PUBLIC OPINION AND THE WAR.

APPEAL FOR SWEATERS.

Sir,—Will you give me room to ask any of your readers who possess old sweaters, which they are willing to give to our soldiers, to send them to me at this address? I will have them cleaned and dyed and forwarded to the proper quarter. Sweaters are most useful and greatly appreciated—one adjutant who has received 150 asks for 150 more. May I have these to send him at once? I can deal with as many more as your readers are good enough to send me.—I am, Sir, yours truly,

JOHN PENOYRE.

8, King's Bench walk, Inner Temple.

POISONED BULLETS.

Sir,—Our wounded are suffering from tetanus to an extent unprecedented in any war. Just as savages in West Africa dip their arrows in tetanus-laden mud, so possibly the German sneep their bullets in cultures of tetanus carefully prepared by their professors of bacteriology. This is evidently what they mean by "German culture." Any unused cartridge captured from the enemy should be wrapped in the aseptic bandages supplied in the field dressing case, and the contact of the fingers with the bullets, which should then be sent to our bacteriological laboratories for examination.—I am, Sir, yours truly,

ALEISTER CROWLEY.

South Kensington.

WORK FOR PRISONERS.

Sir,—The useful and profitable employment of prisoners of war is a problem which, at a time when the authorities are worked to the limit in other directions, may easily remain unsolved. Yet it would be a public advantage if the matter could be employed in the work of afforestation. There are many places in these islands where their labour could be used in planting trees. The work would keep the men in good health, and it is a work job without shame. Hundreds millions of sturdy forest trees would stand as a tangible return for our hospitality to our enemies and an asset to posterity.—I am, Sir, yours truly,

J. F. K.

HOW TO MAKE OAT BREAD

Sir,—Perhaps the following recipe for oat bread may at such a time prove useful to some of your readers:—

"To prepare oat bread—Boil a pound of coarse oatmeal for four hours in sufficient water to cover it. Mix with about 3 lbs. oatmeal a little salt and sugar according to taste. Form into a paste, roll out thin, cut and bake on an iron griddle, or in an oven. Stand on end to cool and become crisp. The bread can be made without boiling the oatmeal, but this uses your on sufficient boiling water to cover the coarse meal and soak for half an hour before forming into a paste. Time to bake, from twenty minutes."—I am, Sir, yours truly,

CERES.

SOCKS AND BOOTS.

Sir,—There are 4500 recruits for the new Army stationed at Durham, many of them are without socks and with boots sadly worn owing to hard use. A great number of these men come from Sutherlandshire, Durham, and the Northern Counties, and have sacrificed good positions to answer the call of their country. Many have wives and families and cannot afford to buy warm underclothing for the coming winter. Why will the kind old enough to help give the necessary articles for these brave men? Socks and boots will be particularly acceptable, and any assistance, in money or in kind, will be gratefully received and acknowledged.—I am, Sir, yours truly,

MRS. R. BURNDERPOPOULES.

Bullwater Lodge, Fishlight.

IN NEED OF UNIFORMS.

Sir,—May I through the medium of your paper appeal for funds for the 13th Berks Voluntary Aid Detachment? The Voluntary Aid Detachments form part of the British Red Cross Society, and were organised to fill a gap in the medical department of the Territorial Force. Several of our members have already left us on service, but we have filled the gaps with recruits. At present we are urgently in need of uniforms and stretchers; the latter were lent us, and we have promised to return some of them, but the cost of a complete uniform is £3, including greatcoat, and we want twelve stretchers, besides other necessaries. Any contributions will be thankfully received, and may be sent to me direct or to Assistant-Surgeon-General H. W. Gee, 3, Corner House, Earley Hill-road, Reading.—I am, Sir, yours truly,

WILFRED H. POWELL, Commandant.

The Laurels, Tilehurst, Reading.

TRAINING SHIP STORK.

Sir,—Will you grant us the hospitality of your columns to draw the attention of your readers to the work which, in the face of great difficulty, is being continued by the Navy League for London training ship Stork? While the public mind is quite naturally absorbed by the more pressing problems incidental to the war, there is some danger that an institution like this one, engaged in the training or working boys for a sea career, may be overlooked. The supply of men to the Royal Navy and the maintenance of the British mercantile marine with British seamen is a question of vital national importance.

