

West Cumberland at War

GREAT BRITAIN AT WAR.

WAR OF THE SEVEN NATIONS.

AUSTRIA, SERVIA, RUSSIA,
GERMANY, FRANCE,
BELGIUM, AND BRITAIN.

The following statement was issued from the British Foreign Office at 12-15 yesterday (Wednesday) morning :-

"Owing to the summary rejection by the German Government of the request made by His Majesty's Government for assurances that the neutrality of Belgium would be respected, His Majesty's Ambassador in Berlin has received his passports, and His Majesty's Government has declared to the German Government that a State of War exists between Great Britain and Germany as from 11 p.m. on August 4th."

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WAR PROPHESED BY AN ASTROLOGER.

A remarkable forecast of the present war is made in the August predictions of the Zam-Buk "Green Book of Prophecies" for 1914. The noted astrologer Sepharial, predicted for this month "the straining to breaking point" of our diplomatic relations, followed by a financial crisis, with the popular feeling of high tension, just as has actually come to pass.

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TARIFF REFORM LEAGUE.

WHITEHAVEN FETE CANCELLED.

Owing to the European Crisis, the above Fete and Demonstration originally announced for Saturday, August 15th, is Cancelled.

E. ASHTON BAGLEY,
Tariff Reform League, Manchester.

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AGRICULTURE.

LOWESWATER SHOW ABANDONED.

A meeting of the committee of the Loweswater and Brackenthwaite Agricultural Society was held in the sale room of the Agricultural Hall, Cockermouth, on Monday afternoon. Mr. Robinson Mitchell, chairman of committee, who presided, in briefly opening the meeting said that they all knew the position of the country, and no words of his were needed. He wanted some expression

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HOLMROOK & RAVENGLASS RIFLE CLUBS.

FREE INSTRUCTION IN RIFLE SHOOTING.

NO SUBSCRIPTION. NO CHARGE FOR AMMUNITION. NO LIMITS TO DISTRICT.

GET READY.

Every able bodied man (from 17 to 40) who wishes to prepare himself for the call of his country will be taught to shoot free of all cost at Holmrook any Evening and any Saturday or Sunday Afternoon, and subsequently at Ravenglass.

The Response of the Public to the Call for Funds has been so Good that it has been possible to Extend the Movement. The Beckermat Rifle Club is throwing its Range Open to all Comers, and will be supplied with Free Ammunition from this Fund. Times of Practice will be Announced Later.

A List of Subscribers will be Published Next Week. Further Help is Needed.

T. BROWN, Prospect House, Holmrook, Cumberland.

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THE WAR.

ARTILLERY TERRITORIALS AT WORKINGTON.

DEPARTURE FOR FURTHER TRAINING.

ENTHUSIASTIC SCENES.

On Friday morning last, the Workington, Whitehaven, Maryport, and Frizington Batteries of the 2th East Lancashire (Howitzer) Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, under the command of Col. Dudgeon, Major Mason, Captain T. W. Hughes, Captain E. Borch, Captain R. W. Bunyeat, Lieutenants L. Highton, Thompson, &c., left Workington for Bridekirk, where a large field has been secured for the further training of the Brigade. The route of the procession was from the Drill Hall, Edkin-street, via Washington-street, Hall Brow, and thence by Seaton and the main roads, to the destination named. Crowds lined the footpath through the town, who admired the fine soldierly bearing of the men. They appeared in a splendid state of health, after their long exposure to the fresh air on the moor, and thorough training.

ST. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, SEASCALE.

The intercession service at St. Cuthbert's was an impressive one and well attended. During the day continuous prayer was held, both visitors and residents taking part. On Sunday the services were taken by the Rev. Caesar Caine, vicar of Cleator, who was assisted by Rev. Mr. Must, a visitor. Mr. Caine preached two impressive sermons, pointing out lessons to be learnt from the war, and his remarks received the close attention of large congregations. The offertory at the morning service amounted to £19 16s 7d, which, with the other collections of the day, made a total of £26 1s 9d.

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THE RECRUITING CAMPAIGN.

ENTHUSIASTIC CLEATOR MOORITES.

The gathering of men and the enthusiasm that prevailed in the Market Hall, Cleator Moor, on Thursday evening last, promoted primarily for the object of directing the enthusiasm of local men from 19 to 30 years of age to come forward and add their names to those volunteering as men of Lord Kitchener's army, was such as will be marked in the history of Cleator Moor and district. The large Market Hall was filled to the door, and as the various speakers stood forth the audience received each orator with ringing cheers. Dr. H. S. Byers, J.P., chairman of the Urban District Council, by whom the meeting had been called, occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by Messrs. J. S. Ainsworth, M.P. for Argyllshire; J. A. Grant, M.P. for the Egremont Division; Col. J. A. Jackson, J.P., C.C., Messrs. Robt. Jefferson, J.P., C.C., W. Leck, H.M.I.M., W. Gaythwaite, T. Cavan-Duffy, H. Robinson, R. Fleming Smith, R. W. Campbell, Rev. W. Taylor, Councillors E. Atkinson, J. Flynn, J.P., C.C., J. M. Main, jun., W. Eldon, M. McNamee, J. Walker, Drs. J. Clark and E. A. Braithwaite, Mr. H. Rothery (clerk to the Urban District Council), and Mr. F. Smith.

