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Beaks become Peelers

A SPECIAL ceremony was held on Wednesday for all Newark Magistrates to be sworn-in as special constables, by order of the County War Emergency Committee. Mr F H Oates, Colonel E H Nicholson, Mr W F E Denison, Alderman W E Knight, Mr F G Vessey and Mayor J C Kew are all now – theoretically – able to patrol their parishes; arrest thieves, drunks, lightless cyclists and folk who leave house lights on; and judge them.

Town prepares for the invasion

NEWARK took great strides forward this week to prepare a force capable of resisting the expected invasion of the army of the German aggressors.

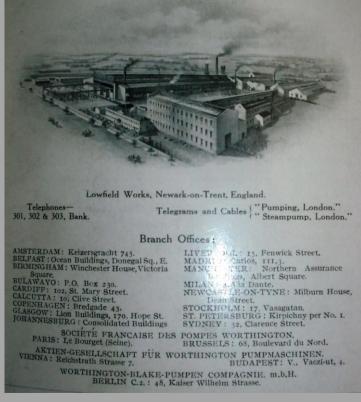
All of it was on a voluntary basis, rather than driven by the Government, once again illustrating how this Great War is bring fought "off the cuff" by the patriotic British public.

The Duke of Newcastle, whose family has owned and controlled much of the town for generations, offered the Newark Volunteer Reserve the use of "the big room" over his estate offices in Lombard Street. They decided to meet every Monday and Thursday evening after work (8 to 9.30).

The offer by corn dealer William Stray of his loft at 20 Middlegate for an indoor miniature range was gratefully accepted. It is decided that rifle practice should be held there every Tuesday and Friday evening (7 to 9pm).

The bad news was transmitted by the Volunteers' Commanding Officer, Dr Ernest Ringrose: the Wool Hall would not be available for drill on wet days. So with lighting restrictions coming into effect and dark nights upon us, much of the drill will have to be done at weekends, when the officers and men would be put to better use on exercises preparing for an attack.

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Legal bid to make Swiss pumps in Lowfield Works

THE Worthington Pump Company of Newark went before the Patents Court in London last Tuesday to seek permission to manufacture a rotary air pump invented by a firm based in Basle, a city of Switzerland. That country is, of course, determined to remain neutral for the duration of The Great War.

The Newark-based company have been acting as agents for

the pumps but cannot now get the products into the UK because of the war, so they asked to make them and give 5% commission to the Swiss.

This is not the first swift change the Worthington Company has had to make since the War began. As can be seen from its sales literature, it had an office in Berlin until weeks ago!

Duke's plea for medics

THE Duke of Portland launched an appeal on Thursday for £1,000 to enable the Nottinghamshire branch of the Red Cross Society to carry on its work at the battle front.

It wants to provide a motor ambulance for the Sherwood Foresters on the Western Front.

Lionhearts wanted

BASKET-maker William Bull of Cedar Cottage, Farndon, wrote to the local newspapers urging men over 45 "who are not likely to be called upon to serve except in the last extremity" to contact journalist Ernest Southgate Day at 8 Elizabeth Terrace, Rowlands Castle, Hants. He was trying to raise a battalion of 'old lionhearts'

SOUTHWELL SAILOR IN EMDEN SINKING!

A SAILOR from Southwell was involved in the desperate sea battle that ended today with the sinking of the Germans' scourge of the South Seas, the *Emden*.

Patrick Maltby, in charge of the Marconi (wireless) apparatus on the steam ship *City of Bristol*, got a letter home to his Southwell parents from Singapore only yesterday saying they were still playing hide and seek with the German cruiser that destroyed 23 merchantmen while escaping British and Japanese clutches.

At one stage during the pursuit, *HMS Bristol* steamed alongside the *King Lud* for 24 hours and then left her unprotected. The *King Lud* was sunk six hours later.

Over a week in September, *Emden* had sunk six British ships, and in a month the victim list grew to 70,825 tons of shipping destroyed.

It began on 22 September. The cruiser boldly entered Madras harbour in India, opened fire and set ablaze two large Anglo-Persian oil tankers.

By 8 October, *Emden* had sailed eastwards, eluding her pursuers, to Panang in Malaya, where she found the Russian

cruiser Zemtchug and soon sent her to the bottom. Exiting the harbour, Emden encountered and disposed of the French destroyer Mouquet.

On 9November, the Australian light cruiser *Sydney* surprised the *Emden* as the latter ship was raiding a British wireless communications station on the Cacos Islands.

The attack killed 134 of the ship's crew members, while the ship's commander, Karl von Muller and the other survivors were taken prisoner by the British.

British newspapers praised Muller for his chivalry towards the crews and passengers of the captured vessels. "If all the Germans had fought as well as the captain of the *Emden*," claimed *The Times*, "the German people would not today be reviled by the world."

