

## LOCAL WAR NEWS.

We have received the following letter from  
Assheton Pownall:—

4th August, 1914.

(To THE EDITOR.)

Dear Sir,  
You have, on many occasions during the last few years, given publicity in your columns to views which I, as prospective Unionist candidate, have expressed in strong condemnation of the policy of the present Government, and I shall be glad, hereafter, if you will now insert this appeal from me to the thousands of Unionists in the great constituency of Tottenham to ink all party differences and to stand shoulder to shoulder in this hour of our national need.

It may be a long time before it is possible for me to see any of my friends in Tottenham again, as, before these lines are in print, I shall be called up for service in my regiment, but I hope to meet them again in less troubled times, and I earnestly hope that any who are physically able to do so will enrol themselves under their country's flag in these critical days.

Yours faithfully,

ASSHETON POWNALL.

Major Pownall, who is attached to the 1st Battalion County of London Regiment the Territorial Forces, went down to Isbury Plain, parading 7 o'clock Sunday morning. Got there at 1 o'clock and settled in camp. Nine Battalions out of five in the Territorial Division came down, others being stopped in London. An order was issued at 10.30 by the Brigade Major that the force would leave for London 2.30 the following morning. Packed, took up camp, and entrained at 4 a.m., arriving back at the Regimental Headquarters about 9 a.m.

When Major Pownall was visited by his son (Mr. Avery) in the City on Tuesday morning he was momentarily expecting to rejoin his Regiment upon embarkation, when they would be sent wherever required.

Major Pownall will be one of the few Unionist candidates who will be in the second round line.

It is interesting to note that Major Pownall's father, Mr. C. A. W. Pownall, a familiar figure at Tottenham Unionist and Labour League functions, who is a member of the Legion of Frontiersmen, and is aged 70, has offered his services, which have been accepted. Major Pownall's brother, Mr. R. Pownall, an officer in the Royal Horse Artillery, on leave from India, has also offered his services, which have been immediately accepted.

We have received the following letter from  
J. R. P. Newman, M.P.:—

(To THE EDITOR.)

Dear Sir,  
Since the beginning of the week my post-bag has been filled with letters addressed to me by residents in all parts of the Division, urging and imploring, and in some cases ordering me, to take steps to impress on the Liberal Government the duties of remaining neutral in the present European War. To acknowledge, as I should like to do, each letter personally, I fear, quite impossible. The purport of them all is the same, and perhaps you will extend to me the courtesy of your columns to make to them a general answer.

Those who have written me are, I am sure, well-intentioned, and genuinely in earnest. From what I can gather they are one and all members of that Liberal-Socialist group, the past, present and future backbone of their party in Enfield, and the expression of their view is therefore entitled to a full and careful hearing. I myself, however, am a humble member of the Conservative party, and under our leader we yesterday, in the House of Commons, promised our undivided support to the Government in the policy which Sir Edward Grey enunciated in his momentous speech. We are not jingoes. We know well what it means for England to embark on a war of unparalleled magnitude. We have counted the cost, realising full well that while England could, at the command of Germany, remain neutral in the present crisis, she would be purchasing peace for this generation at the expense of our sons and our sons' sons. We could, no doubt, stand by and see the Treaties guaranteeing neutrality of small states such as Luxemburg, Belgium and Switzerland, torn up, Treaties to which we our-

Two Army Reservists have left the Edmonton Police to join the colours.

The Muswell Hill single-deck motor buses have been commandeered by the Government for transport service.

The Naval Recruiting Office near the "White Hart," in the High-road, has been kept busy since the outbreak of the war.

At evensong at the Edmonton Parish Church, on Sunday, there were special Litany and collects and intercession, taken by the Vicar (Rev. Preb. E. A. B. Sanders).

The Army Reserve men left on Tuesday evening, and several well-known local residents, including Councillors, saw them off at the station.

Mr. J. Williams, the district rate collector, and Mrs. Taylor, J. Oliver and H. Williams, have signified their intention to serve as firemen.

In his sermon at the Parish Church, Tottenham, on Sunday night, the Vicar, the Rev. Denton Jones, made some stirring references to the war.

At all the local places of worship special references were made to the war on Sunday. Special prayers, collects and hymns were also used.

A number of shop-keepers report an unprecedented run on their stores during the early part of the week.

Crowds were seen outside the churches and public offices where the notices of mobilisation of the Reserves and Territorials were posted on Tuesday evening.

Sheckfuss, the young German who has signed forms for the Spurs, received two hours' notice to return to do duty for his Fatherland.