The Stork has been moored in the Thames just above Hammersmith Bridge for nearly two years, and during that period has done most excellent work as a home where London lads of good character in "blind-alley" employments are taught the trade of the sea. The cost is a nominal sum weekly for board and lodging in the ship and of the wages that the lads earn in work. We give them free instruction in seamanship, the cleaning, etc., and the necessity of living regular lives under naval discipline. Our motto is "Help the boys to help themselves." The committee confidently appeal for support for a work which they are assured must commend itself to everyone interested in the welfare and training of the British boy for a life of useful service to the nation.

The ship's company now numbers 160 (130 living on shore and 30 on board). Since the war 43 have joined the service, and almost certainly on completion the remaining 117 are wanting for the Admiralty to accept boy recruits. All subscriptions, no matter how small, or offers of help will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged by the acting hon. treasurer, Miss Geffen Barnett, 1, Phillimore-terrace, Kensington.—We are, Sir, yours truly,

(Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Stork),

H. H. HARCOURT SMITH, Chairman.
C. FORBES BUCHAN, Hon. Treasurer.
H. C. EDEN, Hon. Superintendent.

THE METRIC SYSTEM.

Sir,—The metric system of weights and measures prevails in the great majority of neutral countries with which hitherto Germany has carried on a very large trade, and if the efforts to capture that trade are to be successful British manufacturers and shippers must adapt their methods to the tastes of their customers. Not only do our obsolete and cumbersome weights and measures hamper our external and internal trade, but the time wasted in teaching them in schools might well be put to very much better use.—I am, Sir, yours truly,

G. E. M. JOHNSON,
Secretary of the Decimal Association.

Finsbury-pavement, London.

WARM UNDERCLOTHES.

Sir,—May I appeal through your columns to the public for help in providing shirts, socks, vests, etc., for the men of the new army? Owing to the enormous number of men, and consequent nakedness of them have been unable to obtain their uniform or outfit, and it seems uncertain how long it may be before these are forthcoming.

For some weeks the men have been patiently exposed to the cold and damp weather. This applies to every camp where the new army is being trained, but those in the colder and more exposed parts of the country have suffered severely. Shorncliffe Camp, from its high and exposed position by the coast, is particularly cold and bitter. The Rev. H. Deane Oliver, Senior Chaplain, Shorncliffe Camp, 4, Wellington-terrace, Sandgate, Kent—parish of Folkestone—has kindly consented to receive and distribute any clothing sent.—I am, Sir, yours truly,

L. MAXWELL KING.

NEWS FOR NEUTRALS.

Sir,—On the principle that everyone can help, may I suggest to business men, and indeed to all who have friends and correspondents in neutral countries, that when writing the opportunity should be taken to call attention to the English position in regard to the origin of the war and its conduct? In response, important information may be obtained that may be of service to the State. Again, very much good could be done by sending to such correspondents English newspapers, daily or weekly, and in particular those containing the official reports of the Press Bureau, or despatches from General French or his staff. These might well be accompanied by some of the valuable pamphlet literature on the war. Especially is it desirable to circulate the wonderful speech of Sir Edward Grey, that just needed—I am, Sir, yours truly,

T. FISHER UNWIN.

TRADE AND VANDALISM.

Sir,—Much is appearing in the technical and the Press on the subject of British trade obstructing some of Germany's foreign trade. We shall certainly not get it all—America will see to that! The world, too, has been scandalised at the wanton destruction by the Germans of property having no military value, and a good deal of such property is irreplaceable, even regardless of cost—e.g., cathedrals and other old buildings, works of art, books, manuscripts, etc. It is not of the question for the Allies to lower themselves to the standard of Germany in culture, and to retaliate when they are in Germany by destroying similar property, but why not retaliate and at the same time assist British trade by destroying German trade rather by destroying German factories (especially Krupp's), or by taking over the plant in them? If this be not done these factories will soon be at work again after the war, and the Germans will be in a better position to over-ride our trade.—I am, Sir, yours truly,

A. T. E. ACKERMANN.

A SON OF THE KAISER.

Sir,—The civilized world was horrified at the brutal behaviour of a son of the Kaiser in flogging and otherwise degrading one of Belgium's highest nobles. No peace treaty can wipe out the personal affront.

