VERDUN: FIRST OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

HOW THE FRENCH, WITHOUT HASTE OR WASTE, PREPARED FOR THE GREATEST BATTLE OF THE WAR.

The only civilian left in Verdun is a wine-seller who serves the passing troops.

This photograph of the main street in Verdun shows that though shell splinters have chipped some buildings no material destruction has been effected by bombardments.

Though few men line the French trenches every German move is closely watched.

Civilian inhabitants leaving the town at the behest of the French military authorities.

They loaded the wagons with the most valued of their household belongings.

These French War Office official photographs, the first to be received in London from the scene of the great battle, show how, in contrast with Germany's reckless waste, of men and munitions, the French defenders of Verdun spare no efforts to conserve human life, civilians as well as soldiers, and the property of their people.
THE PLEDGE WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

Cabinet Action To Remove Fears Of Recruited Recruits.

"COMING-OUT" THE STARRED "SINGLE MEN.

Statement Expected From The Premier In A Few Days.

Action is being taken by the Government for the carrying out of the Premier's pledge to men in both letter and spirit.

In a letter to the Editor of the Leicestershire Daily Mercury, the Premier said that the Army Act regulations will be revised so as to remove the fears of the married men lest the pledge given by the Premier and Lord Derby should not be strictly adhered to.

DOUBTFUL CASES, TO BE Fought.

The lists of reserved and certificated occupations among which the attestation lists are concerned, with a view to releasing every single man who can possibly be spared or replaced, and it is expected that the official announcement will show that many categories of workers formerly "furred" will be available for military service.

All doubtful cases before the appeal tribunal will have their appeals granted if granted, and the refusal of their appeals will be in the hands of a number of officers who have had some legal experience in civil life, and whose attainments will now be drawn upon.

The demand for a strong public demand for the exemption of companions of the unmarried men, but it is probable that no step will be taken to extend the exemptions to many men who are difficult to recruit but not to the extent of the recruits in the army.

THE NON-COMBATANT CORPS.

New Body Which It Is "Deemed Expedient To Form For The Period Of The War.

An Army Order issued last night announces that the Army Council deems it expedient for the period of the present war to establish a corps of non-combatant men and to provide rates of pay for a corps to be entitle upon the occasion.

The rates of pay of the men in this corps shall be equal to those of the officers, but they shall not be entitled to draw working pay nor to draw the non-combatant pay which is given for professional skill in arms.

OUR 4,000,000 ARMY.

Trial Chairman Says We Are Breaking Faith.

The Army Order which are to be discussed next week in the House of Commons, will also be discussed in the Colonial establishments, but not yet in the House of Commons.

"If I were a young man I would sooner be constipated than atolted," Conscription is being held in the colonies, and the time for military service in the colonies is given at four million men.

"It should be remembered that there are no severer conscripts than those in the army," Conscription is being held in the colonies on a larger scale, and the time for military service in the colonies is given in four million men.

THE SKY MEMBER.

What Pemberton Billing's Election Means To The Air Force.

By our Aeronautical Correspondent.

To say that there is great satisfaction in the field of military aviation is to put it mildly, but it is not too much to say that there was no more joy over this news than that of all the other news of the day.

And what will Pemberton Billing do in Parliament? He has been received with much interest and enthusiasm in the country, and he is expected to show some ideas in this respect, especially by putting on the air force in the House of Commons, and by the way, he is to be congratulated on his election to the seat of the late Sir Henry Hadow, in the years to come.

The really significant point about the affair is that the election of Pemberton Billing to Parliament is an indication of the growing interest in the country in the air force, which is for the good of both Parliament and of humanity.

The general public is not likely to know the extent of the interest in the air force, but it is safe to say that the general public is able to give support to the air force, and it is safe to say that the general public is able to give support to the air force.

DUNDEE JUTE KING DEAD.

Sir John, K.C.B. and G.C.B., the jute king, is dead, he was 60 years of age, and had been a director of the Jute Research Council, and was a prominent figure in the jute industry.

HELD FOR TWO YEARS.

Sir James was 91, and a close friend of the Jute Research Council. Over 3,000 people are employed at his jute works.

WE CAN STILL BUY CURRANTS.

The Government has announced that the currants are being sold at retail prices, and that the price of currants is not going to rise.

"The Government is doing its best to prevent the price of currants from rising," The Government is doing its best to prevent the price of currants from rising.

FASHIONS FOR WOMEN (Official).

Buy New Clothes Only When They are "Absolutely Necessary."

WAIT TILL THE WAR IS OVER.

