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News from the Front

September, October, November 1918

## Stockton "Guns Week"



Big subscriptions promised at inaugural ceremony. Again the appeal is made to the people of Stockton to lend their money to their country in a secure and profitable investment. It is thank the Guns week. The campaign commenced today but under circumstances which were not too propitious-work was not quite as brisk in the factories as it has been since the war.

The influenza and pneumonia epidemic is rampant in the town, to make matters still more depressing after so many days of dry frost and sunshine the weather took a disagreeable change. Still in the words of the soldier's song, Stockton is "not downhearted" and may be relied upon to do its bit this week no matter what the condition and if promises count for anything the success of the Thank the Guns week is



assured. The campaign commenced with a monster procession, the imposing character of which must live long in the minds of the thousands-young and old that saw it pass along the route from Bishopton Lane, Norton rd., Dovecot Street to the gun site in the High street. There the people saw the guns that have won a big victory and other agencies that have assisted on the great cause of right since 1914.

The procession was marshalled by Supt-James, included police, military bands, naval and military detachments, volunteers, guides, scouts, nurses, discharged men, munition workers, the town clerk and Deputy Mayor Sir Frank Brown. Captain B Watson said he had no hesitation in asking people to invest their savings in War bonds and War savings certificates because there was no better security in the world. Colonel Spence, the vicar of Stockton and Major Appleby also addressed the meeting and the proceedings terminated with hearty cheers for the king up to noon the following investments were promised-

South Durham Steel and iron Co-£50,000

North eastern railway Co £25,000

Yorkshire penny Bank-£20,000

National Provincial and union bank £20,000

Lloyds bank £20,000

Executors of the Late Capt. L Raimes £4,200

Capt. B Watson £7,000

Alderman E Stephenson £1,000

Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1918 .E.G

### AN IMPUDENT ROBBERY

Stockton young woman in court at Coventry.

Florence Jackson (26) of 4 Queen Anne Terrace Hartburn, Stockton was summoned at Coventry on Monday with stealing on March 28<sup>th</sup>, a basket and a suitcase containing lady's clothing, value £12 the property of the London and North Western Railway Co. Miss Jones a local munition worker, left the property in the waiting room, the next morning the case couldn't be found.

Elsie Jackson, defendant's sister living in Birmingham spoke to seeing certain articles at the house where they both were lodging. Defendant went home on Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, and gave witness some of the things. Detective Potter of the Railway service in Birmingham spoke to

Hartburn first she said she knew nothing of the matter, and then told the truth, she did steal the basket and case from Foleshill. She added that from the Station she took them to the hostel where she was staying as a munition worker.

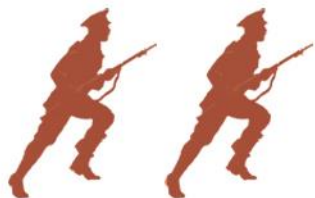
Afterwards she sent some of the things to Stockton. Defendant in court pleaded guilty. Her father was present, and said that the girl had a good home and there was no need for her to steal. A railway official said the family was most respectable. The bench said it was a cruel injury to a fellow worker the defendant had committed. They bound her over to be of good behaviour for 12 months and ordered payment of £5 to prosecutrix.

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## NO SUNDAY TRAMS

Demand of munition workers

On the question of the suspension of the local tramways services on Sundays the town clerk (T Downey), in answer to Councillor Mc Naughton at Tuesday night's meeting of Stockton town council, said he had been in communication with the tramway company. He had received a reply that the Board of Trade required a reduction of 15 per cent in the tramways coal consumption, and that amongst the suggestions as to how this was to be achieved was the stopping of the Sunday service. Councillor Warters said that was a great injustice to the working men who had to travel on Sundays. He noticed that the manager of the company had suggested to Middlesbrough that these men could travel by train, but was it an easy matter for working men living at Norton and Tilery to travel to Thornaby for a train to

Middlesbrough on Sundays? Moreover since when had the Tramway company ceased to be competitors of the Railway company and anxious to put traffic in their way?

