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18ct Gold & platinum enamelled in colours, Complete in case £1-17-6.

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Gold & platinum, Aquamarine earrings in case £2-15-0

Gold Pearl & Turquoise earrings in case, 19/-

18ct Gold & platinum enamelled in colours Complete in case £1-15-0.

18ct Gold & platinum enamelled in colours. Complete in case £1-12-6.

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Platinum set Aquamarine & Pearl bar Brooch in case £5-18-6.

Platinum set Diamonds Pearls & Blue Gems, Necklace in case £6-0-0.

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GERMAN WAR OUTRAGES.

A BRITISH COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

The British Government Press Bureau, last night, issued the following announcement:—

On the 15th September last the Prime Minister informed in the House of Commons that he had asked the Home Secretary and the Attorney-General to take such steps as seemed best adapted, in the case for an investigation from evidence obtainable in this country of the accusation of outrage by Germans of the laws of war on the part of British troops during the last three months.

The Attorney-General, who has put their services at the disposal of the authorities, and by the staff of the Director of Public Prosecutions. Some hundreds of statements have now been collected, and a large number has been appointed to consider these statements.

The Committee is constituted as follows:—The Right Hon. Viscount Bryce, chairman; the Right Hon. Sir Edward Fry, Privy Councillor, Hart., the Right Hon. Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., Sir Alfred Hopkinson, K.C., Professor H. A. L. Fisher, and Mr Harold Cox, Commissioners on the subject of the inquiry will be addressed to Mr F. Grimwood Mears, or Mr W. J. H. Brodrick, who have been appointed joint secretaries to the Committee. Letters should be addressed to them at 2, Hare Court, Temple, London, E.C.

THE NEW ZEALAND ELECTIONS.

Wellington, Thursday.

The Government has lost another seat, on a recount, that makes the number of the Government supporters 40. The combined opposition in the Government is reported to be uncertain.

Mr Massey, the Prime Minister, in an interview, said the Government would on the right thing. The Government would meet at the earliest moment.—

THE MISSION TO THE VATICAN.

Sir E. Grey's Letter to the Protestant Alliance.

In reply to a protest by the committee of the Protestant Alliance with respect to the special mission to the Vatican of Sir Henry Howard, the following letter from the Foreign Office has been received:—

"In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst., relative to a Press report to the effect that His Majesty's Government intend to appoint a British envoy to the Vatican, I am directed by the Secretary, Sir E. Grey, to acquaint you for the information of your committee that the report refers presumably to a special mission to the Vatican of Sir Henry Howard. The Italian Government were made acquainted with the intentions of His Majesty's Government prior to the appointment. It is well understood that missions, either permanent or temporary, to the Pope do not run counter to the Law of Guarantees, and have always been admitted without question by the Italian Government."

FARMER CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

Le Mans, Thursday.

The Sarthe Assizes, yesterday, condemned to death Pierre Cheron, a farmer, who in July last, with the assistance of his wife, killed his mother by throwing her into a well. The wife has gone out of her mind, and has been put in an asylum.—Reuter.

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TYNE TRADERS SUNK.

MINE DISASTERS IN THE NORTH SEA.

FIVE MEN MISSING.

The mischief done by the German raiders on Wednesday was evidently not limited to the bombardment of the Hartlepools, Scarborough, and Whitby. It would appear that, as was the case when the dash was made upon Yarmouth, a few weeks ago, the enemy ships scattered floating mines broadcast in their wake as they moved along our shores. These terrible instruments of war have not been long in levying toll upon our mercantile marine, both in life and property.

On Wednesday morning two Newcastle steamers, the Elterwater and the City, left the Tyne within an hour or so of each other, both outbound, the former bound for London and the latter for France. Yesterday forenoon the City returned, having on board twelve survivors of the Elterwater's crew, and one dead body. Five were reported to be missing. The survivors, including the master, Captain David Gillan, were landed at North Shields, and the dead body, that of the second mate, John Liddle, a native of Russia, was taken to the River Police mortuary, at the Mill Dam, North Shields. Those not accounted for were—Digman, South Shields, second engineer; Thos. Hooper, 1, Bents Cottages, South Shields, messroom steward; and three Arabian firemen, whose names were not available. Mr Digman was stated to be a married man.