Doubt has been expressed as to whether a challenge has yet been sent to the Germans officially. I have no doubt that one could, and point to the precedent of the Prince of York accepting the challenge of Colubel Lennox, a subsequently became Duke of Richmond. At that time the Lennoxes had to return some of their—rifle over 100 years, whereas the family of the Count de B——— must have home arms for many centuries.

Should the Prince refuse the Count's challenge, I feel sure that the Belgian Government will forward orders to which he may behoof would expel him for cowardice. If the Prince does not survive the war, the Count might be well advised to send his seconds to one of the Prince's surviving brothers.—I am, Sir, yours truly,

CLAUDE CHAMPION DE CRESPIGNY, B.C.
Champion Lodge, Maldon.

HOW TO INVEST.

Sir,—Many people are at the present time doubtful as to the best method of invest their money in view of prevailing uncertainties. The Garden Cities and Town Planning Association wishes to call attention to one method of private investment which may be of great national service, and there are at present, in connection with a number of schemes, such as the First Garden City at Letchworth and the various garden suburbs which have been successfully established in various parts of the country, where building and development operations are no longer being curtailed through lack of capital, and where much work could be done if money were at once forthcoming.

As these schemes are all to meet the lack of housing, those prepared to help them would be assisting those in greatest need.

1. They would lessen both unemployment and the cost of living.

2. They would help to ease the pressing housing problem.

3. They would receive a satisfactory financial return upon their money.

It should be pointed out that under recent legislation the investment is safer in land than the amount invested. The Local Government Board is now empowered to advance to public utilities a large proportion of the capital needed for local purposes, at as may well be the case, 80 per cent. of the value, the property is advanced by the Local Government Board, every £1000 of capital subscribed will mean £8000 worth of building operations.

Information can be obtained from the offices of the Garden Cities and Town Planning Association, 3, Gray's Inn-place, London, W.C.

Wishing you success in the work of the association.

(Signed)

BALDERSON F. BRENDON.
CECIL HARMSWORTH, Chairman.
EWART G. GULPIN, Secretary.

DEAL IN TIME OF WAR.

MANY-SIDED ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF THOSE GOING TO THE FRONT.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

DEAL, Oct. 6.

Here in Deal the war has diverted away the regular summer and autumn visitor, and the possibility of providing a substantial portion of the winter's keep is therefore denied to many of the poorer people. But there is no complaining, no grumbling. They are just making such ends meet somehow or other. The chamber of commerce has issued attractive posters, which have been placarded broadcast assuring one and all, and particularly the weak-kneed, that there is no possible trouble on the horizon so far as Deal (or Sandwich) is concerned, that the sea is as plentiful, bracing, and pure as ever; and that its attractiveness, generally, is just as peculiarly plentiful as it ever was. Still the public is not coming to Deal, and Deal is not to blame.

At present there is no sign of local distress in Deal, however, that which is expected in normal times, and there are ample means of dealing with it without calling upon any portion of the National Relief Fund.

Deal, by the grace of Fortuna, has found a gentleman with a good deal of money, and a delightful heart, who has seized upon Deal as to the best interests of the town, and devoted body to the necessities of the poor. Every penny which has already been made and collected for dealing with any pinch that may come, and the rest of the money lined of the town who would have been necessarily unemployed at this season have relieved the pressure by placing the colony in response to a stirring appeal recently issued by the Mayor.

The very special feature about Deal in the time of the great war is the problem arising from troubles it is leaving so stone untumed to mitigate to the minimum of those who are going to the front, and are temporarily quartered here and unfeasibly. Not the least noticeable feature in this direction is the establishment of the "Royal Naval Camp Club" in the spacious Territorial Drill Hall. It represents a triumph of organisation, and is in every respect what its title implies. It is a veritable camp club in being. Every night hundreds of the young fellows of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (London Division) quartered within its hospitable walls write their letters, drink tea, smoke, read, or while away an hour or two over a game of cards or dominoes. Excellent concerts, too, are provided, by local talent, and those who have the tracks of Deal and occasionally Lady George Hamilton is to be seen accompanying at the piano.

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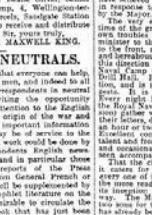

Mrs. Charles Hussey, Mayoress of Deal.
[F. Russell Jeery.

