World War One News



Monthly News from Home & Abroad



June 1917

3rd Italy proclaims Protectorate over an independent Albania.

5th German daylight aeroplane raid on Sheerness and the Naval establishments on the Medway.

7th Battle of Messines 1917 begins as an Allied offensive in Flanders. The battle was launched in the early hours of the morning with the blowing of 19 mines by the British Army, the largest of which is now known as Spanbroekmolen Mine Crater (or Lone Tree Crater).

8th Major-General Pershing arrives in England.

13th Great German daylight aeroplane raid on London; 157 killed and 432 injured.

14th Battle of Messines, 1917, ends. German airship "L.-43" destroyed in the North Sea. The British Admiralty Formally approve, scheme for convoying merchant ships.

17th Portuguese troops in action on Western Front for the first time. German airship "L.-48" destroyed by aeroplane at Theberton in Suffolk.

25th First contingent of United States troops arrives in France.

27th French cruiser "Kléber" sunk by submarine off Brest.

Borth. Private Edward McIndoe, Ynyslas, was seriously wounded in the Salonika area on April 25th, receiving injuries to both legs and the left arm. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. McIndoe, The Villas, Ynyslas. He has another brother in France who was wounded in 1915. Eggs were sent from the National Schools last week to the Hospital, Aberystwyth. Letters have been received from the wounded at Aberystwyth Red Cross Hospital thanking the National School children for the eggs they have sent and hoping for a continuance of the supply. Lance-corporal Evan John Davies has been home on leave for a few days. He paid a visit to his old school (National) where he was welcomed by the staff and pupils. Corporal Howard Lloyd Roberts has also been home on leave, arriving on Friday and returning on Thursday. His friends were glad to see him in excellent health. Corporal Roberts has been in France for nearly two and a half years, during which time he has had leave on two occasions only. He brought with him an interesting souvenir in the form of a piece of the organ of Ypres Cathedral. He is well known at the front and in this country for his amusing contributions to the Trench Magazine of the Welsh Division. Mr. Emrys Jenkins, son of Mrs. Jenkins, Everton, secured his chief mate's certificate last week. Borth sailors have been ill fated this week for three of their ships have been torpedoed. In the case of the "Cheltonian" the master Captain Enos of Aberystwyth, who is a native of Borth, was taken prisoner, but the crew which included Mr. Enoch Davies, chief engineer, Mr H. L. Williams, Livonian House, and Mr. L. J. Herbert, Gerydon, were saved and landed at Marseilles. It is the second time Mr. Enoch Davies's ship has been torpedoed, and Mr. L. J. Herbert was on his first voyage. Mr T. R. Morris has arrived from Swansea, his ship having been torpedoed. He was in the captain's boat, which was picked up. but the other boat has not yet been heard of. News has also been received that Capt. J. Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Davies, Ivanhoe, has landed at Newhaven. His ship was torpedoed, but all the crew were saved. Lovers of Uppingham path will be grateful to Mrs. Watkin, Post Office, and Mrs. Captain Lewis, Glanydon, for undertaking to put the path in order and to collect towards payment of arrears of rent. The path is a pleasant memento of Uppingham School's visit to Borth in 1877, when the members opened the path in commemoration of their visit. Amongst those home on leave this week are Stoker J. Tibbot who has twelve days and is looking well and hearty, and Pte. Wm. Henry Evans, who came home on Saturday. Private Evans has seen a good deal of the recent fighting near Ypres and though he has been out over a year he has not received a scratch. Splendid hauls of fish have been made lately in the bay, the catch including plaice, bass, and turbot.

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