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THOSE REGISTRATION FORMS

Recent charges against local landladies for offences against the Aliens restriction Act reveal an almost amazing ignorance on the part of those concerned with the provisions of the Order. Notices have been published, one might say, almost broadcast, in order that no one can plead ignorance, yet without doubt there are many residents in the Thanet towns who take in boarders who are unaware of what the procedure is in such instances. The matter is quite a simple one, and in as much as neglect to comply entails a heavy fine, together with liability of imprisonment, is one which should secure more attention. The registration forms, which can be purchased at most stationers, should be presented to visitors immediately on arrival, with a request that they are filled in. No doubt the word "Alien" in the order is rather puzzling to most people and may be taken as implying that the forms are not required to be filled in by Britishers, but such is not the case. If those of our readers who are in doubt secure a form they will note the details to be given by people of British birth, but particular attention should be paid to the matter in the case of aliens no matter whether of friendly nationality or otherwise. In the case of Britishers only part of the form is required to be filled in, but where aliens are concerned full particulars must be entered. Furthermore a form called an "Aliens Register" must be secured and the particulars from the registration form copied onto it. Both are to be kept by the landlady or landlord. It might be added that their production can be demanded at any time by a police officer.

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## **AN ESTEEMED COUPLE.**

Our hearty congratulations to Mr Henry and Lady Rose **WEIGALL** on the attainment of the golden anniversary of their marriage. The lengthy period in which this esteemed couple have been connected with the Borough and the good work they have effected would no doubt have resulted in some public function had it not been for the war. As it was the numerous messages of congratulation both from public bodies and friends indicate to what extent they are respected, while the message forwarded by Her Majesty Queen Mary is an honour accorded to few and will be treasured with care for many generations. There is little need to write of the esteem in which they are held in and around St Lawrence or how beloved is Lady Rose by the inmates, adults and children alike, at the Thanet Union, where her many kindnesses and efforts are so much appreciated. We echo the hope expressed by the members of the Prince of Wales's Fund Local Distress Committee that they may be spared to commemorate the diamond festival of their marriage.

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LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS

The first case brought under the new order in regard to the lighting restrictions which came into operation on July 22nd was heard at the Ramsgate Police Court on Monday, and notice will no doubt be taken of it by Thanet residents. No one has any desire to infringe the regulations, and when an offence is committed it is generally due to either carelessness or neglect. The magistrates have power to impose a heavy penalty in these cases and although they have been fairly lenient up to the present their action cannot be taken as a criterion for the future. The new order, which says that lights must be screened by shutters or dark blinds or curtains so that no more than a dull light is visible from any direction outside, is sufficiently stringent to indicate that the authorities consider the matter of importance. Such being the case, it is for us as residents to ensure that it is carried out in the letter as well as in the spirit. A little forethought, with perhaps some trifling expenditure, may save our pockets later on.

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## AN EXTENDED SCHEME?

The suggestion from a Broadstairs correspondent that the collection of vegetables and fruit for the men engaged on mine sweeping should be extended to embrace local V.A.D. Hospitals and occasionally the troops stationed in the town, will no doubt be noted with interest by many of our readers. The success which has attended the scheme as applied to the mine sweepers opens up a vista of possibilities, but the generosity of local residents may be strained to breaking point even in this direction. The liberality with which they have responded to the appeals made through the medium of our columns in the matter of fruit and vegetables has been greatly appreciated by the men who have received the gifts. In reference to our correspondents mention of the pay of the men on the boats the fact must not be lost sight of that money on the sea is valueless on account of inability to spend it. Of course, the deserving nature of the work of the hospitals should ensure that they receive every consideration, and without doubt if an appeal is made on their behalf for supplies of produce from the gardens it will meet with every success. The proverbial shilling which Tommie Atkins is in receipt of certainly does not enable him to indulge in fancied tit-bits, but despite that they are in a better position in regard to the supply of greenstuffs than the mine sweepers, for the rations issued do occasionally include a sprinkling of produce which is unobtainable on the sea. Nevertheless the contents of a surplus sack or two would prove a welcome addition to the "dixie" in many of the billets.

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A PIONEER

No more pleasing function has taken place within the precincts of the Westgate [Workings Men's Club than that on Friday evening, when honour was done to the genial chairman of the committee, Mr Lewis **HAISMER**. That gentleman might be properly termed one of the pioneers of Westgate club life as far as the Working Men's Institution is concerned. To have been merely connected with a movement for the long period of thirty years is a record to be proud of, but active participation in schemes for improvement during that length of time makes the record still more worthy of note. How he adapted himself to the circumstances which arose in consequence of the war is well known to the members and it was quite fitting that a member of his Majesty Forces should have been chosen to make the presentation which formed the tangible token of the esteem in which Mr **HAISMER** is held. With every member of the club, we extend our hearty congratulations to him and express the hope that he may long be spared to continue his invaluable help in the conduct and management of the affairs of the club.

THANET ITEMS

WESTGATE

Local Will

The will of the late Mr William Bennett **ROGERS** JP, of Danehurst, Westgate on Sea, founder of the firm of Messrs **ROGERS, CHAPMAN** and **THOMAS**, auctioneers, has been proved at £66,903.

For Tommy and Jack

The committee for sending parcels to Westgate men on active service acknowledge the following donations for which they are very grateful: Doon House School. 10s.; Mrs **KENRICK** (per Mrs **THYNE**) 10s.; and Mrs **GATTI**, 10s.

Drum Head Service

There was a good attendance of naval and military men at the drumhead service held on Sunday afternoon in the grounds of the Wellington House School, Westgate. The Vicar of St Saviour's (Rev C P **BANKS**) gave an able and interesting address.

Letter of Thanks

The committee for sending parcels to Westgate men on active service continue to receive letters of thanks from grateful soldiers. Recently the following have written expressing their thanks for such splendid parcels: Colour Sergt-Major **BEAN**, Colour Sergt-Major **SMITH** and Pte. **NETHERSOLE**.

Military Concert.

The usual Saturday evening military concert at the Coronation Bandstand, was well attended last week and the most enjoyable programme which was submitted was greatly appreciated. The band of the 41st Provisional Battalion again supplied the music and their items were all well received. Sergt. J **THOMPSON** ably conducted and 2nd Lieutenant C A M **JONES** was the efficient pianist. The programme included the following items: March (**DOUGLAS**); 'cello solo, Pte. **WHITTAKER**; Selection (Monckton); humorous song, Pte **HOWSON**; Valse (Silesia); song Pte. **WOODS**; song Miss Lorna **REYARD**; Selection (Gounod); humorous song, Pte **HOWSON**;); 'cello solo, Pte. **WHITTAKER**; song Pte. **WOODS**; Two-step (**GRIMSHAW**); song Miss Lorna **REYARD**; March (**BRESSANT**).

Parcels for Jack and Tommy.

The Westgate committee for sending parcels to local men on active service still continue in their good work – a work which is greatly appreciated by the men as is exemplified by the numerous letters of thanks which have been received. Recently parcels were sent to the following:- Pte. A **EADE**, Pte. A E **HUCKSTEP**, Lce-Cpl. Victor **SANDWELL**, Pte. G F **WINSON**, Sgt. R **JARMAN**, Ptes. F **BING**, A **MORRIS**, A **MEDHURST**, H **MEDHURST**, P **MEDHURST**, F **POTTER**, A **REEVES**, E S **LARKIN**, A L **BRADLEY**, Herbert **MEDHURST**, R **REEVES**, G A **ACOTT**, Gunner A E **MOCKFORD**, Trooper George **MARTIN**, Gunner S **MARTIN**, Corporal Fred **PARRIS**, Sapper B **TIBBLE**, Gunner A **HALSEY** and Sergt. F D **HIAMS**.

A Fisherman's Language.

At the Cinque Ports Police Court, held at Margate on Monday, before Colonel **HILL** and other magistrates, Thomas **MILLER**, fisherman of Westgate, was charged with using obscene language. P C **EDE** said that at 9.35 PM on the 26th ult. he was on duty in St Mildred's Road, Westgate, when he heard defendant making use of obscene language. A gentleman passing said the constable ought to stop him. Upon asking him to desist, defendant told him to mind his own business. Private **HOLMES** gave evidence on behalf of the defendant. He said he was talking to defendant outside the Station Hotel, when the policeman came on the scene. Defendant did not make use of the language complained of. He was a little excited owing to someone having taken his beer, and he spoke rather loudly about it, as is a habit with people who are deaf. After hearing the evidence the Bench dismissed the case.

BIRCHINGTON

Wesleyan Church

There were good attendances at both the morning and evening services at the Birchington Wesleyan Church on Sunday. In the morning Mr George E **NEWING** occupied the pulpit, whilst at the evening service the Rev. S **WILKES** delivered an interesting and powerful sermon.

Appointed Chaplain

Many people in Birchington will be interested to learn that the Rev F W **WILKES**, son of the Rev. C S **WILKS** (pastor of Birchington Wesleyan Church) has been appointed a chaplain to the British Expeditionary Force. The Rev. F W **WILKES** has served for some years as a Chaplain to the Forces in India, and has been recently undertaking similar duties among the soldiers at Dover.

Your help is needed

In order to help the inmates of the Birchington Almshouses, a weekly collection is being made in the district. The collection will be made under the auspices of the local Parish Council, and it is hoped that everyone will contribute their mite. Owing to the large increase in food stuffs, etc., the small income of the inmates - four in number - is insufficient for their needs, and this fund should meet with the support it deserves.

Parochial Committee

There was no business of public interest at the monthly meeting of the Birchington Parochial Committee held at the Institute on Wednesday evening. Mr C **PEMBLE** presided, and there was also present Messrs B V C **RANSOME**, **SOLLY** and **GARDNER**, together with the Clerk (Mr F J **CORNFORD**). Mr **WALKER**'s monthly account of £9 3s 4d for the collection of house refuse and the quarterly gas account of £22 4s 7d. were passed for payment.

Baby's Cough

At the Cinque Ports Police Court, at Margate, on Monday, before Colonel **HILL** and other magistrates, Mrs Letty **JACOB**, of 10, Prospect Road, Birchington, was charged with an offence under the Lighting Regulations. P C **PILCHER**, stationed at Birchington, said at 10.20 pm on the 3rd inst. he saw a naked light shining from a room occupied by the defendant. Defendant stated that the light was only that of a candle. She had retired for the night, when her child started coughing violently, and she lit the candle to attend to it. It was not alight for more than five or six minutes. The case was dismissed on payment of costs, which amounted to 4s.

Successful Concert

There was a large attendance at the military concert given at Birchington on Thursday afternoon, under the auspices of the Birchington Improvement Co. The band of the 41st Provisional Battalion, which has become so popular at Westgate, were accorded a hearty reception and their varied items were greatly enjoyed. Miss Lorna **REYARD** was well received and the charming way in which she rendered her songs delighted her audience. The complete programme was as follows: March (Rimmer); Selection (Pathe); duet, Ptes. **WOODS** and **LISTER**; song Miss Lorna **REYARD**; Valse (Douglas); song Pte. **WOODS**; Selection (Rimmer); song, Miss Lorna **REYARD**; Intermezzo (Rimmer).

A memorial has been placed in Hendon Park Cemetery, Mill Hill, by wives and mothers of soldiers and sailors of Finchley to the late Miss Annie **DAVENPORT**, in recognition of her work on their behalf.

DON'T TELL MOTHER

SHOP BOY'S REQUEST AFTER OFFENCE

A Ramsgate shop boy aged 14, who admitted the theft of £2 from his employer, told the local Justices on Friday morning that he spent the money on the purchase of a telescope, for which he paid a guinea, char-a-banc rides into the country, a visit to a tea shop and the purchase of a cigarette holder.

The lad, Ernest **WOOD**, of Salisbury Avenue, was employed at Messrs Curry's, cycle dealers, and the offence was committed between July 22nd and 31st.

Bertram **DAWKINS**, manager at the cycle stores, 29 Queen Street, said he resided on the premises, and that the lad had been in his employment for some months. Witness placed a sum amounting to over £9 in a cash box in a cabinet in the wall in his private apartments upstairs at the store on July 22nd. Money from the till was put into the cash box each day, which was locked in the cabinet at night and left open during the daytime. On July 31st he noticed that the window catch of the room in which the box was kept was broken and he examined the box and discovered a shortage of £2 in the contents. He informed the police and during the afternoon, defendant and his mother called on him and commenced to talk about the money in a disconnected manner. The latter said to the lad in witness' presence, "Why don't you tell the truth?" and after some persuasion the lad accompanied him upstairs, where he told him that he went into the room on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and took a 10s treasury note out of the cash box and on Friday or Saturday he "crept up" and took a second while the witness was busy in the shop. He interposed the remark that his mother should not be told and added on Saturday he took a £1 note.

While giving evidence P C **STANNER** produced a brass bound telescope, which he said he discovered the lad had purchased for £1 1s. at a shop ion Addington Street. When he interrogated him the lad assured him that he got the money from his patent money box, which when containing forty sixpences, opened automatically. He said he changed the coins, partially at a bank and at a coffee tavern, but as banks closed at the time indicated by the lad, witness accompanied him to the tavern in question. There he learned that the lad had a tea which he had paid for with a £1 note. Outside the shop he asked witness not to lock him up or tell his mother if he told the truth, and he then admitted the theft.

To the Justices the lad said he had spent the remainder of the money on char-a-banc rides and in the purchase of a cigar holder, but confessed to the Clerk that he did not smoke cigars.

The Chief Constable said the boy had not been before the Court before and bore a good character from previous employers. His father was in Salonika with HM Forces.

The lads mother, down whose cheeks tears flowed during the time she was in Court, told the Bench that her son would take no notice of her. After he had taken the money he wanted to get into the Army. She felt that she would like someone to look after him in order to protect him for his future life until her husband came home, but after the Mayor had given the lad a good talking to and secured from him a promise for his future good behaviour, the mother consented to him being bound over when she was informed that the Police Court Missionary would look after him.

That course was adopted in the sureties of the mother and the boy each of £5 for twelve months.

AN ARMY CLAIM

UNDER MILITARY SERVICE ACT

At the Cinque Ports Police Court, held at Margate on Monday, before Colonel **HILL** and other magistrates, Kames **WILMSHURST** was charged with being an absentee under the Military Service Act.

Colonel **PROUDFOOT**, who represented the military authorities, said that the man was described on his registration card as a labourer, but had since blossomed out as a steel erector. It was true that he was working on Government work, but the particular class of work upon which he was engaged could be done by any intelligent boy.

The Clerk pointed out that when he was previously before the Court a certificate to which was attached a War Office stamp had been produced.

Colonel **PROUDFOOT** pointed out that that particular certificate had been cancelled on July 23rd. The mans occupation, he contended, was not a certified one, and he had neither badge, nor certificate, nor Tribunal exemption to show. In fact he did not think that he had taken the trouble even to attest.

The Bench decided to adjourn the case for a fortnight, in order to give him an opportunity of stating his case before a local Tribunal.

Colonel **PROUDFOOT** claimed that he belonged to the Army, and ought to be called up without any further delay.

A member of the Bench asked if the Army could claim him, seeing that the magistrates had adjourned the matter for a fortnight.

Colonel **PROUDFOOT**; That is a delicate point.

The matter then stood adjourned for a fortnight.

"FORTUNES WHEEL"

AT THE KINGS THEATRE

The above cinema are screening another fine Harma exclusive on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week. It would be very difficult to find any combination of stars who play together with more outstanding ability than Miss Marin **SAIS**, Mr Thomas **LINGHAM**, Edward **CLISBEE** and True **BOARDMAN** in "Fortunes Wheel", a stirring drama in four parts. The film has a grip that will hold the audience throughout. The last reel is one of breathless excitement. The story briefly told concerns Margaret **LAIRD**, who is in love with Clive **WESTCOTT**, but the villain of the piece, Sydney **DEERING**, through his hold on Margaret's father, compels her to marry him. Years later **WESTCOTT** becomes the head of the Criminal Investigation Department. It is his duty to raid a secret gambling hell conducted by **DEERING**. The closing scenes leave little doubt that the abruptly terminated romance between Margaret and Clive will be resumed and carried to a fitting conclusion.

"The Pretenders", the attraction during the earlier part of the week, is a really good comedy drama, and depicts the adventure of a wealthy couple who get involved in all sorts of difficulties. It will be shown for the last time tonight (Wednesday). Visit the Kings Theatre and have a hearty laugh.

Mr H **LOCKE-KING** of Weybridge, has lent his residence, Llandaff House, to be used as a war hospital. About 40 beds will be available.

FOR IDENTIFICATION

JURYMEN'S QUESTION AT INQUEST

AND THE RESULT

The body of an unknown man was picked up at sea three miles off Ramsgate on Friday morning by the crew of a boarding steamer.

The question of identity was raised at the inquest, held at the Town Hall, Ramsgate, at 7.30 in the evening, when various remarks on the matter were made by members of the jury following evidence by a constable that the smell from the remains was so repulsive as to render the task of removing the clothing very distasteful.

Dr **HARDMAN** conducted the inquiry, and Mr W H **STROUD** acted as foreman of the jury.

Lieutenant - Commander Henry Douglas **KING**, DSO., of a boarding steamer in HM service, said that the body was discovered from the ship at 11. am. It was floating in the water off the middle break bar. It was brought ashore. He hazarded the age of the deceased as it was hoisted into the boat as about thirty years. The body had apparently been in the water for some time, but he could not suggest how long as he had been serving ashore for the first two years.

A member of the jury commented upon the evidence of the witness, mentioning disfigurements of the head.

Another jurymen said that he took it that medical evidence would be given, and when the Coroner replied in the negative, remarked that they would have no evidence to show whether

the deceased had committed suicide or met with an accident or that death had been caused in any other way.

In consequence of comments from a member of the jury, Lieutenant - Commander **KING**, mentioned that he had unfortunately had the experience of seeing many thousands of dead men on land recently, but the deceased was the first man whom he had seen after apparent drowning for a good number of years.

Police Constable **ROBERSON**, who went to the pier with the ambulance, said it appeared to be that of an able seaman. It was very decomposed.

At the mortuary he found that the man was wearing blue jumpers, Navy flannel, white canvas trousers, woollen pants, Navy blue socks, and what appeared to be Navy boots. On account of the condition of the body he did not go closely into the clothing.

Asked by the Coroner if the man had been in the navy, would his name and rating have appeared on his clothing, witness answered that it was possible, but that in some branches of the service the men wore any kind of clothing which would not be marked. He would not pass the definite opinion that any of the clothing worn was Navy clothing.

Witness judged the deceased to be about forty or forty-five years of age. He adduced that on account of the top of the skull being bald and hair appearing at the sides. Had the water removed the former he thought it would also have affected the sides too. He was about 5ft. 10 ins. in height. there was no tattoo marks as far as he could see, and the body was complete. He did not find any pockets in the clothing.

Asked by the Coroner as to whether he searched the body, witness replied that he did not do so on account of the terrible smell.

The Coroner suggested that something might be found which would lead to identification, but added the opinion that the police officers job must be a repulsive one.

Continuing, the witness testified that there appeared to be nothing to show the cause of death, and added the opinion that the body had been in the water for about a month.

The Coroner suggested that the body was possible not of anyone from a ship which made Ramsgate its port.

A further remark was made by a member of the jury in regard to the stripping of the body to find marks of identification, and it was suggested to the witness that people in the district who had lost their loved ones in the sea would like to know that the remains had been found.

In reply to another juryman, witness replied that if the clothing of the deceased was removed the decomposition would result in the flesh probably falling away.

The Coroner after consultation with the Chief Constable, said that he was informed that further disinfectants would be applied and a more exhaustive examination made with a view to discovering if possible anything that might lead to identification. Such particulars would be recorded and would be at the service of anyone enquiring. That was as far the matter could be carried.

In summing up, he remarked that had a medical man been called the decomposition was such that he would have been unable to tell them anything about bodily injuries which would have caused death. In the exercise of his discretion in times like the present when economy was important and to save the county expense he did not call a doctor.

A juryman remarked that in studying economy by not having medical evidence they were not studying the relatives.

The Coroner pointed out that the primary duty of the jury was to find out whether death was due to natural or other causes.

Asked whether a doctor would not have enlightened them on that point, the Coroner remarked that he would only have been able to hazard a guess.

Another member of the jury asked if the clothing would be kept, and the Chief Constable said that that would be done if at all possible

An open verdict was returned.

BODY IDENTIFIED

As a result of a further examination of the remains after the inquest, the body was identified by marks on the clothing as that of James William **BRACE**, R.N.R., who hailed from Newfoundland.

The remains were interred on Monday with naval honours at the space in the Ramsgate Cemetery allotted for the burial of late members of HM Forces.

