

HOW YORKSHIRE CELEBRATED THE SURRENDER OF GERMANY.

LEEDS WORKERS TAKE A HOLIDAY.

STREETS OF SMILES AND WAVING FLAGS.

Leeds has often been accused of never being thoroughly roused, but its dramatic reputation was entirely swept yesterday by the torrent of enthusiasm which overtook the town. The news was received shortly after 5 o'clock, and by noon the streets were thronged with a surging, cheering mass of people. The town was on to the roadway, and even the busy tracks. Shops where flags and bunting in the nature of bunting were being quickly reduced to a state of bareness, and the rush on coloured ribbons was so great that an assistant was stationed at the doorway cutting the ribbon into lengths for the eager purchasers.

The result of all this purchasing was manifest, and in a few minutes there were streets and streets of red, white, and blue, the tricolour appearing in dresses, shoulder-scars, or waistbands. A delightful abandon of art and patriotism was manifested in the sale, and soon the flags of the day were flying from half the buildings. The "tools" was the order of the munition factories, and the engineers were generally decorated. Children were blowing whistles, mouth-organs, and tinny-talkers, waving flags, and carrying coloured hats, which struck a note in the bright sunshine.

The scene was a happy one, and the soldiers are lying, and then in column of fours, through the town thoroughfares, where their proud quite half a mile in length, and cheerfully.

A commendable crowd gathered in front of the Town Hall, and greeted with applause the breaking of the flags. The scene was witnessed in the streets, by which time some twenty thousand people had gathered in Victorianising patriotic airs, led by the Union Jack.

The Mayor (Mr. G. Blakely), accompanied by Mrs. A. E. Hartley, and the City Council, publicly expressed his delight at his first appearance as Lord Mayor should such a day of rejoicing. He hoped that the memories of our debt of gratitude to the men who have been bringing about this success, and when the boys of the city came back would be given the most glorious and it was possible for a great many of its heroic citizens.

Lord Mayor subsequently issued a congratulatory message to the citizens, and expressed his desire to congratulate the citizens on the good news from the Prime Minister that the armistice has been signed, and that fighting has been stopped. The good news will gladden the hearts of homes, and that the deep anxiety of friends and friends will be greatly relieved.

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WAKEFIELD'S JOY. "CROWN THE GUNS" WEEK.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE IN THE OPEN AIR.

The glad tidings caused great rejoicing in Wakefield, and in very quick time flags were flown from all the principal buildings, shops, dwelling-houses, etc., whilst the Town Hall bell was at once tolled, and in the afternoon the Cathedral bells were rung. Work at the various engineering establishments and other places of business soon ceased, and the school children were given holiday. Crowds of excited people thronged the streets.

A short service of thanksgiving was held in front of the Town Hall, and it was taken part in by a tremendous crowd of people. The Mayor (Mr. G. Blakely), addressing the assembly, said that was the greatest day that England had ever known, and was a day they had long been looking forward to. It was a day which had gone on fighting in the darkest days, determined to crush militarism, and to win a glorious victory for right against might.

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There was one incident that caused some indignation, and that was that, early in the afternoon, on the initiation of their Union, the tramway employees struck in favour of a holiday, with the result that the town and district was tramless for the remainder of the day. Workers at the gasworks also "donned tools," but their action led to no inconvenience to the town, owing to the sufficient storage in hand. The employees at the electricity works remained loyal. In the street, in the evening, there was restored public lighting.

The bells of the Parish Church rang out a peal or two during the early afternoon, and in the evening a Thanksgiving service was held, the Rector giving an inspiring address. The Wesleyan officials are arranging a united service to-night in the Temple-street Chapel, at which it is hoped the several religious bodies will be represented.

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"CROWN THE GUNS" WEEK. JOYBELLS AND JUBILATIONS AT BRADFORD.

Bradford had an appropriate setting for its celebration of the cessation of hostilities. It was the commencement of "Feed the Guns" week, and the Town Hall Square was enclosed within sandbag parapets, over which could be seen an interesting display of guns and realistic representations of buildings ruined by shell-fire. The promoters promptly changed the title to "Crown the Guns" week, and the news was so stimulating that the investments at noon exceeded £1,100,000.