Alderman Natrass said when they read of the Great War news they had in the past few days it was their duty to help to keep it up and not do anything which would give the munition worker an excuse for not going to work to turn out the goods, (Here, Hear)

Councillor Bowman suggested that if the corporation could not get satisfaction from the tramway company they should appeal to the board of trade.

After further discussion it was unanimously agreed to take this course.

## A NORTON WEDDING

Miss Margaret Ropner and Capt. J.R.A Stroyan, R.F.A

An interesting Event.

There has been for many years been a strong bond of friendship between the families of Sir Robert and Lady Ropner of Preston Hall and Mrs John Stroyan, of Lanrick Castle. On Saturday the wedding bells of St Mary's Church, Norton rang out for the marriage of Miss Margaret Ropner, the elder daughter of the Mr and Mrs J.H Ropner, Ragworth hall, Norton(Granddaughter of Sir Robert and Lady Ropner) and Capt. J.R.A Stroyan R.F.A elder son of Mr and Mrs John Stroyan of Lanrick castle Perthshire and Kirchrist, Wigtonshire. The wedding had been previously postponed on account of the claims of the bridegroom's military duties, and by the expressed wish of the parents the event took place as quietly as circumstances would permit.

The marriage service was fully choral, subsequently there was a reception at Ragworth Hall.

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## KAISER READY TO ABDICATE

Copenhagen-Tuesday

Travellers arriving across the frontier from Germany to Denmark report that a definite statement as to the Kaisers abdication will be forthcoming either today or tomorrow. The leaders of the German federal states held a long meeting in Berlin.

The decision is not known, but it was stated that the Kaiser now considers the position hopeless and is now prepared for abdication exchange.

*E.G 30/10/1918*

## EMPIRE STOCKTON



TO-NIGHT:

**GLADYS HULETTE**  
IN

**OVER THE HILL**

ALSO



**ROSCO (FATTY) ARBUCKLE**  
IN  
**THE BELL BOY**



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## Soldiers Fallen

### September 1918

**Corporal Thomas Dickinson-03/09/1918**  
9<sup>th</sup> Bn Northumberland Fusiliers

**Private Robert Henry barker-05/09/1918**  
15<sup>th</sup> Bn Durham Light infantry

**Private George Robert laidlow-06/09/1918**  
11<sup>th</sup> Bn East Yorkshire Regiment

**Gunner James Henry Nicholas-06/09/1918**  
251<sup>st</sup> Siege Bty, Royal Garrison Artillery

**Air mechanic first Class Jim Swinscoe-07/09/1918**  
46<sup>th</sup> Squadron RAF

**Private Albert Ernest Hawkins- 09or 10/09/1918**  
23<sup>rd</sup> Bn Duke of (Cambridge's Own Middlesex Regiment)

**Private George Eastwood-10/09/1918**  
15<sup>th</sup> Bn Durham light Infantry

**Private William Kipling-10/09/1918**  
1<sup>st</sup> Bn, East Yorkshire Regiment

**Private Thomas Victor/Walter Smith-11/09/1918**  
2<sup>nd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Btn Kings Liverpool regiment

**Private John Stewart-11/09/1918**  
"B" Bty 123<sup>rd</sup> Bde Royal Field Artillery

**Private Robert Henry Brand-12/09/1918**  
Duke of Wellingtons (West Riding Regiment)

**Private John Hugh Carroll-14/09/1918**  
1<sup>st</sup> Bn Durham light Infantry

**Private William Ayre-16/09/1918**  
15<sup>th</sup> Bn Durham light Infantry

**Stoker John Alfred Morgan-16/09/1918**  
Royal Naval Reserve H.M.S Africa

**Private Robert Aaron Gaddas-19/09/1918**  
2<sup>nd</sup> /6<sup>th</sup> Bn Lancashire Fusiliers

**Corporal Edward Jeffers-20/09/1918**  
8<sup>th</sup> Bn Royal Scots fusiliers

**Trimmer George Simmons-20/09/1918**  
Royal naval reserve H.M.S Eaglet/Hexham

**Private William Colin Campbell-21/09/1918**  
4<sup>th</sup> Special Reserve Bn, South Staffordshire Regiment

**Private Edward Fletcher-22/09/1918**  
5<sup>th</sup> Bn DLI transf to Labour Corps

**Lance Sergeant John Thomas Bailes-29/09/1918**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Alexandra princess of Wales Own