Despite the demise of the *Emden*, the exploits of its crew continued.

For Muller had put a landing party ashore at nearby Direction Island, realising that the *Emden* was certain to be sunk sooner or later.

The group promptly seized a schooner and sailed to Yemen, crossing the Red Sea and braving Arab attacks on its way to Damascus and finally reached Constantinople, Turkey in May 1915.

Legion on the march

THE Newark Detachment of the British Legion of Volunteers mustered 118 members for drill, Swedish exercises and a route march to Bowbridge and back, which was greatly enjoyed on Saturday.

Simultaneously another draft of Territorials from the 8th (Reserve) Battalion of the Sherwood Foresters left Newark to join the active service Battalion at Harnenden

Not surprisingly, a football team of Foresters lost 13-1 on Saturday afternoon to the Royal Engineers 68th Company. But Stanley Works upheld local honour, defeating the RE 67th Company 3-2 to remain unbeaten at the top of the Newark League, which continued despite most players having enlisted.

For town waifs and strays

FOLLOWING the success of the annual £ Day to raise funds for the St Barnabas Home for Waifs and Strays in Millgate, the 45-year-old matron, Miss Hilda Mary Garratt, acknowledges gifts from Mrs Denman (Collingham), Miss Tidd Pratt, Mrs Abraham (Hawton), Mrs C E Ford, Mrs W W Ford, Mrs Warwick (Balderton Hall), Mrs Need (Winthorpe Hall), Lady Ada Wilmot, Mrs Godfrey Tallents (Coddington House), the Misses Manuel (Collingham), Mrs Beecher (Southwell), Mrs E J Bullen, Mrs Nicholson (London Road), Miss Elsie Morley (Norwell), Mrs Stokes, Mrs Usher (Brant Broughton), Miss Gilstrap (Winthorpe), "MC an old girl", Mrs Canning, Mrs Sharman, Mrs Harvey, Mrs Fillingham (Syerston), Mrs Sinden, Mrs J G Branston (Winthorpe), Mrs Hopewell, Mrs Sparkes (Farndon), Mrs John Thorpe, Ald J C Wright, Mr G Foster, Mrs Appleby, Mrs Easterfield, the Chaplain and Mrs Sealy, Mrs Wood, Mrs Doncaster, Miss James (Barnby), Mrs Brooks (Collingham), Mr Asbury, Mrs Rew, Miss Reynard, Mrs W Paton Hindley, Mrs Taylor, Dickins and Co, Mrs Vason, Mrs Douglas, Mrs Wigram (Collingham), Mrs W E Tallents, Mrs Benson (Sutton-on-Trent), Mrs Holt-Martin, Mrs Manterfield, Mr J C Robison, Mrs Martin (Gloucester), Mr and Mrs Wilson, A Friend, Mr H S Whiles, Miss Underwood, Miss Murden, Mrs M Cook, Mr W Smith, Mrs Bishop, Mr and Mrs Machin, Miss Woolley (Collingham), Mr Doubleday, Mr Russell, Lady Walter Hervey, Clarke and Son, Mr and Mrs Watkin, Claxton and Co, Mr and Mrs Capewell, Mr G H Porter, Councillor J Pratt, Mr Crosby, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Cree, Mrs Hayes, Mr Blagg (Car Colston), Miss Wren, Mrs Lockton, Miss Hadfield, Miss Dove, Mr S Foster, Mrs Friend, Mrs G E Mountney, Mrs Talbot, Mrs Williams (North Muskham), Mrs Frank Robinson, Mrs Wadsworth, Mrs Richmond, Mrs Warner, Mrs W Bradley, Miss Collingridge, Mrs C Robinson, the Misses Hart, Mrs Kinmont, Miss Clark, Mrs Titchener, "RS an old girl", Mrs E P Hooley, Mr and Mrs T Smith, Miss Fillingham, Mr Robb (Norwell), Mrs G H Branston, Miss Washington, Mr and Mrs J R Hole, Lady Elinor Denison, E Hughes, Mr W B Tidd Pratt, Miss Linley, Mrs Reynolds, the Misses Mac-Kenzie, Mrs Wright (Southwell), Mrs A Knight, Miss Gordon, Mrs Vincent Robinson, Mrs Chevins, Mrs Seels, Mrs English, Mrs Griffith, Miss Vincent, Mrs G Ransome, Mrs Sorrell, Mr Houlton per Miss Alcock, Miss Smith (Victoria Street), Mr Parnham, Mrs O Quibell, Mr Newham, Mrs Cubley, Miss L Wilkinson, Mrs Heron, Mrs Dixon, Mayoress Kew, the Honourable Mrs Skeffington-Craig, Miss L Tidd Pratt and Priors Park, Kirton, who donated 22lbs of groceries.