The coffin, draped with the Union Jack and bearing wreaths from navy men attached to the part, was borne from the mortuary into St Georges Church by six sailors, a squad of men from various vessels meanwhile standing with reversed rifles.

A large party of officers and men followed the remains to the cemetery, where a volley was fired and the "Last Post" sounded.

Their vessel having been sunk in collision with an unknown steamer, the crew of the schooner King's Hill, from Teignmouth to Runcorn were landed at Holyhead.

Information has been received at Tottenham that eleven men all of a locally raised company of Royal Engineers now in France have been awarded Military Crosses.

A panic was caused in Oughtibridge Lane, Sheffield, through a mastiff attacking some children and then bolting. After an eight mile chase the animal was cornered and shot.

Gunner W H **GARNER**, Royal Field Artillery, a Margate man who has been reported killed in action.

(picture available)

AT THE STAR

A MAN WHO SOLD HIMSELF

The picture for tomorrow (Thursday), Friday and Saturday will be "The Devil's Bondman," and the "Star" patrons will find therein some exciting fare.

A Striking feature will be an episode in connection with an East End opium den.

"For power and riches," said the man "I would sell my soul".

"Become my bondman," whispered a voice in the ear of the drowsy man, "and I will give you all you desire". Looking up the man saw

This will give one an idea of the sensational opening of the story, but the bondage of the man and the thrilling incidents and exposure make up a run of events dramatically presented by the picture makers.

Full of interest will be the picture on Monday under the title of "The Cup of Chance". It is a three reel picture, and some of the possibilities may be inferred from the title.

The serials still maintain a regular following at the "Star".

Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital has received a grant of £4010 from the trustees of the Zunz Bequest.

RAYS OF LIGHT

FROM A BEDROOM WINDOW

Lieutenant Frank Tremaine **FAIRHURST**, of the 3rd / 4th Royal West Kent Regiment, was summoned for an offence against the lighting restrictions order at the Ramsgate Police Court on Friday.

He was charged as the occupier of a room at the Hotel St. Cloud. The offence was alleged to have been committed at 12.20 am on the 29th ult.

Evidence was give by PC **RICHARDSON** showed that rays of light were showing from what proved to be room 24. The Venetian blinds were drawn, but the slats were not closed. He drew the night porters attention to the matter and during the conversation with him the light was extinguished.

Defendant in Court, asked witness why he was not warned.

The constable remarked that the night porter went out to see the lights.

Defendant added that he only arrived at the hotel at 10.45 pm when the porter showed him his room.

The porter in question, Henry **SWAN**, said he showed defendant to his room and remarked that he must see to the blinds. Defendant answered that he would do so and witness left the room. The Venetian blinds were drawn, but not the curtain.

The Chairman in dismissing the case on the payment of 6s. costs, said there appeared to be some slackness on the part of the proprietor, although a technical offence had been committed.

IN BANKRUPTCY

The "London Gazette" of the 11th inst. notified that a Receiving Order, under the Bankruptcy Act of 1914, has been made against Henry Dudley Frederick **WEST**, whose address is given as Melbourne House, Grange Road, Ramsgate.

It will be remembered that **WEST** figured in a recent case at Ramsgate and later appeared at sandwich Quarter Sessions where he was committed.

Enormous quantities of mushrooms are being gathered on Sheffield district farms. One weighing 2lb. 13oz. has been picked at Oughtibridge by a farm labourer, who handed it over to the soldier's hospital.

TWICE WOUNDED

We learn that Second Lieutenant **BALDWIN**, DCM., who was formerly an assistant in the Borough Engineers Department of Margate, has been for the second time wounded and is at the present time in Hospital. Second Lieutenant **BALDWIN**, was also awarded the Croix de Guerre for bravery.

He enlisted in the Royal Engineers soon after the outbreak of war, and it was while superintending a number of men in making good some damaged work that he was seriously wounded for the second time. It is feared that he will be unable to resume his duties in consequence for some time.

(picture available)

FOR THE HOSPITAL

The energetic Ramsgate Entertainments Committee are arranging a gala to be held in Ellington Park on Thursday, the 24th inst.

The proceeds will be in aid of the funds of the General Hospital.

Among the attractions will be Bustem's world fair and circus, in which bareback riding will be introduced by a lady in addition to various feats such as weight-lifting, tight rope walking, etc.

General entertainments will include dancing music by a London concert party, and military and orchestral bands, whilst the inevitable bowling alley which produced so much amusement on the occasion of the recent fete will be in full swing.

MOTHER'S NEGLECT

OF CHILDREN IN HUSBAND'S ABSENCE

A sordid story of a woman's neglect of her children was revealed at the Ramsgate Police Court on Thursday morning, when Annie Elizabeth **FAIRES**, the wife of a quarter-master sergeant serving at the Front was sent to prison for three months with hard labour.

The defendant, aged 29, whose address was given as 22 Broad Street, was charged with having neglected her six children in a manner likely to cause them unnecessary suffering and injury to their health on August 9th.

The ages of the children are May Lily Emily, 11 years; Irene Alice, 10 years; Dorothy Elsie, 9 years; Annie Ivy, 8 years; Mary Louisa, 5 years; and George, 3 years.

Mr J H **ROBINSON**, solicitor who appeared to prosecute on behalf of the N.S.P.C.C., briefly outlined the career of the defendant prior to calling Inspector G L **SUMMERFIELD**, of the N.S.P.C.C.

The Inspector told the Bench that he had had the defendant under observation for a considerable period. She formerly lived in Alexandra Road. The children were well nourished, but were in a verminous condition and the house was poorly furnished and dirty, particularly the bedrooms and the beds in which the children slept. At that time the husband, who was a quarter-master sergeant, was on the Western Front, and the defendant received £2 4s. 8d. per week as a War Office allowance. She began to drink very heavily leaving the children alone. She remained out until late hours at night and frequently had sailors and soldiers in the house. A single woman of bad character who also took men in the house stayed with her. In a closet in the room where they slept were sixteen empty beer bottles and several whisky and port wine bottles. There were other beer bottles in the cellar, in all something like thirty. He severely cautioned the defendant pointing out to her that if she continued her conduct she would render herself liable to lose her War Office allowance and her children would be taken from her. He had paid many subsequent visits to her home, and on October 30th was accompanied by Detective - Sergeant **DUFF**, of the Ramsgate Police, who had warned her in consequence of the visits of the sailors to her house. Detective - Sergeant **DUFF**, served her with a notice from the Naval Authorities placing her house "out of bounds". On November 22nd Detective - Sergeant **DUFF**, and himself again visited her and found the children alone. Later in the evening they found the defendant in company with another bad character drinking at a public house. On the following day when the witness saw the defendant, she informed him she had drawn no war Office allowance for two weeks. Two days later she told him she had received some five franc notes from her husband. On December 28th, the inspector saw the two parents together, when the husband who was home on leave, appealed to him to give the woman another chance. The defendant promised to turn over a new leaf and her husband expressed the hope that she would get away from the other woman so that the children should not go without food. He added that if she "went all right" for three months he would try and get the War Office allowance restored. On January 8th this year the inspector found she was drawing 16s 6d. per week from the War Office allowance for the children alone. During the same month the husband informed him he had sent the defendant 21s. and on January 19th he learned that the woman was receiving £1 18s. 6d. per week as an allowance from the War Office. On paying several visits to her house subsequent to that date he found improvements, but on April 20th he had to warn her in regard to visits to public houses. Six days later Detective - Sergeant **DUFF**, accompanied him to the house when the former spoke to her in regard to night visits to certain steam vessels when she had left her children alone for a lengthy period. On May 20th witness found the children's heads were in a very bad condition on account of knits, and on a visit nine days

afterwards at four o'clock in the afternoon he failed to get an answer to his knocks on the door. He heard a child in the front bedroom and saw one of the children lean out of the open window. Failing to get a reply on going to the back entrance, he went into the house, and on proceeding upstairs found the defendant fully dressed lying on the bed in a drunken condition. On a chair alongside were a quart jug and a bottle which had contained beer. A child on the bed required attention and he attended to it until the arrival of the elder children from school. In June the defendant removed to a house in Hillbrow Road, and witness saw her and another woman in the streets late at night, the children being left alone in her absence. On the 7th of the month Detective - Sergeant **DUFF**, served another notice on her from the Naval Authorities. She later appealed to witness to give her another chance, saying that if her husband became aware of her conduct he would not forgive her.

When she removed to Broad Street in July she had another woman living with her, and during that month Detective - Sergeant **DUFF**, and himself found the pair drinking at a public house. On going to the house he found the children's heads in a dirty condition and becoming thick with knits. The defendant herself appeared to be suffering from scabies and after examination by a doctor the removal of the children to the workhouse was advised.

The defendant expostulated against that being done, saying that no one would take her children away from her, adding that if they did she would "take her dying oath that she would do them in and herself too". The children were removed to the infirmary.

Evidence was given by Dr **DUNWOODY** that when he was called to the home of the defendant he examined the children and found them fairly well nourished but their heads were in a verminous condition. The woman herself was suffering from scabies in a very morbid degree, and it was only a question of time for the children to catch the disease. He was of the opinion that the children ought to be taken away from the woman. The children in his opinion were very nice youngsters and if brought up in a different way might tread a good path in life.

Detective - Sergeant **DUFF**, said that he first came into contact with the case in October last, when the woman was brought to his notice by the Naval Authorities on account of a certain matter. He added that the defendant appeared to be one of the most troublesome and worst characters in the town.

Chief Constable S F **BUTLER** told the Bench that the defendant had been convicted by the Court in April this year.

In passing sentence of three months' hard labour, the Chairman (Mr H H **GREEN**) remarked that the evidence had disclosed a very shocking and revolting condition of things in regard to the children. The woman had a good husband and an excellent allowance in his absence, so that there was no excuse whatever for her disgraceful conduct.

Inspector **SUMMERFIELD** told the Bench that the children would remain in the workhouse for the time being. He added that he was in communication with the husband to ascertain the location of relatives to whom the children would probably be sent.

The Chairman expressed the opinion on behalf of the Bench that the case was a very proper one to be brought before them, adding that it was their opinion that the woman was not fit to have control of the children.

The prisoner left the Court in tears.

A FURTHER LETTER

NOTE: We do not of necessity adopt our correspondents views on the subject discussed below. - Editor "East Kent Times".

To the Editor "East Kent Times".

Sir, - Your correspondent "Dairyman" commences his letter in rather a bad way. I have not, and shall not enter into any personalities, having a good case, but I have taken this matter up on behalf of the public generally, and with no personal motives whatever.

In the first place "Dairyman" enlightens us by saying that cows at present cost about £40 compared with half that amount in pre-war days. This is true, but he forgets to tell the public also that when these cows are milked dry and placed upon the market for food purposes, they are making nearly as much, if not quite, as the farmer gave for them, particularly if they have eaten all the cake my friend speaks about. But this they do not, at least particularly now, whilst there is plenty of good grass in the fields.

His next point is the difficulty of securing beast at all. This is largely the fault of the farmer himself. He petitioned the Government some years back to stop the importation of Canadian cattle. It was done, and the embargo is still on, much to the disadvantage of the meat supplies of this country at large. At the time it put extra money into the farmers pocket, but undoubtedly he now feels the shortage.

Argument three lets the cat out of the bag. His plea is that higher wages have to be paid. Now this may be a fact in some cases, but is it not also a fact that boys and women are being employed in the place of men and at a much reduced and scanty wage even now?

Is it not also the case when an advance of 1d. per quart was made only a short time back, it was made on the plea of advanced cost. But the secret is revealed when he states that the farmers themselves declare they will not continue the supply of milk if higher prices are not made. Here we have it in a nutshell. It is here where the "Consumers League" should step in and encourage the public to fight the "trust or combines" from whatever source they may emanate; otherwise they will be continually screwed down. Against also, the higher wage plea. Is it not a fact that everything the farmer is producing realises unheard of prices apart from even the milk question? My advice to the public is to insist on a "Consumers League" being formed. Cut your milk supplies altogether - unless for babies and invalids - use condensed milk, and fight this threat of the farmers, but under no circumstances pay the increased demand - the second demand in about a year - so that these men can see that the consumers, after all, have to be taken into consideration. I am not blaming the retailer, he cannot help himself and by standing firmly you will be helping him.

"Consumer"

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In the letter to which "Consumer" refers "Dairyman" wrote "The letter from your correspondent who signs himself "Consumer" seems to have been written from a rather selfish point of view and it is apparent that he has not given the question the consideration it warrants.

"Had he done so he would have found many points in support of the dairymen's action, that is if he is a business man.

"If such is the case I ask him if he realised that he was securing little or no profit on his wares in which he trades, what action would he take? There is only one answer, and it is applicable from his point of view, so also is it from ours.

"In order to enlighten him in regards to a few facts, let me tell him the sum that has to be paid for a cow at the present time; it averages £40 compared with half that amount in pre-war days. That is one argument.

"The difficulty in securing beasts at all is another for his consideration, and if he realises in the least, the amount of beef required by H.M. Forces he will admit the point.

"Argument three, the most conclusive of all, which I offer for his satisfaction is the position and attitude of the farmers..

"In the first place the cake food consumed by the cows has increased in price by over fifty per cent.

"In the second place the shortage of cowmen has resulted in the payment of higher wages, and last, but far from least the farmers themselves declare they will not continue the supply of milk if prices more in proportion to their outlay are not paid.

"If any further argument is required, let me quote what Mr Percy SIMMONS, of the London County Control Committee said on Tuesday. These are his words:-

"Milk is not a manufactured article. The cow is the machine for making . That machine has attained such a high price as beef that the product has also risen..... The dairyman selling milk at 6d. is not making as much as when he was selling it at 4d.""

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Sir, - I have read with surprise and also with not a little disgust the vapourings of one who calls himself "Consumer". It must be perfectly obvious to everyone who has only a vague idea of what dairying is that the writer had made a fatal blunder of posing as an expert, while as a matter of fact the extent of his knowledge certainly appears to me to make him more ridiculous than total ignorance possible could.

Let me assure him that if the Dairymen's Association had been courageous enough to have fixed a price which would have shown a profit as far as the Isle of Thanet is concerned, it would not have been 6d., it would have been 8d. per quart .

I would also remind him that we have not yet passed through the period when the shortage is most severely felt, and unless consumers are prepared to share with the dairymen the increased burdens he has to bear in the production of this important article of food, the time will most assuredly come when it will be unobtainable.

It might interest "Consumer" to know that owing to the loss experienced by many dairy farmers since the outbreak of war they have been compelled to sell their cows and close their milk sheds. The Dairymen's Association exists not to force up prices, and plunder the pockets of the public, but to protect the trade and make it possible for the small dairyman to meet his liabilities.

To compare the milk trade with the soap or kindred trades is very absurd. Besides the argument is bad, because those were pre-war times, and conditions then were not comparable with present day conditions. I note the writer recommends the use of condensed milk, but there again he must have made a grave miscalculation. I under from a member of

the grocery trade that the price of condensed milk has increased 100 per cent. I wonder what the result in the consumption would be. I feel quite certain that the manufacturers would not show so much consideration for the public as the dairymen does for his local customers.

Compare the prices of labour, cattle, food stuffs, utensils and many other things in connection with the trade, two years ago and today, and you will then be surprised that milk can be retailed even at 6d. per quart.

In conclusion let me say I am very pleased that the public generally do not display the selfish and unreasonable spirit of "Consumer", but is more inclined to sympathise with the dairyman in the very difficult business in which he is engaged.

Let the public trust the dairyman and assist him by using the smallest quantity they can manage with, and he will do his part to keep up the supply. Failing that the milk cows will be driven into the fat market and some sort of milk substitute will have to be discovered.

"An Associate"

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### **A SERIOUS TALK ON SERIOUS SUBJECT**

When getting over a cold, fever or illness of any kind, be careful to guard your kidneys against a breakdown. Every day thousands are recovering from one disease or another, and its while "convalescing" that great care is need to avoid falling into the clutches of kidney trouble.

The kidneys when in health, are the hardest worked organs in the body. No wonder that when the blood is loaded with uric acid poisons and the work of the kidneys is doubled that they break down. Kidney weakness follows as naturally as night and day.

After influenza, pneumonia, fevers and even ordinary colds, watch for kidney trouble and don't neglect such signs as backache, headache, dizziness, nervous trouble and that dull tired feeling, no matter how unimportant they appear to you.

Your kidneys will need help for a while. There is nothing more soothing, nothing better than Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. This medicine is for the kidneys and bladder only, and has no action on the bowels. With the temporary assistance of Doan's Pills, care as to diet, more rest and sleep and exercise in the open air, you can soon get back to normal.

Everyone reading this frank statement will understand why so many in Ramsgate have confidence in Doan's Backache Kidney Pills.

All dealers, or 2/9 a box from Foster-McClellan Co., 8 Wells Street, Oxford Street, London, W.

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### **SPORTS ON SKATES**

Very successful was the "Sports Night" at the County Rink on Thursday evening. There was a capital, attendance both of the rinkers and onlookers, and of course, plenty of Service men were present.

By general consent the programme was voted "top-hole", and the evening's entertainment was most enjoyable.

The successful competitors were as follows:

Trundling the barrel - Mr **STEED**.

1920 barn Dance - Miss **PRICE**, Gladys **BEECHING** and Private **BOOKEY**.

1920 Two-step - Miss **HEDGES**, Gladys **BEECHING**, Private **BOOKEY**, Miss **DAY**, Miss **PRICE**, Private **SAVAGE** (A.S.C.)

Word Competition - Mrs **HANNAN** and Miss **BEECHING**.

Blindfold Driving Competition - Miss **HEDGES**, Private **BOOKEY**.

The hockey competition between the Canadians and the Government Workers resulted in victory for the latter by three to one.

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Dr **HOWARTH**, the City Medical, Officer mentions in his report a case of human anthrax, which was brought about by the use of a shaving brush in which anthrax spores were subsequently detected.

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## MARGATE ITEMS

### Wounded.

Sergt. G **BRICE** (9290) of the Queen Own Royal West Surrey Regiment, whose home is at Margate, is reportedly wounded.

### Borough Finance.

At a meeting of the Margate Council on Tuesday accounts amounting to £4,917 1s. 7d. were submitted and passed to the treasure for payment.

### Joining the Colours.

The Margate Borough Council will give permission to Mr E **WILD**, assistant accountant, to join his Majesty's Forces on them same conditions as have been granted to other officials who have enlisted.

### Water Colour Exhibition.

An interesting exhibition of original watercolour paintings by Mr A J **KEENE** is at present on view at 103 Northdown Road, Margate. There is no charge for admission.

### Margate Soldiers Death.

The sad news is to hand that Pte. Cecil Lewis **ADAMS**, R.A.M.C., has died at the Military Hospital, Salonika, from dysentery and peritonitis. The deceased soldier was the youngest son of Mrs M J **ADAMS**, late of the Fort Paragon Hotel, with which he was intimately associated. At one time deceased was a member of the Margate Town Council, and an arduous worker on several of its committees. He was also a relative of the late Alderman William **LEACH-LEWIS**, J.P., who died at the time he held the position of Mayor of the Borough.

### About Japan.

From the announcement in our advertising columns it will be seen that the arts and crafts exhibition is still being maintained at the Cliftonville premises of Messrs. Bobby and Co. Ltd., indeed so successful has "Japan at Work" proved at Margate that it has been decided to

continue the exhibition throughout next week, instead of sending it on, as was the original intention of the firm, direct to the Eastbourne premises of Messrs. Bobby. Those who have not yet visited this interesting combination should not fail to do so at the Cliftonville house during the available time.

### **Margate Street Lighting.**

At a meeting of the Borough Council on Tuesday the Electric and Street Lighting Committee reported "that as far as the agreement with the Isle of Thanet Gas Co. with regard to street lighting determined on June 30th last they have had under consideration the question of the steps to be taken for the renewal of the lighting when necessary, but having regard to the present state of affairs that have deferred the further consideration of the matter for the time being.

### **Killed in Action.**

It is with deepest regret that we announce the death of Sergt-Major Fred **THUYLING**, who was killed in action on August 3rd, after having served in France for two years. Deceased was only 27 years of age, was the youngest son of Mr and Mrs F **THUYLING**, of 27 Ethelbert Road, Cliftonville. He had been serving with His Majesty's Forces for nine years, and had every prospect of a brilliant career in the Army. The major of his regiment spoke in the highest possible terms of him, testifying to his strong sense of duty. Deceased's eldest brother is a warrant officer in the A.V.C., and is present serving with the colours in Egypt.