The Lord Mayor (Alderman Joseph Haylister), the Lady Mayoress, and Sir James Hill, Bart., M.P., mounted a specially prepared platform to the accompaniment of a joyful peal of bells from the Town Hall tower. The proceedings commenced with the singing of the hymn "O God, our Help in Ages Past" to the accompaniment of a military band.

The Lord Mayor, in the course of a vigorous address, said it was a great joy to him to be able to announce that an armistice had been signed, and that hostilities had ceased, and he was sure it would be heard of with a great joy by those who had sons, brothers, or other relatives at the front. (Applause.)

But though the fighting was finished, the work was not yet done. There were some five or six million men still at the front, and they had to be kept there until all the necessary negotiations had been carried through. That could not be done until the peace was made, and he appealed to the citizens of Bradford to put their money into War Bonds and into War Certificates.

It might be asked what had he done, and his reply was that he had put nearly £100,000 into War Bonds and War Certificates. He then read out some of the early subscriptions, which included £100,000 from the London City and Midland Bank, £100,000 from the Bradford District Bank, £100,000 from the Third Equitable Building Society, £100,000 from the Yorkshire Penny Bank, £100,000 from the National Provincial Bank of England, £100,000 from the Leeds Bank, £100,000 from the Bradford Second Equitable Building Society, £50,000 from Messrs. John V. Godwin and Co., £50,000 from the Halifax Permanent Building Society, £25,000 from the Bradford Corporation, £25,000 from the Prudential Assurance Company, and £20,000 from William Firth and Sons.

After the speaking had finished a couple of rockets were fired into the air, and the day advanced there was a constant increase in the number of people assembled in the centre of the city. A large number of works closed down for the day, and in many cases the work-people were so exuberant that they gave themselves a holiday.

There was an impressive scene in the front of the Town Hall about mid-day, when a band struck up, "God Save the King." Thousands of people stood bareheaded, and fervently after the music. At the conclusion there came a volley of cheers, flags were waved, and hats tossed in the air. Meanwhile it was noted that many people in the crowd were weeping.

In the evening the city gave itself up to general rejoicing, and the Chief Constable gave permission for bonfires and fireworks to be used for one week, and for church bells to be rung. The school children, who are at liberty in consequence of the influenza epidemic, made the most of the occasion, and the city continuously, singing "Rule Britannia," "Hearts of Oak," and similar patriotic songs. The whole of the Bradford tramway system was brought to a standstill at six o'clock, and it was not until the following day that work in order to take part in the celebration.

THE LAST POST. DEWSBURY REMEMBERS THE HEROIC DEAD.

There were animated scenes in Dewsbury when the news came through. The Mayor (Ald. Walter France) read the official message from the Town Hall steps, and the tradesmen at once began to decorate their premises with flags and bunting.

Rockets were sent up, and the church bells were rung. All the mills, workshops, and places of business closed at noon, and thousands of people flocked into the centre of the town in the afternoon for a hastily arranged thanksgiving service, which was presided over by the Mayor in front of the Town Hall. The Vicar (the Rev. F. Wolfe, M.A.), the Mayor's Chaplain, had charge of the proceedings, and the Rev. A. T. Hogg (Congregational) offered prayer. Sir Mark Oldryd, amongst others, gave an address, in which he congratulated the people of Dewsbury on their excellent behaviour during the past four years. The Mayor said he would recommend the employers of labour to grant a 5 per cent. rise and pay the workers the wages. He promised to do that so far as his own firm was concerned.

The proceedings concluded with the sounding of the Last Post in memory of the fallen soldiers and sailors, and the playing of a triumphal fanfare by a bugle band. Throughout the afternoon and evening the town was crowded by noisy but orderly crowds.

Upon the receipt of the news in Morley, the Town Hall steps were decorated with Union Jacks and flags of the Allied countries. The Mayor (Mr. John Stockdale), Ald. A. A. Burton, Councillors P. Marshall, P. Buckley, G. S. Parley, and E. Barrowclough, the speeches being interspersed with the playing of the national anthems of the Allied countries by the Morley Brass Band.