Prior to the Chairman taking his seat pianoforte selections of patriotic music were discoursed, and in opening the meeting

Mr. J. S. Ainsworth, M.P., who was given a great reception, said he was pleased to see a number of women there, as this was a struggle, a national movement, in which they wanted the help and assistance of the women as much as they did on other occasions in time of peace. (Cheers.) He was glad they were to hear something from his friend, Col. Jackson, who commanded the Territorial Battalion in Cumberland, which he himself had at one time the honour of commanding—(cheers)—and he was pleased to see the machinery had been extraordinarily well managed, and all of them were proud, not only of the way everything had been organised and managed, but also specially proud of the work and good results of the Territorials and the way the men of the Territorials had shown what they were fit for. (Cheers.) The meeting that night was to ask their help and assistance in adding another force to the forces of the Crown. (Cheers.) They had got the required Army, Militia, and Territorials, and now they wanted another army, an army called for by their new Secretary for War, Lord Kitchener. (Loud cheers.) They had splendid machinery at work; the way the large army had been sent over to Belgium without anybody being the wiser, and he could assure them nobody knew what was going to happen, and nobody knew what had been done. Nobody knew where they were going, but they knew the machinery was in work, everything in order, and everything had tumbled into its place. They were there that night to ask them to come forward and give their names, as men were doing all over the United Kingdom. He was sorry that he himself was no longer able to take part, but he had got two sons and two sons-in-law all "in it," and three of them were in Belgium now. (Cheers.)

Col. Jackson thanked Mr. Ainsworth for his remarks about him, but he was not at the present time commanding the Territorial Battalion, as, like many others, he had reached the age limit. He took the opportunity of saying that when he

FRIZINGTON.

The present week will be one long to be remembered in the Frizington district. The miners' holidays aroused a great deal of interest, and there was a busy time with holiday arrangements, but the week-end put a different aspect on the holiday. The uncertainty of the war caused considerable anxiety, and when the shops re-opened, after a bit, there was a general rush for flour and other provisions, flour especially being bought up quickly. The G Company of Territorials left on Sunday for camp at Carnarvon, but returned home on Monday afternoon. On Tuesday evening Col. Sergeant Farquharson hurried orders for the men to parade at once, and Captain Bowlay afterwards arrived on the scene. Hundreds of people thronged the streets, anxious to see the men start off, but marching orders did not arrive before midnight, so the men were dismissed. They, however, re-assembled at the Drill Hall yesterday morning, and were medically examined. Orders were afterwards received to proceed to Barrow, with the exception of about half a dozen men, who were sent to Workington. About seven p.m. the men started from the Council School, under the command of Capt. Bowlay, and although

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Rush for flour at Frizington

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"YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU!"
IF YOU CAN'T ENLIST YOU CAN LEARN TO SHOOT

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DEPARTURE OF THE TERRITORIALS.

STIRRING TIMES AT KESWICK, COCKERMOUTH, & MARYPORT.

Stirring times were witnessed at Keswick, Cockermouth, and Maryport yesterday, when the Territorials departed amid cheering men and weeping women.

At Cockermouth D. Company, 5th Border, left by special train, at seven o'clock. Their baggage preceded them to the station, the vehicles being escorted by a strong guard. Then came the main portion of the Company, who were played up by a band in civilian attire. A great crowd accompanied the men to the station, into which they filed, waving cheerful good-byes to relatives and friends, among whom were many wet-eyed women. The band were admitted to the platform, and played the troop train out, its departure being accompanied by the cracking of fog signals, as well as the sound of martial music.

At Keswick C Company, 4th Border, left in the afternoon, under Major Broatch, V.D., a great crowd seeing them off.

At Maryport the local members of the Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry left to join their regiment, amid exciting and enthusiastic scenes.

The Maryport Section of 4th East Lancashire Brigade, R.F.A., leave to-day (Thursday). They have requisitioned some horses from the Co-operative Society, and some other horse keepers in the town, to make up their number, for which payment will be made subsequently, by the military authorities.

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THE LOSS OF THE AMPHION.

Amongst the names of the crew that were saved appeared that of J. Hanley. This is believed to be a brother of Mr. Hanley, innkeeper, Queen Street, Whitehaven, and inquiries have been made to the Admiralty, but up to the time of writing, no official confirmation has been received.

MEETING OF HELPERS AT ST. BEES.

A meeting called to arrange a sewing class in connection with the Queen's appeal for garments for sufferers by the war, was held in the College Hall, St. Bees, on Tuesday evening. There was a very good attendance, presided over by the Vicar (Rev. A. Ainley). It was unanimously agreed to form a class, and two committees were appointed, one to see to the buying, and the other to arrange and give the work out. Miss Macqueen was appointed secretary, and the Vicar treasurer. It was decided not to solicit subscriptions at present, but anyone wishing to give a contribution, might hand it to the treasurer.

Ladies desirous of helping should get in touch with Miss Macqueen, or attend at the College Hall on Monday first, between ten a.m. and four p.m. Anyone wishing to work at the hall on Mondays can do so.

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A WHITEHAVES NURSE FOR BELGIUM.
—Miss Belle Thompson, daughter of Councillor and Mrs. Thompson, Tangier-street, Whitehaven, has volunteered for Red Cross work in Belgium. Miss Thompson has been a sister in a London hospital for about three years. She left London for the Continent on Thursday morning.

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First news of casualties

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