The survivors were—

Captain David Gillan, North Shields, master.
G. R. Turner, Gateshead, mate.
D. Scott, Sunderland, chief engineer.
Robert Usmal, Tyne Dock, steward.
J. Sauder, Sweden, sailor.
J. Feirck, Sweden, sailor.
Andra Marcipu, Russia, sailor.
Dan McMullin, South Shields, sailor.
Jacob Baton, Denmark, sailor.
E. Carlsen, Sweden, trimmer; and two Arabian firemen.

A Journal representative had an interview with several of the survivors at the Tyne Sailors' Home, North Shields, and they described their perilous experience. It was shortly after six o'clock on Wednesday evening, when the vessel was off Scarborough, some three miles only from the land, that the mine was struck. The terrific explosion which followed blew out the port side of the ship, near the engine-room, and the vessel immediately heeled over, going down by the stern in about three minutes.

There was no time, naturally, to launch a boat, and seizing lifebelts, buoys, planks, etc., those who had not been killed outright jumped into the sea to get as far away from the sinking ship as possible, to avoid being drawn under when she foundered.

Meanwhile, on board the City, which was following the Elterwater down the coast, a mile or so away, attention was attracted to the vessel's plight by the explosion, and they saw her lights disappear. A boat was at once put off to render what assistance was possible. Their progress was hampered by the darkness, and the amount of wreckage floating about, but they eventually reached the Elterwater's men, who had managed to keep fairly close together. They had been in the water about an hour when they were rescued. The second mate was alive when lifted into the boat, but unconscious, he having been injured about the head, and he died shortly afterwards.

It was during the rescue operations that another explosion was heard and observed, and, in the dark, the lights of a vessel, presumed to be a passenger ship, were seen to settle down in the water and then disappear from sight. It afterwards turned out that this was the well-known Tyne trader Lloyd's steamer.

Lloyd's agent at Scarborough wires:—"The steamer Princess Olga, Liverpool for Aberdeen, with general cargo, sank in the North Sea. The chief and second officers and eight of the crew landed there at midnight. The Scarborough lifeboat were out all night looking for the captain and eight others, but returned without finding them.

A later telegram from Scarborough states that the captain and eight others have been landed there, having been towed in by a Yarmouth boat.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty:—

Lieutenant-Commanders—R. M. Fraser, to the Galatea, temporary, to date December 15; J. C. Cole-Hamilton, retired, to the Otway (first and O), to date November 23.

Sub-Lieutenants—C. S. Daniel, to the Blake, additional, for the Cambria, and R. W. Milson, to the Hercules, to date December 15.

Acting Sub-Lieutenants—D. Wainwright, to the Warwick, additional, for the Tigress, S. R. Blackburn, to the Dido, additional, for the Linnet, P. F. P. Wood, to the Hecate, additional, for the Sparrowhawk, and M. R. Alexander-Sinclair, to the Blake, additional, for the Rifleman.

Fleet-Surgeon H. C. Arathoon, to the Columbine, additional, for duty at Granton, to date December 15.

Acting Mates—E. F. Tuckett and F. Wilkinson, to be fent the Victory, for oil fuel course, December 19, and for turbine course, to date December 26.

NEWS OF THE NORTH.

NEWCASTLE AND GATESHEAD.

Gateshead Sale of Work.

The annual sale of work in aid of the Whitehall Road United Methodist Church, Gateshead, was continued yesterday afternoon. Mr Kirkpatrick presided at the opening ceremony, which was performed by Mrs Mills, of Ryton. The amount realised at the previous day's sale was £73.

Children Neglected at Felling.