Macdonald, one of the Spurs' Reserves, who belongs to the Territorials, is expected to be "called up."

Captain J. R. Pretymann Newman, M.P., has applied to the War Office to join his own regiment, the 1st Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers for active service.

That the Government are acting with commendable promptitude in dealing with matters arising out of the crisis has been brought home to the district this week.

The price of food, as in other parts of London, is in some cases being wantonly raised to a high figure, despite the Government's warning that there is no need for alarm.

Inquiry at the recruiting office in White Hart-lane showed that, although there has not been what may be termed a rush for enlistment, there has been a constant procession of young men making inquiries regarding enlistment.

Seven out of twelve men of the Edmonton Fire Brigade have been called up—four Naval Reserve men and three Army Reservists. Cr. W. Hatch (the Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee) and several Councillors and others gave the Naval men an enthusiastic send-off on Sunday evening at Lower Edmonton Station when they left to join their ships.

From half-past seven till nearly midnight a crowd, numbering several hundreds, patiently waited at the junction of St. Ann's and Seven Sisters Roads on Tuesday night in anticipation of seeing a large number of Territorials who, it was rumoured, would pass during the evening. The crowd, naturally, became highly excited, and the police were busy in keeping clear the thoroughfares. The report, however, proved to be untrue and was, doubtless, made by a practical joker or a scaremonger.

Out of thirty members of the Tottenham Fire Brigade no fewer than fifteen have been called up as Naval reservists. Many of them are leaving wives and children, and, while appeals are being made in several directions for help for those in need, it is to be hoped that the families of those who are being called upon to fight for their country, if need be, will not be overlooked. In all the police force in Tottenham only three have been called on as reservists to rejoin the colours.

In one case a lady is said to have bought four pecks of flour for private consumption, while one tradesman at Lower Tottenham

Sixpence for a pound of loaf sugar is being charged at some of our shops.

Six Army recruits took the oath of allegiance at the Police Court yesterday.

Mr. Percy Alden, M.P., will speak at Spouters' Corner, Seven Sisters-road, this (Friday) evening, on the question of food supplies and prices.

A prisoner charged with larceny at the Tottenham Police Court on Thursday, said to the detective when arrested, "I am glad you have come. I want to fight for my country if I can go."

It is reported that the Edmonton Co-operative Society has decided to allow their customers to purchase a maximum amount of foodstuffs as follows:—7lbs. sugar, 1 peck of flour, 7lbs. rice, and 7lbs. barley.

The *Herald* was quite up-to-date last Friday with reference to the embodiment of the Territorial forces. The news reached us from a private source on Wednesday, and was published the same day as the official notification in the daily Press.

Miss Margaret English, daughter of Mr. William Pye English, formerly of Tottenham, and a partner in the firm of Alfred Richards, auctioneers, etc., has been ordered from the London Hospital, where she is a nurse, to Portsmouth.

We hear that Mr. Percy Alden, M.P., has been appointed a member of a special Advisory Committee to the Government to deal with the question of keeping our home industries going as well as dealing with distress caused by the present crisis.

George Henry Fearey (19), labourer, of Raynham-road, Edmonton, was charged at Tottenham on Thursday with being a deserter since 25th October, 1913, from the Army Service Corps stationed at Woolwich.—He was remanded to await an escort.

A prisoner who was fined £10 and costs at the Tottenham Police Court on Thursday, pleaded for time to pay, as the banks being closed he could not get the money. He offered to write a cheque for the amount, but, in accordance with police court custom, this was refused. He was allowed till Friday to pay the amount.

Charged at Tottenham Police Court, on Thursday with being drunk and incapable, Walter Yarrow (32), labourer, of Cornwall-road, Tottenham, pleaded that his brother had been called up and they had had a parting "drop" together.—Prisoner was fined 2s. 6d., or one day.

A charge of being drunk, disorderly and using obscene language against a valet, named Harry Williams (35), of Station-crescent, Tottenham, was dismissed at the Tottenham Police Court on Thursday, the prisoner having been called up to serve under the colours.

"Where are the Germans?" asked Henry Thurlay (65), labourer, of Eaton-place, Edmonton, when aroused from a drunken sleep by a constable on Wednesday evening at Victoria-road, Edmonton. At the Tottenham Police Court, on Thursday, he was fined 2s. 6d., or one day, for being drunk and incapable.