The National Organization for Women's Savings has now turned its attention to clothing.

"The war is over," says the organization, "and women should be content with what they have, and not buy new clothes until the war is over." The pays officers are to be commended for their efforts."
NEW GERMAN ATTACKS AT DOUAUMONT AND VAUX CRUSHED

FRENCH YIELD GROUND IN THE RAVEN'S WOOD.

One of the most hopeful signs of the times is the persistent lying in the German official news.

When the Germans were sweeping through Russia and Serbia the fall of an important stronghold was announced in a few discordant words.

No stronghold has yet been taken in the present offensive, but the German news has a boast every day.

The claim to have captured the village and fort of Vaux, on the north-east of Verdun, had been already refuted by the facts, and is now destroyed by the enemy's announcement.

The truth is that the Germans never captured it, and at the moment when they were claiming to have done so it had not even been attacked.

Attempts at Document and Vaux yesterday day had disastrous results for the Germans, but they succeeded west of the Meuse in regaining part of the Raven's Wood taken from them by the French on Wednesday.

GERMANS RETAKE POSITION AT GREAT SACRIFICE.

18,000 Men Launched In Attack On The Raven's Wood.

PARIS, Friday, 11 p.m.

In Artois the Germans to the west of the Lille road are threatening a move in the direction of the Bois de Montfaucon.

The Meuse, where the bombardment was uninterrupted during the day, the enemy furiously assailed our positions in the Argonne.

Several attacks were repulsed in succession by our artillery, infantry and machine-gun fire, which caused vast ravages in the enemy's ranks.

Notwithstanding losses utterly disproportionate to their objective, the Germans launched a final assault with effective assistance, but were repulsed in a retreat of 18,000 men.

They succeeded in again occupying the part of the Raven's Wood we had from them on Wednesday.

To the east of the Meuse the enemy twice attacked our trenches to the west of the village of Dousaincourt.

It is reported that our current fire and machine guns he was unable to approach our lines at any point.

An attack which was in preparation against the village of Vaux was held in check by the fire of our artillery, and could not be carried out.

It is confirmed that the infantry attacks made by the Germans yesterday against the village and hill fort at the foot of the ridge of the Vaux fort cost them great sacrifices.

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BIG BRITISH AIR RAID ON GERMAN BASE.

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FURTHER ADVANCE IN EAST AFRICA.

Two More Positions Captured In Germany's Last Colony.

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German Official News.

On the eastern (western) bank of the Meuse, during the clearing of the roads and the clearing of the roads and the clearing of the roads and the clearing of the roads and the clearing of the roads.

In the Weerse plains (towards Meuse) we also think the Germans have made another attempt to set a trap for us, but the trap was caught.

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Our battle air ships down two English aeroplanes, one (No. 7 Wright, south of Ypres) and one (No. 84, north-east of La Bassee).

NORTH SEA DISASTER.


From The Advertiser.

Friday Afternoon.

H.M. torpedo-boat destroyer Coquette (Lieut. Vere Smyth, R.N.R., in command) of T7, and H.M. mine-sweeper No. 11, A. P. Legh, R.N., have struck mines of the East coast and sunk.

The casualties were as follows:

Torpedo-boat No. 11—three officers, 20 men.

GERMANY'S PHANTOM FLEET.

A telegram from the Huns given me that information of the sinking of the German gunboat "Hansa" in the Norwegian Sea has been reported.

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5,000 American Soldiers To Cross The Frontier After Villa.

Invasion of Mexico.

An Associated Press telegram from Washington says—"The Government has received information to-day that General Villa and his bandits must be caught, even if American troops have to go after him. The intention of the authorities for this purpose are expected later to-day—Reuter.

WASHINGTON, Friday.

The following statement has been issued at White House:

Mr. M. Mason's "Lonely Furrow."

Mr. B. M. Mason, M.P., has restored his magnificent old Healey's Arms, Gildersome, to its former condition and has added an elegant annexe to it.

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The Morning Post.
Miss Violet Abel Smith, a niece of Lord Ivar, is marrying on Tuesday next. (Charles Butler, 60th R.I.-Val L'Estrange.)

With the calling up of the married groups patriotic home scenes like this one will be common. Mother will have to do her best on the small pittance alleged her by the Government.

The shepherd, who now wears khaki, gives the Sussex farmer a hand with some of the lambs. It is quite like old times.

THREE GENERATIONS OF THE FIGHTING BIRDWOODS.

General Christopher Birdwood, the famous old Indian general. He was the grandfather of General Birdwood. of "Anzac.

General William Birdwood, his son, was the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand army of Brodie's forces.