At Gateshead County Police Court, yesterday, Eliza Nicker, 38, married woman, of Back Dixon Terrace, Felling, was charged with having neglected her two children. Mr J. J. Sutherland, who prosecuted on behalf of the N.S.P.C.C. stated that the defendant was living apart from her husband, who kept her ten shillings a week in consequence of her conduct. She was addicted to drinking. Accused denied that she was addicted to drinking or that she had neglected her children. She was sent to prison for four months' hard labour.

Attempted Suicide at Windy Nook.

Yesterday, at Gateshead County Police Court, George Charlton Hay (24), a miner, of Stephenson Terrace, Windy Nook, was charged with having attempted to commit suicide by cutting his left wrist with a razor on December 7th.—The father stated that during the past four or five months the accused had been drinking. On December 7th, when accused went out, he said: "I have got it to do it with. Goodbye for ever." Later, witness saw accused in front of a public-house with a cut on his wrist.—Hay was discharged on giving an undertaking not to repeat the offence.

Elswick Institute.

The annual meeting in connection with Elswick Institute will not be held this year, on account of the war, and the fact that the large hall of the Institute is at present occupied by the military. The 60th annual report has been prepared, however, and shows that the present membership is 8,316. The number of books in the library is 16,284. The number of students in the evening classes last session was 314, and in the day classes 84. Two students in the evening classes were awarded "pass and distinction" in higher mathematics, and another gained first place in the City and Guilds of London Institute examination in mechanical engineering.

French Classes for Soldiers.

Last night, after the lessons, a second social was held in connection with the above classes, which are held in St. Thomas' Church Hall, Barras Bridge, Newcastle. Mrs Dyson and Mrs Dryden handed refreshments and cigarettes to the students and teachers, and they were assisted by several lady friends. Songs were rendered by Lance-Corporal Gowland and Private Hewitt, a recitation by Private T. Smith, and a mandoline solo by Private McGough. The proceedings were enjoyable, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the hostesses, Mrs Dyson and Mrs Dryden. The classes will meet for the last session this year on Monday, December 21st, after which there will be a vacation for the holidays, and the classes will be resumed shortly after the New Year.

Hospital for Sick Children (Moor Edge).

Condition critical: 379, 1017.
Condition critical—slight improvement: 1036, 845, 852.
Improvement maintained: 936, 995.
Progressing favourably: 1013, 1034, 1029, 871, 1035, 971.
Not quite so well yesterday: 869, 934.
Condition of other children satisfactory.

City Hospital for Infectious Diseases.

The following is the report as to the condition of the patients in the above hospital, issued at noon yesterday:—

Dangerously ill: 1237, 1634, 1719, 1747.
Ill, condition much the same as on previous day: 1723, 1724, 1721, 1732, 1711, 1736, 1719, 1728, 1730, 1727, 1712, 1734, 1713, 1720, 1731, 1663, 1701, 1664, 1738, 1737, 1733, 1739, 1746, 1741, 1742, 1743, 1744, 1745, 1746, 1748, 1749, 1750, 1751.
Slight improvement: 1658, 1706, 1585, 1333, 1709, 1657, 1533, 1670, 1715, 1725, 1594, 1717, 1729, 1714, 1677.
Making satisfactory progress: 1398, 1649, 1493, 1569, 1625, 1584, 1703, 1593, 1650, 1672, 1631, 1685, 1692, 1696, 1697, 1698.
Convalescent and doing well: All others not mentioned above.

DISTRICT EVENTS.

Soldier Found Drowned.

The body of a man, dressed in khaki, was found in the river at South Shields yesterday, and was removed by the River Tyne police to the mortuary at the Mill Dam. Deceased was subsequently identified as Corporal Edward Hogsood, who had been missing from Fenwick's Point Fort. He was apparently between 30 and 40 years of age, and his body had evidently been in the water for some weeks.

Rothbury Christmas Mart.