### **Still thinks of Margate.**

Margate has many pleasant memories for our brave boys in the trenches. Pte. E **BOWMAN**, of the Buffs, now an inmate of Cedar Lawn Military Hospital, Hampstead, NW., writes:- "as an old Margate schoolboy, educated at Oxford House School in Approach Road, which I learn is now let as a boarding house, I may say I was at Margate from 1892 to 1899 as a boy, afterwards in business with a large firm in the City of London, then leaving for Canada. On returning from there I was employed for two seasons by your Entertainments Committee, so I think I have a sort of interest in the dear old town of Margate and hope when I get better from the terrible effects of gas poisoning received in action on June 18th and 19th to visit you again. My chum, Bert **EVEREST**, was in my old battalion of the Buffs, in my platoon and company and I am sure there was never a nobler fellow breathing. He died doing his duty, and those near and dear to him and also keeping many in safety at home from the cruelty of the Hun which we have seen in France and Belgium. His action should be an incentive to many others of the old Borough to rally round the flag of our Empire".

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## **TRIUMPHANT REVUE**

### **FROM THE LONDON PAVILION**

Played on the once nightly arrangement, the London Pavilion Anglo-French revue success, "Honi Soit", is undoubtedly the biggest revue which has visited Margate. There is a succession of scenes, all admirably dressed, all full of incident, colour, and variety. The French flavour gives piquancy to the whole.

Mr Pip **POWELL**, is responsible for the humour, and throughout the production plays many parts, including an obscure individual known as the Censor. The satire of Pip in this direction is merciless.

In the "dinner for two" episode associated with Miss Lilian **CHRISTINE** and Mr Paul **CLERC**, he is delightfully human - and illuminating. He gives the game away.

Very charmingly produced are "The Seasons", the vocal contributions in this connection also being very ably rendered.

Capital fun was occasioned by the snow balling game in which a large proportion of the audience eagerly participated. This frolic brought to an end a revue which is notable for its wealth of dressing and scenic changes, and for the sustained interest which it creates.

Those of whom revues appeal - a big proportion of the great British public - should not fail to see this week's show.

"Honi Soit", is preceded by a well-staged and most enjoyable musical fantasy by Jean **SCHNOILLER** (Anglo-Russian) and Co., including Miss Julie **DOLARO** in "The dream picture".

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### **A BRIEF MEETING OF THE MARGATE COUNCIL**

The quarterly meeting of the Borough Council was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, on Tuesday morning, and proved to be one of the briefest meetings on record, the whole of the business with the Council proper lasting only four minutes.

The Mayor (Alderman W Booth **REEVE**, JP) presided, and there were also present Alderman E **MALTBY**, A B **PILCHER**, E **COLEMAN** and A J **AMOS** and Councillors S **SHEA**, W **STOCK**, G W **ANDERSON**, E J **BRYANT**, H B **SMITH**, H **GOODBAN**, H N **TWYMAN**, W B **RICHARDS**, A **LEON ADUTT**, **PETTMAN**, with Mr E **BROOKE** (Town Clerk).

A letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that the Provisional Order relating to Margate and entitled "The Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No 2) Act, 1916" has now been confirmed by Parliament.

A memorial signed by 47 residents in East Margate was read by the Clerk, petitioning for further provision of land for allotment garden purposes and hoped that the Council would make arrangements so that the allotments might be available for Michaelmas. The memorialists stated that it was not necessary at a time like the present to prove the necessity of utilising all spare ground possible for the cultivation of vegetables.

The matter was referred to Committee.

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### **HOME AGAIN**

Wounded soldiers to the number of fifteen arrived in Broadstairs on Tuesday afternoon - being taken to "Fairfield" and "Roseneath" V.A.D. Hospitals, Broadstairs. The soldiers faces were lit up with that cheery smile so familiar with our Tommies - pleased of the fact that they had done their bit and were home again in "Blighty".

Those connected with the removal of the men are deserving of commendation for the smartness with which their work was carried.

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Mr James **KNOTT**, the Newcastle ship owner, has given £1,000 towards the work of the Wellesley training ship on the Tyne.

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## WESTGATE EXAMPLE

### EDUCATION OF OFFICERS SONS

An anonymous member of The County Club, Westgate-on-Sea, is initiating a movement in Kent, which should bear fruitful results.

Learning of the steps taken by some public schools for the education of the sons of killed officers, he has decided to take the same steps in the case of boys of preparatory school age, in the hope that his example may encourage others.

He offers to two boys, preference being given to sons of officers in Kentish regiments, honorary nominations at a first class preparatory school of his own selection, where the fees are over £100 per annum.

Letters in the first instance should be addressed to "XY"., County Club, Westgate-on-Sea.

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## BUFF'S BRAID

### EXPLANATION OF THRICE WOUNDED ABSENTEE

Wearing three pieces of gold braid, signifying that he had been wounded on three different occasions, Pte. Frederick **MILLER**, of the 6th Buffs, appeared before the Ramsgate magistrates on Monday charged with being absent without leave from the depot on the 13th inst.

P C **STANNER**, who apprehended the defendant at the Marina at 4.25 on Sunday, said that the defendant told him he ought to have been back on the 9th.

The Chief Constable explained that on the 10th inst. the defendant was requested by the police to return to Canterbury but failed to do so. On receipt of a telegram on the following day a similar request was made, and when the defendant failed to accede to it, the military authorities ordered his arrest.

Asked for an explanation by the Mayor, who was in the chair, the defendant held out his left arm exhibiting the three bits of braid on the cuff, and remarked that when he got back to the depot he knew he would have to go back to the Front. After three visits, he said, he thought it was time someone else went.

He was handed over to an escort.

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## ANNIVERSARY DAY

### NETHERCOURT HOSPITAL CELEBRATIONS

The celebration of the anniversary of the opening of Nethercourt V.A.D. (2) Hospital on Monday afternoon proved to be a charming and entertaining function for patients, staff and visitors alike.

Taking the form of an "At Home", the proceedings were held for the most part in the delightful grounds of the hospital.

Always ready and willing to participate in any function from which amusement is to be derived, the Tommies entered with zest not only into the actual proceedings during the day, but also in the preliminary arrangements, and given a free hand contrived to make the function one of the most pleasant character.

A small committee from the various wards was appointed, and with valuable assistance from Mr D' A. **BACON** and Mr E F G **CHAPMAN** the arrangements were carried out without a hitch.

One of the most amusing features of the proceedings was the costume race.

The patients exerted themselves to adapt themselves to do the roles for which they dressed, and as a hospital nurse one of them made quite a success, while a second, Pte **NIXON**, made a charming young lady, and by his mannerisms deceived many of those with whom he is in daily contact.

The hat trimming competition proved to be worthy of note, for not only were the endeavours of the competitors productive of hearty merriment all round, but the "creations" they evolved, which were later put for auction by Mr **SCARLETT**, assisted by Commander **WILLIAMS**, R.N.R., as his clerk, realised the handsome sum of £28 7s for the tobacco fund.

The bidding was very brisk during the interlude and one of the six pieces of headgear realised no less a sum than £10 10s.

Two of the prizes were won by patients who were confined to their beds.

Commander **WILLIAMS**, R.N.R., and Mrs D' A. **BACON** were the judges in the various events, while the starter was Captain **HEALD**. Mr E F G **CHAPMAN** proved an efficient clerk of the course.

A feature which attracted a deal of attention and added a deal to the coffers of the tobacco fund was the figure of an officer with his arm in a sling. The collecting box in the form of a drum neatly placed with the figure, bore the name of "Lieutenant Blighty", made an irresistible appeal, and when the contents were totalled later it was found that the offerings amounted to £10 14s.

Following an interval for tea, Mr **BOYLAND**'s concert party entertained the gathering with many charming items.

In the course of the afternoon orchestral music was rendered by Mr P V **HENNIKER**'s orchestra.

The prizewinners were as follows:

Egg and Spoon Race - 1. Pte. **CHURCHILL**; 2. Lance-Corpl. **CRYER**; 3. Pte. **ADAMS**.

Apple and Bucket Race - Pte. **MCADAM**; 2. Pte. **SANKEY**; 3. Corpl. **FOWLER**.

Cigarette Race - 1. Pte **ROSE** and Pte. **MOORHOUSE**; 2. Pte **EVANS** and Pte. **KELLEHER**.

Nurses' Driving Race - 1. Nurse **PHILPOTT**'s team (Pte. **EVANS** and **MCADAM**); 2. Nurse **HOLLINGWORTH**'s team (Pte. **KELLEHER** and **MOORHOUSE**).

Bun-eating Competition - 1. Sergt. **STANNARD**; 2. Pte. **FITZGIBBONS**; 3. Pte. **CHURCHILL**.

Costume Race - 1. Pte. **KELLEHER**; Pte. **SANKEY**; 3. Pte. **MACADAM**.

Hat Trimming Competition - 1. Pte. **BROWNSON**; 2. Pte **KIRKMAN**; 3. Pte **DIBB**

The Challenge Cup offered to the ward securing the most points in the various competitions was won by "A" Section, "A" Ward by the narrow margin of one point.

Untiring Efforts - It is worthy of note that since the detachment first commenced operations in the town the number of patients who have been treated amounts to the high total of 1,248, inclusive of the convoy of twenty-five which arrived on Tuesday.

Those figures include the cases received at both Nethercourt and the Bethel, where the detachment originally commenced work soon after the outbreak of war.

It speaks volumes for the untiring efforts of the medical and nursing staffs that out of that number - a big proportion serious cases only four succumbed, two at the Bethel and two at Nethercourt.

Few of those whose services were so well rendered during the trying days preceding and on the arrival of the first convoy of wounded Belgians at the Bethel Hospital have fallen out of the ranks of the staff of willing nurses and workers. The places of those who were unavoidably compelled to retire were so speedily filled, and probably no more efficient V.A.D. staff is in existence than that at Nethercourt.

Miss **HUMPHREYS** assisted by a quartet of trained nurses, is at the head of affairs in the nursing department.

Mrs **GRUMMANT** retains the post of commandant.

Miss **WEIGALL** directs the quartermaster's branch, and is ably assisted by Miss **MASCALL** and Miss **JARMAN**.

The medical officers are Drs **JOHNSTON**, **STYAN**, **HICKS**, **FISK**, **ARCHIBALD**, **HALSTEAD** and G Giffen **DUNDAS**.

Miss **SHARPE** and Miss **HARKER** are the pharmacists while the section leaders are Nurses **CASWELL**, **DUNBAR**, **MARTINS** and **DEVESON**.

In charge of the kitchen arrangements are Mrs **WHITE** and Miss **THORPE**.

Mrs **PARKER** and Miss V **FELLS** have rendered invaluable help in the linen department since the hospital was opened, whilst the assistance rendered by Mr W **MASCALL** as storekeeper is untiring.

Many ladies act as orderlies and kitchen workers.

The nurses include the Misses **WILLIAMS**, **PRIESTLEY**, **ROWE**, **MEDLAND**, **PHILPOTT**, **JEFFERY**, **POTTS**, **INGRAM**, **HOGWOOD**, **AYERST**, **CULVER**, **HOLLINGWORTH**, **MCMELLAN**, **BURLEY**, **CHAPMAN**, **HALSEY**, **WOLFE**, **FOSTER**, **BLOWER**, **BEVAN**, **MOLINEUX**, **COLLINS**, **STAMFORD**, **HARMAN**, **DARBY**, **PAGDEN**, **DENISON**, **BAILLIE**, **E HICKS**, **A HICKS**, **GARRATT**, **SMITH**, **DAVIES**, **GERTY**, **SHANDELL**, **WHEELER**, **SAVAGE**, **KENNETT**, **BOLDING**, **FOWLER**, **TRUMAN**, **STYAN**, **TERRY**, **BLIGH**, **TARRING**, **MOLONY**, **AGNEW**, **VYE**, **FELLS**, **GOODBOURN**, **KELSEY**, **GARDNER**, **SUTTON**, **BAKER** and **PAGE**.

Among the former nurses who are now on foreign service or serving in military hospitals at home are Miss V **WOOTTON**, Miss **HERTSLET**, Miss A **CHANING-PEARCE**, Miss L **CHANING-PEARCE**, Miss **DWALL** and Mrs M E **SMITH**.

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### **TIME REFUSED**

#### **FOR PAYMENT OF LIGHTING OFFENCE FINE**

William **HOLMES**, a French polisher, living temporarily at 4 Guildford Lawn, Ramsgate, was fined £2 with the option of eleven days imprisonment by the Ramsgate Bench on Monday, for an offence under the Lighting Regulations.

The defendant who pleaded ignorance of the offence, asked for time to payment, but it was refused.

He was charged as having control for the time being of lights at 14 High Street. The offence committed at 11.10 pm on the 2nd inst.

Chief Inspector **PAINE** related that in consequence of a complaint he received, he went to a house in Cavendish Street and from a landing window at the back of the house, saw a very bright light shining from a skylight at Woolworth's premises. Witness saw the defendant, who said he was in charge. Witness told him he must extinguish the light and he did so, lighting a candle instead. The light should have been shaded on that date after 8.46 pm. The skylight blinds were apparently being fixed up, but were not complete. The light could only have been seen from other premises.

Defendant told the justices that he came from Leeds, Yorkshire and was employed by a firm of shop fitters. He only arrived on the day previous to the offence. He made reference to having not been able to understand Inspector **PAINE** on account of the difference in the accents of the North and South.

Chief Constable **BUTLER** told the Bench that the offence was committed on a night when enemy aircraft were over Kent.

On asking for time to pay the imposed fine of £2, the defendant, in reply to questions, said that he was finishing his work in Ramsgate on Tuesday. As stated above his application was refused.

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At a sale of Welsh ponies at Craven Arms, Salop. a draft from the stud of Mrs H G **GREENE** made the excellent aggregate of £459 18s.

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### **A WARM WELCOME**

#### **BUFF AMONG PRISONERS SENT TO SWITZERLAND**

Among the prisoners sent from Germany to be interned in Switzerland was an officer of the 8th Battalion of the Buffs, Captain **JOHNSON**.

The men were received at Zurich by Sir Cecil **HERTSLET**, British Consul-General, who is father of the Rev. E L A **HERTSLET**, Vicar of Ramsgate.

The special correspondent of "The Daily Mail" says: As the train rushed into the little frontier station of Steckborn, where despite a violent thunderstorm, an enthusiastic crowd assembled to pay homage to Britain's heroes. Ten minutes before they had left Constance, and had scarcely touched Swiss soil before the cheering began, but as if hypnotised by their long captivity and the strangeness of the scene they had remained silent until reaching Steckborn. Then as if realising for the first time that they were once more free human beings, officers and men broke forth spontaneously into lusty cheers. Immediately a dash was made for the carriages, and gifts of cigarettes, chocolates, postcards, and flowers literally rained through windows.

The first question I heard on boarding the train came from an officer who begged for the loan of "The Daily Mail". His wants were immediately satisfied by the British Consul at St Gall, who distributed large parcels of newspapers to the delighted officers and men.

The journey down to Zurich almost resembled a triumphal procession. Every little wayside hamlet produced its quota of cheering peasants, which even the inclement weather could not suppress. At Zurich a great crowd was assembled, and Sir Cecil **HERTSLET**, the British Consul-General warmly welcomed our gallant men. Choice blooms were handed out in most lavish fashion by overjoyed ladies, and fresh piles of gifts encumbered every carriage.

Said an officer captured at Mons: "We can't believe it is true. I am afraid I shall wake up and find it all a dream. After twenty months in an atmosphere of hostility, such a demonstration of friendliness absolutely overwhelms us".

It was after midnight when the train reached Berne, where, notwithstanding the late hour, there was a crowd of imposing proportions. Lieut. - Colonel **PICOT**, the officer in charge of the British interned in Switzerland, awaited the train on the platform. All the officers were presented to him, after which officers and men were expeditiously mustered in the buffets, where very welcome repasts were served.

At three o'clock the contingent for Chateau d'Oex was despatched and those for Murren set about trimming themselves up so as to arrive at their destination as presentable as possible. The ruling passion for cleanliness, so strong in the British fighting man, was here most vividly exemplified. Imagine a travel-wearied crowd of cripples and invalids stripping to the waist in the confined space of a railway carriage at three o'clock in the morning and undergoing physical torture in shaving practically without water in a violently oscillating carriage.

Berne was left behind at six o'clock and along the shores of the beautiful Lake of Thun "Tommy" received his first view of the gorgeous Swiss mountains. There were more crowds and cheering before Interlaken, with its glorious natural amphitheatre was reached. The band struck up "God Save the King", after which the light railway carried us up to Lauterbrunnen. Breakfast was served here, but previously Mr E M **GRANT-DUFF**, the British Minister in Switzerland, addressed the soldiers and eulogized the Swiss Government for the humanitarian part they are playing in the present great struggle.

Our officers looked surprisingly smart, but as a body of men cut a somewhat sorry figure. Some day the full extent of their sufferings will be made known to the world, but for the present nothing may be said for obvious reasons.

Both officers and men enthusiastically state that without parcels from home existence in Germany is impossible. Britain must see that her gallant sons do not suffer the pangs of starvation. Rations have been considerably reduced all round. Nominally each man is entitled to 7 oz. of meat weekly, but the small amount given them for their last meal before leaving Germany was the first many had seen for months. Sugar, milk, eggs, butter and fats of all kinds are also unobtainable.

Another account says: If possible an even greater reception was accorded the second batch of 375 wounded from Germany. The people turned out in force everywhere. Zurich received them royally and Berne excelled itself.

Here I witnessed a little incident. A Swiss doctor entered our carriage, and observing a soldier with his concentration camp number on, took out a penknife, and with a eloquent gesture, tore it off the man's tunic with the remark "You're no longer a captive, but a free man in a free country".

Notwithstanding their fatigue, the men supported the journey well responding with great gusto to the plaudits of the crowds. By the time Lausanne was reached every man was laden with gifts and flowers.

There was a great scene when the little Oberland train bearing our men to Chateau d'Oex left Montreux Station. The cheering rolled up the hillside until the train was out of sight. When nearing Chateau d'Oex groups of Tommies already interned there lined the route and showed the newcomers what great physical benefit good food and Swiss air can work in two months. Many poor fellows who are crippled for life would have been cured if only they had arrived in Switzerland at the proper moment. I hear now on good authority that similar convoys may be expected every two months from Germany.

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## WIDOW'S OFFENCES

### AGAINST LIGHTING AND REGISTRATION ORDERS

Fines amounting to 30s., were imposed on Mary Ann **PARISH**, of 25 Abbots Hill, for offences against the Lighting and Registration Orders by the Ramsgate magistrates on Monday.

In the first charge, that in connection with lighting the offence was alleged to have been committed on August 8th at 11.10 pm.

The case was first brought under the new restrictions of July 22nd 1916, which provide that windows must be screened by shutters or dark blinds or curtains, so that no more than a dull subdued light is visible from any direction.

Detective - Sergt. **DUFF** proved the offence, testifying that at the time stated, he saw a light showing from a bay window at the house, the blind of which was only half down. Other blinds in the house, he said, were also improperly closed.

When he knocked at the door the defendant came out and saw the light, and remarked "the lady must have gone to bed and forgotten it". She subsequently went upstairs and called to the occupier of the room and the blind was lowered and the other closed.

Next day he saw the occupier of the room, but defendant said she took full responsibility, adding that she usually drew the blinds and thought she had done so on that occasion.

On the 2nd charge, the same witness referred to visiting the house in connection with the lighting offence and while there, asked the defendant for the registration forms. She called to Mrs **CARTWRIGHT**, and witness explained that he wanted the forms for the lodgers, not cards, but defendant said she had none. He asked when the lodgers came, and defendant replied "last Monday week". On explaining the forms should have been filled in on arrival of the lodgers, the defendant informed witness that she did not know any forms were required. They were ultimately filled and witness received them. He added that the defendant, who had

come from London, had occupied the house for three weeks and the lodgers in question were the first she had had. The people were British.

Chief Constable **BUTLER** did not press the case owing to the defendant's circumstances.

The chairman impressed upon the defendant the importance of observing the regulations and imposed a fine of £1 in the first case and 10s. in the second.

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War economies and restrictions have resulted in a saving to the public purse of Islington of over £79, 000 in twelve months.

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## FALLEN HEROES.

### MARGATE MEN'S DEATH IN ACTION.

#### TENDING THE WOUNDED.

We regret to have to record the death in action of two more Margate men, Pte W J **AMOS**, of the Queens Own Royal West Surrey Regiment, and Pte. A E **BATLEY**, of the Royal Army Medical Corps.

The fathers of both the men are serving with the colours as Privates.

Pte. W J **AMOS** is the son of Pte. C E and Mrs **AMOS**, of 3 Madeira Road, Margate. He was the eldest grandson of Alderman **AMOS** of Northdown, Margate.

Before joining the colours three weeks after the commencement of the war the deceased was in the employ of Mr F **JONES**, builder, of Margate.

Training with the 6th (Service) Battalion of the Buffs, he later transferred to the 12th Divisional Cyclist Corps, and was afterwards transferred to a Service Battalion of the Queens Regiment.

