

World War One News



Monthly News from Home & Abroad



January 1915

1st January - March 30th : Allied offensive in Artois and Champagne .

1st January H.M.S. "Formidable" sunk by German submarine in the English Channel.

5th January French blow up half-a-mile of German trenches in the Argonne.

6th January German S.S. "Dacia" (interned in the United States) sold to Mr. Breitung, an American citizen

12th January Mafia Island (German East Africa) seized by a British force.

13th January British War Council resolve that the Admiralty should prepare for a naval expedition in February against the Dardanelles.

16th January Western Front. French artillery drives Germans from trenches near Nieuport.

19th January First German zeppelin attack on England.

21st January British S.S. "Durward" sunk by submarine near Maas lightship.

22nd January Western Front. Heavy fighting at Fontaine Madame and St. Hubert (Argonne) and at the Hartmannsweilerkopf. Aeroplane raid by the Germans on Dunkirk, and by the British on Zeebrugge.

24th January Naval and Overseas Operations. Battle of the Dogger Bank. Maritz and Kemp repulsed at Upington.

25th January Western Front. German attacks repulsed by French near Ypres and by British west of La Bassee. Ground lost by French near Craonne.

Eastern Front . Zeppelin brought down by Libau forts. Russian advance in Pillkallen district (East Prussia). Hard fighting in Carpathians. Asiatic and Egyptian Theatres . British raid on Alexandretta; telegraph wires cut.

28th January British Government definitely decide to make naval attack on the Dardanelles. United States S.V. "William P. Frye" sunk by German armed merchant cruiser "Prinz Eitel Friedrich".

29th January Walney Island battery (Barrow-in-Furness) shelled by German submarine (first operation of German submarines in the Irish Sea). British repulse German attack at Cuinchy (south-west of La Bassee). Failure of German attempts to cross the Aisne near Soissons.

30th January British Admiralty warn British merchant vessels to fly neutral or no ensigns in vicinity of British Isles.

BORTH

Baptism. On January 1st, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones, Plas Ynys. was privately baptised at home by her grandfather (the Rev. R. J. Morgan, rector of Cemmaes, Montgomeryshire)

Obituary. The funeral of Mr. John Davies, painter, Ystwyth Cottage, which took place last Saturday was largely attended, testifying to the esteem in which he was held and of the sympathy felt for his widow and her little children in their bereavement. The Rev. D. Caron Jones, pastor of Soar Chapel, of which the deceased was a zealous member, officiated at the house and at Llanfihangel Churchyard where interment, took place.

Territorial's Sad Death. Accident at Borth on Sunday, a distressing fatality occurred at Borth to one of the Territorials billeted in Aberystwyth. He had accompanied a friend on a motor cycle for a run after dinner to Borth and, on arrival there, drove the cycle himself for a short distance. When returning to the Hotel he fell from the cycle and sustained concussion of the brain, from which he died later in the evening.