**Corporal Harold Thomas Beckwith (MM)-29/09/1918**  
14<sup>th</sup> Bn Worcester Regiment

**Private William Halfpenny-29/09/1918**  
52<sup>nd</sup> Bn Canadian Infantry (Man Regiment)

**Private Thomas Powell Taylor-29/09/1918**  
23<sup>rd</sup> Bn, Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment)

### **October 1918**

**Private Andrew Snowden-02/10/1918-**  
"3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, Duke of Cambridge's Own

**Private Ernest T King-03/10/1918**  
1<sup>st</sup> Bn Royal Scots Fusiliers

**Captain Humphrey Stuart (MC) King-03/10/1918**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Northumberland Fusiliers

**Private James Edward Jordan-04/10/1918**  
1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment)

**Gunner John Leng Dickinson-05/10/1918**  
22<sup>nd</sup> Heavy Batt, royal Garrison Artillery

**Private William Jones-05/10/1918**  
9<sup>th</sup> Bn Alexandra, Princess of Wales Own

**Lance Sergeant Thomas Barker Banks-06/10/1918**  
1<sup>st</sup> Bn Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

**Private Thomas Ross Skinner-06/10/1918**  
4<sup>th</sup> Bn Alexandra, Princess of Wales Own

**Private Walter Ernest Porter (MM) 06/07/10/1918**  
4<sup>th</sup> Bn Hallamshire(T.F) Yorkshire and Lancashire

**Private John William Arrowsmith-07/10/1918**  
15<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Bn, Prince of Wales Own

**Private Arthur John Rispin-09/10/1918**  
9<sup>th</sup> Bn Yorkshire Hussars

**Private Charles Hart-11/10/1918**  
1<sup>st</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Bn West Yorkshire Regiment

**Private Horace Dodsworth Robinson Kirby-13/10/1918**  
9<sup>th</sup> Bn Alexandra, Princess of Wales Own

**Private William Ferguson-13/10/1918**  
DLI Transfer to P of W Coy, Labour Corps

**2nd Lieutenant Charles Arthur Carter (MC)-14/10/1918**  
29<sup>th</sup> Bn Durham Light Infantry

**Private Frederick Henry Williams Hall-14/10/1918**  
9<sup>th</sup> Bn machine Gun Corps (Infantry)

**Private Henry Hicks-14/10/1918**  
29<sup>th</sup> Bn Durham light infantry

**Second Lieutenant Harry decaux-15/10/1918**  
C Company 29<sup>th</sup> Bn Durham light Infantry

**Private Robert Archer Harland-15/10/1918**  
13<sup>th</sup> Bn Alexandra, Princess of wales own

**Private John Edward Johnson-15/10/1918**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Royal Inskilling Fusiliers

**Stoker John George Naisbitt-16/10/1918**  
Royal naval reserve, H.M.S Vindictive

**Wheeler/Corporal Frederick Burkin-17/10/1918**  
40<sup>th</sup> Bty 25<sup>th</sup> Bde, Royal Field Artillery

**Lieutenant Francis Sherwood Scott-17/10/1918**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bn attd, 1st Bn kings Own Yorkshire Light infantry

**Sapper Christopher Hardy-20/10/1918**  
205<sup>th</sup> Field Coy, Royal engineers

**Private John Thomas Kidd-20/10/1918**  
8<sup>th</sup> Bn Alexandra, Princess of wales

**Private Oliver Rutherford-21/10/1918**  
1<sup>st</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Bn Durham light Infantry

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Charles Harold (MC) Bishop-23/10/1918**  
Durham Light Infantry

**Private Thomas Edward Gibson-23/10/1918**  
18<sup>th</sup> Sqdn Machine Gun Corps

**Private William Wall-23/10/1918**  
9<sup>th</sup> Bn kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

**Private George Herbert Walton -23/10/1918**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Coy, royal army service Corps