At the Christmas Mart at Rothbury Mr R. Denkin sold a turkey, sent by Mrs Carr, Brockley Hall, on behalf of the Newcastle Journal Tobacco Fund for the troops. The amount raised was £7 11s 6d. Mrs Murray, Rothbury (Church Street), sent a heartring on behalf of comforts for troops, which realized £5. Mr Dunn, South Yardhope, sent of box of honey (30lbs.) on behalf of local Belgian Refugees Fund, which was sold for £7.

Derwent Valley Ploughing Contests.

For the 19th annual competitions in connection with the Derwent Valley Ploughing and Hedge-Cutting Association, held to take place to-morrow, on land at Newlands Haugh Farm, near Blechester (by permission of Mr William Hampson), the secretary (Mr Wm. Hunter, of Medomsley) has received a record entry of over 40 in the ploughing classes alone, and five sets of ploughs will be engaged both in the open and local matches. There is also a satisfactory entry for decorated horses, and a new class for the best pair of horses in the field has been introduced.

Haydon Bridge Concert.

A successful entertainment was given in the Town Hall, Haydon Bridge, the funds from which will be devoted to providing Cardigan jackets to the 4th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. The proceeds, together with private donations, amounted to £20. The chair was taken by Mr George Gosling, and the entertainment was organized by Miss Gleaton Rees and the following friends: Madam Kendall, A. L. M., Mrs Gordon Walton, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Reid, Miss Willan, Miss Amy Lawson, Miss Hind, Miss Clark, Miss Carr, Miss Jackson, J. Ridley, Mr C. V. Smith (Hexham), Miss Joyce Pittar, Miss Saidie Walton, Mr Sutherland, Miss Doris Reid, Miss Dilling and Nina Rees, and Lorimer Rees.

Woman's Death From Burns.

At the Newcastle Infirmary, last night, Mr Alfred Appleby, city coroner, held an inquest on Mary Ann Hillie (54), who resided at Ouldham, Wes-chope, and who died in the institution on Wednesday morning as the result of burns received in a previous week. Evidence of William Hillie showed that on Tuesday night last Mrs Gillie was seen running from her room enveloped in flames. Her husband, who was an invalid, wrapped a mat around her and thus put out the fire. Mrs Gillie stated that she was in her room when a snuffle ran to the fire, when the flames set fire to her apron.—The jury returned a verdict of "Death from burns accidentally received."

Farm Labourer's Sad Death.

An inquest was held at Newcastle Infirmary, last night, before Mr Alfred Appleby, city coroner, touching the death of William Phillipson, 70, a farm labourer, who resided at Chollerton, and who died in the Infirmary yesterday morning.—The evidence showed that Phillipson was casually employed as a farm labourer with Thomas Allan Dickinson, a farmer at Chollerton. On December 5 some horses got loose in the stable, and whilst Phillipson was attending to them he was knocked down and kicked on the head by one of the animals. He was immediately attended to by a doctor, who stated that he was suffering from a fractured skull, and ordered his removal to Newcastle Infirmary, where he died as stated.—The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

A merry company were assembled at the Christmas dinner-table, and all enjoyed the feast of good things provided by the genial hostess. One of the guests, in a peculiar manner, asked little Tommy, the son of the hostess, where the turkeys came from. "Dunno," he answered, "but I can tell you where this one came from (pointing to the one on the table). "Ma got it from a tramp for one-and-sixpence, 'cause the man said he stole it. Didn't he, ma?"

TYNESIDE COMMERCIALS.

INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS ON NEWCASTLE QUAY.

LORD MAYOR'S CONGRATULATIONS.

Yesterday morning the 1st Tyneside, 19th (Service), Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers, hitherto known as the 1st Tyneside Commercial Battalion, marched to the Quayside, Newcastle, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Kirkman Finlay. The drum and fife band was in attendance.