On Wednesday the Recruiting Sergeant brought two young recruits to the Tottenham Police Court to take the oath of allegiance. The Magistrate (the Rev. D. Fotheringham) asked if two were all the sergeant had that day. The Sergeant replied that the two were all he had brought to the Court, but added that a large number had already gone up.

Mr. Bryant, the manager of the Bruce Grove branch of the London and Provincial Bank, with his wife and family, are held up on the Continent, and all efforts to get into communication with him had, up to yesterday, proved unsuccessful. The Rev. F. J. Speke, curate of the Tottenham Parish Church, is also on the Continent, but is believed to be well away from the scene of hostilities.

The Edmonton Tradesmen's Association would ask the public to purchase provisions sparingly, there being sufficient to supply their needs; if they buy to store they thereby raise the prices. The members of this Association, on their part, will not charge a greater advance than the rise in the market demands.—Walter A. Eveling, Hon. Sec.

The Rev. S. O. Tattersall has arranged for a "Call to Prayer" next Sunday even-

have been numerous. The bank rate has up to 8% in order to prevent gold from leaving the country. Trade and commerce is paralysed. This I need hardly say is the working classes. The results are incalculable. What good can possibly come out of a conflagration I cannot see, but of this much certain that those of us who have not yet learned the lesson that war is a terrible evil and that modern war brings gain to no one, will certainly learn it during the next few months. I think that Great Britain will see that the opportunity to play the part for which she is especially at this time is the role of peacemaker. Edward Grey has said that we have no obligations which would render it necessary we should throw in our lot with France and Russia. Italy is not anxious to move in support of Austria-Hungary and in that case only Great Powers would be involved, even supposing that our worst fears are realized. I trust all right-thinking men will protest against an attempt on the part of the press to drag us into the arena of conflict. If the time should come when it will be necessary we shall enter it with very heavy hearts knowing that complete victory can bring nothing but fire, exhaustion, misery and ruin in its train.

At a largely attended meeting of the Executive of the Wood Green and Tottenham Liberal Federation, combined with the Women's Liberal Executives, Mr. Alden, M.P., gave an account of the critical position in Europe and the part that have led up to the ultimatum. Great Britain had presented to Germany. After a full and exhaustive explanation of our obligations in respect of the neutrality of Belgium, he added: "Up to this moment I have fought against intervention. War is so horrible and so brutally destructive, so injurious to the best interests of working classes of all countries, that I do not believe it to be anything but evil. At the same time it was impossible to that just as on first principles I am against war, so on first principles I am in favour of protecting all small nationalities against the observance of treaties by which also continued existence of these nationalities is safeguarded. If Germany had faithfully served the neutrality of Belgium I have resigned my seat rather than go to war, but events have shown that Germany will stop at nothing. Her action in waging war against Belgium has involved Britain in this European conflagration. I desire that you should share with me the responsibility of decision at this moment." A resolution was unanimously passed expressing its entire confidence in Mr. Alden and the Liberal Government.

## AT WOOD GREEN

In common with other districts, Wood Green is already experiencing the "preliminary" share of the burden of suffering which inevitably accompany a great European war, which this country is concerned. The price of hundreds of people are in jeopardy, a possible closing down of a local factory within a month would mean that two thousand would be thrown out of employment. Many do not even now fully appreciate the extreme gravity of the situation and are unduly alarmed. As early as Saturday morning a man was seen in Lordship-lane carrying a stack—knee-to-chin high—of bags of flour, even on Sunday we hear of cases where men were dispatched to fetch in large supplies. During the week many of the shops were bombarded with anxious customers and notwithstanding the too prompt measures which prices were increased, large stocks of tinned goods were purchased in view of the crush of people was such that shop doors were closed and customers let in, in batches. The door of one grocer's establishment on Tuesday appeared this notice:—"Closed hours for wrapping stock. All's well."

## TRAM SERVICE CURTAILED.

The local tram service has been curtailed Tuesday night, owing to the shortage occasioned by the large number of drivers and conductors who are Territorials or Reservists being called. The Finsbury Park (via Green) to Stamford Hill trams have been running. In the early morning and evening run from Finsbury Park (via Wood to Bruce Grove, and in the daytime to Lordship Lane and Bruce Grove. When it was known on Tuesday evening that the Provisional Committee had been announced much excitement prevailed among the tram employees. Upon arrival at Wood Green many of them rushed to the tram depot with requests for permission to leave instantly. "I must see my wife and children before I go to-night. I may never see them again" was the pathetic plea of one as much as the busy time was over the depot. Customary reticence prevailed and the "men" remained at the depot.