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News from the Front

December 1917-February 1918

SERG. COOPER V.C.

The public presentation to Sergt. Cooper V.C., of Stockton, is to be made on Sunday at the Hippodrome Theatre, which has been generously loaned, free of charge, by the manager, Mr George Stainton. It will consist of an illuminated address setting forth the town's appreciation of the brave deed which won the Sergeant the high distinction of the Victoria Cross, & also War bonds to the value of £150. The proceedings will be open to the general public and a silver collection will be made by the lady members of the Combined Cyclists Committee, who have promoted the funds, and the proceeds devoted to a local war heroes fund. The Mayor Alderman J. Harrison is to be asked to preside, and Private Williams of the Essex Regiment, who is a cultured baritone vocalist of the Carl Rosa Opera Company, is, with the permission of his commanding officer, to be invited to provide a musical programme. At a meeting of the committee at which these arrangements were made, at the Royal Court Hotel on

Monday, and over which Mr C. McAdams presided, it was reported that the fund amounted to about £160.

A SOLDIER'S WIFE'S STORY

Assuming that her husband, who was a soldier in France, was dead, (because a letter was returned through the "dead letter" office marked "missing"), Irene Hill married an Australian soldier. At Highgate she was committed for trial on a charge of bigamy, and the soldier Clement Showter, was also committed for aiding and abetting her. When arrested Showter said he had been wounded and after leaving hospital, he was introduced to Mrs Hill, with whom he fell in love and married intending to take her back to Australia with him after the war. The woman said that she had 2 children by her lawful husband with whom said she led 'a cat and dog' life. In consequences of his cruelty she was once led to take poison, and since then he had several times threatened to murder her. He had written to her from the front saying that he would not stand in her way if she met another man

whom she could really love and marry.

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A BOY'S ESCAPE

The story of a boy's escapade was told in the Juvenile Court today, when John William Clenaghan (13), of 26 Farrer Street was charged with stealing £13 and a bicycle, value £5, from Mrs Colley, with whom he resides. The Chief Constable said the boy rode to Stockton, and then took a train to London, and thence to Folkestone. His object was to join his father in France. Mrs Colley said she did not wish to press the charge. The Stipendiary ordered the boy 4 strokes, and warned him seriously.

MEATLESS DAY

The question of the meat shortage was discussed on Thursday at a meeting at the Ministry of Food. It was officially intimated that an order for one meatless day a week had been drawn up, and was only awaiting signature. The day is to be Tuesday for the Metro pods and Wednesday for the provinces.

E.G 17.1.1918

DEATH OF 2ND LIEUT W HUNTER

The parents of W. Hunter who resides at 36 Peel Street, Thornaby have been officially notified of his death from wounds received in action. He joined as a private in the 3rd week of the war. He was wounded, and then accepted a commission to R.N.D. leaving for France 3 months ago. He was an old Middlesbrough High School boy and prior to the war was on the office staff of Messrs D. Crosthwaite, Iron Founders. He was a general favourite amongst his many friends, and much sympathy will be felt for his parents in their sad bereavement.

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For Workers

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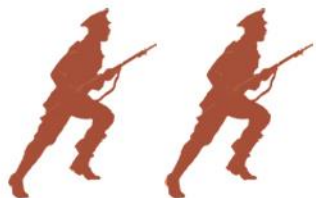
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STOCKTON GUARDIANS

At a meeting of Stockton Board of Guardians yesterday, the chairman stated that they had received a letter from the food controller advising Guardians to use pickled herrings in the menu at the Workhouse and cottage homes. These were considered as of high food value, and a good substitute for meat. The mayor did not regard the price as cheap. Mr W. Lawrenson said he noticed that other Board of Guardians had refused to have anything to do with pickled herrings, but he saw no reason why they should not be tried.




Stockton-on-Tees
BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE DIFFICULT BOY AND GIRL

Mrs Huntley, extension lecturer of the Sunday School Union, visited Stockton conducting a conference on Sunday school problems, after addressing a largely attended public meeting. The Rev C. W. Screech presided at the former and the Rev G.C Leader (president of the local union) at the latter. At the evening meeting Miss Huntley spoke of the increase of juvenile delinquency during the war. 50,000 boys and girls, she said were brought before the magistrates per year, as against 30,000 before the war. Many of the offences were not so much to criminal instinct as to desire for adventure, love of risk and loyalty to a leader. This constituted a challenge to the worker among the young of directing these emotions to higher ends. Miss Huntley paid tribute to the fine work of probation officers in police courts in such re-directive work and specially urged the need of Sunday school workers to appeal to that sense of the heroic, that longing for friendship, that craving for responsibility which largely characterised the difficult boy and girl.