He had not been home on leave for fourteen months.

Intimation had been received that he was buried with military honours, the Rev. A T **MORGAN**, Army Chaplain, officiating at the last rites.

Pte. A E **BATLEY**, son of Pte. and Mrs **BATLEY**, of 6 St Johns Road, Margate, was killed on July 14th. He was eighteen and six months old.

Prior to enlisting in October 1914, he was employed at the Margate Golf Links.

His father is serving with the A.S.C., on the Eastern Front, whilst another brother, Pte. Arthur **BATLEY**, is training with a battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment.

Mrs **BATLEY** has received the following letter from the Officer Commanding 56th Field Ambulance, R.A.M.C.: "It is with sincere regret that I write to inform you of the death of your son, Pte. A E **BATLEY** (NO. 45530), who was killed by a shell while collecting the wounded on the battlefield on the 14th inst. His death was instantaneous. Pte. **BATLEY** always proved himself a good soldier, and was very much liked by both officers and men, on whose behalf I tender my deepest sympathy in your sad bereavement.

A Pal's Sympathy - Mrs **BATLEY** has also received the following sympathetic letter from her son's soldier pal, Pte. W H **CUCKNEY**:

"Dear Mrs **BATLEY** - I have received a letter from my brother in which he asks me to give you details, if possible, of how your dear son was killed. In the first place I send you my deep sympathy to you, and I am really sorry I cannot give you full details as I was not in his squad, but from information which I can gather a bursting shell killed three persons in your son's squad and wounded another.

If it may comfort you, I can tell you that he suffered in no way whatever, as his death was instantaneous.

I am sure you will understand me when I say he met his death doing his duty bravely under fire, inn trying to do his bit for the wounded.

May God comfort you in your hour of trouble, and may it please Him to spare me.

I will if possible, give you further particulars later. I think that is all I can tell you. I daresay it will seem as poor letter to you, but I have no hesitation in saying that the whole Ambulance send you their deepest sympathy. Now I must close. May God comfort you in your great trouble".

**NOTE: CWGC entries -**

**Private William John AMOS, G/15475, 6th battalion, The Queens Royal West Surrey Regiment, died 3rd July 1916, age 30. Son of Charles Edward and Jessie Edith AMOS, of 3 Madeira Road, Margate.**

**Private Archibald Edward BATLEY, 45530, 56th Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps, died 14th July 1916, age 18. Son of George Henry and Eliza Ann BATLEY, of 24 Abbot's Hill, Ramsgate.**

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## COMING CONCERTS

### PRODIGY WEEK AT RAMSGATE

Two clever infant prodigies will appear at the West Cliff Concert Hall, Ramsgate, during the week.

Solomon, the marvellous boy pianist, who has been the rage of musical London for the past few seasons, will appear tomorrow (Thursday) evening at the West Cliff Concert Hall.

For a boy of thirteen years of age, Solomon has a wonderful repertoire, which includes nearly all of the great pianoforte concertos and solo pieces. He has appeared frequently in London and throughout the provinces.

Renee **MAYER**, the clever child dancer and actress, appears on Saturday. She should attract a large audience, her reputation in theatrical circles in London - where she has played in "Puck" at Drury Lane - being very good.

The popular Pantotoettes are having a benefit night on Friday for Clifford **ASHLEY**, and have a particularly promising programme of mirth and melody for that occasion. A pantomime night will be given tomorrow (Thursday).

On August 14th a fete will be held in Ellington Park, in aid of funds of the Ramsgate General Hospital. Many prominent local residents have given their patronage and support to this deserving cause. A varied programme has been arranged, something to suit everyone. The

attendance of the fine band of the 2nd Buffs, from Canterbury, proves the excellent taste of the management.

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## ROYAL SYMPATHY

### WITH RAMSGATE MOTHER ON LOSS OF SON

On behalf of their Majesties the King and Queen, the Keeper of the Privy Purse, wired a message of sympathy to Mrs **WOODHALL**, wife of Alderman J W **WOODHALL**, of "Alberta", Cannon Road, Ramsgate, on Tuesday evening in connection with the death of her son Lieutenant George **KNIGHT**, Fort Garry Horse, C.E.F., who was killed by a bursting shell on the 3rd inst.

The message read: - "The King and Queen deeply regret the loss you and the Army sustained by the death of your son in the service of his country. Their Majesty's truly sympathise with you in your sorrow".

Prior to receipt of that message, Mrs **WOODHALL** received a sympathetic letter from Brigadier General J E B **SEELY** commanding the Brigade to which the late Lieutenant **KNIGHT** was attached.

"Will you allow me to assure you" he says "of my deepest sympathy in the loss you have sustained in the death of your son. It so happens that I was close at hand when the shell struck him. . . . I did not know this at the time as I was on my way to another part of the field, but I have seen your son that morning and was struck by his quiet cool courage and his unselfish care for his men. He had been constructing a new trench close to the existing front line and had just completed his section of the work.

I have visited his grave - he rests where you would wish him to rest, on the battlefield on the ground won from the enemy. His regiment and the whole brigade will miss him sorely.

He was a splendid officer, kind, brave, and unselfish. We can understand how great the loss must be to you. With my renewed expressions of profound sympathy".

The late Lieutenant's brothers Corporal Herbert and Corporal Norman **KNIGHT**, who are serving with the same Brigade, were present when the funeral took place.

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## ELDEST SON KILLED

### A RAMSGATE LOSS

Official notification was received during last week by Mrs **WOODHALL**, wife of Alderman J W **WOODHALL** of "Alberta", Cannon Road, Ramsgate, that her eldest son Lieutenant George **KNIGHT**, of the Fort Garry Horse, C.E.F., had been killed in action on the 3rd inst.

The late Lieutenant was in partnership with his brothers on a ranch in Alberta, Calgary, and was the game warden and bailiff in the Rockies when then war broke out.

He has three brothers serving, two in the Army and one in the Navy.

On the same day as the notification of his death was received a letter was to hand from him saying that he did not intend to relinquish a comfortable bed which he had secured possession of from the Germans.

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## A POPULAR ENTERTAINER

### GEORGE MOZART AT RAMSGATE

Popular entertainments were given on Saturday afternoon and evening at the West Cliff Concert Hall, Ramsgate, when George **MOZART**, a well-known London comedian, appeared.

George **MOZART** relies upon his own clever facial transformation for the impersonation of the characters in his "Thumb Nail Sketches from Everyday Life". He was very successful in the "Hat Tales" and also in his representations of drivers of various vehicles. Episodes from the police court met with much appreciation, and as a encore an unusual form of burlesque of grand opera was given.

The municipal Orchestra under then baton of Mr J B **HASTINGS**, were welcomed in light and popular selections.

Miss Katie **LIDBETTER** was the vocalist, and, accompanied by the Orchestra, sang several pleasing songs with her accustomed charm.

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## SUDDEN TEMPTATION

### AND THE RESULT

"I was exhausted by the heat after walking from Broadstairs and yielded to temptation" was the plea put forward by George **LEWIS** (68), a printer of no fixed abode, when charged at the Ramsgate Police Court on Monday with the theft of two pairs of kippers from the shop of George **MUNDAY**, 23 Queen Street on Saturday.

Albert V **CLADINGBOLD**, 86 Church Road, who is employed by Mr **MUNDAY**, said that while he was putting up the shutters at the shop at 8.45 on Saturday, he saw the defendant placing the kippers in a basket he was carrying. When he spoke to him **LEWIS** mumbled some indistinguishable words, but on taking him down the road, he said to witness that he might as well lock him up and he took him to the Police Office.

At the Police Office Clerk-Sergt. F **PRITCHARD** who received the defendant, found on him 2s 9½d. and in a basket the kippers and a quantity of tomatoes and bacon. Defendant appeared to have been drinking.

Forty-five previous convictions, thirty-seven for begging and eight for larceny, were recorded against prisoner, according to the statement of Chief Constable **BUTLER**.

On being committed to prison for a month, the defendant thanked the Bench, but left the dock protesting that the convictions were "bogus".

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A soldier names **PEARCE**, a band musician in the Rifle Brigade, fell from a window at Millbank Hospital, and was killed.

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## *The Broadstairs and St Peter's Mail*

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### **Annual Benefit.**

Today (Wednesday) Uncle Mack is celebrating his sixteen years connection with Broadstairs by taking his annual benefit.

### **V.A.D. Concert.**

On Thursday afternoon an entertainment on behalf of the funds for carrying on the good work done by our local V.A.D. hospitals, will be given in the grounds of Fairfield, St Peters. The Thanet Strollers Dramatic Society will give a short sketch entitled "The Story of Corporal Bell". The programme will also include songs, duets, glees and humorous sketches.

### **Forgotten his Lamps.**

At the Cinque Ports Police Court held at Margate on Monday before Colonel **HILL** and other magistrates, Walter James **CHAPMAN**, was charged with driving a van at 10.30 pm on the 8th inst. Defendant stated he had forgotten to put his lamps on when starting out, but should have been back at home before lighting up time, but had been delayed. The case was dismissed on payment of costs.

### **For the Troops**

The parish room of St Peters at Tiplledore Lane has been opened as a canteen and reading room for the military. The room will be opened each evening from 7 to 9 o'clock, and a committee of ladies and gentlemen has been formed to carry on the work. The Vicar (the Rev. C H S **MATTHEWS**) will be grateful for any offers of assistance and subscriptions. The refreshments provided are being sold at cost price, and an ideal evening can always be spent within the walls of the hall.

### **St Peters Men at the Front.**

Parcels were sent to the following St Peters men on active service on Friday of last week:- Pte. J **SMITH**, Cpl. F **RICHARDSON**, Pte. W **RICHARDSON**, Pte. A **STEAD**, Pte. P **SHELVEY**, Sgt. G H **AUSTEN**, Pte. W **CHANDLER**, Driver **DANIEL**, Pte. W **NUTTING**, Pte. **FIELDS**, Sapper **FLANAGAN**, Stretcher Bearer **MITCHELL**, Pte. F **EMPTAGE**, Cpl. **BAUGH**, Pte. **WATTS**, Driver R A **BRENCHLEY**, Pte. R **BISHOP**, Pte. L A **MILLER**, Pte. **SCHORR**, Gunner H R **GARDNER**, Pte. C **HOLIDAY**.

### **Bowls Club Handicap.**

The third round in connection with the handicap arranged by the Broadstairs Bowls Club resulted as follows:-

Mr **WEBBER** beat Mr **HOWARD**; Mr **BLACKBURN** beat Mr **HOOK**; Mr **EDMONDSON** beat Mr **HALL**. Semi-final:- Mr **EDMONDSON** beat Mr **WEBBER**; Mr **BLACKBURN**, . Final: Mr **EDMONDSON** beat Mr **BLACKBURN**, thereby being the winner of the handicap and the

prize of a handsome pair of bowls. The club now play at the Pierremont Pleasure Grounds and is still open for membership.

### **Military Funeral.**

The funeral took place at St Peters on Saturday afternoon of Pte. Columb **GERAHTY**, attached to the 45th Provisional battalion. Deceased was accorded a military funeral, the body conveyed to the graveside on a gun carriage. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack. A firing party was in attendance besides a number of his comrades in the ranks. The interment was conducted by Rev. Father **AMONDOLINE**. The soldier died rather suddenly on Tuesday afternoon of last week at Sacketts Hill, St Peters, at the age of 38 years. He was a native of Dorroo, Kings County, Ireland, where he was in business as a grocer.

### **School Attendances Cases.**

At the Cinque Ports Police Court held at Margate on Monday before Colonel **HILL** and other magistrates, Percy **SMITH** of Broadstairs, who was brought up with reference to the charge previously preferred him of not sending one of his children regularly to school. The case which has been previously reported, was adjourned in order to see whether any improvement could be effected in attendance. Mr H **HOOPER** (School Attendance Officer) reported that since the adjournment the child has made thirty-six attendances out of a possible thirty-seven. The case was now dismissed on payment of costs, which amounted to four shillings. In the case of Mrs Nellie **SMITH**, of Ethel Cottage, Broadstairs, whose case had been adjourned for a similar reason, then case was dismissed and the costs remitted.

### **One of the Gallant West Kents.**

In a letter to friends at Reading Street, Pte. Russell **FIELDS** of the Royal West Kent Regiment, states: "We have been having rough times lately, and a Hun got me one in the left shoulder on the 29th. I am thankful to say it was a clean wound and I consider myself very lucky. I would like to get home, but I am afraid it is not a 'Blighty one' ". Pte. Russell **FIELDS** joined the colours soon after the outbreak of war, and has been on the Western Front for the past fifteen months. He has been in several big engagements with a machine gun section. Previous to enlistment he was employed as Caddie Master on the Kingsgate Golf Links. The gallant soldier is now undergoing treatment at a General Hospital at the base.

### **Distinguished Visitor.**

Signor G **VILLA**, President of the Society Veterans and Garibaldians, London, is again staying in the town. He has recently composed a military march entitled "L'Italia a Tripoli", which is dedicated by special permission to H.M. the King of Italy, Vittorio Emanuele III. Mr C **HOBY**, the clever and talented conductor of the Royal Marine Orchestral Band, now engaged by the entertainments Committee, has given his consent for the band to play the composition on Thursday afternoon. Signor G **VILLA** has lived in England for the past 47 years and married an English lady. On his previous visit to the town last year we published in our columns an interesting interview on his impressions of the spirit of the Italian people on their joining the Entente.

### **The Cinema, Broadstairs.**

"Sins of the Mothers" is the title of the star picture for the last three nights of the week at the above popular picture house. It is screened in five parts and was the £1,000 prize winning story of the Vitagraph-Sun scenario contest. It features Anita **STEWART**, Julia **SWAYNE**, and Earle **WILLIAMS**. The story is one of interest from start to finish depicting the snares of the gambling habit and how one can ruin his or her happiness as well as destroying others'

careers. The Gaumont Graphic of current events will also be shown. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week a William **FOX** presentation of the world famous play by Alfred **SUTRO**, entitled "The Walls of Jericho" will be shown. Mr Edmund **BREESE**, the distinguished dramatic actor will be the chief of a notable cast. The picture has been received with enthusiasm by the public and unstinted approval by the leading dramatic critics. The story has been very cleverly elaborated, the earlier incidents in the life of the hero constituting one of the most picturesque and interesting portions of the picture. This is a picture which should draw record houses and is one that will surprise and immensely please those who attend. The other pictures shown at each performance are well up to the usual standard of excellence.

### **A Soldier's Troubles.**

Mrs Susan E **FAIREY**, of 2, Staines Place, Broadstairs, was charged before the Cinque Ports Police Court held at Margate on Monday for neglecting to send her three children regularly to school. Their names and ages were Cecil (13), Ena (9), and Charles (5). Mr H **HOOPER** (School Attendance Officer) said that the eldest boy had only made thirteen attendances out of a possible 94; Ena, four out of a possible forty-four; whilst Charles had not made a single attendance out of possible forty-four. Lance Corporal **FAIREY**, said his wife could not attend through illness. He stated that they had removed from St Peters to Broadstairs and that they had only been residing there a little while before his wife was found to be suffering from sceptic poisoning and had to be removed to the Infirmary, which necessitated the children being sent to the Cottage Homes at Minster. The eldest boy had been kept away from school to earn a little to help his mother. Mr **HOOPER** stated that the attendances complained of happened before the mother was removed to the Infirmary. Orders were made for their regular attendance at school and the case was then dismissed on payment of costs, which the Bench reduced to ten shillings, with a weeks grace allowed for payment.

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Kelsey's best farmhouse bread delivered.

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### **Sea Toilers**

Vegetables for the minesweepers were received this week at Barfield House from "Mildredsbourne", Miss **CLARKE**, Mrs **MERRICK**, Mrs **LATHAM-TOMLIN**, Dr **BRIGHTMAN**.

### **Errata.**

We regret the name of Mr C **BLOY** was erroneously inserted in our report of the war anniversary service in Pierremont Pleasure Grounds on the 9th inst. as having taken part in the procession headed by the cross-bearer.

### **Band Performances.**

Owing to the lighting restrictions the concerts given in the Parade Bandstand by the portion of the Orchestral band of H.M. Royal Marines (under the conductorship of Mr Charles **HOBY**, Mus. Bach. (Oxon) A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M.) commence at seven o'clock. The fine musical programmes submitted are attracting good audiences.

### **Energetic Concert Party.**

The members of the "Leo Chansonier Jayeux Concert Party" (which is composed of a talented troupe of local ladies and gentlemen), who have been entertaining the wounded for

some time past throughout Thanet, are to give an entertainment at Shaftesbury House, Y.M.C.A., Margate, on Thursday evening.

### **P.S.A. Meeting**

At the Wesleyan Church, St Peters, on Sunday afternoon, the monthly meeting in connection with the P.S.A. was held when there was a fair number present. Mr **BISHOP**, of Cliffs End, Ramsgate, took the chair, and Mr **WILLIAMS**, of Ramsgate, gave an address on "What is your life?" Miss **PAIN**, of Ramsgate, rendered two vocal solos, accompanied by Miss **FEARNLEY** at the organ.

### **Waste Paper Collection.**

Their collection of waste paper on behalf of the coffers of the local War Relief Fund, is meeting with good success. The first consignment has been despatched to the mill - the weight registering close on two tons. Any information required will be gladly furnished by either of the hon. secretaries, Mr H **POOLE** and Mr G **DANIELS**, at the receiving depot, 85 High Street, Broadstairs.

### **To the Front.**

Parcels were sent on August 11th to the following Broadstairs men: - Pte. R J **MARTIN**, Pte. **MOUNT**, Pioneer-Sgt **BRISLEY**, Cpl. **PERRY**, Pte. **DEAN**, Pte. **SAYER**, Corpl. E R **SAUNDERS**, Pte. **CHAMBERLAIN**, Pte. **GILLETT**, Driver **WINSLEY**, Trooper **BICKMORE**, Pte. S **BLACKBURN**, Pte. C **FOREMAN**, Lce-Cpl **CONCORAN**, Pte. C **MAY**, Airman **DOUBLE**, Pte. C **COPPINS**, Gunner **NEARNE**, Trooper **BEARMAN**, Cyclist **SWAINE**, Pte. **LONG**, Corpl. **TUCKER**, Pte. E A **STREVS**, Pte. **ISITT**, Pte. W H **WHITEING**. Donations gratefully received from E M M., Mr **BISHOP**, Mrs **SAUNDERS**. New subscriber, Mrs **SAUNDERS**. Socks were kindly sent by Broadstairs G.F.S. Members, "Abbotsford", Mr **BANTING**.

### **Presentation.**

A presentation of a marble clock was made to the Rev E Percy **BLACKBURN** on Thursday evening by the members of the church and congregation of St Peters Wesleyan Church, as a token of appreciation and respect for his work whilst in this circuit. Mr E G **HOLLANDS** made the presentation in a appropriate speech, whilst Mr **POINTER**, Mr **FEARNLEY**, Mr **STONHAM** and Mr **OWEN** also testified to the good services rendered by Mr **BLACKBURN**. Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from Mr J F **BUDDLE** and Mr R **JEFFERY**. The Rev. **BLACKBURN** thanked the company and subscribers for their beautiful gift and the kind words spoken of his endeavours during the three years ministry in the circuit, and the gift would always remind him of the happy times spent at St Peters.

### **A Bohemia.**

Mr Will **EDWARD**'s Entertainers at the above place of amusement have been giving new and sparkling programmes during this week. A humorous concerted item entitled "Beautiful Broadstairs", written by a member of the troupe, had had a great reception, appealing to both visitors and residents alike. Friday is announced as a grand special night. At the first concert Mr Alan **STAINER** will give an original ventriloquial act entitle "The Policeman's Find" of his own composition. Mr Tom **CLARE**, the premier piano humorist, will occupy the boards at the second house. The occasion is announced as his only appearance in Broadstairs this season. Mr **CLARE** needs no introduction on our part, and we advise our readers to book their seats in advance. Until further notice the concerts are at 7 and 9 o'clock.

## Organ Recital.

The first of a series of organ recitals arranged to be held each week during August at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, took place on Monday evening, when a good congregation was given by Mrs Francis **WOODMAN** (organist of the church), being assisted by Miss **PEYTON**, who gave the vocal solos. The playing of Miss **WOODMAN** made a favourable impression. The vocal solos by Miss **PEYTON** were much enjoyed, being expressively rendered. The following was the programme:- Sonata in E Minor (Merkel); (a) Choral Prelude, (b) Pastorale in F (J S Bach), Recit and Arioso (Mendelssohn); Prelude and Trio (Stanford); Andante in C (Rheinberger); Air (Handel); Sonata in F Minor (Mendelssohn). During the singing of a hymn a collection was taken in aid of the Organ Funds. The next recital will be on Monday next and is to be given by Mr Harold B **OSMOND**, F.R.C.O., organist of St Peters Church.