Lieut. C. R. Birdwood, a great-grandson of General Christopher Birdwood, is serving with the Coldstream Guards.- (Lafayette.)

Hon. Irene Moberworth, eldest daughter of Vincent Moberworth, is engaged to Mr. R. F. Gossett, East Yorkshire Regt. (Lafayette.)

Miss Olive Marion Cole's wedding to Capt. E. R. Atkinson, son of Brig.-Gen. G. Atkinson, is to take place in Paris.—(Kate Pragnell.)

Lieut. W. A. Cliff-McCulloch, Royal Irish Rifles—killed came home from Australia to join the Army.—(Lafayette.)

KILLED.

The cash girl says:

"Oh yes, I get plenty of change in my life. But there's one thing I wouldn't change for anything and that is Toffee de Luxe. I'm sure I couldn't stand Safe Time without a supply, but an over-the-counter doesn't matter if I've got my Toffee de Luxe hangy.

Sauce and cream and butter, blended into one delicious whole.

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Cheering the airman M.P. after his surprising triumph in East Herts. Will he be able to fulfill his election promises, or will he fall into a Parliamentary hot-air pocket?

How Lustige Blatter sees the British Government studying war economy. It might be how the East Herts electors see them after sending Pemberton Billing to Parliament.

TOMMY LIKES TO HELP THE SISTERS

Tommy at a wayside station in France give the sisters a hand. Our men think a lot of the brave women who are serving with the Red Cross.

Bad News from the Sea.

Lieutenant John A. P. Legh—-who was in command of torpedo-boat No. 11 when she struck a mine off the East Coast—and his young wife.—(Swaine.)

Just a little turn to amuse the boys.

Tom Ackers, the well-known juggler, who has enlisted, amuses his comrades by balancing a 6ft. barrack form on his chin.

War-Time Economy

Coquettie, the torpedo-boat destroyer which has also been sunk by a mine, rescuing the crew of a schooner in distress.—(Exclusive Photograph.)

Lady Beatty at the opening for an inspection of the Scottish hospital ship St. Margaret of Scotland.
Wilfrid Chilvers, the five-year-old plaintiff who lost his suit against the L.C.C. for damages for loss of his eye at school.

National Gallery!

"... which has just been bought for £9,000 less of appeals for war-time economy."

Helping the French.

Two of the British women who are helping the Entente Cordiale Ambulance, which is doing such good work behind the French lines. They use their own car as an ambulance.—(Claude Harris.)

Nelson's message will never die

Mśś E. J. Brass. Miss E. S. Burrows.

An official photograph of cleaning operations on a battleship. The Navy of to-day can be relied upon to live up to Nelson's famous message, as did the men who fought at Trafalgar.

The Roll-call of the willing workers.

Thousands of applications are daily received from married men willing to join the L.C.C. munition-making classes to release the single men.

Welcome rest in the chase of the Arabs.

Water is precious in the desert where our men have been routing the Senussi and the Bedouin Arabs. Our picture shows horses being watered at a desert well.

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The Rev. Joseph Waggott.

Rifleman J. E. Waggott, K.R.R.

Mrs. J. Waggott.

Pte. G. Waggott, Argyll Highlanders.

Pte. Leslie Waggott, Royal Warwick.

Three of the five sons of the Rev. J. Waggott, a Notts Methodist minister, are in the Army. The twins, who remain, attested, and their sister drew lots as to which of the two shall now go to the colours.


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If so, you MUST read

'A London Girl'

By HAROLD BEGBIE

IN TO-MORROW'S

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IT IS a revelation that will come as a

shock to many, only half aware of the

pitfalls and the dangers that beset a young

girl in a great city.

BUT however much it may distress, how-

ever much it may horrify, it must be read,

and the lesson it will teach be taken to heart.

For IT IS TRUE!

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Is the story of "Baby," a girl like thousands of her sisters, plunged

into an environment that holds out temptations on every hand. TRAGIC

is her history and its ending after a period of feverish gaiety, the
delusive sparkle of what is called "pleasure" in its mocking aspects.

THE STORY is told frankly, freely and by a master hand, for Mr. Harold
Begbie has made a special study of the social problem which

is represented by the poignant career of "Baby." "The pitiful tale is

not overdrawn; it is all too true," says the Bishop of London.

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ORDER YOUR COPY NOW.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1916.
What Women Are Doing:

By MRS. GOSSIP.

ROYALTY A DAY TOO SOON—

LovelY London Gardens—

To-morrow’s Concerts.