The Doxology and "God Save the King" were sung, and cheers were given for the Army and Navy, the Allies, and the King and Queen, which will be observed as a general holiday.

At Clackhutton, and in Spensborough generally, work was suspended in the morning for the day, and there were large crowds in all the principal thoroughfares. The bells at the Town Hall were rung, and many flags were put out.

At four o'clock there was a great assembly in front of the Town Hall, where the Spensborough Victoria Band conducted by Mr. D. Roberts, played selections, and a choir, directed by Mr. H. Bennett, led the singing of several appropriate hymns.

Mr. J. A. Law, chairman of the District Council, made a short speech, and the Rev. C. S. Newell and the Rev. J. Roberts also took part in the proceedings. At night the thanksgiving service was held at Central Chapel.

YORKSHIRE NEWS IN BRIEF. PITHY PARAGRAPHS FROM THE RIDINGS.

Mrs. H. J. Holden has been appointed by the Dewsbury Liberal Association, organiser of the Liberal women of the borough. Hobden Bridge's total contribution to the "Feed the Guns" campaign last week was yesterday announced to be £109,064. In the Tank week £12,000 was subscribed. A verdict of "Suicide" was returned yesterday, at a Barnsley inquest on Edith Burnett, thirty-nine, wife of a soldier, of King-street, Barnsley. She had taken a corrosive poison.

Florence Gertrude Smith, wife of a soldier, Mark Lane, Wakefield, was sent to prison at that city yesterday for one month's hard labour for neglecting her five-year children. At their meeting, at Barnsley, yesterday, the Council of the Yorkshire Miners' Association instructed their delegates to oppose any Coalition Government upon the dissolution of the present Parliament.

It was reported at yesterday's meeting of the Council of the Yorkshire Miners' Association at Barnsley that a further 100 members had fallen on military or naval service. The association's war losses now total 4,420. Anxiety to help his parents to feed their fowls led to the downfall of Alfred Pilon, twenty-three, of Parkgate, who was, at Ketherham yesterday, fined £5 for having stolen 16lb of wheat from a Midland Railway truck.

The death took place, at the Keighley Victoria Hospital, yesterday, of Mrs. Mary Bennett, thirty-five, of 3, Woodhouse-road, Keighley, who, on Thursday last, was badly burned through her blouse taking fire. The Council of the Yorkshire Miners' Association yesterday recommended the district to allow ballots at Erikkley, Brodsworth, Balfour, Askern, Rossington, Eglitong, Maltby, Bentley, and other districts grievances, and White Lea (non-Union question).

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned at an inquest at Seaway Hall, near Dunstun, yesterday, on Herbert Jackson, a labourer, who, employed by Messrs. W. and P. Farr. His horse was frightened by a motor-car, bolted, and turned the cart over, fatally injuring the deceased.

The announcement of the armistice was received at Huddersfield with great joy. The news spread rapidly. At many of the great industrial works labour was at once suspended, and in varying degrees will not be resumed until Thursday. Flags were displayed from every public building and from private establishments. The national colours of the Allies were freely displayed, and the red, white, and blue in flags and ribbons were worn by the majority of people parading the crowded streets.

At the Borough Police-court the newly-elected Mayor (Ald. C. Smith) took his seat in the presence of a full bench of magistrates. As is customary, the first defendant was "a token of his case," but the clemency of the Bench was extended in honour of the signature of the armistice to four other defendants summoned for minor offences.

In the afternoon the tram service was stopped for the day. At intervals church bells rang merry peals. The lighting regulations were suspended in the evening, and the town presented a brilliant appearance, which has not been witnessed for the past four years. At most of the places of worship, in conformity with a request issued by the Mayor, thanksgiving services were held in the evening, and this afternoon, at three o'clock, there will be a united service at the Town Hall, at which the clergy and ministers of all denominations are invited to participate.

There was a great jubilation at Otley at the reception of the news, and at most of the factories and workshops work was immediately abandoned for the day, in some instances the works closed down until Wednesday morning. Throughout the remainder of the day the streets were the scene of considerable animation, flags being flown from all the public buildings, and most of the private houses displayed some amount of bunting. A merry peal was rung at the Parish Church bells, and on all hands there were evidences of the utmost pleasure.