2/11/1917 E.G

FALL OF JERUSALEM- DECEMBER 9TH 1917

After Turkish troops move out of the region after a single day's fighting, officials of the Holy City of Jerusalem offer the keys to the city to the encroaching British troops. The British, led by General Edmund Allenby, entered the Holy City two days later under strict instructions from London on how not to appear disrespectful to the city, its people, or its traditions. In a proclamation declaring martial law,(that was read aloud to the city's people in English, Arabic, Hebrew, Russian and Greek), Allenby assured them that the occupying power would not inflict further harm on Jerusalem, its inhabitants, or its Holy places. "Since your city is regarded with affection by the adherents of 3 of the greater religions of mankind, and its soil has been consecrated by the prayers and pilgrimages of multitudes of devout people, I make it known to you that every sacred building, monument, holy spot, shrine, traditional site, endowment, pious bequest or customary place of prayer will be maintained according to the existing

customs and beliefs of those to whose faith they are sacred". Church bells in Rome and London rang to celebrate the peaceful British arrival in Jerusalem. Allenby's success, after so much discouragement on the Western front, elated and inspired allied supporters everywhere.

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STOCKTON'S DAY OF PRAYER

There will be opportunities for special prayers at all the places of worship at Stockton and Thornaby tomorrow. In the afternoon at the Parish Church there will be a town's service which the Mayor will attend. The local licensed premises will be closed and there will be no tram service. E.G 05/01/1918

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Soldiers Fallen

December 1917

Private James Raine- 02/12/1917

Royal Army Service Corps

Rifleman Joseph Alfred Wass-02/12/1917

2nd Btn Rifle Brigade

Private John Ramsey-03/12/1917

14th Btn, Durham Light Infantry

Private James Roberts-buried-08/12/1917

1st Btn Lincolnshire Light Infantry

Private Benjamin Cartwright-10/12/1917

2nd Btn Durham Light Infantry

Private Robert Henry Grange-12/12/1917

"D" Coy 1st/5th Btn Durham Light Infantry

Gunner Bertram Suggit-15/12/1917

31st Northumbrian Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery

Private Ernest Albert Mckenzie-16/12/1917

6th Btn, Kings Own Scottish Borderers

Pioneer Thomas Parkinson Weatherell-16/12/1917

236th Army Troops Coy, Royal Engineers

Private Arthur Henry Patterson-23/12/1917

A Coy, 7th Btn Alexandra Princess of Wales Own (Yorkshire Reg)

2nd Lieutenant Ronald Hedley Archer-27/12/1917

1st Btn Northumberland Fusiliers

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January 1918

Private Samuel Robinson-02/01/1918

64 Coy labour Corps

Private Charles Hodgson-03/01/1918

14th Btn Northumberland fusiliers

Private John O' Donnell-05/01/1918

2nd Btn Prince of wales Own(Yorkshire Reg)

Private Robert Walker-05/01/1918

2nd Btn Prince of wales Own (Yorkshire Reg)

Sapper Thomas George Wickins-13/01/1918

225th Field Coy. Royal Engineers

Stoker Frank Francis Brinsdon-20/01/1918

Royal Naval Reserve-HMS Louvain

Stoker Sylvester Daley-20/01/1918

Royal Naval Reserve- HMS Raglan

Fireman Percy Skipworth-22/01/1918

S.S Labuan

Private Robert Chesney Young-22/01/1918

1st/5th Btn Durham Light Infantry

Private Ernest nattrass-23/01/1918

7thBtn Seaforth Highlanders

Apprentice Morgan Morgan-29/01/1918

Mercantile Marine-S.S Ethelinda



February 1918

Private John Brydon-03/02/1918

13th Btn Prince of Wales



Lieutenant Timothy Hugh Stowell Crosby-03/02/19

Royal Flying corps

Private Charles Crabb-04/02/1918

8th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers

Private Albert Edward Hobbs-07/02/1918

3rd Btn Alexandra Princess of Wales Own



First Engineer Stephen John Wardman-10/02/18

Mercantile Marine

Stoker Thomas Boyle-12/02/18

Royal Naval Reserve



Stoker William George-12/02/1918

Royal Naval Reserve

Pioneer Thomas Horan-15/02/1918

709th Coy labour Corps

Private Walter Ernest Hunton-21/02/1918

35th Btn Northumberland Fusiliers

Private Frederick William Locke- Buried 21/02/1918

Royal Field Artillery

Private Joseph William Jackson-22/02/1918

30th Btn Australian Infantry



Private Laurence Cromas-23/02/1918

648th M.T Company-Army Service Corps

Private William Blench-26/02/1918

Royal Army Medical Corps

