



# DISTRICT NEWS

There are many complaints from the inhabitants of Scriven over the street lighting. In Knaresborough a number of extra gas lamps have been lit, but there is not one lit in Scriven.

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## HON. EDWARD WOOD, M.P., AND DISCHARGED SOLDIERS

10 The following is a copy of a letter sent by Mr T. Moore, of 87 Albert Road, Harrogate, to the Hon. Edward Wood, M.P., and the latter's reply:-

Dear Mr Wood, - As you will shortly take your seat in the House of Parliament, I feel it a duty to inform you of a state of things that is happening in Harrogate, and will, I feel sure, spread all over Great Britain. One of my sons, who has done four and a half year's fighting in France and Belgium was taken prisoner on April 25<sup>th</sup> last. He is now at home and expected to take up his old job as a grocer's assistant in this town, where he had served nine years. This firm has declined to apply for his discharge. The reason given was that trade was disorganised, and profits much less since the war. I may say that I have come across three similar cases. One of them had been eighteen years in one firm's employment, but his services were not required. This man has a wife and five children dependent upon him. I feel sure that the grave outlook before these brave men coming home will be my apology for troubling you. I am, yours etc.

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THOS. MOORE

3 Great Cumberland Place

W.1., 1<sup>st</sup> Feb., 1919

Dear Sir, - Thank you for your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> January. I quite agree with you that the information you give me is of a serious nature, and I will endeavour to bring it before the Government at the first opportunity, - Yours faithfully,

ED. WOOD.

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# DOMESTIC SERVANT PROBLEM.

## ATTITUDE OF EX-MUNITION WORKERS

10 The disinclination of women who have been engaged on munitions work to enter domestic service shows no sign of disappearing. In fact, the problem of domestic help grows more and more acute, and many ladies, more especially those with young babies, are nearly at their wits' end. The wages demanded by many of the girls and women who offer their services are to say the least, exorbitant; while the demands they make in the matter of privileges, hours off duty, and so forth, tough the impossible.

An official at one of the labour exchanges gives it as his opinion that the majority of girls look upon the wages offered as inadequate, while the hours worked are too long. Again, many of them object to what they term the "general atmosphere" of the kitchen. "There can be no doubt," continued the official mentioned, "that before the domestic servant difficulty is ameliorated to any appreciable extent, the whole thing will have to be thoroughly re-organised – from the mistresses' side chiefly – and mistress and maid will have to be brought together to an understanding and appreciation of each other, such as has never previously existed, and the general conditions of work offered to girls will have to be very greatly improved – otherwise no change for the better can be even hoped for."

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# OFFICERS' UNIFORMS AS CIVILIAN ATTIRE.

A War Office announcement states that it has been decided to extend the period during which officers may wear uniform as such, to one month from the date of the mobilisation. After that period, subject to the removal of badges and shoulder straps, and the substitution of plain buttons on service dress jackets, greatcoats, and pea jackets, service dress uniform may be worn as civilian attire.

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# **SIR ERIC GEDDES**

## **SEVERANCE FROM N.E. RAILWAY CO.**

We were informed yesterday that Sir Eric Geddes severed his connection with the North-Eastern Railway on Sunday last. He held the post of deputy general manager, and his reason for resigning is his public duties. Sir Eric has been staying at Scriven Park, Knaresborough, for the last ten days, and his name appears at the Hotel Majestic, although we understand he has only been there a few days. Sir Eric left for London yesterday.

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### **PROPOSED WAR MEMORIAL.**

In connection with the proposed War Memorial, the following have been nominated to sit on the Committee:- Mr J. Barker (chairman), Canon Hancock, Mr C. W. H. Greaves, Mr A. Holmes, Mr Patrick (representing Discharged Soldiers' Association), Mr A. A. Gibson, Mr H. Eddy, Mr R. Gott, Rev. R. M. Waton, Mr W. B. Wilkinson, Miss Scott, Miss Houfe, Mrs Thorseby, Miss E. Collins, Lady Evelyn Collins, and Mr H. Maunna and Mr H. Kitching (joint hon. Secretaries)

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No new ration books will be issued after May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and it is hoped that rationing will have ceased by the beginning of July.

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## **HARROGATE AND DISTRICT RIFLE CLUB**

Mr G. Goodrick presided over a meeting of the above, held in the Imperial Cafe on Monday evening, to discuss the future of the club. In his opening address the Chairman stated that the club had been in existence since the Boer War, with the result that on the second day of war they were ready to start shooting on Birk Crag, and to commence training men.

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The proposal to reform the club was carried, and it was agreed that the subscriptions be one guinea for vice-presidents, and five shillings for ordinary members.

It was also proposed that the Mayor be asked to be president and the following officials were appointed:- Captain G. Goodrick; hon. Treasurer. Mr G. G. Stephenson; hon. Secretaries, Mr J. Lomas-Walker and Mr T. A. Davison; committee, Messrs. C. H. Bramley, E. G. Allen, R. A. Breare, F. W. Bowden, T. Bullimore, R. W. Buchanan, A. J. Hall, W. Heald, C. Pullan, C. Parry Jones, R. Fortune, J. Elliott, A. P. Slingsby, R. W. Dickinson, R. N. Rudd, and E. A. Pearson.

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## **A LINK WITH THE PAST**

The death, which occurred on Thursday of last week, at Knaresborough, of Mr J. Winterburn Mason, in his 71<sup>st</sup> year, recalls the Castle Yard riot of the sixties. Mr Mason was one of the stalwarts who forcibly protested against an attempted encroachment on the Castle grounds. Several prominent townsmen suffered imprisonment for their action, but on their release they were met at the station with a brass band and feted by the inhabitants.

- 10 Mr Mason, along with the others “who did time”, was presented with a silver cup as a memento of the occurrence. He had worked for a large number of years with Messrs. Dalton and Co., linen manufacturers. The funeral took place on Saturday at Knaresborough Cemetery. The chief mourners were: Mrs Mason (widow), Mr H. Mason and Master J. Mason (sons), Miss M. Mason (daughter), Mr F. Herring, Nurse Middleton, Mrs Tocknell, Mrs Davis, Mr S. Elliott, Miss E. Elliott, Mrs F. Watson, Mrs F. A. Watson, and Mrs M. Watson.

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## **KNARESBOROUGH PEACE SOUVENIR**

- 20 A most interesting peace souvenir has just been published. It contains a full Roll of honour of Knaresborough fallen heroes', together with a programme of the peace festivities, and has been published by Parr's Borough Printing Works. The front page is artistically designed in the national colours, with a photo of His Majesty the King, surmounted by the flags of the Allies. Photos of the Kings of Italy and Belgium, President Wilson and Admiral Beatty, together with articles on the League of Nations, and a list of dates worth remembering, are included.