## Coal Flag Day.

It will be remembered that the Broadstairs and St Peters Urban District Council accepted the offer from the local coal merchants to supply a certain amount of coal at twopence below the retail price, and the Relief Sub-Committee obtained a further reduction during last winter to supply coal to the poor people of the town at 1s 4d. per cwt. In order to allow the Committee to sell coal at such a low price a grant of £25 was received from the Relief Committee. This year it is hoped to raise a fund for providing the necessitous poor of Broadstairs and St Peters with coal during the winter months on similar lines, and a flag day will be held on Saturday August 26th, for this purpose. A meeting was held on Thursday of all those willing to assist and we have been informed by Dr Frank **BRIGHTMAN** (Chairman of the Urban District Council) that the arrangements are now all in hand and that it only remains to the public to make such a deserving scheme a big success.

## Anniversary.

On Sunday last services were held at St Peters Baptist Church in connection with the 22nd anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. J T **CASTLE**. Good congregations gathered both at the morning and evening services. The preached at the morning service was the Pastor, who based his discourse on the words "Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day witnessing" - Acts 26.22. At the evening service the Rev. Hugh **RODGER** (of Bury St Edmunds) was the preached and the text of his sermon was from Isaiah 33.22. - "For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our King. He will save us". At each service Madam Annie **RYALL**, of London, sang appropriate solos, the accompanist being Miss Irene **CASTLE**, the organist of the church. A young people service was held in the afternoon at which Madame **RYALL** gave an instructive address. The services throughout the day were marked by a heartiness and spiritual power that filled both minister and members with great hope for the future.

## Vegetable and Fruit Collection.

We have received the following communication from A **BENNETT** of the Broadway, Broadstairs: - "I have read with interest in your last few issues the appeal made on behalf of our gallant minesweepers who come ashore at Broadstairs almost daily, for gifts of fruit and vegetables, and the success, thanks no doubt to your publicity, the scheme has attained. While appreciating such good work and admirable response, might not the scheme also embrace the local V.A.D. hospitals, and an occasional sack of such necessities for the Tommies now stationed in the town. I believe I am right in saying that the minesweepers get good pay - from 5s. upwards (with separation allowance) per day - whilst Tommy Atkins gets the proverbial shilling and he often has to spend a portion of this on any tit-bit which he may have a fancy and appetite for. I trust that the kind organisers of the scheme will incorporate

these I have mentioned and I am sure none would appreciate it more than the minesweepers themselves and would still be quite as successful.

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## **FOR ACTIVE SERVICE**

### **BELGIANS CALLED UP**

The Belgian Legation in London issues the following notice, which we received yesterday (Friday).

"In accordance with the Royal Decree on July 21st 1916, and the Ministerial Decree of July 23rd 1916, all male Belgians born after June 30th 1876, and before July 1st 1898, at present in the United Kingdom, have to report themselves, before September 1st, to the nearest police station (constabulary) and to fill up an enquiry form.

They may also apply for such forms at the office of Mt le mayor Vicomte E. de **BEUGHEM**, Director of the Central Recruitment Service, 35 Grosvenor Place, London, SW, and return them duly filled up before the above date.

Those who remove after having filled up their enquiry form have to send their new address within the fortnight of their removal to Central Recruitment Service, 35 Grosvenor Place, London, SW. Are liable to imprisonment or fines those who do not fill up an enquiry form before September 1st, or do not give notice of their change of address in due time.

Applications for delays should be made upon the enquiry form, but can be obtained only by married men born before 1895 and single men born before July 1st 1886, who were employed before June 20th 1916, in munitions factories or on works of general utility. Those who do not apply for such delays, or to whom temporary exemption has not been granted, will be summoned before a Recruiting Commission.

Those who have been found fit for service will be divided in seven groups with regard to their age and family obligations.

The first group, including married men born after December 31st 1894 and single men born after June 30th 1886 will be taken for active service at once.

The other groups will be called up successively for active service by Royal Decree.

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### **NEARLY 2,000.**

We hear so much of the enormous difficulties that our Tommies overcome that we are apt to overlook the trials of those working at home.

We refer particularly to the burden which our women folk have shouldered with such patriotism.

The International Stores tell us that the women now employed by them has enabled them to release nearly 2,000 men for military service. An experienced grocer would have told you in June 1914, that a few years must elapse before a youth entering a grocers shop as an apprentice, could consider himself qualified to "take charge". Bearing this in mind it is really remarkable that the lady grocers should step in and fill the position vacated by the hero at the front in such a capable manner. Their untiring energy, adaptability and strong will whilst

working under the most trying conditions, calls for the very heartiest support and consideration from the shopping public.

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An interesting letter from a Broadstairs soldier, Lance Corporal H S **SMITH**, of the Buffs, who is a prisoner of war in Germany, has been received by his parents. He asks to be excused for not writing before, as they are only allowed to send one postcard a week and two letters a month. "We have had our photos taken, and you will see from the one I enclose", adds Lance Corporal **SMITH**, "that we are not doing so badly".

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## LIGHTING OFFENCES

### BROADSTAIRS DELINQUENTS

A number of Broadstairs residents were summoned at the Cinque Ports Police Court held at Margate on Monday before Colonel **HILL** and other magistrates, for having obscured lights contrary to the Defence of the Realm Act.

The first case was that of James Joseph **PHILLIPS**, who resides at "Rose Court", Broadstairs. Sergt. **HADAWAY**, stationed at Broadstairs, said at 10.30 pm, on the 25th ult. whilst on duty his attention was called to a bright light emanating from a French window in defendant's house. The light came from an incandescent gas burner, no blinds were drawn, and a lady could be distinctly seen reading in the room. Defendant stated that the light was at the far end of the room and it was impossible that any reflection could be cast outside. He regretted that the blind had not been drawn. A fine of 10s., including costs, was imposed.

Mrs Daisy **ALLEN**, of Balmoral Hotel, Broadstairs, was also summoned with an offence against the lighting regulations. It was given in evidence by a special constable that at 11.30 pm on the 31st ult. a bright light was shining from a room at the back of the hotel. There was not curtain drawn at the window at the time. Defendant stated that the light came from the pantry, but who had turned the light on she did not know. The window through which the light shone only looked out on four walls at the back of the house. Inspector **FORD** said that officers frequently turned lights on then forgot to turn them out. A fine of 10s., and costs was imposed.

The next defendant was Mrs Winifred **WRIGHT**, of "Undermere", Broadstairs. Special Constable **MOORE** said that at 2.20 am on the 1st inst. he saw a brilliant light coming from one of the upstairs windows, but on arriving at the house the light was immediately extinguished. He went to the house and was told by the defendant that he must be mistaken as that particular room was not being used. Witness then pointed out that he himself had seen the light being extinguished. Defendant then admitted that the room was occupied by her nurse. Subsequently the nurse admitted having used the light, but said it had not been burning long. Witness said he had to complain to defendant only a few days previous to this about her lights. A fine of £2 with 3s 6d. for special constables costs, was inflicted in this case.

Roselyn **EVENDEN**, of High Street, Broadstairs was charged with an offence against the Lighting Regulations on the 28th ult. Special Constable **REYNOLDS**, said at 10.45. pm on the evening in question he was on duty in High Street, Broadstairs, when he saw a light shining from a top window in defendant's house. The light was under his observation for at least twenty minutes. He and Special Constable **MILWARD** went straight to the house, and although they knocked at the door and rang the bell repeatedly, no one answered the door. There was someone in the front room, as they could hear people talking. There was a blind of some sort drawn, but of very thin material.

Sergt. **HADAWAY** said the following day he called at the house and saw the defendant, who told him that the light complained of was only a candle. The room was occupied by a lady lodger and there had been no previous complaints about that particular room before. She also stated that she was not in the house at the time, and that was probably then reason why there was no response to the knocking.

The case was dismissed on payment of costs, which amounted to 7s. 6d.

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## FAITH OR FEAR ?

### ST PETERS VICAR AUTHOR.

"Faith or Fear?" is a book with the sub-title "An Appeal to the Church of England", published by Macmillan and Co., and written by David **HANKEY** (Author of "A Student in Arms"), William Scott **PALMER**, Harold **ANSON**, F Lewis **DONALDSON**, and Charles H S **MATTHEWS**, Vicar of St Peters in Thanet, (Author of "The Faith of a Average Man", etc.).

These five authors have contributed their share of the book quite independently of each other, and travelling by widely different roads, they reach a common conclusion. That the result is a just indictment of the constitution, methods, doctrines and teaching of the Church of England few will be able to deny. For all who profess any interest in the Church of England, as well as those who are more concerned with the other churches in England, this book has undoubtedly a message, both of warning and of hope.

Whilst striving to impress the already widely acknowledged truth, that the Church of England requires drastic internal revolution, if the mission which it claims to have from Jesus Christ is not to continue a failure, at the same time the authors breathe a perfect conviction that her fundamental faith and truths are imperishable. Freed from the ancient and obsolete barriers, which now surround so many of the comforting, encouraging, sweet and lovely hopes and aids, there still lies in her conception of the life and teaching of Jesus, peace and great comfort for the mass of those human beings, whose daily path is near the tragedy and hardness of life. The crying need, they say, is for the Church to realise the reasonableness and simplicity of her gospel. Mr **HANKEY** dilates on those controversial words "Love your Enemies" in a way so simple and convincing that no one who cares to pause and think can cavil at for a moment. Mr **HANKEY** has served in the ranks of Kitcheners Army and in the trenches of Flanders.

There is a sharp insistence too on that other vexed question - the Church and its attitude towards class distinctions and prejudices. The problem is not going to be solved "by denying distinctions which obviously do and must exist, and by proclaiming an equality which obviously does not and cannot exist". "But Christ's life and teaching give a distinct point of view from which to recognise both distinctions, and the brotherhood of man and the Church must do its utmost to effect the recognition". "The man in the street does not believe in the Church of England because he sees in her corporate life neither humility or love, but the same class pride, party strife, prejudice and division that he sees in society as a whole".

Who can deny that much that the Church professes and teaches, that its attitude towards those to whom much of its doctrine is a stumbling block, instead of a help, renders the whole organisation open to the charge of insincerity and lack of courage? The masses of the people are in no way set against Jesus Christ. There is abundant evidence by Labour leaders and others who have learned by living among them, that millions of those human beings, whose days are unceasing toil apprehension and weariness reverence Jesus. It is Christians who are suspect, the Churches which profess to show His life by their example, the Church of

England as officially organised and represented. The constitution of the Church of England is supported by, and its congregations, as well as those of all the other Churches, are almost entirely composed of those very men from whom the poor are ceaselessly striving to extract redress and reform. Is it not therefore inevitable that they view those congregations and the priests who minister to them as false to the teaching and example they profess?

It is futile to attempt to apportion the right or wrong or blame in the matter. The very fact that the Churches of England are the refuge of the fortunate and that the unfortunate stand outside in a more or less suspicious and revengeful attitude is quite sufficient to prove that the Churches' method of delivering God's revelation through His Son is wrong and a failure. It is of no use blinking our eyes to it, and this book presents the indictment against the Church of England in particular with a logical clearness that is wholly admirable, makes a fearless and unflinching effort to impress its truth and justice and an equally courageous endeavour to point the way to a solution of the difficulties and a remedy of them failure.

**J S CUTNORTH.**

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A Ramsgate soldier, Corporal A **SETTERFIELD**, who is serving with the Buffs and who has already been mentioned in despatches, has again distinguished himself by helping to bring in the wounded and the Lewis guns under circumstances of great danger.

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### **SOLDIER FIREMAN**

#### **BROADSTAIRS MAN WOUNDED IN BOTH LEGS.**

A telegram received by Mrs P J **NEALE**, of Crofts Place, Broadstairs, last week, recorded the sad news that her husband, Pte P J **NEALE**, of the Buffs, had been dangerously wounded by gunshot in both legs whilst serving with the British Expeditionary Force, and was at No.1. Casualty Clearing Station.

On Monday, Mrs **NEALE** received the following communication from the chaplain of the hospital (C. Gordon **MACKENZIE**) under date of August 11th.

" I write at the request of your husband to let you know that he is wounded in the leg and is now doing well after his operation. He wishes you not to worry and makes loving inquiries after your own and your children's health and welfare. I was shown a photo by him of you all, and I feel so sorry for so many such happy families having to suffer the hard separation which service entails. I trust your dear husband will soon be over to England, and that you may meet again. He sends his fondest love to you and the children with my own best wishes". A postscript added says: "He will have a permanent address to which you can write when he goes to the base".

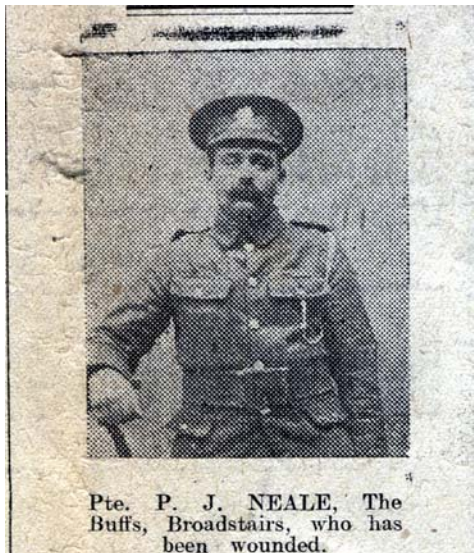
Pte. **NEALE** joined the Army in December 1914, and proceeded to the Front in June 1915. Prior to enlistment he was in the employment of Mr W **HEMSTEAD**. He was home on a short leave in February of this year. The gallant soldier has two other brothers serving, both of whom are in the 16th Lancers. His mother resides at No. 19, St George Road, Broadstairs.

In the early months of this year Pte. **NEALE**, was the recipient of a First Class Diploma for courage and devotion, awarded by the Bethune Fire Brigade.

The diploma is a handsome sheet of parchment, encircled by artistic scroll work and an engraved drawing showing firemen at work. It bears the following inscription: "First Class Diploma for courage and devotion. The Town of Bethune. Feast of Pentecost 1916. The prize

for manoeuvres with the motor pump, fire escape, ropes and ladders and all the equipment in connection with the Fire Brigade and life saving apparatus is awarded to Soldier Fireman P J **NEALE**, of the Buffs, attached to the fire brigade of Bethune (Pas de Calais). Signed A **MATTHEWMAN**, sergeant in charge; Jules **MONSEILLER**, adjutant (chief service for the duration of the war)".

The diploma is suitably framed, and occupies a prominent position in the home of Pte. **NEALE**.



**NOTE:** Commonwealth War Graves entry: NEALE Percy (P J) Private, 5018, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment), died age 31, 11th July 1918. Awarded Croix de Guerre (France). Husband of Annie M J NEALE, of 2 Shanklin Terrace, Broadstairs, Kent. Buried in St Peter in Thanet Churchyard, grave reference 20.II.

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## DUKE'S COUSIN KILLED

### BROADSTAIRS OFFICER WHO WAS IN TWO WARS.

We record with deep regret the death in action of Captain Leslie Reginald Coventry **DOUGLAS-HAMILTON**, Queens Own Cameron Highlanders, second son of Mr and Mrs Aubrey Reginald **DOUGLAS-HAMILTON**, of "Brooklands", Broadstairs.

The late officer, who was a cousin of the Duke of Hamilton, was 35 years of age.

He served with distinction in the South African War, when he received the Queens Medal with four clasps.

He was commissioned in the Cameron Highlanders in 1901, and was promoted to captain in 1905.

During the Battle of Loos in September last year he was wounded in the leg.

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## KENT VOLUNTEER REGIMENT

### "C" CO. (BROADSTAIRS & S. PETER'S) ORDERS FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 22nd

Officer on duty: Platoon-Commander **SMITH**

Orderly sergeant: Sergt **BRETT**  
Orderly corporal: Corpl. **ROBERTS**

TUESDAY – Drill at The Banks. 8 p.m.  
THURSDAY – Drill at The Banks. 8 p.m.  
SUNDAY - Parade at The Banks. 3 p.m.

CHAS. S **REED**, Coy Commander.

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## A LONELY PRISONER

### THANKS FOR MARGATE PARCELS

The Mayor has handed us two letters received from prisoners of war in Germany.

The first is from Private W **GILBERT**, who writes: "I now take great pleasure in writing to thank you so much for what you have done for me, and to thank you for the many parcels received. Everything comes in good condition, and I am proud of my kind friends. I shall never forget your kindness to a lonely soldier, so please accept my best wishes to you all. I must close now".

The second letter comes from Private L **WILLS**, and he writes: "I am writing to you in the name of the Margate men to thank you in general for the kindness you have shown to us. Also to ask if you will accept the photo which I am sending to you as a small token of respect and thankfulness from us? I expect you will have received the other photo which I sent you. I sincerely hope you were pleased with it. As they would not take less than six of us in one photo, I was forced to put two Ramsgate men to make up the group.

I am sorry to say at the last moment Mr **TERRY**, would not be taken as he said he had no decent clothes to be photographed in. The men sitting in the chairs from left to right are Mr **GOLD** and Mr **HEAD**. The figures standing from left to right are myself, Mr **CORNWALL** and Mr **STREVENS**. The two latter are Ramsgate men.

"I sincerely hope you will be pleased with the photo. I again thank you for the parcels which we have received quite safely".

*(Group picture of Pte. PL WILLS, Mr CORNWELL, Mr STEVENS, Messrs GOLD, and HEAD.)*

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## DECISION UPHELD

### BY RAMSGATE TRIBUNAL

At the sitting of the Ramsgate Tribunal on Wednesday the case of a journalist and novelist who had been previously granted conditional exemption was reviewed on the appeal of the Military Representative.

Mr **REECE**, for Messrs. **DANIEL**, solicitors, appeared for the appellant, and stated that his client was entirely dependant upon what he earned by his writing on which he maintained a wife and four children. He had carried out the proviso made by the Tribunal in regard to joining the K.V.R.

The Tribunal confirmed their decision.

A successful application was made by a newsagent and hairdresser on the grounds of financial responsibility. He secured conditional exemption on promising to join the K.V.R., as did also a bricklayer and plasterer employed by a local builder who was considered indispensable.

One month's final exemption was granted to a brewery firm's branch manager.

The appeal of a window cleaner employing five ineligible men, for further exemption, was dismissed. He had previously been granted four months applied for.

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The usual meeting of St Johns Burial Board was held at the Board Office in Addington Square on Wednesday. Present were Councillor C E **DOUGHTY** (chairman), Councillor F **CORNFORD** (vice chairman), Councillor W **LIVERTON** and Mr James **WHITE**. The Finance Committee reported receipts during July amounting to £98 7s. 1d., and expenditure £91 13s. 5d. The General Purposes Committee reported that they had inspected the cemetery on July 26th. There were twenty interments during the month.

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### **MARGATE OFFICIAL.**

#### **OPPOSITION TO EXEMPTION.**

#### **SOME STRONG REMARKS.**

The case of the exemption of the Margate Entertainments Manager came up before the Tribunal on Wednesday evening and was productive of some lively comments. The Mayor (Alderman W B **REEVE**, JP.), presided, and there were also present Councillor **LIVERTON** and Councillor **SMITH**.

Mr E **BROOKE** (Clerk to the Tribunal) explained in detail all that had occurred with regard to this official's exemption.

He said that in his capacity as Town Clerk he had been instructed by the Margate Council to apply for exemption from military service of several officials of the Corporation, one of whom was the entertainments manager.

Exemption was claimed on the grounds that their occupation was certified under the Public and Utility Service. In that respect the position stood unaltered that day.

Under a circular letter (R.47) issued by the Local Government Board it was open for such officials or someone on their behalf to make application to the Recruiting Officer of the district for the necessary certificates of exemption. At that time Colonel **ROSE** was the acting military representative and the application was made through him. He (the Colonel) promised to report the facts to the authorities at Herne Bay and in due course a certificate of exemption was issued.

This certificate was to hold good so long as the conditions remained the same. It was signed by Lieutenant - Colonel **CATES**.

Subsequently he (the Town Clerk) received a letter from the recruiting officer in question, raising a question as to the issue of the certificate. The point raised was that the occupation of the entertainments manager was not a certified occupation, neither was it in the national interests that this official should be exempted.

The recruiting officer further stated that the certificate of exemption had been granted under a misunderstanding of the true position.

He (the Town Clerk) then wrote to the recruiting officer as to the nature of the alleged misunderstanding as it was very desirable that they should know exactly what was implied. He also made the request that all of the correspondence on the subject should be placed before the local Tribunal.

In due course a reply came to the effect that as far as the Town Clerk was concerned there was no misunderstanding. The misunderstanding referred to in their previous letter was between the military representative at the time and the recruiting officer at Herne Bay. By the same post he received a notice from Colonel ANDREWS to the effect that after careful consideration of the whole of the facts, the recruiting officer at Herne Bay had decided to cancel the certificate of exemption which had previously been granted.

