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**Roll of Honour.**

**LOWSON.**—On October 2nd, Killed in action in France, Albert Leslie Lowson, youngest son of Mr and Mrs George Lowson, in his 27th year. Deeply regretted.—Rest in Peace.

**Shipping.**

**NORTHERN STEAM SHIP COMPANY LIMITED.**

Leaves Auckland.  
Friday 18...Wakatore, 12.30 p.m.  
Monday 21...Wakatore, 3.30 p.m.  
Wednesday 23...Wakatore, 5.15 p.m.  
Friday 25...Wakatore, 7.20 a.m.  
Leaves Thames.  
Thursday 17...Wakatore, 3.30 p.m.  
Saturday 19...Wakatore, 5.15 p.m.  
Tuesday 22...Wakatore, 8.30 a.m.  
Thursday 24...Wakatore, 10 a.m.  
Saturday 26...Wakatore, 11.45 a.m.

**PAEROA SERVICE.**

Leaves Auckland.  
Thursday 17...8 p.m.  
Sunday 20...11 p.m.  
Tuesday 22...midnight  
Leaves Paeroa.  
Friday 18...4.30 p.m.  
Monday 21...7 p.m.  
Wednesday 23...9 p.m.

**OHINEMURI RIVER SERVICE.**  
Calling at Kopu both ways.

Leaves Auckland.  
Friday 18...3.30 p.m.  
Monday 21...11 p.m.  
Friday 25...midnight  
Leaves Netherton.  
Saturday 19...5 p.m.  
Tuesday 22...7.30 p.m.  
Saturday 26...12.15 p.m.  
B. F. GILMER, Agent.

**KERBY'S LAUNCHES.**  
HAURAKI PLAINS SERVICE.

Will leave Thames, Keropahi, and Patotonga as under:  
Leaves Thames Leaves Keropahi  
Thursday 17, 5.30 p.m. noon  
Friday 18, 6 a.m. 1 p.m.  
Friday 18, 6.30 p.m. 6 a.m.  
Saturday 19, 8 a.m. noon  
Saturday 19, 4 p.m. noon

Leaves Thames Leaves Patotonga  
Friday 18, 6 a.m. 1 p.m.  
Saturday 19, 8 a.m. noon  
(Weather and circumstances permitting.)  
Note.—All goods must be received one hour prior to departure.

**THAMES-WAITAKARU SERVICE.**

**MCCARTHY'S LAUNCHES.**

Will leave Thames for Waitakaruru as follows:  
Friday 18th, 4.30 a.m. Sale Day (Leaves Waitakaruru 1 1/2 hours later for Shortland.)  
All goods must be on wharf one hour before time of departure.

**KOPU-TURUA SERVICE.**

**CHAS. MCCARTHY'S LAUNCH**  
Leaves Kopu DAILY Leaves Turua  
7.15 a.m. 8 a.m.  
9.45 a.m. 10.45 a.m.  
3.15 p.m. 3.45 p.m.

**NOTES FOR THE MONTH.**

**PHASES OF THE MOON.**  
Full moon, 20th, 9.5 a.m.  
Last quarter, 27, 5.5 a.m.

**HIGH WATER AT THAMES.**

Date	Morn.	Even.
Thursday 17	3.41	4.11
Friday 18	4.44	5.15
Saturday 19	5.42	6.12
Sunday 20	6.35	7.4
Monday 21	7.26	7.56

**CYCLE RIDERS**—“CLINCHER TYRES” are made by British Experts for British people—guaranteed six, nine, twelve and fifteen months. Sold by the Cycle Trade.

**WATER** your garden this summer or you won't have one. Invest in NORTH BRITISH RUBBER COMPANY'S GARDEN HOSE. Best fabric—best rubber. Hardware shops sell it.

**Mail Notices.**

**MAILS** close to-morrow as follows:—  
For Frankton Junction, King Country, Waikato, Paeroa, Waihi, Te Aroha, and Country Offices, at 8 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.  
For Auckland per train at 8 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.  
For Southern Offices at 1.30 p.m.  
For Turua, Kopu, Matatoki, Puri, Omaha, Wharepa, Hikutaia, Komata North, Kaitangata, Waikato, and Mangapai at 8 a.m.  
For Taru, Waiotomo, and line buses at 8 a.m.  
For Kaitiaki and Taunanga at 8 a.m.  
For Kaunangata at 8 a.m.  
**NOTE:**—  
Letters usually superscribed “via Suna” should now be superscribed “For first direct steamer.”  
Correspondence for all Central Countries is liable to Censorship.  
Late Fee Letters received up to 2 p.m.  
S. AYLING,  
Acting Chief Postmaster, Thames.  
**NAZOL** relieves cold in the head and nasal catarrh.—Adv.