The Lord Mayor, addressing the battalion in front of the Commercial Exchange, said he regarded it as a great privilege to attend in his capacity as Lord Mayor for the purpose of saying a few words to them on the occasion of their departure from Newcastle to take up the more active part of their training in England. Since their formation they had won the admiration of the citizens by their soldierly bearing and gentlemanly conduct. The wonderful efficiency which they had developed in that short period was a sure indication that they had taken up the profession of arms seriously, and that they meant business. On behalf of the citizens of Newcastle, he wished them all "God speed" and "Good luck." (Cheers.)

Mr J. H. Beckingham, in the absence of the senior Member of the Chamber of Commerce (Sir W. H. Stephenson), said it was his duty, as well as his privilege and pleasure, to thank the battalion for appearing, and giving them an opportunity for expressing their admiration for the patriotism shown by the men composing it, as well as to congratulate them on their martial appearance. This country had recently had an experience of the actualities of warfare. That experience would have possibly deepened the gratitude that the community felt to the gallant men who had devoted their lives to the service of their country.

A Splendid Example.

Mr George Renwick, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, said that for some weeks they had been endeavouring to the best of their ability, to aid in the defence of the country by subscribing to the funds necessary to take the initial steps in connection with the Commercial Battalions. The fact that they had such a splendid display proved that they had not worked in vain. They were proud of every man in uniform. They looked upon them as heroes, and believed that every soldier present had been actuated by feelings of the highest patriotism.

Councillor A. M. Sutherland remarked that the events of Wednesday would no doubt have the effect of crowding the recruiting offices.

Councillor Bradley, speaking on behalf of the Dependants' Committee, said the men might go away with light hearts, knowing that those depending upon them would be properly cared for.

Mr Herbert Shaw said the effect of the raid had made them tighten their grip and set their teeth, and be more determined than ever to put an end to German militarism. (Cheers.)

Colonel Sir Kirkman Finlay returned thanks.

LOCAL RECRUITING.

The respective committee's responsible in Newcastle for the raising of additional recruits for Lord Kitchener's Army mentioned that the German naval raid on North-East Coast ports will give a perceptible filip to recruiting. It is expected that the men of the North will now see the necessity of being prepared for every emergency, and within the next few days a substantial accession to the ranks of the local battalions is expected.

The total enrolments for the Tyneside Irish now number 3,366. In all 3,184 have been attested in Newcastle, and 407 are under distress.

The second and third battalions of the Tyneside Irish Brigades are just about to be called up into barracks. Any privates who would like to undertake any of the clerical and accountants work of the regiments should communicate at once with the O.C's, 10, Osborne Villas, Osborne Avenue, Jesmond.

TYNESIDE SCOTTISH.

The Tyneside Scottish have made excellent progress since they re-opened recruiting for the depot companies for their Brigade, and recruits have been signing on every day. It is probable that some organised effort will be made to obtain more shortly; but, in the meantime, the secretary (Mr J. R. Hall) went to London, yesterday, to consult the War Office on matters affecting the brigade.

THE INNISKILLINGS.

The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, like the rest of those who are recruiting on Tyneside, report steady progress for their Tyneside company, and it was stated yesterday that half the number of men required had been obtained.

RECRUITING IN THE NORTH.

At a large meeting held at the Workmen's Club, Shildon, and addressed by Mr N. Grattan Doyle and Mr J. C. Doyle, 15 recruits came on the platform and signed on. Many others are expected as a result of the meeting.

Mr Grattan Doyle spoke last night at Shotley Bridge and at Blackhill, representing the Tyneside Irish Battalions, at meetings organised by the South-West Durham Parliamentary Recruiting Committee. He will speak at Langley Park to-morrow and at Annfield Plain on Monday, under the same auspices; also at the Empire Theatre, Chester-le-Street, on Sunday, at 3 o'clock.

MEETING AT MORPETH.

A public meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Morpeth, last night, when addresses on the war and citizenship were delivered, the principal speakers being Mr Chas. Renwick, M.P., Sir Walter Plummer, and Mr Herbert Shaw, of Newcastle. The Rector of Morpeth (Canon Davies) presided.