Amongst the Mayoress's committee in this connection are the Mayor, Mrs. Andrew Wallace-Field, Mrs. E. H. Hinde, Miss Cotton, and Colonel Vernon, and amongst the ladies are constantly in attendance, including Lady George Hamilton and Lady Sargaunt, ever ready to assume or to wait upon the company. Much of that which is dispensed in the way of refreshments is the work of the girls of other of these ladies—one has provided cakes, another has made the tea, others have contributed the tea and the coffee and so on. Everything served is excellent in quality and is found in any home, and the prices are ridiculously cheap. And notwithstanding the fact, by reason of the contributions the institution has already secured a profit of £400, which these ladies intend to hand over to the Royal Naval and Marine Families Association.

They are a curious mixture—these boys who are using this club. True, there are a few regulars in their ranks, but wandering about amongst them on a Sunday evening, when there are wards of two hundred in the hall, it was possible to see the wonder of the efforts of these ladies are appreciated by such as these, to say nothing of the comfort they have been used to such comfort, may think. It may be mentioned that the matter of letting a lady Club at Deal, but it would not be easy to do so, for the reason that the ladies are doing a good thing, and has regard to the example it offers to the other towns where the sailors are soldier and sailor men preparing to take their place in the ranks of the Army.

The local collection for the Prince of Wales's Fund amounted to £4700. Special arrangements have been made in the case of Deal that the sum so raised will be first appropriated to meet local wants, and it is only in the eventuality that the local needs are fully met that it will be paid into the Central Fund. The committee is composed of the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, who is capt. of Deal Castle, and Lady George, who is assisted by the following ladies and gentlemen as members of the committee:—Colonel Vernon, The Deal Corporation, the Mayor, Alderman W. Wallace-Field, the Deputy-chairman, Alderman Edgar, J.P., Alderman E. H. J. Hayward, J.P., Mr. Ernest Ellis, Mr. Andrew Wallace-Field, Mr. W. Radcliffe, J.P., C.C., the Board of Guardians, Messrs. Charles Russell, C. Steed Rapp, and W. Darracott; the Churches, Rev. S. Patterson, M.A., Rector of Deal, and Rev. T. G. Pusser, Congregational minister; representative employers of labour, Alderman J. Edgar, J.P., Coulson's organisations, the Mayoress, Mrs. Hussey; local magistrates, Alderman J. Edgar, J.P.; Saint Soldiers and Sailors' Families Association, Lady Hamilton, Lady Sargaunt, Rev. Payne; Friendly Societies, Mr. J. F. Arnold; Trades Council, Mr. Ellis; Mr. P. Hulme, Mr. Boyle, J.P., the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Darracott; treasurer, Mr. John Manners, National Provincial Bank, Deal Branch; hon. secretary, Mr. Ronald Hamilton, Deal Castle.

The Deal Branch of the Red Cross Society is entirely a local special effort, under the presidency of Lady George Hamilton, with Lady Sargaunt as commandant, to deal with the various branches of the society's operations. Working parties are held in various centres for the making of garments, bandages, etc., for the wounded, while in co-operation with Dent Square Hall R.N., a fully equipped hospital has been provided for the reception of the wounded. Many private houses in the neighbourhood have been placed at the disposal of the committee for similar use and for the purpose of nursing sick and wounded soldiers. The honorary secretary of the Deal Branch of the society is Mr. C. Steed Rapp, the working parties perform the garments they are at work upon they are sent to Deal Castle and thence despatched to the society's headquarters or wherever they may be required.

Many young women in the locality have been training for service for some time past, and some time, and now that their services are likely to be required in the near future the interest in them has largely increased. Besides attending classes and demonstrations they are getting some practical experience in the hospital, and, in addition here, the Victoria Hospital. It is not too much to say that nearly the whole of this corps of nurses is not efficient.

In the matter of ambulance there has been nothing lacking at Deal. At the call to arms up to the mark the Deal Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade—the well-known "Buffs"—the R.F.A. (the Kent Yeomanry), the Kent Fencibles and other units of the Army and Navy, Territorial Reserve.