**Wants.**

**WANTED.**—A Position as Housemaid or Waitress.—Apply Star Office.  
**WANTED.**—A Smart Boy to assist in shop and deliver parcels.—Apply Claxton, Pollen St.

**WANTED.**—Two First-class Iron Moulders. Wages, £5 per week. Permanent job.—Greenslades Ltd., Hamilton.

**LOST.**—Soldier's Badge, 35th Reinforcements (gold centre). Reward on returning to Mrs A. Snowling, Willoughby St.

**Miscellaneous.**

**MACARONI** and Vermicelli. All 8d per packet.—WALLACE AND CO., Pollen St.

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**FIT CLINCHER CROSS TYRES** to your car—they are a “long way” better. These finest British Tyres have done great service in the big war. Try a Set.

**SEED POTATOES,** the last of the Season.—Arrival Chief, Northern Stars, etc., 9s per cwt. Rare value.—WALLACE AND CO.

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**CHRISTMAS PRIZE OFFER**

**One Guinea and Half a Guinea**  
For the best original Christmas Tale:

The proprietor of the Thames Star will give the above prizes for (a) the best story written by young people of either sex, between the ages of 14 and 16; and (b) for the best similar story by children under 14 years of age.

The conditions are that the story for the older children shall not exceed 1200 words (about a column and a third of Star space), or for the younger 1000 words (about one column).

The tales must be the bona fide work of the competitors, without assistance from any source. Only one side of the paper must be written on.

Competitors must not sign their contributions with their names, but with mottoes only, and enclose them in envelopes marked “Christmas Story,” and addressed to the editor. They will be handed over to the judges unopened.

Two independent judges will be appointed, one for each class.

Each competitor is also required to place his or her name on a slip of paper, and enclose it in a sealed envelope, the outside of which is to bear the motto, and to be addressed to the editor.

Upon receiving the report of the judges, the envelopes endorsed with the winning mottoes will be opened, and the names disclosed.

The successful contributions will be published in our Christmas supplement, and the above prizes awarded.

Competitions must be in hand by Nov. 30, after which date none will be considered.

**THE RECRUITING DRAFTS**

**Health of the Forty-Third**

**WELLINGTON, Oct. 17.**  
One month's extension of leave has been granted all fit A men under orders to proceed to camp with the January, February, and March drafts, also any man of the November draft may get extension to January if he makes application.  
The left wing of the Forty-third Reinforcements has been officially reported from a port of call. The general health of the troops is splendid.—Press Association.

**THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM**

It will be a surprise to most people to learn that the Kingdom of Belgium has existed only for about ninety years. In 1830 Count Mérey Argenteau was Grand Chamberlain to King William I. of Netherlands. His dominions included Holland and the States which afterwards were formed into the Kingdom of Belgium. These States formerly had been an Austrian province. They were annexed by Napoleon to France, and on his downfall they were placed under the rule of the Dutch King. For fifteen years William I. endeavoured vainly to secure the assimilation of two different nationalities—the Protestant Dutch and the Catholic Belgians. The Dutch language was imposed on the Belgians, and a revolution occurred in 1830 to secure independence. With the sanction of France, England, Prussia, and Russia the Belgian States were constituted a separate Kingdom in June, 1831. Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg being chosen as ruler. Strange to say, when modern Belgium was formed, it was Prussia mostly which desired the neutrality of the new monarchy. The Prussians wanted a fresh barrier to the possible military designs of France. The violation of Belgium's rights by the present German invasion was therefore rendered all the more poignant. The most heroic resistance in history on the part of a small nation against what was regarded as an overwhelming military power can be understood. Fortunately for Belgium there were other strong Powers in the background prepared to support her. But there is no question Belgium in the first instance saved the situation for peaceful civilisation against domineering Kaiserism. Belgium is a remarkable country for fertility. It is well populated, and it is rich in coal and iron deposits.

**ROMAN STEPS IN A WELSH PASS**

The Roman steps! What a curious sound the words have as the description of anything existing in a remote pass among some of the wildest and loneliest scenery in North Wales. Yet one is assured that if one goes on up the pass beyond Cym Bychan Lake one will come to “the Roman steps.” Certainly if one follows the directions one does come to stone steps of a kind, and, as to the name, local traditions of this sort have a curious way of turning out in the long run, to have a substratum of fact. Up the pass, in fact, go a series of stone slabs which might indeed, without much stretch of imagination, be dignified by the name of steps, affording firm foothold for either man or pack horse, for the gradient is such that a horse or mule could make its way up them.

It is a remarkable sight, this stone causeway climbing up the hill through the lonely pass, and it stirs the imagination to an endeavour to picture some of the scenes which those stones had witnessed, or at least to wonder what manner of men laid them down and made use of them hundreds and hundreds of years ago. There are some people who say the steps are older than the days of the Roman occupation. In any case, when someone went to the trouble of laying them down there must have been considerably more traffic up and down the pass than there is at present. A clue to their purpose may possibly be found in the Welsh name of a near-by locality, “The field of the forges,” and possibly ore, or minerals, of some kind was brought in Roman times from some Welsh mines over these stones.