The Town Clerk stated that it was only fair to point out that Mr **SAXBY** himself had not applied for the certificate of exemption, but the application had been made at the request of the Corporation of Margate.

He then wrote to the recruiting officer at Herne Bay, asking on what grounds the certificate had been cancelled, and in a letter in response to this he was referred to a certain military order which had been made.

Personally he knew of no power by which the certificate could be cancelled. The whole matter was then referred to the Local Government Board.

The Local Government Board replied to the effect that where an attested man had been marked as certified by the Military Authorities he could not be called up for Military Service, neither could the "mark" be removed, except by the decision of the local tribunal, unless in the meantime the occupation had ceased to be a certified occupation.

The point had been raised at the last meeting of the Tribunal, and on their instructions he had again communicated with the Local Government Board on the subject.

The cancelled certificate had been withdrawn on the conditions that the matter was again gone into by the Tribunal.

#### **THE CASE OF THE MILITARY.**

Mr **MCKENZIE**, J.P. (Acting Military Representative) then stated that the case from the Military Authorities point of view. He referred to the employment of "Mr John Edward **SAXBY**, as the secretary and manager of the Entertainments Committee under the Margate Corporation. On the 10th December last he attested, and therefore it was presumed that he was then willing to join His Majesty's Forces, and that the Town Council whom he permitted to attest were also willing that he should do so. What made them change their minds he did not know, but on March 30th an application was made to the Margate Tribunal for his exemption. That application was supported by the Town Clerk in the following words:-

"The Corporation have instructed me to apply for exemption for Mr John E **SAXBY**. Mr **SAXBY** has a unique knowledge of his work, and the Margate Entertainments Committee is the only one along the East and South East Coasts which was able last season, within a small amount, to make income and expenditure balance. It is very necessary that the entertainments should be carried on next season, if a large number of people in Margate are to be saved from complete ruin.

"Mr **SAXBY** not only controls the entertainment, but the sea bathing so far as it is run by the Corporation, also the Pavilion and Winter gardens and the Pavilion at Westbrook and practically the whole of the foreshore and sea front.

The staff at the outbreak of the war was 67, and every eligible man, married or single, has joined (forty in number) except the head foreman, who is a married man, but attested. The present staff consist of nine, all ineligible except the foreman, and exemption will be asked for in his case during the coming season, as he is thoroughly conversant with the whole of the work. He is by trade a carpenter and available for odd jobs and has made himself acquainted with ordinary electrical work. He is also a cinema operator.

" The Corporation' s sea bathing includes the management of two pavilions, one at either end of the town, and a large number of portable huts and tents.

"Mr **SAXBY**'s chief assistant joined the Forces in November 1914, and he is without any other clerical assistance except that of a boy. Mr **SAXBY** is married and had two children."

The Military Representative agreed with all that the Town Clerk said and he proposed to make only one remark upon it and that was that Mr **SAXBY** could be replaced by a man over military age. There was not a word in the Town Clerk's reasons - there was nothing whatever to show that the Town Council had ever made the slightest attempt to do that. If Mr **SAXBY** had died, he supposed that they would not have left that important post vacant forever. They certainly would have found some man to succeed him. If Mr **SAXBY** dead could have been replaced, he said that Mr **SAXBY** living could be replaced, but the Town Council never took the trouble to do it and whatever the consequences in the whole of that deplorable business the man who he most pitied was Mr **SAXBY**. He was only 37, so he has perhaps forty fifty years to live. He regarded the action of the Town Council as foolish in as much as it intended to defeat the very object which they had in view. What was most likely to keep visitors away from Margate than the news that men of military age have been kept back to look after entertainments? The results were to be seen. Why was it that there were so few visitors this August? One reason might be that the story had gone abroad.

On receipt of that application the Recruiting Officer in April gave a certificate that Mr **SAXBY** would not be called up. Upon further consideration the Recruiting Officer had doubts, and instructed the former military representative to make an application to the Tribunal to revise the certificate that had been given and such an application was made on May 19th. Thus the matter came before them for a decision, and they were bound in honour and in conscience to consider it upon its merits. They themselves stood at the Bar of public opinion the opinion of their fellow townsmen, the opinion of their fellow countrymen. They were at the parting of the ways. There are two courses open. On the one hand they could be patriots. They could think of their country in its hour of sore need. They could send forth that man to fight his country's battles, and thus they could wipe that blot from the history of their town. On the other hand, they could adhere to the shortsighted narrow, parochial politics of the Town Council. They could keep the man back and they could deepen and render indelible the stain that was making Margate a byword, and a scorn throughout England.

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve", he concluded.

**£70,000 at stake.**

Mr **MCKENZIE**'s remarks were punctuated throughout with strong ejaculations of dissent from the Mayor and the other members of the Tribunal.

The Mayor said it was impossible to replace Mr **SAXBY** in the very important position which he held under the Corporation. The welfare of the Borough had to be taken into consideration by the Council. His position carried with it enormous responsibilities and he did not think the remarks they had listened to at all fair. Here was a municipal undertaking, with a capital something like £70,000 at stake, the prosperity meant a great deal to the ratepayers of the Borough.

Mr E **BROOKS** said that whilst admitting they had a duty to their country, they must not at the same time forget, that they also had duties with regard to the ratepayers of Margate. A lot of nonsense had been talked concerning the whole matter - and why he could not understand. Here was a business carried on in the public interests of the ratepayers for the benefit of unfortunate people, who were struggling in these strenuous times to keep their heads above water. No one but a young active man, could carry out the duties of the office, which also carried with it the superintendence of games, including four bowling greens, lawn tennis courts and two bathing stations, in addition to looking after the entertainments at the two pavilions. If ever the Borough needed his services, they needed them today. There was a very large capital invested in the undertaking carried on in the interests of the ratepayers, but it appeared this could all go under, so far as the Military representative cared.

The Entertainments Committee had done everything which lay in their power, to assist the Army authorities in the way of recruiting. Every eligible man connected with the Pavilion had joined the colours, with the exception of Mr **SAXBY**, and the stage carpenter. Even in time of war, it was necessary that there should be some little amusement left.

Councillor **LIVERTON** said managers of licensed houses had been granted exemption, and it seemed preposterous not to grant it in this case.

Councillor **SMITH** expressed some disgust at the action of the Advisory Committee.

Mr **SAXBY** said he did not wish the idea to go forward that he was not willing to serve his country, and he was afraid that a great amount of personal feeling had been put into the matter. Matters discussed at Advisory meetings had been publicly talked about by certain members.

After a brief conference the Tribunal dismissed the Military appeal, to reopen the question so far as they were concerned

Councillor **LIVERTON** said it was somewhat strange that in addition to the presence of the actual Military Representative, there was also present that evening, two other military representatives.

Colonel **CATES**, said he was there as an onlooker, although he was prepared to answer any questions which might be put to him. The Mayor: There is something more than what appears on the surface.

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## **ABSENT HUSBAND.**

### **RAMSGATE WIFE AND CHILDREN NEGLECTED.**

How a Ramsgate woman and her five children had to exist on five shillings per week, was revealed at the local Police Court on Thursday morning, when Ernest **MOODY**, of 3 Townley Cottages, a painter, appeared in the dock charged with having neglected his four children in a manner likely to cause them unnecessary suffering and injury to health on August 9th.

The ages of the children ranged from four to twelve years.

The N.S.P.C.C. prosecuted and were represented by Mr J H **ROBINSON**.

The defendant pleaded guilty.

Mr **ROBINSON** remarked at the outset that the charge was really one of neglecting to provide reasonable and proper maintenance for his children. Adding that the defendant's action had been consistent. Mr **ROBINSON** suggested that there could be no difficulty for any man who was willing to take work in getting it at the present time. The wife had only seen him on a few occasions during five weeks, but during that time she had done her best to feed the children.

In the witness box, Mrs **MOODY** stated her husband had been formerly employed by a restaurant proprietor where he received his food and 14s. per week in addition to tips, but of that he gave her 10s. per week. During the past five weeks, however, she had only received 2s. from him.

During that period she had seen him on only a few occasions and in the course of the last fortnight he had not been in the house once. He had been warned by Inspector **SUMMERFIELD** of the N.S.P.C.C., in her presence on several occasions.

As a result of this neglect, witness said she had to go out charring in order to keep her children. She had only earned 5s. per week by her labours, with the result that Inspector **SUMMERFIELD** had had to assist her. The rent of the house had been in arrears since May.

Mr **ROBINSON**: I cannot understand what 5s. per week provides for. What did you live on? - Bread and margarine.

Witness continued that when she complained to her husband he merely left the house. On the last occasion when she saw him he asked her for some money and when she told him she had not enough to feed the children, he replied he would go out and drown himself.

The case came under his notice as far back as 1908, said Inspector **SUMMERFIELD**, and the prisoner had been repeatedly cautioned in regard to his conduct. When witness visited house in February of this year he found it very poorly furnished but it was nevertheless tidy. The only food in the house was a small loaf of bread.

Mrs **MOODY** had no money to buy food with and witness helped her. The children were in good health. A similar condition of affairs was found when he again paid a visit to the house in April, and he had again to give assistance. On enquiry he found the defendant was employed at a restaurant, where he was paid 14s. per week and his food, and given broken victuals to take home. He threw up his work, however, and began drinking. Witness advised him to go to the Labour Exchange but he "hummed and hawed"

When he suggested defendant going into a munition factory, he replied "I don't want to be killed". Witness pointed out his duties to defendant, and the wife in his presence told witness that her husband "got drunk" and did not care what happened.

During July witness endeavoured to locate defendant when he did not arrive home, but failed to do so. When he visited house during defendant's absence he had to provide food as there was scarcely any in the house. Finding things no better on the 9th inst. he applied for warrant for his arrest. The defendant concluded the Inspector was a good workman, and if he cared could earn anything from £1 10s. to £2 per week.

When asked if he had anything to say on the matter the defendant, who appeared quite nonchalant told the Bench that he did not go home because his wife "nagged" at him. Since he had been away from the house, he said he had earned 1s. 6d. - sometimes 2s. - per week, and had lived on that. Last week he earned 15s. and out of that he had purchased for himself a shirt, cap and socks, his food and a few glasses of beer.

The Chief Constable informed the magistrates that the defendant had been before the County Bench in July 1909, when he was given a months imprisonment for a similar offence. He had served a month for stealing in 1910 and two months in 1915 for a similar offence. He had also been fined 5s. under the Education Act.

"There is no reason why you should nit get work and we will send you somewhere where you will have to work for time", said the Chairman (Mr H H **GREEN**), in sending the defendant to gaol for three months with hard labour.

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Many local sportsmen will regret to hear of the death of Pte. William Godden **RICHARDS**, of the Australian Infantry, who was formerly employed at the London Clothing Company. He was a popular local footballer and boxer, and emigrated to Australia three years ago. He saw service in Egypt, at the Dardanelles, and in France, and met his death in action on July 27th.

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#### **A £5 FINE.**

#### **RAMSGATE LANDLADY AND REGISTRATION.**

Cases of more than usual interest were heard at the Ramsgate Police Court on Friday, when a French actress appearing at a local theatre and a Ramsgate landlady appeared to answer charges brought under the Aliens Restriction (Consolidation) Order 1916.

The former was ordered to pay 5s. costs after the Bench had heard her explanation and the latter was mulcted in the sum of £5 on one charge and two others dismissed.

The Chief Constable pointed out that he had brought the cases principally in order to make the public, particularly those responsible for the conduct of boarding houses etc aware of the regulations to be fulfilled. He added that he attached particular importance to the clause requiring that aliens be reported to the police. He did not press the charges.

The first cases concerned Odette Anne Marie **SAUVE**, theatrical artiste, boarding at 78 South Eastern Road.

The charge against her was that, being an alien, she unlawfully entered the borough, a prohibited area, without the permission of the registration officer of the district, and was not in possession of an identity book required in pursuance of the Aliens Restriction Order.

The defendant, who was smartly dressed, told the Bench in broken accents that she had never heard about an identity book until the proceedings against her were instituted. She added she did not consider herself guilty when asked to plead.

Clerk-Sergt. F **PRITCHARD**, the registration officer, of the Ramsgate Police, said the defendant appeared at the Police Office on the 4th for the purpose of registering. On asking her for the production of her identity book, she replied she was not in possession of one, and when he put a further question in regard to her reason for non-possession received the reply that she knew nothing about it. She said she came to the town on the previous Monday and

gave as her reason for having failed to register before that she knew nothing about the matter until told by a policeman.

He explained that she should be in possession of an identity book or permission from the Chief Constable before coming into the town, which, he pointed out, was a prohibited area.

She explained that she was born in Paris on September 5th 1894, and added her signature to a written statement verifying that.

Defendant explained to the Magistrates that when she was in London prior to March last she had been to various police officers with her passport and nothing at all had been mentioned to help her in regard to the necessity for possessing an identity book, with regard to which she was quite ignorant.

The Clerk mentioned that the order had been in operation since 29th February of this year.

The defendant continued that she had been in England for close upon two years, and had not had a book issued to her, and only learned of the matter since her arrival in Ramsgate. She had had passports for various towns she visited.

Chief Constable **BUTLER**, in remarking that he did not press the case, said that the defendant, who was an alien friend, came from a place where it was not necessary to be in possession of an identity book. He was bound, however to bring the case, for the benefit of the public.

The Chairman on dismissing the case on payment of 5s.costs, remarked that the bench wished to point out that the penalty to which defendant was liable was a fine not exceeding £100.

### **A Bad Start.**

The second case, in which Mrs Sarah M **THOMAS**, of 78 South Eastern Road, appeared to answer three counts, should interest landladies in the town.

The charges were that, being the keeper of a certain lodging house, she failed to require certain persons, named Edith Olive **DRAPER**, Mary **DRAPER**, William **MILES**, Lilian Maud **JONES**, and Odette Anne Marie **SAUVE**, staying at her house, to furnish her on the form prescribed under the Aliens Restriction (Consolidation) Order 1916, a signed statement as to the particulars contained on the form. Also failing to comply with the provisions of the section in reference to the keeping of a register of all aliens over the age of fourteen years, and having an alien person, Odette A M **SAUVE**, staying at her house and failing to furnish the registration officer with particulars with respect to her as required by the order.

Prior to evidence being adduced by Detective Sergeant **DUFF** on the first count defendant told the Bench that she forgot.

Detective Sergeant **DUFF** related that he called at defendants house on the 5th inst. and mentioning that he was a police officer, asked to see the registration forms for the lodgers. Defendant told him she not got them signed, and in reply to a question in regard to the date of arrival of the persons mentioned, said that they came on Saturday. Further questioned by witness in respect of the nationality of the visitors, witness first said that they were British, but on being asked the same question, specifically in reference to the "tall girl" (Miss **SAUVE**) the defendant admitted that she was French. When the witness saw on of the girls, Miss **JONES**, he asked her if she had been asked to sign the registration form, and received a reply in the negative.

Defendant told him that she was responsible for the letting of the rooms in the house, and said she intended getting the forms signed before the people left. She added that the visitors were the first she had had during the summer.

The Chairman announced that they would be a conviction in that case.

The second and third charges were taken together.

Evidence in regard to them was tendered by Detective Sergeant **DUFF** to the effect that on the 5th inst. he also asked the defendant if she had an aliens register and received the reply that she did not know what he meant. On explaining, witness was informed that she was minus such a register.

No notification, said the witness was given at the Police Office with regard to the French subject residing at the house. Defendant said she was unaware of any such obligation.

In imposing a fine of £5, with the option of 26 days imprisonment in the first case, and dismissing the second and third, the Chairman pointed out the seriousness of such offences, which he said would have to be stopped.

He intimated to the defendant that she was liable to a fine of £100 and six months imprisonment in each case.

Defendant who was hard of hearing, was allowed to stand near the witness box while the cases were being heard, and on hearing the amount of the fine imposed exclaimed "What! £5?" in a surprised tone. The money was paid in Court.

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## COUNTRY NEWS

### MINSTER

#### Camp Meetings

"Camp" meetings were held on Sunday, in connection with the Minister Primitive Methodist Church, on the green adjoining the church. There were large attendances at all meetings. In the afternoon Mr E **FRANCKLIN** was the soloist, and at the evening meeting a duet was rendered by Miss **FRANCKLIN** and Mr **FRANCKLIN**. Addresses were given by the following gentlemen: Messrs **MALLET**, **WILLIAMS**, **FRANCKLIN**, **BROCKMAN** and **WILKINSON**. At the close of the "camp" meetings an intercessory service was held in the church. The offertories during the day were in aid of the funds for the Primitive Methodist huts for soldiers.

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The colours of the Canadian Grenadier Guards (87th Battalion) were conveyed to Canterbury cathedral last week by an escort of two officers and three men. The escort was received at the west door by the Dean, the Vice-Dean of Salisbury, and after prayers, which were said by the Dean, the officer in charge Lieutenant **MINGLE**, handed the colours over to the Dean for safe custody. They will be hung on the column at the east end of the nave next to those of the 68th battalion C.E.F. This is the third set of Canadian colours placed in the Cathedral since the war began.

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Ten thousand persons attended a Red Cross fete at the White House Cricket Club grounds, Bromley Road, Catford. The chief attraction in the procession were a couple of 85mm guns captured at Loos by local Territorial.

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Mr Edward Lionel **BROWN**, an official of the Middlesex Hospital, has been elected secretary of the City of London Lying-in Hospital, City Road. He has been wounded in the war and discharged as medically unfit.

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## **A SHIRKER.**

### **STOWAWAY WHO WISHED TO AVOID SERVICE.**

A twenty-five year old tailor who stowed himself away aboard a steamship bound for New York, U.S.A., to avoid military service was sent to prison for a month by Ramsgate magistrates on Monday.

The defendant who pleaded guilty and who had no answer to make when in the dock, was Woolf **PRESSMAN**, whose address was given as 57 Princes Square, Chapel Street, London.

According to the evidence of Lieutenant Stanhope **GROVE**, the man was discovered with another man aboard the S.S. Lancastrian on the 9th inst. The captain asked witness if he would take them off, and two hours later on instructions from the Naval Authorities, he did so. The captain told witness that the defendant was a Russian Jew.

Lieutenant - Commander W Dudley **WARD**, R.N.V.R., Intelligence Officer, who received the man ashore and examined him in the usual way said the man replied in the negative when questioned as to the possession of any papers. Asked if he was trying to avoid military service, he said that was so. In reply to further questions the defendant said that his father and mother were of Russian nationality and that they came to England nearly thirty years ago. He himself was born in London.

Clerk- Sergt. F **PRITCHARD**, of the Ramsgate Police, who received the defendant from the Naval Authorities, said the man was detained for enquiries, and as the result of the same, instructions were received to charge him with unlawfully intending to proceed to a place out of the United Kingdom as a passenger without the special permission of the Secretary of State, and with embarking at a port in the United Kingdom without having in his possession a valid passport issued to him not ore than two years previously by the Government of the country of which he was a citizen.

When cautioned and charged, the defendant made no reply, but stated on the previous Wednesday, he went to the East India Docks and stowed away on the vessel with another man whom he said had a pocket case belonging to him in which a registration card and exemption papers which expired on August 19th. |He told witness he had attested.

As a result of the enquiries made Sergt **PRITCHARD** told the Bench that the man had been granted exemption from service on business and domestic grounds until the date mentioned. He had a workshop on his own account.

Chief Constable S F **BUTLER**, told the magistrates he was asked by the Naval Authorities to mention that such cases were becoming somewhat frequent, and he appealed for the support of the justices in stopping people trying to avoid military service.

The accused was told that he was liable to a fine of £100 and six months imprisonment for the offence he had committed. When he had finished the month's imprisonment to which he was sentenced he would automatically be handed over to the military.

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Members of the congregation are repainting and decorating in their spare time St Michaels Church, Westcliff.

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## RAMSGATE ITEMS

### Dedication Service.

We understand that the recently completed tower at St Paul's Church will be dedicated on Sunday evening next. An outdoor service and procession are to be held.

### Sergeant's Appointment.

After having served at the Front for eighteen months with the Buffs, Sergt. E **SWENDELL**, a former member of the Ramsgate Police Force, has been appointed instructor on the Army Gymnastic Staff and posted to an Australian Regiment for duty at Salisbury.

### Hockey.

On Saturday the Chatham House Canadians are meeting Canadians from Folkestone in a hockey match at the Ramsgate County Rink. Next Thursday the Margate Ins-and-Outs Hockey Club will meet the Government Workers in a similar contest.