**2nd Lieutenant Benjamin Alexandra Watson-24/10/1918**  
7<sup>th</sup> Bn Northumberland fusiliers

**2nd Lieutenant Wilfred (Eric on List) Baldwin-26/10/1918**  
RAF 31<sup>st</sup> Training depot Station Fowlmere

**Private Nathan Blankley Samuel-26/10/1918**  
Northumberland Fusiliers

**Sergeant Henry James (Mick) Addy (MM)-27/10/1918**  
Northumberland Fusiliers

**2nd Ref Eng. George H W cummings-28/10/1918**  
S.s/T.S.S/H.M.S Marathon

**Private George Davidson-28/10/1918**  
1<sup>st</sup> Bn Durham light Infantry

**Private Arthur Smith-28/10/1918**  
1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Bn Durham Light Infantry

**Private Albert Edwin Heavisides-29/10/1918**  
Labour Corps

**Private Richard Harrison-30/10/1918**  
"B" Coy 53rd Bn West Yorkshire Regiment

**Private John laing-30/10/1918**  
Army Pay Corps

**Lance Corporal Thomas William Robinson-30/10/1918**  
1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Bn Durham Light Infantry

**Sergeant Albert Arthur Thomas-30/10/1918**  
15th Bn Lancashire Fusiliers

**Sapper David Nicholson-31/10/1918**  
Inland Water Transport, Royal Engineers

### **November 1918**

**Driver Albert Edward Smith-01/11/1918**  
106<sup>th</sup> Field Coy Royal engineers

**Private Chares henry farnaby-02/11/1918**  
8<sup>th</sup> Bn Alexandra, Princess of Wales Own

**Gunner harry Lorraine-02/11/1918**  
V7th Trench Mortar Bty, Royal garrison Artillery

**Private John Longthorne Croft-03/11/1918**  
23<sup>rd</sup> Bn machine Gun Corps

**Sergeant Ernest Bowler (MM)-04/11/1918**  
1<sup>st</sup> Bn Hertfordshire Regiment

**Sapper Henry Almer Smith-04/11/1918**  
23<sup>rd</sup> field Coy royal Engineers

**Private Gordon Stanley Taylor-04/11/1918**  
C Coy, 2nd Bn Northumberland Fusiliers

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Denis Leonard (MM)-06/11/1918**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Alexandra, Princess of Wales Own

**Private James o'Shaughnessy-07/11/1918**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, Kings Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment)

**Corporal Frederick Hughes McCall-09/11/1918**  
1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Durham Light Infantry

**Sub-Lieutenant Frederick Edwin Trenholm-10/11/1918**  
Anson Bn, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve

**Corporal John Mellanby-11/11/1918**  
149<sup>th</sup> Siege Bty, Royal garrison Artillery

**Stoker Richard John-12/11/1918**  
Royal Naval reserve-H.M.S Magpie

**Private Richard (Harold) Brewster-16/11/1918**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bn Northumberland Fusilier

**Cmy Quartermaster Sgt Albert McCusker-18/11/1918**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bn attd Kings African Rifles

**Private Charles Sedgwick Brown-20/11/1918**  
1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Bn Durham light Infantry

**Lance Corporal James Hayes Raper-21/11/1918**  
Durham Light Infantry

**Lance Corporal Herbert Jefferies-25/11/1918**  
Royal Fusiliers Depot

**Trimmer George (alias James Casey) Thompson-27/11/1918**  
Royal Naval reserve

**Private Norman Archibald Burnett-28/11/1918**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bn Alexandra Princess of Wales Own

**Private William Thomas Chesworth-30/11/1918**  
Durham Light Infantry

**Gunner Arthur William Flack-30/11/1918**  
7th Bn Tank Corps

**Private Michael Kelly-30/11/1918**  
Labour Corps

**Fitter James Kilpatrick-30/11/1918**  
N.R Heavy Batt. Royal Garrison Artillery