Mr Chas. Renwick said British liberties were something worth fighting for. If at any fateful moment the Allies should proved, and Germany and her allies should be successful, a very different state of things would prevail in this country from what prevails at this moment. They must remember we had as much at stake as either Belgium or France. (Applause.)

Sir Walter Plummer said they must now as one man, or one country, face the common foe with a determination that this war was to be a war to a finish. They were not going to finish it until they could dictate their terms in the capital of Germany. (Applause.)

FALLEN OFFICERS.

Lieutenant Hugh Peter Hartnoll (killed in action) was born in September, 1893, and was gazetted to the 1st Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment in September, 1913. His promotion came after the outbreak of hostilities.

Lieutenant Charles James Lyon (killed in action) was born in March, 1890. Gazetted second-lieutenant in the Royal Scots Fusiliers in September, 1910, he was promoted to the 1st Battalion in October, 1911.

Captain Miles Radcliffe (killed in action) was born in October, 1883. He joined the Border Regiment as second-lieutenant in January, 1904, and was promoted lieutenant in August, 1906. He attained the rank of captain quite recently, and at the time of his death was attached to the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

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DELAINE BLOUSE, in Cream, Ivory, Rose, Sky, Flesh, Champagne, Grey, Navy, Saxe, Helio, Scarlet, Tan, and Black. Yoke effect, finished with small tucks and a very full Blouse. 3/11. Also in Pinhead Voile, with Sailor Collar, Pretty Tucked Bosom Silk, with pearl or Imitation collar, 8/11. Heavy Jap Silk, 8/11. Crepe-de-Chene, in Ivory, Pink, Pink, Saxe, Sky, Navy, Champagne, Coral Rose, Grey, Cherry, and Black, lined net, 14/11.

Dainty BLOUSE of Crepe, Cream and Ivory, and suitable for Xmas. White Net, edged Valenciennes Lace, Pearl Buttons, finished with small tucks and Imitation collar, 6/11. Also in Champagne, Mole, Sky, Cherry, Grey, Violet, Navy, Rosada, Flesh, and Ivory.

The opening of the "Old Newcastle" Tea-Room—an extension of the "Terrace" Tea-Room—where smoking is permitted, has proved an enormous advantage during the crowded Xmas season. Orchestra plays daily for Light Lunch and Afternoon Tea.

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NEWCASTLE RELIEF FUND.

THE LORD MAYOR'S APPEAL FOR SOLDIERS' DEPENDENTS.

A meeting of the General Committee of the Newcastle War Relief Fund was held yesterday in the Council Chamber, Town Hall. The Lord Mayor (Alderman J. Fitzgerald), who presided, explained that it was the wish of the Consultative Committee that the wives and families of our soldiers and sailors should, in addition to the allowances which they were now receiving from the War Relief Fund, be also granted a special allowance of 5s during Christmas week, and for this purpose £1,000 would be required. He appealed for more subscriptions in order that the wish of the committee might be carried out. In view of the increased calls made upon the local fund, it was proposed to issue a special appeal in the New Year. The Lord Mayor then read the report of the honorary secretaries, which showed that in the eighteenth week of the fund—the present—5,543 cases were relieved, and the average allowance was 7s a head, against 7s 3d recently. It was hoped to stop the train sooner than he did. Turnbull, and Patterson were found underneath the first carriage, the first-named being severely injured about the legs, and the latter sustained injuries to his head and right arm. They were both conveyed to the Newcastle Infirmary. Turnbull died on the way to the institution, and Patterson succumbed to his injuries shortly after admission.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

ROYAL ALFRED INSTITUTION.

Sir, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.

Sir,—At the present critical moment, when our national supremacy is more than ever dependent upon our armed forces on land and sea, there is one important unit of our great and glorious Empire who, by the very unobtrusiveness of his services, is liable to be overlooked, viz., the merchant sailor.