### Another Ramsgatonian Killed.

Yet another mans name has to be added to the ever increasing local Roll of Honour, Pte. William **STOKES**, of the Royal Fusiliers, having been officially reported killed in action. The deceased soldier, who was only twenty-one years of age, was the only son of Mrs **STOKES**, of 21 Claremont Gardens, St Lawrence.

### Serving in Eastern Waters.

Mr F **WEST**, the verger at St Paul's Church, has received an interesting letter from his son, Pte. F A **WEST**, whom is serving on one of H.M. ships in Eastern waters. He writes that he is in the best of health and states that he is glad to hear " what is doing at home". Referring to the new tower erected at St Paul's and the ringing of the Angelus, he says: ""The only bell we hear is the ships bell, but it is good to know that you are daily offering up prayers for us at home".

### Naval Service.

At the Ramsgate Seaman's Mission on Sunday morning last, Mr W H **DICKENSON**, the Port Missionary, conducted the naval service. There was an excellent attendance. The lesson was read by W **PENGILLY**, R.N., and a solo was sung by Miss **BALL** of the Railway Mission, London. At the evening service addresses were given by the Missionary, and Mr W **HOLBROOK** and Mrs **WATERS** sang an appropriate solo. The meeting on Tuesday evening was also conducted by the Missionary.

### A Withdrawn Summons.

A summons taken out by Florence **GILLETT** against Arthur **GOODBURN**, of 78, Winstanley Crescent, for alleged assault on the 6th inst. was withdrawn at the Police Court on Monday morning, when the plaintiff intimated that she wished to adopt that course in consequence of having received an apology. The chairman remarked that people before taking out a summons should consider the matter well. The cost of the summons was ordered to be paid by the plaintiff. The defendant did not appear.

### "Chart and Compass".

Among the many interesting matters contained in "Chart and Compass", the official monthly organ of the British and Foreign Sailors Society, is an article by J Alston **CAMPBELL**, on the reception of the flags of H.M.S. Kent at Canterbury Cathedral. "For the Empire's Boys". "In a Wayside Shrine", and "A Commonplace Saint" make delightful reading, while the notes on various topics together with the fine illustrations complete a publication which must be welcomed by sailors in every part of the world.

### Local Sportsman Wounded.

Many will regret to learn that Sergt. J H **BLIGH**, of the Sportsman's Battalion, has been wounded in the thigh and knee whilst in action with his regiment at the Front. Sergt. **BLIGH**, who is well known in Ramsgate, was the only son of the late Mr W H **BLIGH**. He was educated at Aberdeen House School, and was an accomplished sportsman. A splendid footballer, he for some years played for St George's team. Local cricketers will remember him as a valued member of the Ramsgate Constitutional Cricket Club.

### Recreation Ground Offence.

Ethel Doris **HASTINGS**, a married woman, living at Park Place, Margate, was charged with drunkenness, at the Ramsgate Police Court, on Tuesday morning. Evidence was given by Chief Inspector **PAINE**, to the effect that at 6.40 on Monday evening in consequence of a complaint, he visited the recreation ground at Hereson, and saw the defendant lying on the grass with a soldier. Her attire was disarranged and when witness spoke to her and she rose from the ground he found she was very drunk. A number of women and children were about at the time. A fine of 10s. with the option of seven days imprisonment was imposed.

### Ramsgate Chums.

Relative to the death in action of Pte. G L **FOREMAN** and his chum Pte. R **BINGHAM**, of the Gordon Highlanders, the former's sister in Lansdowne Terrace is in receipt of a letter from their platoon officer giving details of the manner in which they were killed. He says that the former was killed instantly by a shell which burst right in the trench at 11 pm on the 18th ult. Pte. **BINGHAM** was so seriously wounded that he died in hospital. The officer says he felt it his duty to write and to tell what a loss the battalion had sustained. He remarks that he had not been long in command of the platoon - Number 13 - but the N.C.O.s assured him that Pte. **FOREMAN** was a good and willing soldier, and would be long missed by the numerous friends he had made in the platoon.

### Canadian Women and Soldiers.

How the women of Canada think of the men from the Dominion who are playing their part in the Great War, is indicated by the tribute which many of the wounded at Granville Special Hospital have received from the Ottawa Women's Canadian Club, the president of which is Mrs W E **HUGHES**. "Dear Canadian Soldier", runs the letter, "The Ottawa Women's Canadian Club desires to express to you and your brave comrades its deep appreciation for all you have done for the Empire. They are sorry you have been wounded and trust you will

soon recover. If you desire any information or are in need of anything not supplied they will be glad to help you if you will write to either Mrs T W **CROTHERS**, 82 Park Avenue, Ottawa; or Miss Florence **WHITEAVES**, 238 Waverly Street, Ottawa. On behalf of the Soldiers Comforts Committee".

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## ALL OF A SUDDEN PEGGY

### AS SHE APPEARS AT THE RAMSGATE PALACE THEATRE

Miss Nonny **LOCK**, who is this week drawing big audiences to the Palace Theatre, Ramsgate, is no stranger to Thanet audiences, for when she appeared on the stage in the town two years ago playing the part of Pamela in "A Pair of Silk Stockings" she made a big hit.

One would certainly have to go far to find such a charming actress as Miss **LOCK**, a verdict passed by all who saw her acting on Monday and last evening.

The role suits her to a nicety. Her capricious manner of embarking upon delicate situations, the way in which she treats them when they develop and above all her natural manner entrances audiences, while at the same time provoking roars of laughter as the sequence develops.

Mr Horace **BOOTH** as the "Hon. Jimmy Keppel", who is chiefly involved in the suddenness of Peggy, sustains his part in a fine manner. His treatment of varied situations and his wonderful facial expression when faced with a problem of the most compromising character shows him to be an actor of fine merit.

The eccentricities of Lord Crackenthorpe (Mr Arthur **HARE**) and his method of love making to Peggy's mother (Miss Ida **HERON**), produce a deal of merriment, which is sustained by the popular conception of horrified amazement conveyed by Miss Beatrice **EGERTON** in the role of Lady Crackenthorpe, who sustains the part of a scheming mother with grand effect.

Mr W S **HARTFORD** plays the part of a foppish male to perfection, while Miss Maisie **GAY** is quite a charming sister to Hon. Jimmy Keppel.

Throughout the piece the situations bristle with possibilities, and the audience is kept on the tip-toe of expectation until the curtain descends.

The comedy is being played twice nightly and the possibility of there being empty seats at any of the performances is a vague one.

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## GOLDEN WEDDING

### A RAMSGATE CELEBRATION

#### CONGRATULATIONS FROM HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY

Among the many messages of congratulation received by Mr Henry and Lady Rose **WEIGALL**, of "Southwood", Ramsgate, on the occasion of the anniversary of their golden wedding on Tuesday was one from her Majesty Queen Mary, from Buckingham Palace, which read: "Pray accept my warmest congratulations on your golden wedding day - Mary R".

The celebrations were of a family character, and quietly carried out.

Mr Henry and Lady Rose **WEIGALL**, were married in Westminster Abbey on August 15th 1866.

Lady Rose, who is the second daughter of the eleventh Earl of Westmorland, is 82 years of age, but is still an active member of the Thanet Board of Guardians, and has done much good work lately, for the local V.A.D. Hospital, at which her daughter is quartermaster.

Mr **WEIGALL**, who is 86 years of age, exhibited at the Royal Academy, as a portrait painter, for forty consecutive years, his last exhibit in 1914, being a portrait of his grandson.

The family gathering on Tuesday included all members of the family with the exception of Captain Lewis **WEIGALL**, who is with his Regiment in Ireland.

Early in the day presents and messages of congratulation commenced to arrive.

Sergt. **KELLY** and Bomb. **FLORENCE**, two wounded soldiers, under treatment, came from Nethercourt V.A.D. Hospital bringing the gifts from the officers and staff there. They presented Lady Rose with an ebony stick, with an ivory and gold mounted handle; also a beautifully arranged gold coloured bowl of choice carnations and lilies.

A small suede bound booklet, with suitable worded message of congratulation to Mr and Lady Rose **WEIGALL**, contained the names of the medical officers and staff at the hospital accompanied the gifts.

#### **Parish Offering.**

On behalf of the sidesmen and parishioners and residents of St Lawrence a committee composed of the Rev. R **HEVILYLL-RAFTER** and Messrs **SCARLETT**, **HODGSON**, R S **DOWLING**, **FUGGLES**, **SIMONSON**, **DRAKE**, W J **LAWRENCE**, jun and G G **COOK**, waited upon Mr Henry and Lady Rose at Southwood, and offered for their acceptance an ivory bound Prayer Book to Lady Rose and a tortoise shell paper cutter to Mr **WEIGALL**, in addition to an artistic address to both signed by numerous inhabitants.

Bound in a blue leather cover, with the monogram "H.R.W., 1866-1916", picked out in red and gold on the outside cover, the address read as follows: "Inscribed to Henry **WEIGALL**, Esq., J.P., D.L., and the Lady Rose **WEIGALL** - The undersigned residents in St Lawrence and neighbourhood present their hearty congratulations on the occasion of your golden wedding and desire to place on record their appreciation of the valuable and varied services which you have rendered to the community during the many years that you have resided at Southwood, thereby winning the love and esteem of all with whom you have been brought into contact with".

Mr W G **LAWRENCE**, jun., was in attendance on Monday evening at the Parish Hall, St Lawrence, receiving the signatures of residents to the address.

Messrs **SCARLETT** and **HODGSON** originated the presentation.

An antique crystal vase with tasteful design in gold was presented by the household staff accompanied by a signed letter of good wishes.

Amongst the many family presents were two golden canaries, cheerfully carolling in a cage tied with gold ribbon. They were the gift of Mrs Jerry **WEIGALL**. They were a particularly appropriate gift in as much as canaries are Lady Rose's delight.

Major Archie and Mrs **WEIGALL** showed delightful taste in their offering. An old piece of plate, belonging to the Earl of Westmorland, Lady Rose **WEIGALL**'s father, and bearing the crest of the family was mounted to form part of a handsome gold muffin dish. It bore an appropriate inscription.

An indication of inherited artistic ability was forthcoming by means of a picture from "Bubbles and Tiny", two grandchildren, one of whom painted it while the other made the framework.

Mr and Mrs Murray **SMITH** sent a replica of an old Tudor vase, a very fine piece of work.

Mrs A **MONTEFIORE**'s present was part of an old Breton lace cap, mounted into an oval shaped, gold-rimmed tray.

A gold trinket box was from a niece and nephew, and a gold pen from Miss **WEIGALL**.

There were numerous bouquets and floral tokens of exquisite blooms tied with golden ribbons, bearing congratulatory messages.

Placed upon a silver cake stand, prettily decorated with white flowers, the three-tier wedding cake was an artistic triumph. The lacy network of the design was ornamented with golden leaves and flowers, and the cake was the work of the cook at Southwood. Besides this festooned and golden-leaved cake was a reminder of the wedding that took place fifty years ago. Under a glass case was part of the cake and flowers from that ceremony.

### **Public Congratulations.**

On behalf of the of the Guardians of the Isle of Thanet Union, the Chairman expressed the hope that God would give Mr Henry and Lady Rose **WEIGALL** strength to carry on for many years to come the good work so nobly done among the deserving poor and children of the Union.

The Secretary of the Ramsgate Committee of the Prince of Wales Fund conveyed the hearty congratulations of the members and expressed the sincere desire that they might be preserved for many years to come and if Providence willed that they might be spared to commemorate their Diamond festival.

At the Police Court on Monday morning the Mayor (Councillor T S **CHAYNEY**) referred to the following days event and on behalf of the justices the Clerk was instructed to convey the hearty congratulations of the justices with the hope that they might both enjoy many further years of happiness and usefulness amongst the people of Ramsgate and St Lawrence, who would always cherish very pleasant thoughts of their many activities for the promotion of their welfare.

The justices took the opportunity too, said the Mayor of placing on record their appreciation of the services of Mr **WEIGALL** as a member of the Borough Bench since its formation in 1892, and deemed it a pleasure to have been associated with him in the administration of justice within the borough in the course of which they had always found him to be generous and sympathetic in cases before the Court deserving leniency and invariably just and fair to all those with whom he had come in to contact in the discharge of his duties as a Justice of the Peace.

Among other messages received were letters and telegrams from the Duke and Duchess of Wellington, Earl and Countess of Winchilsea, Speaker of the House of Commons, Lady Georgina **PEEL**, Lady **ORCHARDSON**, Sir Alwyn and Lady **FELLOWES**, Lady Julia

**WOMBWELL**, Sir William and Lady **SLAUGHTER**, Vicar of Ramsgate and Lady **HERTSLET**, Abbott **EGAN**, Rev and Mrs Payne **SMITH**, Miss Phyllis **BROUGHTON**, Mrs **HEALD**, Miss **MCKENZIE**, Mr and Mrs Richard **MASON**, Rev. A **PURTON**, Nurse **PAGE**, Captain and Mrs **GLADSTONE**, Mr and Mrs **LUXMOORE**, Captain **LUXMOORE**, Mr Brinton **PRICE**, Mr **TWISS**, Rev H and Mrs **BULL**, the Newport Market Army Training School, Mr **WALKLEY**, the Misses **ADSELL** and **CASE** of the Salvation Army, Mr and Mrs McCormic **GOODHART**, Mr Leo **TREVOR**, Mr and Mrs **KENDAL**, Mr and Mrs **CLUTTON**, Miss **STANCOMB-WILLS**, Mrs **RICHARDSON**, Mrs **APETHORPE**, Mrs **LONERGAN**, Mrs **MESSEL**, Captain P F **WARNER**, Miss **HALES**, the Bishop of Stafford and Mrs **CRAUFORD**, Dr C J **WILLIAMS**, Mrs **GONING**, Major **MCMAHON**, Mr **PAWLEY** Kentish V.A.D.), Earl of Westmorland and Earl and Countess of Londesborough.

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## **A GENEROUS PUBLIC.**

### **FINE RESPONSE ON "FORGET-ME-NOT" DAY.**

The Ramsgate public were in a particularly generous mood on Saturday, when "Forget-me-not" flags were on sale in aid of the funds of the General Hospital, a fact indicated by the total of £62 1s 2d. raised £11 11s 10d. above last years total.

Of the amount no les than £22 7s. was secured at the Market Place by six vendors - probably a record for that or any other flag day "stand" in the town.

The committee of the Hospital acknowledge with best thanks the excellent work accomplished by Mr **WOODRUFF** by the conversion of the Hospital Saturday Fund into a flag day this year. Very hearty thanks are expressed to all who sold the little flag, and to those who purchased them.

It is of interest to note that the average sum for the previous thirteen years is £32. 14s. The flags cost about £5. The silver amounted to £19 14s 6d. ; copper £42 1s 8d.; P.O., 5s.

The names of the collectors and amounts collected are appended:-

The Market Place - Mrs E A **STOCK** assisted by Mrs **CREEDY** and Misses De **WOLFE**, **HOWELL**, **ISRAEL** and **NELSON** - £22 7s. 0d.

East Cliff Parade - Miss **SQUIRE** - £5 0s. 9d.

Queens Street - St John Ambulance Nursing Division - £4 19s. 11d.

West Cliff Parade - Mrs **HUTT** and Miss **BELL** - £3 16s. 6d.

Thanet Road - Miss **MARTIN** assisted by Miss **BEECHING** and the Misses **HARNETT** - £3 0s. 0d.

The Harbour - Miss **O'LEARY** - £2 11s 10d.

Grange Road and Southwood - Miss **MANCKTELOW** assisted by Misses P **BUTLER**, **HITCHINS**, and **D WILLIS** - £2 10s. 9d.

The Quadrant - The Misses **CUMBERLAND** and **BASKERVILLE** \_£2 8s. 11d. Miss **HOME** - £2 6s. 6d.

St Lawrence Church - Miss **HILDYARD** assisted by Mrs **DIDDAMS** and Miss **HARRISON**. - £2 0s. 5d.

Crescent Road and Vale Road - Miss Winnie **STOCK** - £1 17s. 2d.

Outlying Districts - Mr George **SMITH** - £1 13s. 3d.

Crescent Road - Miss **TEMPLE** - £1 9s. 5d.

York Street - Miss **NIXON** - £1 4s. 3d.

West Cliff - Miss **SHARPE** - £1 4s. 2d.

Victoria Pavilion - Mrs **TAMPLIN**, Miss **THOMSON** - 13s 1d.

Royal Hotel - Mrs **TAYLOR** and Miss **BRIEN** - 12s. 10d.

County School and Ellington Road - Miss D **SUTTON** - 12s. 5d. Miss **TUCKER** - 12s. 1d.

Donation - Miss **EASTY** - 5s. 0d.

TOTAL £62 1s. 2d.

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### CHILDREN OF THE DESOLATE

The heroine of Miss C M **MATHESON**'s new novel, "Children of the Desolate", which Mr **UNWIN** is to bring out today, is a high-spirited emotional artistic girl, intensely modern, boating against the walls of a narrow provincial home environment. She is taken away from a high school and sent to a private school where there is no outlet for her talents. She seeks expression in art, and attends the art school of a neighbouring town. With her work and with poverty at home, she finds she is being left behind in the local gaieties and in a fit of pique marries the wrong man, but a wealthy one, and goes to live in a lonely house in Cornwall. The story of her tragic married life, which at one time leads her to the borders of sanity; her deliverance, and then her gradual return to happiness, and a definite hope for the years to come, makes "Children of the Desolate", a novel of vivid and absorbing interest.

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### CAR AND CYCLIST.

### A THANET INCIDENT.

### RAMSGATE DRIVER FINED AND LICENCE ENDORSED.

Charles **MOODY**, of 6 Alma Place, Ramsgate, a motor car driver, was fined £2 and his licence ordered to be endorsed by the County Justices at Ramsgate on Monday.

He was charged with driving a motor vehicle on the Sandwich Road in a manner dangerous to the public, and pleaded not guilty.

Evidence of a conflicting character was given in the course of the hearing of the case.

Inspector **FORD**, K.C.C. prosecuted.

Ethel **DIPROSE**, of Hawthorn Cottages, Sandwich, testified that at 6.20 pm on the date in question she was riding a bicycle in the direction of Ramsgate and when near a military camp in the region of Stonar saw a van coming towards her. Almost at the same time she heard a motor car approaching from the rear and glanced back, thinking that the driver was intending to give her time to pass the van. Instead of that it "swished" by and as it was passing her witness fell off her machine on to the side of the road and injured her leg. She could not swear whether the car hit her in passing or not, but she was opposite the van when she fell. The motor car, she said, cut between her and the van and was pulled up about 20 or 25 yards further along the road. A gentleman got out of the car and spoke to some soldiers who belonged to the R.E. One of the latter offered her assistance, but she returned to Sandwich, where she received medical attention. She was riding at about nine or ten miles an hour and she expressed her opinion that when the car passed her it was about two feet away.

In answer to the defendant witness said she heard the horn of the motor car sounded and it was in consequence of that that she glanced back.

Lance Corporal S T **IGGLESTON** of the R.E. who said he witnessed the incident from about 100 yards, expressed the opinion that the driver of the car endeavoured to pass between the van and lady on the cycle. Had the driver of the car slowed up or stopped until the cyclist had passed the van the accident would not have occurred. The way in which the car passed was, in his opinion, dangerous.

Evidence of a similar character was adduced by Lance Corporal Charles **POPE**, also of the R.E. who stated that the car, passing between the van and the cyclist, cramped the latter too much. When the driver of the car stopped his vehicle and returned to where the lady had fallen, he remarked, "It must have been your nerves that made you fall off".

Witness drew his attention to the marks of the wheels of the car and pointed out to him that they were only two feet from the hedge. To the Bench he expressed the opinion that if the lady had not fallen off her machine and she would have been "smashed up", and added that the way the defendant drove between the van and the cyclist would have dangerous to anyone. He would not have cared to have been in the lady place.

In reply to the defendant witness said he did not see the lady fall from her bicycle.

Detective Constable J **JENNER**, of the Sandwich Police, testified to measuring the road in consequence of a report made by Miss **DIPROSE** and finding that at the scene of the accident it was nineteen feet wide. The height of the grass on the bank was two inches, so that it would have been impossible for the pedal of her machine to have struck that.

Interrogated by Detective Sergt. **DUFF**, of the Ramsgate Police, defendant said, "She was not knocked off. I think the pedal touched the bank. A Mrs **HERBERT**, of Sandwich, gave me her address saying the lady was nervous and not knocked off ..... I was not doing more than ten miles an hour. I had to drive steady as I had a lady in the car who was nervous. My car did not touch her or her bicycle".

For the defence Mrs Anne **MORTIMER**, of Jesse Villa, Crescent Road, Ramsgate, was called.

