

World War One News



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Monthly News from Home & Abroad



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January 1918

2nd January Air Ministry formed in Great Britain.

3rd January The Air Council takes over functions of Air Board (see May 17th, 1916 and November 29th and December 21st, 1917).

4th January British hospital ship "Rewa" sunk by submarine in Bristol Channel.

5th January British Premier (Mr. Lloyd George) in speech to Trade Union delegates outlines British War Aims.

8th January Qasr-i-Shirin (Western Persia) occupied by British forces. President Wilson delivers Message to Congress laying down the "Fourteen Points".

10th January British Government assure Russian Bolshevik Government of their support in the creation of an independent Poland. Danish and Norwegian Governments recognise the independence of Finland.

12th January Latvia declares independence.

13th January Estonian Government issue declaration of independence.

14th January German destroyers bombard Yarmouth (Norfolk).

20th January Naval action outside the Dardanelles. German cruiser "Breslau" and British monitor "Raglan" sunk. "Goeben" strikes mine and is beached.

BORTH

Large congregations attended the services on Sunday at Libanus Chapel, when the Rev J. C. Evans, pastor, delivered powerful and timely sermons. At the conclusion of the evening service a 'welcome was extended to several of the sea-faring men who are home on leave. An "At Home" was held on New Year's night.

By a collection by the pupils of the National School nearly £3 has been received and will be forwarded to St. Dunstan's Hostel for blinded warriors. Several amounts have been previously sent, the children being untiring in their efforts.

Among those home on leave are **Lieut. W. H. Hodgson, Pte. Wm. David Jones, and Seaman T. Owen Jones**, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Troedyrhiw, and **Gunner Wm. Evans**, Ystrad Cottage. The funeral of Mr. R. F. Evans took place on Tuesday week, interment being made at Llanfihangel. The officiating minister was the Rev. Davies, vicar.

The death occurred on Wednesday week at Llanidloes at the age of seventy-four years of Captain Wm. Arter. He led a seafaring life and was a native of Borth and had lived at Llanidloes, being in receipt of a pension after retiring from an important office on the Manchester Ship Canal. The funeral took place at Garn on Saturday the Revs. W. C. Humphreys, Borth, and J. Griffiths, Tre'rddol, officiating.

The marriage was solemnised on Monday at Clarach Congregational Church by the Rev. J. Llewelyn of Mr. Rd. Hughes, York House, and Miss Elizabeth G. Llewelyn, Bronheulyn. The best man was Mr. E. L. Williams and Miss R. Llewelyn carried out the duties of bridesmaid. The wedding breakfast was held at Bronheulyn, and later in the day the bride and bridegroom left for the North Coast.

Among the spoil which had been washed ashore on the beach and which have been promptly collared was a sofa and several articles of furniture.

Pte. Rd. Davies, Wesleyan Cottagers home. Pte. Davies, who joined at the outbreak of war, has served in Gibraltar. He left Monday morning to proceed to Ireland. **Miss Jennie Davies**, Trugfan, who is serving at the V.A.D. Hospital, Oswestry, is home. **Miss Dilys Rees**, Arequipa, and **Miss Annie Jones**, Glendower, have left to take up duties at Aberystwyth Red Cross Hospital. **Driver Edward Jones**, M.T., A.S.C., formerly chauffeur to Dr. Jones, Llandre, is home. Letters have been received from several of the village boys serving. All are in good health and in the best of spirits. Among those who have sent letters are two cousins, both are named **John Davies** and both have served since the beginning in the same ship.

A concert, the proceeds of which were handed over to **Gnr. W. D. Jones**, Troedyrhiw, who has been thrice wounded, and has lost an arm, was given on Friday at Soar Chapel. The Rev. D. Caron Jones presided, and there was a large and appreciative audience. About £16 was realised.