To him we turn in peace and war for the very necessaries of life. By facing unflinchingly the perils that beset him day by day he has made our vast seaborne commerce the greatest in the world. For the transport to the Mother-country of the splendid colonial offerings of men and stores in the hour of our national need we are indebted to Merchant Jack.

Yet there are hundreds of these worthy seamen in bitter distress—old, blind, and crippled, who cannot carry on their calling, and whose case is hopeless in the extreme. Shall these be left to fight unaided their uneven fight with penury and misfortune?

For nearly half a century the Royal Alfred Institution has provided a home or pension for aged and destitute British merchant seamen, and an earnest appeal is made to Britons everywhere to enable the committee to keep the flag flying, and carry on its useful and beneficent work.

We appeal with confidence to our colonial friends, as well as to those in the homeland, for in the past our appeal has not been in vain. Please send your contributions to the Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution, 58, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

J. BAILEY WALKER, Secretary.

Christmas, 1914.

GAZETTE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

REGULAR FORCES.—INFANTRY SERVICE BATTALIONS.

The Northumberland Fusiliers, 17th Battalion N.S.R.—Captain M. L. Pace (reserve of officers) to be temporary major (1st Dec.).

The K.O.S.B., 8th Battalion.—The undermentioned explains to be temporary majors: W. J. S. Healey (Glat. Gen.), N. C. Dalziel, 3rd Bn. (Res. of Offrs.), (5th Dec.). The undermentioned lieutenants to be temporary captains (21st Oct.): R. E. W. Marwell, officer in charge of Clothing Depot. The undermentioned temporary second-lieutenants to be temporary lieutenants: F. G. Walsey, R. H. Rome, J. C. Mitchell, C. J. Jackson, S. H. Grieve.

The Border Regiment, 5th Battalion.—The undermentioned second-lieutenants to be temporary captains: T. S. W. Wilkinson, G. F. H. Stone, J. F. Fairbairn, T. S. Wilson, J. Ewart, J. Ferguson, J. Ferguson, J. Ferguson, J. Ferguson, temporary second-lieutenants to be temporary lieutenants: J. C. Ure, R. Farmer, F. H. Chase, J. D. Graham, D. C. Tait.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.—R.G.A.

Northumberland, 1st Northumbrian Brigade.—Major A. Reeves to be lieutenant (2nd Dec.).

Provisional.—The undermentioned to be second-lieutenants: D. Stewart (26th Sept.), T. A. H. Rowell (28th Nov.), W. D. E. Rickson (8th Dec.), C. W. Reed (7th Dec.), Gunner W. B. Nutsch (8th Dec.).

INFANTRY.

6th Battalion the Durham L.I.—The appointment as lieutenant and 2nd lieutenant of C. W. Eggleston, previously notified, is cancelled.

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RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

TWO MEN KILLED AT WASHINGTON STATION.

Mr Alfred Appleby, city coroner, held an inquest, at the Newcastle Infirmary, last night, respecting the death of John Sewell Thompson (50), headmaster of Washington Biddick Council Schools, and George Arthur Patterson (57), a rate-collector, who resided at 47, Station Road, Washington Station.

Robert Tower, newsagent, Washington Station, stated that on Wednesday night he saw Patterson and Turnbull on the platform at Washington Station. They were waiting for the arrival of the 7.17 train to go to Penshaw to attend a Masonic meeting. Turnbull was standing about two feet from the edge of the platform with his back to the line, and Patterson was standing in front of him. They were engaged in conversation. As the motor-car was approaching, Turnbull turned round. He appeared to stumble, and Patterson caught him by the arm, and they both fell on to the line in front of the train. The driver had no chance to stop the train sooner than he did. Turnbull and Patterson were found underneath the first carriage, the first-named being severely injured about the legs, and the latter sustained injuries to his head and right arm. They were both conveyed to the Newcastle Infirmary. Turnbull died on the way to the institution, and Patterson succumbed to his injuries shortly after admission.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

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