Stating that she was in the car at the time of the alleged accident, she said it was impossible to pass on account of the traffic. There were many soldiers on the road and she saw a van and a cyclist. The latter became nervous, but the car, which was going at about seven miles an hour, was not near her. Reiterating that it was "impossible to get past", the witness said that the car was twelve yards away from Mrs **DIPROSE** when she fell off her machine. After the incident some soldiers said, "Summons him; summons him".

In reply to Inspector **FORD**, witness said that the car was a closed one, but she was looking out of the window. There was a van in front of the car going in the same direction, she said and made mention of other traffic. Subsequently her evidence became somewhat confused and necessitated an illustration on the Clerks desk with the aid of pieces of paper. The car concluded the witness, stopped before reaching the lady on the bicycle.

The evidence of Mrs **MORTIMER** in regard to the car touching was substantiated by Mrs Evelyn **HERBERT**, who said at the time she was pushing a perambulator along the road. She added the opinion that the lady on the cycle appeared to be nervous.

In reply to Inspector **FORD**, witness said that the cyclist had just passed her when the motor car came past. She did not notice any van proceeding in the direction of Ramsgate.

Asked by Inspector **FORD** if she would have liked to be in the position of the cyclist when the car passed she said she would not have minded had there been room.

The defendant on oath said she had been returning from Ramsgate to Canterbury, and was returning home at the time in question. He followed behind a cart for some considerable distance, but could not get in front on account of so many soldiers being on the road. When he ultimately passed the cart a lady on a bicycle was in front of him, going in the direction of Ramsgate. He saw a cart going in the direction of Sandwich, which was on the proper side of the road, and added that the car was on the third gear and going at about seven miles per hour. On that gear he could not collect speed in a short time. He saw he could not get by the cyclist until the cart on his right hand side passed her, and he followed behind the lady on the cycle, slowing the car to the same pace as the cyclist. When the cart had passed he blew his horn. The lady on the cycle did not glance behind her but just "wobbled about" and then fell into the hedge. He drove his car past and drew up at the side of the road in order to clear the way for any traffic coming along., but it was some time before he could speak to her on account of two soldiers, whom, persisted in saying "Make him pay; make him pay". Ascertaining that the lady had only hurt her foot he left his name and address and proceeded on his journey.

Cross-examined by Inspector **FORD** defendant at first said he stopped two or three yards past the lady, but admitted that at the outside, the distance was five yards. The lady was riding too close to the bank in his opinion and he said he did not pass her before she was lying on the ground. He was four or five feet from where she fell.

In announcing a conviction the Chairman (Mr R **HILL**), remarked that the evidence showed that the defendant was driving in a reckless way. It was a very common offence, but it was not often notice was taken of it. Defendant took a very serious risk which might have had serious consequences and he appeared to be one of those people who apparently did not understand that there were other people who had just as much right on the road as he. The Bench, he added, considered the offence a serious one, and a fine of £2 or 11 days imprisonment would be imposed and his licence endorsed.

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The sale of flags in Ramsgate, Minster, Monkton, and Sarre on Saturday, the 5th inst. for the Y.M.C.A. huts in France, realised the grand total of £88 8s. 11d.

Sincere thanks are accorded to the ladies and all who so willingly and energetically sold the flags and to the public who so heartily responded.

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At the Fishguard annual cattle exhibition Lord St Davids said he anticipated an offer from Germany of some sort of peace terms this autumn, but we should consider no terms until Germany admitted she was sick of fighting and put up her hands in token thereof.

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## HOME FROM HOME

### MANSTON RECREATION HUT OPENED

An interesting ceremony took place at Manston on Tuesday afternoon, when the new C.E.T.S. hut for the use of members of H.M. Forces was formally opened. The Church of England Temperance Society had been doing a good work since the commencement of the war by providing places for the recreation and amusement of our sailors and soldiers. In Kent alone over thirty huts have been built, and the efforts of the Society to cater for the men' amusement is much appreciated, as is exemplified by the manner in which the soldiers patronise them.

The men in the rural districts of Thanet have up to now had no place in which to spend their leisure hours and it has long been felt that something should be done in the matter. Thanks to the efforts of the Rev. **BEVAN** (Vicar of St Lawrence) and secretary of the Kent Branch of the C.E.T.S. (The Rev. C F **TONKS**) the men encamped in the district are now provided with an excellent room in which they can amuse themselves in various way. Although the actual building of the hut at Manston was only commenced less than a month ago it is practically ready for use, the only thing to be done now being the furnishing and painting. When finished the hut should prove a veritable "home from home".

There will be a canteen, where the soldiers will be able to purchase non-alcoholic drinks, cigarettes, chocolate, etc. The Society hope to receive the gift of a billiard table. Games of every description and writing materials will be provided.

There was a large attendance at the opening ceremony. The Mayor of Ramsgate (Councillor T S **CHAYNEY**) presided, and was supported on the platform by the Mayoress (Mrs **CHAYNEY**), The Archdeacon of Maidstone, the Rev. C F **TONKS** and Canon **MOLINEUX** (Rural Dean).

The room had been prettily decorated with flowers and flags for the occasion. Mr **MARTIN** assisted by a number of local ladies and gentlemen, had the charge of the arrangements. They are to be congratulated on the splendid way in which they carried out their duties. Flowers were kindly sent by Mrs **MALLETT**, Mrs **TURNER**; the officials at the Cottage Homes.

In the course of a few appropriate remarks the Mayor expressed his pleasure at being present. He stated that the hut up to the present time had cost something like £500 and the furnishing had still to be done. He appealed to all to support such an excellent institution and wished it every success.

In the course of a most interesting address, the Archdeacon of Maidstone said that the war had provided great opportunities for the Church Temperance Society. Temperance was a great national subject, affecting the well being of the national, life of the country. many people, people who before the hostilities were opposed to temperance had now come tom reconsider their views. The Government had felt that the temperance question was an important one, else why had they inaugurated the Control Board? Mr Lloyd **GEORGE**, when appealing for munitions, had stated that we had a greater enemy than the Germans to fight - the evil of drink, and he was inclined to agree with him.

The Rev. C F **TONKS** made an urgent appeal for donations and gifts of tables, chairs, games and a billiard table and a piano. He announced that Miss **STANCOMB WILLS** who, unfortunately was unable to be present, had generously promised to give a donation of £25. Canon **MOLINEUX** had given £5 5s. and the Rev. **BEVAN**, £5.

The Rev. **WATLEY**, in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress for their attendance, he remarked that he was sure that the hut would be much appreciated by the men. The motion, which was seconded by Commander **BUTLER** (R.N.A.S.), was passed with acclamation.

The Mayoress who was the recipient of a beautiful bouquet of flowers, then proceeded to formally open the hut.

During the afternoon a most enjoyable musical programme was submitted. Pte. **TOMES**, of the Kings Liverpool Regiment, who was wearing a piece of gold braid, delighted his audience with his fine singing. Miss **MURPHY** and Miss **MITCHELL** both possess fine voices and their items were heartily received.

After the opening ceremony the visitors were entertained to tea.

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### VICTORIA HILL ACCIDENT.

Victoria Road, Ramsgate, was the scene of a rather startling accident which could easily have been attended by more serious consequences than fortunately was the case on Monday.

A motor lorry owned by Messrs **TOMSON** and **WOTTON**, Ramsgate, laden with cases of beer, was being driven up the incline by William **COLEMAN**, when it stopped and commenced to run backwards.

After travelling some few yards, the vehicle turned into the pavement and the rear crashed into the off licence and general store in the occupation of Mr Edward D **KNIGHT**, No. 29, Victoria Road.

The framework and wall beneath the shop window were completely wrecked and considerable damage done to the contents.

The rear of the lorry was slightly damaged.

The occupants of the shop were naturally startled at the crash which heralded the collision, but fortunately no one was injured.

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### ENGLAND'S SHORES

#### RAMSGATE SOLDIER'S VIEW FROM FOREIGN HOSPITAL

Writing from a base hospital to Miss Lucy **WHITING**, Ferribly Lodge, Hollicondane Road, Ramsgate, Lance Corporal W **STOCK**, of the Buffs, whose home is at 4 Central Road, says that on a fine day he can see the shores of England from the hospital.

He intimates that he is back from the line on account of having been nearly buried by a shell in going to the trenches. Adding that he is suffering from shell shock he says he is progressing very favourably.

A second letter received by Miss **WHITING**, is from Pte. G ATTWELL of the same battalion as Lance Corporal **STOCKS**. He writes from the Welsh Metropolitan war Hospital at Whitchurch, near Cardiff and says that he went over the top on the 3rd inst. He had just reached the German trench when a piece of shell hit him in the thigh, passing out the other side. "It came with such a force that I thought my leg was blown off", he remarks, but adds that he was able to crawl back to our own lines.

He concludes with the information that the doctor who is in attendance on him is the Mayor of Cardiff.

Pte. **ATTWELL**, whose parents reside at 75 Winstanley Crescent, Ramsgate, was in training in England with Lance Corporal **STOCK**, and although he proceeded to the Front in advance of his friend they were brought together in the trenches.

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## A BIG AUDIENCE

### AT WEST CLIFF CONCERT HALL

One of the best concerts ever given in Ramsgate took place at the West Cliff Concert hall on Thursday evening. Before eight o'clock the spacious hall was filled, and late comers were met with the information "Standing room only".

Miss Carrie **TUBB**, one off the chief attractions of the evening, is a great favourite with Thanet concert goers. many admirers have followed her successful career with interest and good wishes, and she had a tremendous reception on Thursday evening.

Admirers of Handel could not wish for a better exponent of that great composer's music than Robert **RADFORD**. The ease and fluency with which he sang "O Ruddier than the Cherry" called forth enthusiastic applause. The recitative was finely rendered.

Mr Cecil **BAUMER** gives a strong individual interpretation to his pianoforte solos.

The humorous part of the programme was in the capable hands of clever Mr Selwyn **DRIVER**. He has many friends in Ramsgate, who came to hear him on Thursday evening. In these days the person who has the gift of turning ones thoughts to lighter and more frivolous things than the war is to be welcomed. And Mr Selwyn **DRIVER** has that gift, and his humorous "pianorations" sent the audience into roars of laughter. The concert ended with selections by the orchestra.

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## APPRECIATED

### A WESTGATE PRESENTATION

Westgate-on-Sea has just cause to be proud of its Working Men's Club and Institute. Its premises are ideal and perhaps no one enjoys the attractions it has to offer more than the soldiers who are billeted in the town and who at all times receive a hearty welcome in the Club.

The variety concert which was given in the charming concert room of the Club last week was unique in many respects. The concert itself was unique, having all the variety of an up to date music hall. The audience was unique, as with very few exceptions, nearly everyone present was either in khaki or naval uniform. There was an electric current of vivacity and merriment

in the air, as is usually the case where "Tommys" congregate, and lastly the chairman was unique, his quips and jokes keeping everyone in a merry mood.

The raison d'etre of the concert was to do honour to Mr Lewis **HAISMER** the Chairman of the Committee, who for a number of years in a variety of ways has done much for the Club, the members of which wished to show their appreciation by presenting him with some tangible form of an acknowledgement. The took the form of a handsome time piece, the brass plate of which bore the following inscription:- "Presented to Mr Lewis **HAISMER**, chairman of the Westgate-on-Sea Working Men's Club and Institute, by the members of the Club in recognition of a large amount of help and services rendered August 1916".

C.P.O. T **SETTERFIELD**, (R.N.A.S.) presided in making the presentation said that Mr **HAISMER** had been a member of the Club for over thirty years, which was a considerable slice of a mans life. During that long period he had been an active and a real working man in the interests of the Club. As a committee man he had been most regular in his attendances, and the Club was indebted to him for his invaluable help and advice. He was always scheming for structural improvements to the Club premises, and as a practical man his many suggestions had proved invaluable. He had done much for his old Club premises, and when the Club had outgrown the premises, he had been instrumental in obtaining these, a no mean task at the time. He prepared the plans for the Council free of charge, and got them passed. Further improvements in the Club, under his able guidance, had been made from time to time, with the result that they had developed into the present ideal premises. Not only had he helped them with his advice, but he had also financed the Club on various occasions for which no interest charges had been made. He had a strong recollection of the opening night, when their esteemed member, Mr Norman **CRAIG**, had played a fine game of billiards on their new billiard table and the closing time was not 9 o'clock then (laughter).

He himself belonged to a number of Clubs, but he knew none which was better conducted than the Working Men's Club of Westgate-on-Sea, nor anywhere the rules were more strictly adhered to.

As the Chairman of their Committee, Mr **HAISMER** had arranged a number of enjoyable concerts, which had been greatly appreciated by the large number of soldiers billeted in Westgate. It gave him the greatest pleasure, on behalf of the officers and members of the Club, to present the time piece which he hoped would be a continuous reminder of their good feelings towards him. When he smoked his pipe of peace and listened to the peaceful ticking of the time piece, he hoped by that time the whole world would be at peace (applause).

The health of Mrs **HAISMER** and Miss **HAISMER** was then received with musical honours.

In acknowledging the gift, Mr **HAISMER**, who was received with applause, said it was always a difficult thing to return thanks on an occasion like the present. He appreciated the gift very much and also the kind thoughts which had prompted it, and it would be a continual reminder to him of the many happy hours he had spent in the Club (applause).

## **THE CONCERT**

The concert then followed,.....varied. Pianoforte selections were given by Mr W **FRIGHT** and Pte. **BAINBRIDGE**.

Mr C **PYLE** - a comedian of no mean abilities - who as the Chairman remarked , " had come all the way from Westgate-on-Sea", simply convulsed his audience with laughter.

Miss Doris **SEAR**, in her personations of "Juvenile Male Impersonator and Juvenile Comedienne", would have done credit to any music hall, and her efforts to entertain won her much deserved applause.

Pte. **O'HALLORAN**, described in the programme as an "acrobatic dancer", gave such a wonderful performance that it made one suspect that the artiste had been on the boards prior to his donning khaki.

Boy **MACEWAN**, who is only fifteen, proved himself an artiste on the bagpipes, and was deservedly encored.

Miss Lily **ROBERTS**, who possesses a charming soprano voice, delighted her audience with her renditions of "Kentucky" and "Blue Eyes".

Miss Nellie **HOLMES** - another lady with a charming soprano voice - proved herself another successful vocalist.

Pte. **REID**, as a mouth mimic proved unique, and created considerable diversion with his imitations of musical instruments.

Another successful comedian was Mr **BROWN**, whose parodies and songs created much merriment.

This most enjoyable concert concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman, followed by the National Anthem.

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### **BROADSTAIRS MILITARY TRIBUNAL.**

A meeting of the above Tribunal was held at the Council Offices, Broadstairs, on Tuesday afternoon, presided over by the Rev. F G C **RIDGEWAY**. Also present were Dr Frank **BRIGHTMAN**, Messrs H T **GULLICK**, E E **MOODEY**, and H **BING** together with the Military Representative (Mr W H **SHEW**), Mr L A **SKINNER** (Clerk), and Mr F E **HILL** (Assistant Clerk).

A hairdresser who had previously been granted three months temporary exemption applied for conditional exemption, which was granted.

Conditional exemption was asked for by a draper's traveller, aged 40, married, who had been passed for foreign service. A three months exemption was given.

A boarding house keeper married, was given two months temporary exemption to enable him to carry on his establishment till the close of the season.

A further temporary extension was applied for by a hairdresser, aged 30, married with two children. Applicant stated that he was a member of the Volunteer Regiment and had been passed for garrison duty. He had advertised in local and London papers for a manager, but without result. The Tribunal granted a further three months temporary exemption.

Several other cases were heard in camera.

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**"MY LADY FRAYLE"**

**COMING TO MARGATE HIPPODROME**

Another attractive booking, has been secured by the management of the Margate Hippodrome for next week, when "My Lady Frayle", will be presented.

Of all the musical plays which have been produced by Mr Robert **COURTNEIDGE**, "My Lady Frayle", his latest production, undoubtedly ranks among them funniest, the most melodious and the prettiest of the series. It has been described as "the nearest approach to comic opera that has been seen for some time".

In the matter of the plot "My Lady Frayle", shows a distinct advance upon plays of the kind which have had much popularity and it is replete with bright, light music. Its aim is purely and frankly the creation of pleasure and its effect scintillating charm.

The play will be presented by an all star cast. The role of the amorous and bibulous butler is impersonated in the drollest possible fashion by Mr James **SULTOR**. Miss Phyllis Le **GRAND** - whose work is well known both in London and the provinces - fills the part of the stately "Countess of Frayle" and the high spirited "Vivien". The other members of the company all acquit themselves ably.

The play will be produced on the once nightly arrangement, and should attract large crowds to the Hippodrome.

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## Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

### BIRTHS.

FAIRBRASS.—On August 10th, 1916, at 84, Hardres-street, Ramsgate, the wife of Pte. A. E. Fairbrass, R.F.R., of twins (son and daughter).  
WESTON.—On August 14th, at 83, Church-street, St. Peter's, the wife of Pte. W. J. Weston, 3/1st S.E.M.B.F.A., of a daughter.  
SOUTHEY.—On August 3rd, at 1, Armadale Villa, Southwood-road, the wife of Henry Francis Southey, of a son.

### MARRIAGES.

GRAHAM—FRANCOMBE.—On August 10th, at Holy Trinity, St. Lawrence-on-Sea, Bernard Graham to Nellie Francombe, of "Briarwood," Dumpton-road, Ramsgate.  
NEEVES—BEAN.—On August 5th, at St. Barnabas Church, Rotherhithe, London, James William Neeves to Frances Jane (Jennie) Bean, both of Ramsgate.  
ASHLEE—ASHLEE.—On August 4th, at St. Luke's Church, by the Vicar (Rev. G. G. Collins), George Thomas Ashlee to Emma Elizabeth Ashlee, both of Ramsgate.

### SILVER WEDDING.

SETTERFIELD—PARAMOR.—On August 16th, 1891, by the Vicar (the Rev. Montague Fowler), Charles Setterfield to Louisa Elizabeth Paramor, both of St. Lawrence.

### DEATHS.

GRIGG.—On August 10th, George Grigg, of 17, Trinity-place, Ramsgate, in his 95th year.  
HUDSON.—On August 9th, at her residence, "Westbeech," Ramsgate, Kate, widow of the late William H. Hudson.  
PIPER.—Private Herbert Piper, of the Royal West Kent Regiment, on July 21st, in hospital, of valvular heart disease.  
LINCOLN.—On August 10th, at 50, High-street, St. Lawrence, Ann M. Lincoln, aged 84.  
MARTYN.—At the New Unified Gold Mine, Maraisburg, Transvaal, on Thursday, June 15th, 1916, passed peacefully to rest with her Saviour, after a very brief illness, in her 53rd year, Sarah Ann (Stella) Martyn (née Ballard), of Thatcham, Berks, dearly beloved wife of P. Graham Martyn, A.R.S.M. (Lond.), formerly of Ramsgate.  
SAWDON.—On August 7th, at 17, York-road, St. Annes-on-the-Sea, John Stanley Sawdon, engineer and surveyor of St. Annes-on-the-Sea, and formerly deputy surveyor of Margate, in his 34th year. Interment at the Parish Church, St. Annes-on-the-Sea, on Thursday.  
FOREMAN.—Killed in action, on July 18th, Graham Lewis Foreman, aged 19 years.  
BINGHAM.—Died of wounds received in action, on July 19th, Reginald Bingham, aged 21 years.

### IN MEMORIAM.

In loving memory of husband, Pte. FREDERICK E. BISHOP, Worcestershire Regiment, who died August 17th, 1915, of wounds received in action at the Dardanelles.

In ever loving memory of our dear beloved Son, JACK STEPHEN DANTON, who passed away suddenly August 16th, 1914, in his 17th year. Never forgotten by his Father, Mother, and Sister.

He wants no mother's tender care,  
For all are safe and happy there.  
We would not call him back again,  
Our loss is his eternal gain.  
His short bright race on earth is run,  
We weep, but say, "God's will be done."

At rest,  
No. 24, Victoria-road, St. Peter's, Thanet.

In loving memory of my dear Mother, EDITH ROBERTS, who departed this life August 16th, 1909.

Do not ask me if I miss her,  
There is such a vacant place;  
Can I e'er forget that footstep  
And her dear familiar face?  
Never forgotten by her loving daughter, Edith.

In loving memory of MARY E. POINTER, who passed away August 18th, 1909.

'Tis just seven years ago to-day  
Since she we loved was called away;  
The best of mothers she had been  
And many trials she had seen;  
For all of us she did her best,  
And may God give her eternal rest.  
Never forgotten by her loving husband and family.

In memory of a dear Son and loving Brother, Private F. J. POINTER, A.S.C., who lost his life by the torpedoing of H.M.T. Royal Edward in the Aegean Sea, August 13th, 1915, aged 28 years.

One of the noblest, one of the best;  
Doing his duty, was called to rest.  
Ever remembered and sadly missed by his loving Father and Family.