Moore hopes that everybody will be seated by 2.15, as there will be a splendid programme, and she says: “Item No. 6 is just as good as Nos. 7 or 8.” So don’t be late.

A Lively Gift.

Lady Kinloch, who is very artistic, was at home on Thursday afternoon at the Carlyle Studio, Chelsea, to show the work of well-known artists who have been hard hit by the war and to take orders for their work.

The great attraction is artistic furniture and decorative hangings, and drawings and copies from the antique. A set of bedroom furniture in Wedgwood tiles, painted in flowers with Cupid motifs

Illustrations). In bottles, Clu,mi, and Stores.

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are economical because everything in them is good food-value for money.
YOUNG ARMLTEERS.

Boys so duty in Government offices are now given armbands. They are very proud of their war-worker's badge.

CALL FOR PREMIUM BONDS.

City Men Ask Chancellor To Receive a Deputation.

At an industrial meeting of business men held in the City yesterday under the chairmanship of Sir William Pierpoint the following resolution was passed:

That in the opinion of this meeting the Government be urged to take into early consideration the question of making such issue of premium free bonds, and that the Chancellor of the Exchequer be respectfully asked to receive a deputation on the subject.

KEEPING OUT OF DANGER.

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, after a visit to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, has left采匈牙利 (where he has private estates). This absence from his own country is a good sign for his enemies.

Cardinal Mercier has directed his auxiliary, the Most Rev. Bishop Demouster, to comply with the invitation of the authorities of St. Patrick's Church, Soho-square, to preach at High Mass on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Cardinal Bourke will be the celebrant.

Fulham; Brentford; team; tatian;

Judge's Pertinent Query In Society Slander Case.

"I don't quite see the good of an action like this. It is a family dispute where a person is alleged to have said something to his stepmother. What is the use of a case of family life if people may not say things of this sort?"

This was the comment of Mr. Justice Darling in the King's Bench yesterday, when a Society slander action was brought. Mrs. Poitou Waterlow, a member of Mr. Edward Waterlow's family, his father, Sir Philip Waterlow, for, it was alleged, having in his mind the former, Margaret L. Waterlow, "She (Mrs. Poitou Waterlow) was blackmailed to marry someone," Sir Philip denied having made such a statement.

Mr. George Hawkes, K.C., for Mrs. Waterlow, raised the question, "Is Lady Waterlow, the only will, was in France, and could not attend Court, Mr. Justice Darling, it was her evidence that "having made no order to consider, or that the action be with drawn," so that Mrs. Waterlow had crossed the border when her witness was available. The Mr. Justice Darling: I really do not see a Society issue what is the issue for this case?"" Well, it may perfectly well have an intention to marry somebody else, but that is not a proper libel."

Sir Philip Darling said he did not think it fairly could be said that the alleged slander meant what was to be in Mrs. Waterlow's claim. The English language was no symphonies that the Deseret would not be heard could mean what was suggested. To his (the judge's) mind the action had been brought in the wrong quarter.

Judgment was then pronounced against Sir Philip with costs.

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The Man Married!

Closer and closer crept the woman, till at length she was bending right over Sheila. She could hear the smell of ether and the gurgling as the woman was forced to drink. She saw the man's face in the mirror, and the stethoscope pressing against his chest.

"How do you do, Mr. Roberts?" she said, "I'm sure I'm very glad to see you again."

Mr. Roberts' face was white, and he looked up at her with a shamed expression. "Mrs. Roberts," he said, "I must tell you..."

"Tell me what, Mr. Roberts?" she said, "Tell me what you want to tell me.

Sheffield's breast bone hurt, and she felt a stab of pain in her side. She tried to speak, but the words wouldn't come out. She just kept staring at Mr. Roberts, her face contorting with effort.

"I'm sorry," he said, "I must tell you that she's not..."

Sheffield's head fell back, and she closed her eyes. The world went dark, and she heard the sound of the syringe being pushed into her arm.

The Winter Diet

Sheffield was dressed in a white cap and apron, sitting stiffly, laboriously, in a hospital bed. She had a bandaged face, and her eyes were studded with tears of pain.

"What shall I do?" she asked, "What shall I do?"

"You'll be all right," said the nurse, "You'll be all right."
A regiment of French infantry charging in open order to take up a new position in the Meuse sector on the Verdun battle front.

French Territorial troops marching out at dusk to repair trenches battered by the enemy's artillery.

French reserves behind the lines awaiting orders to advance and bayonet the Boches.

French officers and war correspondents watching the battle from a fort.

Huge reserves of French shells kept in safety beyond the range of the German guns.