richardson Jefferson Butler, of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, attached to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers...

The ladies of the Guild recreation-room desire to convey their sincere thanks to all the friends who have been so kindly interested in the welfare of the soldiers stationed here...

From one district in Kent 100lbs. of strawberries reached Covent Garden on Monday. Prices ruled from 4s. to 10s. per pound.

A Belgian school has been opened at Loheworth for refugee families.

According to a letter received at Barnard Castle on Sunday morning, Territorials have again been in action, the reception being warm, a letter having been received by his parents from Private Wardle.

"Jeffie blue," says one fashion gossip, will be a prominent colour this season.

Cotherstone Church clock has three faces, each of which, for some days past, has simultaneously indicated different times of the day...

The defense of an absentee conscript at Kingston was that nobody went to fetch him.

The Starforth Heavy Horse Society's premium stallion, Royal Favourite, arrived at Barnard Castle on Saturday night...

Zemoline Skia Oinkment is the Oinkment with a 10 years non-failure reputation...

CONCERT AT ROKEYBY.

Duologue Composed by Miss Bell-Irving and Miss Percy.

On the 14th of April a concert was given in Rokeby school-room on behalf of two objects both deserving our attention, and worthy of our sympathy at the present time...

At a meeting of the Middleton Mechanics' Institute committee held on Wednesday, it was agreed to hold their usual whist drive and dance on Easter Monday...

San Marino: The Home of the Late Countess of Montalbo.

The ancient republic of San Marino lies on the south of Rimini, near the shores of the Adriatic Sea. The town stands on the top of a steep rock, 320 feet high...

"The Times" and Mr. A. Henderson, M.P.

The Times says: "We are grateful in these days for any sign of plain speaking by a Cabinet Minister. Let us acknowledge at once, therefore, that Mr Arthur Henderson said a thing in his talk to workmen on the Clyde which few will ever forget."

Wesleyan Church Anniversary Services.

The anniversary services in connection with the Wesleyan Church, Barnard Castle, were held on Sunday last, when appropriate sermons were preached by the Rev. James Morrison...

Primitive Methodist Home and Foreign Missions.

The annual services and meetings of the Barnard Castle circuit, in connection with the missionary funds, were held on Saturday to Monday last, the deputation being the Rev. Charles Pettler, of Middleton-in-Teesdale...

Staindrop Parish Council.

At the annual meeting of the Staindrop Parish Council, on Saturday, the following were elected for the coming year:—Chairman, Mr J. W. I. Davidson; vice-chairman, Mr T. Wright...

UPPER DALE NOTES.

Mr Wm. Odde, late head teacher at Middleton Council School, who retired some time since, but took up the duties of headmaster at Egglestone School on Mr Stokes joining the colours...

Mr Thomas Beadle, who was for many years headmaster at Middleton School, and who is now in Cleveley, is to be presented with a gold hunter watch and purse of gold...

The Ladies' Red Cross working party, at Middleton, held a successful jumble sale in the Council school-room on Saturday.

The programmes at Middleton picture hall, last week, was, as usual, very interesting. The following films were shown: "The mystery of the Hindu image," a high-class drama in two parts...

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Major Moss, the veteran fisherman of Middleton, landed a trout from the river Tees during last week, which scaled 13 lb.

National Registration.

HEAVY PENALTIES FOR NEGLECT TO NOTIFY NEW ADDRESSES.

The Local Government Board have issued a new regulation which has recently been made under the Defence of the Realm Acts...

Bird Life Amuses Children: Lecture by Dr. Heatherley.

On Monday evening, April 18th, Dr. Heatherley, the ornithologist, and the author of "The Peregrine Falcon and the Kite," delighted the children of Barnard Castle by giving them a lecture on birds...

"Over Stainmore's Wintry Waste."

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." Sir—A copy of the "Teesdale Mercury" for April 12th has reached me containing a letter from Miss M. E. Collinson regarding the article above-named...

Hints for the Tribunals.

The Times says the Military Service Act and the military tribunals deal with the conduct of conscientious objectors as members of society...

Barnard Castle and Teesdale Farmers' Auction Mart.

Yesterday the second spring prize show and sale of young bulls was held at the above mart. The stock was of exceptionally fine quality, and there was a good clearance...

LADIES.

BLANCHARD'S PILLS Are unrivalled for all irregularities, etc. They speedily afford relief, and never fail to alleviate all suffering.

BARNARD CASTLE BOWLING CLUB.

The annual meeting of the bowling club was held at Golightly's restaurant on Wednesday evening last. Mr R. Woodhams, president, occupied the chair, supported by a representative number of members...

The Zetland Foxhounds at Barnard Castle Station.

The last meet of the above hunt for this season, at Barnard Castle, took place on Saturday, at the railway-station. The day being fine, there was a very large field...

Band of Hope Entertainment.

The annual entertainment of the Band of Hope, conducted by the Barnard Castle branch of the British Working Men's Temperance Association, took place on Friday night...

Funeral of Mr R. Fothergill, Brough.

On Monday afternoon, at Musgrave Church, the funeral took place of Mr Robert Fothergill, Gate House, Brough, who died very suddenly on the previous Friday...

An Explanation.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." DEAR MR EDITOR,—Will you kindly allow me to correct an error which appeared in the local notes of your issue of April 9th?

IMPORTANT BOON TO LADIES.

NO PILLS OR DRUGS used in this treatment! My never-failing remedy, and I guarantee to cure all female ailments...

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Birth. SMITH.—At Springfield East, Barnard Castle, on April 13th, 1916, to Mr and Mrs Wilfred Smith, a daughter.

In Memoriam.

URQUHART.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Jane Urquhart, who died April 11th, 1914.