Anyone with a taste for long walks in out of the way places, among rocks and moors, will do well to go this way through the Rhinog Mountains, and, starting from Cym Bychan, follow the Roman steps over the pass, and then returning through the pass of Ardwydd, come back at length to the little inn at Llanberis on the road to Barmouth. One should be sure of his walking powers, however, for the way is a long one and it is as well to choose a midsummer day if the road is to be accomplished before darkness sets in, unless a very early start is made. And quite apart from the interest of the Roman steps the way will be a revelation to those who are not well acquainted with the principality, or what Welsh scenery may be in wilderness and grandeur.

**EX-CAPTIVE'S ROMANCE**

**YOUNG OFFICER AND AMERICAN LADY'S JEWELS.**

A romantic story has been disclosed by the attempted suicide of a young French officer who recently returned from captivity in Germany. The lieutenant was recuperating his impaired health at Dax, where he fell in love with a pretty American woman. The flirtation had gone on for some time, when Mrs W— decided to return to Paris. Lieutenant D— accompanied her, and on arriving said he would look after the luggage.

The following day he went to tea with the fair American, and seemed surprised when she told him that her luggage, including £24,000 worth of jewellery, had not yet been delivered. “Oh,” he said, “I will go at once and make inquiries.” He left her, and never returned.

Two days later Mrs W— received a pitiful letter from the officer, confessing that he had taken her luggage in a fit of madness and begging to be forgiven. He gave her an address, in a cellar, where she would find her lost property. At the same time he declared that when she opened his letter he would be dead.

The American communicated with the police. Search was made and Mrs W—'s trunk was found. They were in an antiquarian's storehouse. The same evening Lieutenant D— was found in his room unconscious and bleeding from a bullet wound. He had discharged a revolver in his mouth.

Mrs W— declares that the young officer was incapable of a vulgar theft, and she believes that his mind, being unhinged in his passion for her, he conceived the idea that if he could gain possession of her jewels he could induce her to run away with him, as he had so often asked her to do.

**“PRE-ARRANGED” SIDELIGHT ON “PLANNED RETREAT.”**

Peculiar light on the reiterated German assertions that the retreat of the Teuton forces on the Western front was pre-arranged and carried out according to plan without undue haste, is cast by A. S. Meyer, war correspondent of the Essen Allgemeine Zeitung, who gives an account of his visit to a high Staff officer of General von Hutier's army, to whom he has referred the information. The officer, who had not slept three hours at a stretch for days, showed traces of excessive fatigue.

“In the midst of the officer's explanatory statement,” says Meyer, artlessly, “the telephone rang, and news came that the enemy had rushed in on the left flank of the army of von der Marwitz, and that his right flank was endangered. A sudden stream of telephone orders directed the retreat, and the officer's story was out short.”

“We had to leave hurriedly. We went to lunch with General von Hutier, but during the luncheon the telephone never ceased ringing, and von Hutier himself was hurriedly called away by a young orderly, who was to have given us the rest of the story.”

As the correspondent does not produce it, the assumption seems to be justified that there was no story that day. Such incidents do not concern Karl Rosner, generally considered the press agent of Emperor Wilhelm, from declaring that superior leadership and skill are on the German side, and the Lokalanzeiger of Berlin finds it necessary to print in large cross-column type this assertion from Rosner:

“Further development may be awaited with complete calm.”

On the other hand, General von Salzmann, writing in the Vossische Zeitung, makes hysterical appeals to Germans to set their teeth and to carry on.

The German public, who so often have been told that France was at her last gasp, are now asked by General Salzmann to remember that the boundless resources of the Entente Powers lie at France's back, and that even the capture of Paris and Calais would not change that fact, and would not bring France to her knees.

“If we possessed those resources,” Salzmann exclaims, “the Germans would long have been victors in Paris and all over the world.”

That not being the case, General Salzmann concludes his article with this statement:

“A peace dictated by the British means that the Fatherland will be wiped off the map, and that its sons, rich and poor, will be reduced to slavery and beggary.”

An illuminating insight into Teutonic mentality is provided by the Cologne Volks Zeitung which lamenting the terrible bloodshed and destruction caused by the war, says: “Much as we detest it as human beings and as Christians, yet we exult in it as Germans.”

Ladies', Children's and Men's Panamas. Splendid value.—G. Oullen and Co.—Adv.

**HIGH SCHOOL BOARD**

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16.**

Present: Mr Lowe (chairman), Messrs Rowe, Hetherington, and Scott.