The soldiers and Sailors' Families Association is particularly well organised in this locality. Lady George Hamilton, who is indefatigable in her personal works of mercy, is the president, and Mrs. Charles Hussey is the hon. secretary. Where there are so many soldiers and sailors in a garrison town it is a considerable tax on the funds of the association are naturally heavy and subscriptions are forthcoming in abundance, or, whole will be, very nearly needed to deal with special and exceptional circumstances. The secretary, who resides at South Beach, Deal, is most assiduous, and substantially, from time to time, charitably inclined who know of the magnificent work, the Lady Hamilton, by the way, is also the Regimental Fund of the Royal Marines, which corps is at Deal. This is carried in co-operation with the Soldiers and Sailors' Families Association, and the Marines are also likely to be very heavy this winter.

The hospitals for the wounded in Deal have been very good. Indeed, Deal has done as well as the regard of the Government, and there are four immense bales of blankets to the receiving office at Deal, and, in addition to these, there have been sent direct. All the same, there is still an urgent need for more blankets.

Very many Belgian and French refugees have been here, and hospitality extended to them made by the mayor to deal with this influx. He has set aside a room in the Town Hall, and at his office in the Town Hall, which he attends daily, he is assisted in addition to these and house agency and apartment register to provide the refugees with lodgings, and, if required to pay ever so little—with suitable habitations or lodgings.

ESTATE MARKET.

YESTERDAY'S SALES AT THE MART.

A. and W. RICHARDS.
Freehold Ground Rents, Ashford, charge, at £ 2000 Cost.—£199 Offered.
Freehold Ground Rents, Ashford, charge, at £ 2000 Cost.—£197 Offered.
Freehold and Widow Water—£200 Four and a Half Per Cent. Ground Rents, Ashford, charge, at £ 2000 Cost.—£197 Offered.

TO-DAY'S SALES BY AUCTION.

PROPERTY.

TROLLOPE, C. and S. (at Sandwich), with Mr. Leslie, Thomas, Hanson, and Co., Ltd., Auctioneers, Sandwich, Kent, Freehold Residence, Shop, and Premises, at 10.

ANTIQUE FURNITURE AND EFFRIGS.

ROBINSON, FISHER, and CO., at Cheapside House, Hay-hill, W., Antique Furniture, at 11.

ROBINSON, FISHER, and CO., at Cheapside House, at 12.

CHILD, and CHILD, at Bedford-square, at 12.

CHILD, and CHILD, at Bedford-square, at 1.30.

NURSERY STOCK.

PROTHEROE and MORRIS, at the Cheapside Nursery, Hoop-lane, at 12.

BULBS AND PLANTS.

PROTHEROE and MORRIS, at 67, Cheapside, Bulbs, at 1.

MOTOR-CARS, ETC.

ALDRIDGE, R. Mortlock-place, at 1.30.

PARTNERSHIPS DISSOLVED.

(FROM LAST NIGHTS "LONDON GAZETTE.")

LONDON.

E. Brown and J. E. Hughes, carrying on the Brown Alley Lining Machine Co., Manufacturers of Machines, at 9, Gt. Tower-st., E.C.

W. H. Burke and Co., Finsbury-chambers, E.C., Assign Patent Agents.

Jas. Bryce, Jas. Bryce, Mark Bryce, E.C., Colonial Brokers, as far as concern W. Cooke.

Chas. Cooke, Chas. Cooke, Jun., Colonial Brokers, as far as concern W. Cooke.

Geo. Cooke, Colonial Brokers, as far as concern W. Cooke.

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Wm. Cooke, Colonial Brokers, as far as concern W. Cooke.

COUNTRY.

Hyslop, Yorkshire—Wm. Hyslop, Thackray, and Co., manufacturers.

Pontypridd—Hollis Brothers, drapers.

Rhyl—Thos. Jones and Co., drapers and furnishers.

Trowbridge and Melksham—Bennett and Sylvester, wholesale and retail ironmongers.

Wakefield—Jas. Ingham, Jas. Ingham, and Bernard Ingham, carriers and warehousemen.

Wallasey—Leonard Hartley and Lewis, land and estate agents.

Wellington—H. B. Hawley and Owen Middleton, land surveyors.

Ashton-under-Lyne—Jas. Ashton and Sons, engineers.

Bolton—Thos. Ashton and Sons, engineers.

Bradford—Jas. Ashton and Sons, engineers.

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