Apologies were received from absent members.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**  
From J. Pratt re the statement that sufficient cement was not used in the mortar in the building of the new school. He stated that the report to some extent cast a reflection on the contractor. No cement was specified, the proportions being one lime to three of sand, a mixture he never used if left to his own discretion. Two of sand to one of lime was what he used in the brickwork he did. The architect reported to the Board that the contract was completed a credit to the contractor, so that was sufficient proof that the material used was as specified.—It was resolved that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the architect, and that he be asked to inspect the building.

**REPORTS.**  
The headmaster reported the school roll stood at 144. It was proposed to hold the school sports on November 2, and he asked the Board for their usual donation towards the expenses.—The report was adopted.

**ACCOUNTS.**  
Accounts to the amount of £179 5s 2d were passed for payment.

**GENERAL BUSINESS.**  
Messrs Rowe and Warne were appointed visiting committee for the ensuing month.

**TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS**

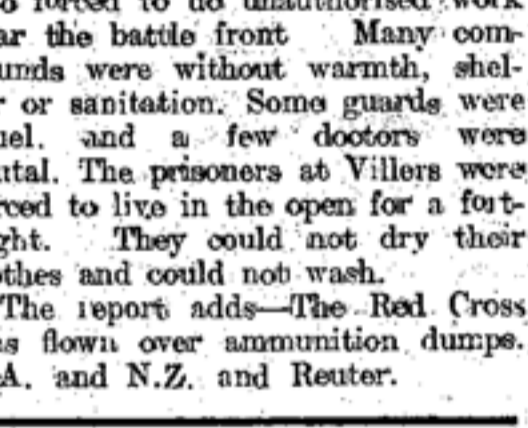
**Starved and Ill-Treated**  
**RED CROSS FLAG ABUSED.**

**LONDON, October 15.**  
Sir G. Younger's committee report based on the testimony of upwards of seventy escapees regarding German treatment of war prisoners taken during the spring offensive, says: It is almost an exact counterpart of the treatment of earlier prisoners. The enemy totally failed in some cases for forty-eight hours to provide the prisoners with any food. This may be explained by the number of prisoners exceeding expectations, but the substance thereafter was inadequate. Prisoners were also forced to do unauthorised work near the battle front. Many compounds were without warmth, shelter or sanitation. Some guards were cruel, and a few doctors were brutal. The prisoners at Villers were forced to live in the open for a fortnight. They could not dry their clothes and could not wash.

The report adds—The Red Cross was flown over ammunition dumps.—A. and N.Z. and Reuter.

**GOOD VALUE**

At the present time everyone finds it necessary to study expenditure and get as good value for their money as possible. No advance is made in the price of Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills, although the cost of producing the Pill has gone up enormously, and an advance in price would be justified. There are on an average forty pills in each bottle, and they are sold generally throughout New Zealand for one shilling or a little higher in certain districts. The greatest care is taken selecting the ingredients of the pills, and they are in every way a splendid product. No better pill is made in this or any other country, and if they are occasionally used, more medical treatment can be avoided.



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3 Horses  
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**Public Notices.**

**6TH HAURAKI REGIMENTAL BAND.**  
The Unveiling of the **ROLL OF HONOUR**  
Will take place in the VICTORIA PARK on SUNDAY, 20th October, at 3 p.m.  
J. L. HARDMAN, Secty.

**£5 REWARD**

Will be paid by the Coromandel Acclimatisation Society to anyone giving information that will lead to the first conviction after this date of any person for taking, killing, or being in possession of any Pheasant, Native Pigeon, Wild Duck, or other imported or native game in Coromandel County contrary to the provisions of “The Animals' Protection Act 1908.”  
F. A. MARSHALL, Hon. Sec.  
Coromandel, 3rd October, 1918.

**LOCAL BODIES LOAN'S ACT, 1913.**

**TAIRUA WHARF SPECIAL RATING AREA.**

In pursuance of the Regulations made under the said Act, I hereby give notice that I will hear and determine all objections to the Special Roll herein, and all matters incidental thereto, at the Magistrate's Courthouse at Thames on TUESDAY, the 19th November, 1918, at hour of noon. E. D. MOSLEY, Stipendiary Magistrate.

**PUBLIC SERVICE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR SHORT-HAND-WRITERS & TYPISTS,** 23rd NOVEMBER, 1918.

THE usual Public Service Entrance Examinations for shorthand-writers and Typists will be held on the 23rd NOVEMBER, 1918. A Special Examination will also be held—shorthand at the rate of 130 words a minute; typewriting at the rate of 45 words a minute; salary to commence £120 per annum. Applications close 13th November, 1918. Full particulars may be obtained on Application.  
P. VERSCHAFFELT, Secretary, Office of the Public Service Commissioner, Wellington, 12th Oct., 1918.

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